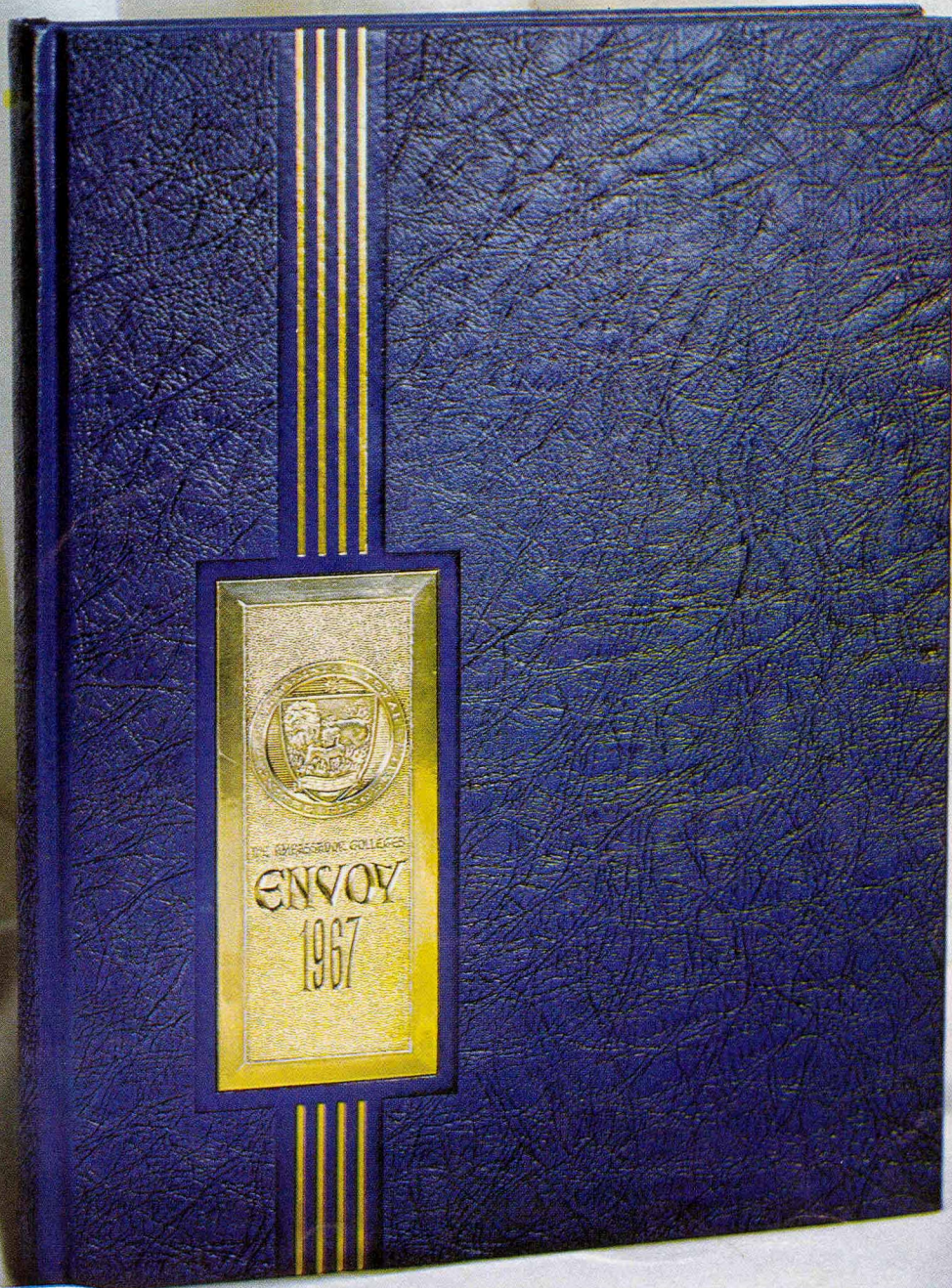


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### Get More From Time

"I've thoroughly enjoyed the article on page 6 of the February issue of *The GOOD NEWS*. Although I enjoy every article in every issue, this one — 'Get More Out of Your Time' — has helped me to organize and plan my time more wisely. I still don't have enough time for many things but at least I can use time to the full by following your instructions." R. B., Louisiana

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California

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Mrs. P. K. M., Indiana

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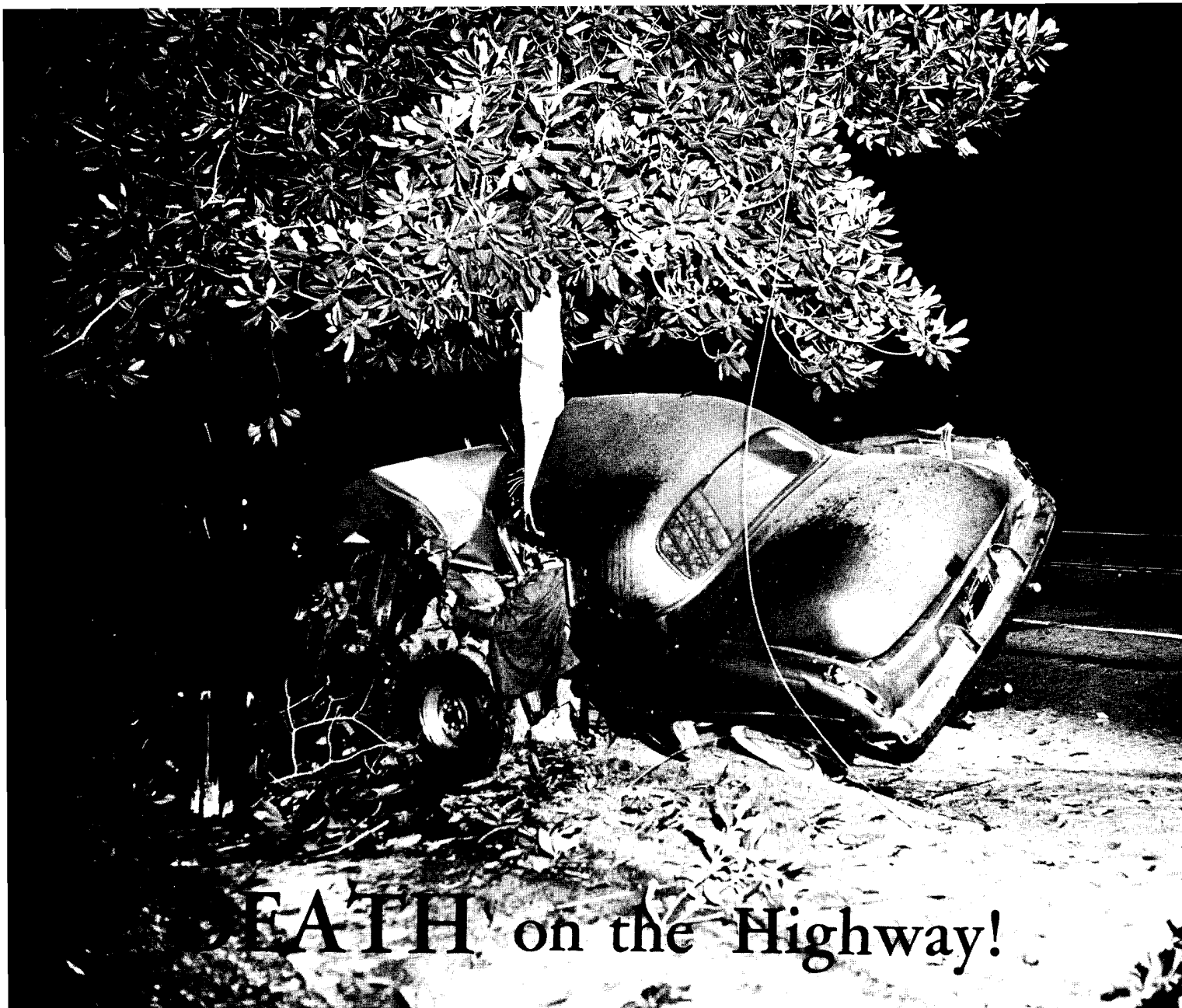
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## DEATH on the Highway!

Pasadena Police Dept.

*Traffic safety was discussed at this year's Ministerial Conference. The points mentioned by Mr. Armstrong are included in this article. Read how you can improve your driving habits and safeguard lives as well. Your automobile and how you drive it, is a major responsibility in your life. Be sure you are not sinning on the highway — God will hold you accountable!*

by Robert C. Boraker

**S**LAUGHTER on the highways is *far worse* than war. More Americans have been killed in traffic accidents than in all the battles from the Revolution to Vietnam. The casualty toll for 1966 — 52,500 killed, 2,000,000 injured.

This means more Americans were killed on the highways in 1966 alone than have been killed in all the years

of fighting in both Korea and Vietnam.

*Every week* citizens armed with automobiles go out and kill over *one thousand* people and injure another 38,000. War in all its fury, except at the peak of major battles in World War II, has never claimed American lives on such a scale.

That's how it stands *now*. *The future looks even worse!* With more drivers

on the roads driving more miles, the accident toll will keep rising. By 1975, safety experts predict that 100,000 persons will *die* each year on our highways with untold millions being maimed and mutilated.

### The High Cost of Accidents

Traffic accidents are not only costly in terms of lives and injuries. Property

is damaged. There are wage losses because of injuries. Police investigations, insurance negotiations, legal services all cost money. The result is that the average cost of each collision, taking all the above factors into consideration, is \$800. Where there is an injury, the cost rises to \$7,000. Where there is a fatality, the cost soars to the *astounding* figure of \$180,000. This loss of life and property in accidents is *greater* than that in any war this nation has endured.

Can this nation afford it? President Johnson answers: "We cannot accept the intolerable drain on our human and economic resources that these accidents are causing."

But do these large figures for the entire nation have much meaning to *you*? Bring the situation closer to home. What are the statistics for your city or town? Take Pasadena, California (population 130,000), as an example. During 1966 there were 3,705 collisions in this town. In these accidents, 17 people were killed and 1,558 injured. You could find similar statistics for where you live.

### Traffic Problems in Europe

The situation is even worse in Europe. There are even *MORE accidents, deaths and injuries* in Europe than in the United States! In comparison, the U. S. is one of the safest places in the world to drive. Germany's death rate is more than *double* that of the U. S. as measured by mileage traveled.

France has a steadily rising traffic toll. A Frenchman still regards his car as an extension of his ego, a form of self-expression rather than simply a means of transport. Driving is viewed as a competitive sport.

England has a similar problem. Most of the drivers are relatively new and seem to think motoring is a *sport* — that they were cut out to be race drivers!

The average Italian flouts the rules of the road. Cars pass on the wrong side, drivers ignore stop signs, turn at intersections in the face of oncoming traffic.

Chaotic traffic, inadequate roads, disregard for safety rules — these are some of the driving hazards that make driving dangerous in Europe. Streets in Europe are often too narrow to handle

traffic. A mixture of bikes, motorcycles and autos also adds to traffic hazards.

### Traffic Safety Affects You

Wherever you live or wherever you go, the problem of traffic safety affects you in some way. Everyone of you either drives a car, rides in one or walks across a street as a pedestrian. In any one of these situations, you are in danger of either being injured or having your life snuffed out. And *Saturday* — when many of you do most of your traveling — is the *most dangerous day to drive!*

You don't think it could happen to you? Just ask yourself how many accidents you yourself have already been involved in. Ask your friends if they have ever been in an auto accident. It is a rare person indeed who hasn't been.

Accidents don't only happen to a small group of people who are "accident prone." In fatal accidents most of the involved drivers are considered "good" drivers. Seven out of ten have had no serious prior violations. Eight out of ten had no record of previous accidents. Four out of five were obeying the speed laws.

Half of all Americans alive today are marked for death or injury in traffic accidents during his or her lifetime. That means you have a 50-50 chance of being killed or injured. And you are almost certain to be involved in a collision sometime during your life.

CHURCH MEMBERS ARE NOT IMMUNE!

Already, some Church members have been seriously injured in auto accidents. Some have even been *killed!* Traffic safety does affect you and you need to be deeply concerned about how you can *prevent accidents*. You need to know how to *increase* your chances of *survival* on our highways.

### Will Safety Devices Help?

Experts say it now looks like it will be almost impossible to get people to drive safely, and that the best thing to do is to redesign cars so that accidents will be less deadly. This is what's behind the uproar in Congress over safety standards — seat belts, collapsible steer-

ing columns, padded dashboards and the like. All these gadgets are mostly designed to *help someone survive a crash*.

Will the new safety equipment help curtail accidents? Michigan Governor George Romney thinks add-on devices will prove no more effective than a bucket brigade battling a five-alarm fire. Safety devices only help reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

It is up to each individual to drive safely if the accident rate is to be cut down. Good roads and safety devices are fine. But in the end it is up to the *responsibility of each driver* to drive properly *out of consideration for others*.

When you obtain a driver's license you take on the *responsibility* of driving safely. You have very definite responsibilities to yourself and your future, to your family, to your passengers and their families, to your employer who will lose your services if you are injured or killed and to other users of the highway. You must consider and respect the feelings, rights, safety and welfare of others. When you drive on the highway, you *must* become "your brother's keeper." But how many realize this *grave and most serious responsibility*?

### What Causes Traffic Accidents?

Accidents just don't happen without a *cause*. There is a cause for every accident. The motorist is at fault in nearly 98 percent of all crashes. These are accidents which could have been *avoided* by safe and proper driving. But none of us is a perfect driver. We violate the traffic laws every day we drive. Perhaps not intentionally, but nevertheless we do. Police officers say that for every citation they give to someone, that person has committed 3,000 violations.

Notice what caused an accident recorded in the Bible. It wasn't a car accident as they didn't have automobiles at that time. They used horses and mules as one means of transportation in those days. This accident involved Absalom. "And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he

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# Church of God News—

# WORLDWIDE



by David Jon Hill

**D**RAMATIC events are hurtling this world and God's Work toward the mark of the consummation of this age! The pace is quickening everywhere to fulfill the gigantic prophecies of the next five years. We in God's Church are beginning to see *how* He is going to perform more in and through us during the next two years than has been performed in the last thirty-three — the keynote Mr. Armstrong struck in this year's Ministerial Conference.

Saddening and traumatic events have occurred in God's Church side by side with overwhelming advances and blessings from God with whirlwind rapidity in the last few months. Mr. Armstrong's personal activities illustrate the pace at which God's Work is now moving forward. As I write this news article for *The GOOD NEWS* he is somewhere in England having left the Pasadena campus after delivering the Commencement Address at our graduation ceremonies, and after dropping by briefly at the Texas campus, is presently deciding whether or not to continue on to the Mideast in the light of the prophecy-fulfilling crisis there. Even though a very short space of time will pass between this writing and your receiving your magazine to read, the decision he will have to make regarding going to Jerusalem for the broadcast there will probably have already been made and he will be back in the United States facing a dozen new decisions and projects here at Pasadena *half a world away!* Do remember the entire Work of God and Mr. Armstrong personally, daily in your prayers!

## Passover News

There were far too many areas where the Passover was held to list them individually. Approximately 25,000 adult

members of the Body of Christ partook of the symbols of the body and blood of Jesus Christ on Passover evening around the world! Ten Elders were ordained over the Passover Season. God's people were exhorted and purged during the Days of Unleavened Bread in an unprecedented way.

A few figures and a detailed report from one or two areas will serve to illustrate what went on in God's Church around the world this Passover season. Several local areas had ministers visiting from the Headquarters Church in Pasadena. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong had an unusual Passover experience this year with Mr. McNair and Mr. Hunting. On their way back from establishing the offices in Jerusalem and Nicosia, they were stranded for quite a number of hours at the airport in Cyprus because of a military coup taking over the government of Greece. As a result they arrived in London a little too late to lead in the Passover Services on campus, so Mr. Armstrong conducted services in his home — he and the two Evangelists with him privately partaking of the Passover — quite a change from his usual custom, and his plans for this Passover, of leading a large congregation in the Passover observance.

## Mr. Dale Schurter Reports on the Spring Festival in Big Sandy

Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread were held for the sixteenth consecutive time on our Festival Grounds at Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Texas.

Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong came from Headquarters to conduct the Passover service and was assisted by Mr. Leslie McCullough. The services and announcements were sobering, thrilling,

correcting, inspiring, purging, and encouraging.

The many hours of hard work by college crews has done much to help beautify the Festival grounds.

In the Big Sandy Church, 882 took the Passover with 1075 attending. Many curious children saw for the first time the actual enacting of this service.

During the Holy Days, brethren attended from Shreveport, Texarkana, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Big Sandy Church areas. Some came from greater distances to live on the grounds for the whole week. On the Sabbath and Holy Days, some 330 people camped or stayed in booths.

Two thousand, two hundred and forty-eight (2,248) attended the Feast on the Night to be Much Remembered. A delicious hot meal was prepared by the college kitchen and served by the students in the newly "face-lifted" Field House. The tables were decorated in blue, with white candles, red roses, red and white caladiums in real banquet style. The indirect perimeter lighting added in making the event beautiful and memorable.

Mr. Ted Armstrong began the evening's activities by reminiscing and impressing the meaning and purpose of "Keeping the Feast." Another highlight of the Night to be Much Remembered was a 20-minute Ambassador Orchestra and Chorale concert. They presented a moving "Ambassador" rendition of "Fear the Lord" and "The Hallelujah Chorus."

On the morning of the first Holy Day, the keynote sermon by Mr. Ronald Kelly was "Strive for Perfection." This theme carried throughout the Festival in personal correction, exhortation, and encouragement for more growth, change, and overcoming. The record

attendance for one meeting was 2335.

On Thursday night just prior to the preaching service, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong made announcements of permanent and summer assignments from the Big Sandy Student Body. Everyone was filled with *real* joy as more Ambassador College students are to be sent out and given opportunities to serve.

On the Holy Days and weekly Sabbath, the brethren enjoyed all-day services with a "covered-dish" meal. The other days, the brethren enjoyed preaching services and Bible Studies in the evenings.

The Ambassador College Chorale added much to the Feast with its gay and inspiring music.

The spiritual meat received during the Days of Unleavened Bread was outstanding. From the first day to the last, it was explained why and how to put sin out of our lives, not only for ourselves but to serve and help others. Clear, pointed sermons on what sin is, what not to do, as well as specific instructions on outward superficial change versus deep inward growth were given. The shortness of remaining time for our perfecting was a key challenge.

Overall the Spring Feast at Big Sandy was a helpful success — THE BEST EVER!

#### Superintendent of Ministers

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, Superintendent of Ministers in the United States and author of many an article in *The PLAIN TRUTH* and *GOOD NEWS* that you have read, brought Headquarters to two areas during the Days of Unleavened Bread. His first stop was Atlanta where he held the Passover Services at that District Headquarters location. Mr. Kenneth Swisher, the District Superintendent of the area, joined Mr. Meredith in ordaining Mr. David H. Mills as a Local Elder.

Mr. Mills, a graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena, has been serving in the entire Florida area under Mr. Kunz for some time. Mr. Mills and his fine wife Sandra are a credit to the Work in the local area. Mr. Mills has been serving as Mr. Kunz' right arm in the office work involved in handling the hundreds of members in the Florida area, as well as visiting

and counseling and baptizing — obviously fulfilling the requirements of the office of Local Elder and now fully recognized and ordained by God as an Elder.

Mr. James Harold Kidd was also ordained as a Local Elder at this Feast. Mr. Kidd has been a pillar in the Huntsville, Alabama Church for over six years. He and his wife and three children are well respected in the community where Mr. Kidd has been in the lumber and real estate business for fourteen years. For the last three years Mr. Kidd has served in the area as a Deacon and has continued to grow in this office. For the last four sessions of the Spokesman Club he has served as President. God has now blessed him and his wife by ordaining him to the office of Local Elder.

Next in his rigorous and busy schedule, Mr. Meredith went to New York for the last few Days of Unleavened Bread where over 1500 people from the immediate area were assembled to keep God's Holy Days. The encouraging and strengthening sermons he brought were welcomed by the congregation and powerfully strengthened their link with Headquarters. Mr. Meredith reported a very fine offering on the last Holy Day averaging \$6.55 per person.

On a recent District trip in April for the Big Sandy District, Mr. Meredith joined by Mr. Leslie McCullough the District Superintendent, ordained Mr. Bill Cowan as a Local Elder. Mr. Bill Cowan came to Ambassador College in the fall of 1962 from Memphis, Tennessee. During his college career Mr. Cowan worked in the Mail Receiving Department helping read and process the mail from our listeners and readers throughout the United States. He also served as a Camp Counselor in the Imperial Schools Summer Educational Program. In February of 1965 Mr. Cowan's father, Mr. William Cowan, was ordained a Local Elder to serve in the Memphis area. Now his son Bill joins his father as a Local Elder — serving in the Fort Smith and Little Rock Churches where he was assigned after graduation in 1966. Mr. Cowan is assisted in his service to God's people in the Arkansas area by his lovely Am-

bassador co-ed wife the former Miss Betty Welshans.

#### Other Ordinations

Earlier this year Mr. George Lee of the Toronto Church was ordained as a Local Elder by Mr. Cole. Here is Mr. Gary Antion's report on that ordination — "Last week we had the special treat of having Mr. Raymond C. Colc visit the area. He inspired *and* shook us all with the message of what God's Church will be doing in the near future if we are close to Him and usable instruments. That week also saw six ordinations in the area. Four Deacons, one Deaconess and a Local Elder.

"The Local Elder ordained was Mr. George Lee. He and his wife have been faithful members for about nine years. He is the past President (and the first one) of a Toronto Spokesman Club. He has been active in social productions and was our senior Deacon. He and Mr. Burrows, also now a Local Elder, were the first two Deacons in the area. Both Mr. Lee and his wife have been outstanding examples of service and dedication in the area since the Toronto Church was established over two years ago."

Mr. Albert J. Portune, Business Manager of the Work of God and Evangelist from Headquarters, made a Passover circuit of the Portland and Seattle areas where two Local Elders were ordained by him — Mr. Michael Hechel and Mr. Gilbert Goethals.

Mr. Michael Hechel came to Ambassador College from Springfield, Oregon five years ago. After his Junior year of college he was transferred to Big Sandy, Texas where he was graduated and sent to the Medford area as a ministerial assistant to Mr. Dale Hampton. He took with him a very warm and gracious wife — the former Miss Kay Whitaker — and together they have been serving well in the area. Now Mr. Hechel's responsibilities are again increased because God has ordained him to the office of Local Elder through His ministers.

The Seattle-Tacoma area now has the blessing of a new Local Elder in the person of Mr. Gilbert H. Goethals. Mr. Goethals is a former baker who has

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# The Mother's Place in Child Rearing

*Many mothers do not realize the importance of their vital work. Neglect results in disaster. Every woman needs to know how important her duties in the home are.*

by David L. Antion

“**B**UT MOMMY, why can't I stay with you today?” pleaded a small boy.

“Oh, Darling, Mother wishes she could stay with you but she simply *has* to go to work. Mother has an *important* job to do. She'll see you when she comes home. Be a good boy at the nursery.”

The above scene is typical in many homes today in the United States. “Important job”? She's a secretary.

Every major city in America has dozens of day nurseries for just such women. Inviting ads fill the yellow pages. One such ad says, “We limit our capacity to provide the children of *professional* women with more *personal* attention.”

Today's society in America, Britain, Australia, and South Africa contains many career women. The term “professional” seems glamorous to women. Somehow they feel a career *outside* the home is very important. So they farm out their children to day nurseries while they pursue their careers.

Samuel G. Kling, a divorce lawyer, says woman's “emancipation” is a major reason why many marriages fail.

“Today the very word ‘housewife’ is an apology. Not to have a career is considered unglamorous and unattractive. There are books by the thousands telling her how unfulfilled she is. No wonder modern women quail at the thought of just being a wife!

“Before women were emancipated they settled more or less happily for being *wives and mothers*. It was their destiny, and in most cases they accepted it. Not always, of course, and not always happily. But in any case they knew that this was their career. A girl didn't

have to waver all through high school trying to decide for which career to train. *She had a definite and tremendously important place in society which satisfied her ego and gave her most of the fulfillment she needed*” (THIS WEEK magazine, November 20, 1966, emphasis mine).

## Recapture True Values

Some women in God's Church find being a mother and homemaker a boring task. They fail to realize the monumental importance God lays on that job. They look with envy at other women “going *out* to work.”

God's Word admonishes women “to be discreet, chaste, **KEEPERS AT HOME**, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the Word of God be not blasphemed” (Titus 2:5).

We need to recapture true values. This is the motto of Ambassador College and it should also be the motto for all God's people.

Women in God's Church need to realize how important their God-given occupation is. If they realized the tremendous, awesome job God lays before them — a job far superior to the greatest “career women” — they would have renewed zeal for the *greatest career* in the world.

Many mothers feel their part in child rearing is not very important. They realize that God has made the man head of the home. They know the man is primarily responsible for child rearing activities in his home. Often they feel there is little or nothing for them to do.

But God lays the child rearing equally upon both parents. God's Word shows that both parents must work together for proper child rearing. And in

its proper place a woman's part is equally as important as the man's. However, God has placed the authority in the home with the man.

God's law shows the obligation of *both* parents in child rearing. “If a man hath a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, *or the voice of his mother*, and that, when *they* have chastened him, will not hearken unto *them*: then shall his father *and his mother* lay hold on him and bring him out unto the elders of the city and unto the gate of his place; and they shall say unto the elders of his city, This *our* son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey *our voice*; he is a glutton and drunkard” (Deut. 21:18-20).

Both parents are responsible! Both parents teach, chasten, instruct! A mother's voice must be heard in child rearing.

## One-Sided Authority

Samuel was a prophet of God and a judge in Israel. God worked with him from the time he was a young boy. He knew God's ways thoroughly. He was a dedicated, consecrated man of integrity and character.

“And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. And he went from year to year in circuit to Bethel, Gilgal and Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places” (I Samuel 7:15-16). Samuel was a busy man. He spent much of his time on the road in circuit to these cities. Under God he was the highest authority in Israel and many cases of judgment came to him. Thus he had to be away from home much of the time in the service of God.

“And his return was to Ramah; for there was his house; and there he



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judged Israel; and there he built an altar unto the Eternal" (verse 17). Even in his home town he was busy judging Israel.

He was very busy in the work of God and regretfully had to be away from home a considerable amount of the time.

"And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his first-born was Joel; and the name of his second Abiah: they were judges in Beer-sheba" (I Samuel 8:1-2).

Why did Samuel appoint them judges? He thought they were respectable, honest young men. He wouldn't have appointed them judges if he didn't feel they were men of integrity. But don't forget, Samuel was not home *all* the time.

Being a man of God, Samuel evidently carried out God's instructions in child rearing. He laid down definite rules in his home. His children must have obeyed those rules when he was there. For Samuel thought they were obedient and respectable young men. He felt they were qualified to be judges. Why? Because they obeyed when he was there.

Daily the modern American woman shirks her responsibilities at home to become one in a "pool" of office secretaries.

But were they qualified? Did they have right character? "*And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment*" (verse 3).

Notice it! His sons did not walk in his ways. They did not respect their father, his job or his teachings.

In Proverbs 22:6 God gives a definite promise: "Train up a child in the way he should go: *and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*" But Samuel's children departed from it. Didn't Samuel train them in the right way? What was wrong with his children?

The answer lies between the lines. Remember Samuel thought his children had right character. But he was deceived. Why?

The answer: his wife probably did not uphold her duties in child rearing. She neglected her responsibilities. She did not carry through with her part in child rearing.

#### The Result

A look into Samuel's home would probably find these situations: Samuel

laid down proper guidelines and rules for child rearing. When he was home they were enforced. His sons knew they had to behave, act mannerly, and be respectful around him. He was a good disciplinarian. So the children were "good" in his presence. But what happened when he left?

When Samuel was gone, evidently his wife allowed the children to disobey the rules laid down. She did not continue proper teaching and enforce it with discipline.

What happens when one parent disciplines while the other is lax and negligent?

It depends a great deal on which parent has the greater influence on the child. If the slothful parent spends more time with and is more influential to the child, then the effects could be disastrous. But if the lax one is seldom around — exercises little or no influence either through word or example — the effects will not be great.

But when both parents have equal influence over and about the same amount of time with the children, then



proper discipline and teaching by both is vital. For if the child is properly disciplined by one and allowed to disobey by the other, he soon learns to become a hypocrite. That is, he learns he can get away with certain things, let's say, in front of his mother; but he must not try it in front of his father. He soon learns to put on an act for the right parent. But true character is not ingrained in him.

In this case, it takes the diligent discipline and teaching by both parents.

Undoubtedly Samuel's wife let down. The children obeyed only when Samuel was around. But they really did not believe his ways. They did not have true character. Thus, when on their own their hypocrisy was exposed. They did not walk uprightly but took bribes, perverted judgment. They were mendacious men.

True character is attained when a child is sincere. He is sincere when he really believes the God-given principles taught him. And he cannot *really* believe them unless both parents teach and enforce the *same things diligently* OR unless the parent most influential over the child exercises proper love and authority in the form of discipline and teaching.

But, let us emphasize again, God holds the *man* responsible. And although it is not for us to judge Samuel, it is quite possible that God expected him to know more about what was going on in his home. No matter how busy, men are not excused from their responsibility in the home. All men should take heed and not leave the job of rearing children completely in the hands of their wives. Remember God holds you men responsible.

But read on. Widows, wives with unconverted mates, widowers, and men with unconverted wives will find encouragement in what *one* righteous parent can do for his children.

#### What a Paradox!

Anyone reading the account of the kings of Judah will be amazed at the differences between father and son.

Why is it that the son of a righteous king often turned out to be evil? For instance: After the death of Uzziah, his son, Jotham, reigned in his place. Jotham did what was right in God's sight. "His mother's name was Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok" (II Chron. 27:1).

However, when Jotham died, his son, Ahaz, reigned in his place. Here is a paradox! Ahaz did not follow his father's example. "For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. Moreover he burned incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the Eternal had cast out before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and burnt in-

cense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree" (II Chron. 28:2-4).

Why did Ahaz turn out wrong? His father did right in God's sight. Why didn't *he*?

Here is a clue. The mother of Ahaz is *not* mentioned.

After the death of Ahaz his son, Hezekiah, reigned in his stead. "Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old, and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem. AND HIS MOTHER'S NAME WAS ABIJAH, THE DAUGHTER OF ZECHARIAH" (II Chron. 29:1).

Notice it! Hezekiah's mother *is* mentioned by name. Why? Read verse two!

"And he did that which was right in



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Reading to small children is one way of teaching them to respect elders, to sit still, to be obedient children.

*the sight of the Eternal, according to all that David his father had done."*

Hezekiah's father had done evil in God's sight. Why did Hezekiah turn to God's ways? The answer is very obvious! HIS MOTHER TAUGHT HIM!

Hezekiah turned out to be one of the most righteous kings Judah ever had. He set about to cleanse the temple, destroy idolatrous altars, and reinstitute the keeping of God's holy days. His faith preserved the nation of Judah in the face of ominous threats from the powerful Assyrian army. So outstanding was this king that God spared his life by a miracle and added to it fifteen years. See II Kings 20.

#### From Best to Worst

With the death of Hezekiah, Manasseh, his son, succeeded him to the throne of Judah. "Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzibah" (II Kings 21:1).

Since Manasseh was under age his mother gave him much counsel, advice, and teaching. So did top aides and officials in Judah. But his mother was largely responsible for his rearing since his father was dead. In Manasseh's twelve years of life his father set him a marvelous example. Surely he heard of the success and greatness his father attained. Surely he heard of the miracle God performed on his father's body — the extended life given to his father.

But what went wrong?

Manasseh became the *worst* king Judah ever had. "And he did that which was *evil* in the sight of the Eternal, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the Eternal cast out before the children of Israel.

"For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

"And he built altars in the house of the Eternal, of which the Eternal said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Eternal.

"And he made his son pass through

the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: *he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Eternal, to provoke Him to anger.*

"And he set a graven image of the grove [*Asherah* — Easter sex symbol] that he had made in the house of which the Eternal said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel will I put my name forever" (II Kings 21:2-7).

This wicked man destroyed everything his father lived for! He nullified all his father's works. He rebuilt the altars his father hated and destroyed. He led the nation of Judah into more sin and evil than any king they ever had. "And Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the Eternal destroyed before the children of Israel" (II Kings 21:9).

He had no respect for his father. He disobeyed God at every turn. For fifty-five years the people of Judah were led into vile pagan practices. The worship of God and His true religion were buried under a rubbish heap of sex symbols and Baal worship.

"Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Eternal" (II Kings 21:16).

He was a violent man, a pagan perverter of justice, lustful and intemperate!

How could he go so wrong having a righteous father like Hezekiah? Again, the answer is obvious! He was twelve years old when he began to reign. His mother was chiefly responsible for his rearing. His mother's name *is* mentioned in the scriptures — *but in ignominy!* For she was responsible for rearing the *worst* king Judah ever had!

After Manasseh's death his son Amon reigned. He continued in the way of his father, Manasseh. So evil and vile was he that his servants killed him in his own house. See II Kings 21:23.

#### Importance of Right Teaching

After Amon was killed his young son, Josiah began to reign. "Josiah was

*eight years old* when he began to reign, and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath" (II Kings 22:1).

An eight-year-old boy is not ready to be a king. He needs help. He needs training, counselling, tutoring. Along with top officials, aides, and teachers his mother was responsible for his success or failure as a king. In Josiah's case — it was an overwhelming success!

"And he did that which was right in the sight of the Eternal, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left" (verse 2).

Under Josiah great reforms were made in Judah. He broke down the pagan altars and high places, rebuilt God's temple, reinstated God's holy days. He abolished all forms of pagan idolatry and set Judah on the track of God's truth again.

It was during Josiah's reign that a book of the law was found in the house of God. When he heard it Josiah tore his clothes and began to weep. See II Kings 22:19.

Why was Josiah's heart tender before God? His father and grandfather were wicked kings. They had destroyed the religion of God from Judah. Very few people knew what the book of the law was — only hearing of it.

Josiah's mother was greatly responsible for his success as a king. She taught him to look to God, to seek Him with all his heart. She taught her son about the laws of God and about the book of the law.

Josiah tore his clothes and wept because his mother taught him respectful reverence for God and His commandments. When Josiah heard the word of God he was emotionally moved.

#### Many Hours a Day

Prior to school a child spends many hundreds of hours under the direct supervision of his mother. In infancy much of his time is spent in his mother's arms. She talks to, coos, and cuddles him.

As the child grows older he is with his mother every day while his father is at work. His *mother* has a tremendous influence on him. She teaches him



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Another important part of training is teaching children to "help Mommy with the dishes"!

proper habits, cleanliness, discipline. More than anyone else at that tender age her supervision over him is of utmost importance. She sets the stage for future habits in his life.

Properly carried out her discipline can help ready her child for years to come. Wrong rearing makes it twice as hard for the child later on.

Children will either love and respect their mother and her authority or will come to relegate it to insignificance — or worse yet, despise it.

Josiah's example shows the good influence of a mother over her son. King Manasseh was the product of lack of discipline — wrong influence.

*Mothers in God's Church*, what in-

fluence are you having over your children? Are you cooperating with your husband in a sound program of child rearing — using the booklet based on God's Word — *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing*?

The example of Josiah should give hope to widows and widowers alike. With diligence, perseverance and prayerful guidance one parent can do a commendable job with his children.

Don't *assume* your children will follow God's ways automatically. Don't *assume* your children have been taught properly. Check up! Ask yourself. "Have I taught my children: (1) to come when called? (2) to sit still? (3) to answer respectfully? (4) to

speak when spoken to? (5) to obey me immediately in everything? (6) to respect their elders no matter who they are? (7) the meaning of the word 'no'?"

Are you teaching your school-age children the Ten Commandments, tithing, honest work?

God's Word says, "The rod and reproof give wisdom: BUT A CHILD LEFT TO HIMSELF BRINGETH HIS *MOTHER* TO SHAME" (Proverbs 29:15).

Why his mother? Because when a child is left alone it is his mother's fault. A father has to work away from home. When not with his father a child should be in the care of his mother. If he is left alone his mother is neglecting her duties.

### The Most Important Job

Models, secretaries, decorators, etc. all seem like important, glamorous jobs to women. But motherhood? — "that's so common!"

Listen! The richest, most rewarding work there is for a woman is her God-given job as a wife and mother!

Jedidah did not have her name in colored lights or on an office desk. Her picture was not splashed on the front page of some magazine. But her name is in God's Word, the Bible! She helped produce a righteous king!

Her accomplishments are greater than those of Madame Curie, Heda Hopper or Abigail VanBuren!

Here are a mother's teachings: "The words of King Lemuel, the prophecy *that his mother taught him*" (Proverbs 31:1).

His mother taught him sound principles for a king. She warned him about lusting after women, being intemperate in wine or strong drink. She told him that honesty and integrity were of prime importance. She showed him right uses for wine and drink. And she gave him definite, concrete points to look for in choosing a wife. If only the mother of Jehoram, son of Jehoshaphat, would have given her son these instructions; he would not have gone after the kings of Israel. For he married the daughter of Ahab, king of Israel.

Lemuel's mother said, "Who can find

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a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life" (Proverbs 31:10-12).

The description goes on to show a woman who is willing to work hard, who keeps alert, who is thrifty and diligent. Here is a woman who takes care of her husband and children — a successful woman! Here is the highest job a woman can have!

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (verse 28). *Her husband should praise her!* A woman who does her job faithfully and well *should* have praise and *honor!*

No, it doesn't seem glamorous washing dirty diapers, ironing, dusting, scrubbing floors, vacuuming, having children clinging to your dress. But the faithful wife and mother is more important than all the movie stars, secretaries and professional women. "Many daughters have done virtuously, BUT THOU EXCELLEST THEM ALL" (verse 29).

Where do righteous kings come from? They are the product of diligent parents who apply God-given rules of child rearing. Where do the good mothers of righteous kings come from! They are the products of righteous, diligent parents who also apply the rules of child rearing. Where do good wives come from? More precious than rubies, they are the products of diligent parents who rear sweet, little, innocent daughters into mature women with Godly character.

What a responsibility on parents! How foolish for men to neglect their families in pursuit of their jobs! How foolish for women to be bored with homemaking and motherhood!

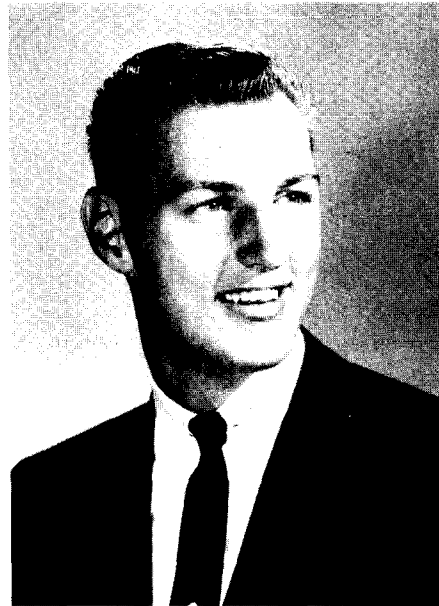
The future kings of the Millennium, and the wives and mothers of future kings are in your hands now.

The day will soon come when mothers won't kiss their children good-bye at the nursery door. And fathers won't neglect their families in pursuit of other interests. All will learn from the GREAT GOD the divine purpose of parenthood.

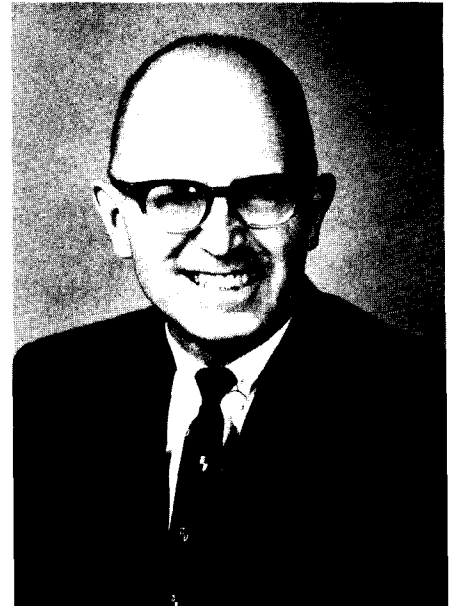
proved his worth and responsibility and now manages the bakery store where he formerly worked as a baker. Mr. Goethals began attending the Tacoma Church over nine years ago, was ordained as a Deacon in 1963, and has served as a leading Deacon in the area for the last two and one-half years. Mr. Goethals has served zealously in many capacities in the Church and Spokesman Club — he has certainly set a fine example with his wife and six children as pillars of the Seattle-Tacoma area — and now God has given him

the further responsibilities of Local Elder. Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Goethals!

During the Passover Season a third Local Elder was ordained in the Portland District in the local Medford Church. Mr. Hampton, Pastor of the Medford Church ordained Mr. Tracey Rogers who had just recently moved to Medford, but has been a long-time member of God's Church in the Oregon area. Mr. Rogers had been attending the Portland and Medford Churches for the past eight years. Mr. Rogers has been in



Bill Cowan



Paul Freeze



Gilbert Goethals



John Halford

the plywood industry in Oregon for eleven years, and has become known in Portland, Astoria, Eugene and Medford as one of the best men in the business. He is one of the top men in his trade in the state of Oregon. He and his wife and their two young children are well respected in their community. Mr. Rogers served as a Deacon for the last three years and has been active in Spokesman Club for six years.

I was blessed this Passover Season by being able to take my wife and family to Detroit and Cincinnati during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Assisted by Mr. Mokarow, the Pastor rank minister of the Detroit congregation and the other Preaching Elders who were in the

area, I laid hands on, and in prayer ordained to the office of Local Elder Mr. Ivan Sell and Mr. Robert Ludwig.

Mr. Ivan Sell came to Ambassador College from the farming community of Malvern, Kansas. He graduated from the Big Sandy campus in 1965 and served under Mr. Walter Sharp in Philadelphia before being transferred to assist Mr. Mokarow in Detroit. Mrs. Sell, an Ambassador co-ed, was pleased to present her husband with a new baby girl just three months ago — so they are doing their part to help the area *grow!* Now to help him serve in an even greater capacity God has placed him in the office of Local Elder.

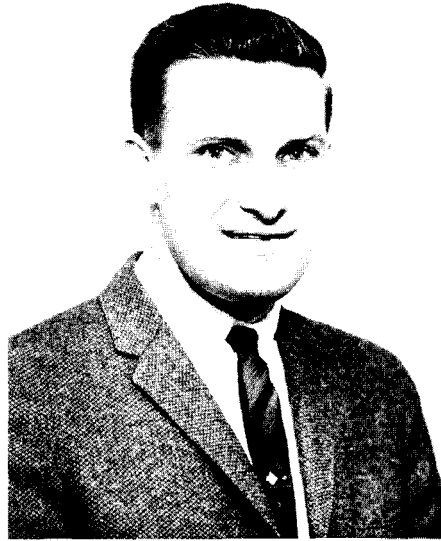
Mr. Robert G. Ludwig is a top exec-



Michael Hechel



James Kidd



George Lee



Robert Ludwig



David Mills



Tracey Rogers



Ivan Sell

utive in the Owens Illinois Glass Company of Toledo. Even though he is gone a considerable amount of the time touring other plants of the glass company and giving lectures on production and plant supervision, Mr. Ludwig has found time to serve in the local area. Mr. Ludwig and his wife are highly respected members of the Toledo Church where they have attended since its beginning. A member of the Church for five years he has been fulfilling the office of Deacon for two of those years and now adds the greater responsibility of Local Elder in the Toledo Church of God.

In the newly established Church in Salt Lake City another Local Elder was added to the growing roster during the Days of Unleavened Bread. Mr. Al Carrozzo, Director of the Visiting Program here at Headquarters, was privileged to be in Salt Lake City for the Passover Season and ordain Mr. J. Paul Freeze, assisted by Mr. Coulter, the local pastor of the Salt Lake City Church. Mr. Freeze was called into God's Church fifteen years ago! And despite the fact that there was no local Church in his area for the greater number of these years, Mr. Freeze proved to be a pillar among the brethren scattered there. His leadership was quickly recognized when a local Church was established. His service in helping locate halls and assist Mr. Coulter in many other ways and in being a leader in the Spokesman Club quickly showed he was no novice and certainly ready to be ordained to the office of Local Elder.

Back at Pasadena where the largest single Passover attendance was recorded — 1005 partaking of the Passover — Mr. Portune and Dr. Hoeh ordained John Halford to the office of Local Elder before a packed house in the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on the last Holy Day. Mr. Halford came to Ambassador College in England in 1962. In 1964 he was transferred to the Pasadena campus and the following year served as Student Body Vice President. After graduating, Mr. Halford was assigned to assist Mr. Meredith and Mr. Carrozzo in serving in visiting in the Los Angeles area. And now he and his lovely wife — who is soon to bear their

first child — have been sent to serve in the Melbourne Church of God in Australia. Mr. Halford will now have the privilege of serving his Creator on three separate continents!

In next month's issue of *The GOOD NEWS* the details of those being ordained in Pasadena at graduation will be given — seven were ordained — five as Local Elders and two elevated to the rank of Preaching Elders. Local Elders were: Mr. Durrell Brown, Mr. Bill Gordon, Mr. Keith Crouch, Mr. Fred Brogaard and Mr. Jim Chapman. The two ordained as Preaching Elders were Mr. Bill Swanson and Mr. Don Lawson. This brings the total number of ordained Elders in the Church of God to 227. Sixteen new Elders have been added since the last news article in *The GOOD NEWS*.

#### The Feast in Australia

One of the most inspiring and basically helpful Festivals of Unleavened Bread ever observed in Australia has just concluded. Many members commented that every sermon and sermonette seemed just that little extra timely and more pertinent than usual.

With the recent trials that have been upon God's Church around the world and the "purging" that has been taking place, I'm sure all of us here were more receptive and anxious for correction than we otherwise might have been.

It is always very encouraging to see the growth, both spiritually and in numbers, that God gives us year by year. This year again was no exception with a fine increase over last year present.

A total of 813 partook of the Passover in the four locations of Sydney (366), Melbourne (209), Brisbane (171) and Perth (67). Then for the Festival which followed, the attendance swelled to a total of 1548 in the same four locations. A breakdown for the Feast attendance in each location is: Sydney (630), Melbourne (460), Brisbane (318) and Perth (140).

During this Feast we were all "recharged" and are now anxiously looking forward to the next annual Festival of Almighty God. The world may have

its annual festivals — mostly pagan and usually "headaches" to most people — but surely none are so joyously and gratefully observed as are God's annual Holy Days by a spiritually converted membership.

#### Other Passover Reports

Bricket Wood in England had 479 at the Passover Service with Passover also being held at seven other areas in England, each running from 93 to 32 in attendance. The Philippines reported a total of 202.

Mr. Dean Wilson reports the entire Canadian scene as follows, "We had a very successful and enthusiastic Feast in every way. 1219 took the Passover this year with 2408 attending the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Most areas enjoyed the first beginnings of spring after a long and extended winter. Winnipeg was greeted by a snowstorm and a blizzard on the last day but it didn't dampen the spirits and enthusiasm of the brethren in the area for God's Feast Days and the attendance still held up nicely even with the blizzard!

"Southern Alberta was in the process of digging itself out of over 60 inches of new snow and a storm that killed *fifteen thousand* head of cattle just a few days before the Feast.

"Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread is truly the beginning of a new year for most of us, thankful that winter is gone and spring is really here with all the life, greenness and beauty that comes with it."

In a further report from Mr. Wilson regarding other Canadian news is as follows — "Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, Director of the Foreign Work, has given Mr. Lay permission to start a twice-monthly Bible Study in Regina, Saskatchewan. It began on March 18 with a very happy group of God's people present.

"We have also added several new stations here in Canada in the past two months, CHIN, Toronto, Ontario; CJDV, Drumheller, Alberta; CKYL, Peace River, Alberta.

"In addition the French Work in Canada has taken a step forward. We have now obtained a Post Office Box number in Montreal. God opened the

number in His usual miraculous way. Normally the number should have been at least a five-digit number but we were given the number 121 — a number that is easy to remember as well as being a combination of 12 and 21! Mr. Apar-tian will now be able to use this number on the French Broadcast and in magazine advertising which is being planned. God also has opened the door so we have been able to add two more stations in the French language — CKSB, St. Boniface, Manitoba; and CKBL, Matane, Quebec.

"One additional and very encouraging bit of news — we have received permission to send Mr. Owen Murphy and his wife from the Vancouver area to assist Mr. and Mrs. White in Winnipeg. They will be a big help to Mr. White who has a big and growing area and Mrs. Murphy will also be a great help to Mrs. White who must get her rest and take it rather easy as long as she has her present problem of cancer of the colon."

Mr. Louis Jubert our Elder in Marti-  
nique sends the following report of  
Passover held there. "We had a won-  
derful Passover and Feast of Unleavened  
Bread. Satan is still at work, but Al-  
mighty God continues to grant His rich  
blessings. We have 36 baptized mem-  
bers, of whom 35 took the Passover.  
On the first Sabbath of the Feast there  
were present 38 adults and 45 children.  
We had fine meetings every evening  
from 7:00 to 8:00 o'clock. On the last

Sabbath we had present 40 adults and  
57 children."

And from the faraway island of  
Mauritius off the coast of South Africa  
is the report that 9 partook of the  
Passover and 17 attended the Feast  
there.

Around the world everywhere God's  
people are, this Passover and Days of  
Unleavened Bread was certainly a prof-  
itable time preparing us spiritually for  
the critical days ahead.

#### From the Philippines

Mr. Docken, Director of the Work  
of God in The Philippines, reports:  
"March came in like a lion and stayed  
that way right on down to lambing  
season. We felt like we were trying to  
shear lions instead of lambs at least  
with the way the mail kept pouring in  
on us. We spent the month trying to  
get caught up. So far in April our mail  
count has been down drastically. While  
a lot of the increase is due to semi-  
annual letter returns still coming in, our  
white mail is still coming in almost  
twice as fast as it was last year. Feb-  
ruary we had a 190 percent increase  
and March was over 121 percent in-  
crease in mail. Money increase was  
good, but not *that* good of course!

"Mr. Ortiguero is continuing his bap-  
tizing tour. Over *sixty* members have  
been added to the Body of Christ since  
the first of the year. Most of these  
members live in the outer provinces of  
the Luzon Island and as a result few

can make it to Sabbath Services. A  
couple of American servicemen sta-  
tioned at Clark Air Base hop rides on  
military planes and attend almost every  
week. But the Church in Manila has not  
grown appreciably because of sickness  
and financial problems. We are in the  
midst of the dry season — and it is  
*really* dry. In some areas the drought is  
serious and people cannot make a liv-  
ing off the land as easily as they once  
could. But we are quite crowded in the  
hall that we have and we are not  
anxious to grow too rapidly until we  
find another hall. We are looking for  
one, but they are all too expensive or  
too unsuitable.

"It has been a hectic month with Mr.  
Ortiguero gone so I have to take over  
his duties here, and now the heat has  
returned and trying to wilt down us  
cold-prone Yankees. I keep pouring  
work on Benjamin Ortiguero and he is  
developing into a first-class assistant in  
the office as well as giving good ser-  
monettes nearly every week. The atti-  
tude of the Ortigueros is really some-  
thing and I certainly appreciate having  
them to work with here."

#### Next Month

Next month's news article will dis-  
cuss the ordinations at graduation, sev-  
eral new Church and Bible Study starts  
— the establishment of a new District!  
And in addition next month's GOOD  
NEWS will come accompanied by the  
newest and revised Manpower Brochure  
for the Summer of 1967!

## MAYBELLE JACKSON — 1901-1967

The Chicago area has been saddened by the recent  
death of Mrs. Maybelle Jackson, faithful wife of Mr. Harold  
Jackson, Pastor of the Chicago Southside Church of God.

After a prolonged illness of heart trouble and later  
edema (also known as "dropsy"), Mrs. Jackson died peace-  
fully, May 24, 1967. Almost sixty-six years old, she had lived  
a long and eventful life. Since her marriage to Mr. Jackson  
in 1944, much has transpired — but most important, their  
service to God, together.

Eight years after their marriage, she was converted and  
baptized by Mr. Roderick C. Meredith and Mr. Burk McNair  
(1952). Since then, she has been more and more active in  
the Work of God as a faithful "helpmeet" with her husband.

After Mr. Jackson's ordination in 1959, they moved to  
Chicago to assist Mr. Dean C. Blackwell and were instru-  
mental in raising up the Chicago Southside Church, the first  
Negro Church of this era. It was during this time that she

traveled nationwide with Mr. Jackson on the first all Negro  
baptizing tour, visiting and counseling with the scattered  
Negro brethren.

The brethren in the Southside Church have greatly  
benefited from her example and inspiration these last few  
years. We were grateful we were able to personally express  
our gratitude, concern and love during her illness. Many  
visited with her and wrote hundreds of cards and letters.  
Mr. Jackson was able to spend much time with her to  
comfort and encourage her during this trial.

Though his personal loss is great, Mr. Jackson is con-  
tinuing even stronger in the Work here in Chicago. We ask  
the brethren to pray for him, as one of God's servants, for  
greater drive, zeal and service — especially now that his  
wife and helper is gone.

Mrs. Jackson's work is done — she rests until she meets  
us again in the resurrection.

— Bill McDowell

# THE CHURCH MEMBER WHO WROTE HIS OWN OBITUARY

*Cigarette smoking claims the physical lives of thousands each year. Spiritual lethargy threatens the spiritual lives of many in God's Church. There's an astounding parallel!*

by Eugene M. Walter



Wide World Photo

"CIGARETTES were the death of me. I became acquainted with my killer when I was about 14 and began stealing several a day from my father's pack."

"Inhaling caused some nausea at first, but persistence conquered . . . ."

"At 16 . . . I got odd jobs after school to buy them, and tried all sorts of queer brands, such as Melachrinos, Onars and English Ovala. I felt quite sophisticated, but I can't recall now that I enjoyed smoking them."

"In 1928, the coming depression cast its shadow. With money scarce, my father began counting his Camels, so a chum and I took to picking butts off the street. We toasted the soggy tobacco in an oven, and rolled it into

rice-paper cigarettes. They were horrible.

"Jobs for youth were nil, so I decided to join the Navy . . . . Now cigarettes were no problem. If you were at sea, they were 40 cents a carton. I smoked two packs a day, inhaling most of the smoke."

"When my 20-year Navy career ended, I went to the University of North Carolina. After I graduated I got a job with the *San Diego Union*.

"One night, while walking to my car, I had a slight stroke and staggered to the left. I had been smoking one cigarette after another that night, and I felt that that was what caused it."

"My wife, Muriel, and I tried to quit. We lasted eight days."

"It wasn't that I got any real pleasure out of smoking. Except for the first cigarette in the morning with my coffee, I never enjoyed it."

"My mouth always tasted like a birdcage. Smoking took away my appetite. It brought on emphysema that made it hard to breathe. My chest colds were real dillies."

"In 1956, smoking more than ever, I came to Honolulu to work for the *Star-Bulletin*.

"In June 1965 my stomach began hurting, and I would get up every hour or half hour during the night to drink milk and smoke a cigarette."

"In September 1965 I came down with a horrible cough. I was hoarse,



and there was a nasty soreness in my left lung.

"I went to my doctor. He listened to my chest and ordered an X-ray.

"You have a lung tumor," he said.

"Four days later, the lung surgeon took out a left lobe.

"A month later, I was back at work. I hadn't smoked since the day before my operation. It wasn't hard to quit — for one simple reason. Motivation.

"I came along fine, gained ten pounds and really felt good. Then, on January 3, I thought I had caught a cold.

"I went to my surgeon, who tapped a quart of burgundy fluid from my left chest cavity.

"I went back several times, and my surgeon said, 'The time is drawing closer.'

"Later, my wife told me he had told her after the operation that I had less than a year to live. But she wouldn't believe it, and she didn't tell me. I find no fault with that.

"There are four cell types of lung cancer. The type seems to have a lot to do with its rate of growth. My doctor told me this; he also said that out of every 20 lung-cancer cases only one survives. The other 19 die.

"That's the survival rate for lung cancer, taking into consideration all available forms of treatment. There is no 50-50 chance — the figure for other cancers — for this type of cancer.

"My doctor has understandable missionary zeal about getting people to quit cigarettes. He says that there's no question of the relationship between cigarette smoking and lung cancer. The statistics are overwhelming. It is estimated that one in every eight males who have been smoking heavily (20 cigarettes or more a day) for 20 years gets lung cancer.

"The bad effect of cigarettes doesn't end with lung cancer. Smoking doubles the chances of death from coronary-artery disease, and the chances of dying from emphysema are 12 times greater. Then there's cancer of the mouth, larynx, esophagus and all the rest, too.

"I think doctors get to feeling pretty helpless at times. They warn people

like me, but their warnings go unheeded . . .

"Whether this story will stop anyone from smoking, I don't know. I doubt it. Not a soul I've preached to has quit smoking — not a single, solitary soul.

"You always think: 'It will happen to the other guy; never to me.'

"But when you get your lung cancer — God help you.

"All you need to see is that shadow on your chest X-ray. It's a real shocker. You can't do a thing.

"At this point, I'm comfortable. The nurses give me something whenever there's pain.

"I'm very short of breath. I can't take five steps without having to sit. The cancer has gone into my liver and I don't know where else.

"I don't have a ghost of a chance.

"It's too late for me.

"It may not be for you."

### The Same Mistake

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It is a moving, shocking — tragic — story. We can read it with pity and disbelief. We can wonder how anyone could become so miserably enslaved by such a vile habit. We can criticize this man and call him weak-willed, characterless, and foolish.

*And all the while we can be making the very same mistake ourselves SPIRITUALLY.*

As Christians, we either OVERCOME the pull of our human nature as this man failed to overcome the pull of tobacco, or we will die *spiritually* and *eternally*.

THIS OVERCOMING IS A LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLE! FEW win the battle! Jesus said so.

### Christ's Grave Warning

"Wide is the gate, and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction," Jesus warned, "and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait [difficult] is

the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and FEW there be that find it" (Mat. 7:13-14).

And again, "STRIVE to enter in at the strait [difficult] gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able" (Luke 13:24).

Do you *believe* Christ? Do you *tremble* at His solemn words?

You ought to!

But many who claim to be in God's Church don't look at overcoming this way. They are still hooked by the Satanic lie that salvation is *easy* — that "Christ did it all for you."

These people are fighting the life-and-death battle against their human nature passively, casually, indifferently, disinterestedly, half-heartedly. They see no URGENCY about it. They wonder what the minister is getting all excited about.

These are like the man who died of lung cancer. They ignore the warnings they receive. They delude themselves that there is still plenty of time to quit sinning and start overcoming. They make themselves oblivious to the fact that spiritual DEATH is stalking right around the corner.

Are YOU like this?

If you are, you need to repent deeply — NOW!

### Only the Overcomers

It's *easy* to *think about* overcoming. It's *easy* to *want to* overcome.

*But this is not enough!*

There is no reward for "him who would *like to* overcome" or "for him who *tries to* overcome" or "for him who has a good attitude."

The reward is "To him that OVERCOMETH" (Rev. 2:26.)

You must *actually* OVERCOME — literally CONQUER your human nature — if you are to be saved from death!

This is not easy. But, with God's help, it *is* possible (Phil. 4:13; Mat. 19:26). YOU — no matter who you are — *can* do it. All kinds of broadcasts, sermons, Correspondence Course lessons, booklets, articles (the article "How To Be An Overcomer," for example) and personal counsellings have been made available to you for this very purpose: to teach you HOW to overcome.

But unless you APPLY what you re-

ceive, unless you SHAKE yourself from lethargy and indifference and actually begin to LIVE BY the knowledge you have, you will not overcome.

And if you do not overcome, *you will die!* You will be "The Church Member Who Wrote His [or Her] Own Obituary"!

### Will This Be *You?*

"This long-time member of the Church of God," the introduction began, "wrote his last story in 1970. 'Give it to all the Church members,' he said, 'Maybe it will help someone.' Here is that story." Will it be *yours?*

"Lethargy was the death of me. I became acquainted with my killer in early childhood, and by the time I was a teen-ager I was practicing it regularly. My laziness robbed me of many opportunities, but I soon became used to this and accepted it as a fact of life.

"Then one day I heard *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, and after listening for several years, I finally was baptized and became a member of the Church of God. For a while I was excited about this and actually managed to make a few changes in my indolent way of life.

"In the middle sixties, the coming Great Tribulation began to cast its ugly shadow. But I was doing quite well financially and was enjoying the pleasures of life so much that I didn't give it much thought.

"By now, Bible study and prayer were a habit with me. Though I was very busy, I prayed three to five minutes most days, day-dreaming a good bit of this time.

"Then one night my child became desperately ill. I hadn't prayed or studied for more than a week when it happened. I felt sure this must have been the reason why my child became ill.

"In desperation, my wife and I decided we just *had* to start praying and studying at least 30 minutes a day.

"We lasted exactly eight days. But by then our child was over the hump and recovering.

"Now it wasn't that I really didn't *want* to pray. Except for the fact that I couldn't find time, I would gladly have prayed an hour each day.

"I'll have to confess, though, that prayer always did make me drowsy. It was so easy to go to sleep while praying. Or else let my mind wander and not be able to concentrate.

"In the middle of 1967 I hit a real crisis. Nothing seemed to be going right. My child became ill again, I lost my job, bills were piling up, and my wife was becoming very upset with me. I knew things were going from bad to worse, but somehow I just couldn't seem to get excited about it.

"I went to my minister. He listened patiently to my plight and asked me how much I had been studying and praying. When I told him, he corrected me very strongly. He told me I'd better get close to God in a hurry or my bad attitude would put me right out of God's Church. He suggested a period of soul-searching prayer and study with fasting.

"I heeded his advice. Motivation, you know. I surely hadn't realized things were *that* bad. Just imagine! *Me* out of God's Church!

"For several weeks I came along and thought that I was gaining steadily. Then one day I heard that one Church member had told another some gossip about me. That did it. All my years of negligence caught up with me.

"Lacking spiritual reserve, I blew my stack and in rank carnality tore into this person and really let him have it.

"The minister heard about my blowing up, and when he corrected me I spoke very disrespectfully to him and told him that it was none of his business.

"I expected him to be very upset. But he just shook his head and quietly said that he expected something like this to happen to me.

"I was so riled up that I told him that if that other person — the one who spread the stories about me — came to Church, *I wouldn't*.

"To my surprise, the minister said that would be fine since he wouldn't let me come anyway — at least not until I repented of my bad attitude.

"I tried to repent, but I was so far from God and it seemed like such an effort to get back in a right attitude. Finally, I just decided to give the whole thing up.

"Now it's 1970. I can see a lot of things I couldn't see back in 1967.

"There are many spiritual diseases. But the lethargic kind that neglects study and prayer seems to be one of the worst of them all. When you get this kind bad enough, your chances of recovery are slim.

"My minister had understandable missionary zeal about getting people like me on the ball, urging us to study and pray — to grow. He said that there's no question of the relationship between Bible study and prayer and spiritual growth. The statistics are overwhelming!

"Back in 1967 my minister gave a test which proved that less than three percent of his members pray an hour each day! Of those that don't, he predicted that 50 percent of them would get spiritual cancer before the end of the age!

"The bad effect of lethargy doesn't end just with lack of prayer and study as you can see. It leads to bitterness, envy, hate, petty problems, Sabbath breaking, sex sins and what have you.

"I think ministers get to feeling pretty helpless at times. They warn people like me, but their warnings go unheeded.

"Whether my story will keep anyone from falling away, I don't know. I'm not overly optimistic. If you refused to heed when Mr. Armstrong and the ministers warned you, you probably won't listen to me.

"I always thought, 'It will happen to the other guy; never me.' But when you get your spiritual cancer, God help you.

"All you need to do is see the holocaust ahead and the lake of fire which will follow it. It's a real shocker. But if you're too far from God and too lethargic and lazy to repent, there's nothing that can help you

"At this point, August of 1970, I'm still comfortable. I can still find means of mental escape whenever the reality of what's ahead tries to enter my mind. But I know it can't last for long. A very few months at best.

"I don't have a ghost of a chance.

"My lethargy has cost me salvation.

"*May God grant it will not cost you yours!*"

# DEATH on the Highway!

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was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away" (II Sam. 18:9).

What caused this accident? Absalom must have been riding this mule at a very fast speed to have been yanked off when his head struck the tree and then left hanging there. Couldn't he have guided the mule to avoid the oak tree? If not, couldn't he have ducked his head? The Bible doesn't give the details, but Absalom could well have been *riding too fast for the existing road conditions and did not pay attention* to what was ahead of him.

Driving too fast for existing conditions, right-of-way violations, driving left of center (or right, as the case may be), improper overtaking, improper turning, following too closely and drowsiness — are all causes of accidents. But this faulty driver behavior can be summed up in one word — CARELESSNESS.

Lieutenant William Wilson of the Pasadena Police Department told me: "Inattention is the greatest single cause of all collisions." People just don't *concentrate* on their driving. Their mind is on something else. They take their eyes off the road ahead, look at things along the roadside, fuss with the radio, etc. *They become careless.* They make a mistake or someone else makes a mistake and they don't see it in time. Result: a collision. Property damage. Perhaps an injury or fatality.

## Driving Habits Reflect Character

Besides being careless and indifferent, bad drivers have other faults. They have *pride*. They falsely evaluate their driving habits and think they are better than they really are. Everyone *else* is a bad driver. An accident is always the *other* man's fault. They neglect to use their glasses when required and seat belts to them are just a nuisance.

A bad driver is *prejudiced* against taxi, bus and truck drivers — and women drivers are the worst of the lot. His *bad manners* will show up in the form of temper tantrums — blowing his horn impatiently or yelling at other

drivers — hogging the road, and in every way being discourteous and uncompromising with other drivers.

*Traits of character* show up in our driving habits more than we realize. Even though driving habits reflect a person's character in many ways, this is one factor that isn't included in the test for a driving license. A driver's emotions and character can be more significant to his driving ability than his normal skills. Can he be counted on to stay away from the wheel if he has been drinking, even "one for the road"? Is he likely to reduce speed and keep his eyes open when passing groups of children playing at the roadside?

*A man drives as he lives.* There is enough evidence available to show that a man who has trouble with a credit agency will have trouble in traffic. The poor driver is likely to be hostile, impulsive and in trouble with social agencies.

Traffic experts say that motorists who lack a sense of moral values are more likely to become involved in accidents. One research team at the University of Colorado discovered that *safe drivers* of motor vehicles are *more religious* than accident-prone drivers.

A man who has certain religious morals and principles of character will reflect this way of life in his driving habits. But a person who is not interested in his fellowman has the greatest difficulty in the realm of safety.

Harold Holmes, director of church safety activities for the National Safety Council, said: "A man demonstrates his *lack of discipline and concern for others* when he will drive too fast for the conditions, drive recklessly, fail to yield the right-of-way, follow too closely, or drive under the influence of alcohol or drugs."

A man who blows his horn and blows his stack because he doesn't want the other guy getting ahead or slowing him down, is actually betraying his *selfishness*. As Christians, we cannot disregard the rights of our fellowman by being selfish or careless on the road.

Education in the art of driving is im-

portant, but more important is education in moral responsibility, *consideration for others* and common decency.

Think how you can prevent accidents and reduce injuries in case there is a collision.

Don't put objects on the back window ledge of the car. They could become lethal weapons in a collision. Books could smash into a person's head and cause injuries. Umbrellas will act as spears flying through the air. All these objects should be kept in the trunk. People just don't realize what takes place in a collision. The *United Press International* reported the following slow-motion, split-second reconstruction of what happens when a car, traveling 55 miles an hour crashes into a solid, immovable tree.

## What Happens in a Collision?

First, the front bumper and chrome of the grillwork collapse. Slivers of steel penetrate the tree to a depth of 1½ inches. The hood rises, crumples, smashes into the windshield. Spinning rear wheels leave the ground. The fenders come into contact with the tree, forcing the rear parts out over the front doors.

The driver's body continues to move forward at the vehicle's original speed (20 times the normal force of gravity, his body weighs 3,200 pounds). His legs, ramrod straight, snap at the knee joints. His body is lifted off the seat (he didn't have a safety belt), torso upright, broken knees pressing against the dashboard. The plastic and steel frame of the steering wheel begins to bend under his terrible death grip. His head is now near the sun visor, his chest above the steering column.

After 4/10ths of a second since the impact, the car's front 24 inches have been demolished, but the rear end is still traveling at about 35 miles per hour. The driver's body is still traveling 55 miles per hour. The half-ton motor block crunches into the tree. The driver's fear-frozen hands bend the steering column into an almost vertical position. The force of gravity impales him on the steering shaft. Jagged steel punctures lung and intercostal arteries. Blood spurts into his lungs.

The driver's feet are ripped from his

tightly laced shoes. The brake pedal shears off the floor boards. The chassis bends in the middle, shearing body bolts. The driver's head smashes into the windshield. The rear of the car begins its downward fall, spinning wheels digging into the ground.

The entire, writhing body of the car is forced out of shape. Hinges tear, doors spring open. In one last convulsion, the seat rams forward, pinning the driver against the cruel steel of the steering shaft. Blood leaps from his mouth, shock has frozen his heart.

The driver is now dead. All this takes place in 7/10ths of a second!

### "Ten Commandments of Motoring"

To give you some helpful tips to improve your driving, here are the "Ten Commandments of Motoring" given in the booklet, *Roadcraft — The Police Drivers' Manual* published in Britain. Obey these rules of safety. They will help you prevent automobile accidents.

1. *Obey the traffic laws of the land.* Know the Vehicle or Highway Code by heart and put it into practice. If you drive according to the Code, you will drive safely and well.

2. *Concentrate on your driving and drive defensively.* Concentration is the keystone of all good driving. Good vision, good hearing and good health all have a bearing on the power of concentration. A high standard of concentration may be achieved by any driver by his own enthusiastic effort, and by self-discipline. Self-discipline involves self-criticism, followed by an earnest effort to improve your control of thoughts and actions.

With the aid of vision, hearing, general fitness and concentration, a driver will be able to exercise good judgment — the ability to distinguish between right and wrong, good and bad, safe and unsafe.

*Concentrate* all the time and you will avoid accidents. *Be alert.* Notice every detail. It is often the smallest detail that gives a clue to what will probably happen. Concentration will practically do away with involuntary skids, which are usually caused by the locking of the wheels by fierce braking on bad surfaces.

Assume the other fellow is a fool — *drive defensively.* NEVER take it for granted that the other driver will do the right thing. ALWAYS assume every other driver will do the wrong thing and maneuver accordingly.

Keep your eyes moving and avoid eye-holding situations while your car moves blindly into an accident-producing situation. The driver who does not continuously shift his eyes tends to over-relax and invites sleep or highway hypnosis. The expert takes in the whole picture. He trains himself to scan the entire driving scene for a full city block or a half mile on rural roads. Also, he scans sides and rear continuously. He *anticipates* what other drivers might do and avoids dangerous situations.

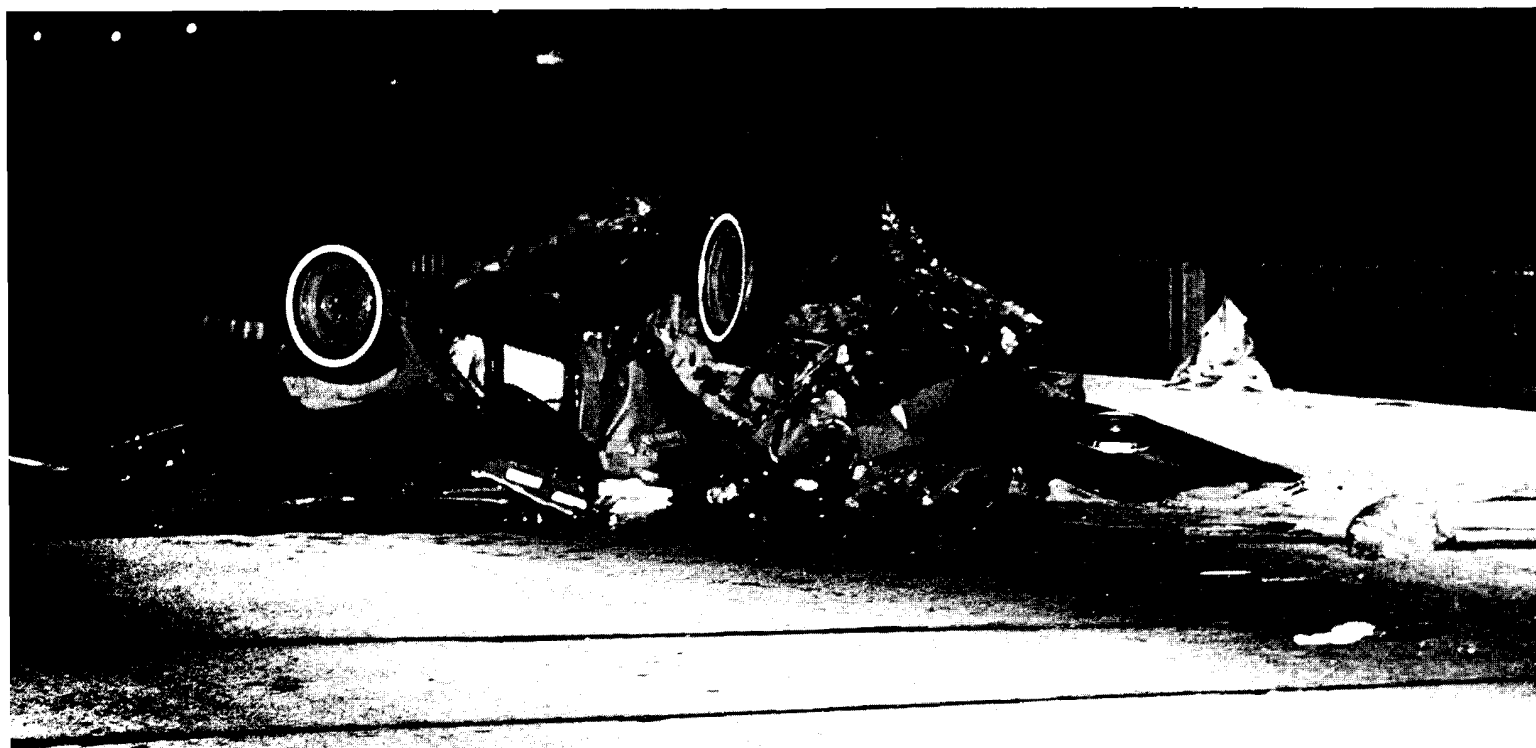
Be aware of the car ahead, the car behind, the car coming toward you in the opposite lane, the car around the corner you can't see. Look to the left and to the right when approaching intersections. Never assume the other driver will yield the right-of-way. Watch for the other fellow — and look for an escape route where you can leave the road in an emergency. Leave an out for yourself by maintaining a "space cushion" for maneuvering.

### Think When You Drive

3. *Think before acting.* BE ALERT — THINKING about your driving and keeping your mind concentrated on it and not on some conversation or other dis-

A car "out of control" while speeding around a curve produced this horrible piece of twisted metal.

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traction. *Think* about what you are doing *while* you are doing it.

Realize that your car covers a certain amount of distance between the time you observe an obstacle, think about what you should do, and finally carry out the action. This is the reaction time or *thinking distance* and it will vary in three ways: 1) with the speed of the car; 2) with the physical and mental condition of the driver; and 3) with the degree of concentration he is giving to driving.

The ability to react quickly can deteriorate in several ways. Undue worry, fatigue, illness and the effects of alcohol and certain drugs inhibit your mental and physical well-being.

NEVER drive when you are sleepy or tired. People drive entirely too far without enough rest. In Arizona, for example, over 30 percent of the drivers interviewed had spent 16 hours continuously behind the wheel. Many drive from 18 to 22 hours between bed rests. Ten hours out of 24 should be the maximum and then you should stop every two hours for a rest or a nap.

Remember this when you are traveling to the festivals. And *don't travel in caravan style* — two or more cars in a group. This distracts your concentration from driving safely, is nerve-wracking and causes accidents. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in this past Conference charged all of us ministers NOT to travel caravan style — and to pass that same ORDER on to you brethren! It would be better to plan a meeting point along a certain route and then forget about trying to stay behind another car.

NEVER drive after having more than one beer or glass of wine. Drinking has been found to be a factor in more than 55 percent of all fatal auto accidents. Any drinking of liquor slows down your reaction time and impairs your vision and perception. Drinking also affects your attitude and judgment — encouraging you to take risks. *Keep your head clear — your mind alert!*

### Don't Follow Too Closely

4. *Never "tailgate."* The cause of most accidents on freeways and expressways is *tailgating* — following too closely. Why will people risk their life,



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Hardly recognizable as a fine two-door hardtop! This is the result of an accident lasting less than two seconds!

serious injury or a damaged car to save *one* minute? It costs so little to maintain one car length for each 10 miles per hour.

Over 4,000 were killed and 222,000 injured in California *just last year*. Nearly 40 percent of these were *caused* by tailgating. Don't tailgate and don't let another car tailgate you. Slow down and encourage him to pass.

Exercise restraint and follow a car at a safe distance which you eventually intend to overtake or pass. Wait until you see the road ahead is clear for a sufficient distance to allow you to overtake with safety. Don't pass until you are very sure it is safe to do so. Never pass near hills or curves.

5. *Drive with deliberation and overtake as quickly as possible.* Good driving continually calls for making quick and correct decisions, all of which must be carried out with deliberation. Deliberation eliminates uncertainty.

*When in doubt, never pass.* But once you see the way is clear, *act quickly and decisively.* Before you change lanes, check your rear-view mirror and glance to be sure your blind spot is clear. Use your turn signals when passing. Make certain someone behind you is not trying to pass you at the same time. When

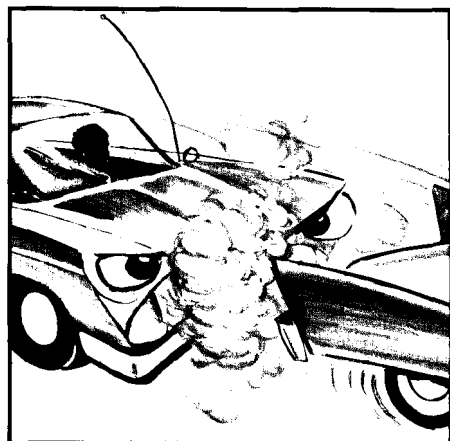
passing, sound the horn or flick your lights to let the driver ahead know. Accelerate and pass quickly. Get back quickly after you can clearly see the car in your rear-view mirror.

### Use Speed Intelligently

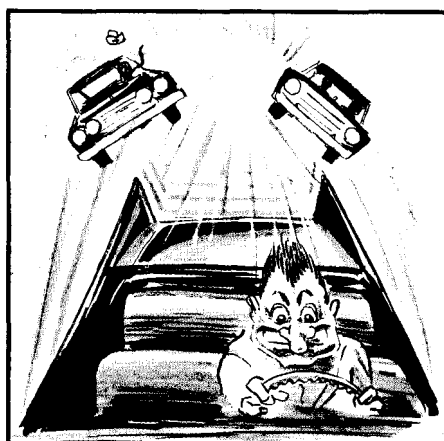
6. *Use speed intelligently and drive fast only in the right places.* Don't exceed the stated speed limit. Remember, any fool can drive fast enough to be dangerous. But *slow driving* can also be dangerous. Slow drivers are cautious to the point of danger. Be balanced about this and don't drive too fast or too slow. A skilled driver never drives faster than the conditions of the road, traffic and weather permit.

7. *Develop your car sense and reduce wear and tear to a minimum.* Car sense is the ability to get the best out of your car with an entire absence of jerks and vibration. It entails smooth and thoughtful operation of the controls with hands and feet. This can only be achieved if the operations are carried out in plenty of time. Good car sense also increases the life of your car.

8. *Use your horn thoughtfully; give proper signals; never black out headlights.* Use the hand signals given in the Vehicle or Highway Code. An am-



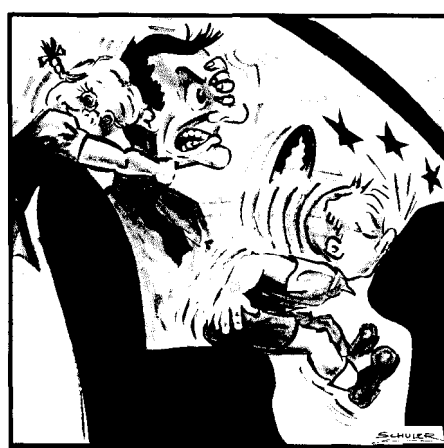
**Don't Tailgate (follow too closely)!**



**Don't hog the road!**



**Don't pile junk in car!**



**Strap children in seats!**

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ambiguous signal is misleading and dangerous. Stop smoothly and gradually when there is a vehicle behind you. Be sure you signal your intentions of stopping, slowing down, or turning. Give good signals and earn the praise of fellow road users.

If you must stop by the side of the road to change a tire or make repairs, set up warning signals for other motorists so they will see you. Some cars are equipped with an automatic flasher. Always carry red flares in your car for emergencies of this nature or in case of accidents.

9. Be sure your car is roadworthy and know its capabilities. A defective car or motorcycle must never be taken out on the road. Don't drive a death-trap. Keep your car maintained in good mechanical condition. Have it thoroughly checked by a reputable garage or service station according to the manufacturer's recommendation. The tires, lights, brakes and steering are especially important. If you cannot maintain a car properly, you cannot afford to have one!

Many Church brethren neglect to maintain their cars properly when they get into a financial bind. By pinching pennies on maintenance, they not only endanger their own life and the lives of others, they will pay a higher price for operating costs and resale value in the long run. If you keep the exterior washed and polished and the inside neat and clean as well, your car will be worth up to 25 percent more in trade-in value. Maintenance is actually an important item in cutting transportation costs. *You CAN'T AFFORD to neglect it!*

A car is not safe on the highway if it has "bald" tires — tires with little or no tread. The combination of "bald" tires and a rain-slicked or icy highway could easily contribute to a skid and cause an accident. And keep the tires inflated at the recommended air pressure. Too much pressure will lessen the tire's road-holding power and could cause a skid.

#### Use Safety Belts

*Install safety belts in your car and wear them at all times.* A two-man

team of University of Michigan Medical School professors conducted a four-year survey of auto accidents. Of the 139 accidents they studied, they found that seat belts would have saved 80 percent of the dead. Dr. Huelke, project director, commented: "Anybody who doesn't wear a seat belt is stupid."

But many people just don't want to be bothered with wearing seat belts — even though they may prevent serious injury or death. A few years ago, a red light reading "fasten your seat belt" appeared on the Thunderbird instrument panel. If the driver obeyed, the light went out. But some indifferent drivers didn't like it. They kicked, pounded and pulled wires to douse the light. A change had to be made and now the light automatically dies in ten seconds if you would rather snub the sign than strap in.

Realizing how important safety belts are in preventing serious injury when accidents do occur, Mr. Armstrong has ordered that all college-owned or leased vehicles *must be equipped* with seat belts *both* FRONT AND REAR. The driver and passengers *must* be buckled in at all times. Many people have died in auto accidents — and some even in God's Church — because there were no safety belts.

No car is really roadworthy unless it is equipped with safety belts. So have them installed in your car if you haven't already done so.

Be sure that children are always strapped in. Never let a child stand on the front seat. You only need to make a quick stop to send the child flying against the window or dashboard. Think what would happen in a collision! Also, a driver can't be thinking about what's happening to his children while he maneuvers to avoid an accident.

Helmets and leather jackets for motorcyclists are just as important as safety belts are for automobile drivers. Helmets are required by law in England. Yet many Americans don't see the need for wearing them. My own brother-in-law was killed last year by being thrown from a motorcycle. He landed on his head and never regained consciousness. Such head injuries and deaths could be prevented by wearing a helmet — or not

getting on the cycle in the first place.

*Know a car's capabilities.* Before attempting to drive a strange car fast, get accustomed to its controls, acceleration, braking capabilities and handling characteristics. A good driver is confident because he knows his car. The car and driver must blend harmoniously to ensure good driving.

### Be a Courteous Driver

10. *Perfect your roadcraft and acknowledge courtesies extended to you by other road users.* Roadcraft includes every phase of driving. It is something more than road sense. A driver with good roadcraft knows how to avoid awkward and possibly dangerous situations. Good roadcraft not only prevents accidents, but makes driving less nerve-racking.

Not only *be courteous*, go further and acknowledge the courtesies extended to you by others. By doing this, you set a splendid example and help engender the spirit of chivalry so badly needed on our roads. *Courtesy is an important factor in road safety.*

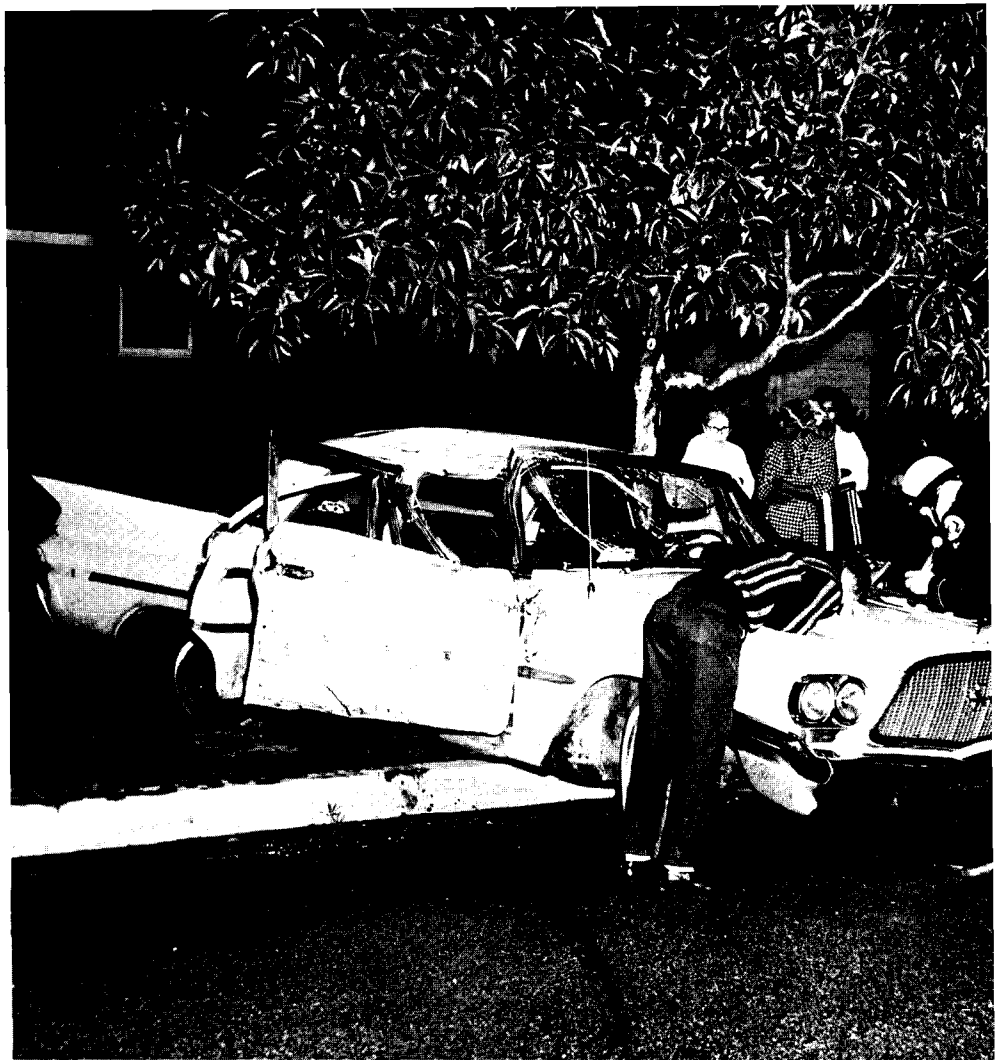
Not only should you be a good and safe driver yourself, it is your *duty* to see that your teen-aged children are taught how to drive properly. Most accidents are caused by young drivers and the problem of teen-age drivers has been much discussed in magazine and newspaper articles.

Teen-agers and their parents must realize that young people drive differently, react differently and have a storehouse of experience different from older motorists. Teen-agers are not often aware of the following distinctive — and *dangerous* — qualities reported in *Parade* magazine (Jan. 7, 1962). It's the parent's responsibility to point them out and hammer home the lessons of safety.

### Seven Errors of Teen-age Drivers

1) *Young drivers can't "smell danger."* They don't sense and notice dangerous situations like an older driver.

2) *Teen-agers drive too emotionally.* The *unsafe* teen-age driver is a show-off, flashy, aggressive, intolerant. He will often drive in noisy speed bursts or crowds too close to the car ahead. A teen-ager must learn to control his emotions when at the wheel. Pouring



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This young man is bitterly sorry for a few careless seconds on a drizzly wet street.

your emotions into the gas pedal can be deadly.

3) *They're too good for their own good.* Young drivers have faster reflexes than adults. But studies show that fast-reflex drivers have more smashups than slow-reflex drivers. They collide with slowpokes who can't get out of their way, or they stop too quickly — and the car behind plows into them. They must learn to allow for the slower reactions of the driving majority.

4) *They load their cars too heavily.* Teen-agers will load a car far beyond its capacity. They don't realize how overloading affects car steering and maneuverability.

5) *They drive too fast.* Teen-agers in California have more accidents caused by speeding than do adults.

6) *They repeat their mistakes.* Teen-agers steer and turn too abruptly, go into curves at too high a speed, neglect to use turn signals, rush through yellow lights, don't use their horns profession-

ally. These mistakes are made by teen-agers over and over again.

7) *They want to be too good too soon.* Teen-agers lack behind-the-wheel experience to go with their physical skills. They need driver education to be trained by those best qualified — both in the classroom and on the road.

You, the parent, need to point these differences out to your teen-agers who are of driving age. Show them what's right. See that they get formal driver training outside the family and learn the lessons for safety on the road.

Train yourself and your children to observe — to think — to plan for *safe living*. And protect your children from the dangers they cannot foresee. Even young children need to be taught road safety. Two children have already been killed in Pasadena during the first two months of this year because of running into the street.

Children also should be *taught NOT to play "driver"* and handle the controls



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The dent in that roof was made by the driver's head! There is TREMENDOUS advantage to wearing a seat belt!

of your automobile. They should not be allowed to play with the steering wheel, gear shift, emergency brake or ignition. You never know what they might do on their own some day — in your car or someone else's car. Children should NOT pretend to drive, but LEARN to drive at the proper age!

#### Carry Adequate Insurance

Some Church members don't have any accident insurance of any kind. They are trying to save money or are "trusting God" to keep them from being in an accident. *Don't misunderstand!* Insurance doesn't replace faith. It only helps relieve the financial burden after an accident occurs. The law requires that the one responsible for damage or injury in automobile accidents must pay for it. If there are any bodily injuries, this could amount to several thousands of

dollars in medical bills and loss of wages. Then there is also the damage to the vehicles involved to pay for. An irresponsible, *uninsured* driver can be driven to bankruptcy by *one, small accident!*

The principle in Exodus 22:5-15 is that we are to make amends for damage or loss of property if we are responsible. Some states require all owners of registered vehicles to carry personal liability and property damage insurance. If your state requires this insurance and you don't have it, *you are violating a law of the land* (Rom. 13:1). And even if your state doesn't have this law, you still should have liability or "third party" insurance. This is *your responsibility* to others—a fulfillment of God's law of love to your fellowman by which you are being *judged daily!* Collision insurance to help pay for the damage

to your own car is also highly recommended if your car is of any value.

It is *not wrong* to have insurance. Even with insurance, you still must trust in God for protection. Insurance will not prevent an accident. It will not heal injuries or restore life. But it will help you take care of any financial responsibilities which come as a result of an accident. Write for the article, "What the Bible Says About Insurance," if you don't already have it. Read and study it if you don't understand this point.

Accidents can also be caused by lack of prayer and faith. Yes, we have a *living God* to protect us — but *only* if we do two things: 1) PRAY earnestly, *always* and constantly for that protection; and 2) DRIVE CAREFULLY. *If we do our part*, we can then have faith in God to protect us from being in auto accidents.