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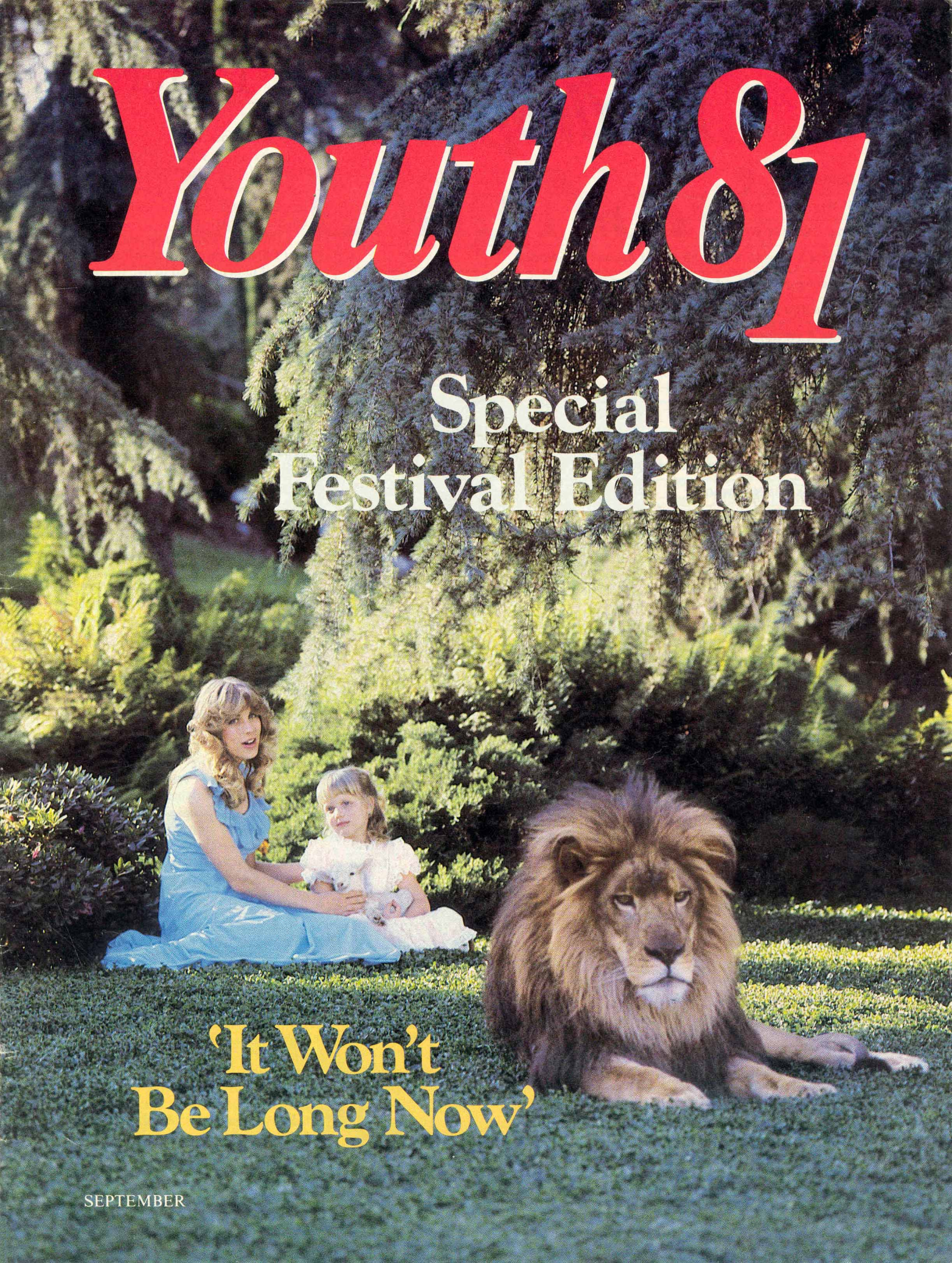

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COVER: Zamba, a 7-year-old lion, was filmed on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus with Ambassador student Renae Bechthold, Imperial School student Emily Stump and a little lamb as part of this year's festival film. (See story, page 1.) Photo by Nathan Faulkner.

Letters

Learned about life

I was in Stockton [Calif.] June 7, Pentecost, when you [Herbert W. Armstrong] spoke there. I really enjoyed hearing you speak . . . I really learned a lot from your sermon.

I think the most important thing was that I finally learned just what a truly full life is. I'm determined to live the best life I can and to truly obey God from my heart.

I think *Youth 81* is a terrific magazine. There have been some pretty neat articles in it.

Charlene Collings
Seattle, Wash.

'Beat the Blahs'

I've just read the article about boredom in the *Youth 81* from April. It was a really helpful article.

Dear Mr. Armstrong, thank you very much that you made this youth magazine, so that we have the opportunity to read such wonderful articles every month. Not just reading, but translating them into reality.

Rania Allaoua
Elmshorn, West Germany

Solid foundation

Thank you very much for *Youth 81*. When it arrives I read it through from cover to cover.

The articles are readable and the concepts presented are not complex. They supply a good, solid groundwork upon which to build. I also find the section entitled "By the Way . . ." by Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner very encouraging.

Thank you for doing so much for us. I have read the original version of your autobiography through twice and the revised version through twice. There is so much to learn in your autobiography, and it is very encouraging to be able to read about your example to us and how God has performed His Work through you.

It is also encouraging that the Correspondence Course is being extended. I am too "old" to do the YES lessons, but I have completed the 12 lessons of the "adult" course. When I think back, most of what I can recall about the Bible is built upon those courses. They set the foundation and at services and Bible studies the "house" is built upon the foundation.

We always think of you, your staff and the Church, that God may continue to bless you and the Work until all be fulfilled.

Gordon Blick
Palmerston North, New Zealand

'It Won't Be Long Now'

In God's Kingdom, man and animals — even those animals that are now ferocious — will dwell together in harmony.

By Keith Stump

When you see a giant, furry lion, bear, gorilla or other cuddly looking animal in a zoo or on television, do you wish you could have it for a pet and play with it without fear?

Today, so many of God's most beautiful and majestic creatures remain beyond our reach as pets and companions. Either they fear us — or we fear them.

This will not always be the case. One of the most familiar scriptures about the soon-coming Millennium is Isaiah 11:6: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them." Many years ago, this peaceful theme was used in the design of the Ambassador College seal, which pictures a lion, a lamb and a child standing together as friends.

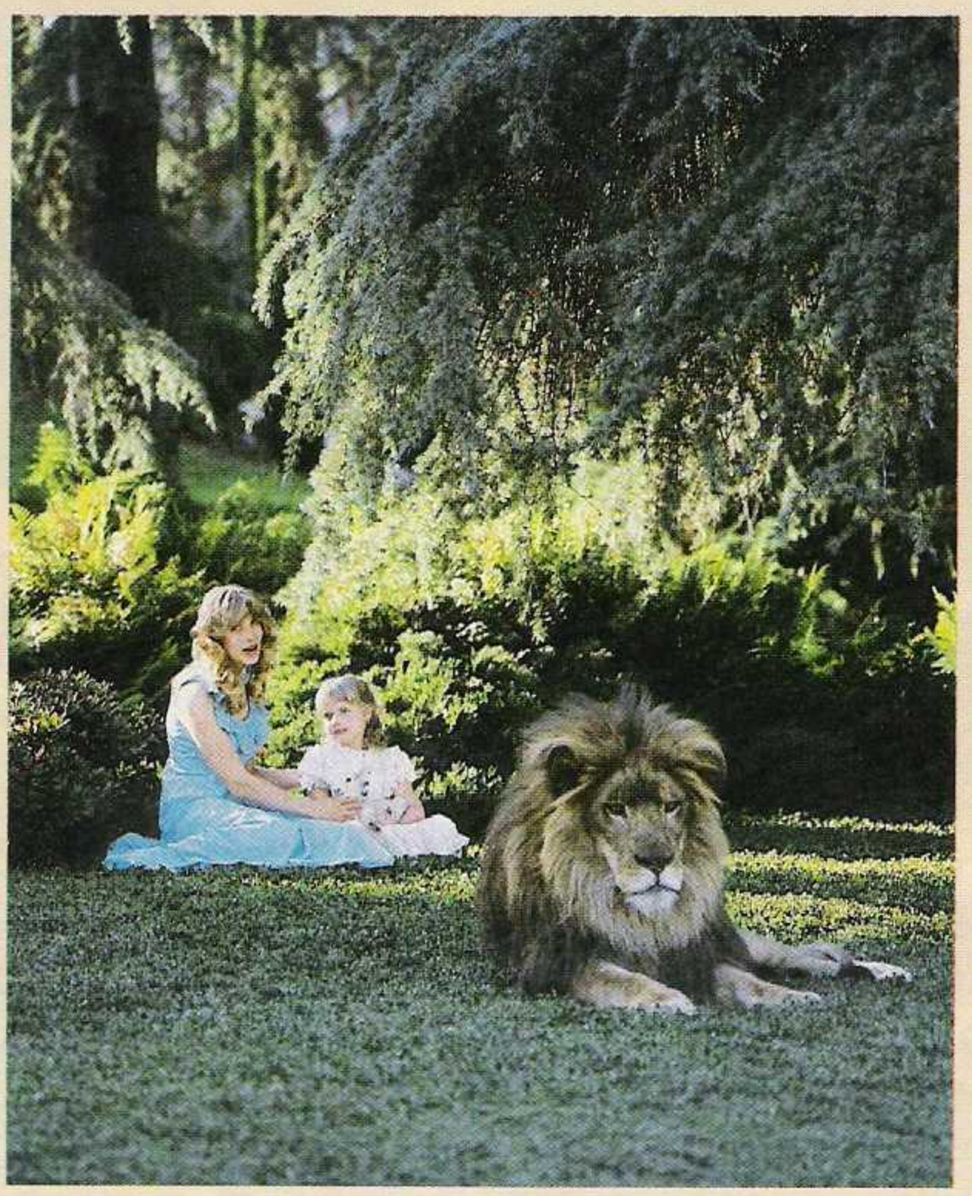


Photo by Nathan Faulkner

Long ago animals and man lived together unafraid. When animals were created about 6,000 years ago, they were all friendly and harmless (Gen. 2:19-20). But Adam and Eve sinned, and the earth became cursed. Animals became wild. Some even became ferocious.

At the time of the great Flood of Noah's day, God miraculously brought pairs of all the animals to the ark. There they dwelt together for more than a year, until the earth's surface was dry. All the land animals on earth today are descended from those animals (Gen. 8:17).

After the Flood, the animals left the ark and returned to field and forest. Ever since that time, animals have had a fear of man (Gen. 9:2) — and many are feared by man! The evil tyrant Nimrod, the "mighty hunter" (Gen. 10:8-9), gained a position of leadership over the people by protecting them from the wild beasts.

Like Isaiah, the prophet Ezekiel tells us of a much different time just ahead: "And I [God] will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods" (Ezek. 34:25).

In the Millennium God will change the lion's desire for flesh food to an appetite for vegetation. "The lion shall eat straw like the ox," Isaiah tells us (Isa. 11:7). No longer will the lamb have to fear to come near the lion. The Ambassador College seal will become reality.

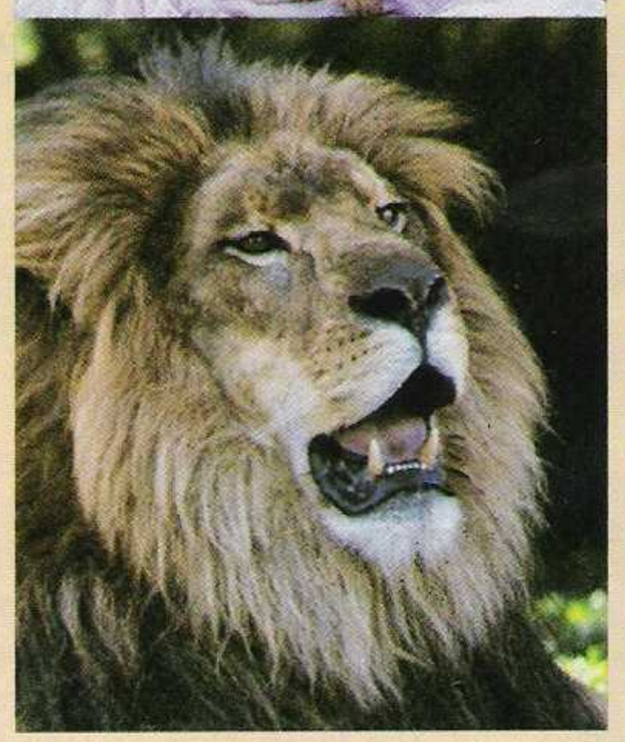
But it's not the Millennium yet!

This became apparent during the shooting of a sequence for this year's Church-produced Festival film. The filming, directed by Ross Jutsum, took place on the grounds of the Pasadena campus in May.

On this issue's cover and in the film, which will be shown at Feast sites this fall, you see a peaceful, millennial scene: A young woman sits on the grass beside a little girl. The girl is cuddling a small lamb. Directly in front of them lies a majestic lion, with no apparent harmful intentions toward the people or the lamb.

Has the Millennium already come to the Ambassador campus?

Not at all! On the contrary, the shooting of this millennial sequence demonstrated very clearly that the Millennium is yet in the future! The



Photos by Nathan Faulkner and Warren Watson

Not many years from now, lions will not require trainers to keep them in line. Nor will lambs need protection from predators. Even venomous snakes will be playmates for young children (Isa. 11:8). Just as all peoples will dwell together in harmony, so shall men and animals dwell as friends at peace. . . . "It Won't Be Long Now"!

lion in the film is Zamba, a beautiful 7 year old that you have probably seen in movies. Zamba was used in a new Tarzan movie. He and his two trainers traveled to Ambassador College from San Bernardino, Calif., more than 50 miles from Pasadena, for the shooting.

After Zamba was positioned on the grass, Ambassador College student Renae Bechthold and Imperial School student Emily Stump took their places behind him.

At first the lion did not notice the small lamb in Emily's arms. But it was not long before the afternoon breeze carried the lamb's scent to the lion's nostrils. Zamba immediately became interested! After his long trip on the freeway, Zamba was hungry. What better afternoon snack than that little lamb?

As soon as the lamb caught sight of the lion, it froze — terrified. That lion must have looked as big as a house to the little lamb. And it certainly didn't help matters when the huge lion began licking its chops! The lamb was well aware that the Millennium has not yet arrived!

For two hours, Zamba's interest was riveted on the lamb. Instead of looking toward the camera as he was supposed to do, Zamba kept turning his head away from the camera and looking hungrily at the lamb just behind him. At one point he turned and moved menacingly toward the lamb — but was quickly prevented by his alert trainer.

This is certainly not yet the day when two such animals can "lie down safely"!

After many takes and retakes, Zamba at last began to cooperate. Through the persistent efforts of his trainers, he finally came to realize that they were simply not going to give him the lamb to eat — nor were they going to allow him to take it! Resigned to the situation, Zamba became the model actor, doing just what he was ordered to do, on cue.

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As Renae, Emily, the little lamb and Zamba picture on our cover and in the Feast film, "It Won't Be Long Now"! □

Your Feast Is What You Make It

By Eileen Dennis

Has it ever seemed to you, after traveling to the Feast, unpacking, attending a few services and seeing a couple of friends, that, before you know it, your parents are saying: "Well, we had better think about packing. It's almost time to head home"?

My first reaction always is, "But there is so much that we haven't done; I wish the Feast would never end!"

Every year I think back on the Feast with many fond memories. My only regret is that each Feast goes by so quickly, with too many things to do and places to go. To make sure this Feast is the "best ever," right now, before last-minute shopping and packing, is the best time to sit down and begin making plans.

Remember, mornings are filled with church services and several evenings may have YOU activities scheduled. Therefore, your other plans will generally be scheduled for early mornings or afternoons.

Don't forget to include time for family and friends in your plans. I remember one Feast a few years ago in Maui, Hawaii, when I was determined to come home with a beautiful, brown Hawaiian tan. I mean, how can you say you've been to Hawaii for the Feast and come home without a tan? So there I was every afternoon, at the pool or on the beach.

Well, the sun goes down in Hawaii too, so at least I got in on the evening activities. I realized too late that instead of spending every spare minute basking in the sun, my Feast would have been much more fulfilling if I had spent more time with my family and friends or meeting new people. With so many different activities available, why spend the whole Feast doing the same thing? Well, at least I went home with a tan — which faded in a week or two.

Try to plan a good balance of activities — you'll feel more satisfied with your Feast later. Here are a few you'll want to include:

- Meet new people — now is the perfect time to find some pen pals, maybe even from other areas around the world.
- Get together with your buddies and spend the afternoon at the beach or mountains. Get out and enjoy God's creation!
- Try to make it to all the YOU activities — dances, talent show, athletic activities.
- Think about ways to help your parents: Carry luggage, do laundry, offer your baby-sitting services. Or do these kinds of things for others who may need help, so they can get out and enjoy themselves. The Feast is for serving others, too.
- As depressing as it may seem, it might be smart to remember those schoolbooks packed away in the bottom of your suitcase. Do you need to schedule a few minutes a day for make-up work?
- Devote at least one afternoon to sight-seeing.
- And, most important, remember the meaning of the Feast and thank God for giving us this special Feast time to enjoy.

Photo by Nathan Faulkner

After discussing with my family our plans for the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles, I began to realize once again how important the eight days God has given us really are! Just think — thousands of people from all over the world, all assembling in different areas, gathering together to rejoice and picture what it will be like in the world tomorrow.

Following are letters from some *Youth 81* readers describing what the Feast means to them.

"The Feast is symbolic of the Millennium. I think at every Feast we can get a foretaste of how it will be in the world tomorrow.

"At the Feast we live like a great family in a peaceful atmosphere. Through all the services our goal becomes more and more clear, and we are strengthened through our hope of a wonderful, soon-coming world.

"Sometimes, it is hard for me to go back home again to everyday life, but, of course, we should practice there what we have learned."

Eva-Maria Drosdek
Landau, West Germany

"The Feast means a great deal to me. It is a time when you are with your family all the time and can see old friends and make new ones. I love listening to the messages the ministers give each day.

"The Feast is a time when we can come out of this sick world and be among people of the one mind. That's why I'm so sad when it ends and we are forced to go back into the world. I wish it could last FOREVER.".

Sally Tanner
Redland Bay, Australia

After making your preliminary list of activities, sit down with your parents and see if you can coordinate your special activities with their plans. Now your Feast planning will be well on its way.

Let's make this Feast one that we can think back on with lots of fond memories of places we went, people we met and principles we learned — and with no regrets. Be careful, enjoy yourself, have a fun-filled and fulfilling Feast, and remember: Your Feast is what you make it! □

What's It Like to Keep the Feast Around the World?

Have you ever been hit by a kangaroo while driving to the Feast?

Not everyone could relate such an unusual incident, but Margaret Castledine from Perth, Australia, was not the only one we asked about what it's like to keep the Feast in his or her area who felt that Feast time is very exciting.

"To me, the Feast of Tabernacles means the best time of the year — a time to really enjoy being with other youths of God's Church and to forget about all the problems of school," said Heather Munro from East London, South Africa. Her sentiments are echoed by other young people around the world.

At 84 sites around the world, God's people keep the Feast of Tabernacles, in different climates, using different languages and with various activities. But, according to the teens who wrote to us, the Feast is really the same everywhere because it pictures the same thing.

"It is a time for brethren to come together and be united for eight days, which is what the Feast represents, when everyone shall come together and be united and Christ shall rule," is the way Rebekah Russell from Snellville, Ga., expressed it.

Even some of the favorite activities are the same around the world. Viewing the Feast films, dancing, participating in or watching a talent show, touring the surrounding area, going swimming, horseback riding and having a barbecue are all favorites at many sites in all parts of the globe.

But there are differences between the sites, even in the same country. "I have attended the Feast in seven different places in the United States, and each was completely and totally different," Rebekah explained.

One major difference divides Feastgoers into two groups, those who keep the Feast in the fall, and those who keep it in the spring. No, it's not that some are keeping it at a different time of the year — it's just that the seasons are opposite between northern and southern hemispheres.

Heather, from South Africa, explained about the weather: "God always provides nice weather at the Feast. It is spring at that time of year and most Feasts we do have a little rain."

From the responses, it seems that the weather is usually pleasant, but it can be a problem at almost any site. "The weather at Albany (in western Australia) can be variable. At times it poured with rain and was cold, and the people under the centre pole [of the marquee, or tent, the services took place in] had water dripping on them a bit, which everyone took in good humour. Other times it was fine or hot," Margaret reported.

"It was fun being in the tent. Especially for the song leader when the wind would howl and rain poured down. The noise would *try* to drown us out."

Feast sites around the world are in the midst of natural beauty, many of them near the beaches or mountains. Eva-Maria Drosdek, from Landau, West Germany, described the good times her family has had at the site in Bonndorf, "a small town in the beautiful area of the Black Forest."

Lloyd Smart, from Dyfed in southern Wales, told what he enjoyed most at the Feast in Brighton, England: "My favorite activity is a coach trip to see places of interest near the Feast site. I especially enjoyed a trip from Brighton to London to see some well-known buildings and other places of interest."

Margaret also described the site she attended in the southern part of western Australia: "The surroundings at Albany are very beautiful. There are beaches nearby and ranges and it is a very lush area with lovely scenery."

The people make the Feast

"The closeness of the people is great and the services are very inspiring," said Amanda Trimble, from Agassiz, B.C. Singing in the choir is also a high point of her Feast.

Being with other Church people is an important part of the Feast. At the Gold Coast site in eastern Australia, Sally Tanner writes that: "Usually there are other families from the Church staying in the same building and it's good to go swimming with them and visit them in their apartments from time to time. Most days we go to lunch at a restaurant after services with some of our friends."

The talent show seems to be a favorite activity. Sally explained how being in a skit in the talent show was one of the most interesting things she has ever done at a Feast. "It was really great to be participating and doing something that makes other people laugh, even though we were all very nervous."

Family activities are also important around the world. At Bonndorf, some of the activities include a fashion show, where girls and their mothers model clothes they made together, and an exhibition of handicrafts, produced by boys together with their fathers.

Helping others helps to make the Feast. "I had been asked to organize the children's games for the whole night at the family dance. They got a bit out of hand, but we managed to give the kids a great time as well as enjoying it ourselves. It got very interesting as the kids decided that they wanted the prizes *before* playing the games," Margaret told us.

Traveling to and from the Feast can also be an interesting experience. Margaret's family likes to take the trip different ways and so they have driven, taken the bus, gone by overnight train ("like living in a little movable hotel room") and flown in a 12-passenger plane.

The Feast usually means taking time off from school. Those who wrote to us explained they didn't have too much trouble getting off the time or making up the work.

"It is not very hard to catch up on work we miss at school. Our teachers give us work to do that will keep us up with what everyone else will be doing while we are away. So we usually do most of this as soon as we can so that we can relax and enjoy the Feast," Sally explained.

Lloyd told us: "I borrow books from friends to copy schoolwork [class notes] that I miss."

Eva-Maria also commented on how she handles missing school in

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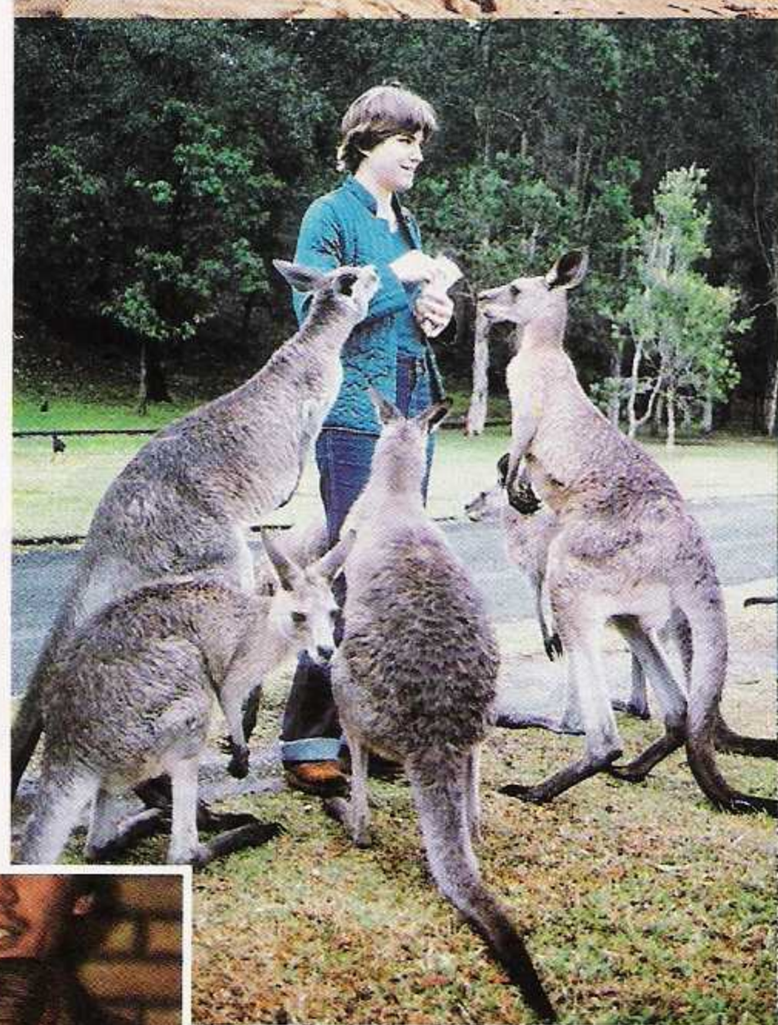

No matter where you are — (clockwise from top) South Africa, Savannah, Ga., England, the Netherlands, Australia or elsewhere around the world — the Feast is an exciting time filled with fun activities, beautiful scenery and important lessons. It's the world tomorrow here now for eight short days. (*Youth 81* photos)

Exclusive Interview

A Peek At the Beak

Photo by Nathan Faulkner

Big Beak, the internationally famous (by his own estimation) entertainer who appeared in last year's Festival film, also plays an important (again, by his own estimation) part in the 1981 Festival show to be screened at sites around the world. Youth 81 *staff member Michael Hale cornered Big Beak during production of the show to ask him a few pertinent (and not-so-pertinent) questions.*

Y81: Mr. Beak, can you give us any sneak previews of this year's Festival show, featuring you and the Young Ambassadors? I mean, can you tell us what it's going to be *about?*

Big Beak: About 75 minutes, give or take a few milliseconds. Why, will you have to leave early or something?

Y81: No, no! I mean, what's it going to be *on?*

Big Beak: On the big screen, of course. You know — lights, camera, action!

Y81: Oh, never mind. Can you tell us how you got into show business?

Big Beak: That's what a lot of people would like to know. Actually, my parents always hoped I would make it big. You see, all my brothers and sisters joined the military. They got into an outfit headed by a "Colonel Sanders" and haven't been heard from since. So being in this show is really a feather in my cap, and I'm certainly not going to lay an egg.

Y81: I understand you're going to be directing one number in the show this year.

Big Beak: Yes, I always try to put my talent to the best use and help the Young Ambassadors wherever possible. They said they'd let me if I promised not to use any fowl language. Cackle, cackle!

Y81: What musical instruments do you play?

Big Beak: Oh, banjo, mainly, but also the trombone and the electronic calculator, and I do a few things in this year's show that I am not at liberty to disclose at this juncture.

Y81: Where did you learn to sing the way you do?

Big Beak: What do you expect? I was raised in a barn.

Y81: It figures. Have there been any criticisms of your part in the show?

Big Beak: Not that I'm aware of. In fact, I like to think I was henpecked — er, handpicked — for the part by the Young Ambassadors. Besides, any criticism would be just like water off my back. It wouldn't ruffle my feathers.

Y81: How old are you, anyway?

Big Beak: That's classified information, but I feel like a teenager!

Y81: Then you must be a reader of *Youth 81.*

Big Beak: Does a chicken have teeth?

Y81: What do you think of the magazine?

Big Beak: It's great! Say, when are you going to print "What's It Like to Be a Teen in a Bird Cage?"

Y81: Where are you going to the Feast this year?

Big Beak: Oh, I'll probably fly south somewhere.

Y81: So all in all, you'd recommend that everyone catch the Festival show this year?

Big Beak: Does a worm have shoulders?

Y81: Uh . . .

Big Beak: By all means, and beyond the proverbial shadow of a doubt! It's bigger and better than last year's.

Y81: One final question, Mr. Beak. Would you say all this effort on your part to be in the Festival show is worth it?

Big Beak: *Eggs*actly. Being in show business has always been a dream of mine, but when I saw the Young Ambassadors — a group of talented young people — looking so happy making others happy — well, I knew this was what I wanted to do. And all of us hope everyone will really enjoy the 1981 Feast show! □

Try a Little KINDNESS!

Are you a kind person? What the Bible means by "kindness" may surprise you.

By John Halford

About 10 years ago, there was a popular song with a chorus that went something like this:

"You've got to try a little kindness
And you'll overlook the blindness
Of the narrow-minded people
On the narrow-minded street."

Well, I may not have those words exactly right, but you get the general idea.

Are you a kind person? Did you ever stop and think about it? What exactly does it mean to be kind?

My dictionary says that to be kind is to be "gentle and benevolent, of a sympathetic nature." My Bible says that we should be kind to one another (Eph. 4:32), and also that one of the main characteristics of love is kindness (I Cor. 13:4).

So what does the Bible mean when it says, "be kind"? Well, didn't we just look it up in the dictionary? It means to be "gentle and benevolent," with a "sympathetic nature," doesn't it?

Well, no — not exactly.

When the apostle Paul told the Ephesians and the Corinthians (and us!) to be kind, he had something very special in mind — something that might make this the happiest Feast of your life, and something that can make it happier for a lot of other people, too.

Lost in the translation

Most of you know that the books of the New Testament were originally written in Greek. What you have is a translation.

If you are learning a foreign language at school, you know how hard it is to translate one language into another. It's easy enough to change simple things, like "hello" or "good-bye." But words expressing thoughts and ideas are harder to translate.

Take a common word that we all know — *fiancee.* There really is no one word in the English language that exactly expresses what that means. So we take the easy way out — and simply borrow the French expression. We do the same thing with other words like *siesta* and *boutique.*

Sometimes many words are needed to explain exactly what one word means in another language. The funniest one I ever heard was from an island in the South Pacific. Missionaries had brought a piano to put in the little church on the island.

"What is it?" asked the natives.

"We call it a pianoforte," replied the missionaries.

"Why?"

The missionaries tried to explain that the instrument's full name, pianoforte, came from two Italian words meaning soft and loud. "So we call it a pianoforte because of what it does."

"All right," said the native chief. "Then in our language, we will also call it after what it does." So they called it a "big-brown-box-got-many-white-teeth-you-bang-'em-him-sing-out."

What's all this got to do with kindness?

Just this. In the Bible, the Greek words translated "kind" don't mean exactly the same as the English word. One Greek word is spelled something like "chresteuomai" (you should see it in Greek letters!), but don't worry about that. What is more important is what these words mean: "good" or "useful." So what Paul was saying was that a kind person makes himself or herself useful.

To be "kind" in the biblical sense, you have to do something. It isn't just a case of thinking about doing things, or wanting to do them.

Since we can't transfer our thoughts around, thinking nice thoughts isn't going to help anyone except perhaps yourself. But if you translate the thought into action, that can really make a difference.

Start an epidemic

And did you know that kindness is contagious? Ever watch a stream of people going through a door — like at school or an office at closing time? Most people are in a hurry, and they just let the door slam shut after they have passed through. It shuts in the face of the next

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What to Do on the Trip

Travel time can be exciting, but after several hours in a car, train, plane or bus it can also get a little boring. Besides watching the scenery, sleeping or eating, what's there to do along the way?

Guessing games such as "20 Questions" are always popular. One person picks an object (maybe from the Bible) that is animal, vegetable or mineral, and the others take turns asking questions that can be answered "yes" or "no." The one who guesses chooses the next object.

Or try to guess how many miles it is to a bridge in the distance, or how many cars will pass you going the other way before you get to the next town.

Or what about playing auto bingo, with each player making a board for another player? The boards can be three squares by three squares, four by four or the traditional five by five (BINGO!). Each square should say something that can be seen along the way. As each person sees something that is on his board he can check it off. The winner is the first one to check all items in a row, column or diagonal.

Other games to play: card games (if you don't lose the cards); word guessing games like "Hangman"; last letter, first letter (where each person takes turns giving place names using the last letter of the previous word as his first letter); or wrestling (just kidding!).

Or, if games are not your style, what about a sing-along? (Remember to have consideration for those around you.)

How about a travelogue as you travel? Each of you could do some research before you go about various areas you'll pass or stop at. Then you can take turns telling about the Grand Canyon, or London, or the Gold Coast, or wherever you are traveling by.

On the way to the Feast you can also do some family planning of Feast activities, and on the way home there will be plenty to talk about, too, like, "How did it go so fast?"

And, of course, if you haven't finished your homework, you might want to do it to get it out of the way. □

News & Reviews

Festival Microwave Broadcast

Each year since 1979, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's personal messages on the first Holy Day and the Last Great Day have been transmitted to many other sites through a special microwave broadcast.

Last year, the British site joined all of the sites in the United States and Canada through a satellite network.

Many people must work several months in advance to insure a good picture and sound at the various Feast sites.

The 1980 network, put together by the Work's Media Services in Pasadena, was the largest and most sophisticated of its kind. The Work created a network that spanned two continents.

The system is so unusual that it attracted media attention when it was first used in 1979.

Several newspapers ran a story about it, and excerpts from Mr. Armstrong's broadcast were shown on the National Broadcasting Company's (NBC) *Today* show on television.

The Work's Media Services Department uses a special remote unit called the "video-pod" to prepare an electronic signal for microwave transmission.

This signal is then sent by the American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T) company to U.S. and international sites using both microwave ground stations and satellite transmission. □

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong broadcasts a Feast message by microwave from the Tucson Feast site. (Photo by Mike Hale)

Feast Wordfind

Zechariah 14, verses 9 and 16, shown below, prove that the Feast will be kept in the world tomorrow.

Can you find all the capitalized words in these verses in the Wordfind below?

"AND THE LORD SHALL BE KING OVER ALL the EARTH: IN THAT DAY shall THERE be ONE Lord, and HIS NAME one.

"And IT shall COME TO PASS, that EVERY one that IS LEFT OF all the NATIONS WHICH CAME AGAINST JERUSALEM shall EVEN GO UP FROM YEAR to year to WORSHIP the King, the Lord of HOSTS, and to KEEP the FEAST of TABERNACLES."

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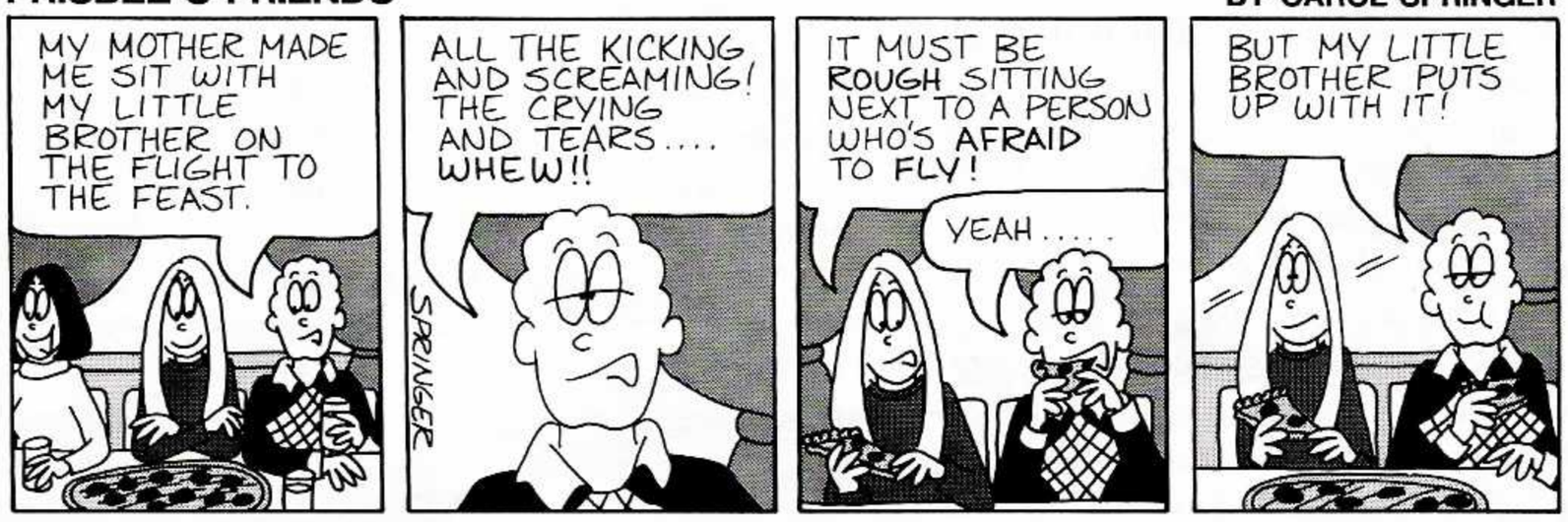
Avoiding a Schoolwork Crisis

The Feast is a fun learning experience — like a field trip into the world tomorrow. You'll probably learn more at the Feast than the majority of your classmates will back at school. However, to avoid a crisis when you return, take some steps to keep up with your homework:

- Let the teacher know in plenty of time to give you the assignments or to plan an alternate program for you.
- Get your work done early — start working ahead and do as much before you leave as possible.
- Do a little every day.
- Suggest historical, scientific or other sites of interest that you'll be visiting as subjects for reports to replace work you'll miss.
- Check with other students before you leave to see if you might borrow class notes from them on your return.
- If you don't understand something in your homework, ask older brothers and sisters or your parents for help, or keep track of your questions and ask the teacher on your return.
- Make up tests and work as soon as possible. □

FRISBEE'S FRIENDS BY CAROL SPRINGER



Largest of Its Kind

Have you ever wanted to be part of something that was the "biggest and the best"? Well, as you participate in the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles, you are taking part in the world's largest convention of its kind.

More than 80,000 people will gather at 84 sites around the globe Oct. 13 to 20. While there are larger one-day events such as special concerts and sporting events, there is no comparable event where as many people gather for as long a time.

Many people don't realize the positive impact you and the Church have on communities where God's Feast takes place. Over the years, thousands of positive comments have been received by the Work's Festival Office thanking the Church for its outstanding example.

For example, at the 1976 Feast in Virginia, the owner of one roller-skating rink was so impressed with the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) group that he offered free admission to them year around.

In the United States, you might notice how many restaurants alter their menus to include clean meats to accommodate Church members. Many communities actively work to have the Feast in their city — they want the Church there.

The sun never sets on God's annual Festival. Remember as you join your friends in services that many others like you are doing the same thing, all around the world. □

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hniar Uk and their family send greetings from Burma to *Youth 81* readers worldwide. (Photo courtesy Saw Lay Beh)

BON APPÉTIT

Eating Out in Style

By Clayton Steep

Everybody — well *almost* everybody — likes to eat.

Did you ever wonder why?

Wouldn't eating be dull if it were not enjoyable? What if filling your stomach were as uninteresting as filling a glass with water? There would be no good aromas, no pleasant taste, no satisfying feeling as the food is chewed and swallowed.

But we were designed with taste buds and the ability to smell, both of which make eating a good sensation. God made us that way. He knows eating can be a happy occasion. That's why He included eating good food — feasting — as part of His Holy Days.

You will no doubt have some interesting meals during this year's Feast of Tabernacles. And some of them will probably take place in restaurants.

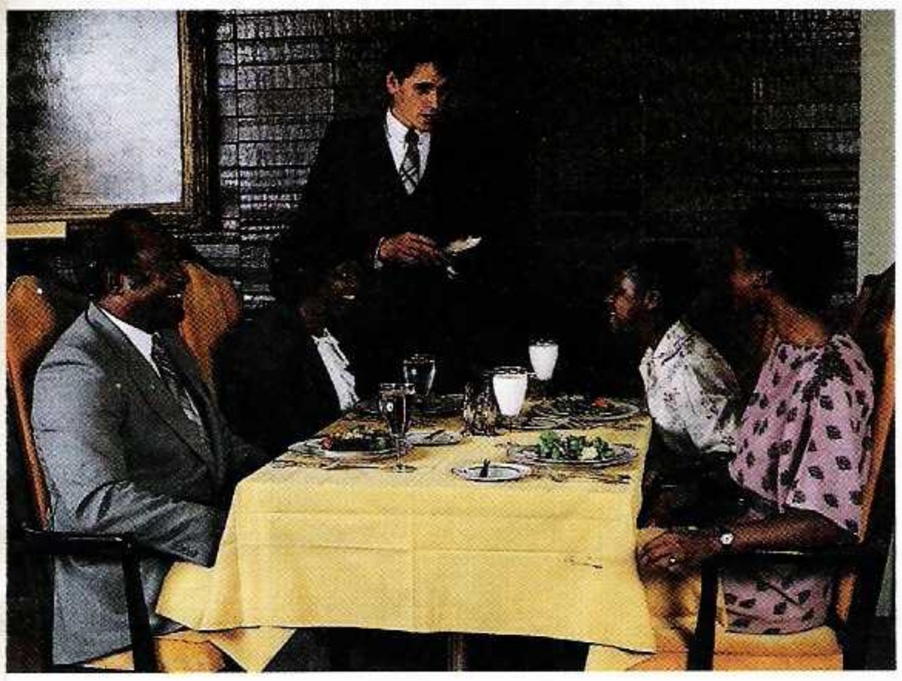


Photo by Nathan Faulkner

People like to eat in restaurants. They like the excitement of a different atmosphere, with a new adventure for their taste buds. They like the convenience — no need to go through all the work of shopping and then cooking the meal, and no need to do the dishes afterward!

Besides making possible the fun of eating, restaurants are good places to learn how to get along in society — how to deal with people and what the socially acceptable rules of conduct are. Such information is helpful when you have your first business contact or when somebody special you wish to impress favorably is present.

"Just what are the proper rules of etiquette these days?" people often ask. Actually, there is no need to learn a long list of hard and fast rules. The whole concept of etiquette can be summed up by a simple principle: "Be concerned about others."

Following that principle, a fellow will want to help his date be seated. A girl will want to be ready on time. There will be automatic consideration of other diners, as well as for the waiter or waitress. (By the way, excellent service should be rewarded with an excellent tip. This, too, is consideration.)

This year at the Feast, try to eat at least one meal in a really fine restaurant. Maybe you'll be able to treat your parents, or maybe they'll take you. Either way, it will be something to remember.

Freedom from fractured French

It seems like the French people decided eating was fun a long time ago. They have devoted so much attention to making cooking and eating an art that many other people have adopted their ideas. They even adopted the French words.

Did you know the word *restaurant* is French? It means "something that restores," a place where you can restore your energy by eating food. The word *menu* is French too. And in many eating places, so are a lot of the words on the menu.

The problem is that most English-speaking people don't always know what the words mean. And they don't know how to pronounce them either. When they try, their lips and tongue get all tangled up. It's a wonder they get what they ask for. On the other hand, maybe they don't always get what they ask for!

Anyway, chances are that during the Feast you will find yourself in a restaurant with a lot of French words on the menu. In that case, you can: 1) order a hamburger and fries (not much adventure, but at least you know what to expect), 2) fearlessly garble the French and hope it turns out all right or 3) learn a few French words and surprise the waiter (or waitress), those eating with you and even yourself. You will see it is fantastically fun to be free from fractured French!

Here, then, are some vital words for those who love good food:

hors d'oeuvre (or-derv) — an appetizer

entrée (ahn-tray) — the main course

à la carte (ah-la-cart) — ordering each part of the meal separately, rather than as a package

au beurre (oh-burr) — cooked in butter

au choix (oh-shwah) — your choice

au lait (oh-lay) — cooked in milk

en brochette (ahn-bro-shet) — cooked on a skewer

champignons (sham-peen-yohn) — mushrooms

crudités (croo-dee-tay) — raw vegetable snacks, usually with a dip

fondue (fohn-doo) — melted cheese as a dip for pieces of bread

pâtisserie (pah-tee-ser-ee) — bakery

purée (pure-ray) — cooked and mashed

quiche (keesh) — a hot, open-faced pie containing a variety of vegetables and/or meat (be careful of unclean meat!)

ratatouille (rah-tah-two-ee) — a casserole of eggplant, zucchini, tomatoes and other vegetables

salade verte (sah-lahd-vairt) — green salad

soupe du jour (soup-doo-joor) — soup of the day

soupe à l'oignon (soup-ah-looahn-yohn) — onion soup

Getting hungry? Help yourself and *bon appétit!* (bone-ah-pay-tee) — "May you find it to your liking!" □

The Book God Wrote For You

By Ben Faulkner

Looking for a book containing real-life drama, exciting adventure and suspense?

Want a book that dares to write world news in advance, that reveals the secrets of health, how to live forever, how to acquire riches and honor and how to have loyal friends?

There is such a book. In fact, it is the world's all-time best seller and contains all this and much more.

Interest in the Bible may begin in many different ways. In his autobiography, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong explains that his study of the Bible began as a challenge to disprove what he then called his wife's "religious fanaticism." Other people begin studying from simple curiosity or as a result of family example.

When I was 15 a personal tragedy, my brother's death, stirred me to Bible study. Until this I knew little and cared little about what this book contained. But all of a sudden I needed to know why my brother died, and what God had to say about death. Since coming into contact with the Church, the Bible has become a daily companion and a real treasure chest of vital knowledge and guidance.

The words of the Book can be yours to understand and profit from through firsthand study. Here are some keys to help you uncover the treasures of the Bible.

Where to start

The King James, or Authorized, Version of the Bible is usually the best to buy first. It is the Bible most easily found in bookstores, most often quoted in sermons and easiest to use with most concordances.

You may want to ask your parents or your minister for advice about a modern language translation that may be easier to read, but the King James is a good translation to own anyway, since it is reliable and is so commonly used.

One of the ways to start studying the Bible is to begin reading with chapter one, verse one: "In the beginning God . . . " (Gen. 1:1). If you don't know much about the Bible, the story of creation is a great place to start.

If you read at a minimum of 200 words a minute and will read just 10 minutes a day, you can read all 1,189 chapters in the King James from Genesis through Revelation (773,746 words) by this time next year. A cover-to-cover reading will give you an overall view and a feeling for the book God wrote to *you!*

Make it yours

You can mark your Bible to emphasize points of importance and special interest to you.

Two easy ways to begin marking your Bible are chain referencing and color coding.

To make a chain reference, you start by listing the subject you want to study on a blank page in the back of your Bible.

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Photo by Nathan Faulkner

Memories Are Made of This

By Nathan Faulkner

Memories. Pulling out the old photo album. Rereading a note or letter from a friend. Looking at postcards and souvenirs from a trip.

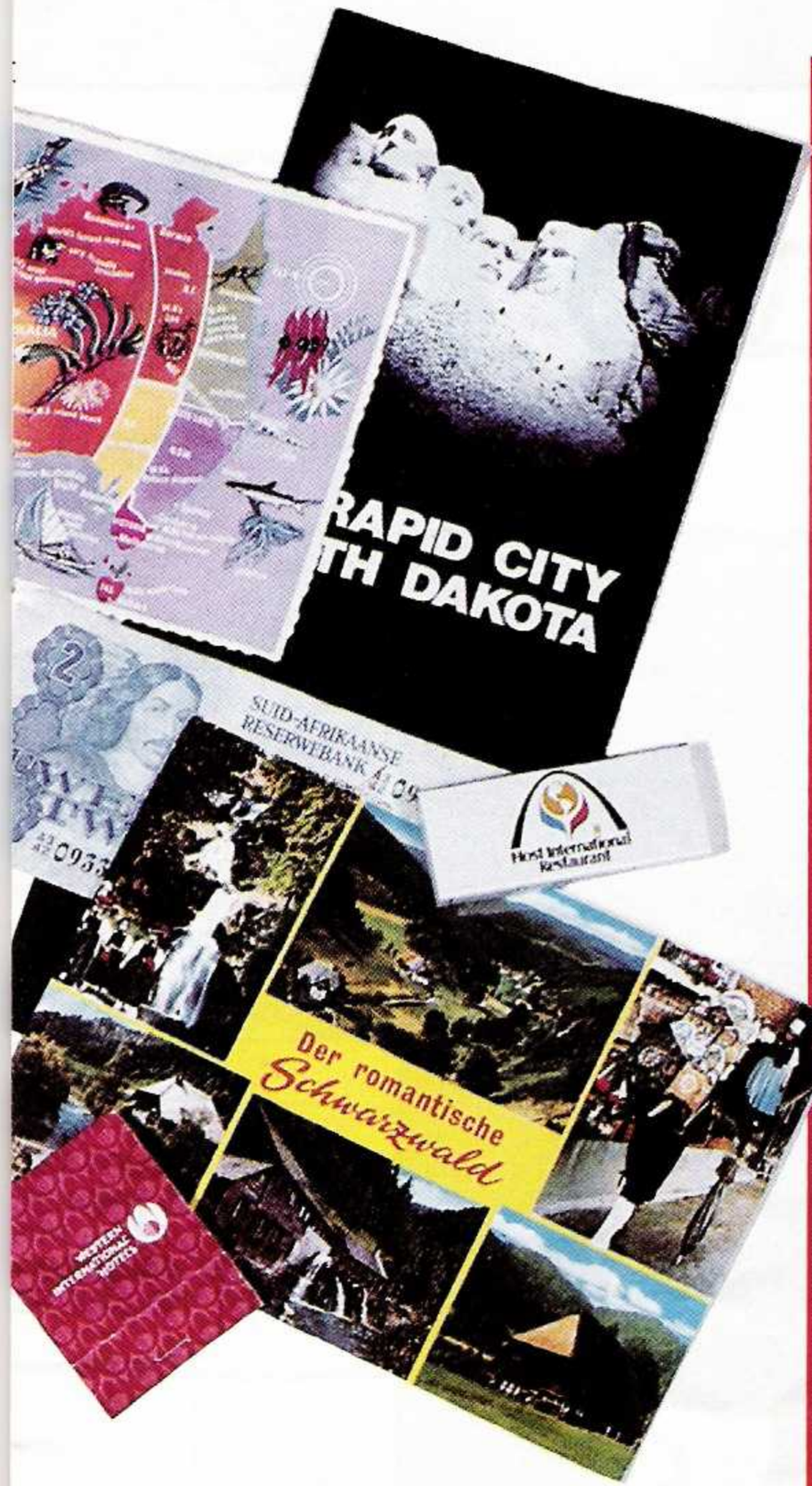
Funny thing — it's almost impossible not to stir up memories of the people, places and things you've known and seen and done when you look at these mementos. And remembering the exciting times and the friends you've made can be even more enjoyable if you collect your mementos in a scrapbook.

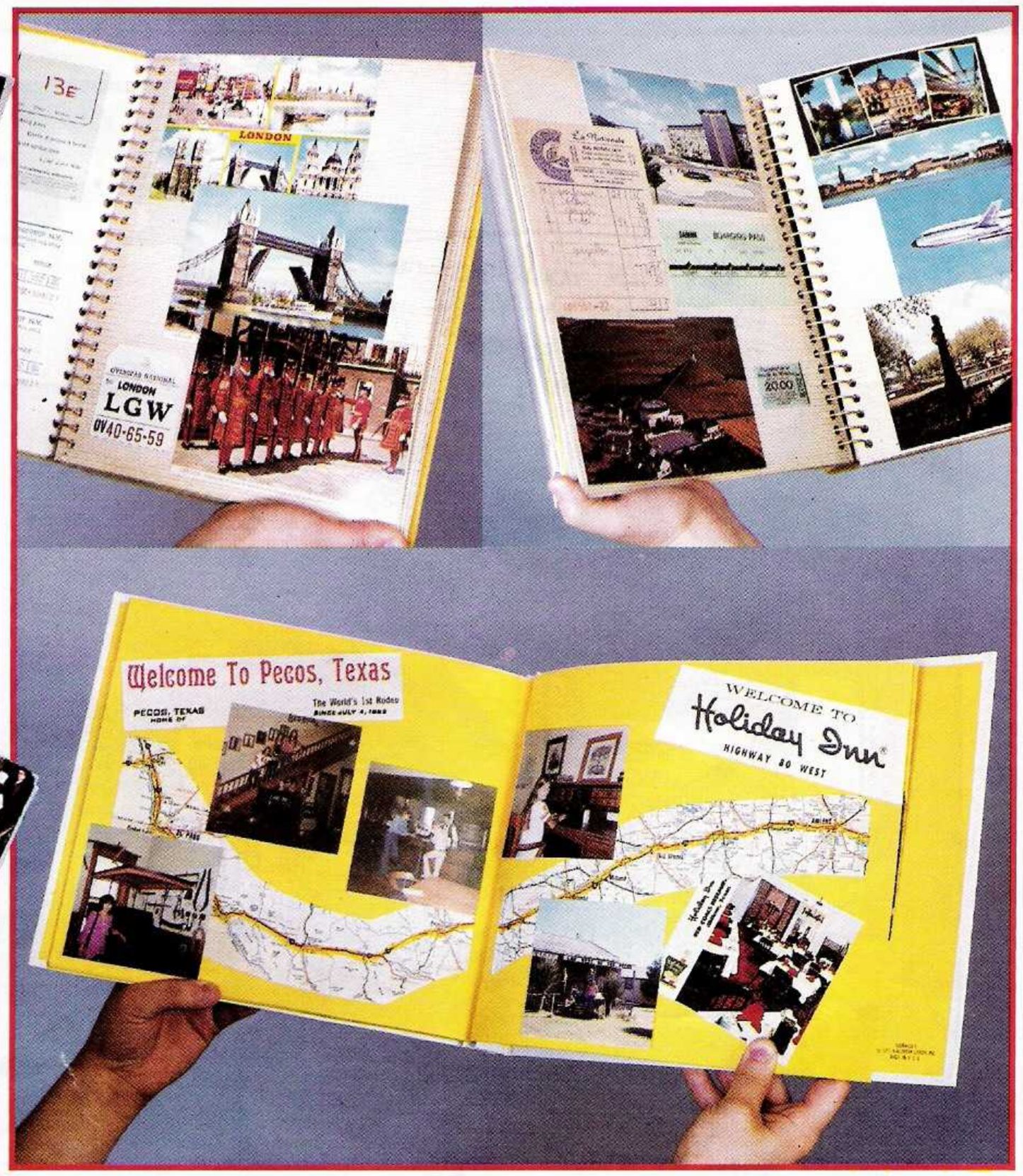
Why not keep a Feast scrapbook this year? The Feast is a high point of the year — so much is jam-packed into eight days that the time disappears too quickly, and only the memories are left.

This issue of *Youth 81* can serve as the core of your scrapbook. Pages are set aside to record your activities, from "On the Way to the Feast" until it's time to be "Going Home."

Space is left to record sermon notes (see "Your Feast Is Noteworthy," page 18) as well as the other activities of the days: restaurants you ate at and what you had, YOU activities, family activities, attractions you visited. This section can serve as a logbook of your Feast, and it only takes a couple of minutes every day to jot down information you'll otherwise forget.

Besides this log, there are many other things you'll want to include in your scrapbook. You may want to record your route to the Feast on a map and put that in. If you stop at historical sites and national monuments you might want to buy some postcards or even pick up some pamphlets. These can be helpful if you ever have to write a paper dealing with the history or geography of that area.





Feast memorabilia is especially fun to look at when organized in a scrapbook. A map, photos, postcards, ticket stubs — just about anything can be arranged in an attractive and interesting scrapbook of Feast fun. (Photos by Nathan Faulkner)

You can probably find postcards of most places you visit, and often they'll be excellent photographs from an angle you can't get, using special equipment that you don't have. But still, if you have a camera, you'll definitely want to take it along and bring plenty of film. A picture you've taken of friends and family can have special meaning.

Think before you take a picture; record things the way they really were. Instead of lining the people up in front of your camera, compose them in action, the way you remember them. Take a picture of the practical joker doing his deed with a wry grin on his face, your little sister getting off the merry-go-round after an exciting ride, your family on horseback.

Compose your pictures carefully. Remember, your eyes see more than your camera does. Try taking pictures of different parts of the scene you want to photograph instead of taking overall pictures. Move in close to capture faces and other interesting subjects — this will give you more eye-catching detail.

You can collect almost anything for your scrapbook: matchbook covers from motels and restaurants, city pennants, brochures, colored leaves (if it's fall in your area), newspaper headlines, newspaper articles about the Church's convention, foreign currency if you're going to another country, autographs, even business cards.

People are fun to collect, too. Some lasting relationships are started at the Feast and continued in writing for the rest of the year. But have you ever wanted to write someone but either lost or never got his address? We have included an address section on page 28 of this issue to provide a permanent place for those important addresses.

The secret to a scrapbook is to think long-range. Think of all the fun you will have looking back at it next year, instead of the little time that it takes to record your thoughts now.

Good collecting! And happy memories. □

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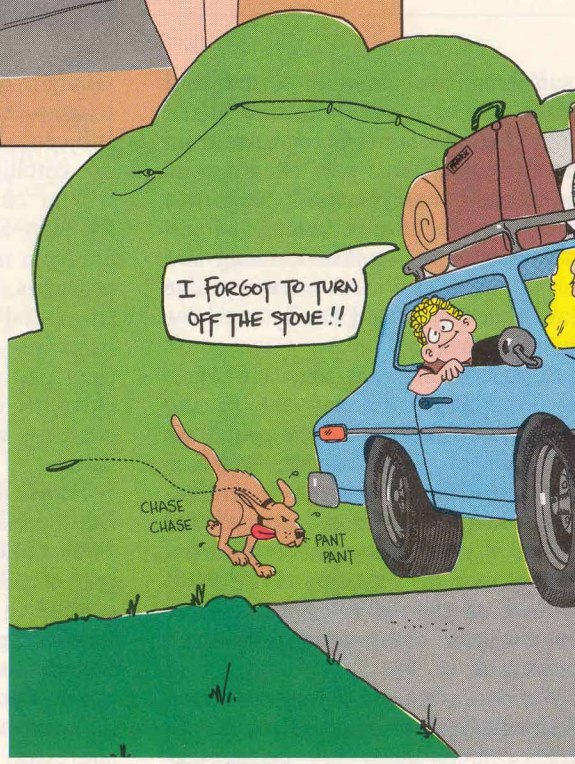
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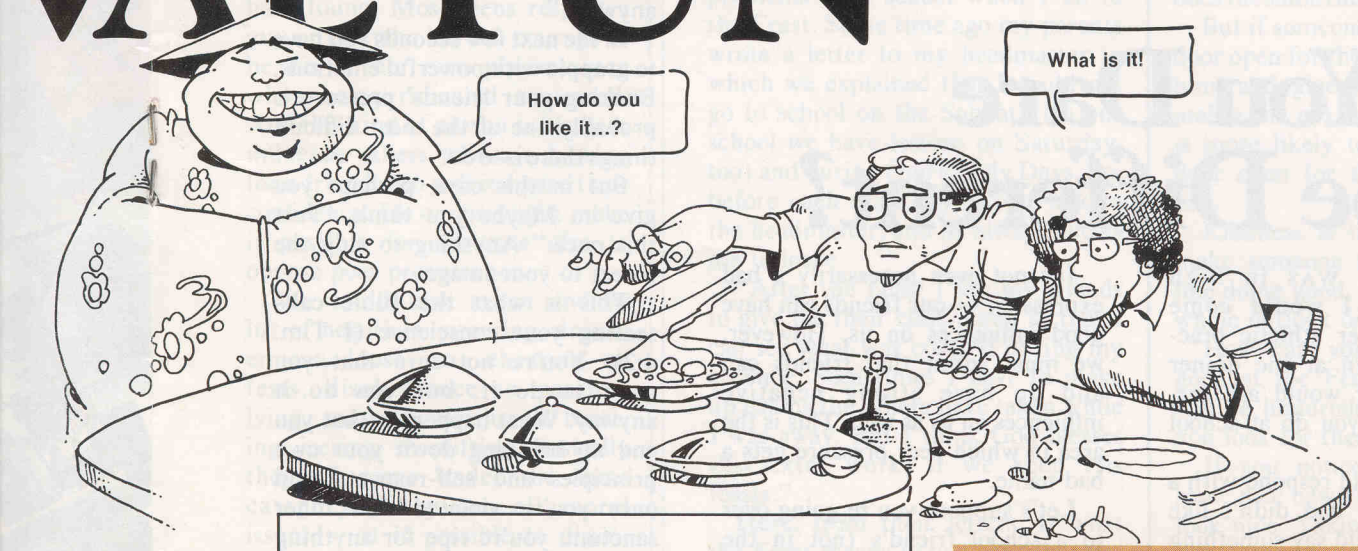
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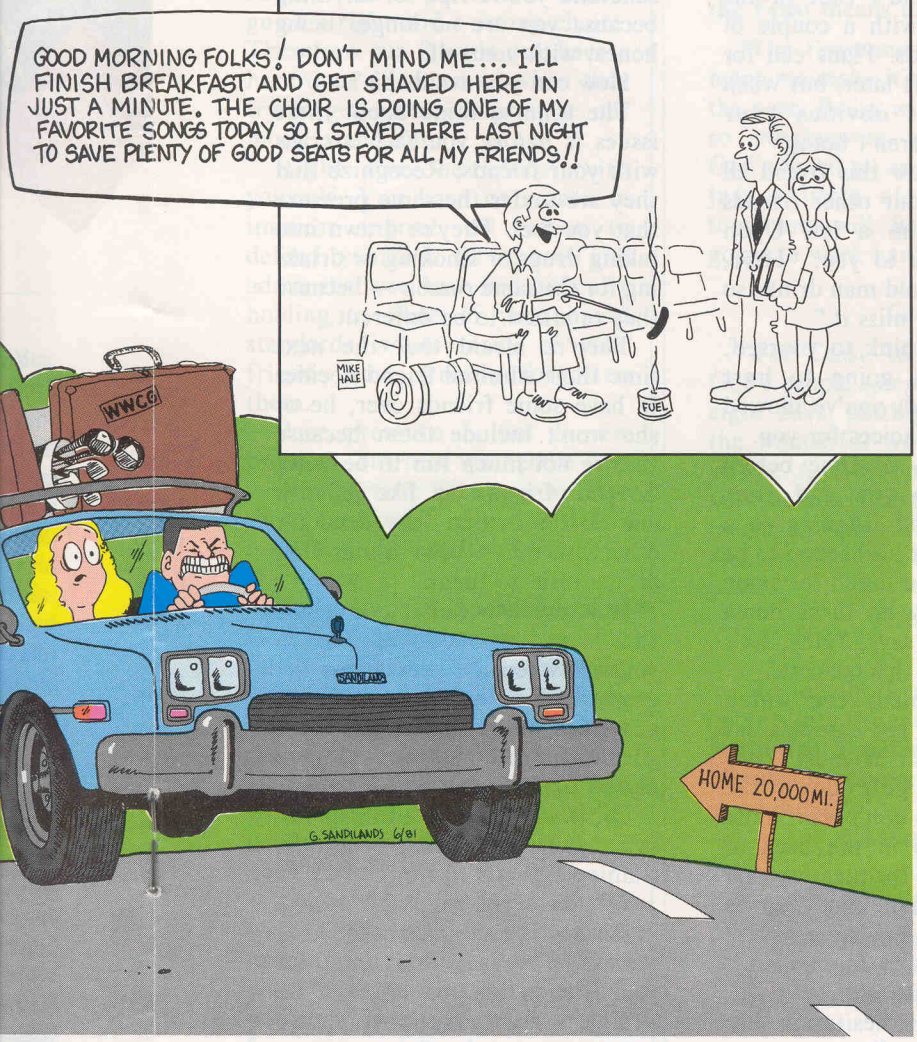
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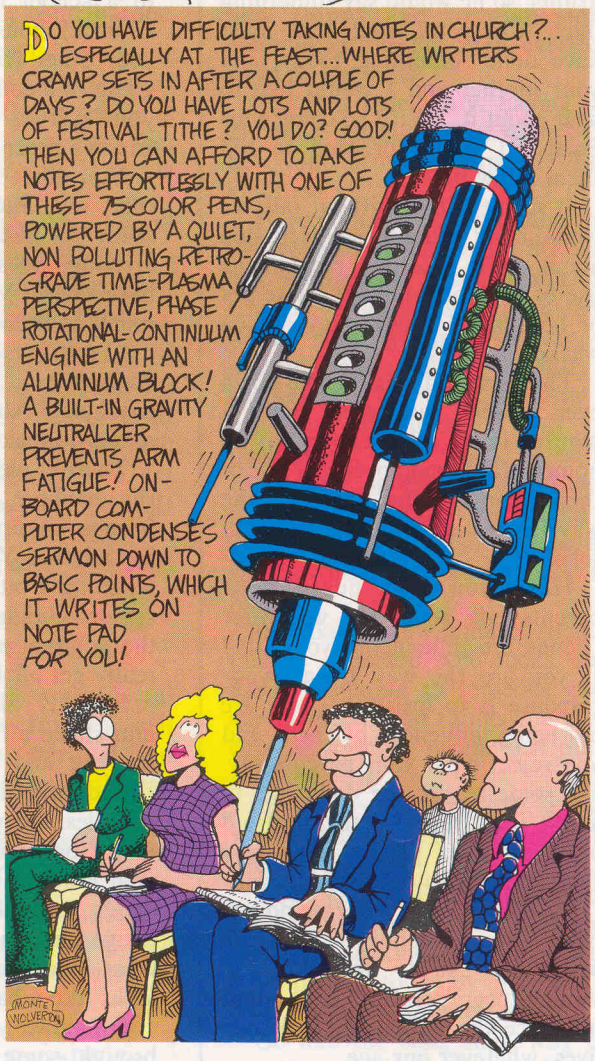
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MONTE NOLVERSON

BY THE WAY...

By Dexter Faulkner

Do You Dare to Be Different?

When I was in high school, I would come home after athletic practice and sit down at the dinner table. My father would ask me, "Hey, what did you do at school today, Dex?"

Usually, I would respond with a grunt. Well, my dad didn't like grunts, so he would say something like: "Come on, son! You must have done something today, and your mother and I would like to hear about it." With no chance for escape, I would proceed to tell them a few details.

It seemed that, without fail, we would drift into a tense discussion about crime, violence, racism, the use of alcohol, smoking, loose sex or how late I should stay out on weekends.

Things would usually cool down over dessert, but often, when I would leave the table to do homework, I could overhear one of them saying, "I just don't like the way Dexter is being influenced at school."

Have you ever heard your parents talk about the way your friends are influencing your life? If you are the way I was, your response is to insist that you are *not* being influenced by them, and you reject what your parents say. For some reason, we don't like to admit that we are actually afraid of what other people think and that we do copy others' behavior.

Peer pressure is a phrase no one likes to use. Therefore, these words are usually avoided, even though peer pressure is a silent influence throughout most of our lives, whatever our age.

It's not even necessarily a bad expression — our friends can have good influences on us. However, we must admit that friends can and do have strong negative influences on us as well. This is the area in which peer pressure gets a bad name.

Let's suppose you're going over to a school friend's (not in the Church) house with a couple of your other friends. Plans call for going to a concert later, but when you arrive, it's obvious your friend's parents aren't home.

You don't know this friend all that well, but your other friends seem to like him a lot. Upon arriving, he says to you: "Here, have a beer. My old man drinks so much he'll never miss it."

"Well," you think to yourself, "one beer's not going to hurt anything." Already you've allowed others to make choices for you.

There's plenty of time before the concert, so you and your friends sit around listening to a few albums. Your host seems to be laughing a bit too much for some reason. Suddenly he turns down the volume and says, "Hey, let's really get off for this concert."

Slightly alarmed, you watch him shake a few red capsules out for you and your friends. Your friends readily gulp down the capsules, but you don't want to do this. Somewhere in the back of your mind whirls the memory that drugs and alcohol can form a dangerous mix. You're not sure what your friends are taking, but it looks like a barbiturate.

By now, your hesitation has brought some catcalls.

"What's the matter — are you scared?"

"I don't think he's got the guts — what'd you bring him along for anyway?"

In the next few seconds you have to grapple with powerful emotions. Bucking your friends' pressure is probably one of the most difficult things there is to do.

But in this case, perhaps you give in. Maybe you think, "Just this once." Anything to stop the threat to your image.

This is what the Bible calls searing your conscience (I Tim. 4:2). You're not sure that you want to do it, but you do it anyway. What happens is that you end up breaking down your own principles and self-respect. And once you've violated that inner sanctum, you're ripe for anything because you are no longer being honest with yourself.

How can you avoid this?

The time to think about these issues is *before* you face a crisis with your friends. Recognize that they are under the same pressure that you feel. They're drawn into taking drugs or smoking or drinking for the same reason — because they're afraid to be different.

They're afraid that the next time their admired friend decides to have some friends over, he or she won't include them because they're not much fun to be with. So your friends act like jellyfish and do things that they wouldn't otherwise do — even things that are harmful to them.

How much better it is to show that you have confidence in yourself when the pressure is the greatest. You can say: "If you guys want to do something crazy, go ahead. But I don't want to mess myself up."

Or, if you're involved in sports, say, "Are you kidding — I'm in training."

Whatever you say, what's most important is to think ahead, have something to say and don't let your friends talk you out of it. Be straightforward, say what you've got to say and stick to your

decision. These are ways to show you have the courage to oppose the group when they're wrong.

I'll tell you something else I have found: Most teens respect a guy or girl who has the courage to be his or her own person, even when being ridiculed or teased. And this kind of person is likely to influence others who are looking for a friend who will increase their confidence. He or she might make it possible for someone else to oppose peer pressure too.

We could look at an endless list of negatives: swearing, drunkenness, loose sex, cheating on tests, disobedience to parents, lying, smoking marijuana, boasting, jeering, shoplifting. Basically they all come under the same category. They are all moral issues — it is possible to distinguish a right and a wrong choice. Therefore our friends can have a hazardous effect on us when they try to get us to compromise our moral standards.

Right now, be honest with yourself. You have no reason to impress anyone, no reason to defend yourself. Be honest and admit that you have had difficulty holding to some of your moral standards, while many of your friends have already forgotten them.

Peer pressure is not a new problem, but how we handle it is very important. The way we face these pressures today will determine how we handle our lives in the future.

In the light of the Kingdom of God, it really does not matter what "they" — your peers — think, or, for that matter, what anybody thinks. It's far more important that God is honored throughout your life. We all need to seek His will and His way, then stand up boldly for those things that we know to be right in His sight.

At the Feast this year, talk to your friends about what they do to handle peer pressure. And send us your thoughts on the subject — we might print your essay in a future issue. □

What's It Like?

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Germany. "I do not have many problems with school when I go to the Feast. Some time ago my parents wrote a letter to my headmaster in which we explained that I could not go to school on the Sabbath (in our school we have lessons on Saturday, too) and during God's Holy Days. So, before each feast day, I just talk to the headmaster, and he always allows me to leave.

"After the Feast I ask my friends to give me their class notes, so that I can see what was covered during my absence. Sometimes I have to make up exams the others have taken while I was away. But I think God blesses this extra work, if we keep His feasts."

Here, from their letters, is what the Feast means to our contributors:

"The Feast means a lot to me. It helps me make it through the rest of the year. Being with God's people is so enlightening, you can just feel God's Spirit all around you. If this is just a little of what the world tomorrow will be like, I'm surely going to work hard to get there."

Julie Fricke
Grandview, Wash.

"The Feast, to me, means all of God's people assembling together for eight days, getting an idea of what the wonderful world tomorrow will be like. A time of outflowing love, not only at the Feast, but all year. It means breaking away from the evil system and living at peace with each other."

Amanda Trimble
Agassiz, B.C.

"To me the Feast is a wonderful opportunity to get away from this evil world for a while to spiritual and physical happiness with people of the same mind."

Margaret Castledine
Perth, Australia

"I do look forward to the Feast with great excitement to start each day with services and to meet so many friendly people."

Lloyd Smart
Dyfed, South Wales

What's it like at your site? □

KINDNESS!

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person. This annoys him, and so he does the same thing, and so on.

But if someone waits and holds the door open for the person coming after him, and gives a pleasant smile, it makes the next person feel good. He is more likely to stop and hold the door open for the person following him.

Kindness is like that. When you make someone feel good, they feel like doing good. It brightens up their whole outlook on life for a while.

How can you make people feel good at the Feast this year? There will be hundreds of opportunities, if you look for them.

If you notice your friends with some nice new clothes, tell them they look nice. Taking the time to notice new things and to give sincere compliments is an often overlooked form of kindness.

See that older lady, having some difficulty getting up the stairs? Offer her your arm for support. That's kindness.

Here comes a young mother, with two young children and a big diaper bag. Perhaps her husband isn't in the Church, or perhaps he's out somewhere parking cars. Anyway, this morning she's all by herself, and struggling a bit. Offer to carry that bag. That's being kind.

Kindness doesn't have to be time consuming or expensive. Often it's the little things that make the difference. Like polishing your dad's shoes when you know he's in a hurry.

Or taking a few minutes to go and talk to a person who looks lonely. Really listening to someone can be one of the kindest things you can do, because so many people just pretend to listen.

In the world tomorrow, kindness will be the way of life throughout the whole world.

The Feast of Tabernacles pictures the world tomorrow. By making the effort to be kind, you can actually help people to enjoy a bit of the Millennium in advance.

So like the song said, why don't you "try a little kindness" at the Feast this year? □

The Book

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If you are studying dancing, and have found several scriptures on the subject, you would write the first one, say Exodus 15:20, on this special reference page next to the word *dance*. Then you would turn to Exodus 15:20 and in the margin you would put the location of the second scripture in the chain.

Using standard abbreviations for the names of the books will help save space. If Exodus 32:19 is the second scripture, you would turn there and put the third scripture location in that margin and so forth.

This is a simple system that enables you later to go right through the Bible and find out what you need to know about a subject.

Chain referencing can be done with sermon notes, booklets or by using a concordance. Using a concordance is not that complicated. You may want to ask your parents or minister to show you how to use one to find a list of scriptures on a particular subject.

Color coding, the second easy way to mark your Bible, means using colored pencils to highlight or shade in an area that discusses a subject you are studying. You may want to color all verses about the Sabbath with red and every verse about prayer with green, for example.

Since it is impossible to have a different color for every subject in the Bible, your colored pencils can also be used to write key words or symbols across specific verses. Short words are easily written out with wide letters: TITHE, WINE, DANCE.

The real key to understanding the Bible is to act on what you are learning. It is always a good idea to ask God to help you understand the Bible before you study. Then when you have studied and learned a principle, put it into practice.

Exodus 20:12 gives a promise of long life. Proverbs 18:24 shows how to make friends. John 16:33 explains how to be happy even in this troubled world. Getting to know the world's best seller pays off — it opens a treasure chest of knowledge that God has written to you! □

EVERYONE WANTS to have a happy life — close friends, a strong marriage, good health, a meaningful career, personal satisfaction.

Did you realize that at the Feast of Tabernacles this year, the way to achieve these things will be explained for you for eight days, in the sermons and sermonettes at services?

But how can you absorb all this instruction and remember it, so you can apply it and reap the benefits when you return from the Feast?

Taking notes during services can help, and the special section following this page has been put together to help you record what you hear in the Feast messages. Taking notes helps you pay attention and organize what the speakers are getting at. Later you can review your notes for even better understanding.

Here are several points to consider in taking notes at services:

- Listen closely to what the speakers say. They will be explaining important keys to having the kind of real happiness everybody wants. While you are listening, pick out these keys, and think about how you can apply them yourself.
- Use the special section in this issue of *Youth 81* to record your notes. Then you will have, in one place, a collection of articles and features about the Feast and your notes on the ministers' presentations.
- Keep your notes clear. Try to record any special organizational scheme used in the sermonettes and sermons, and make sure you get all the main points. Be sure your writing is readable.
- Keep your notes brief. Don't try to write every word in the sermon — you won't be able to listen as well and get the total effect of the message.
- Avoid doodling on your notepaper. Drawing pictures or scribbling aimlessly interferes with your concentration and keeps you from listening to the speaker. If you are daydreaming or otherwise not paying attention, you are wasting the time you spend in services.
- Have an extra pen or pencil handy.
- Make sure you use your notes later. After you have gone to the effort of taking good, conscientious notes, don't waste them by letting them collect dust on a shelf. Remember, at this Feast you will be hearing the way to true happiness explained, and that knowledge, if you apply it in your life, will work for *you!* □

On the Way to the Feast

First Holy Day

Second Day

Activities

Third Day

Activities

Fourth Day

Activities

Sabbath

Sixth Day

Activities

Seventh Day

Activities

Last Great Day

Pen Pals

A number of teens have written in to ask how to find pen pals. The Feast provides a great opportunity to meet people from other areas. Don't forget to ask for their addresses so you can continue your friendship by mail.

Going Home

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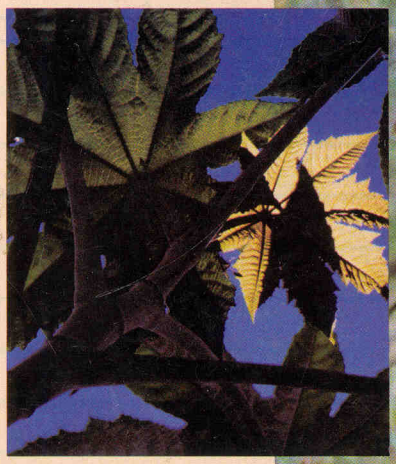

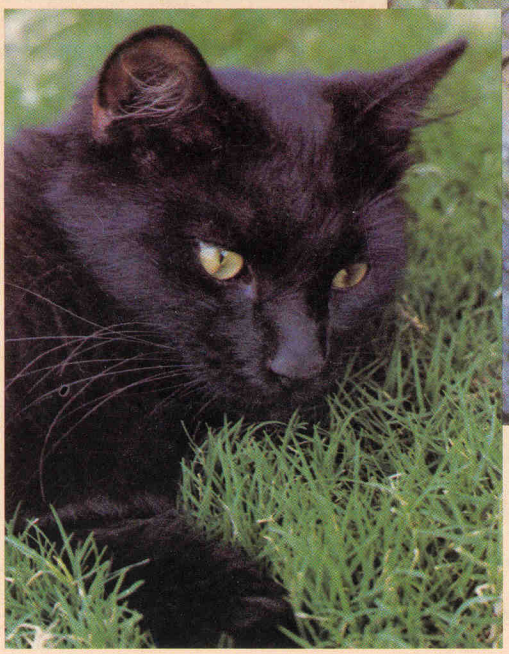

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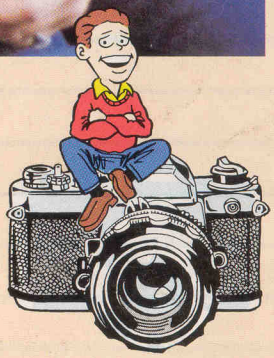

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