

YOUTH WITH VISION

BEGINNING THE YEAR

This is the time when vacations vanish and vocations begin in earnest. School is beginning, or the office is getting back to winter normal and summer is a pleasant memory. Let us not rest on the blessings of Camp Meeting and bask in the glow of good progress reports. Let us endeavour by God's grace to achieve higher heights and deeper depths for God.

To be more specific, let us work to make this the best year yet for our Y.P. Societies.

About one and one-half years ago, at a Youth Leader's breakfast in Fredericton, a pamphlet, Pertinent Points for Promising Presidents, was given to the young people assembled there. If you can find one, it will be profitable to read it.

The first and most important point was PRAYER. Prayer for each other and for your society. PREPARATION was another very important point. PLEASE PLAN AHEAD. Nothing is more humdrum than a poorly prepared, poorly presented program.

Think about special days; plan series of programs; have a theme.

It will take hard work and co-operation for your society to succeed this year. Be prepared to help in any way that you are able to help. God can use you and bless what you do for your society in a way that He can use and bless nobody else. Even if your knees are knocking.

NEWS

Please send in reports of denominational interest that have occurred in your area to:

William D. Moore,
Bethany Bible College,
Sussex, N. B.

Revivals, unusual or effective services, district rallies, distinctions and honours won by outstanding youth and events of this nature will be reported.

W. D. M.

A NEW EDITOR

As announced in the last Highway, Mr. William Moore (Jr.) has been appointed Youth Page Editor. All new material for the Youth Page should be sent to Mr. William Moore, care of Bethany Bible College, Sussex, N. B.

Once again we want to express our thanks for the privilege of serving our young people for the past six years. We feel confident that our new editor will receive your full cooperation and prayerful support which you have given to us during our term of service.

May God continue to bless through the medium of the printed page.

W. G.

YOUTH CAMPS AT BEULAH

During the Summer of 1965 three Youth Camps were conducted at Beulah Camp.

(1) Senior Youth Camp

The Senior Youth Camp for 1965 opened with a good number of youth in attendance. From the very first of the camp the presence of the Lord was felt as Rev. Yates spoke from the word of God. Mr. Yates spoke both during the morning classes and in the evening services of the camp.

The Director, Rev. B. Bridgeo and the Counsellors did an excellent job of planning a program which kept the campers busy from 7:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. each day.

It was thrilling to see teenagers seeking help from God at the altar of prayer during this camp.

(2) Junior Boys' Camp

The Junior Boys' Camp was under the di-

rection of Mr. B. Crozier. It was a time when all 49 campers sought God and learned more of God.

Rev. David Bishop, the camp evangelist, shepherded the boys through the week and God came down to bless his ministry in a wonderful way.

We hope that all of the fellows and girls who attended these camps this year, along with many others, will be on the Beulah Camp Grounds next year to participate in the fun and profit from the instruction of the camps.

Norman Green

(3) Junior Girls' Camp

Using as its theme "THE CHRISTIAN'S WALK AND TALK", taught by Rev. Charles Bain, Camp Pastor, Junior Girls' Camp had 72 campers enrolled. We were sorry to lose one of our campers the first weekend, due to illness.

What a joy and thrill to work with these girls was the sentiment of each of the Camp staff which included our Camp Pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bain; Camp mother, Mrs. Archie Calder; Director of recreation and handcraft, Mary Harding; counselors, Lynette Woodworth, Marjorie Steele, Grace Cowper, Beth Cann, Willow Ann Mitchell, Linda Alward, Maridel Greene, and Penny Van Damm; and our cook, Mr. Thompson, who made two beautifully decorated cakes, to celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, besides all the other wonderful food we enjoyed.

Never can we forget our mid-week Chapel Service. What a joy to hear so many of our girls testify! In a very special way we felt God close to us that evening. We had other wonderful times of blessing as Rev. Bain spoke to the girls through object lessons and the Scriptures. Some of our girls registered decisions for Christ as devoted counselors held regular devotional sessions each day; others gave witness of gaining knowledge to help them as they continue to learn the Scripture and live for God.

Other highlights include our out-of-doors-picnics, beach party at our own beach (oh, those good hot-dogs), pyjama party (Johnnie Appleseed film), hike to "Short's Store", letters from home, Biblical skit night, talent night (campers and staff taking part), as well as notes from 'Mr. Ghostly'. Over and over again I heard girls saying, "I am having a wonderful time and I will come back next year."

God graciously protected us from harm. We felt his presence in a wonderful way and knew you at home were praying for us. Each camper went home, I am sure, to be a better girl from having studied God's Word with Rev. Bain, played and swam together under guidance of devoted counselors, worshiped together in Praise Service and Vesper Service and bedtime devotions. One of the high points of each day was the regular Family Altar after breakfast as we all knelt while one of our Camp Family talked to God.

Those living on "Beulah Hilltop" will long remember voices of 72 girls as they sang Sunday morning in service, around the flagpole, at the wharf, in the dining hall and on the beach.

Only eternity will reveal what Girls Camp 1965 meant to these girls. Our prayer is that God will keep each girl in his care, and that you and I will do our part in helping them to mature into strong, stalwart, Godly young women.

Mrs. Ruth Black, Camp Director.

JUST A BOY

One day, many years ago, someone asked concerning the news of the day. The reply was made, "There is no news except that a baby boy was born over at Thomas Lincoln's last night" Just a boy, but Abe Lincoln became president of the United

States. Just a boy, just a girl, that is the way some people still consider children today. But we must recognize the great possibilities wrapped up in the heart of a child.

We are all conscious of what has been accomplished by nations who have employed intensive educational programs among their youth, designed to wrest from them a knowledge of God and the heart peace attending a salvation experience. "It will take generations to undo the evil that was sown in the hearts and souls of these children."

Canadian youth needs Christian training! Relatively few enjoy Christian home atmospheres and the blessings issuing from a Godly environment. One of the greatest missionary opportunities of the day lies in this field. WHAT ARE YOU DOING PERSONALLY TO BRING THE FORGOTTEN CHILD UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOSPEL MESSAGE?

So much can be done that will teach our children to become so occupied with, and so interested in the activities of their church that they will never get away from it. So much can be done, but we must take time, energy, and money to do it. Are you ready to give some time? Communists are never too busy to organize and execute any program to further their doctrine of hatred. Can we do less to spread God's gospel of love and peace? It is too late; we have no time to hesitate; every person must act now. Children are our heritage and responsibility; I get really frightened when I see how neglectful we are concerning their training.

I am sure many parents spend time and effort to be positive their children are taught God's law and his love. Some parents, by precept and example, point a child to Christ as his own personal Saviour, but what about those who never hear the name of Christ except in profanity? Only this week I read in the daily paper that J. Edgar Hoover stated parental discipline was the biggest problem his department faced in dealing with juveniles. Home used to be a place of discipline, but it is now a place of indulgence. Family life is fading, and home is becoming just a place to sleep.

We hear so much about world changes and one can scarcely keep pace with new theories and practices, but one thing I am sure, God and his laws have not changed. He is still saying, "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." How can they come except they be pointed in his way? Always remember, a child never needs to be taught any wrong deeds; they come from a sinful nature. But he must be taught everything good and right and pure.

Again to quote J. Edgar Hoover, "The criminal is the product of spiritual starvation." I feel our church people must be stirred so deeply that never again can they neglect our heritage - our boys and girls. Each member must take a new look at the training given to children in his community. It usually only takes a spark to start a fire.

Here is an opportunity for our church each one of us - to open our homes for an hour a week to children who are being by passed by the word of God. Teach them the Wonderful Word of Life; help them to hide it in their hearts; lead them into a knowledge of Christ as Savior. This is our responsibility and joy. Organize a JUNIOR CRUSADER CLUB today.

"I am a child, all the world waits for my coming,
All the earth watches with interest to see what I shall become.
Civilization hangs in the balance,
For what I am, the world tomorrow will be."