

Bra. Garner is confined to the Garrett Hospital. Let us send a card or visit him.

It seems very good to have the Cox's and Herr's back from Florida.

Dean Hoggatt was confined to his home this weekend due to a leg injury.

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GIVING is the very condition of existence. The clouds give rain. The flowers give their scent, the cows give their milk, and the bees honey. The sun gives light and heat as the very reason of its existence; and the church has been purchased by Christ and established in the world, for the purpose of giving to the world the glorious gospel of Christ. ARE YOU GIVING YOUR BEST TO THE SERVICE OF HIM?????

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LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST
EXHORTER

April 2, 1967

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Service	10:30 A. M.
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Come to
worship.
Leave to serve.

REAL WORSHIP

--Fountain Square B'tn.

Real worship is an activity and experience of the heart and mind. This activity is aided by divinely appointed forms and expressions, but while these forms are God-given and must be observed and revered, they were never intended to be an end within themselves or a point of sacramentarian merit. The real end of all worship is encounter with God which brings a right relationship between the individual heart and its God. When this kind of worship is achieved, hearts are full and at peace. This kind of worship is dynamic and creative, but, of course, requires purpose, concentration, and soul struggle. It leaves little room in the time or thought of the worshiper for levity, flippancy, or worldly interests.

Sin dogs our path

John, writing by inspiration, stated a wonderful fact which is told over and over again in the New Testament. "I write unto you little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his names sake." 1 John 2:12. The most wonderful experience of our life should have been the day we obeyed the gospel and the Lord lifted the burden of sin from our soul. We should understand, however, that when God forgives sin he does not make it impossible or even difficult for us to sin again. Sin continues to dog our path. To the dismay of many people the sinful life which they with strong conviction put away, is ever enticing them again. The christian should not expect the power of sin to be lessened but God has promised a way of escape to those who resist sin.

Another fact about sin which should deter us from its hold is that the consequences of sin continue on even after we may have obtained forgiveness from the Lord. Recently a preacher told of a man in his seventies whom he had baptized into Christ. This man did not exhibit the joy that usually accompanies the heart of a new child of God. Inquisitively, the preacher asked if anything was wrong. The gentleman replied that at an early age he learned the truth but had failed to obey it. He had married a godly woman but gave her no support in training their three children in God's way. His indifferent influence drove his children away from the church and they in turn were rearing their children without God. What a tragedy! The sin of one man affects so many lives. Just as the apostle Paul states in Rom. 14:7 "No man can live to himself or die to himself" so also is it true that no man can sin to himself alone, for in the process he has influenced many toward the paths of unrighteousness. Whenever we sin we do so against ourself, our neighbor and God.

D. H.

UNITED OR UNTIED

In proofreading an article for a religious paper a fellow gospel preacher noted the following error. The sentence read: "The church was untied." It should have read: "The church was united." What a world of difference there is between these two words! "Untied suggests separation; it is the opposite of unity."

But the startling truth which impressed the preacher was this: The entire difference was because the letter "I" was out of place.

The lesson is vivid. If I am out of place in the church work program; if I am out of place in the service of the Master, then I am helping make the church "Untied", instead of United.

Each member of the Lord's church is an "I"; if all of the I's are united WE will not be untied.

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CHRISTIANITY

This old world can never be evangelized by Christians who compromise. The cross of Christ was not entwined with flowers. Those who carry that cross will feel its shape, angles and corners. Hooks baited with a soft gospel adapted to the natural senses, tastes and desires of man will never catch that type of souls of which martyrs are made. Christ is not offering pillows of ease, but calling for pillars of power.

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Life is made up of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses and small obligations, are what win and preserve the heart, and secure comfort.

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IGNORANCE OR INDIFFERENCE -- WHICH??

Benjamin Franklin is supposed to have said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest." I believe that we will all agree today that men are seeking knowledge today more than ever before. However, we must assess knowledge by determining what it does for the persons who possess it. Knowledge is but folly unless it is guided by morality. Solomon, with all of his wisdom and knowledge, admitted that in much wisdom was much grief--it was immorality.

It is imperative that we have knowledge! Hosea said that God's people were destroyed for lack of knowledge--Hos. 4:6a. Spiritual ignorance is rampant today in a supposedly "Christian" country. Never have so many people followed the dictates of their conscience without regard as to what the Bible teaches. Solomon wrote that there is a way that seems right to a man but that the end thereof is the way of death. In general, people don't seem to care what God has said on a subject. Rather, they are more concerned in what their "pastor" or "priest" has to say; or perhaps their creed book. There is so much obvious error in the religious world that it is difficult to know where to start in teaching against it.

One thing in the religious world is the ignorance (or indifference, I don't know which) concerning the relationship of the members in a church. Our protestant neighbors, much like the catholics, have two distinct groups in their denominations. The "clergy" and "laity" is the name given to these two groups. These are such common words that the average person never even bothers to question this practice that has its authority from some place other than the Bible. "My mom and dad say it so why shouldn't I?", is the common plea given. Peter is quoted by Luke as saying that God was no respetto

of persons; therefore why should we be??

These same people take God's name and give it to their "clergy" as casually and with no more thought than I would of calling my best friend by his first name. There is no scriptural basis for this "class" distinction in the church. The protestants condemn the catholics for calling their "clergy" father, then turn right around and call their "pastor" reverend. If there is anything that the Bible teaches it is that reverend is God's name. Job wrote, "Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's person, neither let me give flattering titles, unto man. For I know not to give flattering titles, for in so doing my maker would soon take me away." Job. 32:21-22. The psalmist wrote, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever; holy and reverend is his name." Psa. 111:9. Of whom was the writer speaking? Of the LORD GOD JEHQVAH, the creator of the world. And to think that any man would have the nerve or the ignorance to call himself by my God's name, is more than I can understand. I am reminded of Sir Browne who said, "I envy no man that knows more than myself, but pity them that know less."

Some would say, "Now Job, don't be a square." "Don't you know times have changed?" Some of our own instrumental brethren have used this same slogan in their effort to defend the position of using women to lead prayers, leading singing and even preaching from their pulpits. One of their preachers told me, "Well, Earl, times have changed. Women were ignorant during the time Paul wrote." My answer was, "That's right, and they still are; and so are men."

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What is Your Problem?

A revival was raging in a Virginia colored church. The fruits had been good. One old soul, however, had resisted the efforts of all the preaching done. The preacher talked to him about it and he replied: "You see how it is, preacher. I've got a problem. I don't see how I is gwine to get my shirt on ovah mah wings when I gets to glory." The preacher replied, "Dat ain't your problem. You' problem is: how you gwine to get your hat on over your horns." What's your problem?

Be sure to tell your friends about the Herald Of Truth television program. It comes over Ft. Wayne, channel WKJG at 9:15 Sunday morning (channel 33) and over Elkhart channel 28 (WSJV) at 9:00 Sunday morning.

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April 16, 1967
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Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

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Come and bring
someone with
you

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WE HAVE GRASPED

We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount. The world has achieved brilliance without wisdom, power without conscience. Ours is a world of Nuclear giants and ethical infants. We no more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living."

-- Omar Bradley --

IMPATIENT CHRISTIANS

by Gayle Oler

Jack Exum and I went to a cafe to eat during the ACC lectureships. We were joking with the waitresses who seemed rather frustrated with the crowd. We asked one about her religion. She answered, "I quit attending church because I serve so many impatient Christians." This hit me rather hard so I observed the customers -- they were rather rude and demanding. This taught me a great lesson.

9000 Christians had assembled to fellowship, our giants were there to lecture; the lectures were powerful enough to save anybody; many new programs, missions, plans were announced. But this lady didn't hear those sermons-- she just saw 9000 people whose religion had not even made them courteous and kind. She saw 9000 demanding, rude, loud, overbearing people. And if this was Christianity she could not want it or buy it.

Perhaps this was her excuse. God will judge. But I am persuaded people are saved or lost on trivial courtesies or the opposite, than by good or bad sermons. The best sermon on earth cannot touch a man who has lived 10 years to be a sweet, thoughtful, visit the sick care for the children, etc., Christian. You see the lesson.

It is the "Little things in life that count." The smile, the thought, the patience, the name and handshake.... Trivialities can be tragedies - the frown, the hard statement, rudeness. Christians are thoughtful, courteous

and kind. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least is unjust in much." Luke 16:10.

CHRISTIANS, BE CAREFUL! God is watching! Friends are watching. And total strangers are watching!

via Just A Moment

"I talked with a Russian minister for a long time after a Tuesday night worship. I asked him, "How can we help you?" He thought longer and harder than I ever noticed of another person. He finally answered, "Do the best in your country to glorify God and then pray for us." He explained that God gave us in America many more talents than He gave the believers in Russia. He said, "You have five talents, but you use only one; we have one but we use it the best we can. Until you use more of your talents you will never be able to help us.."

The above article was written by one of our missionary (only part is given here) as was found in the "Tidings", Trion, Georgia. It reminds us of the wonderful privileges of living in America but oh how great a responsibility goes with it.

It is nice to be important, but more important to be nice.

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April 23, 1967
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Let's act as if the
Lord owns us- he
does.

THOUGHTS

Your morning thoughts may determine your conduct for the day. Optimistic thoughts will make your day bright and productive, while pessimistic thinking will make it dull and wasteful. Face each day cheerfully, smilingly and courageously, and it will naturally follow that your work will be a pleasure, and progress will be a delightful accomplishment.

-Selected-

CHURCH MEMBERS EXPELLED

The church recommends that the following members be withdrawn from and the other members are urged to have no association with them.

1. Sister Lipsa Waggin
2. Sister Lisa Lot
3. Brother I. B. Boss
4. Brother I. Will Neverspeak
5. Brother Always B. Complainin
6. Sister Ima Bigshot
7. Brother and Sister Luke Warhm
8. Brother Seldom Ever Come
9. Bro. & Sis. Hurry N. Rushout
10. Sister Athing I Neverdo

News & Notes:

Happy to report that Bro. Garner is out of the hospital and back to the home of his daughter, Jenny Smith.

Singing this afternoon at 3:00 at Mishawaka Church of Christ, corner of Jefferson and Currant Roads. They invite all.

Meeting starting today at South Side Church of Christ Ft. Wayne. Ernest Scarbrough preaching. Time 7:30 each evening.

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ABHOR THAT WHICH IS EVIL

There are many evil practices going on around us to which we ought to speak out against. We cannot be members of the Lord's church and indulge in these evil practices or even refrain from indulging in them.

But rather we must speak out against the basic evils that are destroying the faith of individuals and influencing their lives into further unrighteousness.

Recently our legislators were considering a bill to allow pari-mutuel betting (as they have for several years and the margin of defeat of this bill has been less and less each year.) This year in the show-down vote a tie prevailed among those who voted. One of our famous (or infamous) legislators who had withheld his vote, cast it in favor, making the statement, "If the people want to go to hell, I'll open the gate". It is bad enough when the man on the street influences his circle of friends with such an attitude, but it is a sad commentary when an elected representative succumbs to this degenerate state.

The evil of gambling is basic to the bill. The people of Indiana have a chance to defeat this bill by referendum at the next election, and we should vote and pray that it will be defeated. With all the glossy benefits ascribed to this practice (such as a tax relief - which is doubtful, since an increasing number of tax supported mental institutions are needed for those who are detrimentally influenced by all such evil practices), it can only degenerate the people further from God.

The gambling industry claims \$46,000,000,000 (\$46 billion) dollars a year by its supporters, and such a bill allowed by the people of Indiana will cause an even greater increase in gambling, - all around us. Every principle of morality and scripture cries out against it. Does not God say in Eph. 4: 28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good..."

Gambling is one of the basic evils of our country. The Christian should always be found abhorring that which is evil. Rom. 12:9.

D.H.

Did Brother Baxter visit any of your friends Sunday to talk to them about God's will? Invite them to hear the Herald of Truth. How many Herald of Truth cards did you give away this week? Does your car invite people to hear the gospel? Get a herald of Truth bumper sticker in the lobby. The gospel must be heard if it is to save - tell others about the Herald of Truth each Sunday at 9:15 on Channel 33 or at 9:00 on Channel 28.

LIFE'S CREED

What is the Bible the world is reading? Your daily life, and mine. What are the sermons the world is heeding? Your daily life and mine. What are the examples the world is needing? True lives, yours & mine.

THINGS THAT ARE IMPOSSIBLE

1. You cannot sow bad habits and reap a good character.
2. You cannot practice jealousy and hatred and expect love and friendship.
3. You cannot neglect Bible study and enjoy a spiritual well guided life.
4. You cannot grow in grace and knowledge unless first there is a desire.
5. You cannot obtain mercy unless you are merciful.
6. You cannot be forgiven of alien sins unless you are baptized " for the remission of sins".
7. You do not know God unless you keep his commandments.
8. We have no love for God's Son unless we do that which he commands.

There are a variety of Christian publications, tracts, bulletins, etc. in the vestibule. They are free. Take as many as you can use.

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LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST EXHORTER

April 30, 1967

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Use today, or
lose tomorrow

A CHRISTIAN IS

a voice through which Christ speaks. He has no voice to bring the gospel to mankind. We are earthen vessels for this purpose. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Jehovah my rock and my redeemer." Psa. 19:14.

THE CHURCH IS

never a place, but always a people. Never a fold, but always a flock. Never a sacred building, but a faithful assembly.
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The church is not a refrigerator for the preserving of perishable piety. It is a dynamo for changing the human will with the power of the gospel. The object of the Church is not to tell men how to dodge difficulties, but to furnish the strength and courage to meet them. The business of the Church is not to furnish hammocks for the lazy; it is rather to offer well-fitting yokes for drawing life's loads. There is in this world no sanctuary for God but the human soul. The man who does not support the Church with everything he has, practically casts a vote for abolition.

Selected

An outstanding contribution of the 1st century by the early Christians was the writing of the New Testament. Here we have the instructions those early ones in the church followed in becoming Christians and those by which they were guided, both in work and worship. These writings guided as they were by the Holy Spirit, were given to insure the future generations that they need not live in ignorance of the Way of Life.

As a result, one today may be furnished completely with instructions needed for any work or service which he should render in the name of Jesus. With these to guide him, a man who can read need not depend on special interpreters, articles of faith, or creeds written by man; but he himself can read and understand and know the will of God for him.

Following are some of the basic ideas concerning the word of God which are made clear by New Testament writers:

- (1) While the Old Testament scriptures are extremely valuable because of their rich examples of God's justice and mercy, His will for us today is revealed in the New Testament. Matt. 17:5 and Heb. 1:1.
- (2) The word of God is the seed of the kingdom. When planted in a sincere heart, a child of God will result from obedience to the gospel. Lk. 8:11; I Pet. 1:23.
- (3) We must accept the word of God as our guide in spiritual matters without any change whatsoever. I Cor. 1 Cor. 4:6; II Jn. verse 9.

FOUR GREATEST DANGERS The late N. B. Hardeman, long time gospel preacher and Christian educator, was asked in an interview, "In your judgment, what are the greatest of all dangers facing the church today?" He replied, "First, a lack of Bible knowledge and a light regard for what it says. Third, a disposition to compromise the truth and discourage its preaching. Fourth, a love for the praise of men more than the praises of God, lest they should be put out of the club or some social organization."

Confess your faults, never defend them. Don't put the "go" in gossip.

TWISTING THINGS

It is strange how Christians sometimes conceive the idea that everyone in the church ought to do something for them rather than considering how they might themselves be helpful to others. Their attitude somewhat reminds us of the following:

The Bible school teacher told her class the story of the good Samaritan. To make sure they understood the lesson, she asked what the story intended to teach. One little fellow answered: "It means that when I am in trouble, someone should come and help me!"

News and Notes

Business meeting of the men this afternoon.

Singing at Mark's Nursing Home at 6:30 P.M. Everyone invited.

Meeting starting this week (May 8-14) at Niles. Lester Allen preaching.

Mon's lectureship at Camp Indogan June 2 and 3. Registration forms in vestibule.

Registration forms for summer camp are also in the vestibule.

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C H U R C H O F C H R I S T
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May 7, 1967

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Count it a
privilege to
meet with
the saints

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A SEARCHING QUESTION

Christian, where is your Bible? When did you see it last? Since you sat and scanned its pages, Say, how many days have passed?

You have read your daily papers, And with novels regaled yourself, But when did you read your Bible, That lies still on the shelf.

Christian, where is your Bible? What is the place that you give To the book you say is your hope in death, And what teaches you to live?

Don't say that your life is too busy; Full many a soul is dead Because the book of eternal life Lies somewhere unused, unread.

"WHERE IS YOUR TRUST"

David said, "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God". Psalms 20:7

Where does your trust lie? Someone said, "All worry is atheism, because it shows a lack of trust in God". David has spoken of the greatest need for mankind today. We are truly the personification of the things we really believe in. Today we want things to come to us quick and easy. But Christianity can never come to us at a bargain price; it can never be had at a wholesale price. We must be willing to pay the full price -- surrender and trust.

We put our trust in too many things besides Christ and God. Too many today are resting on the fact that they have their name on some church book. But a "church membership" does not make us a Christian any more than owning a piano makes us a musician.

We need to put our trust in God without reservation. In fact, that is the only true faith. Not a faltering, wavering faith but one of total commitment. We tend to depend upon money and what it can do for us. I want to pass on a little poem that I read:

Dug from the mountainside, washed from the glen,
Servant am I or master of men.
Steal me, I curse you;
Earn me, I bless you;
Grasp me and hoard me, a fiend shall possess you;

Live for me, die for me,
Covet me, take me,
Angel or devil, I am what you make me.

Anonymous

Blessed is the man who is so busy searching for truth that they have no time to seek great wealth. Emerson has well said, "The Americans have little faith. They rely on the power of the dollar".

Money is an article that may be used as a universal passport to anywhere except heaven, and a universal provider of everything except happiness. Money buys everything except love, personality, freedom and immortality; but what else is worth having?

If we but trust in God we will be blessed. Paul said, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. (Eph. 3:20) Are you willing to trust Him who can do all we ask plus more? Someone said, "All I have seen teaches me to trust God for all I have not seen". How much will you let the power work in (or) through) you?

Paul trusted in the living God and was able to write, "as having nothing, and yet possessing all things". 2 Corinthians 6:10. What a paradox to our materialistic world! Where does your trust lie?

E.E.G.

YARDSTICK

In men whom men condemn as ill,
I find so much of goodness still,
In men whom men pronounce devine
I find so much of sin and blot, I do not
dare to draw a line Between the two, where
God has 'not.

- Joaquin Miller

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

The Indians used to give their children the name they had earned! Such as: Sunshine, Laughing Water, Running Feet, Wise Owl, etc.

Suppose God gave each of His children the name that each had earned! Some would be: Helping Hand, Faithful Teacher, Loving Heart. But, on the other hand there would be some wearing such names as: Evil Tongue, Stingy Giver, Glory Seeker, Fault Finder, Back Biter, etc.

If God named you according to your life, what would your name be?

NEWS AND NOTES:

Sister Hostetler's Mother passed away on Thursday. We extend our sympathy to the family. The funeral services will be this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Grandstaff Funeral Home in Roann, Indiana.

Remember Vacation Bible School, Men's Lecturoship, Summer Camp, our Fair Booth and Gospel meeting in August. Plan now for these events.

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LAGRANGE CHURCH OF CHRIST EXHORTER

May 14, 1967

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Telephone No. 463-3571 Mother's Day.

WHY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

I come, not because I am worthy but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by the help of God, I might have been.

I come, not because there is any magic in partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but because the Lord's Supper is a memorial to Him.

I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord, who gave himself for me. I come, because I rise from the Lord's table with a new strength, courage, power to live for him who died for me.

-The Easton Epistle

THE CHRISTIANS PRAYER SERVICE

When we compare our prayer service with Christians of the first century we cannot help but see our shortcomings. It is said of the first converts that they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers". Throughout the sacred pages was prayer a vital part of Christian service. Thus we hear Paul's admonition "Pray without ceasing" and "Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving".

When we compare our prayer service with Christ's, we find an even greater disparity. His example shows that of great tasks which he undertook and successes which he achieved, were attended with prayer. It is said that previous to his selection of apostles that he "continued all night in prayer". Luke 6:12. When the agony of the cross was imminent, he prayed with fervency to God, for strength. In. 22: 39-44.

At the scene of the raising of Lazarus from the grave (Jn. 16) Christ prayed and thanked God for hearing him. His success on that occasion could have caused anyone less than Christ to say " Didn't I tell you I could do it?". When the seventy who were sent out returned with joy saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject to us through thy name", anyone less than the Lord would have said "didn't I tell you it would be that way?". Rather, the Lord simply gave God the glory for

these things. Luke 10:21.

It is little wonder that the early Christians caused the kingdom to spread so rapidly. The burden of their prayer was the sum of their duty and privilege - Carrying the saving message of Christ by a joyous heart.

"Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the new life sermon; the girding on of the armor for battle; the pilgrim's preparation for his journey. It must be supplemented by action or it amounts to nothing". A. Phelps

D. H.

HELP STAMP OUT BUGS AT CHURCH

LITTERBUG: Gunwrappers, tissues, and so on, mark the spot where he cared not.. may be a mother or father bug, who lets the little ones make a lot of crumbs all over the floor and pews.

Jitterbug A pew vibrator. Turns north, then south, crosses legs, swings foot and nods sleeping head.

JABBERBUG: Talks and giggles about everything under the sun. Has no idea of who Christ really is or what Christianity is all about.

LIGHTNINGBUG: Makes a lightning dash for the door when Amen is said. Does not want to meet anyone, see anyone, speak to anyone. After all, nobodys friendly anyway.

A wise old owl sat in an oak.
The more he heard the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard,
Why can't we be like that wise old bird.

know where his son or daughter is at the same time. The mother who can rule over her club as president cannot control her teenage son or daughter. Parents who can devote an unselfish amount of time to community projects cannot find time to give their son or daughter a few minutes of companionship. Christianity stands for parental authority. These parents who fail to exercise this God-given, God-required duty are dooming themselves and their children to a terrible day of reckoning. There is a definite decline of religious instruction. How we need to be cognizant of our duties as parents to our children. When we, as parents, become so busy accumulating material things that we neglect our children our money will be a curse to them and to us. But have you ever known religious instruction to be a curse? We need to leave our children faith, love, character, diligence, reverence towards God and compassion for their fellowmen. O God; help us to save our world by saving our homes. In the name of Jesus -- Amen.

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May 21, 1967

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THIS AND THAT

"If you are not a Christian everywhere you are not a Christian anywhere."

"Take care of your life; the Lord will take care of your death."

"Christ gave his all-- his life-- for you. What have you given for him?"

Tomorrow is often the busiest day of the year.

Everyone has a right to do as he pleases so long as he pleases to do right.

WHAT WILL BE THE END OF IT?

Someone has said, "The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world." This is probably a true saying. But, according to all reports, the wrong hand has surely been rocking the cradle for the past couple of generations. The home is in a state of decline. This is evident to all who know what a Christian home is, and who will pause to investigate present day conditions. The home, as an institution, is fighting for its life! We as Christians need -- NO! rather must be-- concerned. The greatest need of society today is the revival of the close-knit family! What is the cause of the decline of this God-given, God-approved unit of society?

The high cost of living, the rush of modern living, the innumerable fads which promise much and yield nothing, the speed mania, the recreation mania, are all a grave danger to the quiet and simplicity without which true homelife has not the ghost of a chance. It is nigh unto impossible to maintain the family unit under these conditions. We need to have more praying and less playing; more working together and less wandering around the streets alone.

Regard for the sanctity of the marriage vow is declining. Marriage is sacred, but it has been cheapened by our adulterous Hollywood and Broadway. Marriage is often regarded as something to enter lightly and if you don't like it you can get a divorce. Today, about the only grounds needed for divorce is to be married. About the only stars and starlets today who have not engaged in multiple marriages are Lassie and

Flipper. (And Clarence the cross-eyed lion).

Our mode of modern dress is disturbing to say the least. We let the wrong people set our fashions for our dress. Is it any wonder that the rate of rape in our country is increasing at an alarming rate? Do you wonder that so much immorality is in the world today? It is too bad that some of the size 18 women who cram themselves into the size 12 clothes can't see themselves as others see them. Many women, both young and old, who walk our streets from spring till fall ought to be arrested for indecency. It is beyond me how a woman (a mother) can allow her teenage daughter out to parade before the lewd gaze of the world without enough clothing on her body to "flag a freight train". Our modern recreation does little if any to stem the outpouring of our morals. The music and dancing of our day does nothing except to arouse the basic desires of an oft time indecent youth. But you can rest assured of one thing -- they will not remain in the state of innocence for very long. Our schools are doing too little to help this grave situation, but rather are working against the home in some cases. The school is forcing the modern dance into the life of our youth as a good a wholesome activity. Remember this one thing -- human law can never make moral what divine law has declared to be immoral. Purity is running a poor second to popularity. I know that my views are not always popular, but as long as God gives me strength of body and mind I will continue to stand against all sin.

Parental authority is weakening in our society. The father who can predict when the stock market will rise or fall or how to make the missile obey him often does not

AN ANCIENT FABLE

A Jew and a Christian who worked together often discussed religion. They finally agreed to exchange visits to their respective places of worship. At the Jewish temple the Jew, being very devout, threw in ten percent of his gross earnings when the collection was taken. The following Sunday the collection was taken when they were both present at the chapel where the Christian worshipped. The Christian dropped in a dollar which was less than one percent of his gross earnings. Whereupon the Jew exclaimed, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian."

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NEWS AND NOTES:

- *Plan to be at the camp this Tuesday for a day of fellowship and fun.
- *Paula Hostetler remains in the Hospital in Wabash through today because of the dog bite received Wednesday evening. Hope you recover real soon, Paula.
- *We have cards to send to prospective students for VBS. Please help by making use of these. Dates June 5 thru 9, ea. morn.

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THE TWO PRAYERS

Last night my little boy confessed to me some childish wrong,
And kneeling at my knee, he prayed with tears:
"Dear God, make me a man, like daddy, wise and strong, I know you can."

Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins, and prayed with low bowed head,
"Oh God, make me a child like my child here,
Pure, guileless, trusting thee with faith sincere."

Andrew Gillies

WHY IS GOD NECESSARY?

As we conclude the school season, this speech delivered by a McKeesport, Pa., high school senior on graduation, is especially interesting and appropriate: "Why do I want God in my graduation? Because I don't understand a blade of grass and neither does any other man. I can't understand how it is that as I look into the sky, I am not looking up-I am looking down; that I am not standing on top of the world but rather hanging from it. For thirteen years I have been going to school. Others have been going longer, but neither I nor they can put a flame in a lily's throat or the blush in an apple. Why do I want God in my graduation? Because I do not understand you or very many things about you. You sit there hundreds strong, old and young, rich and poor, educated and uneducated, happy and sad, yet there is not one of you I really understand for God has made you all different. Before me are over 5000 fingers, and every one of them is different. You are miracles. You are sitting there, and I am here. However, you can hear every word that I say yet there is nothing between us. I move my lips and a sound is born. It has its nativity in the movement of some muscles. It travels on unseen wings to the thousand ears. And you the sensitive, incomprehensible being that you are, receive the vibrations and transform them into thoughts for you to ponder. God did this. No graduate of M.I.T., Princeton, Harvard, Yale or the University of Moscow can explain why this happens. It is a secret God

saves for himself.

Why do I want God in my graduation? Because I don't understand myself. Every year of my young life, sincere and dedicated men and women have sought to pound knowledge into my stubborn skull. I have grasped sufficient of this to be here tonight. But what do I know of myself? Why can I behold the signature of God scrawled across the sunset while my blind companion cannot? Why can I hear a Beethoven sonata when another who would have understood it better will never be able to behold the glory of sound? How can I think of God? How can a being so incomprehensible fit himself into the tiny chamber of my mind? Why has he made me - me? What plans has He for the future that is His?

It is for these reasons: The fact that I do not comprehend this world, my fellowhuman beings, nor myself, that I want God in my graduation.

It is true that we have only a small part of the total treasury of learning that has been open to us. Thus, I cannot claim the honor of being graduated. I can only humbly receive it with gratitude, to my teachers, to my school, but most of all to my God. For the minds of my teachers, and the cumulative wisdom of this or any other school are the gifts of God.

Why do I want God in my graduation? Because without Him there would be no graduation, no teacher from whom to learn, no school in which to learn. Somehow, in defiance of the limitations of my young mind, I want to reach out and touch the garment of His greatness and say, Because Thou art there, I am here. Make me worthy of that which has been given to me. Make me strong and able to produce that which will be required of me. Mold me, make me, bind me, break me, but use me, O God, to the glory of Thine own name."

A little boy explained his falling out of bed by saying, "I stayed too close to where I got in". Many Christians fall away and are lost because they content themselves with "first steps" and do not seek to grow in Christian graces. When we find ourselves slipping, we need to "give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard" (Heb. 2:1) From the parable of the sower we learn that the Word of God can slip away from us by our:

1. Allowing the devil to take it out of our hearts through unbelief and hardness of heart;
2. Falling away from the word because of trials and temptations; or
3. Permitting the cares of this life, riches and pleasures to crowd out the word until we become unfruitful.

NEWS AND NOTES: WE had one of the best mens' lectureships thus far at the camp. There were some ninety in attendance. VACATION BIBLE-SCHOOL STARTS TOMORROW: Let's be prepared with study and pupils. MARKS NURSING HOME SINGING- 6:30 this eve. LISTEN - Herald of Truth, Sun. morning, at 8 o'clock channel 28. COMING UP * Fair booth & gospel meeting.

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JUNE 4, 1967

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Come to worship.
Fill your baskets with the bread of life.

To be a member of Christ's church you must obey Christ. The Bible teaches that to become a Christian you must ...

HEAR -- Rom. 10:17
BELIEVE -- Heb. 11:6
REPENT -- Acts 17:30
CONFESS -- Rom. 10:10
BE BAPTIZED -- Acts 2:38, Rom. 6:4

The worship of the Church consists of:

TEACHING -- Acts 2:42, Matt. 28: 19-20
PRAYER -- I Cor. 14:15
SINGING -- Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16, 17
LORD'S SUPPER -- Acts 20:7, I Cor. 11:25
GIVING -- I Cor. 16: 1, 2 II Cor 9:7

The churches of Christ salute you.
Rom. 16:16

Once a preacher got up to preach,
With Bible in hand he was ready to teach.
He said my brethren, today I'll tell,
Of a man in the Bible who fared so well.

He was a farmer and success was near,
His crops were good; he had no fear.
His cry was eat, drink and be merry my
soul;
Success in the world was his only goal.

But God's eyes were beholding the good
and bad,
And the things he saw made him so sad.
So God said, "Thou fool, for the things
you have done,
You must now face judgment like everyone.

The preacher looked the people straight
in the eye,
And said "It's appointed for all men to die.
And after the death the judgment day,
May God help those who are not in "The Way".

His eyes were flashing, his voice rang out,
As he pronounced the verdict of God with
a shout:
"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,
They will rest from their labors and re-
ceive a reward".

But what about those who are lost in sin?
Will you go out and help them come in?
Or will you sit in your comfort and pride,
And allow so many to remain in the world
outside?

When you have reached the land of tomorrow,
Will there be joy or an occasion of sorrow?
Will you hear the words of God,

As He bids you to enter, for the path you
have trod?

It will depend on how you respond today,
Toward all of those who walk the broad way.
Altho the right Way is narrow tis true,
There is still plenty of room to take oth-
ers with you.

E.E.G.

TO WORSHIP OR TO CHURCH?

Two persons want to the morning service. One
arrived early, took a seat, and filled his
heart with meditation and prayer. About this
time the other person was just leaving home.
The first stood and sang, with feeling,
praises to God while the other stood in the
vestibule chatting with another late-comer.
During the reading of God's Word and prayer,
the first listened attentively, thrilling at
every word. The other, still outside, was
waiting for a "break" in the services in
which late-comers are seated. True, both of
these persons attended the Sunday morning
services, but one, more devout and sincere
had really gone to WORSHIP, while the other
had only gone to church.

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A GREAT DIFFERENCE

An English writer said: "The early Christi-
ans did not go around saying 'Look what the
world is coming to.' Rather they went out
with great joy and said to all men, 'Look
what has come to the world.'" There is a
great difference between these attitudes.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?

NEWS AND NOTES

The teachers of the Vacation Bible School this past week report that they had a good Bible school. The attendance of children (ages 3 thru 13) was near 30 every day except one, which was slightly less. The teachers and students requests all the congregation to view the exhibits found in the different class rooms after services are over today. The teachers would like to say "thanks" to all who helped with refreshment chores during the five day period, and we all say "many thanks" to the teachers for the giving of their time toward the spiritual instruction of the children.

Rember that this month (the fourth Sunday) is our month for the area wide singing..

We're happy to have Brother Richard Hoggatt and his family here today with us. Richard will speak in Brother Gieseke's place, Bro. Gieseke starts a gospel meeting in Drakes' boro, Kentucky today. Our prayers are with him for a successful meeting and a safe journey for he and his family back home again.

Tell your friends about the Herald of Truth program, free Bible courses and filmstrips.

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June 11, 1967

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WHY I COME TO THE LORD'S TABLE

I come, not because I am worthy but because I have sinned and fallen short of what, by the help of God, I might have been.

I come, not because there is any magic in a partaking of the symbols of Christ's body and blood, but because the Lord's Supper is a memorial to Him.

I come, because here is portrayed the sacrifice of my Lord, who gave himself for me.

I come because I rise from the Lord's table with a new strength, courage, power to live for Him who died for me.

--The Easton Epistle

"Upon the first day of the week. . . the disciples came together to break bread..."

Acts 20:7

WILL ALL SQUARES PLEASE STAND UP?

"Square," another of the good old words, has gone the way of "love", "modesty," "patriotism," "honesty," and "virtue."

Something to be snickered over or outright laughed at.

Whatever happened to "square-shooter," a "square meal," or a "square deal." We all get a little fed up with the beatnik corrupting our time-honored vocabulary.

Today's "Square is a guy who volunteers when he doesn't have to.

A square is a guy who doesn't want to stop at a bar and get all juiced up because he prefers to go to his own home, his own dinner table, and his ~~own bed~~. ^{His} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~bed~~ ^{bed} ~~creep~~ ^{creep} we call a "square" gets all choked up when he hears his children singing, "My Country, 'tis of thee..."

He even believes in God--and says so--in public!

A square is a guy who is likely to save some of his own money for a rainy day, rather than count on using yours.

A square gets his books out of the library instead of the drugstore.

He tells his son it's more important to play fair than to win. Imagine!

A square is a guy who reads Scripture when nobody's watching, prays when nobody's listening.

He believes in honoring father and mother and "do unto others" and that kind of stuff.

He thinks he knows more than his teen-ager knows about car freedom and curfew.

Will all gooney birds answering this description please stand up? You misfits in this brave new age, you dismally disorganized, improperly apologetic ghosts of the past, stand up!

Stand up and be counted!

You squares...who turn the wheels and dig the fields and move mountains and put rivets in our ~~dreams~~.

RELIGIOUS, BUT NOT RIGHTEOUS

THIS is a statement that made me marvel recently: "People are more interested in being religious than in being righteous..."

Religion and righteousness should go hand in hand. Perhaps this is why James added "pure" to religion when he offered religion as righteous. "Pure religion" is righteousness.

But again--our lesson. A sister said, "My religion would not allow my divorcing him." But her religion did not prompt her to be a sweet wife, and work at having a good marriage. She had "religion" but not "righteousness."

And this is primarily our trouble. We have "religion" enough to want our name on some church roll. We will go to much trouble to get our "letter somewhere, but we have not "righteousness" enough to be responsible and dedicated.

We have enough "religion" to argue who is right, but not enough "righteousness" to teach cottage meetings to save a soul for Christ.

We know enough about "religion" to attend once a week, but not enough "righteousness" to attend every service.

Perhaps our trouble is "religion."

Jesus said, "hunger and thirst after righteousness," not religion.

--Perriman Dennison, Jacksonville
Selected

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(Cont. from page 2)

You squares...who dignify the human race.

You squares who hold the thankless world in place.

--by Charles Bower

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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June 18, 1967

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Come to the
Church of
Christ's
Choice

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WHERE AM I

As I idly turned the pages of a magazine
I thought of hours and moments slipping by,
The beginning, the ending and the inbetween,
And I wondered in my heart, where am I?

Life offers us no promise of another day;
From the moment of our birth we start to die.
I said a silent prayer and put the magazine
away,
And asked myself again, where am I?

by Nina Hunt Keith

WATCHING MYSELF GO BY

If I could just stand at the side of the road
And watch myself go by,
To measure the man and the weight of his load
Through an unprejudiced eye:
If I could spy on the things I have done
While going through my days,
Forgetting 'tis I that I'm looking on,
And lay aside false praise:

If I could just hear every word I have left,
Detecting every lie,
But using your ear as if my ear were deaf,
To listen as I pass by:

I wonder if then I would harden my heart
And gaze with scornful eye
Upon other men as I thus stand apart
And watch myself go by?

Gospel Minutes

NEWS AND NOTES

We're happy to have the Don Cash' family with
us today. Brother Cash will be our speaker
today. We expect Brother Gieseke to be back
from his gospel meeting in Kentucky by next
Lord's Day.

Remember the fourth Sunday Singing here next
Sunday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

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FAILING TO DO THAT WHICH IS RIGHT

In James 4:17 we read "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin". Is it enough in our work for the Lord just to not do anything wrong? Lest we come to this thinking, we should examine the scripture to learn our duty in this respect.

Brother Guy N. Woods made the observation that in every judgment parable, those condemned were condemned not for the wrong they had done, but for failing to do that which is right. In the parable of the talents, the one talent man was condemned not for any wrong he had done, but for failing to do the right. It was right to use that talent. He failed to do that, and the Lord condemn him for it. In Matt. 25, we are given a glimpse of the judgment scene. (Matt. 25:31-46) Those people on the left hand of Christ were condemned for "failing to do that which is right". It was right to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, etc., but these people did not do this. They had failed to do that which is right--- thus it was sin.

It was right to be prepared for Christ's coming, but the foolish virgins were lost because they failed to do that which is right. What did Cornelius do that was wrong? Not a thing! He had simply failed to do all that which was right. That is why he called for Peter that he might learn what was lacking and do it.

Brethren we need to wake up to the fact that there will be people in hell not only because they did wrong, but also because they did not do that which is right. We need to examine ourselves not merely from the stand-

point, 'Have I done anything wrong?' but also, 'Have I failed to do that which is right?'

Is it right to be present at every service of the church (including Sunday and ~~Wednesday~~ day evenings)? Is it right to visit and win souls to Christ? Is it right to give liberally to the Lord? Is it right to be pure in deed, word and thought? Is it right to live so that others can see, nothing doubting, that Christ liveth in us? YES --- Certainly!! Then may I ask, "How do you expect to get to heaven by failing to do that which is right?"

We see from the above examples that the Lord expects more than refraining from evil. In Matt. 12:30, Matthew says "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad". The Lord asks not for passive indifference to His work, but rather active participation for that which is right.

D.H.

NOW

by Dan Harless

It is said of Augustine that he prayed, "Lord, make me pure - but not yet." This attitude toward the Christian virtues has characterized a large segment of Christendom through the ages. According to the apostle Paul, truthfulness, honesty, justice, purity, that which is lovely and that which is good report are things to think about, things which should become a part of us. (Phil. 4:8) All of us readily concede the importance of these virtues in the attainment and maintenance of godliness. But oftentimes we wish to attain and maintain godliness tomorrow or next month or next year. The teaching of the Word of God is this: "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Heb. 3:7)

REMEMBER the area-wide singing here this afternoon at 3:00 p. m.

BLATING party at Fort Wayne Roller Dome Monday evening 7:30-10:30 p. m.

CAMP activities start at Camp Indogan the middle of July through August.

PLANS should be made to help at the booth during the 4-H Fair.

GOSPEL meeting at local congregation--August 14-20 Joe Hazelbaker of Indianapolis preaching.

"GOING to church regularly is like making a path through the forest--the oftener you use it, the less obstructions you find in the way." Try it and see! --Sel.

"The man who samples the Word of God only occasionally never acquires much of a taste for it."

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In Christ
I'm a sunrise,
not a sunset.

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If Christ is the Door, you are the doorkeeper to open or close it for others.
 If He is the Light of the World, you are the bearer of that light to the end of the earth.
 If He is the Vine, you are the fruitbearing branch that draws life from that vine.
 If He is the Bread of Life, you are to break it to feed those who hunger.
 If He is the Truth, you are the truthbearer, the interpreter of the truth.
 If He is the Bright and morning Star, you are to brush aside the clouds that veil His beauty from the world, that humanity may see and live forever.
 Oh, glorious truth that We are an indispensable part of the great plan and program of the Father.
 --Selected--

CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Someone has said, "It is not what we eat, but what we digest, that makes us strong." In order for our bodies to grow properly, an internal process must take place whereby our food is dissolved and absorbed by the different organs. This is an automatic process and we are hardly aware of its occurrence, but the fact remains that digestion of food is essential to our physical strength.

A person can also be assured of this fact: No one can be spiritually strong if proper digestion of the "bread of life" does not take place. Unfortunately, digestion in this case is not automatic but is accomplished only by the will of the person. A member of the Lord's church can study, hear the Word taught in the Bible class or hear the preaching of God's word from the pulpit, but unless he makes a willful effort to apply the teaching, the spiritual food will be of no value. It must be digested, it must be absorbed in order for spiritual growth to take place.

Secondly, the Lord did not mean for us to grow strong for nothing. Too much "flexing of the muscles" is being done inside the four walls of our church buildings and not enough "exercising ourselves rather unto godliness" outside. The Lord has a purpose for our energies, abilities and our spiritually strong minds. As we have just studied from Titus 2:14 in our adult Bible class, the Lord "gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. We have been served to serve; we have been saved to save.

We should not expect any mutation (sudden surge of spiritual growth) in our process of

THE VALUE OF ONE PRECIOUS SOUL

The VALUE of one precious soul
No man on earth can know,
For could we gain the whole wide world
And rich as Croesus grow,
Have every ounce of purest gold
And priceless gems of earth,
No scales could weigh one living soul,
Nor none declare its worth!

The VALUE of one precious soul--
Heav'n ONLY knows the cost--
Eternal, sinless Son of God
Gave self to save the lost:
And from that scene that awful day
God could but turn His face:
Can any mortal mark the price
His dying gift of grace!

The VALUE of one precious soul
Seems nothing in our day;
We pass them daily on the street,
But look the other way;
While angels in the sky rejoice
As ceaseless annals roll,
When one poor wanderer comes to learn
The value of his soul!

--Jettie E. Williams
--Selected.

"The surest steps toward happiness are the church house steps. --Sel.

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Christian development, however the Lord does expect the inner man to be nourished each day from Him who is "able to make thee wise unto salvation." II Tim. 3:15.

D. H.