

NEWS AND NOTES

Brother and Sister Carl and Jesse Pieratt left for Missouri this past week where they plan to stay for a couple of months before returning. As soon as we get their address we'll put it in the bulletin.

The mumps have invaded the Hoggatt family (I think-DH) Lesly, Jean and Bryan has most of the signs of it anyway. We miss others also who have colds and other sicknesses. We should visit Goldie Pulley and Pearl Bozell as we can. Remember all these in our prayers.

Singing to be at Mark's Nursing Home this evening at 6:30. Let's have a good turnout.

A list of supplies needed for Sults Lewis Children's Home is posted in the vestibule. Let's not forget the needs of the fatherless.

Tell your friends about HERALD OF TRUTH in color on WKJG-TV Ch 33 at 9:15 and WSJV-TV Ch. 28 at 9:00 each Sunday morning. Also, coming Feb. 4, the radio program will come on NEC network at 8:30 Sunday morning. Check your newspaper for stations and be sure and tell others.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

January 7, 1968

Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
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WORSHIP

REGULARLY

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the year,  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely  
into the unknown."  
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness,  
and put your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light,  
and safer than a known way."  
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod  
gladly into the night.  
And He led me toward the hills and the breaking  
of day into the lone East.  
So heart be still; what need our little life, our  
human life to know, if God hath comprehension,  
In all the busy strife, of things both high and  
low, God hideth His intention.

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From the Preacher:

Although I am not beginning a new year with you at this time I think this is a good time to say some things pertinent to the work here.

First: I am grateful for the attitude of love, faith and patience toward me. I realize that this has not been a fruitful period for the church locally. No doubt there have been results about which we shall know in eternity only. Thousands have read the truth from the "STAR" that has been mailed out a number of times to the county. Your fair booth put the church before the public in a way that would be virtually impossible in any other way.

Our support to the Herald of Truth has gone from zero to \$35.00 per month during this period. The church has sent hundreds of dollars to various "good works" in other areas. Some of these are the World Radio, Italy Campaign, the Greater Indiana Campaign and others.

Our physical plant has been improved by the addition of new furniture in the auditorium, air-conditioning, new sidewalks, new furnace, parking lot improvements and others that I do not recall at the present time. The preacher's house has been painted and the bathroom remodeled. All of these have required time and money.

I realize that my sermons are not usually designed for commendation of the hearers so I am taking this opportunity and space to say the things that may be left out of my sermons to you. I do appreciate each of you and have come to love you deeply. Each of us have our individual place in the Body of Christ. (Let us strive to fill it.) As a whole, I know of no group with whom I had rather be associated in Christian fellowship. When I leave LaGrange it will be with a heavy heart. I believe I can look to you as some of the best friends I shall ever have in this world. It will not be because of lack of love and care for you but rather for other reasons connected with my

family and teaching profession. These have been the best years of my family's life that have been spent with you here at LaGrange.

Let us briefly consider the future. I hope that each of us will grow spiritually in the new year we are now living in. None of us will get any more out of this year than we put into it. This may be partly accomplished by each of us giving personally to some "good work" as well as giving our regular weekly contribution. We need to look at our giving as carefully and as objectively as possible. There are many great works in the brotherhood that deserve our support. I hope that each one will consider giving regularly to one or more of these. A few of these are: Herald of Truth; Childrens' Homes; Miss-A-Meal Program; World Radio; Star Mailings; Homes for Aged and many others. I am increasing my personal support to the Herald of Truth rather than taking a raise in salary from the church. I say this not to boast but to show you that I believe in practicing what I preach. Will you consider giving to one of the places mentioned or to some other Christian endeavor during 1968? All of these are worthy causes that deserve your support and prayers. This is one way of laying up treasures in heaven. Five or ten dollars per month may not seem like too much, but when thousands of Christians give these amounts or more they add up to millions. Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap!

May God grant to each of us a prosperous year.

E. E. G.

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God knows. His will is best. The stretch of years which winds ahead. So dim to our imperfect vision,

Are clear to God. Our fears are premature;  
In Him all time hath full provision.

--M. L. Haskins--Selected



"God make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship and the Father's care and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth that it may be no stumbling block to childhood, weakness or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make this house the gateway to Thy Eternal Kingdom."

Selected

#### NEWS AND NOTES

Brother and Sister Cox are worshipping at the So. Side congregation in Ft. Wayne today. They also plan to leave for Florida sometime this week and stay for a few weeks. We wish them well on their journey and we'll miss them while they're gone.

There is to be a singing this afternoon at the Kendallville church building at 2 o'clock.

Start advertizing the Herald of Truth radio program that is scheduled to come on the NBC network the first Sunday in February. Take advantage of it!

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read my Bible regularly and attend all the classes at the Church when I can. I want to see the work prosper at home and abroad, THEREFORE I will give liberally and cheerfully to HIS cause.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 14, 1968

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

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"I AM A CHRISTIAN, BUT ----"

Some professed Christians say: "I'd like to visit the sick, but I must spend some time with my family. I'd help teach my neighbor, but I am just not good at personal evangelism. I'd like to give more to the work of the Lord, but after all I am making payments on my house, new car and TV. I want visitors made welcome at Church, but I cannot do that and chat with my friends. I would attend all the services of the Church, BUT . . . etc.

Others say: "I am a Christian, THEREFORE you can count on me to help where possible. I believe in the promises of God, THEREFORE I will invite them to the services of the Church and teach them myself where possible. I want to grow in grace and knowledge, THEREFORE I will (cont. on p. 4)



## HOPE IN THE NEW YEAR

One of the blessings of a Christian is that he lives in hope. Another milestone of time has past, and life's sun casts a longer shadow still on our pathway, but to the one who lives in hope, his salvation is nearer than when he first believed. The past year has not worked against him but for him. The Christian can always look to the future with confidence of something better. The immediate future should deserve our attention at the moment.

We should hope that this year we will strive to be a better person. That we will study God's word more diligently. That we will be more profitable to our Lord in winning souls to Him. That the church here and elsewhere will grow in spirit and members. And it would not be wrong to hope for physical health and strength for our families and God's continued blessings upon us. On and on springs the desires of our heart and such is as it should be if our aims are aligned with God's word.

Hope is a wish accompanied with expectation. It is not wrong to hope for good things but our hopes are not really genuine if we do not do our part in bringing them about.

How completely valueless is the man who says to the hungry and destitute, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body: what doth it profit?" James 2:16.

How foolish to pray, "Lord forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us," and then refuse to forgive those who trespass against us. Matt. 6:12.

Likewise we must do what we can to bring our hopes to fulfillment. If we don't our hopes really amount to wishes, and we cannot expect God to bless us in idleness.

Many of the things that we hope for, and that God wants us to have, are within the scope of our ability. Unto us, Christians, have been committed

the oracles of God. We can keep God's teachings for ourselves, or we can teach them to others so that the Lord's church might grow. The Lord says that He has given this treasure in earthen vessels. II Cor. 4:7. The Lord's greatest desire is for all men to come to the knowledge of the truth, but He is limited when we should be communicating this truth and we neglect to do it. If our hope is to be a better person this year, and this is God's desire, we have it within our power to do so. Paul said in II Tim 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Certainly God has given us the ability to provide for our own, and the man who doesn't has "denied the faith and is worse than an infidel," I Tim. 5:8. The Lord also said through Paul in Eph. 4:28, that a man should be "working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth." There is an ever present need toward the fatherless, the widows and the poor, and we who are more fortunate have the opportunity as well as the ability to alleviate these conditions. All of these blessed fulfillments we might wish for, but the Christian, who knows God has asked him and given him the power to do these things, will hope for them, and set his life toward bringing them about.

D. H.

Why not visit someone this week: Someone whom you have not visited before? Calling on them in their home will do them good; but it will do more for you than for them! Try it.

WHICH IS THE MOST USELESS: Salt that will not savor? Sugar that will not sweeten? A radio that won't play? A zipper that won't Zip? Or, a church member that will not work?

--Sel.



News and Notes

Recently several of our regular attenders have left for various reasons: Some to warmer climate some because of illness and one to college. The following addresses are given so that we might keep in touch, so keep this bulletin handy.

Carl and Jesse Pieratt  
% Mark Webster  
Camdenton, Missouri 65020

Mary Wilson  
Box 187  
DIC  
Nashville, Tenn,  
37203

Phena Phoff  
% Cecil Tucker  
729 N. Main St.  
Sullivan, Indiana 47882

Bernice Fisher  
Sherwood Hall  
N. Lakeview  
Sturgis, M. 49091

The Cox's left for Florida this week. Inform later.

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if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"  
YOUR SALVATION: "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation?"

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January 21, 1968

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WORSHIP  
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DON'T NEGLECT

YOUR PRAYER TIME: It is the breath of the soul.  
YOUR BIBLE: It is your sword for conquest; your hammer for construction; your guiding light for dark, dreary days.  
YOUR BODY: It is the capital for which you are to do business for three-score years and ten.  
YOUR OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE: Helpful deeds, kind words, courteous attitudes are for today; wait until tomorrow, and opportunity has passed away forever.  
YOUR TALENTS: He who uses well his gifts will develop new talents of which he was little suspected by others.  
YOUR SOUL: It will be as conscious of pain or happiness one million years hence as it is this moment. "What shall it profit a man (cont. on back)



## "ON TRIAL FOR OUR LIFE"

"I have set before you life and death. . .therefore choose life. Deut. 30:19 This statement made thousands of years ago is just as pertinent today as it was then. God has set before each of us an open door which no man can close. We ourselves can't close it, but we may refrain from going through it. Therefore we are truly "on trial for our life." Each of us have in our possession a soul. By the way we handle and care for it will determine where it and (only God knows how many more) others will spend eternity.

The other day I was reading my Bible during noon time at school when a student approached and started a conversation about "her belief" and the Bible. Her opinion was that she could believe the parts of the Bible she wanted to and leave out the parts she wanted to. My immediate question was, "Well, which part are you going to leave out and which part are you going to keep?" We are living in a world of skeptics; a people tend to think that the end justifies the means. In one of my classes of about thirty students the majority of them believe that it is alright to LIE if the end desired is accomplished. This is frightening! Where are they learning this sort of philosophy? From their parents and other "responsible"(?) persons. When our society is made up of this sort of person we are certainly in grave danger. Even now honesty is almost as hard to find as hens' teeth and decency and modesty is almost a forgotten art.

In his WORLD HISTORY IN OUR TIMES, Quincy Howe has truly written: "The twentieth century has put the human race on trial for its life." In Deut. 28:66 we read, "Thy life shall hang in doubt before thee." Never has this been more true. This is true spiritually as well as physically speaking. Our concern for our physical life should not be as pressing as our concern for our spiritual welfare. We need to "Be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine...But grow up into

Christ. Ep. 4:15-16. Is our society, as pictured by plays, television and movies, a place of lost, beer in hand, cigarette smoking, mini-skirted, pleasure seeking, willy-nilly people who spend their time in the smoke filled saloon and night club with someone else's wife while spending stolen money?

John Brown, in his review of Authur Miller's play DEATH OF A SALESMAN pictured the play as one which showed the futility of life without character or spiritual resources. Poor Willy Loman is desperate for lack of any spiritual guidance in his life, and can only cling desperately to the empty ideas of hail-fellow-well-met success, measured in terms of sales volume. He goes on to suggest that the play might be taken as a picture of the sickness of a materialistic society. Sounds disturbingly familiar doesn't it. Remember the rich man and Lazarus; the rich farmer; the prodigal son and others?

What can you and I do? Paul said, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." Col. 4:5. We are on trial for our spiritual life as well as those of our beloved children and friends. We can--NO, WE MUST--win this war! It is the only God approved war going on today. It is the only war in which we can engage that carries a promise of blessings and final reward. Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim.4:8.

E.E.G.

## CHRISTIANITY DEFINED

A minister wrote a wealthy and influential business man requesting a contribution. He promptly received a curt refusal which ended by saying, "As far as I can see, this Christian business is just one continuous GIVE, GIVE, GIVE."

After a few minutes the minister answered, "I wish to thank you for the best definition of the Christian life that I have ever heard."

--Selected



## NEWS AND NOTES

A Reminder - Next Sunday is "P" day, (program day that is) for the first broadcast of the Herald of Truth over NBC radio. Plan to get it at 8:30 next Sunday morning. Also be sure to inform others about it. The stations that we will likely get it on would be WKYC (1380) Fort Wayne, WDW (700) Cincinnati and WTRC (1340) Elkhart. Your friends who might be home at 9:30 (we expect our number to be at Bible study) to hear it over WMAQ (670) Chicago. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to reach others with the message of truth.

January is just about gone. Have you done one-twelfth of what you plan to do for Christ this year? What if He calls you home in the next month. Would you be behind in teaching "in season and out of season"?

## QUOTES

This generation is trying to drink its way to health, spend its way to wealth, fight its way to peace, and sin its way to heaven. It can't be done!

Men have to find truth, not because it is lost, but because they are.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 28, 1968

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In the right of  
God, the size of  
your gift is de-  
termined by what  
you have left.

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### WHAT DO YOU SPILL

If you were walking from a well carrying a bucket of water and someone jostled you, there could be spilled from the bucket only that which it contained.

As you walk along the way of life, people are constantly bumping into you. If your life is full of ill-nature, bad-temper, and ugly disposition, those things will be spilled from it. If it is full of Christian spirit, you will spill a smile or some pleasant remark. You can spill from your bucket only that which it contains.

--Selected



## WE BELONG TO GOD

The value of anything is not only determined by the price that is paid for it, but to whom it belongs. Many ordinary things take on priceless significance simply because they belong to some great person. Museums have many common articles that are held in esteem simply because they belonged to some notable person. Many of us also cherish some little thing that may have been given to us by our Father, Mother or other relative. The articles are of value because of who owned them.

I'm sure that our Lord places a value upon us because he bought us with his blood and we belong to him. We are his purchased possession, set apart for a particular work. Many of God's people are but a common and ordinary kind but they acquire a new value and dignity because they belong to God. It is God's ownership that gives us worth. We can indeed face the world with our head held high because of our relationship to the king of kings. We should never forget who we are for in so doing we might underestimate our value and minimize our usefulness in God's great purpose.

This obvious value that God holds, for us in His plans, should make us gratefully humble. The thought of God's selection of us should not go to our head, but to our heart and hands. Our Lord came not to earth to parade his greatness but to do the work of the Father who sent him. He came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many. He taught that the thought of greatness should be lost in service to others. We must only remind ourselves that greatness in God's kingdom is maintained by our willingness to continue His work. We belong to Him and He asks this of us.

D. H.

## GOODNESS AT HOME

Read Ephesians 6:1-4, "And ye fathers, do not provoke your children to anger; but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

The word "goodness" is used as a description of active benevolence. Goodness is a positive virtue, not a mere passive, kindly disposition. It is the expression of a desire to benefit others. It is an action of love.

Are we guilty of neglecting to show goodness in the house while going to extremes to produce it in other areas? Men, are we "street angels" to others and "house devils" to our families? Women, are you "sweetness and light" away from home and the "gall of bitterness" at home? As family members, are we guilty of doing good to others while refusing to let our family benefit from our encouragement, our tenderness, kindness and patience?

Goodness is love in action, love with its hand to the plow, love with the burden on its back, love following His footsteps who went about continually doing "good". Write your name in kindness, love and mercy on the hearts of those at home, for Christianity should shine brightest at home with those you love the most. A child can lighten his parents' burdens by goodness. A parent can encourage a child by goodness. A wife and husband can make home a taste of heaven by goodness.

Father, help me to put goodness into action. Help me to do something special today at home to show those I love, that I care.

--Selected

--Paulding Bulletin



## NEWS AND NOTES

Brother Gieseke received a call yesterday that Terry Edwards, son of Brother and Sister Paul Edwards of Lafayette, was killed in a car accident. The funeral services are to be Monday afternoon. We are very sorry to hear about this happening and want to offer our deepest sympathy to the family.

Brother Dale Smith and family attended our services last Sunday evening and reported that the Herald Of Truth radio broadcast that was to have started on NBC stations this morning, has not yet been cleared on any of NBC stations in Indiana (they probably will be later) He also thought that the program would come over WIW (Cincinnati) at 6:30 Sunday mornings, but he wasn't sure of the time. As soon as we find out and also find other stations in the area that are carrying the program, we'll report it in the bulletin.

The bulletin articles are written or selected by just a few each week. It is your bulletin too. If you would like to submit articles either written by yourself or gathered from other sources, feel free to give them to Sister Hostetler and she will insert them as she can.

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## L A G P A N G E

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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February 4, 1968

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"Be yourself, but  
always be your  
BETTER self."

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#### IT SHOWS IN YOUR FACE

You don't have to tell how you live each day,  
You don't have to tell if you work or play.  
A tried true barometer serves in its place,  
However you live, it shows in the face.

The false, the deceit you bear in your heart,  
Will not stay inside where it first got a start.  
For sinew and blood are a thin veil of lace,  
What you wear in your heart, you wear in your  
face.

If your life is unselfish, and for others you  
live,  
For not what you get but how much you can give.  
If you live close to God and His infinite grace  
You don't have to tell it, it shows in your  
face.  
--Sel.



## SIXTY-SIX HIDDEN BOOKS

All the books of the Bible can be found spelled out in full and separate in the following paragraphs. Can you find all of them? Underscore the names as you find them. Here is an example to show you how: "Ada, Nosés and Aáron jumped a rut," he said. Now find all the sixty-six below.

Jo, elected to speak to Imogene, sister of Hanna, humor director, of why a most unusual thing happened. Someone turned the hose at N. A. Lachish while he sung the song of Solo, Monday. A Texan drawled, I, sa, I, ah ah, it was an ez rain that scattered wasps, alms givers and all ukes without any C. O. loss." I answered, being numb erstwhile, "See table VI, tic, U. S. , and ship the C. O. to Rex, O. D., U. S. A."

Jon Ahab, the Raj, ere N. I. Ahab could act sober, "To beat Imogene to the draw to test her." The ruler on Fir St., King Sam, not the second King Sam, said, "First, John laughed; then second, Peter grinned." But in the first chronicles of the affair, not the second chronicles of the event, it was said that, "First, Peter grinned and then second, John laughed."

The first Sam, U. E., let us know, while Jud gestured wildly, that we should exit thru the trim ark and on through the first timothy field to the second timothy field to where we should see Matt hewing wood to boil tea which he brews. But Matt, getting in a jam, escaped before we arrived.

We ate some salami, cahooted with and asked an I. E. Lake to help us and left. As we headed toward the harbor someone said, "Where is your gal at?" I answered, "Listen! Soldiers drilling!" "Get in step Hesians," the leader barked. "By name, Z. E. Kiel is out of step: today he is the third."

Johnnie told me and Phile, Monday is ship day, "See first the S. S. Alon." I answered, being pro verbs and adjectives, "I like a long loud engine rev." Elation covered Johnnie's face. He said, It is nothing to lament at." I on sudden impulse said, "Not so bad. I, a hint give you to josh 'U'. Ask me Creek, try, 'Phi' lip, Pi' answer quickly. He said, "Hold it a second, the S. S. Alon!" I answered, "It moves!" He said, "Does its seams leak?" "Only one hem, I. . . ." "Ahh," said he butting in, "quit it, Use funny puns."

Just as I was saying, "Look overhead a Zep!" Haniah arrived with an Australian bird, a black shag gaily decorated. She having a bad cold stammered, "I hab a kku, kinda."

Zech, her husband asked, "Where does the ship stop first?" "Corinth," I answered Zech. Ariah the son, also had a question, "Where is the second?" "Corinth," I answered again, "because it sails around the isthrus." "Good!," said he, "for medicine, I will take five c. c. less." I, as tests were made later, told Jud everything. He said, "Is the gift from An's dad, E. U. Tero?" "No, My friend," I said, "Almost at midnight, just three seconds a. M., U. E. Lachish gave it to me."

### SCORE YOURSELF

60-66 . . . . .	Excellent!
50-59 . . . . .	Good.
40-49 . . . . .	Fair.
30-39 . . . . .	Still a babe.
29 and below . . .	Too much TV and not enough Bible.

Robert P. Page  
THE CHRISTIAN VOICE



## NEWS AND NOTES

We received information this week that would be of interest to the members here who remember the Jesse Yoakums: 1. That Bro. Yoakum was appointed elder of the congregation where they worship in Adrian, Michigan. 2. That a new son was born to them on Jan. 30. Name, Dale Edward; weight 7 lb. 6 oz.. We rejoice with them and congratulate them on both counts. We are quite sure that they will find enough to do in their new assignments.

Received a card from the Emmett Herr's, that they are now in St. Cloud, Florida. The Cox's are also in Florida and their address is posted on the bulletin board.

Brother Robert Page left for a campaign in New Zealand last Friday week. This congregation helped to support him in this work and is looking forward to his returning and telling us about the results.

In addition to the many from this congregation who are away for the winter, today we are going to have the Hostetler family missing. They are visiting her father and will attend services in that area. We were happy to see Pearl Boxell out for services last Lord's day. Perhaps we can be back to full strength as soon as the weather breaks. Let's hope soon.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 11, 1968

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THINK!!  
"It is impossible to  
pitch for the devil  
and at the same time  
bat for God."

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#### IS HE SATISFIED?

I am satisfied with Jesus  
Satisfied as I can be:  
But the question keeps recurring,  
Is He satisfied with me?

As He looks into my prayer life,  
Time I spend on bended knee,  
What would be the truthful answer?  
Is He satisfied with me?

--Selected



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## WHAT IS YOUR LOT?

Are you going to church less and enjoying it more?  
Do you find the preacher a bit of a bore?  
Do you enjoy the pleasures of the world more:  
Than going to church and staring at the floor?  
Do you really think that God may be dead?  
And that you are the master of your own fate  
instead.

Do you think that things will just go on alone?  
And that the Lord is not really on David's throne.  
Have you noticed after a few times of not being  
there:  
Your conscience doesn't hurt, and you really don't  
care?

If only the people would leave you alone;  
Then you could relax on Sunday at home.  
Listen my friend; what I'm saying is true;  
It has happened to others; it can happen to you.  
When your conscience is seared and hardened by  
time;

It may well be you hve crossed the line.  
The line that divides the saved from the lost;  
That separates you from those who love the story  
of the cross.

When your conscience speaks; don't turn away;  
Because you must prepare for the judgement day.  
If you are wrong--better make amends;  
Come to Jesus--He is still your Friend.  
You may save yourself from torment tis true;  
But you may save your family as well as YOU.

E. E. C.

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"Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on  
others without getting a few drops on yourself."

"Don't brag about your ancestors; give your  
descendents something to brag about."

--Selected

## ADVICE TO PARENTS

TRAIN US BY BEING AFFECTIONATELY FIRM . . .  
You really will achieve more with us through  
patient teaching than by punishment or preaching  
Say "NO" when you feel you have to, but explain  
your rules, don't merely impose them.

DON'T ACT SHOCKED WHEN WE DO THINGS WE SHOULDN'T.  
It is going to take us time to learn how to grow  
into life properly.

TRY TO BE AS CONSISTENT AS POSSIBLE . . . If you  
are mixed up about what you want for us, why  
shouldn't we be mixed up too--in what we give  
you???

DON'T TRY TO MAKE US FEEL INFERIOR . . . We doubt  
ourselves enough without you confirming it. . .  
Predicting failure for us won't help us succeed.

TREAT US AS IF WE ARE NORMAL, EVEN WHEN OUR  
CONDUCT SEEMS PECULIAR TO YOU . . . All God's  
children have problems . . . That doesn't mean  
we're all problem children.

STAND BY US, NOT OVER US . . . Give us the feeling  
that we are not alone in the world, but that we  
can always count on you when we are in trouble.

--Sel. from VIEWS

--Sharon woodlee

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"Sitting in a church house doesn't make  
one a Christian any more than sitting in a chick-  
en house makes one a chicken."

"There is more hope of a self-convicted  
sinner than there is of a self-conceited saint."

--Selected



## AIN'T IT GOOD TO GIVE?

When a feller's feelin' friendly  
'Cause he's got a bit ahead,  
And he sees some little person  
With a heart that feels like lead,  
(Perhaps a helpless babe, or cripple,  
Crying for the right to live),

Ain't it good to have a nest egg?  
Tell me . . . Ain't it good to give?

Little babies, pale and helpless,  
Older youngsters, bent and grey,  
Folks like you and me with feelin's  
Hurt by pranks that fate can play.  
They're a lookin' and a hopin'  
For a better chance to live.

When so much help costs so little  
Tell me . . . Ain't it good to give?

Will you see a youngster stumble  
When by stretchin' out your hand  
You can get him past the rough spot,  
And help him straight to stand?  
Can you take the chance of leavin'  
Helpless tots in pain to live?

When a night you face your conscience,  
Tell me . . . Ain't it good to give?

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LAGRANGE

CHURCH OF CHRIST

EXHORTER

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February 18, 1968

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### Schedule of Regular Services

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Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
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The friendship that  
does not inspire  
you to be better  
and finer in every  
way is not worth the  
name.

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### UNFINISHED STORY

--Sel.

What is the Bible? There have been many definitions given of it. The Word of God, the Guidebook of Life, the story of God's relations with man, the full, true account of the life and times of Jesus Christ, the history of the church--yes, it is all these things and much more.

But most of all, the Bible is the story of GOD and YOU. You are on every page, just as are all of His people, marching across them from its very beginning. It is the story of God the father, and man the problem child. We are writing it today, with our response to Him. It has no ending, yet. Will it be a happy one, when it comes? The pen is in your hand and mine. Let us never forget that God put it there, and supplied us with the "paper" of time to write upon.



## A BETTER WORLD

Oh God, help me to see;  
That a better world must begin with me.  
Give me the courage, wisdom and love;  
To seek those things ordained from above.  
Continue to guide me on the pathway dim;  
That I may ever look to him.  
To He who died that I might live;  
Help me God; My all to give.  
Give me strength from day to day;  
Help me in my feeble attempts to pray.  
Punish me not as I have earned;  
Forgive me when to sin I have turned.  
I want to do better each day I walk;  
And I am encouraged when to You I can talk.  
I cannot make this way alone;  
Only through Thy grace will I reach that home.  
Oh Father, I'm full of sin and woe;  
And deserve to go to the world below.  
But by Thy grace and wondrous love;  
I'll set my goal as that Home above.  
I can only do this by Thy might;  
Left on my own--I'm in a terrible plight.  
But by Your help I can continue on;  
And meet with saints around Thy throne.  
It won't be easy; tho the way is straight;  
That leads to life beyond the gate.  
But I can make it by faith, if I can see;  
That a better world MUST begin with ME.

E. E. G.

## I WONDER

I used to think that the idea that monkeys had changed into men was absurd. I have always hooted at the idea that one specie could change into another. But having seen so many people become "night owls" on Saturday night, and bedbugs on Sunday morning, I am beginning to wonder.

--Selected

## PRAYER

We must ever keep in remembrance that prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living, and the conditions of acceptable prayer worthy of God's hearing. It isn't the manner but the motive, that's important. It isn't the display but the sincerity. It isn't our will but the Lord's will to which we align our desires. It isn't with doubt but with faith that our petitions are heard and answered.

If we pray, meeting these conditions, we believe that God hears and answers; maybe "yes" maybe "no" maybe "later", but he promises to answer. The story of Paul's "thorn in the flesh" shows that God answers "no" when it is for the best. If, in the past, we have prayed amiss, and we have lived long enough to have realized the wrong to which it would have led, it would be well for us to thank God that our desires had not been granted. Paul later on said, "And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful putting me into the ministry. Paul learned that the Lord's grace was sufficient for him and that his "thorn in the flesh" would not hinder him in the most important work, that of the ministry.

The Old Testament stories of Sarah and Hannah who wanted and waited teaches us that God may answer "afterwhile". It has been said "the body of our prayer is the sum of our duty". God may give us our petitions only after worthy effort on our part. Do we sincerely mean what we say to God? If so, we must watch and labor for all that we ask.

We learn that the Lord is ready and willing to give us our desires if we ask according to his will I John 5:14,15. What man usually asks for when they pray to God is, that two and two may not make four. God's truth or plans should not be circumvented. A disciple of God will ever strive for a greater knowledge of God's will and chage his desires to correspond with God's. T. H.



WORDS OF WISDOM

Our suspicion of others is sometimes produced by our knowledge of ourselves.

A gossip is a person who knows a great deal about a very little, and who goes along knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he knows practically everything about nothing.

When you are talking behind someone's back, it shows they are ahead of you.

A loose tongue can often lead to a few loose teeth.

America was a better place when folks opened meals with a prayer instead of a can opener.

Man must be little to belittle.

Man needs but little here below, nor needs that little long.

REMEMBER THIS

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can.

-- John Wesley

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L A G R A N G E

C H U R C H O F C H R I S T

E X H O R T E R

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February 25, 1967

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"Nothing sets a person  
so much out of the  
reach of the devil  
as humility."

--Selected

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THE SECRET

I met God in the morning  
When my day was at its best;  
And His presence came like sunrise,  
Like a glory in my breast,

All day long the presence lingered,  
All day long He stayed with me,  
And we sailed in perfect calmness  
O'er many a troubled sea.

So I think I know the secret  
Learned from many a troubled way:  
You must seek Him in the morning  
If you want Him through the day.

--Selected



## MAN'S GREATEST NEED

What is man's greatest need? In our 20th century we see and hear this question debated. Is it better schools? Is it better guided missiles? Is it a better anti-missile defense system? In my opinion, what we need is a new eye. This may seem like a strange statement to make. But consider the fact that man in his lost condition needs to see God by the eye of faith. Man needs to realize that those things that are permanent are those things we cannot see at all. The magnificent buildings, the 4 and 6 lane highways and the golf courses, and all these things which we are spending so much money for are really of little permanent value. But man's greatest need is higher morals; a new set of standards--no, not a new set, but rather, an application of a set of standards that are almost 2000 years old. They had their origin in the law of Moses and their perfection in the Law of Christ. In His great Sermon on the Mount, Christ set forth a code, by which, if man would live today, we would have no need of guided missiles, a bigger bomb, or airplanes that would fly for a longer distance and carry a heavier load of bombs. Man would satisfy his own needs. We are told that Jesus simply went about doing good. Paul's words as recorded by Luke, said, "Remember the words of our Lord, how that He said: It is more blessed to give than receive." Isn't this a paradox in our modern society? We are greedily seeking after those things of the world. We are busily laying up treasures in this life instead of the life that is to come. What we need is to draw nigh unto God so that He will draw nigh unto us. Is there a way by which man can come back to God?

In the beginning man had a perfect relationship with God. God came and talked with man and took care of him, that has all changed. Why? Has God changed? No! Man made a poor choice. Man today, is still in most cases, making (cont.)

unwise decisions. Solomon warned in the long ago, "Remove not the old landmarks." Jerimiah put forth God's plea "to walk in the old paths," but the people then as now said, "We will not walk therein." What unlocks the gate to the old paths? The key of faith. (Heb. 11:6) But is faith alone enough? No, that simply enables us to open the gate, we must then take the path of repentance and cross the bridge of baptism. Regardless of what men believe and teach, it always has been and always will be the action of baptism that puts us into Christ. In Christ we can walk the Way of Holiness that leads to eternal bliss. (Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:27; Rom 6:3-4) The creeds of men will not take us to heaven. If not to heaven, then where? Man has two possible destinations. They are of his own choosing! In Deut 30:19 we read, "I have set before thee life and death . . . therefore choose life."

"May God help each one who reads this article to examine their self and re-establish if necessary the God-given standards that will make their calling and election sure. In Jesus name. A-men.

--E. E. G.

## THE BUILDING OF A LIFE

Life is building. It rises slowly day by day, through the years. Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the edifice which is rising silently within us. Every experience, every touch of another life on ours, every influence that impresses us, every book we read, every conversation we hear, every act of our commonest days add something to the invisible building.

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"Taking the gospel unto others is good for the soul for other souls as well as your own. The gospel is the medicine this sick world needs. Be a practioneer."  
R. R. P.



## NEWS AND NOTES

It is good to have the Cox's and Pieratts back with us after their absence for a couple of months. The Cox's stayed in Florida and the Pieratt's went to Missouri with a short visit to Florida right before returning home. The Herr's came back from Florida three weeks ago. Not only are we glad that these have returned but we are also happy that ~~the~~ Perry and Hazel Miller and Hazel's sister, Marcella, as well as Sharon Pieratt and her children have been regular in attendance.

Our regular monthly singing at Mark's Nursing Home will be this evening at 6:30. We invite all who can to attend.

Keep in mind that there are many helps available to the church here (Bible film strips, tracts, publications, bulletins as well as the Herald of Truth radio and television programs) and the church here should avail themselves of these advantages.

A gospel meeting is now scheduled here from June 9-14. Brother Billy Ringold of Danville, Illinois (Preacher of the East Park Church) will do the preaching.

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## LAGRANCE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

#### EXHORTER

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March 3, 1968

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*The child is not  
likely to find a  
Father in God unless  
he finds something  
of God in his father!!*

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#### THE PARABLE OF THE BLOWER

Behold, the blower went forth to blow, and he blowed, some seeds of gossip fell by the wayside and foul ears picked it up and devoured the good brother of whom it was spoken.

Some fell to the phony Christian, and not having much worth, straightway he sprang up out of his chair of do-nothing and telephoned his neighbor, and when he hung up, his neighbor was scorched and his love withered away.

And his brother, who fell among the thorns, not knowing how the tangle grew up, was choked and perished. But luckily some fell to the good man and brought forth pity, so he squashed it, and continued to gather of the blessings an hundred-fold, sixtyfold, and thirtyfold. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear, but he that hath a tongue to wag, let him keep his mouth shut. -Sel.



## A DISCIPLE

A chief reason why many of the Lord's professed followers are not prepared to teach others the gospel of Christ is that they themselves do not continue in study. I believe that this is one great deficiency of the church. In order to be a faithful disciple we must never cease to be a learner. This suggests that every profitable opportunity should be seized to learn. Forsaking the assembly, which was ordained to encourage faithfulness, unless providentially hindered, should not be considered lightly. The personal inquiry into God's word, perhaps prompted by thought provoking questions by others, should never give way to just personal opinion. We must continue to "study to show ourselves approved unto God." II Tim. 2:15.

Even after Christ's closest disciples had received much from his teachings, he charged them to tell no man of him, that he was the Christ. Matt. 16:20. No doubt, Christ had in mind that the people were not yet ready to receive this truth but equally or more reason, was the fact that the apostles themselves were not sufficiently instructed to rightly proclaim it. Their heads were full of wrong ideas with regard to Christ's work and office and had they been permitted to teach about him, they might have sown seeds of untruth. This is a serious thing today, and the Lord by entrusting into our hands the word of truth, is a victim of much injury, when untruth is taught to God seeking people. The proof of this is a divided confused Christendom which in turn gives rise to the pointing finger of scoffers and atheists. God is the innocent party but receives the brunt of ridicule. By our lack of diligence toward studying and rightly dividing God's word we commit a great injustice to our God.

Let us approach our friends not with a "holier than thou" or "I'm right and you're wrong" attitude, but with an earnest "Come, let us study and learn together."

## FILLING THE LORD'S - OR WORLD

There is a story about an aged merchant who wished to retire from business. He had two sons, but was unable to make up his mind which was the more clever and so should have his property. He decided to put them to a test. He gave each of them two small coins and said, "I wish you to buy with this money something that will fill this house."

One of the sons hastened to the market place and priced all kinds of goods. The cheapest and bulkiest thing he could purchase was straw. So he spent his coins for that. When he took his purchase home he did not have enough straw to cover even the floor of his father's house.

The other son, perceiving that his father had entrusted him with a task that could be carried out only by unusual shrewdness, gave deep thought to the matter. Then he spent his coins for candles. These he took home and lighted, one in each room. The light they gave filled the whole house. "To you," said the father, "I give over my business, for you alone have shown true wisdom!"  
Moral--The Christian is a light to light the world.  
Be a light for Jesus. --Sel.

## FAITH IN GOD

There are some people who spend much time discussing whether or not they can believe in God; but if they would reverse the question and ask whether or not they are the kind of people in whom God can believe, it would help them in getting a grip on him. When a person is so faithful to his own judgment and highest ideals that God can trust him, when he comes to realize that a divine eye is watching over him, it is then that there comes surging through him a strength which serves to make him courageous.

--Selected



## News and Notes

Two precious souls were added to the body of Christ here at Lagrange last Lord's Day. We are very happy that Perry Miller and his wife Hazel, obeyed the gospel. They have been regular in attendance for several weeks now and we look forward to their being an inspiration to us as we continue to teach others, as we have been taught.

As better weather approaches, we hope for increased attendance. But, let's make it so. Ask your neighbor, your friends, and whoever you meet, to come with you, and learn the joy of worshipping our maker.

Brother Earl Garner, who suffered a heart block a week ago Tuesday, is still in the Garrett hospital. He recovered from the extremely bad condition within a few days and is about the same yet. He can be up for very short periods, with help, but he tires quickly. He enjoys our visits, but they should be brief. He often relates the wonderful memories he has of the Lagrange church. He means much to us, too. Phillip Hostetler returned home from the hospital today. He had an appendectomy Tuesday, and is progressing well.

Dates for Camp Indogan are posted on the bulletin board. Applications will be available in approximately a month.

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## L A G R A N G E

### C H U R C H   O F   C H R I S T

#### E X H O R T E R

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March 10, 1968

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#### Schedule of Regular Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 A. M.
Worship Services	10:30 A. M.
Evening Worship	7:30 P. M.
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Live as if Christ  
died yesterday, rose  
this morning, and is  
coming back tomorrow.  
--Sel.

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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, have many days gone past?

You have read your daily papers,  
And with novels readled yourself,  
But when did you read your Bible,  
That lies untouched 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 un...



## THE THREE THREADS OF DESTINY

The person who carelessly says, "That's life" or "That is my destiny" or some other time worn phrase is either a hopeless (e) fatalist or else a half-hearted excuse of a soul sadly conscious of sin and failure. The truth regarding men's destiny is that it depends on at least three factors---circumstance; the Divine will; and character. In this article I will deal with circumstance.

Circumstance is not the important factor in our nation that it has been, and still is, in some countries to a large measure. But this does not mean that the circumstance into which we were born might not have a powerful influence in our destiny, not only in this life but also the one to come.

It may sound strange, but I pity those who have never known poverty. They cannot really enjoy the prosperity that God has given them. One coal miner in Drakesboro, Ky. said, "A woman cannot be a good cook unless she has lived through a coal miners' strike. Why my wife can make gravy seven different ways." Although I am not rich, and far from it, my son has never known poverty. (And God willing, he won't). But wearing "hand-me-downs" teaches humility, and then when God does bless a person with a small measure of the physical things of life a person can easily recognize and truly enjoy them.

I have always felt that my grandmother (maternal) missed her calling. She should have been a tailor, or something in that line of work. She could go through a few boxes of used clothing and outfit from five to eight grandchildren. Of course they might need a little "taking in" or "letting out" here or there, but they were almost as good as new. She had to also allow for the passing of six months time since she had last seen us or until she expected to see us again. She continually went about doing good. During the recent meeting held at Drakesboro, if people didn't know me they usually knew me when I told them I was Pa Collier's grandson who had helped them or one of their

neighbors during sickness or when the father was unable to work.

From her we were able to learn frugality for self and liberality for others. She surely believed that we could learn that it doesn't take a great deal to be content. Although twice widowed, she still kept her little ten acre farm and cow, chickens, hog and garden for she never wasted a waking moment. If she wasn't milking, or hoeing in the garden, she was making a quilt.

Did you ever have to take a bath in front of an open fireplace in water that had gotten cold before the galvanized tub could get warm? Then you can appreciate a good heating system and bathing facilities.

I hope you will forgive me for speaking of personal things, but I know more about me than I do about anyone else. I do not speak of these things as a reminder of the "good old days"; (They were not the good old days. Today is the "good day"; only tomorrow can be better.) but to point out to each of us that our circumstances can not be used as an excuse for doing poorly today. Our circumstance should give each of us a greater desire to succeed, either because of or in spite of our circumstance. They should also help us to keep the proper attitude toward God's gifts to us.

From my father I have learned, not about God and Christ, but that work is honourable above all things.

From my mother I have learned true love for my son, and a willingness to sacrifice that he may have better things than I have had.

From my grandmother I have learned applied, practical Christianity.

From YOU I have learned . . . . . ?

Yes, from you I have learned something too. For I have learned something from every person I have ever met.

I thank God that He has made each of you a part of my life and circumstance.



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step through the providential "doors" that are opened unto us, or to heed the Divine promptings with which He inspires.

Since God has so much to do with our fortunes in this world we should be; humble in prosperity; contented in lowliness; submissive in adversity.

E. E. G.

#### NEWS AND NOTES

In view of the gospel meeting that we are planning in June there needs to be some work done around the church building. One of the most obvious needs is that of painting, at least the class rooms and restrooms if not the auditorium itself. It had been several years since any painting has been done and it should be worked in any time that we can. May I suggest that we get together and decide a time and get the job done. Also, the roof leaks must be repaired by the men, and a time for this also ought to be set.

Our thanks to Carl Pieratt for hauling limestone for our driveway. I know we will appreciate this even more when the rainy season gets here.

We should note those who miss the services any Sunday and visit them or at least show enough interest to call them and encourage them any way that we can.

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## L A G R A N G E

## C H U R C H O F C H R I S T

## EXHORTER

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March 17, 1968

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without getting a few  
drops on yourself."  
--Sel.

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### THE MODERN VERSION

#### via The Contender

A preacher entered a class while the lesson was in progress and asked the children some questions. "Who broke down the walls of Jericho?" he asked. A boy in the class answered, "Not me, sir!" The preacher turned to the teacher and asked, "Is this the usual standard in this class?" The teacher answered, "This boy is honest and I believe him, I really don't think he did it."

Leaving the room in disgust, the preacher sought out the deacon in charge of the teaching program and explained what had happened. The deacon said, "I have known both the teacher and the boy for some time and neither of them would do such a thing."

By this time the preacher was heartsick and reported it to the elders. They said, "We see no point in being disturbed. Let's pay the bill and charge it to 'unhappy'."



## THE THREE THREADS OF DESTINY

In a previous article I discussed the part that circumstance may play in our destiny. I tried to emphasize that every person we have known has influenced what we are today.

In this article I will attempt to discuss the Divine will as a second factor in our destiny. In a future one I will discuss the importance of character. (Lord Willing.)

"Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler." (I Chr. 5:2) And how come Judah to prevail? Was it not chiefly, if not wholly, by the distinguishing grace of God? Solomon is thought by all scholars to have been the wisest as well as the richest king among God's people. Was this not by and according to God's Divine will? How about you and me? Isn't our heritage here, in part, chosen for us by God? The Psalmist wrote, "He shall choose our inheritance for us..."

Yes, He Jehovah, has chosen our inheritance for us in Christ. This does not mean however that we will all respond accordingly. He has determined our portion by the mental faculties and moral disposition with which He endows us; by the providential openings He provides, the direct Divine prompting with which He inspires us to do better. This is not to say, of course, that all will live up to their mental and moral potential or respond to the opportunities, or heed His Divine promptings.

Don't we all look at each other occasionally and think how much he or she should be doing? Just look at A or B there. Why both of them could make real good classroom teachers or personal workers. Look at the personality of C or D. Boy, what they could do if they were a little more dedicated. And so we pass on to E and F and G and H and I. III Wait a minute! That's me. Don't get little Ole me mixed up in this discussion. I just simply don't have the time. I'm busy going to school. It's required you know. I'm busy making a living. I'm busy

rearing a family. I'm busy farming. I'm busy planning a retirement. I'm just busy, busy, busy. What do you mean, how many ballgames have I been to? You're getting personal asking how many hours I watched TV during the last month. How this is too much. It's only ten cents per cup. (Well, sixty cents, since I set 'em-up. Can't be a tightwad.) I only waited an hour there. Now I hardly ever go to the show. Why should I when I can watch most of them on TV at home. What do you mean how many times did I visit the sick? No one came to see me when I was sick. And I'll have you know my morals are as good as the next Christian. By the way did you hear the little story that's going around. It is really dirty, but after the women and children are gone I'll tell it to you.

By the way; there is a family out my way that some of you should visit when you get time. You know me, I just don't know what to say to people I am not well acquainted with. Why was my phone busy for thirty minutes this morning? Oh, some woman dialed the wrong number and we got to talking, and did you know that we found out that we were born during the same week and had our baby the same week and, and, and, and, etc. Oh, I don't know who she was and I didn't invite her to services. You know how backwards I am in talking to strangers.

Yes . . . , I saw the car stop out in front of the house. Was that you? Well, I thought about going out and offering my help, but my sinus begins acting up if I am out in the cool evening air too long. Say, did you happen to go to the drive-in this week. It was two double features. Boy did it get cold sitting there. Oh, was that who stopped? He is always helping someone. Now he is one someone of you should work on. We bowl together on the same team. He would make a good member for our church. Too bad he is a

These little "created" conversations are meant to point out that we seemingly fail to recognize God's Divine will in our destiny. We too, often fail to use our mental and physical abilities or exercise our moral disposition. We often fail to



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So bear with me Lord,  
And help me to be strong.  
And I promise you Lord,  
I'll try to bring someone else along.

E. E. C.

#### News and Notes

A complete listing of the radio stations which are carrying the Herald of Truth broadcast has been received. We note that no Indiana stations have yet taken on the program. Perhaps they will in time. As for now, station WLW Cincinnati (700 on your dial) carries the program at 6:30 Sunday morning, as well as station WMAQ Chicago (670 on your dial) at 9:30 Sunday morning. We might mention however, that there are radio sermons in tract form on the tract table which can be had for the taking.

Brother Earl Garner is doing fairly well but is still confined to the Garrett hospital. He appreciates any of the LaGrange members visiting him.

A notice was placed on the bulletin board of Camp Indogan dates for this year. When the weather breaks, there is a great amount of work that can be done and would be very much appreciated.

Happy to have the many visitors at our services last Sunday. We cordially invite your investigation and attendance.

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## LAGRANGE

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 24, 1968

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When I neglect the services  
of the church, I injure  
its good name, I lessen  
its power, I discourage  
its members, and I chill  
my own soul. SEE YOU IN  
CHURCH REGULARLY.

#### A SIMPLE PRAYER

Lord, it's good to be here,  
On my knees before thy throne.  
Why, Lord, it's the next best thing,  
To being able to come home.  
It's good to talk with you Lord,  
And tell you of my trials.  
For I know I'll be coming home,  
In just a little while.  
Keep that lamp shining Lord,  
So that when the path grows faint;  
I can still see the footprints,  
Of Him who loved without restraint.  
Lord, I know I ask the same old things,  
Over and over again.  
Like, give me daily bread,  
And, forgive me of my sin.  
But Lord, I know you understand,  
That I'm ignorant and undone.  
And my only hope of salvation,  
Is through thy blessed Son. (cont. on back)



## A CURRENT PROBLEM

In this article I am going to be writing about one of the most important problems confronting the society today. This is one about which I am greatly concerned. As a teacher in the public school I can see a rapid decay among our youth. The things said will be about our society in general, but it is a problem about which the church must also be concerned.

Paul tells us we are to rear our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. It seems to me we have a considerable responsibility. We have quite a job ahead of us. We are way behind in our work. We need to be getting "caught-up."

The "expert" in child psychology (typically a female Ph.D. or M. D. who is unmarried and an only child) says, "Oh, I'm not worried about our youth today." Well brother, I'm worried about them; I know their parents. I'm one of them! God doesn't give us one or two to practice on. Everyone counts. Slips go in this game. If you lose you can't take your remaining marbles and go home. You must keep on playing the game.

Some other modern day philosopher says, "They're just doing what we did."

Shame on you! Are you still doing it? Have you finally quit?

Then someone else says, "They'll turn out as good as we have."

Yeah, that's what worries me! I'm afraid they will be like we are. And brother, that ain't good!

Some sage is always saying, "They're just sowing their wild oats." Then brother we better pray for a crop failure. Better yet, we had better get out the trashing machines. We, as well as they, shall reap what is sown. The old adage is true that, "Boys will be boys", but it is just as true that "boys will be men." They are going to be in places of authority in the coming years. I dread to think that some day I may see a long-haired, un-bathed, marijuana smoking kook sworn in as pres-

ident of this nation. I can't agree with all the present president is doing, but at least he bathes, shaves and takes a bath as well as getting his hair cut regularly. I am not a war-monger or hawk, but I would hate to see "flower-power" running my country. I am all for self-expression if it is creative; but when it is destructive, degrading, vile, dirty and revolting, I'm against it.

We as parents in America, ought to be concerned about our youth. We have failed them in many respects, as a whole. No where in the world is there so much spiritual poverty as has developed in the past generation or two. We are seeing and reaping the results of a negligent society for the youth. This means, of course, that we have also neglected ourselves.

There was a time when the family unit was a very close one. Families gathered around the living room or kitchen and did things together. But these things are almost non-existent. These have been replaced by social parties, dances, booze parties, pot smoking, and taverns where too many parents spend too much time "boozing it up." A sad day has come for America. We must wake up or give up our ridiculous claim to be a Christian nation. We must come back to God before He gives us up to our own passion and sins. (See Romans 1:18-32)

If our society continues to degenerate, and I see no real reason to assume otherwise, what will things be like by the time you and I as parents are ready to retire and enjoy our grandchildren?

May God help us as a nation; and be merciful unto us on the Day of Judgment.

E. E. G.

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"The man who expects to go to heaven should take the trouble study the route that will get him there."  
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There is no reason why any group of youngsters cannot have sensible, mature chaperones who still appreciate play, fun, and decency.

3. Let us restore the "Chores!" It is still true that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. Chores make children appreciate home life, appreciate the work of their parents, teaches them the value of time and necessity of work in this old world in which we live. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," but all play and no work makes Jack a playboy and a poor citizen.

Remember Christian parents do not have to allow a single thing just because others do it. To receive our eternal inheritance, we must learn early in life to take the hard way, the unpopular way, and even the unhappy way at times, to be right.  
Selected.

#### NEWS AND NOTES

Our thanks to brother Robert Page who gave us a full report of campaign which we helped to sponsor in New Zealand. He is planning on returning for a three year term as soon as school is out. He didn't ask, but he told me that he would appreciate any help that we could give toward his traveling fund and extended stay. (DH)

Most of us have met Brother Maurice Hall through his speaking tours for MCC and also the Viet Nam orphan work. We just received notice that his son Bill was killed in Viet Nam.

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March 31, 1968

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ARE YOU STANDING  
ON THE PROMISES -  
OR SITTING ON  
THE PREMISES?

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#### THREE "C'S" NEEDED TODAY

Perhaps the best piece of relief work during the great depression was that of the C.C.C. (Civilian Conservation Corps), taking young men off the streets and using them in conservation works, such as roads, bridges, fire lanes, etc. Today there are three "C's" badly needed. Only the parents can supply them. If our children go wrong, let us never forget that we were their most prominent example.

1. Let us restore the "Curfew". Silly mothers and unthinking fathers who shove their 12 or 13 year olds into dates, and late ones at that, are reaping some of the harvests of their foolishness. This statement is not designed for the approval of those mature to think about them.

2. And let us restore the "Chaperone." "Ridiculous", "Antiquated", "horse and buggy thinking", but talk to the doctors and judges, the policemen and community leaders about what this generation has gotten its children into. (cont. on back page.)



## THE THREE THREADS OF DESTINY

In the two preceding articles on destiny I have discussed circumstance and divine will. In this last article I will attempt to discuss character and its relationship to destiny.

In many of the stories told in the Old and New Testament we find many persons who might have been far more honourable and influential than he and his posterity enjoyed. Circumstances favored it; God would have been willing to sanction it; but they forfeited it by their sin or lack of character. Their shameful incontinence lowered the level of their fortunes and those of their children. Had he been a better man he would have held a larger share of prominence and power. Character is a strong and important thread in the cord of human destiny.

What shall we be in this world? To what heights shall we rise? What heritage shall we leave our children? All of this depends in most part on the character we have already formed or are forming now. The time of youth is the most excellent time to think about our character. It is easier to mold a good character than it is to remold a poorly formed one. Some one has said that our reputation is what people think we are and that character is what we really are. Character is that person we must live with twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week for all of our life.

Character is a diamond that scratches every other stone. The only hope for our sick society is the development of individual character. It is not the things written in books that will change the world, but the things written in lives, that is character, will be the irresistible force that will overcome. The problem is, we see, to think that our children will accidentally fall into good character. This is not true! Character must be hammered and forged for one's self. We need to realize that a tree will not only lie where it falls but that it will fall where it leans. Which way do we lean?

Do we play at Christianity? What character traits do we have that our youth can benefit from by incorporating into their life? Remember, character building begins in infancy and continues until death. If we have traits that are undesirable we can change them. Realization of wrong always precepts doing right.

Things don't just happen by chance! The doctrine of chances is the bible of the fool. Good, worthwhile things are made to happen. Things that strengthen character are achieved only through diligence and struggle. The general tide of the currents in the world are in the other direction. It is an uphill battle. Such qualities as purity, sobriety, honesty, diligence, courage, civility--these are the things that make for success. When these are absent, life must be a failure; when present, it is almost certain to be a success. But there is one thing that is not to be overlooked--a fear of God. The proper fear, respect and reverence toward God are an essential part of true character. Apart from this, any success that one might achieve in this world will be short lived indeed.

In conclusion let me say that we can control two-thirds of our destiny to a large degree. We can make our circumstances stepping stones to a good character. With the Divine providence of God being instrumental in our life we can achieve true success; not in the way man counts success--but in the way God measures success. We can stand with Paul and say: "It is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me." Greater words could hardly be uttered. Christianity requires character. Keep a tight hold upon circumstance; God's Divine will and character. They are the three threads of destiny.

E. E. C.