

# Youth 81

A young man and woman are sitting on a large, mossy rock in a forest. Both are wearing large red backpacks. The man is on the left, wearing a plaid shirt and blue jeans, looking towards the camera with a smile. The woman is on the right, wearing a plaid shirt and dark pants, also smiling. The background is filled with green foliage and trees.

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**COVER:** Backpacking is a great way to get out and enjoy God's creation. Scott Ashley's article "Off the Beaten Path — Backpacking," beginning page 6, takes a step-by-step approach to this increasingly popular sport. Photo by Nathan Faulkner.

# Letters

## Death of a loved one

I have something I'd like to share that might help other kids if they ever have to deal with the death of a loved one. It might also help me if I talk about it.

On Nov. 9, 1979, while I was at my sister's house, my brother, Don, knocked on the door. I opened the door and noticed the pained look on Don's face. He came in, broke down crying, and said, "I've got some bad news for you." Karen, my sister, asked him what was wrong. He then replied, "Randy was killed in a car wreck a while ago." Randy was our brother.

When Don told me that Randy was dead, I cried hysterically for about five minutes and then I never cried again. All I could think about was that Randy wouldn't have to live in this rotten world anymore. He wouldn't have to live in this wretched society, wondering whether or not he would be able to eat and pay the bills the next day.

Everyone wondered why I didn't cry at the funeral. Maybe God allowed me to be strong for my family's sake. All I know was that Randy would have a chance to live the way God would want him to live, in the second resurrection.

I was right. Talking about Randy has helped me.

Lonna Cole  
Albany, Ore.

*The article "Death — Then What" in the June-July issue of The Plain Truth explains the subject of death and the resurrection.*

## Mr. Armstrong's encouraging articles

I appreciate the new *Youth 81* magazine very much. I find the articles very interesting, especially about being a teen in the different countries, and Mr. Armstrong's encouraging articles. I look forward to receiving our magazine each month, and reading and learning more about God's wonderful way of life.

Linda Becker  
East London, South Africa

## "Certainly, Sir!"

I am a senior in school and I find the articles very helpful. Like the article in the March issue by Mr. Armstrong, "Certainly, Sir!" It helped remind me that I must always be polite and considerate of others. Thank you for such a wonderful magazine. Keep up the good work.

Bob Smithburger  
Gibbon Glade, Pa.

# A Teenager in King Nebuchadnezzar's Court

By Darris McNeely

**H**ave you ever been faced with an uncomfortable choice between right and wrong? What did you do — give in, or decide to do what was right?

The most far-reaching decision you'll ever make is before you now — whether you will stay with the faith of your youth. As you reach your mid to late teens, this question becomes even more important. You may know of some teens who have quit attending church and turned their backs on God's way of life.

In the Bible there is a story about a teenager who grew up in the Church, found himself faced with a major question at an early age and chose to hold to the faith he was brought up in. His name was Daniel, and in his early teens he was taken from his parents and enrolled in a special training program at the court of the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 1).

In 604 B.C., after Jerusalem became part of the Babylonian Empire, large numbers of Jews were transported to Babylon. King Nebuchadnezzar sought to enrich his kingdom by teaching the brightest children the knowledge of the Babylonians.

They would receive extensive training in astronomy, mathematics, law and diplomacy. Three years were allotted for this schooling, about as much time as a person would spend getting a college education today.

Nebuchadnezzar's training program would eventually turn many of these young men from their religious

faith. By filling their minds with Babylon's pagan customs and knowledge, they would soon forget the law of God. Then they would compromise the values and teachings ingrained in them since childhood.

Daniel realized how easily this could happen to him. He and three friends, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, determined that they would not compromise. They chose to stick with the law of God.

Their first test came over the food served to them. Daniel knew he could not eat the meat. For one thing, God had prohibited Israel from eating meat offered to pagan gods (Ex. 34:15). The meat served in the palace may have been killed in an offering to a pagan deity. Also, much of the meat was probably unclean — not intended by God for human consumption.

Daniel convinced his overseer that a diet of vegetables would sustain them better than the food offered by the king. He suggested a 10-day trial to prove it. At the end of 10 days, Daniel and his friends looked better and were healthier than all the others who had eaten the king's meat. After this, Daniel and his companions were allowed to continue the diet of their choosing.

As a result of their obedience, God gave these four young men increased wisdom, skill and knowledge. Their understanding of all the subjects was far superior to that of their classmates. They must have graduated at the top of their class, because Nebuchadnezzar placed them on his personal staff to advise him in matters of the kingdom. In addition,

God gave Daniel the ability to interpret visions and dreams.

Several lessons can be drawn from this experience.

First, Daniel remained loyal to the religion of his youth — he did not compromise, even in the face of overwhelming pressure from his peers and the authorities over him.

Being away from his parents, hundreds of miles from the familiar surroundings of home, Daniel could have decided to go along with everyone else. But he refused. Daniel resolved to hold to his faith.

Persistence enabled Daniel to avoid compromising. When the prince of the eunuchs refused to let Daniel choose his own diet, Daniel went to Melzar, who was directly over the four youths. It would have been easy to give up after the first try and say, "I've done all I can." But Daniel displayed the stick-to-itiveness it takes to achieve a goal.

Daniel's actions in his early teens affected the rest of his life. He was at the seat of power more than 50 years and brought a personal witness of the power of God to several kings of great empires. His ability to interpret dreams and visions more than once brought him before those leaders to deliver a message from God. This gift of wisdom and his stature as a "counsellor to kings" gave Daniel fame over most of the known world. God could not have used a person of weak will to accomplish this.

As a teenager, Daniel elected to stay with the faith of his youth — in other words, the Church — thereby building a foundation for a prosperous and successful future. Capture the vision placed before you today and choose the way that offers you every blessing and happiness. □

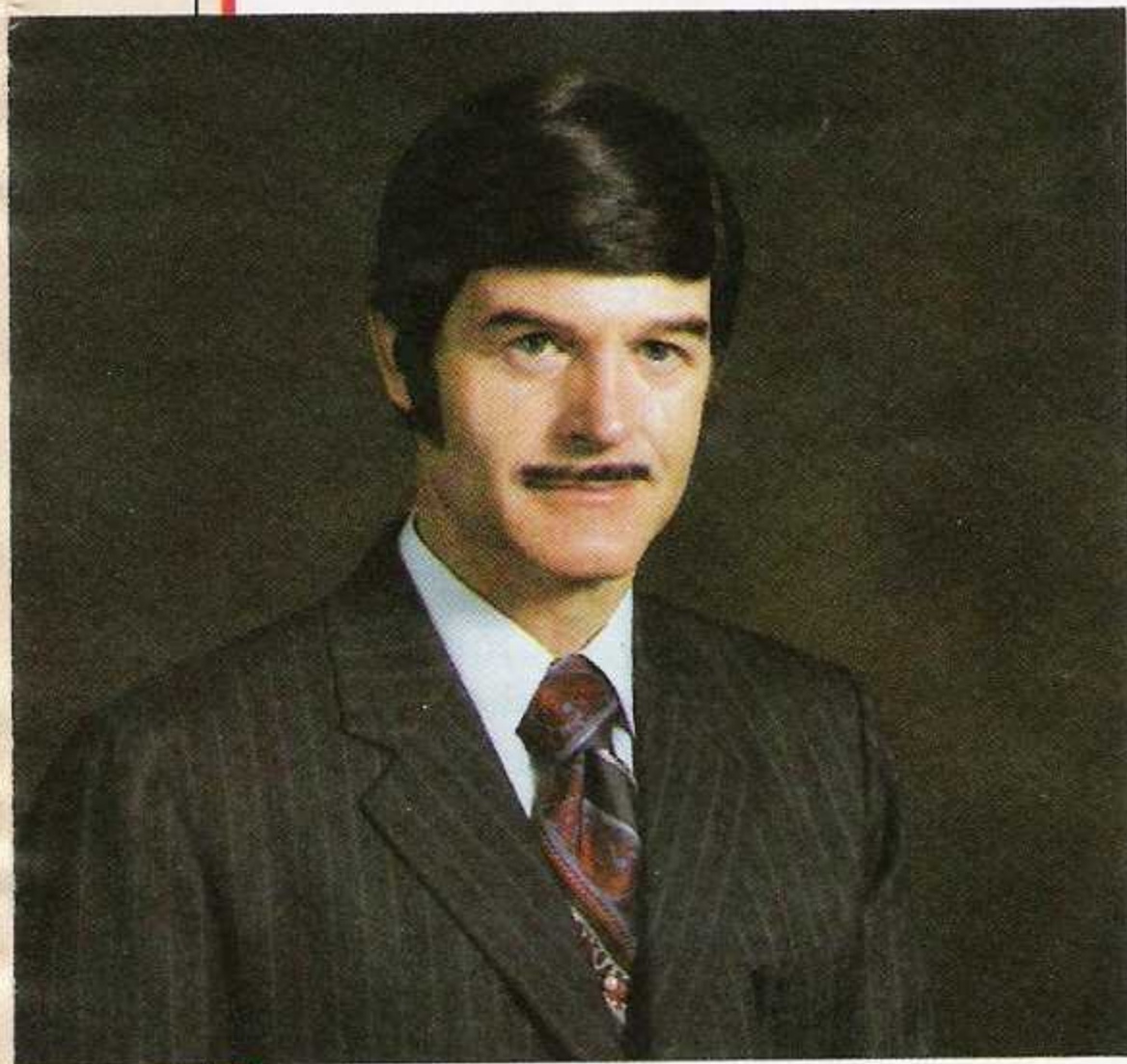
# Adventure with Purpose

*Want a life filled with excitement and adventure?  
You can have it if you prepare now.*

By George Kackos

**W**hen John Goddard was 15, he wrote down 127 major goals for his future. And some 30 years later he has achieved more than 100 of them!

Were these dull, easy-to-achieve goals? By no means! As a matter of fact, in achieving his goals Mr. Goddard has become a world-renowned explorer and adventurer, thrilling audiences (including the Ambassador College student body) with filmed presentations of his adventures.



John Goddard, world-renowned explorer and adventurer, took the first step toward his accomplishments at age 15 when he set 127 major goals for himself. What about you? Setting right goals now is the beginning of a life of adventure and meaningful accomplishment. (Youth 81 photo)

At 15, he decided to explore the length of some of the world's greatest rivers: the Nile, Amazon, Congo, Colorado, Yangtze and the Niger. Among the mountains he chose to climb were Everest, Kilimanjaro, Ararat, Kenya, Rainier and Fuji.

He also decided to carry out a career in medicine, to learn to fly airplanes (including some of the fastest supersonic jets), to retrace the steps of Marco Polo and Alexander the Great and to ride a horse in the Rose Parade in Pasadena.

Donning scuba gear, he set out to explore the underwater worlds of the Great Barrier Reef off Australia, the Red Sea, the Fiji Islands and the Florida Everglades.

In his travels he has visited nearly every country in the world, seeing famous places like the Taj Mahal, the Eiffel Tower and Vatican City.

To fulfill other goals, Mr. Goddard also became an Eagle Scout, submerged in a submarine, circumnavigated the globe, wrote a book, high-jumped 5 feet, ran a mile in five minutes, learned the flute and violin, read the entire Bible, typed 50 words a minute, became proficient in football and basketball, learned to water ski and snow ski, married and had five children.

Quite a remarkable set of achievements!

It seems most people want an achievement-filled, successful life, but the vast majority feel they are forced by the "harsh realities" of life to accept far less. John Goddard didn't let this stop him, though. He *knew* what he wanted to do at age 15, and he set out to achieve those goals.

What about you? You probably

have a strong desire to succeed. You want to accomplish *meaningful* things — things that make life rewarding for you and that are helpful to others. But how can you achieve success when the odds seem so much against you in today's world?

The first step is simply setting the right goals. By setting the right goals, you can determine where you are going and how you can get there.

You need not live your life by accident like many around you. Right now, while you are young, you can map out an overall set of goals that will ensure you a long, fulfilling and abundant life.

John Goddard's accomplishments have come over the course of a lifetime, but they are the result of having set goals for himself when he was young. You are at an age when most of life is ahead of you. There are many worthwhile things to achieve — mountains to climb, trips to take, people to meet, books to read, things to do!

These are the years when you need to determine what you want out of life. Do you want a life of purpose and adventure? You can have it!

The pathway to success begins with setting the right goals. Without them, you'll tend to wander aimlessly through life — buffeted about by circumstances. If you set the right goals, you'll be healthier, happier and more confident. Life will be abundant and take on new meaning every day. You'll be in control and able to solve problems that arise.

On the other hand, if you're not goal oriented, you'll probably be troubled and frustrated by life. Others around you who have little or no direction in their lives will exert

their influence on you. As you grow older, you may look back in regret on a life of unfulfilled dreams and blame others for your failure.

Understand this: Some may choose the wrong goals and still lead a life of accomplishment. But their accomplishments will be far short of the incredible human potential that God has outlined for mankind. Without the right goal, true success is impossible, because as Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong points out in the booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*, the right goal is to fulfill God's purpose for our being.

There is more to life than successes that end when you die. "For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?" (Luke 9:25). People may spend a lifetime chasing pursuits that do little or nothing to please the God who created all things.

In setting your goals, remember God has a purpose for you: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment" (Eccl. 11:9).

This scripture shows that youth can be an enjoyable time of accomplishment, but that it must be tempered with consideration for God's way of life so that the enjoyment will last (Prov. 16:3, 9).

All the time we have left is in the future. Set for yourself long-range goals that will be accomplished over a span of years. Plan for a career — list places you want to go — decide what character traits you want to develop. Then set short-range goals that will ensure daily progress. That way you'll be able to actually see and experience the joy of accomplishment as you go.

Establish priorities for your goals, placing the most important things first. Write your goals down and then achieve them. It's hard work, but the benefits are so great!

As time passes, you'll need to revise your list of goals and make sure

they are in the proper order of importance. As circumstances change, so must you.

Mr. Armstrong has learned through many years of study and experience that there are very definite laws that lead to success. Setting the right goal and compatible

minor goals is the first law he states in the free booklet, *The Seven Laws of Success*. Send for and read this booklet — by starting with right goals and applying the other laws of success Mr. Armstrong outlines, you'll be amazed at the success you can enjoy in your life! □



Illustration by Greg Sandlands

## On Target

What would you like to be doing two, three or five years from now?

A lot of people dream about what the future may hold for them, but what steps can you take to make your own dreams become reality? Here are a few suggestions to help you take aim on your life's goals — the place to start in planning for a successful

future.

1. *Be sure to set realistic, meaningful goals in life.* Think about what you want to achieve and what kind of person you want to be. Don't let life just happen to you. If you do, what happens won't be success.

2. *Break each goal down into finer points.* Your goal, for instance, may be to become a mathematician. If so, then you probably realize that during your high school career you should take as many math courses as you can, along with your other classes. You must "sleep, breathe and eat" math until it becomes a part of you!

Your planning might include steps you should take in the next six to 10 years to get you from where you are now to your goal of becoming a mathematician. You should know what higher education you'll need, and what kind of training you should be get-

ting now to prepare for it.

And all the way through you must strive to make good grades — each year, semester, quarter and exam. In other words, your long-range goals must be broken down and worked out on a daily basis.

3. *Counsel about your goals.* In order to make sure you've selected the right goals, be sure to get plenty of wise counsel. The Bible is filled with instructions about getting good advice. Proverbs 11:14 states, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

Notice verse 22 of the 15th chapter: "Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established."

And in Proverbs 19:20 we read, "Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end."

4. *Pursue your goals intensely.* God explains an important principle of achievement in Ecclesiastes 9:10: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Again, God inspired Solomon to write:

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men" (Prov. 22:29). So, if you ever want to hold an important job in life, or to achieve other goals, you must be diligent. By applying these points diligently you will be able to achieve the goals others just dream about. —

By Curtis May □

# Reflections

## BEING A TEEN

Happiness and fun,  
Anger and trials.  
Had thousands of tests,  
Ran a few miles.

Have seen plenty of sadness,  
Unfairness and pain.  
Been struck out in softball,  
No fortune and fame.

Have seen people smile,  
Have seen people frown.  
Everything and anything,  
Getting them down.

It's not that easy,  
As we have seen,  
To live in this world,  
And to be a teen.

The teachers' yells,  
The crowded halls.  
Played volleyball in gym,  
And missed the ball.

Well, age 20 is nearing,  
And we have seen,  
What it's really like,  
To be a teen.

Lori Tenold  
Age 18  
Iowa City, Iowa

## REFLECTIONS

To find yourself,  
Look at your reflection.  
Who do you see . . .  
The one you thought you were . . .  
Or the one others see?

Wendy Proffitt  
Age 16  
Camden, Mo.

## LOVE IS NEEDED

LOVE is needed in daily prayers,  
Love is sharing sorrows and cares.  
LOVE is needed in the time of strife  
for love brings the spirit back to life.  
LOVE is being true to the husband for life  
and he being true to his cherished wife.  
LOVE is the little girl you bore  
which you love everyday more.  
LOVE is a happy home — and a happy  
home is  
where God is  
AND where God is not, love is not.

Annie Lyle  
Age 14  
Odessa, Tex.

## THE WORLD TOMORROW

The world tomorrow pictures to me  
A world of peace and harmony.  
Where children can play without any fears,  
Where parents don't have to worry about  
paying bills,  
Where people learn to love, not hate,  
And people learn to give, not take.

Rebecca Bone  
Age 15  
Huntsville, Ala.

YOU

I've seen other people go to costume dances  
and be Raggedy Ann or Andy,  
Going to beaches and getting all wet  
and finding a dog named Sandy.  
Skating parties for \$3.98,  
Daddy, Oh, Daddy, why do I have to wait?  
I don't believe it, I'm finally here  
in YOU . . . just this year.  
Now I'm the one in Raggedy Ann  
or going to camp and cooking in a pan.  
Going swimming and getting those leaches,  
or getting all wet at Miami beaches.  
I don't know how I did it,  
but I really did, Dad,  
And the waiting wasn't really  
all that bad.

Bethlei Faulkner  
Age 12  
Pasadena, Calif.

TAKE MY KEY

There is a goal of man to find happiness  
and understanding;  
They have gone to great extremes, even  
broken laws.  
Many have searched the world with close  
inspection.  
Some have died for such a cause.  
They've broken the locks on many a door,  
just to hurt themselves and all the rest.  
But if you take my advice, then worry no  
more;  
Your joy and knowledge will be ever  
expanding.  
Love is the key to happiness, for it opens  
the door to understanding.

Jimmy Melvin Jr.  
Age 18  
Felton, Del.

PEOPLE

People are people.  
People are not gods.  
I'm not perfect,  
You're not perfect,  
God is everything  
good you could  
imagine and more!

Jamie Lynn Barron  
Age 14  
Missouri City, Tex.

A POEM

Across a golden field  
To a new day the night did yield.  
The stallion was as onyx black  
And rode Snow White upon his back.  
An unlikely friendship they did have —  
Prince, a horse, and an Angora cat.

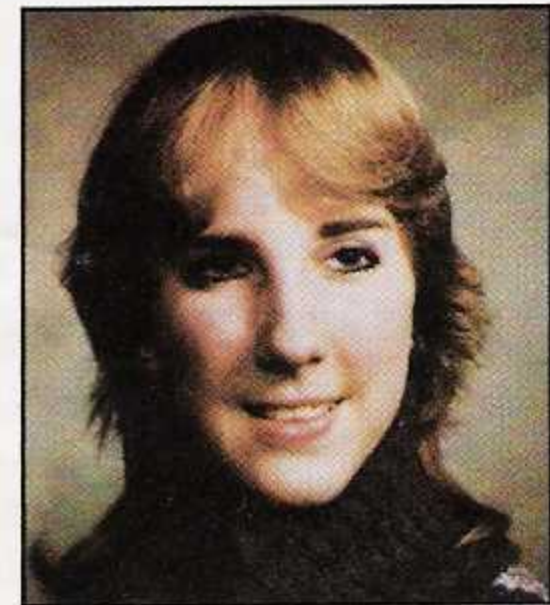
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Age 12  
Jackson, Calif.



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Annie Lyle



Rebecca Bone  
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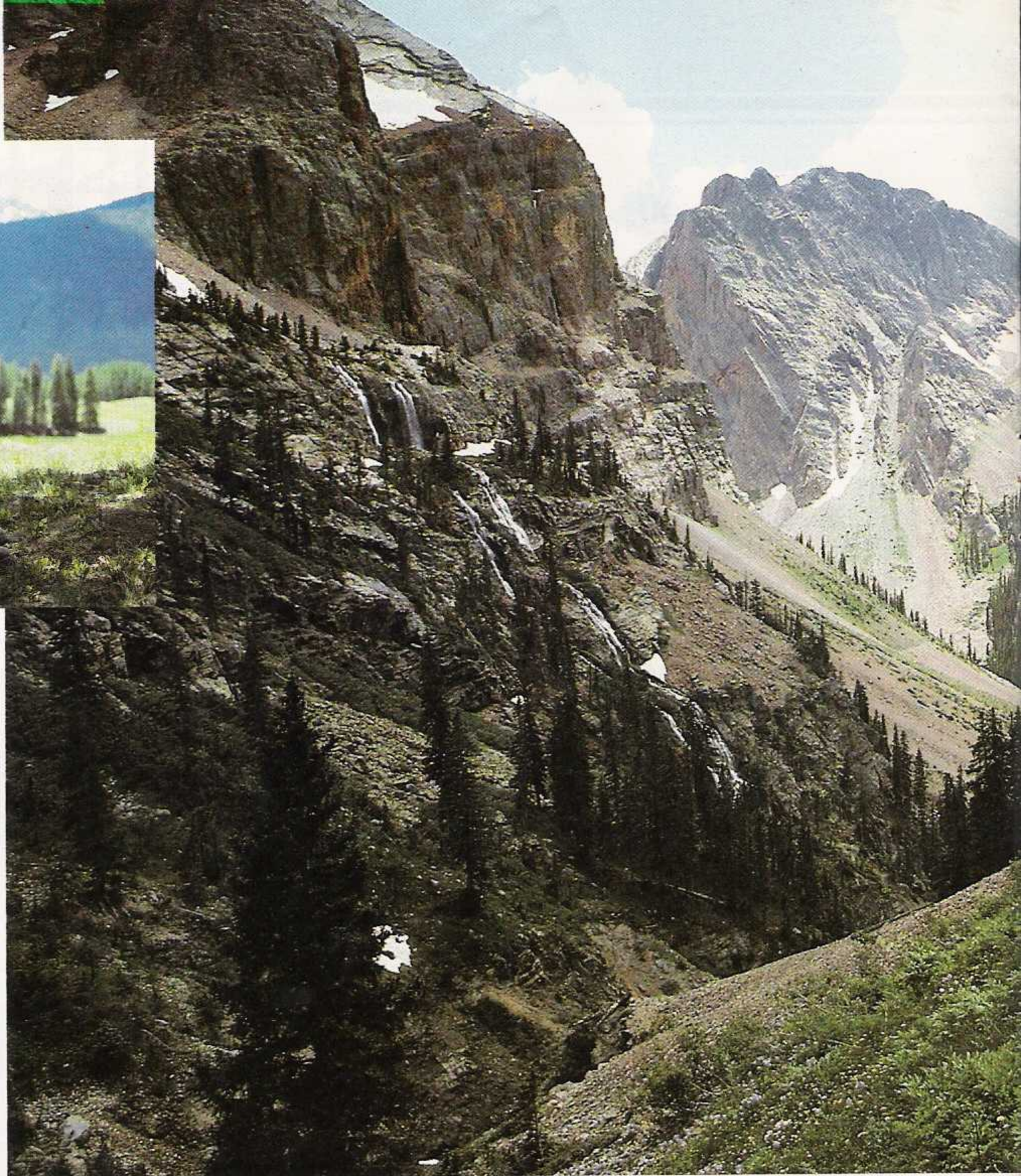


Bethlei Faulkner  
Jimmy Melvin Jr.



Donald Stocks  
Jamie Barron





**H**ave you ever stood face to face with a bull moose with only a camera and a small sapling between you? Or almost tripped over a fawn hidden in knee-high grass while following a herd of deer along a lake shore? Or waded across a 150-foot-wide river of ice water reaching to your chest? These are samples of the kind of excitement that came my way, and all within a few days, during my first backpacking trip two summers ago.

Thrilling experiences like these are part of the reason for the recent backpacking boom. The adventure of getting out in God's creation and roughing it has a growing appeal in our increasingly mechanized and crowded world.

#### Where to start

Like many other good things, backpacking takes determination and hard work to reap the rewards. If you think you want to try it out, head first to the library or a sporting-goods store and pick up some books on the subject. The best I've come across is *Backpacking: One Step at a Time* by Harvey Manning (Vintage Books, 1972). The paperback sells for less than \$5 in many sporting-goods stores. Read these books carefully, and include a good book on first aid among them.

Other good sources for backpacking information are local scouting organizations; the Sierra Club, which has chapters in many larger cities;

# Off the Beaten Path Backpacking

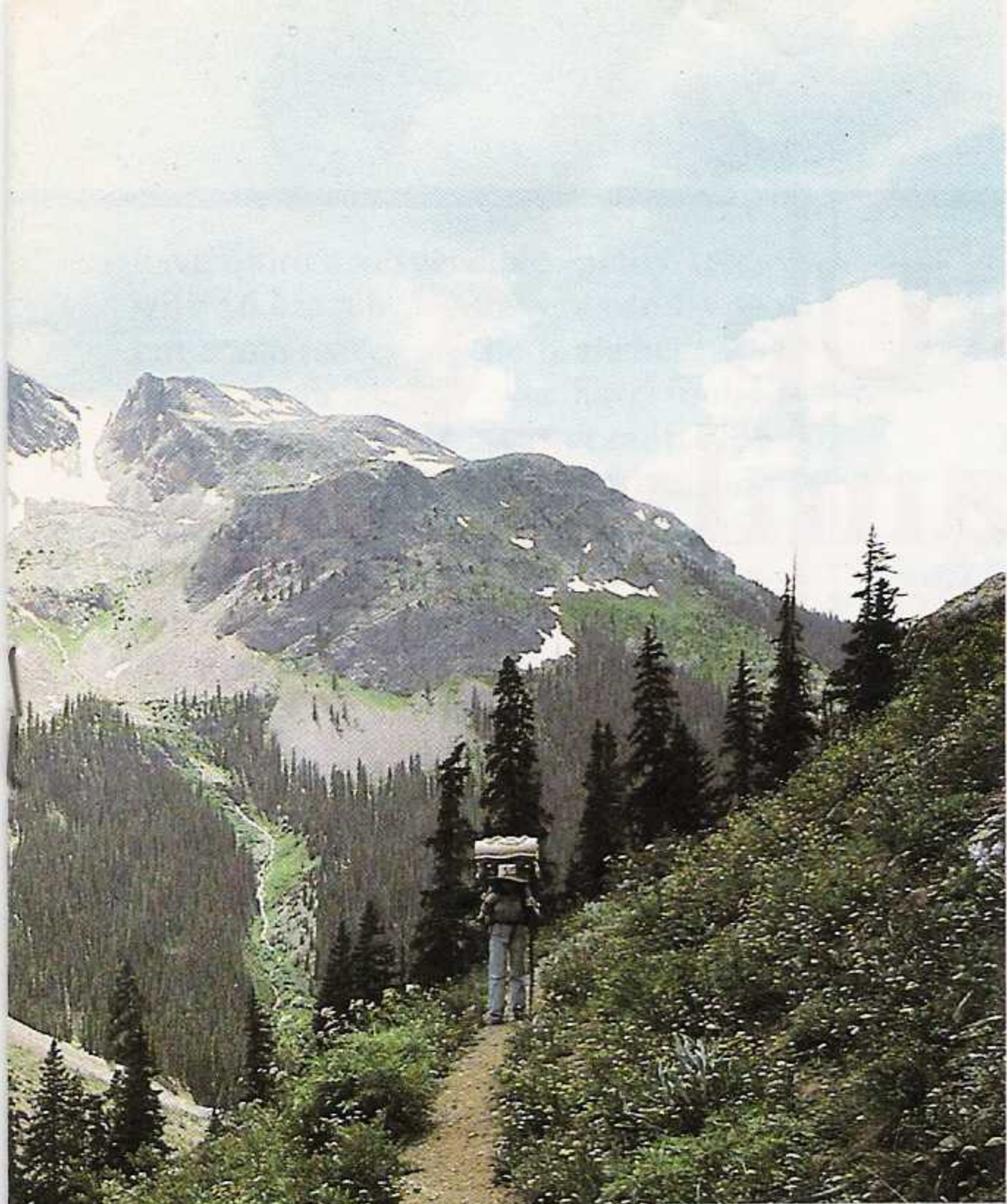
By Scott Ashley

and community colleges, some of which offer backpacking classes. Through one of these groups you should be able to take part in a trip this summer. A more expensive alternative is to sign up with an expedition group or wilderness school advertised in magazines such as *Backpacker* or *Adventure Travel*.

If there is enough interest in your

immediate area you may be able to find someone with outdoor survival training willing to supervise a group on a short trip. If you're not thoroughly experienced, resist the temptation to go it alone on a wilderness solo or to organize a trip among equally inexperienced people. Not only is such a venture foolish, it's downright dangerous.





Backpacking is a learning experience unlike any other. It can be a physical test, and often it's a mental test. . . . But it's the peace and beauty that you'll remember. You'll get a different perspective on life away from the everyday hustle and bustle.

While you're studying up on the subject, get your body into condition. What is good condition for backpacking? A good standard is the ability to run 1½ miles in 12 minutes for the guys, 1¼ miles for the girls. Keep jogging until you can pass that test, then keep yourself in shape with gradually lengthening conditioning hikes until it's time for the trip.

It helps to strengthen your upper body and shoulders (it's not easy carrying a heavy pack), and you should build up your lung power if you're planning on hiking at altitudes above 5,000 feet.

**Where to go**

At the mention of the word *backpacking* your mind probably immediately conjures up images of



The author stands atop the continental divide in the photo to the right. These photos, taken in Colorado and Wyoming, provide a panorama of the multifaceted beauty that is open to the backpacker. (Photos by Scott and Connie Ashley)



beautiful and well-publicized areas — such as Yellowstone (Wyo.) or Yosemite (Calif.) national parks in the United States. Unfortunately, many other outdoor enthusiasts picture the same areas, causing trails in many national parks and other popular areas to resemble freeways at rush hour.

If you don't like being trampled, you have to look around for places  
*(Continued on back cover)*



# What's Up Your Family Tree?

By John Halford

**W**e found my great-great-grandfather the other day — up a tree in China. Fortunately he wasn't seriously injured, and he lived another 30 years.

What am I talking about? Family trees — genealogy — looking for your ancestors. Sound boring? It sure wasn't for me.

My great-great-grandfather, Arthur Vyner, was a sea captain in the British navy. His ship was sent to China during the opium wars, more than 140 years ago. He was taking part in the capture of a Chinese fort near Hong Kong when the ammunition supply exploded, blowing poor Captain Vyner up into a tree. His injuries caused him to leave the navy, so he went to Australia, bought a farm, didn't like it, moved to Sydney, started a school — and to cut a long story short, about 100 years later, I was born.

What about you? How much do you know about your ancestors? If you want to try something *really* different this summer, spend some time searching for your roots. You might be surprised at how much fun it is.

Your search will take you back in time, to strange towns and cities and even across the oceans to foreign countries. You may come to know some really colorful and interesting personalities — some of whom may have been dead for hundreds of years.

Who knows — maybe you are related to someone famous. You may find that you are the inheritor of a missing fortune. (While my family was researching our roots, we found that back in the 1640s, King Charles I owed our family about 40 pounds. He was beheaded before he

paid it, so there is not much we can do about it, I guess.)

The basic ingredients for researching your family's roots are dates, places, patience and imagination. Just start with yourself.

You know when you were born. Probably you also know where. Write these things down at the bottom of a large piece of paper under your name. Now your family tree is started. The piece of paper should be divided with a line down the center. One side is for your mother's side of the family, the other for your father and his ancestors.

The next stage is to ask your mom and dad when and where they were born. Write this information on the paper. Now the tree has two branches.

If your grandparents are still living, they can help you in your search. Find out when and where they were born. Where did they live? Summer is a great time to go visit them and really get to know them. You will find that they will love to talk to you about their lives — especially if you show you are really interested.

Grandma may well have an old suitcase stuffed with photos and old papers. Maybe there is an old family album that no one has looked through for years.

Already you will find you are entering a world that is quite different from today. Even 40 or 50 years ago, transportation and living conditions were very different. Your grandparents have seen incredible changes take place in their lifetimes. Ask them about what it was like when they were young.

Be sure to get accurate dates and places, whenever possible, about when and where people were born or married. Copy down the information from old birth and marriage certifi-

cates. Sometimes an old Bible has a family records page. This can be a real gold mine.

You may have great-grandparents who are still alive. They were probably born before the turn of the century — they may remember an age before airplanes, when an automobile was still a rarity. Now you are truly in a different world.

Sometimes the backs of old photographs will give you more information. Always be on the lookout for specific dates and places — when people were born and where things happened. This is very important if you want to trace your family tree back further.

If you are diligent and observant, you can probably get quite accurate information back to the birth of your great-grandfather and great-grandmother. They, or your grandparents, may be even able to tell you about their parents, who were your great-great-grandparents.

If so, you are reaching back to meet people who lived and worked more than 100 years ago. From now on, the search becomes harder. Most people do not remember more than a generation or two back, so you may find yourself in uncharted territory. You must become something of a detective.

But in many cases the information does exist for you to trace your family history accurately for two or three more generations before your great-great-grandparents. You just have to know where to look.

In this short article, I can't go into details. But in your library there are probably several books on the subject of genealogical research. An especially good one is *How to Trace Your Family History* by Bill R. Linder (Everest House, 1978).

But even if you stop with your great-great-grandparents, you will

have quite a respectable family tree, with 16 branches. Now you can try to put some leaves on the branches.

For instance, say you have found out that your great-great-grandfather was born Feb. 3, 1865, in Madison, Ind. (or Ipswich, England, or Bangalore, India), and that he was a storekeeper (or innkeeper or farmer). Why not look for photographs in the library that show what life was like then? What did he wear? What was going on in the world when Great-great-grandpa was a teenager?

You just never know what you will find out! It took us a long time to discover old Great-great-grandpa Vyner up a tree in China. All my older relatives remembered the story vaguely, but they had forgotten the details.

But an aunt did know that her grandfather had been a sea captain. So we checked the records of the Royal Navy for around 1840 — yes, they still exist. Here we learned that Captain Vyner had been dispatched to China to take part in the wars between the British and the Chinese.

A history of the opium wars, borrowed from the library, told me nothing about him specifically, but it did mention a battle at a fort during which the ammunition blew up. Now we needed more detailed information. From where? The newspaper, of course.

Yes, your library may have microfilm of newspapers going back more than 100 years. You could spend a fascinating afternoon just looking through them — reading about some of the great events of history as they happened.

Well, in an old copy of the *Times* of London, dated 1841, we found an actual report of the explosion. It had taken place several months earlier, but this was long before satellites could zip messages around the world. The newspaper gave a colorful description of the battle, and there — listed among the injured — was Captain Arthur Vyner. Not one of history's greatest heroes perhaps — but a part of our family's history.

I wonder what you will find up your family tree. □

# THE HARDEST WORD

By Norman Shoaf

**N**o joke: There's an almost magical word that can help keep you out of a lot of trouble.

This word can head off some pretty traumatic problems before they ever get a chance to start. But, believe it or not, many people today end up wrecking their lives simply because they fail to use this word. Why? Because it can be the hardest word in the English language to say.

It's the word *no*.

Suppose you're out with several friends. One of your companions pulls out a joint — a marijuana cigarette — and asks if everyone would like to smoke it.

To your surprise, your friends all accept. When you hesitate, they urge you: "Oh, come on, it's all right. It'll really make you feel good. Just try it." What do you say?

Here's your chance to use the word *no*. You realize mere possession of marijuana is against the law where you live. You remember all you've heard about the harmful effects of this drug.

Had your "friend" offered you a soft drink you didn't like, you wouldn't have hesitated to say, "No, thanks." So why should it be a problem now?

Perhaps you wonder what smoking marijuana would be like. Maybe you think you have to accept just to get everyone off your back.

What if you were being offered some harder drugs, or a chance to score in the back seat of a car, or the opportunity to vandalize somebody's property? Well, if a question is put to you, you have an option, right? You're not required to say *yes*.

Curiosity? It killed the proverbial cat. You've got your whole life to enjoy all the proper pleasures you should rightly have, at the right times. You're afraid your friends will think something's wrong with you or that they won't like you anymore? In

the long run, does it really matter what they think? It's your life.

Probably the greatest temptation of all time was Satan's attempt to make Christ sin (Matt. 4:1-11). Had Christ said *yes*, He would have failed in His mission to be the Savior of mankind.

Christ had been fasting for 40 days and 40 nights and was very hungry, so Satan challenged Him to turn some stones into bread. But notice how Christ answered: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (verse 4).

Jesus wasn't speaking English, of course, but His answer was just as clear as our English word *no*: He refused to disobey God.

The devil then took Christ to the top of a high tower and dared Him to throw Himself off to prove God's angels would save Him. Christ's reply? "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (verse 7).

Then Satan offered Christ the greatest temptation of all, the chance to rule over the whole world then and there, without going through all the suffering that was ahead of Him. All Christ had to do was worship Satan — submit to Satan's rulership and accept his way of doing things. But Christ said *no*: "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (verse 10).

Christ overcame Satan — and qualified to rule over this earth in God's Kingdom — by using the equivalent of the word *no*.

Will you do the same thing, and choose the right way — God's way — over the wrong way — Satan's? When temptation comes your way, will you remember Solomon's advice: "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not. . . . refrain thy foot from their path: For their feet run to evil" (Prov. 1:10, 15-16)?

It's *your* life and well-being you're dealing with. And it's your choice. □

# News & Reviews

## Wordfind: Attributes of God

This puzzle was contributed by Bill Wells from Saginaw, Minn. Find these attributes

of God in the puzzle, either backward, forward, diagonally, up or down:

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 MERCIFUL  
 OMNIPOTENT  
 OVERSEER  
 PATIENT

PEACEFUL  
 POWERFUL  
 PROTECTOR  
 SAVIOR  
 SELFLESS  
 SOVEREIGN  
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## “Windwalker”: A Truly Different Movie

Tired of seeing ordinary movies? *Windwalker* is truly different.

It is a powerful adventure centering around an American Indian family sometime before white men were on the scene. While the story is fictional, its presentation is true-to-life. Indian life is shown as it *really* was.

In fact, the only English you hear is a few sentences spoken by a narrator now and then to tie the plot together. The story is told mostly by action and expressions, and whenever the characters do speak, they speak in Cheyenne or Crow Indian languages. But don't let that throw you off! There are exceptionally clear and easy-to-read English subtitles so you know what is being said.

As the film begins, it is wintertime. A Cheyenne family is getting ready to migrate south. Windwalker, the aged head of the family, lies in a tent, dying. He cannot make the journey

with the rest, so they place him on an elevated burial platform and leave him there to die.

The family moves on and is attacked by a band of enemy Crow Indians who severely wound the only man remaining in the family, Windwalker's son. After the attack, the Crows momentarily lose track of the little group of Cheyennes, but they are determined to hunt them down. The situation looks bleak.

Meanwhile, Windwalker begins to revive. Maybe it's the cold wind that brings him around. Anyway, he finally frees himself from the burial platform. Still in a weakened condition, he has to fight off a pack of hungry wolves. No sooner is he victorious than he stumbles into a grizzly bear's den and has another fight on his hands. But the biggest struggle — the one which he believes is the reason he “came back to life” — is still ahead: He must save his family from the band of Crow Indians.

That is a simplified version of the plot. There is much more to the story, though, including a surprising outcome.

If you go to the movies, *Windwalker* should not be missed. The film is not perfect; no film is. But it is one of those rare films with a minimum that is objectionable. There are a few briefly violent scenes, but the violence is not explicit and not as intense as what is often shown on television.

Beautifully photographed, *Windwalker* is proof that a film does not need profanity, sexual emphasis or extreme violence to be gripping and entertaining. □

## FRISBEE'S FRIENDS

BY CAROL SPRINGER



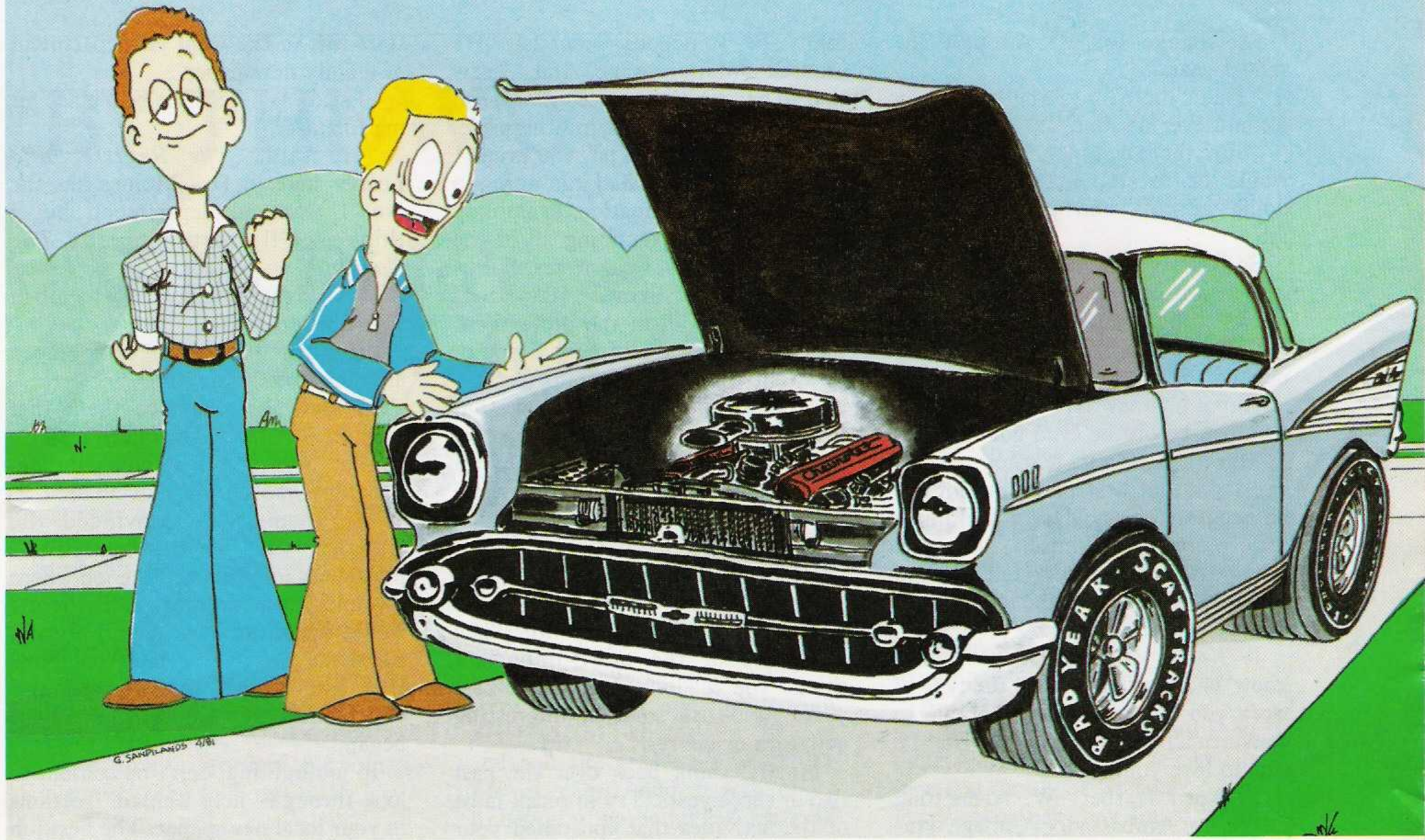
## Teen Talent Search

Do you know a really talented teen?

If you do, let us know. We'd like to share his or her story with the other readers

of *Youth 81* in the “Teen Talent” section. We're looking for successful young painters, writers, singers, wood-carvers, sculptors,

embroiderers, instrumentalists, flower arrangers, skating champs, gymnasts — people with interesting talents others would enjoy reading about in the pages of *Youth 81*.



# So You DIDN'T Get a Summer Job

## Marvin's Marvelous Maxims

By Dennis Robertson

**S**o you read the article entitled "Hire Yourself A Summer Job" in the April issue of *Youth 81*, ran out to capture a summer job and came up with zilch. Well, it happens to the best of us.

Getting that first part-time job can be tough. But there are certain points to keep in mind — certain momentous maxims — that will help you find a good part-time job. Of course, the maxims are just as applicable to

full-time job seekers, so no matter what your status, read on.

Marvin was a typical nice guy with a nice family, nice friends and absolutely no desire to accomplish anything in life. To him, going to school, bumming around town and playing his guitar were enough. Until Marvin's best friend called him over one day to see his very first car.

It was a 1957 Chevy, robin's-egg blue with chrome wheels and chrome-plated dual exhaust, powered by a Holly four-barrel carburetor riding on top of a 327-cubic-inch engine, complete with 3/8 cam. It

was the most beautiful car Marvin had ever seen.

"Hey, man, where did you get this?"

"My dad bought it from Mr. Perkins' son Jack. He went away to law school or something."

"Your dad bought you this car?"

"Yeah, my dad bought it, but I paid for it."

"Where did you get the money to buy a jewel like this?"

"It only cost \$450. I made that working after school and during the summer. And I've got a little stashed away for gas and repairs, enough

loose change to last through the school year.”

“That’s incredible. There’s no way I could ever do that.”

“Sure there is, Marv. The first step would be to stop knocking around doing nothing and get yourself a job.”

So Marvin decided that he should get a job and start saving some money. But where would he start? He didn’t know of anyone who needed help. He didn’t know of anything he knew how to do. He was stumped before he even got started.

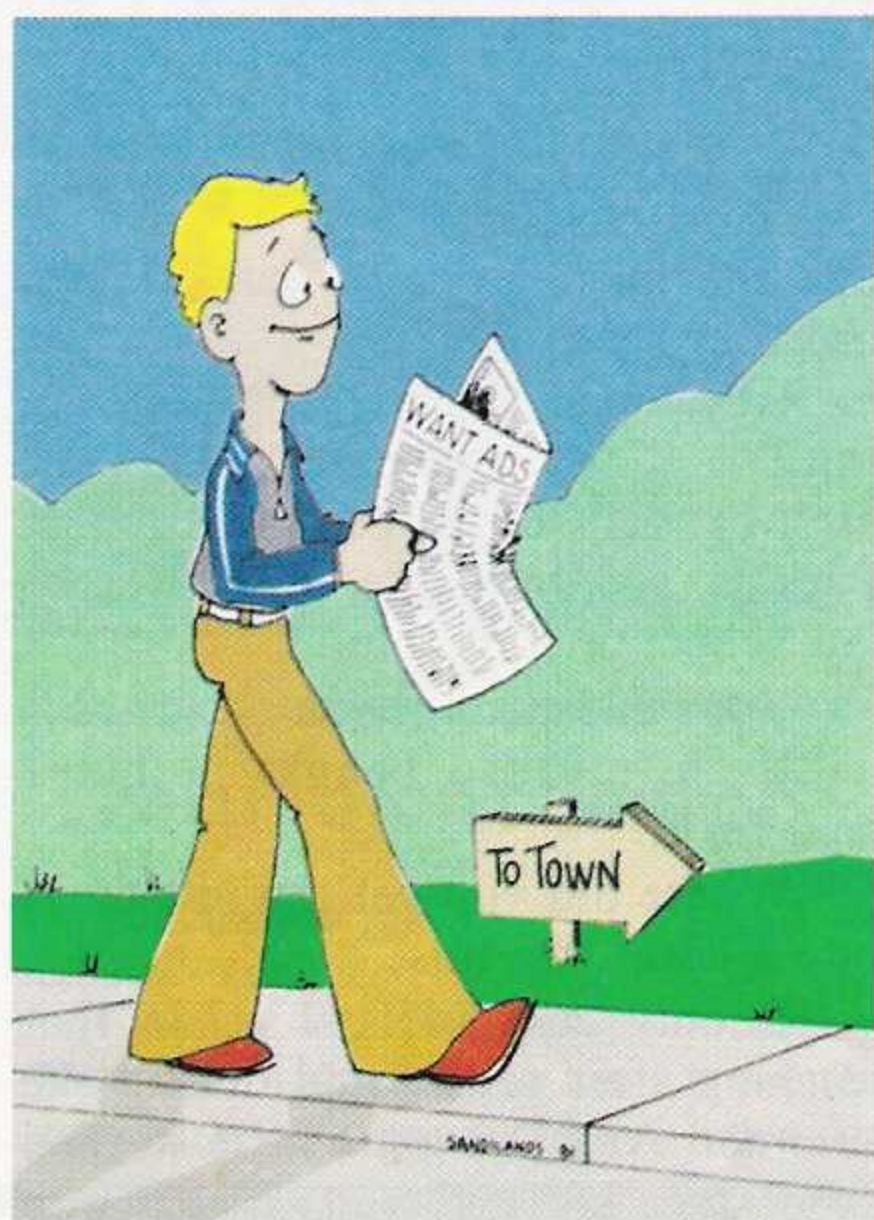
Marvin’s father learned of his quest for that first part-time job, so he suggested that Marvin find out a little more about himself, about his strengths, weaknesses, talents and abilities. Which leads me to Marvin’s first marvelous maxim:

1. *Know yourself.* If you don’t know what you can do and the type of work you like, you won’t be able to convince a potential employer that he should hire you.

In April Herbert W. Armstrong talked to Ambassador College students about his first experiences in the field of work.

“When I was 16 I had my first job away from home,” Mr. Armstrong related. “It was only a short distance—perhaps 10 or 12 miles—from Des Moines, Iowa, where I was born.

“I had a job for summer vacation (while I was in high school) working as a waiter in a resort hotel. The man I worked for used to throw his arm around me and tell me I was going to



really be somebody someday. He aroused ambition in me. And I knew that to be ambitious—to accomplish anything—meant paying the price. And I was willing to pay the price.

“At the age of 18, I ran across a book on self-examination, examining the person and examining all of the aptitudes, talents, weaknesses, faults, his likes and dislikes . . . [the book] also examined all of the professions, the vocations and different kinds of jobs that one might get into.”

Mr. Armstrong explained that from age 16 he had wanted to know where he belonged, in what type of vocation. Mr. Armstrong discovered the importance of our first maxim—knowing yourself.

Here’s one way to get to know yourself better. Write down what you’ve done in the last month. Then list some of the most important things you’ve done during the past year. Also list some *uninteresting* activities or chores.

Finally, think back over the past two or three years. Try to recall most of the activities that consumed your time. Be thorough, and be honest in your evaluations. When you’ve finished, review your notes. Pinpoint items that may suggest your principal areas of interest.

Is your preference to work indoors or out? Do you like physical labor or clerical functions? Do you read a lot of fiction books or are most nonfiction? What is the subject matter of each book? Do you have specific ideas about what you want to be?

By doing this, you’ve taken the first step toward knowing yourself. The things you have done have molded you into the person you are today, and you must be able to relate what you are to your prospective employer.

2. Marvin’s second maxim is to *be prepared.*

Once you have evaluated yourself and discovered the talents you have, you must take action. Armed with this new knowledge of yourself, go and sell yourself and your abilities to an employer.

Mr. Armstrong, in his talk with Ambassador students, told of his method of getting a job. He had decided to enter the advertising profession.

“My uncle told me the place to

start was in the want ad department of a daily newspaper.

“I said, ‘Where is the best place for me to start?’

“He said, ‘*The Register and Leader* here in Des Moines has the No. 1 want ad department, but I think you’ll learn more at *The Capital.*’

“‘All right,’ I said, ‘I’ll get a job at *The Capital.*’

“He said, ‘What if they don’t need any help over there?’

“I said, ‘I’ll convince them that they do need help. They need me!’ So I went over and I convinced them that they needed me.”

Mr. Armstrong convinced the employer that he was needed. “I picked my job. I picked the job where I would learn the most, not where I would make the most money. I said, ‘I’ll make the money later on! Now I’ve got to get knowledge and experience. So that’s the way I began!’”

In job hunting, don’t be content to look through “help wanted” sections in your local newspaper. The best job for you may be one the employer hasn’t thought of yet.

When you go to talk with an employer, there are certain pieces of information you should take with you: a list of references, your Social Security number, proof of your age, a list of previous employers and a resume.

3. Marvin’s final maxim is: *Don’t get discouraged.*

There will be jobs that you’ll really set your heart on and, for some reason, you will not get them. That is inevitable. But, in the words of another old maxim, “Try, try again.”

You will find that often, if you’ll keep a positive attitude, never giving up, a better job will come along—one that will mean much more to you in the long run than the job for which you originally applied. Remember this scripture: “All things work together for good to them that love God” (Rom. 8:28).

You probably have more to offer than you think you do. This summer’s job market may be tight, and good jobs are always hard to come by, but remember—there’s an employer who needs you. Go hire yourself a job. □

# BY THE WAY...

By Dexter Faulkner

## "Why Didn't Somebody Tell Me?"

Seasoned travelers weren't born seasoned. Most had to learn the hard way, by facing any number of frustrating little problems. As they learned, they probably wondered, "Why didn't somebody tell me?"

Some of our readers have sent us stories of their travel experiences that may be helpful to other teens. Robyn Lewis, a 14 year old from Anchorage, Alaska, sent us some timely information about a plane trip she took last year:

### Flying high

How are you planning to get to camp this summer? If you are going by plane, perhaps you would like to hear my story so that you don't make the same mistakes that I did.

Last summer I was privileged to go to SEP in Orr, Minn. Even though I had flown with my family many times before, we had always followed Dad around. I never really realized all the responsibilities of flying alone, until my dad set me down a couple of hours before it was time to leave.

I had been walking around the house for the past two weeks with my head in the clouds. So I guess my dad decided he had better set me back down on the ground. By the time he had told me everything to do and what to watch for, I was so solemn and scared that I almost decided not to go. But I did, and boy, was it worth it!

Everything went really smoothly on the way over, until I got to Minneapolis, Minn., and there wasn't anyone there to meet me when I got off the plane. So I called my mom and asked her

what to do. Then I went and put my YOU T-shirt on, got my bags and tried to get back to my gate. I was lost, so I paged someone from SEP to come and get me. (If I had gone the other way, I would have run into a whole bunch of YOU kids!) Well, someone finally came and found me. After meeting a bunch of really super-neat kids, I went and called my mom to tell her I was still alive.

I had the greatest time of my life at camp, and I was really unhappy to go home and leave all the friends I had made.

When we arrived at the airport to return home, I had about eight hours before my plane left. So I had plenty of time to tour the airport and see some of my friends off. I was so excited that I wasn't thinking about all the tips my father had given me.

I went to say good-bye to some of my friends after checking in my bags. The time flew by so fast that I realized it was almost time for me to go, and I still had to go get my seat assignment. I forgot to get there early, so I got a seat too close to the smoking section. The ride was not very enjoyable.

When I got to the Seattle, Wash., airport, I began seeing a bunch of yellow baggage claim tickets that said "Seattle" on them. Then I realized that mine was yellow too, so my luggage was not coming with me to Anchorage. I asked a flight attendant what to do, and he told me that I had to go get my suitcase in a far section of the airport, carry it to another section, recheck it to Anchorage, and come all the way back.

Well, I made it, and the rest of

the trip was uneventful. But next time I will listen to my father's advice!

1. Wear your YOU T-shirt.
2. Check in early to get a good seat.
3. Check your bags all the way to your destination.
4. Find your gate early and stay near it.
5. If you get lost or need help, ask the flight attendants or airport personnel — don't panic.
6. Keep track of your ticket — don't lose it.

### Traveling by bus?

Two other readers, Ben Lance and Alan Shaw from Roanoke, Va., also sent us some stories of their travel experiences on the way to camp — in their case by bus.

A mix-up between the schedules they had been given and their tickets left them in a large city bus terminal for about six hours — an experience that they found quite eye-opening. They were shocked by the boldness of the drug dealers and disgusted by the filth and vulgarity around them.

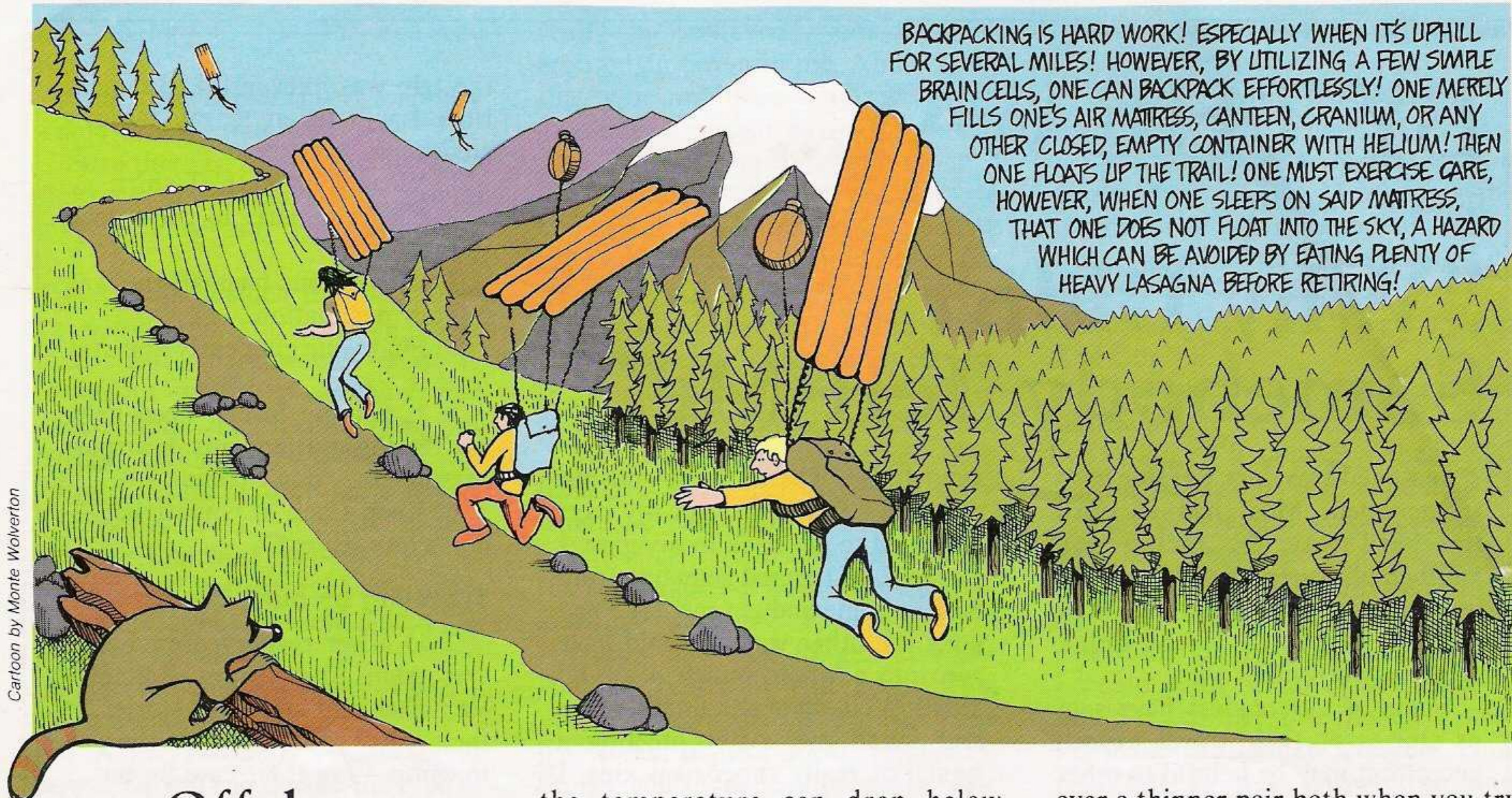
Although they were not too impressed with the bus station, and aside from the fact that their luggage went on to Fargo, N.D., instead of Orr, Minn., they explained that they had a great time at camp.

Their advice: Know the kinds of problems you may face and use caution in planning your trip.

"We know well that we were divinely protected. [We now realize] we need to use caution when planning our travels."

This month's column may not tell you everything you ever wanted to know about travel; however, it's a start. If you are planning a trip to SEP this summer, or any trip in the near future, Ben, Alan and Robyn have given some good advice. Also, don't let your trip sneak up on you. Be prepared for it! Careful planning is the key to successful traveling. The staff of *Youth 81* hopes you have a wonderful, rewarding summer. □

Cartoon by Monte Wolverton



BACKPACKING IS HARD WORK! ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S UPHILL FOR SEVERAL MILES! HOWEVER, BY UTILIZING A FEW SIMPLE BRAIN CELLS, ONE CAN BACKPACK EFFORTLESSLY! ONE MERELY FILLS ONE'S AIR MATTRESS, CANTEEN, CRANIUM, OR ANY OTHER CLOSED, EMPTY CONTAINER WITH HELIUM! THEN ONE FLOATS UP THE TRAIL! ONE MUST EXERCISE CARE, HOWEVER, WHEN ONE SLEEPS ON SAID MATTRESS, THAT ONE DOES NOT FLOAT INTO THE SKY, A HAZARD WHICH CAN BE AVOIDED BY EATING PLENTY OF HEAVY LASAGNA BEFORE RETIRING!

## Off the Beaten Path Backpacking

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that are less publicized, but equally as beautiful. If you are in the United States, for example, you might try the national forests. You'll find them bordering most national parks (thus sharing the same spectacular scenery) as well as elsewhere.

Most of the states also have state parks suitable for backpacking. Detailed maps of these areas are available from the individual national forest headquarters or the U.S. Geological Survey, or through your sporting-goods store.

### What you'll need

You'll also need equipment and the three essentials — food, clothing and shelter. These will vary considerably depending on the location and duration of your trip. At high elevations

the temperature can drop below freezing at night even in July, and you should have the proper clothing and sleeping bag to keep you warm. At lower elevations, temperatures are milder, so you can get by with a lighter bag and clothing. Shelter may range from a nylon tent capable of withstanding a mountain snowstorm to a simple plastic sheet to keep you dry in a light rain in other areas.

Food is largely dependent on how long you'll be on the trail and what else you'll be carrying. If you're going for a few days, you can take dry cereal, powdered milk, fruit and instant foods, but for longer hauls switch to freeze-dried foods and a backpacker's stove for less weight and more balanced meals.

Very important, but often neglected, is a good pair of boots. Specially designed hiking boots can be expensive and, if your feet have stopped growing, you may want to make that investment. As a less expensive alternative, you can buy work boots or military surplus boots. Wear thick wool or athletic socks

over a thinner pair both when you try on and when you wear the boots — this will really make a difference comfort-wise on the trail.

Don't go out and spend a small fortune for a backpack, sleeping bag or parka that you might outgrow in another year or never use again. You should be able to borrow some of the gear you'll need and other items you can rent from sporting-goods stores or pick up at a reasonable price from a military surplus outlet. If, after your trip, you think you'd like to continue to backpack, you can invest in better gear.

Backpacking is a learning experience unlike any other. It can be a physical test, and often it's a mental test to see if you have the determination to finish what you've started when your body tells you to quit. But it's the peace and beauty that you'll remember. You'll see things you've never seen before and you'll get a different perspective on life away from the everyday hustle and bustle.

Backpacking — it's rough, it's tough, but it's worth it. □