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Letters

" . . . Everybody's Doing It?"

I just now finished reading ["Are You Sure Everybody's Doing It?," December Youth 82]. I can certainly relate to what you have said and wish I had known what I know now. As a teenager, my parents . . . would not speak of "such things." What I learned, I received from school chums and older friends.

When I heard some of the things that younger children should learn, I was very upset and would not even speak with my father for some time. I have found out first hand that learning certain things along the sexual line late in teens is very difficult to accept. It is much easier and natural to learn these things at a young age.

You are so right in what you have said to "Cindy." She is a very lucky girl to learn about the correct way to handle feelings and to hear good advice with a very good reason.

Dale Apperson
Pasadena, Calif.

Thankful instead of wishing

Thank you for the article "Is It Wrong to Be a Cultured Individual?" in the October-November issue of Youth 82. It helped me to realize that we should be thankful for everything that we have now instead of wishing of having this and that or what not.

We should really be thankful for what we have because it could be a lot worse, and everything is just temporary so we may as well enjoy it while it lasts. I am really looking forward to the return of Christ when we can all live together in real peace and understanding.

I really enjoy reading Youth 82 and look forward to receiving it. It helps me to understand better.

Helga Brunski
Kent, Wash.

Best article to discourage smoking

After reading the October-November issue, I felt I must write and thank you for publishing such a great magazine. Two of the articles (I feel) deserve the spotlight: "Smoking, Stop Before You Start" by Michael Snyder and "I Heard You Were Still Alive . . ." by Norman Shoaf.

The first article is the best article to discourage smoking with very well proven facts that I've ever read. I was never so encouraged to write letters by anybody; so I must thank Mr. Shoaf for his
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Is God Fair?

Why has God permitted 6,000 years of human woe and suffering?

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Look at the world today! War, famine, pestilence! Poverty, inequality, hunger, want! Sickness, disease, suffering, death! Crime, graft, dishonesty, corruption! Insanity, degeneration, decay! Unhappiness, fear, wretchedness and woe!

How, so many are asking, can a supreme, all-powerful God of LOVE permit it?

WHY does God allow wrong governments? WHY is He permitting civilization itself to crumble?

Is God FAIR?

Listen! Some men are saying, "God isn't fair!" — or "Is there a God, after all?" But what do you suppose men would say if God took away their right to think and do as they please? For God could never stop this awful carnage without **FORCING** men to act according to His will — denying them a free will of their own!

It is *men's ways*, so contrary to God's ways, that have brought on this unhappy state. And they have brought on all the world's sorrows and anguish *in spite of* the pleadings of God. He says, "Your ways are not my ways."

God's ways, had they been followed, would have led inevitably to peace, happiness, prosperity



and joy. God always has revealed to men His ways. Always He has pleaded with the human family.

Suppose God had taken the only alternative. Suppose He had **FORCED** men, against their wills, to have lived according to His laws?

Can't you almost hear the defiant, rebellious, stiff-necked human race indignantly screaming at the Almighty, "You can't cram your religion down *my* throat!" For it *is* a matter of religion. Can't we see that, had God followed that course, more than ever men would have shouted, "GOD ISN'T FAIR!"

For nearly 6,000 years men

have lived in defiance of God's laws. Had God denied them this right to be wrong, men would have accused God of injustice, demanding freedom to follow their own ways.

God's plan has for its purpose the creating of perfect **CHARACTER** in beings who are separate entities from God yet members of the very Family of God. Character cannot be created automatically by fiat — it must be developed through *experience*!

Nor could character be instilled without free moral agency. To achieve this great purpose — that of producing the supreme pinnacle of all God's creation, sons of God having perfect character — man has to be *convinced*, of his own free

will, that God's laws are **JUST**, and that His ways are the only right ways for man! Man must turn to them, voluntarily! This lesson could be learned *only by EXPERIENCE*!

In the beginning, Satan appeared to contest the wisdom of God's law. This law is, simply, LOVE for God and love for neighbor, as defined in the 10 broad principles of the Ten Commandments. A fundamental, spiritual, eternal law. The philosophy Christ taught is that it is more blessed to **GIVE** than to receive. But Satan argued for the **GETTING** way. Competition, he argued, is the lifeblood of activity. Self-desire provides incentive to endeavor. Vanity

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"is *not* the author
of confusion" . . .
Its real author
is Satan,
the world's god!**



spurs to action. And so, in Satan's philosophy, self-desire, competition, strife, provide the root-principle for accomplishment. The way of GETTING is the way to progress and advancement.

Had not God permitted this selfish way to be tried, tested and demonstrated, God's creatures could argue throughout eternity that they had been denied the better way.

The devil's week

And so God turned over to Satan the first six days of ONE WEEK, consisting of seven 1,000-year days, in which to *demonstrate* the falsity of this way — the way of greed.

During the first six days of this week of 7,000 years Satan was permitted to retain DOMINION over all the earth. "Six days," God said, "thou shalt labor and do all thy work" — his work of deception and hate — "but the SEVENTH day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work." Six 1,000-year days have been permitted Satan for his labor of DECEPTION. Even then his dominion has been limited to the power of influence and suggestion. Never has God permitted even Satan arbitrarily to force men against their wills.

And so for 6,000 years men have been left free to accept the self-seeking, competitive philosophy of Satan, or to follow the Golden Rule of God. And for 6,000 years Satan has labored. And mankind has fallen for his delusion!

Satan's philosophy is the philosophy of the world today. On it our present civilization has been built. A civilization men love and cherish, and for which they patriotically sacrifice their lives! A civilization developed on desire for self-gain, competition, strife! In it success is determined by HOW MUCH a man has been able to GET, not on how well he has served.

God has never left men in ignorance of the TRUE way of life. Always He has made known the true values — the way of His spiritual law of love! Continually God has pleaded, with patience and in love. He set up a nation of His own on earth, pledged to follow His laws, dedicated voluntarily to God's ways of life. But Israel turned from God's ways, and persecuted and killed God's prophets!

God sent His only begotten Son to point men back to the true paths. And Him, too, men rejected and killed!

During these 6,000 years since Adam, men continually have spurned God's love, rejected His law, turned a deaf ear to His prophets and His true ministers. They have built a world after the false philosophy of Satan, replete with its pagan customs, traditions and beliefs. Today people are hopelessly engulfed in these false ways, but, being deceived, realize it not at all!

Satan is revealed as the "GOD of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4). The original *inspired* Greek should properly be translated "the god of *this* AGE." And this worldly civilization worships its GOD. The appalling fact unrealized by the world is that Satan, not the Eternal, is its god! The Creator God "is *not* the author of confusion," we read in I Corinthians 14:33. Its real author is

Satan, the world's god! And so he has his many denominations and sects, all striving in a babylon of confusion!

The devil's work

There is just one thing, it seems, that Satan's ministers can agree upon. "God's LAW," they chorus in unison, "is DONE AWAY!" Yes, they have to tell that in order to draw their salaries! Today the people of organized religion refuse to HEAR the law of the Lord (Isaiah 30:8-11). They demand that their ministers preach the soft and smooth things — the decepts! They have turned away from the TRUTH, and are accepting and believing FABLES (II Timothy 4:2-4). They are BITTER against God's law, and against the few who have courage today to proclaim the PLAIN TRUTH of God's Word!

Yes, Satan has *organized* religion. He himself appears, not as a devil with horns and a tail, bearing a pitchfork, but "is transformed into AN ANGEL OF LIGHT" (II Corinthians 11:14). His ministers are transformed as the ministers of righteousness, appearing AS the apostles of Christ! (verses 13, 15). But they are preaching "*another* Jesus" (verse 4), in the power of "*another* spirit," and deceiving men with "*another* gospel" than the true Gospel of the Kingdom that Christ brought and Paul and all the apostles preached! (Galatians 1:6-7).

Satan's congregations go in for much FORM. "Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the POWER thereof: *from such turn away*," plainly warns God's Word! (II Timothy 3:5). The present worldly order — its competitive principles, its customs and traditions, its political systems — are upheld by Satan's churches within every land! Truly, ALL nations are deceived! (Revelation 17:2, 18:3).

Jesus Christ appeared 1,900 years ago as a messenger bearing a message from God. He brought to an unhappy world steeped in false
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There's Music in the Air...

(But What Does It Say?)

By Clayton Steep

Music is an influential force. It not only can reflect moods and feelings, it can help create them.

Its ability to play on emotions has long been employed by movie-makers. Think about the last movie you have seen. What would it have been like without any music?

The spoken word by itself can, of course, stir feelings and passions. But when words are combined with music, the effect can be profound. For decades radio and TV advertisers sold their products to the tunes of catchy jingles. Everything from deodorants to automobiles had an appropriate ditty that stuck in people's minds, influencing their purchasing decisions.

Music has been used to carry patriotic or political messages. Nations have been roused to war by the words of stirring songs.

You see, when words are added to music, the words can have a much stronger effect on the minds of the hearers than the same words without music. That is why we need to be concerned about the words



accompanying the music we listen to.

Look at all the music available today, whether it was written hundreds of years ago, or whether it is on the charts now. The message of some of this music is good; but some of it will point you in directions you don't want to go. Let's look first at a few fairly recent examples. But you probably know of some that are much worse than these:

- "We don't need no education/We don't need no thought control."

Schoolteachers are not having an easy time teaching grammar these days. Why should it be easy when many songs make a special attempt to use poor grammar? Thus one song insists, "I ain't did nothin' to you/... I ain't dumb, I ain't stupid!"

- "Anarchy in the U.K.," which appeared several years ago, boasted about being an anarchist. Its dominant theme: "I want to destroy."

- "Responsibility to me is a tragedy/I'll get a job some other time," another song exclaims.

- One piece of music highlights the following activities: being kicked out of nearly every bar, spending time in jail for speeding through town, fighting with guns and knives, "messaging 'round" with another person's wife, throwing one's boss out of a window, getting fired, hot wiring and taking a city truck on a joy ride that ends by turning the truck over on the mayor's lawn, and beating someone "half to death."

So much of popular music puts a wrong emphasis on sex. One song of desire includes such phrases as "I can't resist," "lust begs," "willpower disappears,"

Photo by Nathan Faulkner



"feed the feel," "a demon living deep inside," "ecstasy lives but sanity dies."

Before a record is put on the market the music industry conducts tests to predict which songs will be the most profitable. One involved in testing teenage response to songs volunteered: "It doesn't hurt to have some sexy words. The little girls and boys really go for sexy words."

Seems to me I've heard that song before . . .

"You'll ruin me/Let me go now, baby, please do . . ."

Words from a current hit? No. Words from a sexy song of the 16th century!

Not every song sung today is decadent or objectionable. Neither were all of the songs sung in past ages wholesome and good. Far from it. In 1698 Jeremy Collier observed in *A Short View of the Immorality and Profaneness of the English State*: "Music is almost as dangerous as gunpowder; and it may be requires looking after no less than the press, or the mint. 'Tis possible a public regulation might not be amiss."

But there are some important differences between past ages and today. For one thing, we have the electronic media. Radios and cassette players are everywhere.

Hundreds of years ago, the only ones hearing a suggestive song would be those in the immediate presence of the singer while he was singing. Chil-

dren and young people probably wouldn't be a part of the audience. Even if they did overhear the song, they couldn't hear it again until the singer himself repeated it.

But that's no longer the case. Now, thanks to recording and broadcasting technology a song can be repeated any number of times. Not only that, but decadent music from a single musician can be heard by every child and young person in the land. All that is needed is access to a radio or record store.

In this article we are mainly discussing the message of a song — its lyrics — not necessarily the beat or volume at which it is performed. Still, any adults inclined to believe that it is only the music with today's rock rhythm that is harmful have perhaps forgotten what songs of the prerock generation or the nonrock genre really say. For example, how many teenagers entered into disastrous marriages to the encouragement of the lilting refrain "They try to tell us we're too young"?

Who is to blame?

Who is responsible for the large amount of degenerate music today? An executive of RCA Records observed: "These singers didn't invent sex. It's part of life. Singers are only expressing what people are doing all around us."

Maybe so. But those in the lucrative recording and broadcasting industry cannot shove all

the blame off on the public. After all, they are a part of the "public." A vast army of promoters is hired by the multimillion dollar recording business. Their job is to "sell" hits.

A successful record producer confided, "A certain sound is pushed, and people get used to it and accept it — not because they want it, but because it's there."

It's a cycle that feeds on itself. A song is released. It appeals to human nature and reflects the mixed-up way of life many are living. People buy the music and thus create a demand for more. And more is forthcoming because people in the business love one sound in particular, the jingle of coins and the rustle of bills flowing their way. That is music to *their* ears!

But let's understand more deeply what is behind today's wave of sensual music.

There's music in the air

Many chapters in the Bible, especially the Psalms, were songs written to be sung to musical accompaniment.

The ultimate source of *good* music is God Himself. It was He who put in His creatures the ability to produce and enjoy music. The first song there is any record of was joyfully sung by millions of angelic beings when God created the earth (Job 38:4, 7).

Some of those very angelic beings who sang in celestial



chorus later followed Lucifer in rebellion against God. They became demons. Lucifer became Satan. Their nature was now fixed to do evil. Everything they did had become twisted and perverted. They chose to be evil.

Until the Messiah Jesus comes to replace him, Satan is allowed to rule this world (II Corinthians 4:4, Revelation 12:9). He is called the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2) because he "broadcasts" his malicious moods and attitudes into human minds. It is particularly directed to stirring up in people the lusts and desires of the flesh (verse 3). Satan's wicked sway is partly responsible for all that is wrong in the world.

That includes degenerate songs! The deluge of songs emphasizing self-gratification, promiscuous sex, rebellion and the acceptance of evil not only has Satan's approval, but his active backing. There is no attempt to hide the satanic theme of some music ("Their Satanic Majesties Request," "Sympathy for the Devil," "Dancing with Mr. D."). Symbols of the occult and devil worship often appear on album covers.

A well-known singer who died of a drug overdose said music hypnotizes people, "and when you get people at that weakest point you can preach into the subconscious what we want to say."

The whole subject of what music to listen to is a matter of making right decisions, of pro-

tecting your mind from harmful influences.

In the world tomorrow there will be music and singing. Lots of it. But it will all be edifying and uplifting. Language — spo-

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Music is everywhere today — by turning a radio dial you can probably pick up quite a variety. It would be hard to imagine a world without music and all the enjoyment it provides. (Photos by, from left, Scott Smith, Michael Snyder, Tom Hanson and Warren Watson)

Impressions of a Rock Critic

Her hair, tinted the color of carrots, lay flat against her skull except for the randomly spaced spots where she allowed it to pop up like rigid orange antennae.

Adorned with several crosses and Nazi emblems, the woman, Nina Hagen, prowled the stage and assaulted her capacity crowd with shrieks, whoops and demented operatic wails.

Onlookers in the packed Hollywood club either danced the Spaz, laughed out loud or tried to avoid looking nervous.

When Nina, an East German native who calls herself "Bud-dah No. 5," launched into "Taitchi-Tarot" (sample lyric: "I will find the spiritual director one day"), my personal blasphemy barometer registered an overload. That's when I began squirming toward the exit, gingerly sidestepping the people who looked as though

they had just slithered out of my worst nightmare.

After attending more than 300 concerts — pop, rock, folk, jazz, punk, new-wave — this show was the first where I, the seen-it-all-before critic, felt obligated to walk out because of objectionable subject matter.

Fortunately, I was on vacation when Ozzy Osbourne's ghoulish show rolled through Los Angeles, Calif. Perhaps you have already heard a few Ozzy stories. Regrettably, they are true.

He really did chew off the head of a dove during a board meeting of record company executives. Months later, in an attempt to outgross himself, he munched off a bat's head, which led to a visit to a rabies treatment clinic.

Considering the success spawned by such antics, the

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Tap Your Hidden Resources

By George Hague

Oil is hidden under the earth — billions of gallons of it. And in today's world, oil is big money.

That oil has tremendous potential, but if it is never tapped, it is worthless. Instead of powering automobiles and factories, it would remain unusable underground. All of that potential would go to waste.

Did you know that you — like oil — are a natural resource? Each human being is an oil well of ability and talent. The problem is locating, tapping, refining and using each person's oil.

Every human has natural abilities to one degree or another. What are some of your talents? Perhaps you don't know even half of them. The way to discover them is to try different activities. When drilling for oil, the explorers do not know how much oil they will discover, or whether they will find any in that area. But they might find the biggest field of the century. It could be the same with one of your talents. If you never drill that first well, you'll never know.

What if you do find that talent? Suppose you have the potential to be good at music. Despite natural ability, however, at the first sight of a piano not too many people play

like the late Arthur Rubinstein. In fact, if a person could play a simple song like "Mary Had a Little Lamb" perfectly at first try, he would be considered a prodigy! A pianist must develop his talent before he can play a Brahms' concerto. He must develop it, or he wastes it.

The same goes for athletes. Why do professional athletes practice so much? They realize that they have to develop their talents still further. For example, the top professional tennis players are constantly trying to improve their play. Their talent is like raw oil. They refine it to a higher grade.

What about your talents? No matter how much natural ability you have, it has to be developed. It has to be refined like oil. Development comes through training and education.

But isn't refining your natural talents a complex process? Isn't there more to it than that? If it is easy, why aren't more people tremendous successes?

The truth of the matter is that success can be difficult to obtain. To set a high, difficult goal and to accomplish it takes much planning and purpose. But you have to start someplace. And the very basic place to start is to find your natural talents.

What if Arthur Rubinstein had never tried his hand at the piano? What if Bjorn Borg never picked up a tennis racket? Incredible amounts of talent would have gone to waste.

Remember, you are a natural resource — an untapped oil well! You have inherent talents. But you have to tap and refine them.

If you are interested in refining your talents, interested in setting goals with them, interested in success, write for our free booklet *The Seven Laws of Success*. Herbert W. Armstrong, the founder and editor of *Youth 83*, wrote the booklet after many years of experience. It is a proven formula that we will give you free of charge.

Here's to your success! □

'Come On, Make Up Your Mind'

Decisions are tough to make — especially under pressure. Here are some practical guidelines you can use.

By Dan Taylor

Decisions, decisions. Life is full of decisions.

We make literally thousands of decisions each day — most of them subconsciously. In fact, you're making a decision right now — whether or not to read this article.

Some decisions are easy — like deciding whether or not you like brussels sprouts. Others are harder — like deciding what you want to do after you finish high school. And if you add an element of pressure such as time limits or a friend influencing you, decision making can be pretty tough sometimes.

How are you at making decisions? Do you sometimes regret a choice you made? If you find that a lot of your decisions have a way of boomeranging back to haunt you, then here are some practical points to consider.

The first rule of thumb to follow in good decision making is to avoid being hasty. As it says in Proverbs 21:5, "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty" (New International Version throughout).

Many teens, for example, can find themselves in trouble because they have neglected their



homework or to study for a test. They are quick to say yes to an opportunity to avoid what they know they should be doing. And as a result, their hasty decisions cause their grades to suffer. But remember, grades are important if you plan to attend college, especially if you might need financial aid from scholarships.

You can avoid problems with your schoolwork and strengthen your position for the future by simply thinking through the decisions you make. Learn to recognize the consequences of your decisions. Don't be hasty!

A second guideline is to get

advice. Proverbs 15:22 says, "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

Teenage years present many tough choices. Career. Dating. Sex. Drugs. Where do you go for the answers? Now think about it. If your first thoughts turn to your friends, maybe you're being too hasty. Why should friends who are the same age as you have any better answers than you can come up with?

If your purpose is to get good, sound advice — and not just somebody to agree with you — go to your parents, your minister, an older brother or sister or a teacher you respect. Borrow a little bit of their experience. You'll probably find that your parents and other

adults have gone through the same things that you are going through. And in most cases, their advice can help you to avoid many of the mistakes that they made.

The third consideration in decision making is to avoid sticking with a bad decision. Once again, there is some sound advice in the Bible. In Proverbs 27:12 it says, "The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and suffer for it."

Have you ever been invited to a party only to find that when you arrive, it's not the party that was described to you? There are no
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NEWS THAT AFFECTS YOU

Will Your Career Compute?

• It had to happen sooner or later. This year *Time* magazine's annual "Man of the Year" isn't a man. It's the computer.

Really it's not surprising. The computer is having a major impact on our world today — from government, to business, to the home. What effect will it have on you and your career possibilities?

Business experts say that computers will affect nearly every job field in the future. That is why almost 40 percent of American teenagers are planning a computer-oriented career, according to a 1981 Gallup poll.

High schools, junior high schools and even elementary schools now offer computer classes to anticipate the explosion.

Computer and related jobs are expected to rise to 2.14 million in the United States alone by 1990, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The number is already 1.16 million.

Not all computer related jobs are highly technical. Some artists in the printing field now use computers in their work. So do secretaries, office managers, policemen and telephone operators, just to mention a few.

If you are in high school, perhaps you should think about the education needed to work with computers. Most experts agree that a foundation in math is required. After you graduate from high school, some trade schools and junior colleges offer excellent



training.

Remember, people generally use computers to assist in other work, so don't disregard other subjects in school. The power of computers is to improve efficiency on various jobs, not replace them.

The technology is here. Thousands of teenagers already play computer video games. Soon these teens may be working with computers full time in the careers of the '80s. — *By George Hague* □

Record Industry Singing the Blues

• Have you walked by a rack of records in a store recently? Perhaps you feel your wallet pinching you as you look at the prices and see \$8.95, \$9.95 or even \$18.95 for a long-playing album. You might think, Boy, those record companies sure are making a lot of money!

In reality, though, the companies are not doing as well as they have in the past. The growth the record industry had enjoyed in the past 25 years peaked, and since 1979 there

has been a downward trend in record sales.

Yet music is still a huge industry. In the United States, about 147 million single records and 273 million LPs (long-playing albums) were shipped last year.

In fact, if you took all of the records sold last year and laid them side by side they would circle the earth about three times!

The value of records and tapes shipped to stores for sale within the United States topped \$3.6 billion in 1981. Even though that seems like a lot of money, the record industry is facing problems.

In an effort to cut some of its record prices by half, and thus stimulate increased sales, CBS Records announced that it is releasing eight one-sided singles. The company is hoping that people will be interested in the lower price in spite of getting only one song.

Recession and inflation, along with the decline in sales, are hitting the industry hard. However, some feel the biggest problem facing the record industry is home taping.

Estimates run as high as \$800 million lost because of home taping and counterfeits.

In an attempt to recover some of this loss, record companies would like to see a levy enforced on blank tapes. — *By Ron Toth* □

Kremlin to Cool Western Fads?

• Imagine what it would be like to be a teenager in the Soviet Union. Think of all the things from

Western society you'd have to give up... or would you?

Gorky Park in Moscow, the Soviet capital, is probably the last place in the world you'd expect to see punk rockers strolling down the sidewalks. But the influence of *Zapad* — Russian for the West (United States, Japan and Western Europe) — is easy to see in various fads that Soviet teens participate in.

In the Soviet Union, as in the West, fads include portable cassette players, Western records and tapes by groups such as the Rolling Stones (up to \$60 for an album), denim jeans (up to \$100 a pair), T-shirts with Western slogans on them, skateboards, wind-surfing boards and the biggest status symbol of all: Adidas athletic shoes.

Everywhere in large Soviet cities, especially Moscow, the sounds of discos fill the air with Western music available for their teen crowds. But while Soviet teens are raging with *Saturday Night Fever*, their parents and high ranking government officials may be planning to cool off these Western fads.

With the death of President Leonid Brezhnev, Soviets are uncertain about the direction that his successor, Yuri Andropov, will take on everything from arms reduction talks to just how much Western influence should be allowed in the Soviet Union.

The problem is that not many people really know what is on Mr. Andropov's mind. But if some of the comments made by other lower ranking Soviet officials are any sign, Soviet teens may have to turn in their skateboards for books on communist teachings.

What has concerned Soviet government officials and parents alike is the increase in crime and violence that has accompanied the growth of Western fads. One report told of a group of young people that beat an engineer to death merely for his Western denim jeans.

Incidents like this may soon make up the minds of government authorities to put a stop to the influence of *Zapad*. — *By Dan Taylor* □

CITY IN FOCUS: Moscow

No matter in what country a person might be living today, and regardless of his level of education, chances are excellent that he has at least heard of the cities of Moscow and Washington, D.C. These are the important capitals of the world's two superpowers, the Soviet Union and the United States.

Many of you reading this magazine are acquainted to some extent, through books or possibly by an actual visit, with America's capital and its many historic sites. But how many really know anything of Moscow?

Did you know, for example, that Russia's capital city is more than four times as old as America's? Or that it is the home of more than eight million people? Or that Moscow's name can be traced back to a grandson of the biblical Noah?

During the Middle Ages it was common knowledge that Moscow derived its name from Meshech (or Mosokh), the son of Noah's son Japheth. His descendants — the Moschi or Moschevi — migrated to the area of modern Russia and gave their name to the Moskva River, from which the city of Moscow (Moskva in Russian) took its name.

The settlement of Moscow is first mentioned in recorded history in A.D. 1147 — more than 800 years ago! Over the centuries the city grew in size and importance.

Following the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917 (which established communist rule in Russia), Moscow was made the Soviet capital. In World War II, the city was nearly captured by invading Nazi armies.

Today, Moscow is the capital of the largest nation in the world. (The

Soviet Union covers 2½ times the area of the United States!)

The heart of Moscow is the Kremlin. *Kremlin* is the Russian word for "citadel" or "fortress." The Kremlin is the seat of government of the Soviet Union and the dominant landmark of Moscow.

East of the Kremlin lies Red Square, for centuries the city's marketplace. Today it is the stage for the great military reviews of the Soviet regime. Its points of interest include the Lenin Mausoleum and the Cathedral of St. Basil. The Lenin Mausoleum contains the embalmed body of Vladimir Lenin, founder of the Soviet state. The 16th-century Cathedral of St. Basil, with its colorful, onion-shaped domes, was built by the infamous Ivan IV (the Terrible).

Moscow is the leading Soviet political, cultural, industrial and educational center. It boasts several great theaters, the foremost of which is the Bolshoi (Grand)



Theater, world renowned for its operas and ballets.

Muscovites have to endure a much harsher climate than their neighbors in Western Europe. Winters bring heavy snowfall and sub-zero temperatures. Other adversities suffered by Muscovites include crowded living conditions, long lines at food stores and periodic food shortages.

Why not take some time to learn more about this important capital? — *By Keith W. Stump* □

Letters

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persuasiveness. If I was to grade *Youth 82* it would be an A+.

Rosa Amaral
Philadelphia, Pa.

"Parents Are People Too"

I just received my October-November issue of the *Youth 82* magazine. I was looking through it and saw the "Parents Are People Too" article and I immediately began to read it. I'm really thankful for it and I know that it was God who inspired that article to be published in this edition. I really needed it, because now I really feel I can understand my parents better.

Melissa Loldell
Lakeland, Fla.

Didn't understand why

I am writing this letter because I enjoyed the October-November edition of *Youth 82*. The article about smoking made me think. Especially about the part where it said that if you laid every cigarette in the world together they would stretch 25 million miles long. That's amazing!

Also the article about parents was interesting. My mom gets up at 5 in the

When I read your article it opened up my mind.

Also, the article "Hey, Mr. Goliath, David Here." It showed me that when you have problems that seem 9-feet tall, together with God no problem is too big.

Ryan Jenkins
Chillicothe, Ohio

Lick any problem

I got my new *Youth 82* magazine yesterday. Although I didn't get every article read, I did read one article that impressed me very much! I read the article about David and Goliath [October-November]. Wow! After reading that, I feel like I can lick any problem that comes along, with God's help of course! That article proves that we can, with God's help, lick any problem, no matter how great!

I like the *Youth 82* magazine very much. Even if I am mother and grandmother I still go for *Youth 82*!

Mrs. David Decker
Bellefonte, Pa.

Advice from an ex-smoker

With regard to your article by Michael Snyder, on smoking, I wish to add some advice.

Most people smoke because they see others smoke; I say never do anything just because others do it. Think of the price you pay to be allowed to burn others folk's rubbish, using your mouth and lungs as an incinerator, and so ruin your body.

I was a smoker for 46 years but I have not smoked in 27 years. I found no enjoyment in smoking, as it is just a dirty habit.

You cannot master smoking until you can really say *no* to it. Do not start and you will not have the trouble of stopping. Hoping some will accept this advice.

Bertram Hodge
Cornwall, England

"... Your Greatest Challenge?"

I'd like to express the greatest of thanks for the articles, "What Is Your Greatest Challenge?" and "I Heard You Were Still Alive..."

I found these articles exceptionally good along with every other article in *Youth 82*.

Thank you Mr. Armstrong via God, for thinking of us teens.

Dean Powell
New Zealand

Exciting places and experiences

I really enjoy reading articles about exciting places and experiences and also

articles about putting our minds on right goals and how to overcome problems, etc.

As a matter of fact, an article titled, "I Heard You Were Still Alive..." in the October-November issue of *Youth 82*, made me think about writing to tell you, "You do a great job on publishing *Youth 82*." Thanks! It really helps me and inspires me to do better.

Zenda Ayers
East Bend, N.C.

Letter writing can be fun

This is a letter of appreciation regarding *Youth 82* — October-November.

This issue is one of your best yet! I appreciate all of your efforts.

The article that inspired me to write was by Norman Shoaf, titled "I Heard You Were Still Alive..." and the last paragraph said, if you want to get more practice letter writing, write to you. So here it is!

We all need to write to our friends and relatives more often. I think it's really great that we can communicate and fellowship via U.S. mail, putting our thoughts down on paper showing our love and concern for one another.

Letter writing can be fun because I'm enjoying writing to you.

I hope everyone who reads Mr. Shoaf's article will get busy with inspiration and clean the spider webs out of an old or new friend's mailbox by writing to them.

I will put more effort into my letter writing from now on.

Frank Abercrombie
Las Vegas, Nev.

Make their day

My name is Barbara Green and I am 13 years old. After receiving the October-November issue of *Youth 82*, I read the article about writing better letters and getting more practice. I really liked that issue. It helped me to write people I haven't written in years. The article stimulated me to write more letters and improve my skills in writing. I am going to write my friend from school that moved recently...

Barbara Green
Shreveport, La.

"Basic Horse Sense"

Thank you so much for the article in the *Youth 82* (September), "Basic Horse Sense." I think it is very interesting because I like animals very much, especially horses.

Behmen Sabina
Sarajevo, Yugoslavia



Youth 83 readers from Suva, Fiji, send greetings around the world. (Photo by Nathan Faulkner)

morning to go to work. When she comes home she is sometimes... tired. I didn't understand why until I read the article.

My dad is a teacher, and at school he is asked many questions all day. When he gets home, I ask questions also. He sometimes is tired and impatient with me.

CONGRATULATIONS! You're A Girl

Sugar 'n spice 'n everything nice — that's not a very scientific description of femininity. What are successful, poised girls really made of?

Whether in a basketball uniform or a beautiful flowing gown, hard at work or talking to friends — some girls seem to have a vibrant, friendly personality that tells the world, "It's fun being a girl!"

They don't believe those who proclaim passionately that girls got shortchanged in life. Those people need to take a second look. Being a girl who's truly feminine is a challenge, but it has fantastic benefits.

In the 1960s and '70s there was a great push to make both sexes look alike — from hair length to the same cut of blue jeans. This look didn't last and the pendulum is swinging back. Frilly lace, feminine ruffles and soft pastels are back.

Looking your best

As a girl, you have lots of options. Why not take advantage of all your natural God-given assets? Let's take an inventory.

Hair: You've been blessed with a crowning glory that can be grown to any length and styled in lots of different ways. Just thumb through some teen magazines. You're sure to find a section on the latest hairstyles.

Interestingly enough, most of the models you'll see have medium to longer hair. And it doesn't take a second look to determine that they are feminine. Aside from styles, just the look of healthy, clean hair, brushed to a satiny sheen, is a definite plus to any girl.

Skin: Due to your own special hormones, your skin has a softness and a delicate coloring provided by nature itself. With proper diet and good care, your skin fairly glows.

Clothing: Think of the variety of clothing you can have because you are a girl. Dresses with yards of flowing fabric and lace. Suits

for a more tailored look. Casual clothes. Skirts, blouses, sweaters — the list is endless.

Of course to make the most of your femininity you have to spend time learning what styles of clothing are becoming to the feminine shape God has given you. Learn to wear those styles in a modest and tasteful way. Your mom, your home economics teacher or perhaps a good friend can be a real help in determining what types of dress are appropriate for different occasions. Books and magazines can help you as well.

We've looked at the obvious — the physical appearance that sets you apart as a girl. How about what's inside? What kind of conduct and personality make a girl really feminine?

What's inside

In a recent poll conducted by a teen magazine, teenage boys were asked what 10 things they looked for in girls. A caring attitude topped the list. They liked girls who were interested in others. Physical attributes came about halfway down the list. To the guys, what's inside takes priority.

What makes up a caring attitude? It includes being sensi-

tive to others' moods, supporting, helping when others are facing problems and sharing their happiness when things are going well. Basically, a caring attitude means making others



feel important — letting them know you care.

Beside caring, being feminine means having qualities regarded as characteristic of women and girls: gentleness, delicacy and modesty.

Gentleness can mean many things: kind, serene, patient, not violent, harsh or rough. In
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Photos by Hal Finch

Everybody Loves a PARTY!

By Wilma Niekamp

Have you ever felt lonely, depressed or stuck in a rut? At some time or another, chances are most of us have felt like crawling off in a corner or sulking in self-pity. What to do?

Throw a party!

One of the best ways to pull yourself out of these moods of depression and loneliness is to do something nice for someone else. By giving a party, you not only give other people a

good time, but you do yourself a favor too.

Good parties don't just happen overnight. They take thought, planning and loving attention to details. This planning can be a major part of the fun.

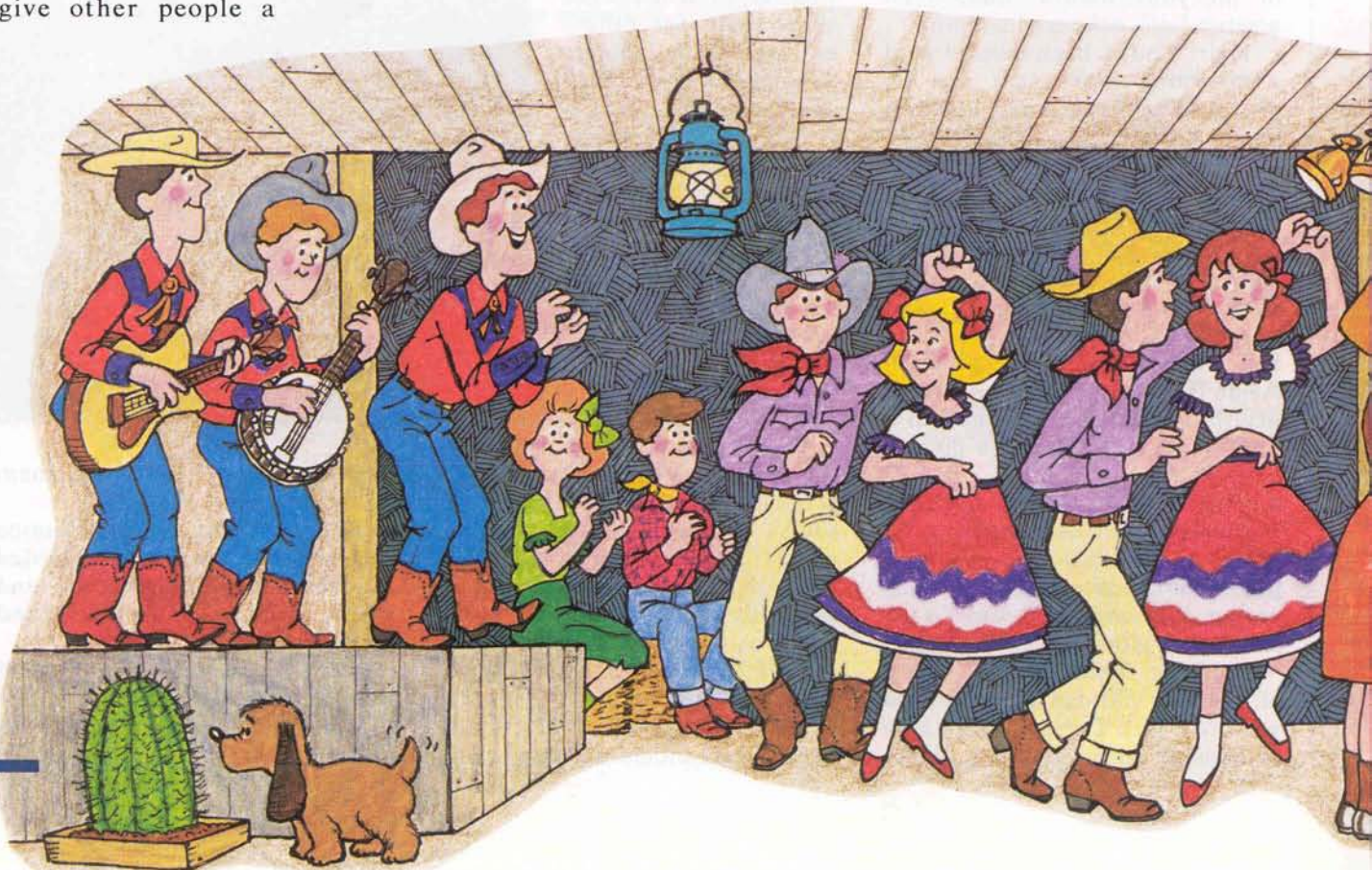
Organizing a party includes decisions on what kind of party to have, when to have it, your guest list, what kind of food and refreshments to serve and what activities to include.

Perhaps you have a specific occasion to celebrate such as a

graduation, bidding a friend farewell or your parents' anniversary. But even if you don't have a specific reason, throwing a party can be just a good excuse to get a group of good friends together.

Picking a theme

Whatever the reason, use your imagination and pick an exciting theme to build the decorations, food and invitations around. Pick a theme that suits you, your friends and involves one of your favorite interests.



For example, if your group enjoys country and western, a barn dance or a party with a western theme might be fun for them. Even if a real barn isn't at your disposal, a basement, garage or living room could serve just as well with the proper decorations.

As you discuss your ideas with your parents, they can help you translate the ideas into a practical, workable plan. Always remember to have the necessary approval before you start moving furniture out and bales of straw in!

Themes such as this can be carried out to the hilt if your guests come in costume. Decorate with lanterns, wagon wheels, cactus and red-checkered tablecloths. Play games such as horseshoes, have a western dance competition and break out a guitar for a sing-along like the cowboys used to do. The point is — be creative!

By using your creativity, a party can be built around almost any kind of theme. Here are some more ideas: Mexican party (or any other international theme), summer outdoor barbecue, back-to-school party, a fireside party after sledding or ice-skating, card party, an ice cream sundae party where everyone makes his own, a picnic after

riding bikes, a party to celebrate a winning season in some sport.

Invitations

After deciding what the theme of your party will be and the date, make up a guest list. The number of people you invite will vary according to the activity and will depend to a large extent how big the party facility is. Don't try to crowd too many people into your home if everyone will be standing shoulder to shoulder or stepping on each other's toes.

When you decide whom to invite, try to make sure the group is compatible, especially if it is a small gathering.

As soon as these plans are concrete, get to work on the invitations. A word-of-mouth invitation one week before the party is nice, but written invitations are even nicer. That way, you can set the mood for the party by carrying out the theme in the invitation. These can be found in any stationery store in prepackaged boxes ready to address and mail. Why stifle your creativity, however, when you can make your own?

Whatever method you choose, be sure to include these important facts on the invitation: who is giving the party, address and telephone number, what kind of party is planned and what to wear, when it will be (time and date) and how long it will last.

Invitations should be sent out two weeks ahead of time so it won't be a surprise party for your guests.

Refreshments

Now come the really important decisions!

It might not be correct to say that a party centers around food, but where do you often find the biggest crowd at a party? Why, around the refreshment table!

If your budget is limited, don't worry. A

gourmet meal laid out on a mile-long buffet table isn't really necessary when you're with good friends and have exciting activities to keep the party rolling along.

Popcorn, for example, is rather inexpensive, but it feeds a big crowd and there are quite a few ways to make it — nacho corn, caramel corn, cheese corn, candy corn. Spaghetti and chili are also popular ways to keep a big crowd content.

Your party snacks are more than just food. They should be pleasing to the eye as well as the taste buds. Try to choose foods that will complement your theme as much as possible, and whatever you have, have lots of it on hand.

Party activities

Whatever type of party you decide to have, remember your guests are the main reason for the party. Everything must be done with them in mind first and foremost. This includes everything discussed so far, plus entertaining them. Have definite plans in mind for the evening and the direction you want the party to go. Your guests will recognize and appreciate your efforts to show them a good time.

Have games planned to tie in with the theme. It might be nice to start off the evening by having a mixer game to break the ice. Go for variety by mixing livelier games with quieter ones.

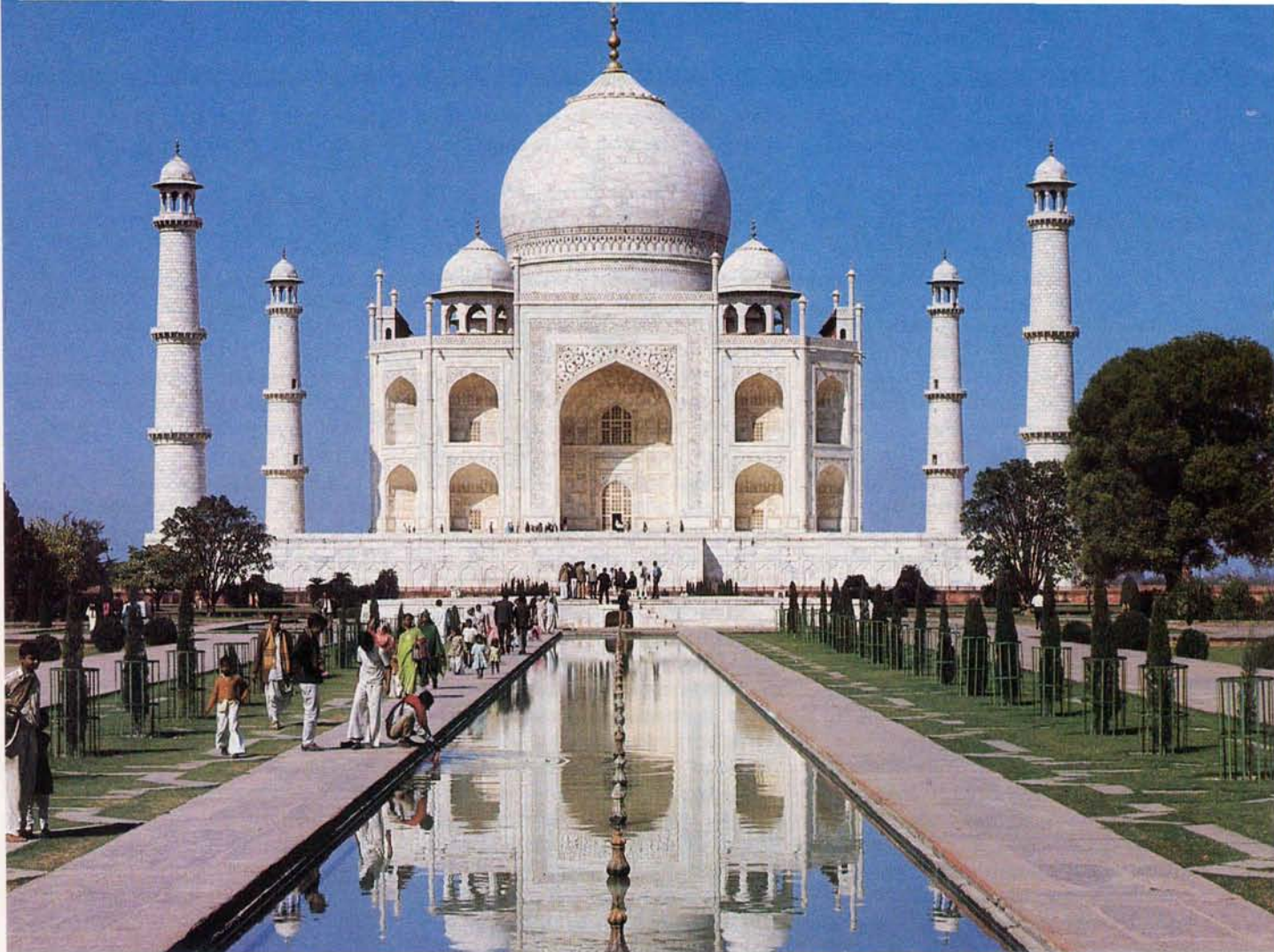
If you prefer not to have games, plan some sort of entertainment instead. This could center around movies or impromptu performances by party guests.

Finally, relax and enjoy your company. Be yourself and show your own warmth and enthusiasm for the occasion from the moment your guests walk in the door until they say their good-byes.

Don't spend all your time worrying about something that might not have gone just the way you expected.

You don't have to worry, remember? You planned ahead. □





What's It Like to Be a Teen in INDIA?

By Daniel Zachariah

India — it's probably not exactly the way you picture it.

When India is mentioned, do scenes of poverty, overpopulation, ignorance, malnourishment and misery come to mind?

If that is the only picture you have of India — then you are wrong! There are other aspects of

this country that will probably even shock you!

For instance, did you know that once the richest man in the world was an Indian? That a rich family in India lives as well as its counterpart in the West? That some of the most beautiful areas in the world are in Kashmir, in the northern part of the Indian subcontinent?

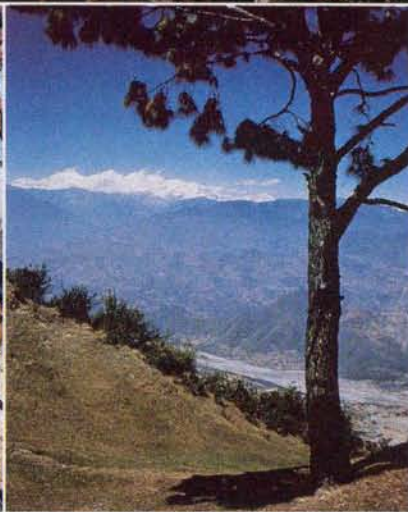
One of the primary things this

country could boast is contrast. Its diversity is reflected in its numerous races, languages and religions; differing dress, manners, way of life and thought; education and illiteracy; poverty and wealth. Its people range from the primitive to the most sophisticated.

Also known as Bharat, India ranks as the second most populous country in the world, while it is



Far left: The Taj Mahal at Agra is considered one of the world's most graceful buildings. Immediate left: Bombay, India's largest city. Below, right: high in the Himalaya Mountains on India's northern border. Bottom: Old and new roll side by side through the streets of Hyderabad. (Photo below, right, from the collection of King Leopold. All others, *Youth 83* photos.)



seventh largest in land area, with about one third the area of the United States. The northern part of the country is bounded by the Himalayas — the highest mountain system of the world. This extends over about 1,500 miles. India also has the world's largest area under snow and glaciers except, of course, for the polar region.

If you want to know the literal meaning of the word *Babel*, India could give you a clamorous demonstration! There are around 225 main languages and dialects in this country, including some Austroasiatic languages that have no written alphabet. But the Indian government recognizes only 15 national languages, Hindi being the most prominent.

English, which was introduced by the British in the 18th and 19th centuries, began to be widely spoken in the urban areas

and today is retained as an additional official language.

To continue with the distinctions, India has a sophisticated industrial base and is placed among the top 10 industrialized nations of the world. The Indian railway system is the fourth largest railway network in the world, ranking only after the United States, Soviet Union and Canada. It is also among the few nations that have joined the space race and nuclear club.

Considering all this, you might now wonder why India is still among the 10 poorest nations in the world. The answer to that is our population problem. We grow at the rate of one Australia every year and all our growth and in-

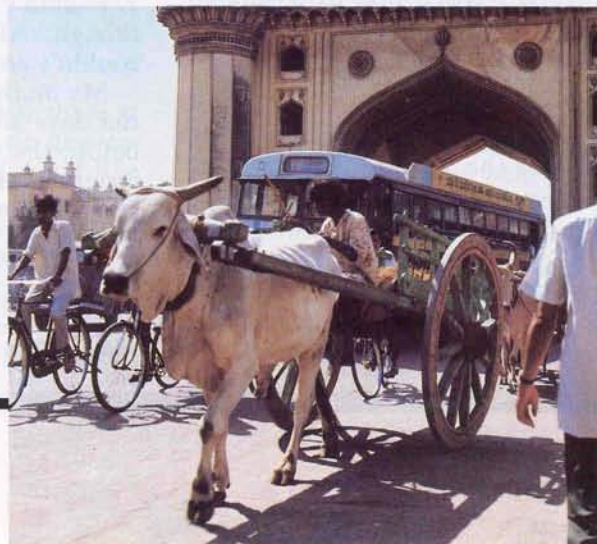
crease in wealth is neutralized by this increasing mass of people. This makes the average Indian not much better off.

Another paradox in this country is that the rich are very rich and the poor are very poor. By the way, if you are still wondering who that rich man was (mentioned earlier in the article), it was the Nizam of Hyderabad who, it is said, had enough precious stones to fill a swimming pool!

India is the birthplace of many religions. Hinduism accounts for 80 percent of the population today. Buddhism also started in India, but now it is far more important in other Asian countries than it is in its homeland.

People are extremely superstitious too. In the rural areas, some do not wear footwear because they consider the ground to be sacred and dread to walk on it with shoes or slippers. People also resist change and, worse still, they even refuse to believe in change. For instance, when I told my grandmother that man had walked on the moon, she promptly replied with an annoyed look on her wrinkled face, "Don't you go and believe such lies — they only want to fool you."

Our marriage ceremonies are
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YOU DID IT, DAD- WHY CAN'T I?

By John Halford

There was a beautiful beach next to our small seaside town, but we were not allowed to visit it.

You see, my family lived on the southeast coast of England and it was during World War II. All the beaches in that part of England had been put off limits.

Just a few miles across the English Channel lay Nazi-occupied France. The Nazis had also tried to invade England. When

their attempt failed, Britain and America prepared to launch an invasion against the Nazis, from the beach near my home.

I didn't know all this then, though. All I knew was that I couldn't go to the beach.

My mother would tell me about the days she spent on the beach before the war. There were band concerts and donkey rides and puppet shows and ice cream. But best of all, you could play in the sand and swim in the sea. It sounded like fun.

Then the war ended. Now, at last we could go to the beach!

Oh, no, we couldn't! My dad and mom wouldn't let my brother and me go down there.

It's not fair, I'd think. My parents used to do it. Why can't I?

But what I did not know was that the beach that they had once visited was now a very different place. The sand was still there, and so were the white cliffs and the ocean. But there was a danger there now. Beneath the inviting golden sands and sparkling blue sea were several tons of unexploded bombs and ammunition, left over from the war.

Other kids were allowed to go

and play, and some of them were killed or seriously hurt when they stepped on a buried land mine. One fellow found some bullets and brought them to school. Our teacher was horrified. She called the army to take them away.

The bullets had come from the machine gun of a German aircraft that had been shot down, and they were still live. They had been designed to shoot down large aircraft — just think what they would have done if they had gone off in our classroom!

So although our beach looked much the same as it did before the war, it had suddenly become a deadly, dangerous place.

Not so clear-cut

Of course there were other times that my parents wouldn't let me do things, even things that they had done when they were young. I'm sure you've experienced this too. Your parents say that it isn't safe to hitchhike or walk alone at night — things that you know they did themselves. They survived — it couldn't be as dangerous as they say!

Why are parents so unreasonable sometimes? Why do they worry so much about your doing the same kind of things that they used to do?

One reason, of course, might be that they've seen the mistakes they made (and how much they hurt) and so they don't want you to suffer too. But there is another reason.

After the war, the same beach that my mother used to visit became a place where you could get yourself killed or maimed for life. It may be hard to realize, but it's the same with the world of today, compared with the world of even just a generation ago. Let me explain.

About 25 years ago people like your mother and father were seeing how many people they could crowd into a phone booth and listening to early rock and roll. And the older people would shake their heads and mumble that they

"didn't know what the world was coming to." People have always been saying things like that. But it isn't quite the same now. We do know what the world is coming to.

It isn't just clothing styles, fads and music that have changed. The hidden dangers have increased. Hitchhiking and walking down the street alone can have very dangerous consequences today — mugging, rape, murder. The crime rate is much higher than it was even when your parents were teens. And today you hear about these things happening even to careful people.

Why are parents so unreasonable sometimes? Why do they worry so much about your doing the same kind of things that they used to do?

Readers of this magazine are in a unique position. You live in what will probably be the last generation to be brought up in the world as we know it now. Many people, with many different points of view, religious or otherwise, are beginning to realize this. Things are happening on this earth that have never happened before.

Why more dangers?

The Bible reveals that there is a Satan who hates your generation with a passion. (If you'd like to understand more about this subject, send for our free booklet, *Did God Create a Devil?*) The Bible calls Satan the "god of this world," because he influences the way people behave in this world.

Satan is like those land mines buried on the beach. He sets up traps for you that you can't always see. Satan knows that he can influence minds to think his evil way. He has been doing it successfully since Adam and Eve. But in your case, he doesn't have even a normal lifetime to influence you. He knows he only has a few years left before his world comes crashing down and God brings on a beautiful, peaceful world.

That is what makes the scene today so terribly dangerous, even though in some ways it might look much the same as any other. But, the truth is that there has never been a time that was so dangerous for young people to grow up in.

On the other hand, there has never been a time with more opportunities. We are at the end of an age and near the beginning of a wonderful new age that we call the world tomorrow. (If you haven't already seen proof of this, send for our free booklet, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*.) If you have parents who understand that, they desperately want you to share those opportunities. So does God!

Satan won't be around in the world tomorrow. He doesn't want you to be either. He knows that God wants to use you as a leader, so he tries to get you to wreck your health, and even worse, wreck your mind.

So why do your parents keep you from doing things — even things they did when they were young? Probably the best way to find out is to sit down and discuss it with them: how things have changed since they were young, lessons they have learned the hard way, what they want for you in life. One by-product of such a discussion is that it can help your parents and you to understand each other better.

Remember, someday soon you'll be given opportunities to do things your parents *never* had the chance to do! □

Imagine yourself only three-fourths-inch tall instead of 5 feet 6 inches (or five-eighths inch instead of 4 feet 6).

Or imagine everything else around you shrunk down to that small size while you are left as a giant to watch over it. Your one-story house would only be 2½ inches high!

In the world of model railroading, this is the size of an HO-gauge layout. HO-scale models of trains, trees, even people are 1/87 actual size. For example, you could couple 87 HO 50-foot boxcars end to end and they would stretch as long as one real 50-foot boxcar. It is a small world, but it can provide large amounts of fun.

Half the fun of model railroading is in building your own setting (called a layout) whether it is a city, small town or countryside; the other half of the fun is in running it.

Most modelers study actual train operations and try to run their trains as much like the prototype, or real, railroad as possible. For example, freight trains give priority to passenger trains, even on the model layout.

Does model railroading sound interesting? Let's look at some reasons you might want to explore this versatile and exciting hobby:

- No matter how little space you have available, you can at least start your layout. You can begin laying track in a dresser drawer, in an unused trundle bed, on drop-down shelving, on permanent shelves or on plywood sheets mounted on wheels that can slide under your bed (but do allow for proper clearance!).

If you don't have room for HO gauge, how about N gauge (1/160 actual size)? Someday when you have more room, you may want to build an even larger gauge layout, such as O, S or Standard.

- Money could be the biggest



All Aboard!

Tracking the Model Railroad Hobby

drawback to this hobby, but you can stretch your money by becoming a collector of discarded electrical items and scrap lumber and other materials. Look at the possibilities in pieces of cellophane (for windows), drinking straws (painted black for pipe), cloth scraps (for curtains or drapes), twigs or lichen (for trees or shrubs), kitty litter or bird gravel (for track ballast or gravel roads) and one-fourth inch clippings of jute twine or carpet scraps (for clumps of weeds). Use

a combination of imagination, plus some engineering. This "imagineering" can help you save money!

- You don't have to follow strict rules about how to do certain layout jobs. If being too exact keeps you from enjoying this hobby, then try a little creativity in order to keep it fun. Experiment and find the best methods for you. Start with easy kits or construction and develop your skills and patience. Later you may want to follow more exactly the



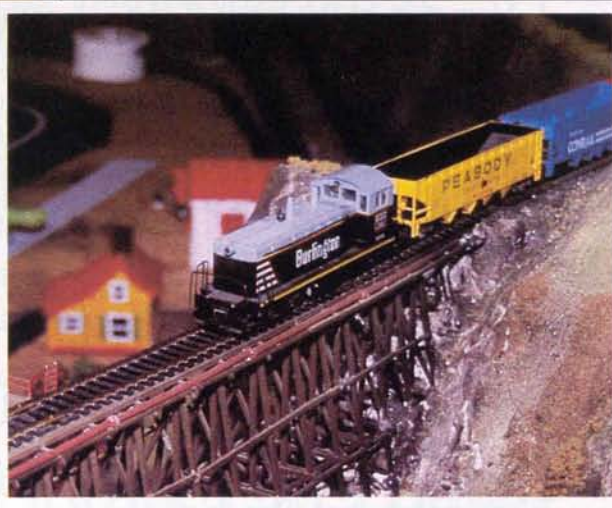
Hours of careful work have captured the details of a small American town. Not even the tiniest details are left out of this miniature world. From the stacks of wood at the Cameron Lumber Company to the vacationers buying gas at the Esso station, a model railroader plans, creates and controls every aspect of the world his trains roll through. (Photos by Lee Pettijohn, Alan Weaner and Gary Werings)



prototype train operations.

- No two layouts end up alike, even if you buy the same kits or have the same space available. As you weather your buildings, railroad cars and engines; as you plant trees, shrubs, grass and weeds; as you build roads, tunnels and bridges, and place people figures here and there, your own personality shows through. You can even choose the paint schemes and names to be used to make your pike a personal railroad line. Your layout reflects you. And as you mature or your interests change, your layout will reflect the changed you.

- You can even decide what era in history you want to represent. Do you want your railroad scene to look like the 1800s? Do you want to copy a railroad that excited you as a child? Or do the 2000s, a world tomorrow environment, appeal to you, where, instead of crowded cities and



slums, you lay out lush farms and gardens, schools and small towns?

- There's such a variety of jobs on your layout that you could never get tired of doing just one thing. You can paint, assemble, carve, wire, mold, saw, drill and learn to solder. You can make trees, roads, mountains, bridges, houses, industrial buildings, mines, granaries, depots, railway cars and engines — whatever you choose. In this hobby time can be more valuable than money, for

the more you build from scratch, the more money you save.

- Help is available through model railroad magazines and a large variety of books for this hobby. Ask your teen and adult friends about model railroading clubs in your area. You can also write to The Teen Association of Model Railroading (c/o Lone Eagle Payne, 1028 Whaley Rd., Rte. 4, New Carlisle, Ohio, 45344), saying you are just starting a layout and need help; they will respond.

- You can work alone or with others. If you do work with someone else you can learn the valuable lesson of cooperation as you strive toward a common goal. It can be an excellent family project as well, with each person responsible for specific tasks.

- You can start small and expand your railroad, starting with only one engine and a piece of track. As you develop your layout, if you want to change it or add on, it is usually easily done. Nothing has to be final, so you never get bored with a finished project.

Some people begin a layout when they are children, add to it and make changes as teens, and continue to enjoy and alter parts of it throughout their adult lives. Sometimes it becomes a family project that continues from one generation to the next as a fun tradition. And as your layout grows, so will your skills in mathematics, spelling, space concepts, electronics and other areas!

Well, what do you think? If this brief description has caught your interest, you'll want to check out some how-to books, look for model railroaders in your area and look into prices or try to locate some used equipment.

If you do decide to try model railroading as a hobby, welcome aboard! □

News & Reviews

Hit the Slopes

Perhaps you've envisioned yourself "shooshing" down the slopes kicking up a rooster tail, turning the gates of a downhill slalom or cutting through the moguls. But then maybe you thought: Oh, I'll never be able to go skiing. The slopes are too far away. It would be too hard for me to learn. And anyway, it's too expensive.

Wrong. None of the above has to be true. For a majority of you it is not too far. There are now ski resorts in all but four or five states in the United States. Canada and Europe also have many ski areas.

It is not too hard, either — anyone can learn to ski. And with proper planning, your group can make it affordable.

How much does it cost? This is probably your major obstacle — but let's

look at the expenses and how you can overcome them.

Here's a general idea of what you can plan to spend.

In order to cut costs, organize a group — this will allow you to

save noticeably. With special group discount rates you can plan to spend about \$7 a day for ski rental, \$17 a day for lift tickets and about \$15 a person a day for a place to sleep, cook and eat.

So, what do we have so far? About \$40 a day. If you are traveling a long way to the slopes, you will probably want to ski for three days to make the trip worthwhile, so the total now comes to around \$120.

Of course, that's not all. You'll surely want to eat. Here's where staying in a place with a kitchen helps. You can carefully plan as a group and bring groceries from home, preparing meals in your unit. Dad and Mom may let this count as part of the grocery allotment from home since you will not be there to eat. So your food costs can be minimal. Let's say, though, you will want to take about \$20 for some food, snacks and drinks. Now we are up to \$140.

Transportation is the next expense to consider. Once again careful planning will keep costs down. Fill every vehicle, share costs. Let's suppose you will contribute \$25 for gas. Now we have \$165.

It's best to also plan about \$20 for miscellaneous expenses and emergencies. This brings us to about \$185.

There is only one more expense — and that only for the first time skier: ski lessons. You really should take a lesson the first day. Some will want a second day of instruction, but a majority master the basic skills after only one day. By joining a group, a one-day lesson will cost about \$15.

You don't have to have fancy clothing to ski. It's possible to spend hundreds of dollars on ski outfits, but for the beginner an



old pair of blue jeans sprayed with waterproofing will do just fine.

There you have it. For about \$200 you can have one of the most enjoyable times of your life. Now, that might sound like a lot of money — and it is. But with group fund-raising activities and by saving your allowance or baby-sitting money, you can overcome this obstacle. Perhaps you can talk your parents and group leaders into helping you raise money — especially if you can get them to go along with you. See you on the slopes! —

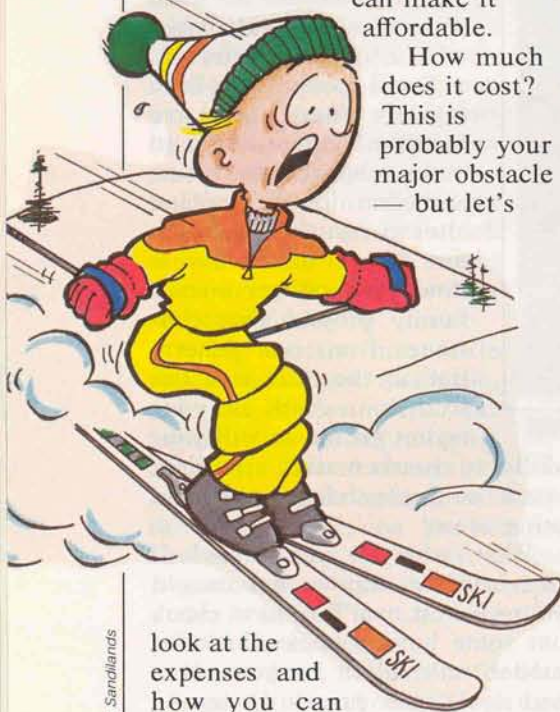
By Ronald Kelly □

Film Review: *Man From Snowy River*

Beautiful scenery, intense drama, incredible horsemanship — these phrases fitly describe the Australian film *The Man from Snowy River*.

Set in Australia's rugged bush and mountains in the 1880s, this spectacular movie is based on the legendary poem written by Andrew Barton ("Banjo") Paterson.

The plot centers around Jim



Illustrations by Greg Sandlands

Craig, an 18-year-old Australian who must prove himself a man after being orphaned by the death of his father. The young man is told by his neighbors that he must go down to the plains to secure a job and earn his right to become a mountain man.

Jim lands a job as a ranch hand on a large cattle station, where he is accepted by very few, least of all by his employer, Mr. Harrison. Mr. Harrison's impetuous daughter, Jessica, complicates matters for Jim. Jim and Jessica share a love for beautiful horses, which, after a rough beginning, helps develop their relationship. But this is not before events lead them down a rocky road of exciting adventures, near death for Jessica and exile for Jim. This leads to a rather heart-pounding conclusion.

The Man from Snowy River is especially for you if you are a horse lover. The riding scenes are the backbone of this movie, as the film involves 90 horses, including a stunning black stallion. The movie is relatively nonviolent with few bad words to worry about — a refreshing rarity in today's movie industry.
— By Wilma Niekamp □

Proverbs for Today: When the Going Gets Tough

"This is what we are out here for, so go to it."

Such was the simple answer Paul gave us whenever we tried to shirk our duty on a bitterly cold night.

You see, Paul was my newspaper route boss. It was a large route and during winter we experienced numerous hardships in getting those papers to our readers.

But the hardest part was the nights we had to go door to door and collect money. It did not get too cold to stop Paul from saying, "This is what we are out here for." So away we went in the snow. At times my hands were so cold, I could not reach into the bag to make change.

But I did learn some valuable lessons as a teen about hard work and responsibility, and I had the satisfaction of a regular, hard-earned income.

There is a proverb that always reminds me of those days whenever I read it: "The sluggard will not plow by reason

of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing" (Proverbs 20:4, Authorized Version).

We certainly "plowed" through lots of snow to meet our responsibilities on that route!

But some don't learn this lesson. They seem to come up with every excuse not to work or to carry out responsibility. And, as the proverb says, they pay penalties later on.

Some young people who have set a goal for themselves have found other things to distract them from working and saving toward it. They have excuses about why they have had to spend their time and money on other things.

How about you? Do you have some worthwhile goal such as college, or perhaps a specific career path?

"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold . . ." Don't find yourself left out through some similar excuse. — By Jim Roberts □

Make Your Clothes Last Longer

Clothes just don't last as long as they should. With the high clothing costs today, that can mean a large bite out of the money you'd rather spend on something else.

Here are some things we can do to make sure our clothes last as long as possible:

1. Don't overload the washing machine — clothes will not come out clean, fabrics will wear out faster.

2. Immediately after taking

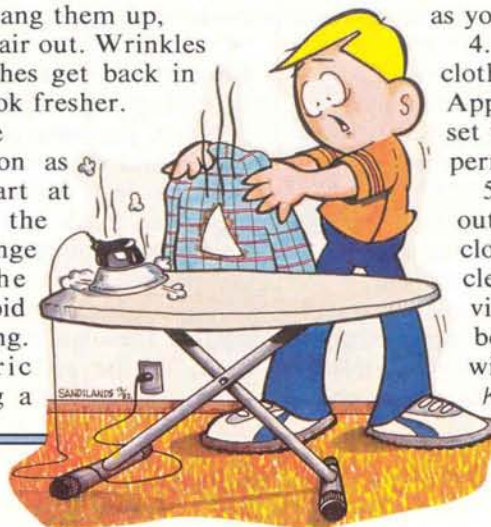
clothes off, hang them up, letting them air out. Wrinkles fall out, clothes get back in shape and look fresher.

3. Remove stains as soon as possible. Start at the edge of the spot and sponge toward the center to avoid forming a ring. Rub fabric gently, using a

cloth pad or paper towel underneath to absorb the stain as you work.

4. Don't press clothing that is soiled. Applying heat could set the stains permanently.

5. Store out-of-season clothing spotlessly clean — even barely visible stains can become noticeable with age. — Ronda Kelly □



Is God Fair?

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ways the "GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD." A Kingdom now, soon, to replace these crumbling governments on earth!

That Kingdom today is near at hand — *even at the doors!* (Luke 21:31).

Thank God, we are near the END of the six working days allotted to Satan's dominion. God's 1,000-year Sabbath day is just about to dawn!

There is a saying that it is darkest just before the dawn. Now we see on every hand the final fruitage of men's ways. Written in unerasable blood, in human misery, anguish and despair, is the 6,000-year record of EXPERIENCE!

Even now men will not heed this horrible lesson — not until they are FORCED to see it!

But, as Satan's sixth "working day" closes, God is about to step in and supernaturally to interfere!

The coming seventh millennium shall see Satan restrained. Christ will return to rule the earth with all the power of God. God's new order for the next thousand years will restore peace, happiness and joy.

Then men may look back over this present world and COMPARE! Never will God FORCE a single human being, against his own will, into salvation and eternal life.

But, with the 7,000-year record of EXPERIENCE set plainly before seeing eyes, do you think anyone will *want* to return to these ways we seem now to love? Not many, you may be sure of that! Yet some, even then, will rebel.

Finally the world shall acknowledge, of its own free volition, that God's ways are right. Christ, says the scripture, "learned obedience by the things which he suffered"! (Hebrews 5:8). Even He who never did wrong! "And *being MADE perfect*" — through experience — "he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him".

Someday we shall look upon God's plan with breathtaking admiration and awe! The suffering of this present time shall have faded completely from mind. The lessons of experience we shall have with us for eternity! Finally humanity shall accept God's ways of life, KNOWING that they are right ways. The happiness and joy we shall then experience cannot be conceived by our minds today! Through all eternity we shall worship and praise the Eternal God for His wisdom, His mercy, His LOVE!

Do you think anyone, then, will look back and say, "God isn't fair"? □

'Come On...'

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chaperons, some of the trouble-makers are there and the alcohol is flowing quite freely.

Don't be afraid to say, "No!" Sure, you said that you'd go to the party, but the one that was described to you, not the one that you are at. Don't let one bad decision lead to another.

Finally, Ecclesiastes 11:9 tells us the following: "Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Follow the ways of your heart and whatever your eyes see, but know that for all these things God will bring you to judgment."

Those are pretty strong words. Responsibility. Accountability. Your decisions are yours to make and yours to answer for.

Remember these guidelines the next time one of your friends says, "Come on, make up your mind." Remind yourself not to make a hasty decision. If you face a tough decision, get some advice from an adult. And if you see that you've made a bad decision, don't be afraid to back out of it. And finally, keep in mind that you are responsible for your decisions.

Think about it. Sleep on it. You can use these guidelines and avoid many of the pitfalls or you can simply take your chances. The decision, after all, is yours. □

You're A Girl

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general most girls have a natural inclination to be all of these things. With a little conscious effort, a girl can really excel in these areas.

Do words like *delicacy* and *modesty* sound old-fashioned? They shouldn't, because they have to do with confidence — something that is always needed. You see, both these attributes help one be successful in any situation. They have to do with doing things with just the right touch and in good taste. Modesty simply means "not extreme." A modest girl does not call undue attention to herself by wearing clothing too tight or too revealing, or by unseemly conduct or language.

Delicacy has to do with tact or consideration, not weakness as some would have you believe. Everyone appreciates those who are tactful and considerate, and especially young women who exemplify these qualities.

It's easy to see how being modest and delicate can see you through most situations — at school, on a job or in a social gathering — with a feeling of confidence. Knowing how to successfully relate to others and conduct yourself in a truly feminine way makes being a girl delightful.

If you really think about it, all these qualities that make up the multifaceted role of femininity require another ingredient: character. In the same teen poll mentioned earlier, the boys indicated they admired girls who would stand up for and be loyal to their convictions.

In order to be able to take such a stand, girls must first have an understanding of clear-cut goals they set for themselves in their feminine roles, and a determination to achieve those goals.

There's so much more to femininity than can be covered in one article. Why not put femininity on your list of goals and really set yourself to understand every sense of the word? □

Teen Bible Study

Who and What Is God?

Prepared by Richard A. Sedliacik

Imagine yourself suddenly whisked into the vast reaches of the universe. Stars and galaxies whiz by as you travel at mind-boggling speed through space and time.

Appearing suddenly before you is a dazzling throne with a vast sea of sparkling, shimmering crystal before it. A giant rainbow encircles the throne. Lightning bolts shoot from the throne accompanied by deafening claps of thunder.

Sitting on the throne is a being whose face radiates light as bright as the sun in full strength. His eyes are like flames of fire!

You're awestruck by the incredible sight before you! Terribly curious, you begin to deluge this great being with questions. Who is he? What is he? What is he really like? How long has he existed? What kind of powers and abilities does he have? What has he done and what is he doing today?

As he begins to answer your questions you realize that you have come into the presence of none other than the supreme Architect, Creator and Sustainer of the universe! The One who designed the great star systems and brought them into being, setting each star and planet in its exact place. You are speaking with Almighty God!

Perhaps you have wished that you could take such a thrilling journey. Though physically impossible, you can still learn the answers to the above questions by studying what God has revealed in His inspired written Word — the Holy Bible. So find your Bible, a pen or pencil and some paper. This is so you can read and write out the Bible verses that answer the questions asked in this study.

Now let's begin a most fascinating and eye-opening study. Let's learn *who* and *what* God is!

1. What does the very first chapter of the Bible reveal about God? Genesis 1:1, 26.

The original Hebrew word for God in verse 1 is *Elohim*. *Elohim* is a uniplural or collective noun, like the words *church*, *family* and *team*, all of which have more than one member. The

word *Elohim* in Genesis 1:1 tells us that God is a family! Notice how verse 26 bears this out: "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image . . .'"

2. Who are the members of the God Family? How many are there now? John 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 8:6. Was the "Word" mentioned in John 1 made flesh and did He live as a human being? John 1:14.

At the prehistoric time described in John 1:1 (before the material universe was created), there existed only two divine beings. One is God. And with God was another Being — the Word — who also is God. He is the One who was later miraculously begotten in the virgin Mary by God the Father and who became the human Jesus Christ, the Son of God. At the time described in John 1:1-3, the Word was not yet the Son of God and God was not yet His Father.

3. Have both members of the God Family always existed? Psalm 90:2, 102:25-27, 1 Timothy 1:17.

The Bible reveals that both members of the God Family are immortal. There has never been a time when they did not exist. It's impossible for us to understand how these two divine beings could have always existed, but neither can we really understand what electricity is. Yet we know electricity exists and is very real.

4. In whose image and likeness was man



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made? Genesis 1:26. Therefore do both members of the God Family have the form and shape of a human being? Same verse.

5. Even though God looks like a man, what is He composed of? John 4:24. Is He therefore invisible to human eyes? Colossians 1:15, 1 Timothy 1:17.

6. Are the Father's and Christ's appearances described as glorious? John 17:5. How did John describe Christ's dazzling appearance that was revealed to him in a vision? Revelation 1:13-18. Are the universe-ruling headquarters in heaven also spectacular? Revelation 4:2-6.

Both God the Father and Christ the Son have faces (though shaped like human faces) that radiate light as bright as the sun in full strength! Their eyes are like flames of fire, their feet like burnished brass and their hair as white as snow.

7. Did the God Family create all things? Ephesians 3:9, Colossians 1:15-17, Genesis 1:1, John 1:3. How was the universe and everything that exists created? Psalm 33:6-9, 104:30, Hebrews 11:3.

God the Father and Christ work together as a team. They thought out, planned and designed the entire universe. Then by the incredible power of their Spirit it was all brought into existence.

8. Thinking about God's marvelous creation, what did the prophet Isaiah say about the awesome power and majesty of God? Read and summarize Isaiah 40:12-26. But just how great and powerful is the Almighty God? Are there any limitations to what God can do? Matthew 19:26.

9. Some astronomers estimate there are more than 40 sextillion stars in the universe. Does God call them all by name? Psalm 147:4-5, Isaiah 40:26. Does He even know the number of hairs on our heads? Matthew 10:30. Is God aware of all that happens on earth? II Chronicles 16:9, Job 34:21-25. Can anyone hide his thoughts from God? I Chronicles 28:9.

God's abilities and understanding are infinite. As the Creator of the universe, He knows its deepest secrets, unfathomable to man. He created and upholds the forces that bind atomic nuclei and run gigantic stars, and the laws that sustain incredibly huge galaxies. And He can even be aware of small details about each of us such as the number of hairs on our heads!

10. Is the God Family able to travel through space at incredible speed? Compare John 20:17, 19-20 with Matthew 28:8-9.

Notice that Christ traveled to the Father in heaven and returned to earth on the same day!

11. Does God ever become tired so that He needs to rest? Isaiah 40:28.

12. Does God have perfect character? Matthew 5:48. How does the Bible basically define the nature and character of God? I John 4:16. What is the love of God? I John 5:3. Is this why Jesus summed up the Ten Commandments the way He did? Matthew 22:36-40. Will God's character ever change? Malachi 3:6, Hebrews 13:8.

The character of both God the Father and Jesus Christ is perfect, holy and righteous. Their character can be summed up in the one word *love*. God's law is a reflection of God's character. It is the way of love — the way of giving, serving, helping — of outgoing concern for others. God has an outgoing concern for all of humanity!

13. Is it God's plan to increase the size of His Family by bringing more members into it? Hebrews 2:8-10, Revelation 21:7. Is Jesus Christ the firstborn of many children of God? Romans 8:29. Will they, like Christ, one day be given the same great power and glory of God? Romans 8:17-18, Colossians 3:4. When will this occur? I Thessalonians 4:16-17, I Corinthians 15:50-53.

The awesome potential of all human beings — past, present and future — is that of becoming, through a change of composition by a resurrection, the literal children of God — spirit members of His own divine Family!

14. Does God plan to eventually create new heavens and a new earth? Hebrews 1:10-12, Revelation 21:1-5. Did Isaiah clearly indicate that the government of God will expand not only on the earth, but also to other parts of our galaxy and throughout the universe? Isaiah 9:6-7.

God promises that there will be no end to the increase of His government! Those who are striving to follow God's way and develop His character with the help of His Holy Spirit will one day be born into His divine, ruling Family! They will then be like God — with eternal, indestructible spirit bodies radiating power and glory, shining as the stars forever! (Daniel 12:2-3). □

Dear Youth 83,



Practical Bible-based answers to the problems of growing up.

Q. My teenage brother and I fight all of the time, or at least it seems like all of the time. Most of our arguments are just minor spats, but occasionally we both get very upset. How can I get my brother to treat me better?

A. Most of the time the way to get people, even a brother or sister, to treat us better is to treat them better. Generally people tend to treat us the way we treat them. Often we treat our closest relatives badly, and they treat us badly, because we know them so well that we relax and don't make a real effort to be polite.

More specifically, many brother-sister spats are caused by one person being overly selfish by wanting his way no matter how it affects the other. The other senses this selfishness and responds the same way.

Some who see this tendency for selfishness in themselves and others will truly try to be kind but get discouraged when it doesn't change the other person right away. But be patient and realize that kindness takes time to work. And even if it doesn't seem to work at all, being kind is still the best way to live, and will bring you the most peace and happiness in the long run.

Q. I am 17 years old and consider myself to be fairly pretty and smart and fun to be with. But no guys show any real interest in me except for the occasional date. All my friends have boyfriends and I feel left out. How can I attract a boyfriend?

A. You're not alone. You would

be amazed at the number of letters we get from people asking how to interest the opposite sex in themselves. *Youth 83* is not a handbook for romance, but romance is a part of life. And one goal of *Youth 83* is to show a better way to live all aspects of life. So here are a few suggestions.

First, realize that the best way to approach dating is not to latch onto a steady boy or girl friend early in one's dating career. Rather it is best to date widely to meet all types of people.

Next, realize that the most important thing for a young person is to use these years to develop emotionally, intellectually and academically into the very best person he can be. By doing this, you will grow into the type of person who can attract a fine husband or wife at the right time.

This is the key to attracting people to you now too. That is, you should attract them by improving your looks, your dress and your personality so that you don't catch them, they catch you!

Finally, don't become too upset if your social life has its ups and downs. Every teen faces this (if our mail is any indicator). It is a part of growing up and, although frustrating at times, it makes for interesting and challenging teen years.

Q. I read a lot of newsmagazines and watch the evening news on TV all the time. I get depressed by all the crime and war and am afraid that this earth will blow up before I'm

old enough to enjoy life a bit. Isn't there any hope for us teenagers in this crazy world?

A. Yes, there is plenty of hope for a person like you who is sobered by the problems around us and is willing to personally do something about it.

Of course, you individually cannot stop world crime, end the arms race or feed the starving. But you can turn your life toward a positive direction. And if you do, then you can be a part of the plan that God will soon use to refresh and renew this earth.

That better way is taught in the pages of this magazine and in your Bible. If you go this way you can have an incredibly positive and meaningful life even in today's troubled world. For more information, you can send for a free copy of our booklet, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*. □

We welcome your questions and will excerpt as many as possible. Sorry we can't answer them all. Answers are prepared by Bernard W. Schnippert, a minister of the Worldwide Church of God. Address your questions to "Dear Youth 83," 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129



Music in the Air...

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ken, written *and sung* — will be purified (Zephaniah 3:9).

Depressing, immoral songs reflecting a decadent society will not be sung then. Joyful songs will be heard celebrating God's creation, happy marriages, clean boy-girl relations and everything good and worthwhile in life.

Singing will be so much a part of the harmonious and peaceful world tomorrow that the Bible paints the picture of the deserts and waste places (Isaiah 35:2), the mountains and hills (55:12), and the heavens also (44:23) breaking forth with songs of gladness.

"And the ransomed of the Lord shall . . . come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy" (Isaiah 35:10). □



Music's Magical Powers

By Donald L. Ward

Toes tap, hands clap and bodies sway as the music plays. For some reason the rhythm of the music causes you to move with the beat.

At the same time your heart rate and breathing quicken. Sadness turns to joy. Heavy feet become light. A new surge of energy floods your body. It's great to be alive.

All of these changes can and do take place while listening to music, without the listener having to think about it. Music can lift your spirits and energize your body.

Why do bands play march music at sporting events? If you have ever played or coached, you probably realize march music arouses powerful emotions that strengthen the players' courage and resolve.

You may have experienced something similar when your national anthem is played. Chills run up and down your spine. All of a sudden you are filled with emotion and you experience a

sense of loyalty. The music has stirred up these emotions.

The effect of music on the mind and body has been recognized for thousands of years. The Greek philosopher, Plato, wrote his book, *The Republic*, more than 2,000 years ago. The book describes how Utopia (the ideal society) should be governed. Plato feared music would spoil Utopia and the citizens "would be tempted and corrupted by weak and voluptuous airs (music) and led to indulge in demoralizing emotions."

Dr. Howard Hanson, director of the Eastman School of Music, graphically described the power of music on the mind and body: "Music is a curiously subtle art with innumerable varying emotional connotations. It is made up of many ingredients and, according to the proportions of these components, it can be soothing or invigorating, ennobling or vulgarizing, philosophical or orgiastic. It has powers for evil as well as for good."

A story in the Bible illustrates the effect of music on mind and spirit. King Saul of Israel was

troubled by an evil spirit. One of Saul's servants told him about David, who was a skillful player on the harp. David was summoned and when he played the harp, King Saul was refreshed and the evil spirit left him (1 Samuel 16:14-23).

Some ancient religions used music to arouse emotion and lower inhibitions. Sexual orgies were often a part of their ceremony.

Primitive societies also used music to work their warriors into an emotional frenzy while preparing for war.

Recent studies also point to the powers of music. Patricia Schiller, a psychologist and director of the American Association of Sex Education and Counselors, measured the erotic effect of music on girls (ages 12 to 20). Dr. Schiller states a number of the girls said that the insistent beat and the "suggestive lyrics" of some songs excited them sexually. Older girls were more able to control their feelings.

John Diamond, M.D., has spent 25 years researching the effects that music has on the human body. He feels that harmful sounds, such as a stopped anapestic beat found in many rock records, weaken muscles. Apparently this beat is counter to the body's normal rhythm.

Dr. Diamond also claims that some rock music can cause cerebral switching. The two hemispheres of the brain can be switched, throwing the body into a state of alarm and mimicking



Whether the opera of Luciano Pavarotti, the tight harmonies of Crosby, Stills and Nash or the intricate melodies of Julian Bream, the world of music offers incredible variety. (Photos by Warren Watson, Michael Snyder and Christian Steiner)

the symptoms of stress and anxiety. He also feels it can cause perceptual changes that can result in decreased ability to make logical decisions, and that it often leads to restlessness, hyperactivity, decreased work output and increased errors.

Former rock artist Bob Larsen agrees with Dr. Diamond's finding. In Mr. Larsen's book, *The Day the Music Died*, he states: "Syncopated rhythms evoked the most sensuous response from the human body, particularly when they are electronically accentuated. Many of the vital processes of life are based upon rhythm. The vascular, respiratory and autonomic nervous systems all use it to perform their functions. We are rhythmic beings and therefore have an inherent affinity for certain rhythms."

What do all these factors mean for you? Since music is one of the most powerful instruments for good or evil that the world has ever known, your choices can make a big difference. Be cautious and ask yourself some questions before allowing yourself to be swept away by any kind of music:

Is it constructive, uplifting and comfortable to mind and body? Or does it have negative effects, leading you in directions you don't want to go?

It can be a lot of fun discovering the many types of good music. Future articles will point out ways you can expand your musical horizons and enjoyment. Why not make some musical discoveries? □

Impressions

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title of his new live album (complete with a hideous cover) comes as no surprise: *Speak of the Devil*.

What inspired Ozzy Osbourne, plus dozens of immensely popular heavy-metal bands, to embrace such devilish motifs? What prompted Angus Young of AC/DC to pose on the cover of the band's *Highway to Hell* album adorned in a pointed tail and "devil's" horns?

Why did the Rolling Stones write songs such as "Sympathy for the Devil"? Why do bands select group names such as Judas Priest, Lucifer's Friend and Black Sabbath?

Well, why not?

What could serve as a more appropriate symbol for wild and reckless teenage rock than history's No. 1 bad-boy?

Members of AC/DC, for example, shrug off their antics, dismissing them as nothing more harmful than a good-natured parody of rambunctious youthful tendencies.

Not everyone agrees. Even after years of staunchly defending rock's right to stretch satire and parody to artistic extremes, no longer do I feel comfortable endorsing the entire body of rock and roll. The Christian-minded person, I have come to

believe, needs to realize that if Satan is "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), that also includes AM and FM.

No one is suggesting that every person who picks up an electric guitar is immediately aligned with the devil. Yet hard-core heavy-metal rock and various punk outfits wallow in such negative, gory, amoral themes that the music teeters on or past the brink of pornography.

To those who believe the Bible, it is no secret that Satan, when he first existed in the form of Lucifer, was granted remarkable skills, including music (Ezekiel 28:13). Thus Satan no doubt knows a thing or two about rock and roll and other types of music.

But don't misunderstand. The Bible does not forbid up-tempo music. When David brought the Ark of God to Jerusalem, he "danced before the Lord with all his might," amid shouting and "the sound of the trumpet" (II Samuel 6:14-15).

There's good and bad in music, and though it can be tough, you must discern the difference. Don't let yourself be caught in the whirlpool. Come up for a breath of fresh air. □

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Your Manners

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jokes. Their comments brought laughter and smiles, while similar comments from the other girls were virtually ignored. Not once did George and John talk to Jill during the course of the evening.

As the evening drew to a close the guests thanked their hosts and headed home. George, John and Jill climbed into the truck and left. They dropped her off at the curb and pulled away. As they left, Jill thought, Boy, whatever happened to gentlemen and good manners?

Familiar mistakes

Most mistakes made that evening were obvious — familiar mistakes many guys have made. Let's look at some of them.

George and John should have planned to finish setting up for the picnic in time to properly bathe and put on clean clothes. They should have washed the truck too.

They shouldn't have honked the horn when picking Jill up. When you pick up a girl, be sure to go to the door to ask for her. Be prepared for a pleasant conversation. Think ahead for things to say. Let her parents know when their daughter will be home.

Jill was overdressed. It was obvious that she expected a nice dinner in the Smiths' home. The boys should have told her it was to be an outdoor picnic and the dress was casual. When planning an event let everyone know what to wear. The boys' dress was far too casual. Being casual is fine; being slovenly is not.

By the way, being late is rude. It lets the other person know that he or she really doesn't count in your book. Strive to always be on time. If you are running late, phone ahead and let the person know.

Whenever a group gets together two or three people tend to dominate the conversation. For boys, it's usually the class-clown type. For the girls it's almost

certain to be the most attractive. It shouldn't be this way.

Learn to draw everyone into the conversation. You might be surprised what you can learn from some of the quieter members of the group.

Of course, sometimes boys get rebuffed when trying to be courteous to girls. Girls should let boys treat them with respect by opening doors for them and pulling out their chairs, but not all do.

This reminds me of a statement I overheard when a man was opening a door for a young woman. She said, "You don't have to hold the door for me just because I'm a woman." The man commented, "I'm not holding the door open for you because you're a woman. I'm holding it open because I'm a gentleman."

When the boys took Jill home they should have walked her to the door. In many areas it is not safe for girls to be out alone, especially at night. The extra effort to show courtesy would have been appreciated.

Learning to treat girls properly is a lifetime process and it's fun. You'll make mistakes, but be determined to learn from them.

It takes time for boys to learn to be gentlemen. (Be patient, girls!) Manners don't seem to be important in today's world, so some of us have no examples to follow.

It's never too late (or early) to start. A 20-year-old receptionist in the Editorial Services office was impressed one chilly day when a 14-year-old boy stopped to offer her his jacket.

Group dating offers a good way to get to know a large number of members of the opposite sex and learn the rules and etiquette of dating. Pairing off and going steady can rob you of the chance to broaden your horizons and round out your personality.

However old or young you are, strive to treat girls with respect and learn the proper rules and etiquette. It will pay off as you get older and begin to go out on dates alone. Girls of all ages love to be treated specially. □

INDIA?

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interesting. They usually last for about a week and the whole town is involved. Many charter buses and trains to get as many people as possible to the site.

One negative aspect of our marriage customs is the practice of giving a dowry. Some of the women remain unmarried only because their parents cannot afford to give a dowry — while others make fortunes from it.

Our dress is another interesting feature. Among the many different styles of dress, the *sari* is still the most common for the women and the *dhobi* for the men. The *dhobi* is a piece of cloth that is tied at the waist and extends down to the ankles. Men who wear it say it is comfortable but they don't forget to warn you to watch it when there is a strong breeze!

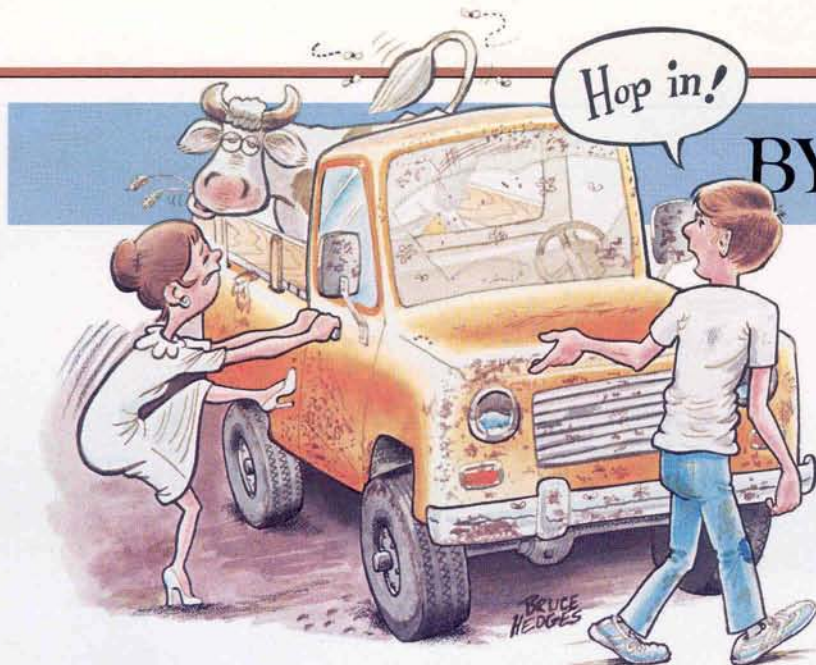
Now what do you think it is like to be a teen in India? It is interesting and fascinating, challenging and arduous, depressing and discouraging. Life in India is not easy. Ridiculous competition exists in almost all walks of life.

Even if one is adequately qualified, there is no guarantee of being preferred for a good job. There are cases of people with a master's degree being grateful to be selected as stewards in restaurants. There are professional doctors who even earn less than what taxi drivers do.

Education is not easy. For instance, to qualify for the Indian Administrative examination in 1981, there were 80,000 applications for just 775 vacancies — another instance of our population problem in action.

There are two congregations of the Worldwide Church of God in India — Bombay and Hyderabad. Most of us are scattered all over the country and that makes it difficult to meet for activities.

Life isn't easy here, and there are numerous problems. But there is hope for the future. We long for that time when our weary nation will be blessed by God in His soon-coming Kingdom. □



BY THE WAY...

Are Your Manners Up to a Date?

By Dexter H. Faulkner

It has been said that if the *Titanic* sank today, the men would be the first ones to scramble into the lifeboats leaving the women and children with the sinking ship.

Are there no gentlemen left? Are the women and young girls doomed to live out their lives being treated as one of the guys?

Far too little emphasis is placed on manners and etiquette these days. Treating others with proper respect is sometimes lacking even in those who do not purposely try to mistreat others.

Having good manners doesn't mean stuffy formality though. It means treating others the way you would want to be treated.

A hypothetical case

Following is a hypothetical example of a family style barbecue picnic that Mr. and Mrs. Smith planned with their sons George and John.

The boys invited 10 boys and girls to dinner. Jill, one of the girls invited, needed a ride, so George and John told her they'd pick her up at 7 that evening.

That afternoon the boys helped their parents prepare for the picnic. They mowed the lawn, set up the table and chairs and lit the fire.

At 6:45 George glanced at his watch and rushed off to put on a pair of old blue jeans, a T-shirt and his basketball shoes.

George and John climbed into George's truck and they headed for Jill's house. On the way John, noticing how filthy the truck was, offered to help George wash it next month if it needed it.

They arrived at Jill's house about 7:15 and honked the horn loudly to announce their arrival. Jill's dad peered out the window to see what the commotion was. Seeing it was Jill's friends, he motioned them

inside to wait. Jill's father did most of the talking while the boys shuffled nervously and uttered a few incoherent phrases.

Soon Jill appeared in what looked to be a new white dress. It was obvious she was dressed for a more formal occasion than a barbecue. She greeted the boys with a smile. As they were leaving, Jill's father asked, "What time will you be home?" George said he didn't know and looked at Jill.

She said, "Uh...I guess about 10."

George and John climbed into the truck and waited as Jill held the heavy door open and climbed into her seat. Girls sure are slow, they thought.

A ruined dress

When they arrived home the boys scampered off to see the rest of their friends and left Jill to help herself out of the truck. She noticed her new dress was filthy from the truck seat. She asked Mrs. Smith where the bathroom was and cleaned up the best she could. What are Dad and Mom going to think? This dress is expensive, she thought.

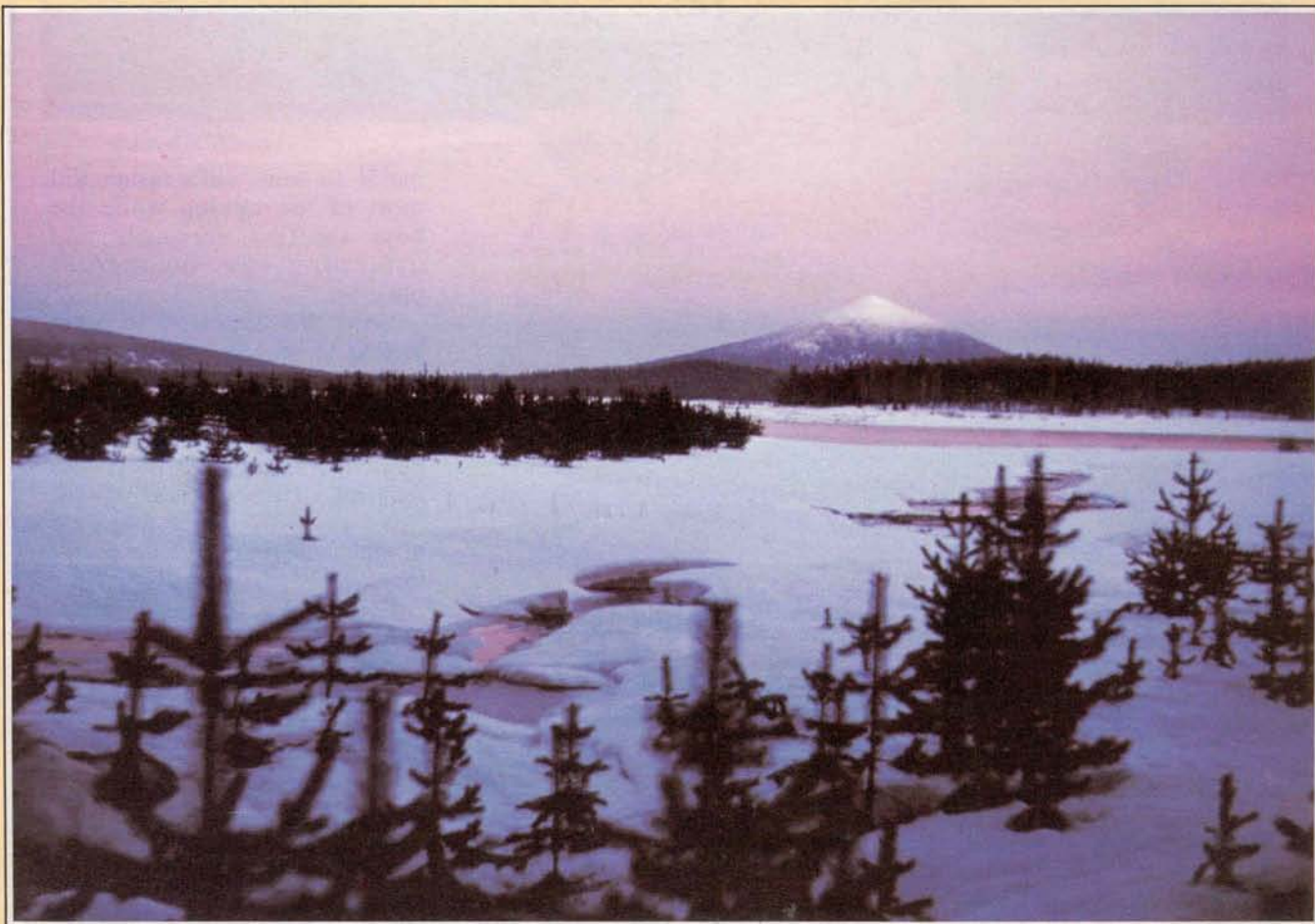
Dinnertime was still about 20 minutes away. Bill, the class clown, dominated the conversation with Susan. All the boys were talking with Susan, the most popular girl there. The others were left to talk among themselves.

Mr. Smith called the group together and asked a blessing on the meal. The boys sat down and let the girls seat themselves.

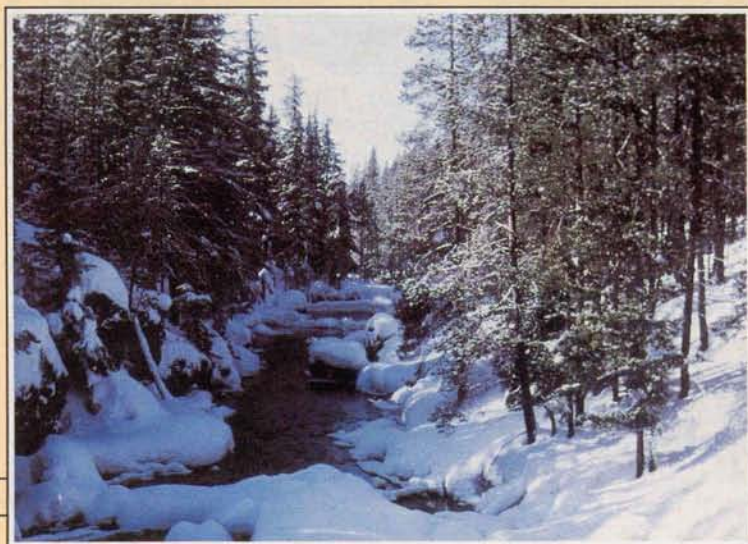
During dinner the boys continued to pay more attention to Susan and listened to Bill's

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