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J.S.L.MORSE....Owner.

CHURCH NEWS. Bro.L.C.ENGLAND stated his health is slowly improving. Bro.Hayse Morris sent us a good lesson entitled Falling From Grace,. Dear Bro.Morse: We truly enjoy reading Gospel Evangel. So many good lessons in it ahd news from many of the loyal congregations. The church near Waterford is gradually growing which we truly are thankful of. I do not know much of interest to write. Bro.John Smith you may know is in a hospital from an heart attack. Be two weeks tomorrow and I talked with Sis.Smith this morning, and the doctor says he can't be home for a week or more. So I believe it is good for all to pray for him as well as for others. The Arnett's Earl & Hope.

Dear Bro.Morse:Rec'd your letter and paper, we enjoyed the paper very much; so happy to hear from the brethren in Africa. I hope they will search the scriptures and stand on the truth. It is gratifying to be instrumental in helping them. I preached for the brethren at San Pablo, Calif.,last Lord's Day. They seem to be doing OK, except lots of sickness from the flu. Bro & Sis.McKinney & son Johnny were there from Yakima, Wash.,also their son, Kenny, and wife from Brentwood. We enjoyed visiting the brethren there as always. The church here moves along about as usual, nothing new to report. We plan to be gone from the middle of May to the 8th of June. Hope this finds you and yours enjoying good health. We do hope we can edify the brethren in Africa; with nothing but the truth. Yours in Christian love Curtis C.McCluskey

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Bro.James A.Stark wrote as though his health has improved some. Sis.Velvie Mae Wages wrote that they are OK. Sis.Mary Nelson is in Bell Garden, Calif.

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Some of the things that will cause us to fall. Gal.5:4-5. Going back under the law. Christ is become of no effect unto you whosoever ye be that are justified by the law ye are fallen from grace.
Failing of the grace of God. Heb.12:15. Looking diligently lest any fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you and thereby many be defiled. OFFEND-DO INIQUITY....
The Son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them that do iniquity and shall cast them into a furnace of fire, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. LACK OF SELF CONTROL. 1 Cor.9:27.,But I keep under my body and bring it back under subjection lest by any means when I have preach -ed to others I myself should be a castaway. LACK OF LOVE. REV.4:2, Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee because thou hast left thy first love, remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do thy first works over or I will come unto thee quickly and remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

CRUCIFYING CHRIST. HEB.6:4-5., For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gifts and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost and have tasted of the good word of God and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away to renew them again to repentance seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE. Jesus ans* wered and said, ye do err not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God. LACK OF GROWTH.. Luke 8:14. They that fell among thorns are they which when they have heard they go forth and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life and bring no fruit to perfection.
2 Tim.4:10. FORSAKEN ME. For Demas hath forsaken me having loved this present world and is departed unto Thessalonica, Crecens to Gal-atia, and Titus to Dalmatia. John 15:1-3. BRANCH CUT OFF. I am the true vine and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away. Matt.13:40. GATHERING OUT.
As the tares are gathered out and are gathered and burned in the fire so shall it be in the end of the world.

SHRINKING BACK. HEB.10:38. Now the just shall live by faith, but if any man draw back my soul shall have no pleasure in him. NAMES BLOTTED OUT. REV.3:5. He that overcometh the same shall be clothed in white raiment and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life but I will confess his name before my Father and his angels. LAMP GONE OUT. Matt.25:8. And the foolish said unto the wise give us of your oil for our lamps are gone out. SINNERS James 5:19. Brethren if any of you do err from the truth and one convert him, let him know that he which converted the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins. Now here is the clincher, we have used seven scriptures to show contrary to what men teach that we can fall from grace and be eternally lost, and one of the surest ways is to go back under the law for our justification as some of our brethren are denying the First Day of the week as the day our Lord arose from the dead, saying, Saturday is still the day of worship; making Christ of no effect. 2 Tim.2:26, CAPTURED BY SATAN. And that they may recover them -selves out of the snare of the devil who are taken captive by him at his will. NOW WE HAVE TRIED WITH "THUS SAITH THE LORD" to establish the fact that we can fall from grace--(Cont'd on page 3)....

And how we can fall and one of the sure ways is to return to the law (of Moses. Ed.) for justification and certainly the sabbath belonged to the Jews just as the passover and the feast of tabernacles and other things. Circumcision never given to the Gentiles at any time. It grieves our mind to hear about our brethren listening to men on the radio calling themselves "The Voice Of Prophesy" and denying the First Day of the week as the Lord's day, as the day of worship and even saying, Christ didn't rise on the first day of the week. Now if we can't prove what we have always taught and believed that Christ rose from the tomb on the first day of the week and the first church worshiped on that day as a set apart by him for worship. We had just as well lay our Bibles down and go to work and if I cannot prove the things I teach, I will quit preaching and do something else; because if I am not able to prove the things I teach by the word of God I am not worthy to preach. Written in love of the truth and of the Church of Christ. Hayse Morris.

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THE COMMUNION

Bro.Curtis C.McCluskey

2 Tim.3:16-17, "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, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Exactly what does this scripture tell us? Let us notice: 1."All scripture is given by inspiration of God". 2. "All scripture is profitable for doctrine". 3. "All scripture is profitable for reproof." 4."All scripture is profitable for correction" 5. "All scripture is profitable for instruction in righteousness." 6. "Through these scriptures the man of God may be perfect. 7. These scriptures thoroughly furnish unto all good works. What more could we want for a guide? The scriptures thoroughly furnish us unto all (not just part), but all good works. So naturally anything outside of these perfect scriptures, are unnecessary and not good works. Because the scriptures furnish us unto all good works. So in studying this very important subject, we want to be guided by the inspired scriptures of God. Nothing else.

But who will interpret these scriptures for us? Shall we seek out some good, well educated man to interpret them for us? What do the scriptures say about interpretations? 2 Peter 1:20, "Knowing this first, that no prophesy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21, For the prophesy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost;" So Peter tells us plainly that no scripture is of any private interpretation. No, indeed. We don't have to have them interpreted for us. We have only to read them. God is wiser than any man who might seek to interpret the scriptures for us. And he promised by the prophet Isaiah that he would make them very plain. Isaiah 35:8, "And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." The way of holiness is of course the Christian way the Lord appointed for us to walk in. And Isaiah tells us that we as wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. (Wayfaring men--Travelers from earth to heaven.); even though we are fools. (Cont'd on page 4.) **(NOTE. Sis.Lloyd Treat passed away in a hospital (Okla-City.) Our sympathy to Bro.Treat and family. Editor.)

I doubt if any of us will claim to be fools. But even if we were, the Lord says in his scripture that there is no need for us to err in the way of holiness. So who needs some educated man's interpretation of the scriptures? The Lord says, not even fools. We simply read them; just like we would read a recipe and follow what it says. Have you tried reading the account of the Lord's Supper in this way? Lets leave off all interpretations we have heard about these scriptures, and just rea d them with an open heart. 1 Cor.4:16, Paul says, "Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me." In 1 Cor.11:1, He says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." In Phil.3:17, He says, Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them that walk so as ye have us for an emsample." These 3 scriptures plainly teach, without any interpretation at all, that we are to follow the apostle Paul; don't they? He said, "Mark them that walk so as ye have us (the apostles) for an ensample." So as long as we follow the instructions laid down in the scriptures, and the ensamples of the apostles, we are safe. Arent we? This is simple. And it's such a relief not to be always trying to remember some complicated interpretation some one has given us. Remember God has assured us his scriptures are complete, and furnish us unto all good works. His scriptures are not of any private interpretation. Also he made them so plain that a "wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein." Isn't this wonderful? We can read our Bibles for ourselves.

We know there are disagreements in the world today, about how the Lord' s supper is to be observed. If we believe what we have just read about the scriptures, and I trust we all do. Then we must conclude that some one has been doing some private interpreting of the scriptures regarding the Lord's Supper. This is usually where we get into trouble. Interpreting; or listening to private interpretation of the scriptures. If we take just what we can read, nothing more and nothing less: we will believe the scriptures. We will be as one, as the Saviour prayed we should. This is the grounds for UNITY. I am going to quote a scrip ture. I want you to notice very carefully from the reading of this;and every other scripture we will read on this subject. <u>How many cups are</u> mentioned in the scripture we read? <u>How many breads?</u>

1 Cor.10:15-17, "I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. <u>The cup of blessing</u> which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are <u>one bread</u>, and one body:for we are all partakers of that one bread."

1. ONE CUP---"Communion of the blood of Christ."
2. ONE BREAD---"Communion of the body of Christ."

1 Cor.11:23-29, "For I have received of the Lord that which I also delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus Christ the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:" Notice,these instructions will be safe to follow, because the apostle Paul is delivering them as he received them of the Lord. "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." 1. Jesus took bread. 2. Jesus gave thanks. 3. Jesus broke the bread. (To say he did anything else to the bread, is adding to the scriptures.) Now that Jesus has given thanks, and broken the bread, what did he do with it?

Sis.Marie Doan is not****(Continued on page 5.)****Feeling well.....

The scripture we have just read say the next thing he did was give it to his disciples. What did he tell his disciples to do with it? 4. "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." What did he tell them to do in remembrance of him? Let's read it again: "That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, 1."Take" 2. "Eat." "This is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." In partaking of the Lord's supper, do we, "take, eat:" of the blessed and broken bread "in remembrance"of him? "After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me." To learn what he means by, "After the same manner," We will not attempt to guess or to privately interpret. We will, instead, refer to the other apostles who were present at the first Lord's Supper. Matt.26:27, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, drink ye all of it." Mark 14:23, "And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it." Luke 22:17, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this and divide it among yourselves."

So three INSPIRED witnesses tell us that the "same manner in which he took the cup," was to give thanks, even as he had given thanks for the bread; and give it to them, even as he had given them the bread. He said: 1. "Take this and divide it among yourselves." How divide it??? 2. "Drink ye all of it." 3. Mark says, "They all drank of it." 4. "This cup is the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it in remembrance of me." Had you ever noticed before he says, "This cup is the New Testament in my blood."? We know that the New Testament is one testament. And that it was sealed or ratified by the shed blood of Jesus Christ in his death. Now look at the whole picture: 1 cup---new testament. (One cup---one new testament). 2.Cup of blessing----New Testament in my blood. 3. Broken bread----dead body. 4. This do in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come again."

If the Lord's Supper is observed simply as we can read, with no added interpretations, we can show a beautiful and complete picture each Lord's Day, until he comes again. And this is the ground for unity. The scriptural ground. Why anybody would want to add that the Lord only broke off a piece to show them how to break off a piece and eat it? Read again; the scripture says,"when he had given thanks, he brake it and said, take, eat" Notice he did not say break and eat as I have done. No, indeed. He said "Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do (take, eat), in remembrance of me." Why would anybody say he divided the cup for them? Read again the scripture. Luke said, "He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, take this, and divide it among yourselves." Did they pour it into another glass????? 1. Matt. Says, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, drink ye all of it." Did he tell them how to divide it??? "Drink ye all of it". Isn't this plain? 2. Mark says, "And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it." So they obeyed exactly as the Saviour had instructed them. Didn't they? Is this the way we do it? (Continued on page 6.) **(Sis.Alyce Morse feels better.)**

This is the scriptural way. The way we can read so plain a wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein. This is the ground for unity without some worldly educated man to tell us that the Lord did not mean a cup when he said a cup, we cannot misunderstand the plain scriptures. We dare not change the scriptures in the least in our worship. If we do, using some man's interpretation: the Lord says our worship becomes vain. Matt.15:8-9, "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. So let's be sure to leave the doctrines, commandments and private inter-pretations of men. Let us believe and do only what we can read in the inspired scriptures. Remember Paul tells that they furnish unto all good works. If you can't read it in the scriptures without a private interpretation, it is not a good work.

Rev.22:18-19, "For I testify to every man that heareth the words of the prophesy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophesy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things that are written in this book." Surely this scripture makes very plain that we are not at liberty to add anything we can't plainly read. Neither are we at liberty to leave off anything we can read. Rev. 20:11-15, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face heaven and earth fled away; and there was no place found for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever were not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Notice, in the judgment we will have to answer for all of our deeds. And also notice that our deeds, our works, will be measured by what is written in the books. Yes the scriptures will judge us in that day. We will be held respon-sible for obedience to the pure, unchanged scriptures; not some smart man's interpretation of them.

Rev.22:14, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." His commandments are contained in the scriptures. It is only those who have done his command-mentsthat may enter in through the pearly gates. But remember that the commandments of men make our worship vain.

Matthew 26:27--"The cup" (1). 2. "Gave it". 3. "Drink ye all of it". ONE CUP---Singular. Mark 14:23---1. "The cup". 2. "He gave it". 3. "Drink ye all of it". ONE CUP Singular. Luke 22:17-20---1. "The cup". 2. "Take this." 3. "Divide it." 4. "Likewise the cup". 5. "This cup." ONE CUP Singular. 1 Cor.10:16---1. "The cup.". ONE CUP singular. 1 Cor.11:25-28--- 1. "After the same manner also the cup." 2. "This cup." 3. "That cup." ONE CUP --singular. Isaiah 8:20, "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (THE END.)

Due to ill health of both your editor and Sis.Morse, plus piled up work that must be tended to. We must suspend publication of Gospel Evangel for a period of not less than 3 months, unless we can get a brother in Christ to publish Gospel Evangel. The brother is being consulted on the matter, and if he agrees to publish the paper, you will receive it from another state. I, J.S.L.Morse will remain the owner of Gospel Evangel. We do not like to suspend publication, but we find it necessary. This issue definitely is the last one we will publish for at least 3 months. Your editor...J.S.L.MORSE

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PHOEBE #2

Sis.Lurana McCluskey

My lesson on Phoebe, this time will be a little scattered, as I want to touch on so many points in which we women,today, can like Phoebe be servants of the church. I will try not to let it get to lengthy. I sincerely hope, if any of you sisters have found my efforts of any help in your work; or derived any encouragement from them, you will drop me a line with your return address. (Mrs.Lurana McCluskey, 1829 Laurel Lane.,West Sacramento, California 95691.)

"I commend unto you Phoebe our sister, which is a servant of the church at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints , and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also." (Rom.16:1-2) I think it is very interesting that Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament words says that the word translated "deacon" elsewhere . And that it is the only time in the New Testament this word is used in reference to a woman. Vine also says that the word "succorer" denotes a "protectress", a patrones. He says it is a word of more dignity than the simple word,"helper", would have been. He says it indicates the high esteem in which she was regarded as one who had been the protectress of many.

Really, when you think about service to God and humanity (especially the saints) is the essence of Christianity. James 1:27 Tells us, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." In 1 Tim.5:10,We have listed by the Holy Spirit some acceptable ways of being a "succorer of many": "a servant of the church." "Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work." We have studyied in some of our former lessons, the bringing up of children; so we will notice here that this is a"good work". If we do it to the best of our ability, of course. If she have lodged strangers. This one on which I, for one in the past have fallen down on. I think in this modern era, when real neighborliness as Jesus taught it (Luke 10) is considered corny if not downright stupid, a lot of us were raised better, have sort of gotten out of the habit. Some people would throw up their hands in horror at the idea of lodging a stranger. But if we have the opportunity:; and most especially if the stranger is a Christian, and we neglect this good work: we most assuredly will have to give account in the day of judgment when the books are opened. (NOTE. Sis.McCluskey is in a hospital---- Pray ----(Cont'd on page 8.) for her.....Editor.)

And I don't, don't you? That there will be any acceptable excuse in judgment for not doing our duty as servants of his church? As Paul in Heb.13:2, reminds us, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for some thereby have entertained angels unawares." You remember Sarah was not to busy, nor to tired to prepare cakes of fine meal and a tender good calf for strangers, serving it with butter and milk. She didn't scold Abraham for bringing in unexpected company, strangers at that. But prepared them the very best she had while Abraham provided them with water to wash their tired feet. Refreshing themselves while they waited for dinner. Genesis 18. She thus entertained angels unawares. Paul says it is possible we might do the same. You know angel-s are messengers of God. And we do have some here on earth, who are very much in need of lodging. Evan a cup of cold water, you know because he or she is a disciple of Christ will not go unrewarded.

In Acts 16:15, we learn Lydia started her Christian life immediately with this good work. "And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us,saying, if ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us." Notice she didn't just ask in a halfhearted manner, secretly hoping they would go home with some one else; or only stay with her one evening. No, indeed. She besought them "come into my house", and abide there". In other words, make my home yours while you are here, and she was very insistent about their accepting this invitation. "She constrained us". And Lydia was a busy woman, a seller of purple in the city of Thyatira. She had a household, also. But she put the kingdom of God and his righteousness before her comfort and convienence. She constrained them to abide at her house. What a beautiful example. In being a protectress and and patroness of Paul, Phoebe must have offered the same kind of hospitality. And as a patroness she may have also have administered to him of her means for the gospel work, even as good women are said to have administered to the Lord in his earthly lifetime. (Luke 8:3). If all Christian women, sought to serve the church in this manner, I don't think our brethren would have so much to worry about in the field of supporting gospel preachers. Could some of this be our fault for not constraining the stranger gospel preachers to abide in our homes.

In 2 Kings 4:8, we read how and old testament woman solved this hospitality problem: "And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constra-ined him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, behold, now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, that passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; let us set for him there a bed, and a stool and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, he shall turn in thither. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and turned into the chamber, and lay there." The great hearted woman loved the Lord so much, that she not only constrained, insisted convincingly that the man of God was to eat bread at her house, but she went farther. He passed by continually. But instead of grumbling of how this preacher was imposing on her, and inconvieniencing her and her family, "cramping their style" etc. She begged her husband to help her make the man of God more comfortable. Make him feel more at home. In our lovely homes today. Is our guest room, or extra bedroom reserved for invited guests, only?(Cont'd on 9)

Or does the stranger, the needy Christian, especially the preachers (men of God), always find a priority? As Paul said in the first chapter of Titus, "Given to hospitality." If we are not doing our duty here , we are falling short of serving the church as a succorer. We will meet it in judgment standing beside these great women who did exercise themselves in this good work. We, as keepers at home, even if we are working women, must set our houses in order in this matter. Else hear the Saviour say, "Ye took me not in. Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not unto me." Washing the saints feet, and relieving the afflicted, come also under the same good work of hospitality; caring for the sick and needy. More required good work -s of Christian women, servants of the church.

There are 3 words used in connection with discribing Christian women, I would like to notice briefly. Discreet, chaste, modest. They are old fashioned words. As old fashioned as Christianity at least. And more of our duty you can hear young women actually brag,today, that they are none of these things. (Titus 2; & 1 Tim.2:). Vine tells us the Greek word from which discreet was translated, means, "of sound mind; self controlled; sober minded; temperate; prudent."
A woman whose conduct can be discribed by these adjectives, will be considered "Peculiar and oddball" to say the least of it. But never will gossips be able to say anything about her that will bring shame on the church. Chaste: pure from every fault; pure from carnality; modest; pure, as being cleansed. This is another virtue God requires of us, which the modern educated world considers as outmoded.
Modest: orderly, well arranged, decent. In its primary sense as harmonious arrangement, adornment. The well ordering is not of dress and demeanor only, but of the inner life, uttering indeed and expressing itself in the outward conversation. God requires these things of teenagers growing into womanhood; of young working, or student women; married women; all women who claim to be Christians.

When the great white throne is set, all Christian women as well as the unbelievers will be there. We will be judged out of the things written in the books (New Testament, for us) And judged beside Phoebe, Lydia, Sarah and a host of other godly women. How will we stand? Rev.20:11-15). In Christian love.....Lurana McCluskey.....

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A LITTLE NEWS. SIS.Treat is in a hospital with a bleeding ulcer, for medical attention. Bro.Treat is there with her. Bro & Sis.Alexander are not well and missed services last Lord's Day because of illness. Considerable illness among the Broken Bow membership, and attendance dropped quite a bit. Bro.Alexander has an ailment that forced him to quit work. Sis.Alyce Morse of Obion is not well, and is taking treatment. News is unusually light this time and we haven't much to report. We request the prayers of the brotherhood for all of the sick and afflicted everywhere. Sis.Mary Nelson of Corning, Ark.,went to DeWitt , Ark.,to pay taxes and to have her abdomen doctored. Bro & Sis.Ed Wages we at Corning, Ark.,where Bro.Wages is diving for mussels for a living. We haven't any report on how Sis.Nelson is getting along. Bro-Sis.Alexander mentioned that they were getting an awful lot of rain in and around Broken Bow. Glad to say we've had a real soaking good rain here and crops are looking much better. The Lord certainly is generous. The church here is holding it's own. Editor...

Today, the working man who wears his shirttail tucked in his pants where shirttails belong, is looked upon as some kind of a nut who has lost what little sense he is supposed to be endowed with, and he is called most anything, except something respectable. The world has gone nuts. Look in the newspapers and magazines at the "Beatles" who are so rediculous that the ancient inhabitants of Sodom would probably have a runaway, if they met one of those ungodly nitwits face to face. How dopey can they get, especially when the world is full of BIBLES teaching people how to live and be respected by God? Those boobs have long hair down over their ears which is a disgrace them and to God.

Look at the teen age girls, what do you see? Hair chopped off, and their "bangs" combed down to eyebrow level. How much BIBLE did they obey when they cut their hair? Reply: NONE. How much BIBLE did they obey when they wear those "STUPID HAIRDOS"? NONE. Just remember that members of the church are following those idiotic antics. How come you leaders are sitting on your hip-pockets and allowing such ungodly antics in the congregations where you have the "oversight"? Speak up!

Just how come you don't crack down on female haircuts, pants and shorts wearing? You full well know that you are allowing violation of God's laws. How come we have no lessons from you condeming female haircuts, pants & shorts wearing? And the wearing of tight female clothing? Are you AFRAID to speak up and condemn it?

How come you don't crack down on habitual troublemakers in the various congregations? Do you lack the nerve? Or have you developed a bad case of "Can't Do Nothingitus"? Or have you drifted off into the world so far, that, you just "don't care"? Speak up, say your piece.

The church should have tin badges stamped with the words "Member of the Church of Christ" on them, issue one to each member for church membership identification purposes. Why? Because so many of the church members have copied the rankest of sinner ways so closely, it is impossible to recognize a member among non-members.
Some of the female members wear a dress so tight she appears to have been poured in wet and allowed to harden therein like concrete, while other members gad around in pants (mostly tight) and shorts, having their hair, or what is left of their hair messed up to where it would scare a babboon out of a jungle,---and to cap the climax, those jezebels are allowed to come into the assemblies and are given the righthand of fellowship just as though they were righteous angels from heaven. Lets try to become consistent, if we continue to holler for purity in doctrine and worship: let us scream for purity as a whole in the church, lay down the law and gospel, make it stick and achieve the goal of wholesomeness in the church. Purge out the old leaven.

Clean up the church, then we will be in a position to clean up the non members. But if they continue to see members copying their ungodly ways. We have no chance for an outside clean up. Crime in on the increase and it is up to us to do our part to stop it now.
Now if you want to sling brickbats or bouquets, here is your chance. Obviously, this will not apply to all leaders. (Yours for the truth)

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