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## Greetings

*President Gorie Ciaravino*

I would like to extend to each and every one of you wishes for a prosperous and joyous New Year! May your desires for 1973 be complemented with God's blessings in all you undertake to accomplish. I am thankful to our God that He has kept us in His Grace to this day.

As the year 1972 comes to a close and 1973 comes in with promises of a better day, it does us good to look back and reflect on what we have done versus what we would liked to have accomplished.

We experienced some wonderful times in the past year, such as our April Conference in the General Church Auditorium. A season of spiritual blessings emanated from the gathering and spread to all Branches and Missions throughout the Church. All who were in attendance were undoubtedly moved to rededicate their lives and efforts in the work of God. Witnessing the experience of God speaking to us as a Church caused an attitude of unity that I have never remembered in our Priesthood gatherings. While we enjoyed this blessing for a short period of time, it causes me to ponder the situation. Are we willing to be dedicated to the Lord every moment of our lives? Have we placed the Lord and the Church above everything — our social involvement, family involvement and other outside interests?

The need to serve God in righteousness is greater today than in any other era of time. The permissive attitude of men and women today has made the teachings of Christ of no value. The commandments of our Lord are referred to as a make-believe life that cannot be applied today. The Saints of God have often been put to the test within the society of their day. We are no exception; we are tried as to whether we will conform to the present world or shall we set the example?

As we were united in the April Conference, so should we be in all things; every day of our lives. The need to pray and fast has been stressed over and over again, and I would like to take this occasion to encourage each of you — as a District, Branch, Mission, or individually — to give yourselves to fasting and prayer, that we may draw closer to our God.

It is written in *Psalms* 34:17— "The righteous cry and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles."

In conclusion, my prayer is that we will unite behind the cause of our Church to bring salvation to the dying sons of men that they might have an opportunity as you and I. May God bless you throughout the year and give you and your loved ones a blessed year.

## The New Year

*By Rev. Philip Doddridge*

Great God, we sing that mighty hand  
By which supported still we stand;  
The opening year Thy mercy shows;  
That mercy crowns it till it close.

By day, by night, at home, abroad,  
Still are we guarded by our God;  
By His incessant bounty fed,  
By His unerring counsel led.

With grateful hearts the past we own;  
The future, all to us unknown,  
We to Thy guardian care commit,  
And peaceful leave before Thy feet.

In scenes exalted or depressed,  
Thou art our Joy, and Thou our Rest;  
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,  
Adored through all our changing days.

## FATHER AND SON

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*The article FATHER AND SON was not continued as indicated in the October issue of the GOSPEL NEWS since different opinions were expressed that could eventually lead to a controversy. I feel the continuance of this article would not serve the best interest of the church.*

## OUR CHURCH

Our branch was incorporated in 1922,  
When the Gospel was told to only a few.

As the years kept rolling by,  
The members began to multiply;

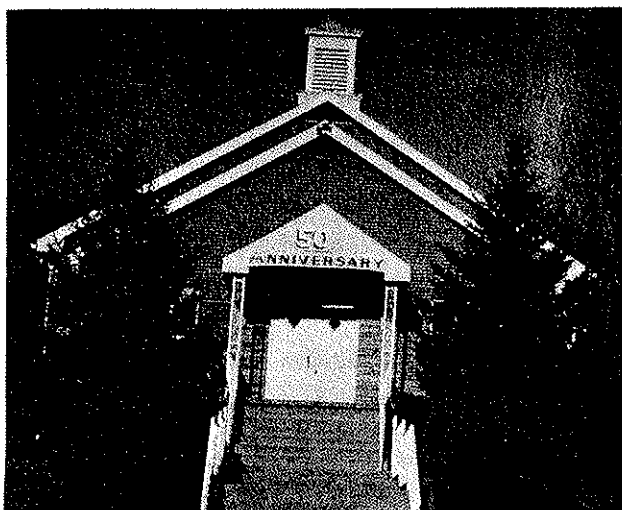
Young ones, middle-aged and the old—  
Many wonderful experiences and blessings were told.

The Brothers and Sisters related their testimony  
To others who were seeking spiritual bounty.

Their faithfulness, works and wonders  
Kept growing with great splendor.

Today the Saints of all ages are reaping  
What God has to offer in His keeping.

—Sister Dora Rossi



Aliquippa Building.

## Aliquippa Branch Observes Golden Anniversary

by Brother Joseph Ross

The Aliquippa Branch commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the establishing of The Church of Jesus Christ in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania on the first weekend of December, 1972. The little group became established as a Mission in 1922 and formally organized as a Mission under the jurisdiction of the Glassport, Pennsylvania Branch. (See the January 1966 issue of *The Gospel News*.)

A 50th Anniversary dinner was held on Friday, December 1 at a local dining establishment at 6:15 P.M. A formal invitation had been sent to all Branch members and their families, all families that had and were affiliated with our Branch over the years, President Gorie and his wife Sister Antoinette Ciaravino and Fred and Sister Domenica Tamburrino from Detroit, Michigan. Sister Tamburrino has the longest length of time as a member of The Church, being baptized in Aliquippa in 1921. She is currently a member of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3.

After the Anniversary Dinner, the entire group met in the Aliquippa Church at 8:00 P.M. where Presiding Elder Paul Palmieri gave a detailed resume of the history of The Church in Aliquippa which included the number of weddings, blessings and baptisms performed during the past fifty years. Acknowledgements were given to the

founding Brothers and Sisters of the Branch, both living and deceased. Following this brief service, all gathered in the Church basement for a piece of Anniversary cake with coffee.

A huge board was displayed having the following: photographs of members both present and deceased; pictures of different events, groups and individuals related to our Branch spanning the past fifty years; and a list of all converts that were baptized and confirmed in Aliquippa, including those that officiated.

On Sunday, December 3, a group of three hundred people gathered in our Church building to attend the 50th Anniversary services. To honor the occasion, the Aliquippa members were presented white carnations as they entered the building (boutonnieres for the men and corsages for the women.) Invitations had been previously sent to all ten Branches in the Pennsylvania District. We are glad to report all ten Branches were well represented, including surprise visitors from the Ohio and Florida Districts of The Church which helped to make the event a memorable success. Twenty-six Elders were present, including General Church President Gorie Ciaravino and his Second Counsellor Joseph Bittinger, and Apostle Russell Cadman.

A surprise presentation of a commemorative engraved desk pen set and holder was given to Aliquippa Elders Anthony Palmieri, John Ross and Thomas Ross by Elders Anthony Ross and Paul Palmieri in gratitude from themselves and the Branch to our elder Brothers that had ministered, taught and directed us during our growth in The Gospel.



Brother and Sister Ciaravino

Brother Gorie Ciaravino was our guest speaker. He read a verse from one of the *Psalms* and enlarged upon the theme of rendering thanks and praise to God.

Together with other Brothers who followed him, he congratulated our Branch and acknowledged the labors and efforts of the Saints over the past fifty years.

At the conclusion of the services, the entire congregation was invited to a buffet luncheon prepared by the host Branch, including a piece of anniversary cake. All present were invited to sign their names in a guest book provided on this momentous day in the history of the Aliquippa Branch. In addition, each person received a souvenir commemorating the event; a folded card containing a pencil line drawing of our Church building on the front and a brief history on the inside fold.

Needless to say, we thank all those that attended and all our members that worked so hard to make our 50th

Anniversary a success. Last but definitely not least, we thank God and His Son Jesus Christ for The Gospel in the Aliquippa area which has enriched our lives both naturally and more so spiritually.

## A Treatise On Scripture

By Russell Cadman

In writing to our people through the medium of the *Gospel News*, I wish to bring forth some Scriptures in this article that pertain to us as the people of God in the latter-days or in the days of the Gentiles; understanding that we are Gentiles adopted into the house of Israel, yet Gentiles by nationality or birth.

I would like to start with the *Fifth Chapter of Jacob* as written in the *Book of Mormon*. Jacob brings out in this chapter the words of the prophet Zenos, who no doubt was a prophet in Israel prior to Lehi's coming to this land, which was a land choice unto God above all other lands, "after the waters had receded from off the earth in the great flood in the days of Noah." Part of this chapter is written as a parable yet much of it is *not a parable*. A parable, according to the *Bible dictionary*, is a method of speech in which moral or religious truth is illustrated from the analogy of common experience. *Webster's Dictionary* states it is a story in which people, things, and happenings have another meaning as in a fable or parable.

### Parable, The Tame Olive-Tree

The prophet Zenos brought forth the word of the Lord as he prophesied to the house of Israel, likening the house of Israel to a tame olive-tree and the Gentiles as a wild olive-tree.

The house of Israel, or tame olive-tree, had been nourished by the Lord through the many years of time until it grew and waxed old and began to decay or sin entered into the tame olive-tree to such an extent that it caused great concern to the Lord and He said, "I will prune it and dig about it and nourish it." This no doubt was accomplished by the Lord sending forth prophets into Israel through the various ages of time which brought forth some young and tender branches or righteous people in the family of God, yet the main top began to perish. The master of the vineyard, to save the tree, told his servant to pluck branches from a wild olive-tree (Gentiles) and bring them unto him and they would pluck off those main branches that are beginning to wither away (sin entering in) and cast them into the fire (casting them off from the people of God).

### The Wild Olive-Tree

We see, by the words of the prophet, the pruning of Israel at various times by wars, famines, captivity, etc. and the Lord said, "I will take away many of the young and tender branches (righteous of Israel) and graft them withersoever I will." The Lord would also graft in the branches of the wild olive-tree in the stead thereof. The branches of the wild olive-tree began to be grafted in during the days of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Paul said in *Romans 11th Ch. 17th verse*, "and if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive-tree, were grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive-tree;" Peter in baptizing the household of Cornelius shows plainly those of every nation that feareth God and worketh righteousness are accepted of Him.

The thirteenth and fourteenth verses of *Jacob, Chapter 5* show that the Lord of the vineyard hid the natural branches of the tame olive-tree that He broke off in the nethermost parts of the vineyard. We find as we read on that the Lord planted these branches (people) in four different parts of the vineyard (earth). Two of them were in very poor spots of ground and the last in a good spot of ground. This last planting in the land that was choice above all other lands, South America, Central America, and eventually this northern continent. The other three plantings, as we know of them, were in a land in the north and the isles of the sea. Those brought to this choice land when Lehi and Nephi came six hundred years before Christ.

### Laboring In The Vineyard

After a long time passed away, the lord of the vineyard said to His servant, "Come, let us go down into the vineyard, that we may labor in the vineyard." (Speaking of the lord and His servant going down into the vineyard to labor is a parable and not an actuality), but the Lord considering the condition of His people, and laboring among them by the preaching and prophesying of the holy prophets from time to time.

They beheld the tame olive-tree where the wild branches had been grafted in, also the four plantings He had made, and found all doing very well, bringing much good fruit forth unto the Lord except the last or the ones brought to this blessed land. He found a division here, a part bringing forth tame (good fruit) and a part wild fruit (wicked) or the Nephite and Lamanite nations arising, yet the Lord was merciful to them and nourished them along with all His people.

In the thirtieth verse the Lord and His servant visited the vineyard for the second time and as they came to the original tame olive-tree, where the wild branches had been grafted in, all sorts of fruit did cumber the tree and none of it was good. Now this shows the falling away of the Gospel in the original Church of Christ as spoken of by the prophets and apostles. No doubt this points to the Reformation and the rise of so many different churches. Joseph Smith was told to join none of them for their creeds were an abomination in God's sight. Yet the roots (word of God in the Bible) were kept alive by the branches of the wild olive-tree that were grafted in but had at this time become wild again because of wickedness. We notice here the wild branches have grown (in numbers) and have overrun the roots and brought forth much evil fruit.

### Obedying God's Commandments

I wish at this time to speak to our people of the necessity of obeying the commandments of God in all things, especially when this world is changing so rapidly and becoming so wicked; that we do not become as the world or wild branches, but be transformed from this world into the children of light; and also not to change The Church so much that we may overcome our roots, changing "the faith that was once delivered to the Saints."

The Lord and His servant found the four branches that had been planted in various parts of the vineyard had all become corrupt, even on this land the evil part had overcome the good. The Lord said, "and now all the trees of the vineyard are good for nothing save it to be hewn down and cast into the fire."

After Christ had taught the seed of Joseph on this

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## A TREATISE ON SCRIPTURE

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land, they eventually were all baptized into the kingdom of God and no iniquity was found among them and there never was a happier people among all the people who had been created. But in the two hundred and first year since Christ's birth there were among them those who were lifted up in pride, at this time "they did have their goods and their substance no more common among them." And they divided into classes and began to build up churches to get gain and to deny the true Church of Christ.

### *A Great Division*

In the two hundred and thirty-first year there was a great division among the people and there arose a people who were called Nephites, they were the true believers in Christ, and those who rejected the Gospel were called Lamanites. When more than four hundred and twenty years had passed away Moroni bids us all farewell. Thus ended the righteous from the fourth planting except the three disciples who were not to die. We understand by about the year five hundred and sixty the original tame olive-tree had become "corrupt," as stated by Jacob.

The Lord of the vineyard laments very much this sad state of the vineyard and asks, "What could I have done more for my vineyard?" The servant said, "Is it not the loftiness of thy vineyard, the branches taking strength unto themselves, has this not caused the trees of thy vineyard to become corrupt?" May I ask, has this not caused the downfall of the people of God in all ages of time and it makes me wonder about our day.

### *Plan Is Devised*

The Lord then is ready to destroy the trees of His vineyard but the servant prevailed upon Him to spare it a little longer and a plan is devised to cause His trees to be restored to their original state by grafting back into the original tree those branches that had been broken off and planted in various parts of the vineyard, and plucking off those wild branches that are most bitter and cast them into the fire.

In the sixty-first verse we find the command to call servants that the Lord and these servants may labor for the last time in the vineyard. The sixty-third verse shows the Restoration of the Gospel to the Gentiles. The Gentiles were last to be called into the original Church of Christ in the days of Paul and now are the first to be called in this last time to prune the vineyard; while Israel is to be the last. Israel will be called as a nation of people when the first three verses of the *Fifth Chapter of Micah* are fulfilled. Please read them.

### *Pride And Loftiness*

The Church in the hands of the Gentiles in this last period has had a very difficult time to say the least. The pride and loftiness of the Gentiles has been beyond belief, not willing to be content with the plain Gospel of Jesus and establishing The Church as told in the word of God, as instructed by the angel Moroni, and by the plain revelation of God that agrees with the written word. They became exceedingly lofty and said, "There are many Gods, we ourselves may become Gods and have a world of our own, plurality of wives, high priests, baptism for the dead;" — where is the end? Until God has said in *Isaiah 66 Ch. verses 1, 2*, "Where is the house ye built unto me? and where is the place of my rest? But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a con-

trite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Thus we find the calling of William Bickerton and the establishment of The Church of Jesus Christ, after the ancient pattern, plain, by the direct revelation of God and that revelation agrees with the written word of God found in the *Bible* and *Book of Mormon*.

## Forgiving One Another

by Dominic Moraco

*Matthew 18:23*: "Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, who owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had nothing with which to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. The servant, therefore, fell down, and worshiped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, who owed him an hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me what thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.' And he would not, but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after he had called him, said unto him, 'O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou besoughtest me! Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee?' And his lord was angry, and delivered him to the inquisitors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye, from your hearts, forgive not every one his brother his trespasses." *Matthew 18:35*.

This parable is among the clearest ever set forth by the Saviour and should be easily understood by all. To more fully appreciate the meaning of this parable, we should recall the fact that on the day of our baptism God washed away all our sin and guilt, however serious. He accepted us in our humility and contriteness of heart. His forgiveness was complete and we knew all our guilt was swept away in the blood of Christ. Trespasses and sins which we thought He would never forgive were washed away and we were made to rejoice. Therefore, if God, in His compassion, forgave our sins, ought we not to be ready and willing to forgive one another?

In the course of human events it is entirely possible for us to trespass or offend one another. When this occurs, we should recall the teachings of Christ who instructed us to be ever ready and willing to forgive one another from the heart. The person who is reluctant to forgive his brother's trespasses is not a true follower of Christ. Therefore, to the true followers of Christ, it should be easy to forgive because the Saviour set the example for all of us. He forgave Peter who denied Him. He forgave Thomas who doubted Him. And finally, on the cross He asked His Father to forgive those responsible for His death. In conclusion, as followers of Christ, we should avoid offense; and inasmuch as is possible, live peaceably with all men. But if offenses occur, we should be willing to forgive even as Christ forgave us.



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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### THE NEW YEAR

With the passing of the year 1972 and the ushering in of the New Year 1973 we are reminded that time hurries on as a resistless, unremitting stream. The following verse and commentary fittingly and forcibly stir our thoughts and alert us anew of the swift passage of time:

Time was, is past; thou canst not it 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

### LOOKING BACK

The turning back of the year is a most natural time for looking back and summing up. We are amazed at the swift flow of events around us as well as the happenings in our own everyday living.

Without doubt in reviewing the past year of 1972 we can recall many ups and downs. We have memories of failures and mistakes, while on the other hand, there are also memories of success and reward in some degree, large or small, for time and effort expended in the pursuit of various goals and activities.

This is true, both in our temporal as well as our spiritual affairs. In evaluating our spiritual pursuits and activities, we must concede that after all we might have done, it is still not enough. This is excellently illustrated by Nephi, "... ; for we know that it is by grace that we are saved, after all that we can do." (*Book of Mormon, II Nephi 25:23*)

In his wonderful farewell address to his people, King Benjamin also taught the same great truth, "I say unto you that if ye should serve Him who has created you from the beginning, and is preserving you from day to day, by lending you breath, that ye may live and move and do according to your own will, and even supporting you from one moment to another—I say, if ye should serve Him with all your whole souls yet ye would be unprofitable servants." (*Book of Mormon, Mosiah 2:21*)

Our Lord Jesus Christ also pointed up this fact in a commentary on one of His parables, "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: We have done that which was our duty to do." (*Luke 17:10*)

### INSTRUCTION AND ADMONITION

We are indebted to these wonderful teachers and men of God, Nephi and King Benjamin, as well as our Lord Jesus Christ for instruction and admonition on such an essential and important truth.

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In reviewing our failures and mistakes may they serve to alert us to continued vigilance and to watch and pray. May we also look up to God, humbly and repentantly, seeking His pardoning grace for our shortcomings.

As we enter the New Year, may we look forward with cheerful hearts and hopeful anticipation. May we resolve to do better during the year 1973 than we have done in the year 1972 that has so swiftly rolled away.

May God, the Author of time, intensify our faith and grant us vision, courage and strength to make profitable use of the time allotted us in order to better serve Him and to do that which is our duty to do.

# M. B. A. Highlights

## G. M. B. A. Conference of November 1972

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

On November 11, 1972 at the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg the GMBA Conference was held. The morning meeting began at 9:45 A.M. Brother August D'Orazi, GMBA President, Brother Paul Palmieri, Vice President, and Brother Joseph Milantoni, Chaplain presided over the day's events. Two meetings were held; the evening included a program presented by the Ohio Area MBA and also musical selections by the other Areas present.

Brother August began the morning session with a few remarks to all attending, urging everyone to participate and seek serene and productive sessions. Roll call of officers revealed that most were present, with the exception of some organizers. A motion was passed to waive the reading of the past GMBA minutes of May 1972.

### Unfinished Business

The first item was a report by Brother Joseph Milantoni that no progress was made concerning the Lesson Plans Project. The By-Law Committee reported that the additions to the By-Laws were ready and can now be obtained from the GMBA Librarian, Brother Joseph Draskovich.

The Michigan-Ontario Area had submitted a proposal that the program (camp events and line-up) of future GMBA Campouts be sent to locals first for review. This was rejected, as some locals are definitely not up to date on this idea and this can cause unnecessary delay.

Also rejected was a proposal for absenteeism balancing from the California Area.

The California group requested help on the Chinle Indian Project. The GMBA suggests that individuals help on their own.

The Campout Committee requests that all future campout registration forms have a space to list any medical experience an individual may have and also to list any ordained office an individual may hold. This information could be used preparing the camp's program. A motion was passed to purchase two dozen white towels for baptisms.

*Lay Missionary Programs:* The San Carols work was temporarily discontinued due to a change over of personnel. A letter was read from Brother Tony Brutz, the Presiding Missionary concerning his desire to assist in this program. He feels much good can again come from those interested in the program. Brother Joseph Milantoni spoke of a need for assistance in the Muncey Indian Project. The Michigan-Ontario group responsible for the project will set up a systematic approach to this work. They will request all those interested to participate, if possible. Sister Lydia Link of Bronx, New York has printed and distributed (via delegates to GMBA) a very good flier advertising this need. One should be posted in every local of the MBA. (NOTE: Local Presidents and Secretaries—All pertinent information is contained therein.)

*Officers' Reports:* Librarian, Brother Draskovich reported on literature on hand. He obtained 230 copies of the older edition and the new additions of the By-Laws can be inserted into the older edition. He also has some green MBA folders on hand and the price is \$1.50 each. All literature may be purchased by contacting him at this address: Joseph Draskovich, 527 Fairfield Drive, Greensburg, Pa. 15601.

The GMBA Editor, Brother James Gibson, reported on the publishing of the *MBA Bulletin* and submitting articles to the *MBA Highlights of the Gospel News*. It was noted that most areas have their own newsletter and a copy of each is sent to him. Specific thanks was again extended to all who assist in this operation.

Financial Secretary, Brother James Link, reported on the receipts of monies during the past six months. He also pointed out that the MBA organization has donated a total of \$39,918.98 over a period of seven years to the General Church. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President, thanked the organization on behalf of The Church. A total of \$3,549.58 was collected the past six months. A goal of \$200 per local had been set and locals met this goal.

Treasurer, Brother Mark Landrey reported that his report corresponded with that of the Financial Secretary, and that he also sends a monthly financial report to some of the GMBA Officers.

Auditors, Brothers Jon Genaro and Donald Ross, reported finding all books in good order.

At this time Brother Paul Palmieri commented on the San Diego local's inquiry concerning whether any music had been recorded or taped in the past by the General Church; also, if this could possibly be done in the future. The Special Affairs Committee of The Church was con-

sulted on this matter, and their recommendation was negative on this matter. The GMBA Conference voted to concur on this decision.

The four organizers present gave similar reports on their Areas' activities. All stated that they found good interest and desires. The four reporting were Brothers Jack Rosemeier, Northern Pennsylvania; Robert Nicklow, Southern Pennsylvania; Vince Gibson, Ohio; and Domenick Rose, Atlantic Coast.

*Area Presidents:* Brother Don Ross, Atlantic Coast reported hosting the GMBA Campout, holding an outing in May, starting an Area history report, holding a fruitful meeting with the young people, chartering a bus to this conference, and possibly chartering a bus trip to the Mormon pageant in Hill Cumorah next summer.

Brother Jon Genaro reported holding successful canned-good drives for the Indian people in the area (net results of the drives were ten tons of canned goods, 700 pounds of clothing and \$200 cash collection. Brother Bill Hufnagle was commended on his persistence in starting the canned good drive among the Indians there. The Ohio Area MBA also made a trip on Labor Day to the Muncey Reservation in Canada and had two baptisms while there.

Brother Robert Nicklow from Pennsylvania reported that the Area held joint meetings within the Area, two Area evening meetings, an Area Campout, purchased three motor bikes for Church use in Nigeria, held the annual Area, made a visit to the Muncey Reservation, held a business meeting at the "King Ranch," and are planning to purchase six sewing machines for White River Indian use.

Brother Alex Gentile reported for The Michigan-Ontario Area. They collected books to be used by The Church in Nigeria, have an Area Missionary Program (visiting people in homes, school, friends, elderly and etc.), are updating the Area phone directory, held an Area picnic, and a fast and prayer meeting with the young group.

*Florida, reported by letter:* Programs were held by various locals, picnics were held at surrounding parks, a weekend campout, a trip to the Space Center, and a newsletter publication has been started.

At this time the conference took time for lunch and the GMBA Activities Committee met during the intermission.

As the afternoon session began, Brother Milantoni made mention of those in need of prayer due to illness.

Sister Rose Lovalvo from Modesto, California gave a report on that Area's activities as follows: The work at the Chinle Reservation has been very successful; they held an Area campout in September; they plan to hold a retreat for the young people; presently they are collecting clothes for needy children and the Ladies Circle is planning to buy \$500 worth of blankets for use in Tia Juana and for the Indians.

The delegates from the MBA locals gave their reports at this time. They all reported the different types of meetings held and projects used to raise money for various needs.

Brother D'Orazio reported that the GMBA Activities Committee meeting of August recommended that the White River local come under the California Area MBA jurisdiction. He reported also that all Areas holding a camp-

out submit a brochure and other information to the GMBA committee.

A motion was passed to hold a GMBA Campout in 1973. The response from the locals on this matter was favorable, as per the GMBA request. Brother August then reviewed the past GMBA campouts, the year and the location. Brother Joseph Ross of the campsite procurement committee reported on sites visited for possible use. A motion was passed that the 1973 campout be held at a campsite at Dunkirk, New York during July 21 to July 29.

Brother Donald Ross of New Jersey next reported on the past '72 Campout at New Hope, Pennsylvania. Brother Don was camp director and stated he wished to thank all who assisted in any way to make the camp a success.

### *New Business*

The election of officers showed few changes, with the exception of Sister Karen Milantoni being elected as Assistant Secretary. She replaced Sister Alice Link who is attending college at this time. Also, a few changes were made in the office of organizers.

The conference voted to create the office of Historian. The new office will also exist at the Area level. Brother Mark Landrey was elected to fulfill this office. All information of locals and areas will be submitted to him to record.

A motion was passed to hold the May 1973 conference at New Jersey. This will allow for a more extended means of association in various areas, as was done in the past and proved to be a success.

A proposal from the Glassport local that any six month term of office in the MBA be changed to a one year term. This is within the keeping of the General Church pattern. The proposal will be reviewed first by the By-Law Committee.

A letter from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles was read stating that they are willing to support the young people of The Church inasmuch as the young people desire to work for The Lord.

It was a good conference with much being accomplished. Please try to make plans to attend the May meeting in New Jersey.

## TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Brother John and Sister Grace Buffa celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They were married October 25, 1947 in The Church of Jesus Christ at the Edison, New Jersey Branch. They are the parents of two children, John and Ronald. Brother John and Sister Grace were married by Brother William H. Cadman, with Brother Rocco Ensana assisting him.

There is a little experience which applies to this wonderful marriage. When Brother John first met his mother-in-law to be, Sister Esther Sgro, she heard a heavenly voice saying that this man was to be the husband of her daughter. Brother John was not told of this wonderful experience until a year later after his marriage to Sister Grace.

Brother John and Sister Grace are now living in Michigan and worship with the Brothers and Sisters at the Warren - Sterling Heights Branch. May God continually bless them.



Brother and Sister Perdue

## The Gospel In Mexico

This article relates a brief history of the lives of Brother and Sister Perdue and their experiences in establishing The Church in Mexico.

When my husband first came to The Church, Sister Mary Lovalvo had a dream of him standing with his arms stretched out to the Mexican people, his feet were planted in The Church. This was either in 1947 or 1948. When she told this to me I laughed, because to me, it seemed impossible because of his quiet nature. A few years later, my husband had a dream in which he saw himself in a room. A door opened and back of the door stood a beautiful woman, tall and stately in her native costume (Indian). A voice spoke to him saying, "Give this woman her baby." We thought this experience was for The Church to go to the Indian people, so we related it to The Church, never thinking it could have been meant for us.

### Years of Affliction

For many years I had been afflicted, having had several operations and having spent much time being bedridden. After these operations, etc., I went down in 1949 for a siege which lasted approximately five years, the doctors being unable to do anything for me. In 1951 after having gone to the hospital and having some of the greatest specialists examine me, the only hope given me was an operation on the brain which had only a 50-50 chance. I asked the doctor if that was all he had to offer me. He replied, "Well, what have you to lose, you are no good this way." I told him I wanted to go home and think it over. I had been operated on so much, I felt I did not want to go through this.

After lying around helpless at home a few weeks, I decided to have my husband and daughter take me to Church and get anointed. I was anointed and a Brother had a vision as follows: He saw me frowning as if I had terrible pain, enveloped with a vapor of smoke around my head. The vapor lifted and I was smiling, this gave me hope. I felt that some day this terrible affliction would be removed. For the next two years, I was able to sit up a little, but could not do much as my strength was limited and I suffered much pain.

In 1953 I became worse. I again went to The Church to be anointed. As the Elder was praying, "Lord, touch her with Thy finger and heal her," another Brother had the following vision: He saw the heavens open and the stars in the sky with a hand reaching from the heavens,

touching me with a finger; but still I was not healed. This was followed by many months of suffering.

### Wonderful Experience

On October 22, 1954, at about 4:30 a.m. I had been lying awake because of pain. The previous day I had begged the Lord to either take me home or heal me. I did not want to go on any more like this. All of a sudden I felt myself moving. This seemed very strange to me. My spirit left my body and I was traveling through space. I came to a place where there was a small oval-shaped door. It was very small, I realized I would not be able to go through it and I knew that through that door was heaven. I pleaded with the Lord to let me go through. The door became large enough to allow me to pass through and as I ascended the steps, my elbows touched the walls. The Lord did show me some wonderful things and at the end, I stood before Jesus. He looked beautiful! His hair was a golden color and parted in the middle in a sort of a page boy style. As I recognized Him to be Jesus, I cried out, "You are Jesus, you are the Lord." I fell prostrate at His feet begging Him with all my might to touch my body and heal me. I cried, "You are the only one who can heal me." He asked me, "Are you sure you want to be healed?" I said, "Yes, Lord, please heal me." He asked me again, "Are you sure you want to be healed?" I again answered, "Yes Lord." He then told me what I would have to do to get healed. When I came to myself I tried to make myself believe that it was not of God.

### Great Load Lifted

My soul was tortured for two days and nights fighting it because I felt it was difficult to do what the Lord had commanded. Then again I realized life would not be worthwhile being bedridden by not obeying. I decided I would do anything to get well. This happened on a Saturday and by the following Monday, I told my husband that I was going to obey what the Lord told me to do, for I could not fight it any longer and I knew it was from God. As soon as I told him this, it seemed as if a great load lifted from me.

The following Wednesday night I went to Church and related a part of my experience. Sister Lowther spoke in tongues and a Brother had the interpretation which was as follows: "Attention — these words are all true. It has come from God." By obeying what the Lord told me to do that I might gain my health, we found ourselves working among the Mexican people in Los Nietos, California, three weeks later.

### God Leading Us

Some time after we had started this work, Sister Mary Lovalvo, who had the dream of my husband with his arms outstretched to the Mexican people, came to me and asked me whether I realized we were going into the Mexican work at the time I told this experience. I told her I did not have the faintest idea of that, asking her if she knew. She told me she knew, because at the time I was telling the experience, her dream came to her about my husband. When she told me this, I felt as if an electric current had shocked me and I started to cry. I knew at that moment more than ever that we were doing what God wanted us to do and that He had been leading us. I asked Sister Lowther some time after we had been in the work if she had any thought at the time she spoke in tongues. She said, "Yes, I felt there was a work for you to do and that it would take time."

### Minister Needed

In September of 1959, Brother and Sister Luna visited

Mexico. There they met a man who was trying to keep a group together as their minister had left them. He asked them if they knew any minister who could speak Spanish to help take over this little group as he was not a minister. They told him that in our Church there was a Spanish speaking minister. He begged them to help him by talking to Brother Perdue. Brother and Sister Luna knew how we felt about Mexico. We had said many times that we did not care about going there, therefore, they hesitated to say anything to us. About two or three weeks after this meeting, this man wrote to the Lunas again begging for Brother Perdue to come. This time they decided to tell us about it and when we heard this letter read, I felt like a great surge of electricity go through me and I knew then this was the will of God in our lives. When I told my husband how I felt, he too felt we should go.

We had worked in the Los Nietos Mission for more than five years and during all these years my husband and I prayed to the Lord to give us at least one year full time in the field and that my husband would be released from any natural work. During these more than five years, Brother Perdue would work swing shifts in the factory eight hours daily getting home late at night. After studying for a while he would get a few hours sleep and early every morning we would go out and visit as many families as possible. We also went out all day Saturday and held meetings on Sunday. We had quite a nice group there.

#### *Weekends To Mexico*

After having heard the letter sent to Brother and Sister Luna, we decided we had to leave the Los Nietos Mission in the care of two of our Elders while we would go weekends to Mexico to see if anything could be done. We finally met the man who wrote the letter. His name was Franco (a converted drunkard) and he lived in the worst part of Tijuana, Mexico. We held some meetings in this area as well as with the group he wanted us to meet. As soon as we started going to the latter group mentioned, the minister who had been with this group decided to come back so we decided to stay away as we did not want to infringe on anyone. We heard again that he left, so again we decided to go back.

We met a woman through this Franco who lived in his neighborhood and she wanted to be a minister. She would go with us to Libertad where we held meetings. One day she told us she had a lot in another section of Tijuana and wanted us to see it. She told us we could build a church on the lot. We went to see it although we did not trust her motives. This brought us to the area where we now have The Church. This place is called Colonia Obrera. We liked this mountain area the first time we say it so we decided to get acquainted with the people by visiting the few houses that were there. Every weekend they waited for us and we were happy to be there. We would hold meetings outside with the few that lived there. In the meantime, we would go to the Libertad area and hold meetings in the afternoon, until such time that we could leave there because we did not feel happy building on another man's foundation.

#### *Wonderful Spirit*

One Sunday as we were going to Colonia Obrera, this woman named Paula, told Brother Perdue that she had a dream that we were to have The Church here. We did not pay much attention to this, we figured that if the Lord wanted His Church here, He would make the way. Another Sunday morning some Brothers and Sisters prayed with us in these bare mountains as it was drizzling. While my

husband was praying I felt a wonderful spirit. I turned to my companion after he finished praying and told him I felt that the Lord was going to put His Church here on this mountain.

While holding these outside meetings in Colonia Obrera, along came Brother Toribio (who later became a minister) and Brother Barajas to listen. The Lord touched their hearts and they kept coming each Sunday bringing their families. Brother Barajas asked if we had a place to build a church to which we replied, "No." He said, "I am in charge of distributing these lots. I have a choice lot which I would like to give to The Church." He wept and said that once the Lord saved him from a firing squad and he wanted to do something for Him. We were glad to get this lot with a hope for the future. We put ourselves into the hands of the Lord knowing we would do nothing on our own. When the weather got too cold we tried to crowd into the house of a married couple (our first baptisms). It was just a cardboard shack but it protected us from the wind. A Brother from the United States offered to help make a larger house on the lot given to us so that this couple could live in it and we could also hold services there. Something had to be put on this lot to protect it from squatters. It was just a shell of a house but it was larger and cheaply made without a floor. When it rained it would leak and we would always have a stream down the middle of the room. (Continued in next issue)

## **Pennsylvania and Ohio M. B. A. Areas Meet**

Seventy people from the Pennsylvania Area M. B. A. met with the Ohio Area at the Cleveland Branch on Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10. There were also ten visitors from Detroit. Most of us traveled by chartered bus, stopping along the way at the Kirtland Temple in Kirtland, Ohio. After an informative and interesting tour, we met at Cleveland for lunch followed by a seminar, discussing subjects such as Joseph Smith, the beginning of our Church and how we, as individuals, should and can stay righteous in the sight of God. We directed questions to a panel consisting of Brothers Joe Calabrese, George Johnson, and Rocco Biscotti. Their knowledge of the discussed subjects were a great help to all of us.

We dismissed for a supper prepared by the Ohio Area members, and then met for the evening service. Two men from the Cleveland American Indian Center, one a Chippewa and one a Mohawk, presented a film entitled, "The Forgotten American", causing all present to vividly realize the plight of the American Indian. The discussion that followed was accompanied by God's Spirit and brought many items to light. We all felt God's presence when one of the visitors, at the close of the meeting, expressed a definite interest in The Church of Jesus Christ, even to the point of someday, if given the opportunity, becoming a part of it. This was an inspirational climax to a day well spent.

On Sunday, Brother George Johnson from Pennsylvania was inspired to speak on the very important subject of the Love of God. He was followed by Elders from both Pennsylvania and Ohio, elaborating on the subject. The meeting was concluded with a very active, Spirit-filled testimony meeting.

I speak for the Pennsylvania Area, saying it was a worthwhile weekend spent in fellowship with our Brothers, Sisters and friends.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### SING, SING, SING

Dear Girls and Boys,

Do you know why the cricket sings? The Apache Indians have an old tale they tell about it. When the harvest was good the cricket made the most noise. This was because he was happy. He kept trouble away and when he was respected the harvests were plentiful. So it is easy to understand why the cricket sings when he is happy. People are somewhat like crickets. When they are happy they too sing. When things don't go well can we sing? In *Proverbs* we read, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

There is a story in the *New Testament* about two men who sang in spite of their troubles. These two men were Paul and Silas. They were in the city of Philippi where they met a young girl possessed with an evil spirit which enabled her to tell things that would happen in the future. Men made great profit by letting her pretend to forecast the future for foolish people.

As soon as the girl saw Paul, she followed him for days crying out words that her masters had taught her to say. Finally Paul cast out the evil spirit in her. Now she could no longer foretell the future. This angered those who had made money by her fortune telling. In their anger they accused Paul and Silas of doing evil things, of being trouble makers.

The rulers of the city commanded that Paul and Silas be stripped and lashed with a whip and then put into prison. Their feet were locked in stocks. Stocks are heavy pieces of wood, locked, with two holes in the middle just large enough to encircle the ankle, but not large enough to pull the foot out. The jailer was warned not to let these men escape.

At midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God. The prisoners heard them. How could anyone sing in prison? Suddenly there was an earthquake that shook the whole prison. The foundations shook! All the doors flew open! The stocks which held their feet so tightly were loosed. The jailer was so frightened he drew his sword to kill himself. He supposed all the prisoners had escaped. Paul cried with a loud voice, "Don't do thyself any harm. We are all here." The jailer brought a light and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas. They preached to the jailer and other prisoners, telling them about Jesus. The jailer asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And as a result the jailer and his family were baptized into the Church.

There are still crickets, good harvests, sunshine and open doors. And there are still Saints who sing in spite of discouragements.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## Brief News Of Interest

Youngstown, Ohio  
Nov. 23, 1972

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 1972, the saints of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch rejoiced to welcome back their Presiding Elder, Brother A. A. Corrado, after a month's illness. We felt a blessing as he entered the building, and greeted many brothers and sisters with the love of God.

He spoke words of encouragement to the saints, to be more faithful, stating "All things are possible with God". He also read the 23rd Psalm, and related one of many beautiful experiences he had while in the hospital. We were blessed in hearing our Brother's inspiring words, even though he was not fully recovered.

We thank God for answering our prayers, and allowing Brother Corrado to return, and take up his duties as our Presiding Elder.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I want to thank you for your prayers that were offered for me when I was in dire need. I also want to thank you for the cards, letters and phone calls which showed your love and concern for me. Continue praying for me that I may receive my full strength to fulfill my calling.

May God's richest blessings be upon you.

*Brother A. Anthony Corrado*

### WITH GREAT APPRECIATION

It is my desire, through the means of *The Gospel News*, to thank all of the Brothers and Sisters and friends throughout the various areas of The Church for their prayers and for the many get well cards that I have received.

May the good Lord bless and repay you fourfold. I am still recovering from my recent illness and hope to return to work in the near future. Please keep remembering me in your prayers, for we know that God can do all things.

*Brother Paul D'Amico*  
Lockport, New York

### A NOTE OF THANKS TO ALL

I wish to take the opportunity at this time to thank all who remembered me with get well cards and most of all with your prayers. I have recently been discharged from the hospital and although far from being healed, I thank God for the recovery that I have made thus far. May I request all to continue remembering me in your prayers that The Lord might heal me completely and we will give God all the honor and the glory. Again I say, Thank You!

*Brother Salvatore Azzinaro,*  
Lockport, New York

## - Branch and Mission News -

### Baptisms At Perry, Ohio

The Saints at the Perry City, Ohio Branch have been enjoying the blessings of God as He has called five more souls into His Kingdom. Sister Garnet Mae Kuhn was baptized on October 19, 1972 by Brother Elmer Santilli. She was confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto. Brother James L. Finley was baptized on November 27, 1972 by Brother Gene Kline and confirmed by Brother Elmer Santilli.

Also baptized on November 26 was Sister Nadine Finley; she was baptized by Brother Anthony Picciuto and confirmed by Brother Gene Kline. Sister Darinda J. Finley was baptized by Brother Anthony Picciuto and confirmed by Brother Mario Milano.

On December 3, 1972 Sister Olga Nellis was baptized by Brother Joseph Manes and was confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto.

We have had some wonderful meetings in our Branch and we pray that God will continue to be with us.

### Cleveland, Ohio Branch No. 1

Brother Robert Halas of the West Side Mission, was ordained an elder at the East Side Branch. Brother Rocco Biscotti officiated and Brother August Perlioni washed his feet. Brother Halas and his wife were baptized August 23, 1964. He is very active in the gospel and a wonderful helping hand to the West Side Mission, and to Brother August, the Presiding Elder.

In our presence were his parents, and aunts and uncles.

A wonderful feeling was felt by all in the testimony of Brother Bob and our prayers and love go out to him. May God bless him in his endeavor to preach the Lord's word.

### Baptism At Lorain

A wonderful spirit was felt by all present in the Lorain, Ohio Spanish Mission as Brother Salvador Gonzalez rendered obedience to the Gospel. He was baptized by Brother Joseph Calabrese and confirmed by Frank Calabrese on November 15, 1972.

We are thankful to God for the addition to our Mission.

### Elder Ordained At Windsor

Brother Kenneth Donald Wright was ordained into the Priesthood on November 5, 1972 at the Windsor Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ in Ontario, Canada. Brother Wright was ordained by Apostle Domenic Thomas after his feet were washed by Brother Donald Collison.

Brother Kenneth was baptized on June 16, 1968 and he was ordained a Teacher on February 22, 1970.

### New Convert Added At Edison, New Jersey

Sister Theresa Ann Bravo was baptized on November 19, 1972 by Brother August D'Orazio and confirmed by Brother Rocco Ensana.

We pray that God will bless our new Sister.

## Get Acquainted - Reacquainted Singspiration Night Warren - Sterling Heights Branch

On Sunday evening, November 19, 1972, the Warren - Sterling Heights Branch held a get acquainted - reacquainted singspiration night which proved to be a very enjoyable evening for all. We had a total of 153 in attendance. We were happy to have the following Brothers of the Priesthood visit with us — Brothers Reno Bologna, Domenic Thomas, Spencer Everett and Dominic Moraco. Brother Reno spoke a few moments to get our evening underway. Then, most of our meeting was spent singing some of our favorite old and new hymns. We had a trio, duet and also the young children of our branch sing a few selections.

Brother Carl Frammolin then asked the visiting young people if they would come forward and sing a few selections; their singing was wonderful and inspirational to all. These young people represented Branches 1, 2, 3, 4, and Windsor. We were very happy and surprised with the many visitors. May God bless each and everyone of them.

Brother Domenic Thomas then gave a few closing remarks encouraging our Brothers and Sisters to continue to seek God's will and to keep moving forward in helping The Church to grow.

We then ended our evening with refreshments and fellowship. Our prayers and desires are to see The Church grow. One of the reasons for this singspiration night was to introduce the people which live in the area of our new branch to The Church of Jesus Christ. Our hope and prayer is that The Lord would have touched someone's heart this night and given them a desire to come back and worship with us again.

We would like to acknowledge the young people of Brother David DeBattista's and Brother Roland Paleno's classes for the fine job they did by going door to door to hand out invitations to our singspiration to those of our neighbors who live in the area of our Church. May God bless each and every one.

### Baptism At Branch No. 1, Detroit

The morning meeting was opened by visiting Brother Frank Morle of Branch No. 2. He spoke on the importance of knowing and having direction in your life. This gave our new Brother Richard Allen Thomas much food for thought. The second meeting was left open for testimony. Everyone was expecting a testimony from Brother Richard but instead, he stood there for a moment in silence, then asked to be baptized.

He was baptized by Brother Michael LaSala and confirmed by Brother Norman Campitelle on November 26, 1972. We pray that God will be with him throughout his life.

### ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

*Spiritual Blessings great or small,  
Prevail on all, when a man answers his call,  
Volunteered and called by our God,  
To preach to all, about the steadfast rod,  
To pass the word of God far and near,  
To hold fast to God's hand without fear,  
What greater blessing, can any man receive,  
Than to spread the word of God, in whom we believe.*

—Sister Margaret Abbott



## News From Warren, Ohio Branch

Sunday, November 11, Brother Tony Piccuito and family visited the Warren Branch. Also visiting were Brothers and Sisters from Lorain and Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother Piccuito opened the service by reading from the 3rd chapter of *Ecclesiastes*; "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." Brother Tony stressed the point that now is the time for us to show ourselves approved of God, and now is the time to build up faith, spirit and confidence. Then we will be able to withstand the fiery darts of Satan. The Spirit of God was truly felt in the message that was given. The Saints were stimulated by the Spirit of the Lord in bearing their testimonies. All present felt, as the song writer wrote, "There's a Sweet, Sweet spirit in this Place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord."

### Baptism

We thank God that He has called another soul into The Church. On November 19, Karen Brown was baptized by Brother Jerry Giovannone, and confirmed by Brother Frank Giovannone. The Saints rejoice and are thankful for the blessings of God.

On October 3, Brother and Sister Victor Ciarolla celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Brothers and Sisters and several family members helped them celebrate this joyful occasion.

Vera Edwards  
Branch Editor

## New Arrivals

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

Matthew Timothy to Leon and Carol Mazzola Alger of Fort Pierce, Florida;

Patricia to Paul and Linda Paulin of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania;

Charles Brian to Charles and Theodora Seeley of McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania;

Stephenie Sue to Alfred and Maureen Cuerrier of Windsor, Ontario, Canada;

Larry Michael to Robert and Betty Quinn of Perry, Ohio;

## Weddings

### VITTO - LIEBMAN

Mr. Gregory Paul Vitto and Miss Sharon Rochelle Liebman were united in holy matrimony on November 25, 1972 at The Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan.

The groom's father, Brother Paul Vitto officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Brother Frank Conti of Michigan. Witnesses for the ceremony Maid of Honor Paulette Vitto and Best Man Ronald Vitto.

The newlyweds will reside in Warren, Michigan.

## Obituaries

### KATHERINE HENSHAW

Sister Katherine Henshaw, a member of the Miami, Florida Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ, departed from this life on Monday, October 16, 1972. She was born on September 5, 1896 and baptized on October 19, 1947.

She is survived by her husband Norman of Hollywood, Florida. She was buried in Westlawn Memorial Gardens in Davie, Florida. Funeral services were conducted by Brother James Sheffler.

Katherine was a member of the Bronx, New York Branch and was ordained a Deaconess there. She continued in that office until the time of her passing. She was a member of the Miami Mission when she died. She will be sadly missed by the Saints and family.

## Prayer Answered

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

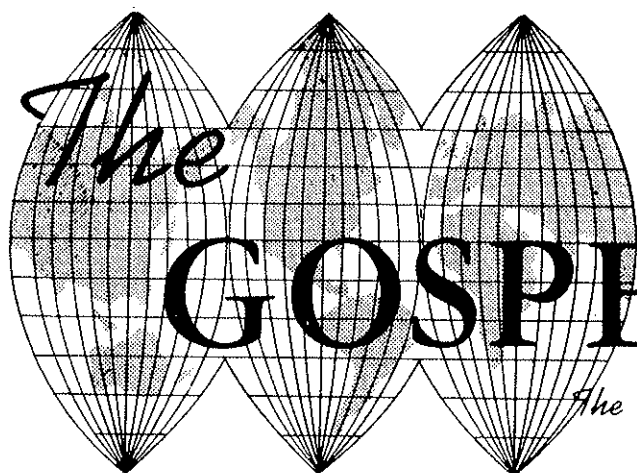
For some time I have wanted to write of an experience I had about three weeks ago.

One night, after our company left, my daughter became a little sick. Having four children, we didn't think too much of this, as these things often happen. Had I known that my daughter was going to be so ill, I would have asked Brother V. James Loyalvo, who had been visiting with us, to anoint her; however, he had already left. Later that night, my daughter became very sick. She turned pale, and began to vomit. When she went to bed, she became restless, and didn't seem to breathe right, taking her breath shortly. My wife and I became very concerned, and decided to stay up with her all night. We had never encountered this kind of breathing before. My wife took over the first watch of three hours, then I took over. It was around 2:00 A.M. I was very worried for she still had a high fever and her breathing hadn't gotten any better. Nothing seemed to be helping. I knelt and prayed, petitioning God that, if He would heal my daughter, I would praise and glorify His name in my testimony. While I was still on my knees, her breathing became normal. I was so excited that I awakened my wife, and she came into the bedroom to see for herself.

I feel this experience was given to me because of my complaining. I had said that God doesn't hear my prayers; He must have forgotten me. I bear witness that, when I really needed Him, He helped me and didn't forget me. I praise His Holy name to all of you, as in keeping with my promise to do so. I hope I'll never doubt Him again.

Your brother in Christ,  
Carl D. Romano

Sister Hertha Jones of the Monongahela Branch has been a patient in the Monongahela Valley Hospital Association, Charleroi Hospital Division. Prayers are requested in her behalf. Sister Jones is Circulation Manager for the *Gospel News* and her presence and activity are missed by the Staff.



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## People Are Inquiring

Letters of inquiry continue to come to The Church from far and near. Some people want to know about our Faith and Doctrines. Others request literature in order to become better informed about The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Joseph Calabrese continues to perform an excellent service for The Church in responding to all inquiries as evidenced by the following example:

Mr. Wolfgang Proksch                      November 10, 1972  
A-8505, St. Nikolai  
IM Sausal 66  
Steiermark, Austria, Europe

Dear Mr. Proksch:

I received your letter (cards) of October 25th. Thank you for answering my request. I just wanted to be sure you were receiving the books and literature we sent you.

Your interest in our group still puzzles me somewhat. I had asked how you came to know us or hear of The Church of Jesus Christ in the first place? We are glad that you would like to translate some of our literature in German. There will be just one thing we would request you do before you duplicate any of it to be given away. Send me a copy for proof reading. This is a General Church regulation. When the proof copy is approved by the General Church and I can see no reason why it would not be, we will be glad to have you assist us in spreading the truth in Germany. We do not have a group near you at the present time. Perhaps you could be the one that God will use to start a work there.

I will inform our General Church Librarian to keep you on the mailing list for other copies of the "Gospel News". While you may continue to write to me in regards to any questions you may have, the literature should still be requested from our headquarters at 6th and Lincoln Street, Monongahela, Pennsylvania. May God continue to lead you on in your desire for truth.

Sincerely yours,  
*Joseph Calabrese*

"Jesus never wrote on paper; He left no printed book; instead He wrote His message upon men, and these men were the apostles."

—William Barclay

"Jesus never found relief in His Divinity from His human suffering. He took refuge in prayer."

—T. B. Kilpatrick

## It's Just Another Meeting

It's almost time for Sunday School, for it's the Sabbath Day;

But I'm so tired and weary, so in my bed I'll stay;  
Really, it's just a meeting although I won't be there,  
It will be all right to stay home once; I can have a word of prayer.

Now is the time for preaching service and I have so much to do.

I stayed in bed too long—it won't hurt to miss it too.  
The preaching of The Word on radio I'll hear;  
It may not be the same, but at least it's something near.

Time for fellowship service, the time sure goes fast.  
It shouldn't hurt to miss—I went the Sunday past.  
It's just another meeting and although I won't be there,  
Next Sunday I will go, for God knows that I still care.

M.B.A. time is here, but the day has been so long;  
I really don't feel like going, I wonder what is wrong?  
This meeting is such a blessing, others I have told;  
Perhaps it's for the young and I am getting old.

Wednesday's meeting is called for fasting and prayer.  
I will fast that day, but I can't make it there.  
The Desire to go to Church it seems has departed  
And the worst part of all, is I don't know how it started.

But there's still another meeting—  
Will you and I be there?  
With the Saints and The Lord Himself—  
Yes, it's that meeting in the air.

*by Brother Glenn Collins*

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

"You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn. You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence. You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves."

—Abraham Lincoln

## The Gospel In Mexico

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### *Wait Upon The Lord*

In February of 1960, my husband's company moved their plant quite a distance away. He could have continued in the same job but we decided it was best for him not to follow the job. We also felt we were very close to something and that now was the time to wait upon the Lord.

A couple of weeks before the General Church Conference in April we went to the home of Brother James Lovalvo to tell him we desired to leave the Los Nietos Mission permanently in the care of some Elders and go to Mexico. We could not see where the General Church would send us full time so we figured we would do the best we could, but we felt we had to go. When we related our feelings and desires, Sister Mary Lovalvo exclaimed that the previous night she had a dream in which she saw us going to a desert place. There the Lord blessed us and that in these desert mountains she saw pools of water with children swimming in them. We have not related all of her dream, but it was encouraging to us as we felt that the Lord was leading us.

### *Departure For Mexico*

Brothers James Lovalvo, Bob Watson and James Heaps attended the General Church Conference and upon their return, Brother James Lovalvo informed us that the General Church was backing us and we could go to Mexico. Immediately, we left our home, leaving our daughter to stay there and moved into a trailer near the border of Mexico. We stayed in this trailer one month. In the meantime we had two young men (who later became Brothers) build a 10 x 16 room for us. We moved into this room before it was completed. We only had three walls, using a blanket to make the fourth wall. Shortly after, it was completed and much later another 8 x 10 room was added. We were overjoyed to be here at least trying to do something for the Lord. We had a small table, two folding chairs, a camp cook stove and two cots. These mountains were very dark at night. There was no water, let alone electricity, and we used kerosene lamps. There were many large rats because of the brush, some snakes and you could hear the coyotes howling at night.

We had a nice group on Sundays, in spite of the fact that there were so few houses in this area. People came from other areas to our Church. We left the Libertad area although we did get five baptisms there. It takes two buses to get to where we are from Libertad and our members travel from there to The Church. We decided to concentrate mostly on Colonia Obrera and areas not too far away. We lived in these mountains for two years then sold our home in Los Angeles and moved to San Diego.

### *Buffetings From Satan*

In August of 1962 Brother Toribio had an experience in which he was carried away in the spirit and the Lord showed him that He had sent us to Tijuana. He also told him that materially we would never lack for anything but we would suffer buffetings from Satan which surely proved true through the years. He also told Brother Toribio there was a work for him to do but the time was not yet. Later on he became a Minister and a wonderful help to the work in Mexico. Through Brother Toribio, our present minister Brother Vicente Arce came to The Church. Brother Arce and Brother Toribio worked in the

same place and daily for many years, they studied the *Bible* and *Book of Mormon* together. We realize now that the Lord was preparing our Brother Arce for the ministry as Brother Toribio passed away in September, 1966. Shortly after, Brother Arce was called into the ministry.

Several miles from our Mission No. 1, we have another mission which is called Mission No. 2. The average at both missions is approximately 200 adults per week and many children. At Mission No. 1 there are two groups of people. One group is the Oaxacan Indian. Because of their dialect, there is a separate service for them. They have to be taught in a different and simpler manner, are very clannish and do not mingle much with the other tribes. When they are among their own they feel more at home and can express themselves more freely and they testify and pray in their own dialect. Many of them understand a good bit of Spanish but there are some that do not understand much Spanish. Interpreters are used wherever possible. They wear long dresses, strap their babies on their backs, are a small people and a very, very poor people, living in anything that will keep them out of the wind. They have no furnishings in their little shack, their life is a hard one. Unfortunately, they do not have a written language.

### *Requests For Help*

People from various parts of Mexico have asked us to go to their city to start a Church, but due to the fact that there is sufficient to keep us busy in Tijuana for the rest of our lives, we had to turn it down.

The Church of Jesus Christ is registered in Mexico for which we are thankful as it took a long time.

Up to the present time, 149 adults have been baptized: four so far this year and three more to be baptized in the next week or two. The Lord has blessed our people with great healings and visions.

There is also another small group almost 1,000 miles in the interior of Mexico. Brother Vicente Arce (Elder) visits there from time to time to encourage them. They also come to Tijuana quite often to keep in touch. One of the Brothers from Sinaloa who was baptized ten years ago was ordained as a Deacon three weeks ago in Tijuana. Brother Arce, after having spent the month of June in this place called Sinaloa, reported that he felt that this was a fruitful field.

### *Another Experience*

Following is an experience had by Brother Eugenio Mora Garcia:

"Sunday morning, the 8th of June, 1972, at approximately 10:30 a.m., in our Sunday School class in The Church of Jesus Christ. After having sung some hymns and the prayer was said asking the direction of the Lord, we sang another hymn and Brother Eddy Perdue asked that we all bow our heads in silent prayer and meditation that the Lord would help Brother Vicente who was in Sinaloa. As we were all meditating and praying in silence, I, Brother Eugenio Mora Garcia, saw a vision which I am going to relate. Without opening my eyes I saw a natural fountain with water similar to an oasis. It was approximately 5 feet in diameter. It was not round or oval but, it was beautiful. Around it was a space of about 10 feet or more. I saw green vegetation. You could see that the dampness from the fountain would irrigate this green vegetation in all the region about it. In front on one of the edges there was a tree not too tall, about 12 to 15 feet high, it was rich in foliage. It gave a lot of shade and one

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## Divine Gifts of God

By Donald Ross

The Church of Jesus Christ believes in spiritual gifts and they are many. I quote the *Faith and Doctrines*, Article #11:

We believe in the promises of the Saviour as they are written in *Mark* 16:15-18. "These signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out Devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up Serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Ref: *1 Cor. 12th Chapter; Book of Mormon: Moroni* 10:8-25.

Both the Apostle Paul and Moroni record the various gifts of God. Let us compare their writings. Paul wrote *1 Corinthians* about A.D. 59 and Moroni wrote about A.D. 421. Despite the difference in time (actually hundreds of years), the same Spirit inspired them to write. Their language is strikingly similar and the order of gifts is the same.

The following gifts are recorded by both men:

1. Teach the word of wisdom
2. Teach the word of knowledge
3. Exceeding great faith
4. Gift of healing
5. Working of miracles
6. Gift of prophecy
7. Discernment of spirits (Moroni omits)
8. Angel administration (Paul omits)
9. Gift of tongues
10. Interpretation of tongues
11. Dreams and visions (Moroni and Paul omit)

We regard the existence of these spiritual powers as one of the essential characteristics of The Church. Moroni (*Moroni* 7:35-37) solemnly declared that the days of miracles will not pass from The Church, as long as there shall be a man upon the earth to be saved. "For," says he, "it is by faith that miracles are wrought; and it is by faith that angels appear and minister unto men; wherefore, if these things have ceased to be unto the children of men, for it is because of unbelief, and all is vain." And Moroni, standing in expectation of early departure from the earth, bore an independent testimony, that the gifts and graces of the Spirit will never be done away as long as the world shall stand, except it be through the unbelief of mankind. (*Moroni* 10:19, 23-27)

The gifts of God are endowments of power and authority, through which the purposes of God are accomplished, sometimes with accompanying conditions that may appear to be supernatural. By such the sick are healed, malignant influences overcome, spirits of darkness subdued; the Saints, humble and weak, proclaim their testimonies and otherwise utter praises unto God in new and strange tongues while others interpret their words; human intellect is invigorated by the heavenly touch of spiritual visions and dreams to see and comprehend things ordinarily withheld from mortal senses; direct communication with the fountain of all wisdom is established, and the revelations of the divine are obtained.

These gifts have been promised of the Lord unto those who believe in His name, and are to follow obedience to the requirements of the Gospel. Among believers

they are to serve for encouragement, and as incentives to higher communion with the Spirit. They are not given as signs to gratify carnal curiosity; nor to satisfy a morbid craving for the spectacular.

### MIRACLES

Miracles are commonly regarded as occurrences in opposition to the laws of nature. Such a conception is open to question, for the laws of nature are inviolable. However, as human understanding of these laws is at best but imperfect, events strictly in accordance with natural law may appear contrary. The entire constitution of nature is founded on system and order; the laws of nature, however, are graded as are the laws of man. The operation of a higher law in any particular case does not destroy the actuality of an inferior one. For example, society has enacted a law forbidding any man appropriating the property of another; yet oftentimes officers of the law forcibly seize the possessions of their fellowmen against whom judgments may have been rendered; and such acts are done to satisfy, not to violate justice.

But any event beyond the ordinary is regarded by many people as miraculous, supernatural, if not indeed unnatural. When the prophet Elisha caused the ax to float in the river (*2 Kings* 6:5-7), he brought to his service a power superior to that of gravity. Without doubt the iron was heavier than the water; yet by the operation of this higher force it was supported, suspended, or otherwise sustained at the surface, as if it were held there by a human hand or rendered sufficiently buoyant by attached floaters. Wine ordinarily consists of about four-fifths water, the rest being a variety of chemical compounds the elements of which are abundantly present in the air and soil. The ordinary method—what we term the natural method—of bringing these elements into proper combination is by planting the grape, then cultivating the vine until the fruit is ready to yield its juices in the press. But by a power not within purely human reach, Jesus Christ at the marriage in Cana brought those elements together, and effected a change. So, too, when the multitudes were fed, under His priestly touch and authoritative blessing the bread and fish substance increased as if months had been covered by their growth according to what we consider the natural order.

### THE GIFTS OF TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION

The gifts of tongues constituted one of the first miraculous manifestations of the Holy Ghost unto the Apostles of old. It was included by the Savior among the special signs appointed to follow the believer (*Mark* 16:17.) The early fulfilment of this promise in the case of the Apostles themselves was realized at the succeeding Pentecost, when they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in strange tongues. When the door of the Gospel was first opened to the Gentiles, the converts rejoiced in the Holy Ghost which had fallen upon them and which gave them utterance in tongues. This gift with others manifested itself among certain disciples at Ephesus on the occasion of their receiving the Holy Ghost (*Acts* 19:6). An unusual manifestation of the gift was witnessed on the occasion of the Pentecostal conversion of the Jews, already referred to, when the Apostles addressing the multitude were understood by all the diversified company, each listener hearing in his own tongue. This special gift was here associated with higher endowments of power; the occasion was one of instruction, admonition, and prophecy. The gift of interpretation may be possessed

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by the one speaking in tongues, though more commonly the separate powers are manifested by different persons.

### THE GIFT OF HEALING

The gift of healing was exercised extensively in the times of the Savior and the Apostles; indeed, healing constituted by far the greater part of the recorded miracles wrought in that period. In the present day, this power is possessed in The Church. Many Saints can testify to the fulfillment of the Lord's promise, that if His servants lay hands on the sick they shall recover (*Mark 16:18*). The method of administering to the afflicted is by the laying on of hands under the authority of the Priesthood, this being agreeable to the Savior's instructions in former days. The Church of Jesus Christ professes to abide by the counsel of James of old (*James 5:14-15*): Is any sick among you? Let him call for the Elders of The Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." Though the authority to administer to the sick belongs to the Elders of The Church in general, some possess this power in an unusual degree, having received it as a special endowment of the Spirit. Not always are the administrations of the Elders followed by immediate healings; the afflicted may be permitted to suffer in body, perhaps for the accomplishment of good purposes, and in the time appointed all must experience bodily death.

### VISIONS AND DREAMS

Visions and dreams have constituted a means of communication between God and men in every dispensation of time. In general, visions are manifested to the waking senses while dreams are given during sleep. In the vision, however, the senses may be so affected as to render the person practically unconscious, at least oblivious to ordinary occurrences, while he is able to discern the heavenly manifestation. In the earlier dispensations, the Lord frequently communicated through dreams and visions, oftentimes revealing to prophets the events of the future even to the latest generations. The brother of Jared because of his righteousness was so blessed of God as to be shown all the inhabitants of the earth, both those who had previously existed and those who were to follow. Unto Moses the will of God was made known with the visual manifestation of fire. Lehi received through dreams his instructions to leave Jerusalem; and on many subsequent occasions the Lord communicated with the patriarch of the western world by dreams and visions. The *Old Testament* prophets were generally so favored; e.g., Jacob the father of all Israel, Job the patient sufferer, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Habakkuk, Zechariah.

The dispensation of Christ and the Apostles was marked by similar manifestations. The birth of John the Baptist was foretold to his father while officiating in priestly functions. Joseph, betrothed to the Virgin Mary, received through an angel's visit tidings of the Christ yet to be born; and on subsequent occasions he received warnings and instructions in dreams concerning the welfare of the Holy Child. Saul of Tarsus was shown in a vision the messenger whom God was about to send to him to minister in the ordinances of the Priesthood. Peter was prepared for the ministry to the Gentiles through a vision (*Acts 10:10-16*): and John was so favored of God in this

respect that the *Book of Revelation* is occupied by the record. In the Latter Days, The Church of Jesus Christ maintains a record of dreams and visions. It is the official *General Church Book of Dreams*. Dreams and visions are often recorded in the General Church Conference Minutes.

### THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

The gift of prophecy distinguishes its possessor as a prophet—literally, one who speaks for another, specifically, one who speaks for God. It is distinguished by Paul as one of the most desirable of spiritual endowments (*1 Cor. 14:1-9*), and its pre-eminence over the gift of tongues he discusses at length. To prophesy is to receive and declare the word of God, and the statement of His will to the people. The function of prediction, often regarded as the sole essential of prophecy, is but one among many characteristics of this divinely given power. The prophet may have as much concern with the past as with the present or the future; he may use his gift in teaching through the experience of preceding events as in foretelling occurrences. The prophets of God are entrusted with His confidences, being privileged to learn of His will and designs. The statement appears that the Lord will do nothing except He reveal His secret purposes unto His servants, the prophets (*Amos 3:7*). I quote Paul concerning the role of the prophet: *1 Corinthians 14:3*—"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." No special ordination is essential to man's receiving the gift of prophecy.

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS IN THE CHURCH TODAY

The Church of Jesus Christ possesses all the gifts promised as the heritage of the believer. We can point to hundreds throughout our history who bear unimpeached testimonies of blessings and personal manifestations of heavenly power; to the once blind, deaf, dumb, halt, and weak in the body, who have been freed from their infirmities through their faith and by the ministrations of the Holy Priesthood. I want to close with the Lord's promise found in *John 14:12* "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do".

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could see that that place was cool and comfortable. Under the tree was a man standing and waiting patiently. The place was very attractive because the water was clear and fresh looking, the vegetation was nice, green and looked comfortable. It was everything that a shepherd could want for his sheep. I am writing this experience for all who can read or hear it and I thank God for this experience. Signed, Eugenio Mora Garcia - The Church of Jesus Christ."

Several years ago Sister June Jones told us she had a dream in which she saw us (the Gospel) going farther into Mexico where the men wore large white hats, which they do.

### God Is Able

God is able to bring all things to pass and all we can do is wait upon Him. Our prayer is that the Gospel might not only go into Mexico but everywhere where the seed of Joseph abounds. Pray for us that many souls might find their way to the Lord and that we might always be His humble servants. May God bless all of our Brothers and Sisters everywhere.

Yours in Christ,  
Sister Evelyn Perdue

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### "Moon Mission Accomplished"

The recent daring and successful flight of Apollo 17 to the moon closes out a momentous adventure of man's initial exploration of space. On the day our American astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean, President Nixon said, "The safe return of the Command Module America marks the end of one of the most significant chapters in the history of human endeavor, . . . Let us reserve a moment to wonder at what human beings have done in space and to be grateful."

Almost twelve years earlier, May 25, 1961 another President, John F. Kennedy, told Congress, "I believe this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal before this decade is out of landing a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth. Now is the time to take longer strides, time for a great new American enterprise—time for this nation to take a clearly leading role in space achievement, which in many ways may hold the key to our future on Earth."

### AMAZING TALE

Almost a hundred years before President Kennedy's bold challenge to Congress, the great French writer, Jules Verne, wrote an amazing tale of a man-carrying projectile fired at the moon. In his story, "*From The Earth to the Moon*," Jules Verne launched his lunar rocket from a nine-foot caliber cannon buried in the sands of Florida. Prophetic-like, Verne's story pictured the bullet-shaped rocket, with its three voyagers aboard, as it raced toward the moon, swung around it, and came back to a splashing landing in the Pacific Ocean.

It is estimated that more than 400,000 men and women working for 20,000 companies were directly involved in the entire Apollo program, which cost \$25 billion. Sad to say, three astronauts died in a tragic launch pad fire aboard Apollo 1 during a flight rehearsal.

As President Nixon stated so soberly the day the Apollo 17 astronauts returned safely to Earth, "Let us reserve a moment to wonder at what human beings have done in space and be grateful."

May we also reserve a moment to wonder at the mighty promises of God to human beings regarding our eternal destiny and be grateful.

No matter how far man may yet succeed in probing into space, the Earth is the place and location of our eternal home, according to Scripture.

### NEW JERUSALEM

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . , And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." (Rev. 21:1, 2, 3)

The *Book of Mormon* goes even beyond our *Holy Bible* in enlightening us on this great truth. In enlarging upon the writings of Ether, Moroni wrote, "...for he (Ether) truly told them of all things, from the beginning of man; and that after the waters (Deluge) had receded from off the face of the land it (America) became a choice land above all other lands, a chosen land of The Lord; wherefore The Lord would have that all men should serve him who dwell upon the face thereof; and that it (America) was the place of the New Jerusalem, which should come down out of heaven, and the holy sanctuary of The Lord" (Ether 13:2, 3)

Thus we are assured by the Word of God that man's eternal dwelling place shall be located on a renovated EARTH.

LET US WONDER AND BE GRATEFUL!!!

## Children, Obey Your Parents

by Paul D'Amico

One of the Ten Commandments given to Moses on Mount Sinai was to: "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord Thy God giveth thee."

This is a commandment with a promise attached. Yet, unfortunately we are living in an era of time where there has been a great departure from this Commandment.

So many of the children and youth of today emphatically declare to their parents that their ways are old fashioned, and that they lack the modern knowledge and teachings such as may be learned today. Consequently when a mother or father tries to correct, teach, or instruct their children; there is a spirit of rebellion, self-justification and in some cases pride, which makes the generation of today feel far superior to their mothers and fathers. Yet on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas, and birthdays these same children will shine by sending and giving beautiful cards and flowers and other gifts to their mothers and fathers.

All of this may be fine, and certainly displays the thought and love for our earthly parents.

Nevertheless, how much better would it be, and what a better world this would be if children would love, honor and obey their parents every day and take heed to many of their counsels. This would certainly please the Almighty God, and the promise attached to the Commandment would be fulfilled. Man's promise may fail from time to time, but God's promise never fails.

Now let me take a moment to apply a Spiritual Interpretation to this Commandment. To those who have obeyed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we recognize God as our Heavenly Father, and The Church to be our Spiritual Mother. Would it not be likewise our duty to honor our Heavenly Father and also to honor The Church (our Spiritual Mother)? There is a blessing for all, both young and old who will honor God and The Church, and at the same time honor their natural parents.

My true feelings are that if the world in general could remove the generation gap as far as years and age is concerned both naturally and spiritually, that God would manifest his power in greater measure among the children of men.

May God bless you all is my prayer.

### To The Staff of The Gospel News:

We look forward to The Gospel News, and it is our only link with the various branches, so in reading The Gospel News we are able to share in the blessings along with our Brothers and Sisters. We are still holding our meetings on Wednesdays and Sundays, and when we are blessed with a visiting Elder or Teacher, we gather together our Brothers and Sisters who are near enough to worship with us. There is Sister Alverna Greer in Alliston, and also Sister Gail Sampson in Norwood Ontario. It is wonderful to worship with The Saints of the Most High God.

May God continue to bless you in your work to try to please all.

Yours in Christ,

Brother and Sister Douglas Ford and  
Sister Ford

## Established Mission

For many years, members of The Priesthood have labored in Freehold, New Jersey. Their labors were richly rewarded on September 26, 1972. Freehold was organized as an Established Mission. Brothers, August D'Orazio, District President; James Benyola, Second Counselor of The District; Carmen Sgro, Presiding Elder of New Brunswick; officiated at the meeting. All felt the presence and blessings of the Lord. The following Saints are responsible for the spiritual and temporal affairs of The Mission:

1. Presiding Elder ..... Brother Matthew Rogolino
2. First Counselor ..... Brother Willie Brown
3. Teachers ..... Brother James Crudup (Presiding)  
Brother Willie Brown
4. Deacons ..... Brother Tom Gamble (Presiding)  
Brother Butler Fitzpatrick
5. Deaconesses ..... Sister Connie Smith (Presiding)  
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Our prayer here and everywhere is that the Lord will continue to bless the Saints, their families and friends of the Freehold Mission. We know that God is pleased at the progressive attitude that prevails in Freehold. The Apostle Paul wrote: "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (I. Cor. 15:58)

No doubt this is just the beginning, the stepping stone to greater heights.

Donald Ross  
Editor  
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### PSALM 17:6-8, 15

I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God:  
Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Show thy marvellous loving kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them that take refuge in thee from those that rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of the eye; hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

As for me, I shall behold thy face in righteousness;  
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.





## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### THE WATER SELLER

Dear Girls and Boys,

Last month I told you about the potter. This time I have a story about a strange occupation; that of the water-seller. We do not have this person here because we have plenty of water. It is hard to realize what it would be like without water.

In the hot, dry land of Palestine, wells and springs of water were few and far apart. Travelers often carried goatskin water bottles on the backs of their donkeys so that they might have water while in the deserts. We have seen camels with water bags on their backs in our geography books in school. Water was precious.

A long leather rope held a heavy goatskin water bottle on the water seller's back. He would bend his back and tip the mouth of the skin bottle and pour water into a brass cup. Up and down the streets he went, jingling the cups to let the people know he was coming. Many sellers were kind and did not always charge for the water, especially a thirsty child.

The prophet Isaiah used the seller's familiar call and added that the people did not have to pay for God's care. "Ho everyone who thirsts come to the waters and he who has no money, come buy and eat. Incline your ear and come unto me, hear and your soul shall live." (Isaiah 55:1, 3) Also this scripture, "When the poor and needy seek water and there is none and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them." (Isaiah 41:17)

When the prophets wanted to tell about God's love and care, they told of water and springs that he had provided. When they wanted to tell how much people needed God, they thought of cool water and thirsty people.

No doubt Jesus saw the water sellers with their skin bottles as he traveled along the highways. Some would offer water to travelers in the name of their gods. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." And again he said, "Whosoever shall give a drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward."

So we see that the water seller's occupation in Bible times was very important. The water Jesus spoke about to the woman at the well is very important to us today. Read His words to the woman at the well, John 4:13, 14. Maybe you will enjoy reading more of this chapter. Can you understand what he is telling this woman?

*Sincerely,*

*Sister Mabel*

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## The Way Of Salvation

*By W. H. CADMAN*

In my talks thus far, I believe I have made it plain that The Church of Jesus Christ believes there was A Complete Apostacy from The Church which was established by Our Saviour. Contrary to the general belief of today, we believe the gates of hell did prevail against The Church; but it did not prevail against the principle which made known unto Peter that Jesus was The Christ, The Son of The Living God.

I will quote *Revelations* 14:6, 7:

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,

"Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

The Christian World has worshipped the same as they now do for centuries. They have built much, helped all classes of people, and their leaders are among the best learned; and there is no question that The Father of Mercies has blessed them very much.

I cannot see it any other way but that God blesses His Creatures inasmuch as they sincerely worship Him, even though they may be in error as to The True Plan of Redemption. On the other hand, if they willingly worship Him in ignorance, the same woe that was pronounced upon the Pharisees and Sadducees will be the lot of professing people today. Jesus said "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

It is often said that ignorance is bliss, and I believe in many ways it is; but as I understand The Saviour, He requires obedience in order to enter Heaven. He declares in St. John 3:5 that "... Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." I know not of any source or power to appeal to in order to offset His Ruling, for He declares that "... All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." His Word, therefore, is final.

The Protestant World of today—much more than in the days immediately following the reformers will accept one into their fold in almost anyway he may wish, be it merely a confession of faith, being baptized by having water sprinkled on his head, pouring water on, or by being immersed if you insist on its being done; but the necessity of being immersed is set aside by most Protestant Churches. The authority to enforce compliance to The Command of Jesus Christ is consequently sorrowfully lacking. It is not to be wondered at because, nine chances out of ten, the servant who is ministering has not been immersed himself and does not believe it necessary.

A pitiful condition exists with professed ambassadors of Christ. They cannot enforce His commandment which was, "... I am the way, the truth, and the life: ..." On

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## A Treatise On Scripture

The Church of Jesus Christ established in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two has been our spiritual mother, giving us birth into the kingdom of God. She has brought forth her children for over one hundred and ten years. She is the bride of Christ, She has brought joy unto our souls and caused an everlasting hope to spring up within us of eternal life. We as Her children, no doubt have as children of all mothers, brought forth both joy and sorrow unto Her, some enduring unto the end and others falling by the wayside.

My grandfather, William Cadman, was baptized into the church in 1859, my father, Alma B. Cadman, in 1895, myself, Russell Cadman, in 1946, so our family has been connected with The Church for 113 years or an accumulation of 149 years. We have seen much joy and also sorrow in the family of God.

In the spiritual activities of our Church there seems to be something just beyond our grasp that belongs to the people of God. This more glorious height that should be ours, no doubt was reached by the Nephites on this land after Christ had preached the gospel unto them and all had been baptized into the church. No doubt the 3rd, 4th, 5th verses of the *Second Chapter of Nahum* shows us the reason, speaking of the people of God's worthier (Saints) in our time.

(3) The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet; the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

(4) The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

(5) He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defense shall be prepared.

This prophesy of Nahum is speaking directly to the people of God in our day of the automobile and states He (God) shall recount his worthies (Saints) that they shall stumble in their walk, no doubt the reason to recount them is that some of them may be missing or departed from the faith. We can see clearly the mistakes that the apostle Paul and others said would take place among the people of God in their day and finally brought an end to the kingdom of God on the earth or what we know as the falling away of the gospel. Also we plainly see what brought the people under the restoration to the condition that God said through Isaiah, "that unto this man will I look" etc. now can we face the fact that we have stumbled in our day that will cause God to recount us to see how many saints He has? But the defense shall be prepared. The *second chapter of Joel* no doubt speaks of this condition and the help we will receive with the priests and the ministers of the Lord weeping between the porch and the altar. (*Joel ch. 2 verse 17*). And starting to be in pain and traveling with God as a woman in travail (*Micah Ch. 4*) and then we shall be delivered. I ask the question, "Is this traveling starting with the apostles today?" And our pleading with our people to become separate from this world in all things that are worldly (sinful). Shall I name some worldly things that beset our people? No, I will not for the present, the persuasion of us, the apostles, should be sufficient for now. Oh if I could convey to my brothers and sisters the glory of the spirit of God that is on me as I write these words!

Now let us return to the fifth chapter of Jacob, seventieth verse, when the Lord would send his servant and the servant brought other servants and they were few. This is yet to take place and is starting the completion of the defense that is prepared for the people of God. Brothers and Sisters, how few shall we be? Five or six, fifteen or twenty, or every member of the Church of Jesus Christ? I pray it is the latter.

These servants shall go and labor (in the days yet ahead) with their mights and obey the commandments of the Lord in all things (something that has not yet been done under the restoration of the gospel). And there shall begin to be the natural fruit in the vineyard again which fruit was most precious to God from the beginning. Now at this time the pureness of the Gentiles will be so glorious that God will reveal unto the Gentiles the things which the brother of Jared saw even to "unfolding unto them all my revelations, saith Jesus Christ the son of God. (See *Ether Ch. 4*)

In the twenty-first chapter of *Third Nephi*, tenth and eleventh verses it speaks of God's servant again, no doubt the same one spoken of in *Jacob Ch. 5 verse 70*, that would call other servants and they would be few. The eleventh verse states, "Therefore it shall come to pass that whosoever will not believe in my words, who am Jesus Christ, which the Father shall cause him (the servant) to bring forth unto the Gentiles, and shall give unto him the power that he shall bring them forth unto the Gentiles." It shall be done even as Moses said, "They shall be cut off from among my people who are of the covenant." Now this plainly states that those of the covenant (people of God) who will not believe the words of Jesus that God will cause this servant to bring forth unto the Gentiles shall be cut off from among his people. Now is this unbelief brought about because we, as the people of God, do not understand what is to take place among the Gentiles in our day? And we look beyond the mark unto the restoration of Israel as a nation that is not to take place until "she which travaileth has brought forth" *Micah Ch. 5 verse 3*.

I find in reading of the people of God in all ages of time, their largest stumbling block is that they do not understand the day in which they live. We in our day should strive to understand, that we may not be taken unawares when these glorious things come unto the Gentiles.

Now we see the Gentile church in such a glorious condition that they obey the commandments of God in all things, that they exercise faith in the Lord even as the brother of Jared did and become sanctified in the Lord to such an extent Jesus unfolds unto them all of His revelations. Now the church in this sanctified condition produces from Joseph a choice seer, a deliverer, the ancient of days. I feel at this time to say, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will toward all men, Brothers and Sisters, we see the glory of Zion."

Our fathers understood the Choice Seer would be raised by the church people. Raised meaning he would be converted and obey the gospel as you and I have and taught the things of God and develop into such a man, as the scripture speaks of, that he may lead the people of God until Jesus comes in His glory. The Choice Seer developing among the people of God in Zion fulfills the words of Paul in *Romans Ch. 11, verse 26*, "There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob": and now we see the Choice Seer as spoken of in *Second Nephi, third chapter*.

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## Declaration Of Purpose

WE BELIEVE in the inherent right of all people to retain spiritual and cultural values, and that the free exercise of these values is necessary to the normal development of any people. Indians exercised this inherent right to live their own lives for thousands of years before the white man came and took their lands. It is a more complex world in which Indian people who first settled the New World and built the great civilizations which only now are being dug out of the past, long ago demonstrated that they could master complexity.

WE BELIEVE that the history and development of America show that the Indian has been subjected to duress, undue influence, unwarranted pressures, and policies which have produced uncertainty, frustration, and despair. Only when the public understands these conditions and is moved to take action toward the formulation and adoption of sound and consistent policies and programs will these destroying factors be removed and the Indian resume his normal growth and make his maximum contribution to modern society.

WE BELIEVE in the future of a greater America, an America which we were first to love, where life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness will be a reality. In such a future, with Indians and all other Americans cooperating, a cultural climate will be created in which the Indian people will grow and develop as members of a free society.

To complete our Declaration, we point out that in the beginning the people of the New World, called Indians by accident of geography, were possessed of a continent and a way of life. In the course of many lifetimes, our people had adjusted to every climate and condition from the Arctic to the torrid zones. In their livelihood and family relationships, their ceremonial observances, they reflected the diversity of the physical world they occupied.

The conditions in which Indians live today reflect a world in which every basic aspect of life has been transformed. Even the physical world is no longer the controlling factor in determining where and under what conditions men may live. In region after region, Indian groups found their means of existence either totally destroyed or materially modified. Newly introduced diseases swept away or reduced regional populations. These changes were followed by major shifts in the internal life of tribe and family.

The time came when the Indian people were no longer the masters of their situation. Their life ways survived subject to the will of a dominant sovereign power. This is said, not in a spirit of complaint; we understand that in the lives of all nations of people, there are times of plenty and times of famine. But we do speak out in a plea for understanding.

When we go before the American People, as we do in this Declaration, and ask for material assistance in developing our resources and developing our opportunities, we pose a moral problem which cannot be left unanswered. For the problem we raise affects the standing which our nation sustains before world opinion.

Our situation cannot be relieved by appropriated funds alone, though it is equally obvious that without capital investment and funded services, solutions will be delayed. Nor will the passage of time lessen the complexities which beset a people moving toward new meaning and purpose.

The answers we seek are not commodities to be pur-

chased, neither are they evolved automatically through the passing of time.

The effort to place social adjustment on a money-time interval scale which has characterized Indian administration, has resulted in unwanted pressure and frustration.

When Indians speak of the Continent they yielded, they are not referring only to the loss of some millions of acres in real estate. They have in mind that the land supported a universe of things they knew, valued and loved.

With that continent gone, except for the few poor parcels they still retain, the basis of life is precariously held, but they mean to hold the scraps and parcels as earnestly as any small nation or ethnic group was ever determined to hold to identity and survival.

What we ask of America is not charity, not paternalism, even when benevolent. We ask only that the nature of our situation be recognized and made the basis of policy and action.

In short, the Indians ask for assistance, technical and financial, for the time needed, however long that may be, to regain in the America of the space age some measure of the adjustment they enjoyed as the original possessors of their native land.

## You Should Know . . .

By JOSEPH ROSS

You Should Know . . .

1) That items used in Church services such as sacrament articles, pulpit covers, basins and towels, should be consecrated by the prayer of the Ministry before being used. They shall be retained by the Deacons and Deaconesses in the Church building for this purpose.

You Should Know . . .

2) That we as a Church observe Sunday in accordance with God's Commandment. The Church does not believe that any type of business shall be operated on Sunday by a member, except those businesses such as a ranch or farm where livestock must be fed and milked or a humanitarian institution involving hospitals or nursing homes which, of necessity, must operate on Sunday. Further, members shall abstain from spending money on Sunday except in emergencies, or when traveling on church work. Persons failing to comply with this restriction shall be dealt with by their Branch Elders.

You Should Know . . .

3) The proposed General Church budget for the year 1973 is a little less than that of 1972. All are reminded the entire Church is on yearly budgeted basis so that members are requested to give only one sum for total General Church requirements. IF, and it is a big IF — every member would donate the sum of \$5.00 a month, The Church would exceed its budget. Remember, if you can give more, do so, this compensates for those that cannot give. Another aspect of donating is that IF every WORKING MEMBER would donate \$10.00 per month, they alone could support the General Church budget. Your continued support in any fashion is a necessity for YOUR CHURCH to be self-supporting in its goals.

## QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

- 1) The best tact in soul-winning is CONTACT . . .
- 2) God never intended His church to be a refrigerator in which to preserve perishable piety. He intended it to be an incubator in which to hatch converts. —F. Lincicome.
- 3) The difficulties of life are intended to make us better not bitter.

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another occasion, The Master said, "... He that . . . climbeth up some other way, . . . is a thief and a robber." If we come His Way, it will make us wise as serpents and harmless as doves, not leaving us in ignorance but enlightening our minds and souls to understand His Great Purposes in The Great Plan of Redemption brought to pass by the shedding of His Blood on The Cross.

In Romans 1:16, I read where Paul Says of The Gospel, "... it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," I understand from this that The Gospel will save, if we believe and obey. Otherwise, if we do not obey, it will be condemnation for us.

Jesus certainly made it plain when He commissioned His Disciples to preach The Gospel as recorded in St. Mark 16:15-18, inclusive:

"... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe;

In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Such was The Gospel The Saviour taught His Disciples to preach; and Paul taught The Same Gospel. He declares The Gospel, as previously quoted. He also says in Galatians 1:8 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let them be accursed." Please bear in mind that Paul taught obedience as well as belief.

Now, the instances I have referred to in Revelation 14:6,7 of an angel flying in the midst of heaven, having The Everlasting Gospel to preach to the inhabitants of the earth indicates The Gospel has come down through the ages. No wonder It is referred to as Everlasting. I read that It was preached to Abraham. I read of The Church in the wilderness. It could not be The Church of Jesus Christ and be void of The True Gospel. Hence, The Gospel, undoubtedly was preached in the wilderness.

I read in Hebrews 4:2, "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: . . .", meaning those in the days of Moses and the prophets. I read in Genesis 6:9 that Noah was perfect and walked with God. How could he be perfect without obedience to The Gospel? It is obedience to The Gospel that brings perfection, is it not?

I read in I Corinthians 10:1-4 that they were baptized in the sea and that they drank of That Spiritual Rock that followed them; and That Rock was Christ. I read in I Peter 3:20 that "... while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water." It does not say they were saved by the ark, but saved by water. Again, I read in St. Luke 13:28, "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

Jesus says unless a man is born of water and The Spirit, he cannot see The Kingdom of God. The Scriptures

are very positive that Jesus Christ is The Everlasting Gospel. The Gospel that had been preached from the beginning; for there is only One Gospel that will save the soul. Let him be accursed who preaches any other, said Paul.

Now, for us today let us have faith in the fact that God is still the same. A babe was born into this world in the year of 1805. His parents' name was Smith. They named their babe Joseph, so he became known as Joseph Smith. Had his parents been named Brown, then it would have been Joseph Brown; but his parents' name was Smith. Consequently, their childrens' name was Smith.

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## A Joyful Day In The Lord At Fredonia

On Sunday, December 10, we had a day of feasting on the word of God at Fredonia, as our brothers expounded to us. Our Sunday School lesson was taken from the 25th chapter of Genesis; wherein Esau, despising his birthright, sold it to Jacob for a morsel of bread and mess of pottage (lentils). Before the two boys were born Rebecca had gone to God in prayer and was told that she would bear twins and the elder would serve the younger. Jacob honored God throughout his life, and God was with him. The Lord said, "Jacob have I loved and Esau have I hated." We compared this heritage which God saw fit to bestow on Jacob as our heritage in the Gospel of Christ, that we might never let it go as did Esau. God foresees all things, and though God should have had Jacob born first, he permitted Rebecca's scheming to bring about His will.

Later in the worship service Brother Arthur Gehley read from the 12th chapter of Luke, reading the parable that Jesus told concerning a rich man who sought only treasures for himself and was not rich toward God; God said unto him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee, then whose shall these things be, which thou hast provided?" Using the next verse for his theme, "So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God," Brother Gehley expounded many truths to us. He said "It is not wrong of us to provide for our old age", as that is only wise, but where our treasure is, there shall our hearts be also. He said that Jesus was wiser than any other man, and told of the Samaritan woman at the well and how He made known unto her that He was The Messiah and she believed in Him, and she ran into the city telling the men "Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?" Brother Russel Cadman, my natural and spiritual brother, spoke further on the same theme of being rich toward God and laying up treasure in heaven.

In the evening meeting the young people sang two selections from our hymnal. They do so well, and are being brought up in the way in which they should go; someday, we shall have a harvest of souls obeying the gospel.

It was truly a blessed day.

Sister Edith Cadman Terrill

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### News From Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

On Tuesday, December 19, 1972, the Sisters of the Aliquippa Ladies Circle held a special Christmas meeting. President, Sister Josephine Ross, introduced the service. Sister Victoria D'Antonio, the Teacher, read the Scriptures in *Luke, Chapter 2*, concerning the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Sister Ruth Jumper, the Assistant Teacher, then read *III Nephi, Chapter 1*, which gives an account of the signs given of the Saviour's birth. The Circle members then sang several Christmas carols.

Following the service, Sisters Joyceann Jumper and Donna Palmieri served a buffet for the women of the Circle.

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At a recent Sunday service in Aliquippa, Beverly Ann Kunkle, daughter of William and Sister Bonnie Kunkle, was blessed by Brother Paul Palmieri. The child's mother, Sister Bonnie, was recently baptized in October 1972.

May The Lord continue to bless their family.

### We're At The Fountain Drinking

God has called another Brother into the Priesthood. Brother Ken Wright was previously ordained a Teacher; then, on Sunday, November 5, 1972 he was ordained into Ministry. Brother Gorie Ciaravino, our General Church President, and Apostle Brother Domenic Thomas met with us this day.

Brother Gorie and Brother Domenic both spoke, exhorting each and every one of the responsibilities of the Priesthood. Our Brothers also told us of the importance of all of our callings into the Gospel—that each of us has a responsibility before God to bear our testimonies of the Restored Gospel to those souls in the world. After the preaching, Brother Ken was ordained by Brother Domenic. The prayer offered during the ordination by Brother Domenic was divinely inspired, and we all felt the Spirit of God in the ordination.

As the meeting was about to close, Brother Mario Onorato stood up and made his request to be reunited with the Church. Brother Mario spoke in the very deepest of humility as we all rejoiced to hear his request. Our Brother was reinstated before the close of the meeting. Brother Fred and Sister Maureen Cuerrier also had their baby Stephanie blessed and anointed this day. She was born with a problem with her throat. Their baby is feeling fine now, and she can cry beautifully.

Now we sum up this write-up with some favorite words of our Presiding Elder, Brother Frank Vito — "GLORY TO GOD, WE'RE AT THE FOUNTAIN DRINKING."

*Your Brothers and Sisters of the  
Windsor Branch, Canada*

### Beginning Of A New Year

What a marvelous way to begin the new year! The members and friends of Erie, Pennsylvania Mission gathered at the home of Sister Kovacic on the eve of

December 31, 1972. We had some friendly chatting and the group automatically went into the singing of Hymns. Before long, it was an evening of singing praise, giving testimonies and prayer. The highlight of the testimonies was that of Brother Ron Dyer, for surely The Lord is working in this young man, as well as the other young people in our group and throughout The Church. Brother Burge read some Scripture and spoke a few words of inspiration. We had visiting with us, the Staley family from Glassport, Pennsylvania. A beautiful spirit was felt by all. We're sure that wherever the Saints were gathered to praise God on this New Year's eve, that it was a time to be remembered by all. We will continue to pray for all the Branches and Missions, and please remember our Mission in your prayers.

### Baptism At Edison, New Jersey

Sister Terry Bravo was taken to the waters of baptism on November 19, 1972 by Brother August D'Orazio and was confirmed by Brother Rocco Ensana.

We pray that God will bless our new young Sister as she enters into a new life. May God grant her the strength to serve Him as He has done to us.

### Baptism At Freehold, New Jersey

The Spirit of God was felt in our midst as Sister Sonja Marie Ellessen asked for her baptism. She was taken down to the waters of regeneration by Brother Willie Lee Brown on October 29, 1972. Brother James Howard confirmed her into The Church.

We are thankful that God has been with us as a mission and we pray that He will call many more into His Fold.

### NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Some time ago my wife, Sister Concetta Capone, suffered a stroke which seriously affected her physical capacities. Her mental status has also regressed. Presently she is in a wheel chair and has to be cared for like an infant.

I have received many letters and cards of encouragement from many of you. You have offered prayers in our behalf — for which I shall be forever grateful.

The future seems grim but I do feel that with the continued prayers of the Saints, the Lord will sustain me and give me the necessary strength to take care of my companion.

Recently we celebrated our golden wedding anniversary: fifty years of love and mutual respect and filled with many happy memories.

I want to express my deep gratitude to all of you for your kind thoughts and remembrances.

God bless each and everyone of you for I do feel that you are sharing my burden.

I remain your very appreciative and grateful Brother in Christ,

Joseph Capone,  
Bell Branch, California

## New Arrivals

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

George Emil, Jr. to George and Brenda Sovereigns of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania,

Alyssa LeeAnn to William and Gloria Leftwich of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania,

Terrance Lemonet to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gamble of Freehold, New Jersey, and

Christina Lorraine to Don and Wilma Watson of Freehold, New Jersey.

## Obituaries

### MICHAEL STRAUCH

Brother Michael Strauch passed from this life on October 29, 1972 at the age of sixty. Brother Mike, as he was known to all, was born on July 5, 1912 in Helen, Pennsylvania. He was baptized into The Church on September 25, 1949. He was ordained a Deacon in the Vanderbilt Branch.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, three brothers, and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Joseph Shazer with burial at Flatwoods Cemetery, Flatwoods, Pennsylvania.

Brother Mike will be missed by all.

### SHERMAN R. RICHMAND

Brother Sherman R. Richmand of the Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to his reward on December 31, 1972. He was born on January 9, 1887 and was baptized on July 24, 1955.

He was buried on January 4, 1973 at Hebron Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother James T. Moore.

He is survived by three sons, two daughters, and one brother.

Brother Richmand was noted among his family and friends as a good example of a man devoted to God. He was the first convert in the Imperial area eighteen years ago.

### MARY PALELLA

Sister Mary Palella passed on to her eternal reward on December 30, 1972. She was a member of the Fort Pierce, Florida Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

She was born on September 9, 1902 and was baptized in Lorain, Ohio on December 7, 1924. The funeral ser-

vices were held at Tampa, Florida and conducted by Brother Frank Rogolino.

She is survived by two daughters, three sons, two brothers and thirteen grandchildren.

### MARY GRIFFITH WILSON

Sister Mary Griffith Wilson passed on to her eternal home on November 17, 1972. She was born in 1891. Sister Mary was a faithful member of the West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

She is survived by Mrs. Virginia Richards, Mrs. Ann Dias, and Mr. Glenn.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Fred Olexa. She was laid to rest in the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Cemetery.

Sister Wilson was one of the oldest members of the West Elizabeth Branch where she also served as a Deaconess. As a former Secretary of the General Ladies Uplift Circle, she remained very active until her death. She will be missed very much by all.

### DONALD F. VOLKER

Mr. Donald F. Volker passed from this life on December 23, 1972. Mr. Volker was the husband of Sister Elaine Ciccati Volker of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1.

Funeral services were conducted at the A. H. Peters Funeral Home.

We pray that God will comfort the family.

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

\* Denotes the meeting will be held in the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

March 3—General Ladies Uplift Circle in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

March 9, 10 & 11—California District Conference in Bell Branch.

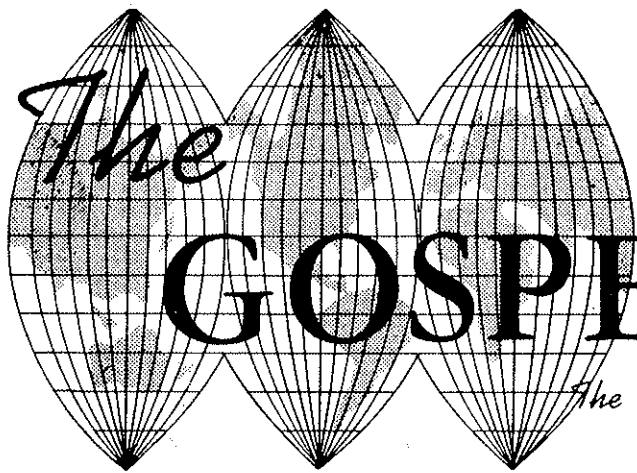
March 10—Florida District Conference in Lake Worth.

March 10 & \*11—Pennsylvania District Conference in Glassport and Auditorium.

March 17 & 18—Ohio District Conference in Youngstown.

April 7—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Annual Seminar Day in Imperial.

April 26, 27, 28 & 29\*—General Church Conference.



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## April 1973 General Conference Notice

The April 1973 General Church Conference will convene on Thursday, April 26, 1973 at 2:00 P.M. in the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The Thursday and Friday sessions will be for the **PRIESTHOOD ONLY**.

The Saturday sessions and Sunday meeting will be open to everyone.

Our Sunday service will begin at 10:00 A.M.

*Nicholas Pietrangelo*  
*Executive Secretary*

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## LEST WE FORGET

During the 1930's and 1940's when there was no hospitalization or Medicare, our Ladies Circle of Detroit volunteered nursing and doing family service to the sick and in time of death among our people.

This service was twenty-four hours a day. Generally two Sisters served for each two to six hours, depending on how many volunteers we had and the needs in their own homes. Brothers, mostly those with cars, furnished transportation, especially at night. I took the midnight shift, which consisted of picking up the Sisters from their homes, taking them to the sick, and to return them to their homes after they completed the hours of service.

### *Fasting and Prayer*

Every Thursday morning the Ladies Circle held a fasting and prayer meeting. A number of the men would go to work fasting on the same day. The purpose of the fasting generally would be for the sick or the Priesthood. During the war years, the cause of peace and safety of the people involved became the main concern and prayer.

Often as I would pick up Sisters from the sick people's homes, I would look at their faces, so weary and pale, and they also faced duties at home, having children, husbands, chores of their own. The care of the sick was their main

concern. The Elders did the anointing of the sick, but prayers were not only the Elder's job—it was everybody's part. It was not unusual to call the Minister at any hour of the day or night to pray for the sick; any Brother or Sister that would visit would kneel by the bedside and pray, sometimes a series of prayers. I remember one morning I took Brother Joseph Corrado to a sick Sister; she had been ill so long. He prayed five times in the course of four hours, and the last time, his prayer was more effectual and fervent, as it is written. (James 5:16) Some of his words were, "My God, my God, Lord of All, this woman has suffered so much. She has children and her husband to care for. Won't you heal her now!" Sister Rose Piacentino cried softly, "Go to the other room, Brother Joe. I am well." The husband cried for joy. She dressed and made us lunch.

### *A Special Ledger*

A would like to mention some of the Sisters that took the midnight shift attending to the sick but fear I might miss some, but they are written in a special ledger in the Kingdom of God. The men kept the home fires burning, and the women kept the house. I cherish the thoughts of such great days. I was awakened at 5:00 A.M. one morning by our departed beloved John Paleno. He knocked at my bedroom window when I did not hear the knock at the door. "My wife is very sick, come and pray for her," he said. On arriving at his house, Dr. Carbone was pacing the living room floor, angry; he had summoned an ambulance. "Are you Marco?", he said to me. "Yes, I am," I said. "Do whatever you have to do, or you may have to perform the last rites," he said.

On walking into the bedroom, as usual two Sisters were by her bedside, one was Marrietta Ruzzi and the other Catherina Benedetto. Nicoletta was tossing wildly, speaking out of her mind as the fever was high with pneumonia, and her unborn baby was overdue.

I anointed her as it is the manner of the Church and kneeling next to her bed I prayed briefly, walked into the living room, and the doctor hurriedly walked into the bedroom. He came back to me and said, "What did you give to her?" I took the little bottle of oil out of my pocket and said, "I anointed her head and prayed."

He was a completely different man now, than when I walked into the house. We both walked back into the bedroom and Sister Paleno was calm, greeted me, and I saw the weary faces of those two Sisters who had both served and prayed all night long.

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## Our Journey To Italy

by Brother Raymond and Sister Mary Cosetti

We left Pittsburgh on June 17, 1972. We spent a few days in Youngstown, Ohio with the Brothers and Sisters there. On June 19 my daughter drove us to Brother Biscotti's home where we lodged overnight. The next day Brother Biscotti drove us to the airport. We left Cleveland—Hopkins Airport at 2:30 p.m. for New York, a flight of one and a half hours. We boarded a transatlantic, Boeing 747 jet at Kennedy Airport and took off at 9:20 p.m. with 386 passengers aboard. It took seven hours to Milan and it was a beautiful flight.

My brother and his son met us there and we were happy to see one another. We then went to their home and visited with them a few days. They drove us to Switzerland; it is a beautiful country and the homes are at the foot of the mountains.

Later we left for Vicenza to see Brother Mario Milano's brother; his name is Emidio Milano. He is a member and Elder of our Church in Italy. We had a nice visit with Brother Milano and his wife. They have a very nice home and courteously welcomed us.

### City on Waters

We visited the city of Venice; the city is built on waters and is very nice to see. They do not have any cars. There was an a cappella choir from Brigham Young University of Utah who were going to sing. We went to hear them; there were sixty-two boys and girls and their singing was beautiful. We spent one and one-half days there.

We then left for Rome to meet our son-in-law, our daughter, and our granddaughter who were on a tour of five countries. We enjoyed a day and a half's reunion with them.

The next day we flew to Reggio Calabria to visit Brother and Sister Lo Ricco and we spent a week here visiting all our Brothers and Sisters. We held one meeting, teaching them the Faith and Doctrines of The Church. Brother Lo Ricco is the Elder who cares for The Church there.

We departed for San Dimetrio Corona and had to travel all day to get to Brother Bonfiglio's home. It was six in the evening when we got there and we were very tired. We stayed there seven days and held one meeting on Sunday. There was a nice turnout of Brothers and Sisters. We met Brother Angelo Ferraro who has retired to Italy. I tried to teach them the Faith of The Church. The weather was cold and rainy. Brother Bonfiglio is the Elder in charge. They have their own building and it made me think of the church building in West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, only it is somewhat larger.

We traveled to Buccino where Brother Lonardo Francesco is the Elder in charge. It rained almost all the time we were there. Brother Francesco is up in his eighties and is getting very feeble. We held a Sunday meeting and I tried to teach them the way The Church should be. We visited all the Saints in their homes. There is another Elder who assists Brother Francesco.

### Welcome Home

We next visited Basilice to see Brother and Sister Pietrorenze who once lived in Detroit, Michigan and have retired to Italy. The first thing they said was "Welcome



home!"—in English. It made us feel so good that we cried. We thank God for our Brothers and Sisters wherever we go. We stayed here ten days, had washing of feet and The Lord's Supper. They had not had feet washing for six years. They have a nice home and a beautiful flower garden. It was hard to leave them and we had known them only a few days.

We boarded a boat for the Isle of Ponza and the waves were so rough it made my wife very sick during the three hour trip. We held a meeting on Sunday and a very nice group turned out. Brother John Romano's niece from Detroit, Michigan was visiting here with her husband and daughter. We were happy to meet all the Brothers and Sisters. Brother Silverio Mazzella, formerly from the Bronx, New York is retired and lives here on the Island.

We took Air Scaffo back to the mainland. It travels on top of the water and the ride was much better and faster; one and one-half hours compared to three hours by boat.

Our next stop was Ascoli Piceno to visit a Brother who formerly was a member of the Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch. His name is Domenico Silvester and he is up in years. He was glad to see us and we had a little talk with him. We also met Brother Joseph and Sister Nancy Ciotti of the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch, who were visiting his sister there. We spent a whole day together and it was a great joy to meet someone from the U. S. A.

### Back to Rome

Back to Rome to see another Brother and his aged mother. They were very happy to see us and we had feet washing and The Lord's Supper with them. They are still faithful to their calling.

After this visit, we were on our way to the Island of Sardinia. Our plane arrived late at night in Oblia where we stayed overnight. We then traveled by bus, transferring a number of times and finally arrived in the city of St. Teresa. We went to the home of Brother and Sister Spigno where we lodged nine days. We held one meeting here and during the week, we taught them, reading from the *Bible* and the *Book of Mormon*.

The next place we visited was Gala Gona. We had to call Brother Stefano Romano to pick us up. In all our travels in Italy, we were delayed many times due to strikes against the airlines, railroads or buses.

The Brothers and Sisters in Sardinia are very active

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## MIRACLES OF A LIVING GOD

Many will write of the New Year's Eve meeting. And truly if your meeting was like ours there is much to say. But I would like to write about some of the miracles that took place that night and the following day.

At 12 o'clock as Brother Nick Pietrangelo was praying, Sister Rafaela Di Falco saw the hand of God. Also at 12 o'clock Sister Rosalie Campitelle and Sister Mary Dichiera (neither of whom could attend the meeting), said they felt the actual presence of God in their homes.

My husband, who is not a member was waiting outside of church for me. And by the power of God he was told that Brother Antonio Pietrangelo would close the meeting in prayer.

Sister Barbara Mangiapane said she heard her two young children tell a neighbor, about how they had felt the spirit of the Lord. And how happy they were to be at that meeting.

The world says that God is dead. But when the little children can feel his presence, let us say our God eternally lives. We should welcome 1973 with faith and hope. My Brothers and Sisters I feel this will be a year of prayer, miracles and above all unity. The evil one can not conquer us if we are united in a bond of love. Let us rid ourselves of anger, hate, envy, and our evil tongues.

This year through God's power and a lot of honest effort of our own, we shall forge ahead. We shall use the Power that is in prayer. We shall reach out and find the courage to make us victors over Satan. Then we shall receive an overflow of God's blessings. And the world will see that we are indeed a peculiar people. A people that walk with God. Let us give not only our souls. But our hearts and minds to the service of our Lord. In this the dawn of a New Year.

Sister Diana Thompson

## LEST WE FORGET

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Doctor Carbone ordered hot water from the Sisters, sent the ambulance back and twenty minutes later we heard a baby cry and Nicoletta speaking aloud, "Let his name be Alma." The father said, "Alma he shall be."

Brother Paleno had insisted that his wife would not go to the hospital until his Minister had first prayed for his wife.

You may think as you wish, and judge as you will, but the simple childlike faith of our people has paid off over and over again.

*Friend Doctor Carbone*

Doctor Carbone became my friend, delivered my precious Lydia and charged us only \$35.00. I would not exchange her for 35 millions.

I will conclude by saying that a volume could be, and should be written of the miracles and unmatched love of our people.

I am on a mission in Yucaipa, California. By the grace of God I am well; I do not know how much good I can do here. I am knocking on doors, but few ask me to come in. The Saints here fixed me a bed in back of The Church.

We have a pretty church building here, but no resident Minister. This is a great place for an enthusiastic young Minister. It is a beautiful town about 22,000 strong, a great opportunity for you. My home is about 400 miles north of here.

Pray for me and the Saints here.

Yours in love,

Brother Mark Randy

## ● FLASHBACKS ●

### 35 YEARS AGO — MARCH 1938

*Gospel News* first printing—Brother William H. Cadman was the Editor. The paper was printed on 8½ x 11 inch paper. The Edition contained four pages. The lead article read as follows: *To those who may read this small paper, known as The Gospel News, I direct these words.*

*I was ordained into the Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ in the year of 1902 and have endeavored to preach the Gospel these many years, but this is my first venture to edit a paper. If successful I intend to devote its columns to that which is good and Godlike and especially in the interest of the aforementioned Church of which I am a member.*

*In publishing this little volume, I will not ask to be spared of any criticism due to anything that is not good and just, but I trust you will be considerate, should the paper not meet your approval in the way of style, size and even if it appears a little crude to your eyes, bear in mind that as an Editor and Publisher I am in my infancy.*

Yours sincerely,

Elder William H. Cadman.

NOTE: This printing is Brother Cadman's first venture in printing *The Gospel News*. The next issue was not printed until March 1945 and monthly since that date.

### 25 YEARS AGO — MARCH 1948

General Ladies Circle met in the home of Sister Sadie Cadman. The total membership of The Circle is now 278.

### 20 YEARS AGO — MARCH 1953

Brothers and Sisters of Lockport met with the Saints in Rochester, New York. The children of the Rochester Branch presented an Easter program for the visitors.

### 15 YEARS AGO — MARCH 1958

Brother Joseph Bittinger and Brother Alma Nolfi returned from missionary work in Nigeria, Africa. Brother Bittinger became very ill and was advised by doctors to come home. They report baptizing two hundred converts.

### 10 YEARS AGO — MARCH 1963

Brother Gorie and Sister Antoinette Ciaravino are visiting San Diego, California Branch. Brother Gorie officiated in the blessing of his granddaughter Kimberly Beth.

### 5 YEARS AGO — MARCH 1968

Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch was blessed with three baptisms; Brother Thomas Benyola, Sister Anna Benyola and Sister Linda D'Orazio.

# M. B. A. Highlights

## Campout Plans Made

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

On Saturday, January 13, 1973 the GMBA Activity Committee met. The meeting was held in the Church building in Erie, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was presided over by Brother Paul Palmieri, GMBA Vice President. Brother Augie D'Orazio, GMBA President could not attend due to sickness in his family. There was a fair attendance of officers with some excusing their absence for various reasons.

The minutes of the last meeting held on November 11, 1972 were read and accepted. A suggestion was made at this point to have the date, location and etc. available at the current years GMBA Conference for the following years GMBA Campout.

It was also pointed out that the donation made to the General Church budget was received when most needed and appreciated.

The results of the "Pay-as-you-go System for eating at the past GMBA was noted. There were 520 people fed, \$231.45 was received and there was a \$9.00 deficit for the overall bill.

The forthcoming July Campout was discussed. It will be held at Dunkirk, New York on July 21 to July 28. Brother Joe Ross of the camp procurement committee reported the following costs for the camp:

First, children under 2 years of age are free of all costs. Children from two to eleven (inclusive) pay: Breakfast \$.60, Lunch \$1.00 and Supper \$1.50. Regular fee plus insurance \$.50 making a total of \$3.60 per day.

Those twelve years of age and older will pay: Breakfast \$1.00, Lunch \$1.75 and Supper \$2.00. Regular fee plus insurance \$.50, making a total of \$5.25 per day.

Tent fee per night is \$1.50 per unit. Campers, Trailers, etc. is \$2.50 per unit for each night. If those sleeping in a tent, trailer, camper, etc. eat all their meals in the dining hall the \$1.50 or \$2.50 per night per unit is NOT payable.

Brother Paul Palmieri then explained the Camp Director's duties, noting that the Director answers to the GMBA President and his committee and that the individual Campout Committee Chairmen report to him (the Director). Brother Charles Jumper was elected as the Camp Director for the 1973 Campout. He then appointed the following committees and associated chairmen:

Seminars—Vincent Gibson and Bill Hufnagel

Recreation—Bob Nicklow

Publicity—Lydia Link

Coffee Pot—Jesse Carr

Canteen—Florence LaRosa and Esther Dyer

Rules—Richard Pandone, Jon Genaro and Ralph Cartino

P.A. System and Signs—Mark Kovacic

Piano—Karen Milantoni

Registration—Joe Ross

Reception—Robert Dyer

Campfire—Jim Genaro and Ron Dyer

The next item of business was to point out that since the GMBA had appointed a GMBA Historian (Mark Landrey) that Locals and Areas should do the same. This should be regarded as a formal office at future business meetings. They would make histories of their Area and Local and send them to the GMBA Historian.

At this time it was noted that two additional questions would be on future Campout forms. They are:

1. What ordained office do you hold?
2. Do you have any type of medical training?

A suggestion was also made that we use hymns from our Church hymn books for any planned Campout song book.

The 1974 Campout site will be decided by the Campout Procurement Committee who will report their recommendation before the May Conference. Areas under consideration by motion are Muncey, Michigan and Pinetop, Arizona.

## OUR JOURNEY TO ITALY

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in preaching the Gospel to everyone they meet. We held a meeting at 7:00 a.m. in the morning so that some of them could go to work at 10:00 a.m. We felt God's presence here very much. The weather was very nice during the four weeks we were there. I did a lot of preaching and planting of the seed. They asked a lot of questions on the *Book of Mormon* and I taught them as best I could.

### Return to America

Finally, when our labors and travels in Italy were concluded, we headed back to America. Our trip coming home was five hours late.

We surely want to thank God for watching over us in all our travels. We also are thankful to God that in spite of some of the conditions we had to live in, we did not get sick.

Without a car, traveling in Italy was very inconvenient, especially in handling our luggage. On one occasion, we had to change buses seven times in one day.

We thank everyone who remembered us in prayer during the time we were away. We thank God for this country we live in. We do not realize how well off we are until we go to a different country.

We can worship God in our own way—we are free to do as we choose. Many people in other lands are not as free to do so. Thank God for the Gospel that has come our way.

It is a rewarding feeling that we have done some good for our Brothers and Sisters in Italy and that we have made them a little stronger in the faith of our Church.

Our hopes are that the seed we have planted will grow and be fruitful and that The Church will grow stronger, leading and guiding the Saints in the right way.

May God bless The Church all over the world.

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### THE PASSING OF TWO PRESIDENTS

Our nation was still in mourning over the passing of President Harry S. Truman when only a few weeks later our national mourning was deepened by the sudden passing of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

#### OUTPOURING OF SYMPATHY

The deaths of these two former American Presidents touched off an outpouring of sympathy throughout our country as well as many countries throughout the world.

Television, radio and the printed page recounted many highlights in the lives of these two noble public servants.

It certainly was impressive to behold film flashbacks of President Harry S. Truman kissing the open *Holy Bible* upon taking the Presidential oath of office; the first time in the White House, shortly after President Roosevelt's death and the second time, on inaugural day, January 20, 1949.

His boldness, firmness and tenacity during his years of public service will long be remembered, beginning in his native state of Missouri, through two terms in the United States Senate, as Vice-President and then President of the United States.

Upon the unexpected death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt so soon after being inaugurated for a fourth term of office, President Truman boldly and skillfully assumed his new and awesome duties of President. Space does not permit sufficient commentary on his many courageous and wise decisions in pursuing Presidential courses of action.

#### RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL

However, we pause here to note one outstanding decision he made in foreign policy. As soon as Israel declared itself to be a sovereign state and government in 1948, President Truman moved swiftly and statesmanlike in recommending American recognition and support of Israel's position. This action was officially carried out by our government and certainly provided Israel with the support and influence of a major world power at a precarious time. As believers in a literal gathering of the House of Israel, we are proud of the role America played in helping Israel secure a homeland.

President Johnson too, like President Truman, suddenly inherited the vast and burdensome duties of the Presidency. Shortly after the tragic assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas, Texas, the oath of office was administered to Vice-President Johnson aboard the Presidential plane before take-off for Washington.

#### LET US CONTINUE

President Johnson's brief but solemn statement to the nation on arrival at Washington was stirring and encouraging and his, "Let us continue," served to set the pace for the work at hand.

His years of service as a Congressman and Senator served President Johnson well as he endeavored to fulfill the many requirements of the Presidency.

His efforts in behalf of civil rights and health, education and welfare are notable. Many of our senior citizens are enjoying the benefits of Medicare which he vigorously supported. It is a matter of record that many legislative actions by the Congress resulted from his influence and support.

Our lamented President Truman and President Johnson will fondly be remembered for their simplicity, dedication to public service, and devotion to the duties and dignity of the highest office in the land.

We can be proud of them and may God rest their souls!



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### SAUL OF TARSUS

Dear Girls and Boys,

For the next months I will tell you stories about Paul or Saul of Tarsus. I, along with Sisters Sara Vancik, Rose Corrado, Ruth Akerman and others are planning to go on a tour of the Holy Land. We will follow the travels of Paul and will visit many of the places I will tell you about.

Saul was born in Tarsus, the capitol of the province of Cilicia, in the southeastern part of Asia. The city is by the Taurus Mountains which are very beautiful in the summer with their snowy peaks. Above the town is a river with its banks lined with ships piled with merchandise of many countries. An extensive trade in timber was profitable there, also the raising of thousands of goats on the mountainside. Long fine hair from the goats was made into a coarse kind of cloth, ideal for tent making. Tarsus was the center of a large transport trade in the time of Saul.

The inhabitants of Tarsus were numerous and wealthy. The wealthiest merchants were Greeks but the province was ruled by Romans. Tarsus was not only a great center of commerce but also a seat of learning. Students from many countries came here for their education. Saul took great pride in the place of his birth as we read on one occasion saying that he was a citizen of no mean city. He calls himself a Hebrew of the Hebrews, showing he was strict in his religion. He took great pride in being a free Roman citizen.

His Jewish parents gave him the name of Saul, a Hebrew name. His father was a tent-maker. Every Jewish boy had to learn a trade so it was right for Saul to be a tent-maker also. Absolutely nothing is written about his mother. Saul's early education was the same as all Jewish boys. Many when they reached the age of fifteen were sent to Jerusalem to study with the great teacher Gamaliel. He was the most noted teacher the Jews ever had at the college of Jerusalem. Saul tells us he sat at the feet of this great man. This consisted entirely of the study of the scriptures and the comments of the masters upon them. The scholars were allowed to put questions to their masters and we believe Saul had a marvelous memory. As a thinker, few could equal him; as a writer, his works are outstanding. How proud his parents must have been of him.

Gamaliel is the same man who stood up in the council-room and stopped the slaying of the apostles. He was loved by Jesus' followers for his sympathy and consideration. We do not know how long Saul studied with Gamaliel. He learned the law well. He felt that the followers of Jesus were disobeying the Law and should be punished. He felt it was his duty to keep them from spreading the gospel. At every opportunity he tried to break up the Churches by arresting the disciples and putting them in

prison. When he heard the followers were meeting in places other than Jerusalem, he would go there and try to destroy them. He was positive he was pleasing God. He agreed with the high priests that the Church must be destroyed.

Next month I will tell you how the Church grew and how the Saints were persecuted.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

### "Come And Hear"

*by Paul D'Amico*

It has been the testimony of many in the Church that when they heard the words "Come and hear" they were moved upon with a desire to come to Church for the first time and to hear the Restored Gospel preached.

One of our departed sisters in Detroit, Michigan, said that upon her visit to the meeting in Branch #1, as she saw my father (the late Bro. Ishmael D'Amico) walk down the aisle, she said to herself, "My, what an ugly preacher they have here!" As the meeting progressed however, and she began to hear the inspired preaching of an unlearned man, her attitude was changed, and she began to see that some divine power rested with this Church.

My brothers and sisters throughout the Church, and especially we who are members of small branches and missions, I feel to express myself in saying that there is a great need for new faces, new voices, and hungry and thirsty souls to come among us. Let us not rest at ease or be satisfied with what few we have. "The world needs a friend like Jesus, and no other friend will do." There is a need today for US to tell OTHERS of Jesus. While we are at work, or traveling to and fro, or perhaps in our neighborhood, there may be someone waiting to hear the Gospel News. Remember also that when the ministry of The Church see new faces enter the building, their minds and hearts are directed to God for divine guidance, and for greater liberty in preaching the Gospel. In doing so, not only are the visitors blessed and moved upon, but there comes upon the congregation showers of blessings that fill our souls with joy. We need more of this and the only way we will receive it is through mighty prayer, and through greater efforts in bringing a friend or two to hear the Gospel preached.

We are living in an era of time when men and women will be motivated by the Spirit of God to obey the Gospel, if the members and priesthood make greater efforts toward this goal. It has been a proven fact that members have been instrumental in bringing many to the knowledge of the truth.

I appeal to the old, the middle aged, the young, and also unto the children of the saints to sound the trumpet to this world, and to tell them that Christ Jesus lives today. Tell them that the angel has flown into the midst of heaven, and restored the pure and unadulterated Gospel of Jesus to earth again. And above all, tell them that salvation is free for all mankind; for whosoever will come and be saved. If we do this I am sure God will bring an increase among us.

## George Washington's Vision

*A sermon, preached by Thurman S. Furnier, in Phoenix, Arizona, during the month of December 1970. Subject: George Washington's vision. His vision was originally published by Wesley Bradshaw. Copied from a reprint in the National Tribune, Vol. 4, No. 12, December 1880.*

"The last time I ever saw Anthony Sherman was on the fourth of July 1859, in Independence Square. He was then ninety-nine years old, and becoming very feeble. But though so old, the dimming eyes rekindled as he gazed upon Independence Hall, which he came to visit once more.

"Let us go into the Hall," he said, "I want to tell you an incident in Washington's life — one which no one alive knows except myself: and if you live, you will before long see it verified."

From the opening of the Revolution we experienced all phases of fortune, now good and now ill, one time victorious and another conquered. The darkest period we had, I think, was when Washington, after several reverses, retreated to Valley Forge, where he resolved to pass the winter of 1777.

Ah, I have often seen our dear commander's careworn cheeks, as he would be conversing with a confidential officer about the condition of his poor soldiers. You have doubtless heard the story of Washington's going to the thicket to pray. Well, it was not only true, but he used often to pray in secret for aid and comfort from God, the interposition of whose divine providence brought us safely through the darkest days of Tribulation.

One day, I remember well the chilly winds whistled through the leafless trees, though the sky was cloudless, and the sun shone brightly, he remained in his quarters nearly all the afternoon alone. When he came out I noticed that his face was a shade paler than usual and there seemed to be something on his mind of more than ordinary importance. Returning just after dusk, he dispatched an orderly to the quarters of the officer I mention who was presently in attendance.

After a preliminary conversation of about an hour, Washington gazing upon his companion with that strange look of dignity which he alone could command, said, to the latter. "I do not know whether it is owing to the anxiety of my mind or what, but this afternoon as I was sitting at this table engaged in preparing a dispatch, something seemed to disturb me."

### THE VISION

"Looking up, I beheld opposite me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed that it was some moments before I found language to inquire the cause of her presence.

A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of her eyes.

Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn;' while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly, I now beheld a heavy white vapor at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene.

Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world — Europe, Asia, Africa, and

America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic' said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn.'

At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing or rather floating in mid-air, between Europe, and America. Dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America, with his right hand while, with his left hand he cast some on Europe.

Immediately a cloud raised from these countries and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds.

Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it out as before.

The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean in whose waving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them."

### COMMENT #1

This describes the Revolutionary war, and that which followed. It gives a true picture of the growth and expansion of our nation.

### THE VISION CONTINUED

"\*Again I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.' At that time the dark shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking, I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word 'Union' bearing the American flag which he placed between the divided nation, and said, 'Remember ye are brethern.'

Instantly, the inhabitants, casting from them their weapons became friends once more, and united around the National Standard."

### COMMENT #2

This is clear. The occasion for the Civil War was the bringing of the Negro race from Africa and sold in the slave markets in America. Slaves were imported into this country beginning in 1619.

God raised up Abraham Lincoln to free the slaves. The Emancipation (release) of the slaves was the outcome of the Civil war, and the North and South reunited.

### THE VISION CONTINUED

"And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic look and learn.' At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The comments as they appear at this time are not necessarily the Faith of the Church, but are the personal comments of the writer.

## Phoenix, Arizona Branch Is Blessed With Baptisms

The Saints of the Phoenix, Arizona Branch enjoyed a wonderful Sunday, January 14th, when a young couple were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ. Following a wonderful meeting of preaching and testimonies, we held our footwashing service, and a manifestation of God's Spirit was evidenced by all. Prior to the close of our meeting, Brother Phil Van Allsburg arose, thanking God for what He has done in his life, and made known his desire to be baptized into The Church. After the close of the meeting, his wife, Sister Valerie, also requested to be baptized. The Saints then gathered at the river's edge to witness the baptisms.

Brother Phil and Sister Valerie have been attending our Church services and M.B.A. meetings for some time, and are a very much welcomed addition to the branch. They become acquainted with The Church through their fellow-workers in the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the Papago Indian Reservation, Brothers Tom Everett, Richard Christman, and John Ross, Jr.

The Phoenix Branch was also blessed with the addition of Sister Cindy Christman. Sister Cindy was baptized at the White River Mission, Arizona on Sunday, November 26, 1972.

We pray that God will bless and guide our new brother and sisters, and that the blessings will continue to flow in our branch.

Bro. W. Mark Landrey

## Elder Ordained At New Brunswick, N. J.

The Saints of the New Brunswick Branch enjoyed a good day on Sunday, October 29, 1972. The ordination of Brother Frank Mazzeo into the Priesthood was the highlight of the day.

Brother Sam Dell of the Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania Mission washed Brother Frank's feet after which Brother Matthew Rogolino ordained him to the office of Elder.

Brother Mazzeo is the son of Sister Carmella and the late Brother Gabriel Mazzeo.

May God bless him in his holy office and may his activity in the Priesthood prove to be helpful and encouraging to his fellow Elders of the Branch, Brothers Carmen and Salvatore Sgro, as well as the Saints, their families and friends.

## New Convert Admitted To San Fernando Valley, Calif. Branch

Sunday, December 3, 1972 proved to be a joyful day to the Saints and all in attendance at the San Fernando Valley Branch.

The holy ordinance of baptism was administered to Michael Edwards. He was immersed in the waters by Brother Frank Genaro.

Our new young Jewish Brother is full of zeal and is active in witnessing for Christ. Surely, this is most encouraging to the Gentile Saints. Brother Mike resides in Indio, many miles away from Church. Anyone wishing to write may address him: Mr. Michael Edwards, 46-350 Towne Street No. 8, Indio, California 92201.

## Brother Frank Scaglione

Brother Frank is greatly missed by his loved ones and has left an empty place at the Roscoe Mission. He will always be remembered for his faithfulness and determination to serve God. He was always the first one there to have The Church open and most always the first to testify to God's goodness during the fellowship service. Brother Frank was very afflicted for the past several years of his life with Black Lung and although many times he was very short of breath, he did not let this hinder his service to God. He was hospitalized on December 25, 1972 and remained hospitalized until his death January 11, 1973. Brother Frank told all he knew of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; each opportunity he got he told about The Church, continuing to do so in the hospital up until The Lord took him home. He had several wonderful experiences while in the hospital and was surely prepared to leave this life.

In a note from Brother Elmer LaRue, Editor of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch, he includes a list of several young children upon whom the blessing of God was asked by Elders Joseph Shazer, Emmet Dale, and George E. Fuller in the home of Sister Martha Miller of nearby Mather. The children are named as follows:

*Brenda Sue and Brent Allen*, son and daughter of Richard Gary and Patricia Ann Gwynn.

*Kimberly Sue*, daughter of Robert Nolan and Bonnie Sue Davis;

*Tammy Lee*, daughter of Edward Daniel and Agnes Marie Davis.

## NOTE OF THANKS

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

## PSALM 16—con't.

Neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me that path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;

At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.



## Muncey News

by Tony Gerace

Sunday, December 3, 1972 the Muncey Mission was blessed with the baptism of Sister Barbara Sturgeon. She was baptized by Brother John Gammichia and confirmed by Brother Allen Henderson. On this day the blessing of God was showered upon us. Brother Allen Henderson was making one of his periodic visits and he gave us a stirring message inspired by the Spirit of the Lord. The Muncey Mission certainly appreciates our Brother Allen's interest and concern over the Seed of Joseph. Both Brother Allen Henderson and Brother John Gammichia are around seventy-five years old, but the vitality and Spirit that they show at the Mission is positively wonderful. May God bless them with many more years of preaching the Gospel.

Sister Barbara Sturgeon is the eleventh baptism from Muncey in the year 1972. Seven are new members of the Mission, and four were visitors from Michigan and Ohio. Sister Ellen Fisher had the following experience concerning Sister Barbara Sturgeon:

One Sunday afternoon, four women came into our meeting. I felt the Spirit of God come over me as I heard the door open. I turned to look, recognized the women and felt good to see them enter. One young girl cried during the first meeting. On the following Sunday, just the young girl and her grandmother came. Once again this girl was touched. After the meeting was closed, she went to the front and sat in the chair and asked to be anointed. Following the anointing she asked to be baptized. The Elders advised her she needed more time. I went with an old Elder to see her the following week. While coming home I asked him, "How will we know if she is ready." He said, "Sister, you petition the Lord, He will tell you somehow." Well that night I prayed and asked God, If it be your will that I should know, please show me somehow. That night I dreamt Brother Tony Gerace came to me and said, "Sister Ellen, where will we baptize Barbara (the young girl)?" I said, "Follow me." I started up a long flight of stairs carrying a light in my hand to show the way. When I awoke, I knew this girl was ready to be baptized. I thank God for revealing and letting me experience such a wonderful happening. The same day, Brother John Gammichia also had an experience confirming the baptism of Sister Barbara.

On Sunday afternoon, when Sister Barbara arose to ask for her Baptism the entire congregation felt she was ready.

The year 1972 brought many enjoyable events and experiences that were edifying to the Mission. On one occasion Brother Joe Milantoni brought a group of young people to the mission from Michigan and Ohio. They had a great time in fellowship and singing. Before the day was over, two young people were baptized in weather of twelve degrees below zero. It was a day they shall long remember.

Another highlight of the year was the week I spent with Brother Bill and Sister Roberta Hufnagle, his mother and children. They came from Ohio to spend a week among the Seed of Joseph. With the help of Brother Alfred Burch of Muncey we visited many of the members on the Reserve and we held meetings and socials in the evening. The members and friends of the Muncey Mission enjoyed their fellowship very much. We will always be glad to see them return. I am sure it was an enjoyable experience

for Brother Bill and his family to work among the Seed of Joseph. We hope that others throughout The Church will follow their example and come and work with us in Muncey. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few.

The Labor Day weekend campout of the Ohio District Area M.B.A. was another great event of the year. The young people helped to clean up around the church building and farm. During the fellowship meetings there was a wonderful manifestation of the Spirit of God and two more young people were brought to the waters of regeneration.

On Saturday, October 28, we had the pleasure once again of the annual visit of the Michigan-Ontario Area Ladies' Circle. We had a wonderful time fellowshiping together, singing and praising the Lord. The Muncey members certainly appreciate all the work and effort of our Sisters of the Ladies' Circle. They are a great uplift to our mission, we are looking forward to another visit this coming year. May God bless them all.

The success of the Muncey work is the result of the team work of the Brothers and Sisters from Windsor, Ontario, Detroit, Michigan and the co-operation of the members of the Mission. Brothers Tony Scolaro, Mario Coppa and John Gammichia have been faithful to their commitment of the work in Muncey. They travel through sunshine and stormy weather to keep the work moving ahead. Sister Mary Coppa, Sister Olanda Peltier and Sister Janet Rich are also a tremendous help in taking care of the Sunday School children and other work that must be done around the Mission. Brother David DiBattista organized a team of ten Brothers who pair off each Sunday to drive the stationwagon and transport people to and from the Mission. They also assist in teaching Sunday School and for the spiritual welfare of the mission.

Without the help of these Brothers and Sisters who freely give of their time and talent Sunday after Sunday, the success of the Mission would be impossible. Their concern for the Seed of Joseph and dedication to the work has made the year of 1972 a year of great success. There is much to be done, but we thank the Lord for the many wonderful meetings that we have from week to week. We have experienced the manifestations of the Spirit of God, many have been healed, comforted and strengthened by the prayers of the Ministry and membership. We have had many remarkable experiences of healing. The Lord has poured down upon us showers of blessings for which we are thankful to Him.

We are looking forward to 1973 for a greater outpouring of the Spirit and for spiritual experiences that will surpass what we have had so far. As our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has told us many times "All things are possible to those that believe".

### DOES HE SMILE

When the Lord looks down on me,  
I wonder if He smiles.  
I wonder if I have done something today  
To make my life worthwhile.  
Have I been kind to everyone this day?  
Have I thanked Him enough as I pray?  
Is He pleased with the life I live?  
Am I worthy to accept what He gives?  
Does the Lord smile on me?

Sister Margaret Abbott

## - Branch and Mission News -

### News From New Brunswick

The spirit of God has been manifested in the meetings this past two months of October and November. One meeting that will stay with us for some time to come will be our Feet Washing Service. In the morning meeting, Brother Salvatore Sgro gave a very inspiring talk on *John, 13th Chapter, 3rd verse*. The spirit of God in that meeting was one I will never forget.

In the afternoon meeting, we had the privilege of hearing one of our older Brothers stand up and speak with the gift of tongues. There were many who had never heard this before and were very amazed at this.

It is really fantastic to attend meetings as inspiring as the ones we have been having, and trust that the Lord will be with us always.

On Sunday, October 29, 1972, Brother Frank Mazzeo was ordained into the Ministry of The Church. Brother Frank's feet were washed by Brother Sam Dell of Fairless Hills. He was ordained by Brother Mathew Rogolino of Freehold Mission. This was a great joy to witness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister Rose Sgro  
New Brunswick Branch

### Omaha News

We the Saints in Omaha wish first to thank our Heavenly Father for our precious lot in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who has called us to be Saints in these the latter days.

From the day The Lord began to work in this part of the vineyard until this present time, He has sent many Brothers and Sisters our way to worship with us and to encourage us in the Gospel. They have expounded the Word of God to us and have sung hymns of praise with us. They have wept when we wept and rejoiced when we rejoiced. They have gone into the prisons with us to have our services and have labored fervently that we may know about Christ.

If we may use this expression, this part of the vineyard is as the crossroads of this country—approximately halfway to any point. One of the Brothers likened it to a Pony Express station—stopping off where the Saints could refresh themselves. We are refreshed when the Brothers and Sisters stop to revive us until the time The Lord sees fit to establish this small group of Saints here.

A Sister had an experience where a woman came down a flight of steps and shouted with a loud voice, "There are the trailblazers," which we liken to pioneers. The Lord through His mercy has allowed us to be just that in Omaha.

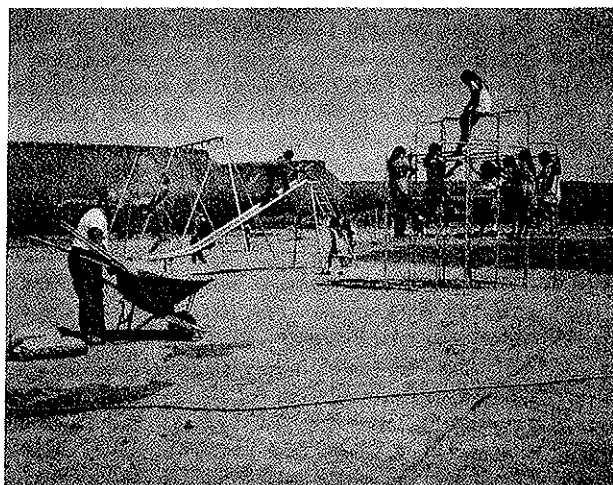
The most recent convert among us, Sister Loren Williams, was baptized on December 30, 1972. As the Saints were standing huddled together on the banks of the Missouri River, her name was echoed into the heavens and written in the Lamb's book of life. We thought back on how The Lord has sustained us through His mercy and grace to this day, adding to our number.

We ask a sincere interest in your prayers. Our prayer is that The Lord will cause to send us an Elder permanently into the city or raise up one among us so that a Mission or Branch may be established here in the land of love.

### News From San Carlos

In behalf of the San Carlos Mission, we greet each one of you with the love of God. We thank God that we still find ourselves in His service and enjoying His great blessings.

We thank each one of you for your prayers in behalf of the San Carlos Mission, for it indeed has been a great source of strength to all of us.



This past summer was a very busy one for us in the Mission. We had our first Vacation Bible School, and it was very successful. Including the teachers and teenagers who helped, we were about sixty in number. Our daughter Diane and her husband Ken Surdock came from San Diego, including Sister Donna Hayward to assist us. Our Apache Sisters assisted in teaching the classes and did a wonderful job. We all had a very enjoyable time together.



We have a very nice playground on the Mission grounds now, which was erected by all of the young people from Phoenix and California this past summer. They will be glad to know that the children in this area are enjoying it very much and use it every day.

We had a very nice Christmas together. With the help of our young Apache Sister, Sarah Ross, we had a little Christmas program. Sister Sarah was inspired to take charge of it and did a beautiful job. Thank you, Sister Sarah.

We had some wonderful experiences here, and I

would like to share one with you at this time. About seven months ago, some of us Sisters were planning to go to our California District Circle gathering in San Diego. Just a few weeks before, Sister Isador Kayson sprained her back very severely and was laid up in bed. We all felt very bad about it. Sister Isador wanted to go very much. Just a few days before we were ready to leave, she came to Church with her crutches and could barely walk. The Brothers anointed her and she was healed instantly before our eyes. She arose from the chair and walked back to her seat carrying her crutches. That was glorious to behold. Praise God! We all went to California and had a wonderful time.

Brother and Sister Perdue took us to Tijuana to visit the Missions. Our Apache Sisters were very impressed to see the living conditions there. The Sisters in Tijuana were so excited about seeing our Apache Sisters that they walked several miles to come and see them. They prepared a delicious meal for us. We surely felt the wonderful love of God there amongst our Mexican Brothers and Sisters.

So we thank God and give Him all the honor and glory. We are looking forward to a New Year now with a greater determination and desire to go on and work harder for The Lord. We trust that God will have greater things in store for us here in our little Mission and throughout the whole Church.

Continue to pray for us! May God bless each one of you!

Sister Grace Brutz

## Evangelists Visit Warren-Sterling Heights Branch No. 5

On Wednesday, December 27, 1972 we were most honored to have the following Brothers of the Priesthood visit with us: Evangelists Anthony Picciuto of Perry, Ohio and Brother Leonard Joseph Lovalvo of Modesto, California, along with elder Brother Jerry Benyola of Detroit, Michigan Branch #1. Brother Picciuto opened our service, using "What time is it now?" as his theme. Our Brother spoke on the birth of Christ and that *time is short* and laborers are few. We must work to spread this Gospel; it is time for the world to know the real meaning of Christmas. Brother Picciuto also made mention that there must come a time in man's life when he must search out God's ways and plans.

Brother Leonard then followed staying on the same subject, saying that it is more the time now than ever to serve and tell others of God. Brother Lovalvo asked the question, "Is there someone willing to take the time to do something for God for at all times God is willing to take time to help us in our different needs." Brother Jerry then gave a few closing remarks saying that God has spoken this night to all, and with a timely message. Our Brother's visit proved to be very uplifting and inspirational to all. Our prayers are that God will continually bless our Brothers as they go about fulfilling their Divine calling in preaching the Gospel.

## Cape Coral Mission

We at Cape Coral had a Blessful evening as the Brothers and Sisters and visitors met at the house of our Presiding Elder Brother James Velardi for watch meeting December 31st, New Year's Eve. We were 27 in number. Brother James Velardi gave the welcoming remarks to

visitors and friends. His daughter Sister Adeline Cicati and four grandchildren from California had arrived a week previously. Brother Raymond Cosetti spoke relating some of their experiences while traveling thru Italy. Brother and Sister Bartucceco had their son Carl and family from Vera Beach. Hymns were sung and Testimonies were given. All were grateful for their years in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At 12 midnight a lunch was served.

On the previous Wednesday evening service at the home of Sister and Brother Ernest Byo, we enjoyed Brother and Sister Frank Giovanni from Warren, Ohio. In December Brother and Sister Sam Kirschner visited us. Although we are a few in number at Cape Coral we are all grateful for our part in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and we're always happy to have visiting Brothers and Sisters. Remember us in prayer that we may some day have our own little Church Building.

Editor, Sister Bertha Constantine

## News From Warren, Ohio Branch

December 31, 1972 will be a day the Saints in Warren, Ohio will remember for a long time. The Spirit of God was felt by all present at our services throughout the day and into the evening.

John Love, Ella McCracken, and Carol McCracken heeded the call of the master and expressed their desire to make a covenant with the Lord. All three were baptized by Brother Jerry Giovannone.

Carol and her mother, Ella came to know of The Church of Jesus Christ through the testimony of Sister Annette Corrado of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch. John Love is the husband of Sister Georgianna Love, from South Bend, Indiana.

The confirmations took place at our watch meeting service that evening. Brother Sam Costarella confirmed Sister Carol and Brother Jerry Giovannone confirmed Sister Ella and Brother John.

As we were singing the hymn, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus", Brother Everett Keeney saw a vision of Christ hovering over the Saints. This was very uplifting for all. It made us know that Christ was pleased with all that had taken place. This was truly a wonderful way to start the new year. We rejoice and thank God for his blessings.

## Perry, Ohio Branch Welcomes Three New Members

The Perry, Ohio Branch enjoyed a wonderful service on Sunday, January 21, 1973. The joyous event of the day was the witnessing of three souls being baptized into The Church.

The new converts are listed as follows:

BETTY WILSON was baptized by Brother Gene Kline and confirmed by Brother Elmer Santilli;

CHARLES CUTTS was baptized by Brother Elmer Santilli and confirmed by Brother Gene Kline;

CHRISTINE ELLIOTT was baptized by Brother Gene Kline and confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto.

This is encouraging and cheering to the Perry Saints, their families and all who attend their services as they continue to grow in numbers. This is also good news throughout The Church and our prayers are that God will harvest in many more souls everywhere.

## 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 Charles to Donald and Rita Ross of Edison, New Jersey;

Jennifer Dianne to Dan and Joyce Azzinaro of San Fernando Valley, California;

Aimee Jeanine to Fred and Lizzie Kendall of Richard Gebrour Air Force Base, Kansas City, Missouri;

Lois Louise to Even and Jane Daley of Erie Mission, Pennsylvania;

Norman Timothy to Timothy and Annie Hill of Detroit, Michigan, Branch #1 (Ohsweken, Ontario Canada Six Nations Mission);

Cameron Joseph to Dennis and Judy Calabrese of the San Fernando Valley, California;

Robert Brian to Robert James and Vicki Lynn Kendall of Roscoe, Pennsylvania;

Kristie to Roger and Kathy Catone Krschenfad of Miami, Florida; and

Anthony David to Anthony David and Jo Ann Rossi of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

## Obituaries

### FRANK SCAGLIONE

Brother Frank Scaglione passed on to his eternal reward on January 11, 1973. He was a member of the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. He was baptized many years ago by Brother Charles Behanna and confirmed by Brother Alexander Cherry. He was born on May 5, 1894. He held the office of a Deacon in the Roscoe Branch.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, three brothers and three sisters.

Services were held in the Roscoe Branch where Brothers John F. Olexa and Gasper Karelli officiated.

### VINCENZO NESCI

Brother Vincenzo Nesci of Detroit, Michigan Branch #3 of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to meet his God on November 7, 1972. He was born on March 7, 1883 and was baptized on October 18, 1931.

He was buried on November 10, 1972 at the Gethsemane Cemetery. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Peter H. Capone.

He is survived by one son, two daughters, grandchildren and one sister.

Brother Nesci was a Deacon in The Church. He was a faithful Brother who seldom missed a meeting. He will be missed by many friends and Brothers and Sisters in The Church.

### SALVATORE PAGANO

Brother Salvatore Pagano passed on to his eternal home on January 28, 1973. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ, Detroit, Michigan Branch #1 and was baptized on November 19, 1922. He was born on December 24, 1893.

Brother Pagano is survived by his wife, one son and one brother.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother Nick Pietrangelo on January 31, 1973.

Those who knew Brother Salvatore will remember him most for his warmth and charity. Our Brother passed from this life not only as a good member, but also as an example of how to shine for The Lord.

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

\* Denotes the meeting will be held in the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

March 9, 10 & 11—California District Conference in Bell Branch.

March 10—Florida District Conference in Lake Worth.

March 10 & \*11—Pennsylvania District Conference in Glassport and Auditorium.

March 17 & 18—Ohio District Conference in Youngstown.

April 7—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Annual Seminar Day in Imperial.

April 26, 27, 28 & 29\*—General Church Conference.

May 19—G.M.B.A. in Atlantic Coast Area.

June 30—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Annual Outing at Bradys Run Park.

All church organizations (General, District, G.M.B.A., Area M.B.A.'s, General Ladies Uplift Circle, Area Circles, etc.) are requested to send in dates of their coming events for publication in *The Gospel News* 1973 Church Calendar . . . send information to: Joseph Ross, #2 Ross Drive, Aliquippa, Pa. 15001.

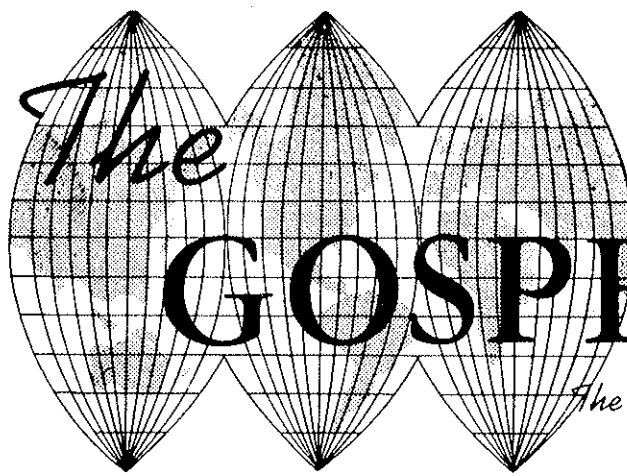
## NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to God for His help toward me recently while in the hospital. I also want to thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, letters and get-well cards.

May God richly repay you for your expressions of love.

Sincerely,  
Brother Dan Casasanta



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## His Resurrection

Jesus Christ is risen today,  
Our triumphant Holy Day,  
Who did once, upon the cross,  
Suffer to redeem our loss.

Hymns of praise then let us sing,  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King,  
Who endured the cross and grave,  
Sinners to redeem and save.

But the pains which He endured,  
Our salvation have procured;  
Now above the sky He's King,  
Where the angels ever sing.

Sing we to our God above,  
Praise eternal as His love;  
Praise Him, all ye heavenly host,  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Alleluia! Amen.

# A Treatise On Scripture

By Russell Cadman

## *The Choice Seer*

In *II Nephi, 3rd Chapter*, Lehi speaks unto his youngest son Joseph, concerning the Choice Seer that would be raised up by the power of God in the last days. Now I want to make it plain that this is the Seer that is yet to be raised up among the people of God, and was not Joseph Smith through whom God restored the Gospel. Now Lehi makes it very plain that he (Lehi) is a descendant of Joseph who was carried captive into Egypt. This Joseph was a great prophet of the Lord. His prophecies are written on the Brass Plates that will no doubt come to the people of God some time in the future. This Joseph foresaw Lehi and his people on this land, not the Messiah (tribe of Judah) but one of the branches that was to be broken off (Joseph's) and the Messiah is to be made manifest unto them in the latter days and bring them out of the condition they are now in, to the glorious light of the Gospel. This Messiah is to be revealed to them through the Choice Seer.

## *Great Like Unto Moses*

God will command the Choice Seer in the work that he shall do and he shall be made great in the eyes of God. What a wonderful man he will be, obeying the commandments of God in all things. How different than in the restoration of the Gospel when so many strange things entered in. And he shall be great like unto Moses who was to deliver the house of Israel out of Egypt. This seer is to have power to bring forth the word of God unto the descendants of Joseph and of convincing them of the word already gone forth among them.

The fruit of thy (Joseph's) loins shall write (*The Book of Mormon*) and the fruit of the loins of Judah shall write (*The Bible*) and these two books shall grow together unto the confounding of false doctrines and laying down of contentions and establishing peace among the descendants of Lehi.

The Choice Seer's name will be the same as the Joseph that was sold into Egypt and also his father's name will be Joseph; and Joseph said, "I am sure of this thing," even as he was sure of the promise of Moses who would deliver his people out of Egypt. Also as Moses had a spokesman (Aaron) so shall the Choice Seer have a spokesman. And God shall give unto him power that he shall write the words that are expedient in the wisdom of God that should go forth unto the descendants of Lehi. Now remember many records have been written for God said he would cause all nations to write; I believe (nations of Israel) and the *Book of Mormon* is only an abridgement of the record kept by the descendants of Lehi.

## *The Ancient Of Days*

In the *7th Chapter of Daniel, 9th verse*, Daniel says he beheld till the thrones were cast down (nations destroyed) and the ancient of days (Choice Seer) did sit. In the 13th verse he says, "I saw one like the Son of Man (Christ) come with the clouds of heaven, and come to the ancient of days, and they (Saints) brought him (Christ) near before him." 14th verse, "And there was given him (Christ) dominion." Now this scripture shows that Zion is to last until Christ is to come in His glory and the kingdom be given to Him.

I would like to write at this time of what Zion will

be like! All we know of Zion is what is written by the prophets of old, or what has been revealed to us. And this revelation must be in harmony with the written word and not our opinions. When we write of Zion we are writing of a period of time when peace will come to mortal man before Christ comes in His glory. When Christ comes in His glory we shall be changed from this mortal to an immortal body, and this immortal shall be our body in the ages of eternity, and of that there shall be no end.

Most of the religious world only believe in the one period of peace on the earth when Christ reigns personally on the purified earth. Some of the Saints in our Church have made this same mistake and have departed from us and have fulfilled the word of God unto us that *they would not endure*. We hope everyone in the Church now can understand the faith of the Church on Zion—that it is based on the written word of God.

## *The Garden Of The Lord*

Zion will be a quiet habitation, a place of pleasant valleys, of broad rivers and streams, where the deserts will become as the garden of the Lord, and the briers and thorns will not bother man in the cultivating of the land as was told unto Adam in the fall and that has continued unto this day. But the earth will bring forth its increase in that which is good for the health of man that he may live to the age of a tree and the inhabitants shall not say they are sick. What a change from this present evil world when nearly everyone you speak to can tell of some ailment in their bodies, also troubled in mind because of the conditions that beset this troubled world.

We read in the word of God that we shall build houses and inhabit them. What a change from the condition that now exists when so many people are driven from their homes by war and many homes are destroyed by wars, earthquakes, storms, tempests, fires and many more ways could be mentioned. A good permanent home is such a comfort to a family, a place of security.

We shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. We shall not plant and another eat, but shall long enjoy the works of our hands. Now, does this not show that we shall live in an agricultural society? Nowhere in the Scripture (speaking of Zion) does it state we would live as many do today, making their living by working in factories, etc. But we will have a quiet habitation and no matter what we shall have in Zion, it will be perfect and ordained of God.

I once heard a story of a man that in his youth had obtained a large tract of land and improved it with a home and necessary buildings. When he became old he sat in his front yard that overlooked his farm. He was asked the question, "Why do you sit here viewing your farm?" He answered, "I am enjoying the works of my hands."

## *Mount Of The Lord*

Now, we do not long for Zion just to be liberated from the natural way of life we now live, but for the spiritual—when many people shall say, "Come, let us go up to the mount 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." We understand that in Zion many souls will be saved, yea, they shall come from the East and the West, the North and the South. There will not be a land or an isle of the sea where the Gospel will not

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## Pennsylvania District Conference

*By Robert Nicklow*

The Pennsylvania District held its semi-annual District Conference on March 10, 1973, at Glassport, Pa. On March 11, 1973, the Sunday service was held at the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pa.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

President, John Ross (Recommended)  
First Counselor, James Grazan  
Second Counsellor, George Johnson, Sr.  
Secretary, Arthur Gehly  
Assistant Secretaries, Harry Robinson, Paul Palmieri  
Financial Secretary, Thomas Ross  
Treasurer, Anthony Ross  
Auditors, Paul Gehly, Carl McCartney  
Librarian, Richard Scaglione  
Assistant Librarian, Glenn Collins  
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### SUNDAY SERVICE

Our Sunday service was introduced with prayer by Brother Anthony Ross. Brother Fred Olexa opened the meeting welcoming all to be about the King's business. He read the scripture concerning the parable of the feast of the "Wedding of the King's Son". Our Brother brought out that those first invited were too busy to come to the feast and were rejected; however, the King called others to the great feast. Brother Fred pointed out that many don't have time for the spiritual things of God and are content with the carnal things of life. Our Brother made the call for those to accept the invitation of our Lord. Today is our day of salvation.

Brother Paul Palmieri followed, speaking of the wonderful change that has come into our souls since Jesus has come into our hearts. He spoke of how the Lord came to those who wanted Him. He concluded how the Lord wants us to give ourselves completely to Him and serve Him. Brother Alma Nolfi spoke of the blessings that come upon those that come to the feast.

Brother George Johnson spoke of the judgments of God on those that do not obey.

Brother Robert Buffington spoke concerning the opportunity of everyone to come into the Gospel Feast; he stressed that some take things of the world and lose their appetite for the things of God.

A young girl, Lori Lynn Jardanhazy, was anointed for tuberculosis.

Sisters Ruth Akerman, Mabel Bickerton and Sarah Vancik had hands laid on them for protection and guidance in their journey to the Holy Land.

Brother Russell Cadman read the 19th chapter of Revelation describing the marriage supper.

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## Our Welcome To Africa

Thursday, Feb. 15, 1973 at Detroit Branch No. 1 we turned our regular MBA meeting over for a very special night. It began with Brother Norman Campitelle opening in prayer. Then the Vice-President of our MBA Local, Brother Eugene Amormino, introduced our speaker. Our speaker was the President of the Church, Brother Gorie Ciaravino.

### *African Adventure*

For those who have never seen or heard of Brother Gorie's African adventure, I must say you are missing an experience of a life time. He took us into such places as, Lagos and Abak, that are located within the boundaries of Nigeria. The sights that he mentioned I had never thought of other than spots on a map or part of a television news program. But all of a sudden our Brother brought to life all the things that seemed so remote to me. He made all those people and places real. His slides showed us of their dress and general way of life. His tapes gave us a chance to hear their various languages, which I found to have extreme differences in quality and sound.

Brother Gorie in his discussion, told us of the work that is being done in that area. We now have over 3500 sincere and dedicated members over there. I never realized the number of people who have not heard of Jesus Christ. Yet these people who are just now being exposed to the Saviour of all mankind, are accepting Him with greater speed, than we who know Him well.

### *Child-like Love And Trust*

We who have everything and have always heard the word, find it almost impossible to accept the truth. Look upon these people who are without any comforts, and even lack the bare necessities. What will you find? They see Jesus Christ with a child-like love and a complete trust in the one who offers them eternal life.

Brother Gorie brought out that no matter where he and Brother John Ross went, each mission was filled with our members. These Brothers and Sisters would greet our visiting Brothers with a song, a speech of welcome, and a gift. Some of the articles and crafts that were given to him, Brother Gorie brought along so we could see them. Most of the people did not even have enough food to eat, yet they would still come with a gift in hand, for two Brothers they had never met. I wonder, can we who live in this blessed land give as freely?

### *Spreading The Gospel*

You really must hear from Brother Gorie, the details of his journey through Nigeria. Not only because of the wonderful experiences he had but also for another reason. We should know what is being done in the missionary field, because there are many of our people out there who are working hard to spread this great Gospel. Our prayers are needed. Remember in your prayers all the missions, God's workers, and our converts. Not only in Africa but wherever our missions may be.

This is our Church, these are our missions, and our work. Not everyone can work directly in the missions, but take them to heart. Know what is going on. The knowledge of how far our Gospel has spread and what kind of work is being done, will uplift you and revive

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## ● FLASHBACKS ●

by Charles Jumper

### 25 YEARS AGO --- APRIL 1948

Brothers Joseph Shazer and Milton Barnhart of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Mission reported four renewals and one baptism during a meeting in which the Brothers and Sisters were performing the ordinance of feet washing.

The Brothers and Sisters of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch presented a clock to Brother and Sister Charles Behanna as a farewell token. Brother and Sister Behanna moved to Erie, Pennsylvania.

Brother William H. Cadman and Brother Joseph Bittering went on missionary work to Nortonville, Kentucky. They performed three baptisms on this trip.

### 20 YEARS AGO --- APRIL 1953

General Conference was held in Monongahela, Pennsylvania. Brother Paul D'Amico opened the Sunday service. Sister Sadie Cadman was invited to bear her testimony, and she related that this was the 52nd anniversary of the first meeting she attended in The Church of Jesus Christ with Brother William H. Cadman. Brother Cadman had brought her to Church on Easter Sunday, April 1901.

### 15 YEARS AGO --- APRIL 1958

Brother Mark and Sister Mary Randy of Modesto, California visited the Saints in St. John, Kansas. Brother Joseph Calabrese began holding regular Sunday services at the Lima, Ohio Mission.

### 10 YEARS AGO --- APRIL 1963

April 15, 1973 marks the tenth anniversary of the death of Brother William H. Cadman. Brother Cadman's deeds have passed into history. His wisdom, leadership, writings and works that we valued while he was with us seem tempered by time to a new perspective of excellence.

Even to the last days of life's journey, Brother Cadman sought to spread the Gospel to the souls of men. The duties of his office knew no schedule of time. He was always ready; no hill was too high; no country too far; no need too small. He walked the paths of life most honorably.

Brother William H. Cadman---General Church President, Counsellor, Apostle, Elder, Missionary, Historian, Author, Editor of *The Gospel News*, and last, but surely not least, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Beloved by all who knew him!

## A TREATISE ON SCRIPTURE

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reach out to the lost souls of men. Through the atonement that was made on the cross by Jesus, they shall enter into that life that will lead their souls to the right hand of God, to go no more out. Yes, the knowledge of God shall cover the earth as the water covers the sea.

## PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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Brother Samuel Kirschner thanked the Saints for their prayers in his behalf.

Brother John Ross closed the meeting, stating he felt we had a good meeting.

We sang "Face to Face" and were led in prayer by Brother John Thomas.

## Is Not This The Carpenter's Son?

By Brother B. J. Martin

*"Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us?..."*  
(Matthew 13:55, 56)

How often men speak the truth unknowingly, for although they were speaking of Joseph as His Father, this was not true, but in truth, He was the Carpenter's Son, for He was the Son of the Masterbuilder, the only Carpenter able to build to perfection.

### The Masterbuilder

Consider the Ark of Noah. The Masterbuilder directed him to build the Ark to God's specifications, in every detail, and the Ark of the Masterbuilder was able to withstand all things as the fountains of the deep were opened and rain came from the heavens forty days and nights and all living things were destroyed with the exception of those who were in the Ark of Safety of the Masterbuilder.

It is written in the period 590-600 B.C. the Masterbuilder directed another of His beloved servants, Nephi, the son of Lehi who left Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of King Zedekiah, to build a ship. Nephi, having no experience in shipbuilding had great faith in God and he states as God directed him, he worked the timbers in curious workmanship, not after the manner of man. His brethren who were very rebellious with him in the building of this ship were humbled by the fine workmanship of the Masterbuilder. And this ship was able to cross the great deep and bring his people here to the land of promise.

It is written of another people years before when Jared and his Brother were directed by the Masterbuilder to build eight vessels and these were also built to perfection and brought another people to this the promised land which Our Lord said was blessed above all other lands.

Although there have been many great carpenters who have been able to build many beautiful buildings and great ships, yet none were able to build to perfection as He.

### The Great Titanic

Consider the story of the Titanic that we are all acquainted with. It was in the spring of 1912 when this great ship made her maiden voyage. It was said of this ship that it was unsinkable as it was constructed differently from all other ships.

It had a double hull with sixteen waterproof compartments. Four of these compartments could be flooded without endangering the ship. It was thought it was built to perfection and unsinkable, but shortly before midnight April 14, 1912, it struck an iceberg and five of these compartments were flooded and the great ship sank with the loss of over fifteen hundred lives. Another fact that gives much thought, the owners and people aboard the Titanic had so much faith in the ship that the life boats they carried were not half enough to give space to the passengers it carried as over two thousand people were

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### PEACE IN VIETNAM

THANK GOD! Peace, so long awaited and prayed for, has finally come to the divided and embattled country of Vietnam. God-fearing and peace-loving people everywhere have reason to be grateful that God surely heard the countless prayers offered in behalf of peace.

### GOOD AND ACCEPTABLE

We are reminded of the Apostle Paul's wonderful exhortation to Timothy, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour." (*I Timothy* 2:1,2,3)

There can be no doubt that God, in some way, moved upon *all that are in authority*, — the governments of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, the United States and other nations also involved in the conflict — to make concessions that finally and happily resulted in a cease-fire.

We are saddened that so many Americans have fallen in battle, while many thousands more were wounded. It also grieves us that many Vietnamese, both North and South, likewise have died and been wounded, including many civilians — young and old. Beside all this, we recoil at the desolation this prolonged war wreaked on that divided little country.

It is to be hoped and prayed that peace will prevail and that the lowly people may be at liberty to bind up their wounds and to provide for the ill-fed, the ill-clad, the ill-housed.

### THE AMERICAN TRADITION

President Nixon is in favor of American aid in the rebuilding of war-devastated Vietnam, both North and South. This seems to be in the American tradition, however, the final disposition of President Nixon's proposal will be determined by the Congress.

The return of American prisoners of war has certainly brought joy to their loved ones as well as to a grateful nation.

They have brought back reports of many interesting incidents during their internment in North Vietnam. Fellowship, worship services, trust and faith in God were cited as their sustaining source of strength. Some of their favorite Scriptures were recalled — the *3rd Psalm*, *Romans* 12 (the chapter on Christ-like conduct) and *I Corinthians* 13:4, "Charity (love) suffereth long, and is kind..."

One of the pilots recounted an experience following his capture after parachuting from his disabled aircraft. On his way to prison, he was surrounded by a menacing crowd.

"I was highly alarmed," he said. "But then a little, wrinkled, old North Vietnamese woman pressed something into my hand and closed my hand around it. She made the sign of the cross."

When his hands were finally untied, he found a crumbled cookie in his hand. He said that incident testified to the power of Christianity and helped him to accept the North Vietnamese people.

### COURTEOUS GESTURE

President Nixon is reported to have privately briefed President Johnson on the imminence of peace in Vietnam shortly before the former President's death. His failure to achieve peace in Vietnam must have weighed heavily on President Johnson's heart as he closed out his term of office. Surely, this burden

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### PAUL'S CONVERSION

Dear Girls and Boys,

Last month I told you the story of Stephen, after his death hatred broke out in fury against the Church and the disciples. The effect of this was, "They were all scattered abroad." Jesus had taught, "When they persecute you in one city, flee to another." So they went throughout the region of Judea and Samaria.

Saul of Tarsus went from house to house trying to stamp out the Church, dragging out the followers of Jesus and sending them to prison. One day, as Saul was on the way to Damascus with orders to arrest the saints there, a blinding light from heaven threw him to the ground. Then He heard a Voice saying, "Saul, Saul why persecutest thou me?" Saul asked, "Who art thou Lord?" The reply was, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Go to Damascus and it will be told thee what you must do." The men who were with Saul stood speechless. They had heard the voice but had seen no man. When Saul arose from the ground he opened his eyes, but he could see nothing. He was blind! His companions led him into Damascus, where he stayed, fasting for three days.

Meanwhile, the Lord had appeared in a vision to a disciple named Ananias and told him to go to the street called Straight and enquire in the house of Judas for Saul of Tarsus. He too had been given a vision of Ananias and through this man, God would pour out his power to restore Saul's sight. But Ananias was troubled. He had heard how Saul had persecuted the followers of Jesus. The Lord reassured him, explaining He had chosen Saul for a great mission. Hearing that, Ananias immediately went to the house where Saul was staying. How changed Saul was now, all the hatred was gone.

Ananias put his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord even Jesus, who appeared to you along the way, has sent me that you might receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost." Immediately, as if scales had fallen from Saul's eyes, he arose joyfully and was baptized. He received meat and was strengthened. He soon began to preach of Jesus; in the synagogues telling all, He was the promised Messiah, the Saviour of all men.

Read in the *Book of Mormon* how the conversion of Alma is similar to Saul's experience. *Mosiah 27:8,37.*

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

### BELATED ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### RANDY AND DUARTE

Brother Joseph Richard Randy and Miss Mary Vargus Duarte were united in holy matrimony on July 15, 1972 at the Modesto, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Mark Randy officiated at the services at Mancini Bowl, Modesto.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Rose Lovalvo, vocalist and Brother Joseph Parravano, pianist.

The couple will reside in Modesto, California.

### EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT—Continued

must have been lightened greatly on receiving the good news from his successor. President Nixon is to be highly commended for this courteous gesture.

The exchange and return of prisoners of war between North and South Vietnam must surely be a glad and welcome event to all their loved ones and to a war-weary and divided country. We pray that God will grant them continued peace as they begin the task of reconstruction.

May The Lord speed the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy (*Isaiah 2:4*) "...nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."

### OUR WELCOME TO AFRICA

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your spirit. In the years ahead great things will be coming about, let us all be a part of them.

We had visitors from other Branches as well as friends who were all invited to be a part of this special evening. Three such people were friends of Brother Eugene Amormino. These three young ladies were Negro students that he had met through his work. Under Brother Eugene's suggestion, they sang a song for us. The song they picked was, "I've decided to make Jesus my choice". What a way to close the meeting with the thought of Jesus being your chosen Saviour.

Brother Spencer was then asked to close the meeting in prayer. I believe that all who were there were not at all disappointed with the evening's events. I thank God that Brother Gorie came to our Branch. My mind was more fully opened to the beauty and strength of this Gospel, sent to us from on high.

Sister Diana Thompson

### IS NOT THIS THE CARPENTER'S SON?

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aboard and they had life boat space for approximately eleven hundred.

#### *Trust In The Creator*

We do not minimize the greatness of this ship, but we can see the folly in placing our trust in the creature and not the Creator as the word of God, the Masterbuilder teaches us.

So in conclusion, why should we place our trust in the arm of flesh or man when we have the Carpenter's Son with us to direct us from the plan of perfection of the Masterbuilder, His Father.

Jesus Christ, The Son of God is the Rock on which we must build, after the detailed plan of the Masterbuilder as it comes through His written word and revelations.

Feast upon the word of God as it is written in *Second Timothy 2:15*: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

## OUR WOMEN TODAY...

### GENERAL CIRCLE CONFERENCE MEETS IN ALIQUIPPA, PA.

The General Ladies' Circle Conference was held at Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, on March 3, 1973. Sisters were present from Canada, Michigan, Ohio, and from Pennsylvania.

The Scripture was read from *St. Luke part of chapter 23, and chapter 24*. The Circle Sisters of Aliquippa sang songs relating to the "Resurrection of Jesus Christ". Sister Mabel Bickerton, General Circle President, welcomed everyone in attendance. In her opening remarks she urged us to look forward and never backward, so that we will not become discouraged in life. She is looking forward to the trip she is planning to the Holy Land. Sister Mabel hopes that she will be more determined to serve God and hopes to be more blessed by making this trip, knowing if we prove to be humble and faithful we can be part of God's plan.

The general business matters were then taken care of with the roll call of officers; reading of the minutes of the last General Circle; Reports of Circles; Financial Reports; answer to the question; a new question assigned; contributions to the Memorial Fund; and Communications.

From the roll call of officers, two officers were absent. The minutes of the last General Circle meeting were accepted as read. The reports of the Circles were read by letter or by delegate informing us of their activities: Circles read from the *Bible, Book of Mormon, Church History Book*, and the study of the travels of Jesus. Layettes were sent to White River Reservation; favours were made at Christmas time for the aged. Christmas candy was sent to the members at the Muncey Reservation, plus most of the circles helped their local branch. The Circle Sisters meet either in their homes or church buildings, with as few as four or five members or as many as twenty or more. (The Lord says that where two or three are gathered in my name I will be with them.) Monies were donated to the Auditorium, African Relief, Memorial, General and Missionary Funds. The answer to the last question, "What is the gift of God to those who diligently seek him?" was found in *1st. Nephi chapter 10, verse 17*. A new question was assigned, "When will the Lord raise a mighty nation?"

Contributions to the Memorial Fund were made in memory of Sister Gertrude Smith, Sister Mary Wilson, Virgil Huey, Ruth Yates, Mildred Persico, Deborah D'Antonio, and an anonymous gift.

Communications were read from: The Mission Board; General Church Board of Trustees; Quorum of Twelve Apostles; Michigan-Ontario Board of Missions; Brother John Ross.

The General Church Mission Board requests layettes and children's clothes to the Pine Top Reservations. The General Church Board of Trustees request that the General Circle defray the expenses of buying a freezer for the Auditorium. From the Quorum of Twelve Apostles, instructions for the sisters on the mode of dress. Michigan-Ontario Board of Missions thanked the Circle for the donations that were made for the Muncey building. Brother John Ross gave a report on the African Relief.

Brother Rocco Biscotti, Apostle, spoke to the Sisters

at the close of the business meeting. He commended the Sisters for conducting the business matters of the conference in a peaceful manner. He is grateful for the work done over the past years in helping the General Church, especially financially, in the mission field. He further counseled the Sisters by saying not to conform to the ways of the world for they will surely carry us away with them, but to be close with one another so that the Lord will bless us.

The next General Conference will be held at the Auditorium on July 7. The Greensburg local will be host.

A vote of thanks was given to the Aliquippa Circle for their hospitality.

Mary Tamburrino  
Circle Editor

### MICHIGAN-ONTARIO AREA CIRCLE MEETING

The Michigan-Ontario area Ladies' Circle business and organization meeting was held at Detroit Branch No. 3 on November 18, 1972. There were representatives from all branches of the area.

"Thanksgiving," was the title of the program presented by the Circle Sisters of Branch No. 3. Sister Rose Impastato related a vision that was given her.

While Sister Mary Criscuolo was reading, she saw a man which she described as being Moses with a long white beard. He wore a long white robe and in his hands he had two tablets, like pictures we see of the Ten Commandments. Then she saw a woman dressed as we see pictures of pilgrim women dress, but she was dressed all in gold and the inscription in back of the rostrum which says, "The Church of Jesus Christ" was also all in gold. When Sister Josephine D'Amico was reading the poem, there were two pillows the color of pink on each side with a light shining on top that reached the ceiling.

Another experience was had by Sister Isabelle Bologna.

Sister Isabelle dreamed she found herself in a building, but not too many people were in it. She recognized some of the Sisters that were here this day as being in this building. Then a man came in, and his words were, "Well done, well done." She had the feeling that he was the Lord and was pleased with what we were doing.

Sister Lydia Francione reported on the recent bus trip to Muncey Reservation. It was suggested that a trip to Six Nations Reservation be planned in the near future. Sister Mary Criscuolo reported that Branch No. 5 has organized a Circle.

The newly elected area officers are:  
Chairman, Sister Mary Criscuolo  
Assistant Chairman, Sister Josephine D'Amico  
Secretary, Sister Mary Coppa  
Assistant Secretary, Sister Harriet Francione  
Financial Secretary, Sister Antoinette Ciaravino  
Treasurer, Sister Josephine D'Amico  
Auditor, Sister Elizabeth Gerace

There were many beautiful prayers offered and also testimonies to the goodness of God. It was a beautiful day, spent in the service of the King.

## George Washington's Vision

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Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene, from each of these countries arose thick black clouds that were joined into one. And throughout this mass, there gleamed a dark RED light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of the cloud.

And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country, and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld spring up.

My ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat."

### COMMENT #3

You will note that the angel placed a trumpet to his mouth and blew three distinct blasts.

We have had two wars fought on this continent, namely the Revolutionary and the Civil.

The third war will be fought on this land, with the Communists.

Does the symbol of the 'dark RED light' reveal to us, that they represent Russia, and her Satellite nations?

The Communists hate America, and are planning our destruction. Current events of world conditions are being set for the fulfillment of this part of Washington's vision.

Three continents come into view and unite in sending their armies to invade America, nations from Europe, Asia and Africa.

"In 1966, the 18th National Convention of the Communist Party, U. S. A. put into operation their final 10 year plan for taking the United States into a Soviet-oriented World Government.

According to a paper entitled, 'Operation '76 and the Universal Church' this satanic plan of action is to be consummated through the creation of a single Church of World Brotherhood, the primary goal being a Global State Religion in which both the political and church powers are one and the same.

The above is Satan's plan, in brief, for the overthrow of the entire world and its subjugation to his authority and power alone.

It is his last ditch stand in the vain hope that with this final supreme effort, Christ and God will be vanquished from the earth and his kingdom rule the world.

His timetable for world dominion is the summer of 1976.

Back in 1776 the little nation of the United States was born and immediately it found itself in serious conflict with, at that time, the world's most powerful nation.

But God had decreed that this nation was to be raised up and to be a free people upon this land."

1st. Nephi 22:7 "And it meaneth that the time cometh that after all the house of Israel have been scattered and confounded, that the Lord God will raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles, yea, even upon the face of this land; and by them shall our seed be scattered."

"But Satan, knowing the prophecies, began a most subtle movement designed to enslave the world and the minds of men.

Shortly after the Church was established Karl Marx

and Charles Darwin made their appearance upon the world scene and started two of the world's most evil systems of thought.

Neither admitted the existence of God. Both were the servants of sin and Satan. It is the fruits of their wickedness that the world is now beginning to reap.

The Communist Blueprint for World Conquest captured in Dusseldorf, May 1919 by the Allied Forces gives the communist plan of action for Revolution. These rules for Revolution were also secured by the Florida State Attorney's Office from a known member of the Communist Party.

These are as follows:

- A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Making them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.
- B. Get control of all means of publicity and thereby;
  1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.
  2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.
  3. Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy, (slander TSF)
  4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.
  5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit; produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.
  6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of Government toward such disorders.
  7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues; honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.
- C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless."

"In 1935, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica, a Communist School for training courses, lasting from six months to two years, was established in the United States. Half of the expense of maintaining them to be contributed by the Communist International, and the balance by the local party. At this time, plans were laid for mob riots, taking over radio stations, telephone exchanges, water supplies, electric power, and gas, destroying bridges, and subways, posting sharpshooters and snipers, provoking riots among negroes and aliens, taking control of the moving picture industry, destroying the churches and schools. The people are taught that when the Communist Party takes over and comes into power, a United States of Soviet America will be established."

### COMMENT #4

\*During this discourse, a few minutes ago, I called your attention to the words that were spoken to George Washington by the mysterious visitor as follows: 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn.' This had reference to the Civil War. George Washington had the vision during the winter of 1776-7. The end of the century from that time, would have brought it down to 1876-7.

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## - Branch and Mission News -

### News From California

In the *Book of Mormon, Jacob, Chapter 1*, I read, "Wherefore, we labored diligently among our people, that we might persuade them to come unto Christ, and partake of the goodness of God, that they might enter his rest. . ." How beautiful this Scripture relates to our Brothers and Sisters here in California. How wonderfully great our love abounds from one end of this state to the other.

#### *Highway of The Lord*

When we think of the San Jose Mission and the diligent and untiring labors of our Brothers and Sisters of Modesto, we know that their love for one another is connected by the Highway of The Lord. Even though Brother Joseph Lovalvo and some of his family were nearly killed and Brother Mark Randy has spent much time in the hospital with his heart condition, the trip is still made, not only by these two Brothers and their families, but also by other Brothers and their families.

We love our Lord and we like to partake of His goodness. On Sunday, November 19, 1972, Brother Ron Nichols from the San Jose Mission was ordained into the Priesthood in Modesto, California. Brother Del Carneval of Fresno, California, washed his feet and Brother Joseph Bologna of Modesto ordained him as an Elder. Brother Ron Nichols later gave a humble testimony, thanking God for his many blessings, and asking all to pray for him so that his work in San Jose would be fruitful; also that he may never lose the desire that God has instilled in his heart.

#### *Many Were Touched*

I still remember the meeting we had at Modesto last summer when Brother Anthony Picciuto of Ohio was visiting. He used as the Text of his sermon "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness." The Spirit of the morning meeting carried through to lunch and into the afternoon meeting. I feel The Lord used Brother Ron Nichols that day. After the afternoon meeting was over, Brother Ron Nichols asked to be anointed. As a result, many were touched that needed prayers even more than Brother Nichols. Many were anointed; hymns were sung; more testimonies were heard, and the spirit of love prevailed. Many prayers were lifted up unto The Lord. The song I still remember from that day was little Bruce Picciuto singing "How Many Times." The Lord uses us any time and in any way He wishes.

The Lindsay and Yucaipa Missions are attached to the San Fernando Branch. The Lindsay Mission, with Brother Alex Cavallaro, Jr., presiding, is holding meetings in the Seventh-Day Adventist Church every Sunday. The Lindsay Saints are few in number, but the blessings are there every Sunday and the Saints' testimonies help edify one another.

The Yucaipa Mission is another small mission. Elders from the four southern Branches help with this mission. Much can be said about the help of our Brothers and Sisters in Southern California to the Yucaipa Mission. Brother Ben Ciccatti of San Diego stated that he loves to come to Yucaipa because he feels God's love and he always take a blessing home.

Sister Jewel Sadler of Yucaipa had a beautiful experience and healing. She had stepped on some glass in her

kitchen and infection set in. Doctors feared that she might lose her foot. She was hospitalized and the doctors tried removing all the glass. After two weeks at home, she returned for x-rays that revealed some glass in her small toe. Because the pain was so great when she tried to walk, the doctors ordered her back into the hospital. She could not go, so she asked Brother John and Sister Betty Azzinaro of the San Fernando Valley to come to her house. Brother John anointed her. Sister Sadler later related that she heard a voice stating that God removes, expels, and dissolves all unlike Him.

The following Sunday, Sister Sadler sent word to The Church to have the Brothers and Sisters pray for her. She stated that a little past noon she felt the Spirit of The Lord touch her from head to toe. She got on her knees and thanked Him. The next day she went to the hospital for x-rays and with all the x-rays they took, they could not find any glass in her foot. She claimed that where she had cut her foot, the skin was perfect. The doctors let her bring the x-rays to Church to show the Brothers and Sisters. She showed them the x-rays with the glass visible and also the last x-rays they took, showing no glass in her foot. "How Many Times?" Brothers and Sisters, "How Many Times?"

The San Fernando Valley Branch is a good example of a hard working group. They are always planning new projects and doing things together. The young people of the Branch meet quite often, not only in Church, but also in their homes. There are always *Bible* and *Book of Mormon* group discussions in session. All the young people want to learn more and are kept very busy researching for a better understanding. They work together to help those that are in need of their help. Bell, Anaheim, and San Diego Branches are in action like the Valley Branch. Everyone is busy searching the Scriptures, including the young people. The young are also reaching out to help minority groups. . . strong in their desire to help the needy and showing the faith that they have been taught. . . illustrating that they are the servants of God and members of The Church of Jesus Christ.

#### *A Great Help and Blessings*

The Brothers and Sisters in San Diego have been a great help and blessing to the Brothers and Sisters of the Tijuana, Mexico Mission and to Brother and Sister Perdue. Brother and Sister Perdue have reported they have been averaging at least one baptism a month since starting in Tijuana thirteen years ago. They praise God for all this and give all the honor and glory to Him, as He alone can change the hearts of sinners. They concluded that they have only the strength of man, which in a way, is a good thing, because it makes us realize our nothingness before God and His greatness.

Many Brothers and Sisters from California witnessed the ordination of Brother Eugenio Garcia as an Elder and his wife as a Deaconess. Brother Eugenio is a full-blooded Tarasco Indian and his wife, an Atomí Indian. Brother Eugenio's life has been spared by The Lord many times. He has a gift for writing hymns to which he also gets the tune at the same time. He and his wife have become seasoned servants of The Lord. For some time Brother Vicente Arce of Tijuana has been overseeing the work in Sinaloa, which is about 1000 miles farther into Mexico. A little building has been built there; it is of adobe bricks and a sand floor. Brother Perdue reported this

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made him happy because The Church now has an address there, where before they were meeting under a tree.

Our Brothers and Sisters in California make many trips to Arizona where they enjoy the Saints in Pinetop, San Carlos, and Phoenix. Our love for one another is growing. Yes, we labor diligently among our people and we partake and share the goodness of God. We're marching to Zion... oh, how Beautiful!

Brother Del Carneval,  
Editor, California District

## News From Imperial

We have been asked how our Imperial Branch has been doing. Well, we feel like John when he said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness... make straight the way of The Lord." We feel, as a Branch, that we have preached repentance to our community in this new location for the past two years. Some have come to hear The Gospel; some have delayed their coming. With the help of God, we continue on, knowing there is a time of harvest. We wish to thank all Elders, Evangelists, and Apostles who have come to help us in these past two years in our new church building. We have had many wonderful meetings, seasoned with God's Holy Spirit. As a result, we have had four baptisms, eleven children blessed and one ordination.

Our latest additions into the fold were baptized on Sunday, March 4, 1973. Brother Domenic P. Corrado was baptized by Brother Robert Buffington and confirmed by Brother George Ondrasik. Sister Darla Mae, Brother Domenic's wife, was also baptized by Brother Robert Buffington and was confirmed by Brother James T. Moore.

Sister Eva A. Moore was ordained a Deaconess on September 30, 1972 by Brother George Johnson after her feet were washed by Sister Ethyl Cadman.

To those who have not yet visited our new church, we say, "COME AND VISIT US!" We are located on Moody and Moore Road in Clinton, Pennsylvania.

## News From Lockport

Brother Paul and Sister Dottie Benyola have recently been transferred to the Lockport, New York Branch. We welcome them both along with their children. Since their arrival, there has been considerable revival among our little group and it is felt that this is the will of God. May The Lord bless them in their new location of work and residence, and may their presence inspire many souls to come to the knowledge of their Redeemer.

Brother Paul D'Amico  
Presiding Elder

## Aliquippa News

The Brothers and Sisters of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch enjoyed the meeting of the General Ladies' Circle held on Saturday, March 3, 1973, and also the visit of Brother Joseph and Sister Edna Bittinger in our Sunday services.

Brother Bittinger commented on the General Circle and how this organization of The Church has helped the General Church, especially with financial aid for the

missionary field. He chose for his text *St. John, Chapter 21* in the New Testament. He spoke concerning Jesus' visit with His disciples after His Resurrection and His question to Peter, "Lovest thou me more than these?" Three times Peter answered, "Thou knowest I love thee." Brother Joseph explained that the disciples had lost insight of what their true mission was. We can apply this to our lives. They had fishing in their hearts; we can have other things in our hearts that could interfere with our telling the Gospel to others. Whenever we obey the Gospel, our mission is to give it to others.

We thank God for His blessings towards us during this memorable weekend.

## First Two Souls Baptized At Sterling Heights, Michigan Branch

*Branch Editors, Louis Visconti, David DiBattista*

The first two souls to be baptized at the new Sterling Heights Branch took place on Sunday, January 28. They were Sister Peggy Yancopulos of the Windsor, Ontario, Canada Branch and Sister Rose Di Donato who has been attending services at the Sterling Heights Branch since we first started holding meetings in this area.

These two baptisms highlighted a wonderful day of fellowship with the visiting Windsor Branch. Visiting Elders included Ken Wright, Don Collison, and Frank Vitto of Windsor, Silverio Criscuolo of Branch No. 3 and Vito Buffa of Branch No. 1.

The service began with the young people singing a few selections. The Windsor trio also sang during the course of the meeting.

All visiting Elders took part, speaking inspiringly, and citing many blessings reaped in the service of The Lord. The presence of God was felt and it was evident that His Spirit was calling souls into the fold of Christ. Joyfully, two candidates requested baptism, tongues were spoken and the interpretation given that The Lord was calling more souls into the fold.

After this marvelous service, lunch was served to all after which we went to the river where the ice had to be broken. Brother Louis Vitto baptized both candidates, then back to Church. Sister Peggy Yancopulos was confirmed by Brother Jerry Benyola and Sister Rose Di Donato by Brother Carl Frammolin.

Our prayers go out to others who have been worshipping with us and whom we have learned to love. May The Lord harvest them in also. We appreciate the visit by the Windsor Branch and others. To sum up, our cups were filled.

## A Surprise Visit

On Friday, February 23, 1973 the Aliquippa Local M.B.A. received a pleasant surprise visit from Brothers Gorie Ciaravino and Domenic Thomas, President and First Counsellor respectively of The Church of Jesus Christ.

During the day, the two brothers and the Church attorney, Leonard Mendelson had an appointment in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to appear before Judge Wessel of Allegheny County. They gave testimony in our claim



with Allegheny County regarding our land of the former auditorium site in Imperial, Pennsylvania.

Aliquippa M.B.A. President, Sela Palmieri turned the meeting over to the two visiting brethren. Brother Gorie spoke first entreating the assembly to stay on the correct road to heaven. He compared this "highway to heaven" to the roads we frequently travel today. Continuing, he stated if an individual were driving to a pre-determined destination, he would continually check the directions and signs on these roads to be certain of arriving at his destination. Likewise it is in our daily life, we must follow the directions and signs as outlined by Jesus Christ to achieve that most coveted destination—heaven. Concluding, Brother Gorie advised us all to keep a close check on the road we are traveling, it will determine whether we arrive at our destination—heaven.

Brother Thomas invited the Teen Age Class to participate in a short question and answer session with him. He asked each what the M.B.A. meant to them individually. The answers varied in their presentation, but their context was similar. They enjoyed attending M.B.A. for the companionship of their peers and for the religious instruction taught them. The majority concluded that what they are taught in church should accompany them in school, among their friends and all whom they come in contact with. If they cannot bring a friend to M.B.A., they will take the M.B.A. to the friend!

This concluded a pleasant evening with our visiting brothers. We can only tell Brothers Ciaravino and Thomas they are always welcome in Aliquippa, as are all the Saints.

## Deacon Ordained At Detroit, Michigan Branch 4

On Sunday, February 25, 1973, the Saints of Branch No. 4, Detroit, Michigan, were blessed as they witnessed the ordination of Brother Gerald Braden Hildenbrand into the office of Deacon.

He was ordained by Brother Peter Capone and the ordinance of feet washing was attended to by his father-in-law, Brother Merle Swanger.

We enjoyed the Lord's blessing during the ordination.

## Baptism At Niles, Ohio

The Spirit of God was felt in our service on February 11, 1973, as Brother Peter Molenato opened the Sunday morning service on the time from the Covenant of God to Abraham to when Joseph was sold into Egypt. The talk was very edifying to all in attendance.

During our testimony meeting, our new brother, Daniel Peter Genaro, first bore his testimony and then asked to be baptized. His parents were especially thankful as they have witnessed all their sons being baptized. Incidentally, they have been called into the Church in the same order of their age.

Brother Daniel was baptized by his uncle, Brother Joseph Genaro, and confirmed by Brother Russell Mortorano.

Everyone present felt the Spirit of God and we were all made to rejoice.

## WEEKEND IN MUNCEY

by David Majoros

The weekend of December 29, 1972 to January 2, 1973 proved to be a great blessing and a great learning experience for a group of eight young people from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Canada, as they joined Brother Joseph Milantoni and his family at the Muncey Indian Mission in Canada.

This opportunity came about through the lay missionary service sponsored by the G.M.B.A. What a great opportunity it turned out to be!

Everyone arrived on Saturday afternoon in time for a Saturday night meeting. Sunday was spent with regular services all day with Brother Tony Gerace presiding and was concluded with a New Year's watch service.

As the service was open for testimony and prayer, many felt to be anointed for afflictions or to have hands laid on them for strength. It seemed so proper that at midnight the entire congregation knelt in prayer in behalf of a young Indian boy with a serious ear infection. As the Brothers laid their hands on the youth's head, one could almost hear the voice of The Lord say, "Is this not like my anointed one, Israel, whose ears will soon be unstopped, whose eyes will soon be opened, and whose heart will soon understand?"

Needless to say, the entire day proved to be edifying for all, and it was especially so for those who renewed their covenants made at the water's edge.

It was a wonderful weekend; and as one young Brother, Jim Genaro, said, "Too bad ALL the young people in The Church couldn't experience this."

Everyone that has been involved in the lay missionary project, whether on the San Carlos Mission in Arizona or at the Muncey Mission in Canada, should encourage each lay member of The Church, young or old, to make use of this unique service. It is bound to give everyone involved a more mature outlook toward The Church and its great mission—the redemption of the House of Israel.

## NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I want to thank you for the prayers that were offered in my behalf during the recent tragic death of my daughter, Sandra Barin, and her 17 month old son, Eric, of Rochester, New York. (Sandra and her family were formerly from Warren, Ohio.) Your lovely cards, letters of encouragement, and phone calls were greatly appreciated and were very uplifting during this difficult time. Thank you for caring.

Please continue to remember me and my daughter's family, husband and three children in your prayers. May God bless you all.

Sister Rosalie Kaiser  
Greensburg Branch

## NOTE OF SYMPATHY

We would like to express our sympathy to Sister Theresa Givens of Denver, Colorado, in passing of her husband, Louis, a few months ago. Our prayer is that God will comfort her in her sorrow and bless her all the days of her life.

The Editors

## New Arrivals

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

Brett Paul to Paul and Janet Gibson of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Timothy Wayne to Edward and Karen Santone of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

Michael Joseph to Josh and Jeanette Israel of Brooklyn, New York;

Richard Allen to Richard Allen and Joan Leslie Robertson of Cumberland, Maryland;

James Andrew to Charles and Melissa Matthew of Windsor, Canada; and

Sharon to Vaughn and Karen Watford of Imperial, Pennsylvania.

## Weddings

### HEATH — WAGNER

Brother Mervyn G. Heath and Miss Marguerite Wagner were joined in holy marriage on February 17, 1973 in Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1 of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Paul Vitto officiated at the ceremony.

Musical selections were presented by Brother Eugene Amormino.

The couple will reside in East Detroit, Michigan.

## Obituaries

### ANTHONY DI GIORGIO

Brother Anthony Di Giorgio of Lockport, New York Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed away February 12, 1973. He was a very afflicted Brother. Funeral services were held on February 15, 1973 at The Church with Brother Paul D'Amico officiating. He was assisted by Brother Paul Benyola. May The Lord comfort his loved ones and all those who mourn the departure of our Brother.

### ANTHONY FIORI

Brother Anthony Fiori passed on to his eternal reward on February 3, 1973. He was born on January 10, 1886 and was baptized on August 8, 1943 in The Church of Jesus Christ at Branch No. 4, Detroit, Michigan. He was ordained as a Deacon on January 30, 1944.

He is survived by two sons, three daughters and several grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Domenic Moraco on February 6, 1973.

Brother Anthony's presence will be missed by all.

### NICOLA BISCOTTI

Brother Nicola Biscotti passed from this life on January 25, 1973 at the age of eighty-nine. He was born on November 9, 1884 and was baptized along with his wife on May 7, 1950 by his brother, Apostle Rocco Biscotti. He was a member of the Bell California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife, four sons, five daughters, three brothers, two sisters and twenty-three grandchildren and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers John Dulisse and Joseph Capone.

Brother Nick has been a faithful member of the Bell Branch since his baptism. He had a simple testimony of how great a sinner he was and how God changed his life completely.

Mrs. Palm Calorie, the mother of Sister Chris Colangelo of the McKees Rocks Branch, passed away on January 26, 1973 at the age of 79. We pray that God will comfort the family.

### CORRECTION: Refer to The GOSPEL NEWS

December 1972, Page 3, the bottom of paragraph 3, the date of Brother Thurman S. Furnier's baptism should read "August 23, 1914". (Sorry. Editor)

*Editor's Note:* The article "A treatise on Scripture" appearing in the February 1973 issue on page 8 was written by Brother Russell Cadman.

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

\* Denotes the meeting will be held in the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

April 26, 27, 28 & 29\*—General Church Conference.

May 19—G.M.B.A. in Atlantic Coast Area.

June 30—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Annual Outing at Bradys Run Park.

### April 1973 General Conference Notice

The April 1973 General Church Conference will convene on Thursday, April 26, 1973 at 2:00 P.M. in the General Church Auditorium in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

The Thursday and Friday sessions will be for the PRIESTHOOD ONLY.

The Saturday sessions and Sunday meeting will be open to everyone.

Our Sunday service will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Nicholas Pietrangelo  
Executive Secretary

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## A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

By THOMAS ROSS

*"A Mother's love is the nearest thing on earth to the love divine."*

—William Lyon Phelps

Our annual observance of Mother's Day is a time to pause and pay tribute to that vast and noble army of mothers everywhere, both living and dead.

May we submit excerpts from a memorable tribute to mothers by one of our great American presidents, Theodore Roosevelt.

### WORK WHICH IS NEVER ENDED

"Inasmuch as I am speaking to an assemblage of mothers, I shall have nothing whatever to say in praise of an easy life. Yours is the work which is never ended. No mother has an easy time, and most mothers have very hard times; and yet what true mother would barter her experience of joy and sorrow in exchange for a life of cold selfishness?

"No ordinary work done by a man is either as hard or as responsible as the work of a woman who is bringing up a family of small children; for upon her time and strength demands are made not only every hour of the day but often every hour of the night. She may have to get up night after night to take care of a sick child, and yet must continue to do all her household duties as well.

### A GOOD AND WISE MOTHER

"The most honorable and desirable task that can be set any woman is to be a good and wise mother in a home marked by self-respect and mutual forbearance, by willingness to perform duty, and by refusal to sink into self-indulgence or avoid that which entails effort and self-sacrifice.

"Into the woman's keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us. In bringing up your children you mothers must remember that while it is essential to be loving and tender it is no less essential to be wise and firm. Foolishness and affection must not be treated as interchangeable terms; and besides training your sons and daughters in the softer and milder virtues,

you must seek to give them those stern and hardy qualities which in after life they will surely need. Some children will go wrong in spite of the best training; and some will go right even when their surroundings are most unfortunate; nevertheless, an immense amount depends upon the family training.

"If you mothers through weakness bring up your sons to be selfish and to think only of themselves, you will be responsible for much sadness among the women who are to be their wives in the future. If you let your daughters grow up idle, you are preparing them to be useless to others and burdens to themselves.

### SUCCESS FROM LABOR AND ADVERSITY

"Teach boys and girls alike that they are not to look forward to lives spent in avoiding difficulties. Teach them that work, for themselves and also for others, is not a curse but a blessing; seek to make them happy, to make them enjoy life, but seek also to make them face life with the steadfast resolution to wrest success from labor and adversity, and to do their whole duty before God and to man. Surely she who can thus train her sons and daughters is thrice fortunate among women.

"The woman's task is not easy — no task worth doing is easy — but in doing it, and when she has done it, there shall come to her the highest and holiest joy known to mankind; and having done it, she shall have the reward prophesied in Scripture: for her husband and her children, yes, and all people who realize that her work lies at the foundation of all national happiness and greatness, *shall rise up and call her blessed.*"



## Travels Of Brother Mark Randy

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We had the opportunity to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in San Carlos, Arizona among our beloved Apache Brothers and Sisters whom we love very much.

I left Modesto, California on Wednesday, February 14, 1973 at 2:50 p.m. by bus and arrived in Globe, Arizona at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday; it was a distance of approximately one thousand miles. As I neared my destination, I became a little weary, thinking this to be my last trip. I have traveled much in my life by foot, car, horse and buggy, bus, train, boat and plane, but this seemed the longest. I was met by Brother Dan Picciuto in Globe, Arizona, and it was good to see him at the station. I felt refreshed to see Delores a few minutes later, as she works at a local bank as a teller. Dan showed me his undertaking as a juvenile judge in San Carlos. I believe they have a good program started, no less than the best among the Gentiles. I saw several new homes and paved streets with modern facilities equal to our small towns. I saw the recreation facilities that our people built for the young Apache children, and I saw some older adults participate in the basketball games.

### *Prayers and Assistance Needed*

But best of all, it was good to see our Brothers and Sisters. My weariness abated when I saw the Brutzes with their son Jimmy who is growing up. Grace and Tony look good. They are getting adjusted to their new experience. They do need our prayers and every assistance. Write to them and tell them you love them; it will do you good, and it will cheer them. Their address is P.O. Box 65, San Carlos, Arizona. Write also to Brother Dan and you will do good in your heart and gladden theirs. They have a fine family and their address is P.O. Box 2192, Globe, Arizona 85501.

Thursday night I saw Mary and Christopher Phillips, the young Elder and his wife. It was good to see them; they came to wash and wax the church floor and make it ready for our Friday night meeting. I also met Sister Phillips' brother and sister-in-law for the first time, Brother and Sister Floyd Jones, a fine young couple.

Friday morning we held our first meeting, a prayer service. At night we held our first evangelistic meeting. It was good to be with them again, some whom I have known for ten years, including Brother and Sister Kayson and others. Brother Claude Kayson was our first Elder there, a humble servant of God.

Saturday, a few of our Brothers and Sisters came from Sells, Tucson, and Phoenix.

### *Healings and Blessings*

Brothers Ben Ciccatti and Tom Liberto were both scheduled to take part in the evangelistic meetings. Brother Christman and family also came in on Saturday. Brother Isaac Smith and several others came from Pine Top, including Brother Steven Saffron. He is a young Elder who dedicated his life to help the Apaches at White River, Reservation. Saturday afternoon some of us went to see Brother Joe and Sister Paulette Griffith. He is a school teacher in San Carlos. Joe was the first teacher here and he was also one of the first Church Teachers

ordained in San Carlos. Paulette could not have children, and in our evangelistic meeting in November 1970, she came forward and asked us to pray for her, that God would help her and would grant that she could have a baby. That day five people asked to be prayed for. I remember one was to have surgery the following day, one had a wound that would not heal, and one had a flow of blood. Brother Phillips dreamed the night before of Jesus being in our midst and saying "Come to me, you that are afflicted and I will heal you," and so it was. Praise to God, everyone that came forward was healed. Paulette now has a beautiful baby girl. So you see, my soul was refreshed to see this child for the first time.

Ben Ciccatti was the first speaker Saturday night, followed by Tom Liberto. A wonderful evening indeed! Sunday morning, Sunday School was led by Brother Dick Christman. There was much participation and a very good lesson. After Sunday School, I stood up and saw half of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch enter. Several car loads had come from Phoenix and we even had a representation from Detroit in Brother Tom Everett who is a school teacher at Sells. I admire these dedicated school teachers, among whom is Brother John Ross, Jr., formerly of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. He and his family were there also.

### *The Story of Joseph*

I was the first speaker this morning but I would much rather that some of these young Brothers would have spoken. The subject was the story of Joseph and his glorious part played to save his generation from starvation; the slow agonizing growth and preparation which qualified him to such an enormous task; the compassion he acquired during the agony of slavery and prison to face his brothers with abiding love; and understanding that it was God who led him all the way. We too must suffer agony, frustrations and setbacks if we are to obtain greatness.

Lunch was provided for all present which resembled a miniature conference. Brother Phillips asked us to go to his home and ask God's blessings on his newly-acquired home. After lunch, all the Elders went to his house, a nice modern home. We prayed that God would bless them in their new home and that God would always be Lord of the house and their lives.

### *Tired But Happy*

Sunday night the Smiths and Saffrons came again from Pine Top. Brother Saffron was the first speaker. He was wonderfully inspired, and then we had a wonderful testimony meeting in which nearly all participated. Refreshments were served after Church and some visited until very late. We were tired but happy.

Suddenly it was Monday morning when everybody departed, and I saw that even the Brutzes deserved rest. It was a wonderful experience. We pray that some good was accomplished in behalf of our Apache Brothers and Sisters. May The Lord be gracious to them and smile upon them.

The Brutzes took me to the airport in Phoenix on Monday, where I boarded a T.W.A. plane for home. On landing at Tucson, the plane was unable to take off due to a motor malfunction. No other plane would leave from there to San Francisco in time to make connections to take me to Modesto. I called Brother Dick Christman who

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## Greetings From Old Mexico

Greetings to all from Old Mexico. Since last September we have had seven baptisms and we now have several more waiting to be baptized. The last two were baptized by our new minister, Brother Eugenio Mora Garcia. One



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was his seventeen year old son and the other a man whom he had worked with on a job many years ago. Brother Eugenio remarked that he never thought he would ever have the honor of baptizing this man and he rejoiced greatly over it.

### *A Glorious Day*

This man's wife had been baptized several years ago and is now rejoicing. On many occasions he was an obstacle to her, and now she sees quite a contrast. He tells of the wonderful peace he has found to his soul. The day was very windy and dusty when the baptisms were performed. We were considering deferring to another day. The waves usually are very high in the ocean even on a quiet day, however, my companion remembered about the time The Lord was in the ship and His disciples were afraid and how The Lord commanded the waters to be still. The thought then came to my companion, "Oh, ye of little faith" whereupon he declared that today was the day. We went early in the morning and when we arrived at the ocean the waves were calm, and the water looked beautiful. It was a glorious day.

We never had much hope of this man ever getting baptized, as he came to Church only occasionally, but several weeks before he was baptized, he said he felt something stirring within him. He felt desperately in need of his baptism, and he wondered then how people could hear our Brothers preaching so wonderfully and not be moved. We are thankful that this man truly awakened unto The Lord.

### *Many Healings and Miracles*

The Lord is working greatly among the Seed of Joseph. A man who had been bedridden for two years was completely helpless with arthritis in his knees. He was told he should have surgery, but he did not have the



Group of Children

means. Prayers were offered in his behalf and after a while, he got to where he could get around a little with a cane. About two months ago he threw the cane away and declares he is free from all pain. He is now trying to find a job to maintain his family.

When Sister Angela, the wife of our new minister, first came to our Church twelve years ago, she had a skin disease that the doctors said was incurable. She would cover most of her face because she did not want anyone to see her. Another time she needed surgery for her gall bladder and again she was healed. The third time, she had a stroke which paralyzed her partially in the face, and The Lord healed her of that also. There have been many great healings and miracles through the years for which we thank God.

Remember us in your prayers, and may God bless all of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Sister Evelyn Perdue

## Experiences . . .

I, Brother Nathan Peterkin, wish to relate some of my experiences in regards to the establishment of the Freehold Mission.

In early 1957, Brother Rocco J. Ensana asked me if I would take charge of the Freehold Mission. I was ordained an Elder in October 1956, and I felt I was too young in the Ministry to preside over the Mission. I told Brother Rocco that I would let him know in two weeks.

I began to pray unto God concerning this matter. The first week I had a dream I wish to relate. I dreamed I was given a field in the midst of fields. This field was given to me by God. In this dream a voice spoke to me and said, "set the field afire and burn it off, but do not let the fire get into the other fields." The fields were full of grass, bushes, and all kinds of things which needed to be removed. All of the fields looked alike, but I was able

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to distinguish my field. So, I started the fire at one end of the field, and I ran down to the other end to watch the fire to make certain it did not get into the other fields. The wind began to blow and the fire began to move rapidly, and I said my ORDERS were to burn my field and not let the fire get into the other fields. But, when the fire got to the end where I was, to my surprise a narrow ditch of water appeared at the end of the field; it was the length of the field; the fire disappeared and the field was clean. As I started up the other end of the field, by my side was my wife and I was holding my baby boy. Every so often I would kiss him. I looked behind me and to my right was a house and a woman was standing in the door; it seems as though she was watching me.

The following week I had another dream. I dreamed I was on a small raft sailing down a river. The water was very swift and I came near a sharp curve. I was afraid I would not make it. However, I landed on dry land. I stepped off the raft and there I was on a road. I came to a store which was owned by white people. It was given to me. I noticed that the lights were kerosene or gas and I was to have electric lights. There was an abundance of food in this store. Shortly, it seemed as if I had to go away to a dreadful looking valley.

As I was standing outside the store ready to go Brother Patsy Rogolino drove up and I asked him if he would take me through the village. He told me he was in a hurry and had to go, that he would not be able to take me. A man of the world drove up and I asked him if he would take me, but he said no, that he was in a hurry. I knew I had to go through this village with my family. So, the moment I made up my mind to go through the village, it lit up. There I stood, with my suitcase, wife, and children ready to go through the village. As I peered down to the other side of the village, there was a house on the left side of the road. In this house were two women. The Lord had revealed to me the condition of this house; so I knew not to stop there, but to keep on going.

Shortly after these dreams I was sent to Freehold by the Edison Branch. After laboring there for approximately two years, Sister Josephine Hicks, from Neptune, New Jersey, was baptized into The Church. A mission was started in her home. We converted the whole downstairs into one large room. We worshipped in her home almost four years. We experienced many wonderful meetings. We conducted two weeks of revival meetings and maintained a schedule of three meetings a week. During this time, we were still holding our Tuesday night meetings in Freehold.

During that time I provided transportation from Perrineville to Freehold and Freehold to Neptune. After being in Neptune for four years, Sister Hicks was compelled to sell her home because of the projects which were being built. We came back to Freehold. During my seven years of missionary work in that part of the vineyard I baptized thirteen people or more.

During this time, I was working at John Mansville, Mansville, New Jersey. On Sunday morning at seven o'clock I would get off from work, go by home to pick up my wife and children and at 9:30, 42 miles away, be in Neptune teaching Sunday School. Sometimes, I wonder how I made it. Most of that time I made five meetings a

week. One in Edison, one in Freehold, and three in Neptune. But I thank God I made it and I want to say that the half has not been told. The blessings have been great and still are.

I hope that in 1973, if God will permit, I'll be the means of a new mission somewhere. I'm retired from my natural work and am willing to give all of my time in preaching this glorious Gospel to the world. I pray a special blessing upon this Priesthood, we as men of God might be able and willing to give all the time we can in preaching this precious Gospel. I feel the time is at hand that we must move forward. May God Bless You!

Brother Nathan Peterkin

Editor's note—It was brought to our attention, that during Brother Peterkin's efforts in the Freehold area, he "wore out" three new cars.

## ● FLASHBACKS ●

By Charles Jumper

## 25 YEARS AGO — MAY 1948

Brother Robert Watson, Jr. spoke at the dedication of the new building at Branch No. 4 in Detroit, Michigan. The Branch members presented Brother Emil Carlini with a small gift of appreciation for taking the initiative in leading the Brothers in the erection of the building.

Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, Nick Pietrangelo and Dominic Moraco left Detroit for a short visit to St. John and Wichita, Kansas.

## 20 YEARS AGO — MAY 1953

Lockport, New York Branch hosted a gathering of visitors from Detroit, Michigan, Cleveland, Ohio and Rochester, New York. Brothers Joseph Loyalvo, Rocco Biscotti and Ishmael D'Amico took part in the ordination of Brother Paul D'Amico as an Apostle of The Church of Jesus Christ.

## 15 YEARS AGO — MAY 1958

The Aliquippa, Pennsylvania M.B.A. was host to an Area M.B.A. gathering. The young people presented a program on GRACE. The next day, Sunday, two souls were called into The Church. Brother John Ross officiated in the baptisms.

## 10 YEARS AGO — MAY 1963

Brothers James Loyalvo and Bob Ciarrochi, along with their wives, visited the Phoenix, Arizona Mission. The occasion was the first meeting of the mission in their new building. During the meeting, an Indian Sister requested baptism. This was the first of the Seed of Joseph to be baptized in the Phoenix Mission.

## 5 YEARS AGO — MAY 1968

The G.M.B.A. Conference was held in Niles, Ohio. The Ohio Area M.B.A. presented a program entitled "Without Faith It Is Impossible to Serve God." During the conference, one convert was baptized into The Church.

Evangelistic meetings were conducted in the Pennsylvania District by Brother Mark Randy of Modesto, California and Brother Joseph Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio.

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

# Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church

by Rocco V. Biscotti—Guest Editorialist

*Saint Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 16:13-19* recounts the wonderful event of a question and answer exchange between The Lord and His disciples which resulted in The Lord's declaration that "...upon this rock I will build my church..."

The account reads, "When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea-Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, 'Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?' And they said, 'Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.' He saith unto them, 'But whom say ye that I am?' And Simon Peter answered and said, 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I also say unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'"

### THE REVELATION OF GOD

How beautifully the Apostle Peter replied to The Lord, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" We are moved by the plainness of The Lord's language to him when He said, "...flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven." It was by the *revelation* of God that the Apostle knew that His Master was truly the Christ, the Son of God and the Redeemer of the world. It was on this same principle of *revelation* that The Lord founded His Church, "...and upon this rock (*revelation*) I will build my church."

The leaflet, *Retrogression of the Primitive Church*, authored by Brothers William H. Cadman and Thurman S. Furnier, treats on this same subject and scripture. On page three we read, "The fact is that the Savior built His Church on the same principle that made known to Peter who, He, Christ was; the principle of direct revelation from our Heavenly Father (*the rock that cannot be shaken.*) It is through this means that we know our sins are forgiven in obedience to our Savior's commands. It was the same principle that enabled Paul to discern the future, so as to warn his brethren of the mystery of iniquity. And by the same principle are we to know that Jesus is our Savior, or as the Scripture says, "...that no man can say that Jesus is The Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." (*First Corinthians 12:3*)

### WONDERFUL BLESSING AND COMMISSION

What a wonderful blessing and commission The Lord bestowed on the Apostle Peter when He said, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Surely The Lord was beginning to fulfill His promise as recorded in *Matthew 4:18, 19*, "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

As the disciples followed Jesus, they witnessed many miracles, yet there

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT—Continued

were doubts within them concerning Jesus—was He the real Messiah that they were waiting for?

What a wonderful experience was witnessed by the Apostles Peter, James and John while on the mount with their Master. The Lord was transfigured before them and then Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with Jesus. *Matthew 17:5* reads, "...behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.'"

## WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE

We read that many of His disciples forsook Him; *John 6:66, 67, 68*, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, 'Will ye also go away?' Then Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.'"

Shortly before His betrayal, Jesus said to the disciples, "All ye shall be offended because of me this night..." (*Matthew 26:31*.) Peter answered, "Though all men shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended." (*Verse 33*) The Lord then said, "Verily, I say unto thee, That this night before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice." (*Verse 34*) A short time later, when he was identified as being one of the disciples of Jesus, Peter denied it three times. When the cock crew, he remembered the words of Jesus, "and he went out and wept bitterly."

## "LOVEST THOU ME?"

However, the Apostle Peter later reaffirmed his love and discipleship when The Lord appeared to him and several others on the shores of Galilee. The Lord asked him three times whether he loved Him and each time Peter answered affirmatively, "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee."

Peter manifested his love and devotion even more on that glorious day of Pentecost as recounted by Luke in *Acts, Chapter 2*. This was the long expected day for the disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Verse 4* reads, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

What a change came upon them! What a memorable sermon by Peter! He was no longer Peter, the fisherman, but Peter, the Apostle of Jesus Christ. While he was preaching the hearts of many were pricked and they said unto Peter and the rest of the Apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" Then Peter said unto them,

'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'"  
(*Verses 37, 38*.) "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them three thousand souls."  
(*Verse 41*) This fulfilled the words of Jesus, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."  
(*Matthew 4:19*)

## "COME UNTO ME"

Thus, it was the revelation of God that enabled Peter to preach that wonderful sermon.

It was by the same principle of revelation that he could reply to The Lord, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

Finally, it was on this same principle of direct revelation (*the rock that cannot be shaken*) that The Lord founded His Church, "...and upon this rock (*revelation*) I will build my church."

In closing, I wish to quote *Matthew 11:28, 29, 30*, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

I thank God along with my wife that over fifty years ago we found that rest in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Dear Brother Editor,

I have had several Brothers and Sisters in our Church ask me for a copy of this article, "The Golden Bible," which appears in the GOSPEL REFLECTOR printed by Brother Alexander Cherry in his first issue, August, 1905. In this way, maybe all can share in the article.

I inherited the first five issues that Brother Cherry printed from August through December 1905. Many of the old Brothers have written articles for the old GOSPEL REFLECTOR. I fell heir to these papers from my father's mother, Mary H. Love, the wife of Robert G. Love who at one time was Second Counsellor of The Church. Old Brother William Cadman, Sr. was my mother's father.

Elder William Love  
Mercer, Pennsylvania

## The Golden Bible

AUTHOR. A. A. Tanner.

Have you read the Golden Bible—  
Book of Mormon—book divine?  
Tis a marvelous work, a wonder;  
Nothing equal in its line.  
Tells you how an ancient people,  
In response to God's command,  
Journeyed over lands and oceans,  
Till they reached the promised land.

Jared first, and some few others,  
 Started out in days of old,  
 To possess the land of promise,  
 God was with them, we are told;  
 And the time of their departure,  
 From their mother land was when  
 To obstruct the tower of Babel,  
 God confused the speech of men.

Having reached the land of promise,  
 Whither God had led the way,  
 For a time they greatly flourished,  
 Serving God from day to day;  
 But at last they grew rebellious,  
 God forgetting—loving sin;  
 Then the wrath of God overtook them,  
 And they fell midst battle's din.

Now the Lord of Hosts—Jehovah,  
 Sends to earth a new command;  
 Leads a righteous few from Judah,  
 Plants them in the promise land,  
 Lehi, Nephi—holy prophet—  
 Teach them heaven's will and mind;  
 Some are faithful, pure and righteous,  
 Some to wickedness inclined.

These divide and two great nations,  
 Fill the land from shore to shore,  
 Cruel wars and bloodshed follows,  
 Till the righteous are no more,  
 Then Moroni—holy prophet—  
 Hides the golden book away,  
 To come forth in later ages,  
 From the vault wherein it lay.

Fourteen hundred years slumbered,  
 God preserved it from rust,  
 Now the word of that sealed record,  
 Whispers to us from the dust.

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## TRAVELS OF BROTHER MARK RANDY

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lives in Tucson. He came to get me in a few minutes. That night I had a chance to visit Brother and Sister Tom Kocuba and Sister Martha Christman, Dick's mother who by coincidence had come to Tucson from Sells where she and Brother Jacob have made their home.

Tuesday morning Brother Jacob Christman came to Tucson, and we had a few moments together at the Kocuba's house. Thus, my inconvenience proved a blessing. Strange but true, when I went to get another T.W.A. flight, it had motor trouble also, but I decided to go on. I finished my journey home by bus from San Francisco.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### THE STORY OF STEPHEN

Dear Girls and Boys,

Last month I told you about Saul of Tarsus and how he persecuted the followers of Jesus. Saul felt he was doing God's will but the Lord is going to turn this young man around and let him work for Him.

The Church grew rapidly. The total membership was between twenty and twenty-five thousand. The Apostles went right on, day after day, telling the story of Jesus, his death and resurrection. They were persecuted and told not to tell of Jesus. But how could this be stopped, it was from God.

As the Church grew the work of the Apostles was greater. Some complained that the widows were overlooked. The twelve Apostles called the group together to discuss the matter. They felt they should not neglect preaching the Word of God to 'serve tables'. As a result seven men of good reputation, filled with the Holy Spirit were chosen to take care of this work then the Apostles would have more time for prayer and the ministry.

Among the seven deacons chosen was a very gifted man named Stephen. He loved Jesus and wanted others to know him too. He was given power to work miracles in the name of Jesus. Those who did not believe in Jesus debated with Stephen. Some were bribed to tell lies about Stephen. He was seized and brought before the Sanhedrin court. Stephen was accused of many false things and of saying Jesus of Nazareth would destroy their temple. As Stephen stood before the court, his face looked like the face of an angel.

Stephen delivered a wonderful address, tracing the history of Israel and reviewing the lives of the great men such as Abraham, David, Solomon and Moses. He showed how the listeners were responsible for the deaths of the prophets and the murder of Jesus. This angered the listeners and they cried, "Away with him! Kill him!"

Stephen was filled with the Holy Spirit. He saw heaven opened and the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Stephen told the audience what he had seen. The mob cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears. They dragged him out of the city and stoned him.

There was no other man as zealous and busy as Saul of Tarsus. He had done all he could to ruin the Church. He had been raised a scholar but yet he made havoc of the Church and entered into every home taking the saints to prison. He rejoiced in Stephen's death and his clothes were laid at Saul's feet. As the stones beat upon Stephen, he cried, "Lord Jesus receive my spirit. Hold not this sin against them." He fell asleep. Death is a sleep to good people.

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## THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

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The persecution of the Church began with Stephen's martyrdom. One would think that Stephen's prayer and his faith would have touched the stony hearts of the witnesses but it did not. Christ had foretold of the death of the prophets and had taught many things that now were coming to pass.

Our next story will be about Saul's conversion and what a great one it was.

Do we have deacons in our Church? What are their duties? Compare with Paul's writings I Timothy 3:8, 13. Philip was another deacon. You can read about him in Acts 8:5, 40.

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## Pa. Area MBA Seminar Day

Approximately 110 people attended a Pennsylvania Area MBA Seminar Day on Saturday, April 7 at Imperial, Pa. In addition to those in attendance from all of the Pennsylvania Locals, there were visitors from Detroit and Cleveland. We were especially privileged to have four apostles with us — Bros. Joe Bittinger, Rocco Biscotti, Sam Kirschner and Russell Cadman. Their knowledge contributed greatly to the day's discussions. Groups broke down into kindergarden (taught by Sis. Ruth Carr), young children (Sis. Susan King), junior high (Bro. Art Gehly), high school (Bros. John Ross and Chuck Jumper), young adults (Bro. Joe Ross) and adults (Bros. Russell Cadman and Rocco Biscotti). Topics centered around such items as the Church's role in changing the world, baptism — why, when and motivation, and how to get back to the blessings of old.

The young adult class discussed many items worth much thought — how do we prevent ourselves from following things of this world? — how do we increase our love for one another? Many thoughts were expressed but "meeting with each other — often" seemed to be one answer that would serve to help stir up ourselves in the Spirit to broaden our outlook and create enthusiasm in getting involved in our Church — ultimately working toward our Salvation. Getting involved accentuates the need for prayer — this is the key to everything.

All too quickly the afternoon was gone and the classes adjourned for a pot-luck supper, allowing everyone to mingle and visit with one another. Quite a few additional people attended the evening meeting — a "panel" consisting of the apostles present and Bros. Chuck Jumper and John Manes answered questions presented by members of the audience. The theme centered around "Zion" and it was especially noted by Bro. Bittinger that this will be the establishment of the greatest work the world has ever known. Discussions branched into many areas such as keeping the Sabbath Day holy, getting ourselves in a frame of mind to have God answer miracles, and, very importantly, if there is anything YOU can do to increase faith and righteousness in our Church today — do it!

Everyone enjoyed and profited by the events of the day. The Pennsylvania Area officers thank all those who attended to make the day a total success.

Sister Ruth Laird  
Pa. Area MBA Editor

## M. B. A. Highlights

## GMBA Conference Approaches

by James D. Gibson, GMBA Editor

Once again the GMBA Semi-Annual Conference approaches. Every May and November of the current year our organization meets for a business and organization meeting (although officers are elected once a year in the November conference.) It is necessary that our group gather to transact the business of the organization. All and any groups such as we have must be well organized and project the ideas and desires of all concerned.

Fortunately (or rather through God's divine guidance) we have had dedicated men and women who have sufficient ability and desire to keep the MBA moving.

We mentioned in another *MBA Highlights* article some months back of those older Brothers and Sisters who were consistent. Consistent in their desires to support and aid the organization.

Brother W. H. Cadman used the phrase "Consistency, Consistency, thou art a jewel." And so it is with those who support our cause. Yes, it is true the MBA was formed with the thought of those who are younger in mind, but we have seen that many times those who are older have taken hold and supported where support was needed.

Start now, those of you who may not have as yet, to support, lend aid, counsel, and advise your local or area organization. To those who are yet young and may be tender in years, hold tight to your MBA group. As you well know the MBA is subject to the General Church and has proved itself a very important support to the parent Church.

Brother Clarence Robinson (now deceased) of the West Elizabeth Branch of The Church used a statement such as this "The Sunday School is the hot bed of The Church". In other words the young tender plants (the youth) would some day grow and mature and bring forth fruit in The Church. We might also include the MBA which also orients the youth in that direction. As you may have gathered we have tried to primarily direct our individual thoughts again to the younger element of The Church and GMBA. The May GMBA Conference will be held on the Atlantic Coast, May 19, 1973. We would urge all of you to attend that you may have a voice and vote in the day's proceedings.

It has been some time since our group has met in any locality other than the General Church Auditorium. True, we have a place of sufficient size and ready availability at the Auditorium, but a change of location was decided on to allow an opportunity for the younger set to visit and mingle in another area.

Once again we solicit your attendance and support of this GMBA Conference. Continue also to help your Local and Area MBA on each particular level.

We would bring to mind also the forthcoming GMBA Campout. It will be held at Dunkirk, New York (approximately 30 miles from Erie, Pa.) July 21 to July 28, 1973. Under consideration for the 1974 campout are locations at Muncey, Ontario, Canada and Pinetop, Arizona.

## George Washington's Vision

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*Submitted by T. S. Furnier*

The Civil War of 1861-65 would thus apply, for it was fought toward the latter part of that century. (1876-7.)

If the first end of the century ended in 1876-7, it would sound reasonable that the second end of the century would end in 1976.

### THE VISION CONTINUED

"I again heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long and fearful blast.

Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced the dark cloud that enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word 'Union' and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, whom I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle.

Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn.' As the voice ceased the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious. Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I saw them before while the bright angel planted the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice, 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the 'Union' last.' And taking from his brow the crown on which was blazoned the word 'Union', he placed it upon the standard while the people kneeling down said, Amen.'

The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising curling vapor I at first beheld, this also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who in the same voice I heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted.

Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and Union. With these words the vision vanished and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown me the birth, progress and destiny of the United States."

### END OF VISION.

"Such my friends were the words which I heard from Washington's own lips and America will do well to profit by them."

### END OF THE ARTICLE.

### COMMENT #5

You will again note that the angel again placed the trumpet to his mouth, and blew a long fearful blast. Which reveals to us that help against the third peril comes in the shape of Divine assistance.

Yes, you will need a place of refuge and security in the momentous days that are ahead for America.

The more righteous part of the people will be spared, out of which God will set up His Zion.

3rd. Nephi 27:20 "Now this is the commandment: Repent all ye ends of the earth, and come unto me and be baptized in my name, that ye may be sanctified by the reception of the Holy Ghost, that ye may stand spotless before me at the last day." These are the words of Jesus Christ, which he spoke to his disciples when they were praying unto the Father in his name. Moroni 10:32-34 "Yea, come unto Christ, and be perfected in him, and deny yourselves of all ungodliness; and if ye shall deny yourselves of all ungodliness, and love God with all your might, mind and strength, then is his grace sufficient for you, that by his grace ye may be perfect in Christ; and if by the grace of God ye are perfect in Christ, ye can in no wise deny the power of God.

And again, if ye by the grace of God are perfect in Christ, and deny not his power, then are ye sanctified in Christ by the grace of God, through the shedding of the blood of Christ, which is in the covenant of the Father unto the remission of your sins, that ye become holy, without spot. And now I bid unto all, farewell. I soon go to rest in the paradise of God, until my spirit and body shall again reunite, and I am brought forth triumphant through the air, to meet you before the pleasing bar of the great Jehovah, the Eternal Judge of both quick and dead. Amen."

These are the words of Moroni, the son of Mormon.

### TO THE GENTILES:

Ether 2:11, 12 "And this cometh unto you, O ye Gentiles, that ye may know the decrees of God—that ye may repent, and not continue in your iniquities until the fulness come, that ye may not bring down the fulness of the wrath of God upon you as the inhabitants of the land have hitherto done. Behold, this is a choice land, and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall be free from bondage, and from captivity, and from all other nations under heaven, if they will but serve the God of the land, who is Jesus Christ, who hath been manifested by the things which we have written."

### THE LAST DAYS OF THE GENTILES:

2nd. Nephi 27:2 "But behold, in the last days, or in the days of the Gentiles—yea, behold all the nations of the Gentiles and also the Jews, both those who shall come upon this land and those who shall be upon other lands, yea, even upon all the lands of the earth, behold, they will be drunken with iniquity and all manner of abominations— And when that day shall come they shall be visited of the Lord of Hosts, with thunder and with earthquake, and with a great noise, and with storm, and with tempest, and with the flame of devouring fire."

2nd. Nephi 27: 4,5 "For behold, all ye that doeth iniquity, stay yourselves and wonder, for ye shall cry out, and cry; yea, ye shall be drunken but not with wine, ye shall stagger, but not with strong drink. For behold, the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep. For behold, ye have closed your eyes, and ye have rejected the prophets; and your rulers, and the seers hath he covered because of your iniquity."

Daniel 7:27 "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

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## - Branch and Mission News -

### New Brunswick Branch

The New Brunswick Branch has been very blessed recently. It seems that our meetings have been so blessed that sometimes you could burst with happiness.

We had a Sister reinstated into The Church; her name is Sister June Difede. It is a real pleasure to sit and listen to her stand up and glorify the name of the Lord. We have even had our younger children stand and give testimony.

James Renda, 12 years old, bore his testimony and related to the congregation an experience that was made known to him by his grandfather through a dream. In this dream, his grandfather showed Jim a pool of water that was full of fish, with beautiful flowers, plants and trees all around it. It was a picture of paradise. Then Jim said that his grandfather showed him another pool, but this one had nothing, no fish, dead trees; Jim said it was barren and ugly. Brother Sam Sgro then got up and explained that this was a sign for all young people to keep in mind that if they grow up in the true light, they will live in paradise with God where everything is thriving, not in a place that is barren and dead. We can surely say that the Lord has been with us, and we pray that he will continue to bless each and every one of us.

Sister Rose Sgro  
New Brunswick Branch Editor

### Aliquippa Branch

#### Experiences Many Blessings

The Saints of the Aliquippa Branch have truly felt the blessings of God, as they have recently witnessed four ordinations and a reinstatement into The Gospel.

During the feet-washing service on Sunday, April 1, 1973, three Brothers were ordained as Teachers and one as a Deacon. Before the ordinations took place, Brother Paul Palmieri, Presiding Elder, read *I Corinthians, Chapter 13*, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Brother Paul stressed that "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; . . ." concluding with the reminder that charity is also the pure love of Christ. Brother John Ross then read the duties of Teachers and Deacons as stated in the Minister's Manual.

#### ORDAINED TEACHERS:

Brother James Gibson's feet were washed by Brother Anthony Ross, and he was ordained by Brother Paul Palmieri.

Brother Charles Jumper's feet were washed by Brother Anthony Palmieri, and he was ordained by Brother Anthony Ross.

Brother Joseph Ross's feet were washed by Brother Paul Palmieri, and he was ordained by Brother John Ross.

#### ORDAINED DEACON:

Brother Pete Giannetti was ordained by Brother Anthony Palmieri after his feet were washed by Brother John Ross.

After the ordinations were completed, all the Brothers and Sisters holding ordained offices formed a circle, and Brother Dan Tamburrino offered a prayer that they would always have the desire to be of service to The

Church. It was an afternoon well spent in the service of The Lord, and we pray that God will bless these Brothers in their new offices.

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The Aliquippa Saints also were blessed in their testimony service on Sunday, April 8, 1973, as Sister Olga Mavrich asked to be reinstated into The Church. Sister Mavrich related an experience in which she was shown that she was making the right decision by returning to The Church. She was then reinstated by the laying-on-of hands by Brother John Ross.

Many wonderful testimonies were then given, and dreams were related concerning the ordinations and the reinstatement. An experience was also related concerning the healing that had been experienced by the daughter of one of our Sisters.

May God continue to bless our Branch as well as the entire Church is our constant prayer.

### Niles Enjoys Blessings From Visitors

For the past two Sundays, February 18 and 25, we at Niles have received a blessing from our visitors. On February 18 we had visitors from New York, New Jersey, Kinsman and Youngstown.

Then, on Sunday, February 25, we enjoyed fellowship with two young Brothers from California along with other visitors from Perry, Youngstown, Glassport, and Erie, Detroit, and Windsor. I know everyone present felt the Spirit of God and received a blessing from the love that was shown one toward another.

Sister Wanda Pandone

### Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 3 Adds Another Member To The Fold

Sunday, March 4 was a day of blessing and upliftment for the congregation of Detroit Branch No. 3. Brother Norbert Roths was received into the membership of The Church of Jesus Christ. He was baptized by Brother Peter H. Capone and confirmed by Brother Jack Pontillo.

It took one hour to cut through the thick ice in order for Brother Capone to fully immerse Brother Norbert in the cold river waters. A large group of young people was present from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Michigan. While the Brothers were cutting the ice, the group began to sing. It was quite cold at the riverside, but the singing was beautiful and a perfect setting for the baptism. Everyone there felt God's blessing and warming Spirit.

### Monongahela Branch News

On Sunday, March 25, Brother Malcom Bright was ordained to the office of Deacon in our Branch. At the conclusion of our regular feet washing service, Brother James Grazan washed Brother Malcom's feet. The duties of Branch Deacon were read by Brother Don Curry, who also discussed the quality of humility that should accompany any office in The Church. The ordination was completed as Brother John Griffith anointed our new Deacon and prayed that the confirmation of this office would come from God. Our prayer is that Brother Mac will be led by God's Spirit to fulfill the office of Deacon and that he will receive many blessings through his service to The Church and to The Lord.

## Husband And Wife Baptized At Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch

The Imperial Saints welcomed two new members to the fold on Tuesday, March 13, 1973.

Brother Joseph E. Muzy was baptized by Brother Robert Buffington and confirmed by Brother George Ondrasik. Sister Wilma Imogene Muzy was also baptized by Brother Robert Buffington and then confirmed by Brother James T. Moore.

This husband and wife had been attending services for several months and felt moved to obey the Gospel during the week on Tuesday. There was a large gathering present to witness these baptisms.

Following confirmation of the new members, the Saints devoted an hour to singing and testimony, rejoicing that two more souls were added to The Church.

## Newest Branch Has First Ordination

Sterling Heights, Michigan—Members and friends of this new Branch witnessed their first ordination on Sunday, March 4, 1973 as Brother Louis Visconti was ordained to the office of Deacon. A good spirit was felt all day. Our meeting was introduced by Brother Norman Campitelle, who exhorted to us from the Book of *John, Chapter 11* on the story of Lazarus, depicting how Jesus told Lazarus to come forth from the dead. Also, he spoke concerning other great men in the Scriptures, such as Noah, the brother of Jared, and Lehi, whom, in a sense, The Lord told to "come forth."

Brother Campitelle reflected that as The Lord told these men to come forth, He is telling Brother Visconti to come forth and labor as a Deacon. Brothers Reno Bologna and Dominic Thomas also spoke to us. Brother Visconti was ordained by Brother Reno Bologna and had his feet washed by Brother Sam DiFalco. It was a very touching event. As our Presiding Elder, Carl Frammolin, put it, "This is one of the many historic events happening at our New Branch."

Brother Dave DiBattista

## Two Teachers Ordained At San Diego, California Branch

The San Diego Saints enjoyed a wonderful day in the service of The Lord on Sunday, January 14, 1973. A special blessing was enjoyed in the ordination of the following Brothers to the office of Teacher:

**BROTHER AL DE CARO:** His feet were washed by Brother James Tucker, after which Brother Robert Watson, Jr. ordained Brother De Caro to the office of Teacher. This is the second ordination for Brother De Caro, as he was ordained a Deacon on January 31, 1971.

**BROTHER PAUL NICHOLAS LIBERTO:** His feet were washed by Brother Kenneth Surdock, after which Brother Domenic Castelli ordained Brother Liberto to the office of Teacher. This is also the second ordination for Brother Liberto. He was ordained a Deacon on January 31, 1971.

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Two dreams were related in each of which it was made known that Brother De Caro and Liberto were

called to their new offices. May The Lord inspire and direct them in their efforts to fulfill their new duties of serving The Lord and serving The Church.

The Spirit and Love of God were present during the ordinations and throughout the whole day.

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

My wife, Eva, is in critical condition in the Union-town Hospital and needs the prayers of the Saints. Please remember my wife for I know that the Lord answers prayer and loves us all. Thank you and God bless you.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Elmer LaRew

## BELATED ITEMS OF INTEREST

### ANNIVERSARY 53

A new found joy has just been brought to the attention of Detroit, Michigan's, Branch No. 1. Mr. Frank and Sister Fannie Pontillo have celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. They were married in Italy on Feb. 13, 1920.

The couple have two children, Brother Jack Pontillo and Sister Rose Benyola, and also 6 grandchildren.

Sister Fannie Pontillo was baptized into our church on Sept. 13, 1931. She has given many faithful and loving years of service to our Lord. Although Mr. Frank Pontillo is not a member, you can depend that on Sunday morning, he will be sitting in one of the front rows of our church building.

We pray that God will bless and grant them many more happy years together.

Sister Diana Thompson

### JOSEPH CIPPONERI

Brother Joseph Cipponeri passed on to his eternal reward on June 16, 1972. He was baptized on July 31, 1932. He was a member of the Modesto, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, four sons, two daughters, twenty grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Joseph Bologna and Joseph Lovalvo.

He was one of the foremost helpers in building our building.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I am wondering if we could have a small section of *The Gospel News* to find out about the friends we made when we were younger in the Church. My interest would be the large group of young people who were baptized in 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1960. I'm sure many of us have moved away and not been in touch with these people in ages. It would be so nice to know some of the girls' last names, now that they are married and where some may be now. There are several I would like to know more about. If this can be done, I would gladly get it started by writing briefly about myself and family.

Thank you,

Sis. Bonnie Miller

49 Roger Ct. N.

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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:

Peter Andrew to George and Laverne Siddall of Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan;

Celeste to Ross and Violanda Quinlan of Branch No. 3, Detroit, Michigan;

Melissa Dawn to William and Doris Ross of Aliquippa Pennsylvania;

Debrah Lynn to James and Jennifer Howard of Freehold, New Jersey;

David Michael to Tim and Nicki Curry of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

Christopher Michael to Kenneth and Diane Surdock of San Diego, California; and

Joseph to Joseph and Hazel Cinderich of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

## Weddings

### WOJKOWSKI — ALBERT

Mr. Paul Thaddeus Wojkowski and Sister Sheila Lynn Albert were united in holy matrimony on February 19, 1973 at the Church of Jesus Christ, Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan.

Brother Joseph Milantoni officiated at the wedding ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Brother Eugene Amormino. The bride's sister, Sister Judy Albert, was the vocal soloist.

### GAMBILL — ARMES

Mr. Michael Raymond Gambill and Miss Darlene Mary Armes were united in holy marriage on March 9, 1973 in the home of the bride.

Brother Louis Vitto officiated at the ceremony.

The newly-wedded couple will reside in Detroit, Michigan.

## Obituaries

### MARGARET MUSATI

Sister Margaret Musati of Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed away on March 16, 1973. She was born on April 1, 1895 and was baptized on July 27, 1924.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio.

She is survived by one son, two daughters, one sister, two brothers, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sister Margaret was very strong in her faith, attended Church regularly, and will be missed by all the Saints of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch.

### MARY KONESKY

Sister Mary Konesky passed on to her eternal reward on January 13, 1973. She was a member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born on June 7, 1909 and was baptized on January 9, 1927.

The funeral services were officiated by Brother A. A. Corrado of Youngstown, Ohio.

She is survived by her husband, one son, one daughter, one brother, four sisters, and two grandchildren.

Sister Mary was a very faithful member of the Youngstown, Ohio Branch.

### ANNA KING THOMPSON

Sister Anna King Thompson of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to her eternal reward on April 1, 1973. She was born on June 14, 1892 and was baptized on May 5, 1912.

She is survived by six sons, six daughters, one brother, four sisters, forty-two grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren. She was the wife of the former Elder Anthony Thompson of Vanderbilt, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Joseph Shazer and George E. Fuller.

Sister Thompson was ordained a Deaconess in July, 1936. She was loved by all in the Church. She was a great worker in our Branch.

### MARY B. CANTAMESSA

Sister Mary B. Cantamessa passed on to her eternal home on January 21, 1973. She was a member of the Edison, New Jersey Branch of The Church and was baptized on November 29, 1928. Our Sister had just reached her 87th birthday, as she was born on January 19, 1886.

She is survived by five children, fourteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were officiated by Brothers August D'Orazio and Rocco Ensana.

Our Sister was a true Deaconess and strove to be faithful to her office with all zeal. She was very faithful and will be missed by all.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Brother Dick and Sister Pat Christman and family are now living at:

2552 W. Capistrano  
Tuscon, Arizona 85706  
Phone: 602-883-1494

*"We want to invite all the Brothers and Sisters and friends to visit us when traveling in the West."*

The Christmans

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

May 19—G.M.B.A. in Atlantic Coast Area.

June 30—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Annual Outing at Bradys Run Park.



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## GRADUATION



Graduation is the time when many years of diligent, concentrated, successful work is formally recognized. It is also a time to recognize and acknowledge the help received along the road to graduation — help in many forms from teachers, parents, relatives, friends and the giver of all good things, our God.

Graduation is also a time when important decisions are made or reconfirmed. The choice of vocation, very important to the graduate as well as his family, is frequently made during this period. It is appropriate that our most important decision is made or reaffirmed at this time. That decision, to serve God, to help our fellow man, is our choice. Up to now the movement of "things" has been predominantly toward us. We have been the receivers. Now it is time for us to give—to bear the load and bring forth the fruits of our learning and skills. We can like Martha's sister, Mary (*Luke 10:38-42*), choose "that good part" to learn and do the work of God.

While in school many of us were told just what to do and how to act. Now is the time to make our own decisions—to experience many new and greater responsibilities. We are now fully responsible to society as well as to our God for our words and deeds.

For those completing more technical or advanced training this is a time when we can finally apply our specialized talents. We too are responsible to society and

to our Lord. We may find ourselves in a new position of leadership, a position where our decisions affect considerably the lives of those working with us. As we have freely chosen our vocation, so we freely choose "...that good part", to love and serve God.

We must not feel, however, that because we have graduated we are wise in all matters. Wisdom emanates from wisdom of others and there is no time limit—not the age of reason, not the magic age of 21, not graduation. We cannot feel we can "go it alone" but we would be wise to heed the guidance and direction lovingly offered by others and the counsel we feel comes from God. We must put our trust and faith in the Lord and His Church so we can be at peace within ourselves and go on to make "that good part" the whole of our lives.

Congratulations graduates!

Submitted by Dean & Lynn Longrie

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Brother Dean Longrie and family have recently moved to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania and are attending the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch.

He was baptized in the San Diego, California Branch while in the service in 1963.

Dean received his Ph.D. degree in Wildlife Conservation from the University of Michigan.

We welcome Dean, Lynn and their two children, Brian and Becky, to our area and pray that God will continue to bless them in all their endeavors.

—Editor

## TODAY!

*With every rising of the sun,  
Think of your life as just begun.  
The past has cancelled and buried deep  
All yesterdays. There let them sleep.  
Concern yourself with just today.  
Grasp it, and teach it to obey  
Your will and plan. Since time began  
Today has been the friend of man.  
Today and you! Your soul sublime  
And this great heritage of time,  
With God himself to bind the two.  
Go forth, brave heart: today's for you!*

—Author Unknown

## Building Up The Midwest For The Lord

The Lord is moving His hand. We have had one baptism in the Midwest during the past six months and many other blessings and revelations have been received from God. In this article our purpose is to relate a few of the experiences we have had during our last three trips.

### *Growing In Grace And Knowledge*

First of all, our Sisters in Omaha and the regions round about are continuously growing in grace and the knowledge of The Lord Jesus Christ.

Our most recent Sister baptized in the faith was Sister Lorene Williams, the wife of a Baptist Church deacon. She was baptized on December 29, 1972 in the Missouri River by Elder Harry Robinson and confirmed by Apostle Frank Calabrese for the reception of the Holy Spirit. She had stopped attending church for about three years because of the various conditions of the church. However, she continued to pray and exercised faith in The Lord Jesus. Finally, she came in contact with our Sister La-Vern Harris who was out seeking and looking for such a person who was sincere and wanted to serve God in the true way. Sister Williams was thirsty but she was in a place where there was no water. When she came in contact with the Elders, she appeared to be a meek, humble person.

The first question she asked was, "Why am I just hearing about this Church?" She said she read the *Apostasy and Restoration* pamphlet several times along with some other literature and was very much impressed with the doctrine of The Church of Jesus Christ. She had only heard the Gospel preached twice, and as a result, she was persuaded to be baptized. Sister Williams had an experience that she was scrubbing down her steps when Sister Harris appeared and said, "Sister Lorene, so you are going to be baptized." Sister Lorene answered, "Oh, yes, all three of us." After scrubbing down the steps, she rinsed them with clear water.

Brother Frank and I had just left the city of Omaha on November 28, 1972, but about one week later we received a telephone call that she wanted to be baptized. As a result we had to plan another trip immediately after Christmas. The Sisters within the mission there played a very important part by singing hymns, praying, and relating their experiences about the Gospel and The Church until we arrived.

### *A Wonderful Experience*

Immediately following her baptism, she was rewarded with a wonderful experience the following Monday morning. She heard a voice speak to her these words, "Everlasting—Immortality—Jesus is mine." We thought that was a wonderful confirmation; The Lord Jesus letting her know that she was truly adopted into the fold and family of God. Her name was echoed in the heavens as we declared the Divine Authority after the Holy Order of the Son of God, while standing in the Missouri River.

Sister Lorene Williams' husband attended our house meeting and he said he was very much impressed with what he heard. He was present at the waters edge and held my coat while we performed the ordinance of baptism. He seems to be a God-fearing man who believes in

God and Jesus Christ. He has a good reputation in the Baptist Church. He made this statement that many of the words spoken are true and make sense. Immediately he began to think of others who would probably like to hear the same things that he heard. He said he would like to hear the Restored Gospel preached one more time and then he will consider making his decision.

The next day after the baptism we put our new Sister to work. We left at 7:30 A.M. for York, Nebraska Prison where we met with nineteen persons plus seven Saints or twenty-six present. Inmates form various sections of the country such as Portland, Oregon; British Columbia; Butte, Montana; Denver, Colorado; Rapid City, South Dakota; Amarillo, Texas; South Bend, Indiana; San Antonio, Texas; and one from the state of Indiana.

### *Gospel Of Love, Gospel Of Peace*

Brother Frank Calabrese spoke about the mission of the servants of God—to go into the prisons and the world to preach the Gospel of love and the Gospel of peace. Brother Robinson followed with the theme: "Though afflictions seem severe, they stopped the Prodigal in his career." We were told afterwards that the Word preached was clear and distinct and in the demonstration of the Spirit and the Power of God. The Lord Jesus really showered His blessings upon us.

We left the prison and before returning we had a desire to visit the Douglas County Hospital and make a follow-up visit with Mrs. Valerie Mockins, a young lady who had been shot and paralyzed from her head to her toe. She was lying motionless on a wooden board. When we returned that afternoon, she was able to raise her left arm, turn her head, and move her toes. She is not baptized in The Church yet, but she gave this testimony; how she was so thankful to God for life since she had been in the valley of death. She said, "There are no disappointments in my life because I'm alive." She was beginning to feel pain in her legs and toes and she rejoices and thanks God because the more pain she feels, the more life she knows is returning to her body.

### *Fellowship And Communion*

That same evening we had fellowship and communion service at Sister Ross' home. The Gospel was again preached. The theme our Brother chose was "Choose You This Day Whom You Shall Service; I and My House Will Serve The Lord." The spirit and the blessings of God were again prevalent. We cannot want while God provides.

Sister Dorothy Miller has had several wonderful experiences during the past year. She seems to have a wonderful gift of visions and beholding of angels. I will only relate one at this time.

On Saturday night, November 25, 1972, she dreamed that she saw a glorified personage of an angel in the form of a man and he said unto her, "So you are looking for the miracles." She answered, "Oh, yes, I am." The angel then said, "They are coming, and soon."

Since that experience, she had another whereby he gave her instructions for the Brethren—where to go, whom we should see and the results of our contacts. Once again he reminded her of the miracles that she would see. We were told to exercise patience and longsuffering.

Brother Frank Calabrese continues to visit Yankton  
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## George Washington's Vision

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*Submitted by T. S. Furnier*

The peaceful reign in the flesh in a mortal state of approximately 1000 years, precedes the Millennium reign, which is in the immortal state. Both are separate and distinct.

The following scripture is applicable to the peaceful reign in the flesh, in the mortal state.

Isaiah 65:20-25 "There shall be no more 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.

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 offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

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 hold mountain, saith the Lord."

1st Nephi 22:24-29 "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 hath 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.

And now I, Nephi, make an end; for I durst not speak further as yet concerning these things.

It will be well for us to remember, once more, the words of George Washington: "Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and union."

The words of Benjamin Franklin may be fitting at this time.

"In June, 1787, the delegates to the Constitutional Convention could not reach a general agreement. Then Benjamin Franklin arose and proposed that the help of God be sought, and that each session thereafter be opened with prayer. Said he, "The small progress we have made—is methinks, a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the human understanding—I have lived, Sir, a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proof I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it possible that an empire can rise without his aid? We have been assured Sir, in the Sacred writings, that except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. I firmly believe that without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building up no better than the builders of Babel."

### COMMENTS (TSF)

In this atmosphere of prayer and trust in the help of God, the Great Constitution of the United States was born.

We have the most wonderful type of Government in the world with the greatest liberties and blessings.

How much greater then, should the people of God seek His aid in order to establish the kingdom of God on earth, even Zion?

EDITOR'S NOTE: The comments as they appear at this time are not necessarily the Faith of the Church, but are the personal comments of the writer.

### BUILDING UP THE MIDWEST FOR THE LORD

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Prison where our Sister is incarcerated. Sister Georgianna Martin's husband was also baptized recently. They live at South Bend, Indiana. She met with us in Omaha, Nebraska last year.

So in conclusion of the whole matter, we can truly say The Lord has always been our support in the mission work in the Midwest. His hand is not short that He cannot save. Neither is His hand short that He cannot heal. I am convinced that God is able to do His own work through the Saints of God.

May God bless you all is my prayer. It is our desire that you may continue to follow us on our mission with your prayers.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Brother Harry Robinson

### Note of Thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers and Sisters who so graciously and prayerfully remembered me in my recent illness. I received dozens of cards, letters and phone calls, and I praise God for your love and interest for me.

May God Bless each of you.

Brother Joe Calabrese

## Ohio District News

The Ohio District Sunday conference convened at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch on Sunday, April 1. The meeting was originally scheduled for March 22, but due to the severe weather conditions, it was cancelled. In great contrast, the sun shone brightly on this beautiful Sunday morning and there was a great turnout of the Saints from throughout the Ohio District. The Ohio Area M.B.A. choir and the Youngstown Branch choir sang a few inspiring hymns.

Brother Dominic Moraco of the Michigan, Canadian District was in our midst on this day and he introduced the service. His text was taken from the 3rd chapter of the Gospel according to *St. John*, which deals with Nicodemus' talk with Jesus. He brought forth many wonderful words that were food for thought. One observation he made is that mankind goes to great length to take care of this natural body, but neglects the more important spiritual part of his life. The net worth of this natural body, broken down into its chemical elements, is worth about 98 cents, and it will decay and return to the earth. Our soul, however will live on for eternity, and this is what we should be concerned about. Our Brother reviewed the conversion of Paul and his great faith, and concluded his talk by stressing that we should use our faith as a steering wheel to direct our lives and not as a spare tire, to be used only when disaster strikes our lives.

Brother Vince Gibson, of the Cleveland, Ohio Branch was the next speaker and the theme of his discourse was "Man Lives By Vision". Paul, as he was on the way to Damascus, was struck blind and he got a new vision. Although he recovered his natural eyesight, he was blind to the things of this world. We should strive for that spiritual vision, the vision of eternity.

Brothers Bob Ciarochi and Frank Calabrese both urged us to try and bring one soul to Christ. We live in troubled times and we are all looking for answers, and the only place to get the right answers is to go to Christ, as Nicodemus did.

Brother Rocco Biscotti, the District President, concluded our meeting with a few brief comments. It was a day well spent in the service of the Lord.

James Alessio  
District Editor

## California District Conference

By Larry Watson — District Editor

The California District held their semi-annual business conference at the Bell Branch on the weekend of March 9-11. Brother Bob Watson Jr., the District President, presided. We were especially privileged to have in our midst three Apache couples visiting us from the San Carlos Mission.

A program was presented Saturday evening for the enjoyment of everyone present. One of the highlights was the singing of our Apache brothers and sisters. They were overcome with the spirit when they sang the words "walk with me Jesus", and they testified of the many beautiful experiences they have received since obeying the gospel. Then the Bell Branch performed several informative skits

on the story of Joseph Smith and the restoration. They were followed by the San Fernando Valley Choir.

A wonderful spirit prevailed Sunday morning as the service was opened by Brother Allen Henderson from Windsor, who spoke on the love of God. It was inspiring to me to see a Brother in his 70's still have such a fiery zeal to preach the gospel. He was followed by Brother Chris Phillips, our young Apache Elder from San Carlos, who told us he once believed in medicine men until he came to know the Lord. He exhorted the congregation to put our faith and trust in Jesus and He will see us through.

During the same meeting two elderly sisters testified they had a message for the young people, which was that the Lord wants to use us in His great plan. We've heard expressions of this kind before, but I feel very strongly that the time to act is now, not tomorrow. You don't have to be an Elder to witness the love of God.

Ever since I was a boy my parents would tell me of the glorious future of this Church. I remember vividly an experience of my mother's many years ago when she dreamed that she was visited by a holy messenger and he told her Zion would indeed be established, and if her generation did not do the work, her children or children's children would. I'm very excited with this challenge that lies ahead of us. The entire Christian World is awaiting the return of Jesus, yet we stand alone with the knowledge of what needs to be fulfilled before His triumphant return. Brothers and Sisters isn't it amazing to see the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the last days right before our eyes. Before Brother Chris sat down he related the dying words of his 120-year-old grandfather. He said that he had a dream in which he saw that a great change would take place amongst his people before three years were over. He died last year.

## Atlantic Coast District Conference

The Atlantic Coast District conducted its Semi-Annual Conference on March 16, 17, and 18. The Conference convened at the Hopelawn Branch. Attendance was excellent.

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A highlight of the Saturday meeting, was a written report from Brother George Benyola who recently moved to Dallas, Texas. Brother George thanked the Lord for His rich blessings. He mentioned that Sunday meetings were being held and they have been blessed. Brother George requested that everyone remember them in prayer. There is much work to do! An experience was related. In

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### A TRIBUTE TO FATHERS

Father's Day is a special day that has been set aside for honoring Father. Therefore, it is most appropriate that we pause and pay tribute in honor of living fathers and in memory of fathers who have passed on to eternity.

#### *Love, Labor and Self-Sacrifice*

The eloquence of the pen or the spoken word in extolling the love, labor and self-sacrifice of fathers for their children falls far short of pointing up the full measure of honor they so richly deserve.

The God and Father of us all long ago set the measure and degree of honor our parents rightfully merit when He included it as the Fifth of the great Ten Commandments.

HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

#### *Importance of Fifth Commandment*

May we note the importance of this commandment in that it follows the first four that deal with our relationship to God while the other five commandments govern our behavior in relationship to others.

Our *Holy Bible* gives some beautiful examples of paternal love, one of which is that of Jacob's love for his children, especially for his son Joseph. When Jacob was finally convinced that Joseph was still alive he cried, "... It is enough Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die." (*Genesis 45:28*) Later, after a tearful and happy reunion, Jacob told Joseph, "... now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive." (*Genesis 46:30*)

We see another moving example in the story of the prodigal son.

"And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a good way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him." (*Luke 15:10*)

There is another touching example of paternal devotion as recorded in the life of Sir William Osler, who has been referred to as "the father of modern medicine" and "the world's best doctor." On learning of the death of his son in a battle in World War I, Dr. Osler wrote in his notebook, "... a sweeter laddie never lived ..." Two years later as Dr. Osler lay dying, he scribbled a note, leaving it for his wife to find. "The harbor is almost reached, after a splendid voyage, with such companions all the way, and my boy waiting for me."

Finally, from the pen of another good and wise father:

#### TO MY CHILDREN

Almighty God grants you this wondrous life  
To use in aid of His great purposes ...  
You shall not then devote your time and toil  
Nor give your heart to selfish power and gain;  
But, striving to attain a worthy goal,  
So live that with a retrospective gaze  
Your eyes fall not upon a darkened course  
Obscured by wrecks of others' joys and hopes,  
But find a path made beautiful and bright  
With blossoms of your love and generous aid.  
So live, that when your final hour comes  
Your anxious thought will search bygone years  
To justify your lives unto yourself.

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### PAUL'S FRIENDS

Dear Girls and Boys,

After Saul's conversion he is known by his Hebrew name of Paul. As the Jews saw and heard Paul tell of Jesus the Son of God, they sought to do away with him. The Lord brought him safely out of Damascus. Even the Saints were fearful of him. His friends, especially Barnabas, had to convince them of Paul's sincerity. Saul had been the ringleader of their persecution and it was unbelievable to see him now as a follower of Jesus. "What has happened?" they asked. There was only one answer, his remarkable conversion. He seemed to delight in telling it over and over. Paul knew that His Master had spoken to him. What a change when Jesus comes into one's life! (Read of Paul's escape from Damascus. *Acts 9:23, 27*).

As Paul went from city to city preaching, he met some Jews of Corinth who had come from Italy. They were Priscilla and her husband Aquilla and because they were tent makers Paul stayed with them. He too, was a tent maker. Every Sabbath he preached in the synagogue. Many of the Corinthians were baptized and this caused trouble. One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision, "Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace, for I am with thee." For three years Paul stayed in Corinth. The saints met in Aquilla's home.

Timothy was another dear friend of Paul's. He was a very young man and Paul called him his "son in the faith". He had been taught their religion by his mother Eunice and grandmother Lois. His father was a Greek. Timothy went with Paul on several of his missions. Paul wrote two of his epistles to Timothy (*I and II Timothy*).

Paul made friends and enemies wherever he went. One night he had a vision and a man of Macedonia asked, "Come over into Macedonia and help us." Immediately Paul left for the region of Macedonia. His friend Silas was with him. On the Sabbath day they went out of the city by the river to pray and they met a woman named Lydia. She was a seller of purple. As Paul and Silas preached the Gospel, Lydia and her household were baptized. She was so happy she invited them to come to her house. She was the first woman convert in Europe. Long after Paul left Macedonia his friends sent gifts to meet his needs. Many were poor but they loved Paul and wanted to share with him. He went from city to city in Macedonia sounding the glad tidings.

If Paul was bitterly hated by his enemies there never was a man more loved by his friends. They received him as an angel of God. He seemed to find an entrance for the Gospel everywhere and at the same time won love and esteem from the saints. When he parted from them they wept sore and fell on his neck and kissed him.

Next month I will tell you about "Paul the Missionary".

Sincerely,  
Sister Mabel

## ● FLASHBACKS ●

*By Charles Jumper*

### 25 YEARS AGO — JUNE 1948

Sisters from Kansas, Michigah, Pennsylvania and Ohio attended General Ladies Circle in Niles, Ohio. This was the first meeting of this kind at this place.

Brothers Matthew Miller, Joseph Lovalvo and their families visited the Missions in Pontiac and Port Huron, Michigan. Two souls were baptized during their visit.

### 20 YEARS AGO — JUNE 1953

Brother Domenic Giovannone and a group from Warren, Ohio visited the Indian Mission at the Six Nations Reserve. They were accompanied by Brothers Cliff Burgess and Robert Watson, Jr. along with some of the Windsor Sisters. The group witnessed two converts from the seed of Joseph baptized into The Church.

### 15 YEARS AGO — JUNE 1958

The Monongahela Branch held the first Vacation Bible School; attendance averaged about 90 young scholars daily. The school was under the Leadership of Sister Mable Bickerton.

Brother William H. Cadman, General Church President spoke at the dedication of our new building in Painesville, Ohio. Brother Rocco Biscotti was the Presiding Elder.

### 10 YEARS AGO — JUNE 1963

Brothers Domenic Bucci and Fred Musolino attended the Grand Spiritual and Temporal Council of North American Indians at Wyalusing Rocks, near Scranton, Pennsylvania. Brother Bucci was given the privilege to address the Council.

The Michigan-Canadian District Branches met in East Detroit. Brothers Anthony Corrado, Rocco Biscotti and Donald Curry were visiting speakers.

### 5 YEARS AGO — JUNE 1968

The Lay Mission Service started on the San Carlos, Arizona Reservation. The Golden Rule Class of the Monongahela Sabbath School, purchased a mobile home to house the Lay Church members during their stay on the Reservation.

### EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT—Continued

Sad be your fate if then you learn—too late  
That all of self alone must die with you;  
For only what you have for others done  
Will live, to mark the limits of your worth.

—John J. Burchenal

## ATLANTIC COAST DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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the experience, Brother George was seen with his arms outstretched toward a large group of people.

Sunday, March 18, began with many Saints "gathering at the river." Brother James Huttenberger expressed his desire for baptism. He was baptized by Brother James Benyola.

Our fellowship began with community singing. The New Jersey Local MBA sang several selections. Sisters Terri Bravo and Donna Lonquillo sang "For Those Tears." The opening prayer was offered by Brother James Howard. The congregation sang an appropriate hymn entitled, "Ring the Bells of Heaven." Brother James Huttenberger was then confirmed a member of The Church by Brother Dominick Persico.

Brother James Benyola opened the meeting with the text of *II Nephi* 30:8. He spoke inspiringly of the promises of God, and referenced The Restored Gospel (the rod of iron) from *Revelations* 14:6. Brother Jim referred to the sincerity of Joseph Smith in petitioning God for the truth. He continued by speaking about the great division which will occur on earth. The righteous and wicked will be separated; God will protect the faithful and destroy the unrighteous.

Brothers George Timms and Matthew Rogolino followed and exhorted the congregation to be patient and not murmur. Brother August D'Orazio concluded by mentioning "the glory of The Church which is to come."

Hymn No. 8 "How Happy Are They" was sung by the congregation. It was followed by the "Halleluia Chorus."

A prayer was offered by Brother Salvatore Valenti for the welfare of the sick throughout The Church.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, a handkerchief was blessed for Sister Thompson of Fairless Hills Mission. She is very ill and has been in the hospital for quite some time. While Brother Sgro was offering the prayer, Brother Salvatore Valenti spoke in the Gift of Tongues. (see note below).

The service was closed with hymn No. 70, "No Never Alone." Prayer was offered by Brother Rocco J. Ensana. The meeting was blessed and our disappointment was witnessing the swift arrival of the conclusion.

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NOTE: At the New Jersey MBA Local meeting Sunday evening (March 18), Sister Lydia Link mentioned that Sister Valenti heard only the last two words of the Gift of Tongues. Her interpretation was "answers prayers." Brother Keith White of The Metuchen Branch, overheard Sister Lydia Link's conversation. He expressed himself and explained he understood Brother Valenti to say "Pray to Jesus for He answers Prayers." Before this meeting, Brother Keith never heard the Gift of Tongues. He heard everything spoken by Brother Valenti in English. Consequently, Brother Keith said nothing. Brother Keith White was baptized last August at the GMBA Campout in New Hope, Pennsylvania. We thank God for this blessing; the Gift of Tongues and the Interpretation.

Donald Ross  
District Editor

## "The Book Of Mormon"

By Paul D'Amico

When the Gospel was restored in 1827, along with it came another sacred record of God's dealings upon this Promised Land of America.

We as a Church, and individuals as well have been criticized, ridiculed and mocked for our belief in this record. However, since my youth, I have not been ashamed to tell about it to others and I have had to answer many questions, especially to my History and English teachers in high school. I enjoyed every bit of this because the blessings of God were upon me and since The Book of Mormon, along with the Bible, is the true word of God, I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the Power of God unto Salvation."

My essay, written in high school concerning the events of The Book of Mormon, was rated one of the highest by the Board of Education in Rochester, New York. Again in 1941 a written book report was submitted on a third year State Regents Examination with a mark of 98%. Can it be done? Yes it can be done when God is helping us to tell the world of the sacred record which will one day be the convincing power for Gentiles as well as the entire House of Israel.

In the years gone by we used to sing a hymn about this record, and I know the many who remember, still love it because it is the truth being preached to the world:

## THE HYMN

Book of Mormon, hid for ages,  
On Cumorah's lonely hill  
Written by those ancient sages;  
When Jehovah taught His will,  
Glad we hail it,  
Fullness of the Gospel still.

Hail the record, Saints in Zion,  
Hidden by Moroni's hand,  
Till the God our souls rely on,  
Unto Joseph gave command,  
To translate it,  
Send it forth to every land.

Hail the glorious light of Nephi,  
Hail the truth that Alma taught,  
We will trust in God like Lehi,  
Seek the Lord as Moroni sought,  
Like Moroni,  
Buy the truth and sell it not.

Israel gather round the standard,  
Laman see thy guiding star,  
Judah rally round thy banner,  
Come, ye Gentiles from afar,  
Book of Mormon,  
It is truth's triumphant car.

Let us proclaim the glorious record to all the world without shame, and the time will come when Jacob's face will shine again. The gathering of Israel is something that all of us are looking forward to. One of the greatest events that shall transpire in these the latter days. God bless you all is my prayer.



## People Are Inquiring

Letters of inquiry continue to come to The Church. Following is a good discussion on Temples.

Miss Claudia Smith  
910 N. 900 E., #213  
Provo, Utah 84601

Dear Miss Smith:

Your letter addressed to our headquarters and Gospel News Editor has been referred to me for answering. I will answer your questions in the order you have asked them.

1. *Question* — What the Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. believes to be the purpose of temples?

*Answer* — The Church of Jesus Christ at Monongahela, Pa. (headquarters) does not believe in temples in the way most restored Gospel people believe, which is a *special place to perform special ordinances*, such as baptism for the dead, etc. The Church believes that temples to us are likened only to a house of worship, or in other words, church buildings where the members can congregate to praise God and to use the edifice to meet in fasting and prayer.

2. *Question* — What, if any, ordinance work is done in the temples?

*Answer* — The only ordinances performed therein are the passing of communion and feet washing. Weddings and funerals are, of course also performed for the use of the members and public.

3. *Question* — What The Church of Jesus Christ, Monongahela, Pa. is presently doing in regards to temples (for example, obtaining funds, building, or currently utilizing a temple).

*Answer* — We are not doing anything, again, in regards to temples, as viewed by most Restored Gospel people. Nor do we plan to. We have built an auditorium large enough to hold our General Church Conferences (dedicated June, 1971) that we are collecting funds for. We are, of course, continuing to build church buildings when the occasion arises, to accommodate our growing congregations.

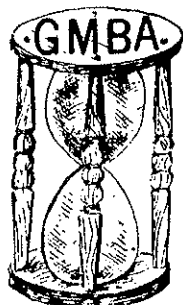
Thank you for writing to us. If I can be of any further help to you, please feel free to write to me personally. When you are finished with your article, I would be interested in having a copy.

Joseph Calabrese

## Now is the time

for you to make your  
reservation for the  
Dunkirk, Conference  
Grounds, Campout  
July 21-28

See your Local M.B.A.  
President for reservation forms.



## — INFINITE —

An assignment I had in English was to write a composition describing an abstract word. I wanted to write of something spiritual but I could not make a decision on which word to use. After praying to God for direction, I opened my dictionary and the first word I saw was "infinite." I really felt blessed as I wrote this paper. The following is a portion of my composition.

"Infinite can also be described as absolute. Absolute is defined as follows, 'a. perfect, complete. 2. God.'" <sup>2</sup> For now we will discuss the absolute value of numbers. "The absolute value of a non-zero number is either the number or its opposite, whichever is positive." <sup>3</sup> The absolute value of  $-2$  is  $+2$ . Therefore all non-zero numbers have an absolute value.

Spiritually, the word infinite has great significance for mankind. In the *Bible*, *Genesis 2:7*, we are told that when God created man he gave him a soul. The soul of a man is a part that will never die but overcome death and live eternally. The *Bible*, which is the word of God, tells us of the two places of eternal existence, heaven and hell. Most people think heaven is a place where there is pearly gates, jewels, and gold-lined streets. But this basically is misunderstood. Because God loves mankind he condescends to our level of understanding. Man can only comprehend heavenly things through the use of earthly objects. Christ condescends to his followers by speaking in parables. What we do know of heaven is that it is an indescribably peaceful place. Now if eternal existence seems unimportant, this following allegory may help:

Picture a mountain in your mind. Every one thousand years a bird comes and makes one peck on this mountain. When the mountain is completely flattened this is one day in eternity.

Because of man's free will, we must decide what goal to strive for. John recorded what Christ said of gaining heaven as an eternal reward. *John 3:36*—"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him." In *John 4:23, 24*, we are told that this belief is not passive but active. The Scripture is as follows:

23 But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

24 God IS a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship HIM in spirit and truth.

Through the Scriptures, mankind is told that the purpose of life is to prepare to meet God. When put into perspective, we can see that for a short lifetime of service we can gain an eternity of peace with a loving God.

We can unite the mathematical terms and the spiritual concepts. As there was a beginning of the world and life in the flesh, there will also be an end. Therefore all that is in the world is a finite set. But for man, God has promised an overcoming of this end, through the never dying soul. This small word has much meaning for the family of man.

By Sister Terri Bravo  
Edison Branch

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### MARY BONORIS CANTAMESSA

*The Atlantic Coast District lost a pioneer of The Gospel on January 21, 1973. The pioneer's name was Sister Mary Bonoris Cantamessa. This article was written by her grandson, Brother August D'Orazio.*

Donald Ross, Editor  
Atlantic Coast District

Mary Bonoris Cantamessa was born in Biansano, Italy, on January 19, 1886. She was married January 28, 1906. She was the widow of John, and the mother of 7 children, 2 deceased. She is survived by 2 sons, Louis and John, both of Edison; 3 daughters, Mrs. Santina D'Orazio of Boynton Beach, Florida; Mrs. Virginia Piz-zaia and Mrs. Mary Mantz, both of Edison and a sister in Italy. She left 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grand-children.

She was baptized more than 44 years ago on Novem-ber 29, 1928 at New Brunswick by Brother Louis Mazzeo and confirmed into The Church by Brother Joseph Cor-rado. Sister Mary transferred to Edison Branch from the Metuchen Branch, April 9, 1952 where she maintained a spotless membership and served faithfully as a Deaconess of The Church for many years. She was called home to God January 21, 1973 at 11:19 P.M., just having passed her 87th birthday. Her departure from this life will be a great loss to all of us.

Brother Rocco J. Ensana read that Sister Mary was baptized approximately 45 years ago. This means that she spent a little more than half her life and certainly all her mature adult life in The Church of Jesus Christ. What could have prompted a move such as this. When our Sister heard of The Gospel of Christ she accepted it with all her heart. Jesus said, "No man comes unto the Father except the Son draw him." Certainly the enticings of the Spirit of God worked upon our Sister causing her to recognize the blessing she could receive by offering her-self in obedience to Jesus Christ.

Her life was centered around The Church and at-tendance was most important. Being the oldest member of our Branch, she gave what she could to all, from the bottom of her heart. In sickness and sorrow, she encour-aged others when she should have been encouraged her-self. In all her trials she never turned against God, but accepted her lot and tried to make the best of it. I look back with fond memories of past moments which will never be erased from my mind, as I'm sure that you which survive her as well, will do the same.

Am I sad at her leaving us? Of course I am, but the Apostle Paul once wrote to Timothy these words, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

The poet, Fitz Halleck, once penned these most fitting words, "None knew thee but to love thee, none named thee but to praise thee."

Recently she was distressed by a nagging thought, am I worthy of a place in heaven? Will God find me acceptable to live forever with the righteous? God answers prayer, and so she had a beautiful dream in which the

hand of the Lord was extended to her and it clasped her hand and encouraging words were spoken to her. The dream was confirmed when she awoke. She actually saw the hand of the Lord holding hers; banishing the thoughts which disturbed her and she knew that God was a just and merciful God.

We know that she is in the paradise of God with the souls of those who have passed on, awaiting the morning of the first resurrection. Alma the prophet clarifies a mystery to us concerning the state of the souls of men after death. Our Sister's quest was to gain a peace in this paradise and eventually live forever with God. Surely she was blessed all the days of her life and will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. These fitting words penned by the writer, Henry White, leave us with comforting thoughts:

#### TO MY MOTHER

And canst thou, Mother, for a moment think that we,  
thy children,  
When old age shall shed its blanching honors on thy  
weary head,  
Could from our best of duties ever shrink?  
Sooner the sun from this high sphere should sin, than  
we, ungrateful,  
leave thee in that day, to pine in solitude thy life away,  
or shun thee,  
Tottering on the grave's cold brink, banish the thought!  
Where'er our steps may roam, o'er smiling plains, or  
wastes without a tree, still will fond memory point  
our hearts to thee, and paint the pleasures of thy  
peaceful home:  
While duty bids us all they griefs assuage, and smooth  
the pillow of thy sinking age.  
To those of her family who mourn the loss of our Mother  
—May God richly bless you.

### Two Baptisms At Sterling Heights Branch

Blessings continue at the Sterling Heights Branch as two more souls rendered obedience to the gospel on Sun-day, March 25, 1973. We can truly say that we felt the manifestation of God's Spirit in our meeting on that day when Sister Joanna Chambers and Brother John Impas-tato asked to be baptized. Brother Spencer Everett and a group of young people from Branch No. 1 met with us this day, and the service was spent in singing and testi-mony. Many wonderful testimonies were given recounting God's care for His people and His awareness of our needs. Sister Chambers arose from her seat and stated that she could no longer hold back, but wanted to go to the waters of baptism. Brother Louis Vitto felt directed to relate an experience he had the previous evening. He said that as he retired for the evening, he prayed that The Lord would bless our Sunday meeting and touch the hearts of those who have not given their total selves to Christ. As he prayed, Sister Joanna Chambers and Brother John Impastato came to his mind very strongly, and he stated that throughout the remainder of the night, the Spirit of God was truly very strong within him. Upon awakening the next morning, Brother Vitto continued to be prayerful that The Lord bless the meeting that day and call souls into the fold. As Brother Vitto expressed himself concerning this experience during the Sunday meeting, his eyes fell upon John Impastato and he felt influenced by the power

of God to call John's name. As he did so, Brother John Impastato arose from his seat, and with both hands raised upward, he said, "Praise God, praise God. Today is my day!"

Following this marvelous meeting in which the manifestation of God's Holy Spirit was so evident, both candidates were taken to the waters and baptized by Brother Louis Vitto. We then returned to Branch No. 1 where Sister Joanna Chambers was confirmed by Brother Paul Whitton and Brother John Impastato was confirmed by Brother Michael LaSala.

We are thankful that The Lord has been blessing us at our new Branch, and our prayers are that The Lord may bless each and every one of Brothers and Sisters and friends throughout The Church.

Brother Louis Visconti

### Roscoe, Pennsylvania Mission Enjoys Blessings, Ordinations And Apostle's Visit

The Brothers and Sisters of the Roscoe Mission would like to share our recent blessings with you. On Sunday, February 25 we had Brothers James Campbell, James Grazan, and John Griffith from Monongahela Branch along with many other visitors.

During our afternoon service Brother Fred Olexa read the Scripture from *Ephesians* 4:1-15 telling us how the Lord calls men into His work. *Verses* 11 and 12 specify, "And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers. For the perfecting of the Saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." He also read *Acts* 6:1-7 telling how Deacons were first chosen to look after the needs of The Church and spoke on their calling.

The ordinations followed the administering of sacrament. Brother Fred Olexa washed Brother John Kendall's feet, and Brother James Campbell washed Brother Guy Karelli's feet. Then Brother John Griffith, using the *Minister's Manual*, read the duties of a Deacon to Brother Karelli and the duties of a Teacher to Brother Kendall. Brother Gasper Karelli then ordained his son Brother Guy into the office of a Deacon and Brother James Campbell ordained Brother Kendall into the office of a Teacher.

The Spirit of God was felt during the ordinations and throughout the meeting as we enjoyed many testimonies and sang beautiful hymns of praise.

May we take this opportunity to thank our Brothers from Monongahela Branch for their work and fellowship with us during the last six months.

On March 4 we were very happy to have with us Brother Samuel Kirschner. In our morning service he spoke on the creation and fall of man, and the calling of man into a newness of life by being born again of water and spirit. He encouraged us to be faithful in serving God, teaching our children to beware of the snares set before them in the world, and to bring them up in the faith of God.

Before Brother Kirschner spoke to us, two babes were presented for blessing; Bruce Clark Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, and Timothy James Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Roberts, all of nearby Elco,

Pennsylvania. Brother Fred Olexa asked God's blessing upon both infants.

In the afternoon service we enjoyed a wonderful fellowship and at its close we felt it was good to have been in the house of our Lord. May God bless our dear Brother Kirschner and strengthen him in body that he may continue to work for the Lord.

Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky  
Roscoe Mission

### Baptism, Visitors at Roscoe Mission

On April 1, 1973, Brothers Harry Robinson from the West Elizabeth Branch and John Majoras from Monongahela were at the Roscoe Mission. Brother Robinson opened the morning service and spoke by the power of God, telling many wonderful experiences of his missionary work in Omaha, Nebraska and invited all to serve God and give heed to his call.

In the afternoon our Brothers spoke and there were many wonderful testimonies. We were blessed with a beautiful hymn, "So May You", from Brother John Majoras, along with his testimony. Before the close of the afternoon meeting Sister Barbara O'Savage expressed her desire to be baptized. She was baptized the following Sunday, April 8, by Brother Fred Olexa and confirmed by Brother Samuel Kirschner. Although it was a chilly and cloudy day outside, there was sunshine within our souls as we welcomed our new Sister to the fold, and a new name was written down in glory. Sister Barbara has been very faithful in attending our mission for the past year and a half and has had many wonderful experiences during that time.

Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky

### Perry, Ohio Branch Continues To Grow

With the conversion of three new members, the Perry, Ohio Branch continues to grow. On Sunday, April 8, the following named candidates were added to the Perry fold:

Charlene Ann Gregel was baptized by Brother Gene Kline and confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto. Sister Charlene is a foster daughter to Brother Gene and Sister Donna Kline.

Ralph Duane Nellis was also baptized by Brother Gene Kline and confirmed by Brother Anthony Picciuto.

Thomas Wayne Lepovich was baptized by Brother Elmer Santilli and confirmed by Brother Gene Kline.

The Spirit of God was felt in the midst of the Saints all day.

May The Lord continue to harvest many more souls into the Perry Branch and into The Church everywhere.

### New Member Joins The Metuchen New Jersey Branch

The addition of a new member brought joy and blessings to the Metuchen, New Jersey Branch recently. The baptism of Brother Harry Abrams took place on Sunday, April 15, 1973.

Brother Samuel Risola immersed Brother Abrams in

the waters of baptism and Brother Richard Lawson confirmed him by the laying on of hands.

We had a beautiful spiritual day and surely the angels in heaven were rejoicing.

This is encouraging and uplifting to the Metuchen Saints and may the group continue to grow and prosper.

### Blessing At Brooklyn, New York Branch

The Brothers and Sisters of Brooklyn had a very wonderful and spiritual meeting on Easter Sunday. The Scripture text was on the Christ resurrected and the knowledge of sins forgiven. We also had visitors, Brother Alex and Sister Fanny Prudenti and their granddaughter Christine from the Bronx Branch and Brother Jerry and Sister Fay Valenti and their children, Brother Jerry and Sister Tammy from Pennsylvania. At the close of his sermon, Brother Salvatore Valenti was inspired to speak in the gift of tongues. The interpretation was given, "Jesus is the hope of all who come to Him." We truly rejoiced together in the Spirit of The Lord in the testimonies given and the holy sacrament.

God Bless Everyone,  
Sister Belle Rose

### Lorain, Ohio Branch Uplifted By Baptism Of New Member

Sunday, May 6 proved to be a day of joy and edification to the Lorain, Ohio Saints. Sister Frances Joan Rabold was welcomed into membership in The Church of Jesus Christ. She was baptized by Brother Alfred Dominico and confirmed by her father, Brother Frank Altomare.

Among the visitors to the Branch who shared in the blessings were Sister Rabold's grandparents, Brother and Sister Buffa.

The Branch was also privileged to witness the blessing of God being asked by Brother Alfred Dominico upon an eleven year old girl, Darnisha Vonita Edwards. The girl's parents, Brother Eddie and Sister Mary Edwards were recently baptized into The Church.

A very good feeling prevailed all day.

### Niles Has Reinstatement

A beautiful sermon was preached on God's love for us and all the things He does for each of us. At the close of the morning service, our Presiding Elder Brother Bob Ciarrochi gave Sister Mary Krasnasky and her family (visiting from California) a chance to express themselves. Sister Mary gave a very humble testimony on all that God had done for her and her family.

Richard Ciarolla of Warren, Ohio made his wishes known that he would like to be reinstated into The Church.

Everyone present went home rejoicing that day, feeling the Love of God. We ask that you might continue to pray for us that we may continue to grow as we will pray for you.

Sister Wanda Pandone  
Niles Editor

### News From Cleveland

The Cleveland East Side Branch was surprised to have Brother Paul Palmieri of Aliquippa Branch visiting them on a Wednesday evening. He had been in Cleveland on some personal business and felt inclined to take in the service. The meeting was opened in prayer by Brother Mario Milano and then he turned the meeting over to Brother Paul. Brother Paul related his days in the world and how he slowly changed from a man with worldly ambitions set upon a career in engineering, to a man determined to draw closer to God and to uncover the things of a spiritual nature. He told how the Lord provided for him time after time and his gratitude for all that the Lord has done for him. He spoke of the importance of the Wednesday night service. Here we learn about the Church, our Doctrines and Beliefs. It is important to have this foundation to build upon, so that we may truly become the followers of Christ. After Brother Paul finished speaking, Brother Rocco Biscotti added a few comments and brought our meeting to a close.

It was an enjoyable night for all, and we surely felt a blessing just being there.

Brother Bill Hufnagle

### Golden Anniversary

#### *Morle*

Brother Domenic and Sister Villa Morle celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at an open house for the Brothers and Sisters of Branch No. 2. Hosts were their son and daughter-in-law, Brother Frank and Sister Mary Morle. They have a daughter, Sister Virginia Supernaut of Los Angeles, California and six grandchildren.

Brother Morle was baptized at Branch No. 1, Detroit, on Easter Sunday, 1933. Sister Morle was baptized on New Year's Day, January 1, 1934 at Branch No. 1 also.

#### *Batalucco*

On February 3, Brother Joseph Batalucco and Sister Marion were feted to a family dinner hosted by their children. The following evening they were honored at an open house at the home of Brother Joseph Carlini, with the members of Branch No. 2 in attendance. Brother Joseph was baptized at the North Side Mission, presently Branch No. 4 by the late Brother Matthew Miller on June 16, 1935. Sister Marion was baptized June 30, 1935 by Brother Vincent J. Lovalvo. They are the parents of five children and fifteen grandchildren.

### Fifty Years In The Gospel

The Ladies Circle of Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan honored Sister Alice Romano at a brunch at the home of Sister Rose Milantoni. The occasion was the fiftieth anniversary of Sister Alice's membership in The Church. She was baptized in Lorain, Ohio on December 4, 1922. She was baptized by Brother Frank Nastasia and confirmed by Brother Joseph Corrado. The Circle presented her with a gold pin. Sister Alice is a Deaconess of the Branch and has been the Circle President for fifteen years.

## New Arrivals

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

Michael Stephen to Edmond Felix and Leana Joy Buccellato of San Fernando Valley, California;

Michael Anthony to Gary and Mary Ann Tamburrino of Reston, Virginia;

David William to David Samuel and Nancy Brown Thomas of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania; and

Lisa Ann to Robert and Nancy Plahovinsak.

## Weddings

### RODEHEAVER — PATTERSON

Mr. Harry Benton Rodeheaver and Miss Ruth Ann Patterson of Vanderbilt, Pa. were united in holy matrimony on April 7, 1973 at the home of Brother Joseph Shazer of Vanderbilt, Pa.

Brother Joseph Shazer officiated at the ceremony.

## Obituaries

### ANNA SACZKO

Sister Anna Saczko passed on to her eternal reward on December 28, 1972. She was born on December 25, 1891 and was baptized on July 13, 1947 by Brother Anthony Ruzzi.

Brother Ben Ciccati officiated at the services.

She is survived by three sons, one daughter and several grandchildren.

Although our Sister was afflicted for many years, she never tired of telling all who came in contact with her that she wanted to be true to Jesus. She was a dear Sister. We miss her.

### ALLENA BARRICKLOW

Sister Allena Barricklow passed on to her eternal reward on March 13, 1973. She was a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church. Sister Allena was born on September 11, 1896; she was baptized on June 4, 1970.

Brothers Joseph Shazer and Emerson Fuller officiated at the funeral services.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, two sons, three daughters, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sister Barricklow was a faithful child of God and was loved by all. We miss her and are glad that our Sister is at home with The Lord.

### CONCETTA DiMILLO

Sister Concetta DiMillo of the Lockport, New York Branch passed on to her eternal reward on March 28, 1973.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother Paul D'Amico and Brother Paul Benyola.

She was a very faithful Sister and endured much affliction until the time she passed away. May the Lord comfort the loved ones who mourn her loss.

### CATHERINE SCALZONE

Sister Catherine Scalzone passed away on April 13, 1973. She was a member of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch. She was born on May 12, 1891 and was baptized on July 3, 1938.

The funeral services were conducted by Brothers Richard Lawson and Salvatore Sgro.

She is survived by four sons, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

Sister Scalzone was an asset to the Branch and will be greatly missed by the Saints and all who knew and loved her.

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

### JUNE

30—Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. Annual Outing at Bradys Run Park, Beaver County.

### JULY

7—General Ladies Uplift Circle at the Auditorium.  
21-28—G.M.B.A. Annual Campout at Dunkirk, New York.

### SEPTEMBER

8- 9—Atlantic Coast District Conference at Freehold Mission  
8- 9—Florida District Conference at Fort Pierce  
8- 9—Ohio District Conference at Warren  
8- 9—Pennsylvania District Conference at Vanderbilt  
15-16—California District Conference at San Diego

### FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

Faith, Hope and Charity;  
These words through Moroni from God to thee.  
Faith is the root, believe on He;  
The man who's gifts come only free.  
Now ponder Hope, and you will see;  
Of things unseen must surely be.  
And last, not least, is Charity;  
That pure love of God — through Christ, I see.  
Now as you see my friend to be,  
'Tis FAITH and HOPE and CHARITY!

—John Mancini

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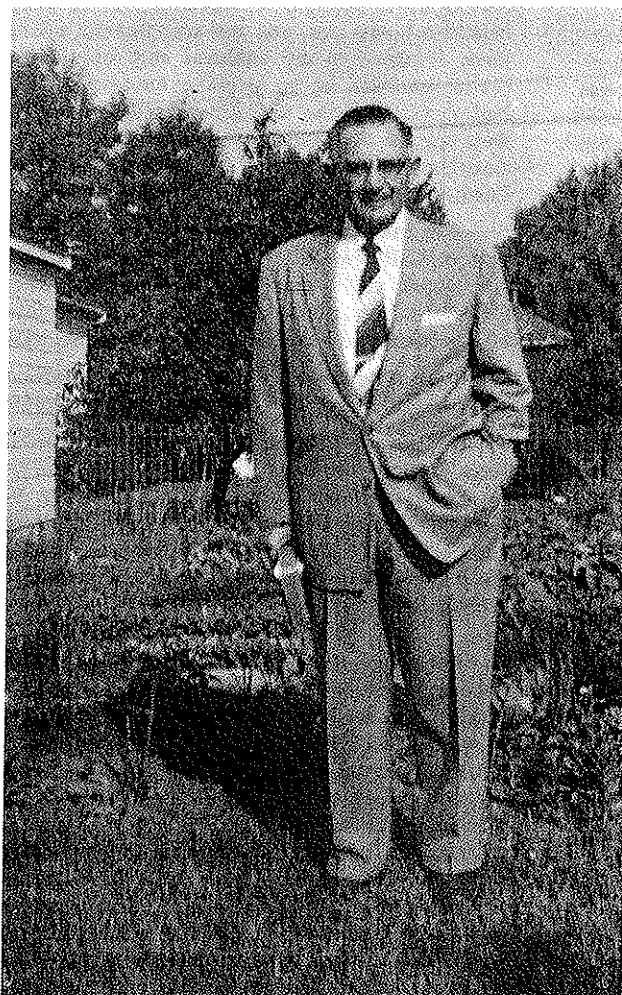
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## APOSTLE WILLIAM GENNARO RETIRES FROM QUORUM



Apostle William Gennaro retired from the Quorum of Twelve Apostles at the April 1973 Conference. In a letter to the Quorum of Twelve he stated that due to his health condition he could not fulfill his position in The Church and felt there are Brothers that could fill the position more effectively.

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 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 he was ordained a Teacher and two years later, in 1927, he was called into the Ministry. In 1932, he was called into the Quorum of 70. Brother Bill was ordained an Apostle in April 1956.

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 Company 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 6 years and are members of the Youngstown Branch.

Brother Gennaro has been a dedicated worker for The Lord and The Church for many years. He has always worked in harmony with the Quorum and has shown the love of God to the Saints and friends. He has been blessed in the anointing of the sick and has received many dreams and revelations from God.

We are truly sorry to see our Brother resign from the Quorum and pray that the good Lord will continue to bless him and give him courage and strength to fight the battle. Our Brother Gennaro is loved and will always be remembered in our prayers.

With love,

The Quorum of Twelve

## GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

About two weeks ago I became very ill and a repetition of discouragement took place again in my heart. I had forgotten about the night when God inspired me to write something. The Lord brought back to my mind the night of April 17, 1971, when He prompted me to write. I proceeded to look for it and when I found it, I received the same blessing as the night I wrote it. The following is that which the Lord inspired me to write.

With love, Sister Mary Lovalvo

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Last evening, April 17, 1971 after I had retired, I found myself unable to sleep. I kept reminiscing on the wonderful blessings God had given me throughout the years. Around 3:00 A.M., I felt the spirit of God beckoning me to write some of our experiences. I arose in the middle of the night and wrote until the morning. It was a blessed feeling; everything seemed to unfold as though photographed in my mind. I write the following, directed of the Lord, to encourage others if they have desires to work for the Lord.

About twenty-four years ago, my husband had a desire to go to California. I was not too happy about this decision, as it meant cutting myself off from my family. I was in my late twenties, and had two small children of school age. Being totally aware of their need for companionship and security, I went to God in fasting and prayer. This has always been my key for opening the door to His tender, loving care and for clearing so many avenues which at times seem cluttered with doubts and fears. I offered myself to God, for I know it is better to "fall in the hands of God than of man"; because He deals gently with us, even though we are unworthy. My husband too, became a little uncertain as to whether or not we should move to California. He had at that time been healed of an asthmatic condition.

We sold our home and all our possessions prior to going westward. However, before starting for beautiful California, we went to the General Church Conference. During the Sunday morning service, my husband expressed his reluctance about going to California, as he would be leaving the Brothers and Sisters of The Church and his co-workers in the Ministry; plus the great distance that would be between him and the General Church. While saying these words of concern, the gift of tongues was spoken, and the interpretation was given by two persons; one in English, and one in Italian. The beauty of this was, that the Sister who gave the interpretation in Italian had just recently arrived from Italy, and she neither spoke nor understood the English language. The other person understood the tongues in the native language, English. Both, the English and the Italian interpretation was identical, to wit: *"Thus saith the Lord, go, and I will carry you in the palm of My hand."*

We left for California with this wonderful promise still ringing in our ears. And God surely has kept His promise. When we were lonely or discouraged, God would be there with His love, and comfort us. One outstanding experience comes to my mind.

On the way to the West coast one day, we looked at our children and saw their trusting eyes and their hearts full of hope, when suddenly, a great fear crept into our



Brother V. James Lovalvo and Sister Mary Lovalvo

hearts. Were we doing the right thing? We stopped the car, (on a beautiful high mountain road) and offered a silent prayer to God for further direction; for we were ready to turn back without ever reaching California. A strange thing happened to me; a burning desire to go on—which I could not understand—took hold of me. I looked up to heaven, my favorite way of praying, and I beheld a large arm, and the arm thereof, opening a large door. I turned to my husband and told him to turn the car around for we were going on to California, as God had just shown me that He would be there to open the door for us. A wonderful excitement came over my precious family. We offered a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord, and sang hymns all the way to our destination.

I cannot say that everything was rosy when we settled in California. We went through considerable financial losses, and periods of loneliness. But through it all, God kept His unfailing promise, He kept us in the palm of His hand. He blessed us and restored us in many ways.

I have written the above as a testimony of praise to the Almighty. I shall now tell you of the present:

It all started about three years ago, when The Church sent Brothers Rocco Biscotti, Nick Pietrangelo, and my husband, V. James Lovalvo on a Mission to Florida. Reluctantly I went with my husband. Reluctantly? You see, I am not the "traveling" kind of person. Can you imagine that, after all the traveling I have done in the past three years? Even the company I worked for encouraged me to go.

When we reached Florida, we were received with love and kindness by all the Brothers and Sisters. Shortly after our arrival, my husband could hardly wait until we were alone to speak to me of something he had on his mind. What did he want to talk about? You guessed it. "How would you like Florida?" he asked, "My desire is to come here some day, but it's up to you." When I heard this I said to myself, "Here it goes again." I know my husband's tactics. They're like the poem, "He does not compel us to go against our will; He just makes us willing to go." Bless his heart! He told me that some years ago God had given him a living experience, in which the Lord spoke the same words to him as He had once spoken to the Apostle Peter, "Lovest thou Me more than these? Feed My sheep." I remembered that, when we went to California years ago, we had our children with us, who when loneliness took hold of me, their laughter and their ever-faithful companionship brought me always back to reality. But, what would happen now, without them, when



the same loneliness would assail me? Nevertheless, we put all our trust in the Lord.

On three separate occasions, a heart-breaking loneliness has come upon me, which I could barely stand. My husband and I would go in fasting and prayer—which we do quite often—asking God that, if He was pleased with our staying in Florida, to please give us some souls to bring to Him. I went one step further. One Sunday morning, in Church, I asked Him to give us one soul that day, as a sign, or I would go back to California. The meeting was almost at an end, and I thought to myself, “After the service, I’ll tell my husband that I want to go back home.” Home? At least to my children and my darling grandchildren. But, as I was thinking this, my husband said to the congregation, “Though some of you are not baptized, but if you want to express yourselves, do so today.” Quickly, a beautiful young girl Angela DiNardo arose, and said that, all she wanted to say was, that she wanted to be baptized. What an answer to prayer! Surprise? All I could do was praise God, and glorify His name.

Another time, on a Saturday morning, I awoke with a heavy feeling in my heart, as again, our financial state was very grave. We fasted, and prayed to God to smile upon us, and give us more souls for His kingdom. The next day, Sunday, we were blessed at the Ft. Pierce branch, in both services. At night, we attended the M.B.A. service at the Lake Worth Branch. (I want to say at this point that we travel every Sunday between 50 and 350 miles, round trip, all in one day, visiting the various branches and missions. Thinking of the prayer we had offered, relative to touching the hearts of some to come to Jesus, I thought, “God’s delay is not always His denial. Maybe next week some one will come to Him.” As we entered the church, a young girl approached my husband, and asked, “Brother Jim, how does one get the spirit of repentance?” He explained it to her satisfaction, and after a few minutes she told him, “I believe I have the spirit of repentance.” Speak of joy in our souls! Unworthy, that’s how we both felt. For God had again answered our prayers.

In the beginning I had said that I would rather “fall in the hands of God than of man.” How true! God was patient; man would have said, “Aren’t you satisfied yet?”

One day, in loneliness, I repeated the words of the Apostles to Jesus, “Carest Thou not that we perish?” I quickly said, “Forgive me Lord, and show Thy love again by giving us more souls.” How many times would I ask this? Yet, He answered our prayers. That week we fasted again for God to touch the hearts of men and women that they might come to Him.

One woman in particular comes to my mind. I prayed that God would relieve her burden, that she would be moved to accept His Son, Jesus. We had promised to go to the Miami Mission for services that Sunday. I put my husband’s old clothes in the car, and that day there were two baptisms, Kathy and Francis. Blessed day? Heaven came down, and glory filled our souls.

A few weeks later, my husband took three more women into the waters of baptism. Blessed be the name of the Lord! Two of the sisters that my husband baptized live in Stuart, Florida, where we, at present, make our home. We hold meetings every Thursday night, in one of the Sister’s home.

We need your prayers, because we realize that no one can stand alone. Will I have any more doubts or

fears? Even Jesus once said, “Hast Thou forsaken me also?”, when His burden became too heavy. But, I surely know that God lives, and He will once again bless us a “hundred-fold”. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. God has blessed us in many ways. My daughter, Priscilla Carneval, was baptized when she was thirteen years old. She is married to a wonderful man, who is an Elder of the Church, and who also is a school principal. She feels the loss of my companionship as much as I do hers, but she understands that we must do the work of the Lord. My son, Leonard James, is a medical Doctor and a prominent surgeon in California. He is also a member of the Church of Jesus Christ. He was very upset and concerned when we started this new venture, because I am not a physically well person. A few months ago I said to him, “I know that you are not pleased with our traveling so much.” He replied, “Mother, most people barely live one life. You and Dad have already lived three lives. (Meaning, one life in Detroit, one in California, and now one in Florida). I’ll miss you both, but I respect you for your determination.” God has also blessed him with a wonderful wife.

I conclude by praising God, and asking your prayers, that we might be a help and a blessing wherever we go. And someday, meet all of you in that “land that is fairer than day.”

## ORDINATION AT EDISON, N. J. BRANCH

A wonderful day, May 13, was experienced by all at the ordination of Brother Donald Ross of The Edison Branch into the Priesthood.

The morning service was opened by Brother Salvatore Sgro of The New Brunswick Branch. His text was *II Nephi, Chapter 9*. Brother Thomas Ross of Aliquippa followed and spoke on the love of God. He related how it is like a fountain spreading in all directions; how we can have His love if only we obey and do all things through Jesus Christ. Brother August D’Orazio spoke on Mother’s Day and how Mary, the mother of the Lord, must have felt when she saw her son nailed to the cross. The morning services were closed by Brother Nathan Peterkin.

Many people from various Branches worshipped with us during the afternoon meeting. Our afternoon service was opened by Brother Rocco J. Ensana. Brother Rocco’s remarks were followed by the ordination of Brother Donald Ross. Brother Sgro washed Brother Don’s feet and he was ordained by his father, Brother Thomas Ross.

A wonderful spirit of testimony prevailed throughout the meeting. Several experiences occurred during the service. Brother Louis Benyola, Jr. testified that when Brother Don was speaking from the rostrum, he saw a Personage arrayed in white standing behind him. He also saw the same personage behind Brother Nathan Peterkin. While Brother Don was breaking the bread, Sister Linda Benyola saw him completely enclosed in a clear glasslike shield. Inside the shield, it was beautifully clear and pure. Outside of the shield, it was filthy and the wind was blowing dust and dirt in all directions. It was a blessing to witness father and son passing Sacrament.

We pray the Lord will bless Brother Don, that he will fulfill his new duties to the best of his ability. Also, our prayer is that the Lord will bless his family.

## MICHIGAN-ONTARIO DISTRICT CONFERENCE

On March 14 and 15, 1973 the Michigan-Ontario District held its semi-annual District Conference at Detroit Branch No. 4.

The Warren-Sterling Heights Branch No. 5 presented a request to change their name to Sterling Heights Branch. A motion was passed that the District concur with their request.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

President, Querino Bologna (Recommended)  
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On Sunday, March 18, 1973 we held our meeting at South Lake High School, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. That morning from five to eight inches of snow fell which nearly paralyzed the city. Church service and public activities in the city were curtailed drastically. However, many of our people braved the elements and came to worship God.

Prior to the opening of the service Brother Gorie Ciaravino introduced those Saints who have rendered 50 or more years service to God and presented them with corsages and boutonnieres. They were:

Brother Anthony Pietrangelo	Baptized 7-25-23
Sister Rose Pietrangelo	Baptized 7-25-23
Sister Pasqualina Tatti	Baptized 4-11-23
Sister Alice Romano	Baptized 12-4-22

The service was opened with prayer by Brother Alex Gentile. Brother Dominic Thomas then spoke concerning the role of The Church and the responsibility of a member to The Church. He stressed that the primary concern of The Church is in saving souls and taking care of the members' spiritual and physical needs. He further pointed out that the member must acquire the spiritual and moral values of the Gospel, i.e., love, longsuffering, gentleness, meekness, mercifulness and peacemaker. Importantly, Brother Thomas stressed that a member must work for The Church and utilize the talents that God gave him so others might gain the salvation of their souls.

After Brother Thomas spoke the following gave their testimonies:

Brother Peter Scolaro of Branch No. 1 thanked God for the opportunity to be part of The Church and desires always to be guided by the Lord.

Brother Kenneth Brown of Branch No. 3 thanked God that He revealed Himself at a time when he desired to know if there was a God.

Sister Pat Hildenbrand of Branch No. 4 thanked God for the experience she had that directed her coming into the Church and her part in the Gospel.

Sister Vicki DiMellis expressed her thankfulness for the love of God in The Church.

Brother Sam DiFalco of Sterling Heights Branch thanked God for preserving his life as a young boy when the doctors gave up hope.

Sister DiDi Collison of Windsor expressed her desire to serve God.

Brother Norbert Roth who recently was baptized and is a member of Branch No. 3 thanked God that he was obedient to the call.

During the course of these testimonies each Branch offered a musical selection.

The meeting was closed by singing hymn No. 194 "Jesus is Real to Me" and Brother Gorie Ciaravino closed with prayer.

Nephi DeMercurio  
District Editor

## ORDINATION AT IMPERIAL, PA. BRANCH

On Sunday, May 6, 1973 Imperial and Aliquippa Branches and several members from other Branches witnessed the ordination of Brother James Paul Moore into the Ministry of The Church of Jesus Christ.

The meeting was opened by Brother Russell Cadman using as his text *Ephesians, 4th Chapter, verses 11 thru 16 and Alma, 13th Chapter 3 thru 8*. The love of God and the seriousness of such a high calling was stressed. Brother John Ross followed, admonishing Jimmy as a father would a son in this new work as a Minister of the Gospel. Then Brother Bittinger added a few remarks about the great responsibilities that rest upon those chosen to preach the Gospel.

Brother Jim was baptized into The Church on January 6, 1957 and ordained a Teacher on March 22, 1964. His feet were washed by Brother George Johnson and he was ordained an Elder by Apostle Russell Cadman. It is wonderful to see our older Brothers instruct the younger ones. They have proven themselves in their many years of service to God and The Church. Such a wonderful spirit of peace prevailed throughout the day. As the Psalmist wrote, "How good it is for Brethern to dwell together in unity." We all went downstairs for lunch and fellowship.

In our evening meeting, Brothers John Manes and Dan Casasanta were our guest speakers. They too stressed the great responsibility of preaching this Gospel in these the latter days so that all men and women will have the same opportunity as we have had to obey the Gospel.

We wish to thank all who came to be with us on this special occasion.

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### AMERICAN HERITAGE

By Joseph Ross

This month commemorates 197 years since the announcement of the now famous Declaration of Independence. On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress met at Independence Hall in Philadelphia and adopted the Declaration of Independence. This memorable document proclaimed the 13 original colonies of America "free and independent" states by announcing their separation from Great Britain. This momentous proclamation was largely written by Thomas Jefferson, assisted by John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston. These five patriots were appointed by Congress to draft the formal Declaration.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

The actual official vote was taken by Congress on July 2, 1776 unanimously accepting the idea of independence. But, the 4th was adopted and has always been celebrated in the United States as Independence Day. The formal signing of the document took place on August 2, 1776. It was signed by fifty-six Congressmen, some whom were not in office at the announcement a month earlier.

### PROFOUND PHRASE

The Declaration itself is in the final paragraph of the announcement. It is preceded by the principles on which rested the future of the United States. Perhaps the most profound phrase of this document is the proclamation, "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness."

### BIBLICAL INFLUENCE

What prompted these founding fathers to include among other truths in the draft, that all men were created (not evolved) equal and entitled to the same rights in life as their fellowman. Was it aesthetic inspiration? Was it the continual ethical goal of man to achieve that ultimate ideal society? Or—was it the influence of a book inspired by a perfect being called Jesus Christ? Read Acts 10:34 and 17:26. When the thirteen colonies were struggling to be united under the Constitution and it momentarily appeared that all was lost; what prompted Benjamin Franklin, one of the authors of the Declaration of Independence to intercede? He quietly rose from his seat and addressed General Washington in the chair, "Mr. Chairman, if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without our Heavenly Father's care, how can an empire rise without His aid? I call the convention to prayer!" Following the prayer, they collectively rose from their knees to sign the Constitution of the United States. When Abraham Lincoln concluded his famous Gettysburg Address during the tragic Civil War, he summarized they were fighting to determine, "the government of the people, and by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth." Inspiration? Rhetorical speech? No—Mr. Lincoln was merely quoting from the preface to the Wycliffe Bible which reads, "The Bible is the government of the people, and by the people, and for the people." There are countless other instances to prove the quotation of Samuel T. Taylor, the English poet and journalist when he wrote, "For more than a thousand years, the Bible, collectively taken, has gone hand in hand with civilization, science, law — in short, with the moral and intellectual cultivation of the species, always supporting, and often leading the way." As God fearing people, we must acknowledge our value-judgements are spiritually derived, not self-created. The foundations of our government are based on this precept. In conclusion, may I quote Robert Payne Smith who said, "The books of men have their day and grow obsolete; God's word is like Himself, the same yesterday, today, and forever."



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### PAUL THE MISSIONARY

Dear Girls and Boys,

I will continue our stories about Saul of Tarsus. Paul is now a changed man. Even his name is changed and we read of him now in the Scriptures as Paul, which is his Roman name. He becomes the greatest missionary of all time. His travels take him throughout the Roman world, establishing new churches and encouraging those which have been started by other men. If Paul couldn't go to them, he sent letters or epistles. Some were written by him and others dictated. They showed his great wisdom and love for the Saints.

Paul's missionary travels are divided into three journeys. On his first journey his companions were Barnabas and John Mark. They went to Lystra where the inhabitants took them for their gods. They called Barnabas, Jupiter and Paul, Mercury. They wanted to worship them after Paul had healed a crippled man. They gave them oxen and garlands but the missionaries rent their clothes and ran among them crying out to turn to the living God and not worship them! They were just men the same as they were. But some Jews came from Iconium and Antioch and persuaded the people to stone Paul. They thought he was dead and took him out of the city. But the next day Paul left with Barnabas for the city of Derbe, where they ordained Elders and encouraged the Saints.

Another interesting event happened at Paphos, the seat of the worship of the idol god of love, Venus. Here Paul met a false prophet, a Jew, named Barjesus. With him was the deputy of the country, a good man named Sergius Paulus. The deputy desired to hear the word of God but a sorcerer named Elymas withstood the missionaries and tried to turn the deputy away from the faith. Paul was filled with the Holy Ghost. He told Elymas the hand of the Lord was upon him and he would be stricken blind. Immediately darkness fell upon him and he went about seeking someone to lead him by the hand. When the deputy Paulus saw this, he believed on the Lord. A church was established here.

In all their travels, they were found in the synagogues on the Sabbath Day. Many Gentiles believed as the word of God was published in all the regions.

Paul's second journey took him to more distant places. He and Barnabas were separated and this time his companions were Silas and young Timothy. He started at Antioch and traveled through Phrygia and Galatia, Bithynia and Troas.

Of this journey, Paul wrote, "Of the Jews five times I received 40 stripes save one. Thrice I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned; thrice I suffered shipwreck and a night and a day, I was in the deep. In journeyings often, in perils of water, of robbers and by my own countrymen, the heathens in the city, the wilderness, on the sea and in

perils among false brethren. I have been weary, suffered pain, hunger, thirst, cold and nakedness." So Paul's travels were not all joy, only in the Lord.

It was during this journey that he had a wonderful experience in Macedonia. The Lord wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul. Another great experience was had at Mars Hill in Athens, where he found an altar to the Unknown God. In his discouragements and trying times the Lord appeared to him with these words, "Be not afraid, I am with thee."

Many thrilling events took place during Paul's third missionary journey. One was at Ephesus, the city where the great goddess Diana was worshipped. It was the most celebrated shrine of the ancient world. Many miracles were performed here by Paul with the results of the ones converted, burning their books on magic and destroying the trade of the silversmiths. An uproar was started against Paul and the whole city was in confusion. Paul left the city and went to Macedonia, stopping at several cities. An amusing incident took place in Troas while Paul was preaching a long sermon. Maybe you would like to read it. (*Acts 20:7-12*).

The success of Paul's missionary travels are shown in firmly establishing the churches throughout Asia and the shores of Greece.

Next month I will tell you about Paul and Silas.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

### ELDER ORDAINED APOSTLES VISIT ROSCOE MISSION

On Sunday, May 13, 1973, the Brothers and Sisters of the Roscoe Mission rejoiced to have many visitors in our midst. Being Mother's Day, Brother Samuel Kirschner gave a beautiful sermon on the love of a mother and how we may find that love in the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Brother Idris Martin also gave many beautiful thoughts on this subject.

In the afternoon, Brother Joseph Bittinger spoke on how we should walk after the manner of God and how Ministers were called by a Holy calling. Brother Fred Olexa read from the Scripture concerning the calling of men into the Ministry and also read from the *Minister's Manual* the duties of an Elder. Brother John Olexa also spoke many wonderful words.

Brother Bud Martin's feet were washed by Brother Idris Martin and he was ordained an Elder by Brother Samuel Kirschner. There were many in attendance to welcome Brother Bud into the Ministry, with visitors from Monongahela, West Elizabeth, Greensburg and Perry, Ohio Branches.

We thank God for this wonderful day and the many blessings He has given us here at Roscoe.

One of the greatest spiritual experiences of my life resulted from the discovery that Christ did not require me to register any spiritual achievements before He would condescend to walk with me; that all the needs of my soul would be met when I had a broken heart and contrite spirit, when I repented and confessed my wrongdoing.

—Wesley W. Nelson

## ● FLASHBACKS ●

*By Charles Jumper*

### 25 YEARS AGO — JULY 1948

Brother James Lovalvo, Clyde Gibson and William Cadman spoke at the Sunday service of General Conference held in the Glassport High School, Glassport, Pennsylvania.

### 20 YEARS AGO — JULY 1953

About five hundred people attended a two-day gathering in East Detroit, Michigan High School. Brother Clifford Burgess brought a chorus of Indian singers from the Six Nations Reserve, Brantford, Ontario. They presented several selections in the Mohawk and English tongues.

### 15 YEARS AGO — JULY 1958

Brothers Joseph Bittinger and Joseph Shazer preached The Gospel to the Indians at Wakpala, South Dakota.

Brother James Moore visited the Brothers and Sisters in Nortonville, Kentucky.

Brother Thurman Furnier visited the California District Branches.

### 10 YEARS AGO — JULY 1963

Five young people from San Diego were baptized at the July gathering in Bell, California.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the Michigan-Ontario District, led the ground breaking ceremony for the new Branch No. 2 building in Allen Park, Michigan.

### 5 YEARS AGO — JULY 1968

Six young people asked to be baptized at the Ohio District Conference.

Brothers Joseph Calabrese and Domenic Moraco held a series of evangelistic meetings in the Atlantic Coast District.

Several young people from the Golden Rule Class of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Sunday School took part in the lay missionary program on the San Carlos, Arizona Indian Reservation.

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## ALIQUIPPA CIRCLE CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

The Aliquippa, Pennsylvania local of the Ladies Circle celebrated fifty years as an organized home Circle on May 23, 1973. The Aliquippa Sisters, along with friends and relatives, attended a dinner at a local dining establishment. Sisters Ruth Ackerman, Sarah Vancik and Ethel Crosier, three of the General Circle officers were able to attend. While at the dinner, everyone received a place card engraved with the Circle pledge and gold circle pins as remembrances of the occasion.



The ladies all returned to the Church building after the dinner, and the Circle members presented a brief program for the congregation. Sisters Josephine Ross, Aliquippa Circle President, welcomed all the Brothers and Sisters and remarked that the Circle was grateful to God that they had been privileged to celebrate a golden anniversary as did the Aliquippa Branch in 1972, for it is truly a blessing to be in the service of The Lord.

The Sisters then sang several hymns that had been favorites of some of the deceased Circle members. Sister Sharon Ross then read the history of the Circle:

The Aliquippa local of the Ladies Circle was organized on Sunday, May 20, 1923 in the home of Sister Filomena Jackman. Sisters Hannah Skillen and Concetta Dintina were sent as organizers to the meeting by the General Circle, and they stressed that the purpose of the organization was as stated in the Circle pledge. Officers were elected, Scripture for the lessons was selected and a place of meeting was decided upon.

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Through the years, meetings were held at the Church building, as well as in the homes of the members. The Sisters endeavored to search the Word of God, visit the sick and help one another.

The minutes of the early days of the Aliquippa Circle record several members. The two charter sisters still with us today are Filomena Jackman and Domenica Tamburrino.

In October of 1941, the Sisters began a Building Fund which continued until the Branch bought a building on Main Avenue in 1945. When the membership of the Branch moved into the present building on Ross Drive, the Circle furnished kitchen supplies and utensils, as well as velvet covers for the pulpit furniture.

The Circle has also contributed in various ways to the Nigerian Secondary School. In 1965 a noteworthy project was undertaken by our Sisters upon request by Brother John Ross and with the approval of the General Church Board of Missions. One thousand copies of a manual entitled "Good Nursing for Babies" were printed in Efik and donated to the Church in Nigeria for distribution to mothers. When Sister Mary Ross visited Nigeria in 1962 along with her husband Brother John, she was enabled to witness the benefits of the financial aid rendered by the Sisters as well as by the General Church.

The Circle has endeavored to support the General Circle financially, as well as in all projects undertaken by the entire organization.

Sisters Donna Palmieri and Joyceann Jumper then presented yellow roses in memory of the deceased members of the Circle. Many testimonies followed in praise to God for His goodness and blessings in allowing the Sisters to be able to meet together and help The Church and one another throughout the years. Brothers Paul Palmieri and John Ross, Sr. spoke briefly, exhorting the Sisters to continue to be active and to do all they can to abide by the standards set forth in the Circle Pledge. The Brothers also commended the Circle for their financial assistance as a local and as a support to the General Circle, especially in projects and funds involving the missionary effort of The Church.

After the close of the services, the Brothers and Sisters and Friends enjoyed one another's fellowship, as they were served coffee and anniversary cake.

## M. B. A. Highlights

### G.M.B.A. CONFERENCE AT ATLANTIC COAST

The Semi-Annual Conference convened at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, May 19, 1973 at the Pine Grove School in Somerset, New Jersey.

At the start of the morning session Brother August D'Orazio invited all to participate in the days business. He welcomed all who attended from near and far. In closing, he wished to thank all who prayed for him during his recent illness.

After the roll call of officers, the first order of business was "Old Business" as follows:

1. Brother Joe Milantoni reported on the progress of the "Lesson Plans". A final draft has been completed and is subject to review by the General Church.

2. The following proposals for the By-law and Proposals Committee were read:

A. Proposal — Section 2, Article 18 — Elected officers of each Local be for a period of one year instead of 6 months. (Conference voted to let the committee continue on this item.)

B. Proposal — The G.M.B.A. formed a committee of Detroit No. 2 Local members to acquire copyrights to songs for a song book to be used in branches and missions of The Church. A list of songs were sent to all branches and missions for the selection of their favorites. It was then sent back to the committee. The committee is presently writing to publishing companies for a list of hymns available and the cost of the copyrights.

C. Proposal — In the November 1972 G.M.B.A. Conference minutes, a report form for uniform minute taking in locals was presented with an attached copy. Each local was to review this form and send a yes or no reply to the G.M.B.A. Secretary. The Secretary received the following replies — 15 yes and 6 no, with 20 locals not replying. It was voted to add to this form a space for "attendance" and "individual class reports".

3. The 1973 G.M.B.A. Campout Director, Brother Charles Jumper Jr. gave the following report: He expressed a desire for a successful camp and stressed that all rules and regulations must be obeyed. Accommodations are sufficient and the camp grounds are adequate. The *MBA Bulletin* contains a list of all articles needed for the "arts and crafts" groups. All were reminded of the rule of no smoking on camp grounds.

4. The 1974 Campout reported by the "Campout Procurement Committee" would be given at the GMBA Activities Committee meeting in Erie, Pa. on May 26.

5. Lay Missionary Work program: San Carlos Indian Reservation work is still available to any interested. The trailer is there for use by those in the program. Brother Brutz is in charge and will assist all those interested in this work.

Muncey Indian Reserve — A group of the Detroit, Michigan members are active at Muncey. They are considering a Vacation Bible School there. Brother Anthony

Gerace requested the G.M.B.A. to consider subsidizing the cost of bussing these children to the school. Anyone interested in the work at Muncey is invited to participate. A motion was passed to continue these projects at Muncey and San Carlos.

#### New Business:

1. The following Organizers reported of their activities: Brothers Sam Cuomo (Michigan-Ontario), Vince Gibson (Northern Ohio), Richard Scaglione (South Pennsylvania), Domenick Rose (Bronx, New York) and Dick Pandone (Southern Ohio). They all reported trying to visit and encourage locals within their area. Brother Cuomo reported (alone with Brother Joe Carlini) organizing the Sterling Heights Local in Michigan.

2. The following Area Presidents also reported: Brothers Bob Nicklow (Pennsylvania), Donald Ross (Atlantic Coast) and Bill Hufnagle (Ohio).

3. The delegates gave reports of their locals. The reports included the activities, classes, lessons, projects and financial status of each Local.

4. The G.M.B.A. Activities Committee recommended the 1974 Campout be held in the Michigan Area. A motion was passed to concur with their recommendation.

It was suggested that some assistance be given to the Lay Mission work in Canada. A motion was passed to donate \$100 towards the expenses incurred to bus the Indian children to Vacation Bible School.

At this time a special prayer was offered for the Sal Azzinaro family for comfort and courage due to the passing away of Brother Sal.

5. Copies of all periodicals printed — *MBA Bulletin* and Newsletters of Areas and Locals are to be sent to the GMBA President and Secretary and the Quorum of Twelve Apostles.

6. The GMBA donated \$1,500 for the missionary work of The Church. In addition, \$3,815.17 was raised for the Auditorium fund. A motion was passed to set the same goal of \$200 for the next six months for each local.

7. The next GMBA Conference in November 1973 will be held at the General Church Auditorium.

The remainder of the afternoon meeting was reserved for some wonderful testimonies. (Testimonies must surely be the heartbeat of our thanks toward God). Editor J. G.

The evening meeting was turned over to the Atlantic Coast Area. They presented a program with a theme of past campouts. It stirred many, many fond memories for those who attended any or all the past campouts. The Atlantic Coast Area MBA is to be commended for their efforts and hospitality we enjoyed during the GMBA week-end.

### A NOTE OF THANKS

Since it would be impossible for me to acknowledge all the cards, telegrams, and remembrances sent during my husband's affliction, and since his death, I would like to thank everyone for the kindness and warmth shown toward us. May God bless all of you and repay you fourfold.

Remember me along with my children in your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Marie Azzinaro  
Lockport, New York Branch



Pictured left to right are Rose Corrado of Niles, Ohio, Ruth Akerman of Glassport, Pennsylvania, Mabel Bickerton and Sara Vancik of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, the Sisters who visited the Holy Land in late March. Shown in the background is the Jordan River.

### "AN OPEN LETTER TO GOD"

Dear God,

*I'm sorry You made Sunday where You did. You see, it's like this—we could attend Church more regularly if Your day came at some other time. You have chosen a day that comes at the end of a hard week, and we are all tired out. Not only that, but it is the day following Saturday night.*

*Saturday evening, You know, is one time we feel we should enjoy ourselves, so we go to the movies or a party, and often it is after midnight when we reach home. It is almost impossible to get up on Sunday morning. You have chosen the very day we want to sleep late, and it makes it mighty hard to get the children off to Sunday School, especially when they leave so early.*

*THEN THERE ARE dishes to wash, and we always have some things we just have to wash out. I mean no disrespect, dear God, but You must realize that You have picked the day on which we have the biggest dinner. Not only that, but the Church has fixed the hour of worship at the very time we must be preparing dinner.*

*Then, too, You must think of John. He is cooped up in his office all week, and Sunday morning is the only time he has to tinker with the car and to mow the lawn. When he gets into his old clothes and his hands are all greasy You could not expect him to put his work aside and go off to Church.*

*I AM TELLING You these things, dear God, because I want You to get our viewpoint. It is not our fault that we are unable to get to Church on Sunday mornings. We would like to go, and we know we should go, and need to go. But it must be clear to You that the reason we cannot go is because You have chosen the wrong day. If You will select another day we shall be glad to go to Church and Sunday School more faithfully.*

Sincerely yours,

I. M. BUSY



## - Branch and Mission News -

### New Convert Added To Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch

The Vanderbilt Saints enjoyed a season of cheer and upliftment on Thursday, May 6 when a new member was added to the fold. Carrie Mae Keller was baptized by Brother Joseph Shazer and confirmed by Brother Emmett Dale.

Sister Carrie had attended the Vanderbilt Branch for many years and her decision to ask for her baptism surely was joyful and welcome news to her many friends in the Branch.

### Indian Quartet Sings At Phoenix

The Phoenix, Arizona M.B.A. enjoyed a wonderful meeting on Sunday evening, March 4th, when a quartet from the Papago Indian Reservation visited with us. The quartet — made up of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cruz and Mr. and Mrs. William Joaquin — sang hymns of praise in both the English and Papago languages. Mr. Joaquin also accompanied the quartet on the guitar. Their singing and testimonies, from which emanated a wonderful Spirit, were enjoyed by all. Also, Sister Pat Christman and the young people of our local sang several selections.

Following the meeting, refreshments were served, and we spent the time becoming better acquainted with the quartet. May God bless these four Indians in their efforts and desires to serve Him.

Brother W. Mark Landrey

### Rochester, New York

On April 3, 1973, Brother Paul Benyola, presiding elder of Lockport, New York and Apostle Brother Paul D'Amico came to Rochester to organize our mission to a Branch. Brother Benyola, after a few introductory remarks, wished God's blessings, love and prosperity to us in the future years.

The meeting was turned over to our Presiding Elder Ansel D'Amico.

Brother Patsy Marinetti was elected First Counselor and Brother Paul D'Amico Second Counselor.

Brother Paul D'Amico, Frank and Marion Rosati came to Rochester Sunday, April 8, 1973, and spent the day with us. Brother Paul opened the meeting with the hymn, "When Joseph Will Appear."

His text, "The Passover", was taken from the 12th Chapter of Exodus. Speaking of how the House of Israel was a slave to Pharaoh, but we too sin. He also spoke concerning feet washing, which was performed that day. He encouraged the young people to seek God that their reward would be great. He also told of his joy in serving God, even at a young age.

We sang the hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believed" after which Brother Patsy Marinetti continued to speak on the same topic.

Brother Ansel D'Amico spoke on the true meaning of Palm Sunday. How Jesus washed our sins away. He also read an article from the Gospel News and spoke of

Brother William H. Cadman and the good examples he set.

We then performed the ordinance of feet washing. It was a day well spent.

On May 6, 1973, we experienced the joy of having Evangelists Elmer Santilli, Frank Giovanone and Mario Milano from the Ohio District. Bro. Elmer opened the meeting using I Corinthians, 16th verse, "That we are running for the race." We shouldn't look to the left or right, but to the prize that we will obtain by keeping faithful until the end.

Bro. Frank Giovanone followed and spoke on the same subject about the Greek's race. They ran the race with lit candles in their hands. The one who finished the race with his candle lit was the winner. Let us all have our lamps lit and seek the Kingdom of Heaven first... everything else will be added unto us.

The hymn "Oh, Happy Day" was sung in the Italian language. Bro. Mario Milano spoke in Italian, that his cup runneth over with the great joy and blessing to be here.

Another great day was spent in the service of God.

### Visiting Elder, Reinstatement At Aliquippa

Brother Donald Ross, newly-ordained Elder, and his family from Edison, New Jersey visited with us on May 27, 1973. Born and raised in Aliquippa, Brother Don preached his first sermon this day, reading from *The Book of Mormon, Alma 5:14*. He encouraged all who hear the Word of God each Sunday to take a stand and decide to devote their lives to God's service.

After the morning service, Brother Frank Rossi asked to be reinstated into fellowship with The Saints. He expressed himself in the afternoon testimony meeting, stating that he knew in his heart that the Brothers and Sisters had never ceased to remember him in prayer throughout the years he has been apart from The Church. Brother Frank was then reinstated into The Church of Jesus Christ by the laying-on-of-hands by Brother Anthony Palmieri.

The Aliquippa Saints have reason to pause and rejoice, for they have been holding fasting and prayer services on Sunday mornings before Sunday School, during Wednesday evening services, and on an individual basis throughout the weeks. Their prayers have been that God would stir the hearts of those that come among us and those that have left the fold. The Lord has truly heard us, for we have had a few baptisms and many reinstatements which have been a great spiritual uplift to our Branch. May The Lord continue to work among us and make us a blessing to one another, for our desire is that many more will come to know this glorious Gospel.

### Baptism At Detroit, Mich. Branch No. 2

Sunday, April 8, 1973 was a day of rejoicing for the Detroit Branch No. 2 Saints. A new member was added to the fold when Diane Behr was baptized by Brother Joseph Milantoni and confirmed by Brother Alex Gentile.

Sister Diane was introduced to The Church by her close friend, Sister JoAnn Renaud who has been in The Church a short time.

The harvesting in of new souls surely is edifying to the entire Church.

## Fort Pierce, Florida Branch Adds Another Member

The Fort Pierce, Florida Saints experienced a day of rejoicing on Sunday, April 15, 1973. Another Soul was added to the fold when Dorothy Frances Knipple was baptized by Brother Frank Rogolino and confirmed by Brother V. James Lovalvo.

Sister Dorothy is seventy-five years of age and related the following experience: "At the Wednesday evening meeting, I asked for my baptism. That night after retiring, a large person clothed in white came through my bedroom door. He had a crown on his head and leaning over, laid something on my bed. It was so clear I could see all his features and the points on his crown. I was so amazed I sat up in bed. Now I am Sister Dorothy Knipple."

Praise God who has seen fit to call Sister Knipple in the evening time of life. May God richly bless her.

## By The Grace Of God

Several experiences were brought forth in testimony in Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 on Sunday, March 25, 1973.

Sister Mary Dichiera who is involved in missionary work related an experience that took place the previous week. The night before her journey to the Six Nation Mission in Grand River, she prayed that God would give them a special blessing. Although she had been suffering with a pain in her side for several days, she did not pray for relief of her pain.

That night in a dream she found herself in a large room. A man dressed in white asked her what she was looking for. She said, "I am looking for a doctor." He replied, "You will have to go to Dr. Lovalvo." On waking she realized that to be healed she would have to go under the hands of the Elders.

The Sunday meeting in Grand River was opened by visiting Brothers Emmett Dale and James King of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania. Sister Hill and Brother and Sister Dale asked for prayer. As the Elders prayed over them, the power of God was present, and Sister Dichiera realized that her dream was not only for herself, but for all who were there. She then asked Brother Anthony Lovalvo if she could relate her dream, after which she also went under the hands of the Elders and her testimony after prayer was that the pain in her side was gone.

Others were also healed, Sister Dale; Sister Susan Hill who for many years was blind, now by the grace of God can see; and Brother Percy Green who once was deaf, can now hear. As the meeting closed, they all knew that the Spirit of The Lord and the power of healing were with them that day.

Branch No. 1 and other Branches had fasting and prayer for Sister Almarinda Kaczmarek's young daughter Emily. Several dreams were given, and in one of them, Brother Joseph Castelli saw a doctor operating on a small child. When Brother Castelli mentioned little Emily's operation to him, the doctor looked up and smiled. As you may already have heard, Emily came through open heart surgery just fine, and is even gaining weight.

Besides little Emily, prayers were also offered that day for Brother and Sister (Michelangelo) Gioia's nephew and family who were involved in a serious automobile accident. By the grace of God and on the same day that

we prayed, their youngest boy came out of a coma that had endured four days.

In a dream, Sister Jean DePerno saw an Indian man walk in and stand near the door of The Church. When she invited him in, he pointed to the bulletin board which read, "United."

I feel the dream speaks for itself. God bless and keep you.  
Sister Diana Thompson

## Detroit Branch No. 1 Young People Visit Muncey Mission

On Sunday, April 15, 1973, a large group of young people from Detroit Branch No. 1 visited the Muncey Mission to enjoy a very full day. Fasting and praying was done the preceding week. So we would know that the Lord would be there at Muncey with us.

While many were in the course of fasting and praying, Sister Jean DiPerno had a dream one night. In the dream, she saw three children playing in the water and she felt this meant three baptisms.

Our service at Muncey was directed truly by the Spirit of God, preaching, singing, praying and a beautiful season of testimony. Several dreams were related: they were that the Muncey building would be filled by visitors on that Sunday; that there would be seven people being called and that day three would be ready for baptism. Also, another Brother had a dream that he was given three beautiful apples that appeared to be not of this earth and he was to present them to three individuals.

After relating these dreams, we were guided to kneel in prayer that these individuals would be given necessary strength from God to make their desires known. In the course of prayer, Sister Diane Everett shouted out with strong enthusiasm her desire to be baptized. She later related to us her own experience. "While we were praying there in Muncey, I heard a voice come out of me, but it wasn't mine; this voice was different." The voice said, "I want to be baptized. I think it was the Lord's voice saying it to help me from holding back. I also felt that Patty Ignagni and Shelby Chambers would follow me."

We had more testimony and Brother Gary Copa felt inspired to have us all kneel in prayer again. While praying, Angela Gioia had an open vision. She saw Patty Ignagni stand and ask to be baptized. After the prayer ended, Brother Spencer Everett was told by the Spirit, "Patty, Patty." He then asked Patty openly, "Patty is God calling you?" She replied, "Yes". Shortly after this, Brother Spencer was directed again in the same manner to ask Shelby Chambers if God was calling her and she said, "Yes". (Sister Shelby related later that after Patty was called, she too felt she was being called. But she prayed to the Lord that if He was really calling her that Brother Spencer would ask her too.) Also, Keith Mangiapane, 11 years old, later said that something told him that Patty and Shelby would be the second and third ones to be baptized.

At one point, a small group sang, "He Touched Me" with a recitation of "The Touch of The Master's Hand." While Sister Barbara Chambers was reciting, Sister Patty Ignagni saw a bright, white light surround Sister Barbara so that only her face was seen.

Truly this beautiful 12:30 to 5:30 service was our answer to the fasting and praying the week previous. God's Sweet, Sweet Spirit was there.

## 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 Samuel to Wayne Terry and Nancy Ann Miskokonow of Muncey Mission, Ontario, Canada.

## Weddings

### STEINROCK - RICH

Mr. David Allen Steinrock and Sister Janet Lou Rich were united in holy matrimony on May 5, 1973 by Brother Donald Collison. The ceremony was performed at the Muncey Church building in Moncey, Ontario, Canada.

Musical selections were presented by Olanda Peltier. The couple will reside in Ecorse, Michigan.

### KELLER - PATCH

Mr. Donald Raymond Keller and Miss Kathleen Elaine Patch were joined in holy marriage on May 12, 1973 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Vanderbit, Pennsylvania.

Brothers Emmett Dale and George Emerson Fuller officiated at the ceremony.

The couple will reside in Smock, Pennsylvania.

## Obituaries

### SALVATORE AZZINARO

Brother Salvatore Azzinaro passed on to the Paradise of God on May 7, 1973 at the Lockport, New York Memorial Hospital. He was born on May 12, 1922 and was baptized on August 23, 1936 by the late Brother Gabriel Mazzeo at Brooklyn, New York.

Funeral services were conducted on May 10, 1973 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Lockport, New York by Brothers Corie Ciaravino, Joseph Calabrese and Paul D'Amico.

He is survived by his wife, seven sons, one daughter, his mother and many loved ones.

He will be missed by all who knew him.

### NICHOLAS JACK NAPOLITANO

Brother Nicholas "Jack" Napolitano passed on to eternity on April 2, 1973. He was a member of Branch No. 3, Detroit, Michigan of The Church of Jesus Christ. Brother Jack was born on October 30, 1894, and was baptized February 16, 1930.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, one daughter, three grandchildren, one sister and many nieces and nephews. Brother Pete H. Capone officiated at the funeral services.

He will long be remembered as a faithful Brother in

The Church. Many who came into The Church in the 1930's will never forget his kind, gentle manner, especially to the young. May God comfort the family.

### JORGEN P. BENJAMINSEN

Brother Jorgen P. Benjaminsen, a member of Branch No. 3 Detroit, Michigan of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to his eternal reward on April 26, 1973. Brother Jorgen was born on September 17, 1899.

Left to mourn his loss are his wife, one son, two daughters, fourteen grandchildren and one sister.

Officiating at his funeral was Brother Silverio Criscuolo.

Brother Benjaminsen was a faithful member and attended services until his last illness. He stated before he died that he loved the Brothers and Sisters and enjoyed their fellowship.

### MILDRED GOTTO MAFFEO

Sister Mildred Maffeo of the Lake Worth, Florida Branch passed from this life on May 19, 1973. Sister Millie was born July 21, 1898, baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on May 20, 1928 at New Brunswick, New Jersey and later became a Deaconess, filling this office to the utmost.

She is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, three great grandchildren and twelve brothers and sisters.

The Funeral Services were conducted by Brothers Michael Radd, V. J. Lovalvo and Eugene Perri Jr.

Sister Maffeo was a member of the Sunday School, M.B.A., Ladies' Circle and served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lake Worth Branch. She will be missed very much by all.

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

### JULY

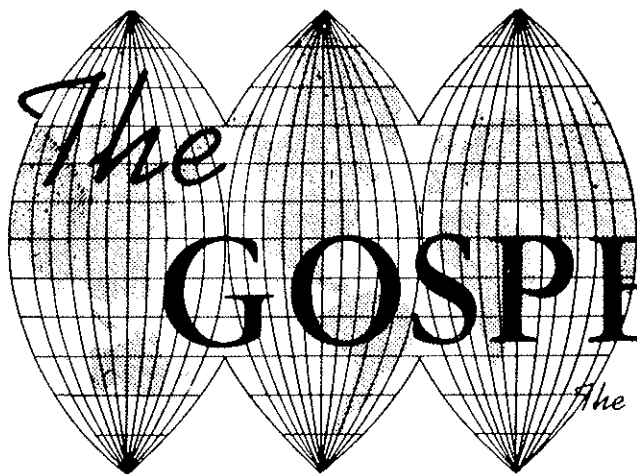
- 7—General Ladies Uplift Circle at the Auditorium.
- 21-28—G.M.B.A. Annual Campout at Dunkirk, New York.

### SEPTEMBER

- 8-9—Atlantic Coast District Conference at Freehold Mission
- 8-9—Florida District Conference at Fort Pierce
- 8-9—Ohio District Conference at Warren
- 8-9—Pennsylvania District Conference at Vanderbilt
- 15-16—California District Conference at San Diego

### OCTOBER

- 19, 20, 21—General Church Conference at Detroit, Mich.



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## WHITERIVER MISSION DEDICATES BUILDING

The building of the Whiteriver Mission in Pinetop, Arizona was dedicated on Sunday, May 20, 1973.

We, members of the Mission, were happy to see Brothers and Sisters from Phoenix, San Carlos, California, and even Ohio.

There was a good representation of Elders from these parts of the Church: From Phoenix, Brothers Richard Christman, Phillip Damore, Thurman Furnier, and Ether Furnier and their families; from San Carlos, Brothers Anthony Brutz, Chris Phillips and Claude Kayson and their families; from California, Brothers Robert Watson, Jr., and Joseph Bologna and their wives; and from Ohio, Brother Joseph Calabrese and his daughter, Candace.

We were surprised and happy to see Sister Gail Santilli, who came all the way from Youngstown, Ohio to be with us.

Saturday evening we were blessed as we shared our feelings about the Gospel. We are always strengthened when we hear the sincere testimonies of the Saints of the Lord. We learn from each other that wherever we are on this continuum of life, we need the Lord, and if we rely on Him, His guiding hand leads us into all that is good for us and for those around us. Brother Isaac Smith, Whiteriver's missionary Elder, spoke of the importance of the Brothers' and Sisters' prayers to the success of this or any mission.

On Sunday morning, Brother Robert Watson, Jr., President of the California District, opened the service with a talk on the Lord's great plan for mankind, and our role as a Church and as individuals in that plan. He stated that God's purpose has always been for man to serve Him. To fulfill that purpose He has provided means for His servants to meet together where they may feel God's presence. Brother Bob expressed the hope that the Whiteriver Mission would be a place of refuge for all people who come within its doors.

He urged us to remember that God's work will be accomplished with or without our participation; that our primary consideration must be keeping our hearts right before the Lord. We are vehicles of God's Spirit. We need the Lord's Spirit working in us to effectively carry out the Lord's plan for our lives, and to communicate to other people what the Lord has done for us.

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## TO THE GOSPEL NEWS READERS

We have received many articles in the past two months from our Branches and Missions. The news deals with the progress of our Church, and we feel you would enjoy reading about our Brothers and Sisters in different parts of the land.

Our August issue is dedicated to our Branches and Missions.

The Editors

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Brother Joseph Calabrese continued, stating that the Whiteriver Mission building represents an addition to God's plan. He praised the Lord that we have been so highly favored as to have been given the knowledge of God's promises to His Church and to the House of Israel. He spoke of our looking forward to the coming of the Choice Seer. As he stated that only God knows where Joseph is, Brother Thurman Furnier arose in the Spirit, and said the following:

'I know, and I shall reveal in my own due time,' thus saith the Lord 'Where he is and who he is, and what work he should do in great power to bring the children of Israel out of bondage and to salvation,' thus saith the Lord God.

Brother Chris Phillips followed, expressing his gratitude for being a part of the House of Israel.

After the service we enjoyed each other's company as we lunched outdoors in the typically sunny, Arizona White Mountains.

Yvonne Saffron  
Mission Editor

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## MEDITATIONS

*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.*

—Psalm 1:1, 2

## A TRIP TO NORTHERN FLORIDA

by Joseph Perri

I would like to extend my love to the Saints throughout The Church. It has been quite some time since I have written an article for the *Gospel News*. My family and I are now living in Florida and we are enjoying our stay in the Sunshine State. The Saints here have treated us wonderfully. We do miss our Brothers and Sisters that we fellowshiped with up North.

Our District Mission Board has undertaken making visits to cities in Northern Florida, namely Milton, Chattahoochee, Blountstown and recently Pensacola. Several of our Elders have gone to these places and have expressed the warmth of the love of God. I would like to write the names of these Elders who have made an effort to travel approximately 675 miles one way to preach and encourage the Saints to serve the Lord Jesus Christ: Brothers James Lovalvo, Charles Smith, Alvin Swanson, Eugene Perri Jr., Anthony Ensana, Mike Radd, Frank Rogolino and myself. During these visits some Brothers have taken their wives with them.

I never knew the true feeling of visiting with our people in Northern Florida until I was granted the privilege to go myself. I have not been well, having suffered from a thyroid gland infection, but God blessed me with a desire to go and on March 3 Brother Frank Rogolino, Brother Mike Radd and their wives and I made our journey North. We sang hymns, talked about the affairs and the blessings of The Church, and before we knew it we were in Chattahoochee at the home of Brother Cleveland Baldwin and his family. We were warmly greeted and Brother Cleveland showed us around his house and the building that is being erected which he hopes some day to be a Meeting Place. He told us of his illness when he first came to Florida and the experience God gave him. He was inspired to write a poem which I will insert at the end of this article. After visiting with our people there we made arrangements for the group in Chattahoochee to come to Milton Sunday morning for services and in return we would hold a meeting with them on Sunday evening. After we ate dinner which our Sisters prepared (Sisters Baldwin, Crudup, and Martin), we were on our way to Milton.

Upon arrival in Milton the Saints were notified we had a safe trip, thank God, and asked us to come over for a get together. We were greeted in the Love of God and proceeded to have a meeting with prayer, singing, and testimony.

There is one of our Brothers, Floyd Miles living in Pensacola that I baptized some years ago while attending services in Metuchen, New Jersey, whom we called and found out that he could not come to the meeting so we made arrangements to visit with him and his family. Upon entering his home we were warmly greeted and found a nice supper waiting for us. His wife does not belong to The Church, but one day we hope God will touch her. She is a wonderful woman. On Sunday morning we met in the home of Brother and Sister Wilson where we were assembled 17 adults and 10 children. Quite a gathering.

The theme of the service was "Who Can Separate Us from the Love of God". Each of our Elders expressed themselves on the subject after which the meeting was

turned over to testimony. We felt a good spirit in listening to our people bear praises to God for the Restoration of the Gospel. We have a hymn in our new hymnal entitled Restoration Is Our Theme. The theme in Northern Florida is Restoration. There are new prospects for membership in this part of the state and we pray God will bless all of our people there.

After our meeting was over and dinner was served we said our goodbyes and made our journey where we found our Brothers and Sisters from Chattahoochee and Blountstown waiting for us. After salutation in the name of Jesus were exchanged we opened our meeting with the theme being, "If We Follow the Leadings of God's Holy Spirit and the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ as Lehi followed the needles on the compass or ball or director as it was known, we shall be led to a far better promised land beyond this vale of sorrow and tears." Again our Brothers in the ministry followed in the same thought. We enjoyed listening to the testimonies which made us feel that our people there are doing their best in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

Brother Baldwin told us of invitations he accepted to speak in other churches in the area and called to be anointed. While prayer was offered a vision was seen of a large white cloud hovering over the head of the ministry and a personage dressed in white in the midst thereof. We felt God was pleased with this and that he would lead our Brother in the direction he has to go.

Supper was prepared and again we ate with our people there. We met Sister Sally Baldwin, Brother Cleveland's mother in Chattahoochee. She was not able to attend our meeting because of being ill and well up in years. She was anointed for her affliction.

We arrived home in the early hours of the morning of the next day and thanked God for a wonderful trip.

Our Mission Board has undertaken with the help of God and our District Elders, to hold meetings in Northern Florida once a month. The next meeting will be held in Milton, April 1st. Following that in the month of May, the 6th day, a gathering will be held of all the Saints of Northern Florida in Chattahoochee. It has been our prayer that God will bless us with new areas to visit. Our State is fairly large and there are many people to talk to about the Church of Jesus Christ. The seed of Joseph is not too far from us in either direction. Some preparation is being made to go to the reservation. I realize this article is quite lengthy, but we would like our Brothers and Sisters to share good news with us as well as letting you know that we are trying to spread and encourage the work of The Church. We would ask for your fervent prayers as we know this is a means of helping and caring for one another.

The following poem was written by Brother Baldwin. There is a big dogwood tree in his yard and being so afflicted as he was and discouraged, wondering whether or not he made the right move, he used to sit under that tree and one day the words of the poem came to him. Sister Connie Smith of Freehold, New Jersey put music to it and if you would hear its sound and the way our people in Chattahoochee sing it you cannot help but feel a portion of God's Spirit in it.

In closing, remember my family and me in your daily prayers and as God will enable us we shall do the same.

We also ask your prayers for our District Mission Board and the work it has undertaken to do.

### IN THE SHADE UNDER THE DOGWOOD TREE

*by Cleveland Baldwin*

In the shade under the Dogwood tree,  
Where the Lord did come to me  
When my spirits were low  
And I knew not where to go  
In the shade under the Dogwood tree.

In the shade under the Dogwood tree  
Where the Lord did come to me  
When I was about to cry  
My spirits were raised on high  
In the shade under the Dogwood tree.

In the shade under the Dogwood tree,  
Where the Saviour does speak to me.  
When I hear his voice  
Oh how my heart does rejoice,  
In the shade under the Dogwood tree.

In the shade under the Dogwood tree  
The Lord did come  
In the shade under the Dogwood tree.

### NEWLY-ORDAINED EVANGELIST'S DREAM FULFILLED

During the first week of April, 1973, I had the following dream that I felt was God-given and caused me to give its contents much thought. However, I arrived at no conclusion as to its meaning nor was I given an interpretation by others to whom I had related it. The dream:

I found myself joined with others of my family at a reunion. It appeared there had been much activity in game playing, etc.

My brother, George, who passed away a little more than two years ago and whom I knew had returned from the dead to be with us, was the outstanding person in the dream. He was telling a group of us how much better he liked the end of these kinds of gatherings, saying it was so peaceful when everybody sat down at the many tables that were before us at that time and it was such a beautiful spot where this was taking place.

The scene at this juncture changed and I found myself pushing my brother George on a swing. The ropes holding the swing were high up in the trees. I pushed the swing for sometime, then I called aloud my youngest brother's name (Ike). When I called his name my brother George was filled with such joy and was so very, very happy. Seeing it made George happy when I called Ike's name, I continued to call Ike. I awoke myself calling his name.

Brother Gorie was here in Florida at that time and after telling him my dream, I asked him if he had heard any news concerning Ike. I learned that he had not. I had a strong feeling that the dream had something to do with Ike.

When it was announced I was recommended to be ordained an evangelist, to say the least, my heart pounded with joy. It was also announced that I would be ordained

upon my return to Florida. When I retired that night, I awoke about four a.m. A strong feeling pressed upon me that I would be ordained in conference on Saturday. I never mentioned this to anyone. At the time Brother Gorie announced that the ordination would take place while my brother Ike was there I did not think of my dream.

Surely the Spirit of God was present when Ike ordained me. I think we were both filled and as you have often heard, "Our cups overflowed". It was a day I shall never forget, so wonderfully was I blessed.

While eating dinner after the ordination, my wife said to me, "Your dream is fulfilled."

I feel strongly my older brother George represented a heavenly being in the dream and Ike's part in the ordination as it was in the dream, caused great joy from heaven.

Brother Charles Smith  
Fort Pierce, Florida

### Showers Of Blessings

*By August D'Orazio*

The last three cars to leave The General Church Auditorium represented a group from various New Jersey Branches. We had just experienced a beautiful Conference Sunday.

Prior to our departure for home, Brother Phil Arcuri had a desire to offer a prayer. God surely blessed him with the spirit of prayer. Our trip home was quick and enjoyable. When we arrived at my home, Brother Phil Benyola felt to thank God in prayer for the marvelous weekend. His feelings confirmed mine! When I welcomed the group into my home, there were fifteen people. We turned our hearts to the Lord in thanksgiving for the safe journey and for His many blessings.

Our Brothers and Sisters were blessed with the spirit of prayer. The prayers that were offered cannot be repeated. The Spirit of God was in our midst. Brother Phil Arcuri was overcome by the Spirit as he prayed. Brother Phil Benyola also offered a beautiful prayer. As he was praying, he felt rain falling upon his back, and upon rising from his prayer, he saw silver raindrops falling upon everyone in the room. Then, we sang that wonderful hymn, "Showers of Blessings." The prayers that followed and the words which were spoken were seasoned with the Spirit of God. The age of the group was from 12 to approximately 60 years of age. But the Spirit of God eliminated the "generation gap." Sister Margaret Benyola was so "full", she could not pray.

Brother Don Ross called my home to find out if we had arrived safely. When he heard what was happening, he immediately hung up the telephone, and came to see! Brother Don, as yet, was not ordained into the Ministry. But sensing the great blessing in our midst, requested the Saints pray for him that he might fulfil his calling and that God would bless him with "all the gifts of the Ministry." As he spoke, the Spirit of God overcame him as well. At this point, Brother Phil Arcuri felt a great love for Brother Don and went to him and embraced him. He offered to assist Brother Don in anyway possible. We continued to feel "showers of blessings" in our midst.

Some of the Saints offered testimonies, some prayed and we praised God in song.

During this evening of continued blessings, Brother Phil Arcuri related how his smoking habit was recently removed by the Lord. He told us that after he gave up this habit, the Lord rewarded him with the opportunity to attend Conference. Prior to this, Brother Phil could not make arrangements to go to Conference. Finally after two hours of this pleasant reward, we sadly parted company.

Monday evening, my daughter Sherry called Joyceann Jumper in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Joyceann mentioned that at approximately 10:00 P.M. Sunday evening, the Spirit of Prayer came upon her. Sister Terry Bravo of Edison related the same experience. The Lord touched others as He touched us! Brother Gary Ensana had a dream Saturday, April 28. In his dream, he saw a brilliant sunny day. He was very disappointed that Saturday was dreary, damp and rainy. However, Brother Keith White told Brother Gary that he felt there would be a blessing. The entire Sabbath Day was a blessing. It was also a brilliant sunny day. Words are really insufficient to express and capture the way God manifested Himself.

Before we left for the Conference a group of the young Saints came to me. Realizing that I couldn't drive to and from Conference because of my recent illness they said, "fly to Conference and we will take your family and you can return home with us in Sister Joyce Feher's van." She had prepared a large lounge chair and insisted I use the chair provided. Meanwhile at the Conference, when Sister Mary Anne Van Bree arrived, she gave me the keys to her car and said, "use my car all the time you must during Conference going to and from the services." I can truly say that God touched their hearts and I praise His name for it and their kindness.

## Baptisms In Mexico

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Yesterday, the 24th of June we had a very enjoyable day as six more souls came to the Lord through baptism. In the first six months of this year we had fourteen baptisms for which we thank God.

### *Child Healed, Now Walks*

The following experience was had by a Sister who had a child who was about two and one half years old and had never walked since birth. She had just started to come to Church and asked for prayers for this child, and it wasn't too long before the child started to walk. Through this great miracle the mother came steadily to Church and was baptized. Prior to coming to our Church she never knew anything about the Gospel of Christ but now she is very thankful and grateful to God for having brought her to our Church.

Several months ago this same little daughter now six, became very ill and started to bleed from the nose and mouth and pass blood. Some doctors at first said it was anemia. The bleeding would stop for a few days and then start again and continue for several weeks. The mother took this child to a place where there are American doctors, who took many tests and all decided it was leukemia. These same doctors sent this child to the Mercy Hospital in San Diego for more tests and all the doctors there said it was leukemia and gave her absolutely no

hope. Even her husband told her that there just was no hope and to be prepared for the child to be taken. Every few days they had to give the child transfusions because the white corpuscles were eating up the red so fast that they couldn't move her to San Diego for the tests. For some time the child would turn yellow. They operated on her intestines, and of course we felt they were just experimenting on her and felt sorrowful. There were many prayers and fasting in this child's behalf. After surgery (about two days later) the child was sitting up in bed and in less than a week was home. The doctors told the mother, surely God had changed this child's condition. There is a child in that hospital with leukemia that they have been trying to keep alive for about a year. We know leukemia is cancer of the blood and no one can survive too long unless God takes a hand in the matter.

### *Our Cups Are Full*

About a week after the child came home, we went to her house and saw the child running around and looking wonderful. We couldn't believe our eyes. We entered the home and asked the mother what had happened and through her tears, she told us the Lord had healed her child. This child told her mother she wanted to be baptized because God was so good to her. This poor little girl who lay so helpless in bed with pain for many weeks didn't have any pain now and was full of life. When we see such marvelous things come to pass our cups are full to overflowing and we cannot find the proper words to thank our wonderful Saviour. We send our love to all of our Brothers and Sisters everywhere and may God Bless You.

Yours in Christ,

Brother and Sister Perdue

## AN EXPERIENCE — APRIL 1973

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to relate an experience my daughter had.

It seems like ever since I've been baptized I have been sick; if not one thing, it would be another, but it's always something. It was bothering my nine year old daughter Renee seeing me sick. She was upset this one night, so I put the blessed oil on her and we knelt down to pray. She told me she had prayed for me and asked God to show her if He heard her. So I put her to bed, and as she was lying there she had this vision. We are very thankful to God for she will remember this, the rest of her life.

Sister Kathy Vinsick  
Perry Branch, Ohio

I was very troubled one night because of the sickness of my mother. It seemed that she is always sick, and I couldn't understand this because she tries to serve God. So I knelt down and prayed and asked God why He wouldn't heal my mother, because she has been trying to serve Him her best. Then I went to bed, and as I was looking at the wall by my mother's bedroom, I saw Jesus. He was holding a Bible; His hands were folded, His head was lowered a little, and His eyes were closed.

This was the most beautiful thing I ever saw in my whole life.

Renee Vinsick, Age Nine



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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### MEASURING OURSELVES

WERE I SO TALL TO REACH THE POLE,  
OR GRASP THE OCEAN IN MY SPAN,  
I MUST BE MEASURED BY MY SOUL;  
THE MIND'S THE STANDARD OF A MAN.

—Isaac Watts

In many spheres of life, measurement is very important. Whether it is erecting a bridge or a building or a ship, or an airplane, or the making and shaping of metal or plastics, or whatever the product might be, accurate measuring is most essential.

#### *Moral and Spiritual Function*

Measuring is also a moral and spiritual function as well as an industrial or commercial one and therefore, is most important in our spiritual life too.

In daily life and work there are people who seem to try to get away with false weights and measures. On this point, the law of the Lord as given to Moses was plain and strict.

*Leviticus*, 19:35, 36 reads, "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weights, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin shall ye have: I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt."

If the word of the Lord to His people in ancient times was plain and firm on such simple matters as fair and honest exchange for goods or services, surely His requirement is no less firm than that all of our relationships with others should be governed by proper measure and good judgments.

Our Lord's parable of the Pharisee and the publican illustrates how some people measure themselves. The Pharisee, praying in the Temple said, "God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are . . . unjust . . . , or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner." (*Luke* 18:10-13) In *Verse* 14 the Lord declares, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

#### *The Pharisee and The Publican*

Obviously, the Pharisee *measured* himself by other people, and with a self-righteous attitude at that. On the other hand, the publican *measured* himself to God's standard, and saw only how far short he fell of the ideal and asked for mercy.

Perhaps there is something worse than measuring ourselves by other people, and that is to measure ourselves by ourselves. The Apostle Paul comments on this in *II Corinthians* 10:12, "For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, *are not wise*."

Finally, the Apostle Paul also points to the Lord Jesus Christ as the one by whom we should endeavor to measure ourselves. In *Ephesians* 4:13 we read, "Till we all come in the unity of faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the *measure* of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

He is the standard, the pattern for all our living.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### Shipwrecked

Dear Girls and Boys,

Paul's fame was spreading rapidly. Everywhere he went, he was persecuted. He was very bold in testifying how he had been converted and met Jesus on the road to Damascus. As he told how he was commanded to preach to the Gentiles, the Jews became angry. They cried, "Such a man is not fit to live! Kill him!" For his teachings he was taken to the castle, scourged, and put in the prison.

More than forty Jews made a vow that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. Paul's sister's son heard of this wicked plot and told Paul and the Roman captain about it. The captain decided to send Paul to Cesarea to Felix the governor. Felix listened to Paul and could not see where Paul was guilty of sin. A new governor named Festus, came to Casarea and to please the Jews asked Paul if he were willing to go to Jerusalem for trial. Paul knew it wasn't the place for him to go, so he asked to be sent to the court of Caesar, the emperor in Rome.

Paul was granted his request as a Roman citizen and put in charge of a centurion. He along with other prisoners were taken by ship. On their journey a severe storm arose. The wind was so fierce and powerful that the sailors could not steer the ship. To lighten the ship, the heavy cargo was thrown overboard. The storm continued for many days and the men were terrified. Paul stood up in the midst of them and reassured them saying, "No harm will come to you." He told them how an angel had stood by him in the night and said, "Fear not Paul, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee." To the sailors Paul said, "Except ye abide in the ship ye cannot be saved." They were ready to flee out of the ship into the sea. Paul's words cheered the men and they ate and were strengthened. There were about two hundred and seventy-six people.

When day came they saw the shore and a small creek. They decided to guide the ship there but before they reached the creek the ship ran aground in a sand-bank. Some who could swim, jumped into the sea and got to shore, others floated on broken boards and pieces of the ship. Everyone arrived safely. This was the island of Melita.

The people on the island were friendly and kind. They made a fire because the weather was cold. As Paul helped gather sticks for the fire, a viper came out of the heat and fastened itself on his hand, they thought Paul was a murderer who was being punished. Paul shook the viper off into the fire and suffered no harm. When his hand didn't swell they thought he must be a god.

Paul was invited to stay with the chief of the island. He healed the chief's father by the power of God. He had

been seriously ill. Others who were sick came to Paul for healings.

Paul and the other prisoners stayed here on the island about three months. Then they were taken aboard another ship and sailed for Rome.

Next month I will tell you about the many letters Paul wrote. Another name for the letters is Epistles. Look in the *New Testament* and see how many you can find. Find where Paul wrote most of these letters.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

## In Memory of Brother Salvatore Azzinaro, Sr.

*By Brother Paul D'Amico*

On May 7, 1973, it pleased the Almighty God to call our beloved Brother Sal Azzinaro to his eternal reward.

He was well known by many throughout The Church and no doubt will be missed by all who knew him.

Brother Sal was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on August 23, 1936 by the late Brother Gabriel Mazzeo at Brooklyn, New York. He held the Ordained Office of Deacon and Teacher in the Lockport Branch and fulfilled them faithfully for many years. His primary interest was in helping to promulgate the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He was also President of the Lockport Local M.B.A. for a number of years. Another great desire he had was to see the young people and children active in The Church of Jesus Christ. Visiting the sick, helping The Church in many ways, and traveling about The Church was among the many good deeds he has done.

A voice has been silenced from our Branch. A Brother in Christ will no longer be seen in our midst, but in the midst of all this, the gates of Paradise have been opened to welcome one more faithful servant into God's Kingdom. Another Brother has crossed the river and has gone to view that beautiful land.

As I write this article of tribute there are many experiences and events of the past that remain vivid in my mind, and the years will never erase from my memory the glorious times we have experienced together.

So in conclusion I dedicate the words of the poet to our beloved Brother Sal whose sufferings have ended and whose soul is in the Paradise of God awaiting the Resurrection.

How will the Saints rejoice to tell,  
And count their sufferings o'er,  
When they upon Mount Zion dwell,  
And view the landscape o'er.  
There they will see upon that land,  
Fair Zion from above,  
And meet with Enoch's holy band,  
And sing redeeming love.  
There no more sickness, pain, or woe,  
Shall mar their peaceful rest,  
For God shall wipe away their tears,  
And comfort the oppressed.  
O may I see that glorious day,  
And join with all the blest,  
To sing aloud the Saviour's praise,  
And enter into rest.

## ● FLASHBACKS ●

*by Charles Jumper*

### 25 YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1948

Brothers Joseph Lovalvo and Anthony Gerace of the Detroit and Windsor Area visited St. John, Kansas, Brothers Olen Ashley and Alex Robinson were ordained into the Ministry.

The members of the Cleveland, Ohio Branch met to set the corner stone of their new building. The service was led by Brothers August Perlioni and Rocco Biscotti.

### 20 YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1953

Branch No. 4 Detroit, Michigan dedicated their new building. The construction was done by the Brothers of the Branch.

Brothers William Cadman, Thurman Furnier, and Joseph Bittinger left for a missionary journey to Cheyenne, South Dakota. The Brothers baptized four converts on this trip.

### 15 YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1958

Sister Davidson, Brother William Cadman and Sister Mabel Bickerton attended the General Church gathering at the Bell Branch in Los Angeles, California. About thirty-five of our people in the East made the trip.

Brother Art and Sister Grace Landrey and their small son Mark, along with Brother William and Sister Sadie Cadman attended a gathering at the Muncey, Ontario Canada Mission. Indians from Sarnia, Ontario, Buffalo, New York and one Indian man from the Kiowa tribe in Oklahoma were in attendance.

### 10 YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1963

An outdoor farewell gathering was held at the residence of Brother and Sister M. R. Griffith for Brother Dick and Sister Pat Christman and Brother John and Sister Connie Ross. Brother John Ross, Jr. and Dick Christman have accepted teaching positions in government schools on Indian reservations in South Dakota.

### 5 YEARS AGO — AUGUST 1968

The G.M.B.A. Campout at Nauvoo, Illinois on the Mississippi River was the site for the baptism of eighteen new members into The Church.

The parent church received the first communication from our Nigerian Mission breaking a silence of sixteen months because of the civil war. Brother E. A. Ebong reports they were liberated on April 2, 1968 by the Nigerian troops, and "The Church is going on very steady."

### 1 YEAR AGO — AUGUST 1972

It's been a year since the G.M.B.A. Campout at New Hope, Pennsylvania when twenty new converts were baptized into The Church.

## Monongahela Branch News Vacation Bible School

Our sixteenth annual Vacation Bible School was held from Monday, June 4th thru Thursday, June 14th. The average attendance was close to 90 with a one-day high of 97. This included many visitors from other religious denominations.

Sister Mabel Bickerton was again inspired to write all the material, including the songs, on the theme of "David, the Shepherd Boy." For nine days the children learned about the many phases of David's life—a shepherd, a great king, a psalmist, and the planner of the great Temple. The most popular story seemed to be David's bravery and trust in God when he fearlessly volunteered to meet Goliath and then slew him. Each day, the children studied one lesson about David and supplemented it with appropriate memory verses, songs and handicrafts.

On Thursday evening all of the activities were climaxed with a most enjoyable program that enabled everyone to share the joy and enthusiasm of the children and their teachers. A review of the nine days was presented by each age group as they gave us a favorite song and their memory verses. The Junior-Senior High School class, with the help of several Sisters, made and designed a large quilt which pictured David as he tended the sheep. This quilt was presented to a very surprised Sister Mabel in recognition of her work and leadership in our Bible School. Corsages were presented to Sister Hertha Jones, Mabel's assistant, and Sister Martha Seighman, who has regularly worked on the quilt each year.

It was noted that Sisters Jones and Seighman each had their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren present. This made two four-generation families in our midst, a great tribute.

Two financial donations were made from the collections that were taken during the Bible School. Eight dollars was sent to an orphanage in Bethlehem where our *Gospel News* has been sent for the past six years. Twenty dollars was given toward the missionaries of The Church.

May God continue to bless and inspire Sister Mabel as she works with the Bible School. And may God bless the Sisters who give of their time in working with these children, enabling them to learn more of the Lord and His holy word.

Brother Richard Scaglione  
Branch Editor

## Two Baptisms At Vanderbilt, Pa. Branch

Sunday, June 10 was a day of joy and upliftment for the Vanderbilt Branch. Two new members were added to the fold as the holy ordinance of baptism was administered to Eloise Eurith Thomas and Eugene Richard Thomas.

Brother Eugene was baptized by Brother John Thomas and confirmed by Brother Joseph Bittinger. Sister Eloise was also baptized by Brother John Thomas and confirmed by Brother Idris Martin.

May The Lord bless our new Brother and Sister and ever be their guide.

Elmer LaRew  
Branch Editor

## Deacon And Deaconess Ordained At Windsor

On May 27, 1973, the Windsor Branch was privileged to have many visitors, including the following Brothers: Peter H. Capone, Peter Capone, Louis Vitto, Paul Vitto, and Tullio LaCivita. Brother Peter H. Capone opened the morning service, speaking about the establishment of the Kingdom of God. He exhorted everyone to take hold of the Rod of Iron and be concerned about setting a good example.

The Brothers of the Ministry related revelations given concerning the ordinations of Sister Kay Vitto as a Deaconess and of Brother Bob Stanek as a Deacon. Sister Kay herself was given a dream that she was to receive a beautiful gift.

Sister Vitto's feet were washed by Sister Katherine Benedetto, and she was ordained a Deaconess by Brother Paul Vitto. Brother Stanek's feet were washed by Brother Dick Lobzun, and he was ordained a Deacon by Brother Ken Wright.

While the congregation was singing "Sweet Peace, The Gift of God's Love," Brother Ken Wright felt prompted by the Spirit to relate the following words: "Son of man, open your mind, that I may talk to you. Look upon the two that I have chosen, for they are covered with my glory."

The Spirit of God truly bore evidence of the two callings, and all who attended left feeling greatly blessed by His Holy Spirit. May God grant our newly-ordained Deacon and Deaconess continued strength and zeal to fulfill their duties.

## English Sister Rebaptized At Windsor

Sister Ethel Cole was baptized eighteen years ago, shortly after moving to England. After fifteen years away from any Branch of The Church, she joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (The Mormon Church). After returning to Canada to attend her granddaughter's wedding, Sister Ethel began to attend The Church of Jesus Christ once again, and on June 3, she asked to be reinstated into fellowship with the Saints.

Sister Marrietta LaSala, who was visiting from Detroit and was unaware of Sister Cole's request, related a dream she had received the evening before. "I dreamed I saw three loaves of bread. I was looking at this bread, and I said in the dream, 'I have to be rebaptized, I have to be rebaptized, I have to be rebaptized.'" Sister Cole was baptized by Brother Ken Wright and confirmed by Brother Michael LaSala.

Sister Cole will be returning to England on June 21, 1973, and she expressed a desire to receive letters from the Brothers and Sisters, as she will be so far from The Church. If anyone cares to write to Sister Ethel, the address is as follows:

Ethel Cole  
4 Lipson Avenue  
Lipson  
Plymouth, S. Devon,  
England

## Phoenix Saints Welcome New Member

The Phoenix Saints welcomed a new member to the fold on June 3, 1973. David Damore was baptized by his father, Brother Phil Damore and confirmed by Brother Richard Christman.

There was a wonderful outpouring of God's Spirit felt throughout the day as we also observed feet washing services.

## Deaconess Ordained At Sterling Heights Branch

During the feet washing service on Sunday, June 3, 1973, Sister Elizabeth Gerace was ordained into the office of Deaconess.

Before feet washing, Brother Louis Vitto read from *John, Chapter 13*, concerning Christ's washing of the disciples' feet at the Last Supper and explained the significance of the ordinance. Several dreams were also related concerning Sister Gerace's ordination.

After Sister Elizabeth's feet were washed by Sister Nicoletta Lombardo, she was ordained by Brother Louis Vitto. May God bless and guide our Sister, that she may fulfill the duties of her new office to the best of her ability.

## Visiting Elders At Youngstown

The Saints of Youngstown, Ohio have enjoyed many visitors during the month of June. Visiting Elders have been Brothers Rocco Biscotti, James Campbell, Joseph Genaro, and Joseph Calabrese.

On Father's Day, June 17, the Youngstown Choir sang three beautiful selections, "It's Not An Easy Road," "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," and "If That Isn't Love." Brother Joseph Calabrese spoke an edifying sermon on honoring our natural father and, more importantly, of honoring our Spiritual Father, the Creator of all.

Every day is special for those who love and serve God. We, the Saints of Youngstown, thank God for His continual blessings.

## Niles Enjoys Quartet

The Youngstown Quartet visited the Niles Branch on Sunday, May 27, 1973. They favored us with three beautiful hymns. The quartet consists of Brother Don and Sister Teresa Pandone, Sister Sandra Berardino Cardillo and Brother Nick Manes.

We then heard a wonderful sermon on recognizing and using our talents which God has given us. We had visitors in our midst from Detroit, Michigan; Pine Top, Arizona; and Youngstown, Ohio.

On Sunday, June 3, 1973, we had the privilege of having Brother Joseph Milantoni and his family from Detroit, Michigan with us. We have truly enjoyed the fellowship of all our visitors. We ask that you might continue to pray for us and we shall do the same as God gives us strength.

Sister Wanda Pandone

## Blessings At Warren, Ohio Branch

A wonderful meeting was enjoyed by all June 17, Father's Day, at the Warren Branch. Many visitors were present, and we were blessed with a visit from Brother and Sister Dominic Giovannone and Brother Tony Picciuto and family.

Opening remarks were made by Brother Jerry Giovannone, who rejoiced in being able to see his father on this Father's Day, and thanked God for his righteous parents and for their safe arrival from Florida.

Brother Dominic Giovannone expressed happiness in finding the Brothers and Sisters alive both spiritually and naturally. Both Brother and Sister Giovannone were baptized in November 1922 and soon will be celebrating their fiftieth year in the Gospel. It truly is an encouragement to our souls to see our Brother and Sister still zealous in the work and praise of our Lord.

Brother Dominic spoke many words of encouragement and related many wonderful experiences he has had in the Church these past forty-nine years. He spoke of how The Lord revealed to him he would baptize his own father and mother even before their arrival in the United States. On their first occasion to hear the Gospel by their son, his father exclaimed that never had he heard the Gospel spoken so plainly, and he expressed a desire to be baptized. Two months later in 1929, he baptized his mother and father, as revealed to him. Brother Dominic himself was healed of his afflictions at his own baptism and The Lord replaced his afflictions with a burning desire to preach the Gospel.

Brother Tony Picciuto then spoke to us concerning the duty of everyone, whether an Elder or not, to preach the Gospel. He also spoke on *Exodus 20:12*, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord giveth thee." He encouraged us to honor our father and mother and also to honor our heavenly Father by keeping His commandments. We regret to hear Brother Tony and his family will relocate to California and pray God's richest blessings go with them.

As the meeting continued, many wonderful testimonies were heard. Truly a blessed meeting was enjoyed by all and our closing hymn was very appropriate, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit." May God Bless Everyone!

Sister Mary Margaret Cain

## Visitors, Blessings At Glassport

Visiting Brothers and Sisters from Detroit Branches No. 1 and No. 3 were at the Glassport Branch on May 27, 1973, along with Brothers James Campbell and Raymond Cosetti.

Brother Spencer Everett opened the morning service, using *Hebrews 10:19* as his text and exhorting us not to be afraid to face the world as long as God is by our side. Brother Spencer stated that we should always ask ourselves, "Are we living the life that is pleasing in God's eyes?" and "How many people have we told about Jesus?"

Brother Campbell then spoke on the portion of Scripture where Elisha asked that he might receive a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and Brother Cosetti then followed.

The afternoon meeting was spent in giving many wonderful testimonies. The evening meeting was devoted

to singing hymns and relating experiences that were given by God.

What a great outpouring of God's Spirit was felt this particular day in the Glassport Branch!

Sister Robin Nicklow  
Branch Editor

## A New Member At Lorain, Ohio Branch

The Saints of the Lorain, Ohio Branch enjoyed a wonderful day in the service of The Lord on Sunday, June 24 along with many visitors.

A most edifying event of the day was the baptism of Iva Lee Davis. Sister Davis was baptized by Brother Frank Calabrese and confirmed by Brother Rocco Biscotti.

A very good feeling prevailed throughout the day. May The Lord sustain and bless our new member as she enters the fold.

## Week Of Bible School, Visitors At Aliquippa

The theme of Vacation Bible School in Aliquippa on June 25-29 was ELIJAH AND ELISHA. The children of the Branch, as well as their small friends and neighbors attended the week of classes. Sisters Mary Tamburrino and Joan Gibson headed the committee, and Pete Giannetti, Jr. was in charge of the music. Friday, June 29, a program was presented as a review of the week's lessons. Afterwards, the children displayed their crafts and projects while refreshments were served.

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Sunday, June 24, Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York and Brother Paul Whitton of Sterling Heights, Michigan and their families met with the Saints of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Also in attendance were visiting Brothers and Sisters from various Branches in the Pennsylvania District.

Brother Paul D'Amico read from *The Book of Mormon, III Nephi, Chapter 27*, concerning the disputation on naming The Church. Brother D'Amico told how the Lord told the disciples that The Church should be named after Him and not after man. He also stressed that The Church should be built upon the doctrine of Christ. Brother Whitton followed by stating that we should make the decision in choosing the right church so that other decisions in life will be easier.

We were very thankful for our visitors and pray that God will bless them in their work in their Branches also.

## News From LaVale, Maryland

The Saints of the LaVale, Maryland Mission enjoyed the visits of Brother and Sister Joseph Bittinger and Brother and Sister James Moore. A series of meetings were held during the week of June 13 to 17.

During the week our Brothers made several visits in the different homes. The meetings and visits were very much enjoyed by all.

## Baptism, Visitors At Roscoe, Pa.

June 17, 1973 was a very happy day for the Saints and friends of the Roscoe Mission as we welcomed a new Brother into the fold of God. We also had Brother George Johnson and his companion from Monongahela and Brother Bud Aldous and family with us from West Palm Beach, Florida for a day of fellowship and rejoicing.

Brother George opened the morning service with Scripture from *John, Chapter 21*, His topic was on being occupied in the work of The Lord, relating to the disciples' experience in catching the fish after being obedient to Jesus and casting on the right side of the ship; His words to Peter after questioning his love, instructing him to feed the sheep.

Brother Olexa followed encouraging us to become employed in God's work and occupied in His service by serving others. Many beautiful words of life were spoken by our Brothers.

Following the morning service our new Brother, Jerry Rao was taken into the waters of baptism by his father-in-law, Brother Bud Martin. Many Saints gathered on the shores of the Monongahela River and witnessed a beautiful sight as another soul fulfilled the commands of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

In our fellowship service, Brother Olexa read from *Moroni, Chapters 2 and 6* and spoke of baptism and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, so necessary to a new born child of God.

Brother Jerry was confirmed by Brother Olexa and we sang, "A New Name in Glory" followed by many testimonies of thankfulness for God's love.

Brother Jerry has had several experiences calling him to surrender his life to the Lord. May God bless him, his wife Sister Carol and their family with a beautiful life together in God's service is our prayer.

Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky

## Five New Members At Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch

The Hopelawn, New Jersey Branch experienced many blessings in the recent addition of five souls to their fold.

The new members are as follows:

**BROTHER THOMAS BANYACSKI** who was baptized by Brother Dominic Persico on Sunday, May 27 and confirmed by Brother Richard Lawson.

**BROTHER JULIUS KOVACS** who was baptized by Brother James Benyola on Sunday, June 24 and confirmed by Brother Dominic Persico.

**SISTER HELEN KOVACS** who was baptized by Brother Dominic Persico on Sunday, July 1 and confirmed by Brother James Benyola.

**BROTHER FRANK BANYACSKI** who was baptized by Brother Dominic Persico on Sunday, July 1 and confirmed by Brother James Benyola.

**SISTER ETHEL BANYACSKI** who was baptized by Brother James Benyola on Sunday, July 1 and confirmed by Brother Dominic Persico.

Brother Thomas Banyacski's mother Ethel and her

sister Helen are the daughters of the late Brother Julius Sipos.

May God continue to bless and prosper these new members along with their families as they enter the service of The Lord.

## News From San Diego

The Saints in San Diego would like to share the good news of another soul that has come to The Lord. Debbie Ann Marie Leimbach was baptized April 17, 1973 on a Tuesday evening after our worship service. She met The Church through the testimony of Sister Debbie Liberto a few years ago.

Our new Sister had a dream shortly before her baptism in which she was given some plaques as gifts. On each plaque was a word—love, patience, longsuffering, charity, etc. The same night, our Sister Mavis Hayward dreamed she gave Sister Debbie one such plaque.

We warmly welcome our young Sister into the family of God.

Sister Lena Liberto

## News From Lake Worth, Florida

Once again the Lake Worth, Florida Branch is thankful for our many regular visitors and also those from other parts of The Church. We were privileged to have Brother Jerry Benyola and family and Brother Norman Campitelle and family along with Sister Mary DiChera from Detroit, Michigan. We had such an enjoyable day as the Spirit of God led our Elder Brothers in our morning service, expounding the Word of God and relating many beautiful experiences.

After a lunch break, we resumed our regularly scheduled MBA meeting. Our Detroit Brothers were asked to take over the meeting. They went into detail of their work among the Indians at Six Nations with a question and answer period following. It is hard for us to realize among the many blessings, the many hardships that befall our missionaries in their endeavor to reach our Lamanite Brethren. They pleaded for continued support and most important the prayers of the Brothers and Sisters.

## Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 Breaks Ground For New Addition

Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan had ground-breaking for a new addition. Friday, April 6 the long-awaited ground-breaking service became a reality. With the completion of the addition, which is to service the Sunday School, M.B.A., and an area to hold social functions, Branch No. 2 facilities will be sufficient to meet its needs. The Spirit of God is working here to the point where we cannot stand still, but must increase our building space.

Brother Dominic Thomas introduced the service, and discussed the growth of the Branch. Brother Dominic Moraco spoke about the history of the Branch.

The rest of the evening was enjoyed with tables of delicious food of a potluck supper.

Brother Joe Carlini  
Branch No. 2 Editor

## Lorain Holds 25th Anniversary

Sunday, June 10, 1973 marked the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the Lorain, Ohio church building. A special service was held commemorating this event. Our invited guests were introduced to the congregation by Brother Joe Calabrese: Brother Gorie Ciaravino, President of the General Church and Sister Antionette; Brother Rocco Biscotti, President of the Ohio District, and Sister Angeline; Brother Frank Giovannone, contractor and chief builder and Sister Ina; Brother Vincent (Jim) Aquilino, 84 years old, who helped a great deal in labor, and Sister Catherine; Brothers Emil Carlini, Joe Stracci and John Romano, who did the plastering and Sister Alice Romano; George DeFazio, who did the electrical work and wood finishing; and Brother Dominic Thomas and family.

With a good attendance of Brothers and Sisters and visitors, our service began at 9:30 a.m. with community singing until 10:00 a.m. Our Branch historian, Sister Josephine Dominico, read the history of the past 25 years since the dedication. Sister Carla (Naro) Dziak sang "God's House", which was written by Sister Esther Dyer and prayer was offered by Brother Frank Giovannone after which Sister Leona Nardozzi and Sister Candace Calabrese sang "Ask What You Will."

Brother Gorie Ciaravino was the first speaker and he remembered all the church dedications he has attended and all the work and sacrifices which were made. He noted the heartache and joy experienced by the Presiding Elders who were in charge of such projects. He also mentioned the extensive need for funds for missionary needs throughout The Church, and quoted \* Brother William H. Cadman as saying "If the Gospel hasn't reached your pocketbook, then you have not been converted."

Brother Rocco Biscotti spoke next and recollected many early experiences of Lorain, and the dedication of the early Saints, whose children branched out throughout The Church and are in positions of great responsibilities today. He related an experience of \* Brother Joe Corrado, who had visited Lorain prior to the great tornado of 1924. The week before, Brother Corrado prayed that God would encircle the Saints of Lorain and protect them from all harm. When the tornado hit Lorain, it didn't touch any of the Brothers and Sisters in The Church at that time. He mentioned that he and Sister Angeline's combined years in The Church total 103 years. Brother Rocco read from *Revelations* 3:7, where it tells about The Church in Philadelphia and how the Lord blessed them because of their good works.

Brother Frank Giovannone recalled many memories of working with the saints in Lorain. He told how our late Sister Mary Aquilino, would have supper waiting for him and that he sometimes would be too tired and discouraged or troubled to eat. She would say, "You eat now, God will help you tomorrow." He recalled an experience of our late \* Brother Anthony Calabrese had at work one day. He used to take time out to pray in a secluded spot at the steel mill. On his way there one day he heard a brick fall and since it was too dark to see, he lit a match to see what had fallen. In doing so, he saw a big hole in the ground into which he could have fallen in the dark and no one would have known. The Lord had provided a means to save him from harm. Brother Frank said that as we dedicate our buildings we should be more

concerned about dedicating our lives to God. He concluded with the thought that you can't beat the good retirement plan that God has reserved for those who will work for Him.

Our Spanish members sang "Peace Sweet Peace" in Spanish and the closing prayer was offered by Brother Dominic Thomas.

A pot luck luncheon was served which featured foods from the Italian, Spanish and American nationalities. The afternoon service was opened with "Rose of Sharon" sung by Sister Katherine Cocco. She sang it because it was her father's favorite hymn and that Brother Joe Masseli wouldn't be in our midst in person but he would be in spirit. Prayer was offered by Brother John Romano and Sister Carla sang "The King Is Coming." Brother John told us how he felt God's love in his life. He has done missionary work in Canada and Italy. He also told of an experience where his daughter Dolores was very ill and after prayer was offered she became well. His closing thought was that our testimony should be living God's love. Many beautiful testimonies were given that showed how God displayed His love and healing power among the Saints.

Brother Dominic Thomas said he found the meaning of The Church witnessed in our testimony services. He spoke of his early memories of Lorain. He recalled the memories of his departed father and the teaching he received.

Sacrament was passed by our present Presiding Elder Brother Joe Calabrese and by Brother Alfred Dominico who was Presiding Elder when the church was built and dedicated in 1948. "Faith of our Fathers" was used as the closing hymn and prayer was offered by Brother Joe Calabrese.

\* Indicates deceased.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank God for His goodness and for answering the many prayers of the Brothers and Sisters in our behalf. My husband, Bill, took sick while driving home one day. By the grace of God he arrived home safely, although numbness had settled in his legs and left arm and his eyes were out of focus.

At the hospital the doctor said it was a stroke. I asked one of our Sisters to inform the other Brothers and Sisters. Brother Gasper Karelli came to the hospital the next day and anointed my husband. After that he was much improved and within ten days was home, walking a little and using his arm. We know God answers prayer.

My husband attends Church and we pray that he will soon be baptized. God can never be thanked enough for His goodness.

Sister Harriet Kennedy  
Roscoe Mission

## Phone Number Change

I found it necessary to change my telephone number, owing to conditions that made it necessary.

My new number is Area Code 602-943-9809.

Thank You,  
Brother Thurman S. Furnier



## — NEW ARRIVALS —

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

Jennifer Marie to Gordon and Cathy Smith of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1,

Anthony Joseph to Joseph and Alice Saeli of Greensburg, Pennsylvania,

Jason Daniel to Daniel and Antoinette O'Connell of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1,

Windi Lee to Bart and Judi Gensburg of Warren, Ohio,

Barbara Ann to Norman and Brenda LaRew of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

## — WEDDINGS —

### ITALIANO - CARROZZINO

Mr. Michael Frank Italiano, Jr. and Miss Linda Carrozzino were united in holy matrimony on June 16, 1973 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother A. A. Corrado officiated at the wedding ceremony. Musical selections were presented by Sister Teresa Pandone.

The newlyweds are making Youngstown, Ohio their residence.

### PASQUALE - LESCH

Mr. Ben Pasquale and Miss Cathy Lesch were united in holy marriage on May 18, 1973 at the Perry, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Officiating at the ceremony were Brothers Elmer Santilli and Mario Milano.

The couple will reside in Willo Arms, Euclid, Ohio.

### HEMMINGS - MESKEY

Mr. Robbie Lynn Hemmings and Miss Sandra Lucille Meskey were united in holy matrimony on June 9, 1973.

Brother Herbert Hemmings, the groom's brother, officiated.

The couple is presently residing in Tucson, Arizona where Robbie is stationed with the Air Force. In September, they will leave for Okinawa, Japan. Our best wishes and prayers go with them.

### BRODE - BRADFORD

Mr. Neal Brode and Miss Neva Bradford were joined in holy wedlock on May 16, 1973 at the home of Brother and Sister E. Kline of the Perry, Ohio Branch.

Brother Eugene Kline officiated at the wedding ceremony.

### GRIESBAUM - VITTO

Mr. Daniel Griesbaum and Miss Paulette Catherine Vitto of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 1 were united in holy matrimony at The Church of Jesus Christ on June 16, 1973.

Brothers Louis and Frank Vitto officiated at their niece's wedding. Musical selections were presented by Brother Frank Conti.

The newlyweds will reside in East Detroit, Michigan.

### ROSSI - BOURKE

Mr. Clarence Rossi and Miss Catherine Bourke were united in marriage on June 23, 1973 in Monaca, Pennsylvania. The couple attended the Aliquippa Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ and are making their home in Monaca, Pennsylvania.

## ● OBITUARIES ●

### EVA LAREW

Eva LaRew passed on to her reward on June 27, 1973. She was born on September 10, 1917. She was the wife of Elder Elmer R. LaRew of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Eva LaRew is survived by her husband, two sons, one daughter, four brothers, five sisters and seven grandchildren.

The funeral services were officiated by Brother Joseph Shazer. She was laid to rest at the LaFayette Memorial Park.

Eva LaRew will be very sadly missed by her family and friends. She suffered very much with a lingering illness until the time that God used mercy and removed her from this life. May God bless and comfort the family.

### ORAN THOMAS

Brother Oran Thomas, a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch died on June 18, 1973. He was born on January 15, 1888 and baptized on October 8, 1910.

He is survived by one son, three daughters, fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two half-brothers.

During his sixty-three years of membership in The Church of Jesus Christ, Evangelist Oran Thomas was a wonderful worker in the service of The Lord.

He will be missed by his loved ones and the Saints.

## Church Calendar

The following is a list of 1973 events of General Church and regional interest.

### SEPTEMBER

- 8-9—Atlantic Coast District Conference at Freehold Mission
- 8-9—Florida District Conference at Fort Pierce
- 8-9—Ohio District Conference at Warren
- 8-9—Pennsylvania District Conference at Vanderbilt
- 15-16—California District Conference at San Diego

### OCTOBER

- 19, 20, 21—General Church Conference at Detroit, Mich.

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## GMBA Campout '73

*by James D. Gibson, GMBA Editor*

GMBA Campout '73 was held from July 21 through July 28 in Dunkirk, New York. Brother Charles Jumper, Jr. of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania was Camp Director, ably assisted by the members of various campout committees.

As in the past, our faith and trust was in The Lord, that He would bless us in our week of activities. Following is an account of the week's activities, as noted by Brother Dan and Sister Mary Tamburrino from Aliquippa, Pennsylvania. Due to my recent affliction, I was unable to attend the camp. I wish to thank all those who remembered me in prayer and sent me get well cards.

### CAMPOUT '73

We arrived at camp at about 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, July 21 and were greeted by the Reception Committee. It was a beautiful experience to meet the Saints and young people. The first evening was spent in community singing, with groups from the Atlantic Coast, Michigan-Ontario, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and the combined Kansas, Arizona, Florida, and California Areas.

We were welcomed by Brother August D'Orazio, GMBA President. The Dunkirk Camp Director, Brent Wolford, read the camp rules and regulations. Then Brother Jumper discussed the rules of our Church group for the week.

Approximately four hundred people, including twenty-five members of the Priesthood, attended the Sunday morning service. Brother Anthony Picciuto opened the service, using as his theme, "our gathering together—now and in the future." Brother Dominic Thomas spoke briefly and then Sacrament was passed to the Saints. A wonderful spirit prevailed during the partaking of The Lord's Supper.

Sunday afternoon, a large group of young people were gathered in the meeting place singing hymns. While assembled there, they were informed a young boy from another camping group was drowning in the swimming pool. Immediately, all those in the hall knelt in prayer and called upon The Lord to come to the aid of the small child. After the child received mouth to mouth resuscitation and was rushed to a nearby hospital, he was later found to be alive and recuperating. We thank God for His mercy in this situation.

While the Sunday evening meeting was in progress, Sister Kim Ottavian of Glassport, Pennsylvania asked for her baptism. Brother David Zinzi of Bronx, New York also asked to be rebaptized into The Church.

Brother Thomas Staley and Sister Janet Mancini also asked for their baptism at Chapel services on Monday morning. Following the four baptisms and confirmations, the remainder of the afternoon was spent in activities such as arts and crafts and a softball game between the Atlantic Coast and the Pennsylvania Area.

The elder Brothers spoke words of joy and encouragement to us in the Monday evening service. Testimonies were given, and some were anointed for their afflictions. The gift of tongues was given by Brother Rocco Biscotti, and the interpretation, "Fear not. I am with you." was given by Brother Paul D'Amico.

Following Chapel on Tuesday morning, seminars were conducted for the various age groups. During the afternoon, Michigan-Ontario defeated the Ohio Area in another softball game.

Eda DiMelis of Detroit, Michigan asked for baptism during the Tuesday evening meeting. The service was spent in singing, testimony, and speaking. Following, a weiner roast at the campfire site was held.

We met at the shores of Lake Erie on Wednesday morning for the baptism of Sister DiMelis. The remainder of the day was spent with the regular schedule of events.

Brother Biscotti opened the Wednesday service, speaking from the book of *Isaiah*. He also related an experience of hearing the voice of one whom he believed to be one of the Nephites. Our Brother exhorted the young to grow in the faith. Later at the campfire, the young and old sang to Brother Biscotti and bid him farewell, as he was to leave camp the next day.

Between 6:00 and 8:00 A.M. on Thursday morning, the young people gathered in fasting and prayer. Brother Rocco Biscotti related a vision he had, where he saw a well and young people drinking from it. Brother Richard Scaglione also related a dream he had on Saturday, July 21.

Thursday afternoon was spent in recreation, with Michigan-Ontario and Florida Areas playing a softball game.

The "Thursday Niters," the young people from the

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## GMBA CAMPOUT '73

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Atlantic Coast Area MBA presented a short program in song and dialogue on Thursday evening, relating how their group came into being. Brother Tim Azzinaro of Lockport, New York asked to be reinstated into The Church as the meeting progressed. Following the meeting, seven others also asked for their baptisms.

On Friday morning the following Brothers and Sisters were baptized in Lake Erie: John Mancini of Monongahela, Pennsylvania; Ralph Frammolin of Detroit, Michigan; Peter Genaro of San Fernando Valley, California; Louis Visconti of Sterling Heights, Michigan; James DiFalco of Sterling Heights, Michigan; Josephine Armes of Sterling Heights, Michigan; and Gail Genaro of Youngstown, Ohio.

During the afternoon of recreation, the Michigan-Ontario softball team became the campout champions, as they defeated the Atlantic Coast Area.

Many solos, duets, and group selections were presented at the Friday evening service. The adult seminar group also sang a song entitled, "Can We Stand Tall As A Tree." Lyrics were written by Brother Louis Ross and music was composed by Sister Esther Dyer.

Brother Gorie Ciaravino, the General Church President, commended all in attendance for their cooperation and participation. He also recognized the Camp Director, the GMBA officers, and the Campout Committees for their diligent efforts for the success of this camp. Brother Jumper thanked all those who assisted him; the congregation stood in appreciation for a job well done by Brother Jumper. A talent night was held at the campfire after the evening service closed.

Chapel services were held for the last time on Saturday morning. Everyone bid each other a sorrowful farewell and departed for their respective destinations.

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## What Have You Done Today?

Is anybody happier because you passed their way?  
Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today?  
The day is almost over, its toiling time is through.  
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight in parting with a day that is slipping fast,  
That you've helped a single person of the many that you've past.

Is any heart rejoicing over what you did or said?  
Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or use it, was it well or sorely spent,  
Did you leave a trail of kindness or a scar of discontent?  
As you close your eyes in slumber do you think that God will say,  
You have earned one more tomorrow by the good you did today.

—Author Unknown.

Submitted by Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky

## THE PILLARS

I was sitting in Church several Sundays ago listening to Brother Nick Pietrangelo of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan. In his sermon, he spoke of the pillars of The Church. I had heard him many times before use that very same phrase. However until that particular Sunday, it never occurred to me how important the pillars of our Church really are.

For those in The Church who have never heard the phrase, let me explain. Brother Nick and many others refer to our very oldest and most faithful members as pillars.

The most important part of any building after its foundation, is its beams or supports. In Biblical times, pillars or columns were used in the support of a building. They were large and could be seen by all. They had to be firm, tall, and straight.

Nowadays we have supports in our buildings. But most of them we hide behind the walls and finally cover those walls with paint and beautiful pictures. We no longer want to see the supports in our buildings, because they're just plain wood. They are too simple, not enough color or beauty for our taste. Yet these very supports hold up the entire building.

Just as we would hide the supports in a natural building, we sometimes tend to hide the supports of our spiritual building. Jesus Christ is the foundation of our Church. He laid the ground work. Now it is the job of His Saints to start the building.

Our older members have become our supports or strength. They are plain, humble people with high morals and standards. That is how Christ wants us to live.

Many of us young people feel lost and confused because we try to reject many old thoughts and ideas. The purpose of all who are baptized into this Church is to follow Christ's teachings and to do His work. The wisdom and ability we lack, we can learn from the old. They are well learned and completely dedicated to the ways of Christ.

Our old Brothers and Sisters are indeed the pillars of our Church. But one by one some day they will all go to their reward.

How many of us young people could be as firm and courageous as they are in the Gospel? How many of us could fill their shoes? Someday we will have to be the pillars of The Church. Will we make it?

Sister Diana Thompson

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## Golden Anniversary

Brother Joseph and Sister Antoinette Pandone, of Youngstown, Ohio have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married on June 14, 1923, by Brother Caesar Telmonte, in The Church of Jesus Christ at Youngstown, Ohio.

Brother and Sister Pandone are the parents of five daughters. They worship with the Saints in Youngstown, and are very faithful members. May God continually bless them.

## THE CHOICE SEER

By James Curry

John Ruskin, an English sociologist of the past century, wrote: "The more I think of it I find this conclusion more impressed upon me — that the greatest thing a human soul ever does in this world is to see something, and tell what it saw in a plain way. Hundreds of people can talk for one who can think; but thousands can think for one who can see. To see clearly is poetry, prophecy, and religion — all in one."

Those rare individuals who possess the GIFT OF SIGHT are called SEERS. A seer is one who not only has power to foretell the future but also to illuminate the past, as in the case of Moses who wrote the first five books of the *Old Testament*. They also translate dead languages into modern ones, as in the case of Joseph Smith.

### *Gift of Prophecy*

It is generally thought that, for sheer excellence, the gift of prophecy transcends all others. Among the Israelites the prophet was greater than the king. Men hung upon their words as upon the words of God. There were many major and minor prophets in Israel. I dare say that not one of them attained to the stature of Moses, the seer, who talked with God face to face.

We honor Joseph Smith as prophet, seer, and revelator. Like the great seers of Biblical history, he had the gift of sight. Like any other genius, the seer has the propensity to see things as they are. He views the world through eyes that are unclouded by the mists of greed, lust, or pride. "Genius," says Schopenhauer, is simply the most complete objectivity — i.e., the objective tendency of the mind . . . genius is the power of leaving one's own interests, wishes and aims entirely out of sight, of entirely renouncing one's own personality for a time."

It is written in the *Book of Numbers*: "Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth." His propensity to see things as they were enabled him to see himself as he was. He saw, with remarkable clarity, how he related to God and his fellowman. Seeing himself thusly, he could not help being meek and lowly and of a quiet disposition. Like all humble men he knew that the whole is greater than the part. As a tiny segment of the whole, his only desire was to contribute to the well being of the whole body. This he did without fan-fare, lust for power, or position. He cared nothing about status or status symbols. Envy and the love of material things were foreign to his nature. If he were here today, he would probably marvel at the attempts of base men to make their way to heaven through the blinding mists of materialism.

### *Meekness Is Not Weakness*

Because the meek man is gentle, kind, not easily provoked, inclined to yield rather than cause trouble, there are those who believe that meekness is weakness; that the meek man is tamely submissive and servile. Many have learned, to their sorrow, that the meek man, when goaded beyond the point of endurance, can be the most formidable of opponents. Do we not see why? As a new creature in Christ he has a healthy respect for who and what he is, and for those principles which he upholds. Was he not made a little lower than the angels and

crowned with glory and honor? The supine, fawning, hand-wringing, selfeffacing attitude is not for him. He neither adds nor detracts from what he is. His capacity for love is boundless.

### *Latter Day Moses*

The Church of Jesus Christ has for many years anticipated the coming of a CHOICE SEER, to whom we sometimes refer as the latter day Moses. Paul speaks of his coming with these words: "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob."

Except for the exact time, the *Book of Mormon* gives a complete account of his coming, and of the work that he shall do. The book clearly states that "he shall be great like unto Moses." As in Moses' case, God will not loose his tongue that he should be mighty in speaking, which will necessitate his having a spokesman. In liberating his people (American Indians) he "shall do much good, both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith, to work mighty wonders, and do that thing which is great in the sight of God, unto the bringing to pass much restoration unto the house of Israel." See *III Nephi, 3rd Chapter*.

Using the "one God" idea, Moses turned a race of slaves into a race of conquerors. Because his coming is yet future, we do not know by what techniques the Choice Seer will turn the American Indian tribes into an invincible army. However, we are told in *III Nephi, 21st Chapter*: "And my people who are a remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them as a lion among the flocks of sheep, who if he go through both treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, all their enemies shall be cut off."

Why cut off?

Obviously because they stand in the way of the fulfillment of that iron-bound covenant which God made with the House of Israel many centuries ago.

### *Fulfilling The Covenant*

We read in the *Third Book of Nephi, 9th verse*: "Therefore ye (Gentiles) need not suppose that ye can turn the right hand of the Lord unto the left, that He may not execute judgment UNTO the fulfilling of the Covenant which He hath made unto the house of Israel." The word UNTO implies that God will smite the Gentiles again and again UNTIL the covenant has been fulfilled. History repeats. He smote the Egyptians again and again UNTO Israel's deliverance from bondage.

The Choice Seer will be the leading figure in the great, wonderful, terrible latter-day drama. Seeing the needs of The Church as through God's own eyes, he shall step forth to rebuke and confound those who cling to the precepts of men, after which he will be used instrumentally to heal and glorify the remnant that shall be left upon the land.

The contest between Moses and the Egyptian magicians was like a ten-round boxing bout. The first nine rounds were even. Moses won by a knock-out in the tenth. In our day and time, while Satan is busily engaged in duplicating the nine gifts of the Spirit, the Choice Seer will enter the ring to demonstrate the knock-out power of the gift of sight. It will be seen at that day that it is the greatest, the very greatest of the gifts of God's Spirit.

## — DISTRICT NEWS —

The past eleven months are a testimonial to Jesus Christ. Does He live? Do we possess the gifts characteristic of The Church of Jesus Christ of old? We can reply unequivocally, yes!

The Atlantic Coast District can testify of God's goodness and mercy. During the past eleven months, August 1972 to July 1973, we experienced twenty baptisms, six renewals, one Teacher was ordained and there were three ordinations into The Priesthood! What was the major impetus? All agree—it was the GMBA Campout of 1972.

Every Branch in The District has participated in many diverse blessings. All witnessed souls repenting of their past. Many experiences confirmed several baptisms. Brother Dominic Persico had a dream the evening prior to the baptisms of Sister Ethel and Brother Frank Banayacski and Sister Helen Kovacs. He dreamed the three new candidates all dressed in white garments. The garments were a "pure whiteness" — above any whiteness he ever saw before! That same evening, Brother Julius Kovacs had a vision. He described it as "less desirable." In his bedroom, he saw the Lord Jesus being nailed to the cross. Brother Julius said he heard the pounding of the stakes into Christ's hands and feet. As he witnessed this event, Brother Julius said he could feel this terrible pain. He then heard the voice of the Lord say, "My God! My God! Why hast thou forsaken me?" The vision vanished. Sister Janet Sabo was baptized on July 29. The night before, Sister Nina Traina dreamed Sister Janet would be baptized the following day! Her dream also quoted Brother Dominic Persico's question to Sister Janet — "Do you want to wait until next Sunday or do you want to get baptized this afternoon?"

In eight weeks, late May to July, The Hopelawn Branch was blessed with seven baptisms! These baptisms show and confirm the mysterious way the Lord works His wonders. About a year ago, The Hopelawn Branch had five Elders and several members. Since, three Elders and some members relocated! The remaining membership was discouraged. But, they were showered with many blessings. The discouragement was erased. In its place is joy—joy as only given by the Spirit of God.

Other Branches are participating in this joy and love. Months ago, The Edison Branch instituted Thursday meetings. They are youth oriented. Relevant Church matters are discussed. Discussions and lessons included The Faith and Doctrine, The Apostasy and Restoration, The *Book of Mormon* and its origin, and the Gifts of God. The meetings are the means for tutoring the young, baptized and non-baptized, what is expected from them—by The Church.

The New Brunswick Branch recently began to conduct Saturday night meetings. The purpose was to form a choir. The meetings are for all interested individuals and participation is excellent.

We thank God for these many blessings. Our prayer is that He will continue to bless us and you. Does Jesus Christ live? He does and He always will.

Donald Ross  
District Editor

## Deaconesses Ordained At Bell, California Branch

God truly blessed Bell Branch on June 10th with a beautiful meeting. The Elders had appointed this date for our feet-washing service. For some months now, Bell Branch has had Sister Rose Scalise as our only active Deaconess. The Elders of the Branch discussed this problem and prayed about it and were given the feeling to call Sister Ruth Fallavollita and Sister Grace Lavallo to the office of Deaconess. We met together in our Branch that day and before opening the service Brother Jim Scalise told us of their decision and we all felt a rejoicing in this beautiful surprise. The meeting continued in the humble fashion of the true feetwashing service that is always such a wonderful thing to have a part in. Our Sisters had their feet washed by Sister Rose and were then ordained by Brother Joe Capone and Brother Jim Scalise. After this had been attended to, we continued the ordinance of feet-washing with our two new Deaconesses assisting Sister Rose. Our Sisters testified as to feeling unworthy of this calling and asking us all to prayer for them that they might be a blessing to The Church and to all whom they come in contact with.

Sister Grace Lavallo was baptized in Greensburg, Pennsylvania eleven years ago and was transferred to Bell Branch a few years ago when she moved to California. She has been a welcome addition to our little group and we all love her very much.

Sister Ruth is also Sister Grace's natural sister. She was baptized in Bell Branch twenty-four years ago this past March and has faithfully attended this Branch ever since.

We were all uplifted in this wonderful meeting. Every heart in Bell Branch has a constant prayer for the future of these Sisters in their new duties as Deaconesses of Bell Branch and The Church of Jesus Christ.

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If you know what you are able to accomplish  
Yet realize the things you cannot do  
If you can find a goal that you believe in  
And understand what God expects of you  
If you can always use your talent wisely  
Remaining calm when everything goes wrong  
And ask your goal with persevering courage  
Relying on your faith to make you strong  
If you can see the beauty that surrounds you  
And wonder at the wisdom of God's love  
If you can be a child for just a moment  
While gazing at the stars that shine above  
If you can be aware of human weakness  
Yet criticize the thoughtlessness you've shown  
And when your heart is breaking keep believing  
That other hearts are sadder than your own  
If you can disregard the faults of others  
And love them for the good that they have done  
If you can overlook your needs and troubles  
And always try to help the other one  
If you can light the way by your example  
And offer understanding sympathy  
Then you will have the joy that comes from knowing  
You're the person God intended you to be.

—By Carolyn A. Hermann  
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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### SEPTEMBER AND SCHOOL

*It has been said that an education is something a person gets for himself, not that which someone else gives or does to him . . . Schools should be places where people go to find out the things they want to find out and develop the skill they want to develop . . .*

The summer months are gone and September is here to usher in the return to school. Going to school is an important and necessary part of a person's life, beginning in early childhood, continuing through youth and on into adulthood.

Schools are and should be a resource from which children and young people can take what they need and want to carry on the business of their own education. A few of these needs are as follows: one, a greater understanding of the world around them; two, a greater development of themselves; three, a chance to find their work or way in which they may use their own tastes and talents to grapple with the real problems of the world around them and to serve the cause of humanity.

Our society seems to ask our schools mainly to do three things for our children and young people: one, pass on the traditions and higher values of our own culture; two, acquaint them with the world in which they live; three, prepare them for employment and, if possible, success. Children need and deserve an opportunity to be useful in society. There are many roads to education and each learner is and should be free to choose, to find, to make his own.

### LEARNING AS GROWTH

Schools are not only a resource from which the student or learner collects facts or ideas. Teachers will readily agree that the school also fosters learning as a kind of growing, a moving and expanding of the person into the world around him. This surely must also be obvious to parents, friends of children or anyone who cares about education.

The rewards of a good education are many. The educated person is better prepared to secure gainful employment in the particular field of endeavor he may choose to pursue. He is in a position to make wiser and more important decisions. With advanced training or specialized talents, he is ready to accept and experience new responsibilities and challenges.

### ADDITIONAL REWARDS

Additional rewards also await those who are willing to apply their learning and talents, as well as time and labor, in whatever degree, to the service of God and of others.

The Missionary Benevolent Association, The Ladies Uplift Circle and Sunday School as auxiliary units of The Church are useful and wholesome organizations. They too welcome the participation of those who may be interested and provide opportunities for the application, in some degree, of the training and skills that have been acquired in school.

Parents have an obligation to stimulate the thinking of their children and encourage them as they go to school. Teachers are urged to pursue with diligence, tact and patience their task of tutoring the student. And for the students:

*... To be learned is good if they hearken to the counsels of God—*

*Book of Mormon, II Nephi 9:29*



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### PAUL'S LETTERS

Dear Girls and Boys,

These words of Paul, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me," show how changed his life became when he met the Master. Once he said, he was a prisoner of Jesus Christ. He was a great thinker and scholar but with all his education, he said he became a fool for Christ's sake. His epistles he wrote, show that his experiences in Christ were rich. He had a knowledge of the Old Testament and could quote from the Law, the Prophets and Psalms. All these with his love of Christ's teachings equipped him for the soldier of Christ wearing the whole armor of God.

Paul was returned to Rome after spending three months on the Island of Melita. While here he had been in custody of a soldier named Julius. But when they returned to Rome, Julius had to turn Paul over to his superiors. Paul was chained to a Roman officer and lived in his own hired house for two years. This permitted Paul to receive his friends and preach and teach about Jesus. He did not waste his time. Luke, the beloved physician, was his faithful companion. Timothy and John Mark also visited Paul.

Paul wrote letters during these two years. They were to the Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. After Paul finished writing to his friend, Philemon, he called Onesimus, a runaway slave, to him and asked him to carry the letter to Philemon. Now Philemon had been Onesimus' master. He was now converted but this did not release him from his owner. He could be whipped or killed if found. Paul taught masters to be kind to their slaves and slaves to obey their masters. Since Philemon was a follower of Jesus, Paul felt Onesimus would be forgiven. Onesimus agreed to deliver the letter. It was said Onesimus later became a bishop in The Church. He and his master were cruelly put to death later.

The saints at Philippi sent a gift of money to Paul. A Philippian named Epaphroditus brought messages of love to Paul. Paul was deeply touched by their devotion. He wrote a letter to them thanking them for their generosity. When he was almost through writing the letter, Epaphroditus became very ill and was near death. Through Paul's faith he was healed and carried the letter home to the Philippians. In the letter Paul described how he would like to die and be with Christ. Jesus Christ had become very dear to him.

Paul had never visited the Colossians but through his friends, Onesimus and Philemon, he had learned to love them. He told them he prayed for them constantly. He reminded them, Christ was the head of The Church and for them to beware of false teachers.

Ephesus was one of the most important cities under the Roman rule. Through the years, Paul had become

very fond of the Saints there. He wrote a letter to them of courage and love. In this letter, he described the armor of a soldier of God.

Great was the rejoicing when Paul's two years of confinement were up. The chain was dropped from his wrist and from the Roman officer. At once he made plans for his next missionary journey. He had longed to visit Spain. It was now about 63 A.D. Paul spent two years here and wrote Hebrews. Some do not agree this book was written by Paul but if not, the thoughts seem to be his. At the end of the letter, Paul requests prayer and tells that Timothy is set at liberty.

As Paul traveled from church to church, he saw false teachers coming among the Saints and leading them astray. His words of warning were, "Greedy wolves will come among you not sparing the flock," were coming true. Paul gave more responsibility to Timothy and wrote a wonderful letter to him. He gave him advice in the choice of officers of the Church and their duties in the ministry. He said of Timothy, "My own son after the common faith".

Titus was another faithful brother. Paul left him at the Island of Crete. Since he couldn't stay with him, he wrote him a letter explaining how to set The Church in order and ordain elders.

Day in and day out Paul labored, traveling from city to city, preaching, blessing, healing the sick and exposing false teachers. He knew the Romans hated the Christians and were determined to stamp them out. Paul knew his hour had come. During his first imprisonment he had been well treated but it was not so this time. As his friends tried to comfort him he said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

Paul wrote a second letter to Timothy hoping he could get to him before winter. Paul suffered much during this imprisonment. Luke his dear friend, was very faithful in caring for him and trying to cheer him. We do not know whether Timothy reached Rome before Paul's death.

The day came for Paul's trial and his friends waited hopefully for his pardon. The emperor Nero, did not grant the pardon. Paul being a Roman citizen was saved the terrible death of crucifixion or set on fire as other followers of Jesus had suffered. Paul was beheaded with the sword about 68 A.D. The Church had lost a great Apostle, one of rare nobility of character and a missionary to the Gentiles.

I hope you have enjoyed these stories about Paul as much as I enjoy studying about him.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

### QUOTES WORTH REMEMBERING

- 1) The sinner's credit is of NO-ACCOUNT; he can only become of SOME-ACCOUNT by cashing in on CHRIST'S - CHARGE ACCOUNT!
- 2) Man may whitewash himself, but only Christ can wash him white.



## ● FLASHBACKS ●

by Charles Jumper

### 146 YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1827

The Angel of The Lord delivered the record of the Nephites to Joseph Smith, Jr.

### 25 YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1948

Brothers Paul and Sam D'Amico accompanied Brother William H. Cadman to the Tonawanda Indian Reservation, where Brother Cadman was invited by the Indian community leaders to address their gathering.

### 20 YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1953

Brothers Emidio Milano and Giuseppe Buonofiglio reported eighteen new converts in San Gregorio Magna, Salerno, Italy.

### 15 YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1958

The new Church building at Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania was dedicated. Brother Alma B. Cadman spoke on *1 Kings*, 1:13, concerning the building of the temple at Jerusalem by Solomon.

The Ohio Area M.B.A. met in the Youngstown Branch. Brother Joseph Calabrese was in charge of the meeting during which the Youngstown local presented a program entitled, "Our Journey to Heaven."

Brother John Manes reported three new converts at the mission in Kent, Ohio.

### 10 YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1963

The Ohio District met in conference at Lockport, New York. This was the first conference ever held at the Lockport Branch.

Brother Joseph Lovalvo and his wife, Sister Virginia, visited the Atlantic Coast District, where Brother Joe conducted services in the Hopelawn Branch. All the Branches and Missions of the District were in attendance.

### 5 YEARS AGO — SEPTEMBER 1968

General Ladies Circle was held in Metuchen, New Jersey. The host local presented a program entitled, "Need for Missionaries."

## Note of Thanks

Sister Betty Perri of the Lake Worth, Florida Branch wishes to extend sincere thanks to all those who remembered her during her recent illness.

## Prayer Request

Brother George Emerson Fuller had a heart attack on June 12, 1973 and was sent to intensive care at the Uniontown, Pennsylvania hospital. He was there about three weeks and was discharged on July 3, 1973. Our Brother is still very weak and needs your prayers.

Thank You and God Bless You,  
Brother Elmer LaRew

## GENERAL CIRCLE CONFERENCE GREENSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

The General Ladies' Uplift Circle Conference was held at the Auditorium on July 7, 1973. Circles were represented from Arizona, Canada, Michigan, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

The Greensburg Circle was hostess. They sang hymns, gave their testimonies and read the Scripture from *2 Peter* 1:3 to 12 vs. Sister Mabel Bickerton told us how thankful she is for the training she has had in her home in her youth. She pointed out that we should train our children as well, especially by being prayerful.

The minutes of the last meeting held on March 3, 1973 were read and accepted. The officers and delegates gave their reports. The question, "When will the Lord raise up a mighty nation among the Gentiles?" was found in *The Book of Mormon, 1 Nephi* 22:7. Contributions were made to the Memorial Fund and Cards of Cheer were sent to those in need. Donations were made by the General Circle to the General Church Missionary Fund, African Relief Fund, Cook Book Fund and for the tractor that is being purchased for the Auditorium. It was pointed out that if the Home Mission Fund is not used by the Priesthood of The Church during the next three months the money will be used for some other missionary purposes. Communication was read from The Circle in Africa. The cook books are completed and were distributed to the Circles that were present upon request—the balance of the books are stored at the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania church building. Requests and money are to be sent to *Mrs. Elizabeth Eiler, 400 Division St. Ext., Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001*. Sisters Josephine Ross and Mary Tamburrino are to assist Betty. A standing vote of thanks was given to all those that participated in the completion of the 2000 Cook Books. Anyone wanting the books please contact the committee.

It was unanimously voted on by those in attendance at The General Circle that the name of The Ladies' Uplift Circle stand as is.

The calendar for the 1974 General Circle meeting is as follows: March 16, Youngstown, Ohio; July 6, Glassport, Pennsylvania; October 5, Michigan-Canadian Area.

A number of packages consisting of layettes, children's clothes, and blankets, were sent to Pine Top, Arizona.

The newly elected officers are:  
President, Mabel Bickerton.  
Vice President, Ruth Akerman.  
Secretary, Lou Scaglione.  
Financial Secretary-Treasurer, Ethel Crosier.  
General Fund & Home Mission Fund, Irene Griffith.  
Memorial Fund, Mabel Bickerton.  
Cook Book Fund, Elizabeth Eiler.  
Historian & Card Sender, Mary Criscuolo.  
Gospel News Ladies' Circle Editor, Mary Tamburrino.

The next General Circle Conference will be held on October 6, in Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

A vote of thanks was given to the Greensburg Circle for their kind hospitality.

A brief summary was given by the Sisters that made a recent trip to the Holy Land.

## I QUESTIONED AND GOD ANSWERED

For a year or so before I was baptized, I felt a strong desire to become a part of The Church of Jesus Christ. While I had this desire, I also thought of excuses to stay home with my father, because he was not yet baptized. Being worried about this, I prayed that God would give me the desire to attend Church. I also wanted The Lord to give me an experience to know when to ask for my baptism. During the GMBA Conference of May 19, 1963, I felt the Spirit of God working within me. I felt that I could not leave that meeting without asking for my baptism. I was sitting with Sister Ruth Akerman during the meeting. Knowing the meeting would draw to a close shortly, Sister Ruth leaned toward me, because she could see I was touched and asked if I would like to be baptized. (I might add at this time that Sister Ruth did not encourage me in any way.) I told her, "Yes." She told me that all I had to do was to stand and everyone would know why. I stood up and I tried to ask, but it seemed to me that nothing came out of my mouth but garbled words. (Later I was told that I actually asked for my baptism.) After the meeting, the Elders called for those that asked for their baptism to come to the front of the building. As I made my way forward, one of the Elders remarked that I was probably only fourteen years of age.

Although I had turned to Sister Ruth and she had told me that it was alright, I worried about this. I did not say anything to any of the Elders as the desire to be baptized was very great.

At the river, as Brother Isaac Smith questioned me if I repented of my sins, I questioned myself as to what sins could I have at thirteen years of age? I answered, however, "Yes," to Brother Isaac and was baptized. In spite of these doubts and fears, I truly felt the Spirit of God. I felt a warmth and an inner peace that I had never felt before. When the Elders confirmed me for the reception of the Holy Ghost, I felt no different. I had expected some great change to happen and nothing did. This also worried me.

As the glow of being newly baptized wore off, I began to have doubts concerning my baptism. I fasted and prayed often about this matter. I desired to go to the Elders, yet I was afraid that they would say that I was not truly baptized. I constantly wondered if I should be rebaptized. I continued coming to Church, worrying and still praying about it. It was a year after I was baptized that I had the following experience.

One night as I slept, I dreamed that a great ball of blinding, white light, more dazzling than any I had ever seen, was coming toward my parent's home. I knew when this light landed in our yard, I would die. The thought of dying brought to my mind what I had always heard Brother Alma Nolfi preach, "The Spirit in which you die is the same Spirit that you will resurrect with." I wanted to die without sin! As the light entered our yard, I cried aloud, "Lord, forgive me!" I was then awake, sitting up in bed. I felt this experience was of God, although I was shaken.

I was greatly relieved after this. At times, I wondered about my baptism, but never to the extent that I had previously. The true realization of the meaning of this experience did not come to me until March or April of 1972, nine years after my baptism. During a Wednesday

evening meeting, I related my experience for the first time. Only then did the full impact of what it meant come to me. Brother Alma Nolfi questioned me as to what I thought the light meant. I told him I felt this was a visitation of God to confirm my baptism. I know now that The Lord was giving me an assurance that He had truly called me into His wonderful Gospel. Although I had not realized what my experience meant at the time, I again felt the Spirit of God as I related it. The meaning of it was made known to me. I felt a confirmation that could only be of God that this was the true meaning. I thank God that He has given me this experience to strengthen me. I am convinced that God answers prayer.

In conclusion, I would like to add that both my mother and grandmother had an experience that I would be baptized on that day. I doubted because I had no experience of my own. I did not realize at the time that being raised in The Church, knowing that it is the True Church, meant that God did not have to convince me of His truth.

Sister Alice Nicklow

## District Ladies Circle Conference Modesto, California

The motto on the West Coast is "If you want a blessing attend a Ladies Circle Conference." This conference was no exception. The blessings began Friday night and stayed with us all week-end. Brothers and Sisters from Bell, San Diego, Anaheim and the Valley loaded the bus at 8:30 Friday night. We sang and visited with each other until we arrived in Modesto at 3:30 A.M. in the morning. What a thrilling sight to behold to see brothers and sisters of Modesto greet us as we unloaded. SUCH LOVE! All day Saturday was filled with love and God's spirit. One sister was blessed with a beautiful vision that Jesus was in our midst sitting on a cloud. All she could say was "How beautiful you are." over and over again. We all were greatly touched. The Saturday evening program had a message for each one of us. The story was taken from the *Book of Mormon* about Lehi and Sariah when they were asked to leave Jerusalem leaving everything behind and journey into the wilderness. The play centered around several conversations that might have taken place between Lehi and Sariah as they discussed this move the Lord asked them to make. The fears and doubts that Sariah felt that Lehi had to dispel. The message given was quite clear. Are we ready to pack up and leave everything if God should send us? The words the Elders spoke on Sunday morning were carried over from Saturday. One Sister had an experience as our Brother was speaking. God's spirit was prompting her to get up from her chair. The message she was to give would come from the spirit of God. But she quenched the spirit and later that day in her testimony she asked God for forgiveness. The message that was to be given was that an unbeliever was in our midst and the words our brother was speaking was the truth. The blessing we felt Saturday spilled over on Sunday and we just couldn't seem to say good-by. It was truly a memorable week-end.

Sister Lydia Knowles  
Secretary District Ladies Circle

## 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*.

Mrs. Warren Eugene Hart  
School of the Ozarks  
Pointe Look-Out, Mo. 65726

Dear Mr. Hart:

I am happy to reply to your inquiry about The Church of Jesus Christ. By now you should have received our literature list and tracts but I will endeavor to answer some of your questions. Please feel free to order any of our literature direct from our headquarters. Any personal questions you may have may be directed to me and I shall do my best to answer them.

### *Regarding Baptism*

We baptize by immersion only. We do not accept any other Church's baptism. This ordinance is performed as a public witness in a lake, river, or stream, but never in inside pools.

### *Regarding Membership*

We accept people of all nationalities, colors and creeds as members and as ministers provided they come by faith, repentance and baptism. Our congregations are not segregated.

### *Regarding Communion*

We have a closed (members only) communion. We administer it often. We use a common cup with pure wine and bread.

### *Regarding Confirmation*

After baptism by immersion, hands are laid on the candidates for the reception of the Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost.

### *Regarding Salvation*

You must conform to God's method of entrance and live a righteous life keeping God's commandments.

### *Regarding Heaven or Hell*

We believe in both places. We believe in the literal interpretation of scripture.

Thank you for writing us.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Calabrese

## Baptism At Detroit, Branch No. 2

Regina Bailey, a fifteen year old girl, met The Church at a social outing and liked what she found. A member of Branch No. 2 in Detroit, Michigan, she was baptized on June 3, 1973 by Brother Frank Morle. Confirmation service was officiated by Brother Querino Bologna.

The Saints of Branch No. 2 are very thankful that God's blessing is continuing as another soul has been added to the fold. Sister Regina has stated that she found "the love of God" in the group.

The Ladies Uplift Circle  
The Church of Jesus Christ  
Atai Otoro Centre,  
P.O. Box 60, Abak, S.E.S.

April 10, 1973

Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is a very long I have not written you on behalf of the ladies of our church. We thank God, He has spared our lives till today and always doing wonderful things for us.

We hope to God is also helping you all daily in His work. The work of God is growing everyday and more and more souls are being converted to God.

On the 1st of April, 1973 Sunday it was, two of my grandchildren were blessed and dedicated to God in our Church. So many friends rallied round us. I have to thank God who has spared my life to see my grandchildren.

The Ladies Uplift Circle in Atai Otoro Centre are holding a special get-together meeting to raise funds for widows and orphans on the 20th of April, 1973 at The Church of Jesus Christ, Atai Otoro, Abak. Many people have been invited, and we hope through God that the gathering shall be great. How it were possible that you should attend! Despite the distance your prayers and that of the entire members of our great Circle shall go along way to help us. Please give the information a wide publicity.

We have been holding our usual monthly meeting and many ladies from the various branches of The Church have been attending and the attendance each time is very encouraging.

May God help us to go on with His work so that we at the end may say as did Paul, "I have fought a good fight." May God be with you all in His Name.

I am,

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Rachel E.N.A. Arthur  
Chairman, Nigerian Ladies Uplift Circle

## Baptism At Hopelawn, N. J. Branch

The Sunday services at Hopelawn Branch brought the blessings of God to all Saints. A special blessing to all in attendance was the baptism of Janet Betty Sabo

Sister Sabo was baptized by Brother George Benyola and confirmed by Brother Donald Ross.

The Hopelawn Branch has been uplifted and richly blessed with the recent additions to the fold.

## Bible School At Vanderbilt, Pa.

On June 25 through June 29, 1973 the Sunday School of the Vanderbilt Branch sponsored the annual Bible School. The theme was Elijah and Elisha with forty children attending. A program was given by the children on July 1, 1973 and they did very well. A weiner roast was held for the children on the last night and all enjoyed themselves.

## A Tribute To Sister Mildred Maffeo

A fond and loving tribute to our beloved Sister Mildred Maffeo who departed this life on May 19, 1973. There is much sadness by those who dearly loved her. But our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Millie embraced the Gospel in May 1928. Some two years later her husband accepted the calling also. She was one of the pillars in our Church, always ready and willing to visit the sick and the weak that fell by the way side. During her early years, there were no cars available so she would travel by foot to visit and attend services.

She was an active member of the Sunday School, Ladies Circle and M.B.A. Also, she was a faithful deaconess performing her duties with great love. I really think the following words were her inspiration:

"I expect to pass through this world but once;  
Any good thing therefore that I can do,  
Any kindness that I can show to any fellow creature  
let me do it now.  
Let me not defer or neglect it for I shall not pass this  
way again."

Truly her life demonstrated these words.

Her life was a beautiful example to all. Thus are these words, "We reproach ourselves when those we love are taken. But if we meditate, we can see how they can inspire our lives and make our years more significant by their lessons." A phrase which is so true.

She was filled with kindness, love, understanding and consideration for everyone. Her afflictions at times were unbearable but she embraced them with patience and endurance.

Her presence will be greatly missed, especially by one who knew her 53 years. Our hope is to meet again and part no more.

Sister Carmella Mazzeo

## Baptism At Roscoe Mission

On July 15, 1973, Brother James Campbell, who was visiting from Monongahela Branch opened the morning service speaking on the mercies of God and told many personal experiences of God's mercy toward him. After the morning service during the lunch period, Sister Angeline Bloom returned to church and asked for her baptism and stated that she wished to be baptized the following Sunday. During the afternoon service the Brothers laid hands on Sister Angie that God would keep her in His care until that time.

On July 22, 1973, between the morning and afternoon services the Saints gathered at the Monongahela River to witness our new Sister obey the commands of Christ, as she was baptized by Brother Bud Martin. Upon returning to the church, our afternoon service took up and Brother James Campbell spoke on *I Corinthians Chapter 3* starting with the 6th verse. He related how we can plant a seed in the ground, we can water it and take care of it, but we can't make that seed grow and how necessary it is that God give the increase. Likewise in order to grow spiritually we need the Lord in our lives.

Brother Fred O'Lexa also read scripture on the teachings of Christ, concerning baptism and the reception

of God's spirit which enables us to be a light unto the world.

Brother John O'Lexa then confirmed our new sister and with joy in our hearts we greeted her into the fold of God, at which time I'm sure the angels in heaven also rejoiced with us as another precious soul was born again.

May God Bless our new sister and her family in the work of the Lord is our prayer.

Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky

## Blessings At Bell, California Branch

The Sunday meeting of July 15th at Bell Branch turned out to be a beautiful surprise blessing to all of us who gathered there that morning. We had the unexpected pleasure of having Brother Frank Morle, his wife, Sister Mary, and their family in our midst. They were here in California visiting Brother Frank's sister, Sister Virginia Suprenaut, who attended Bell that morning also. Brother Frank was invited by Brother Jim Scalise to take the lead in our meeting that day, and he spoke to us of many things including the experience he had when he looked for and found The Church of Jesus Christ in Italy. He told us of conditions existing there in attempting to serve God, and all of us here were counting our blessings at being here in our safe little world. Brother Frank introduced us to the idea that just leaving our homes on Sunday morning to go to Church was, in itself, a testimony to those who live around us. This thought left an impression in many of our minds as I have heard several of our members mention this since that meeting.

Brother Morle's visit and the good spirit it brought to our members was very uplifting to Bell Branch, and we pray God will guide him in this ministry each step of the way.

Sister Betty Capone  
Bell Branch Editor,

## New Convert Added To Perry, Ohio Branch

Donald Charles Rice, Jr. was baptized into The Church on July 15, 1973 by Brother Eugene Kline and confirmed by Brother Richard Santilli.

Young Brother Donald is the foster son of Brother and Sister Kline.

Our new Brother will be entering the U. S. Army very shortly and asked that your prayers will go with him. His desire is that he might prove faithful unto God and the promise he made.

## Change of Address

Following is the new address of Brother Frank and Sister Juanita Rogolino:

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogolino  
3027 Sunrise Boulevard  
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450

## Lockport And Rochester Gathering

The Rochester and Lockport, New York Branches held their semi-annual gathering on June 10, 1973 at the Lockport Branch.

The Brothers and Sisters of these two Branches were joined by some of the members of Erie, Pennsylvania and from New Brunswick, New Jersey. The young people favored us with a few selections, followed by the Erie choir singing the most recent song composed by Sister Esther Dyer, "God's Wondrous Plan."

Brother Burge from Erie opened the meeting expounding on the words written in the *Gospel of St. John* 15:1-13. He exhorted us to be children of the King, like the plants fastened to the root. We were reminded by our Brother that seeds without roots perish; also, that as Saints, we should bring forth much fruit and abide in His love. He also spoke of his wonderful experience of the two Elders seen in a dream baptizing him which became a reality upon his baptism.

Brother Patsy Marinetti from Rochester, New York, followed and dwelt on the same Scriptures, directing many of his remarks to the young people present. He cautioned them that they should come to know the true vine and beware of the various philosophies being presented to them. He apprised them of the fact that there is no short cut that leads to Christ. He also exhorted them to be a fruit-bearing "vine" so that they may not be cut off with the vines which bear no fruit.

He also exhorted the Elders to stimulate the minds of the members and exhorted the members to search out the word diligently. If we must get substance from the vine we must be in close contact with it. The Apostle Peter was able to stimulate his hearers to "What must we do to be saved?" because he was in close contact with the vine—God. Moroni was able to say to those who ridiculed that he would meet them at the pleasing bar of God. Daniel was able to survive the lion's den. Brother Marinetti concluded that like Daniel, we should be able to stand up for our convictions.

At this point, the newly-formed New Port trio consisting of Sisters Sharon D'Amico of Lockport, Joyce Feher and Terri Bravo of New Jersey sang, "Sweet Holy Spirit."

Brother Ansel D'Amico spoke of the love of God being the greatest thing one can possess. To the young people, he said, "Don't procrastinate!" Sister Florence LaRosa from Erie sang "The Choice Is Up To You." Brother Paul D'Amico commented briefly on the love of God and concluded with Moroni's words that those who hear these things should inquire of God, the Eternal Father, if these things are not true...

Our new Presiding Elder, Brother Paul Benyola called the closing hymn "The Hallelujah Chorus."

Sister Rosa Williams, Editor

## Fortieth Wedding Anniversary

Brother Nick and Sister Lena Liberto celebrated forty years of marriage at a reception given by their children on June 9, 1973, at San Diego, California. The couple was married June 11, 1933, by Brother Charles Ashton at Glassport, Pennsylvania.

The celebration included a short summary of their

years together, memorable songs from the 1930's and a picture display entitled "Over the years with Nick and Lena."

The Libertos are the parents of three children: Thomas, Paul and Leana. They have seven grandchildren. Brother Nick is an ordained Teacher and Sister Lena an ordained Deaconess. They have been in the Church over forty years.

## A NOTE OF THANKS

I, your Brother in Christ, and daughter, Sister Jean LaRew, wish at this time to thank all the Saints in The Church for their prayers in behalf of my wife in her time of need. She was very sick and has gone to be with The Lord. She was a good wife to me and mother to our children.

She loved all the Saints and it made her feel good when they came to see her. She was blind but felt the spirit of The Lord when our Brothers came and prayed for her.

We hope to see her in Heaven there to sit and be together again. Pray for my daughter Jean, my sons Norman and Raymond. We pray that God will help us at this time.

May God Bless You.

Yours in Christ,

Elmer R. and Jean LaRew

## REJOICE

Ring out the words, loud and clear,  
Let everyone hear, far and near,  
Sing His praises, let everyone rejoice,  
Sing out loud in a happy voice,  
Give unto the Lord all our love,  
Let our singing reach heaven above,  
Rejoice! Be happy! we found Him,  
Sing out loud in a joyful hymn.

## NOW

We look about, and what do we see,  
A world about to crumble around you and me,  
Time has come to look at the score,  
Time to look to the very core,  
Have we a place in that Heavenly home?  
Or, will we, in this crumbling world roam?  
Have we completed the work we are given?  
Is our name in the book of heaven?  
Will he smile and say "well Done?"  
Have we a place at His side won?  
Gone are the tears of yesteryear,  
Now, is the time, He is very near,  
The world may crumble and fall apart,  
The Lord will stay in our heart,  
Time to add up the score, be on the winning team,  
Time is now! Get aboard the Gospel beam,  
Tomorrow never comes, It is now!  
Rely on the Lord, He will show you how.

(Poems by Sister Margaret Abbott of Cleveland,  
Ohio East Side 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:

Jared Wayne to John and Virginia Blosser of Greensburg, Pennsylvania;

Daryl Lee to Ronald and Sandra Kinkela of Youngstown, Ohio;

James George to Roy and Carol Ann Weamer of Youngstown, Ohio;

Christopher Peter to Peter and Marilyn Scolaro of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1;

Gregory Charles to Edward and Mary Edwards of Lorain, Ohio;

Lloyd Kay to Lloyd Kay and Verna L. Jones of San Carlos, Arizona;

Jason Troy to William and Nancy McMullan of Lake Worth, Florida.

Carrie Lorinda to James Joseph and Lydia Dulisse of Modesto, California;

Mindy Jean to Steven and Cheryl McCann of Modesto, California;

Brandon James to Thomas and Earleen Hunt of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania.

## — WEDDINGS —

### MORACO - WANDLESS

Brother Dennis Moraco and Sister Joyce Wandless were united in holy matrimony on May 5, 1973 at the Erie, Pennsylvania Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ. The groom's father, Brother Dominic Moraco officiated at the wedding ceremony.

Brother Richard Bologna was the best man, and Sister Ruth Laird was the maid of honor. Vocal soloist Sister Florence LaRosa was accompanied at the piano by Sister Esther Dyer.

The newlyweds are residing in Westland, Michigan and attend Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 4 of The Church.

## ● OBITUARIES ●

### KATHERINE MASTROIANNI

Sister Katherine Mastroianni of the Perry, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to her eternal reward on May 31, 1973. She was born on January 22, 1902.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, one daughter, four brothers, one sister, eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Brothers Eugene Kline and Elmer Santilli officiated at the funeral service at the Cleveland, Ohio Branch.

She was laid to rest at the Lakeview Cemetery.

### MARTHA HARRIS

Sister Martha Harris passed on to her reward on July 28, 1973. She was a member of the Imperial Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Sister Martha was born on September 28, 1899 and was baptized on February 17, 1957.

The funeral services were conducted by Brothers James T. Moore and Robert Buffington.

She is survived by four daughters, one brother, two sisters, ten grandchildren, and sixteen great-grandchildren.

Sister Harris was a faithful member and was always interested in others.

### CATHERINE ARDIZZONE

Sister Catherine Ardizzone passed on to her heavenly reward on May 17, 1973. She was a member of the Modesto, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born on April 11, 1896 and was baptized June 1, 1958.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Joseph Lovalvo and Leonard Lovalvo.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, and one grandchild.

She was a faithful member and dearly loved by all who knew her.

### LOLA HUNTER

Sister Lola G. Hunter passed on to her eternal reward on July 3, 1973. She was born on July 1, 1895 and was baptized on April 14, 1968 in The Church of Jesus Christ at San Carlos, Arizona Mission.

She is survived by one sister, two sons, two daughters, twenty grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brothers Anthony Brutz and Claude Kayson.

### ANNA LOUISE MARKS

Anna Louise Marks passed on to her eternal reward on July 1, 1973. Born on May 5, 1920, she attended the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Anna's husband, mother, daughter, three sons, two sisters, three brothers and five grandchildren are left to mourn her departure.

### BARTOLOMEO VETRANO

Brother Bartolomeo Vetrano, a member of the Vanderbilt Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed from this life on July 15, 1973 at the age of eighty-two. He was a member of The Church since October 25, 1932.

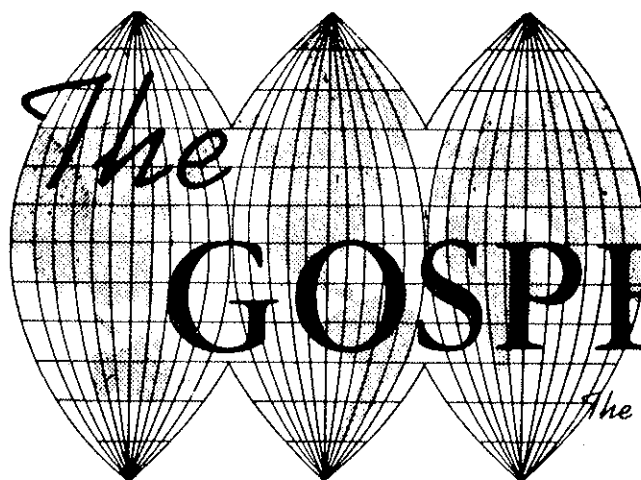
Brothers Joseph Bittinger and Joseph Shazer officiated at the funeral services.

Brother Bart is survived by four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Our Brother will be sadly missed by his family and all the Brothers and Sisters who knew him. May God comfort the family that mourns his loss.

## Church Calendar

### OCTOBER

19, 20, 21—General Church Conference at Detroit, Mich.



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## LEST WE FORGET . . .

by MARK RANDY

Is there truly a living God, and if so, does He care for us now as in ancient times?

By the grace of God I labored in a mission at Mt. Brydges, Ontario, Canada when I was called upon to start a new mission in Port Huron, Michigan where we also had a radio program. Brother Joseph Lovalvo cared for the Mt. Brydges Mission.

One night I had invited Brother James Lovalvo and family to our home for supper. Supper was ready and thanksgiving had been offered. Someone whom I could not see, but felt his presence, spoke to me thus, "Marco, arise and go to Mt. Brydges, as you are going to be needed there." I spoke back to the voice, "Why not tomorrow, Saturday, and I will not be working?" "Now is the time to go," the voice insisted. I tried to eat, but food did not seem to be any longer appetizing to me. I arose from the table, went to my bedroom, and there prayed, asking for God's guidance. As I proceeded to go back to the dining room, the voice again spoke for the third time—"Be obedient and go now. You are going to be needed there."

When I arrived at the dining table, my wife said, "Mark, is there something wrong? You are not eating." I then told them of what was happening to me. Brother Jim said, "If you go in the morning, I will go with you, but at this hour, what could be wrong there?" I assured them that I must go. Mt. Brydges is about 100 miles from St. Clair Shores, Michigan where I lived at that time. I departed, and shortly after I crossed into Canada by way of the Blue Water Bridge at Port Huron, it began to rain heavily. I finally arrived at the Van Brees at 2:00 a.m. The lights were still on, and suddenly I assumed something was wrong. But upon opening the door, I found that Christian and Anna Van Bree had been reading *The Bible* and being blessed in reading, so much so, that they had not realized that it was so late. Their children were in bed, and nothing was wanting or wrong.

I told them my experience of hearing a voice which led me there. I felt that perhaps it was my mind and that I had spoiled a lovely evening I would have had at home. I was cold and wet, plus the fact that for the first time in many years of traveling that road, I had lost my way, going about twenty miles towards Kitchener by making a wrong turn in the darkness of the night.

The Van Brees gave me a bed to sleep in. As I prayed

I felt assured that I had come to the right place and to be patient. The next morning I was awakened by a knock at the door. A woman's voice introduced herself as a neighbor, Mrs. Frank Horton. She was saying that her two daughters, one a school teacher and one a teenager and herself had been fasting for three days. "My husband is dying of cancer," she said. "Last night I dreamed that an Angel of God appeared to me and told me to go to the Van Brees, and there you will find a man who will pray for your husband and your husband will be healed." When I heard these words, the same voice that guided me there spoke to me saying, "Arise, and go with her for I have sent her here." Anna Van Bree said, "Our Minister came here last night not knowing anything about you, but he felt God sent him here."

When I walked into the room the woman knelt down and cried, telling me of her husband's long illness. As we entered the Horton's home, I saw him sitting in a wheel chair suffering with pain. "Man of God, help me," he said. "This very home and 100 acres was ours. We sold it for \$10,000. The doctors, hospitals and medicines took all of it, and yet I am dying." "Your faith in God shall heal you now," I said. I anointed him in the usual manner of The Church and prayed for him. He had cancer of the colon, which the doctors had removed and placed the bowel outlet through his side. But the cancer had continued unabated.

I went back to Michigan and several months later I decided to pay a visit to the Hortons. Upon arriving at the house, I saw a man coming towards me, and I asked him if the Hortons still lived there. The man said to me, "Marco, don't you remember me?" I said, "No, I do not remember you." "I am Frank, the man you prayed for. I am well and have been able to work and support my family. Come into the house." Sister Randy and our children were with me at this time. We praised The Lord who hears the cries of the needy and answers the prayers of His servants.

To all readers, PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD, NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PROBLEM. He is our Strength, our Hope, our Lord. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

As I write this, my spirit is lifted to adore Him, now and forever more.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since receiving Brother Randy's wonderful article, we have learned that he has been hospitalized for a heart ailment, and he requests prayer.



## THOUGHTS ON THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

by MARIE MCGUIRE

While reading a women's magazine during my lunch hour at work one day, I happened to turn to an article by a writer who gives her interpretation of the Twenty-Third Psalm. As I was reading it, I thought of my brother Sal, who is very ill at this time. (*Editor's Note:* Brother Sal Azzinaro has now gone to his eternal reward.) As I read on, many other things entered my mind—events throughout my own life when I had often thought—

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD, I SHALL NOT WANT; To have The Gospel of Jesus Christ is more than anyone can ask for here on earth.

HE MAKETH ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES, HE LEADETH ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS; Such peacefulness, serenity, hope, tender comfort and love are so touching to our souls.

HE RESTORETH MY SOUL, HE LEADETH ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE; Truly The Church of Jesus Christ is the path of righteousness. What a blessing it is that the members of The Church have these wonderful promises of our Lord.

YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU ART WITH ME: THY ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME; I myself was put in this position in 1969. I was on death's bed, but our blessed Lord spared my life. Can I ever thank Him enough? No, never, but to do His blessed will is my desire.

THOU PREPAREST A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF MINE ENEMIES; If each and every one of us would be a little more cautious as to how we talk and how we think, surely God would richly bless us.

THOU ANOINTEST MY HEAD WITH OIL; Beautiful! Whom do we call upon when we are ill? Whom do we call upon when we need that special blessing or when we need understanding, patience, comforting love? Oh, yes, our Lord, because there is none greater than He.

MY CUP RUNNETH OVER; My cup surely has run over many times through prayer, a hymn, a sermon, or a passage of Scripture.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE; AND I WILL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER. Need we say more, since Jesus Christ gave His life for us? Truly, it will be worth it all when we see Jesus!

### Branch No. 4 Detroit, Michigan

The Brothers and Sisters of Branch No. 4 in Detroit, Michigan wish to welcome Brother Dennis Moraco and his wife, Sister Joyce Wandless Moraco, to our Branch.

Our Brother and Sister were recently married in the Erie, Pennsylvania Mission of The Church. Joyce is formerly from Erie, and Dennis was residing in Miami, Florida for quite some time.

We all wish the best of happiness to the young couple. May God constantly be their guide.

## MY TESTIMONY

by Gary Lee Coppa

I was baptized into The Church on May 9, 1971. Before that time, my life was filled with sin. I had known of The Church since I was twelve years old, and I now know that God has always cared for me and loved me, as I felt the effects of the prayers of the Saints prior to my obeying the Gospel. While in the service, I once attended a meeting at the chapel on the base. The hymn they sang after the opening prayer was "Sweet Hour of Prayer." It was as if I was transported among the Saints of The Church of Jesus Christ, and I burst into tears, for at the time, I had rejected The Church. This hymn and the spirit that touched me then has always remained with me. I thank God for this wonderful blessing.

### Sunday In Muncey

This past Sunday, we went to Muncey, along with Brother Richard Loffredo and his family. The service was opened by Brother Tony Gerace; he had been sick for a long time, and it was wonderful to see him again. We all felt the evidence of the Spirit in his talk. When Brother Gerace finished speaking, the meeting was opened for testimony. When testimony time comes, God has always blessed me. I enjoy the opportunity to praise God, so I usually stand up right away. This Sunday was no different. I rejoiced to hear the other Saints who followed me give thanks to God also. At this point, it seemed that good spirit left me, and I was desirous to have it return. I called Hymn No. 290, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and I once more felt the spirit. Brother Manasseh, our humble Indian Brother, stood and gave his testimony of how he, as a boy, heard this hymn being sung in the Indian language while he was gathering firewood in the bush. It was wonderful!

### Testimony and Prayer

At this point, I felt a strong urge to pray, but I could not remember any time in my short time in the Gospel that the Brothers led the congregation in prayer during testimony. The words of *Moroni 6:6,7* then came to me that the Saints met together often and testified, prayed or preached as the spirit led them. As these thoughts were in my mind, Brother Mario Coppa stood and gave his testimony, stating that if we wanted anything from God, the key was to ask—just ask—because the blessings of heaven are just waiting for us. As examples, he used the story of Elijah and Elisha and the double blessing that Elisha was promised. Before I continue, I must tell you of some of the things that I have been praying for since I obeyed The Gospel.

(Shortly after coming into The Church, God gave me the desire to read *The Bible*, *The Book of Mormon*, and *The History of The Church of Jesus Christ*. I was impressed with the testimony of Brother William Cadman in our history, as he had to pray to get the Spirit of God. Following my own baptism, the Elder praying at my confirmation said, "Let a double portion of Thy Spirit come upon this young man." I am no one extraordinary, but these words that the Brother pronounced stood out as a challenge to me. If I applied myself spiritually, I could have a double portion of the Spirit of God. I felt that I had received God's Spirit, and I knew that I had followed God's will by being baptized. I did not feel the fire or the

shaking that Brother William Cadman said he experienced, and I began to be very desirous to feel the Spirit in that way. It became a constant theme in my prayers.)

During this meeting in Muncey, the spirit of God was moving in a sweet and mysterious way. Everyone was desirous to receive a great blessing that would encourage us to go on serving God. At this point, I found the courage to ask the Brothers and Sisters to pray with me.

#### *A Beautiful Prayer*

The congregation and I knelt down, but a few seconds of silence passed, because I really felt void of what to pray for. I began to doubt; then the prayer of Jesus came to mind. I began, "Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name..." and then something wonderful happened. I found myself offering a beautiful prayer, although I am usually hesitant about speaking in public.

Our prayers that day were in unity as we asked God for a blessing to come down on us. After praying, I felt evidence of The Lord's spirit as I sat down and felt my being shaken by huge sobs. I knew I had received the double portion of His Spirit for which I had prayed so often.

#### *Discouraged, Received Strength*

I might add here that two weeks before this, I had desired to be anointed that I might receive spiritual strength. Before I could ask, I felt the hands of Satan on each of my shoulders holding me down in my seat. But I offered a silent prayer in my heart, and Jesus rescued me.

I have written this testimony that I might encourage you, even as the experience has encouraged me. We serve a living God who answers our prayers. How The Lord blesses us! Continue to pray for me, and I will remember you as God gives me the strength.

## IT ALL COMES BACK TO YOU

Today is just a passing through,  
Tomorrow, you laugh, may never see you.  
But, you'll always have yourself to face,  
No matter where you go or do  
It all comes back to you... in the end.

Where you never die, no never.  
Nothing seems to phase you all  
Right now is your judgement day  
You plan to do well after you die?  
Or you think it's all over when you go?

Your excuses tell me nothing  
Just, you're afraid to pay the bill  
That Jesus left, and you know how well.  
He paid it all for you.

So, How do you feel when you know...  
No matter where you go or do  
It all comes back to you... in the end  
Where you never die, no never.

Brother John LaBuda  
Youngstown, Ohio

## RESTORATION

The word itself, immediately brings to us of this latter day work, the falling away from God after the death of His son when men became so lifted up in pride, and wickedness prevailed over the earth. Through this condition the power and authority of God was taken off of the earth, and after many years, after the reformation, came the *Restoration* of the Gospel which was brought back to earth through a young man, Joseph Smith.

We don't feel to go into anymore of this Restoration at this time, but our heart is led into another Restoration of God.

In the beginning God said, "Let us make man in our image." Now the image was not only in stature or appearance, but in the image of pureness, goodness, and undefiled in any way, perfect like unto God. But because of disobedience, the temple that God built, which was man, became defiled and fell away from God, thus the first falling away.

Because God loved man so very much, He began a way of *restoration* through His Son Jesus Christ. Some may think God failed in building man to perfection, this is not so, for man must still come back to this perfection that God created in the beginning, in Adam and also in the birth of man today. As a little child comes into the world, he or she is perfect and pure before the Lord as the first Adam was made perfect of God. As the child grows into manhood, he becomes accountable, and like the first man defiles the temple of God through sin and disobedience.

The mercy of God once again holds out the way of *Restoration*, of once again to become a child of God again through a new birth, as it is written, Except you become as a little child, you can not see the kingdom of heaven.

How is it possible to become as a little child again once we are old? This was the question that troubled Nicodemus. As our Lord spoke to Nicodemus, Ye must be born again, Nicodemus said, "Lord, how can a man be born when he is old?" Our Lord said, "Except ye be born of the water and the spirit ye can not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Now this was a very important statement of our Lord and must take deep consideration.

Consider man that is born of woman, is born from within the woman. Also man born of water must come from within the water and thus a new birth takes place and man is born of water as our Lord commanded, and through this new birth becomes as a little child again. Thus a *restoration* takes place and a new life begins as our former life is passed away, and all acts of sin and disobedience are forgiven and surely all things become new in following the guidance of our Father through His Son Jesus Christ. As a little child we now look to our Father as the answer to all things, with a knowledge that He cares for us, and as His children He rejoices with us and He weeps with us. Through this new birth a *terrible* falling away from God is ended and a wonderful *restoration* of God has taken place as we are born again, and once again restored into the image God desired man to be from the very beginning. And with His strength and guidance may we endure to the end and forever be with our Lord throughout the ages of eternity.

Brother B. J. Martin,  
Roscoe, Pa.

## HOW THE WEST WAS BLESSED

The state of California is about the same size as three Pennsylvanias, which makes for a pretty large area; and including Arizona and Tijuana, Mexico, the entire California District stretches over many miles. It is no wonder that the Saints from the different localities in our District are not able to fellowship with one another very often. However, perhaps due to the hot summer season, the Saints have enjoyed greater freedom in traveling and visiting lately.

Our Branch, San Fernando Valley, was privileged to have three Brothers attend the GMBA Campout in Dunkirk, New York. Altogether, six California dwellers attended. The Valley Branch received a blessing and uplift with the addition of a new convert—Brother Peter Chris Genaro was baptized at the Campout on Friday, July 27 in Lake Erie by Brother Russ Martorana and confirmed by Brother Anthony Lovalvo. May God bless our new Brother!

The story does not end here, but is going on and on. With numerous guests from the Eastern Branches taking in the sights and climate of California, and with three weddings and the Red Lake Project in Arizona, the Valley Branch has been blessed with company nearly every Sunday and has enjoyed some wonderful meetings.

There is a disappointment for those who are unable to get out to visit a particular Branch on a given day. But lately, we have experienced that The Lord can bless every group, no matter how many or few are in attendance. To cite an example: On Sunday, August 26, many visitors from throughout The Church attended the Bell Branch, as they had attended a wedding in that Branch the previous day. The young people all decided to visit Anaheim that day. Visitors came from Detroit, Windsor, New Jersey, Bronx, Valley, San Diego, Lindsay, San Carlos, and McKees Rocks. There was a good spirit of testimony among us. The Lord blessed the smaller group remaining at the Valley Branch that same Sunday, as Sister Bernadette King was taken into the waters of baptism by Brother Dwayne Jordan and then confirmed by Brother Charles Curry. That same day, Brothers Steve DeCaro and Ken Staley were visiting Lindsay, and some came from Modesto to share a beautiful day with the Saints in that part of the vineyard. Yet The Lord blessed Modesto with the baptism of Brother Daniel Ciarolla.

We in the Valley Branch were very honored to have Brothers Gorie Ciaravino, Joseph Bittinger and Rocco Biscotti speak to us on a Tuesday and Wednesday evening, as they stopped here in their travels throughout the West.

Many Saints participated in the Vacation Bible School held at San Carlos, Arizona. Then about 130 Brothers and Sisters gathered at Pine Top during the Labor Day weekend in order to panel and paint the new Sunday School classrooms which were recently built there. During the day on Saturday, everyone busied themselves with work on the classrooms, and that evening, an around-the-campfire songfest was highlighted by many wonderful testimonies given by the Brothers and Sisters who expressed thanks for the peace which The Lord has given us. Brother Joseph Milantoni introduced the Sunday morning services, emphasizing the love of God, and he was followed by Brother Dan Picciuto. Sister Catherine Carneval experienced a beautiful light while the congregation was singing, and she gave God praise accordingly.

Afterwards, Brother Herb Hemmings heard a voice say that someone else had seen that light and prompted that person to not hold back or deny it. During the course of the meeting, seven people from various parts of Arizona requested baptism. Visitors and Saints alike were richly blessed during this weekend.

We wish to thank God that His blessings continue from day to day, filling us with joy and a zeal to tell those around us the message of The Gospel. Praise The Lord, for He is blessing us so abundantly, that we can hardly keep up with Him!!!

Brother Ken Lombardo,  
San Fernando Valley Branch Editor

## RISE, SHINE, AND GIVE GOD THE GLORY

*by Paul D'Amico*

Since my childhood, I was taken to the House of God to every meeting. One of these meetings is known as "The Fellowship Meeting" usually held on Sunday afternoon. It was in this meeting that many of our brothers and sisters (some gone and some still living) bore testimony to the Truthfulness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was also in this meeting that the Lord's supper was administered unto the dutiful baptized members of the Church.

I can recall many wonderful testimonies given, and I can recall many wonderful manifestations of the Power and Spirit of God. At this time I cannot help but to mention how much I enjoyed the testimonies of Brothers Joseph, James and Anthony Lovalvo when they came into the Church as young men. The Lord truly blessed them, and blessed us for we were glad at that time not only for them, but for the many others who were being baptized almost every Sunday. I was but a youngster in the Church, nine or ten years old. I had not received my calling unto repentance, but I certainly felt and enjoyed the power and blessings of God not only in the Worship Service, but more so in the fellowship services. Time was of no concern to our people at that time especially when the Spirit of God flowed like a river in our midst. Meetings held at the Devine Branch (Branch No. 1) sometimes lasted from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. I am a witness to this on a number of occasions where the Saints could not close the meeting or depart from one another.

It is the duty of the Saints of God, especially on Sunday; and also the privilege of the Saints of God, to Rise, Shine, and Give God the Glory. I have often told the Saints wherever I have traveled throughout The Church, that we get out of the meeting just what we put into it. I refer primarily to the Sabbath Day Fellowship meeting.

The tendency and trend has been to eliminate the number of meetings held; among which has been the fellowship meeting. I cannot say whether the Saints are all satisfied with this or not, but I raise a question for all of us, to consider and answer before the Lord, "Is God pleased with this change that has come about in many of our Branches and Missions?" Are we justified in doing so, and if not, why not make efforts to return to the Old Time Religion which our fathers and mothers raised and taught us, in order to become closer to God in these perilous times?

May God bless you is my prayer.

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### ABOUT POLLUTION

Recently a radio minister made references in his sermon to our national concern over the serious matter of pollution—the pollution of air, water and land. He noted that government, industry and various organizations and agencies are involved in various courses of action to control and reduce the pollution of our streams and waters, as well as the atmosphere and our land. He conceded that this concern along with corrective measures are commendable and beneficial.

However, he also voiced his concern over spiritual pollution that is causing so much grief, pain, heartache and disruption of homes on an ever increasing scale. His point is well taken and who would dare debate his position.

#### *A Healthy Nation Is A Strong Nation*

We too commend the efforts of government, industry and interested organizations and agencies in seeking ways and means to combat pollution in all its forms, to reduce its harmful effects upon people, animal life and on all our natural resources. A healthy nation is a strong nation.

On the other hand, like the radio minister, we are also concerned over increasing spiritual pollution in all its forms. The divorce rate is alarming. The increasing incidence of couples living together as husband and wife without benefit of either civil or religious ceremony is regrettable. Pornography in many forms continues apace.

A few years ago, a United Nations agency comprised of representatives of several member nations was set up to plan and recommend courses of action to stop the international flow of pornographic material. The Soviet representative presented a plan that seemed to assure success in fulfilling the agency's mission in combatting pornography. The American representative expressed reluctance to concur, stating that the Soviet representative's plan was too rigid and would infringe on freedom of the press. Note the irony of this situation when we consider the official position of the Soviet government is atheistic in doctrine while on the other hand, the American position is eloquently expressed in our motto: IN GOD WE TRUST. In this serious matter American prestige sustained a loss and we were deprived of an opportunity to afford influence and support to a plan that would uphold dignity and wholesomeness in opposition to the spreading evil of pornography.

Space does not permit sufficient comment on other forms of pollution that pose a serious threat to our spiritual well-being if allowed to continue.

#### *Moroni Saw Our Day*

Moroni, the great historian and prophet who predicted the coming forth of the *Book of Mormon* said, "Yea, it shall come in a day when there shall be great pollutions upon the face of the earth; there shall be murders, and robbing, and lying, and deceivings, and whoredoms, and . . . abominations; when there shall be many who will say, Do this, or do that, and it mattereth not, for the Lord will uphold such at the last day. But woe unto such, for they are in the gall of bitterness and in the bonds of iniquity." (*Mormon* 8:31) In *Verse* 35 Moroni adds, "Behold, I speak unto you as if ye were present, and yet ye are not. But behold, Jesus Christ hath shown you unto me, and I know your doing."

We pray that God will stir people everywhere and awaken them to their duty to God and that they may endeavor to keep themselves unspotted from this world.



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### Noah and the Rainbow

Dear Boys and Girls,

I want to tell you about a promise God made to a man who lived to be nine hundred and fifty years old. Isn't that a long, long time to live? This man was called Noah. We read in *The Bible* that he was just and perfect, and for the sake of this man Noah, God saved the man from complete destruction.

The people on the earth had become so wicked that God was sorry He made man. The Lord said, "I will destroy man whom I have created, also beasts, creeping things and fowls of the air." Because Noah served God and was a good man, The Lord promised to save him and his family. He told Noah a great flood was coming upon the earth and every living thing would be destroyed. God instructed him to build an ark of gopher wood. This great ark was to be covered with pitch inside and out. It was to have three stories, a door and a window. He was to take two of every living thing, male and female, into the ark along with his family.

Noah obeyed God and started to build the ark. No doubt his friends and neighbors laughed at him as day by day he followed God's plans. At last the ark was finished. The time had come to enter the ark. Noah, his wife, his three sons, Ham, Shem and Japheth and their wives entered the ark. All the living things came, two by two. When all was inside, God closed the door. On the second month, the seventeenth day, it began to rain! All the fountains of the deep were broken up. All the high hills and mountains were covered with water. The windows of heaven were opened. How it rained! Every living thing died; men, cattle, creeping things and fowls. The only ones alive were those in the ark.

One day, God sent a wind to pass over the flooded earth. On the seventeenth day of the seventh month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. Five months passed from the beginning of the rain to when the ark rested on the mountains. The waters continued to decrease until the tenth month when the tops of the mountains could be seen. After forty more days, Noah opened the window and sent out a raven. He also sent out a dove, but it could not find a place to rest, so it returned. Noah put out his hand and took the dove back into the ark. He waited seven days and sent the dove out again. This time, it did not return. He knew the water was gone and there was dry land.

Noah waited until God told him to leave the ark. How happy they all were to leave the ark. Every beast, cattle, creeping thing and fowl came forth. Noah and his family were thankful for God's care, so they built an altar. God was pleased and said, "While the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest and cold and heat and summer and

winter and day and night shall not cease. Never again will I destroy the earth with a flood." God gave a great sign of this promise. He put a bow in the clouds. This was the first rainbow. It is beautiful to think that God put it in the sky to tell the world He would never destroy the earth again with water. When we see the rainbow, just remember that it was the great promise made to Noah hundreds and hundreds of years ago. God's promises never fail! This one is proof. What other promises do you know?

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

### YOU SHOULD KNOW . . .

You should know . . .

The Church has a resolution stating that any member of The Church selling alcoholic beverages in their business establishments, shall be disfellowshipped until such time as they discontinue this practice.

You should know . . .

That should any member of The Church of Jesus Christ marry a person of any other faith or religious body of people and pledge themselves or agree in any way to raise their children in that faith, they shall forfeit their right to membership in The Church of Jesus Christ.

You should know . . .

That no member of The Church of Jesus Christ shall be called into an ordained office if he belongs to any worldly society where secret oath is administered. Further, anyone holding an ordained office in The Church and belonging to an organization where a secret oath is administered, be asked to sever their membership from such societies within one year or forfeit their office. It is further suggested that we instruct our members by virtue of the Holy Spirit that God is not pleased with secret orders of any kind. Members of The Church who stand to lose insurance or other like benefits granted by these organizations will be allowed to hold inactive membership only.

You should know . . .

It is the duty of The General Church Board of Trustees to obtain from all Branches and Missions all legal instruments such as Deeds, Discharges of Lien, Evidences of Title, Encumbrances of Title, etc. for filing with General Church Records.

### To The Readers Of The Gospel News:

I am trying to locate the address of Sister Sadiebell Smith who is living in Mississippi. Sister Smith was transferred to the Fort Pierce Branch, but somehow, her address has been lost. We have tried for some time now to get it, but have not been successful.

If anyone has the address, please send it to:

Sister Juanita Rogolino  
3027 Sunrise Boulevard  
Fort Pierce, Florida 33450

Thank you, and may God bless you.

# M. B. A. Highlights

## 50th ANNIVERSARY FOR ALIQUIPPA M.B.A. LOCAL

The Aliquippa, Pennsylvania M.B.A. Local celebrated its Golden Anniversary on August 10, 1973. Visitors from different locals in the Pennsylvania area attended the Friday evening meeting. After the history was read, comments were made by different Brothers in the audience.

Brother Anthony Palmieri, the only charter member in attendance, recounted briefly how the local was organized in the home of Sister Grace DeRusso of Corapolis. Brother John K. Penn was the organizer.

After the meeting, everyone was served cake and coffee. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Following is a short history of the Aliquippa Local: 1923 to 1973 —

Organizer of the General Missionary Benevolent Association, Brother John K. Penn of Dunlevy, Pa., organized the Aliquippa, Pa. local on September 2, 1923. The officers were Brother Philip Mileco, President; Brother Anthony Jackman, Vice-President; Brother Domenic Jackman, Chaplain; Brother Sam Marchando, Secretary; Brother Mike DeFrancesco, Librarian; Brother Anthony Palmieri, Treasurer; Brother Elio Giannascoli, Marshall. The total membership at organization was 9. Our newly formed local's first expenditure was a notebook and pencil for the Secretary . . . total cost 15c. The first year the local bought a stove, a bookcase, hymnals, and paint to paint our new church building. Quite an accomplishment considering our first collection was only 59c. In the beginning the lessons were primarily the Bible, until March 1932, when the Book of Mormon was used as the weekly lesson. The Question Box was a very popular activity in the meetings as it gave our early members guidance in church conduct and procedure. On this base, our local has remained active and resourceful since organization . . . not only as a financial help but an active spiritual source. The local sent the first donation to the G.M.B.A. in November 1924, and have through these initial fifty years met our required financial obligation to the parent organization. Beginning in 1937, the Local sponsored Christmas and Easter programs for the children. Projects have always kept the Local busy. In 1938, the Local collected clothes and shipped them to the Indians in Muncey, Canada. The early 1940's, the piano fund and sending the boys in service candy and the Gospel News occupied most of the local activity; later the Local sponsored bus trips to G.M.B.A. and area functions.

In 1946 the G.M.B.A. was held in our Local for the first time and then again in 1956, 1961 and 1964; then on an area basis with McKees Rocks and Imperial Locals in 1966. In 1968 we participated in the entire Pennsylvania area sponsoring the gathering. In 1956 the Men's Bible Class became an auxiliary of the Local and is still functioning now in its 17th year. In 1957 the choir was organized as an official part of the Local, though for many years the choir was part of the activity program. During 1957 the first area gathering was held in our Local. In

1959 we hosted the G.M.B.A. spiritual gathering in the Aliquippa High School.

The 1960's were a very active time, as we supported the Nigerian Missionary work of the church extensively. The Local collected, packed, and sent clothing; the choir made tape recordings of our hymns to aid the Nigerian Saints in the singing from the Saints Hymnal. In 1964 we established the Nigerian Library Fund. Later in 1966, we changed this to the Nigerian Home Mission Fund. Also, in 1966 we hosted the Michigan-Ontario Area M.B.A. Choir. In 1968 the office of project organizer was established to aid the General Church Auditorium Fund. The Children's Choir was established in 1968 and is now a part of the Activity Committee.

As we now stand looking back at fifty years of time, only two charter members remain—Brothers Anthony Jackman and Anthony Palmieri. The presidents that have guided us stand in number only 14:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Bro. Philip Mileco     | 8. Bro. John Ross            |
| 2. Bro. Anthony Jackman   | 9. Bro. Jerry Giannascoli    |
| 3. Bro. Anthony Rossi     | 10. Bro. Daniel Tamburrino   |
| 4. Bro. Domenic D'Antonio | 11. Bro. James Gibson        |
| 5. Bro. Anthony Palmieri  | 12. Bro. Charles Jumper, Jr. |
| 6. Bro. Carmen Rossi      | 13. Bro. Paul Palmieri       |
| 7. Bro. Thomas Ross       | 14. Bro. Pete Giannetti      |

In conclusion, I must explain I have omitted the names of members active in the work of the M.B.A. Lest I might miss someone, I have kept this history brief and in no way do I feel that it is equal to the many events and efforts of the first fifty years of our organization. Finally, maybe in the future, some might consider a writing that would do greater justice to this fine work among the youth of our Church.

Brother Charles Jumper, Jr.

## What A Friend

Brother Sam Cuomo and myself wish to express our thanks to all for their concern and prayers while recuperating from our auto accident following the GMBA Campout.

I would like everyone to know the experience I had immediately following the accident. When Sam and I were trying to recover from the accident, I saw a few people appear out of what seemed to be nowhere. I remember one woman in particular. Her face to me appeared to be in perfect form, and above her head was a golden arch. Everywhere she seemed to touch me the pain was soothed. After a few minutes the ambulance came, and she bent down to look at my face. I said, "Thank you very much for helping both of us." She replied, "I will always be glad to help both of you." Then she kissed me goodbye and proceeded to leave. I tried to watch her depart, but she seemed to have disappeared, and I neither saw or heard a car leaving.

Please continue to pray for Sam and me, that God may bless us and our future. For truly we do have a friend in Jesus.

Sister Kim Ottavian

*Editor's Note:* Sister Kim had just been baptized the previous week at the GMBA Campout.

## HOW THE GOSPEL WILL SPREAD

by Rose Sgro

*Editor's Note:* Sister Rose Sgro was recently graduated from high school. She was the first candidate baptized by her father, Brother Salvatore Sgro, shortly after his ordination as an Elder. She is a member of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch.

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The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Did you ever really think about what this is and what it stands for? How it can affect everything in your life? Did you ever stop to think and find out that *The Bible* is the world's number one best seller? This book is the most popular book in our country and sells over 1,000,000 copies a year. The Gospel, as given to the people through the use of *The Bible* and *The Book of Mormon*, is really the Word of God as given to the prophets by God in the days of old.

Today, there are more people turning to religion than ever before. It seems that everyone I come in contact with says the same thing—they just are not satisfied with their religion and are looking for another church to attend. I guess one could say that they are looking for the true church of Jesus Christ. It seems that they all have various reasons for finding another church; they dislike going to church and hearing repetitive sermons and the constant solicitation of monies.

Religion will spread in many ways. One of them will be through young adults. More and more today one will find teens interested in learning about the Word of God and trying to find out what it stands for and how it can help them get through the trials of life.

Another way that the Word of God will be spread will be through the use of testimony. This is when people have a way of thanking God for the blessings He has given them; testifying to the whole world that God lives and He is there to help anyone who seeks His help. Some people have so many things to be thankful for, but sometimes, they just seem to forget about Him. It should be made known to them that there is a God who is ready at all times to be with them and to guide them through life. Once people start to believe more and turn to the ways of God, there will be more peace and tranquility on this earth. This can only be gained by the interest and the longing of people to change some of their ways.

The Gospel is being sent to the Lamanites (American Indian), the Jews, and the Gentiles. Also according to the words of Jesus in *III Nephi* 21:26, the Gospel will eventually be preached to the lost tribes.

*The Book of Mormon*, which is a record of the people of Nephi and the Lamanites, was written by way of a commandment and also by the spirit of prophecy and revelation. This book was sent in the form of golden plates given to Joseph Smith at the time he was a young man.

One place in *The Book of Mormon* that shows how the Gospel will spread among the nations is *I Nephi* 13:34, "The Lord spake unto me saying: Behold saith the Lamb of God after I have visited the remnant of the house of Israel and this remnant of whom I speak is the seed of

thy father—wherefore, after I have visited them in judgment, and smitten them by the hand of the Gentiles and after the Gentiles do stumble exceedingly, because of the plain and precious parts of The Gospel of the Lamb which have been kept back by that abominable church, which is the mother of harlots, saith the Lamb—I will be merciful unto the Gentiles in that day, insomuch that I will bring forth unto them, in mine own power, much of my gospel, which shall be plain and precious, saith the Lamb."

The *Bible* gives many references to the fact that the Gospel will spread. One is *Matthew* 24:14, "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

*Luke* 17:22,23 states, "And He said unto the disciples, The days will come when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man and ye shall not see it. And they shall say to you, see here; or, see there: go not after them, nor follow them." This says that you should not follow the ways of man, but follow the ways of God for the redemption of mankind.

*Revelations* 13:8,9 in part reads, "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him. If any man have an ear let him hear." If man has a real desire in his heart, his ears will ring with the joy of hearing the Word of the Lord.

*Isaiah* 2:2,3,5 in part reads, "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 mountain, 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, He will teach us 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. Oh house of Jacob come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord." This is saying that many will hear and will walk in the path of The Lord.

We all know that it is going to take a great deal of proof and a lot of talking, but some day people are going to see the light that God's way is the best way. They will soon come to realize that if they have the love of God, a great faith, and the desire to take God as their Saviour in going through the holy ordinance of baptism by immersion, then they shall inherit the "kingdom of God" and "dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

The Gospel will spread forth unto all nations, kindreds, tongues and people. Some day there shall be peace. Then we will have a true brotherhood on this land, blacks with white, Indians with Jew. All nations shall come together like you would not believe possible. The way this will be conceived is through prayer and the belief in *The Bible*, a record of the tribe of Judah and *The Book of Mormon*, a record of the American Indian, the tribe of Joseph. *The Book of Mormon* was revealed to Joseph Smith by the power of God.

The real key to all this is faith in God that He will send to us all His blessings. That He will give us the knowledge to spread His Word and show others that do not know about it. As yet, we do not fully possess that unity we are striving for, but if we believe, then we shall receive it.



## THE HOLY LAND TOUR

We left our home on March 12, 1973 at 11:30 a.m., Mabel Bickerton, Sara Vancik, and Ruth Akerman. At the Pittsburgh International Airport, we met Sara's and Mabel's cousins, Jean Saffell and Maxine Fowler. Our plane left at 2:22 p.m. and arrived at Kennedy International Airport, New York City, at 3:30 p.m. After eating lunch, we met our group of 41 from Niles, Ohio. Rose Corrado, a member of our Church and the one who started the ball rolling for this trip, was with them. The group includes four Pentecostal ministers and their families. Our tour host, George Johnson, is one of the ministers of Niles, Ohio. We got acquainted, received name pins, tags, tickets, etc., asking ourselves, "Is it real; the day has arrived?"

We boarded a plane for Amsterdam, Holland at 9:00 p.m. Pittsburgh time. Amsterdam has a huge airport. There, we changed planes for Athens, Greece.

Shortly after take-off, we were again served. This time it was lunch, and at home our families were not up yet. We flew over Great Britain, France and Germany. It was a three-hour flight to Athens.

It is now Tuesday, March 13, and we hurriedly changed planes in Athens. We landed at Nicosia Airport, the capitol of the Island of Cyprus, population 110,000. This island is especially interesting to us because it was the home of Barnabas. In the year 45 A.D., Paul and Barnabas set sail for Cyprus on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:1,2). Cyprus is first mentioned in the New Testament as one of the areas to which the Christians fled to escape persecution after Stephen was killed.

We boarded a bus at Nicosia and drove to Famagusta, Cyprus. The people here are 99% Moslems. They are a people of disease, depression and without hope. They are so different from a Christian democracy who have hope, music and laughter. The nation of Islam is one "bent to the will of God." We noticed as we drove on streets that they drive on the left side, as they do in England.

On arriving at Famagusta, we boarded the ship "Regina Prima," which is to be our floating hotel, thus eliminating the frequent packing and unpacking as we travel from city to city.

We checked in on the boat and were given our room numbers. The boat had 540 passengers on board.

The first thing we experienced after checking in was a fire and boat drill. All passengers had to participate, as it is an international regulation. We had to wear inflated life jackets which were in our cabins and report to the boat station, the number of which was on our cabin door. It was quite a scramble to "get into the jacket" and find the right deck.

*Wednesday - March 14*

We sailed all night from Famagusta to Mersin, Turkey, a distance of 114 nautical miles. The sea was calm and beautiful. We drove by large orange groves. The machinery is very primitive and labor is cheap. The women were seen working in the fields. We passed wagons of cotton, saw many sheep but no pigs nor cows. There were gypsies all along the roads with their shaggy sheep, their tents and huts of reeds and straw.

Turkey presently has a president, but The Com-

munists are trying to make a communist nation out of Turkey. The religions here are Christians, Greeks, Moslems and Orthodox. At the mosque, the Moslems are called to prayer five times a day by the sound of the ram's horn.

Our first stop was Tarsus, the birthplace of Paul. He spoke of it as "no mean city." Tarsus is known as the frontier between the Christian and Islamic worlds. We stopped at the well of St. Paul near the house where it is believed, according to tradition, he lived. As we walked from the well, we noticed the women with veils covering their faces. The children here were flying large, unusual kites.

We continued on to Adaman. We observed the women working in the fields, and caring for the sheep. They were dressed in pantaloons type skirts. Some were carrying large baskets on their heads. A large sheep market was set up near a stone bridge. Our guide told us only the white sheep are used for sacrifice.

The next stop was Antioch, Syria, where Peter founded the first church and spent a number of years there. We climbed 50 to 60 stone steps up the mountain to St. Peter's Church. The first Christians met secretly here in a cave as Peter preached The Gospel to them. Water dripping from the rock to the right is believed to have healing properties. To the left is a secret tunnel which was used by the early Christians for escape in times of danger. The followers of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch. (Acts 11:26.)

While we were sightseeing, the boat was sailing to Iskenderun, Turkey. So, at the end of the day we boarded the ship there. It had sailed 76 nautical miles. That night we departed for the port of Haifa, Israel. Haifa is Israel's chief port and a major industrial center; it has a population of 209,000. Jewish immigrants started a large city here in the 19th century and the harbor was completed about 1929-1931. The city has spread from the shore of the Mediterranean Sea to the summit ridge of Mt. Carmel. There is a wonderful view from this mount, a distance of 1,500 feet high. A landmark of Haifa is the golden dome of the Bahai shrine, the world center of the Bahai faith.



Maxine Fowler, Ruth Akerman, Mabel Bickerton, Sara Vancik; Front row — Rose Corrado, and Jean Saffell.

(To be continued)

## BRANCH AND MISSION NEWS:—

### Baptism At Detroit, Mich. Branch No. 4

The Branch No. 4 Saints enjoyed an extra blessing on Sunday, August 12.

Norman Gregory Swanger was baptized by Brother Leonard Lovalvo and confirmed by Brother Dominic Moraco.

Brother Norman called for his baptism at the recent GMBA Campout at Dunkirk, New York. However, he decided to wait until he returned to his own Branch to be baptized, that it might be a blessing to them also.

His baptism indeed was a blessing—may God bless him in all his ways, that he may be a help to his Branch.

### Baptism At Modesto, California Branch

Sunday, August 26 was a day of rejoicing for the Modesto Saints.

The service was opened by Brother Joseph Lovalvo. His topic included the coming of the Choice Seer. He also referred to the young people of The Church doing work among the Seed of Joseph.

Following the singing of "The King's Business," Brother Dan Ciarolla broke down and asked for his baptism. He had been praying for guidance for several months.

While Brother Joseph Lovalvo was baptizing Brother Dan, he felt that an Angel of God was standing next to him. This same feeling was felt by others watching the baptism. During his prayer of confirmation on Brother Dan, Brother Mark Randy spoke in the Gift of Tongues. There was no interpretation given. We surely enjoyed the blessings of God this day!

On August 30, Brother Mark Randy suffered another heart attack and is in the hospital. Please remember him in prayer.

Sister Lydia Dulisse, Branch Editor

### Ordination And Children Blessed

#### At Lorain, Ohio Branch

Sunday, August 19, was a day of joy and edification for the Lorain Branch. They were privileged to witness the ordination of a Teacher and the blessings of God asked upon several young children ranging in ages from six months to nine years of age.

Ordination of Teacher: Brother Joseph Calabrese washed Brother Frank Palacios' feet, after which Brother Frank Altomare ordained Brother Palacios to the office of Teacher.

The blessing of God was asked upon the children by the following Brothers: Thomas Gregory Davis by Alfred Dominico, Tonia Louise Davis by Frank Altomare, Louis Todd Calabrese by Frank Calabrese, John Wayne Bennington by Joseph Milantoni, Tressa Jean Bennington by Alfred Dominico.

May The Lord guide the newly-ordained Teacher as he strives to fulfill the duties of his office.

## News From Rochester, New York

Brothers Alex Robinson of St. John, Kansas, John Ross of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania and Russell Martorana of Niles, Ohio and their families spent Sunday, July 29, 1973 with the Saints of Rochester. They had all attended the GMBA Campout and visited the Mormon pageant.

Brother Robinson chose *James, Chapter 3* for his text. Brother John Ross and Brother Russell Martorana followed on the same subject.

Brother Ansel D'Amico then brought the meeting to a close.

The semi-annual gathering of the Rochester and Lockport Branches was held on August 5, 1973. Represented were the Lockport, Erie, Fredonia, Detroit, Aliquippa, Cleveland, Vanderbilt and Imperial Branches.

Before the service began, we had community singing. Brother Russell Cadman then opened the meeting, using *III Nephi, Chapter 26* as his text. Apostle Rocco Biscotti, as well as Brothers Emmett Dale, Carl McCartney, Art Gehly, Perry Simone, Paul Benyola and Apostle Paul D'Amico continued with the same theme, Brother Paul speaking in the Italian language.

The meeting was then concluded with a few remarks from Brother Ansel D'Amico and a prayer by Brother Henry Berardi.

Following a visit to Hill Cumorah on August 12, 1973, a group of Brothers and Sisters from Metuchen, New Jersey spent the Sunday services with us.

Before the meeting, we had community singing, and Brother Nick Pietrangelo of Detroit, Michigan then opened the service with prayer.

Brother Richard Lawson spoke on *Helaman, Chapter 10*, where Nephi is comforted by The Lord with a promise of great power. Nephi preaches repentance and warns the wicked of impending judgements.

Brother Pietrangelo then followed, and the Presiding Elder, Brother Ansel D'Amico, concluded with a few remarks and wished our visitors God speed.

A prayer by Brother Patsy Marinetti then brought our meeting to a close.

### Renewals At Roscoe Mission

The Brothers and Sisters of Roscoe Mission have much to be thankful for. On August 5, 1973, Brother James Kendall came to The Church and expressed his desire to be reconciled to God after being away for many years. Brother Bud Martin laid hands on our Brother and prayed, renewing him back into The Church.

On August 19, 1973, Sister Virginia Comadena also came to The Church and expressed her desire to fellowship with us again. Brother Gasper Karelli laid hands on her and prayed, restoring her to fellowship. We praise God for the joy we felt in hearing their sincere testimonies to serve God.

Just two weeks after Brother Kendall returned home to The Church, he passed away peacefully from this life at 91 years of age. We thank God for our Brother's opportunity to return to The Church at this late hour of his life.

Our Mission has had several baptisms and renewals

this past year. It is our desire to live closer to God that we may see more join the family of God.

Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky

## News Of Erie, Pennsylvania

The Erie, Pennsylvania Mission was wonderfully surprised by a visit of three Apostles, Brothers Rocco Biscotti, A. A. Corrado and Frank Calabrese, and Evangelist Ralph Beradino.

The purpose of the meeting was to give the Erie members a spiritual lift. Each speaker gave wonderful words of encouragement. This meeting was followed by a question and answer period. The meeting was closed by forming a circle and singing "Pass Me Not." Four of the Elders were spiritually directed to call this hymn. We're all thankful for our wonderful Priesthood, for they travel many miles to do the work of the Lord.

Please remember our mission in your prayers and we will always pray for all our branches and missions and especially for our young adults in The Church.

Sister Dolly Kovacic

## News Of Youngstown, Ohio

On Sunday, August 26, 1973 the Branch of Youngstown, Ohio welcomed many visitors from Erie, Penna., and Brother and Sister Sam Dell, of Fairless Hills, Pa.

Brother Dell opened the morning service, speaking from the Gospel of *St. John, 14th Chapter*. "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me." Brother Harold Burge, of Erie, also spoke on the same subject.

The afternoon service was opened by Brother Sam Costarella, giving a fond farewell to Brother Nick and Sister Pauline Ritz, who are moving to Miami, Florida; having been members of the Youngstown Branch for over 40 years. We wish them God's continued blessings in Florida. This was followed by many beautiful testimonies from our visiting brothers and sisters.

A Song-fest was held in the evening, with more visitors coming from Warren, and Niles, Ohio. We enjoyed fellowship singing, various visiting groups, and also the Youngstown Choir and Quartet.

It was an enjoyable day for all, filled with the blessings of God.

## Blessings Enjoyed At Pennsylvania District Conference Weekend

The Pennsylvania District Conference convened at the Vanderbilt Branch on Saturday, September 8, 1973. Approximately 27 District Elders were present to discuss and process the business of the district. We were very happy to have with us Brother Gorie Ciaravino, General Church President who was visiting in the district. Also, Brother Thurman Furnier and his wife were present. A very good spirit was enjoyed and a good conference was held.

At the close of the afternoon session, Sister Furnier gave her testimony, and surely it was seasoned with The

Spirit of God. Brother John Ross expressed his sympathy and extended to Brother and Sister Furnier the sympathy of the Pennsylvania District concerning the loss of their oldest son who recently passed away.

The Sunday Service was held in The General Church Auditorium in Greensburg and was attended by all the Pennsylvania District Branches.

Again we were blessed by many inspiring words spoken by the Priesthood. Also while Brother Gorie Ciaravino was speaking concerning an experience had by a Sister concerning the Seed of Joseph Brother Thurman Furnier rose from his seat and spoke under the influence of The Power of God concerning God's Wonderful Plan. It seemed that the theme of the day was "Be Prepared." Let us be watching, waiting and prayerful.

Brother Bob Nicklow  
Pennsylvania District Editor

## Glassport Receives New Members

The Glassport Branch recently received four new members. Brother Jerry Valenti, his wife Sister Faye, and their two children, Brother Jerry and Sister Tammy. The Valentis moved to Pennsylvania in January from Jamaica, New York where they attended the Bronx Branch. Our prayers are that God will bless them in their new home.

## God Never Leaves A Vacancy

We felt a bit of sorrow in Glassport following the GMBA Campout when Brother Ken Staley returned to our Branch to request his transfer to the California District. Brother Ken left in January to find work and relocate in the California area. We are thankful that God has blessed him thus far. Brother Ken's desires are to be a help anywhere in The Church.

The day that Brother Ken requested his transfer, his father, Brother Tom Staley was attending his first service in the Glassport Branch following his baptism the week before at the GMBA Campout. Generally it is the son replacing the father, but this time it was the father replacing the son.

We wish God's richest blessings upon Brother Ken in California and upon his father here in Glassport.

Branch Editor,,  
Sister Robin Nicklow

## A Note Of Thanks

The *Gospel News* is a blessing to me. I am not near The Church and cannot attend due to illness. Yet The Lord is near, and The *Gospel News* keeps me in contact with the Brothers and Sisters and their experiences in The Church.

I do not get discouraged, but I look to God for all my needs and feel that He is always near and that His blessings and strength are with me.

I thank the Saints of Branch No. 2 and the Saints in Modesto, California for all their prayers. May The Lord bless all of you.

Your Sister in Christ,  
Pauline M. Valentine,  
Sacramento, California

## — NEW ARRIVALS —

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

Ray Elmer to Raymond and Betty Beeman of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Gregory Michael to Harold and Rosanne Batalucco of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 4;

Wendy Ann to Salvatore and Sarah DiFalco of Sterling Heights, Michigan;

Brian Keith to Matthew and Linda Shushak of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania;

Carrie Lorrinda to James and Lydia Dulisse of Modesto, California.

## — WEDDINGS —

### ELZBY - SCALISE

Brother Lloyd Elzby and Sister Karen Scalise were united in holy matrimony on August 25, 1973 at the Bell, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. Officiating at the ceremony was Brother Louis Parravano of Modesto.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Donna Ciccati of San Diego, California.

The newlyweds will reside in Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

### NUMKENA - SAKYESVA

Mr. Samuel Numkena and Miss Marie Sakyesva were joined together in holy matrimony on June 30, 1973.

The wedding took place at The Church of Jesus Christ in Phoenix, Arizona. Brother Ether Furnier officiated at the ceremony and was assisted by Brother Thurman Furnier.

May God bless this couple who are of the Seed of Joseph.

### KING - TULLY

Brother Michael Samuel King and Miss Patricia Ann Tully were united in marriage on July 28, 1973 at the San Fernando Valley, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Officiating at the ceremony were Brothers Frank Genaro and Dwayne Jordan. Musical selections were presented by Brother Dennis Calabrese and Sister Alyse Molisani.

The couple will reside in Canoga Park, California and will attend the San Fernando Valley Branch.

### COTELLESSE - RENAUD

Brother Joseph Cotellesse and Sister Joann Renaud were united in holy matrimony on June 9, 1973.

Brother Paul Francione officiated at the ceremony in Branch No. 2 in Allen Park, Michigan.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Karen Milantoni and Brother Don Henderson.

The newlyweds will reside in Lincoln Park, Michigan.

## ● OBITUARIES ●

### ANNA LaGUIDARE

Sister Anna LaGuidare passed on to her heavenly reward on July 17, 1973. She was a member of Branch No. 4, Detroit, Michigan. She was born on January 21, 1891 and baptized on August 10, 1958.

Left to mourn her loss are her six children, four step-children, thirty-four grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Our Sister was born in Italy and was baptized after she came to the United States. She will be very much missed by all who knew her.

### MAY WARD

Sister May Ward passed from this life on August 11, 1973. She was a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born on November 2, 1912 and baptized on April 19, 1931.

Officiating at the services was Brother George Johnson.

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two grandsons, three sisters, and two brothers.

Our Sister will be missed by her family, friends and Brothers and Sisters of the Vanderbilt Branch.

### CHRISTINA MEDWID

Sister Christina Medwid of the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed away on August 30, 1973 at the age of 83. She was baptized in 1941.

She is survived by two sons, three daughters, fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Our Sister suffered a lingering illness, but her uncomplicating nature was very remarkable. All that knew her will miss her faithfulness towards God and The Church.

### JOSEPH GIANNETTI

Brother Joseph Giannetti, a member of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ passed on to his eternal reward on August 29, 1973. He was born on January 28, 1903 and was baptized on October 12, 1928.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, three daughters, eighteen grandchildren and one brother.

Officiating at the funeral services were Brothers Paul Palmieri and Anthony Ross.

Brother Joe will be sadly missed by his family and the Brothers and Sisters of the Branch. Many times he expressed himself and said he had a battle with the enemy of his soul. Our Brother fought the fight and won; he finished his course and kept the faith.

## — Church Calendar —

### OCTOBER

6—General Ladies Uplift Circle at Vanderbilt, Penna.  
19, 20, 21—General Church Conference at Detroit, Mich.

### NOVEMBER

10—GMBA Conference in the General Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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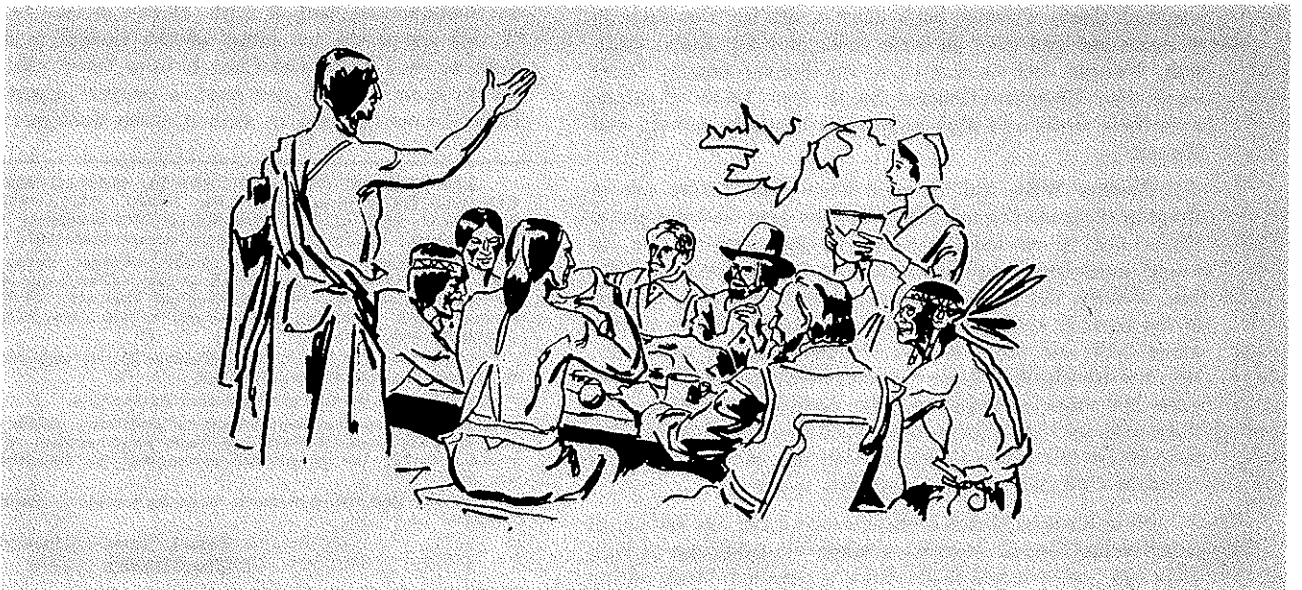
## Praise Our God and King

Praise, O praise our God and King; Hymns of adoration sing;  
For his mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise Him that He made the sun Day by day his course to run;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise Him that He gave the rain To mature the swelling grain;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.

He hath bid the fruitful field Crops of precious increase yield;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.



## “GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY, HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM HE PLANTS HIS FOOTSTEPS IN THE SEA AND RIDES UPON THE STORM”

Today, as I watched my husband give Billy Joe Tucker a hair Style, I said to myself (or I could have said it out loud, I do not remember), “What a handsome young man”. Billy Joe is in the hospital due to an accident in which his wife was killed and, where he almost lost his two-year old daughter, Tina. He’s smiling at his precious little baby, with eyes full of sadness and yet, there is hope in them. His mother, Ruth Tucker, had helped my husband wash her son’s hair. Now, she is sitting in one corner of the room and looking at her son with love in her eyes. What is she thinking? Is it, “I asked the Lord . . . He gave me wealth untold”? (one of her favorite songs) How do I know this?

When we came to Florida for the first time, and were re-united with Billy Tucker and his wife, Ruth, after approximately twenty years, we were welcomed by them with the same love we had shared so long ago. One of the songs she requested my husband to sing was, “I asked the Lord”. Since then, four years have passed, and, so much has transpired.

Billy Tucker is standing near his son’s bed and, teasingly saying that he is my husband’s assistant. As I heard this, my heart rang in glorious thanksgiving. Was I dreaming all this?

Yesterday, (Sunday) as Billy stood at the water’s edge, and planted his foot-steps in the sea again, with a determination to ride the storm with God’s help, my husband raised his voice to heaven saying, “Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen”, and immersed him in the waters.

Now, watching his son, what is he thinking, “I have a Saviour, O Hallelujah, His body was broken to set us free”? You see, his son’s body was all broken up literally in that terrible accident. Yet God, through prayer, performed another miracle of knitting his bones. In the accident, Billy Joe’s hip was broken; also his pelvis, his facial bones were broken and, he received severe internal injuries along with many cuts and bruises. The night after his wife’s funeral, we stood in the waiting room of the surgical floor, waiting, hour after hour, for the surgeon to come out and give us some news of Billy Joe’s condition. Waiting with us was all of the Tucker family. There were also Brothers Charles Smith and Louis Pandone with their wives and also Billy Joe’s brothers Ronald and Melvin.

Brother Billy and his wife have done a fine job in shaping their sons’ lives. For this, they give God the glory. With faith, we turned our hearts to God, praying that He would guide the surgeon’s hands as he operated on Billy Joe. Finally, the surgeon appeared and, directing himself to the parents said, “I have done all I could for him, time alone will tell the results”. He then turned to Peggy, Ron’s wife, who had been a student Nurse Instructor, and gave her more information. She nodded knowingly, and then told us that things were still uncertain. Nevertheless, Billy, the other Brothers with us, and my husband felt that God had already done His work.

Now, on this Monday, three weeks later, we are again in Billy Joe’s room. They have taken the tubes out of him, although his jaws and teeth still are clamped. He is telling

us that they are ready to start physical therapy. I am sure that Billy, Ruth and my husband are thinking, “Wonderful, wonderful Saviour”, because my heart is also repeating these words with gratitude. I look at little Tina with thanksgiving in my heart. She would have been lost in that flaming car if God had not inspired a young man to get closer to the wreck before it exploded. Billy Joe had already been taken out of the car and thought no one else was in it. But, this man thought he heard a baby’s cry and, getting closer, he saw Tina and her mother inside. Regardless of fire, he managed to pull the baby and her mother out of the wreck. Immediately afterwards, the vehicle exploded into a fiery furnace. This man later told Brother Billy that he had been heading elsewhere, on another road, but, something motivated him to turn on this particular road where the accident occurred. Surely, God works in a mysterious way His wonders to perform! Brenda died at the hospital. Little Tina was unconscious for several hours. However, the Lord pulled her through and, as Ruth pointed out, the only visual damage she had was a slight burn on her arm.

Now, Brother Billy is teasing us, saying he is my husband’s assistant. Only yesterday, he had expressed that, if it were God’s will, he would go with my husband even to the White House to preach the Restored Gospel. The years rolled back in my mind to the many times we had fasted and prayed for them, and I remembered my husband’s words to me, “Mary, even if my coming to Florida is only to bring this family to re-new their covenant with the Almighty, that shall be enough for me”; and, “can we put a price tag on a soul?” Now, watching him and Billy, I cannot help but smile and think, “Where does this man get his strength?” No wonder my love and respect for him increases as the years go by! Four years ago he had stated that only to bring this family back to The Church would have been sufficient. Now, he and Billy are planning ways and means to spread the Gospel in Tampa and the surrounding area. Brother Billy is just as zealous as he was in the days of his youth. For this we praise the Lord. At times I was a little doubtful as to whether we would be successful in our endeavors, but my husband was full of faith. He would say to me that, “I will not speak too much of the Gospel to Billy and Ruth as they know The Church from before. What can I say to them? We’ll just have a prayer in our hearts.” They always received us with a warm welcome. (I guess

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nothing can destroy real friendship). Sooner or later, Billy would bring up the subject of Church and Gospel. And, he would tell us of his desire to see The Church established in Tampa. Then, much time would elapse, and we would hear nothing from them. My husband could not stop praying that God would open up the way. Many times, the two of us would go to Tampa. And sometimes, there would be others going along. On one of our trips, Brother Joseph Tucker told us of an experience he had received about my husband and how the power and glory of God came upon him. My husband forbids me to tell this experience lest I should sound boastful. If I do, I am only boasting in the Lord as Ammon of old did. The more God blesses us, the more insignificant we feel before Him. We know that without the Lord we would have perished long ago. He has healed me of cancer in the stomach; He has restored me more than I am worthy. So, if you would like to hear the experience Brother Joe Tucker had, he will be very happy to relate it to you.

At this point, I would like to tell you that Ruth has been to her father-in-law as Ruth in the *Bible* was to her mother-in-law, Naomi. His God is her God, his joys are her joys. She cares for all his needs, and is a great comfort to him in his old age.

After Brother Joe told that wonderful experience, I began to have hope again. We resumed our visits to them, trying not to be too much of a burden on Ruth, as she also has a heart condition. She not only attends to her father-in-law's needs, but also her mother who has had several severe heart attacks. Her sister Jean, who is a diabetic, also receives her attention. She is like a mother to all of her family. In spite of all this, the last time we were in Tampa, prior to the accident, Brother Billy told us of his desire to find a place to hold church meetings. And then, in the midst of all these plans, this terrible tragedy happened. Thanks to God, Brother Billy was able to rise above this and say, "I want to re-dedicate my life to the Lord." In hearing this and viewing such a great miracle, what can I say but, "God giveth and God taketh away, Blessed be the name of the Lord."

My husband and I have walked through the valley and through the shadows. I do not believe there is anything we have not experienced, loneliness, hunger and despair. When our precious and dearest little granddaughter Lisa, passed away, we thought we could never smile nor be happy again, although the Brothers and Sisters were always wonderful to us. How we wished that God had taken us in her place! But, the Lord knows everything. Some day, in the great Beyond, He'll make it all plain to me. You see, my beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, this morning, as I watched this beautiful sight, Brother Billy and Sister Ruth looking at their son Billy Joe who had just escaped death and, he, in turn looking at his miracle, little Tina, I said to myself, "I will not question you, my Lord; I will mourn with Thy people, and I will rejoice with Thy people. I will join with the Angels of Heaven singing, "My Lord, my God, how great Thou art".

With love to all,  
Sister Mary Lovalvo



## ● FLASHBACKS ●

by Charles Jumper

### NOVEMBER 1948 — 25 YEARS AGO

Brother Domenic Thomas of Detroit, Michigan was elected president of the General Missionary Benevolent Association at the semi-annual conference at Glassport, Pennsylvania. Brother Charles Curry was elected vice president.

The Ladies Uplift Circle of West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania met in the home of Brother and Sister Ashton of Coal Valley, Pennsylvania. This was the ninth anniversary of the Coal Valley Circle.

### NOVEMBER 1953 — 20 YEARS AGO

The Saints of the West Coast met in San Diego, California for their quarterly conference. Brother Robert Watson, formerly of Windsor, Ontario, baptized three new converts into The Gospel after the Sunday service.

Brother Paul D'Amico of Lockport, New York was invited by the Senior and Junior Classes of the First Presbyterian Church in Lockport to be the guest speaker at the Sunday evening service.

### NOVEMBER 1958 — 15 YEARS AGO

Brother Gorie Ciaravino was in charge of the Michigan area gathering at Cousen's High School. Visitors from the Canadian Indian Reservations and several Branches in the states witnessed the baptism of two new souls from Lorain, Ohio.

Brother Samuel Kirschner, Presiding Elder of the West Elizabeth, Pennsylvania Branch, conducted evening services during Thanksgiving week. The West Elizabeth Branch is the oldest Branch of The Church; the present building was dedicated in October 1882.

### NOVEMBER 1963 — 10 YEARS AGO

Brothers Domenic and Frank Giovannone visited Brother Jonathan and Sister Virginia Molinatto in Bryson, North Carolina. Brother and Sister Molinatto asked the Brethren to stay for Thanksgiving along with the local Indians who they invite to dinner annually for this holiday.

### NOVEMBER 1968 — 5 YEARS AGO

Brother James Lovalvo reported two baptisms at the Florida District gathering in Fort Pierce, Florida.

The Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch held their annual Thanksgiving services in the basement of their church building which had recently been damaged by fire.



## OHIO DISTRICT GATHERING IN WARREN, OHIO

The Ohio District held its semi-annual Conference in Warren, Ohio on September eighth and ninth. The church building was filled to overflowing for the Sunday service.

### *Wonderful Talent*

The Youngstown quartet sang a few very inspiring selections and there were also three solos sung. Brother Rocco Biscotti commented on the wonderful talent displayed by our people.

The meeting was introduced by Brother Paul Benyola from Lockport, New York. He used for his text, the 18th Chapter of Luke verses 18-23, wherein a certain ruler asked Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life. Brother Paul commented on how some people feel they are doing all that they think is necessary to worship God, and yet, as this ruler, they have not done all that they should.

### *Converted While In The Service*

Brother Paul related how he was converted while in the service. He had joined the army to get out on his own, so he thought. It dawned on him, after a short period of being away, just how much he missed the fellowship of the Saints and also the good life he had at home. One weekend he had counted very much on being able to go home, but because he failed to pass inspection, he was not permitted to go home. It was that one little thing he failed to do that cost him a weekend pass. It was at this time that he took his Bible, which had been stored in his foot locker, and he began to read it for the first time since he left home. While reading the Bible, he began to shed tears and promised God, that if he would spare his life and permit him to return home, he would get baptized. He also related other experiences—how the Lord has blessed him and his family.

Brother Paul D'Amico was the next speaker and he related experiences in regard to his father, and also how the Lord worked in a mysterious way to help his daughter when she was very afflicted.

Brother Travis Perry was our concluding speaker.

Brother Rocco Biscotti made a few appropriate closing remarks. He also announced the Ohio District will have a spiritual meeting in Lorain, Ohio on Sunday, November 11, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Brother Frank Calabrese felt to read *Hebrews, Second Chapter verses 9 and 10* before closing the Conference with prayer.

District Editor — Brother Jim Alessio

## REFLECTION ON OUR WEEKEND AT MUNCEY

*by Ralph Frammolin*

During the Labor Day weekend campout at Muncey, Ontario Canada, many interesting thoughts came forth as the Ohio and Michigan-Ontario young people combined their ideas through seminars.

Brothers Russ Martorano, Carl Frammolin, and Ron

Genaro taught the seminar classes. The topics of discussion included prayer, fasting, and testimony.

In Saturday's session, prayer was analyzed and many experiences were shared of how God answers prayer. Some main thoughts brought out were that prayer is a time when we talk directly to God and that there are basically two kinds of prayer: prayers of supplication and prayers of thanksgiving.

Two seminar groups met during the day on Sunday. Brothers Carl Frammolin and Louis Vitto conducted the class with young people and the other class was guided by Brothers Russ Martorano and Ron Genaro. These sessions were dedicated to fasting and testimony. Again, important ideas surfaced.

It was pointed out that when we fast, we should not purposely make it known to others. Also, it was stated that we should make sure that we do not ask amiss when fasting for something.

Most of the emphasis in both groups, however, was on testimony. Our testimonies' importance was brought to light, since what we express may be a blessing to others.

Testimony is also a necessity in our service to God. Many people were encouraged to give their testimonies.

At the conclusion of Sunday's seminar session, two passages of Scripture were read: *Alma 34:18-28* and *Isaiah 38:1-5*. These Scriptures illustrated the importance of prayer.

As I sat in the service one Sunday morning, poems were strongly on my mind. In front of me, Sister Terri Bravo was taking notes on the meeting. Her notes said, "You must seek to do God's work." It was a beautiful thought, and I wanted to write a poem on it.

I tried, but the words would not come. Then baptism came to my mind. It had always seemed to be a subject that was easy for me to write about, but I had to be inspired. Then the words slowly began to come. I did not realize it until later, but as I was writing, the Elders were preaching on the same subject.

### A CHANGE OF MIND

They talked of eternal life,  
And how easily we could die.  
Most of them were moved,  
Many began to cry.  
Then they went to a river,  
And loudly began to sing.  
One by one they entered,  
For a love the Lord would bring.  
I watched them very carefully,  
When out of the water they came.  
But something seemed to happen,  
They did not look the same.  
They told me a great story,  
Of Joseph searching far,  
How he found the Book of Mormon,  
Now it's a guiding star.  
Then I was strangely moved,  
So we all knelt in prayer.  
I made a great decision,,  
And now I'm in his care.

Sister Donna Longuillo  
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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Guest Editorialist — Dean and Lynn Longrie

Thanksgiving Day—What was its origin in America; What does scripture tell us about it; What is its meaning to us? These are some of the questions that come to my mind as I think about the Thanksgiving holiday.

The first official Thanksgiving Day was July 30, 1623. The first governor of the Plymouth colonists, William Bradford, dedicated this day for prayer and celebration following the end of a three month drought that had threatened to destroy the corn crop the colonists needed to see them through the New England winter. It is important to know that just prior to the end of the drought the governor had designated a day of fasting and prayer to God for relief from the drought.

On November 26, 1789, President George Washington issued a general proclamation for a day of thanksgiving. Later, Mrs. Sarah Joseph Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady's Book*, helped convince President Lincoln to proclaim the last Thursday in November, 1863, as "... a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." Mrs. Hale had been writing to state governors and to Presidents for over 30 years seeking support for a national day of thanksgiving. Since Lincoln's proclamation in 1863 presidents have continued to proclaim a national day of thanksgiving.

Throughout the scripture, including *Ephesians* 5:20 and *Mosiah* 4:22, writers have instructed mankind to give thanks to God, the giver of all good things. The songwriter, Thomas Ken, has concisely penned the theme of Thanksgiving "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below..."

I know that God has blessed me and my family. We have much we are thankful for. God has provided us with a good job. After months of searching, we have found a pleasant home in a location that seems to increase our closeness with God or our appreciation of the things he has given us to enjoy—trees, land, birds, insects. All these things are so easy to take for granted. However, once we realize where they come from, we can more fully appreciate their beauty. The blessing of good health is certainly one not to be forgotten. If I had to name one special blessing that we have recently experienced, I would name the healing of our daughter's severed fingertip. For many weeks after the accident, our physician could not be certain if the fingertip would mend back onto the hand. All along the doctor said "If it's the will of God, it will be saved." Becky's finger was anointed and many prayers were said on her behalf. Now to look at her hands and not know about the accident, one would not know of her injury. I learned yesterday that Brother Bob Sherocki experienced a similar blessing when his daughter cut her finger. These are examples of more uncommon happenings that give us reasons to thank God. But, just go a day without eating, sleep outside on a cold night or try living a full hour during the day without opening your eyes and we all can find many common "everyday" gifts to be thankful for.

These are things my family and I personally have to be thankful for and Thanksgiving is a personal time. Although each day is a day for thanksgiving, at this particular holiday time of the year, let us each sit down and consider more fully the depth of God's love and care for each of us. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### THE STORY OF JONAH

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story this month is another old story. It is found in the Old Testament in the *Book of Jonah*. Jonah was the man who thought he could run away from God. Now we know one cannot hide from The Lord. He sees and knows everything we do. Jonah learned his lesson the hard way.

One day the word of The Lord came to Jonah, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me." Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh to tell the people of their wicked ways and thus he saved from destruction. In this city there were more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who could not discern their right hand from the left hand.

Jonah quickly went to the city of Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish instead of Nineveh. When I visited the Holy Land recently, I was in Joppa. It is an old town on a hill south of the modern city of Tel Aviv. We visited the traditional site of Simon the Tanner's house, where Peter lodged "by the seaside." It was here that he had the vision of the sheet let down from heaven with all kinds of creeping things in it. Many miracles were performed here by Peter. The harbor of Joppa, or Jaffa as it is now called, is one of the oldest in the world. It is believed that the cedars of Lebanon were brought here by Solomon and unloaded. These were used in building the great Temple. All this Biblical history made Joppa very interesting.

Jonah paid his fare and went down into the ship. Soon he was fast asleep. The Lord sent a great wind on the sea (the Mediterranean to us), and there was a mighty storm. It was so strong it seemed as though the ship would break. The sailors were very afraid. They began to pray to their gods. They threw the ship's cargo out into the sea to make the ship lighter. But the terrible storm continued and Jonah still slept.

The master of the ship came to Jonah and said, "What do you mean, oh sleeper? Get up and pray to your God. Maybe He will help us." The sailors said, "Let us cast lots so we will see which one of us is the cause of this storm." They cast lots and the lot fell upon Jonah. They began to ask Jonah many questions. "What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country and who are your people?" Jonah replied, "I am a Hebrew. I tried to run away from The Lord. I fear The Lord, the God of heaven, which made the sea and the dry land." The sailors asked, "What shall we do with you so that the sea will be calm again?" Jonah answered, "Take me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will be calm. For I know that because of me this storm has come upon us." They took Jonah and cast him into the sea and it became calm.

But Jonah did not drown. The Lord had not forgotten him. He still loved and wanted him to do His work. The Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. He was inside of the fish for three days and three nights. While he was there he prayed and prayed. He thought of many things. He made God a promise that he would obey Him. When three days were passed, The Lord had the fish vomit Jonah out upon dry land.

The word of The Lord came to Jonah the second time, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city and preach unto it, the preaching I bid thee." Jonah arose and this time went to Nineveh. It was a three day journey. He began to preach to the people, telling them that in forty days their city would be destroyed because of their wickedness. When the king heard Jonah's warning, he listened. He came down from his throne, took off his robe and told the people to cry mightily unto God. He sent the warning throughout Nineveh by his nobles. The people turned from their evil ways and this saved their city from destruction.

Jonah learned God knows best. In his prayer he said, "I knew that thou art a gracious God, merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil."

Do you know what The Lord prepared to come up over Jonah for a shadow over his head to deliver him from his grief? And Jonah was glad for this but when the morning came, God prepared something else to smite this. The last chapter of *Jonah* explains it all. Maybe you would like to read it.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

### Someone Special

*by Brother Robert Nicklow,  
Pennsylvania District Editor*

Much could be said about the subject of greeting one another and the impression or the feeling that we sometimes give.

This is just a brief personal experience that I have had concerning this subject, and I pray that I will be able to use it in my everyday life.

The recent passing of Brother Joseph Giannetti of the Aliquippa Branch brought to my mind of how we should greet our Brothers and Sisters.

Upon hearing the news of Brother Joe's passing, I felt a loss and I started to express to my daughter of how I felt about him.

The words that I used were that when he met and greeted me, he made me feel that I was "Someone Special." After I said this, I realized that he always gave me the impression of making everyone feel the same way. Surely, the people of God are Someone Special. We should always make our Brothers and Sisters feel this way when we greet them.

Also, we should remember that all mankind is God's Creation and treat them equally. Let us be that light that is set upon a hill and we will always be Someone Special

## TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

*From Phillip W. Van Allsburg, Jr.*

My wife and I have been in The Church only a short time. We were baptized on January 14, 1973, but in this short time we have done a great deal of traveling through The Church. On our many visits to different Branches and Missions, we have come in contact with a great number of young people.

There have been two major groups of young people we have encountered. One group is in The Church and are our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. The second group goes to church but yet wants to experience life in the world before they make a commitment to God.

The second group is the one that leaves questions and a concern in my heart.

The idea in the world today is that you only live once; so live it with gusto. As the saying goes, "Do your own thing."

When going to church and wanting to experience life in the world, it is hard to give your attention and your all to either way of life.

"Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. *Romans 6:18*. God wants your all, not just half, like Ananias and his wife Sapphira in *Acts 5:1-10*. In giving your all, "Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believeth," *Romans 10:4*.

It is so easy today to get caught up in worldly ways without really realizing what has taken place. Satan is the end of the line for all those who follow the worldly ways.

The attitude of some young people is, "Well, the Lord's coming is in the future so I might as well look at the world while I wait." I wish these young people would read *Luke 12:45-46* and find out what might happen if they wait too long and look too far ahead into the future.

I was brought up in the world and not in The Church. I did not find The Church of Jesus Christ until I was almost twenty-four years of age.

When we sing the song "Wasted Years" I cry. Not only for the wasted years I had before I met the Gospel, but I also cry for those who have wasted years ahead of them; for those who do not heed to the Gospel.

"Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," *Romans 10:17*. It is hard to hear when one ear is in and the other is out.

I make a challenge to these young people. Put your all into The Church. It takes more faith to serve the Lord than it takes brains to live in the world.

You have heard, "Try it, you'll like it", well, The Church of Jesus Christ can go one better than that, "Try Him, You'll love Him." I'm glad to be a Saint of Latter Days, aren't you?



## THE ATLANTIC COAST

The history of The Atlantic Coast District now includes a new chapter. On September 8 and 9, 1973, the "first" District Conference was held at Freehold, New Jersey.

Presiding were Brothers August D'Orazio, President; Richard Lawson, First Counselor, and James Benyola, Second Counselor. Attendance was excellent and much was accomplished.

The Lord blessed our efforts. Good reports were submitted by The District Mission Board and several Brothers involved in missionary work. Letters were received from individuals inquiring about The Church. They are being answered and the interested parties will be informed and kept informed about The Restored Gospel.

Several Brothers are writing the history of The Atlantic Coast District. It records the beginning in 1925, the experiences, accomplishments, disappointments and current events. But, the important aspect is the legacy it leaves for future generations. Indeed, this type of work is a blessing.

The Sunday Meeting was opened by Brother Rocco Ensana. His message was taken from Isaiah 52:7. Brother Rocco spoke about the feet of the Saints upon the mountain, The Restored Gospel. He related our responsibilities for this life — our commission to spread The Gospel throughout the earth. Brother Rocco was followed by Brothers Samuel Dell and Frank Mazzeo. Both corroborated the message.

It is slightly more than one year that Freehold became an Established Mission. Members of The Priesthood are: Matthew Rogolino, James Howard, and Willie Brown. The Saints made us welcome. Their hospitality was beautiful. We know this love is a testimony that Jesus Christ lives; He lives within our hearts.

Donald Ross  
District Editor

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## A DESIRING HEART

My heart is filled with a fervent prayer  
To repent this day from this worldly snare;

To praise my God for His mercies great  
Of the bread and wine my soul partake;

And to walk straight forth from that watery grave  
To begin my work—for there's a soul to save.

And to hold steadfast to that outstretched hand,  
For the path we walk 'tis filled with sand.

So then keep there close to the people true  
Who believe Christ came for both me and you.

And who are these people arrayed in white?  
The Brothers and Sisters who shine their light.

*Editor's Note:* Brother John Mancini of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch wrote this poem shortly before his baptism on July 27, 1973 at the GMBA Campout in Dunkirk, New York.

## GENERAL CIRCLE CONFERENCE

The General Ladies' Uplift Circle Conference was held at Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania on October 6, 1973. Circles were represented from Canada, Florida, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C.

The Vanderbilt Circle presented a program titled, "HOW TO FIND HAPPINESS". The Scripture was read from *The Bible: Psalm 128, John 13:13-17, and 1st. Timothy 6:11-12* and appropriate songs were sung. In the opening remarks, Sister Mabel Bickerton continued on the same subject—many things that we do bring us pleasure but happiness is when we serve Jesus Christ. Sisters are as helps in The Church, not a hindrance, we work in unity with The Church.

The minutes of the last meeting that was held on July 7 were read and accepted. The officers and delegates gave their reports. Layettes and baby clothes were sent to Pine Top, Arizona, the sick was visited, and the home branches were helped. The questions, "What is the commandment? What is the law and what are the reproofs of instruction?" was found in *Proverbs, 6:23*, and "What will never be done away as long as the world shall stand only according to the unbelief of the children of men?" was found in *The Book of Mormon, Moroni 10:19*. Contributions were made to the Memorial Fund in memory of Christine Medwid, Mary Difede, Clarence Griffith, Mary George, and Domenick D'Antonio. Balance in this fund is \$2929.18. Communications were read from Brother John Ross on the African Relief Fund, a card of thanks was received for the donation that was given toward the tractor that was purchased for the Auditorium and the General Church Board of Mission suggesting how to use the home mission fund.

Donations were made from the General Circle to the General Missionary Fund \$500.00, African Relief Fund \$220.00, General Church \$100.00, Auditorium needs \$35.00, and to the General Church Indian Missionary Fund \$1200.00.

A motion was passed that the Home Mission Fund be dissolved and the money be transferred to the General Fund to be used to pay the Circle expenses.

There was no special request from the Mission Board. Circles can continue to send baby clothes to Pine Top, Arizona.

A vote of thanks was given to the Vanderbilt Circle for their hospitality.

The next General Circle conference will be held in Youngstown, Ohio, on March 16, 1974.

The remaining time of the conference was spent in testimonies and singing. As one of the Sisters said, "Happiness is, without a doubt, through the Gospel".

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## BRANCH AND MISSION NEWS:—

### A Spiritual Event at Vanderbilt Pennsylvania Branch

The morning meeting on Sunday, September 2 at Vanderbilt Branch was opened by Brother Elmer LaRew. His text was *1 Timothy, Chapter 3*. He spoke on one desiring the office of a Bishop, or in our Church, a Minister of God—he desireth a good work.

A Minister of The Lord must be full of good works, giving his all unto The Lord. He must love the Saints and all the world, the good and the bad, the ones that love him and the ones that hate him, because we are all made after the image of God.

A Minister must be led by the Spirit and power of God and be a good shepherd and servant to the Saints of The Lord. He must be able to rule his own house well if he would rule the house of God.

Brother George Fuller followed speaking on the love of God for His Church. He made reference to the time when war would be made with the Saints of God. However, The Lord will protect His children and overcome the enemy. At this point Brother Thurman Furnier arose and spoke in the Spirit, "Wait my people and see what I will do. Wait and see what I will do for you. Abide in my words and see what I will do, thus saith the Lord God."

The Spirit of the Lord our God was with us and felt by all.

Brother Elmer LaRew  
Branch Editor

### Three Ordinations at McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch

On Sunday, September 16, three ordinations took place in the McKees Rocks Branch.

Sisters Chris Colangelo and Bettyann Manes were ordained as Deaconesses, and Brother Bill Colangelo was ordained as a Teacher.

Sister Bettyann's feet were washed by Sister Martha Laird and Brother Chester Nolfi ordained her to the office of Deaconess.

Sister Chris' feet were washed by Sister Fanny Casasanta and Brother Raymond Cosetti ordained her to the office of Deaconess.

Brother Bill's feet were washed by Brother Chester Nolfi and Brother Dan Casasanta ordained him to the office of Teacher.

We pray that God will guide these individuals in fulfilling the duties of their new offices.

### Baptism at Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania

Visiting Brother George Timms from Washington, D. C. and Anthony Ensana from Fort Pierce, Florida shared in the blessing at Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania as Bonnie Gaborko surrendered her life to The Lord.

Our Brothers spoke on God's love and the importance of repentance.

Bonnie Thomas Gaborko asked to be baptized into

The Church on October 7, 1973. She was baptized by Brother Joseph Shazer and confirmed by Brother George E. Fuller.

May God bless our new Sister.

## Renewal, Baptism, Apostle Visit Roscoe Mission

*St. Luke, Chapter 15:4-7*

Jesus told a parable saying:

What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me: for I have found my sheep which was lost.

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

As I was thinking over what has happened in our mission and how to best express the feelings of our Brothers and Sisters who have been so abundantly blessed, the above scripture came to my mind which I think best expresses the situation, and the way we feel.

On September 16, 1973, Sister Catherine Roberts stood on her feet in the afternoon service and testified of God's goodness and her desire to be one with us again. The ministry then laid hands on our sister asking God's blessing upon her restoring her to fellowship.

On September 23, Brother John Bloom expressed his desire to be baptized on the following Sunday and on September 30th many gathered along the river shore to witness our new brother enter the waters of baptism. He was baptized by Brother Bud Martin and upon returning to the church the ministry laid hands on our brother to confirm him, with prayer offered by Brother Fred O'Lexa.

We were also happy to have Brother Sam Kirschner and his companion with us today to share the blessings of God with us. Brother Sam Kirschner opened the morning service with beautiful words of life.

In our mission we have been holding fasting and prayer services for the sick and for those away from God's fold. We can see God answering our prayers as we have witnessed many being renewed into fellowship of late, also new additions among us, and a miraculous healing of a Brother recently baptized who was very seriously ill.

We thank God for these blessings and the joy we feel to see God's sheep returning home and that which was lost found. May God Bless our new Brother and Sister in the work of the Lord. Praise God for His Unchanging Love.

Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky

## The Lord's Blessings Continue

The Lord has truly blessed our new Branch at Sterling Heights! We have had seven baptisms, each one so uplifting to the Saints. Our new members are as follows: Brother Frank and Sister Rose DiDonato, Sister Joanne

Chambers, Sister Josephine Arms, Brother Ralph Frammi-lino, Brother Louis Visconti, Jr., and Brother James Di-Falco. Sister Rose asked for her baptism at a joint meeting with the entire Windsor Branch on January 28, 1973. Sister Joanne was baptized on March 25, 1973. Brother Frank DiDonato asked for his baptism in Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the General Church Conference. Sister Josephine and Brothers Louis, James and Ralph rendered obedience to the Gospel at the GMBA Campout in Dunkirk, New York.

We pray that The Lord will continue to work among the Brothers and Sisters and Friends in our Branch. Please remember us and we shall pray for all of you.

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On Sunday, August 19, 1973, the Sterling Heights Branch had a wonderful meeting. We were visited by the Klines and Elliotts from Perry, Ohio, Brother and Sister Whitton of Indiana, young people from Branch No. 3, Detroit, and visitors from Windsor.

Brother Gene Kline opened the service by speaking from *Alma, Chapter 32* concerning the blessings that abide with those who are humble.

The Elliotts sang several hymns, including *Sheltered Safe Within The Arms of God, If That Isn't Love, and Mansion Over The Hilltop*.

We were truly blessed while meeting with all these Brothers and Sisters. Pray for us, and we shall pray for you also.

Brother Jerry Chambers,  
Sterling Heights

## Cleveland, Ohio East Side Branch

Brother Bill Prentiss of Cleveland East Side Branch, Ohio has just returned from an eight week tour of Europe. He visited many interesting countries—Norway, Sweden, Italy, France and England.

This fall Bill will attend college in southern Ohio. We are very proud of our young Brother and pray for his progress. Brother Bill is the son of Sister Leda Prentiss and the grandson of Brother and Sister Pete Renner.

At this time we would like to give thanks to The Lord. We give thanks for all our young members, the wonderful Church of tomorrow. God bless you all.

Sister Margaret Abbott  
Cleveland, Ohio East Side

## Silver Wedding Anniversary

Brother Louis and Jennie Ross of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch were pleasantly surprised at a family dinner on September 30 in honor of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The dinner was held in the home of Jennie's sister, Sister Ruth Eleanor Palmieri and her brother-in-law, Brother Paul Palmieri. They were presented with a number of appropriate cards and gifts.

Jennie and Lou were united in marriage by Brother John Ross on September 30, 1948. They have two children, Ryan Gene and Candace Joy.

May The Lord continue to prosper and bless them as they pursue their journey of life together.

## — NEW ARRIVALS —

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

Darin to Eugene and Donna Amormino of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 1.

Jennifer Aileen to Frank Anthony and Aileen Saylor Calabrese of Lorain, Ohio.

## — WEDDINGS —

### *D'AMICO - LaSURK*

Gary D'Amico and Michelle LaSurk were united in holy marriage on September 1, 1973 at a garden ceremony. The ceremony was held at the residence of Brother and Sister Paul D'Amico, the groom's parents.

Officiating at the ceremony was Brother Paul D'Amico. The newlyweds will make their home in North Tonawanda, New York.

May God bless them and grant them much happiness.

### *RUCKER - BROWN*

Mr. Samuel David Rucker and Sister Alberta Denise Brown were united in holy matrimony on July 7, 1973 at The Church of Jesus Christ in Warren, Ohio.

Brother Frank Giovannone officiated at the wedding ceremony. The couple will reside in Columbus, Ohio.

### *MARKAZENE - SPISAK*

Mr. Richard Francis Markazene and Miss Ruth Darlene Spisak of the Roscoe Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ were united in holy wedlock on September 22, 1973.

The wedding was officiated by Brother Fred Olexa of Roscoe, Pennsylvania.

Musical selections were given by Sister Bertha Jean Bilsky and Candy Johns.

The couple will reside in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

### *COSTARELLA - BUOSCIO*

Brother Anthony Costarella and Miss Mildred Buoscio were united in holy marriage on October 6, 1973 at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Officiating at the services were Brothers Raymond Cosetti and A. A. Corrado.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Theresa Pandone.

The couple will reside in Pensacola, Florida.

## ● OBITUARIES ●

### MARY J. MORANSEE

Sister Mary J. Moransee passed on to her eternal reward on April 26, 1973. She was born on July 25, 1895 and was baptized on June 27, 1937. She was a member of Branch No. 2, Detroit, Michigan of The Church of Jesus Christ.

The funeral service was officiated by Brother Querino Bologna.

Survivors are her husband, two sons, two grandchildren, two sisters and one brother.

Our Sister was a Deaconess and a very faithful Sister.

### JAMES B. KENDALL

Brother James B. Kendall passed from this life on August 20, 1973 at the age of 91. He was born on May 14, 1882 and was baptized into The Church on January 15, 1933. He was a member of the Roscoe, Pennsylvania Branch.

He is survived by two sons, four daughters, fourteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ by Brothers B. S. Martin, John Olexa and Gasper Karelli. Brother James will be missed by his loved ones and we pray that God will console them in their sorrow.

### WILLIAM M. LOTGERING, SR.

Brother William M. Lotgering, Sr. passed on to his eternal reward on September 7, 1973. He was a member of the San Fernando Valley, California Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. He was born on July 18, 1919 and was baptized May, 1955.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Robert Watson, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and three daughters.

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The Lord spared Brother Bill's life many times after his heart became weak, in order that he might dedicate the last few years of his life to the service of the missions. Many times he drove our church truck loaded with supplies to San Carlos, or Pine Top, Arizona from California.

Many times when the missionary spirit in the Branch would become a little slack, Brother Bill was there with his enthusiasm to set the example for all of us. We drew strength from him and his presence even while he was very sick.

He was very committed to the Indian work and held a remarkable love and respect for his Lamanite brothers (there were many who were his friends) but especially, he had a beautiful love for The Lord that was also an example and a spark to the Saints.

Always ready and willing to bear his testimony, he found much to say and do on the Lord's behalf. Remembering the blessings that seemed to follow him is probably the most memorable tribute we can offer to our beloved Brother.

Brother Ken Lombardo,  
Branch Editor

## — Church Calendar —

### NOVEMBER

10—GMBA Conference in the General Auditorium at Greensburg, Pennsylvania

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*Greetings to all the Brothers and Sisters and Readers of  
The Gospel News.*

*May the peace of The Lord Jesus Christ abide with you and  
your families this joyous season and continue forever.*

*We wish to take this opportunity to wish you all the blessings  
of Christmas time and happiness in the New Year.*

*General Church President,*

*Brother Gorie Ciaravino and Wife,*

*Sister Antoinette*

## PEOPLE ARE INQUIRING

*The following article is one of many written by people from South India requesting information about The Church of Jesus Christ.*

Dear Brother Calabrese,

With great joy and profound gratitude I received your letter of January 11, but the enclosed typed slip will give you the reasons why I could not reply you immediately. I have also received some pamphlets by sea mail among which the one "Faith and Doctrines" is very precious to us. Perhaps the Lord has helped as a cause of delay until this booklet arrived, which cleared most of our doubts.

We are also used to fast and pray, wait upon God for revelations, and for the last three days a few of us joined together, fasting and waiting upon the Lord for some revelation about our desire to join this wonderful Church of Jesus Christ.

Regarding Lord's supper, we agree that it should be taken on the First day of the week (We call it Lord's day). But we did not understand whether you observe the Lord's supper with feet-washing. We see in the 13th article in the Faith and Doctrines that it is to be observed separately, if we understand it correctly. If this feet-washing is to be observed separately, how is it to conduct. I mean is it to be done in a prayer meeting or what items are accompany the feet-washing? Please explain.

It is not clear what do you say about the Holy Spirit. You have used the Word "Holy Ghost" the old word. But we believe it is a power and not a person like "Father and Son." Please explain.

In our recent meeting specially held to discuss about the Church of Jesus Christ, there was a warm reception by most of them although some could not understand the revelations made to Joseph Smith.

We believe baptism by immersion and in the triune Name of God. So there are almost everything common to us. We feel that it is very necessary that one of you leaders should come here for a week and hold a series of meetings touching various subjects.

Is it necessary that we should be re-baptized before we can be received into your fellowship, because we were immersed once. We have decided to obey the Word and be baptized (at least some of us) when you come here. We are eagerly looking forward to your reply.

In answer to your question the most suitable months to visit to our place are September and October if those months will suit you. It is necessary, very important for you or one of you to come here once a year.

The message we received, or every one felt assured in the fasting and waiting upon God is "Behold, I opened the door of my Church before you. Ye enter into it even as if a few faithful children of mine. After that thousands in India will enter." Thus saith the Lord.

On this assurance from God, we have decided to seek fellowship with The Church of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Marie Nilumarthi

Rajahmundry 1  
East Godavari District  
South India

## NOTE

*At the October 1973 General Church Conference, Brothers Anthony Ensana and Alvin Swanson were appointed by the General Church Mission Board to represent The Church as missionaries to India. Since then, Brother Ensana suffered a heart attack four days after the Conference. Currently, he is home convalescing from the affliction and doing well, thank God. Brother Reno Bologna of Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2 will replace Brother Ensana as the missionary to India. He will accompany Brother Swanson. Prayers are requested for the two missionaries to India as well as for Brother Ensana who has been a tireless worker for The Church.*

Miss Marie Nilumarthi  
P.O. Box 41 Rajahmundry 1  
East Godavari District South India

Dear Marie:

It is with great expectations and pleasure that The Church of Jesus Christ in America greets you all in India. We have just terminated our bi-annual Conference and wish to convey to you the action taken relative to your request.

On October 20th, 1973 The Church of Jesus Christ met to consider the recommendations presented by the General Church Board of Missions. The following resolution was passed:

"Be it hereby resolved that we send two ordained Ministers to India.

1. That the intent of our visit is to further acquaint them with the Restoration, stressing such things as our faith, doctrines, ordinances, unpaid ministry, etc. The said Ministers shall have power to execute all the ordinances of the Church.
2. Items which were unclear in the letter of August 22, 1973 about conditions there be investigated for clarification. For example, what is meant by:
  - a. Foreigners are not allowed to preach or baptize in the open.
  - b. The reference made to establishing a printing press or hospital dispensary to raise money to finance missionary work in India.
  - c. Clarify their role in any future Mission work.
3. Assess the potential of the Mission work there.
4. Determine any expectation of medical and educational assistance from the parent Church (schools, hospitals, welfare, etc.).
5. Other conditions which should be examined are: customs related to marriage and divorce.
6. What are the civic or legal restrictions on the Church operating in that part of India.
7. Additionally, any other questions or information that would be required by the General Church Board of Missions.

The two Ministers will be applying for their visas immediately since they will be needed for any stay over a twenty-one day period. They also will confirm (Airline) reservations within the next few days. We will send you this information as soon as it is available. You may begin making preparations at once, as far as you can, with the information you now have. If you need assistance from here, please so inform us. Continue to fast and pray and keep us advised of any experiences you receive. May God's blessings be with you all.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Calabrese

## OUR TRIP TO OHIO

by Brother Dominic and Sister Mary Giovannone

We left Vero Beach, Florida on Tuesday, June 12, 1973, arriving in Lorain, Ohio at our daughter's home Wednesday evening. Friday we enjoyed speaking to the Brothers and Sisters in the Lorain Branch. On Sunday, I enjoyed speaking to the Warren, Ohio Branch and on Wednesday to the Niles Branch.

Sunday, June 24, back to Warren. Visitors from nearby Youngstown shared the blessings with all of us there. The following Wednesday, my wife and I visited my aged (83 year old) sister-in-law in Youngstown and found her much better after being near death. We also visited Brother Bill Gennaro and found him feeling a little better. From there we went to visit Brother A. A. Corrado. He is much improved from his recent illness. After this, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner in my sister-in-law's home. We also attended the service in Youngstown that evening.

Sunday, July 1, my son-in-law James Alessio and family and I visited the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch. Brother Eugene Kline of Perry, Ohio Branch opened the morning service, followed by Brother Anthony Picciuto and myself. Brother Joseph Bittinger offered the closing prayer. I opened the afternoon service and we had foot-washing and testimony. All in all, the day was spent to the glory of God.

### A Day Well Spent

Wherever I went, the Saints gladly greeted me after my two-year absence. On Saturday, July 7, we witnessed a beautiful wedding in the Warren Branch. My son Frank performed the service. The next day I opened the Sunday service, reading *III Nephi, Chapter 11*. My sons Frank and Jerry followed me. We had testimony and foot-washing. The day was well spent. On Wednesday, my son Jerry had to teach a class. I used *I Nephi, Chapter 11* and asked many questions. We enjoyed the blessings of God. I opened the Sunday service reading from *Romans, Chapter 11*. It was so nice to see the building full of Brothers and Sisters. In the Wednesday service, I read from *Chapters 15 and 16 of the Gospel of John* and enjoyed the service along with the Brothers and Sisters.

On Sunday, July 22 we enjoyed a good service in Warren. I used *II Nephi, Chapter 30* and sons Frank and Jerry followed me. There were many visitors as well as our congregation—it was wonderful.

Early Friday morning my son Jerry and I took my wife to Trumbull Memorial Hospital due to a heart spell. Two days later she was removed from intensive care to a semi-private room and six days later she was discharged. Our return trip to Florida was delayed in order for her to recuperate more fully.

On Sunday, July 29, Brothers Mario Milano of Cleveland and Elmer Santilli of the Perry Branch shared our services. Brother Milano was our first speaker, followed by Brother Santilli, myself and Jerry. It was a good service. Later my son Jerry and I visited Brother Martin in the hospital in Sharon, Pennsylvania.

### A Glorious Meeting

A special service had been appointed for that evening by Brother Rocco Biscotti. Brothers Anthony Corrado,

Frank Calabrese, Sisters Carmella Mazzeo of Florida and Margaret Benyola of New Jersey along with many others from nearby Niles and Youngstown were in attendance. Over 200 people came and the building was full. Brother Rocco Biscotti was the first speaker, followed by Brother Joseph Genaro, myself and others.

Many young people who had attended the recent GMBA campout were present and it was a glorious meeting. May God bless the young people of The Church.

The following Wednesday evening in Warren, we had a *Bible study*, reading *Acts, Chapter 10*—the conversion of Cornelius. I opened the Sunday morning service in Warren and there was a good feeling. I attended the afternoon service in nearby Niles Branch where I labored with the Saints for many years. They gladly welcomed me and we had a good service.

### Trip to West Virginia

On August 9, my son Frank and I journeyed to Richwood, West Virginia. Brother and Sister Waselchalk were happy to see us, it had been a long time since our last visit. We had supper with them and later visited Mrs. Coppa. We learned that her husband had passed away three and one-half years ago at the age of 77 years. She was so glad to see us. The next morning we had breakfast with Brother and Sister Waselchalk. We anointed both of them for their afflictions. We had prayer with them and then administered sacrament. We then left for our return trip to Warren, Ohio—the round trip totaled 750 miles.

The turnout was good for our Sunday meeting of August 12. I read from *Revelations, Chapter 21*—the new Jerusalem. Sons Frank and Jerry followed me. We had a wonderful service.

Early the next morning we began our return trip to our home in Florida accompanied by our son Frank. We stopped for a visit with his son Timothy and family in South Carolina. We were happy to see our nine month old great-grandson. He certainly is a beautiful baby.

We arrived safely at our home in Vero Beach at 7:30 P.M. Wednesday evening. We thank God for bringing us back home safe and sound. May God bless all the Brothers and Sisters. We were treated well wherever we went.

May God bless all the Saints in every way.

## Tractor Project — Complete Success

The Greensburg Branch Board of Trustees is happy to announce that a goal of \$2,500 set for the purchase of a new tractor for the General Church Auditorium has been reached. All Districts of the entire Church have cheerfully responded to this need. Our M.B.A. locals, Sunday Schools, and Ladies Circles have all responded to this as well.

We are planning to purchase this equipment in the spring of 1974 in time for the first cutting. May we express our sincere thanks to all who made this project a complete success.

May God bless all who work together continually for the betterment of His Church.

Sincerely,

Joe Draskovich, Secretary

The Greensburg Branch Board of Trustees

## SEVEN BAPTIZED AT CALIFORNIA AREA MBA RETREAT

What can I say? My Brothers and Sisters and I had a beautiful Labor Day weekend at the White River Mission in Pinetop, Arizona. We were there to attend the California Area MBA Retreat to assist the mission in completing its Sunday School room addition and to relax and enjoy each other's fellowship.

We started work on the Sunday School room early Saturday morning, September 1. There were approximately forty workers present to panel the inside, put up siding on the outside, and paint the entire outside of both the Church and Sunday School addition. After finishing the work we went to a nearby camping area for dinner. The site was in a remote area surrounded by tall pine trees. Those who camped there provided their own sleeping, cooking, and sanitation facilities. Others stayed at the Mission in Pinetop. At dinner time there were about sixty people present. After dinner someone built a fire and we all sat around it and sang songs of praise and testified as the spirit led us.

On Sunday morning there were nearly 140 present to enjoy songs presented by young people from the east and the west. After these groups, the San Carlos Mission, the Valley Branch and finally the White River Mission sang followed by a duet by Brother Ken Staley and Sister Alice Molisani and a solo by Sister Sylvia Curry.

Brother Joe Milantoni opened the morning meeting and we really enjoyed his sermon about the "Joy of the Saints". Next, Brother Dan Picciuto spoke on "Signs of the Times", and also on some "Holy Prophets".

"I Shall Not Be Moved" is the song that runs through my head even now as I write this article. I can still see and hear Brother Tony Picciuto up front singing this song loudly in the spirit along with the congregation. After this song Sister Catherine Carneval jumped up and praised God like I've never heard before (maybe because she was sitting right behind me). But, at any rate, it was beautiful!

After some anointings in which there was a good spirit, many started coming up front to give their hearts to Jesus. There were seven who decided to make Jesus their choice and asked to be baptized.

After eating a barbeque luncheon provided and served by the Whiteriver Mission the following souls were baptized at a nearby lake:

Convert	Home Branch	Baptized by	Confirmed by
Ethyl Kayson	San Carlos	Claude Kayson	Isaac Smith
David Picciuto	San Carlos	Dan Picciuto	Phil Damore
Debbie Christman	Phoenix	Dick Christman	Steve Saffron
Edmundo Luna	Phoenix	Dan Picciuto	Tony Picciuto
Harry Sanchez	Whiteriver	Dan Picciuto	Claude Kayson
Lillian Sanchez	Whiteriver	Dan Picciuto	Herb Hemmings
Ike Smith	Whiteriver	Isaac Smith	Chuck Curry

It was the first time I'd seen Lamanite Brothers and Sisters baptized and also the first time I saw a Lamanite Brother perform a baptism. After the baptisms we went back to the Church for the confirmations.

We went again to the campsite for dinner, built a fire, sang songs, and then got some sleep, knowing that this space in time was reaching an end. Monday morning we said our good-byes and thanked the Lord for a weekend we'll never forget. If you had a chance to come and didn't, you REALLY, REALLY made a mistake!

by Brother Steven DeCaro

## THE COME AND DINE COOK BOOK



### The Ladies' Circle of The Church of Jesus Christ NOTICE

This is to inform our readers that the first edition of THE COME AND DINE COOKBOOK has been sold out. The General Ladies Uplift Circle recently authorized the printing of a second edition. It is now off the press and selling for \$3.25 per copy postpaid. Send orders to Sister Betty Eiler, 400 Division Street Extension, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001.

*Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild.  
Jesus Christ her little child.*

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### CHRISTMAS

#### *Annunciation of the Coming Messiah*

Gabriel the angel was sent from God to the city of Nazareth to visit a young virgin named Mary. She was a descendant of King David, the slayer of the giant Goliath. The angel greeted Mary and told her she was highly favored of God, blessed among women. The young woman became troubled at the angel's words, but he put her at ease and revealed to her that she would conceive in her womb, give birth to a son and should name him Jesus. The angel further prophesied of the unmatched greatness of Jesus by saying, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

Immediately Mary questioned the heavenly messenger of this birth as she was still a virgin, espoused (engaged) to a young carpenter named Joseph. Gabriel revealed to her that her conception would be of the Holy Ghost and she would give natural birth to the Son of God. (*Luke 1:26-35.*)

This virgin birth has been a controversial issue among many scientists, doctors and even ministers as an impossibility. Perhaps when applying established natural principles and scientific knowledge to a normal conception, — it is impossible. But remember, with God, the impossible is possible!

#### *Joseph Convinced*

Now when Joseph, the espoused of Mary, discovered she was found with child, (pregnant) he wanted to put her away privately. Being a just man, he was not willing to make her a public example. Naturally, this turn of events deeply troubled Joseph. That night, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. The heavenly messenger assured Joseph of the chastity of his espoused by revealing unto him that her conception was of the Holy Ghost, not of man. This fulfilled the prophecy of *Isaiah 7:14*, "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Awakened, Joseph was firmly convinced of Mary's purity. They were married. (*Matthew 1:18-25.*)

During this period of history, Palestine was a conquered nation under Roman rule and Herod was their king. The Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus issued a decree for the taxation and general registration or census of those people under Roman subjection. All persons were required to return to the city of their birth to pay taxes and register, including Joseph and Mary, his expectant wife.

#### *Birth of Jesus Told to the Shepherds*

While in Bethlehem, Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, and they named him Jesus. She wrapped the baby in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. That same night, an angel appeared to shepherds watching over their flocks in the nearby hills. The glory of the Lord shone brightly around them and they became fearful. But, the angel quietly calmed them by proclaiming the tidings of the birth of a Saviour, Christ the Lord. The angel told them the identifying sign of the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Suddenly, more of the heavenly host appeared saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Then the angels departed. The shepherds reasoned among themselves to go to Bethlehem to see this revelation made known to them.

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## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### His Name Shall Be Called Wonderful

Dear Girls and Boys,

The story I want to tell you this month never grows old. We enjoy it every time we hear it. Almost two thousand years ago an angel came to a young maiden with a wonderful message. Her name was Mary. The angel told Mary she had found favor with God and soon He would give her a baby boy. The baby was to be named Jesus and be known as the Son of God. Mary was very happy. She went to the hill country to a city of Judea to tell her cousin Elizabeth the good news. They both rejoiced and Mary sang a song of praise and thanksgiving.

In Nazareth there lived a carpenter named Joseph. An angel came to him with a message too. The angel said God was going to send His Son into the world to be Mary's baby. Joseph was told to care for Mary and the baby. The baby was to be named Jesus. Joseph took Mary for his wife and loved her.

The king sent out a decree that everyone in the kingdom must be taxed. The people had to go to the towns where they had been born to pay their taxes. Mary and Joseph went from Nazareth to the little town of Bethlehem in Judea. Many, many people were there. All the inns were filled. Mary and Joseph went from place to place but could find no room. They had to stay in a stable. That night baby Jesus was born, in this humble place. Mary laid him in a manger for a bed and wrapped him in swaddling clothes.

That night near Bethlehem, shepherds were in the fields watching their sheep. As they looked up into the sky, they saw a bright light. The glory of the Lord shown around them and they were afraid. An angel of the Lord said, "Fear not, for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy: which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord, and this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." Suddenly there was with the angel of the Lord, many other angels singing, "Glory to God in the Highest. Peace on earth, good will to men."

After the angels returned into the heaven the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing the Lord has told us." They hurried to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph. There was the babe lying in the manger just as the angel said it would be. After they had seen it they told the wonderful news to everyone they met. They praised and glorified God for all the things they had seen and heard. The people wondered at this story of the angels and God's dear Son. Mary thought too about these things and pondered them in her heart. Mary and Joseph loved this little baby. They named him Jesus.

The prophets of old knew of this great event long, long before it came to pass. One of them was Isaiah. The Lord gave him many visions. He prophesied that a child would be born and be called Immanuel. He also said this child would come from Jesse's family. Jesse was the father of David. Isaiah said the people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. Jesus was that light.

Isaiah wasn't the only prophet who knew of this great event. A man named Micah told of the place where Jesus would be born. He said, "But thou, Bethlehem though thou be little among the thousands of Judah yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel!"

The people on this land, America, had prophets too who told them of a Saviour who was to come. This is found in their record, the *Book of Mormon*. Nephi tells of the virgin and the babe, this great event that took place hundreds and hundreds of years ago. It is a beautiful story, this Birthday of a King.

Sincerely, Sister Mabel

### EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT — continued

They came and found Mary and Joseph, and lying in the manger, the baby. Convinced this was the Saviour the angel spoke of, they went forth to the people proclaiming the news of this unusual babe. Then they all returned to their flocks glorifying and praising God for all that they had been privileged to see and hear of this blessed and holy event. (*Luke 2:4-17.*)

#### *Visit of the Wise Men*

After some time had passed, wise men came from the east to Jerusalem seeking the King of the Jews. (Though traditionally there are three wise men written about or depicted in pictures, *The Bible* merely states "wise men," no number is recorded.) They related seeing in the East the star of the King of Jews, thus they came to Bethlehem to worship Him.

King Herod and all Jerusalem became troubled at the announcement of a new king of the Jews. Herod was presently their king, under Roman rule. Herod immediately called all the chief priests and scribes together and questioned them where this Christ should be born. These learned men told him that according to the prophet, Christ was to be born in Bethlehem. (*Micah 5:2.*) Then the crafty Herod inquired of the wise men when the star appeared. They told him. Now he knew when and where Christ was born. Herod sent the wise men to Bethlehem to seek the young child, requesting them to inform him when they found the child, so that he could worship this Christ also. But this was not the intent of his wicked heart. They left the king at Jerusalem and

departed for Bethlehem, led miraculously by the same star which they saw in the east. The star went before the rejoicing wise men until it came and stood directly over where the young child was. (Note: He is not a baby, but a young child.) The travelers entered the house, (not the stable where the manger had been) saw the young child and Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him, then presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to him. They had found the King of the Jews.

### *Flight into Egypt*

God warned the wise men in a dream not to return to Herod, so they took another route to their country. Then an angel appeared in a dream to Joseph and commanded him to take his wife and young child and flee into Egypt, warning Joseph that Herod would seek to destroy Jesus, a threat to his throne. Obedient to the angel, Joseph immediately took his family and fled to Egypt remaining there until further instructions from the angel.

### *The Wrath of Herod*

When Herod discovered the wise men had departed via another route to their homeland, he became very angry. He ordered all children two years old and under to be slain, both in Bethlehem and its surrounding areas. He reckoned this time to be in accord with the appearance of the star as told him by the wise men. By this bloodbath of children, Herod felt to remove the threat of the child that was born King of the Jews. (*Matthew 2:1-16*) King Herod did not realize that this Jesus was destined to be called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. (*Isaiah 9:6*.)

## Husband And Wife Baptized At Imperial, Pennsylvania Branch

The Imperial Branch experienced a day of joy and edification on Sunday, November 4. Two new members were added to the fold of God as Paul and Rose Buffington were immersed in the waters near the Imperial church building.

Brother Paul was baptized by Brother James P. Moore and confirmed by Brother Robert Buffington. Sister Rose was also baptized by Brother James P. Moore and confirmed by Brother James T. Moore.

Brother and Sister Buffington have five children, all of whom have been blessed in The Church. As parents, they felt it was time for them to obey God and bring their children up in the fear of The Lord and to keep His commandments.

# M. B. A. Highlights

## GMBA CONFERENCE—NOV. 10, 1973

by James D. Gibson, Editor

The G.M.B.A. Conference convened at 10:20 A.M. at the General Church Auditorium, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

Brother August D'Orazio, President of the G.M.B.A. spoke of how the Church has helped in our lives and has drawn us closer together. He stated that he would try to expedite business and have time left for other things. He announced that Brother Melvin Mountain had suffered a heart attack in Arizona and that Brother Anthony Ensana is recovering from a recent heart attack. Pamela Huffine was then anointed.

A special prayer was offered for Brother Rocco Biscotti who was in a minor automobile accident, for Sister Florence LaRosa who was involved in an auto accident, and for Brother Melvin Mountain.

Following is a capsule report of the business.

**LESSON PLANS.** Brother Joseph Milantoni reported that Brother Domenic Thomas is reviewing the remaining lessons. They are being typed and will soon be ready.

**BY-LAW PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.** Report on Article 17, Section 2A proposal that local officers be elected to one year terms (as the General Church.) The committee recommended the rejection of this proposal because a change could be needed in local officers. The conference voted to concur with the recommendation of the committee.

**GENERAL SONGBOOK FOR USE BY G.M.B.A.** The committee reported unfavorable responses from publishers. Also, the cost has become prohibitive (\$20.00 for one song.) The Atlantic Coast offered to help in the project since they have obtained copyrights for some songs.

**LAY MISSION REPORT.** Sister Bonnie Nicklow reported visiting the San Carlos Reservation during the week of Vacation Bible School at the Mission. Brother Joseph Milantoni reported visiting the Muncey Reservation; he also reported some of the young visited the reservation during a week of Vacation Bible School.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS.

Editor James Gibson reported having published the *M.B.A. Bulletin* and submitting articles to *M.B.A. Highlights*.

Librarian Joseph Draskovich reported he has literature on hand and some lessons on the *Book of Alma*. Historian Mark Landrey reported he did not get a good response from local or area historians. Report forms will be sent out again with a request that all locals please respond.

Area Presidents and Organizers reports were read and accepted.

Financial Secretary James Link reported that we did not meet our quota of \$200 per local.

After lunch, the G.M.B.A. Activities Committee and By-Law Proposal Committee met. Action taken during the meeting is as follows:



1. A three-man committee was formed to restructure some of the order of business for the G.M.B.A.
2. Financial report blanks of locals to G.M.B.A. were reviewed. A two-man committee was formed to work out a new report blank.

The afternoon meeting began with prayer by Brother Tony Santilli on behalf of those who were sick and afflicted.

Officers reports continued.

Treasurer Mark Landrey gave his report, followed by Auditor Jon Genaro who stated that all books were in good order.

The By-Law and Proposal Committee reported that they received a proposal that the G.M.B.A. be represented on the General Church Mission Board. They recommended that this proposal be rejected since Elders in the G.M.B.A. are also at the General Church level and can represent the G.M.B.A. there.

Delegates representing the locals gave oral reports on the activities and financial status of their locals.

Campout Procurement Committee 1974: The Activities Committee recommended a camp 260 miles north of Detroit on Route 175. The name of the camp is Camp Walden. The camp has dormitory type living quarters that will accommodate 450 people, a dining hall which seats 400-500 people in two shifts, and an auditorium which holds 500 people.

The recreation facilities include three fields, six tennis and volleyball courts. All equipment will be supplied by the camp. A campfire site in the shape of an amphitheater is available. Motels are nearby. Trailer and camper facilities are also available. No outside cooking is allowed.

A suggestion was submitted we consider Campout '75 at St. John, Kansas, as it will be the Centennial of The Church in Kansas. The conference voted to accept the suggestion.

The *M.B.A. Bulletin* will be published as a periodical, and the Editor will solicit more help from Area and Local Editors.

A proposal from the Cleveland local to print *Book of Mormons* with paperback covers to be used for missionary work was submitted and accepted.

The Election of Officers was as follows:

President, Paul Palmieri  
 Vice President, Donald Ross  
 Chaplain, Joseph Milantoni  
 Corresponding Secretary, Ruth E. Akerman  
 Assistant Secretaries, Ruth Laird, Karen Milantoni  
 Financial Secretary, James Link  
 Treasurer, Mark Landrey  
 Librarian, Joseph Draskovich  
 Editor, James Gibson  
 Assistant Editor, Charles Jumper  
 Auditors, Ron Genaro, Don Henderson  
 Historian, Mark Landrey  
 Organizers: Our list is incomplete, but the GMBA minutes will have a concise report on them.

The goal of \$200 per local for the Auditorium was discussed, and a motion was passed that the money raised this six months be used to pay for printing of the *Book of Mormon*.

The evening meeting was taken up with a program presented by the Pennsylvania Area M.B.A. In word and song it was pointed out how we should serve, praise, love, and thank our God every day. It was a day well spent together, and we look forward to our next meeting together.

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## AREA MBA'S

by James D. Gibson  
 GMBA Editor

At this time of year the various Area MBA Organization's have met for their annual Business Meeting. The Locals within the Area have transacted their business and elected or re-elected officers.

It will be their primary duty as elected officers to carry through the desires and projects of the group. It can be a year of activity and fruitfulness for all concerned members.

We would ask your continued support to the officers of your area, some as they will start their first tenure in office. Following is a report of business and the elected officers of three of our Areas.

### MICHIGAN-ONTARIO AREA OFFICERS

President, Leonard Lovalvo.  
 Vice-President, Ken Barnes.  
 Chaplain, Spencer Everett.  
 Assistant Secretary, Karen Milantoni.  
 Treasurer, George Siddal.  
 Editor, Ralph Frammolino.  
 Auditor, Joseph Carlini.  
 Historian, William Buffa.  
 Welfare Chairman, Dan Paravano.

### FLORIDA AREA REPORT

The MBA Conference was held July 21, 1973 in the Lake Worth Branch building, hosted by the Miami Local. Representatives from all locals were present. We enjoyed a very nice conference.

The officers for the next year are:

President, Brother Joe Perri.  
 Vice-President, Brother Ray Bays.  
 Chaplain, Brother Frank Rogolino  
 Secretary, Sister Juanita Rogolino.  
 Assistant Secretary, Sister Patty Jasmin.  
 Treasurer, Brother Mike Radd.  
 Editor, Brother John D'Orazio.  
 Auditors, Sister Leda Sheffler,  
 Sister Viola Swanson.

The Miami Local presented a program that evening on the history of our country. We can say that we enjoyed the entire conference.

### PENNSYLVANIA AREA REPORT

On Saturday, September 29, 1973 the Pennsylvania Area MBA met for their annual conference in the Aliquippa Church Building. There was a good representation from the Area Locals, with all officers present. After the meeting was opened, a review of the activities of the past year was given—we enjoyed meetings, seminars, and outings and were happy to be able to purchase five sewing machines for use at White River through donations of \$303.00 from the Locals.



The election of officers for the coming year was as follows:

President, Bob Nicklow.  
Vice-President, Jesse Carr.  
Chaplain, Carl McCartney.  
Secretary, Janet Mancini.  
Treasurer, Richard Scaglione.  
Editor, Faye Valenti.  
Auditor, Jerry Valenti, Sr.  
Historian, John Mancini.

We are looking forward to the coming year. Seminars, meetings and outings have again been planned; in the past they have been effective in keeping our Area a close group in doing our part in the MBA.

## Head Start and Christmas

He grew up as one poor, it is said.  
Every day though, one almighty taught him,  
And for awhile, He made Him a carpenter.  
"Do unto others, as you would have for yourself."  
So, His work with wood fit others;  
Tailored wood as though it were a suit.  
Artist of humanity, yet not humanitarian.  
Reality realized; thus action, not indifference.  
Thanking, in all things, God; His all knowing teacher.  
And .....  
Careful in all things, cherishing the poor and dirty,  
He washed many feet and many minds.  
Rise up now compassion, and pity the poor and dirty!  
Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?  
Start with the children, the poor and dirty ones.  
Take His example, cherish the unwashed body and mind.  
Artist you can be, yet it is not free.  
Reality realizes and gives mercy, a costly item.  
Truth is a gift alive .....  
or does hypocrisy stand by your tree?

I.J.N.

## BRANCH AND MISSION NEWS:—

### Two Baptisms And Showers Of Blessings At Fort Pierce, Florida Branch

It all began in our Wednesday evening service during a discussion of *I Kings, Chapter 18*. Many thoughts and views were expressed with reference being made to the Restoration of the Gospel. At the close of the service, Emma Louise Wittack asked to be baptized. Sister Emma recently moved to Florida from New Jersey with her daughter and son-in-law, Brother Rocco and Sister Louise Micale.

On Sunday, October 21, many beautiful hymns were sung and the spirit of testimony prevailed. One of our visitors asked to be anointed and later testified that The

Lord eased her affliction. During the meeting Maryann Bays asked to be baptized.

Brother V. J. Lovalvo read from *II Kings, 4:16-24*, how Elisha raised the Shunamite's son from the dead and he referred to the prodigal son, "who was dead and now liveth."

Visiting with us were Brother and Sister Byo and Brother and Sister Loverro from Cape Coral. After the service we gathered at the waters. Brother Lovalvo immersed Sister Maryann and Brother Giovannone immersed Sister Wittack.

The new converts were confirmed in our afternoon service, Sister Maryann by Brother Lovalvo and Sister Wittack by Brother Rogolino. Sacrament was administered followed by the washing of feet.

A beautiful and perfect day of service was ended with the theme still ringing, "It is well with my soul."

May God bless you all!

Assistant Editor, Brother Lou Pandone

## News from Dallas

Earlier this year, Brother George Benyola and his family moved from Hopelawn, New Jersey to Dallas, Texas. The move was a fulfillment of several experiences.

Now, meetings of The Church of Jesus Christ are conducted in this part of the country. Brother George converted his garage to a meeting place. Attending are a few members and some visitors.

Several weeks ago the congregation rejoiced in its first blessing. Her name is Carmen Aileen Wild, daughter of William and Bonnie Wild. Mrs. Wild is the daughter of Brother Douglas and Sister Pat McLellan.

Our prayer is that God will richly bless this small group. May they grow in and through the love of God, the greatest gift given by God.

## West Elizabeth News

By Madeline H. Robinson

The doors of the West Elizabeth Branch building will soon be closed. The edifice as it has been known for ninety-one years is to be removed from this site December first. Our hearts are saddened for many precious and happy hours have been spent in this, the oldest building of The Church Of Jesus Christ. A series of worship meetings will be held November 21, 22 and 23. The final service being held Sunday, November 25. We invite all of our Saints and friends to attend and may the Holy Spirit abide with us.

We pray God will help us to relocate in the near future. 'Tho these doors may be closed temporarily, there's still room for whosoever will to answer the call of The Lord.

Mrs. Iola Kershaw answered Sunday, November 4. She has attended our services more than five years. She is employed in the same establishment as Sister Mae Robinson and heard her testimony nine years ago. The Lord revealed many truths unto her since she heard the good news of The Gospel Restored in These Latter Days. However, Sunday morning she received an experience

"The Guarantees Of Life". She said, "She especially desired the guarantees of eternal life." Brother Harry Robinson fulfilled the ordinances of Baptism and Confirmation. We pray for this new child of God that she and her family will be abundantly blessed. This new birth lifts our spirits and encourages us to always trust in God. Sister Kershaw was born June 24, 1927 in Union, S. C. and resides in Monongahela, Pa.

## News From Lorain, Ohio

The General Church Mission Board met in Lorain, Ohio on September 22, where plans were discussed for the spreading of the Restored Gospel.

On Sunday, September 23, we were pleased to have Brother and Sister Furnier in our midst along with Brother and Sister Bittinger and Brother and Sister Thomas. Brother Bittinger offered the opening prayer and Sister Carla Dziak sang "Sheltered in the Arms of God." Our Presiding Elder, Brother Joseph Calabrese, acknowledged the contributions Brother and Sister Furnier have made to the Church throughout the years. It was good to see them in our midst. Brother Calabrese also mentioned that Brother Furnier has stressed many times in his talks how serious and righteous we should all be in the Church.

Brother Dominic Thomas read from the *28th Chapter of Third Nephi*, wherein the twelve disciples in America were granted their desires—three of whom desired not to die. When Brother Dominic began his sermon, he mentioned the conditions that are unfavorable in our nation and he urged more faithfulness in keeping God's commandments and living by God's word. As Brother Thomas was speaking these words, Brother Furnier arose and spoke in the spirit. He said, "Wait upon me my people. There are many blessings that are passing by you, because you are not faithful. Correct your errors, strip yourselves from the things of this world. Listen to me, live worthy to Jesus Christ, I will give you everything I have promised you. Thus saith the Lord."

Brother Thomas continued to say that the Church's missionary work is only as good as its congregation. People searching for stability will find it free through God's word and His way.

Hymn "For it's good to be a saint of Latter days." was sung.

Brother Bittinger spoke of his desire to bring others to the Lord. He admonished that we should have no fear, for as long as we are following God's commandments, evil will not change us.

Brother Furnier praised God that he was able to be with us even though he was not well enough to talk much. He spoke on the wickedness of this world and felt it is the mission of our people to warn this nation of the judgments of God. Most kingdoms of the past have lasted only 200 years and then fell. He noted that our nation's 200th birthday is in the year 1976, and that a great change may take place.

There were also many good testimonies from all our visiting Sisters and Brothers. Sister Furnier mentioned how much love she had for all the Brothers and Sisters in the Gospel and how God held her hand when she lost her son recently. Losing her son was the greatest setback in her lifetime. She felt whenever we humble ourselves, we can see how little we are, then we know how big God is. While Sister Furnier was testifying that the judgment

of the Lord will begin first in the house of God, Brother Frank Altomare stood up and spoke, "Amen - Thus saith the Lord, I shall come soon, I shall come soon. Thus saith the Lord, blessed are we if we are found standing on the rock of Christ the great Redeemer."

There were also a couple of experiences told to our Presiding Elder in regard to the service. Brother Raymond Garza had a vision. He saw six Angels above the pulpit. Three by three facing each other. They had trumpets and Brother Garza saw a light above them on the pulpit. He then heard the following words: "Behold, my children, the time is coming soon, do not forget my commandments and remember you will be judged by your faith and good deeds."

Brother Frank Palacios also related a vision. When Brother Bittinger was praying, a man with a truck stopped in front of the church building. We then saw this man unloading bread and bringing it into the church building.

It was a day well spent in the glory of God's Spirit which prevailed throughout the service and especially that we could share all this with our golden agers, Brother and Sister Furnier, who will be wed 66 years December 24, 1973. We are also glad that Brother Timothy Naro and family are back home in Lorain. He has been in the service of our country and was stationed in Northern Michigan.

## News From The Fredonia Branch

The Fredonia, Pennsylvania Branch had the privilege of hosting the M.B.A. officers from the various locals in the Pennsylvania District on Saturday, September 15, 1973. There was a seminar held at 2:00 P.M. until 4:30 P.M. in the Fredonia Branch Church building. A discussion of the problems of the locals and the ways to solve them was very enlightening to all.

At 5:00 P.M. supper was served to approximately sixty people at the Delaware Township Civic League. There is a very large building suitable to accommodate this type of gathering and a nicely equipped playground for the children.

We met again in our church building at 6:30. Five teachers occupied the pulpit and gave very inspiring talks, bearing testimonies to the Gospel of Christ and telling many experiences. Brother Robert Nicklow, President of the Pennsylvania M.B.A. followed, giving a very good discourse. Brother Russel Cadman gave a talk on the growth of the young in the Church and that they will some day have the responsibilities of the various offices of the Church such as was once occupied by our forefathers.

Many of the visitors stayed over night at the various homes and were present in our meeting on the Sabbath Day. Brother and Sister Biscotti traveled from Cleveland, Ohio to be with us also. Brother Biscotti read scripture from *Exodus, Chapter 14, verses 13 and 14*. He gave a very inspired sermon which was enjoyed by all present. While speaking, Brother Biscotti had the gift of tongues and the interpretation was given by Sister Esther McCartney, "God will be with you". Brother Biscotti was followed in speaking by Brothers Arthur Gehly and Carl McCartney. A most enjoyable time was then had in bearing testimony to the goodness of God towards each one of us.

Editor, Sister Ethel Cadman

## News from Warren, Ohio

On July 29, a meeting was called at the Warren Branch by Brother Rocco Biscotti. This meeting was to tell of the many blessings at the recent CMBA Campout in Dunkirk, New York. Many words of wisdom were spoken by our Brothers urging us to go and tell others of the faith of our fathers; to wait in righteousness and to live closer to Jesus.

Brother Robert Ciarrochi said something that will always remain in my mind. He said, "In shaking my hand, you're saying, 'I love you,' so don't shake my hand unless you do love me."

There were many Brothers and Sisters at the meeting, some from as far away as California and Florida. There were testimonies from some who had just been baptized at the campout. A great blessing was felt also in the singing of many hymns. May God bless all.

Sister Carol Ann McCracken  
Branch Editor

## Baptism in Phoenix, Arizona

July 29, 1973 was the most important day in the life of Joel Christman of the Phoenix Branch. It was on this day that thirteen year old Joel asked for his baptism.

Friends and family had been seeing a change in Joel, and beautiful experiences at the California Area MBA conference in Modesto helped bring Joel to The Lord.

This has been a great blessing for many people, including the grandfathers, Brother George Neill and Brother Jake Christman who confirmed Joel.

As we remember it was the age of twelve that Christ was found among the doctors and said "Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business." God gave this thought to Brother Ether Furnier, and blessed Sister Birdie Furnier and Brother Phil Van Allsburg with experiences confirming the request for baptism.

We continue to look for spiritual growth in Joel and for a lifetime of serving God.

## Blessings At Hopelawn, N. J. Branch

On Sunday, September 16, the Hopelawn Branch was given multifold blessings. The Brethren partook of Communion and celebrated the ordinance of feet washing; the blessings of the Saviour were felt by all the Saints. Truly, the Good Shepherd did say; "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his Lord: Neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

These spiritual gifts were felt by all for surely The Holy Spirit pervaded our hearts and souls.

To consummate the service in its abundant blessings, we enjoyed the presence and testimonies of the following visiting Saints: Sister Carmella Mazzeo from Lake Worth, Florida; Brother John and Sister Betty Azzinaro of the San Fernando region of California; Sister Elsie Ensana of Fort Pierce, Florida; Sister Nancy Ensana of Edison,

New Jersey and Brother Matthew and Sister Joan Rogolino of Freehold, New Jersey.

Elders Azzinaro and Rogolino spoke of The Church of Jesus Christ, decades back, when services were held in homes, in garages and even chicken coops, but the Spirit of the Lord was ever present. Our Father recognizes the true and the repentant believers in The Gospel. Was not the Son of God born in a manger?

The testimony given by the visiting Brothers and Sisters brought the full awareness to all that our God and our Saviour are unchangeable; only man changes, but, upon partaking of the same Spirit, the showers of blessing were felt by all. For we were reminded that our Lord Jesus told His disciples, "I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without me you can do nothing."

Verily, though branches from the vine spread from ocean to ocean, the fruit thereof was as plenteous and sweet and abiding in God; God does not change.

It was with reluctance that the Saints of Hopelawn and their visiting Brethren left the House of the Lord, for a light of wondrous love and fulfilment was kindled in every breast. Surely, our Lord Jesus had endowed us with spiritual gifts that are of incomparable value.

Sister Helen Kovacs

## Monongahela Branch News

Visitors were present from Roscoe, Glassport, Detroit and Windsor as Brother David Majoros was ordained into the Priesthood of The Church. Brother Fred Olexa of Roscoe opened the meeting by reading Paul's words to the Ephesians: "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called." We were reminded that there are various offices in The Church, but they work together in one unity of faith.

Brother Fred exhorted Brother Dave to depend entirely upon the Lord and to become a servant and spiritually feed the members. He should always keep on the full armor of God in the great work of The Church.

As the ordination proceeded, Brother Dave's feet were washed by Brother Idris Martin. He was anointed by Brother Olexa. Our sincere prayer is that the Lord would bless Brother Dave as he enters the ministry of The Church. May he walk worthy of the vocation wherewith he was called.

## McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch Welcomes New Member

We praise God for the good Spirit that was felt throughout Sunday, October 14 as another soul gave her life to serve The Lord.

Our new Sister, Linda Paulin, was baptized by Brother Dan Casasanta and confirmed by Brother Raymond Cosetti. Sister Linda had known The Church as a child, being healed by the anointing of the Elders. She strayed away for a time, never forgetting the blessings she received as a child.

We pray that God will bless our new Sister and also call many others into His Church.

## — NEW ARRIVALS —

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

Dana Lynn to Daniel and Mary Lou Buffington of Imperial, Pennsylvania;

Bryan Neal to John and Carolyn Griffith of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Denice Louise to David and Bonnie Scaglione of Monongahela, Pennsylvania;

Tracy Lynn to Richard and Pegg Gross of Erie, Pennsylvania;

Richard to Anthony and Kathleen Mancuso of Branch No. 3, Detroit, Michigan;

Brian Michael to Michael and Josephine McLennan of Branch No. 3, Detroit, Michigan;

Matthew Joel to Elmer and Betty Santilli of Perry, Ohio;

Chad Christopher to Emmett and Cynthia Hood of San Fernando Valley, California;

Leonard Joseph to Joseph and Sandra Scarna of San Fernando Valley, California;

David John to John and Karen Buffa of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan;

Nathan Elliott to Benjamin and Judith Palmieri of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania;

Clifford Rolland to Clifford Rolland and Sharon Warner of Glassport, Pennsylvania.

## ● OBITUARIES ●

### CLARENCE GRIFFITH

Brother Clarence Griffith of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch passed on to his eternal reward on September 13, 1973, following a lengthy illness. He was born on August 10, 1892 and was baptized November 18, 1907 by Brother Alexander Cherry.

Left to mourn are his wife, several children and many loved ones. Brother Sam Kirschner officiated at his funeral.

Brother Clarence was baptized at the age of fifteen and was a very faithful and dedicated Brother for nearly 66 years. His testimony will be missed and his regular attendance at all meetings will leave a goal for others to strive for.

### GEORGE GARRATT

Brother George Garratt of the Monongahela, Pennsylvania Branch passed on to his eternal reward in October, 1973. He was born on February 20, 1883 and was baptized in November of 1904 by Brother William Skillen. Brother George was ordained an Elder in 1907 and Evangelist in 1910. He was appointed Financial Secretary of the General Church in 1913.

One son is left to mourn his loss. Brother John Olexa was in charge of the funeral services.

Although Brother George was nearly 91 years old, he attended as many meetings as he could, even taking a bus to Monongahela and walking up the hill to the church building. He was a lover of the *Book of Mormon* and his ability to recite the Scriptures will be missed by everyone in our Branch.

### ROSE TEODORI

Sister Rose Teodori passed on to her eternal reward on October 12, 1973. She was a member of the Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born on December 5, 1893 and was baptized on June 28, 1959.

Left to mourn her loss are her husband, one son, four daughters, seventeen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Joseph Shazer.

Our Sister will be sadly missed by her husband and family and all the Saints who knew her.

### ENRICO BIANCHI

Brother Enrico Bianchi of Branch No. 1, Detroit, Michigan passed on to his heavenly reward on September 30, 1973. He was born on June 25, 1889 and was baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ on February 23, 1936.

He is survived by his wife, three sons, two daughters, twelve grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Brother Louis Vitto and Brother Carl Frammolin conducted the services.

We pray that The Lord will give the family courage and comfort.

### WALTER A. LAIRD

Brother Walter A. Laird passed on to his eternal reward on October 17, 1973. He was a member of the McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ.

Brother Walter was born in 1910 and was baptized in 1955.

He is survived by his wife, one son, three daughters, and two grandchildren.

Brother Dan Casasanta officiated at the funeral service.

Even though Brother Laird was not able to attend church services during the last weeks of his life, he was faithful to his God. We pray that God will comfort his family.

### DOMENICA POMA

Sister Domenica Poma of Detroit, Michigan, Branch No. 3 passed away on August 18, 1973. She was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born on March 31, 1903 and was baptized on November 2, 1941.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, one daughter, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Peter H. Capone officiated at the funeral service.