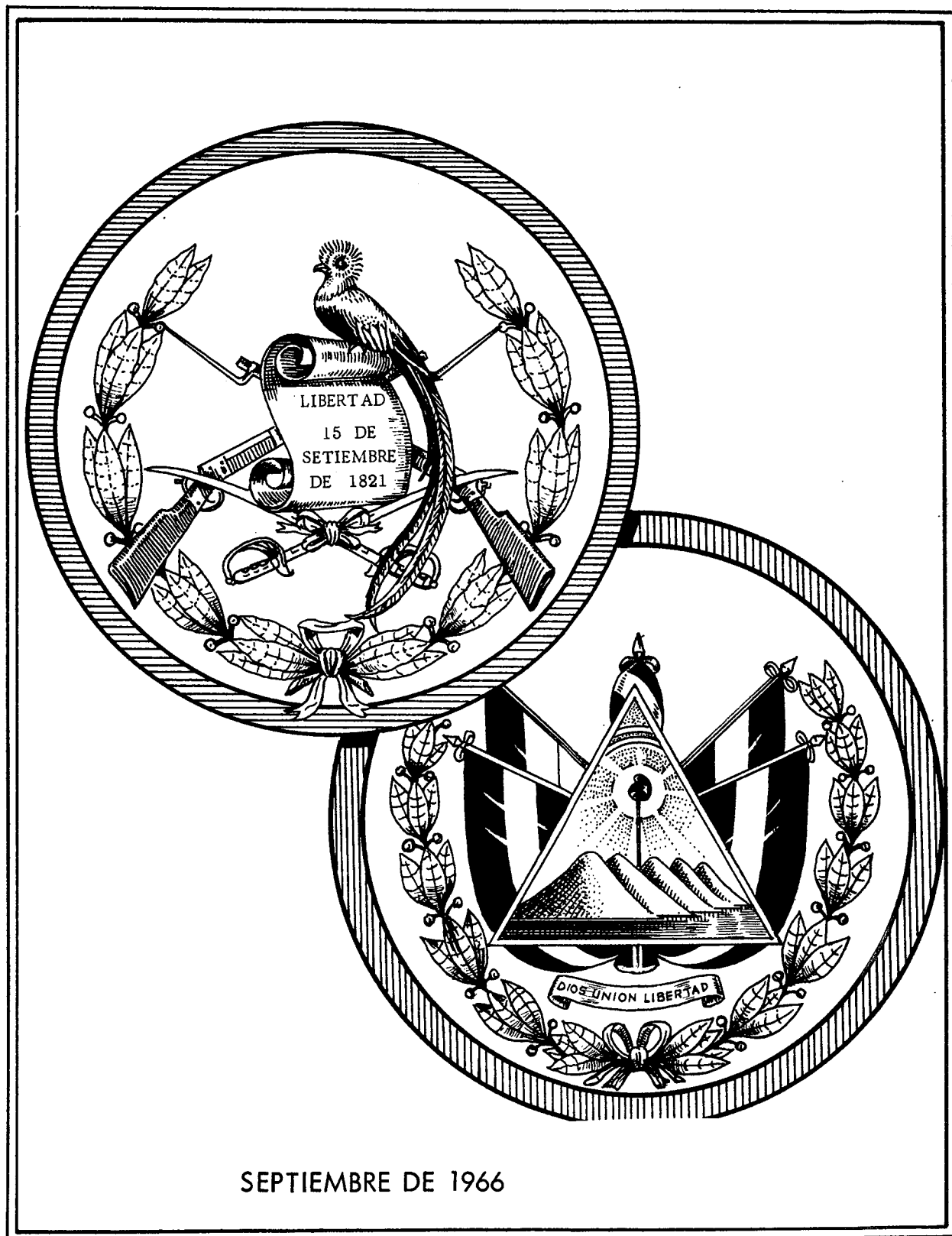


AVANTE

LA MISION GUATEMALTECA
SALVADOREÑA



SEPTIEMBRE DE 1966

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

Peter once asked the question: "What manner of people ought ye to be?" (II Peter 3:11) And the missionary answer ought to be: "I am the best missionary in this mission." It would appear obvious that this is the sort of an opinion that one shares with himself and he simply proves its truth by his example.

I have recently concluded another series of interviews and/or lengthy meetings with all the missionaries in the mission. Yes, we did lose ten leaders at the beginning of the month. But we gained ten more. And the present ten are trying to prove that they are even better than the last ones. There are already evident results. I have repeatedly told everyone that the caliber of missionary assigned to this mission is becoming better all the time. The desire to work is continuously more noticeable. And the results show it.

Now I am not so naive as to believe that we are all perfect and that each of us does not have something to overcome. That is why we are here in the mission field. It is a shock and a surprise to find out, upon arriving, that missionary work is actually so hard, and that most missionaries are actually willing to spend all their time searching for complete families. These missionaries are happy and they have no regrets. They are fulfilling the call that brought them to Central America to help our Heavenly Father preach the gospel message to all of His children.

The best missionary in this mission obeys all the rules. He gets up at 6:00 a.m. and has study class with his companion. He schedules his time around the time when the men and the families are home in his area. He studies the gospel. He converts himself. He grows in the gospel. He writes about his inspirational moments to his parents or his guardians. He is humble and he constantly seeks spirituality. He is guided by the Holy Ghost because of his love for the gospel, his love for his companion, and his love for the people. He is worthy to have his prayers answered. He attends no social functions nor parties. He confines his reading to the Standard Works and other approved Church books. He is always perfecting his ability to speak Spanish. He seeks opportunity to bear his testimony to families in their own, individual homes. He is almost perfect.

The Doctrine and Covenants (108:99, 100) reminds us: "Wherefore, now let every man learn his duty, and to act in the office in which he is appointed, in all diligence. He that is slothful shall not be counted worthy to stand."

Terrence L. Hansen

Dear Fellow Missionaries:

It is a pleasure for me to be serving with you in this great work of the Lord. As a mission we set challenges, we work hard, and we realize goals. We all know what to do and, to a greater or lesser degree, know how to do it, but most important we must know why. Alvin R. Dyer once said to a group of missionaries, "I would feel rather embarrassed as a leader of the Church if anyone of our missionaries did not know why he is in the mission field. If you were asked the question as to why you were here and what you were doing in the mission and all you could say is that, 'I am here preaching the gospel and I have been sent out here. I know the gospel is true, and I have a testimony of it.' If that is all you could say, you don't have a full meaning of the purpose of missionary work."

A faithful servant serves willingly and is blessed by the Lord. But as understanding and knowledge are added to his service he truly becomes a "friend" of the Lord. Then he may look for the time when the Lord shall say, "I say unto you... ye are my friends." (Doc. & Cov. 84:63) May the Lord help us all to understand more fully the wonderful call with which we have been entrusted.

Sincerely,
Elder Paul R. Fillmore

Dear Fellow Companions:

I'm sure that many of you, as I, have wondered to yourself just how important this mission we are serving really is. After we have come to a realization that it is one of the most important periods in our lives, we ask ourselves the question: Who is benefited most by my efforts here as a missionary? We know that we will be blessed if we "bring, save it be one soul" to the Lord for He has promised us that great will be our joy in the kingdom of His Father.

But will we be able to attain the Kingdom of God by only bringing new spirits to the light of the gospel? I believe that we have another challenge added to this. Jacob in the book of 2 Nephi states, "But wo unto him that has the law given, yea, that has all the commandments of God, like unto us, and that transgresseth them, and that wasteth the days of his probation, for awful is his state!"

My sincere desire is that each one of us may not waste the days of this mission, or "probation," and find ourselves guilty at the last day.

Faithfully yours,
Elder Jerry W Larson

BEST by TEST

GUATEMALA 1

Last month the Guatemala #1 district achieved the highest challenge of the Mission. The district was supervised by Elder Frank Carley, their District Leader. We congratulate the district for their hard work and perseverance in becoming DISTRICT OF THE MONTH.

CHALLENGE.... 17

BAPTISMS.... 20

% CHALLENGE.... 118 %

FRANK CARLEY - D.L. of Guate. #1. Has served in Tegucigalpa, Alajuela, San José, Ipala, Retalhuleu, San Salvador (as Z.L.C.), Mazatenango, Guatemala and is now resting in the arms of his parents.

MARVIN GARDNER - From Woodruff, Arizona. Entered the Mission May 12, 1966 and has worked only in Guatemala City. Elder Gardner contributed six baptisms to the district tally.

MICHAEL HALLENBERGER - From Boise, Idaho. Has served in Guatemala, San Salvador, Tegucigalpa, San Miguel, Huehuetenango, and was just transferred to Santa Ana. Elder Hallenberger has 20 months in the Mission.

GERALD SIMONTON - Entered the Mission March 2, 1966. Has served in San Salvador, and Guatemala City. Elder Simonton is from Jacksonville, Florida.

WENDELL JONES - Now has nine months in the Mission and has served in Guatemala City and Zacapa. Elder Jones is from Duncan, Arizona. He had six baptisms to help gain district challenge.

LYN MAY - From Tucson, Arizona has been in the Mission for nine months. He has served in San Salvador and Guatemala City. Last month Elder May had also six baptisms.

JOHN ROBISON - From Logandale, Nevada. He had eight baptisms for the month of August and was one of the top baptizers of the Mission for the past month. He has served in San Salvador, Esquintla, and Guatemala City. Now has ten months in the Mission.

WALTER GOLDTHWAITE - Entered the Mission Jan. 4, 1966 from Tempe, Arizona. Elder Goldthwaite also had eight baptisms for the month of August. He has worked in Santa Tecla, San Salvador, Chiquimula and Guatemala City.

We also congratulate the Quiché, Guatemala #5, Guatemala #6 and San Salvador #4 districts who also attained 100 % or better of their challenge.

TOP BAPTIZERS

Miller, J.15	Hendersen8	Jensen.....8
Larson15	Lindsay, V.8	Carley6
Jim9	Manwaring.....8	Gardner.....6
Betz8	Robison8	Jones, W.....6
Corpron8	Thomas8	May6
Goldthwaite.....8	Workman8	Luna.....6

TOP HOURS

Johnson, L.N.81	Carpenter70	Goldthwaite65
Breinholt72	Welsh69	Robison65
Larson72	García67	Russell65
Miller, J.71	Lewis66	Thorne65
Petersen71	Frazier65	

TOP LESSONS

Miller, J.75	Yost59	Brower47
Larson75	Betz58	Worknam47
García69	Jones, T.53	Thorne46
Johnson, W.66	Corpron53	May46
Breinholt59	Jones, W.50	Russell44
Petersen59	Morby49	Moon44

How Did Your District Do?

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>BAPTISMS</u>	<u>% CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guatemala #1	17	20	118%	Carley
Quiché	10	11	110%	Checketts
Guatemala #5	13	13	100%	Welsh
Guatemala #6	15	15	100%	Fillmore
San Salv. #4	20	20	100%	Larson
Office	10	8	80%	Lloyd
Santa Ana	20	15	75%	Allred
Quezaltenango	19	14	74%	Holmes
Masatenango	12	8	67%	Yost
Guatemala #4	24	13	54%	Malm
Atitlán	10	5	50%	Gunn
San Salv. #2	12	5	42%	Lambson
San Salv. #3	12	2	17%	Jones, T.
Guatemala #3	14	2	14%	Rencher
San Salv. #1	14	22	14%	Morby
Guatemala #2	6	0	0%	Nelson, G.
San Salv. #5	8	0	0%	Johnson, N.

September

CHALLENGE

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>CHALLENGE</u>	<u>D.L.</u>
Guatemala #1	16	Smith, S.
Guatemala #2	6	Nelson, G.
Guatemala #3	16	Cameron
Guatemala #4	10	Hernández
Guatemala #5	10	Welsh
Guatemala #6	17	Lear
Office	12	Bigler
Quiché	8	Abbott
Atitlán	8	Gunn
Mazatenango	12	Yost
Quezaltenango	20	Roth
San Salv. #1	9	Morby
San Salv. #2	10	Lambson
San Salv. #3	12	Erickson
San Salv. #4	19	Wright, G.S.
San Salv. #5	6	Orton
Santa Ana	20	Allred

Who's Where In EL SALVADOR

ZONE LEADERS --- Lloyd N. Johnson and Don Christiansen

SAN SALV. #1

W. Morby
W. Johnson
T. Proctor
R. Peay

SAN SALV. #2

J. Lambson
T. Liechty
J. Honeycutt
P. Petersen

SAN SALV. #3

B. Erickson
A. Hunter
G. Jordan
S. Thorne
D. Dunn
P. Taylor

SAN SALV. #4

S. Wright
J. Miller
D. Searle
R. Witten
B. Breinholt
B. Johnson
D. Russell
M. Thompson

SAN SALV. #5

L. Orton
D. Carpenter
R. Cluff
R. Egan

SONSONATE

A. Adams
R. Henstra

SANTA TECLA

M. Heredia
M. Dever

SAN MIGUEL

G. Davis
N. Jones

SANTA ANA

C. Allred
B. Brower
M. Hallenberger
J. Beare
M. Katona
R. Lindsey
V. Lindsay
J. Jensen

Who's Where In GUATEMALA

ZONE LEADERS --- Roger Malm and Ronald Farley

GUATEMALA #1

S. Smith
T. Humphery
S. Guymon
G. Simonton
W. Jones
L. May
J. Robison
W. Goldthwaito

GUATEMALA #2

G. Nelson
D. Corrigan
S. Hoffman
R. Alexander
D. Davis
D. Farar

GUATEMALA #3

P. Cameron
R. Morales
R. Hess
W. Corpron
J. Hales
F. Oswald
P. Lewis
M. Gardner

GUATEMALA #4

H. Hernández
L. Felt
M. Massey
D. Edmunds

GUATEMALA #5

W. Welsh
V. Sharp
J. Workman
K. Thomas

GUATEMALA #6

D. Lear
G. Sevy
H. Moon
R. Johnston
C. Wright
E. Crosby

QUEZALTENANGO

M. Roth
M. Davenport
C. Beedle
R. Harris
C. García
K. Miller
R. Madsen
D. Frazier
L. Abbott
R. Nelson
A. Manwaring
D. Jim

SAN MARCOS

D. Taylor
D. Rencher

HUEHUETENANGO

C. Wilson
K. Hunpherys

RETALHULEU

K. Yost
K. Johnson

MAZATENANGO

R. Schell
C. Dickop

MOMOSTENANGO

J. Aagard
M. Anderson

COATEPEQUE

E. Markle
R. Fraser

ESQUINTLA

W. Betz
C. Campbell

PATZICIA

D. Gunn
W. Schofield
L. Henderson

SOLOLA

J. Stone
B. Smith

PATZUN

Q. Sorensen
R. Helquist

TOTONICAPAN

D. Hunt
M. Hanks

QUICHE

J. Payne
J. Martineau

OFFICE

R. Bigler
P. Fillmore
J. Larson
J. Runyan
T. Hart
R. Simpach

BIENVENIDOS

Brother and Sister Albert Mitchell
From: Baytown, Texas
To: San Salvador

Alen Baird Hunter
From: Nampa, Idaho
Comp: Thomas Jones
To: San Salvador #3

Michael Edward Dever
From: Hungary Horse,
Montana
Comp: John Hales
To: Santa Tecla

ADIOS

Alan Eugene Hall
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Ogden, Utah

Erick Ronnie Soto Samayoa
Released: Sept. 8, 1966
To: Baldwin Park, Calif.

Phillip Lee Vickery
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: San Diego, Calif.

Spence Packer Lloyd
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Grace, Idaho

Clifford Lee Rencher
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Burley, Idaho

Paul Conrad Checketts
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Ogden, Utah

Lionel Dee Bates
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Los Angeles, Calif.

John Eugene Holmes
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Payson, Utah

Willard Wayne Ashton
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Payette, Idaho

Thomas Glen Jones
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: McPherson, Kansas

Frank Crockett Carley
Released: Sept. 9, 1966
To: Idaho Falls, Idaho



—by Elder Gordon Stephen Wright
& Elder Thomas W. Hart

- ** On September 9th, Elder Bates and Jones left San Salvador returning home via the Mission Office. Both elders were worked over the day before; Elder Jones by a new companion fresh from the States, and Elder Bates by an enthusiastic new Zone Leader.
- ** With the change in Mission leadership, the elders in San Salvador are now headed with Elders L. Neil Johnson and Don Christiansen as Zone Leaders; and Elders Bruce Erickson, William Morby, Stephen Wright, Clyde Allred, Lamar Orton, and James Lambson, who serve as District Leaders.
- ** The Church membership of El Salvador faces an historical "first" with the upcoming visit on September 18th, of Brother and Sister Parmley of Salt Lake City. Sister Farmley serves as President of the Primary Association of the Church. Brother Parmley is a member of the General Board of the Sunday School. The visit of the Church leaders, who are coming from stake conference in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is the first in the 7 year history of the El Salvador District.
- ** Missionaries in El Salvador attended, this month, a special conference with President and Sister Hansen in the recently constructed chapel in the Colonia Layco. During the meeting in the new building, which is becoming rapidly well-known in the capital, it was noted that the missionary work results indicated a high increase in complete family baptisms and in the number of men being baptized. According to the President, "Only through such results will the dream of a Salvador and Guatemala Stake become a reality."
- ** On September 8th, Brother and Sister Albert E. Mitchell arrived in San Salvador- their first assignment in the Mission. The Mitchells, who are from Houston, Texas, have lived in Venezuela and Argentina for 14 years while working for the Esso-Standard Company. Not to be outdone by younger missionaries, Brother and Sister Mitchell have just completed 3 months in the Language Training Mission in Provo.
- ** Someone said that a truck from the Guatemala Biltmore Hotel was seen down at Central Market loading up with some lettuce to make the famous "Chef's Salad". Speaking of restaurants, they say that business at the "Lisette" hasn't been up to par lately.

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**** Friday, Guatemala waved good-bye to ten teary elders as they swooped out into unknown horizons; B.Y.U.? marriage!!??**
President and Sister Hansen say that the very best "elder" we lost was when Terry, Jr., left on a luggageless trip to Provo (and B.Y.U., of course) via L.A. and S.F. (his luggage stayed at the Guatemala Airport).

**** The famous meeting between the only two Presidents in Guatemala came off smoothly, even if meanwhile, a few impatient army colonels had to wait. The same week, Brother Hector Grillone of Radio New York was through here on a tour of Latin America to promote a cultural exCHANGE; Mormonism instead of Catholicism.**

**** Several districts have now had the chance (thanks to their hard work to make CHALLENGE) to see some interesting ruins in the outlying parts of Guatemala. Let's see if we can't raise our CHALLENGE, at the same time, raising our many rewards.**

**** Congratulations go to Guatemala districts #1, #5, #6, and Quiché for having attained their respective CHALLENGE for the month of August. Sisters Manwaring and Jim are to be especially congratulated for their 8 baptisms.**

**** They say now, that a "family a day", keeps the President away.**

...office hours at the Mission Office are from 8-12 and 2-5 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; 8-12 and 7-10 on Friday; and 8-12 on Saturday; and that the rest of the time is spent in achieving 35 hours of effective proselyting time each week?

...gamma g. shots are free for the first one, but that each subsequent shot is billed to that particular elder and should be paid for at the time it is given?

...personal emergency loans can easily be arranged through the office and that the Mission discourages any lending of money between elders?

...you may not take pictures during a baptismal service? You may take pictures before or after when baptisms are not wearing baptismal clothing.

...missionaries do not attend any social function or party whatsoever?

NOTE - QUOTES

THE CHAMPION

The average runner sprints,
Until the breath in him is gone;
But the champion has the iron will,
That makes him carry on.

For rest, the average runner begs,
When limp his muscles grow;
But the champion runs on leaden legs,
His spirit makes him go.

The average man's complacent,
When he does his best to score;
But the champion does his best,
And then -- he does a little more.

He is a wise man who
does not grieve for the things
which he has not, but re-
joices for those which he has.

--- Epictetus

Learn from the mis-
takes of others. You can't
possibly live long enough to
make them all yourself.

Don't be fooled by the
calendar. There are only
as many days in the year
as you make use of. One
man gets only a week's val-
ue out of a year while an-
other gets a year's value
out of a week.

--- Blair

The time to pray is when prayer is
not needed.

If you do not have calluses on your
knees, you know why you have problems.

--- Abraham Lincoln

A loafer is a man who rests before
he gets tired.

If you think you can succeed - you're
right. If you think you can't succeed -
you're right.

'T WAS A SHEEP

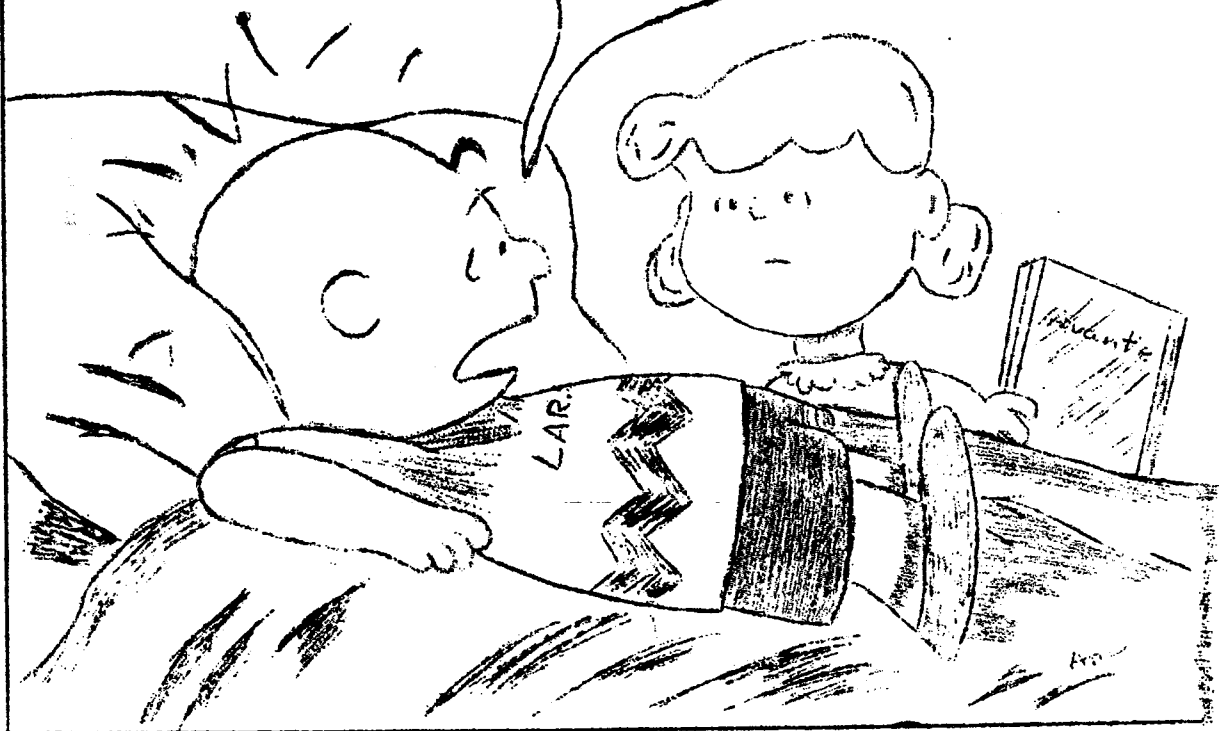
'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray
In the parable Jesus told:
'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety-and-nine in the fold.
And out on the hill-tops and out in the cold,
'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought
And back to the flock, and back to the fold.
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still today?
Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray,
For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.
If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
'Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today,
If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost,
Some sheep will have to pay.

--- Unknown

A Mistake in
the AVANTE ?!



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