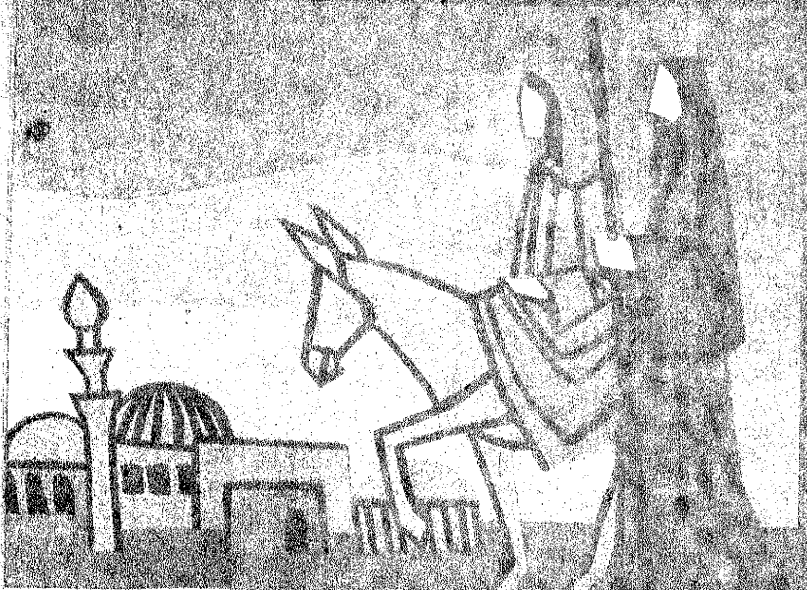


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O DESAFIO  
of the Brazil North Mission  
December 1972

Dear President,

I think it is sad to have this crutch  
of using reports to check so much.  
You'd think we'd do this without a prod.  
That is, I mean, to serve our God.

To serve Him well is our desire,  
to bring His Glory even higher,  
To shout His Name to all the earth,  
And give all a chance for a new birth.

'Tis sad indeed to need a page  
to spur us in this day and age  
Oh, to bring the Gospel, without numbering,  
To the earth in darkness slumbering!

Sincerely,

Elder Walters



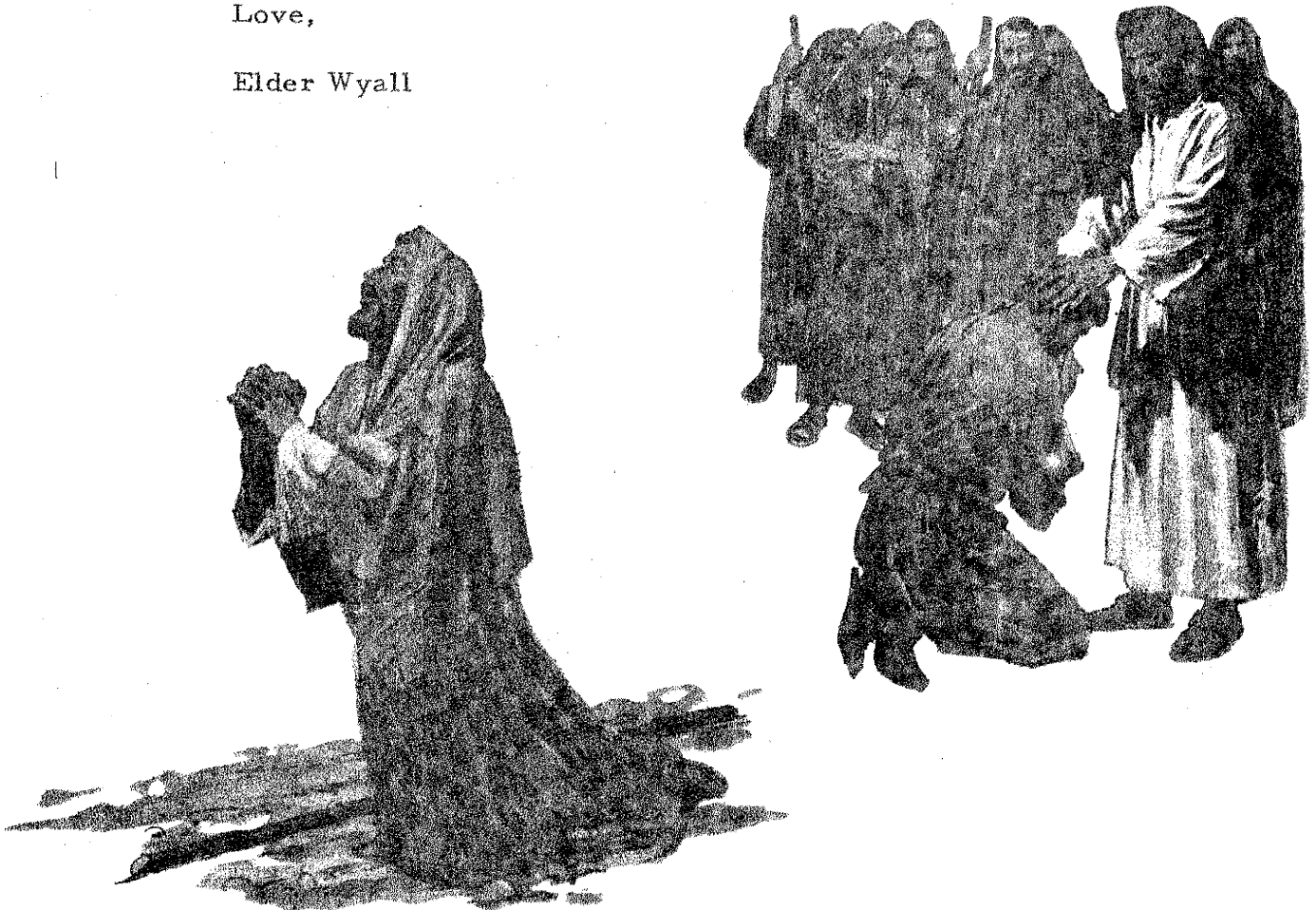
Dear President,

"Elder Baumgarten and I were asked by a non-member, whose wife is a member, to go to an interior town to give his dying father a blessing. At 8:00, Wednesday night we took off, and pulled in about 11:00 P.M. The house sat on the edge of this small town, and as we walked in we could hear and feel the floor give. The ceiling was high and the bedroom was poorly lit where the father lie flat on his back. Elder Baumgarten turned to me and said, 'You bless and I will anoint,' that sacared me because I didn't know what to say. After Elder Baumgarten anointed, I placed my hands on the man's head and begun "... I bless your body that it may have tranquility because...(I had a small fight with the spirit because it told me to say 'tomorrow you will meet God.' I said no and the spirit said,'say it') because tomorrow you will meet God..." We then gave the rest of the family a fifth lesson. The next morning came and we prepared to leave, but before we left we checked on the man once more. The family commented on the calm night he had spent. (Elder Baumgarten and I were the only two that heard the prayer.) Saturday I asked the non-member about his father and he said, 'He died the same day you left'."

My testimony is growing daily.

Love,

Elder Wyall



# President Oakes

Dear Missionaries:

The priesthood of God is as effective as it is obedient to the principles of righteousness.

"That the rights of the priesthood are inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and that the powers of heaven cannot be controlled nor handled only upon the principles of righteousness."  
Doctrine and Covenants 121:36

In this mission we dedicate ourselves to being effective missionaries, not through new, fancy ways of preaching the Gospel, but the eternally-proven method of faith, obedience and hard work. We represent the priesthood in action as contemplated in the above scripture.

We desire to be members of Christ's church and using His words, this means the following:

"Behold, this is my doctrine - whosoever repenteth and cometh unto me, the same is my church. Whosoever declareth more or less than this; the same is not of me, but is against me; therefore he is not of my church. And now, behold, whosoever is of my church, and endureth of my church to the end, him will I establish upon my rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against them." Doctrine and Covenants 10:67-70

Thus, we see that we must call the world to repent and come unto Christ and endure to the end. Then we are the Church of Christ. When we declare more or less than that we are not of His church.

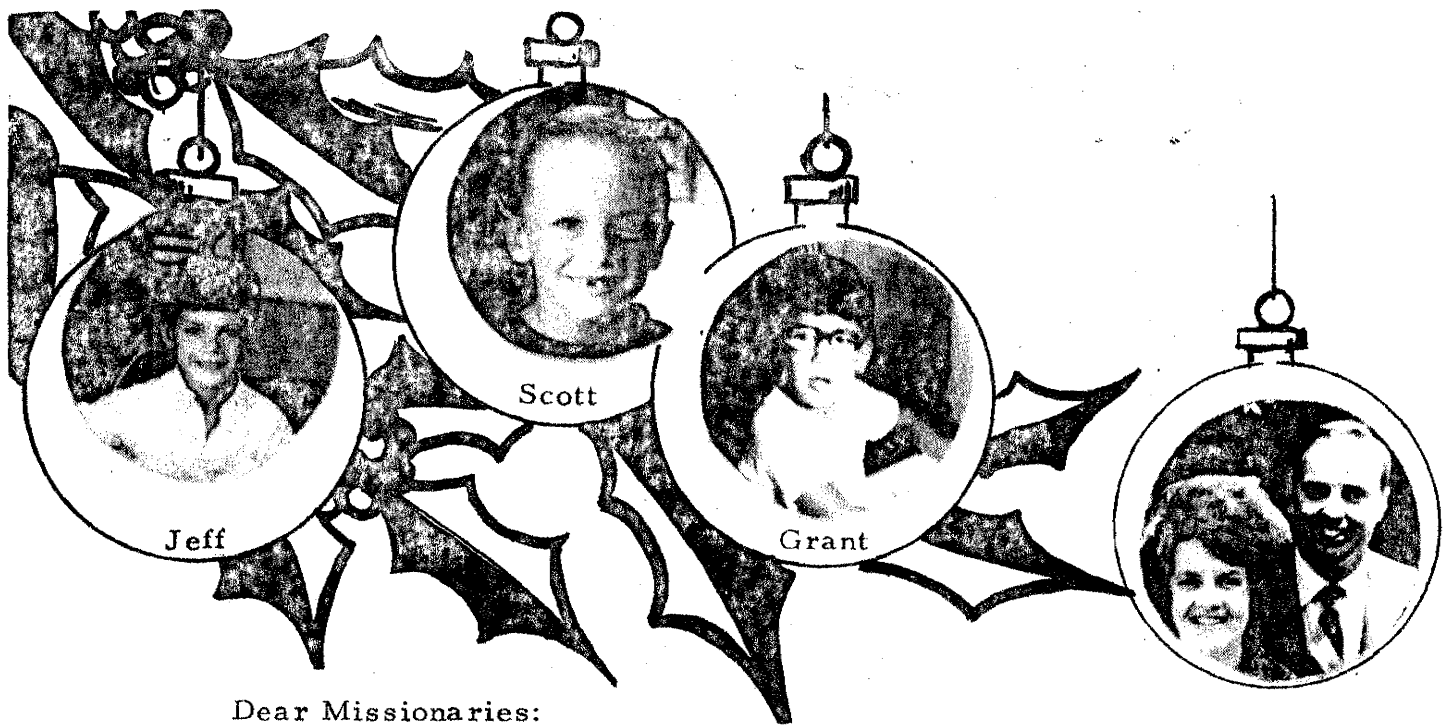
If we are self-sacrificing, obedient and loving and if we perform our labors with diligence and perseverance, we cannot fail. We will be established upon Christ's rock, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against us. That is 'crust'.

May we accomplish our labors as outlined above, may we study and comprehend very well our mission handbook, the Doctrine and Covenants, I sincerely pray.

My sincere brotherly love,



George A. Oakes



Dear Missionaries:

At this Christmas time we should reverently and humbly turn our thoughts to Jesus Christ, Our Master. He is to us, everything. We are His servants and someday we hope to be His friends. We love Him with all of our hearts.

How can we show this love which fills our souls? Naturally when this question is asked, another one need also be asked. What is the perfect gift we can give Him? The answer is clear. Righteous souls like unto Him who enter the Celestial Kingdom and dwell in exaltation forever. This makes all that He has done and is doing meaningful.

Our first obligation is getting ourselves there. But, this is interesting because He has told us that if we lose ourselves in service to others, we will find ourselves. Thus, probably the most selfish act that we can perform is to give ourselves in righteous service to others. But, to do this, we must be righteous, clean vessels of the Lord. We cannot remove the mote from another's eye unless first the beam is removed from ours. Therefore, we must always be examining ourselves to see that we have righteous motives, actions and desires. Then we must give ourselves in service to others.

We see that the greatest gift we can give our Master is first ourselves and then others and in our search for others, we find ourselves. May we have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, We pray.

Sincerely,

*George A. Oakes*      *Jeannette M. Oakes*

President and Sister Oakes

# Assitants' Article

"Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions (the birth of Jesus Christ) should be put to death except the sign should come to pass, which had been given by Samuel the prophet." III Nephi 1:9)

Probably no group of people has ever comprehended the true meaning of Christmas as well as those few faithful Nephites who were condemned to die at the setting of the evening sun if the sign of the new born Christ did not appear in the heavens.

Christmas Eve for those people was not spent decorating their homes, making home-made candy or happily wrapping gifts. That year, Christmas Eve on the American continent was spent in silent prayer for the birth of the Son of Man. All faithful saints cried out to God that He would send His son to the world to be born of the virgin Mary that the traditions of their fathers and words of their prophets might be fulfilled that evening. Not only their mortal existence depended on the fulfillment of that prophesy, but also their eternal salvation. The eyes of both believers and unbelievers must have been fixed to the sky that evening.

"And it came to pass that there was no darkness in all that night, but it was as light as though it were mid-day. And it came to pass that the sun did rise in the marning again, according to its proper order; and they knew it was the day that the Lord should be born, because of the sign which had been given." III Nephi 1:19

Christmas Day was probably spent that year in rejoicing and thanksgiving for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.

We as missionaries have not been asked to give our lives because of our belief in Christ as were the Nephites, yet every day, and especially this Christmas, we have the same opportunity to remember Christ and give our thanks for Him. He deserves our thanks, our dedication and our sacrifice. These are Christmas gifts that we can give our Creator everyday of our lives. He, in return, has an incomparable gift for us. He has said, "If thou wilt do good, yea, and hold out faithful to the end, thou shalt be saved in the Kingdom of God, which is the greatest of all the gifts of God; for there is no gift greater than the gift of salvation."

That great gift should be the goal and desire of all good men. It can only be received by those who accept and obey the laws and principles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. There is no greater work on earth than that of offering this great gift to the people of this world.

What greater Christmas gift could we give someone this month than baptizing him into the Church of Christ and making him a recipient of that great gift.

Joyfully,

*Elder Michael B. Speed*

Elder Speed



REGION ONE  
Speed - Assistant

ANDARAÍ

Vila Isabel  
Olsen DLZL, Warcup  
Barzee, Brannen  
Grajaú  
Abraham, Krietein  
Walters DL, Davis

CAPIXABA

Vitória  
Thiriot DL, Dyches  
Smith BP, Hymas

CASCADURA

Jacarepaguá  
Dunn ZL, Dixon  
Vila Vaqueire  
Elggren DL, Dueul  
Ennes, Foster  
Madureira  
Fackrell DL, Warner  
Silva, Malhorquim

MEIER

Boca do Mato  
Hall DLZL, Gilgen  
Sherman, Larson  
São Cristóvão  
Welch DL, Hafen  
Mills, Recksiek

TIJUCA

Santa Tereza  
Edwards DLZL, Hindmarsh  
Maughan, Sargent  
Saenz Pena  
Allison DL, Hortin  
Gaertner, Cordeiro

STAFF

Hansen, Secretary  
Andersen, Historian  
Taggart, Accountant  
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Thatcher, Programmer

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Carver - Assistant  
ESTADO DO RIO

Niterói  
Packard DLZL, Phelps  
Nova Friburgo  
Fuzeto BP, Wangemann  
São Gonçalo  
Milner DL, Reimschuessel  
Volta Redonda  
Dance, Biehl

ILHA DO GOVERNADOR

Ramos  
Echols DLZL, Potter  
Nielsen, Chatfield  
Galeão  
Clarke, Boswell

IRAJA

Penha  
Furness DLZL, Metcalf  
Burton, Potter  
Vila Cosmos  
Roberts DL, Rich  
Keller, Wilson

JARDIM BOTÂNICO

Botafogo  
Giblette DLZL, Baird  
McCurdy - Sister's Progr.  
Mc Gee - Asst. Sec.  
Lagoa  
Farnsworth DL, Arnold  
Enger, Porter

MINAS GERAIS

Floresta  
Ehat DLZL, Hardesty  
Forsyth, Hayes  
Prado  
Rex DL, Christiansen  
Robinson, Underwood  
Sete Lagoas  
Wilford DL, Bradshaw

MONTANHAS

Petrópolis  
Baldree DLZL, Jackman  
Armstrong, Marsh  
Terezopolis  
Amato BP, Rishton  
Juiz de Fora  
Hunter, Booth

REGION THREE  
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Svedin Co-Assistant

DISTRITO FEDERAL

Asa Sul  
Benedict DLZL, Lass  
Asa Norte  
Joyner, Stanger  
Taguatinga  
Wood DL, Richards  
Owens, Peterson

GOIAS

Goiânia  
Stanger DLZL, Wyal  
Baumgarten, O'Brien  
Anapolis  
Barclay DL, Grimm

PARAIBA

João Pessoa  
Fuhriman DLZL, Robinson  
Robeck, Lewis, GM  
Campina Grande  
Nassar DL, Lewis, GE

CEARÁ

Fortaleza  
Taft DLZL, Carey

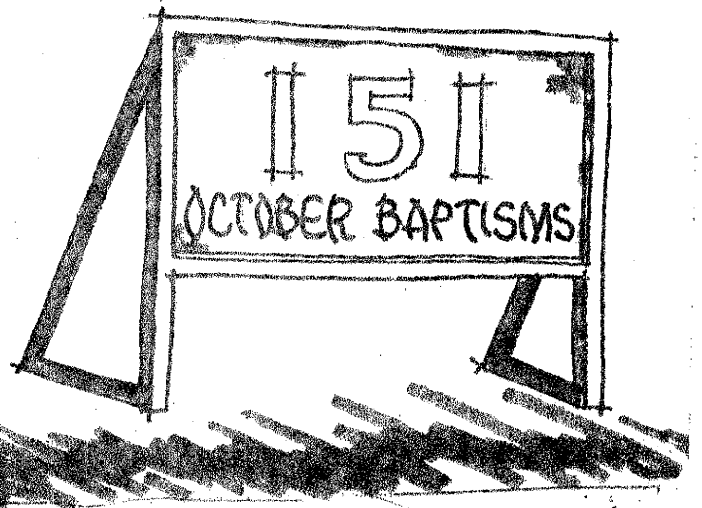
PERNAMBUCO

Olinda  
Wing DLZL, Miller  
Wiscombe, Crismon  
Recife  
Dissel DL, Holley  
Mendenhall, Burlingame  
Boa Viagem  
Shillig DL, Quinn  
Barney, Barnes

Brazil  
North  
MISSION

# Baptismal Statistics

Boa Viagem	18	Saenz Peña	3
Recife	3	Santa Tereza	2
Olinda	0	TIJUCA	5
PERNAMBUCO	21		
		Dias da Cruz	4
Floresta	7	Todos Os Santos	1
Sete Lagoas	6	ENGENHO DE DENTRO	5
Prado	5		
Belo	0	Botafogo	4
MINAS GERAIS	18	Lagoa	0
		Laranjeiras	0
Volta Redonda	11	JARDIM BOTANICO	4
Niterói	3		
São Gonçalo	3	João Pessoa	3
Nova Friburgo	0	Campina Grande	0
ESTADO DO RIO	17	PARAÍBA	3
Penha	12	Vila Velha	2
Vila Kosmos	4	Vitória	0
IRAJÁ	16	CAPIXABA	2
Taguatinga	10	Anápolis	1
Asa Sul	4	Goiânia	0
Asa Norte	1	GOIÁS	1
DISTRITO FEDERAL	15		
Jacarepaguá	7		
Madureira	6		
CASCADURA	13		
Vila Isabel	8		
Grajaú	3		
ANDARAÍ	12		
Galeão	8		
Ramos	1		
ILHA DO GOVERNADOR	9		
São Cristóvão	7		
Boca do Mato	0		
MEIER	7		



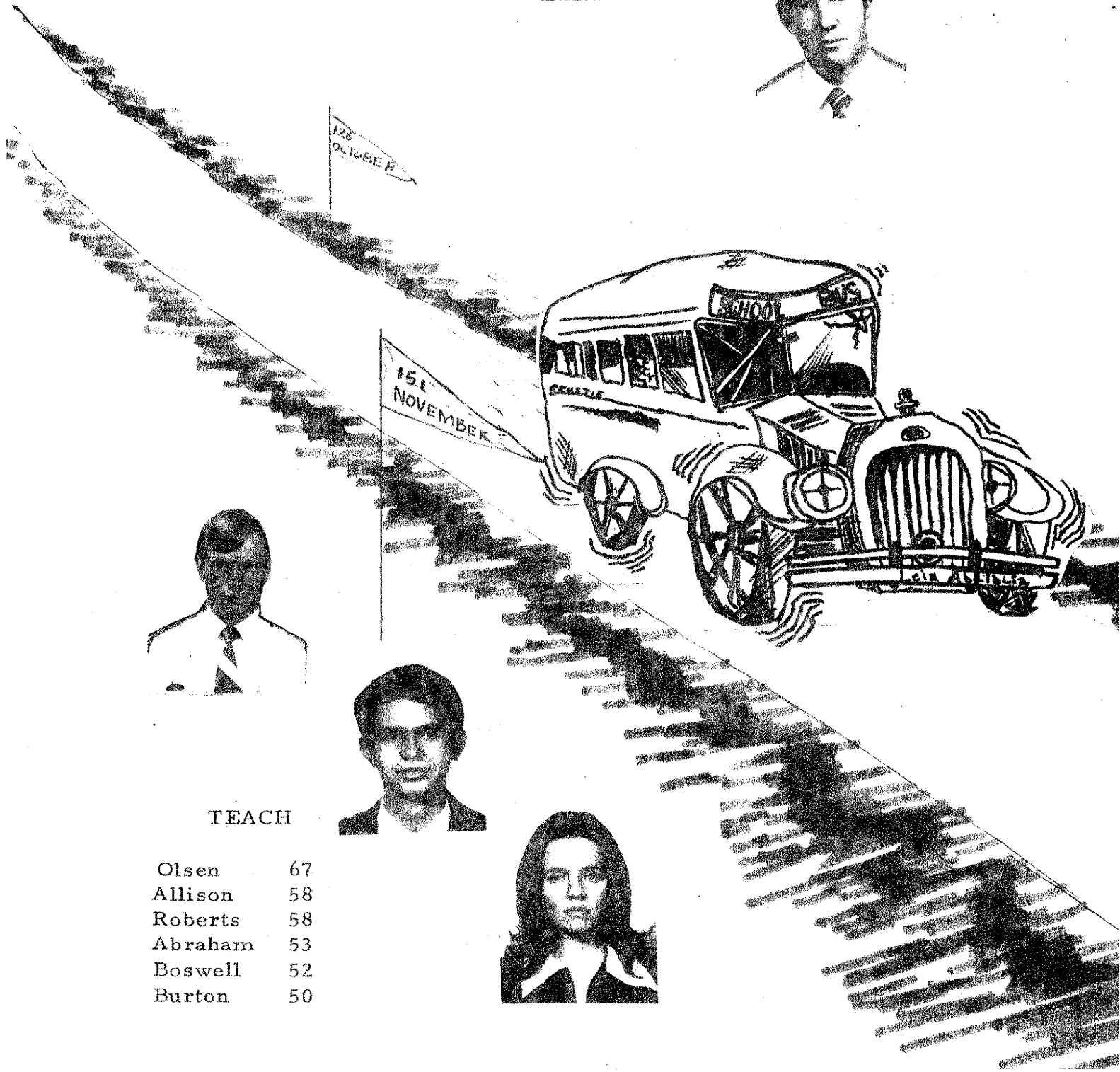
FIND

Baldree	343
Boswell	340
Sargent	339
Larson	337
Rich	331
Baird	330



TEACH

Olsen	67
Allison	58
Roberts	58
Abraham	53
Boswell	52
Burton	50



HOW FOUND

Member Reference	65
Tracting	48
Investigator Reference	2
Street Meeting	1
Street Contact	1
Self Interest	1
Not Reported	33

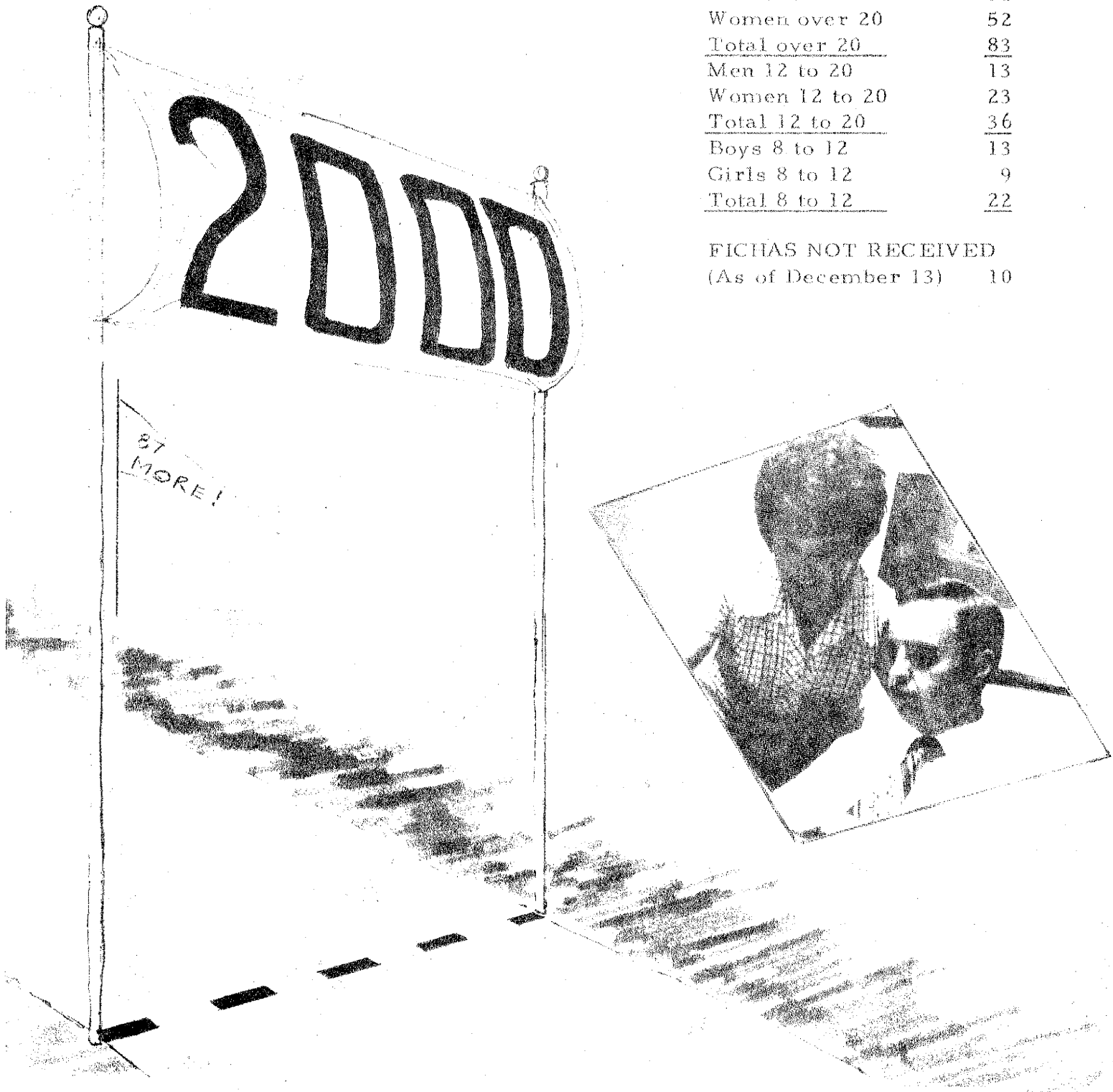
WHEN BAPTIZED

First Week	18
Second Week	36
Third Week	35
Fourth Week	62

WHO BAPTIZED

Men over 20	31
Women over 20	52
<u>Total over 20</u>	<u>83</u>
Men 12 to 20	13
Women 12 to 20	23
<u>Total 12 to 20</u>	<u>36</u>
Boys 8 to 12	13
Girls 8 to 12	9
<u>Total 8 to 12</u>	<u>22</u>

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(As of December 13) 10



# Memos

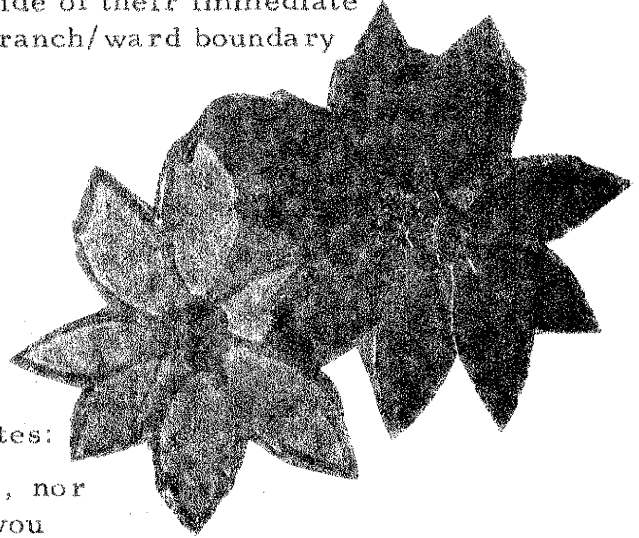
Dear Missionaries:

It has been brought to our attention that investigators taught and eventually baptized by elders not assigned within the boundaries of their branch usually are not properly integrated. Therefore, if you receive a reference that lives beyond the boundaries of the branch where you are assigned, please give it to elders who are assigned to their area and branch. Elders may visit and teach people outside of their immediate proselyting area, but only within the branch/ward boundary lines.

Sincerely,



George A. Oakes



Dear Missionaries:

I wish to emphasize the rule which states:

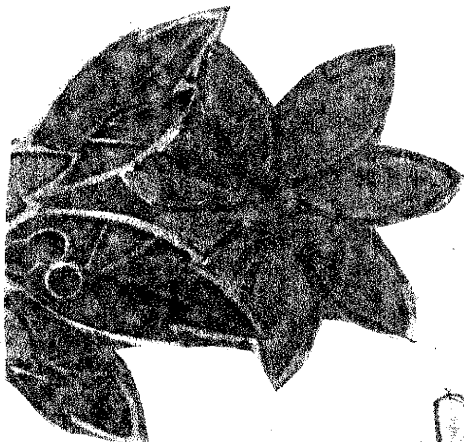
"Do not write members, nor visit branches where you have previously worked."

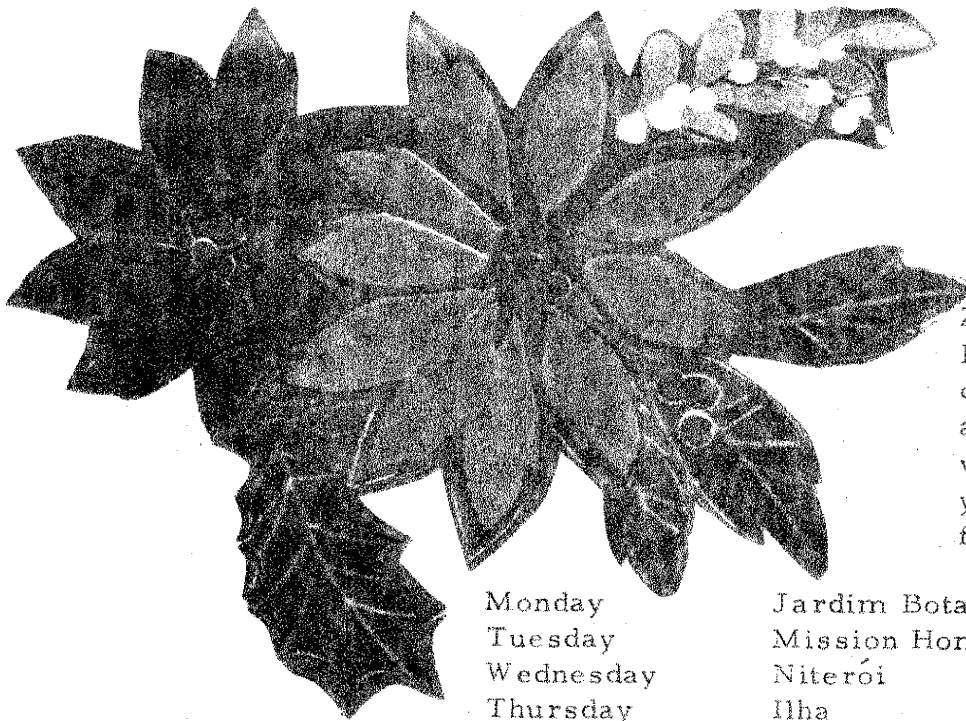
We must be very careful to maintain dignified spiritual relationships. The members sometimes misinterpret letters and return visits. Girls especially like to believe that an elder has a special interest in them. Any violation of this rule without prior clearance from the president may cause serious difficulties for the missionaries. Companions have a duty to be their brother's keeper.

Sincerely,



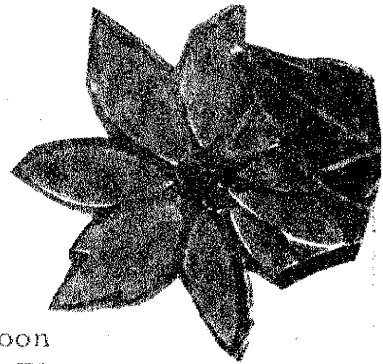
George A. Oakes





Zone Leaders:  
Because of complications that have arisen over audio-visual equipment, will you please observe the following schedule:

Monday	Jardim Botanico
Tuesday	Mission Home
Wednesday	Niterói
Thursday	Ilha
Friday	Iraja'
Saturday	Open - request
Sunday	Open - request



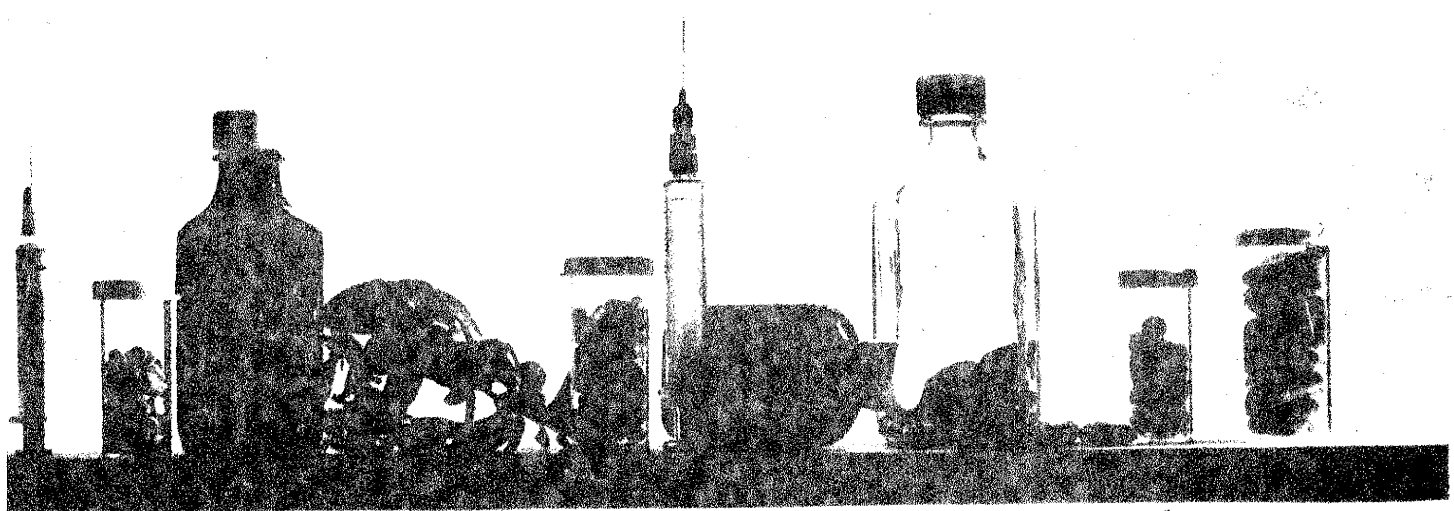
The projector and films may be picked up after 12:00 noon and must be returned by 10:30 a.m. the following day. Please list any difficulties upon returning the equipment.

When we become concerned about the needs of others and share properly the spirit of the Lord will help us to be more efficient and powerful missionaries.

To All Mail-Minded Missionaries: Please mail all 'malas', 'pacotes', 'revistas', 'livros', and other 'negocios' yourself, before going home. There are 'Colis Postaux' counters in almost every 'correio'. The rates are as follows:

1 kilo	NCr\$ 16,85
3 kilos	26,35
5 kilos	37,05
10 kilos	63,35
15 kilos	94,25
20 kilos	121,65

'Colis Postaux' is open Monday through Friday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM; but is not open on Saturday. Therefore, Preparation Day would be an excellent time to mail. Because our Preparation Day is on Saturday, it is extremely inconvenient for those of the mission home staff to make the special trip to mail 'malas'. However, in case of emergency, we'll 'dar um jeitinho', but a service charge of NCr\$15,00 will be charged. Mail early to avoid the rush.



Latest findings indicate that hepatitis may be easily contacted in as little as 2 1/2 months after receiving an injection of gama globulin. Persons exposed after this period should receive a 320 mg injection of gama globulin immediately. Injections at an interval of 3 months are insufficient to inhibit the hepatitis virus. Injections of 320 mg of gama globulin every 2 1/2 months is suggested. The symptoms include a yellowing of the whites of the eyes, darkening of the urine, tiredness, headaches and low fever. Please check with the mission home or a doctor upon noting any of these symptoms.

Remember: A 320 mg injection of gama globulin will help inhibit infectious hepatitis only if taken during intervals of less than 2 1/2 months.

# GG Shot — Every 2-1/2 Months now

The following items are now available in the commissary.

- 1 - triple combinations, English, leather cover, indexed  
US \$ 10.50
- 2 - large figures  
US \$ 1.00
- 3 - after lesson handouts, English  
no cost
- 4 - the new Joseph Smith tract  
no cost



As one of my goals as editor, I wish to make the "Desafio" a mission magazine responsive to the missionary. I welcome any suggestions that might be offered in areas such as content, reproduction or design layout. If you have suggestions, forward them to Elder Tresnak. I will surely appreciate them.



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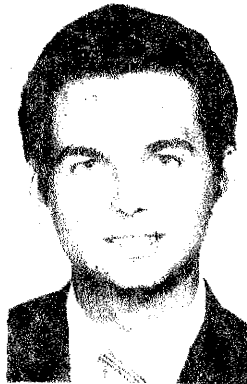
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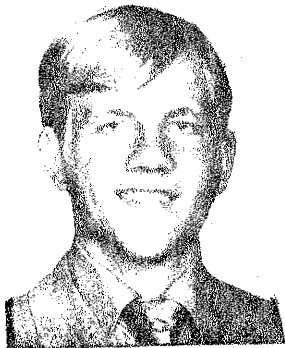
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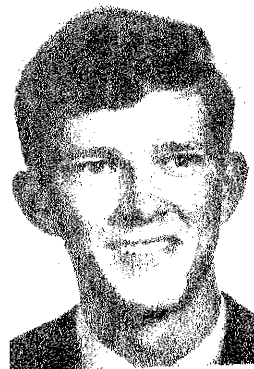
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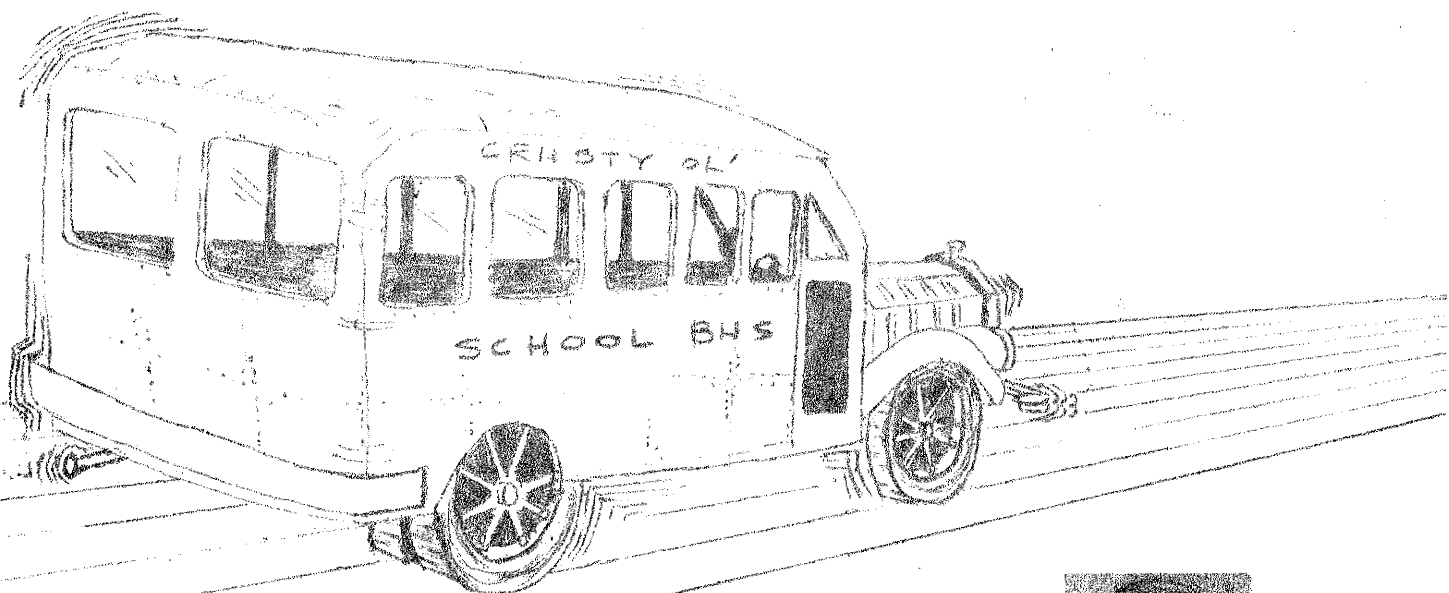
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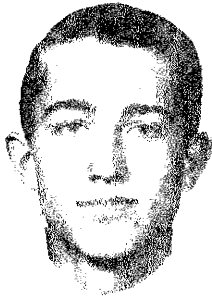
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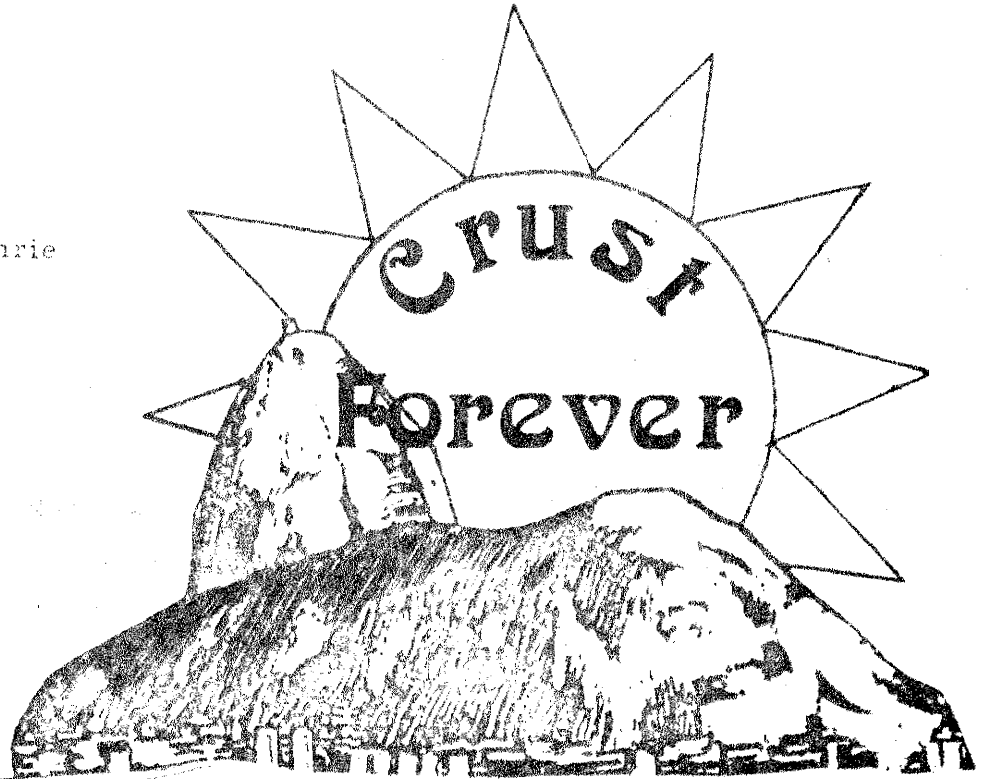
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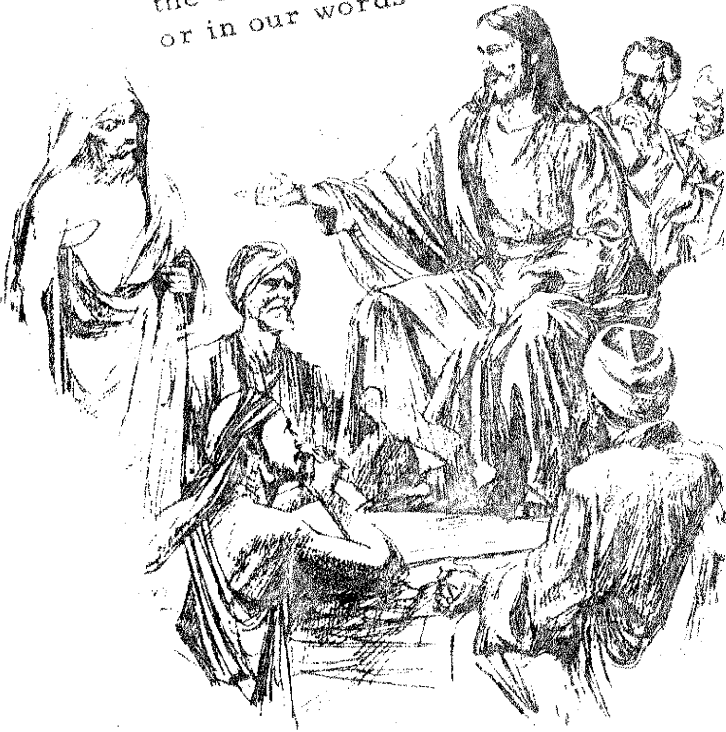
# OFFICIAL DEFINITION OF CRUST

We have discussed what it means to be "Crusty." Basically it has come to mean the extra effort, sacrifice dedication and service with all our heart, might, mind and strenght. But, we've to date lacked and official definition, therefore, I propose the words of Brigham Young assume that role. They were expressed by him in regard to his missionary life and they are as follows:

" How I have had the Headache, when I have had ideas to lay before the people, and not the words to express them; but I was so gritty that I always tried my best." (Brigham Young, The New Era, January, 1972)

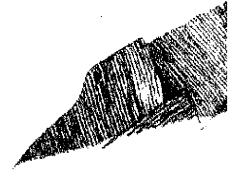
When we see our bus or our mascot "Crust", let's remember the character of our great leaders, or in our words "Crusty".

# BE CR



# SE PODE

both in public and in private.



# USTY!

Then come the wild weather,  
Come sleet or come snow,  
We will stand by each other,  
However it plow.

-Simon Dach

... the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak."



# JA ROSO

I'm really happy President. As Elder Olsen said in one of the last district meetings, "I've never been more tired, never worked harder, and never been happier in my whole life." It's the same with me...



"the crusty old school bus"  
— the same yesterday and  
today — slow but sure —  
ever repairable — honest  
faithful.



A Igreja de Jesus Cristo dos Santos dos Últimos Dias

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