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COVER: What kind of work will you be doing this summer? Good jobs are available if you start looking now. See page 5 for tips on how to "Hire Yourself" a Summer Job." Photo by Roland Rees.

Letters

Thank you, Mr. Armstrong

I just got my first *Youth 81* magazine. As soon as I opened it, I read your [Herbert W. Armstrong's] article on when you were 13, and then the article on dating dos and don'ts.

Thank you very much for thinking of the youth of the Church. We need your support to try to live God's "give" way.

Jerry Aycock
Monroe, La.

"If Only I'd Known"

I would like to thank Jeff Zhorne for his article, "If Only I'd Known," published in the February issue of *Youth 81*. I think it is a very well written article — clear and to the point.

Youth 81 is a fantastic magazine for teenagers and I look forward to receiving my copy each month.

Debra Thompson
Auckland, New Zealand

Pen pal?

My name is Amy Simkins and I'm 12 years old. I receive *Youth 81* and I wondered if I could get pen pals through you.

Amy Simkins
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Sorry, Amy, but we cannot provide you with a pen pal. See "News & Reviews," page 9, for a complete explanation of our pen-pal policy.

What is it?

Just got the first issue of *Youth 81* and I was really impressed. Keep it up!

I saw your "What is it?" photo. Here's one for you. What is it?

Peter Falk
Marathon, Wis.

See "News & Reviews," page 8, for Peter's puzzling photo.

Successful dating

My name is Debbie Langland and I read your article on dating [January, 1981].

The following are my views on what is important for a successful date: 1) You should both know each other fairly well. 2) The guy should ask you at least a week in advance. 3) The guy should take the time to get to know what you enjoy doing on dates. 4) He should plan something special for that night. 5) The girl should also spend time getting ready. 6) Most of all they should both try hard to enjoy each other and make the other person feel at ease.

Debbie Langland
Peotone, Ill.

A Timeless Message To Teenagers

By Scott Ashley

From Herbert W. Armstrong to teenagers:
Hi! Kids: I did not have the privilege of growing up in God's Church, as you do. I was brought up from childhood in a Protestant church and in a boys' Sunday school class. But we had an older young man as teacher, and instead of following the usual church lessons, we went through the book of Proverbs again and again. This continued until I was 18, when I dropped out of church attendance. We boys were so interested in the book of Proverbs that when we finished the book, we began it all over again, as the years went by. I'm sure, now, that God was guiding in this. It helped prepare me to become Christ's apostle, to raise up God's true Church for our time, so you teenagers could be brought up in God's Church. Read this article and keep on studying in the book of Proverbs.

I ALWAYS THOUGHT the Bible was for adults. Until I became one. Then I thought it was for older adults. After all, it contains some pretty heavy reading that isn't

always the easiest to understand, much less live by! It only discussed adult behavior, adult problems and adult solutions — or so I thought.

So it came as something of a surprise to me when, while preparing a Bible study for a group of teens in an area church, I opened my Bible to Proverbs and saw for the first time Solomon's reason for writing the book.

"The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel; To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion," the book begins (Prov. 1:1-4).

Solomon goes on to say that even a wise man will learn from these lessons (verse 5), but he repeats over and over again that the book is aimed at a preadult age-group.

And why is it addressed to young people? Solomon answers that himself in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

If responsible behavior hasn't been taught by the time a child leaves home (although it may not always be exhibited), chances are it will never be learned. Solomon recognized the need for proper teaching before a child goes out to face the world

on his own and recorded these important lessons for you.

God wants us all to profit from the experiences of others, and recorded many events in the Bible as examples for us (I Cor. 10:11). Experience is the most effective, but not necessarily the best, teacher.

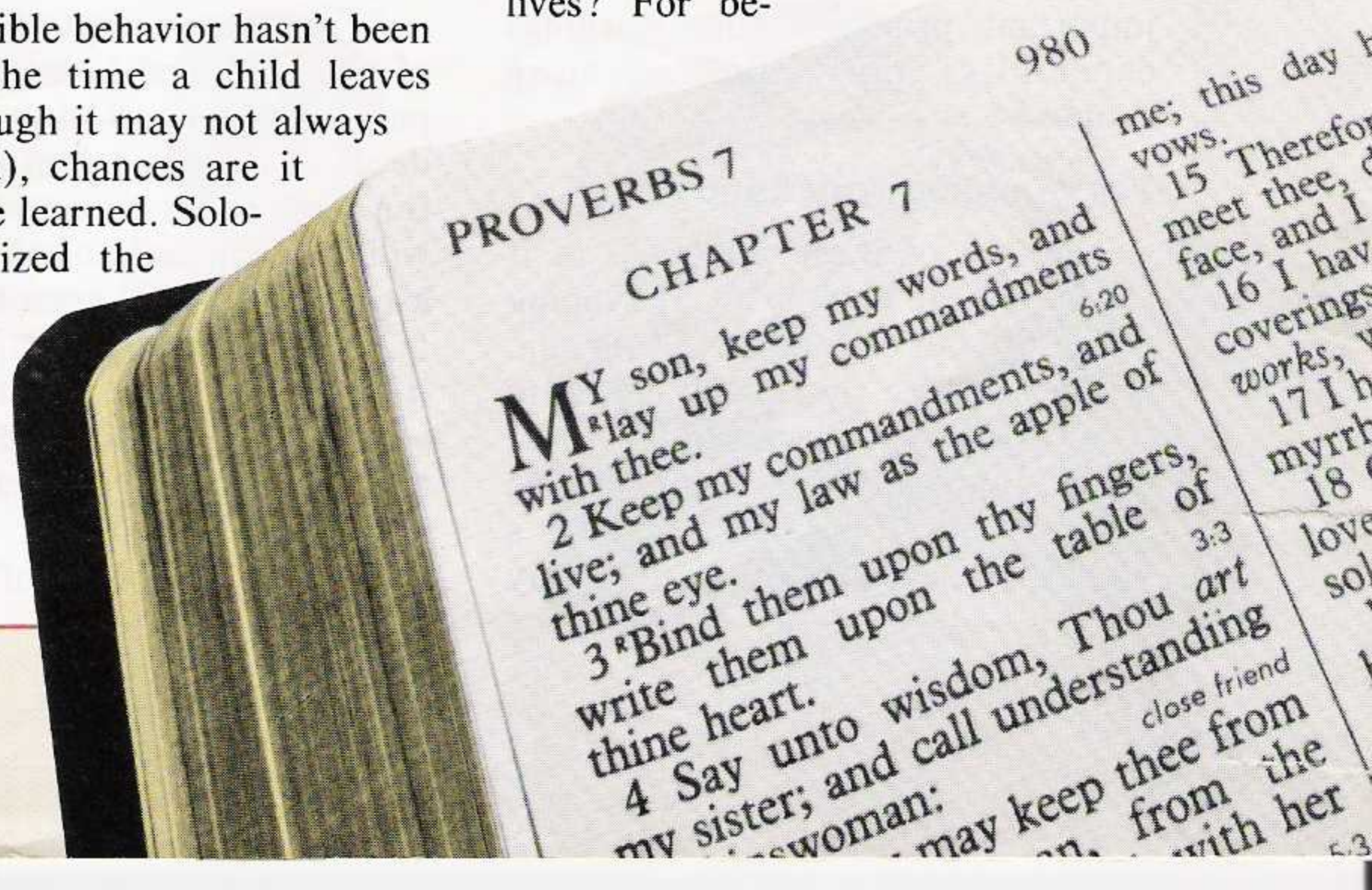
Once you have tried something and found it harmful, you can't go back and "unexperience" it. Even though God forgives your sin, He doesn't necessarily remove the consequences of your actions.

Read about one of David's biggest mistakes in II Samuel 11 and 12. David committed adultery and murder, and although God totally forgave him (II Sam. 12:13), David still had to endure an excruciatingly painful experience as a result.

It's obviously better to learn a lesson from David's mistakes than try it yourself and have the same thing happen to you. And Proverbs is a whole book about learning from the experience of others.

Solomon given wisdom by God

But what were Solomon's credentials? What made him such an authority on how young people (and everyone else, for that matter) should conduct their lives? For be-



ginners, he was the wisest man who ever lived — God said so. Let's read about it.

After David's death, his son Solomon succeeded him to the throne. God appeared to Solomon in a dream and asked him what he wanted most as king.

"I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties," Solomon answered. "Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your

servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

God was quite pleased with Solomon's genuine humility. "I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for — both riches and honor — so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings" (I Kings 3:5-13, New International Version throughout).

Proverbs is a far-ranging book reflecting Solomon's many interests. It discusses business and economics, nature, agriculture, marital relationships, friends, children and many other aspects of life. For the sake of simplicity, we will look at seven important principles and warnings especially applicable to young people.

The company you keep

The first of these principles as it appears in the book is about keeping the right kind of company. "My son, if sinners entice you, do not give in to them," Solomon warns.

"If they say, 'Come along with us; let's wait for someone's blood, let's waylay some harmless soul... my

son, do not go along with them, do not set foot on their paths; for their feet rush to sin, they are swift to shed blood" (Prov. 1:10-16).

"Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one easily angered, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared," he says (Prov. 22:24-25).

Not a day passes when the morning paper doesn't give the grisly details of some murder, robbery, rape or beating committed by juveniles and young adults somewhere, exactly as Solomon described.

While this is perhaps the most dramatic manifestation of the fruits of associating with the wrong people, it doesn't even begin to take into account drug and alcohol abuse, vandalism and cheating and dropping out of school, for example. Use some wisdom, as Solomon said, and avoid those who would drag you down to their level.

The principle has another side too, as Solomon shows. "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm" (Prov. 13:20).

Reaping what you sow

The second principle goes hand-in-hand with the first — you will reap what you sow, good or bad. "These men lie in wait for their own blood; they waylay only themselves! Such is the end of all who go after ill-gotten gain; it takes away the lives of those who get it" (Prov. 1:18-19).

People tend to overlook the time element in their actions and behavior. Crime does pay (Ps. 73:3-5, 12), or there wouldn't be so many people committing it. It's a way to get a lot of wealth with very little effort — but consider the end result.

"For a man's ways are in full view of the Lord, and he examines all his paths," Solomon says. "The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly" (Prov. 5:21-23). Not a pleasant way to go, is it?

Like the first principle, this too has another side. If you sow good seed, you will reap good fruit. "The Lord's curse is on the house of the wicked,

but he blesses the home of the righteous." (Prov. 3:33).

God doesn't reach down and zap you every time you do something wrong, a fact most people take to mean that He doesn't exist or doesn't care even if He does exist (Eccl. 8:11). They don't realize God is giving them a chance to change before they end up in the condition Solomon described.

The value of correction

The third principle, one mentioned perhaps in more places in the book than any other, is the value of correction and discipline. Solomon sums it up pretty well: "Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates correction is stupid" (Prov. 12:1). Ouch! That one kinda hurt.

One of a parent's main responsibilities is disciplining his children. Solomon says, "He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is careful to discipline him" (Prov. 13:24).

Do you take parental correction? If you don't, Solomon said you are stupid. Argue with him if you don't like it — but you're only arguing with the wisest man who ever lived.

On the contrary, you might as well admit that there are people who know more than you, and your parents are two of them. "A wise son heeds his father's instruction, but a mocker does not listen to rebuke" (Prov. 13:1).

But correction doesn't stop with parents. God will have His hand in your life, too. "My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in" (Prov. 3:11-12).

Correction is a lifelong process: "Rebuke a wise man and he will love you. Instruct a wise man and he will be wiser still; teach a righteous man and he will add to his learning" (Prov. 9:8-9).

The value of wisdom

Four: You have your very own gold mine, and so far we have only scratched the surface of it. That gold mine is the book of Proverbs and the rest of God's Word with it. "The fear

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Show Your Parents You Care!

There is a vital ingredient necessary for a healthy home life. Do you know what it is and how to use it?

By Cecil E. Maranville

HOW WOULD you describe the health of your relationship with your parents? Hale and hearty?

Or would a fairer description be "a little sickly," considering the misunderstandings, hurt feelings, arguments — maybe even unpleasant shouting matches?

Is there a way to change that? Yes! There is a missing ingredient that could greatly improve the health of family relations. That ingredient is questions.

When you stop to consider, a well-used question can produce very healthy results. "How would you handle this?" "What do you think I should do?" "Did you ever face a problem or decision like this?" All illustrate one way we can follow God's advice to seek lots of counselors. Read Proverbs 11:14 and 15:22 — God warns that, true to what we see all around us in this world, people are in for misunderstandings, disappointments and hurt feelings if they ignore this principle.

Some reason: "There is no way I'm going to ask my folks anything, because I want to live my own life. I don't want any interference." That's as if your dad wouldn't stop at a gas station to ask directions — when you know he is lost! — just because he wants to "find his own way." Kind of silly, isn't it? Asking for directions can save you from wasting time and effort going in a wrong direction.

Often teens complain that they can't talk with their parents. There's no denying the fact that conversation is anything but free flowing in some homes! Perhaps your parents rarely say what they are happy with —

only what they don't like. Tragic.

But, you know what? There is nothing in the "rule book" that says you can't help things out a bit! How? You can show your parents *you* care with a few well-timed questions!

The simplest way to begin a conversation is by asking your folks about their lives. "How are you feeling?" "Did you get that problem worked out at the office?" Parents are people, too! It's possible they are the ones having the trouble communicating with you.

Maybe they need help in expressing their approval and affection to you. You can help with such questions as: "Do you like this dress I made?" "Did I do a good job on the car?" "How is the supper I prepared?"

Be loving, yourself. By taking a pleasant tone, you make it easier for others to respond in kind.

But what if your questions get answers that you don't like? Let's say you've asked for advice, but no one seems to clearly understand your problem. Or, you get only part of the answer you need. What then?

You fellows with cars, what do you do if you need a part and you can't find the same kind anywhere? Do you throw up your hands and declare you are through with the car forever? Hardly! You get out and buy the nearest thing to the part you need, and then go to work to adapt it to your vehicle.

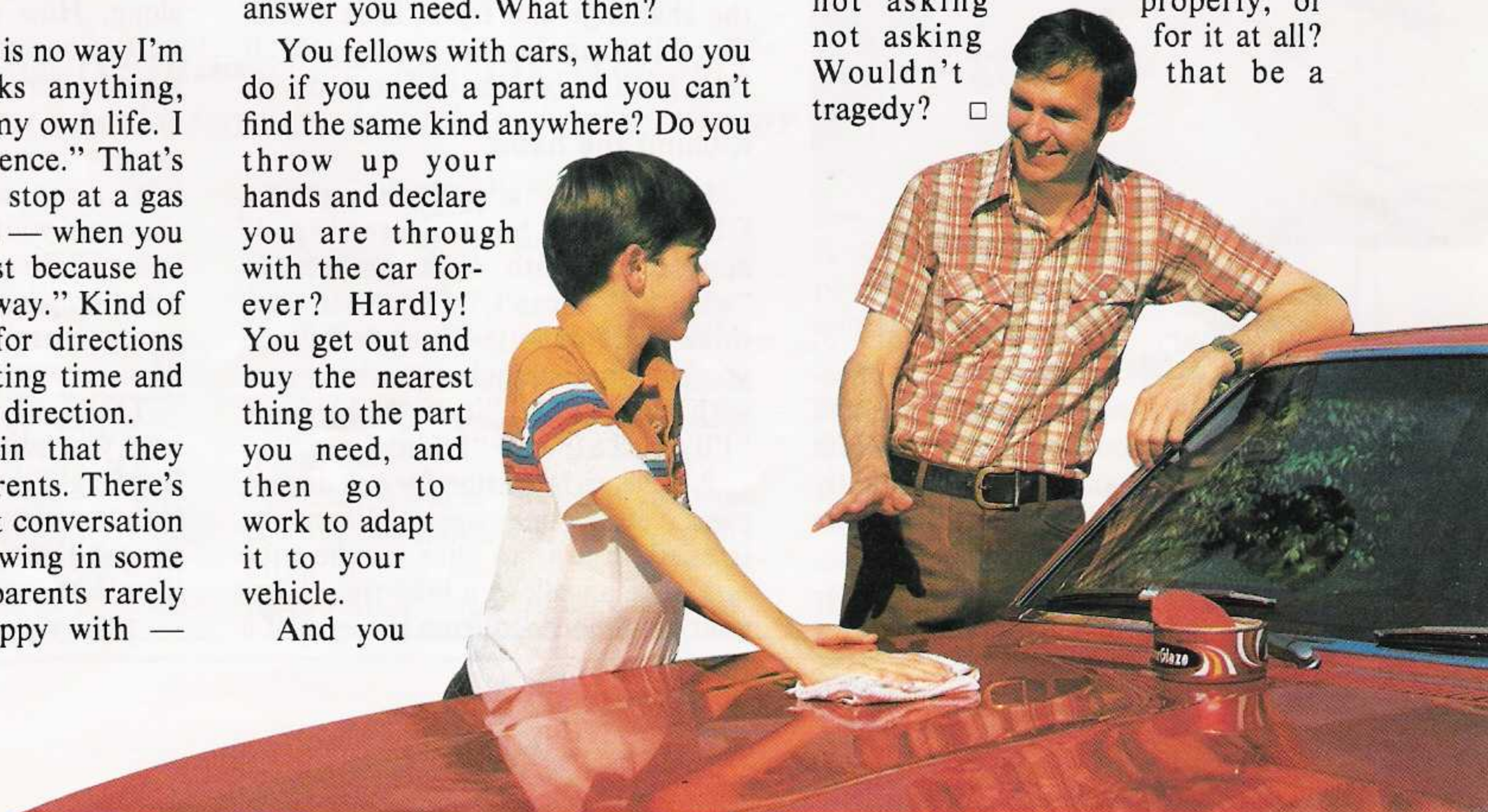
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girls, what do you do with a dress that you "just love" that doesn't quite fit? Do you casually say, "Oh, forget it"? Not very likely! You do some stitching and hemming to make it fit!

It's the same way for a family. If you really *want* to, you can work out the difficulties that come up. Face it. Parents do not always know how to communicate in the best way. Sometimes they are too abrupt, sometimes too sarcastic, sometimes wrong altogether. Yet, like the part you adapt for your car or the clothes that you alter to make them fit, with some effort you can go a long way in making communication work.

Christ said, "Ask, and it shall be given you" (Matt. 7:7). Even though this has to do with the spiritual family, it applies to the physical, as well.

What if all the friendship, all the appreciation and love, all the understanding and all the good advice you need is right there in your own home? What if the only reason you're not getting it is because you are not asking properly, or not asking for it at all? Wouldn't that be a tragedy? □



HOW TO BEAT THE BLAHS

By Karen Meeker

WHAT'S A SEVEN-LETTER word that defines a widespread phenomenon among teenagers?

Forms of this word are very common in the teen vocabulary, and its constant usage is guaranteed to make mothers tear their hair.

Need more hints? It's one of the most common complaints from persons aged 13 to 20. It frustrates teens and those around them. This condition can be found in the most unexpected places — at a dance, on a picnic, at camp or, more commonly, at school or during vacation.

You've probably guessed it by now. It's that feeling that something is missing in your life. It's all blahs and no excitement. It's BOREDOM!



Causes of boredom

Ordinary life provides lots of opportunities to be bored. A once-exciting situation becomes dull and humdrum as soon as the newness of it wears off. We seem to be constantly searching for a life-style that makes us feel good all the time.

What is boredom? The following attitudes are symptomatic of a

classic case of chronic boredom.

- Resists all outside stimuli and concentrates on television at least four to six hours a day whenever possible.

- Staunchly refuses to get involved in any outside activities at school, church or in the community.

- Doesn't try anything new — food, clothing, books or friends.

- Doesn't play an instrument or sing in a choir, even if it looks like fun.

- Doesn't play sports because they require getting mind off of self and on a team effort (a definite threat to boredom).

These symptoms indicate that most boredom stems from our mental attitude. Possibly the boredom habit is already an established part of your life. A habit is a fixed way of responding to whatever touches your life. Do you expect to have the blahs every day? Do you like ending each day with the theme song, "Is This All There Is?"

Why not try kicking the boredom habit? See if you can replace boredom with zest, fun and the exhilaration of learning something new — either about your own talents and abilities or about your environment. It's not so hard to do. Accept the challenge and try at least one of the following in the next week. It feels good to be free of boredom!

Kicking the habit

1. Cultivate a positive attitude. Change can be frightening if approached with such phrases as "what if," "I can't," "what will they think" or a definite "I won't." Train yourself to approach something new with phrases like "it might be fun," "I'll give it a try" or "I think I can."

2. Give up television for one day or, even better, one week. When the irresistible urge to click on the tube hits, take a walk or a bike ride. View your neighborhood from the eyes of a

newcomer. Really notice things like plants, animals, styles of architecture. Come up with exciting ideas all your own — not ready-made ones from the boob tube. There's not much room for boredom when the mind is creative and active.

3. Sign up for an after-school activity. There are lots of things available through the school or the community. Do you like helping people? Be a volunteer. Jobs can range from being a candy-striper in a hospital to helping someone learn to read through your library outreach programs. The list of activities goes on and on — photography classes, bicycle clubs, future farmers groups. They're available — try one.

4. Get to know new people. You never know what interests can be spurred by making a new friend. I know a 90-year-old man who makes violins, a 12-year-old who is an exceptionally good cartoonist, a teacher who was a pilot and, would you believe, a minister who was a tank commander in the British army!

You'll find some of your most memorable experiences revolve around people. One of my best experiences involved a 9-year-old girl, confined to an iron lung because of polio. She was totally paralyzed except for a crooked, bent little finger. She spent hours telling me with labored breathing how she was going to be a ballet dancer when she grew up. Her blue eyes sparkled when she shared her dreams with me. She had a zest for living.

5. Explore your talents. Sometimes we have talents that are completely hidden until the right moment comes along. How do you know if you're artistic or not if you won't even enter a poster contest? Take a year of choir or band, if you can. Trying something doesn't mean you have to do it for life. Keep a diary, write poetry, compose your own songs. Try dance lessons. Be a gourmet cook. Don't leave a page unturned. Check out every possibility. You'll find a lifetime won't be long enough.

These are just a few suggestions to help you over the hump of boredom. Reading words on paper won't erase it, but action on your part will start you on the way to a full jam-packed life. Why not do something about it — TODAY! □



'Hire Yourself' A Summer Job

Using resourcefulness — "hiring yourself" — will give you quite a head start in looking for summer employment.

By Dennis R. Robertson

THERE'S A STORY about a college student who worked very little one summer and ran out of money about midway through the school year. In a hastily written telegram to his father, the boy made a stab at asking for more money. The

telegram said: "No mon, no fun. Your son."

A couple days later the fellow received this caustic reply from his father: "Too bad, how sad. Your dad."

Running out of money at any time is a real bummer, but it's especially bitter in the dead of winter when there's little time to make extra cash.

A summer job can go a long way in providing money for those long winter months.

Why am I writing about summer jobs at the beginning of spring? Because now is the time to land a good summer job. Starting early will enable you to get a jump on the competition. Jobs may be hard to find this summer because more people are

entering the job market to offset inflation. The earlier you begin your search and the more resourcefulness you employ, the more chance you will have of "hiring yourself" (the phrase Herbert W. Armstrong used for his method of securing the job he wanted) a good summer job.

Where to start

If you're having a problem deciding where to look for employment or how to go about it, the following suggestions may help.

1. Make a list of all the places that you feel might employ students: fast-food restaurants, ice cream shops, parks, zoos, resorts, nearby farms, newspaper distributors, factories. List as many places as you can.

2. After you've completed your list, call representatives from each of the places you've thought of and ask if they will be hiring help for the summer. Ask them what you should do to apply for a summer position.

3. Advertise yourself. Let your friends and neighbors know that you're interested in finding a summer

job. They may know of someone who will need help. Place notices around your neighborhood offering your services. Many stores have bulletin boards for that purpose.



4. Call your state employment office and register for summer employment. These offices have job listings for your local community and can offer helpful advice in finding a job. The

information and help is free.

5. Check with your guidance counselor or your school's placement office. Many employers will re-

quest workers through the school.

6. Check the classified advertisements in your local newspaper. Some employers will advertise for a person with specific skills. If you're qualified, do what the ad says to apply.

7. "Know Thyself." You're wasting your time and the employer's time by applying for a job for which you're not qualified. Analyze your abilities; list the specific talents you possess (typing skills, a pleasing voice, a life-saving certificate, ability to operate an adding machine or cash register). If you don't have a specific skill, by applying for a job early you may have time to develop one.

Another option you might consider is to form your own business to bring in those summer dollars. Lawn mowing, hedge trimming and house painting are often quite lucrative summer businesses for the person who works hard and does a good job. If you live near a farming community, there's almost always a job that needs to be done: bean picking, cotton chopping,

How Do You Rate?

NO MATTER what kind of employment you are looking for, from a summer job to a lifetime career, there are some traits an employer will be looking for not only when hiring, but also when considering you for promotion and advancement.

How do you rate on this employer's scorecard?

1. Is this potential employee a person of his word?

This is very high on any employer's scorecard. Too frequently promises or commitments are made with little forethought of the time, effort and sacrifice that may be required to fulfill them. If you cannot or do not plan to fulfill a commitment, don't make the pledge. But if a commitment is made, make every effort to fulfill it in its entirety.

2. Will this employee be willing to apply himself wholeheartedly to a task?

Employers know that nothing undermines your efforts or those of others more than to undertake a job halfheartedly. Often we gear our performance to those around us.

To satisfy our own consciences and to please any potential employers, we must be achievers. Even when we have done everything that is expected of us, we are still unprofitable unless we exceed that standard level of performance (Luke 17:7-10).

3. Is this employee willing not only to listen to, but to seek, instruction?

There are many ways to learn. But employers are interested in people who learn the right way and

avoid loss of time in experiencing the wrong way.

I remember many years ago my future father-in-law asking me if I could start some irrigation pipes to water the crops in a certain field. I said that I certainly could.

Now I had never started an irrigation pipe, but had seen it done many times and assumed I could do it. It is a simple technique, once learned. I determined, however, after about an hour of wrestling with one irrigation pipe and barely getting a dribble out the other end, that I should have asked for instructions. I could have learned the entire procedure in five minutes of instruction if I had only asked.

Regardless of what profession you choose, these three sterling traits of character will always stand you in good stead. Consider these things and whatever course you take will result in success. —

By Ellis LaRavia □

feeding cattle. (Some of these outdoor jobs will give you a good tan as a bonus.) Use your imagination in coming up with a good summer business.

A word of caution

When applying for a job or seeking clients for your own business, go about it in the right way.

BE ENTHUSIASTIC: No one wants to hire a person who couldn't care less about the business. If you have a ho-hum, don't-care attitude, you can forget about landing a good job.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY: Don't dress in a three-piece suit and then drive out to a farm to ask for a job. The farmer might get a good laugh, but that won't help your pocketbook. On the other hand, don't apply for a salesman's position at a clothing store in a pair of cut-offs and a sweatshirt. First impressions are important in any job interview, and an individual's attire says a lot.

KNOW THE BUSINESS: Be knowledgeable about the business you're going into. Know the manager's name and something about the company: when it began, the type of people the company caters to, its popularity in the local community. An employer is usually impressed with a young person who has done his or her homework before asking for a job.

Another approach to seeking summer employment is not to make a lot of money but to gain experience for the future. Have you decided on a career path? Do you know what you would like to do for a living? If so, perhaps you could volunteer your services to a company you're interested in. Work not for pay, but for experience that can help you obtain the job you want in the future.

By the way, in most communities there are volunteer referral services that will help junior high and high school students find volunteer positions.

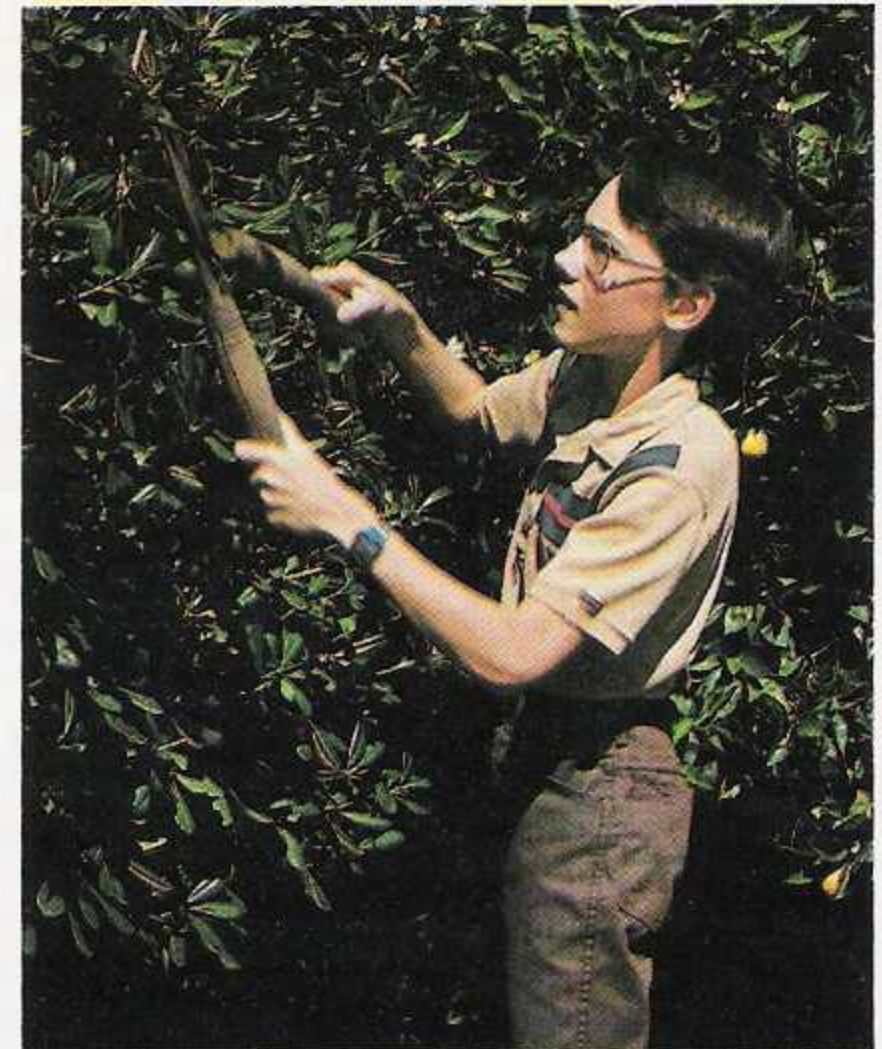
The *Summer Employment Directory*, a *Writer's Digest*

Books publication, lists more than 50,000 jobs with hundreds of different employers. The book suggests that students use resumes and cover letters when applying by mail, that they do research on the company before going to an interview and that they keep a positive, confident attitude. Interest in the work itself, not just the money, is an important consideration. To obtain a copy of the *1981 Summer Employment Directory* (\$6.95 for paperback) you can write directly to *Writer's Digest Books*, 9933 Alliance Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242, or visit your library or bookstore.

Another annual directory of job listings is *Invest Yourself*, published by the Commission on Voluntary Service and Action, for students who want to gain experience in certain fields. The pay is low or nothing, but many agencies will provide room, board and allowance. This directory is available for \$2 from the Circulation Manager, 418 Peltoma Rd., Haddonfield, N.J., 08033.

One point to remember in all of this: If you can't find a position now, try again later. Employers like students with determination. Besides, around July 4 every year there seems to be an exodus of teenage employees who leave for the holiday and never return.

No one can be assured of finding summer employment. But one thing is for sure: Now is the time to start your search. □



Summer jobs come in a wide variety including: secretarial (page 5), lawn care, lifeguarding, restaurant or supermarket work and shrub trimming. Get a head start by beginning your job search now. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner and Roland Rees)

You Can Break a Record this Summer!

The National Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Track and Field meet is tentatively scheduled for midsummer in Big Sandy, Tex.

Following is a list of the present national YOU records and record holders. Some of you may break these records this year — be training now!

Girls' 100-Yard Dash, Lavon Walker, 11.6; Boys' 100-Yard Dash, Mickey Perry, Phil Greenwood, 10.4;

Girls' 220-Yard Dash, Orchid Hill, 26.2; Boys' 220-Yard Dash, Rod Sheeter, 22.7; Girls' 440-Yard Dash, Lila Rose Blake, 58.04; Boys' 440-Yard Dash, Bruce Arnold, 51.7.

Girls' 80-Yard Low Hurdles, Karen Lutes, 11.3; Boys' 120-Yard High Hurdles, Tim Henderson, Ricky Gibson, 16.3; Girls' 880-Yard Run, Lila Rose Blake, 2:18.8; Boys' 880-Yard Run, Luke Preslewski, 2:00.2.

Girls' 1-Mile Run, Carrie Foret, 5:44.29; Boys' 1-Mile Run, Jeff Dodson, 4:25.30.

Girls' 2-Mile Run, Ericka Krulc, 12:51.5; Boys' 2-Mile Run, Bob Palacios, 9:41.8; Girls' 440-Yard Relay, Arnold, Hardwick, Nixon, Walker, 51.2; Boys' 440-Yard Relay, Perry, Wallace, Perry, Collier, 44:7.

Girls' 880-Yard Relay, White, Blake, Perry, Roberts, 1:47.23; Boys' Mile Relay, Edwards, Banks, Edwards, Wade, 3:31.34.

Girls' Discus, Anita Gloe, 123'4"; Boys' Discus, Mike Pendleton, 155'4¼"; Girls' Shot Put, Anita Gloe, 39'7¾"; Boys' Shot Put, Jeff Hermanson, 52'3½"; Girls' High Jump, Karen Lutes, 5'7"; Boys' High Jump, Robert Gordon, 6'4".

Girls' Long Jump, Lavon Walker, 17'6¼"; Boys' Long Jump, Gary Wise, 23'3½"; Boys' Pole Vault, Bill Rippeon, 12'; Boys' Triple Jump, Gary Wise, 44'11". □

News & Reviews

What Is It?

Can you guess what this is? (answer on page 13).

This contribution is from Peter Falk, 17, of Marathon, Wis.



The World Tomorrow

God will rule and we will love Him.
No one will ever be above Him.
A child will ride on a lion's back,
A baby lamb lying on his lap.
The breeze will blow lightly

and the sky will be clear,
A colorful rainbow will appear.
The rippling rivers will proudly rush by,
Reflecting the blue in the pleasant spring sky.
We will all live as loving brothers,

Showing kindness to one another.
Life will be filled with peace and serene,
As the birds sing their songs in the trees so green.
— Kathy Walker
Age 12
Eugene, Ore.

EMPLOYMENT PLOYS

GOING FOR A SUMMER JOB INTERVIEW? JUST BE SURE TO BRING YOUR PETS ALONG! A NICE, BIG SLOBBERY DOG REALLY MAKES AN IMPRESSION ON A PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER! OR...IF YOU CAN'T FIND ANY ANIMALS...ONE OR TWO REALLY OBNOXIOUS FRIENDS WILL DO! THEN...AFTER YOU DON'T GET HIRED...YOU CAN GO HOME AND LOAF ALL SUMMER!



HEY YOUTHS! WANT TO MAKE TONS OF BUCKS DURING THE SUMMER? NO DOUBT YOU'VE SEEN ADS FOR MONEY-MAKING SCHEMES LIKE RAISING CHINCHILLAS IN YOUR BATHTUB, OR REPAIRING ACCORDIANS... BUT WE BET YOU'VE NEVER SEEN AN AD FOR RAISING ACCORDIANS IN YOUR BATHTUB! IT'S SO EASY! JUST GIVE THEM PLENTY OF FRESH AIR AND WATCH THEM GROW! THEN SELL THEM TO YOUR FRIENDS!



Preventing Auto Theft

Stolen autos are big business. In the United States, a car is stolen about every 37 seconds — a total of about 800,000 a year. Protect your car by taking these precautions.

1. Lock all doors and take the keys. One of every five stolen cars is left with the keys in the ignition.
2. Park on a well-lighted, busy street.
3. Turn your steering wheel sharply to one side to lock the steering column. This prevents a thief from towing your car from the rear.
4. Don't leave expensive items in your car — lock them in the trunk. □

Pen-Pal Policy

We have received requests to run a pen-pal column in *Youth 81*. In the past this type of column was run in *The Worldwide News*. It was dropped because the publishing of names and

addresses of readers led to complaints of unwanted mail and solicitation. It eventually became a time-consuming and costly burden, which forced the *WN* to add personnel.

Therefore, we feel it is not

practical to begin a pen-pal column in *Youth 81*. We recommend you start your own collection of names and addresses while you are at SEP camp and during the Feast of Tabernacles.

FRISBEE'S FRIENDS

BY CAROL SPRINGER



We Have a T-shirt for You!

If a contribution of yours is used in *Youth 81*, you will receive a *Youth 81* T-shirt like the one pictured above! Original artwork, articles, poems, photographs and letters all make you eligible when they're printed in your magazine.

So send in your quality contributions. Although we

can't personally respond to all contributions, they'll all be carefully considered. We'll print as many as possible and, if yours is among them, we'll send you your own special *Youth 81* T-shirt — FREE!

Send your contributions to: *Youth 81*, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

See the World in The YOU Exchange Program

White, sandy Caribbean beaches, delicious Chinese dishes, ancient Welsh castles — you've read all about them in the pages in *Youth 81*.

Are you getting the urge to find out for yourself what it's like in other parts of the world? It's possible! Qualified high school students can participate in the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) international exchange program during their junior or senior years.

During the last four years teens in God's Church have had the opportunity to live and experience the cultures of different countries through this program.

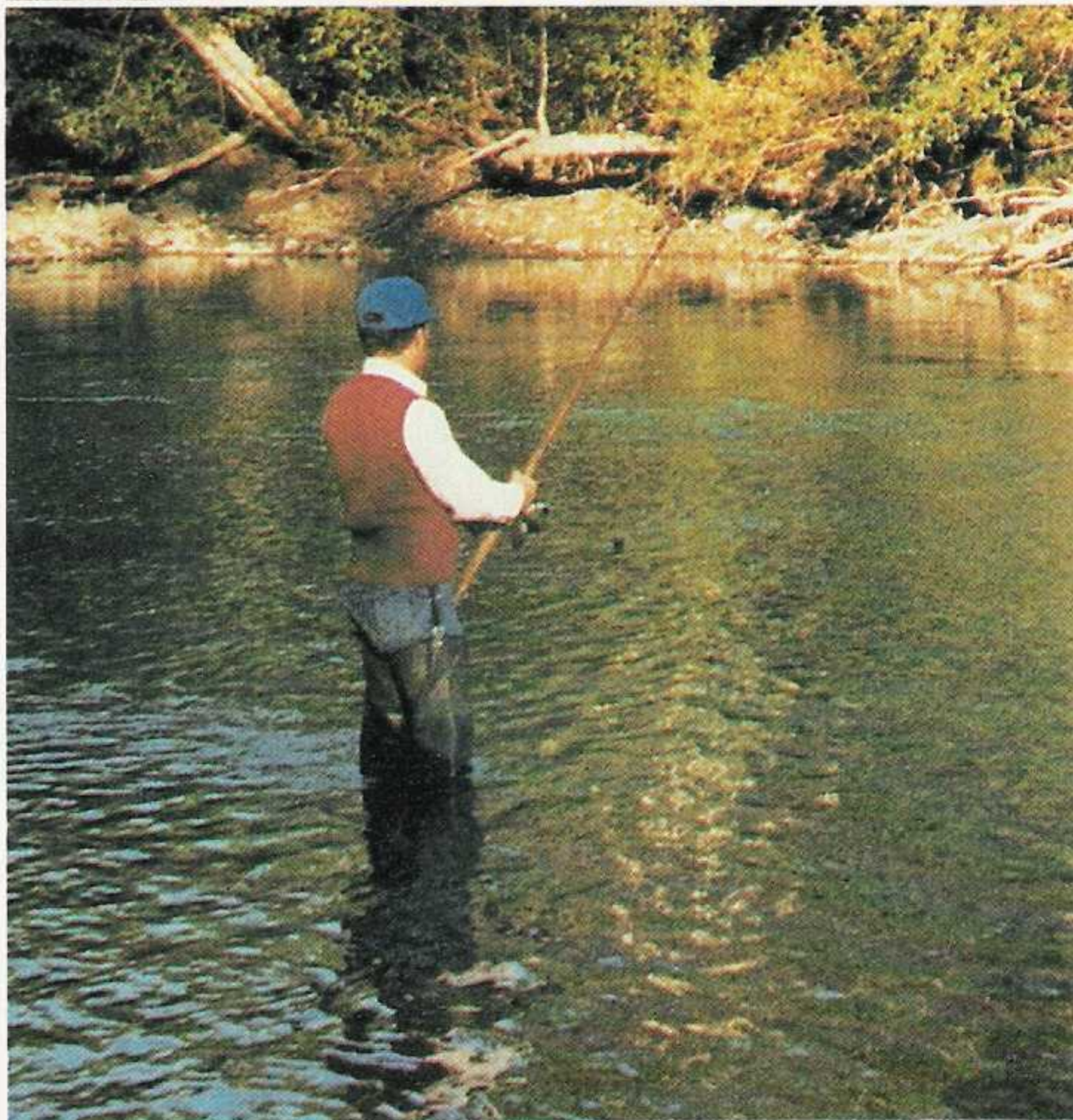
Gayle Travis, 18, who spent several months living with Beryl Chapman's family in Ireland, said: "It broadened my outlook; I realized how blessed America is in relation to other countries — it taught me to appreciate what we have and helped me grow and develop."

While attending Beryl's school in Ireland, Gayle learned how different the educational systems are. "The school system was sort of a

shock — schools in the [United] States give you a lot of homework. Ireland doesn't utilize that method. I found I really had to push myself to study." Beryl, now living with Gayle's family in America, explained that the difference is that in Ireland advancing to the next level depends on comprehensive exams, not homework.

As a result of her stay in Ireland, Gayle says: "I look at the world with an open mind — it seems many people in the U.S. have no conception of the world, or even their own country." Gayle was shocked to find that Irish people occasionally knew more about her country than she did!

You can share some of the same experiences Gayle and Beryl did. If you have good academic scores and would like to investigate life in another country, write the YOU Office in Pasadena for an application. If accepted into the program, you will spend six months with a Church family abroad, then return with your exchange student to spend six months with your family. □



Youth 81 photos

What's It Like to Be a Teen in Prince George?

By John Halford with Mike and Jim Little

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C., a frontier town in Western Canada, is a very long way from anywhere else.

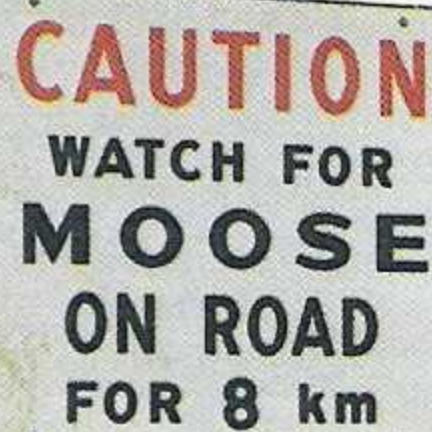
The nearest big towns to the south are Vancouver and Kamloops, B.C., and they are more than 400 miles away. Edmonton, Alta., is 400 miles east and there isn't anything to speak of to the north until you get to Alaska. To the west the nearest big city is Tokyo!

So Prince George really is off by itself. Still, about 70,000 people live there, and it is one of Canada's fastest-growing cities.

Why should 70,000 people come and live out in the middle of nowhere, where the temperature can reach 40 below zero and snow covers the ground six or more months of the year? The answer is trees. Millions of them, stretching to the horizon in all directions. Prince George is known as the spruce capital of the world because of the many lumber and pulp mills and the logging industry that keeps them supplied.

What is it like to be a teenager in a frontier town like Prince George? According to local YOU members Mike and Jim Little, it can be one of the best places on earth to grow up. Or it can be very depressing.

Prince George is very much a young person's town. Local pastor Glenn Webber that it has the second highest birth rate of any place



CAUTION
WATCH FOR
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Local pastor Glenn Webber explains highest birth rate on earth —

only Calcutta, India, exceeds it. Young families are moving in all the time, while older folks tend to move south.

The enormous distance from other places and the long, cold winters can be frustrating to Prince George's teenagers. The crime rate is one of the highest in Canada and so is the teen suicide rate. Mike remembers that four young people at his school alone took their own lives last year.

Why, then, do YOU members (there are about 40 of them in Prince George) think it is such a good place to live? They have learned to make the two things that could make Prince George a negative place — its remoteness and the cold — work positively for them.

For the YOU group, winter is a time for fun. Most of the YOU members have known each other for years, and they are all good friends. They enjoy the winter months by skiing, snowmobiling and participating in other winter sports together. A high point of the year is a ski trip to the fabulously beautiful Jasper National Park.

Of course, there are also cold climate chores. There is always snow to be shoveled and wood to be cut. A harsh climate can teach you responsibility — your survival may depend on it.

For instance, when it's 40 degrees below zero you learn not to stop your car engine, or you will never get it started again.

When the thaw comes, usually around March, the winter

YOU members from Prince George, B.C., the spruce capital of the world, fill sandbags during the summer months to raise money for their activities, such as ski trips and fishing.

wonderland turns into a sportsman's paradise. The lakes provide the opportunity for waterskiing, and if you like fishing, there is always the chance of landing a 30-pound salmon. And the forests are teeming with wildlife (including moose and elk for the hunting enthusiasts). So the YOU group has plenty to do — in this way they are able to avoid the more negative side of the teen scene in Prince George.

Besides all these activities, the group also make sure they participate in the national YOU activities such as the annual track meet in Vancouver. But they don't just send a team of the best athletes. They all go! Togetherness seems to pay off — in 1979 they won the trophy.

Of course, a field trip to anywhere means a journey of hundreds of miles, and it can get quite expensive. To solve this problem the Prince George YOU has developed an unusual way of raising funds. Mike explains: "Our secret is a sandbag operation. We get canvas sacks and during the summer months we fill them with 50 pounds of sand each. Then we sell them to the motorists. This year we did 5,000. The profit helps our traveling fund."

Why do the motorists of Prince George want 5,000 of these 50-pound sacks of sand? Mike and Jim didn't explain that in their letter — I guess they think it is obvious. Perhaps it is, but the trouble is, the *Youth 81* staff lives in a warm climate. Can anyone tell us?

While you are at it, tell us some other places in the world you would like to know about. Better still, write and show us what it's like where you live. Perhaps we can feature your town or your country in future issues of *Youth 81*. □

A Timeless Message

(Continued from page 2)

of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding," he writes (Prov. 9:10). Knowledge of itself is useless without that proper fear and respect of God to put it all in perspective. Man lacks the spiritual knowledge and wisdom to know how to solve the problems that now threaten to destroy him.

"Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold," Solomon counsels, "for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her" (Prov. 8:10-11). Few people have ever had both wisdom and riches. Solomon did, and he knew wisdom was his most valuable possession.

Develop your mind — it's one of the most valuable and precious gifts God has given you. Use the educational opportunities available to you. Do not neglect study and meditation on God's Word. It's one of the best investments you'll ever make.

Be a hard worker

Many of our economic problems could be avoided if people learned the fifth principle, a simple lesson Solomon wrote for us: "I went past the field of the sluggard, past the vineyard of the man who lacks judgment; thorns had come up everywhere, the ground was covered with weeds, and the stone wall was in ruins. I applied my heart to what I observed and learned a lesson from what I saw: A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest — and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man" (Prov. 24:30-34).

Hard work has its rewards the same as poor work has its rewards. "Do you see a man skilled in his work? He will serve before kings, he will not serve before obscure men" (Prov. 22:29). The best guarantee against layoffs or firings is to make yourself a valuable worker, indispens-

able to your employer. If you prove yourself to him in that manner, problems like getting off work for the Sabbath and Holy Days often melt away. He will know that you are too valuable to lose.

Immorality: A dead-end street

Would God have written His laws and commanded us to keep them if it was entirely natural for us to obey them? God knows man's nature. Just as the temptation to lie, steal and murder became a little too great for the superangel Lucifer, whom God created with freedom of choice, God knew that temptation would be too strong for man when He created him. And the temptation coming at young people from every side is a small word with big consequences — sex.

You have the choice of how you learn this sixth lesson, but God and Solomon warn of the results: "Do not lust in your heart after her beauty or let her captivate you with her eyes, for the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread [you're just a way to make a living to her] and the adulteress preys upon your very life. Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? So is he who sleeps with another man's wife; no one who touches her will go unpun-

ished . . . a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself. Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away" (Prov. 6:25-33).

Solomon says to watch out for the smooth-talking bombshells and hennies. "The lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil; but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword." (Prov. 5:3-4).

Those consequences may not seem

like much when you're parked in a car on a dark deserted road, but remember these warnings and the reap-what-you-sow principle.

The seventh major lesson

The last major lesson is not to be found in studying the book of Proverbs, but rather in studying the life of its author.

Solomon was one of the great scholars of the ages. He was the wisest man who ever lived. He was one of the wealthiest and most powerful rulers in history. He was renowned as a poet.

He had everything going for him. But for all he had, he lacked one ingredient that proved to be his downfall. Let's look at I Kings 11:

"King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women . . . Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from the nations about which the Lord had told the Israelites, 'You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods.' Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love" (verses 1-2).

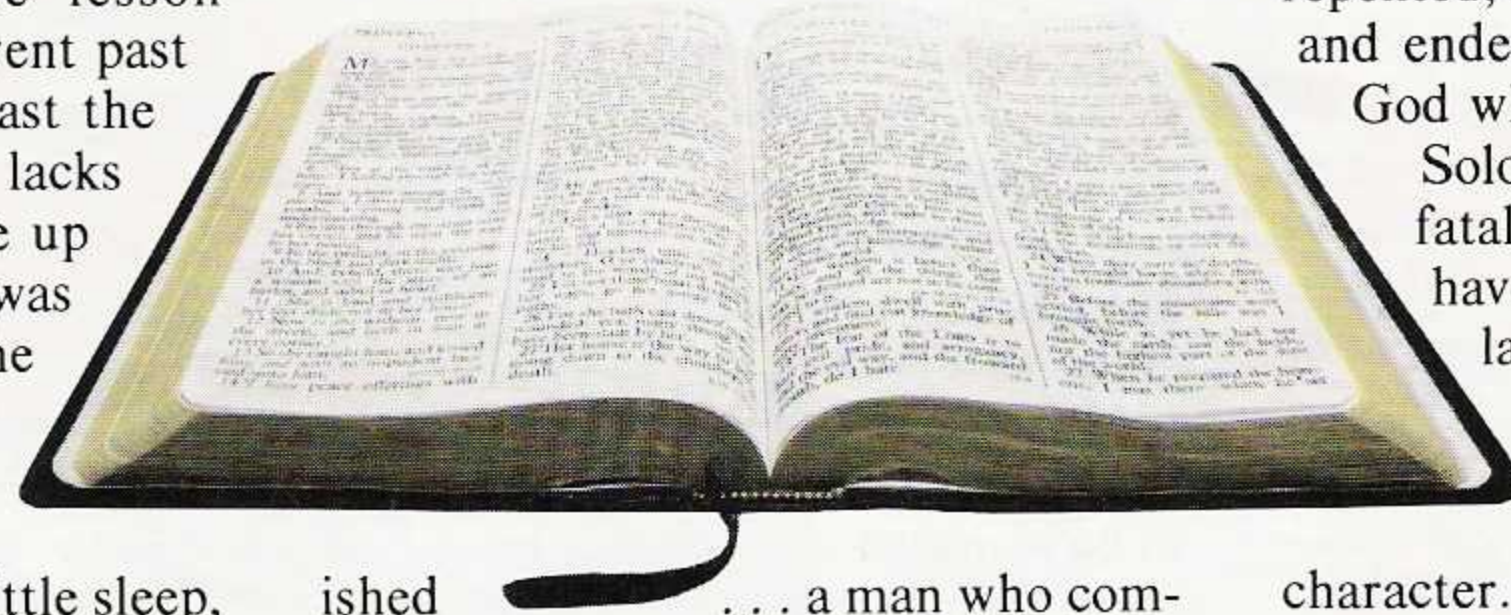
The chapter goes on to describe how Solomon began to worship the false gods of his foreign wives in direct disobedience to God's warnings and commands (verses 11-12).

Solomon, once called the "beloved of the Lord," apparently never repented, even after this last warning, and ended his life cut off from the God who had given him so much.

Solomon's character had one fatal flaw. He knew better; we have just covered that. But he lacked the firm commitment and will to *do* what he knew was right.

God can't give you character. Your parents can't. Only one person can, and that's you. Solomon lacked it. Only you can make that commitment, and with God's help and strength you can carry it through.

Study the proverbs and learn from the mistakes of others. Read them in your Bible, and you'll find additional proverbs on these subjects. You'll learn many more vitally important principles and lessons to help you have a successful, rich, rewarding — and eternal — life. □



BY THE WAY...

By Dexter Faulkner

THIS MONTH'S COLUMN is for girls only! (You guys might want to read it though, just so the girls don't get ahead of you.)

I've asked my wife Shirley, who deals with young people on a day-to-day basis, to pass along some practical ideas on developing your skills.

"Secretarial skills? You mean typing and shorthand and things like that? No, I'm not interested. My high school counselor told me those skills aren't so important for women to learn today."

Whether your ambition is to be a homemaker and mother or an office manager, administrative assistant, teacher or engineer, certain so-called "secretarial" skills can be invaluable to you throughout your life.

Do your goals include a college education? Who's going to type your term papers? Many of you will have to work part-time to help pay for your higher education. Women with good secretarial skills are often the first hired, and their working environments are usually much nicer too. (By the way: You fellows interested in Ambassador College, Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong has instituted a typing requirement of 40 words a minute for every college student, male or female. You can avoid a typing class in college by acquiring this skill now.)

If you plan to enter the working world immediately after high school, it's even more important to acquire all the secretarial skills you can right now. There's no better way to get your foot in the door in whatever business you're interested in than with good typing and clerical skills. It's much easier once you've established yourself with the company as a competent and efficient employee to move into the area of your main interest.

Many of you envision your-

selves as wives, mothers and homemakers. For some, working outside the home is not considered a part of your future at all. Think again! Statistics show 86 percent of American families are now living on two incomes. And what if something happened to your mate? We don't like to include such possibilities in our rosy plans for marriage, home and family, but accidents, illnesses and even death do create emergency situations that call for an immediate solution. Without secretarial skills, could you get a job to support yourself and your family? Could you formulate a business letter that could straighten out a mistake in your account with a company?

My husband and I have a friend who has never married. She has a good job, works hard and yet she finds time to entertain and encourage others. She's a tremendous Christian example. But she could not be the successful person she is today if she had not developed the diversified business and social skills she has.

When I was in high school, I looked ahead to marriage and having a family, so I took all the homemaking classes, but I also took secretarial training. When I was accepted as a student at Ambassador College, I didn't have to go looking for a job — they came looking for me! I immediately started working in the Mail Processing Center.

After my husband and I were married about a year and a half, we were sent to Australia to work in the Work's office there. We had a limited staff and everyone had a variety of responsibilities. By the time our first child was on the way I was secretary-receptionist for evangelist Gerald Waterhouse — quite an awesome responsibility.

After our two boys were born the usefulness of the clerical

training I'd received didn't stop. Over the years my secretarial skills have enabled me to be a valuable assistant to my husband.

When we were sent to Washington, D.C., where my husband was a regional editor for *The Plain Truth*, he was the staff! There was no one else. I did his typing, answered the phones, etc., while he was out on assignment. We worked as a team. You can always accomplish much more with four hands than two. And yet technically I was "just a housewife." I was at home daily with the children, but able to assist my husband as well.

We women are the weaker vessels, but we don't have to be dumb. Mr. Armstrong told us years ago in our "Principles of Living" class that he expected his wife to be capable of "wearing the pants," but expected himself to be strong and responsible enough that she would never have to.

Even though my husband has secretarial help available at his office now, I still assist him. Many times we will be talking and he will comment: "Could you write that down? That's a good thought." Or, "Could you take some dictation?"

As I noticed the changes in the business world and how prevalent computers were becoming, I decided to continue my education. I didn't understand anything about computers so I took and just completed a course in computer science. The development of your talents should continue.

As a high school student did any of this even enter my mind? Are you kidding? I was president of the athletic association. I was the head cheerleader of a championship team and dating the student body vice president. I had more important things to think about!

And, by the way, I married him. □

What Is It?

ANSWER: It's the inside of a 16-ounce soft drink bottle.



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Age 17
Pasadena, Calif.

“Youth on Camera” is a regular feature for your photographic talents. Send in your interesting, creative shots for possible publication.



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