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GOOD MEMORY RULES

Forget each kindness that you do as soon as you have done it;
Forget the praise that falls to you the moment you have won it;
Forget the slander that you hear before you can repeat it;

Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, wherever you may meet it.
Remember every kindness done to you what'er its measure;

Remember praise by others won and pass it on with pleasure;

Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter;

Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful debtor;

Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living;

Forget each worry and distress, be hopeful and forgiving;

Remember good, remember truth, remember heaven's above you,

And you will find, thru age and youth, that many hearts will love you.

Author Unknown...

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Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips.

A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.

PRoverbs 27:1-3

FOR UNTO YOU IS BORN THIS DAY A KING, A PRINCE, A SAVIOUR, A LORD,(Continued from Nov.)

-SAVIOUR-

The angels announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, Fear not; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord...Jno.4:42 Jesus told the Samaritan woman some things that pertained to her life also to his kingdom, she had returned unto the city and reported "Come see a man which told me all things that ever I did: Is not this the Christ?" They came to see for themselves "And said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world." 2Pet.2:20,"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. Acts 5:30, "The God of our fathers raise up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.(31) Him hath God exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins." Eph.5:23 Paul comparing the relationship between husband and wife, and Christ and the Church, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body.(25) Husbands,love your wives even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;" 2Pet.3:18,"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to him be glory both now and forever." Tit.2:13,"Looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ,(14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of Good works."

Isaiah 59:20 A prophecy the redeemer shall come to Israel; Lu. 67:68 Zacharias filled with the Holy Ghost prophesied saying,"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people," This statement was made at the birth of John the baptist who was to prepare the people for Christ.(76) "And thou child, shalt be called the prohet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways." Tit.2:11,"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.(12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, godly in this present world.(13) looking for that blessed hope, and glorious appearing of the great God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ,(14)Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all

iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people,zealous of good works." Rom.3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.(24)Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Col.1:12,"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saintsin light.(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:(14)In whom we have redemptinn through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 1Pet.1:18, "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold." "But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." Heb.9:12,"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

-A DELIVERER-

Rom.11:26 Paul referring to a prophecy,"As it is written, There shall come out of Sion The Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob(speaking of Christ) 1Thess1:9,"And how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living God,L10) and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us, from the wrath to come." Col.1:12-13,"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light.(13) Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.(14) In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Lu.4:18 Christ reading rom prophecy, The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointe me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives....."

-AN INTERCESSOR-

Heb. 7:25,"Wherfore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Rom. 8:34,"...It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."

-A MEDIATOR-

Gal.3:19, Paul tells us that the Law of Moses was ordained by angels inthe hands of a mediator(Moses)1Tim. 2:5 Paul affirms, for there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all. Heb.9:15,"And for this cause(his sacrifice) he is the mediator between God and man. He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the dedemption of the transgressions that were under

first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance." Heb.12:22,"But ye are comeunto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels(23) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,(24) And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant.(25) See that ye refuse not him that speaketh." Matt.17:19 Christ was transfigured before Peter, James ... and John. Christ was talking to Moses and Elias, Peter suggested that they make three tabernacles, one for Christ one for Moses and one for Elias. The voice from heaven this is my beloved Son hear ye him. Christ is now in authority. Matt.28:18, Jesus came unto his disciples just before he ascended and said unto them,"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth,(19) Go ye therefore,and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:(20) teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:" Heb.2:1,"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard,lest at any time we should let them slip,(2) For if the word spoken by angels(the law of Moses) was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward.(3) How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us(theapostles) by them that heard him.(4) God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" Hear ye Him!

-A JUDGE-

Rom.14:10,"For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." 2Tim.4:1,"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.(2)Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."Acts 17:30, Paul preaching to the people of Athens, who were worshipping Idols. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent,(31) Because he hath appointed a day in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead."

(This article was written by Brother J.H.Lackey, who is now deceased, We have other articles sent in to us by Brother Lackey before his death and hope to print more of them in future issues.)

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WHY NOT START PLANNING YOUR SPRING MEETING NOW??.....

STANDING FIRM THE GOOD EXAMPLE

Matt.5:13-16,"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which isin heaven."

If we believe in Christ, we should show our faith by our works. We should live so that others, will see it is worthwhile being a christian and be encouraged to imitate us. By standing firm against wrong, we may influence others to come to our assistance when they see our faith.

In 1Sam. 13:5-7 we see Israel trembling in fear of the mighty forces of the Philistines. But in 1 Sam.14:1, 6,11,12,23 we see God saving them because of the FAITH of Jonathan the son of King Saul.

Jesus spoke the truth regardless of opposition and some could not face it as we find in Jno.6:66-68,"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then Jesus said unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

Some of the disciples were influenced by Peter's example when he announced he was going fishing they said,"w also go with thee." Now I don't believe this hurt them spiritually, but we might influence someone to go fishing when they should be in church and by our example cause them to be guilty of error.

Jesus acknowledged the power and influence a bad example in Matt. 24:12,"And because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold." Paul stood alone for the truth in contending with Alexander the coppersmith in 2 Tim. 4:16.

The Bible also points to the good example of others to prove that other men in spite of adverse surroundings have lived faithful lives and have won peace. Please read Hebrews chapter 11.

In Heb.12:1-4 we see the great example of STANDING FIRM, spoken of; Therefore seeing we also are compassed about withso great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay a-

side every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.For consider him that endured such contridiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin."

Angels and men are watching us play our part in THE GREAT BATTLE OF LIFE. Let us all renew our efforts in STANDING FIRM in theTRUTH.

STANDING FIRM IS THE GOOD EXAMPLE.

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"WE CANNOT CHEAT."

We cannot deceive God and only deceive man for a short while. God knows us; our motives and thoughts much better than we ourselves do, or even think we do. See Heb.4:12,"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a DISCERNER of the THOUGHTS and INTENTS of the HEART."

As we cannot deceive God, neither can we deceive men for long. Sooner or later we will kmow whether, some one is genuine, and he will also know whether we are. We cannot CHEAT and get by with it. What we are on the inside is bound to find it's way to the outside and there make an impression. Jesus has said, You will know them by their fruits. Matt.7:16.

Have you ever thought that what we are, is more important than what we do? WHY? What we are, is more important, because eventually what we do, stems from what we are. We have two working on us: God is working from the inside out. He aims at our hearts, the inner most part of man. If he can change our hearts its easy to change our behaviour. He begins by giving us the right to become his sons and daughters, even before we have changed at all. He sent his only son Jesus Christ, to suffer and to die that cruel death on the cross, to give us that right. He takes us as we are. He ushers us into his great home, and allows us to live with him. He lays down only one condition,OBEDIENCE.

He is not a respector of persons,"Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentence." 2Peter 3:9. Jesus said in John 6:37, "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

On the other side Old Satan is working on us. Yes, he is working hard, he is working rom the outside in. The devil, as a roaring lion is walking about seeking whom he may devout, for he knows if he can deceive man long enough he will begin cheating on God 'and' his fellow man. The devil has been deceiving man since the beginning of time. If we would work as hard to live a CHRISTIAN life as satan works to prevent it, we would soon set him to shame. There is no reason why we can't conquerors. James 4:7,"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

If we expect to share in that Heavenly Home, we must make a radical change. We cannot stay in the company of God and the company of those he has gathered, without making an about face. Leave that old man of sin and start yielding to that never ending love that God has for us. If we have the right kind of love it will soon begin to work on us, and we will begin to become creatures of love, both with out and with in.....

We are his children by grace through faith.Eph.2:8. And the ways of his kingdom will become our ways. Since we know not neither the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh,(Matt.25:13), Let us not be CHEATING, but be WATCHING and WAITING. But MOST of all be READY. Yes, be PREPARED to meet HIM in JUDGEMENT.

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SUFFICIENCY OF THE SCRIPTURES

We of the Church of Christ, believe everything we need as Christians, is in the Bible. Let us check over some of the Bibles teachings on this subject:

I. Sufficient for conversion or changing us from the world to the spiritual. Psa.19:7,"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:..." Making our soul from a lost soul, to a saved one.

The Bible is sufficient and we need no other converting power. Lu.16:31 tells us,"And he said unto him,If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Should we consider anything, except the WORD OF GOD, as given to us by His Son and the Apostles?

II. Sufficient as a guide book. Paul writing to Timothy

in 2Tim.3:16-17 tells us that: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works." If the scriptures can teach me all good works and can make me perfect, surely I need nothing more.

III. Gives all things that pertain unto life and godliness. 2Pet.1:3,"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:" Here being toward life and godliness. We have to be godly to have the life he has promised us, with him after judgement.

We must not add to. Rev.22:18,"For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:"

We must not take from. Rev.22:19,"And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."

Paul in the letter to the Galations 1:8,"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Then Paul wanted no mistake, so in the 9th verse he repeated it. Can we afford to listen to some man and call Pauls curse down on us?

This is short, but let us read and study the scriptures for in them we have life.

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THE BELOW WAS UNSIGNED. WE NORMALLY DO NOT USE UNSIGNED ARTICLES, BUT FELT THIS DESERVED NOTICE.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Am I permitted to "contribute to the Christian Courier?" (Answer-Anyone is permitted to send in to the Christian Courier and we send it to anyone that wishes to read it or to anyone that someone else sends in a name and address. There are no subscriptions for the paper. Editor)

C H R I S T, the cornerstone, Matt.21:42

H--heareth these sayings of mine...,Matt.7:24

R--rightly dividing the word of truth..,2Tim.2:15

I--instructing those that oppose themselves...2Tim.2:25

S--salvation promised in no other name...Acts4:12

T--teachers of good things...Titus 2:3

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MEETING DATES
1974
PLAN NOW.....

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA April 7-14 Bro.Al Way

BARON, OKLAHOMA June 16-23 Bro.Jack Morris

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"O Give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people." Psalms 105:1

Thanks be to everyone that has responded to our plea for articles, news and financial help. We don't want anyone to feel we are greedy for money, but we asked as humbly as we knew, for our bank account was at rock bottom and the response was just great. Postage rates ate up and everything else we need has increased in price. The financial help will assure you of a paper as long as the articles and news keep coming in at such a goodly rate as they are now. Brethren keep articles and news coming our way and we will certainly keep the Courier coming your way. Some Brethren have sent several articles in at a time. We will try to distribute them evenly, as we can in future issues, so as to print from everyone. Just remember we never have too many articles and news. It is a paper mainly for the brotherhood and thank you brethren once again for your support in anyway. It is very encouraging to us. God Bless all of you. The Courier Staff.

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OBITUARY

Sister Hattie Brockman was born October 15,1897 in Porterville, California. She has been a member of the Chico,California Church of Christ since 1956. She was the wife of Brother C.M.Brockman of Cottonwood,California.Sis. Brockman passed away November 6,1973 and was buried Sat. Nov. 10,1973 in Porterville.

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EUGENE,OREGON

Sister Mattie McCay had a stroke, but at last report was improving. Also Bro.& Sis. Harris both are feeling much better at last report.

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PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Little Love Letter Dec.1-1973 issue stated Brother Danny

Lyons had a very tragic accident, while putting air in a tractor tire and it blew up: tire and rim doing severe damage. Danny is in St. Joseph Hospital,3rd & Thomas St. Phoenix. He is due for numerous operations. Danny is the eldest son of Sister Betty Edwards. Do wish we had her address so that any desiring to send cards or letters or assistance in any way might do so, but we are certain anyone can send correspondence to Brother Abram Labato, 3213 West Desert Cove Drive, Phoenix,Ariz. 85029 and Sister Edwards or Danny will receive it. Re-this young brother and his family in our prayers.

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BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brethren:

I will write some more to the paper and hope that all is well,with all everywhere. Here Bro. Wilson is still not much improved, some time ago he had to go back into the hospital for 2 days. So keep up the prayers for him and his.

Now concerning the paper: we here at Broken Bow want it to continue on adn wish it would be regular, so all can keep posted. If we don't have the paper, how are we going to know who is who?? I have written several times but could write more, but others need to write and I feel can do a better job than I. Now as for the ladies writing to the paper I am one that can't find where she is commanded NOT to, as long as she follows Titus 2nd chapter and does not use authority over the man. If all would do more for the paper and work of the Lord we could grow a lot faster and reach more people.

We had a good meeting with Bro.Jack Morris back in the spring and all enjoyed it very much. The church here is trying to keep up the good work. Sometimes it seems like we are not doing any good but then we see some fruit so we take courage and keep trying.

We are studying the Gospels according to Matt.Mark, Luke and John. It sure does a lot to really study these, to really believe as John said. I suppose if all that Jesus did were written, the world could not contain the books:but these are written that we might believe and believing we might have life through his name, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him might not perish, but have everlasting life. Therefore we ought to give heed more closely to what he said lest we let it slip or forget. For he spoke to us by his Son, and commanded that we hear him. Let EVERYONE be SWIFT to hear, SLOW to speak and SLOW to WRATH, for the wrath of man worketh not the commands of God.

Yours in Christ
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ELK CITY,OKLAHOMA

Brethren:

We had a nice crowd at church Sun. Nov.11,1973 Our number is increasing for which we are thankful. Brother Willie Farrar's son, Roy is helping out now. He is leading songs and waiting on the table. He is doing real good and I think we may see him giving lessons soon.He is the only young brother in the church here. The rest of us are getting up in years.

Nora and I celebrated our 50th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 23rd. There were 60 that signed the guest book and helped to make the day for us. (CONGRATULATIONS!!)

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YAKIMA, WASHINGTON

The children of Bro.& Sis. Bill McCay gave a reception & renewal of their marriage vows Dec.8,1973 in Yakima, in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary.(CONGRATULATIONS!)

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KLAMATH FALLS,OREGON

Beloved Brethren:

I hope you will forgive me for not writing sooner. We here at Klamath Falls are all in good helath-thanks be to God. We have been blessed greatly, our cups are running over:

Today Brother Jack Warford baptized a young man, Carl Jordan Jr.(11-11-73) Jesse Warford was baptized 10-23-73, Eddie Dwyer was baptized 9-7-73. We baptized Cindy Wilson 6-10-73 also Phillip & Roy Bryant have obeyed the Gospel. So God has been meriful to us and blessed us richly.

We are certainly glad to have Bro. Jack Warford and family; Bro. Edwin Crowell & two children, also Brethren Jaymes & Joyce who have moved here and worship with us.

With Brotherly Love,
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PORT ORCHARD,WASHINGTON

Brethren:

A young couple was with us Sunday Oct.28,1973.The Foley family. Phil is a cousin of Bro. Jim Bryant of Klamath Falls, Ore. At the present time he is with the Army at Fort Lewis. Phil & Kathy have two boys:Lee,4 yrs. old & Jason, 2 yrs. old. We hope to see quite a bit of them as Phil expects to be here around 2 years.

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WATERFORD,CALIFORNIA:

Carrie Shaw grand daughter of Sis.Sherier was baptized

MODESTO, CALIFORNIA

We here at Modesto are doing quite well. Some illness about the normal amount for this season. Sister Mae Johnson is in a convalscant hospital also Sister Adell Stark. Both unable to attend worship. Sis.Minnie Stephens is not feeling as well as she has been, and that in itself wasn't too good, as she hasn't been able to attend in a long while but is still able to live alone with family members checking and helping her frequently.

We are very happy to have had a goodly number of visitors in the past month and pray that they and others will come again soon.

Bro. Lloyd Coleman asked the prayers of the church here a few Sundays past. Bro.Coleman is a very faithful brother, coming very regularly though not well most of the time. His wife, Rachael isn't well and can't attend worship with him. They certainly deserve the prayers of Christians everywhere.

Brother and Sister Sam Henderson are very pleased to announce the wedding of their second daughter, Janice Marie to Clyde Michael Boothe on Nov.10,1973 in Modesto. CONGRATULATIONS to both. Janice is the Grand-daughter of Sis.Adell Stark.

Sister Sadie Ivy was recently married to Aaron Thornton. CONGRATULATIONS to both. Sadie is a daughter of Sis.Adell Stark.

Sister Clemmie Baxley has been quite ill with the flu unable to attend, surely hope and pray she and others ill with it will soon be well.

At this time we wish to announce our Spring meeting with Brother Al Way of Huntington Beach, California as the speaker each evening at 7:30 P.M. April 7th through April 14th. We may have dinner and singing one or both Sunday afternoons but will announce that in the next issue. All are invited to attend any or all of the meeting. More information or anyone wishing a place to stay contact Bro.Al Burtis 523-6387 Modesto or Bro. J.D. Logan 464-4961 Stockton. Plan early, pool cars & attend.

Remember the Church of Christ meets each Lords Day morning at 10:30 A.M. at the corner of Glenn and Dallas Modesto and Sunday evenings at 7:00 P.M. All invited.

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ATTENTION

We here at the Courier printing office wish to express our appreciation to each and every one that has responded to the plea for material and funds so that we could continue to print the Courier for you. At the present we have some material for the next copies and a little funds in our account for materials and mailing. We will try to have the finiancial report in the next issue. Again thank you and God Bless all.

Do you have your meeting date set? Please send it in very soon so we can print it a while before it starts.