Prisoner: Thomas E. Spinks
In since: January, 1985
Sentence: 15 years
Address: Marion Federal Pnson
Box 1000 (22158-037)
Manon, IL 62959

Prisoner: Don B. Anderson
In since: June, 1982
Sentence: 42 years
Address: Federal Correction Facility
P.O. Box 420
Fairton, NJ 08320

Prisoner: Curt A. Beseda
In since: 1984
Sentence: 20 years
Address: #14133-086
P.O. Box 3000
Anthony, TX-NM 88021

Prisoner: Michael Griffin
In since: March 10, 1993
Sentence: Trial Pending
Address: P.O.Box 17789
Pensacola, FL 32522

Prisoner: Dan Gibson
In since: August 10, 1992
Sentence: 37 months
Address: Federal Penitentiary
04264-031 LVC D2
Box 1000
Leavenworth, KS 66048

Prisoner: Marjorie Reed
In since: October, 1990
Sentence: 10 years
Address:

Prisoner: John Brockhoeft
In since: May 7, 1988
Sentence: 10 years
Address: C-House
P.O. Box 888
Ashland, KY 41101

Prisoner: Roy Streicher
In since: November 21, 1991
Sentence: 3-15 years
Address: R.C.I., 25-200, Bldg. 2-B
P.O. Box 7010
Chillicothe, OH 45601

Prisoner: Shelley Shannon
In since: August, 1993
Sentence: Awaiting trial
Address: Wichita Detention Center
141 WestElm
Wichita, KS 67203

Prisoner: Bryan Longworth
In since: August, 1993
Sentence: 2 years
Address: Youth for America National
P.O. Box 18484
Milwaukee,WI 53218

Prisoner: Joshua David Graf
In since: October, 1993
Sentence: Awaiting trial
Address: SPN #01349088
Harris County Jail
701 N. San Jacinto
Houston,TX 77002

Prisoner: Joseph Grace
In since: May, 1983
Sentence: 20 years
Address: Inmate# 136189
Nottoway Correction Center
Box 488
Burkeville, VA 23922

Prisoner: Danny Bramwell
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: 3 years
Address: Merrimack County Jail
326 D.W. Highway
Boscawen, NH 03303

Prisoner: Ralph Traphagen
In since: September, 1993
Sentence: Indefinite
Address: Westchester Correctional
Facility
Box 389
Valhalla, NY 10595

Prisoner: Jim Soderna
In since: June, 1993
Sentence: 2 years
Address:

Prisoner: Monica Miller
In since: July, 1993
Sentence: 9 months
Address: House of Correction
1004 N 10th St.
Milwaukee, WI 53233

Prisoner: Sean Brogan
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: 2 years
Address: Dedham House of Corr.
P.O. Box 149
Dedham, MA 02026

Prisoner: Richard Cormier
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: I year
Address: Dedham House of Corr.
P.O.Box 149
Dedham,MA02026

Prisoner: Mary Kelliher
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: 1 and a half years
Address: Framingham MCI
P.O. Box 9007
Framingham, MA 01701

Prisoner: Joe Manning
In since: June, 1993
Sentence: 1 and a half years
Address: Dedham House of Corr.
P.O. Box 149
Dedham, MA 02026

Prisoner: John McCarthy
In since: April, 1993
Sentence: 1 and a half years
Address: Dedham House of Corr.
P.O. Box 149
Dedham, MA 02026

Rescue by an authority

by Ronald E. Graeser, D.O.

As a physician in general practice during the early 197O's I was a rather lone, anti-abortion voice in my rural western Michigan community. Most people were awed by the "majesty of the Supreme Court and its rulings" back then.

Soon the day arrived that the first patient and her mother arrived seeking an abortion. The mother wanted a reliable confirmation of her daughter's pregnancy before going to an abortionist in the big city, forty miles distant.

I examined the girl, ordered tests and talked to her and her mother at some length. I had them come another day and talked some more. By then I had the urine test results on this first trimester pregnancy but deliberatly didn't mention them. On the third visit the mother surmised that surely I knew by now if her daughter was pregnant or not. Mother was right, and I told her that her daughter was pregnant. The mother asked me to put that in writing, and as I handed her the note she asked to use the office telephone to make an appointment in Grand Rapids for the abortion.

Unexpectedly that angered me. I stood up and uncharacteristically bellowed: *"No, you mayn't use my phone! Use that public phone on the street if you want to call Grand Rapids!"* I stomped out of the examining room and slammed the door on the unwed teen-age patient and her mother.

A month later the girl started prenatal care with me which ended in the birth of a healthy child. That was the easiest, life-saving care I ever rendered as a practicing physicion.

I had stumbled onto a rescue technique. After I thought about what had, to my surprise, happened I "laid in wait" as it were for the next abortlon-seeking woman. The three whom I managed to convert went on to delivery and were quite happy to do so. One mother took her teen-ager to the abortionist in spite of my counselling.

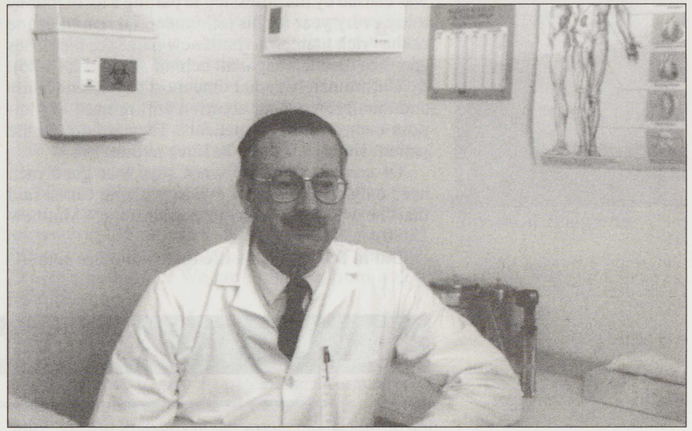
I think that word spread about my ability to change women's minds, because, after those four results, women seeking abortions stopped coming to me.

The procedure I used for abortion requests went as follows:

Since money-hungry abortion clinics were at that time known to recommend abortion procedures on women who had brought them urine from a male-dog, it was important for a patient to have an honest diagnosis of pregnancy. The pregnancy could be proved only with x-rays or hearing the heartbeat. Of course, when I heard the heartbeat I had the mother listen to her baby's heartbeat too. It's a rare woman who can follow through with an abortion after she's heard her baby's heartbeat.

I emphatically listened to the patient's social problems because of this pregnancy, and these were usually big problems. I gave what constructive advice I could to solve them, but usually there was no easy way to solve the consequences of the birth. I knew of no pregnancy counseling services back then.

I told them of the large majority of women who had had an abortion and regretted it the rest of their lives.



I suggested that if keeping the baby was just impossible, it could be adopted out or even sold. Now selling babies is probably illegal without a "Philadelphia lawyer's" manipulations, but I saw it as a cash-transaction adoption. At any rate, it was vastly more moral than ki11ing the baby.

I told them it was wrong.

If the opportunity then presented itself, I reflected God's righteous anger at abortion as I did in refusing to let the patient use my telephone.

Was this over-zealous, conniving, ruthless? Well, the stakes are high—life or death. It's important to win.

I was often the first or only authority figure to stand confidently and unalterably against abortion. I sometimes felt that deep down the patient never really wanted an abortion, but the whole world and its authorities heartily endorsed it. She seemed relieved by my support of her innermost feelings.

Each of us can promote righteousness with its rewards of sound mental health, physical health, domestic and even international peace. Those of us in positions of authority can accomplish even more.

Twenty-one years ago our nation was still continuing its centuries old anti-abortion enforcement. I know a doctor who lost his license to practice medicine because he gave a woman an abortionist's name.

I believe that almost all women who find themselves with an unwanted pregnancy have misgivings about abortion But they hear this nation's rulers approving abortion and happily paying for them. The news and entertainment media are certatnly not against it. From my contacts I dare say that most physicians will not denounce it. So the pregnant woman rationalizes that her misgivings must be wrong—*after all the knowledgable authorities are in favor of it* .

Another example of a seemingly insignificant person in the abortlon controversy was an accountant I know who ultimately destroyed an abortionist by canceling his contract and refusing to give him sound business advice. This led to the financial ruin of the physician who left the state to enter teaching. He