

YOUTH DID IT

By Myron F. Boyd

The few young people in a small, struggling church began to discover that none of their high school friends knew anything about their church. In fact, most of them did not know there was such a church in town. Embarrassed and discouraged, they were about to give up and withdraw from the idea when one of them came up with a new idea. This young lady said, "Say, I have a bright idea for once." "What is it?" "Tell us about it." She told them she believed that advertising pays off if done properly and persistently. After talking for weeks she convinced the group that they could do it.

A billboard was placed at the edge of the city on each road leading into town, inviting people to their church, giving the name and address of the church. They got permission to place at strategic intersections small signs on which were the name of the church and an arrow pointing in the proper direction.

They purchased space in the newspaper, signing up for a one-year contract. Each week they told the public what was going to take place in their church on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. They had a picture of their church, a picture of their young people, a picture of the pastor, a picture of their Sunday school, a write-up of the doctrines and standards of the church all in the newspaper within a few weeks.

The Sunday school doubled, the church attendance greatly increased, and the membership grew in one year. After that the official board carried on the work so honorably and enthusiastically begun by the youth. Today that church is no longer a problem to the stationing committee. The young people did it.—The Free Methodist.

SINS OF IGNORANCE

Suppose I should visit the hospital where my friend, Brother Smith, is sick. I find that he has a very high fever, and is delirious. I say, "Brother Smith, how are you today?" He draws back his arm, clenches his fist, and smacks me one on the nose as hard as he can. I am very sorry to find my friend in such a condition. I pray for him and go away without his knowing who it was that called upon him. In a few days I go back to see him again. When I go up to his bedside, he says, "Brother Browning, I am so glad to see you. They tell me that when you called the other day I struck you with my fist. I am very sorry that I did that; I want you to forgive me." Of course, I freely forgive him, for I know he did not realize what he was doing when he struck me. "But," he says, "I want you also to forgive me for having this fever that caused me to do what I did!" The Lord can and will forgive us for our actual sins, whether willful or sins of ignorance; but He cannot forgive us for something for which we are not responsible, i.e., inbred sin. That must be cleansed.—Told by Raymond Browning.

A Boy's Sacrifice

Boy Gets Two Farms for Giving Up Vacation

Richard Shilladay, 16 year old school boy, passed up baseball games and picnics for three summer vacations to help hard-pressed farmer John Emerick, of Hayesville, Ohio. The boy now owns Emerick's two farms, totalling 270 acres, and all the livestock, equipment, and crops. In a will filed in probate court at Ashland, Ohio, the youth was named principle legatee by Emerick, who died ten days earlier.

We doubt not but what other teen-age boys thought—and called—Richard a strange boy for sacrificing baseball and picnics for three years.

It is quite possible they asked him the age-old question: "What's the harm in them?"

Richard could say: "It isn't harm I'm thinking of, but time—time to help that hard-pressed farmer. It is now that he needs assistance, and it is now that I can be of assistance to him."

Whatever the boys thought of Richard's answer and actions, they must now admit that he has been well rewarded for his decision and sacrifices.

The present is the time that the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ possesses in which to work and sacrifice for the One who saved him by His grace.

The fields are white to harvest, the time is short, the laborers are few, and the need is urgent.

The promise is: "Whatsoever good things any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord." (Ephes. 6:8).

The Lord Jesus says: "And behold, I come quickly, and My reward is with me to give

TODAY I WALK IN STRENGTH

Because I lingered for a time on bended knee
Before the throne, at starting of the day,
And listened to the gracious words of truth

The precious Lord and Master had to say,
I find the problems that confront me now

Seem trivial—I see the way more clear;
And through the weary routine, common-
place,

I sense His presence, comforting and near.
Why should I ever, then, unfortified,

Go blindly, weakly through a day alone,
When strength and light and confidence are
mine

If I but wait for Him each morning at the
throne?

—Kathryn Blackburn Peck.

You should not need a missionary report in order to get a missionary spirit. The early church had a missionary spirit which resulted in missionary reports.

to every man according as his work shall be" (Rev. 22:12).

The worldlings continue to ask the diligent, self-sacrificing Christian worker: "What's the harm in this, that, and the other thing?"

The worker can answer: "It isn't the harm I'm thinking of just now; it is the precious time those things consume—time which I want to spend in working together with my Lord, in the field which is the world!"

When the time of rewards arrives, it will be manifest to all that the worker was exceedingly wise in his choice **Now**.

—Selected from Emmanuel Missionary

BEULAH YOUTH CAMP

BROWN'S FLATS

NEW BRUNSWICK

July 18 - 27

ONE CAMP: TWO TEAMS

July 18 - 21—

Rev. B. C. Cochrane, Evangelist

Mr. DeVerne Mullen, Song Evangelist

July 22 - 27—

Dr. Mel-Thomas Rothwell, Evangelist

Mr. William LaPointe, Song Evangelist

PROGRAM

Instruction

Two morning classes daily under supervision of evangelist. Music period under leadership of song evangelist.

Recreation

Outdoor Basket Ball - Soft Ball - Swimming - Volley Ball - Croquet - Horseshoes
Treasure Hunts - Weenie Roasts - Scavenger Hunts - Picnics.

Worship

Daily morning devotional period in Tabernacle - Preaching service every evening.
Prayer and praise services - Two preaching services on Sundays.

Age limit: 12 years