



CONTEST REPORT

To date, ten Y. P. societies have reported on The Highway subscription contest. Money received totals \$379. The top society so far is Yarmouth with sales of \$70. The top salesman is John McElhinney, a first year Bible student at Bethany. We are hoping to hear from other societies before the final report is given in the next issue of The Highway. Watch for the final results!

CHURCH YOUTH SURVEY

After interviewing 605 youth concerning their lack of attendance at church services and youth society meetings, The National Council of Churches survey committee reported the following: "Boredom with programs that offer little or no challenge to their skills and interests is the chief reason why teen-agers and young adults leave the church." Survey findings were reviewed in the June issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education*.

What about your society? Is it losing members and are your meetings "dead"? If so, there is a reason. Could it be that Y. P. night comes before there has been any planning, preparation, and time spent on organizing the service?

Y. P. programs that will challenge youth and offer them real spiritual help do not just happen. No, they grow out of hard work and a deep concern for the souls of men.

It is vital to the life and existence of the church "to hang on to" the young people. They are the church of tomorrow. Let's do what needs to be done in order to keep our youth programs on the highest level possible.

L. K. M.

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

President Eisenhower signed into law on July 12 a bill requiring the inscription, "In God We Trust," to be put on all U. S. currency—both bills and coins.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing has already switched to new dies and the first bills bearing the testimony will be in circulation shortly.

Noting that the Bureau was installing new printing equipment, the Senate Banking Committee in approving the bill said that it "Presents an excellent opportunity to correct an oversight."

—Conquest

REPORT FROM DOAKTOWN

Dear Young People,

The Young People's Society at Doaktown was organized on October 1, 1955.

The election of officers for the year was as follows:

- Honorary President Rev. N. J. Rice
- President Marilyn O'Donnell
- Vice-president Freddie Ogilvie
- Secretary Geraldine Beek
- Treasurer Carol Weaver
- Song Leader Gary Lyons
- Assistant Song Leader Lawrence Munn
- Pianist Joan Gaunce

Yours in Him,

Geraldine Beek

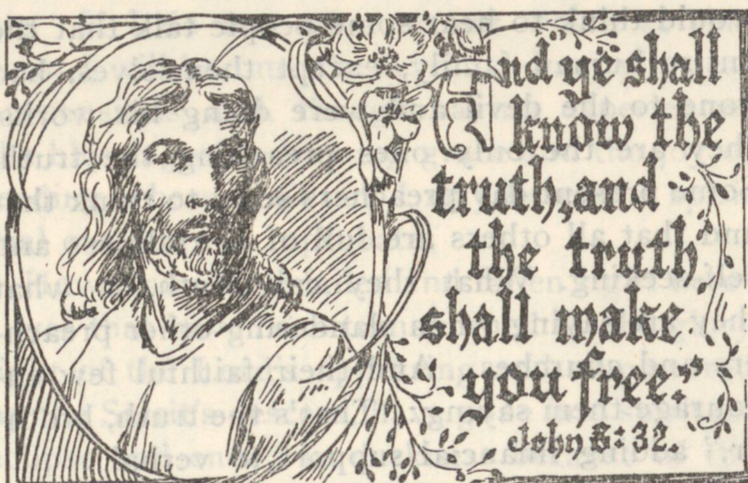
Secretary

HE KNEW THE SHEPHERD

One of England's leading actors was being banqueted. In the after-dinner ceremonies the actor was asked to recite for the pleasure of his guests. He consented and asked if there was anything special anyone in the audience would like to hear. There was a moment's pause, then an old clergyman spoke up. "Could you, Sir, he said, "recite the Twenty-third Psalm?" A strange look came over the actor's face, but he was speechless for only a moment. "I can, Sir, and I will, on one condition. And that is, after I have recited, you, my friend, will do the same." "I?" questioned the surprised clergyman. "But I am not an elocutionist. However, if you wish, I will do so."

Impressively the great actor began the psalm, holding his audience spellbound. As he finished a great burst of applause broke from the guests. After the applause had ceased, the old clergyman arose. The audience sat in tense silence. The psalm was recited, and when it was done, there was not the slightest ripple of applause, but those in the audience whose eyes were yet dry had the heads bowed. The great actor, with hand on the shoulder of the old clergyman, his voice trembling, exclaimed, "I reached your eyes and ears, my friends, this man reached your hearts; I know the Twenty-third Psalm; this man knows the Shepherd."

—Religious Digest



By Karl Gorman

So your church is planning a revival! What will it be, a revival or merely a series of services? Christian young people must share in the responsibility of a Revival.

II Chron. 7:14 is part of God's message to Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. It came in answer to prayer, gives the recipe for revival, and stands as a promise of God!

Revivals are conditional. The text begins with the little word "if," denoting that in order for the promise to be fulfilled, certain conditions must be met. God demands of us that we really pray, not merely say prayers. We are to speak to God humbly, reverently, earnestly, thus following the example of Elijah, David, Paul, and Jesus.

There is a call to repentance in the above text that is directed to the church. What are the sins of the church? Note these few: prayerlessness (I Sam. 12:23), sins of omission (James 4:17), half-heartedness in our service, lack of missionary vision, pride, jealousy, gossiping, worldliness, and failure to seek and obtain heart holiness. Some of these sins are found in Reformed Baptist churches!

Revivals concern Christians only. The term revive really means "to live again," thus meaning to return to vigor and activity.

PENTECOSTAL FULLNESS

By Stillman Cameron

While reading the sixth chapter of Acts recently, I was deeply impressed by the character of the young man Stephen. As I read, my attention was peculiarly seized by the references made to his being "filled." He was full of faith, and he was full of the Holy Ghost. What an effective combination!

The chapter opens with a statement concerning the church's rapid growth. But in the midst of its progress a problem arose which demanded immediate attention. The Twelve called the multitude together and admonished the appointment of seven men to care for the business. But notice, it was more than the mere appointment of seven men. They were to be men "of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost, and wisdom." Stephen met these requirements perfectly.

We would do well here, however, not to overlook the fact that the Early Church did not require simply men of wisdom to transact its business. They had also to be men "of good report and full of the Holy Ghost." How much more do we, with our multiplied problems, need men of equal capacity. I venture to say that the cause of many a church disorder today can be traced back to some person who has never been filled with the Holy Ghost.

Of the seven deacons appointed, Stephen is by far the most impressive. His name appears first on the list, and his name alone is followed by that graceful report, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost." This "fullness" made him conspicuous even among the most saintly of the assembly. It enabled him to perform the task of table-serving with never a word of complaint. It made his life an influence in the church. When he was not busy with the demands of his appointed task, he was out witnessing for his Lord. This "fullness" charged him with a consuming zeal.

Christ needs such young men today. He does not need those who fear the face of flesh; He does not want men who are soaked in selfish ambition. He does need men, like Stephen, "full of faith and the Holy Ghost." For what can you do with such men? Revile him, he cares not; bribe him, he heeds not; bless him, he is humiliated; lie about him, he remains silent; curse him, he blesses you; stone him, he prays for your forgiveness. Take all his possessions, and he merely looks to a richer treasure above.

What can Satan himself do with such men? Would to God that all we who name the name of Christ were such a hopeless case to Satan! But I fear that many of us are too easily deceived by his subtleties. If he cannot do it with the fleece of a lamb, he will by the roar of a lion. Only the purifying, Pentecostal fullness can break his spell and enable us to resist him.

"He will fill your heart today to overflowing, with the Holy Ghost and power."

When the Christians are revived, then the unconverted will be saved, and all the success of evangelism will be assured.

Revivals come from God. When we meet the conditions, God will hear from heaven, forgive our sins, and heal our land.

Young People, we need Revival!