LITTLE LETTER

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THE LITTLE LOVE LETTER AGAIN

NO, WE HAVEN'T GONE ON VACATION; we're sedately staid; and seriously surmising without conclusive evidence as to why we are so fixed, - we may as well start typing on **LLL.**

THAT LAST ISSUE OF JUNE 1 STATED, "As God may will, this little paper may be the closing one, maybe till about September." Even then, hopes were about to be dashed. Why?

SUCH SCARE OF SHORTAGES OF GASOLINE may be a hoax,but it works. Especially when already applied higher prices of up to 90¢ and $1.00 per gallon are in print. I just cannot clearly see a picture of these two old skates trudging toward home, holes in pocket. Already somewhat thread-bare.

THIS JULY 1 LLL WILL DEPLETE the balance reported now on hand, intended for Sept. But it would be much better if that-a-way rather than the implied above, even if a hoax.

FURTHERMORE I'M HURTING for trying to cut a gap in the year's good record of continuous publication. It takes too long and effort to do it again. "As God may will" - "to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not,-"- - I'LL GO ON.

REASONS TO RENEGE

ANOTHER REASON WE TOOK NO TRIP, yet, is this one, too. Our son, Burleigh, has had some surgery done, and has date of appointment to ascertain if other surgery is needed. So we want to hang around - well, that's a Mom's prerogative. He hadlymph nodes removed from groin but is still troubled with his back. May need a disc removed and fusions done.

OTHERWISE, THE INDICATIONS POINT OUT that I could go on typing this - and should. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." ALSO YOU TOO, "But ye,brethren,be not weary in well doing." NOW, IF I HAD oodles of short and select articles,it WOULD be grandiose. This time, apparently, most will be on me. FOR FUTURE FINESSE,here are a few matters to mince & mull.

FIRST I POSE A QUESTION

WHAT MUCH MORE GOOD MAY BE OFFERED if all the goodness of all those 13 announced meetings will be reported in LLL? APPARENTLY,WERE 14; SORRY I MISSED ONE. See, I never had a word about it until it was already in progress. Our Brother Gordon (Butch) Evans was to have begun a meeting on June 3. Some said was to be at Baron, Okla. but no one knew for sure;just now I see on the list that that is Bro.Baldwin's. Brother Evans lives at Berryville, Ark. and Brother Baldwin at Delta, Colo. So it could be that they did some swapping.

BUT EVEN TWO PREACHERS OR TWO PLACES,-"Glory to God in the highest." May many souls be saved from"THECONDEMNATION!

WHAT MUCH MORE GOOD MAY BE DONE, YET, if the gooddeeds of that meeting are placed in print for many others to read. Printers can't, however, unless a good little boy Benjamin Franklin slips the "Do Good Papers" under a few doors. Two papers waiting to print it, and three months to get it done. Men, get going; two or three at each meeting, jot notes and stick in envelope to Little Love Letter and/or to The Christian Courier. Willing, ready, waiting to do our part. SOON? Not "what much more good" but all the more; much possible. "LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." YEA,could put in your short & select article, & REFERENCES. SUPERB - 14 meetings, series of sermons, in 3 months.GO ON. "AND whatsoever ye do in word or deed,do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

GOD GIVES GRACE AND GROWTH

"AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: - "Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and INCREASE THE FRUITS OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS:-".(Now quote the positive of Col.2:19, RSV). "- - holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints & ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God." HOW GREAT GOD IS.

IF, IF, IF.

IF, AS A CONJUNCTION ALONE,IS in the New Testament at least 350 times, and more than 125 times more if used with many and various other particles. Example of 1st,=Col.3:1. Example of 2nd,=Col.1:23,Greek word="If indeed" EI & EIGE. In both cases: "IF,SEEK" & "IF(INDEED)CONTINUE". LET'S DO BOTH. "If" be risen- -seek things above. Continue in FAITH.

EXCUSE PLEASE, NEWS COMING

SO SORRY, I THOUGHT THAT "most of this one would be on me". Much mail, and support, is already coming in, even tho they knew not that I was even now typing for a July 1 LLL. This (and I'm thankful)it seems: that all minds are in a Spiritual-uplift this year; all working "while it is day".

EVIDENT LOCAL NEWS FIRST

MAY 27: We two attended services at Lakeside and heard Brother Bill Taylor's good sermon. He postponed it twice to two visitors as previously reported;but he ably gave today.

JUNE 3: At La Habra Brother Roy Snoderly, back from a vacation trip back east, was the speaker. It was good to see him back and to hear him. Then some of those at La Habra went to Fontana for dinner and for the afternoon singing.

JUNE 10: We two were back at Lakeside and I preached.

JUNE 17: At Lakeside Bro. J. D. Johnson preached extra well from a good outline on "Assurance & Confidence". We had with us Louise's Sister's husband, Poul Olsen from Redwood City. He and another Brother-in-law, John Evans of Sacramento, have been in-'n-out visiting us in Oceanside. As John had to get on back he returned by plane. Paul staid with us all week and was seriously working on problems of his health, lung cancer. I was so happy to baptize him on Friday 22; as is read in Acts 2:38, & in Mat.28:19,-et al.

JUNE 24: We two were in Lakeside again. "Very small" describes the assembled group.(But in Christ's name,& all's well.) So many away visiting, & at other Congregations.

GOOD NEWS BY MAIL

JUNE 7: The report from around Eugene-Springfield way is that many are better from sicknesses, and attendance at Lord's Day services is again much more regular. They are anxiously waiting for the Brother J. D. Logans' time to arrive, and for the meeting to start on July 15.

JUNE 11: Good news from the Aztec way happily gives that Karen Killgore was baptized after services Wed. night. Also that Brother Gary Wilcher and Sharon (last name wasn't given)were married recently. Bro. and Sister Sunny Boling, on their way to visit in Okla.,were by for two nights, and Bro. Boling gave a very good lesson Sunday morning.

JUNE 11: The Church at Ventura reports that Bro. Don Dabbs gave a very good lesson Sunday, the 3rd, and Helen Vaughn came forward and was baptized. She is Debbie Love's mother.("Let us be glad and rejoice,& give honour to him:")

OBITUARY

AMOS WADE LYTLE, a resident of Avenue 45 East and 2nd Street in Roll, California, died on Thursday, June 14, at Yuma Regional Medical Center. He was 73 years 7 months and 10 days of age at the time of death. He had been baptized in 1962 at Roll. Bro. Lytle had been ailing for some time.

He was born Nov. 4, 1899 in Greer County, Oklahoma, and had moved to Arizona from Texas in 1939. In Texas he had worked in the oil fields.

Brother Horace Orendorff, of Yuma Church of Christ, officiated at the services on June 18 at Johnson Mortuary in Yuma. Burial followed in Desert Lawn Memorial Park,Yuma. Pallbearers were Bros. Earl Broadway, Buddy Davis, Don Long, Robert Morris, and Bill Nelson.

Survivors include: his wife, Vesta; six sons, Amos Jr. and Bill of Sweethome, Oregon, Victor of Ukiah, California, Melvin of Roll, Arizona, Lloyd of Ventura, California, and Douglas of Othello, Washington; two daughters, Lavetta Boling of Yuma, Arizona, and Betty Edwards of Ventura; one sister, Verda Brown of Grand Junction, Colorado; and 34 Grandchildren and 19 Great-grandchildren.

REPORT OF BARON MEETING

JUNE 16: Brother Kenneth Baldwin finished the meeting at Baron, Oklahoma Sunday June 10. It was successful meeting with a full house each night; two were baptized and several made confession. Brother Kenneth was then holding a meeting at Valley View Church of Christ near Duncan, Okla. At this full date of June 25 I do not know those results; but we can surmise that from June 11 to 17 he did wellALSO.

NEW YUMA CHURCH BUILDING

JUNE 20: The cement floor is poured for the new Yuma Church building; (so hope not long now until done). The well puts out lots of water.(It's a bit salty.) Yuma and Somerton Congregations will then be together at the new place. Address: West side of Ave. "B" between 28 & 29th Streets. Look for State Highway 95, between mile posts 19 & 20. The building faces on 29th Street just off of Ave. "B".

SO JULY 1 LLL FINIS

I MUST HIE ME FAST to the printers, place plus 400 in the envelopes, stamp, GET GOING, - We pray "Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages-".