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## The Confirmation Of Ruth Elaine Olson An Extraordinary Young Lady!



Miss Ruth Elaine Olson

-Houston, Texas

January 20, 1980 was a very special day at Holy Three -In-One Lutheran Church for the Deaf in Houston, Texas.

On that day Miss Ruth Elaine Olson was given the Rites of Confirmation by her pastor, The Rev. Robert Case.

In order to understand why this occasion should receive our attention, admiration, and thanksgiving, we need to be told something about

this extraordinary young lady.

Not only is Ruth Elaine profoundly deaf, but also is severly multi-handicapped. With great difficulty, she is able to move about with the aid of crutches. A great deal of effort and concentration is necessary for her to grasp and hold her pen or pencil whenever she has some writing lessons to complete.

Even then, Ruth performs her everyday tasks exerting and displaying such power of will that she is an inspiration to others with lesser handicaps. When I, the editor, met this amazing young lady about a year ago while

made me realize how often I have taken for granted all the physical blessings God has given me.

But evidently, God has also blessed Ruth in many special ways too. She has a cheerful personality and determination. Being so, she was led by the Holy Spirit to begin confirmation studies in September of 1978. Regularly she met every Saturday morning with Pastor Case learning how much God loved her and that His Son came from heaven to become her own Lord and Savior. Ruth has a lovely family who gave her much support and encouragement. Ruth learned her lessons well and by December 1979 she had memorized the entire catechism.

No wonder Ruth approached her day of confirmation with boundless joy! That day she lead the congregation through the Apostles Creed and The Lord's Prayer.

Forty-nine worshippers attended the service and the sermon was based on the Wedding in Cana, a very appropriate theme for this special ocassion. Red was the color of the day. Rex Paskett, the Director of Christian Education from Concordia Lutheran Church played the piano. Mr. Richard Wingard, Jr. from Zion Lutheran Church in Pasadena presented a check of \$],322.00 to Holy Tires-In-One Church. Many of Ruth Elaine's relatives living out-of-town came for the occasion.



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Pastor Case; Ruth Olson; and David Naumann, who is President of the Congregation of Holy 3-in-1.

... My soul, give thanks to the Lord. My heart, bless His holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all His blessings. He forgive all my sins and He heals all my sickness. He saves my life from eternal death, and He crowns me with love and mercy. He gives me all good things, and makes my life young again.

All the world, give thanks to the Lord, for He rules in every place. My soul, give thanks to the Lord. Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to the Spirit who lives in our hearts, both now and forever. Amen

Photo on the left: The Olson family: Ruth in front, from right to left is her youngest sister, Paula; oldest sister, Gwen who is studying at Lutheran College to become a physical therapist; Eleanor, Ruth's mother; and Herbert, Ruth's father.

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-from The Prairie Overcomer

According to Ripley's "Believe It or Not!" the Hammond Harwood House in Anne Arundel County, MD, was built in the 1770s by Matthis Hammond for his fiancee. This young woman, however, refused to marry him because she felt neglected while he was spending all of his time supervising the construction of the house!

Let those who are contemplating marriage take note: While house and furnishings are important, the development of your relationship is much more important. Don't be caught up in preparing your home that you neglect the preparing of your heart for a lifelong union.

The message is the same for those already married. Are you more concerned about the outward aspects of marriage - a house, furniture, etc. - than development of the inward inward qualities so necessary in the maintenance of a happy home.

Glance through any magazine designed for housewives and families today and see the emphasis placed upon material things- all of them advertised as being necessary for happiness and har-

## ST. MARK PLANS 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

-by Mary L. Burgess

In New York City, St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf is making plans to celebrate its 30th year of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the deaf of that city.

The date of this celebration will be Saturday, April 19, 1980 from 12 noon until 5 p.m. and will be held at The Astorian Manor, 25-22 Astoria Boulevard, Astoria, New York.

Everyone is invited to come and take part in this happy day which will feature a delicious banquet. Banquet tickets are \$25 per person and the deadline for purchasing tickets is March 30, 1980. Please make all checks or money orders payable to: St. Mark Lutheran Church for the Deaf. Send your payment to:

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## DAILY BIBLE READING for March 1980

### 1 .....Hebrews 4:15-16.....

#### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

2	Luke 13:31-35
3	Leviticus 20:6-2
4	Colossians 2:1-5
5	Mark 7:24-30
6	Psalm 35:19-22
7	James 5:13-20
8	Luke 10:17-20

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

9	Luke 13:1-9
10	2 Samuel 22:1-7
11	Revelation 2:1-7
12	Matthew 12:22-26
13	Isaiah 49:22-26
14	I Peter 1:13-16
15	Jeremiah 26:1-15

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

16	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
17	Genesis 41:25-45
18	I Peter 1:10-16
	Luke 9:10-17
20	Psalm 31:1-14
21	
22	Galatians 4:21, 5:1

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

23	Luke 20:9–19
24	Leviticus 16:29-34
25	Hebrews 3:1-6
26	Luke 13:31-35
27	Isaiah 1:10-18
28	I Corinthians 1:21-31
29	Matthew 10:32-42

### PALM SUNDAY

30	Luke	23:1-49
31	John	12:1-11



mony in the home.

It is easy for Christian couples to become "brainwashed" in their outlook by such claims, but as we turn to the Bible we are reminded that a man's life (and, we may add, a woman's life) does not consist in the abundance of things accumulated.

For a Christian couple, indeed, there is even a higher priority than seeking the wellbeing and welfare of each other. This can become selfish in its orientation. Here is what the Lord Jesus said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33). Devotions Bible Workshops Outdoor Activities Business Meetings Banquet Entertainments (Given by The Gospel Trio and Its Gang)

### Logo and Banner Contests

Here is our first priority: to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness. As we express in our lives, then all of life's responsibilities and relationships will fall into place.

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President Joe Kindred welcomes the newest members of the Board. Here he is shown shaking hands with Pacific Regional President, Ms. Diane Foster while Northwest Regional President Victor Lyon and Midwest Regional President William Zimmerman look on.

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THE INTERNATIONAL LUTHERAN DEAF ASSOCIATION

A few words about the ILDA may be in order. What is the ILDA? What does it stand for? Who are the officers? Members? We want this explanation to be as simple as possible, but correct.

The members are Lutheran persons who are members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

What is the purpose of the organization? To allow these members to organize themselves into a strong group that can govern itself and the individual church to which they belong. Each church group elects its own officers and they work to manage their group in such a way that it becomes selfsupporting--the Synod will help when needed to make the group self-supporting. The deaf people in these groups train themselves to handle their own affairs and build, or acquire their own church building.

When they are able to do these things, they can have a voice in the selection of a pastor for their congregation.



IT IS NEVER <u>TOO</u> <u>SOON</u> TO JOIN THE ILDA.... Rejoice with us in Christ's love...Join Today ILDA Membership Application <u>Type</u>

Members and representatives of these self-supporting congregations come together every two years and elect officers of the ILDA. There are still some problems, to be mutually settled between members of congregations and members in the field. It is hoped that members in the field will become affiliated with a congregation.

It is hoped that Lutheran peoples in other nations will organize themselves into self-sustaining groups and become members of the ILDA.

The DEAF LUTHERAN is recognized as the official organ(voice) or publication of these organized congregations in the ILDA. The ILDA, with the help of the Synod, is to assume the financial responsibility of issuing The DEAF LUTHERAN. The members and officers are to contribute the material to be printed in this paper. The Synod or designated officials will submit material for publication from time to time as needed.

As soon as certain matters can be arranged, the ILDA will take steps to become an incorporated group.

In plain words, the Board of Missions wants the deaf members to speak up, put up, and act on their wishes.



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## Chapters Repairing Used Hearing Aids

-Susan Chatlos, reporter as printed in TELENEWS.

"...it makes my very heart ache to see the difficulties the little children have to contend with." -Alexander Graham Bell

Bell was speaking of educating the deaf - that's the work he liked to be remembered for.

Inspired by Bell, the Telephone Pioneers of America are out to help those with hearing handicaps. Hawthorne and Suburban Pioneer Chapters have responded with "Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

This project began in the Medical Experimental Development Group (MED) of Western Electric's Hawthorne Club. MED found ways to refurbish or repair used hearing aids and then turned the project over to the Hawthorne Pioneers.

The Hawthorne folks joined forces with the Suburban Pioneers who started a campaign to gather used aids. The Pioneers get these aids in top condition, then turn them over to the Chicago Hearing Society which gives the aids to those who need the devices but can't afford them.

"We know there are thousands of aids lying around in homes," explains Tony Schulz, Pioneer Chapter chairperson, "unused and unwanted, but too valuable to discard.

"Even if the aids are inoperative or damaged, it's not junk. Telephone Pioneers can probably restore the aid to useful service or at the very least, it can be dismantled for parts."

Most of the restored hearing aids will go to the elderly. Children and adults can frequently receive financial aid from other sources, but the elderly don't have these options.

Dr. William Plotkin, executive director of the Chicago Hearing Society, says there about 400,000 persons in the Chicago metropolitan area who have hearing handicaps.

Since "Hear Ye! Hear Ye!" began in early November of last year, over 150 aids have been collected. About 80 percent of them will probably be restored.

Anyone wishing to donate an aid may call 312-967-2178 day or night. A Pioneer will pick the aid up. Or it can be mailed to "Hear Ye! Hear Ye!" c/o Suburban Chapter Pioneers, 8707 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Ill.,60076. If mailing, be sure it is boxed and packed with cotton for protection.

Donating a used aid can give you more than just a good feeling.

"In addition to helping some person gain an improved ability to hear," Schulz says, "in many cases you can claim a charitable donation deduction on your income tax. If you send us an aid, be sure to include your name and address so we can send you a receipt."

### TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'DON'T BE AFRAID; FOR I KNOW THAT YOU SEEK JESUS WHO WAS CRUCIFIED. HE IS NOT HERE; FOR HE HAS RISEN AS HE SAID...' Matthew 28:1-6a.

We might be able to say that Jesus was born again on Easter morning, that he took to himself his heavenly body for the first time fully since that night in a stable of crowded Bethlehem thirty-three years before. It was not a new birth to Him but only in our minds; we must live by the rules of time and space. To people He seemed to change, to die, to leave and to come again. But in the mind of God He was merely fulfilling an elaborate plan of salvation. He was making the final great sacrifice for us. So on Easter morning, when it was all finished, and in our eyes at least, Jesus began the first day of the rest of His life.

How do you feel about it? What Jesus did--is it just a wonderful story or does it have special meaning for you today? When Jesus preached to the crowds of people, he knew their real thoughts. He would point at some of them and call them hypocrites, liars and braggers. It was as if he was saying, "You bad people, you aren't hearing what I say." They had their minds on the pleasures of life and every word of Jesus passed through their heads like wind through the trees. The Easter miracle is one last attempt by Jesus to preach to your heart; do you hear him talking to you now?

You may ask, "What can I do to change or to improve myself?" Let me tell you. Make these promises to yourself: 1) I WILL NOW, AT THIS MINUTE, GIVE A PRAYER TO JESUS THANKING HIM FOR SAVING ME. 2) I WILL GO TO WOR-SHIP EVERY CHANCE I GET. 3) I WILL READ THE BIBLE OFTEN AND TRY TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE BIBLE CLASS EACH WEEK. 4) I WILL SHOW MY FAITH TO ANYONE WHO CAN SEE MY ACTIONS. And 5) I WILL PRAY OFTEN ASKING JESUS TO GIVE ME STRENGTH NOT TO FAIL HIM. Thanks be to God for His rising from the grave. Congratulations to you on the first day of the rest of your life!!

Jesus says, PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU; NOT AS THE WORLD GIVES DO I GIVE TO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET THEM BE AFRAID. John 14:27.



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SAINT--"A little child on a summer morning stood in a great Cathedral Church. The sunlight streamed through the beautiful stained glass windows and the figures in them of the servants of God were bright with brillant color. A little later the question was asked, "What is a saint?" the child replied, 'A saint is a person who lets the light shine through.'"--Anonymous.

How many passengers does the average automobile TRANSPORT back and forth to work? Only 1.3. According to one estimate, if the average rush hour commuter would share a ride with one other person, America would save 250,000 barrels of oil a day.

...Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? --Matthew 16:3 Some people are making such thorough preparation for rainy days that they aren't enjoying today's sunshine.

--William Feather

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Verse for the Week

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### Hospital Sign Language Class

Jacksonville, Illinois

A beginner's sign language and dactylology (the use of fingers and hands to talk to the deaf) course was began on January 8, 1980 at Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville, Ill.

Chaplain Delbert Thies will be the instructor of the class that will be conducted for six weeks on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30 until 4:30.

The course will consist of three units, introduction, the language and use of sign.

In the introduction, these topics will be covered: who are the deaf, why are they deaf, what has been done for the deaf and what can be done for the deaf?

In the second unit, those taking the course will be taught how to finger spell, signing and expression.

Unit three will consist of practice and use of the sign language.

On Tuesday, February 26th from 6:00 pm to 10:00 p.m. Rev. Thies will be giving a presentation on Communication with the injured or Deaf Patients staying in the hospital. The program will deal with sign language and thought patterns of the deaf patient in an emergency situation.

### The Bible in the Wall

Many years ago a lady in Spain wanted to do something special for the Lord and decided to give away Bibles. While seeking possible recipients she came upon a man building a wall.

When she discovered he had never owned a Bible, she offered him one, writing his name in it.

### Receives **First Place Trophy**



-St. Paul's College

Rochelle, the 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nester of rural Hiawatha, is a student at St. Paul's College High School, in Concordia, Missouri. She recently received a first place trophy in the dramatic interpretion category at a Junior High School Speech Tournament in nearby Wellington, Missouri. Her accomplishment also helped her team to earn the Sweepstakes Trophy for highest total points in the tournament. St. Paul's College and College High is a residential co-educational high school and two year college, owned by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Miss Nester is participating in the program as a high school freshman.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Nester are extremely proud of their daughter's accomplishments and like to tell how Rochelle won another first place award a month later in another speech tournament in Kansas City, Mo. Hopefully, their talented daughter will win a third award pretty soon. Congratulations Rochelle!

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## EVANGELISM

Evangelism is telling the Good News about Jesus Christ to other people. Christ died, He rose again. The Lord lives and forgives and loves and works with and in us. That is the GOOD NEWS we wish to share. What a glorious honor. God has forgiven us. We can tell the good news about Jesus, our Savior.

Oh, that sounds good, but let us be honest. To talk about Jesus takes courage. We are always afraid to talk about Jesus. Luke writes Jesus' words in Acts 1:8; "But you shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come on you and you shall talk about Jesus." The power and the courage come from the Spirit

Jesus sends to us His Holy Spirit. That Spirit comes daily to us and fills us with a growing faith and love.

In Luke 12:12 Jesus says, "For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what you ought to say."

Holy Spirit come to us and help us speak the GOOD NEWS about Jesus to our friends.

tributor's story. Then he too decided to have a closer look at this strange book.

The power of the printed Word of God was once again made manifest as the stoneworker also became a Christian and eventually a missionary in a foreign land where for many years he labored faithfully for his Savior.

-from the Bible Society file

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### A CHECKLIST

Here is a checklist. It is a way to review quickly your present congregational activities in evangelism and give you ideas of new things you might want to do or begin:

-Welcome newcomers to the community.

The man was too embarrassed to refuse it but when she left, he resolved, "I will never read this and I'll make sure no one else will either." He placed the book behind one of the stones and finished the wall, certain that at least this copy would be hidden forever.

A few years later an earthquake hit that area and an inspector, looking for damage, found a crack in the wall. He peered in and to his amazement saw the book. He carefully removed it, hurriedly turned the pages, and decided to take it

home. That evening he found earnestly studying the Word of God. Soon the inspector was on his knees thanking Jesus for dying for him. He yielded his life to his newfound Savior and became a distributor for the Bible Society in Spain, selling God's Word from town to town.

It was not long before the man came upon a stonemason and offered him a Bible at a very low cost. The man told him he had sealed in a wall the only Bible he had ever owned. The distributor drew from his pocket the very Bible and glancing at the fly leaf told the man his name. The startled laborer sat down and listened to the dis-

-Develop a working file of prospective members.

-Greet guests at church.

-Train different kinds of evangelism callers.

-Assign names for regular calling.

-Receive new members into the fellowship and ministry of the church.

-Work with the "Spiritual delinguents."

-Plan an annual evangelism festival.

-Organize special programs to sensitize and equip members for personal witness.

-Conduct publicity and advertising.

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# Tax Credit Bill Needs Support

-News from National Association of the Deaf Edward C. Carney

As many of you know, equipment has been developed which soon will bring closed captioning of many prime time television programs into the homes of the deaf and hearing impaired. This new equipment will be available for purchase as of March 15, 1980...a few short weeks away.

Unfortunately, many deaf and hearing impaired may not be able to take advantage of this vital new technology because of the expense involved. The decoders are to be sold for \$249.95 each, and the price may rise after this year in spite of promises that it would not.

A bill which was introduced last year by Congresswoman Barbara Mikulski of Maryland would provide a 100 percent tax credit for individuals purchasing and installing this new equipment. The number of that bill is <u>H.R.4767</u>.

Some of you already have written and demonstrated an interest in this legislation. The support already expressed by NAD members has increased the number of Congressional supporters of the bill so that it now has 48 co-sponsors.

However, we must push harder to make this bill into a law. It is critical that the Ways and Means Committee - which has jurisdiction over the bill in the House of Representatives hold hearings and then pass this tax credit provision on so that the entire membership of the House can vote on it. The Committee is likely to consider various forms of tax relief in the coming year. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THEY INCLUDE SOME TAX RELIEF FOR THE DEAF! It is especially important that the Ways and Means Committee - and then the full Congress - pass the decoder tax credit bill as soon as possible since the success of the decoder program may depend on the number of unit sales which take place this year.

You are urged to keep up contact with your Representative in the House and to ask for their active support of <u>H.R. 4767</u>. In the Senate, Senator Leahy of Vermont has introduced <u>s. 1869</u> which includes a provision for tax credits for decoders. Letters to your Senator should emphasize that hearings be held by the Senate Finance Committee as soon as possible.

We will have to mount a major lobbying effort to demonstrate that this type of legislation is of vital importance to us. We need to hold group meetings wherever possible with members of Congress while they are at home in their District during a recess or on weekends while they are visiting at home. It is particularly important that those NAD members who live in Districts of members of the House Ways and Means Committee contact their Representative and urge that hearings be held on the decoder bill. Included herewith is a list of those members of the Committee and their home states. Those who are co-sponsors of the bill are starred. (continue on next column)

It would be greatly appreciated if NAD members send copies of their letters to their Representatives to the NAD, and also to Representative Barbara Mikulski, 238 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

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\* before names mean Co-sponsors.

### Live What You Say You Believe

0 God, help me to live what I say I believe so that others in me may see

The fruit of the Spirit that Christ alone could ever produce in me.

Help me to live what I say I believe as I begin each bright new day So that those who are near me will want to know the Person Who makes me that way.



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#### A WORD OF WARNING

Speaking on the dangers of modern food, the speaker pointed a finger at a harassed looking listener and demanded, "What is it that we all eat at sometime or another that is the worst thing imaginable for us? Do you know, sir?"

The little man answered softly, "Wedding Cake."

Help me to live what I say I believe so that my children may know it's true That Christ is real and ready to help them with everything they must do.

> Help me to live what I say I believe when life seems hopelessly bleak That I will remember that Christ promised Life abundantly to those who seek.

Help me to live what I say I believe when laughter and joy I know That I will remember the Source of these gifts and praise Him who blesses so.

> Yes Lord, help me to live what I say I believe...true, it's an enormous task! But praise be to God that He's promised His help and all I need do is...ASK!

> > ... Eileen Kinney

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"Water, water everywhere, Nor any drop to drink!"

Not even one little drop? That's right. Not even one little drop!

Sounds bad, doesn't it? But such was the case of the sailors we read about in the poem called The Rime of the Ancient Mariner. Their water tanks in the ship that they were on were empty, and they were out on the Pacific Ocean.

The trouble with ocean water is that it contains almost twice as much salt as the human body can stand, and so it has to be desalted before it is fit to drink. The sailors in the poem had no way of doing this, and so they were in serious difficulty. The situation with us is not that bad, but the fact remains that the world's supply of drinking water is running out so fast that someday we will have to remove the salt from seawater to supply the world's needs.

It seems certain that the land of Israel will be out of fresh water soon. Greece is likewise desperately in need of more fresh water. Mexico City, which uses 200 million or more of water everyday, finds that its supply is running out. And in Arizona and parts of California there are water shortages too.

Water shortages are nothing new. Many conflicts and wars over water rights have been recorded in history. The Bible, in Genesis 21:25-33, tells about this problem.

Today the United States government is doing something about its water shortage. It is building new machinery and factories along the ocean fronts that will distill enough water from the salty oceans to supply the daily needs of its cities and at the same time be capable of generating many kilowatts of electricity.

One way to remove the salt from ocean water is to force the water through a purifying membrance, as the jelly fish does. It's very simple for the jellyfish because God has given it a built-in water purifier. That's something we do not have. But God has given man a brain to use. God created life processes in nature as models to solve many different problems, even the problem of getting drinking water from the seas. The Deaf Lutheran/February 1980

# Puzzle Fun...Lets Go Fishing!

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. It was their job to catch fish and sell them to support their families. James and John were fishermen. Peter was also a fisherman.

Let's go fishing. Find these fish in the puzzle. They may be found by reading in any direction. Even backward!



BONUS: The word "fish" is in the puzzle five times. . . . Find them!

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"It certainly has helped with the children's contributions."

Teen-Agers, Go Home!

We hear teen-agers complain, "What can we do? . . .



This is a picture of a large water purification plant that was built by the United States government.

SMILE A WHILE

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LE "Automatic" simply means that you can't repair it yourself. -Reader's Digest

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" Where can we go?"

The answer is: Go home! Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork, rake the leaves, mow the lawn, shovel the snow, wash the car, scrub the floors. Help the minister, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, volunteer to work in some hospital. Visit the sick, the poor. Study your lessons. And when you're not too tired, read the Bible or some other enlightening book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your city doesn't owe you a recreation center. The world does not owe you a living. You owe it your time and energy and your talent so that no one will be at war or in poverty or sick or lonely.

You are supposed to be mature enough to accept some of the responsibilities your parents have carried for years. They have nursed, protected, excused and tolerated you. They have denied themselves comforts so that you could have luxuries. This they have done gladly, for you are their greatest treasure. In heaven's name grow up and go home!" -Copied