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## GET INTO THE MAIN STREAM

*by Robert A. Watson*

The question is being asked by man, "Is there something that I can do to help move The Church in a forward direction?" The answer comes crisp and clear, "Yes, there is." In order to feel the forward movement of The Church you must get into the mainstream, for this is where the action is.

How do I condition myself to find this, and how do I know when I have found it?

The answer to the first question is that the conditioning begins by draining all of self from your life and in its place, fill it with complete and selfless dedication. This requires the pulling out of the many comfortable alternatives that we run for when the strength of our commitment is tested. We must capture the vision of The Church and be willing to be disciplined and marshalled in this great army of Christ. The Apostle Paul in speaking to Timothy gives us an insight of this conditioning in *II Timothy 2:3-6*. "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully."

Paul uncovers the human pattern that evolves when a breakdown occurs in our conditioning. It is the entangling of oneself in the affairs of this world. This conditioning is not predicated on our moods and depressions. We cannot afford the luxury of moving in comfort and of travelling at the price we want to pay. We must submit ourselves to the admonition of Christ. Deny yourself. "Take up your cross and follow me." This means insulating ourselves against our moods and depressions; it means the desire to move not only in comfort but also in adversity. It means that we do not set the price we want to pay, but God has His own bookkeeping system and He sets the price we must pay.

Perhaps by now you are becoming a little uneasy in this conditioning program. It could be that you are spiritually out of shape. You have not exercised the inward

man, but merely catered to the whims and lusts of the outward man. For you to measure the distance you are today from the mainstream of The Church may require a painful yet necessary and honest evaluation of your efforts. If you will begin right now and start on this conditioning program you will soon experience a gravitational pull towards the center of Church activity.

In answer to the second part of the question, "How will I know when I have reached the mainstream of The Church?" You will experience some of the following—an excitement will pervade your whole mind and body and soul. The promises to Israel will not be a distant fading hope; but a thing of the now. An almost uncontrollable feeling will live with you constantly that any day could bring with it the beginning of a great marshalling of God's covenant people. You will almost begin in your spirit to look for material on a daily basis needed for the building of the New Jerusalem. When this excitement awakens you in the morning, when this excitement is the last thought on your mind before going to sleep at night, Brothers and Sisters, you have now found the mainstream of The Church.

To many this may just represent a few words that will soon be forgotten, but to others it represents a challenge that deserves further thoughts. They say, "Now that we have found the mainstream, what can I specifically do?" Let me preface my answer by saying either lead, follow, or get out of the way. The Church has been filled for too long a period of time with all kinds of stumbling blocks placed in her pathway by minds that have stagnated with fear and intrepidity. To many the thunderous roar of the crowd is heard with reverberating echoes, "It is not time, wait the day will come." They seem to feel that by pushing the work to a future day it will act as a catharsis to numb the pain of a pricked conscience. Yet the cry comes loud and clear. "Work while it is yet day, for the night soon cometh when man can work no more."

Yes, it is time to work harder in our Branches, our Districts, and our General Church. Get all excited; do something you have thought about doing for a long time, but never had the courage to do. Stand solidly behind the Brothers and Sisters that are breaking open new frontiers for The Church. Take a new look at yourself and your Church. And if you are not now in the mainstream of The Church, don't let another day pass. Begin the conditioning program.

## THE NIGERIAN ECHO

by Joseph Bittinger

### INSPECTION REPORT

#### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ATAI OTORO

THE PROPRIETOR: The Church of Jesus Christ  
(Foreign Mission).

INSPECTING OFFICER: Leo U. Essien — Subject In-  
spector \* History

AIM OF INSPECTION: To inspect the School; check  
status of history, and advise on the teaching of history.

DATE OF INSPECTION: 17th May, 1974.

1. INTRODUCTION: "The Church of Jesus Christ's intention was to build, equip and run a technical Secondary School. As of now there is no technical department but an attempt has been made to operate a class three Secondary School since 1972. With sufficient financial support either from the Foreign Mission or from the community there is hope for a brighter future. The attachment and running of the technical wing may slow the pace to a considerable extent, but if there is a serious determination to make their dream come true the Atai Otoro Community must rally round support for a young institution which promises to be a source of pride to Abak Division in a few years."

2. THE SCHOOL: "There are 210 boys and girls, 101 of them are boarders and 109 students go to school from their houses. I was satisfied that the Principal is working hard to reduce the number of day students."

3. NUMBER ON ROLL: "The list supplied by the Principal shows the following registered students: The proportion of girls to boys in each class is fair. This is however a fair opinion, based on personal head count. Records available in the school showed discriminate enrollment. Twenty-eight girls are boarders. Although the school is a new school, there is a healthy relationship between the staff and the students. The atmosphere is congenial for learning. The students appear neat, healthy and properly dressed. There should be a First Aid Box for the school under a member of the staff since the school is rather far from the hospital at Abak."

#### BUILDINGS AND THE SCHOOL COMPOUND

"The School compound is about three years old and still new. Buildings are springing up while others although uncompleted are being used. There are two blocks of two classrooms for classes two and three. The other is not completed but accommodates class one. Two dormitories provide quarters for boys and girls. The kitchen is of mud and wattle, and the dining hall is for girls only. Special rooms, Laboratory and domestic Science room are yet to be put up. There are a good number of books donated by The Church of Jesus Christ Foreign Mission, but, there is no library where they could be indexed and used. The Principal's Office is no place for such books and to leave them on the floor is more than one could expect. . . There is no light and no water on the premises. The running spring across the road is a good source of

water supply but action should be taken to lay pipes now on the compound and tap water for the school."

#### SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

"Action recommended for the Proprietor:  
The Technical wing should be developed immediately.

Qualified teachers should be found to teach the following subjects: History, Integrated Science, Physics and Chemistry.

Permanent Dining Hall for the whole school.  
Efforts should be redoubled over building projects for the school.

Provide Domestic Science facilities.

Light and pipe-borne water should be provided if the school is to remain a boarding school.

As a technical school the technical wings require light and water hard by. . ."

#### COMPOUND FACILITIES

One football pitch, one netball pitch and one tennis lawn provide facilities for games and recreation. The compound is kept clean and trim. Latrines and urinals are a make-shift affair, but other buildings are made of permanent materials, and are generally in good state of repair.

#### CURRICULUM FACILITIES

"There is a deliberate attempt to draw up good working schemes of work for each class in the school. The well kept diaries show at a glance the work load covered by each teacher each week. The Principal, (Mr. Peter U. Iniodu) is to be commended for efforts spared in checking records of work and useful directives given to each teacher on most subjects. All the teachers appreciate this effort. . ."

Subjects being taught in the School, History, Geography, Bible Knowledge, Electrical Engineering, and Automobile Engineering, and English Language. The Staff consists of the Principal and eleven teachers.

The Board of Governors are responsible for the operation of the school. Pastor E.U.A. Arthur, President of The Church of Jesus Christ in Nigeria, is Chairman of the Board. He is also known as the Proprietor of the School.

## 60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Brother Weller and Sister Gertrude Little, of the Glassport Branch recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on October 10, 1914, at Cumberland, Maryland. Brother and Sister Little have eight living children and 69 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

As an added memory to this occasion they received a letter from President and Mrs. Gerald Gord, congratulating them on their anniversary and wishing them their blessings.

We also would like to congratulate Brother and Sister Little. Our prayers are that God will continue to bless them in the service of the king.

Robin Nicklow  
Glassport Editor

## Greetings to all of you in Christ:

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life. (*Job 33:5*) Thanks for your concern toward me, I am deeply moved with humility.

If the bouts I have had in mine infirmities have stirred the love and concern of the Saints in my behalf, then I praise the Lord for such love.

I have learned in depth the meaning of Paul's words: "Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

I am well by the grace of God, and by the time you read these lines I am on my way again, if God wills. May I live for your sake and the sake of others whom I shall meet, according to God's purpose.

May His name be glorified in these our few fleeting years that He has allotted us.

I just received a letter from Sister Pat McLaughlin of Portland, Oregon informing me of her sister, Becky, and family of San Diego moving to Portland. She is formally Sister Nelson. Both sisters are God-filled dedicated women. May this be a beginning of the door being opened in Portland.

Several years ago I took a bus trip to Klamath Falls, Oregon; when Richard Castelli and a few others had moved there. At Woodland, 100 miles north from Modesto, California an elderly woman boarded the bus and sat next to me. She had her arm in a cast. She had been to see her daughter. As she heard me speaking of God, she said, "You see, God broke my arm." "Oh, no!", I exclaimed, "God has been accused of many things, but not of breaking His children's arms." During our many miles of travel I told her of the wondrous things that God does for us in spite of our unbelief. As we arrived at Klamath Falls, I suddenly noticed that I either misplaced or forgot the address of Richard Castelli. I was so embarrassed.

Turning to the woman I said, "I have been telling you all about the wondrous ways that God works and loves; now I find that I do not have my friend's address and it is 9:00 p.m." She replied, "You are a man of God; God will help you." I entered into a phone booth and whispered, "Lord, for this woman's sake won't you help now?" The name Rovolet came to my mind instead of Castelli. Castelli's address would have been of no value as he had moved and had no telephone.

As I opened the telephone directory and looked to the R column, my finger went to the name I sought though I did not know the proper spelling of the name. Willa answered the phone and I said, "Is this Rovolet's residence?" She replied, "Yes, Brother Marco. Where are you?" "Willa, how could you remember my voice?" I asked. She then said, "How can I forget? Stay there, we will be right over to get you. We have a surprise for you."

The lady of Portland was waiting outside of the booth. "I knew!" I just knew that God would help you," she said. "My heart was burning within me as you were telling me all about God's love to man; and if you find it in your heart, come to Portland and bring this gospel to us."

As Bob and Willa came, they presented their little babe to me. That was the surprise. They both embraced me. The woman came near and said to them, "Indeed this man is of God." With tears in her eyes, Willa replied, "We know it, we know it."

Many years have gone by and God is opening the door in Portland—not Brother Marco. How wonderful, how gracious is our everliving God. We praise Him and adore Him in life and in death.

These are days of opportunity to us. There is open an effectual door. Shall we do our part, or shall we wait for the next generation? The choice is ours. Do not waste your time with those who have no hope. Now is our opportunity. Let us stand up in Jesus' name.

Brother Marco Randy

Portland, Oregon  
November 3, 1974

Dear Brother Mark and Sister Mary,

This letter is way over due and I am sorry it has taken me so long to answer your most welcome letter.

Thank you for the subscription of *The Gospel News*. It was very thoughtful of you both.

I am glad you had a pleasant trip to the Northwest and saw some beauty in this part of the country. I am sorry your visit was so short. But it was nice seeing you both and I appreciate you going out of your way and taking the time to stop and visit. It is nice to know that there are people who care so much.

Starting Monday, November 4, I have a new job. It is a promotion within the bank and I am quite pleased; it's also much closer to home. Also, our landlord has sold our house so that means moving. My sister, Becky, and her husband, Paul, and their two children are moving to Portland and should be here December 5th or 6th. It will be wonderful to have some family here.

How are all of you there? Give my best to Joe and Sharon.

It is beautiful today. Fall has really set in; all the leaves have partially turned and most are on the ground. The sun is out and it's crisp outside. I love it like that.

Give my best to all your family and the Brothers and Sisters there. Best to you at Thanksgiving and always.

Thank you again for your nice letter and lovely thoughts. God bless you.

Love,  
Pat (McLaughlin)

## Note of Thanks . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We wish to thank you for your prayers, cards, flowers, calls, and visits which were a consolation to us at the passing away of our Mother. Your tokens of love to us are greatly appreciated and we pray that God will bless and reward you for your goodness.

With love  
The Maria Ross Family  
Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

## POWER IN THE GOSPEL

We have just attended our first GMBA conference at the auditorium in Greensburg, what a beautiful weekend it was.

Driving there from Aliquippa with Brother John Ross Sr., we had a beautiful time. We talked about the power that the Gospel has and the power of the word of God. Approaching the auditorium Brother John asked me what I thought of it. I was awed by it. Not the sight of the building itself, but the work that the Brothers and Sisters have put into it. Looking at that building showed me that when God is in the matter, nothing is impossible. That goes for building a building or spreading the Gospel to the world.

During the evening program a song was sung that said "get all excited, go tell everybody that Jesus Christ is King." It made me think of the scripture that says "Go, ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." That is worth getting excited about. As Jesus Christ shared His word with us, so should we share His word with someone else. The Gospel of this Church is not for any one person or any one group of people, nor is it for any one country alone. This Gospel is to be preached to the world by the word of God. This Gospel is to be brought to them by the Saints of The Church of Jesus Christ, the children of God. Someone once brought this Gospel to me, a sinner in the eyes of God. Someone once brought this Gospel to all of us. The Lord teaches us to give from our hearts. What greater thing do we have to offer our fellow man than to share the word of God with them. As Peter said in scripture, "God is not a respecter of persons." Likewise this should hold true with all the Saints of God. The Apostles and missionaries of old such as Paul in the *Bible* and Aaron in the *Book of Mormon* went forth following the Spirit of God into foreign lands, preaching and teaching the word of God. They faced death, persecution, and a sinful world.

Times haven't changed the world much, time hasn't changed God's word one little bit. As the spirit of God did abide in Paul and Aaron in their day, so shall this same Spirit abide within us today. As it protected them in spreading the Gospel to their world; so shall it protect us today in spreading the Gospel to our world.

If good news only travels as fast as good people carry it, and children of God are good people with good news, then we have a large task at hand spreading the good news, the Gospel, to the world.

When you have something good inside of you and you don't let it out, it builds up force. If you ask God to direct this force through you, then as the scriptures say, this Gospel shall go forth in power. God is able, if we are willing.

God's word is eternal, everlasting, and for everybody.

Jesus Christ one day almost 2000 years ago traveled all the way to the cross to bring us the restored Gospel. Now the question we as Brothers and Sisters in the family of God almost 2000 years later need to ask ourselves is; "How far are we willing to travel to bring this restored Gospel to others?"

We sing the hymn "Hallelujah, the Gospel is Restored." Just imagine teaching it to someone in a foreign

land. I think in any and all languages it would sound beautiful to our ears.

This Gospel has the power to fill the world if we as Saints take the effort to carry it there personally.

May the Lord smile upon all the Saints.

Brother Phil Van Allsburg

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## KNOW THYSELF

Have you learned to take the soundings of your own soul? Can you express the abundance of your own heart? It is a simple matter. So simple that you do not need the assistance of a neurologist or a psychiatrist. I am taught that as a man speaketh, so he thinketh, and so he is. This I believe is our key. Use it to unlock your heart, and when you discover the contents of your heart, do not hesitate to appraise sincerely any dross you may find. Examine it under the microscope of hard sense. Judge it according to the severest moral standards. Throughout the ages, sin has fought behind triple plates of armor, which is a perfect insulation of ignorance, and gay pleasure. Sin also fights today despite the progress of civilization.

*The youth of the church today must take the same fight against sin as did the youth and church of old. Remember, the old truths and God speaking out in the beginning of the Restoration, must still be our monitor in this day and time. Therefore, we must open our hearts to counsel and guidance that only God can give.*

We must cultivate a sensitive, but yet a stern delicate conscience.

Cling to your modesty as to your life. It is nature's protection of virtue. Remember, when that protection is scaled, life's sacred treasure is imperiled. Changes in our dress, naturally or spiritually without the sanction of the Almighty debases, and the guilt shall in time torment and perhaps intimidate. There is little courage in a timid conscience, but a guiltless heart knows no fear. *Stay away from that so-called pleasure which lessens the enjoyment of spiritual things and weakens our sense of the nearness of God. When we approach any pleasure, we must first count the cost. It should have the warrant that it is without sin and without excess. Fleshly pleasure is deadly. It increases the strength and authority of the body over the mind. No person can rise high in the beauty of God if he is careless in the sacred things of God.* Thus, for your guidance whoever you are, let me remind you of the words of a true man of God as he was directed to write, "Be not deceived. God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, so shall he reap. He that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption. He that soweth to the spirit, shall of the spirit reap life everlasting." *Galatians, 6th chapter, 7th verse.*

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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

### INVOLVEMENT

by Brother Eugene Kline

Guest Editorialist

First, let's establish an understanding on *Webster's* definition of involvement: "to occupy absorbingly."

Jesus became involved by healing the sick man when He said, "Rise. Take up thy bed and walk." After being accused by the Jews for doing this miracle on the Sabbath day, He sought this same man and found him in the temple. Then Jesus said unto him, "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee." (*John 5:14*) However, Jesus wasn't shaken by His people who sought His life for this deed, for He was totally committed to the work of His Father; therefore, He willingly became involved.

To understand this we must first know that, again, according to *Webster*, the meaning of "commitment" is: "to pledge or assign to some particular course or use." Jesus' commitment was, of course, to His Father and The Church.

When we were born in Christ, we also made a promise—that being: to serve God all the days of our lives and to the best of our ability. This is quite a pledge to make; however, we must have had the desire to become involved in the work of God, to commit ourselves to it.

But sometimes we become so deeply involved in the things of this world, that we tend to forget our commitment to God and soon grow spiritually weak. Jesus explained this as being "lukewarm." It is this period in our lives that we tend to fall into sin, as the result of forgetting our commitment to become actively involved in the things of the Lord.

It is also during this period that we face a very grave crisis in our commitment to God. It seems that the blessings and experiences we need to remain strong and faithful are brought out, if we continue to involve ourselves in God's work, just as it was in the parable of the good Samaritan. Who was it that passed the injured man by? The first was the Priest who was the minister for that day. The second was the Levite who was charged with the care of the temple. Both of these men were looked upon as Godly. Then thirdly was the Samaritan who was held in contempt and reproach by the Jews.

Now, although the first two were committed to the work of the Lord, they obviously wished not to become involved. But this Samaritan became committed through his involvement.

Therefore, these two words, (1) involved and (2) committed, become related in realizing that we cannot commit ourselves without becoming involved. Joshua must have realized this when he said to the children of Israel, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Too often we realize too late in life that there truly is much enjoyment in committing our lives to Christ. The poet penned these words:

*"Give of your best to the Master; give of the strength of your youth."*



## The Children's Corner

*Mabel Bickerton*

### David, the Kind King

Dear Girls and Boys,

David was now the King of Israel. He remembered many times of the love he had for his dear friend, Prince Jonathan. Jonathan and his father Saul had been killed in battle. Jonathan had left a little son five years old. The little boy was named Mephibosheth. When the news of Jonathan's death came, Mephibosheth's nurse snatched the little boy up and fled to a place of safety. In her haste she let the little boy fall and he was badly hurt. He grew up lame. For a long, long time the nurse kept their hiding place a secret.

One day King David remembered the promise he and Jonathan had made to each other that each would look after each other's children if anything ever happened to them. David asked some members of his court if there were any left of the House of Saul? For Jonathan's sake he wanted to be kind to them. One remembered there was a servant named Ziba who might know. Immediately David sent for Ziba.

David was happy that Ziba was found and came to him. He asked, "Is there not any of the House of Saul left that I may show kindness of God unto him?" Ziba replied, "Jonathan has a son, who is lame on his feet. He is in the house of Machir." David sent at once for Jonathan's son. When the lame prince came before the king, he was afraid. He bowed low before David and said, "Behold thy servant." David said, "Do not be afraid, for I will surely show you kindness for your father's sake. I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather King Saul, and you shall eat bread at my table forever."

Then King David called Ziba and put him in charge of all the property for Mephibosheth. Ziba was to have part of the income to support himself. He had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Mephibosheth could now live with all the dignity of a king's son, thanks to his father's friend King David. His family came and lived in Jerusalem and true to David's promise, they ate at his table continually.

What a wonderful way for David to honor his dear friend's memory. He had kept the promise they had made long, long ago when Jonathan had warned David by the signal of the arrows, that he was in danger and over the jealousy of King Saul.

Next month I will tell you another story about David. It is DAVID THE PSALMIST.

Sincerely,

Sister Mabel

## OUR WOMEN TODAY . . .

### The California District Ladies Uplift Circle Meeting

The California District Ladies Uplift Circle meeting was held in Bell, California on November 2, 1974.

Opening scripture was read from Psalm 139; it was read by Sister Mavis Hayward. Opening prayer was offered by Sister Evelyn Perdue. The thought from Psalm 139 was carried into our testimony meeting, and that thought was "be thankful for the small things in our lives."

A beautiful letter was read from our Ladies Circle Sisters in Fort Defiance, Arizona. It began with the heading, "We've Come This Far By Faith." This is the title of one of our songs as our hearts were touched by this letter. These Sisters have fasted much and have had to leave much behind, but they are standing fast and truly have had to depend on God for all their needs.

Also a letter was read from Sister Vio Thomas urging us at this Thanksgiving time to truly be thankful for all our blessings.

Brother John Azzinaro spoke to us and urged us to donate to Pine Top for Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The various Circle presidents related the different activities and worship services held in their meetings.

Sister Perdue gave an inspiring report about the progress of the work in Sinaloa and Mexico City.

Brother Charles Curry encouraged us to continue in serving God and He will bless us in our endeavors to serve Him.

Brother Edward Perdue told us that we were an example to the Sisters in Tijuana, and they in turn are trying to help those that are less fortunate than they.

Brother John Azzinaro read in *Proverbs* about a virtuous woman.

Brother Jim Tucker visited Jerusalem and felt much freedom in preaching the *Book of Mormon*. One man he approached said that he knew beforehand that Brother Jim had a message for him.

In the evening, Bell's program consisted of parodies on television commercials changing certain words to scriptural or spiritual.

Our thanks to Bell for such wonderful hospitality. Also we want to thank the Bell Brothers for graciously consenting to serve the meals so that the Sisters could enjoy the meeting.

Sister Joan McNabb

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### "We've Come This Far By Faith" Saturday, October 19, 1974

There are five women in our mission. We all felt very strongly that we needed to have a Ladies Circle. When the officers and members of the California District Ladies Circle came to our mission we told them of our desires. We were organized in August of this year. Being only five we realized very quickly that we were all needed to be

active participants. Each of us holds three offices and rarely do we have less than 100% in attendance.

We felt to come together in fasting and prayer that we might unite our hearts and think of one another's needs. This fast was called as a result of the needs of each of us and our desires to draw closer to God and learn more of his plan for each of us.

We chose to meet on land which was leased to us by the Red Lake Chapter for purposes of an experimental farm. To each of us this land has had great meaning in our lives, and so we felt it would be a place to begin our talk with God.

We looked to the beautiful mountains that face us on every side, and while sitting on the ground we began to pray. There is so much to pray for. We felt so committed while we remembered one another's needs.

We are just a small mission and in order for us to go on this fast apart from our families, everyone in the mission had to support us. The fathers as well as the single young men took care of our children for the day. That meant feeding, changing diapers and so on.

We have looked forward to these rare quiet moments together for we knew that as women in a land and life new to us, that God must touch us and direct our thoughts.

Tremendous rock-like mountains surround the reservation. Many times while looking at them we felt the strength and peace of God. On this afternoon for the first time, we traveled behind them and then climbed to a place where we again prayed and spoke of the marvels to unfold in the future.

Even now as we write beneath a tall pine the beauty of God's Creation is before us.

We live in Navajo Land as residents of Fort Defiance, Arizona. As a result of the great plan of God each of us and our families felt His direction in moving.

The beginning of this summer none of us had a permanent home. Within one week's time four of us were given one day's notice to leave our temporary summer housing. Only God knows how frightened we all were. Perhaps it was His way of making us lean on Him and trust in His wisdom.

Through much prayer, Mary and Rob Duncan were able to purchase their own home, and Candee Calabrese also was provided for.

Judy and Dennis Calabrese had temporary teachers housing provided. Elaine and Dwayne Jordan and Donna Ciccati and their families moved into a single trailer together.

Thus began the long wait. All three families had purchased permanent housing, but due to no electricity, water or gas, were unable to move in for two and a half months. Here, too, God has His purposes. Faith, patience and appreciation are three words which have come to take on a new meaning.

Even in the purchase of Elaine and Judy's trailers there is a beautiful experience to be told.

After praying for God's direction they felt especially inspired to deal with a man who had only three trailers to sell. The purchases were made. After two and one half months, while the trailers were being set up we were told that this man, along with his church had prayed that God

would send them someone special to buy these trailers. Even the call of confirmation of purchase came while he was in prayer about it.

Today, as a result of this fast and many others, while we write to you; our water is running and our gas and electricity have become a reality this very day. God hears and does answer prayers in His own due time.

We are not with you in body, but the Spirit moving within us hopefully has reached you all at this time.

Your Sisters in Christ,  
Mary Duncan  
Judy Calabrese  
Candace Calabrese  
Donna Ciccati  
Elaine Jordan

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## MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET HELD IN OHIO AREA

On Saturday evening, October 5, 1974, at 6:30 p.m., the second Mother-Daughter Banquet of the Ohio Area was held at the Ramada Inn Restaurant in Wickliffe, Ohio. A nice group of mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, sisters of The Church, and friends met for an enjoyable evening. There was a representation from Cleveland, Youngstown, Niles, Warren and Perry Branches.

The dinner prayer was offered by Sister Jean Pusateri of Youngstown, Ohio. After dinner and some socializing with one another, Sister Sevilla Gibson, hostess for the evening, introduced our guest speaker, Sister Teresa Pandone, of Youngstown. She chose for her topic "Family Relationships." Highlights of her speech stressed the importance of a good working relationship between mother, father, and children. Sister Teresa stated, "The most sacred trust of the home is to train the capacity for LOVE so that every child can come to know a relationship with God as his Heavenly Father." To try and quote our Sister would be an injustice, as truly the words that she spoke were inspired of God.

As the program continued, a song entitled "Medals for Mothers" was sung by Sister Madia Elliott and her two daughters, Sister Chris and Sister Kathy. Recitations on various mothers of the Bible were presented by the following: Sister Sue Pandone and Sister Carolyn Martorano of Niles, Sister Karen Pandone and Sandy Santilli of Youngstown, Diane Miller of Warren, Sister Cindy Gibson of Cleveland and Sheree Elliott of Perry, Ohio.

A short story entitled: "Why Moms Are Something Special" was read by Sister Roberta Hufnagle. She then sang the beautiful hymn "Fill My Cup, Lord." Special recognition was bestowed upon our Sisters who had been in the Gospel for many years. They were as follows: Sister Madalena Ranieri 42 years, Sister Carmella Ventura 47 years, Sister Erma Milano 43 years, Sister Gladys (Gibson) Brent 43 years, Sister Rose Eiletz 53 years, Sister Sarah Manes 48 years, Sister Nilda Buoscio 42 years, and Sister Jean Pusateri 24 years. Indeed these Sisters have been an inspiration and spiritual mothers to us all.

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# M. B. A. Highlights

by James D. Gibson, GMBA Editor

## GMBA CONFERENCE

The semi-annual GMBA Conference was held on November 9, 1974 at Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the General Church Auditorium where quite a group gathered to transact the day's business.

The conference was under the capable guidance of Brothers Paul Palmieri, Don Ross and Joe Milantoni.

Roll call of officers found most in attendance with Sisters Lydia Link and Rosemary Furitano acting as secretaries pro-tem in the absence of Sisters Ruth Rogallo and Karen Milantoni.

A report was received from Brother Domenic Moraco concerning the progress of the Lesson Plans of the *Book of Mormon*. He stated that work is still moving along toward completion.

The paperback edition of the *Book of Mormon* has been printed with 4,000 copies made available. They will sell for \$1.00 each with the exception that they are free for use in any mission field.

New standardized minute report blanks for Locals are also ready. They can be had from the GMBA Librarian, Brother Joe Draskovich.

Brother Joe Carlini of Detroit, Michigan, Camp Director for the '74 Campout at Cheboygan, Michigan gave his report. He thanked all who attended, all committee members and those who assisted in any way to make the camp a success. The camp song was "Do You Know My Jesus" and was sung with enthusiasm over and over by all.

Next a report was given by Brother Alex Gentile on the progress of "Copyrights of Songs". He explained that we now have 96 songs on a list that we can use.

There was no progress by the committee that was formed to expedite conference business matters.

Possibly a spiritual gathering will be held in some future year if no campout is held. (It was voted later to hold a campout in the Pennsylvania area for 1975).

The officers in attendance gave their reports. Reporting were the Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Librarian, Historian, Editor and Auditors.

The following Area Presidents gave reports: Brother Bob Nicklow, Pennsylvania Area; Brother Peter Scolaro, Michigan-Ontario; Brother Jon Gennaro, Ohio Area.

They all stated that their respective MBA Areas are striving to remain active and hold projects and meetings throughout the year.

Election of officers found some new people in office for the coming year: Brother Lou Vitto, Chaplain; Sister Robin Nicklow and Sister Mary Ann Ensana, Assistant Secretaries; Brother Wayne Mortorano, Treasurer.

The conference voted to hold the "75 Campout" at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pennsylvania. Camp will be held from August 9 to August 16.

A goal of \$4,000 was set for the coming six-month period. If each Local of the MBA can raise \$200 the goal can be met. (Attention MBA Presidents of the Locals).

The following money was donated by the conference: \$700 for emergency in any mission field that may arise; \$600 for motorcycle repairs in Nigeria; \$700 toward purchase of stationwagon for mission work.

The conference was well attended and was "capped off" by an inspiring evening program. The Michigan-Ontario Area presented a program exhorting us to get excited about Christ and His Church. Their singing was well inspired with God's blessing.

## A QUESTION IS ASKED

The *Book of Mormon* was translated by the power of God through Joseph Smith, but how exactly was it done?

David Whitmer, one of the three who witnessed the translation of the gold plates into what is now the *Book of Mormon*, gave reference to that account in some of his writings. I will proceed to describe in simplicity what David Whitmer\* has written.

Joseph Smith put the seer stone into a hat. He then put his face into the hat blocking out all the light. A spiritual light shone within the hat and "something resembling parchment" appeared. One figure at a time would appear, with the English translation below it. Joseph Smith would read the English translation to Oliver Cowdery, who would write it down. Oliver Cowdery would then read it back to Joseph Smith to make sure it was correct. It would then disappear and a new figure with its translation would take its place.

\* See David Whitmer's, *An Address To All Believers In Christ*.

## MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET . . .

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The door prize, a white Bible, was presented to Terri Santilli of Youngstown, Ohio by Sister Kathy Boerner. Sister Donna Kline presented a small Bible to our new Sister, Sheree Elliott, who was to be baptized the next day at the Perry Branch.

We can say that it was an evening long to be remembered by all who attended. The main reason for our gathering was not so much to have dinner, but to meet one with another and to instill within the hearts of our young daughters (and Sisters) the importance of their role in the Gospel. Many of them will become mothers in the future, and our prayer is that, as Sister Pandone stated in her talk, "They too will leave a spiritual heritage to their children as our parents left to us."

Sister Betty Santilli



## - Branch and Mission News -

### Blessings in the Hopelawn, N.J. Branch

On Sunday, September 22, 1974, this branch surely was blessed and infused with the love of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We had visitors from the Niles, Ohio branch, Brother Ron Gennaro, an Elder, and Brothers John Gennaro and Wayne Mortorano. Brother Ron delivered an inspiring sermon on the Apostle Peter. Only in the True Church can such warmth and brotherly love be felt when the Saints gather from near and far. Our hearts and souls rejoiced and the singing of hymns and the testimonies of the brethren and sisters gave full indication that the Holy Ghost was in our midst.

We missed our brothers and sisters who had afflictions and could not be present. Yet the Apostle Paul stated in *Colossians 2:5-7*,

"For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

We observed the ordinance of feet washing to bring the day to a wondrous spiritual fruition.

Sister Helen Kovacs

### McKees Rocks News

Tuesday, October 15, was our "welcome back night" for the Brother Dick Lawson family to McKees Rocks from Metuchen, New Jersey. Originally from the McKees Rocks Branch, Brother Dick, Sister Erma and their children moved to Metuchen 7 years ago.

A good attendance of Brothers, Sisters and friends helped make the potluck dinner a success. After the dinner, we had a short singing meeting, during which Brother Dick expressed his thanks and his happiness at being "home".

We know the Metuchen Branch has suffered a loss, but pray that it, along with our gain, will be of much benefit.

### Two Baptisms at Lorain, Ohio Branch

The Lorain Branch enjoyed another wonderful day in the service of the Lord on Sunday, October 27. They were also cheered as the holy ordinance of baptism was administered to two new converts.

Philip Kay Dore was baptized by Brother Joseph Calabrese and confirmed by Brother Frank Calabrese.

Jewell Lee Evans was baptized and confirmed by Brother Joseph Calabrese.

There was a very good feeling during the service. May God richly bless and direct Brother Dore and Sister Evans as they begin their journey on the straight and narrow way.

### Perry, Ohio Branch Welcomes Two New Members

The Saints of the Perry Branch experienced extra blessings on separate occasions.

On Sunday, October 6, Brother Elmer Santilli immersed Joan Sheree Elliott in the waters of baptism. Brother Ron Genaro confirmed Sister Elliott as a member of The Church. It was a beautiful fall day.

On Thursday, October 30, Randy Lee Brooks was baptized by Brother Eugene Kline and confirmed by Brother Elmer Santilli.

The Perry Branch has been cheered and uplifted by the baptisms of these two new converts.

We pray God's blessings upon each of them and may He direct their ways continually.

### Monongahela Branch News

"The Brave Ones" was the theme for our annual Vacation Bible School held from August 12 to 22, the average daily attendance was in the nineties and included children from nine different denominations. As usual, the lessons and songs were written by Sister Mabel Bickerton, who also served as the Bible School director. The Brave Ones included Moses, Noah, Esther, Daniel, Abinadi, Samuel the Lamanite, John the Baptist and the three Hebrew children—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. Handcrafts were made to correspond with the lessons and give the children some momentoes to take home.

A quilt was made by the high school class, picturing Noah and the Ark. It is customary to present the quilt to someone from our Branch who is engaged in missionary work for The Church. It was decided to give this quilt to Brother and Sister Hemmings who are in Pine Top. Brother David Hemmings accepted the quilt in behalf of his parents and sent it to Arizona to them.

Once again it was shown what can be accomplished with desire and effort.

### BAPTISM

The most thrilling words in our church vocabulary must be "I want to be baptized!" At this moment an individual indicates his choice of serving the Lord and decides to begin a new life in the gospel. In our afternoon fellowship meeting on August 18, Rosemary Pettyjohn surprised the congregation and, most of all, her mother when she stood and declared those beautiful words: "I want to be baptized!" The meeting suddenly came to an abrupt halt and we went to the Monongahela river for the baptism. Brother Idris Martin immersed Rosemary in the liquid grave to fulfill Christ's words: "Ye must be born again." She was confirmed by Brother John Griffith as we continued our meeting.

As Rosemary joins her mother in the gospel, we pray that together they will be an example of godliness to the rest of their family as well as their friends. May God continue to bless the children of the Saints as they strive to follow the footsteps of their parents in serving the Lord.

Brother Richard Scaglione  
Monongahela Branch Editor

## Ordinations At Aliquippa, Pennsylvania

On October 27, 1974, the Aliquippa Branch was fortunate to have visiting with us five Evangelists, one Apostle, and two Elders. They had come to witness and participate in the ordination of Brother Joseph Ross into the Ministry, and Brother Paul Palmieri into the office of Evangelist.

Our morning service was opened by Brother Joseph Bittinger of Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania. He used as his text the *twelfth chapter of Acts*, how Peter was released from prison, and the attitude of the Church at that time. Brother Joe expounded on this very well and concluded by saying that God has acted in the past to help His servants and He will do the same today, even if it must be by sending an angel. He was followed by Brothers George Johnson and Fred Olexa. Brother Anthony Ross, the presiding Elder, concluded by relating an experience of his grandmother, Sister Maria Rossi.

A few years ago, our Sister Rossi was in the hospital for the first time, at the age of 81. As she began to cry unto the Lord for aid, the Lord appeared to her at the foot of her bed along with her son, Brother John Ross, and other Elders. She was very comforted at this time.

Brother James Campbell closed our morning service with prayer.

The afternoon service was opened by singing "Our Church", followed by prayer by Brother James Moore. After a few opening remarks from Brother Anthony Ross, we went into the ordinations. Brother Joseph Ross was ordained as an Elder by the washing of feet by Brother James Moore, Jr. Brother Joseph Bittinger then anointed him with oil as he ordained him into the Priesthood.

Brother Paul Palmieri's father, Brother Anthony Palmieri, washed his feet, and Brother John Manes ordained him into the office of Evangelist.

Both Brothers expressed themselves and the beautiful day came to an end. We sang the appropriate hymn, "I Ought To Do Something For Jesus", and Brother James Moore closed the meeting with prayer.

### VISITORS

On Wednesday, November 6, 1974, the Aliquippa Branch was very glad to have a surprise visit from Brother Gorie Ciaravino and his wife, Sister Antionette. Brother Gorie opened our Wednesday night service by using the *seventh chapter of John*. We were all edified with his words.

On Friday, November 8, 1974, Brother Philip Van Allsburg of Detroit Branch No. 4, visited our M.B.A. service. He showed slides of the Papago Indians of Arizona. Brother Phil has spent considerable time teaching these people on the Reservation. He made a very excellent presentation, depicting the conditions of the Papago people. It helped us relate to things we take for granted in our normal way of living and realize how fortunate we are. May God bless these people, not only spiritually but also materially.

## Niles Is Blessed Again

On Sunday, September 29, 1974, we had the privilege of having Brother Mario Milano and Sister Milano from

Cleveland, Ohio and Brother Elmer Santilli and family from Perry, Ohio, visit with us.

Brother Mario opened the morning service, using for his text the *Fifth Chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel*; the Sermon on the Mount. Brother Elmer followed and elaborated on how the people in the time of Christ, showed no mercy. He mentioned how Saul was not a merciful man until the Lord entered his heart.

In our fellowship meeting we heard many wonderful testimonies and a few more visitors from Perry came into our midst. Joan Sheree Elliott, who was visiting with us all day, asked to be baptized. She wanted to wait until the following Sunday so that her parents could witness her baptism in Perry. We also had four young brothers from the New Jersey area with us. I can truly say we all felt the love and Spirit of God. We ask you might continue to pray for us in Niles and we will try to remember each of you.

Sister Wanda Pandone

## Lorain, Ohio Branch Welcomes New Member

The Lorain Branch membership happily welcomes Joel Thomas Calabrese as their newest member.

He requested baptism during the California Area M.B.A. Campout that was held at White River, Arizona.

On Wednesday, August 14, Joel was immersed in the waters of baptism by his brother, Brother Dennis Calabrese. He was later confirmed by his father, Brother Joseph Calabrese.

May God bless Brother Joel as he joins his parents and family in the wonderful service of God.

## Hear Ye the Word

On October 27, 1974, Brother Pete Capone, before leaving for his new home in Arizona, spent Sunday morning at our Branch No. 1 in Detroit, Michigan.

He began his sermon from the *7th chapter of Jeremiah*. Jeremiah was a good worker for the Lord. He was tortured and even accused of being a spy. One time he became very discouraged in his efforts. He felt no one was listening to his words. Jeremiah wanted to give up. As he had second thoughts, he referred to his service to God as a — burning fire within him. So Jeremiah went on to fulfill his mission.

Brother Pete said he understood how frustrating it was to talk and to know that no one is listening. He said, the children of Abraham did not listen to the prophets and they lost all that they had, including their freedom. He said, "They were going through all the religious rituals, but they were not obeying the commandments of God. Everybody did that which seemed good in their own sight."

In Brother Pete's final words, he told us to hold fast to the truth. Because the house of Israel did not hold fast, they lost not only the truth, they lost their freedom.

Brother Dominic Moraco was also visiting us that day. He was our second speaker. Brother Dominic spoke

to us about the captivity of Israel. How for 400 years they lived in bondage because they did not listen to God's word.

He said even after Christ came, man still was not listening. On the day of Pentecost there were 3,000 who repented and were baptized. He wondered though, how many heard the word and did not listen.

In closing Brother Dominic said on the day of Pentecost they were given all the gifts of the spirit. But God gave His people one special gift that could not be copied by the devil. That gift was our love for one another, the gift called charity.

Just before our meeting was closed Sister Francis Capone, Brother Pete's wife, gave her testimony. She said while looking for a home in Arizona, she had a dream. Sister Gioia came to her and told her, "Don't worry, Friday or Saturday I'll help you find a home".

Sister Francis said her son took her out to look at homes, and indeed she found just what she had been looking for.

We will all miss Brother and Sister Capone as they leave for their new home in Arizona. As they travel west we will send with them, prayers of love asking for God's guiding hand to watch over them.

Sister Diana Thompson

## Good News from the West Coast

One of the beauties of the Gospel News is that, unlike almost all other newspapers, from cover to cover all you read is good news. I guess it depends on whose Kingdom you're reporting on. All the good news is coming from the Kingdom of God and all the bad news is coming from the Kingdom of the Devil (the world).

The good news I have is from the California District Conference held on the weekend of September 7 and 8. One of the highlights of the business meeting was the establishment of a new branch in Lindsay, California.

On Sunday morning it was standing room only in the San Fernando Valley Church auditorium. Brother Robert Watson, District President, presided over the meeting. He left the meeting open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. One of our recently ordained ministers, Brother Edmond Buccelato, was inspired to open the service. He stirred up the congregation by giving them the same challenge Alma gave the Zoramites (Alma 32:27-43) to arouse their faculties and perform an experiment of faith upon the word of God to determine if it was not satisfying to the soul.

Then followed a series of speakers, all verifying the truth of Brother Edmond's words with their own personal experiments of faith. Brother Dwayne Jordan related an experience he had recently in Fort Defiance. He was working underneath a car when the jack gave way and the car fell on top of him and crushed him. He was trapped because the full weight of the car was resting on top of him. As he cried out for help, Brother Pete Genaro lifted up the car and Sister Candee Calabrese pulled him out. (Brother Pete knows it was the Lord who picked up the car because he could never lift it alone). Brother Dwayne said he felt something snap in his back when the car fell. After being pulled out he could not move

and had difficulty breathing. Someone wanted to call for an ambulance, but our brother asked for a minister instead. Brother Pete rushed to my home and brought me to the scene of the accident. I anointed him right where he was. When I had finished, Brother Dwayne exercised his faith and lifted himself off the ground and exclaimed he was healed. Five days later he was in the woods logging with the rest of us.

I followed Brother Dwayne and spoke concerning my experience in the Soviet Union in 1968. At that time I was arrested at a border patrol and falsely accused of espionage and smuggling. We were not allowed to contact anyone in our defense. Our only hope was in God. We prayed continually for our freedom. Miraculously on the fifth day they had a change of heart and released us. Later that same day, astonished government officials told us they never expected the Russians to let us go. I will never forget God's mercy to me during my time of greatest need for I was so undeserving and still am.

Brother Richard Christman was the next speaker. Following the same theme he told us of the desire he had in his youth to work amongst the Seed of Joseph. He had faith that someday God would grant him this opportunity, although he was working in a coal mine at the time. Truly the Lord has rewarded his faith because now he is the Superintendent of BIA schools on the Papago Reservation.

Brother Joe Ciarolla spoke next. He related an experience he had several years ago when a little boy pulled him out of an irrigation canal where he was drowning.

We thank the Lord for an inspiring weekend.

Brother Larry Watson

## Deaconess Ordained at Detroit, Michigan Branch No. 2

Detroit Branch No. 2 welcomed a new Deaconess on Sunday, November 3, 1974, with the ordination of Sister Philomena DiRado.

Sister DiRado's feet were washed by Sister Rose Milantoni. Brother Querino Bologna then ordained her to the office of Deaconess.

Our Branch also had feet washing, and we enjoyed the presence of Brother Joseph and Sister Rose Milantoni who were visiting from San Carlos, Arizona. God's spirit was manifested throughout the meeting.

We pray that God will bless and direct Sister DiRado in the performance of the duties of her Holy office.

### TODAY!

With every rising of the sun,  
Think of your life as just begun.  
The past has cancelled and buried deep  
All yesterdays. There let them sleep.  
Concern yourself with just today.  
Grasp it, and teach it to obey  
Your will and plan. Since time began  
Today has been the friend of man.  
Today and you! Your soul sublime  
And this great heritage of time,  
With God himself to bind the two.  
Go forth, brave heart: today's for you!

—Author Unknown

## — NEW ARRIVALS —

Congratulations are in order to the proud parents for the following new members of their families. New arrivals have been as follows:

Eleanor Tracy to Andrew and Theresa Locci of Rochester, New York,

Ryan Keith to Dale and Kathryn Groff of Greensburg, Pennsylvania,

Jose Edgardo to Juan and Gladys Gonzalez of Lorain, Ohio.

## — WEDDINGS —

*ZUCCO - GENNARO*

Mr. Anthony Joseph Zucco and Sister Gail Ann Gennaro were united in holy matrimony on Saturday, December 7, 1974 at the Youngstown, Ohio Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. They were married by Brother Donald Pandone.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Teresa Pandone, organist; and vocalist, Mr. Robert Gray.

The couple are making their residence in Boardman, Ohio.

*SMITH - KELLY*

Mr. Steve Smith and Miss Linda Kelly were united in the bonds of holy wedlock on August 20, 1974 at Greensburg, Pennsylvania. They were married by Brother Oskar Hagen in the General Church Auditorium.

Musical selections were presented by Brother Joe and Sister Erma Draskovich.

The newlyweds will reside in Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

*THOMAS - KING*

Mr. Robert C. Thomas and Miss Donna J. King were united in holy marriage on November 15, 1974 at Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania. They were united in marriage by Brother Joseph Shazer in The Church of Jesus Christ, Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

The couple will reside in Vanderbilt, Pennsylvania.

*BONADUCE - SGRO*

Mr. Joseph Bonaduce and Sister Rose Ann Sgro were united in holy wedlock in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The service was officiated by Brothers Salvatore Sgro and Carmen Sgro in The Church of Jesus Christ.

Musical selections were presented by Sister Florence Risola, pianist; and soloist, Sister Linda Gomes.

The newlyweds will reside in Piscataway, New Jersey.

## ● OBITUARIES ●

*MARIA ROSS*

Sister Maria Ross passed on to her eternal reward on November 16, 1974, at the age of 87. She was a faithful member of the Aliquippa, Pennsylvania Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was baptized on June 24, 1928.

Surviving are three sons, two daughters, twelve grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Brothers Anthony Ross and Paul Palmieri conducted the funeral services.

Her family will surely miss her, as well as the Saints and friends in the Church.

*JUNE T. LOEWENTHAL*

Sister June T. Loewenthal, a member of the Bronx, New York Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ, passed on to her heavenly reward on November 3, 1974. She was born March 16, 1933 and was baptized October 16, 1955.

She is survived by her husband, her parents, two sisters, and one brother.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother A. A. Corrado at Youngstown, Ohio. She was laid to rest at the Tod Homestead Cemetery, Youngstown, Ohio.

June was a very faithful servant to God and her husband, Ludwig. She will be greatly missed by her family and members of the Youngstown, Ohio and Bronx, New York Branches.

*CONCETTA PAGNIOZZI*

Sister Concetta Pagniozzi passed on to her eternal reward on November 11, 1974. She was a faithful member of the New Brunswick, New Jersey Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ. She was born on May 28, 1891, and was baptized July 10, 1932.

Surviving are three sons, four daughters, ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one brother.

The funeral services were conducted by Brother Salvatore Sgro.

Sister Concetta was a faithful and avid follower of Christ for many years. She will be missed by all who knew her.

*PAUL VANCİK, SR.*

Brother Paul Vancik, Sr. of the Monongahela, Pa. Branch passed on to his heavenly reward on November 24, 1974. Brother Paul was born on January 24, 1886. He was baptized into The Church on May 30, 1909 and was later ordained to the offices of Elder and Evangelist.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother John Olexa and he was laid to rest in the Monongahela Cemetery.

Our Brother was a faithful worker in The Church and brought many souls to the knowledge of the Restored Gospel. He was blessed with the gift of tongues on many occasions. We pray that God will bless his family and loved ones with the assurance that Brother Paul is now resting in the Paradise of God.