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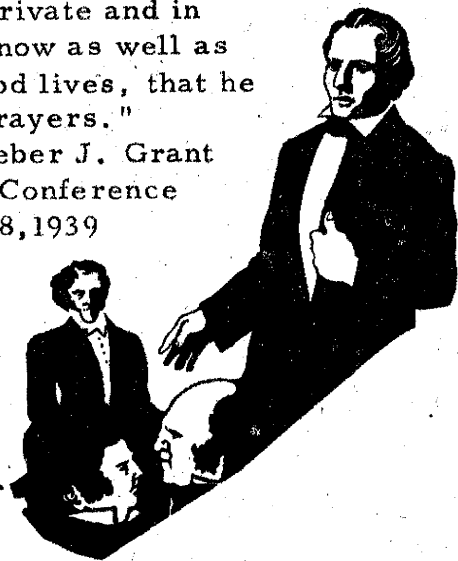
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"I've met hundreds of men that say if it wasn't for Joseph Smith I could accept your religion. Any man that doesn't believe in Joseph Smith as a prophet of the true and living God has no right to be in this Church! The foundation stone. If he did not have that interview with God and Jesus Christ the whole mormon fabric is a failure. It's a fraud. It isn't worth anything on earth. But God did come, God did introduce his son, God did inspire that man to organize the Church of Jesus Christ. And all the opposition of the world is not able to withstand the truth! It is flourishing, it is growing and it will grow more. I know beyond a shadow of a doubt of the divinity of this work in which we are engaged. It is one of the joys of my life at home and abroad, in private and in public, to testify that I know as well as I know that I live, that God lives, that he hears and answers our prayers."

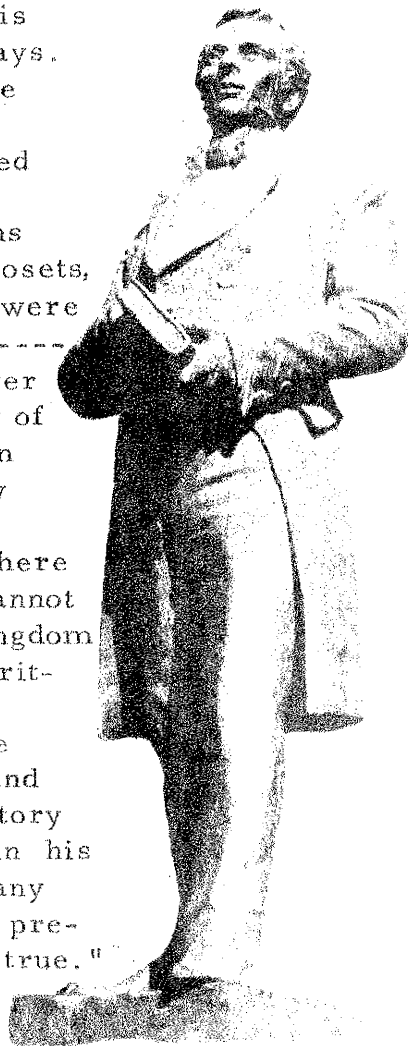
Pres. Heber J. Grant
General Conference
October 8, 1939



Dear Missionaries:

For my letter to you today, I wish to quote a statement made by President Brigham Young.

"Joseph Smith holds the keys of this last dispensation, and is now engaged behind the veil in the great work of the last days. I can tell our beloved brother Christians who have slain the prophets and butchered and otherwise caused the death of thousands of Latter-day Saints, the priests who have thanked God in their prayers and thanksgiving from the pulpit that we have been plundered, driven, and slain, and the deacons under the pulpit, and their brethren and sisters in their closets, who have thanked God, thinking that the Latter-day Saints were wasted away, something that no doubt will mortify them----- namely, that no man or woman in this dispensation will ever enter into the celestial kingdom of God without the consent of Joseph Smith. From the day that the Priesthood was taken from the earth to the winding-up scene of all things, every man and woman must have the certificate of Joseph Smith, junior, as a passport to their entrance into the mansion where God and Christ are ----- I with you and you with me. I cannot go there without his consent. He holds the keys of that kingdom for the last dispensation ----- the keys to rule in the spirit-world; and he rules there triumphantly, for he gained full power and a glorious victory over the power of Satan while he was yet in the flesh, and was a martyr to his religion and to the name of Christ, which gives him a most perfect victory in the spirit-world. He reigns there as supreme a being in his sphere, capacity, and calling, as God does in heaven. Many will exclaim ----- 'Oh, that is very disagreeable! It is preposterous! We cannot bear the thought! '-----But it is true." (Journal of Discourses, Volume VII, p. 289)



I know that Joseph Smith, Jr., is a prophet of God and I look to him for inspiration. I know that Joseph Fielding Smith is a prophet of God and that he is at the helm of this church guiding it in an inspired way. I know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He is our Savior. Let us bear our testimony with strength and with conviction. Always love the people and do what you can to bring them to these great truths.

Sincerely,

George A. Oakes

Dearest Special Missionaries,

In the past weeks we all heard much the joyous greeting "Happy New Year"... it has been repeated thousands of times. It is also customary at this time of the year to resolve to overcome some bad trait of the past. Resolution making has gone on for centuries. Men and women throughout the world take inventory of the old and many are inclined, as business men, to "take stock" and thereby judge as accurately as possible as to whether the 12 passing months have recorded "success" or "failure".

As far as we are concerned the most important aspect of resolution making is whether they really determine and keep their resolutions. For the keeping of those good resolutions will determine the success of the year to come. Resolution making is nothing more than a practical application of an eternal gospel principle, that of repentance. To us, everyday should be the New Year's Day. Everyday should start with a resolve to live better than yesterday. Everyday is the beginning of a new opportunity to probe to Our Father in Heaven that we were serious when we raised our hand in the pre-existence and said that we wished to follow our elder brother. There is no reason, however, why we should not choose this time to be the beginning of an even greater dedication to our Savior, the beginning of greater unity with our companions, of more dedication to our callings, the beginning of the time when we think more of others and leave behind our selfish thoughts.

The Apostle Paul instructed the Ephesians and said that if it be that they had heard of Jesus and of his teachings and were truly converted... "that (they would) put off the old man which is corrupt... and be renewed in the spirit of your mind and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." The Lord speaking through the Prophet Joseph Smith tells of the effect of repentance on a man's life... he is forgiven and is given a new leaf if he truly repents. "For I the Lord cannot look upon sin with the the least degree of allowance, nevertheless, he that repents and does the commandments of the Lord shall be forgiven."

Forgiveness offers man the opportunity to start anew, gives him a new leaf. As each day begins we are given a blank page on which to write. And what we write that day is up to us.

The year is closed, the record made,
The last deed done, the last word said,
The memory alone remains,
Of all its joys, its grief, it gains
And now with purpose full and clear
We turn to meet another year.

Happy New Year! May it be just that for each one of you and for the mission too!

I love you,

Jeannette N. Oakes



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GOALS

Along with the new year comes the making of many goals and resolutions. The mission has a goal of 2,000 baptisms for 1972 and that will require the making of many small goals by each elder and sister and companion pair.

It is pretty obvious that no one arrives anywhere without first heading there. In other words, if we are to accomplish something we must have the necessary goals in order to accomplish it.

In goal making, there are certain steps to be taken: (1) An overall goal should be made. (2) It should be cut into a small enough size to be real (you don't just throw up a house. You build it brick by brick, wall by wall). (3) A precise plan must be formulated in order to meet your goal (without any loopholes). (4) You must dedicate yourself to that plan and goal and (5) with the Lord's help follow through with that plan.

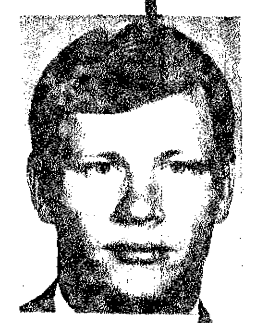
For example-- (1) You want a baptism. (2) First off you have to find and teach a sharp first, etc. (3) You need to decide through prayer and serious thought, where and how to find that sharp family. (4) Decide that you won't let meals, late hours, or anything stop you from getting that family (if it's 9:30 at night and you are looking for a young couple, mark back for another day, anybody who doesn't fit your goal). (5) Don't stop until you succeed; work until you reach your goal. Don't fall through on your part!

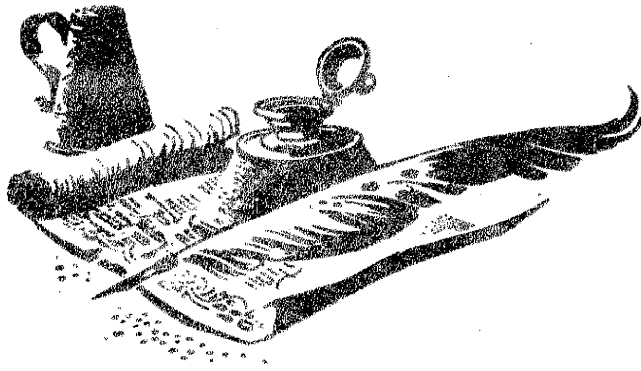
The Lord has given us a promise if we make goals according to the Spirit-- "He that asketh in the Spirit asketh according to the will of God; wherefore it is done even as he asketh"--but he has also told us that we have to do the work and thinking-- "Behold, you have not understood; you have supposed that I would give it unto you, when you took no thought save it was to ask me."

The Lord is blessing each one of us and the mission as a whole for the work we are doing. It is our prayer and goal that each one of us will become even more effective missionaries in the year 1972.

Sincerely,

The Assistants to the President.





Dear President:

Last Sunday we had the concluding episode with our 22 year old man who had the spirit cast out of him a month before. He was alright for five to six weeks after we cast the spirit out the first time. This in and of itself was a real miracle because he had been having violent attacks almost every day since he was very young. But, he would not be baptized, so we told him if he didn't the spirit would come back and it would have even greater control over him than before.

Last Sunday he came to church very scared and upset. He had suffered his first attack in over a month and it was as we said worse than ever before. As he entered the door of the church, he had another attack and it was really something powerful to see. We cast the spirit out and he pleaded for us to baptize him. The spirit would enter back into him and we would cast it out. His father was there pleading with us to baptize them both. We had baptized the mother and daughter a month before and they were very happy and active. Finally we calmed him down finally and cast the spirit out for good. He received a review of the lessons with his father and they both were baptized. They bore strong testimonies of the power of the priesthood before and after their baptism and all are active and happy and healthy. We are very thankful.

Elders Davis, Nielsen and Packard .

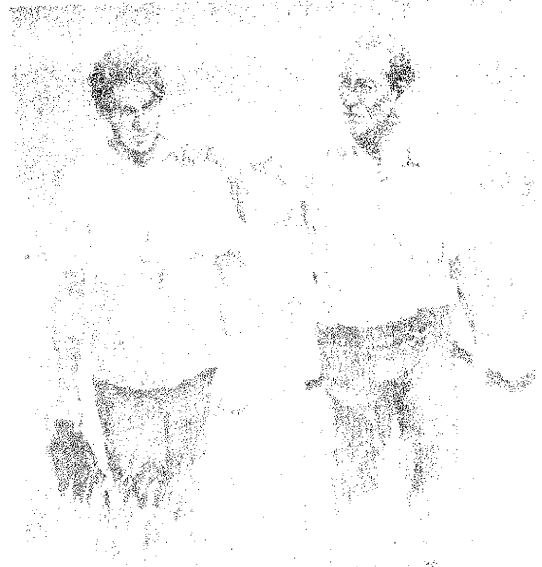
Dear President:

We had the opportunity of blessing a lady the other day who had been bitten by some kind of bug which the doctor told her would cause her death. She was in bad shape when we first saw her. After a faith promoting lesson, we gave her a blessing. We returned a week or so later and found her to be completely recovered. The doctor found her recovery to be remarkable. We thank our Heavenly Father for his help in our work.

Elder Zahrt and Elder Woffinden

Dear President

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After many hours of hard work and keeping on the program in every respect, we finally made our goal on the last day of the month. We baptized a dona and her 12 year old daughter and her 8 year old son, who turned 8 that very day.

These people were found in the strangest way. Not when it was sunny and nice, not in the upper or middle class area where we had been working, but in the poorest section of town and one of the poorest homes I have ever seen. The Lord really tests his servants.

I remember pulling out my flannel board for the last time before going to my interview with President Bruce R. McConkie and hating the sight of that old blue piece of nylon. We had so little faith at that moment. The little boy was wringing coffee out of a big hunk of bread he had dipped in his morning cup. It shows we've always got to keep our eyes open and never mole out on a lesson. Every lesson is a potential baptism no matter what the appearances are at first. When I was set apart I was told to look in every place and I would find people in the strangest places. I know what that blessing meant and I will now keep looking every day every minute.

Elder Baumgarten (Elder Andersen)

P.S. They baptized the husband of the family the next month and this was a real miracle because he was a confirmed alcoholic at the time of the first visit. Now the family is united in the gospel.



Zones

| | |
|------------------|----|
| TIJUCA | 30 |
| Andaraí | 3 |
| Grajaú | 6 |
| Saenz Pena | 3 |
| Santa Tereza | 18 |
| CASCADURA | 18 |
| Jacarepagua | 10 |
| Madureira | 8 |
| MEIER | 15 |
| Boca do Mato | 6 |
| Engenho Novo | 2 |
| São Cristovão | 2 |
| Todos os Santos | 5 |
| VITÓRIA | 10 |
| Vitória | 7 |
| Villa Velha | 3 |
| NITERÓI | 10 |
| São Gonçalo | 4 |
| Niterói | 5 |
| Nova Friburgo | 1 |
| PERNAMBUCO | 8 |
| Recife | 7 |
| Olinda | 1 |
| MINAS GERAIS | 6 |
| Belo | 2 |
| Floresta | 4 |
| MONTANHAS | 5 |
| Juiz de Fora | 2 |
| Petropolis | 2 |
| Teresopolis | 1 |
| JARDIM BOTANICO | 5 |
| Lagoa | 1 |
| Botafogo | 4 |
| DISTRITO FEDERAL | 4 |
| Brasília | 3 |
| Taguatinga | 1 |
| PARAÍBA | 3 |
| João Pessoa | 1 |
| Campina Grande | 2 |
| GOIÁS | 2 |
| Goiania | 2 |
| RAMOS | 2 |
| Penha | 2 |

Total --- 118

Stats. for Dec-71

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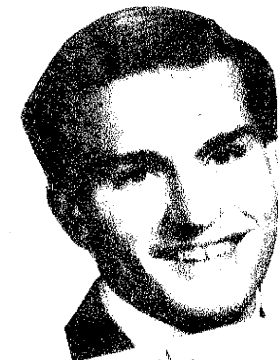
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| Shillig | 325 |
| Metcalf | 323 |
| Hart | 305 |
| Speed | 304 |
| Alexandria | 301 |
| Solomon | 301 |
| Faria | 300 |
| Edwards | 300 |
| Ennes | 299 |
| Enger | 299 |

Lessons

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Allison | 184 |
| Hindmarsh | 184 |
| Trost | 180 |
| Alexandria | 169 |
| Ennes | 168 |
| Fuhriman | 166 |
| Shillig | 157 |
| Metcalf | 145 |
| Henrie | 144 |



Alexandria



Fails

Baptisms

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Allison | 14 |
| Hindmarsh | 13 |
| Fails | 8 |
| Speed | 7 |
| Edwards | 7 |
| Tresnak | 6 |
| Hart | 6 |
| Davis | 6 |



Trost

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| tracting | 86 |
| member reference | 21 |
| came out | 5 |
| street meeting | 3 |
| street contact | 1 |
| investigator referral | 1 |
| unknown | 1 |



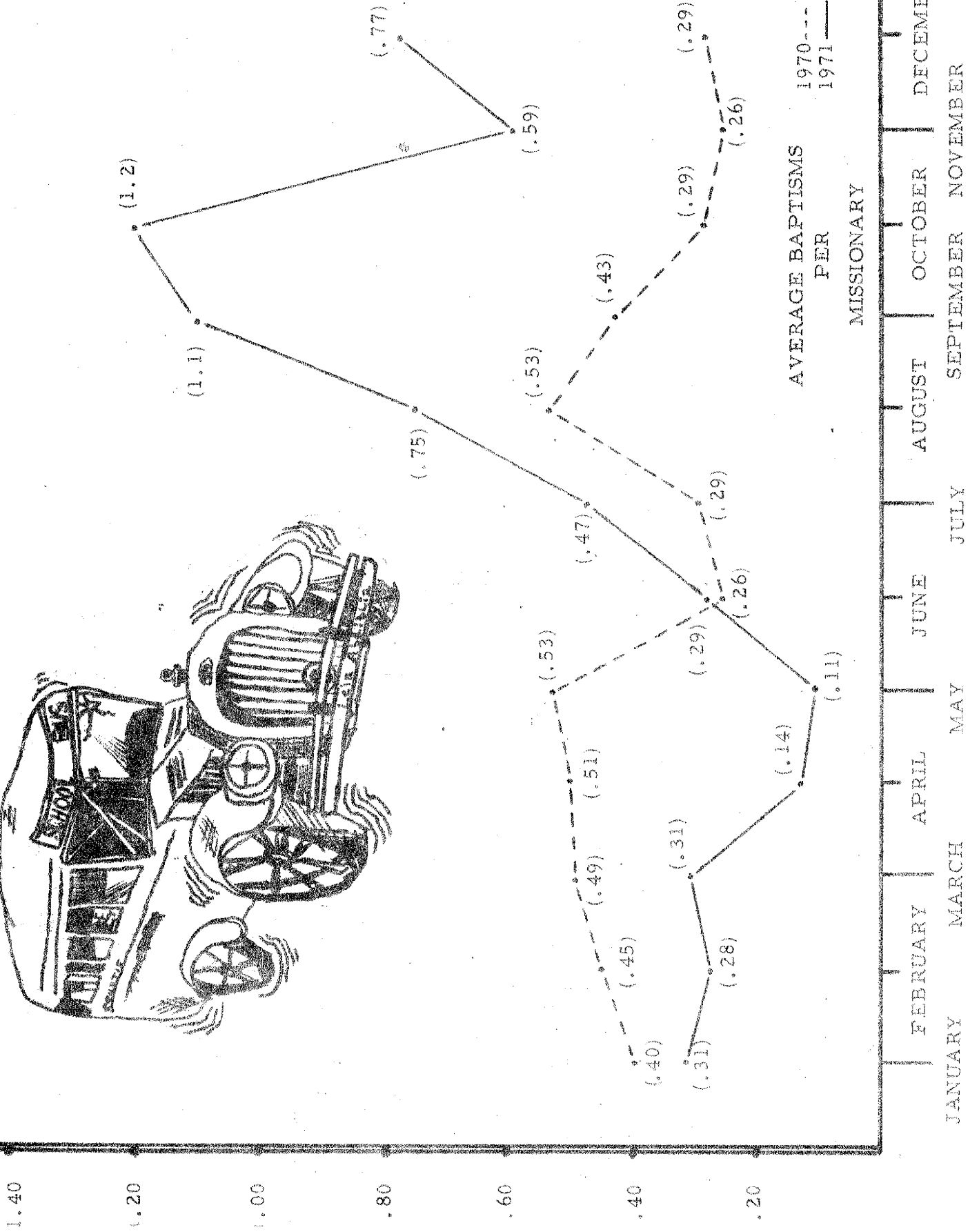
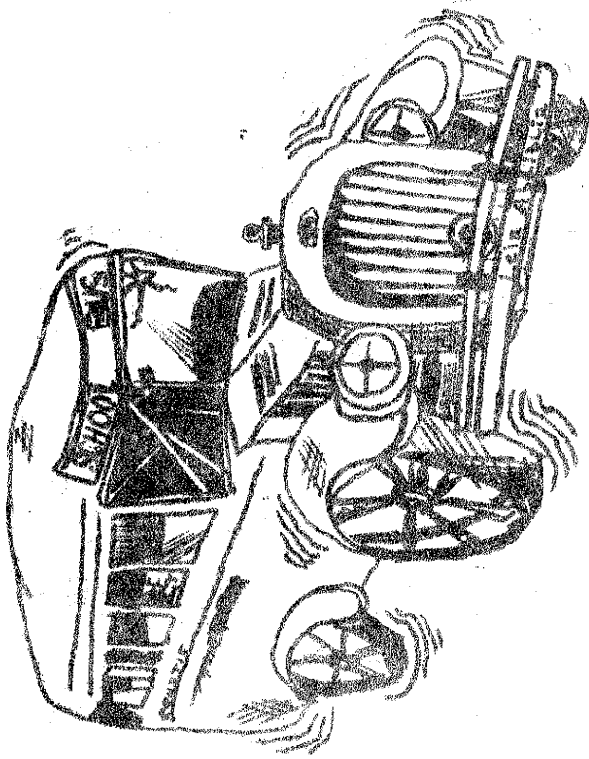
Hindmarsh

some interesting facts...

| | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. No of missionaries at the end of the month. | 135 | 137 | 112 | 114 | 130 | 153 |
| 2. Average amount of money spent per missionary. | \$115 | \$120 | \$114 | \$115 | \$105 | \$114 |
| 3. Average amount of proselytizing hours per missionary. | 210 | 260 | 242 | 351 | 252 | 251 |
| 4. Total BAPTISMS for the mission in that month. | 62 | 106 | 120 | 132 | 77 | 118 |

- baptisms -

| | JULY | | | AUGUST | | | SEPTEMBER | | |
|-------------------|---------|----|-------|----------|----|-------|-----------|----|-------|
| | M | Fe | total | M | Fe | total | M | Fe | total |
| 21 or more years. | 15 | 14 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 61 | 31 | 33 | 64 |
| 12-20 years. | 10 | 15 | 25 | 14 | 8 | 22 | 16 | 21 | 37 |
| 8-11 years. | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 23 | 9 | 10 | 19 |
| TOTAL | 31 | 31 | 62 | 53 | 53 | 106 | 56 | 64 | 120 |
| | OCTOBER | | | NOVEMBER | | | DECEMBER | | |
| | M | Fe | total | M | Fe | total | M | Fe | total |
| 21 or more years. | 29 | 50 | 79 | 17 | 24 | 41 | 37 | 40 | 77 |
| 12-20 years. | 8 | 23 | 31 | 6 | 10 | 16 | 15 | 11 | 26 |
| 8-11 years. | 11 | 11 | 22 | 11 | 9 | 26 | 9 | 6 | 15 |
| TOTAL | 48 | 84 | 132 | 34 | 43 | 77 | 61 | 57 | 118 |



AVERAGE BAPTISMS PER MISSIONARY
 1970---
 1971---

MONTANHAS

Juiz de Fora
Robinson PR. dl Barzee
Lopes bp Anderson
Teresopolis
Gaertner bp Lass
Petropolis
Southwick dl zl Stanger DG.
Saungarten Joyner
Sorensen K. Nielsen R.

VITÓRIA

Vitoria
Brown dl zl Farnsworth
Ehat Taggart
Villa Velha
Forsyth bp Maughan

TRUACA

Andaraí
Richardson dl Peterson
Robertson DM Svedin
Grajau
Higley dl Barclay
Heaston Rex
Saenz Pena
McMillian dl Hayes
Shillig Metcalf
Santa Tereza
Benson dl Boswell
Allison Woffinden
Trost zl Wangemann

RAMOS

Penha
Christenson dl zl Gilgen
Wiscombe Davis RC
Ilha
Wiggins dl Larson
Milner Rich

MINAS GERAIS

Floresta
Graden dl Sherman
Giblette Robeck
Serra
Taft dl Packard
Broadbent Welch
Belo
Bybee dl zl Benedict
Smith Wood

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CASCADURA

Madureira
Fails dl zl Wilson
George Hortin
Jacarepagua
Davis, JS. dl Crismon
Higginson Grimm
Iraja
Toone dl Lewis, GM.
Stimson Recksiek

JARDIM BOTANICO

Botafogo
Wilde dl zl Booth
Echols Bradshaw
Lagoa
Wooters dl Biehl
Fackrell Deuel

MEIER

Engenho Novo
Thomas dl Potter
Owens Baird
Boca do Mato
Hart dl zl Dixon
Furness Reimschuessel
Todos os Santos
Alexandria dl Ennes
Faria McCurdy
São Cristovão
Swensen RC. dl Mendenhall
Wing Hardesty

ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói
Hammond dl zl Burlingame
Chlarsen Lewis GE.
São Gonçalo
Frei dl Arnold
Fuhriman Sterling Carter
Nova Friburgo
Monteiro bp dl Dunn

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Norte
Webb dl Armstrong
Dissel Wilford
Taguatinga
Hansen dl Clark
Barney Roberts
Asa Sul
Proctor dl zl Hunter
Briggs Rosales

GOIÁS

Goiânia
Henrie dl zl Warcup
Swensen G. Keller
Anapolis
Zahrt dl Hindmarsh
Nassar Elggren

PERNAMBUCO

Madalena
Huffaker dl zl Thiriot
Johnson Walters
Olinda
Wheeler dl Nielsen
Thatcher Mills
Recife
Speed dl Edwards
Gagon Abraham

PARAÍBA

João Pessoa
Bame dl zl Tresnak
Baldree Phelps
Campina Grande
Solomon dl Enger

CEARÁ

Fortaleza
Carver dl zl Dance
Stanger LW. Robinson ER.

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MISSION MEMOS

In the past months many elders have been asking about their "CARTEIRAS". Because of several changes in the carteira system, many missionaries, as of yet, do not have their carteiras. In most cases, they lack only their signature and thumb print. Others are lacking their 3 by 4 cm pictures with white background. The following is a list of those elders lacking their "CARTEIRA":

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| Wiggins | Woffinden | Gagon | Barney |
| Forsyth | Abraham | Hansen | Speed |
| Lass | Baldree | Roberts | |

If your name is not on this list, and you do not have a copy yet, please send me, immediately, a separate letter requesting a copy. If your name appears on this list, you should contact the mission Secretary when entering Rio! Thank you. Elder Lovell

Once again I would like to remind you to send in the yellow copy of the "Recomendação para Batismo e Confirmação" WITH your 110FP cards. Thanks to all of you who sent your 110FP's in on time last month. Elder Tyler

Just as general information, we have made arrangements with the First National City Bank here in Rio so that the Elders when returning home can purchase American Currency. Take your passport and cambio slips to the Bank and if you desire you can purchase Currency on this Basis: 80% of currency in travelers checks, and 20% in american greenbacks. This is a courtesey provided by the bank and is not common practice, therefore please don't abuse this privilege. Thank you. Elder Sorensen.

We once again have a stock of leather briefcases from the Pugsley Pasta factory in Curitiba to sell to the Elders. There are two types: (1) the large expanding pasta, and a smaller (2) hard backed maleta or atache case. Both have a map of Brazil, all leather. We are selling these for 135,00 cruzeiros each, hurry, prices are going up! For more information or to order, see or write to Elder Sorensen, Mission Accountant.

After receiving word from the First Presidency that many of the missionaries who travel are not respectfully dressed, it was suggested that all missionaries not wear levis on Transfer. This applies to ALL missionaries on transfer to the Interior, North, and your trip home at the end of your mission. The Standard dress should be white shirt and tie as if Proselyting. The Mission President.

I call your attention to a practice which is definitely bringing discredit to the name of the Church here in Northern Brazil. Upon numerous occasions the banks have informed the Mission Home that the Elders are bouncing their checks. Let me explain the depth of this problem. It only takes one or two of the 153 missionaries in this mission to cancel all of the check cashing privileges that we now enjoy. Consistently for the past 5 months, there have been three or four checks returned by the bank each month for: insufficient funds, improper signature, and other miscellaneous reasons. Every month this problem arises with a different group of elders, which leads me to believe there is a laxity in the mission concerning check cashing. Please write home and express the importance of having sufficient funds in your account to your parents or supporters. Ask them to set up a buffer fund or make some type of arrangement with your bank to see your checks are not sent back to Brazil. You should use the precautions of not cashing large checks, of not cashing too soon, or of not cashing without the knowledge of your supporters. It is a very wise policy to not spend money you don't have. Should a problem arise, don't immediately cash an extra check, come and see the President or myself here at the Mission Home or at least inform us. **HELP TO KEEP THE FINANCIAL NAME OF THE CHURCH HONORABLE.**



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JEPU K. SORENSON

The following elders and sisters are due during the month of January:

Tanner, Baumgarten.

Zhart, Dissel, Elggren.

Henrie, Brown, Davis, Olsen, Southwick, Higgley, Solomon, Johnson.

Anderson, Packard, Robeck, Benedict, Broadbent, Rex, Hunter,

Taggart, Farnsworth, Wilford, Edwards.

Ehat George, Harman, Walters.

The following elders and sisters are due during the month of February:

Hansen, Robinson, Echols, Thomas, Owens, Barzee, M. Roberts,

Clark, Briggs, Graden, Bybee, Wing, D. Stanger, R. Nielsen,

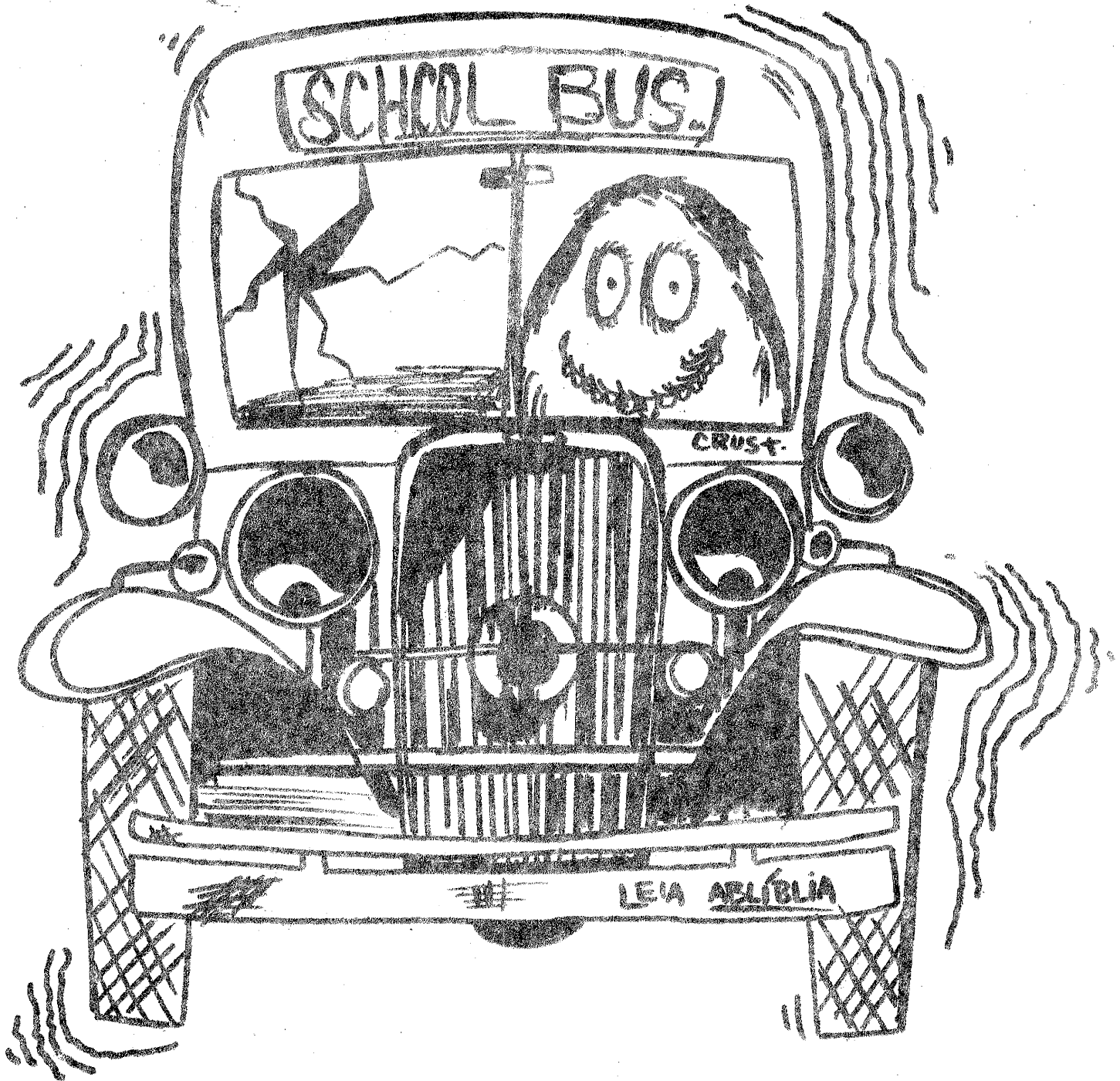
K. Sorensen, Andelin, Gagon.

the big "G"

Note: Always--ALWAYS after receiving a Big G shot, please inform the mission editor that very same week in a separate letter along with your weekly report sheets.

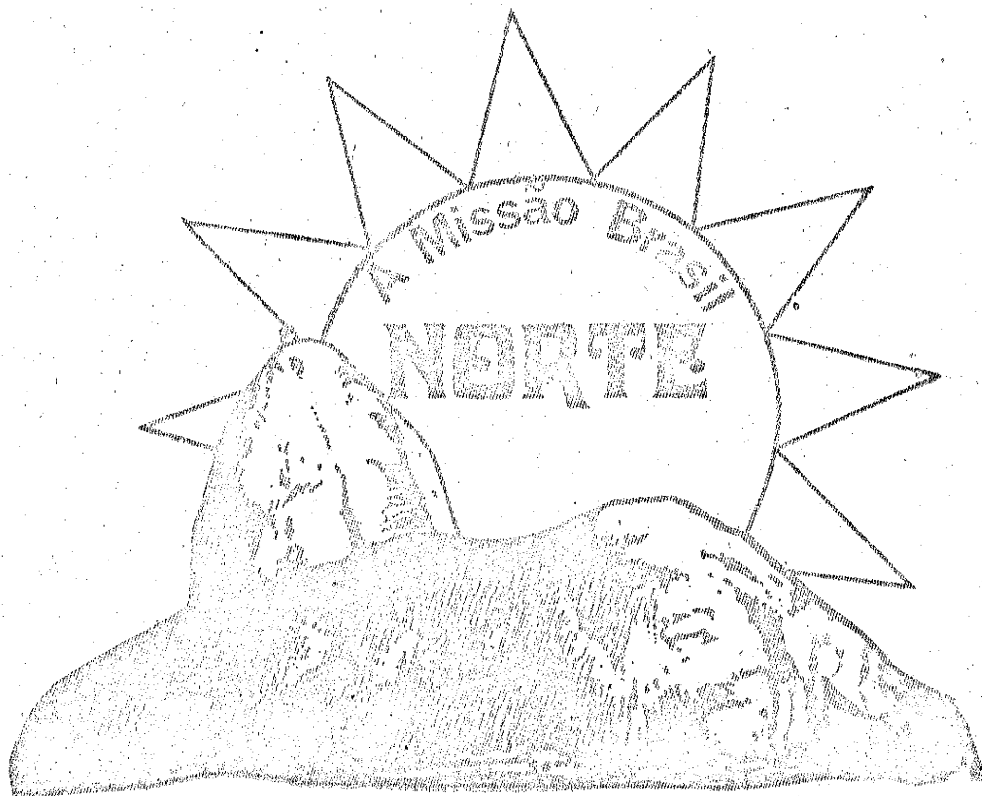
remember that we get the Big G shot now every three months--2 1/2 cc. Also, all injections are to be given with disposable syringes or needles... only!!!





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