

# Ex-Sclerosis

## Victim Repays God

By Jamie Buckingham

Harold and Arlene Selby are not rich people. Both were teaching school in the little town—pop. 900—of Conrad, Iowa, when he was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis. His condition was diagnosed by doctors at Mayo Clinic and he was sent home to be under his wife's care for the rest of his life.

This was in June, 1966. Things looked hopeless. He still owed on his education, he had two adopted children to support, and the drug, doctor and hospital bills were staggering.

**THEN HAROLD** was the recipient of what he terms "a miracle." On the advice of a Presbyterian minister he drove—or rather his wife drove him—800 miles to Pittsburgh to attend a spiritual healing service. Harold was instantly and permanently healed of MS.

He returned to Conrad to resume his teaching duties and to work himself out of debt.

"It was then," he recalls, that I suddenly realized I had another debt to pay. One even bigger than my medical and educational debts.

**"FOR ALL** these years I had never given anything to God," he said. "I might put a dollar in the offering plate at church, but that

was all. Tithe? I didn't even know the meaning of the word. Nobody in Conrad ever gave more than a dollar to the church anyway."

But after he was healed Harold suddenly began to look on his possessions, his health, his family in a different light. And he came to the gradual realization that were it not for God he could earn nothing.

So, he and Arlene sat down this last summer, after having paid off all their other debts, and began to figure. They determined that they had earned approximately \$70,000 during their years after college—money on which the tithe (or 10 per cent of his income) had never been paid.

**"We PRAYED** about it," Harold told me. "And decided that Arlene should go back to work this year to earn \$7,000—the amount of our back tithe. All of this will be gratefully given to the Lord.

"And from now on," he grinned, "we'll be keeping up on what we owe God."

Harold Selby is one of many people who have had experiences with God—life changing experiences. And not only do his medical records bear this out, but so do his check stubs.