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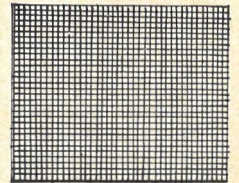
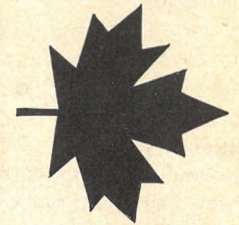
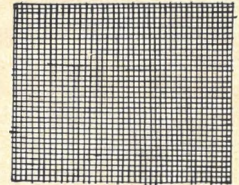
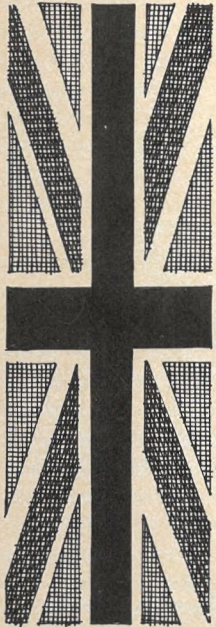
FOUR SCORE YEARS

1894

1974



OF GODS FAITHFULNESS



Our Best 80th Birthday Present

A New Chancellor — A New President

Left to right:

Chancellor S. L. Boehmer, Chairman of the Board R. McClintock, President V. Adrian.

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Editorial

TIME PASSES—

EVENTS CHANGE—

GOD'S WORK GOES ON!

May 24, 1974 was another significant day, a milestone in the long history of O.B.C. On that day, the announcement of the new appointments of Chancellor Stewart L. Boehmer and President Victor Adrian was made. (See Recorder, June 1974.)

But that evening was also significant because it was EXACTLY 80 YEARS AND 10 DAYS (MAY 14, 1894) SINCE O.B.C. WAS FOUNDED.

It was very fitting that on that anniversary date, Dr. Boehmer should be signally honoured by the Corporation, Board of Governors, Faculty and Staff (see story and pictures on page 3).

Dr. Boehmer was not only the first President of the merged schools to be called Ontario Bible College, but he was the first fulltime President on the Toronto side and the sixth on the London side.

Elsewhere, the men who have led these two branches are mentioned. But for the nonce, let this writer engage in nostalgia.

Of these 80 years, the editor of the Recorder has spent 26 years at O.B.C. (10 part time, 16 full time, and 22 years as Editor of the Recorder) and worked with all but three of the Toronto leadership, and has shared ministry in London with all but one of the men God raised up to lead them.

So this 80th Anniversary has a singular, personal, historical meaning to me. Dr. Elmore Harris and Dr. William Stewart died before I was born, and Dr. R. P. Mackay is only a figure of history to me. But I have worked with Dr. E. G. Baker, Mr. William

Inrig and Dr. Boehmer as Presidents of Toronto. Plus those occupying Principalships, Dr. John McNicol, Dr. J. Bernard Rhodes and Rev. E. L. Simmonds. For each one I have warm, personal memories, and friendship that took the pummeling of years.

In London I have shared Missions and Revival with Dr. W. Mahood, Dr. J. Bedford, Dr. J. C. Macaulay and Dr. W. Foster. And I must mention that prince among men, Dr. E. Ralph Hooper, a life-long friend who shared at my wedding, in my missionary life, in our family life, and when he died I helped bear his remains to await the trumpet sound.

Most of these men have gone, but with the passing of time and the changing events, one thing stands out, clearly and confidently:

GOD'S WORK GOES ON!

We face our ninth decade with the confidence that He Who has begun a good work will complete it. This is a good work at O.B.C. We will go on under the blessing of God.

Forgive an editor's lapse into nostalgia—but it may awaken memories in you too, of the unfailing goodness of God; the greatness of His servants, and the fruitfulness of His service. I hope so.



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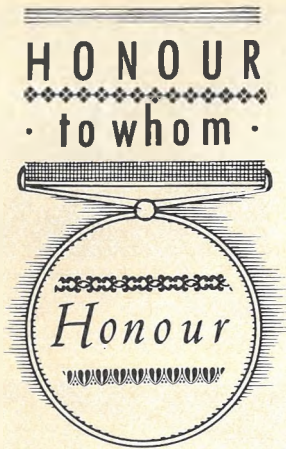
On the occasion of the Eightieth Anniversary of the Ontario Bible College and on that of the Forty-fifth year of the ministry of Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer, I am very pleased to extend warm greetings and best wishes.

Zeal, idealism, and single-mindedness are some of the elements that characterize graduates of the Ontario Bible College. These qualities tempered by faith, a thoughtful compassion and a willingness to dialogue make for an openness and a maturity of leadership which is vital throughout Christendom.

May Dr. Boehmer's continued commitment to the Christian faith be a source of hope and joy in the lives of many.

Pierre Elliott Trudeau

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Calvary Church to the M.P. Foundation, and subsequently in the providence of God, to O.B.C.

It was a life worth noting, worth recording, worth honouring.

Friends all over the country sent him letters of congratulations at being in the ministry for 45 years; of seeing O.B.C. enter its 80th year so healthy and strong.

These letters were bound in a specially prepared volume: from the Prime Minister of Canada; the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario; the Premier of Ontario; College presidents; ministers and friends—by the score the letters poured in, to honour a man, who, unknown to them, was also receiving another honour on May 24.

At the end of an emotion-fraught evening, when the honours were done and suitable gifts presented to the Boehmers, the Chairman of the Board stood for the final word.

With his own personal love and affection reflected in his voice, Mr. Robert McClintock then announced that Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer had been appointed O.B.C.'s first Chancellor. A standing ovation was the immediate reaction of the assembled throng, and the Boehmers acknowledged this evidence of love and esteem.

As noted in the previous Recorder, Mr. McClintock also announced the appointment of Dr. Victor Adrian as President of

It was a rare day in May: rare with that weather that makes life sparkle; rare with an occasion that brought good friends and co-workers together; rare in the festive mood and the element of surprise that turned the tide of the semi-annual meeting of the O.B.C. Corporation and made it an "occasion."

Normally, this May meeting is all business and reports, essential and functional in themselves, but often ho-hum at the end of a busy day and week.

But May 24, 1974 was rare. It was to be the evening of major announcements, of milestones and events that would start the 80th Anniversary of O.B.C. And it turned into an evening that honoured "Mr. Ontario Bible College," Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer himself, and his lovely wife.

For nearly a quarter of a century Dr. Boehmer had been associated with the College, and for almost half of that time (11 years) he had been its President. Under his leadership the school had stabilized and grown. He had seen the fusing of two schools into one. He had steered a wise, careful, financial and academic course. And all the while he maintained the vision of a BIBLE College with strong, evangelical, interdenominational emphases.

So May 24 was "Boehmer" night, and to his surprise, (but doubtless deep down there was also a sense of joy and peace), the Corporation, faculty, staff, offered him the accolade they felt he deserved.

Naturally his life was reviewed, from football player to hockey star in High School; to pianist for outstanding evangelists like R. E. Neighbour, to announcer, singer and pianist for Moody's W.M.B.I.; to churches in Plattsville, Waterloo and Toronto. The story of his marriage, his family (both sons brought in for this grand occasion) were related, as was his voice disability that led him from the ministry at



OFFICE OF
THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR
QUEEN'S PARK
TORONTO

May 21, 1974.

Stewart L. Boehmer

I understand that on the twenty-fourth of May you will become the Chancellor of Ontario Bible College.

As the Lieutenant-Governor of this Province and also as Chancellor of the University of Toronto may I offer to you my congratulations. After eleven years as President of the College, I imagine you will be glad to be finished with some of the detailed administrative work.

I understand that this appointment coincides with the 80th Anniversary of Ontario Bible College and the 45th Anniversary of your ordination.

It will truly be a festive occasion and I am pleased to make a small contribution to it.

*Yours sincerely
Pauline M. McGibbon*

Pauline M. McGibbon,
Lieutenant-Governor.

Dr. Stewart L. Boehmer,
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TORONTO, Ontario.

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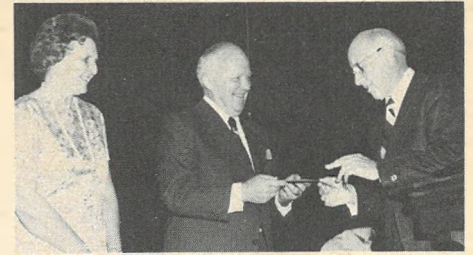
I am more than happy to extend to Dr. Bohmer and the staff and students of the Ontario Bible College, my most sincere congratulations on the occasion of the school's 80th Anniversary in the field of Christian Education.

When a college has served as an educational landmark for a large segment of our population for such a long period, it is a time, indeed, to celebrate and to give thanks.

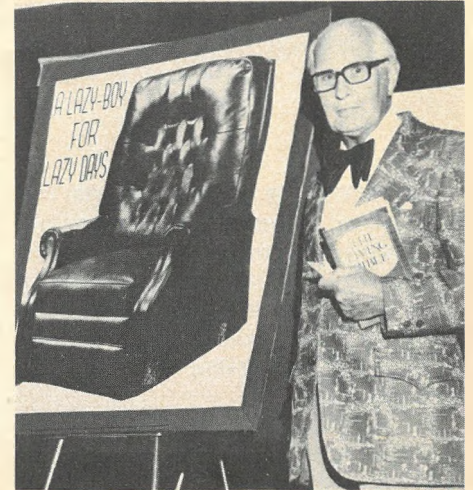
On behalf of the Government and the people of Ontario I should like to wish the President, the staff and the school a serene and successful further step in your march toward a full century of service in our Province.

William G. Davis

William G. Davis,
Premier of Ontario.



The Boehmers smile as Mr. McClintock presents the "gift" (a La-Z-Boy Chair) from the Corporation, Board, Faculty and Staff.



Mr. C. W. Stephens, long time Board member, shows Dr. Bohmer what his gift will look like.

the College. Together with Mrs. Adrian, he too was presented and welcomed.

Yes, it was a rare day. A rare day of honour to whom honour was due, a day of enthusiasm and spiritual triumph; a day that bespoke of another great day, when "all glory, praise and honour" will be given "unto our God and to His Christ." May that day come quickly. Amen!



Dr. W. R. Foster presents the bound volume of letters that came from people in political and church life, who expressed their admiration and love for Dr. Bohmer and their respect for O.B.C.



Dr. Foster presents Miss Lilian Softley, Secretary to the President and the Board of Governors, with her 20 year pin. These have been two decades of selfless, loving service for the Lord.



The two top men and their first ladies! Left to right—Dr. S. L. Bohmer, Mrs. Bohmer, Mrs. Adrian, Dr. V. Adrian.



Part of the throng that gathered at the semi-annual meeting on May 24 to honour Dr. Bohmer on his appointment as Chancellor; to welcome Dr. Adrian as the new President; and to rejoice at the 80 years of effective service of O.B.C.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Perhaps there are other friends whom we did not have time to contact, who would like to write to Dr. & Mrs. Bohmer. Your expressions of appreciation and friendship will be most encouraging to them. Why not write today?

JETHRO GAVE ME GOOD COUNSEL!

Some people have "in-law" trouble, but one man at least could give thanks for a wise counsellor in his father-in-law. And from that counsel, we who find ourselves in similar positions of responsibility, can take heed. It is the wisdom of God.

Moses had been chosen of the Lord to lead the children of Israel, but he soon became weighted down with the multiplicity of detail that demanded skill, insight and decision. And the wear and tear on Moses must have been well-nigh intolerable. Until his father-in-law spoke to him (Exodus 18:17-27).

"You're going to wear yourself out," said Jethro. "This work is too heavy for one man. You can't do it all alone.

"Now look for able men, who will share the responsibility with you."

Moses listened and heeded the injunction. And the work prospered, and doubtless Moses' health was saved, and a greater work for God was done. Perhaps my paraphrase is too simple, but the idea is there.

Now I am no Moses, but for 11 years I have sought under God to carry the load of the presidency of O.B.C. What a glorious decade it has been, with development and growth in every area of the work. All glory be to God.

But now Jethro's advice becomes very relevant to the ongoing work of Ontario Bible College. As we continue to grow and expand under the blessing of God, the load gets heavier, and sharing it becomes increasingly vital.

Two years ago, this sharing began with the appointment of Dr. William R. Foster as Executive Vice President. To his desk and capable hands went much detail work that I had found so demanding and burdensome! What a relief to pass it on!

Then last year, the appointment of Dr. Victor Adrian as Assistant to the President was a further step in the right direction, and again we have seen the smiling approval of God.

This year, another adjustment has been made. On my recommendation, and in answer to my own fervent prayers, the Board of Governors appointed Dr. Adrian to the position of President. They accepted my resignation from that office with one proviso—that I in turn would become the first Chancellor of Ontario Bible College.

This too, seemed in keeping with the will and the purpose of God, and so with joy, Mrs. Boehmer and I accepted our new responsibility.

Thus our beloved College will continue its God-given function, with men of faith



Stewart L. Boehmer
Chancellor,
Ontario Bible College

and vision all linked together in this great task.

I rejoice to see the fulfillment of my own prayers and plans in these developments. May I ask for my dear brother Victor Adrian, the same wholehearted prayer support, Christian fellowship and friendship that you have given to me during these many years? Not that I want to be left out, but only want to move over slightly, to make room for another one in our glorious fellowship.

I'll be as active as ever, with an open door, an open ear and an open heart to all our beloved friends and College constituency. Believe me when I say in all sincerity, that "I am your servant for Jesus' sake."

INAUGURAL SERVICE FOR CHANCELLOR STEWART L. BOEHMER, D.D. AND PRESIDENT VICTOR ADRIAN, TH.D.

The Board of Governors of Ontario Bible College cordially invites Christian friends to this most significant event.

Special Speaker for the occasion:



DR. DOUGLAS B. MacCORKLE

President, Philadelphia College of Bible
President, American Association of Bible Colleges

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 1974

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

PLACE: WALMER ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Walmer Road at Lowther Avenue (Use East-West
Subway, walk 2 blocks from Spadina Station).

**ALL OUR ALUMNI, SUPPORTERS AND
INTERESTED FRIENDS ARE URGED TO ATTEND.**

Traditions *that live*

Strong, faithful, honourable traditions are part of the Alumni story. They are not just empty words or meaningless gestures. They are traditions that live on in the life and work of men and women who in turn pass them on to others.

On this 80th Anniversary, let us hold fast, not "the traditions of men" but "the traditions which have been taught . . . by the Word . . . Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and God, even our Father, Who hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish you in every good word and work." (2 Thess. 2:15-17)

A Special Column To Tell



"We believe that God in His mercy and grace saves all who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ . . . giving them new life by the Holy Spirit" (OBC Doctrinal Statement)

There have been centuries in the past church history where the doctrine of the Holy Spirit has rated very little discussion. However, this is not true of the last few decades in which the charismatic movement has produced much discussion pro and con. In light of the divergency of prevalent teachings concerning the Holy Spirit, Ontario Bible College desires to define clearly our own doctrinal position.

We affirm that the baptism and indwelling of the Holy Spirit are not "second works of grace", but rather occur at the moment when the initial saving grace of God is experienced through repentance and faith. The baptism of the Spirit refers to the placing of the believer as a member of the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:13), and to the identification of the believer with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-4, Col. 2:12). The indwelling of the Spirit is the placing of the Spirit within the believer to be the source of new life, power, and fellowship, (Rom. 8:14-16) and is the necessary mark of identification to

qualify the one who believes in Christ to be considered a true Christian (Rom. 8:9). Therefore, these works do not become works of God subsequent to conversion, but rather are the necessary accompaniments of God's saving grace.

We affirm that the experience of the fullness of the Spirit is necessary for Christian conduct, service, and worship (Eph. 5:18-21). Paul's instruction to the Ephesians directs them to be continually filled with the Spirit, i.e. we must continually allow the Spirit to possess, direct, and enable us in the doing of God's will (Gal. 5:16-25, Rom. 8:14). He also warns the believers that the Spirit may be grieved or quenched by immoral actions and rebellious responses (Eph. 4:30, I Thess. 5:19). The experience of the fullness of the Spirit is the believer's privilege and challenge for every new day, and requires continual submission to the Spirit who possesses us as He seeks to realize in and through our lives the fullness of God's purpose for our life, service, and worship.

We affirm that the gifts of the Spirit are sovereignly bestowed by the Spirit in accordance with the will of Christ, and that these gifts differ from believer to believer

(I Cor. 12:4-11, Rom. 12:4-8). There is no gift which is possessed by every believer (I Cor. 12:28-30), and there is no evidence that certain supernatural manifestations of the Spirit are necessary for a full and rich experience of the Spirit's love and power. The functions of the Spirit outlined by Jesus in John 14-16, and the fruit of the Spirit listed in Gal. 5:22-23 do not depend upon the possession of supernatural manifestations of the Spirit such as tongues. The possession of the gifts related to the edification of the church and evangelism are conceived by Paul to be of superior value for the ongoing work of Christ (I Cor. 14:1-5).

These doctrinal affirmations have characterized our college for many decades. Although we have many areas of common concern and conviction with other believers who promote and practice supernatural manifestations of the Spirit such as tongues, in this area of understanding we differ in conviction. Other colleges exist which permit and propagate differing views concerning the ministry of the Spirit. Our concern is, therefore, to avoid involvement in or approval of these doctrinal views, and to continue our commitment to the doctrines of the Holy Spirit as enunciated above.

William R. Foster
Executive Vice President

CAMPUS CALENDAR

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| Sept. 9 | — Convocation in Walmer Rd. Baptist Church
10:00 a.m.
Speaker: Dr. R. N. Longenecker |
| Sept. 20 | — Inaugural of Chancellor S. L. Boehmer and President V. Adrian in Walmer Rd. Baptist Church
8:00 p.m. |
| Sept. 23-27 | — Spiritual Life Conference
10:00 a.m. each day
Speaker: Rev. Robert Crooks |
| Oct. 18-19 | — Alumni Homecoming |
| Oct. 26 | — Parents' Day
10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. |
| Oct. 30 | — Prayer Day |
| Dec. 1 | — Christmas Musicales—
Kitchener
Benton St. Baptist Church,
7:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 6 | — Christmas Musicales—Hamilton
Philpott Memorial Church,
8:00 p.m. |
| Dec. 7 | — Christmas Musicales—
Toronto
The Peoples Church, 8:00
p.m. |
| Dec. 8 | — Christmas Musicales—London
Centennial Hall, 2:30 p.m. |

MEMORIAL GIFT PLAN

For several years, friends have been sending Memorial Gifts to the College, in memory of loved ones or friends who have gone "to be with the Lord."

These gifts have not only been a "perpetual memorial" that continues on and on, but they have also been an investment in the Lord's work and lives of young people.

Special Memorial Gift Plan cards are available on request. Or just phone or write the Department of Stewardship.

When gifts are received, a beautiful card is sent both to the bereaved and the donor. The gift goes into the work of the Lord as you indicate.

Make your memorial gifts, lasting gifts.

"LIVES OF GREAT MEN

ALL REMIND US . . ."

Tennyson's Psalm of Life is a beautiful expression of the direction and issues of man's existence. But he reaches a high point in declaring:

"Lives of great men all remind us,
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints in the sands of time."

The Bible records the deeds of godly men, and Church history carries on the inspired and inspiring tale, for which the people of God can thank Him and take courage. To take a Biblical phrase out of context, "There were giants in those days," and God has always had men who towered above others and whose names and works live on.

History is His story, worked out in the lives of choice servants, and Ontario Bible College has been well favoured in the names that make up the 80 year chapter.

Visit the College sometime, and the names of these men are here, not only inscribed on plaque and signs, but also written indelibly in experience. They have left footprints in the sands of time:

Dr. Elmore Harris gathered some Christian men around him, and on May 14, 1894 the Toronto school was established. For the next 17 years this man led the College that he founded, all the while carrying on a pastoral, missionary and counselling ministry. He built historic Walmer Rd. Baptist Church, and insisted that missions must also be part of the task.

Indeed, on December 19, 1911, Dr. Harris died in India of smallpox, contracted while he was personally involved in overseas evangelism.

Dr. Wilmott Mahood had served the Moody Bible Institute well, and full of years, began to lessen his activity. Until some London Ont. Christians urged him to head up a possible Bible School in Western Ontario. In 1936 the school became a fact, and Mahood continued his leadership until at last physical frailty insisted that he pass the responsibility on to others.

Dr. John McNicol is particularly known for the longevity of his leadership as principal of the Toronto school (nearly half a century), his "Thinking Through the Bible" series of studies (4 volumes), and his personal devotional life and Christian service.

Dr. J. B. Rhodes succeeded McNicol as principal and until cancer cut off a promising young life, he too led the College in its significant course of training young people.

Dr. E. Ralph Hooper, physician, author, missionary, Bible teacher, Dean of the

London College, and so many other hats did he wear that one is left amazed and breathless. He too left his imprint, not only in the sands of time, but in the impressionable soil of young lives.

Dr. Percy Harris, whose brief tenure of office as President in London was terminated by poliomyelitis. What a delightful man, what lovely fragrance, what good memories linger about the name.

What more shall we say? In the words of Hebrews 11, time and space forbid more than the mention of William Stewart and James Bedford; R. P. Mackay and E. G. Baker; Alden Gannett and A. R. Alloway; William Inrig, Dixon Burns, and J. C. Macaulay; C. W. Stephens, William J. Horsey, and E. L. Simmonds; William Foster and Mel Steinmann; and so many others who administered and taught until two schools became one to be headed by President Dr. S. L. Boehmer now the Chancellor.

Let the memory of faithful service and of good men encourage and challenge us for the days that lie ahead.

"Whose faith, follow."

IT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD BIRTHDAY PARTY.

With 1974-75 our 80th Birthday, (May 14, 1894 was the date) we anticipate

celebrations of thanksgiving and gladness as for any such noteworthy event.

Our Director of Admissions, Miss Lillian Scobie is not exactly planning a pyrotechnic display (fireworks if you don't know the word!) but she is quite happy at reports from her office. It looks like a *good* year, if not a *big* year, in fact.

Miss Scobie told this reporter that we will most likely hit the elusive 400 mark this year. She has some simple mathematics for this figure. Since 230 upperclassmen said they would return, and already there are many more in excess of 170 applications from freshmen, she gives us $230 + 170 = 400$. Simple, isn't it?

But mathematics don't tell THE story. The students will come from Japan, Africa, West Indies and India, as well as the U.S.A. and Canada.

Thirty-five of them are both A.K. and O.K. The A.K.'s are Alumni Kids. That makes them O.K. with us! Some are even bringing a brother or sister along for moral support.

By the way, last year we had 61 One Year Students. Of that number 34 (55.7%) tried it and liked it and are coming back. Maybe you should try it too!

So that's what Miss Scobie's pyrotechnics are all about. Why not be glad with us on our 80th Birthday?

SPECIAL COLLEGE DAY FOR PARENTS

Parents of students will receive invitations
in mail.

Parents of prospective students are invited.

PARENTS' DAY, OCTOBER 26, 1974

10:00 A.M. — 8:00 P.M.

Share a College day with
Faculty and Students

**Special Programme: Free Coffee, Donuts, Lunch,
Supper and Programme: \$1.50**

Please contact

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

If you can come — would like to come.

**16 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ont. M5R 2S8
Phone: 924-7167**

A COLUMN OF TRIVIA

When we filled a page with trivial items last issue, we received some commendation, some laughter and some more trivia! So if you want a lift during your busy day...

Give Your Poor Dog a Bone!

Or a coloured T.V., air conditioning, wall-to-wall carpeting, A.M. and F.M. music, brunch, dinner and a vitamin enriched cocktail at 5:00 p.m.! And all these in a three room apartment, with 24 hour human companionship for rates up to \$29.95 a day. That's for when you go on vacation. No hot kennel for Fido. Where? Oh, sorry—this service is in Miami, Florida. A dog's life.

Or Give Your Kids Peace

In British Columbia, the Vancouver School Board reportedly applied for a grant of \$897,000 to pay for a 3 year program of adult-pupil cooperation.

Apart from the eye boggling sum, a mind boggling statement declared that: "Today's children are the last minority group to have won equality. They see themselves as equal to adults (guess who has to pay the shot though!) but adults still talk down to them. When a child from his self-perceived stance of equality answers the adult, it's called sassing back. (Depends on how he says it!) And that's where the conflict begins in the classroom."

So this money is to set up a program to "end this war with children." All punishment will be left out of this system and the child will discipline himself or herself. (This we have to see!) A \$10 Bible would give the instigators of this permissive, irresponsible and ineffective program a much better, and less expensive method of helping the child grow up as God intended him to do.

Send The Coupon And \$1000.

The ad was unbelievable. It suggested that in 17 enjoyable evenings you could put together a solid state, digital T.V. Without experience. Then there was a coupon 2-1/2 x 3 inches asking for your name, address and \$879 (plus tax). That's eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars! For something that may or may not (for me anyway) work.

I have trouble sending in a coupon for a free book or some informative literature. Are there really people who would send

nearly \$1000 just like that? I get discouraged.

By the way, we have a coupon on the back page of this Recorder. Try it first. It's free!

A Glossary Spoof of the Religious Scene

So many new words have attached themselves to the religious scene that Lutheran theologian Marty Marty (no spoof!) compiled a list lest we get lost in the semantic maze. Much of it is tongue-in-cheek (therefore trivia). Some verging on the serious. Anyway, for your delectation here are some "new" words; with "definitions". Not necessarily the opinion of the Editor or the College!

Superstar: What Jesus became when people grew tired of the Bible.

High: What Jesus gives you if you have nothing else.

Trip: The route to a "Jesus high".

Charismatic: Anyone who can outlast others, particularly at prayer meeting. Closes eyes a lot and raises hands in the air.

Glossolalia: A gift hidden from all but early Christians, modern Charismatics and a few others until "discovered" on campuses and in suburbs. Probably like a disease since people ask if it has "broken out" yet here or there.

Late great: What you think this planet is or was. Particularly if you are one of the several million who gave up the earth before God did.

Celebrate: What you do if you have a guitar (amplified), can wiggle a bit and sing a bit. You don't necessarily have to know anything, believe anything or do anything else.

Liberation: Used to describe most people who are female, Third World, black or anything that is not white, male and western. Evidently everyone else is being liberated from him.

You know: Key words in a personal testimony used to fill in gaps between thoughts or when reference is made to something one does not know.

The list is longer, but you can make up your own. It could be a new game the next time you meet for "fellowship". Now there's a word...!

And Speaking of Words

Why not get a good dictionary or a Synonym Finder and use the correct words and their proper spelling, as well as some good old fashioned grammar. For example:

- * I would not hesitate, *however*, to say that the *italicized word is not used* at the beginning of a sentence.
- * You can *deprecate* something if you express disapproval for it; but to *depreciate* is to lessen its value.
- * If you have an *alternative* it's always between two things; more than that is a choice.
- * Splitting an infinitive makes for bad grammar and only occasionally can it add colour or emphasis. You'll find one elsewhere in this Recorder. Or even here if you want to *really try*.
- * Do you use *disassociate* when it should be *dissociate*? Did you know *succulent* should have a moist quality? And that English is the most beautiful, adaptable and prolific language in the world. Let's use it wisely, carefully and constantly for the glory of God.

CANADA'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LOSSES 'CATASTROPHIC,' JOURNAL REPORTS.

TORONTO, ONT. (EP)—Sunday School attendance in Canada has dropped "catastrophically" in the past 10 years, the Toronto Star reported.

Canada's largest newspaper said the over-all decline is close to 50 per cent, with two major Churches—United and Anglican—reporting even greater losses. The two denominations, along with the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), are hearing a referendum on organic union.

In 1962, there were 648,354 children on United Church of Canada rolls; in 1972 the figure was 293,900. Nationally, the Anglicans had similar losses and in the Diocese of Toronto enrollments dropped from 42,559 to 17,772 in the same period.

Some Sunday Schools, however, have actually outgrown their facilities. These are the ones who have developed an aggressive, Bible centred, group oriented program.

NOTE: If your Sunday School is dropping off, why not take a good look at it. And our O.B.C. Christian Education Dept. stands ready with counsel and help. Call on us. We'll be glad to plan and pray with you.

North America's HOME LIFE needs refurbishing

by Art Linkletter*

I was born in a little town called Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada. I was an orphan, and this nice middle-aged couple (the Linkletters) came through town a few months after I was born and adopted me. I spent my youth growing up as a preacher's son. During the depression I found one of the great advantages of being a member of a minister's family, because our family didn't notice the depression—except that other people were beginning to live the way we'd lived all our lives.

FAMILY LIFE CAN BE WONDERFUL . . . BUT . . .

I have spent most of my life walking on the sunny side of the street; having fun, raising a family of five beautiful, wonderful, lovely children, traveling all over the world, with everything I touch turning to fame and fortune. And so, as you must appreciate, two years ago when death struck our family with the tragedy of our youngest daughter, I and my family were completely unprepared. We had never been really close to a serious and tragic loss—and when our 20-year-old girl lost her life because of this mindless experimentation with drugs which has afflicted our country, it was an insufferable, agonizing, unbelievable, impossible-to-understand loss. At that time we had to make up our minds, as a family, whether we would do what Hollywood stars have been trained to do—and that is to suppress, hide, push under the rug any bad, painful, unhappy news. And yet we felt that it was time someone stood up and said the tragedy of drug abuse was on everyone's doorstep . . . that it crossed geographic, economic, religious, educational—every kind of line you can imagine.

LOVE POURED IN

Following our announcement, our mail was unbelievable! Hundreds of thousands of letters—LITERALLY, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS—from all over the world sympathizing, holding forth love and prayers for us. As a result I set out on this crusade which has occupied so much of my time in the last two years. I found first that being the victim of a tragedy does not make you an expert. I was ignorant of the

* This name needs no introduction. Read his own comment on the need of a Christian perspective in the home, written for our Recorder readers.

subject. I had the same stereotyped, caricatured, mythical view of what drugs were and what they did to our children as most middle-class Americans did. I thought that we had to hire more policemen, build bigger jails, arrest the pushers and the users, crack down on our immigration authorities so that they were more particular about the kind of drug pushers they allowed in our country, etc. I found so many other things that were different that today when I talk about drugs I do it with great understanding, sympathy and compassion for the people who use it—and even for the people who sell it! Let me tell you something about this tragic subject.

DISENCHANTMENT

Our youngsters today are using drugs in the amounts that they are and with the reckless abandon that they are because it is the "in" thing to do. It is the fashionable way of expressing your young, daring, growing-up years. And just as most of us when we were young did something foolish, so today kids are experimenting with chemicals. Then of course, there is a certain number of youngsters who are rebellious. They are using this as a means of expressing their disenchantment with life or the rebellion against authority. Then, of course, there are those who are curious (as all youth are) and there are those who are watching the older generation who has pretty well set up two standards of morality as far as drugs are concerned.

I want to point out that in this day and age most Americans are using some kind of drugs—"mind-bending" drugs. They are smoking or drinking or using drugs to go to sleep, or to wake up, or be tranquilized, or to lose weight, or for any other thing that possibly can be a source of anxiety or

worry. We have been brainwashed in the last 25 or 30 years by the greatest barrage of advertising the world has ever known. Most of us believe that relief from anxiety is just a swallow away. Our medicine cabinets at home are filled with pills. Our radios, TV, magazines and newspapers are filled with ads that say, "Better Living through Chemistry." Most of us feel no compunction about taking an aspirin (many of these things are good drugs) but we take too many, too often instead of facing up to our problems, which is the real way of growing up. And so our youngsters are doing just what they've seen us do but they are doing it in excess.

SEDUCTIVE AND PERSUASIVE

Furthermore, they are following two different kinds of missionaries who are seductive, very persuasive. These missionaries of the first type I am going to mention started in about 1960-1969 with the advent of the acid rock musicians. Now, these young musically talented people like the Beatles, Jefferson Airplane and many others, sang drug songs (among many of the kinds of songs) and the drug songs familiarized our young people, through records and radio mostly, with the words of the drug culture, and with the feeling that drugs were a kind of a part of an entertainment scene.

Now I don't say that anybody goes out and tries drugs because he listens to a record or listens to a song, but subliminally that song is conditioning them not to be shocked if they are offered drugs.

Secondly, these same young acid rock stars were not just singing about drugs, they were living drug lives and bragging about it! Through the young world of the growing up child went the delicious stories about how the Beatles standing outside the Queen's official chambers in Buckingham Palace in London, waiting to be given one of the highest honors the British Commonwealth of Nations could bestow upon any commercial group, went into the men's lavatory and got high on marijuana. They bragged about this and it went through all the world of the publishing newspapers and magazines, etc., and the kids chuckled with glee at the fact that the Beatles were disdaining the old Establishment by turning on, getting "high" while they were waiting to be given this award. That's one example.

IDOL WORSHIP

Grace Slick of the Jefferson Airplane was inadvertently invited to the White House to go to a party and tried to smuggle LSD into her purse to drop it into the

punch—a huge joke to turn on everybody at the White House. It was reported in Time and Life and Look, AP and INS, and other wire services—and all the underground press picked it up. Don't think the kids of this country and elsewhere didn't laugh at the thought of one of their favorite singers trying to turn on the whole White House! These kinds of things were what made the idea of following in the footsteps of their idols, the singing stars, who were using it and telling everybody at rock concerts to turn on and get high. This was a very important factor.

On the other side of the spectrum, we have a man like Timothy Leary, Harvard professor, speaking as he did (sometimes in the same town I was speaking) telling everyone that LSD was the greatest chemical ever invented by God; that it gave you a religious experience; gave you an insight to yourself that nothing else could do; and that LSD should be used if you really wanted to expand your mind and live internally as you have been taught to live externally.

So, LSD was given the stamp of approval by many college professors and college students. Now this forest fire of chemical misuse, along with barbiturates, amphetamines and all the other kinds of tranquilizers that were available everywhere across the counter has combined to give us a chemical forest fire that is raging in this country today. Over 75 per cent of all young people who are growing up in this country will have tried drugs before they get out of high school or college. Thank God most of them will have tried it only as curious, daring, showing off, being part of the gang—they will have experimented with marijuana or one of the other drugs. Most of those will not go on and become regular users. Roughly 20 per cent will become what we call weekend or party recreational users. The kind who don't really need drugs. But when they are at a party and people have it, they say, "Sure we'll try it. Everybody else is trying it." Then, of that 20 per cent or 25 per cent, about 10 per cent will become what we call "heads" or "freaks"—they really need it. They're anxious; they're defeated; they're disturbed; they're the kind of people who are losers. They are loners. They have a very low self-profile. They actually need something and they turn to drugs to give them that something. Then of course, there's the 1 per cent or 2 per cent who go on to be the real losers. They're the ones who go on to the hard drugs, mainlining them and using all of the hypodermic needles, whether it is speed or heroin or

morphine or cocaine, or any of the other things.

WE MUST FIGHT

Today I want to tell you that in spite of the fact that this vast number of young people, added to the millions of older people who are hooked on sleeping pills and pep pills and diet pills and all of those things that the doctors carelessly prescribe or the druggists carelessly sell—all of these people are in danger of permanent harm to themselves one way or another, either mentally or spiritually—in their careers or in their families. I am not going to talk in great detail about any of the drugs because I don't feel this is the place to do that. What I want to do is to tell you what I think we must do in this country and the important ways in which we must fight this drug abuse problem.


We must stop to think *why* people are taking drugs, not what are they or where they come from, because we will never be able to stop the supply of drugs. Today there are over 5,000 different psychoactive drugs all the way from the organic drugs grown naturally to the drugs created in laboratories. We're never going to be able to stop the supply or availability of drugs. WE HAVE TO MAKE LIFE MORE MEANINGFUL! WE HAVE TO, AS PARENTS, GIVE OUR CHILDREN MORE LOVE, AND MORE CARE, AND MORE CON-

CERN AND COMMUNICATION: AND AS HUMAN BEINGS WE HAVE TO FILL OUR LIVES WITH SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN MATERIALISTIC THINGS.

This society today, as you all know, has become the kind of civilization where we are graded on how much money we have, how many TV sets we have, how big our homes, how many cars, whether we go to Europe—rather than whether we love, care and communicate with each other. I SAY TO YOU THAT THE HOME LIFE OF NORTH AMERICA NEEDS TO BE REFURBISHED, STRENGTHENED AND BROUGHT BACK INTO ITS PROPER FOCUS. Today our kids are so far down the list of priorities that it is shameful and alarming.

WHAT DO WE GIVE OUR CHILDREN?

Dr. Urie Bronfenbrenner of Cornell University says of all the Western civilizations, in the United States we give our children less of our own time, and care, and love than any other country. We give them more cars, more TV sets, cassettes, money, vacations, private schools—but *how many of us give ourselves to our children?* That is what we're coming back to. I see across this country, as a result of this terrible drug plague, a resurgence of care—and do you know, God moves in mysterious ways? Perhaps the frightening



The Church that is in their house

PRISCILLA AND AQUILLA must have been a wonderful couple. They are mentioned several times by Paul with deep affection and worthy commendation.

But few of his references to them are so rich and meaningful, as when twice (Rom. 16:5, 2 Cor. 16:19) he mentions "the church that is in their house."

What a place that must have been, where "Christ is the Head of the home, the unseen Host at every meal, the silent Listener to every conversation."

It must have been a place where the servants of God found hospitality and friendship; where the people of God came for fellowship, and where the unconverted could find Christ.

Say—is your home a castle, with drawbridge, moat and portcullis to keep out all

but the select few? Or is it a wide open "church" where all are welcome?

Do you use it, furnish it, treat it as your own, for your comfort and joy? Or do you share it with others?

Is the house a place for texts on the walls, Bible on the coffee table and religious magazines? Or is there a family altar, singing and prayer and mutual love as befits the church of God?

Is the church in YOUR house, where neighbours can come and are welcome, for Bible study, sympathy and neighbourliness? Do you have God's servants in to share your hearth and board; to be assured of your prayers and financial support; to enrich the lives of yourselves and your children with their friendship?

If the church isn't in your house, it should be!

thought of losing our children will drive us back to looking at them with a new eye; and perhaps strengthening a great many of the loosening family ties that have bound us together in the past. If you will just very briefly look down the average American family you will see: (1) Divorce splitting up people; (2) moving to new communities with new roots, new temptations. No corps of old friends and relatives surrounding them. The myth of a father who is no longer a father figure. We see instead gratification of desires, permissiveness as has never before been the case in American history. And all these things combine to make our American families today so loose and so uncaring for each other that there is no wonder that we have alcohol, drugs, liberalized sex attitudes, run-aways, vandalism, disregard for law. All of these things (not just drug abuse) coming out of the fact that North American life, and modern life everywhere has become a pursuit of the material and a lack of the realization that human beings interacting with each other are the most important deterrent to all forms of excess living that deteriorate and destroy the soul and body of the average human being.

A SPIRITUAL REVIVAL—THE REAL "HIGH"

I am encouraged by a number of things.

I find that there is a gigantic upsurge of religious and spiritual interest among young people of America. Now, like most young people, there are excesses. You see the Jesus freaks as they are called who run up and down the streets, almost intemperately advertising their belief in Jesus. But I would rather see that than to have them turned on to drugs of any kind. We also see the street Christians of many, many different kinds. The point is, the young people are telling us, one way or other, that they need something inside . . . that all the exterior things are *not* enough . . . that they need something to live for, some values they can believe in, some love and caring that they have too long been denied. And if they get that, drugs aren't going to be that important. Drugs aren't going to be that much of a needed crutch. That's all they really are—a crutch to get us past defeat, anxiety, despair, loss, loneliness. In this country today we have more lonely people than we have ever had before living in the biggest crowds—loneliness. It is a great sickness. Drugs raise and elevate a person—they turn them on, give them a "high." When I talk to people, I tell them that same "high"—much better—much more constructive—and much more lasting—can be

had by spiritual help and strength. Religion has been the greatest "high" that human beings have ever had in the thousands of years that all kinds of humans have used drugs.

By the way, let me comment on just that for a second. Ever since human beings have been on earth they have unerringly found drugs to relieve their anxiety. The natives in the high mountains of Peru gasping for breath and fatigued in the fields found the cocoa leaf which they chew with lime, and from which we get cocaine. The natives in Mexico working in the hot, fertile, tropical valleys found the mushrooms which are full of hallucinogenic materials. The cactus bud gives us the mescaline, the peyote, and then of course, the cannabis sativa plant or marijuana plant, grown all over the world. I don't have to tell you what the poppy has brought us. These kinds of things have been available for the human kind for 5,000 years, and it has always been the inadequate "no-hopers," as they say in Australia, who have turned to these kinds of drugs. But today, for the first time in the history of the world, the leaders of the future are being threatened by drugs. The finest young people of this country and of the world are the ones who are turning on. And that's why I am so concerned.

I left the United Nations where I spoke before a distinguished audience and went to Appleton, Wisconsin, a little town in the middle west where you think there would be no drug abuse at all (a kind of farm town). They're so desperate; they have so many drug addicts there they don't know which way to turn. I spoke to 900 first graders seated on gym mats in a great big auditorium—and if you don't think that's quite a switch in both language, figure of speech and attitude—from the UN to the first graders. While the UN Secretary General paid me one of the finest compliments of my life when he told me that it was the most moving speech he had heard in his life at the UN, I got an even better compliment from a first grader who wrote me in big black letters after I spoke at Appleton. He says: "Dear Art Linkletter, you are the best speaker I have ever heard. (Period, Paragraph) You are the ONLY speaker I have ever heard!" THAT came right from the heart.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE INSIDE YOU?

As I go from place to place with different audiences, different age levels, different intellectual pursuits, and different motivations, I try to convey all of the various facets of this complicated, exasperating and desperate subject. But I want to tell you

that it all comes down finally to one thing; that is, WHAT DO YOU HAVE INSIDE OF YOU? Do you have hope? Do you have God? Then you don't need drugs; you can be turned on by an exaltation greater than any chemical that was ever invented. I tell the kids in high schools, colleges and grammar schools and their mothers and dads that the way to be turned on to life is to live a meaningful life, a life where you have faith, and where you have love running through it. If I could leave one word that would be more important than any other word with the average person in the United States that has to do with battling drugs, all of the other excesses, it's that one word, "LOVE"—care, loving each other.

I am going to conclude with a little story that I am often reminded of because too many of us living our fast-pace lives involved with materialistic pursuits and fun and games and excitement forget that there are people right next to us who are dying inside because of lack of love. Since I am an orphan originally, this particular story has appeal for me because it is about an orphanage.

One time at the little orphanage a girl arrived who was an unattractive sort of girl. She was a "loner" as so many people are; she didn't make friends easily. She wasn't the kind of person you'd rush over and become a buddy with very rapidly. And so, shortly after she had been there the children who had made some faint overtures to her had disdained her, and the teachers didn't care for her. She was a little girl by herself. Everywhere, nobody invited her to play games and they just accepted her as part of the scenery. One day a school teacher saw her go down in the pasture behind the orphanage, and she kind of sidled down to where a big low-lying oak was with a lot of branches. She reached in her little apron and took out something. She put it in an opening in the oak tree.

The teacher thought, "Uh-huh, that miserable child has been stealing, and I am going down and find out what she has been stealing and report her."

After she had gone, the teacher went down and reached in the oak tree and brought out a crumpled piece of paper. On this paper were written these words, "To anyone who finds this, I love you." A dramatic instance of a child crying out for love and unable to express it—unable to communicate; and yet it was needed, as it is with all of us.

My message to mothers and dads and youngsters, ministers, teachers, parole officers and all, is that we **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**, just as Jesus said.

HUSBAND, DO YOU LOVE YOUR WIFE?

by Wally Yew,

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The first time I was consciously aware that there was some trouble in my marriage was about three years ago. I was the speaker in a week-long retreat. It was my first big challenge as a minister outside of my own church. I was pouring my whole life into the retreat—praying, fasting, meditating and preaching. And as a result, I did not phone home until the third or fourth day.

The moment I said “Honey” to my wife, I knew something was wrong because she did not say anything, a signal that meant she was angry. “How are you?” I asked. “Is Patrick (our baby boy) O.K.?” Then she began to tell me a few details of what’s happening at home and in the church. I became impatient, thinking of the money already spent on the phone and the meeting that was coming up in a couple of hours, and I urged: “Can you hurry up? Can you wait till I get home to tell me?” That turned her on like a faucet. She began to cry. “What’s the matter?” my voice came across as a bit shocked. “If you don’t want to talk to me, you can hang up,” she retorted, her voice choked with sobs.

I BEGAN TO WONDER

I do not remember how the conversation ended. After I hung up the phone, I began to wonder. Can’t she understand that I am under a lot of pressure here? Doesn’t she know that we can’t afford to call long distance often and for 15 minutes every time? Isn’t she dedicated like I am to the Lord? Aren’t we supposed to sacrifice our all to God, including our private lives?

Up to that time in our married life, I do not remember bringing any gift to my wife, not even a birthday card. Not that I did not love her. Of course I did, at least I thought I did. I just thought that it would be a waste of money to send her anything. Needless to say, I did not buy her any dresses, candies, or flowers either. Why should she need any of those things? I did not think that she should need or want them. Friends and relatives were giving me hints like giving her dresses and asking me to take her out occasionally, but I was too preoccupied with my ministry.

As pressure piled up on me, I would demand more from my wife. I wanted her

to be a mother-wife-personal secretary-receptionist-Bible woman-taxi driver-nurse-cook-maid-pianist-choir director-custodian all in one. I wanted her to do everything and be everywhere. And I wondered why she could not do them all, after all, she did not have to work outside the home!

Besides making demands on her, I began to wonder how come she was not reading the Bible and praying as much as I do? How come she was not leading more persons to Christ? How come we could not entertain more often than we did? How come the house could not be more presentable? How come my shirts were not ironed more often? And how come she could not shine my shoes like some wives do?

TIME FOR OTHERS

As a good pastor, I had time for anyone and everyone. I could listen patiently to a person in need for hours. I could spend an afternoon or an entire evening socializing with the young people in Church. I could, and sometimes did, go out to do visitation until after midnight. But I did not have time for my wife. I could not even have ten minutes for her at times.

God called me to save others. God wanted me to give generously, regularly and sacrificially, God wanted me to deny myself. But I did not know that I was to do all these things beginning at home. A minute spent on others is a minute spent in serving God. A cent spent on behalf of God’s work is a cent recorded in the Bank of Heaven. But I did not realize that the minutes and cents spent on my wife were just as important in God’s sight, maybe even more important.

May God forgive me for those times that I made unreasonable demands on my wife. I expected her to meet my various needs, to help me in my ministry and to change into what I wanted her to be. But I seldom understood her needs and her expectations. Sometimes, under pressure from others, and insensitivity from me, she would cry when we were both in bed. To me, that was moody. “How come you are crying?” “What’s wrong?” “Don’t you know that I have to preach tomorrow?” And inwardly I thought to myself: “Instead

of helping me, you are ruining my ministry. How can I serve God if I cannot take care of my own home?” The frustration I felt was similar to an inexperienced father trying to ask a baby to stop crying. In my frustration, sometimes I asked myself if I did make the right choice. It’s too late to change, but nevertheless, did I make the right choice in marrying her?

FOR THE FIRST TIME . . .

It is difficult to tell when the Day of Enlightenment came to me, but it was crystalized during the period when my wife was in the hospital for our second son and the two weeks or so when she returned from the hospital. During that period of time, I had to take care of the house and Patrick. For the first time in my life, I found out that it was a full-time job just to look after a two-year-old son. Besides babysitting Patrick and changing and washing his diapers, I had no time for anything else. No time for prayer, for Bible Study, for corresponding, for . . . We would probably have starved if some dear friends did not bring us food.

MY SELFISHNESS—A CLOUD

It became crystal clear to me that I could not do half as much as my wife did. The revelation that I had mistreated and been most ungrateful to my wife came to me like a thunderbolt. My selfishness hung over my soul like dark clouds before a storm. My immaturity of expecting changes from my wife and not doing any changes myself made me feel like a six-month-old baby kicking his feet, waving his hands and crying out for milk. The experience of living in my wife’s shoes led me to a new course of life because it revolutionized my attitude toward the one whom God has so graciously provided for me: my dearest wife, Maryann.

Once I demanded much from my wife and I got frustrated; now I do not consciously demand anything from her and I am satisfied and very grateful every time she does something for me. Once I thought she was supposed to help me, so every time when she did I took it for granted and expected more; now I know that she has to be yielded to the Spirit to be willing to help me and every time she does, I thank God for her. Once I asked her not to disturb me, now I find time to talk with her. What a wonderful change has taken place in my family life as well as in my ministry. I am fully convinced that unless my public testimony is backed up by corresponding testimonies from my daily life, my testimony will not be worth much in the eyes of God and man.

I used to complain to myself that Maryann was not submissive to me whenever she disagreed with my suggestion that we should go out with another family or another boy or girl during our day off. Why not make our day off count for God was my reasoning. Little did I know that she wanted to be alone with me and I needed to be alone with her and the family. Now I make it a point to go with my family alone on my day off, and it's she who sometimes suggests that we should go with so and so. From experience, I have learned that a husband who makes decisions based on his wife's interest usually finds her willing to follow him; and a wife who is not submissive usually reveals a husband who is not truly loving.

IN RETROSPECT

The first five verses of Matthew 7 revolutionized my thinking and behaviour. Sometimes I used to complain about her flank steak being too salty, her getting up too late in the morning, her being too jealous, her not being social enough and ad infinitum. Matthew 7 teaches me that the reason that the steak is too salty is because I did not help take care of the baby who is crying and clinging to her feet while she is cooking. These verses show me that the reason Maryann is jealous is because I have not shown her my love in more concrete form: with words, with time spent with her alone, with letters, with flowers . . . Christ's words clarify for me that if she is not so busy, if she does not have to get up in the middle of the night to take care of the crying children, if I do not keep her up so late at night typing my sermon, she could probably get up earlier.

In retrospect, I can see very clearly where I have wronged. I made the mistake of trying to change her, trying to get her to be whom I want her to be and do what I want her to do. I demanded her to change, to perform and to come through. I acted contrary to the biblical teaching of "judge not, lest you be judged."

The Lord has enabled me to see that one sure way to improve my marriage is to work on my attitude toward my wife. Instead of loving myself and having expectations from her, I should love her and fulfill her expectations. In giving, I find myself receiving. And in loving, I am loved.

I am convinced that many Christian couples are not leading a very happy married life. Some of them do not even envision the possibility of improving upon their marriages. And others are too ashamed to ask for help. It is bad enough to admit setbacks at school, it is worse, much worse, to tell others of one's failure

in the home. I would suggest that problems in every marriage are normal and necessary. And it is not only not shameful to look for help to one's problem in married life, it is the most sensible thing to do. But somehow many people, including myself, would rather save their faces than their marriages. They would like to protect their Christian testimony and reputation. But the only thing they are protecting is themselves from the forgiveness and blessings of God.

My dear brothers and sisters, God wants you to find happiness and fulfillment in your home. He wants you to experience love, joy, openness, intimacy and forgiveness with your mate. He wants to use your marriage to represent the relationship of Christ and His Church (Eph. 5:25).

One of the most basic and practical ways to demonstrate to others our love toward God is to love our wives.

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DIVORCES AT ALL-TIME HIGH

WASHINGTON, D.C. (EP)—"For the fifth year in a row, divorces in America are at an all-time high," according to U.S. News & World Report.

The magazine adds that "the end is not in sight." In 1973, 913,000 couples, or one for every four marriages, were divorced in U.S. courts. This year or next, "the number is expected to pass one million," the magazine stated.

Too many couples, the periodical reported, "are splitting up too hastily—without fully considering the financial and emotional hardships that divorce can inflict . . . Such hardships, the experts say, are increasing as alimony and child-support laws change, and living alone becomes more difficult for those not prepared for an independent life . . . Sometimes the pain of marriage is better than the emptiness of divorce."

And the divorce rate is gaining on marriages, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. The ratio now is one divorce for every 2.6 marriages, an appallingly high increase year by year. What a moral breakdown we are seeing!

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LADIES! CAN YOU COME?
WILL YOU COME?

"PERMANENT AND EXCLUSIVE . . . A THING OF THE PAST"

This shocking comment by a psychologist who specializes in marriage counselling was his carefully analyzed and thought through conclusion to contemporary marriages.

In fact, the suggestion was made, the average marriage might (not likely) be permanent but not exclusive; or conversely, be exclusive (for a time) but not permanent; or it might well be neither of these.

And when one sees the appallingly high divorce rate, the feeling is that he may be right, that lifelong, faithful marriage is too hard, too idealistic, and men and women are too weak and frail. Some others even suggest that permanence in marriage might even be harmful.

God help us.

Because this attitude, carnal and worldly though it be, is also the attitude (leading to divorce action) of many Christians. One missionary couple, home after a two year absence, was appalled at some of their peers, legally separated, planning divorce or already divorced. And still amicably and fraternally in the fellowship of the church.

What is wrong?

"For the fifth year in a row," reports U.S. News & World Report, "divorces are at an all time high and the end of the rise is not in sight. One of every four marriages is dissolved by the courts, and by the end of 1974 the number for the year is expected to pass one million."

Irreconcilable differences; mental cruelty; personality clashes—these and others are the reasons given. But for every problem case, Jesus Christ has, and is,

the Answer! If He is only given the opportunity to work.

Instead of seeking first the kingdom of God, someone (Mel Krantzler) has written a book called "Creative Divorce." One has to wonder if there is a book called "Creative Marriage"! Because marriage, permanent and exclusive, has been ordained of God and is one of the most glorious creative acts He has permitted to His children. Not merely creative in procreation, but creative in the husband/wife team working in the Kingdom of God; the building of strong, stable society in family and home life; and it is creative in the time dimension of the eternal Kingdom of God.

Thank God for Christian counsellors, for the Christian ministry, which are some of the means that God can use, together with the Word of God and the deep work of the Holy Spirit, to keep the marriage bond strong and a good, permanent witness to the Lordship of Christ.

IT WOULD BE A GOOD THING FOR ALL MARRIED COUPLES, AND ALL THOSE CONTEMPLATING MARRIAGE TO REMEMBER THE WORDS SPOKEN ABOUT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AT THE FIRST MARRIAGE (IN CANA OF GALILEE) RECORDED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (John 2):

**"WHATSOEVER HE
(THE LORD JESUS)
SAITH UNTO YOU, DO IT!"**

Note: Have you read: "THE CHRISTIAN HOME" by Shirley Rice. It only costs \$2.50. Yet it has been the means of salvaging many homes and marriages. Write the editor for a copy.

YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL! YOUR GARBAGE CAN IS TOO BIG!

A Chinese visitor to Washington, D.C. was asked about his first impressions of the U.S.A.

The man thought for a moment, then staggered his questioner with: "The size of your garbage cans!"

North Americans are the only people in the world who have a garbage disposal problem. They are also among the very few people of the world who spend more money on diets and reducing programs than the majority of the peoples of the world earn in annual salaries.

Wasted food while millions die of starvation! Obesity from overeating that reduces vitality and increases heart attacks and other ailments! And all the while we claim to follow the One Who asked us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick.

It is appalling to sit in church and hear of banquet tables laden and groaning with food; of "fellowship" that means eating, eating and more eating. Then to see the bloated bellies, the rickety legs, the wan cheeks, the dull eyes, the approach of death of millions of men, women and children as portrayed on T.V. or in newspapers.

Actually, it isn't that we don't care. It's just that we are indifferent to the person lying, half dead by the side of our road like the priest and the levite of Luke 10. God needs some more good Samaritans like the one who gave time (precious commodity), money (wise investment), oil, wine and food (considerate help) for a stranger. And he kept on giving—not just a once in a lifetime shot.

How big is your God? And your garbage can?

Recently we ran an article by Jim Reese, soloist with the Campbell-Reese Evangelistic Team. In that article he opened his heart and the experience he shared with his wife of bringing up a retarded son. "Retarded and Beautiful" has been republished by several other magazines, to the comfort and help of many. Jim writes again, to



(Jim Reese penned this birthday greeting to another son, Paul, on his thirteenth birthday. We think it's a classic challenge to Christian manhood. Editor.)

Dear Paul:

Today's the big day you officially arrive at Teenhood, that wonderful age between Childhood and Adulthood. Welcome to a great new world! You'll only be a teenager once (we hope!) so your Mom and I want you to make the most of it.

That giant of a man, the Apostle Paul, for whom we named you, was once a teenager too. He spoke of it in First Corinthians 13:11—"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." As for him, so for you, these are the years of PUTTING AWAY and BECOMING.

We've greatly enjoyed watching you pass through all the stages from Baby to "Teenie-bopper." But now you are PUTTING AWAY childish things and BECOMING a man. These are three areas in which to become a man:

1. Become a man with YOURSELF,
2. Become a man with OTHERS, and
3. Become a man with your GOD.

BECOME A MAN WITH YOURSELF:

Now's the time to get tough with yourself and to go into serious training with increasing self discipline.

Subdue your *body*. God has given you a healthy body. Now build it and become a rugged, robust and sightly temple for the Lord.

Subdue your *mind*. God has given you a good mind which you must fully awaken into maturity by diligent study and discipline.

Subdue your *spirit*. This is the part of you that puts your body and mind to work for either good or evil. Let God control your spirit, so it will not be a "spirit of fear," as Paul said to young Timothy, "but of power, and of love and of a sound mind."

BECOME A MAN WITH OTHERS:

Learn to respect everyone. Be at ease with all people no matter who they are. Be genuinely interested in them and draw the best qualities out of them.

With men be a man's man.

With women be a gentle man.

With children be a kind man.

With everyone be considerate, be understanding, be patient, be loving, be discreet, be forgiving and be yourself. Do this, and for the woman whom God shall give you as your wife, you'll be the right man.

BECOME A MAN WITH YOUR GOD:

Your greatest privilege is to live with the Lord and for the Lord.

Fear *God* as the One before Whom you will stand one day to give a full accounting of all you've ever done or said or thought in public and in private.

Make *Christ* your best friend and constant companion. Love Him with all your heart. Get to know Him intimately through much time in the Word and in prayer.

Be sensitive to the presence of the *Holy Spirit* in your life as the One Who wants to guide you and empower you and make you a complete man who always does the right thing in the right way in the right place at the right time and for the right purpose.

We don't expect you to become all of the above by tomorrow. But we do expect you to develop constantly in all these areas. And we'll be praying for you and working with the Lord and with you to help you put away your childhood and BECOME a man—God's man.

We love you very much.

Your Mom and Dad

Ed. Note: Have you considered passing on words of help and wisdom to your children?

RIGHT TO LIFE ASSOCIATION

The above letter written by Jim Reese speaks volumes. One son was born retarded (see "Retarded and Beautiful," *Recorder*, December, 1973), this son is very normal. Both bring joy to the Reese family and in the purpose of God, will both make a contribution to the world.

It is imperative that the Christian should honour life, in the unborn and the born, the normal and the exceptional. In a newsletter of the **Right to Life Association** appeared this paragraph:

"In these days when society is increasingly basing its life and death decisions on convenience, pragmatism and a kind of scientific humanism, it is imperative that each pro-life person in this country redouble his efforts to bring into society's decision-making process a reverence for human life in *all* its stages, be it born or unborn, defective or whole, aged, weak or senile. *Now* is the time to put on the pressure to halt the growing anti-life forces at work in our society. Without the pro-life push now—this year—our cause could suffer irreversible setbacks.

"To be truly pro-life, it is not sufficient to be simply (albeit strongly) anti-abortion. To be pro-life is to be supportive when and where the "real crunch" comes—to work for solutions, in our governments and in our communities, to those problems which lead women to seek abortions—to extend a helping hand (and maybe your home and family) to a troubled teen, or to the lonely aged, or to the unwed mother, or to the battered foster child—to be simply aware enough of the needs of others to recognize and understand the sheer hopelessness and despair in the lives of so many, and to recognize our obligation, as fellow human beings, to bring the light of hope, love and concern into their lives."

If you are interested enough to be concerned, write or phone for Newsletter and information to:

Right To Life Association
Suite 611

12 Richmond Street East
Toronto, Ont. M5C 1N1

or Phone: 364-4768

O.B.C. BEGINS RADIO MINISTRY

On Sept. 2, O.B.C. will begin a daily radio broadcast, Monday—Thursday, from 3:15-3:30 p.m.

Radio Station CHOO

Be sure to tune in.

HOME SWEET HOME
 WHERE EACH LIVES FOR THE OTHER
 AND ALL LIVE FOR GOD

THE MORAL VACUUM

This was the title of an editorial recently in a Canadian newspaper. It began with these words: "It has long been the fashion to explain crime with an easy sociological twist: society is to blame." Then it went on to refute that type of easy fault finding, deploring the twisted idealism, the moral vacuum that results from the change in family values.

Young people need a set of values, a sense of security and something stable in a world of change. They go to school, live

and work in a technological, computerized, impersonal milieu. Where is the personhood in knowing that instead of a name, he or she is a number like 426-158-887-73181117-421-2614? (This identifies the Editor!)

If personhood is denied, the responsibilities of personality are easily shirked. So there is dropping out from school, home, family and society. Into the moral vacuum is drawn "the dust of death" as Os Guinness describes it in a book of that name.

Or the moral vacuum can be filled by a

warm, family relationship, concerned parents who demonstrate their love and unity ("what God has joined together") and this precious cement binds people to people.

Young people need the example of others on which to fashion their own possible lives and careers. They need something that will help stretch their idealism, their dedication to the limits of God's purpose. These can only be found in the Christian family, the Godly home, where

EACH LIVES FOR THE OTHER,
 AND ALL LIVE FOR GOD.

I lost my ETHICAL COMPASS



Perhaps one of the more pathetic and tragic results of the infamous Watergate case confronting our American neighbours and friends, is the evident moral poverty of men in high places. What is seen and read is only symptomatic of the heart of man which is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."

From the thousands of words used to express and expose this moral breakdown, few are more pungent than those spoken by Mr. J. Magruder, one of the ringleaders or underlings, depending on how it is viewed.

As he stood, subdued, a man whose life will never recover from the stigma of his associations and work, and waited for justice to proclaim its sentence upon him, Mr. Magruder said:

"Somewhere between my ambitions and my ideals, I lost my ethical compass."

One does not judge nor condemn an already judged and condemned man. He is presently in a federal prison, his brilliance and his ambitions locked behind bars.

But his comment is a penetrating ana-

lysis of man's need—all people—today. They need a compass—a compass for ethical living, for direction and purpose in the fulfillment of life, and for a way into God's heaven, opened by His love and by His Son.

The compass is provided in the Word of God—and in a day of mixed loyalties, perverted living and twisted ideals, only the Bible can speak with the authority and power of God Himself.

**HAVE YOU READ
 THE BIBLE
 TODAY?**



sticker that declares: "I'm headed for the promised land, see you there . . . J.C."

Perhaps too many of us leave the witness for Christ to an inanimate sticker, button, poster, billboard, tract or some other medium of communication. What He is really looking for in the terms of Romans 12:1-2, is a "body, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service."

With such sacrifice, God is well pleased. But those other media—well, there does have to be more than the words. There must be the life.

THE CHRISTIAN AND WORK

" . . . by the sweat of your brow" says the Bible, teaching both the dignity and necessity of work.

John Wesley travelled 250,000 miles on horseback, averaging 20 miles a day for 40 years. He also preached 40,000 sermons, produced 400 books, gave numerous hymns to the church and learned ten languages that he used fluently!

At 83 years of age, Wesley was annoyed at not being able to write for more than 15 hours a day without damage to his eyes. And at 86 he apologized for not being able to preach more than twice a day. He even recorded a major sin (in his eyes) in his diary: a tendency to stay in bed until 5:30 a.m.!

Today we seem to have a world of clock watchers whose short day and decreased work week leaves much time for leisure, but little time for God.

Someone has said that the church is full of willing workers—a few willing to work, and the rest willing to let them work.

"Redeem the time," exhorts Paul, "for the days are evil." Christians should realize that time is a precious commodity to be used for God; it is the doorstep to eternity.

The Bible provides a sound doctrine of work, although it is never seen on a doctrinal statement. A hymn writer put it aptly.

"I do not work my soul to save,
That work, the Lord has done;
But I will work like any slave
For love of God's dear Son."

God set the example by working Himself, and set our first parents to work as well. He gives skill and ability, all of which are involved in faithful stewardship.

Work in the Bible sense is not just preaching, teaching, pastoring, missions or the other definitions we so often use.

ALL we do should be done to the glory of God.

In Acts 6, seven men "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" were chosen to wait on tables. High qualification for a lowly, menial task? No—the highest qualifications for the holiest of tasks—serving God.

Make ALL work something you do for the glory of God. And if He gives you the opportunity for *extra* work, be glad, grateful and willing.

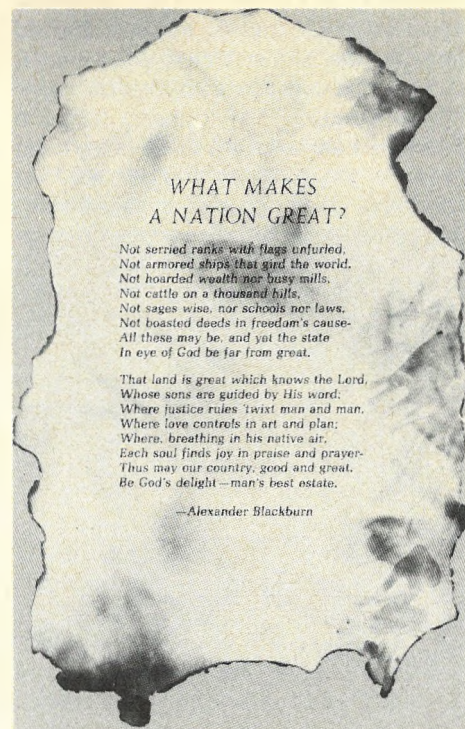
One large church, Sunday after Sunday appealed for someone to help with a teenage group in the Bible School. When none came forward the Pastor sadly broke the group up to disperse among other classes, only to see the majority of them disappear.

"No man cared for my soul" is the Psalmist's plaintive cry.

And Christians who will not work, who use time, skills, ability and money for self alone are like the one who buried the talent and who was declared to be a slothful servant (Matt. 25:14-30).

The Christian and Christian Service should be synonymous terms. Or in the words of J. H. Bavinck in his "The Impact of Christianity on the Non-Christian World": "It is impossible to be a Christian in the fullest sense of the word, and leave the world about us to the destructive influences of sin. Whoever belongs to Christ, belongs to Him in the complete greatness of His work."

What have you done for Him today?



WHAT MAKES A NATION GREAT?

Not serried ranks with flags unfurled,
Not armored ships that gird the world,
Not hoarded wealth nor busy mills,
Not cattle on a thousand hills,
Not sages wise, nor schools nor laws,
Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause—
All these may be, and yet the state
In eye of God be far from great.

That land is great which knows the Lord,
Whose sons are guided by His word,
Where justice rules 'twixt man and man,
Where love controls in art and plan;
Where, breathing in his native air,
Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer—
Thus may our country, good and great,
Be God's delight—man's best estate.

—Alexander Blackburn

In October/73, the Reader's Digest carried what is doubtless a true story of a woman who was busy shuttling her children to ballet and choir practice, when she was stopped at a traffic light.

In front of her was a station wagon also full of children. On the rear bumper in glowing letters was a sticker:

"IF YOU LOVE JESUS, HONK"

Our narrator did the friendly thing and honked, only to be appalled as a red-faced, furious driver stuck her head out the window, glared back at the honker and shouted for all to hear:

"D . . . ! Can't you see the light's still red?"

How do you live up to bumper sticker religion? Words are not a witness when poor driving, discourteous behaviour and bad language blot them out.

There's a weakness in contemporary Christianity that declares "Jesus Is Lord" on a dirty T-shirt worn by an uncouth and unfortunately unshorn youth who does little to commend his Lord.

What use is a sticker on a brief case that points to "One Way" when life and language seem to indicate another way.

"I Love Jesus," "God Loves You," "Jesus Is Lord," looks nice on the back of a leather jacket, but not when the wearer is necking heavily and in public, while listening to gospel rock—something seen by this writer.

According to figures given out by the producers of such things, 1974 will see 2 million bumper stickers printed, plus 2 million or so Jesus T-shirts, Jesus buttons, Jesus posters, Jesus shoulder patches, Jesus decals, Jesus watches, Jesus bracelets, Jesus pins, Jesus cups, and key rings, pens, combs and notepaper without number.

Perhaps the most unseemly is a bumper

DIVINE STANDARDS OF HUMAN SOCIETY



(Compiled by the Rev. Claude Bunzel,
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THE LIVING AND TRUE GOD is the God of the entire universe which He has created. This is reality, whether angels or men recognize it as so or not. The unfolding of history does not change this reality. The God of yesterday is the God of today—and will be the God of tomorrow.

God has made Himself and His will known by Divine revelation. This revelation is His own Word, the Holy Bible. This inspired Book is meant for all mankind, for all time. Its commandments are as holy, its precepts as wise, and its judgments as right, in our day, as they were when first made known to man.

The primary message of the Bible is the good news of salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. This Gospel message tells of the miraculous birth, the sinless life, the sacrificial death, and the bodily resurrection of the Son of God. Nothing is more important to the individual than to know and believe this Gospel, for Christ alone can bring salvation to sinful mankind.

There is, however, more in the Bible than the Gospel of Christ. God's Word also contains much that is equally inspired about the civil affairs of man, and the standards of conduct that God expects within human societies. The following Scripture references are but a few of the many to be found in the Bible on this subject. Yet these few, taken together, reveal the standards that the God of the universe has set for all human societies, whether they exist in the form of tribes, nations, federations, or smaller social groups amidst these larger organizational forms.

- GEN. 1:1 God cannot be separated from His own creation without doing violence to the very nature of the universe itself.
- GEN. 9:6 Capital punishment was instituted by God Himself, for those who take the law of life into their own hands.
- EX. 20:3 No society of men can be truly free which does not allow the free worship of the living and true God.
- EX. 20:8-10 No society of men can justly

prevent public worship at stated times, since the rule of God is supreme over the rule of men.

- EX. 20:12 Children are the direct responsibility of their parents, as parents are the concern of the children.
- EX. 20:13 A man's life is his most valued possession, and a society of free men must take steps to protect human life from abuse.
- EX. 20:15 & 17 The right to private property is a God-given right, and cannot ordinarily be withdrawn from the individual owner.
- EX. 20:16 Truth and equity between men are to be maintained, with no one person permitted to bring another under false accusation.
- LEV. 19:15 Absolute justice, without respect of persons for any reason, must be made the common rule for all human societies.
- LEV. 19:35, 36 All commercial transactions are to be conducted according to a single standard, equally applicable to all members of society.
- LEV. 25:35-39 Usury (illegal rate of interest) may not be extracted from the poor, rather they shall be shown charity whenever in need.
- LEV. 25:39-43 Servitude may not be forced upon those who are poor, rather opportunity to labor for hire shall be extended to them.
- DEUT. 1:16, 17 Judges are to exercise righteous judgment, both for citizens and aliens, without respect of persons for any reason.
- DEUT. 32:1-4 God Himself is the Fountainhead of all truth and equity; therefore, God is the true Source of these for the whole world.
- JUDGES (chap. 2) Religious corruption is always followed by political corruption, both of which degenerate until personal anarchy sets in (cf. Judges 21:25).
- PS. 33:12 No matter what form of government a given nation may have, or how capable its leaders may be, national blessing is directly related to the nation's recognition of Jehovah.

- PS. 50 All appearances to the contrary, God has not forsaken His own word, but will in due time bring it into judgment, with His own Law as the universal standard of judgment.
- PS. 119:45 True liberty for individuals cannot be realized apart from individual obedience to the precepts of God's holy Law.
- PROV. 14:33 While the Gospel of Christ is intended for the individual, it is also true that national righteousness brings forth God's blessing, and national sin brings forth God's judgment.
- PROV. 22:6 Parents who faithfully train their children in righteousness may be assured that in later years they will not apostatize.
- PROV. 29:2 Only "righteous" leaders can bring about conditions of peace, prosperity and happiness within a nation.
- ISA. 5:20-24 Those who turn from God's Law to their own counsels not only pervert judgment, but shall suffer the consequences of rebellion.
- ISA. (chapters 13-23) The prophetic message must pronounce judgment against the "burden" (weight) of a nation's sins, not merely those of ancient history, but the particular sins of the nation today.
- ISA. 31:1-2 Those who forsake God, in favor of dependence upon mere human allies, can only expect to meet Divine resistance to such folly.
- ISA. 50:1, 2 Any nation precludes God's blessing or invites God's judgment when people presume to pray without repentance of known sins.
- EZEK. 3:15-19 God has commissioned His spiritual leaders to be "watchmen on the wall," and they are to warn the "wicked" within the world as well as preach to the righteous within the Church.
- LAM. 1:12 When a nation is beset by sins that invite judgment from God, it is a travesty of the faith not to feel genuine compassion.
- MATT. 5:13 God's people are the "salt" that prevents the earth from corruption, hence their "savour" must be maintained at all costs.
- MATT. 5:17, 18 No part of God's moral Law may be abrogated, no matter how seemingly minor, as long as Heaven and Earth remain.
- MATT. 6:1-4 The showing of charity towards those in need is vital to Christian love, and will be rewarded by God: if practised nationally, it would

lower taxes, reduce the bureaucracy, and benefit everyone.

MATT. 20:1-6 Most of Jesus' parables are about the stewardship of temporal things, so worded as to uphold the "free enterprise" system.

MATT. 22:21 By the sovereign fiat of Christ, the spiritual things of the Kingdom are to be separate from the temporal things of the nation; nevertheless, the state is not to be separated from the sovereign God.

MATT. 22:34-40 God's moral Law (the Ten Commandments) can be summarized as love for God, and love for man—and are inseparable.

LUKE 19:11-28 Prudent investment of personal resources for the purpose of legitimate profit is both sanctioned and encouraged by Christ.

JOHN 8:31-36 Freedom from the bondage of sin through faith in Christ is the foundation for all other aspects of freedom, including freedom from the bondage of tyranny.

ACTS. 5:27-29 Whenever human authority clashes with God's Law, the believer is obligated "to obey God rather than man," whatever the cost.

ACTS. 4:13-22 There can be no true religious freedom where opportunity to bear testimony to one's faith is curtailed or eliminated by the state.

ACTS. 17:16-34 This masterful address is the "classic" example of how to witness to contemporary society, calling for knowledge of the nation's culture; an ability to refute, negatively, the errors of the day; and to affirm, positively, those portions of God's truth that are needed.

ROM. 13:1-7 Civil authority and power are "ordained of God" for the maintenance of law and order, and are to be obeyed, supported by taxes.

ROM. 13:10 Scripture clearly distinguishes between those who are our neighbors (the race of mankind) and those who are spiritual brothers.

ROM. 14:11, 12 The Bible supports individualism against collectivism, even carrying the principle beyond this life and into eternity.

EPH. 4:28 Individual charity, based on private enterprise, rather than reliance on the "welfare state," is the rule of God's Holy Word.

PHIL. 3:17-21 It is characteristic of "the enemies of the cross of Christ" that they "mind earthly things" (that is, are materialistic).

COL. 1:16 The entire universe, including this world, was created to serve

God, which definitely rules out all forms of humanism.

I TIM. 2:1-4 Since God's people are the only channel through which God's blessing can flow to a nation, prayer "for all that are in authority" can bring about conditions of quiet, peace, godliness, and honesty within the nation: for only GOD can change the human heart.

I TIM. 4:1-6 No man can be a "good minister of Jesus Christ" unless he puts the brethren "in remembrance" of the evils of his generation.

I TIM. 5:8 Family security, rather than state-sponsored "social security," is the principle and program set forth in the Word of God.

JAMES 5:1-8 The "class struggle" between capital and labor cannot be solved by man permanently, because of the greed of the human heart.

SECOND ANNUAL DECISION SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN WRITING HELD AT ONTARIO BIBLE COLLEGE.

For the second year, Decision Magazine held its Annual Canadian School of Christian Writing at Ontario Bible College. Arranged by Rev. Leslie Tarr of Central Baptist Seminary, and led by Shirwood Wirt, Editor of Billy Graham's Decision magazine, whose subscription list runs into the millions, the Writing School brought over 100 budding writers from all across Canada and a few from the U.S.



The Decision School of Christian Writing poses in front of O.B.C.'s McNicol Hall.



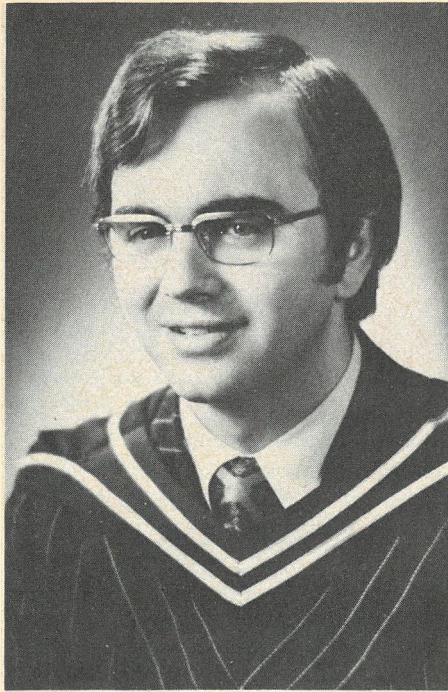
Recorder Editor D.C. Percy played host to the Decision School of Christian Writing. Here he talks shop with Decision Editor Shirwood Wirt who led the four day writing school.

Seminars and workshops were conducted by specialists in the many fields of writing, editing and production. Magazine editors, Book publishers, authors, freelance writers, marketing specialists and journalists all made vital contributions to the "how, what, where, when, why and who" basics of the beginning writer.

Combining with the mechanical and inspirational process that goes in to writing, and under the sensitive leadership of Dr. Wirt, was a meaningful spiritual emphasis without which "Christian writing" lacks meaning, depth or authority. With the revived interest in literature, it is essential that the Christian message speak through this medium. The 1974 School of Christian Writing will do a great deal towards starting many concerned Christians speaking with their pens.

Mrs. E. Ratzlaff of the Sudan Interior Mission won the Leslie K. Tarr Award for the best manuscript, which will be published by Decision magazine: The Road to Chencha.

It is anticipated that another School will be held in 1975. Watch for announcements.



Rev. Brian E. Roe

NEW FACULTY APPOINTMENT

To assist in the Bible Department, the Academic Dean has announced the appointment of Rev. Brian E. Roe, as Assistant Professor of New Testament.

Mr. Roe is no stranger to O.B.C., since he taught part time a year ago. He also had the insight to marry Margaret Ann Krawec who has attended O.B.C. Incidentally, their first child, was born in June.

Mr. Roe comes well equipped for his task, with studies at Moody Bible Institute, B.A. from McMaster, M.A. from Wheaton College, M.R. (Master of Religion) from Wycliffe College, and is completing the Th.M. at Wycliffe.

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Roe (and family!) to the O.B.C. fellowship.

PEACE OF MIND . . . FOR MOTHERS!

Perhaps one of your own pride and joy was at camp this summer. Did you receive a hastily written (and Counsellor compelled) note after the manner of these? and did you—

- Phone the camp immediately?
- Jump into the car and race up there?
- Sit placidly at home knowing you'd get the full story eventually.

Here is a sampling of Camp Letters:

1. "Dear Mom—Is it all right if I bring

home a rabbit fur? Yes. . . . No. . . . P.S. Cross out your answer. Love. P.P.S. I bought it already."

- "Hi, Honey—We are now playing 'Hide the Counselor' and I am hiding—they're looking. You wouldn't believe me up here. Awake half the night—up at 6 a.m. for a 2 mile hike. Shoveling dirt and rocks to make the place beautiful—and now this. I have crawled on hands and knees up the hill to hide in the bushes—ME! Never had so much fun in my whole life. What a rest! Hope they don't find me! One of us is worth 1000 points. Miss ya! Love. Here they come. . . ."
- "Dear Mom and Dad—I am fine except for my hand which is getting better. Love."
- "Dear Mom—I have something to give you and I'm sure you will like it. And it costs \$1.50. And can you send me 50c please."
- "Dear Mother—Sunday night we had icky for supper. I prayed and today I liked everything for breakfast and lunch. Dinner didn't come yet."
- "Mom—I told you I would write and I wrote! Love."
- "Dear Mom and Dad—Help! I'm a counselor in a summer camp! Well, here I am in the middle of the week (thank goodness). I have 6 kids. And am beginning to see your point. I see why they tried to massacre the Indians in the West. I am a chief of a clan of 8 yr. old Indians—at least they think so. Right now I have on beads, a fur and mocissons. I sleep in a teepee and teach mountain climbing! I am called Swift Elk but put my regular name on my mail. P.S. I am righting this in the rest room by flashlight—the only place of peace."
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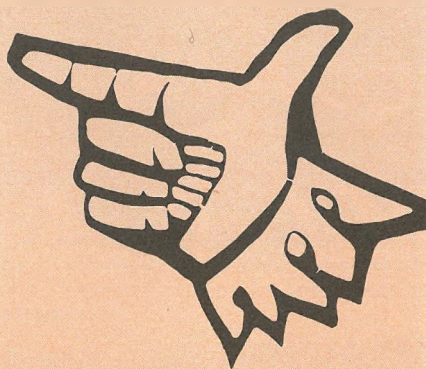
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ON THE HOME FRONT

- MR. LAURIE BARBER, B.Th. '70 received his M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Wenham, Mass. in May and has been called to First Baptist Church, Uxbridge, Ont.
- REV. & MRS. JOHN BURGESS (MARY ALLISON '31) pastoring Calvary Baptist Church, Burlington, Ont.
- REV. DAVID DOBSON, B.Th. '70 was ordained at West Island Baptist Church, Montreal on March 22.
- MR. STEPHEN JUMA, B.R.E. '73 received his B.A. from Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ont. in May.
- MR. EDGAR (RIK) LOVELADY '58 received the Ph.D. degree in English from Purdue University on May 10.
- MR. IAN McALPINE, B.Th. '70 received his M.T.S. in May from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Wenham, Mass.
- MR. GRANVILLE RAPHAEL, B.R.E. '72 graduated with an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Maranatha Graduate School of Theology, Watertown, Wis. on June 1.
- REV. ROBERT RUSSELL '48 pastoring Pine Grove Baptist Church in Pine Grove, Ont.
- REV. RON SCHINDEL, B.Th. '67 commenced his ministry at Parkdale Baptist Church, Belleville, Ont. in July.
- MR. WILLIAM SMITH, B.Th. '70 received his M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Wenham, Mass. in May.
- MR. & MRS. WILLIAM VIRGIN, B.Th. '74 pastoring Calvary Baptist Church, Emo, Ont. and First Baptist Church, Barwick, Ont.
- MISS MARGARET PETRIE '46 has returned from Zaire, Africa, under C.M.M.L. and will be serving as Deaconess at Bethany Gospel Church in Hamilton.
- REV. & MRS. KEN SQUIRRELL, B.R.E. '74 (SHIRLEY HICKSON '73-'74) have moved to Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Norfolk, Virginia to work with the pastor REV. RUSSELL FLAXMAN '48.

ON FURLOUGH

- MISS HELEN BACON '63 (O.M.F.) home in August for 8 months from Saiburi Christian Hospital, S. Thailand.
- MR. & MRS. DONALD BAKER (ANNE BAILEY '69) from Tanzania, E. Africa (A.I.M.) in March.
- MISS DAWNA BUCKNAM, B.Th. '66 (H.I.M.) from Maui, Hawaii in June.
- REV. & MRS. WM. CAMERON '48 (JEAN RENDLE '49) from the Chad, Africa (T.E.A.M.) in June.



- MISS IRIS CASTLE '52 (B.M.M.) from St. Lucia, W.I.
- REV. & MRS. FRANK FREW, B.Th. '52 (MARGARET SCANNELL '51) on a mini furlough in Toronto from Kenya, E. Africa (A.I.M.) in May.
- MISS FLORENCE FRIESEN, B.R.E. '71 (W.R.M.F.) from Quito, Ecuador in June.
- MISS ROBERTA FRYERS '63-'65 from Saiburi Hospital, S. Thailand (O.M.F.) in August.
- MR. & MRS. FRED GOULD '54 (HELEN MITCHELL '54) from Nigeria (S.I.M.) in June.
- REV. & MRS. EARL HOWARD '64 (I.M.) from the Philippines in May.
- MISS SYLVIA KINSMAN, B.R.E. '54 (A.I.M.) from Kenya, E. Africa.
- MISS ELSIE LAVERY '48 (S.I.M.) on a mini furlough from Zambuk Girls' Bible School, Nigeria, W. Africa.
- MISS LILY MAJAK '59 (S.I.M.) from Dahomey Republic, W. Africa in June.
- MISS BARBARA NEIDRAUER '58 from Zambia (Board of World Mission, United Church of Canada).
- MISS RUTH PECOVER '35 (A.I.M.) has retired from service in Kenya, E. Africa.
- MISS INES PENNY '49 (S.I.M.) from Nigeria in May.
- MR. & MRS. HAROLD RAINEY '50 (N.T.M.) from Bolivia, S.A. in May.
- REV. & MRS. GRANT ROBINSON '52-'53 from Nigeria (S.I.M.) in June for 3 months.
- REV. & MRS. FRED SIMMONDS, B.Th. '68 (DOROTHY '51) from Transvaal, S. Africa with A.E.F.
- MISS DONNA SKITCH '61 (U.M.S.) on a mini furlough in Port Hope, Ont. from Nigeria, Africa in June.
- MR. & MRS. MARSHALL SOUTHARD (THELMA WILD '43) from Zaire, Africa (U.F.M.) in July.
- REV. & MRS. DON WEBSTER, B.Th. '57 (THELMA CUDNEY '57) from Ivory Coast, Africa (W.B.T.) in August.
- MR. & MRS. DAVID WOODWARD (ELIZABETH GILLMAN '40) from Taiwan (T.E.A.M.).

TO THE FIELD

- MR. & MRS. LARRY CLEMENTS, B.R.E. '69 (JOANNE HAYWARD '66-'67) to Zaire, Africa (A.I.M.) in August.
- MISS LOIS CUNNINGHAM '71-'72 (U.F.M.) to Brazil, S.A. on her first term of service.
- REV. & MRS. MEL CUTHBERT '51 (DOROTHY LEES '50) to Brazil



(A.B.W.E.) in July.

- MR. & MRS. PAUL HOOPER, B.Th. '72 to Papua, New Guinea (W.B.T.) in June.
- REV. & MRS. JACK McKILLOP '51 (DORIS '52) to Jamaica, W.I. (B.M.M.).
- MISS ESTHER ROWE '49 (L.A.M.) to Costa Rica, C.A. following a summer furlough in London, Ont.
- REV. & MRS. STEWART WEBER '46 (MARION PITTAWAY '42) to the Chad (T.E.A.M.) in July.
- MR. & MRS. DON WUNKER, B.Th. '70 (U.F.M.) to the Dominican Republic, W.I. to teach in the Bible Institute in La Romana in September.
- MISS RUTH YOUNG '40 (O.M.F.) from Japan to the Philippines in June.

MARRIAGES

- MISS SUSAN LAMBERT, B.R.E. '74 to REV. GORDON GILMORE, B.R.E. '72 on June 8 in the Brethren-in-Christ Church, Wainfleet, Ont.
- MISS SUZY BLACK, B.R.E. '73 to MR. STEPHEN SYMES on Feb. 16th at First Baptist Church, Guelph, Ont. MISS ELLEEN ALLISON '76 was the soloist.
- MISS CATHERINE GRIEVE, B.R.E. '73 to MR. DON COLLAR, B.R.E. '73 in Central Baptist Church, Brantford, Ont. on July 27. MR. MAC WIGFIELD, B.Th. '73 was Best Man. MR. ROAN ELFORD, B.Th. '71 and MR. GILBERT DICKINSON, B.Th. '73 were Ushers. MR. JOHN STEVENETT, B.R.E. '73 was the Pianist and MRS. MAC WIGFIELD (MARLISE GEISSBERGER, B.R.E. '72) was Soloist.
- MISS ROSALYN KREIK, B.R.E. '72 to MR. DOUGLAS FERMAN on July 27 in Avenue Road Church, Toronto.
- MR. IAN McGRIGG '69-'70 to MISS ARLETTE KYLE at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, Georgia on August 18.
- MISS SHARON MARKHAM, B.S.M. '72 to MR. JOHN FOREMAN, B.Th. '74 in

Huron Park Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ont. on July 13. REV. RONALD MILLS, B.Th. '61 officiated. MISS CATHERINE FIELD, B.R.E. '73 and MRS. GARY ANDRES (CAROLYN BRENTON, B.R.E. '68) were Bridesmaids. MR. CHARLES NIENKIRCHEN, B.Th. '74 was Best Man. Ushers were MR. DON COLLAR, B.R.E. '73 and MR. JIM LITTLE, B.R.E. '72. MR. JOHN STEVENETT, B.R.E. '73 was the Pianist and MISS ANITA McLEAN, B.R.E. '71 was Receptionist.

□ MR. ROBERT ROSWELL '63 to MISS PAULINE CLARKE on July 13 in Belleville, Ont.

□ MISS SHIRLEY HICKSON '73-'74 to REV. KENNETH SQUIRRELL, B.R.E. '74 on May 4, in Parkway Bible Church. REV. JOHN MORAN, '40 performed the ceremony, and MR. GLENN DUNCAN, B.Th. '74 was best man. MR. DOUG RHUDE, B.Th. '74 was an usher.

BIRTHS

- To MR. & MRS. LAIRD CHRISTIE, B.Th. '60 (SYLVIA HINES '62) a son, Bentley Andrew Monteith, on March 8 in London, Ont.
- To MR. & MRS. DAVE FOURNIE (SHIRLEY ROGERS '70-'71) a daughter, Rachel Suzanne, in Kent, England on April 11.
- To MR. & MRS. PAUL HOOPER, B.Th. '72 a son, Nathan Andrew, in Toronto on February 21.
- To MR. & MRS. BRIAN SKLAR, B.Th. '71 (LYNDA EUNSON '67-'70) a son, Joshua Aaron, in North Bay on April 24.
- To MR. & MRS. FRANK BERRY, B.Th. '64, a son, David Kenneth John, on June 11, in Sarnia, Ont.
- To MR. & MRS. CARSTEN PELLMAN '77 a daughter, Julie-Anne Elizabeth, on May 10, Toronto.

DEATHS

- MRS. OSCAR BURKHOLDER (MARY REESOR '17) in Preston, Ont. on February 8.
- MRS. LEWIS LAKE (MARGERY HOWE '32) in St. Petersburg, Florida, on May 21.
- MISS FLORENCE LUTON '24 in Toronto on May 8.
- MRS. A. J. SLATTER (MINNIE SLADE '08) in Los Angeles, Calif. in February.
- DR. ARNOLD S. VOKES E.C. '25-'26 on May 3 in Toronto.

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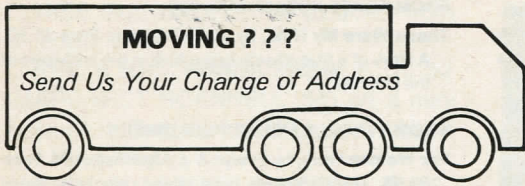
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