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The Overflow

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If variety is the spice of life, as the saying goes, then this newsletter is guaranteed to spice up your life! We've kinda put together a collection of this 'n that geared to brighten up your day and stimulate your thinking. Before we get on with it though, we'd like to tell you that we've really been enjoying some good quality singing groups and soloists at the Cup. Many of them are new to this area, but we must say, you don't know what you're missin' by not being here. All glory to Jesus, of course, but the talent exhibited by these brothers and sisters that we have been privileged to have with us is far superior to anything the secular world has to offer. We don't buy that old routine that there isn't anything to do in Beloit and if you wanna hear good, lively music, you gotta go to the bars or the latest disco. The Cup is open to provide an alternative to that scene. With a whole lot of help from the Lord (a little from our friends wouldn't hurt either), we'll be able to provide more things to do and more often in the very near future.

We are really pleased to see an increase in the number attending staff meetings each week and the Bible study that follows is a heavy one. Bill Brda, who is leading it, really believes in getting into the Word and digging around to see how it applies to each one of us. You're welcome to sit in anytime - seven o'clock every Tuesday. On Thursdays, we don't have much sittin' going on - just working. But, when we all pull together, together, together, as the song says, how happy we'll be, to say nothing of all that can be accomplished. The gym is almost all cleared out now, so we expect the Lord is almost ready for the next giant step. The cost of installing the new and larger electrical service has recently been estimated as well as the cost of renovating the second floor and gymnasium. The total cost will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000.00. Please pray for direction and finances. We are well aware that unless the ministry is undergoing constant changes, it will stagnate. So, the Lord never allows us to get into a comfortable rut and stay there for any length of time. "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord" (II Cor. 3:18). So, from glory to glory, He's changing us so that we will reflect more of His image.

We will probably always have needs because that's what keeps us clinging to the Lord's hand, but right at the minute, we are probably in better shape financially than we've been for awhile. However, don't stop giving because you think we don't need your help. It was your faithfulness to the work at the Cup that has put us back on top and your continued support will keep us moving ahead so that we can begin to see God's plan. Pray with us for more warm bodies that are willing to become servants for Jesus and assume some responsibilities on a continuing basis. The difficult part in a coffee house ministry is that so many people come for awhile and then move on to other things - and that's the way it should be if we are doing what we are supposed to be doing - promoting spiritual growth; but with growth comes change and so people come and they go almost faster than we can teach them how to make coffee sometimes!

One last word, we have one of the most fantastic schedules coming up for the next two months than we've had in a long time. Don't stay home when you could be with God's Wonderful People. Maybe the Lord has some special goodie set aside - JUST FOR YOU!

JUST FOR FUN AND A LITTLE INSPIRATION PAGE

The Lord is my Banker
I shall not fail.

He maketh me to lie down in gold mines,
He giveth me the combination of His tills,

He restoreth my credit;
He showeth me how to avoid lawsuits,
for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in the very shadow of debt,
I will fear no evil, for thou art with me.

Thy silver and Thy gold, they rescue me.
Thou preparest a way for me in the presence
of my collectors.

Thou fillest my barrels with oil, my measure
runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life and I shall do business
in the Name of the Lord forever. Amen & Amen.

BIBLE BRAINTEASER

In the paragraph below, there are 16 books
of the Bible. As you find them, underline
them. Have fun!

"I once made some remarks about hidden books
in the Bible. It was a lulu, kept some people
looking so hard for facts, and to others it
was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especi-
ally since the books were not capitalized. But,
the truth finally struck home to numbers of
readers. To others, it was a real job. We
want it to be a most fascinating few minutes
for you. Yes, there will be some really easy
ones to spot, others might require judges to
determine. We will quickly admit it usually
takes a minister to find one, and there will
be loud lamentations when you see how easy it
is. A little lady says that if she brews tea,
she can concentrate better. See how well you
can compete. Relax now, there are sixteen in
this paragraph." (Don't feel too bad, we only
found fourteen.)

I REMEMBER

When I was little, doctors came in buggies to see their patients, but prior to the buggy
days, doctors rode on horseback to make their calls. An Oxbridge (Mass.) doctor who had
delivered a baby in Milville late one rainy night could not leave his patient's house
until after midnight. The man was so weary that when he mounted his horse he simply left
the reins loose and slept, knowing that his horse would head for home. He did not wake
until they reached the barn and the horse stopped. When the horse was watered, fed and
bedded down, the doctor went to bed himself to sleep a bit more.

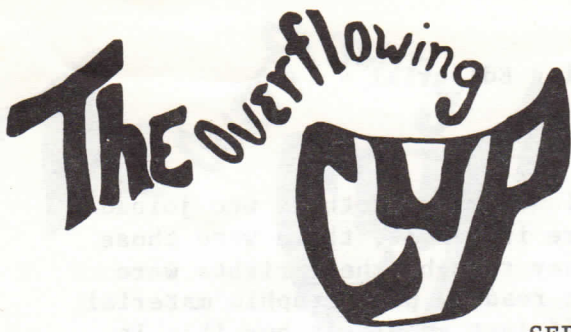
The next morning when the good doctor went to town to get his mail, he overheard townspeople
talking about how the Millville bridge had washed out. "When did this happen?" he queried.

"Ten o'clock last night," came the quick reply.

"Impossible," the doctor said, stunned. I rode over that bridge last night after midnight."
But other men assured the doctor that the first man had been quite correct, the bridge
washed away well before midnight, there was no doubt. Confused, the doctor mounted his
horse and rode to the bridge to see for himself. Indeed, the bridge was gone, except for
the middle plank, a strip of wood a mere six inches wide. In the rain and darkness, his
horse had carried him safely across that lone plank. One misstep would have been sure death
for both horse and rider. (Majorie F. Morrison)

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We also wanted to include an address for Tim Dressler who is in the Navy and
stationed in Iwo Jima but didn't have his most recent one handy in time for
this newsletter. We will include it next time or it will be posted at the Cup
for any of you who want to write to Tim. I know our servicemen appreciate your
letters. Sorry, Tim!



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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

- SEPTEMBER 2nd SOUL PURPOSE - This contemporary gospel trio is returning to this area for the last time before relocating to Nashville, TN. They have been well accepted in area schools and have performed in numerous area churches. They have recently released their first album and Jon Cring has just written a book called "The Gospel According To Common Sense". Don't miss this unique experience.
- SEPTEMBER 9th SOMEBODY SPECIAL - This movie has been scheduled for a long time and will truly touch your heart. Come and find out just who the "somebody special" is.... it may be you. Good music and sharing will also be available. Remember to invite a friend.
- SEPTEMBER 16th DISCO NIGHT - Don't let the title fool you; however, this night will prove to be very different and should be a night you will never forget. Bring your favorite Christian "disc" (album). We will have live and in person a surprise disc jockey who will spin your favorite gospel records. By the way, RESURRECTION's new album is available in our mini book store.
- SEPTEMBER 23rd DAVE LaFARY - From Smithfield, Illinois, this favorite guitarist will minister in song and testimony. Dave packs a real message into his music. Reach out to someone around you tonight and invite them to come along.
- SEPTEMBER 30th THE REVELATORS - This contemporary Good News group is from DeKalb, Illinois. They have been with us every year since the Cup was opened. They have a unique sound with a special "country" flavour. By the way, it is someone specials' birthday. Happy birthday ???.
- OCTOBER 7th GARY ZELESKY - Dynamic is the best way to express or describe the ministry of this young man from DeKalb, Illinois. He has shared at the Cup before and we are privileged to have he and his wife Laurie back with us. He is a guitarist, singer and minister who will have us "dancin' in the Spirit" for sure.
- OCTOBER 14th SERVANT - From Plainfield, Illinois, this band's motto is "Hope in Rock-n-Roll". They play for the Rock and their names are on the Roll! So come on down with a friend and get blessed. They were previously known as the Born Again Boogie Band.
- OCTOBER 21st THE SENTI-JENSEN BAND - All the way from Grand Forks, North Dakota. New to this area, they play a soft rock style music with a message for everyone. Please come and welcome them to the Cup.
- OCTOBER 28th EDEN - From Minneapolis, Minnesota, these brothers are great. Their sound is a mix of Seals & Crofts, Malcom & Alwyn, and Simon & Garfunkel. Let's give them a big welcome to the Stateline area as they minister and sing to the Glory of God.

We are open every Saturday night at 7:30. Activities begin at 8:00 p.m. FREE admission.

For lack of a better name, we will call the following Editorial -

YE OL'SOAP BOX

Isn't it strange that when Lt. Fuqua of the Salvation Army and others who joined his crusade protested the opening of the Adult Book Store in Beloit, there were those who thought we were all a bunch of prudish fanatics. They thought their rights were being violated and comments were made to the effect that reading pornographic material doesn't hurt anybody and people who don't like that stuff just shouldn't buy it. It was also stated that we shouldn't give the place so much publicity and it would eventually go out of business for lack of patronage. Well, in the meantime folks, look whose been identified as the man who raped and left for dead, a girl who was simply doing her job as a clerk in a Janesville Stop 'N Go store - none other than the manager of Erotic World News, 610 4th Street, Beloit, Wisconsin.

If selling that trashy reading material is not harmful, then what happened to him? Granted, there probably are other contributing factors that would lead a man to commit a crime of that nature. But, is it possible that being surrounded with that garbage and being tempted to soak up some of it does have an effect on your mind? I'll leave that up to you to decide (some decision, eh?).

I wonder, though, how many other minds have been and are being influenced by the accessibility of literature that has no purpose as far as causing a good influence on the Greater Beloit area. How many rapes will have to be committed (now there's a violation of someone's rights!) before somebody figures out what contributes to the cause? I know that if people want to poison their minds with filth they can always find a place to do it, but do we have to help them by making it convenient - easy? Remember the commercials a few years ago about not helping a teenager to become a car thief by leaving your keys in your car? Well, couldn't that same principle apply in this situation? As they say in the computer world, garbage in-garbage out!! If that's what we feed the people, that's what we'll get. There's a lot of talk about fixing up the storefronts and re-vamping downtown Beloit and that's a good idea, but why don't we start cleaning things up on the inside first? I wish our city's motto was Proverbs 11:11 (LNB): "The good influence of godly citizens causes a city to prosper, but the moral decay of the wicked drives it downhill". We seem to be more concerned with the deterioration of the buildings than we are with the moral decay of our citizens' minds. Seems to me a misplaced set of values.

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