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CHARACTER BUILDING

During the past month, the Corpus Christi and San Antonio Churches have heard some very good sermons, but one stands out as being particularly needful at this time. The title of this sermon was "How to Build Charcter."

It was on the Sabbath of December 2 that Mr. Foster brought this vital subject into sharp focus. Points to remember in character building were expounded with such clarity and emphasis that we were brought to the sober realization that many of us are not building the type of character needed before we can qualify to enter into God's Kingdom.

Mr. Foster pointed out that character is the ability to: (1) Know what is right, (2) Choose what is right, (3) Do what is right. Our purpose in this life is to grow until we have the exact nature of Christ. We cannot do this by ourselves, but must have God's Spirit to overcome our human faults. It was stressed that we must be as Christ, putting the entrance into God's Kingdom first above all other things.

Mr. Foster gave us three tools Satan uses to tear down character. They are (1) **Consuming all your time** with worldly projects, not leaving any for prayer and study, (2) **Discouragement** and vanity by letting the cares of the world bog us down until we forget that Christ will take care of our physical needs and (3) **Familiarity** with the Scriptures leads to contempt of them. We get the feeling we know all we need to know and fail to study.

Next, he gave us five ways to build character: (1) Set your mind on the goal of becoming perfect and keep it there (Matt. 5:48), (2) Don't just read, but really **study** the Bible (II Tim. 2:15), (3) Meditate on God's Word (Psalm 1:1-2), (4) Pray fervently, dili-

gently, regularly and (5) Fast in order to get closer to God.

Let's watch how we spend our time and not allow the cares of this world choke off our time from Bible study, meditation, fasting and, above all, our prayers. If you think you are just too busy to pray, remember that Christ gave us the example. Even though He was the busiest man alive at that time, He took time out from preaching the Gospel to go to a private place to pray alone.

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AUSTRALIA

Courtesy of The Portfolio

LATEST INFORMATION FROM SYDNEY REVEALS THAT THE PLAIN TRUTH MAILING LIST HAS PASSED THE 20,000 MARK. THIS INDICATES THAT THE SOUTHERN CONTINENT HAS HAS MOVED INTO 1st PLACE FOR DENSITY COVERAGE WITH THE GOSPEL MESSAGE. The relative circulation has soared even beyond that in the United States — one magazine for every 150 families. The witness is still far from complete but for every family that receives literature there are scores who listen to the daily warning.

The Sydney office employees now total 21 and the quantity of literature handled increases daily. As prophecy marches on in the Far East with the Communist threat growing daily, we can see God's work crescendo.

EPHRAIM HEARS WORLD TOMORROW

Courtesy of the Portfolio

To begin December 1st.—fully two-thirds of the population of Great Britain will be able to hear the WORLD TOMORROW program at 8:30 P.M. every night!

This tremendous news revealed recently in Bible study and Forum by Mr. Ted Armstrong, is really historic! For the first time in the history of God's work, the Gospel will be booming into the British Isles at a really good time, from the antenna of a commercial station, located on shipboard, off-shore from Britain, blanketing all of the huge areas of London and Birmingham.

Think of it! For years we have labored along with the late times on Radio Luxembourg. Now God has flung open a new door to reach His own people Ephraim with even greater power!

And we can know—through faith—that this is only the beginning!

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Record Attendance In San Antonio

On the Sabbath of December 9, the San Antonio Church had a record attendance. One hundred and thirty-one people were present. This encouraging jump in attendance was due to the recent addition of several new faces to the San Antonio congregation and the increased numbers of distant members who have been making special efforts to attend more often. In the last issue of the paper we reported that the Bible Study in San Antonio had just broken all previous records. We are now happy to report another record attendance in the Bible Study — sixty-seven were present Friday night, December 8.



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EDITORIAL

by Roger Foster

Disrespect is the epitome of human nature. It seems almost impossible for one human being to learn to respect another. Instead we find a world filled with greed, vanity and war. A world filled with HATE! Disrespect among men is at an all time high.

One of the problems that many of us in God's Church still need to overcome is that of showing disrespect to God. "The fear (respect) of the Eternal is the beginning of wisdom" (Psalm 111:10). When God gives us a command He expects us to tremble and fear to break that command. (Isa. 66:1-2).

In Leviticus 23:3 God calls His Sabbath "an holy convocation" — that is, a **COMMANDED ASSEMBLY**. How many of us still **disrespect** that command and, through habitual negligence, are showing our **contempt** for our very Creator? Jesus Christ made it His **custom** — His **HABIT** — to assemble on the Sabbath (Luke 4:16). We are further **commanded** to be especially diligent in "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; and SO MUCH THE MORE AS YOU SEE THE DAY APPROACHING" (Heb. 10:25). Are you obeying this command? Or, do you still disrespect God?

Let's carry this a little further. "So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). The very least

OUR CHANGING TIMES

by David Robinson

A few years ago, the predominant colors on the maps of Africa were red and green. The red was the color of the British Empire and green, that of France.

In recent years, we have been seeing section after section in Africa change its color on the map, or what is more important, become "self ruling." The latest of these is Tanganyika, which the British turned loose only this month.

Now the world has another "independent nation" to add to the growing confusion. Will Tanganyika become another "Congo" which has cost the world, and particularly the United States, so heavily, or will it develop a strong dictatorial type ruler like Ghana, the former Gold Coast? For surely one extreme or the other will be the outcome. Less stability in the world, and more confusion will surely be the result. Can anyone doubt the great confusion in this world — this "Babylonish complexity"?

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"Gulp! The minister saw me come in late again!"

that we are expected to do is attend the Sabbath services. In order to really be profitable we have to go beyond the minimum requirement. We need to be regular in Bible Study attendance. We need to study before we come to the Bible Study so we can ask intelligent and helpful questions. We need to teach our children to respect the place where we meet — teach them that God has placed His name there.

Examine yourself! Are YOU being disrespectful toward God?

Spokesman Club News

The Spokesman Club has made a great deal of progress in the past month. Some of the men are beginning to come out as leaders and the Club as a whole seems to have more real foundation and purpose.

Another stride forward by the Corpus Christi - San Antonio Spokesman Club was made by starting a debating team. A six minute speech is followed by two minutes of rebuttal. Mr. Foster said that this would allow the men to be able to practice thinking on their feet by having to give a rebuttal after their opening speeches. It will also help us to have more intensity and forcefulness in our speeches.

The subject of the debate is whether we should own or rent a home. Mr. David Robinson and Mr. Flores got us off to a rousing start. Mr. David Robinson was for owning a home and showed us it was God's principle to own a home.

Mr. Flores then showed us a few advantages of why we should rent, and the great debate was on.

As a result, we are developing more spontaneity and drive in our rebuttal. This truly gives us an opportunity to think and speak on our feet. So let us really strive to take full advantage of this great opportunity to further advance toward maturity as a speaker.

Another first was accomplished this month when Mr. Adolph Romike showed us what could be done! He won both the Most Effective Speaker's cup and the Most Improved Speaker's cup in one night. Congratulations, Mr. Romike! This gives us something to shoot for, so come on men, let's strive! Strive! STRIVE!



Mr. Kirkpatrick, Toastmaster for the evening, gets debate off to a rousing start.

CHURCH NEWS AT A GLANCE

WELCOME

We would like to extend a welcome to those who have only recently begun attending Sabbath services in both Churches. We are very happy to see the faces of Mr. Walter Konze and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Pulley and son in our services in Corpus Christi each Sabbath. Also Mrs. Lillian Caylor has been able to attend services in Corpus Christi for several weeks now. The San Antonio Church welcomes Mrs. Don Borthick and Mrs. John Earl, Miss Ella Goode and Mr. John Mullins.

REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mrs. Lorraine Waite of San Antonio had a heart attack about a month ago and is still in bed. We all miss her very much at church. She had expressed a desire that the brethren visit her at home, 865 Chaffee Road, Fort Sam Houston. Also, Mrs. Lydia Walker of Corpus Christi is suffering from heart trouble and needs our prayers. Mrs. C. J. Hull of Corpus Christi hasn't been able to attend services for several weeks due to the crippling pain of arthritis. Recently Mr. M. V. Williams of San Antonio fell and cut a gash over his eye. But, we can happily report that it is healing very nicely. We were very sorry to hear that Mrs. Ella Blaschke of Seguin has been ill with the flu. We hope that all of these and

any others who are ill completely recover very soon.

EXPECTING

With a smile that simply radiated happiness, Mr. Foster announced that he and Mrs. Foster are "expecting" in the not too distant future. As children are truly a gift of God, we can all rejoice with the Fosters. Congratulations to the prospective parents!

MR. AND MRS. STEVENS MOVE

The members of the Corpus Christi Church miss Mr. and Mrs. Reed Stevens and their two young sons. They recently moved to Washington D.C., where Mr. Stevens is employed by civil service as a marine biologist. Both were members of the Corpus Christi Church, Mr. Stevens having been just recently baptized. The closest Churches to them are the ones in Pittsburgh and New York, which they hope to attend occasionally.

VISITORS FROM THE VALLEY

The Corpus Christi Church welcomes the following people from the Valley, who attended Church on the Sabbath of December 9. They were Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Leavell, Mrs. Ruffner, Mrs. Merrick, Mrs. Talmadge, Mr. Ed Stanley and Mr. Ed Stanley, Jr. It was a great joy to see so many attending from the Valley, and we hope you will attend as often as possible.

Thanksgiving Social

by Van Douglas

On November 23, the colored brethren enjoyed another wonderful social at Mrs. Gallimore's home.

The social event got off to a good start at the dining table. Solomon said to eat thy bread with joy. Truly, only in the land of Israel can one eat with such joy, because of the abundance of food we have. The ladies served a delicious turkey dinner with cornbread dressing, cranberries, string beans, salad, rolls, and sweet potato pie.

We had two honored guests, Mr. and Mrs. Foster. Mr. Foster explained that the purpose of the socials we have should not be like those of the world, but should help bring out our personalities and give us an opportunity to grow in brotherly love.

After the meal, we played various games. We had an interesting game of bingo going when Mr. and Mrs. Foster had to leave. For the first time since we've been having these socials, we played the game of musical chairs. This game really produces fun and laughter for young and old.

Then, we continued with a loop throwing game, dominoes, and checkers, until it was time for us to depart, which came too soon.

From the comments at the close, we had the best social yet. It is a real blessing to be able to attend.

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Recipe

RAW APPLE CAKE

1 cup raw sugar
 ¼ cup butter
 3 raw apples chopped fine
 (with or without peeling)
 1¼ cup whole wheat flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon soda
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon nutmeg
 1 large egg or two small

Chop apples, then cream butter and sugar, add egg and beat. Measure flour and add salt, soda, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Mix these dry ingredients and add gradually to liquid mixture. Add apples and mix well. Pour into tube pan that has been greased and floured. Bake at 350° for 1 hour.

Personal Glimpses

We'd like you to become better acquainted with a very interesting family, the Burtons, who are relatively new to Corpus Christi.

Mr. Jack Burton was born on August 1, 1927 on a farm in north Missouri. He attended high school in Chillicothe, Missouri. Mr. Burton spent one and one half years in the U. S. Navy in 1945 and '46. He was a signal-



Jack, Wilma and Roger Burton

man for the Union Pacific Railroad for eight and one half years. He left the railroad on 1957 and went to refrigeration school in Kansas City, Missouri. His present occupation is refrigeration, air conditioning, and appliance repair.

His wife, Wilma, was born April 29, 1936, on a farm near Dixon, Missouri. She graduated from high school in Dixon and went to Sanford-Brown Business School for a year and a half. She also attended Southwest Missouri State College for a year, majoring in Home Economics.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton met in Springfield on Pentecost Day at the home of one of the brethren, where several were gathered to enjoy an evening of dancing after the Sabbath was over.

The Burtons have a handsome, brown-eyed son, Roger, aged four!

While working in Topeka, Kansas on the railroad in 1954, Mr. Burton first heard the Broadcast. He was baptized in 1957 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Burton first heard the broadcast in the summer of 1959 while working in St. Louis, Missouri. In the spring of 1960 she wrote in for baptism and Mr. Bryce Clark was sent to visit her. About two months later, she was baptized in Springfield, Missouri.

Swimming, reading, and hunting comprise the chief recreational interests of Mr. Burton.

Mrs. Burton's favorite activities are sewing and hiking.

So, when you have an opportunity, get to know the Burtons better. They're nice people to know!

Classroom Behavior

by Janice Burgess

What would you see if you were to walk into a classroom today? Most likely you would see a group of unattentive teenagers sitting in the classroom. Some would be talking, others might be throwing spitballs, or doing other class work that they should have done the night before. If today were a test day, you might see the teacher standing over a few of the known "cheaters". Also you would probably see a few of the A students, the ones you would have thought would never think about looking on someone else's test — you would see them cheating! What kind of a classroom is this where almost 90% of the students cheat? Average classroom U.S.A.!

How far are the teachers allowed to go in reprimanding the students in their classes? Just about all they can do is to tell the students to be quiet and listen, or send them to the principal's office. What does this accomplish? Absolutely nothing! The student is either sent back to the classroom with an admittance slip, or in some rare cases the parents are called. This results in the parents telling their child "not to do it again". In rare cases the parents will "restrict" their child, but it usually doesn't get that far.

The teachers have almost no authority over their classes. There are times when the teachers get "fed up" with the student and hit him or her. When this occurs, the parents are sure to be there the next day complaining that the teacher "had no right to hit MY child". Ordinarily the principal sides with the parents and the teacher is reprimanded and left with all the blame.

As a student at Robert E. Lee High School, I witness these things many times a day. Every day I see teenagers talking back to the teachers, and the teachers, not being able to do much, have to put up with it.

This is just another example of how our society is decaying because God's principles of discipline are being ignored both in the home and in the public schools.

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Jokes

The mosquito is like a child. When it stops making a noise you know it is getting into something.

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Child: Mommie, there's something without legs running across the bathroom floor.

Mother: Oh dear, have you any idea what it is?

Child: Yes'm, It's water.

Deer Hunt in Frio County

by David Robinson

On the last Tuesday in November, very early in the morning Mr. Foster and I left for a deer hunt in Frio County. We arrived in Pearsall well before daylight, met our host and guide at the local cafe, ate breakfast and headed with haste for the hunting grounds, for dawn was beginning to break! The first game sighted by us was a turkey, and after I had missed my shot, Mr. Foster shot a turkey gobbler out of an oak tree at about a hundred yards distance. We then began seeing many, many does and yearling deer, but the buck deer were all absent. Finally, about nine o'clock in the morning, Mr. Foster got a shot at a six point buck at quite close range, and his aim was deadly. We cleaned the deer and hung him in a tree, and then, as our host had to leave us, we were left on our own for the rest of the day.

Just before noon, as we eased through an area all but grown over by the brush, I got a close-up shot at a small buck and brought him down. He was only a spike buck, but he was a good sized deer and spikes are legal in Frio County.

As Mr. Foster went out to where the deer lay, in quite heavy brush, another buck jumped up and in a flash Mr. Foster fired at him. I knew the bullet hit, for I could see the hair fly. We found the blood trail and followed it for a long distance in the heavy mesquite timber, but finally could follow it no further. With heavy hearts, we turned back, hating very much to lose a wounded deer.

We were not to see any more bucks that day, but just before dark we picked out a doe and brought her down for meat, bringing her home with a doe permit.

We returned home quite late, hunters home from the kill!

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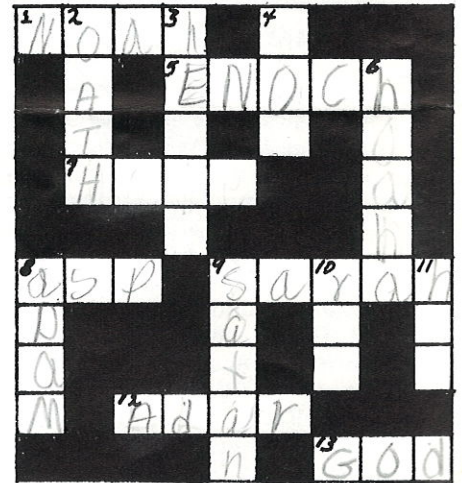
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CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Dear Boys and Girls,

Here are the answers to last month's quiz. How many scored 100? 1. Noah-flood 2. unclean-seven-clean 3. faith 4. Shem-Ham-Japeth 5. seven 6. 600 7. fountain-rain 8. 40-40-150 9. five-Arrarat 10. birds-bird-green leaf 11. clean-blood 12. rainbow 13. Turkey.

Now, for a change of pace, let's try our skill at working the following Bible Crossword Puzzle. Next month watch for more quizzes and the answers to the puzzle in this column.



ACROSS:

1.built an ark.
5. Cain's eldest son.
7. An unclean animal that chews the cud but does not have a divided hoof.
8. The child shall play on the hole of the.....
9. Abraham's wife.
12.is the twelfth month according to God's calendar.
13. He created all things.

DOWN:

2. God confirmed his promises with an.....
3. Is deceitful above all things.
4. He was spared when Sodom was destroyed.
6. A prophet.
8. The first man created.
9. Lucifer.
10. The.....Sea parted to let the Israelites pass.
11. The father of Cush.

Fill in the following blanks with the correct answers:

1. After the flood, most of the people settled in the land of..... in the valleys between the..... and.....rivers.
2. Noah lived.....years after the flood and died when he wasyears old.