



# ACRES CHRONICLE

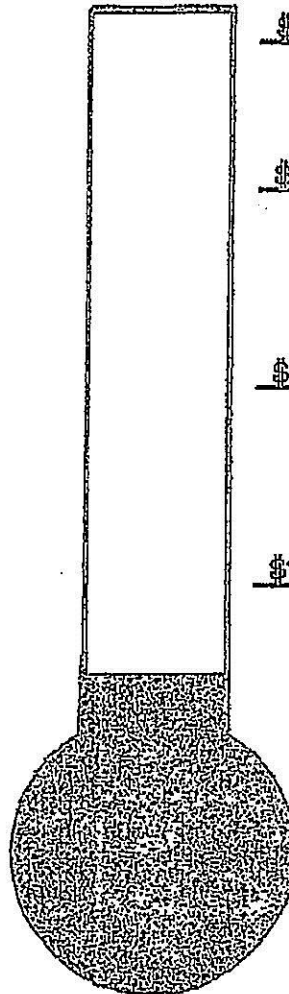
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## ARE YOU ON FIRE FOR GOD?

OR-----Are you a luke-warm Christian? Are you eager to see God's work grow and blossom forth with buds (new Christians)? Do you want to see new souls won for Christ? Do you want to see Christian Acres used as a tool for the winning of these new souls?

If the answer to all but the second of the above questions is 'Yes', then you will be willing to help us meet our goal for the Jesus Birthday Offering this year. We have set that goal quite high this year, but we feel sure that if we all



\$39,000

\$30,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

are willing to work together and share the load, we can do the job and really accomplish great things for God and see His work move forward here at the Christian Acres Camp and Children's Home.

Won't you join us in building for Christ's Kingdom? Won't you be 'On Fire For God?' Let us see the thermometer overflow from the pressure of our love and giving!

Carl

HI!

WELL, I'M ALMOST HALF WAY TO MY GOAL FOR THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING--- I HAVE ALMOST \$10-----I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE STARTED SAVING UP FOR YOUR GIFT FOR JESUS---BOY, IF WE CAN REACH THAT GOAL THEY SAY WE WILL BE DOING SOMETHING GREAT!--- DID YOU ALL HAVE A NICE THANKSGIVING?-----BOY, WE DID!-----ALL I HAD WAS CRUMBS AND I GOT STUFFED! ---I FELT LIKE THE TURKEY---I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS NOW---WONDER IF I'LL GET WHAT I ASKED FOR---I MADE UP A LIST AND LEFT IT IN THE MOST OBVIOUS PLACE I COULD THINK OF---THE REFRIGERATOR---SURE HOPE SOMEONE FINDS IT! ---DO YOU THINK  $\frac{1}{2}$  POUND OF CHEESE AND SOME CRACKERS IS ASKING TOO MUCH?---I SAW SOME OF THE STUFF THEY HAVE FOR THESE KIDS UP HERE---AND THE MRS. IS SEWING FOR THEM LIKE MAD---GUESS THEY'LL HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR SURE---AND THE YUMMY GOODIES SHE'S BEEN BAKING---I'VE HAD A BALL WITH ALL THOSE CRUMBS---GOTTA GO NOW--- I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!--- I'M SURE WE ALL WILL IF WE CAN JUST MEET OUR GOAL FOR THE JESUS BIRTHDAY OFFERING-----

LUV, CHARLIE

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BLESSED IS THE SEASON WHICH ENGAGES THE WHOLE WORLD IN A CONSPIRACY OF LOVE!  
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EVERY GIFT WHICH IS GIVEN, EVEN THOUGH IT BE SMALL, IS IN REALITY GREAT, IF IT BE GIVEN WITH LOVE!

THANKS!!

We wish to thank all of the individuals and groups who have so generously offered and given various gifts to the children here at the Children's Home for Christmas. We feel sure that because of your love and concern for them they will surely have a wonderful Christmas. Thanks to each of you and may God richly bless you all!

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BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!

Boy, we've been busy as beavers this month! Have been trying to get out and get to all the church groups and work up enthusiasm for the Birthday Offering before that big day in December. We really do appreciate all the hospitality shown to us and the opportunity to come and share with you.

Have also been to several of the area Revivals and really did appreciate the fine preaching and fellowship. Carole and the girls have been able to sing a few specials and share in the worship services.

We've also been able to take the slide program we have to a few of the area churches this month. Hope you all enjoyed the slides and fellowship as much as we enjoyed coming. We do have more dates open and would like to come to your congregation soon. Why not contact me soon and set up a date for us to come and show you what Christian Acres offers to you and yours? Call me at 589 6296 soon!!

THANKS!!

We want to thank Mr. & Mrs. Steve Jackson for their gift of a deep fryer. We have been wanting one here for some time and can now enjoy homemade donuts, deep-fried fish, etc. Thanks a bunch!

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PEOPLE ARE LIKE STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS; THEY SPARKLE AND SHINE WHEN THE SUN IS OUT, BUT WHEN THE DARKNESS SETS IN, THEIR TRUE BEAUTY IS REVEALED ONLY IF THERE IS A LIGHT FROM WITHIN.

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DO YOU WANT 'MOON' TO BE YOUR MASTER?

This will be the question asked at the January Youth Rally which will be meeting here in the Christian Acres Chapel on January 28th.

Mr. Ken Conner will be with us that evening to present information on the various cults which are swarming all over America and influencing so many of our young people today. He will be witnessing to us how his own son was drawn into one of these cults and how he went about getting him out of it. I know you will be interested to learn all you can about these various cults and how you can go about fighting them. So be sure to be here January 28th. at 7 p.m. We know you'll be glad you came.

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KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!!

#### OFFICERS INSTALLED

On November 17th., the Bluefield Ladies' Group held an impressive Installation Service for the new officers for 1978 at the Midway Church of Christ. There were 29 members present representing 10 of the area churches.

After the Installation Service and the business meeting, delicious refreshments were served by the Midway ladies.

It was decided at the meeting that they would buy an outside light for the parking lot by the cafeteria so that the steps there would be a little less dangerous.

It was also decided that the Ladies' Retreat would be moved up one week to be held the second week end in August. The theme for next year's retreat will be The Christian Woman's Joy and the speaker will be Patricia Moore who is the Dean of Women from the Ozark Bible College.

The next planning meeting for the retreat will be held at the Falls Mills Church on April 13th. at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars.

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PEOPLE WHO SAY THEY DON'T GET ALL THEY DESERVE PROBABLY DON'T KNOW HOW LUCKY THEY REALLY ARE!!

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HAVING THE RIGHT AIM IN LIFE DOES NOT MEAN A THING IF YOU'RE LOADED WITH BLANKS OR DON'T KNOW WHEN TO PULL THE TRIGGER!!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CHRISTIAN ACRES NOVEMBER 1977

|                                       |        |                                       |          |
|---------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Balance                               | 106.02 | M/M Dennis Belcher                    | 20.00    |
| Incoming Receipts:                    |        | Cedar Grove Ch. of Chr.               | 302.72   |
| Torchbearers Class Midway Ch. of Chr. | 25.00  | Cedar Grove Ch. of Chr.               | 20.00    |
| Tannersville Ch. of Chr.              | 50.00  | Pine Grove Ch. of Chr.                | 100.00   |
| Tannersville Ch. of Chr.              | 75.00  | Pine Grove Ch. of Chr.                | 100.00   |
| Community Chr. Ch., Hinton            | 22.00  | Laurel Fork Ch. of Chr.               | 10.00    |
| Central Ch. of Chr.                   | 50.00  | Midway Ch. of Chr.                    | 254.00   |
| Mudfork Ch. of Chr.                   | 263.15 | M/M Carl D. McIntosh                  | 25.00    |
| Mudfork Ch. of Chr.                   | 60.00  | Hollybrook Faith Promise              | 15.28    |
| Lindside Chr. Ch.                     | 10.00  | M/M Clarence Bowman                   | 10.00    |
| Roderfield Chr. Ch.                   | 20.00  | William Chapel Ch. of Chr.            | 50.00    |
| Pettry Ch. of Chr.                    | 50.00  | M/M Clifton Elmore                    | 10.00    |
| M/M Floyd F. Ferguson                 | 10.00  | Lerona Ch. of Chr.                    | 30.00    |
| Mrs. W. R. McDonald                   | 2.00   | Bozoo Ch. of Chr.                     | 45.00    |
| Bozoo Chr. Ch.                        | 35.00  | Peterstown Chr. Ch.                   | 15.00    |
| Oak Grove Chr. Ch.                    | 109.00 | Maude McIntosh                        | 5.00     |
| Midway Chr. Ch.                       | 400.00 | Ch. of Chr., Goodwin Chapel           | 40.00    |
| Wellowton Chr. Ch.                    | 10.00  | Springville Christian Ch.             | 25.00    |
| Bluefield College of Evangelism       | 541.75 | Mapleview Chr. Ch.                    | 125.00   |
| Thousandair Club                      | 312.41 | Duhring Ch. of Chr.                   | 25.00    |
| M/M Dallay Hayner                     | 10.00  | Louise Truner                         | 5.00     |
| M/M Eugene Kinder                     | 10.00  | Falls Mills Chr. Ch., Ladies Class    | 10.00    |
| M/M Walter Cole                       | 10.00  | Falls Mills Chr. Ch.                  | 450.00   |
| Mrs. Eureka Beggs                     | 10.00  | First Chr. Ch., Hinton                | 20.00    |
| M/M Fred Lacy                         | 20.00  | First Chr. Ch., Montcalm              | 61.30    |
| Mrs. Frances Broyles                  | 20.00  | Monthly Income                        | 3,938.61 |
| M/M John R. Elmore                    | 10.00  | Net Income                            | 4,044.63 |
| Mrs. Bertha Chandler                  | 20.00  | Less Expenses:                        |          |
| Mrs. Lola Farmer                      | 20.00  | 2097 Thousandair Club                 | 312.41   |
| M/M Oren Hawley                       | 60.00  | 2098 Carl McIntosh, Salary            | 433.32   |
| M/M Claude T. Hankins                 | 20.00  | 2099 Roy J. Hale, Salary              | 162.42   |
| M/M Zackie Stowers                    | 10.00  | 2100 Roy J. Hale, Salary              | 162.42   |
| Mrs. Alberta Leedy                    | 10.00  | 2101 Roy J. Hale, Salary              | 162.42   |
| M/M Henry Tabor                       | 82.41  | 2102 Roy J. Hale, Salary              | 162.42   |
| Thousandair Club                      | 140.00 | 2103 Roy J. Hale, Truck Exp.          | 20.00    |
| M/M Elmore Shrader                    | 10.00  | 2104 Roy J. Hale, Telephone           | 17.39    |
| M/M Kenneth Carter                    | 40.00  | 2105 Commerical Bank, Note Retirement | 1,100.00 |
| Mrs. Ethel Hurst                      | 20.00  | 2106 Thousandair Club                 | 140.00   |
| M/M Tom Brown                         | 10.00  | 2107 Bluefield College of Evangelism  | 439.36   |
| M/M Marvin Meadows                    | 10.00  | 2108 Commerical Bank, Tax Deposit     | 273.31   |
| Mrs. Mildred Brumfield                | 10.00  |                                       |          |
| M/M E. M. Belcher                     | 20.00  |                                       |          |

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| 2109 Commerical Bank, Tax deposit | <u>224.03</u> |
| Total Expenses                    | 3,609.50      |
| Balance After Expenses            | 435.13        |
| Net Income                        | 521,054.33    |
| Net Expenses                      | 520,619.02    |

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1977  
CHRISTIAN ACRES CHILDREN'S HOME

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Balance   | 196.60       |
| Incoming Receipts:                                  |              |
| State of W. VA.                                     | 568.00       |
| M/M Ray Shadowens                                   | 65.00        |
| M/M Earl Presley                                    | 20.00        |
| Central Ch. of Chr.                                 | 25.00        |
| Seekers Sunday School Class,<br>Peach Creek (Manna) | 10.00        |
| Midway Ch. of Chr.                                  | 15.00        |
| Midway Ch. of Chr.                                  | 56.37        |
| M/M Dane Hicks                                      | 16.00        |
| M/M Michael Gunter                                  | 50.00        |
| First Chr. Ch., Montcalm                            | <u>61.30</u> |
| Monthly Income                                      | 886.67       |
| Net Income  | 1,083.27     |
| Less Expenses:                                      |              |
| 400 Carl McIntosh, Petty Cash                       | 192.04       |
| 401 Appalachian Electric Power Co.                  | 70.38        |
| 402 Carl McIntosh, Petty Cash                       | 193.02       |
| 403 Perdue Foods, Food                              | 90.33        |
| 404 Elkhorn Valley, Food                            | 119.98       |
| 405 Perdue Foods                                    | 42.47        |
| 406 General Telephone                               | <u>51.45</u> |
| Total Expenses                                      | 759.67       |
| Balance After Expenses                              | 323.60       |
| Net Income  | 52,734.30    |
| Net Expenses  | 52,410.64    |

## Birthday Time

This past month our new son-in-law celebrated two birthdays. He reached his 20th. year the 16th. of November and just about 8 days prior to that he was born again into Christ and I had the privilege of baptizing Mike. We all rejoice in this victory for Mike and Christ.

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## LOVE IS CONTAGIOUS--WHY NOT START AN EPIDEMIC?

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## IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK!

I ran across an interesting article recently. It made a mathematical parallel of a life span with a 24 hour day. It caused me to think seriously about my own life. What have you accomplished or left undone? How many years (hours) of your life have passed?

If you are 15 it's 8:51 a.m.  
If you are 20 it's 11:08 a.m.  
If you are 25 it's 12:25 a.m.  
If you are 30 it's 1:25 p.m.  
If you are 35 it's 2:59 p.m.  
If you are 40 it's 4:16 p.m.  
If you are 45 it's 5:43 p.m.  
If you are 50 it's 6:50 p.m.  
If you are 55 it's 8:08 p.m.  
If you are 60 it's 10:11 p.m.  
If you are 70 it's approaching midnight!!

When the bell tolls for you at the midnight hour of death, on which side of God's judgment seat will you be standing?

GOD STILL SPEAKS TO THOSE WHO  
TAKE TIME TO LISTEN!!

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN AREA CHURCHES

Dec. 18th.--Falls Mills Church choir will be presenting their Christmas Cantata during the evening service.

Dec. 21st.--The New Creations are scheduled to be at Midway Church for the mid-week services at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 23rd.--Pine Grove Church of Christ will be presenting a Christmas Play at 7:30 p.m.

If your congregation has any special happenings coming up that would be of special interest to those of sister churches why not let us know and we will be sure to announce it in the C.A. Chronicle. Call us at 589-6296 or you can drop us a line. Remember, we need to know by the 20th. of the preceeding month in order to get the news out in time.

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MANY THANKS to all of you who are responsible for filling or helping to fill the shelves in our pantry here at the Children's Home.

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LIVE AND LET LIVE IS FINE, BUT  
LIVE AND HELP LIVE IS BETTER!!



ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!!

I've had several responses to question about a winter retreat. Are you interested? We'd like to see a weekend SNOW RETREAT here at Christian Acres possibly during Christmas vacation. If your group is interested and would like to share in the planning and fun of such a retreat, why not let your preacher know and have him get in touch with me so we can get busy and work out details soon.

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DON'T FORGET to mark your calendar for the weeks of camp next summer and be making plans to be here. We are planning on a really great camp season coming up this next year.

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Sr. Week       | July 9th.---15th   |
| Jr. Hi Week    | July 16th.---22nd. |
| Jr. Week       | July 23rd.---29th  |
| Spir. Emp. Wk. | July 30th-Aug 5th  |

SEE YOU THEN!!

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PRAISE THE LORD!

We just found out before we put the paper to the press that our "little LuLu" is coming back to live with us permanently! You'll all remember she was the first little gal we had up here last fall. Things just aren't working out where she is and she will be back to stay.

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GOD NEVER TIRES OF HEARING FROM US IN PRAYER.

This month's puzzle is taken from Psalm 145:8, 9, 17, 18, & 21.  
Good luck!

The LORD is GRACIOUS and MERCIFUL  
SLOW to ANGER and GREAT in LOVING  
KINDNESS.

The LORD is GOOD to ALL,  
AND His MERCIES are OVER ALL HIS  
WORKS.

The LORD is RIGHTEOUS in ALL HIS  
WAYS,

And KIND in ALL HIS DEEDS.

The LORD is NEAR to ALL who CALL  
upon HIM,

To ALL who CALL UPON HIM in TRUTH  
My MOUTH WILL SPEAK the PRAISE of  
the LORD;

And all FLESH WILL BLESS His HOLY  
NAME FOREVER and EVER.

G K A E P S Y S E I C R E M D  
R H T U R T Y E S L S L O E G  
A A L L A C L F U L L U E R O  
G N L M I H O M O A T D E C O  
I D G L S R H W E H S A V I D  
O H H E E A I O T U T S Y F R  
U I S V R E S R H I M O E U O  
S S E N D N I K G N I V O L L  
W R L O N L O S I A R E V E B  
W I F W I L L P R M D R O L K  
A L L I K L L A U E M L O R D  
D R O L O R D A C W A Y S I E

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November 18th. we had a fine HAM & BEAN SUPPER here for all the men of the General Board. We all enjoyed a delicious meal and fine fellowship. There were 25 men present representing 12 congregations. Thanks to all of you who came and made this meal a success.

## CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHILDREN

Christmas is for children, they say,  
For trees and candy and toys and  
play,  
For parties and Santa and mistletoe  
And turkey and sleigh rides in the  
snow.

I would not wish to take away  
These things from a child on Christ-  
mas Day,

But only to let their young hearts  
know

Just why we celebrate Christmas so.  
Christmas is for children, they say,  
And they are right in only one way--  
'Twas for all of us children of God,  
you see,

That He came as a Child to you and  
to me!

---Kathleen Pawley---

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE McINTOSH FAMILY

---And so we come again to Christ-  
mas with all its color and joy,  
its magic and wonder, its spirit  
of goodwill and warmth. But how  
do we come to Christmas? What it  
means to us depends on what we  
bring to it; not in gifts and out-  
er displays, but in the inner of-  
ferings of love and faith that are  
in the heart. We wish to all of  
you, our friends, a very Merry and  
Blessed Christmas. May peace and  
good will truly be yours during  
the coming year. God bless you,  
one and all!

Carl & Carole  
& family

## MANNA NEEDS

for the shelves:  
canned fruits  
cake mixes  
paper towels  
cocoa mixes

tuna  
jelly  
honey  
tea  
jello  
t. tissue  
sugar (reg.  
and pow. &  
brown sugar)

for the laundry:  
bleach

fabric softener

personal items:  
shampoo  
hand lotion

deoderant (non-  
aerosol)  
kleenex

for the Home:  
cake pans (round)  
dish towels

saucepans  
hot pads  
mops

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