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WELCOME to the FEAST!

By Herbert W. Armstrong
WELCOME IN ADVANCE, brethren in Christ, to the greatest Feast of Tabernacles, 1978!

My dear children in Christ, let me tell you how you came to be here — actually the largest convale or convention held on earth. For this is an EIGHT-DAY Festival held annually with Feast sites scattered over the earth!

It started the very SMALLEST. But like the grain of mustard seed, it grew to become the LARGEST!

If this were the year 1926, you would not be attending such a great and joyous Festival. So far as I know, no such Feast was held anywhere on earth at that time.

Many of you don't know how this Festival came to be resumed after many generations — and for those of you who do, it may be interesting to refresh your memory on how the living Jesus Christ restored God's great convale in our time.

Driven to indepth study

God called me irresistibly in the autumn of 1926 — through my wife. I had been successful in business. I had dropped out of church attendance at age 18. My

wife began keeping God's seventh-day Sabbath. To me at the time, this was religious fanaticism. Arguments with her were of no avail. I was driven to an indepth almost night-and-day study of the Bible and the doctrine of evolution. In that intensive research God opened my mind to PROOF of His existence and of the absolute infallible AUTHORITY of the Bible as God's revealed Word. I had to eat crow, however — I was forced to find my wife correct. This first six months' study-in-depth brought me to taking a real beating. I was CONQUERED by God — in real repentance and faith. My mind was SWEEPED CLEAN of all previous ideas, concepts and beliefs — OPEN to be taught from God's Word.

That same study that opened my mind to the truth of God's Sabbath brought me also UNDERSTANDING that God gave seven annual Sabbaths commanded to be observed forever!

I saw that God made the weekly Sabbath for MAN when man was made — before Adam had sinned. The annual Sabbaths were given to the Church (in the wilderness — Acts 7:38) when the Church (Old Testament) was first established.

Feast observed by two

In the spring of 1927, when this was revealed to me, I did not

yet know WHY. I knew only that God commanded. My wife and I began by keeping the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread in the spring of 1927.

I presented this truth to the brethren of the Church of God (Sardis era) in the Willamette Valley in Oregon. They laughed me to scorn! For seven years my wife and I kept God's annual Sabbaths ALONE!

Then God raised up the parent Church of this Philadelphia era through me in August, 1933, with 19 members — my converts. They accepted God's truth as I proclaimed it. For 12 years we kept the annual Sabbaths, not knowing WHY. Then, 1945, God gave me UNDERSTANDING of the MEANING and PURPOSE of His Feasts. I saw then that the Feast of Tabernacles pictured the millennial reign of Christ on earth after Satan is removed. For seven years we kept the Feast of Tabernacles, in addition to the other annual Holy Days and the seven Days of Unleavened Bread at Belknap Springs in Oregon.

In 1952, having outgrown Belknap Springs, the Festival was held at the much larger Seigler Springs, Calif. But we outgrew Seigler that first year.

Beginning 1953 we held the Feast at Big Sandy, Tex. We built what seemed to us then a rather large tabernacle — later to become the college library.

We built later the first portion of what later became the college dining hall, auditorium and offices. Outgrowing that, we added a second Feast site at Squaw Valley, Calif., in the early '60s — then added Jekyll Island, Ga., then Mount Pocono, Pa., then Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Wis-

OFF from contact with God, who only has salvation and eternal life to give. Those called specially by God are, on real repentance and faith, reconciled to God by the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God.

God called prophets and He called the children of Israel under



EARLY FEAST — Herbert W. Armstrong addresses Feastgoers at Seigler Springs, Calif., in October, 1952. Seigler Springs was the second site for the Feast of Tabernacles in the modern history of the Work.

consin Dells, Wis., and the present large tabernacle at Big Sandy.

Feast sites continued to be added over the United States, Canada, Britain and around the world.

The MEANING of these Festivals is of supreme importance to God's Church to keep reminding us year by year of GOD'S MASTER PLAN for the SPIRITUAL HARVEST of MAN.

God's creation of MAN is a DUAL creation. The physical stage began with Adam — the spiritual phase with Christ.

In Adam MAN cut himself off from God — and God sentenced man to be cut off from Him for 6,000 years — except the comparative VERY few God called to special service in preparation for God's KINGDOM.

Man since Adam has been CUT

Moses, to be His separate and peculiar nation. But God gave His Holy Spirit ONLY to the prophets. God gave ancient Israel SUBSTITUTE animal sacrifices, and also, as a SUBSTITUTE for His Holy Spirit, He gave Israel physical rituals and a ceremonial law through Moses. But animal sacrifices could not pay the penalty of human sin — they were only a reminder of sin. When the Holy Spirit came, their substitute was abolished.

God's annual Festivals are built around the physical harvest in the Holy Land as symbolic of His SPIRITUAL harvest of HUMANS.

Passover pictures first step

The Passover pictures the first step in the spiritual phase of (See WELCOME, page 2)

God's annual Feast days needed

By C. Wayne Cole

When we stood in the fork of the road (Matthew 7:13-14) and gave serious thought to the way we would go for the rest of our days, we faced the most momentous decision of our lives. Before us we literally looked down the roads to either life or death.

When you chose that way that leads to life you became a member of an elite, peculiar, treasured body. You became a Christian, a son of God, a part of the Body of Jesus Christ.

Surrender of self

At that time you surrendered your own autonomous, independent, self-oriented life to become a God-centered, yielded, converted, Spirit-led and directed person. You said, in effect, "God, You have the prior right to direct my paths, for You are my Maker!" You, after resistance and struggle, became a conquered possession, purchased by the supreme sacrifice of the death and life of Christ. You became Christ's servant.

The greatest thrill, the most exciting experience, for which we should be more deeply grateful than any-

thing else, ought to be the simple knowledge felt in every cell of our being that we are Christ's own possession. To know that God cares for each of us, loves us, called and chose us to be His sons and daughters — this should move us deeply in humble submission to God in heartfelt gratitude.

As one of these God-centered ones, one of these servants to whom Christ gave His pounds and said do my work till I return (Luke 19:12-13), we should all be very much aware of our need to be in the unity of the faith. We need to work together, support each other, be a team that effectively does Christ's Work so long as we have opportunity till He returns.

Annual Festivals needed

To help us keep our eyes on God's purpose and plan He is working out here on earth, God has given us His annual Holy Days and Feasts. We have the annual highlight of the Church, the Feast of Tabernacles, just ahead of us. We need this Feast! With God's blessings, our submissive hearts and conquered spirits and

with our prayers for God's forgiveness and His Holy Spirit to bond us in unity we can't help but have a great Feast!

But, it takes more than just what God can do. It takes what each of us can and must do.

Let's let this coming Feast of Tabernacles be like a "gathering of the eagles!" Let's draw an analogy from the words of Matthew 24:23-28. This reference concerns the coming of Jesus Christ as King of Kings. We are exhorted not to believe any and every report about where and when Christ returns. We are told that "...whosoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

This statement means that wherever Christ will actually be upon His return there will all those be who are Christ's — all those who believe Him, accept Him and who serve Him.

In applying this analogy to us — Christ will be at this Feast of Tabernacles. Will you be where He is? Will we all be gathered like a great gathering of the eagles where Christ (See GOD'S ANNUAL, page 14)

IN THIS ISSUE:

This issue highlights the coming Feast of Tabernacles, at this time only a few weeks away. In it we have included:

- Articles by Herbert W. Armstrong, C. Wayne Cole and Sherwin McMichael describing the purpose of the Feast.
 - A treasurer's report for the last calendar year.
 - A special "Feast Adviser" section full of helpful hints for a safe and enjoyable Feast.
- The Good News staff hopes you have an enjoyable and fulfilling Feast of Tabernacles.

Peace in Mideast—for a while?

PASADENA — The 13-day Camp David Mideast Summit ended late Sunday evening, Sept. 17, with a dramatic and largely unexpected announcement of the signing of two important agreements by Israel and Egypt.

The first agreement, called "a Framework for Peace in the Middle East at Camp David," sets forth an interim arrangement for limited Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and partial Israeli military withdrawal from those areas over the next five years. It is viewed as potential basis for long-sought peace treaties between Israel and her Arab neighbors.

The second Camp David agreement provides for the signing of a formal bilateral peace treaty between Egypt and Israel within three months along with Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai within a year. Once these two terms are met this second agreement calls for the establishment of full diplomatic relations between the two principal Mideast protagonists.

At a White House news conference immediately following the conclusion of the summit, President Jimmy Carter declared that the negotiations had been successful "far beyond any expectations," representing a "substantial achievement" toward Mideast peace. One commentator termed the outcome "a

minor miracle."

Both Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt praised Mr. Carter for his tireless mediary role in the talks—an effort which, as had been hoped, should serve to boost his sagging popularity among the American populace.

Not all resolved yet

Observers caution, however, that the fate of the Middle East will not be decided solely on the strength of the optimistic declarations and euphoria of Camp David. As President Carter himself admitted, "The questions that have brought warfare and bitterness to the Mideast for the last 30 years will not be settled overnight."

WORLDWATCH BY GENE H. HOGBERG

Great difficulties and many hard issues remain to be negotiated.

The question of Israeli settlements in the Sinai, for example, was not fully resolved at Camp David. Egypt asserts they must be dismantled and removed as a prerequisite to the bilateral peace treaty; Israel states that the issue should be resolved during the peace negotiations. Mr. Begin faces a tough time selling the dismantling of the Sinai settlements

to the Israeli Knesset.

Even more difficult to resolve, however, will be the issue of the ultimate fate of the West Bank. The two key issues here involve the political future of the Palestinians and what is to become of over 60 Israeli settlements located there after the five-year transition period. Mr. Sadat could not wrest from Mr. Begin the concession that earlier this summer he declared as crucial: a commitment to cede back to the Arabs complete sovereignty over the West Bank, along with total Israeli military withdrawal.

Observers are hopeful that Mr. Sadat will be able to enlist the support (at least tacitly) of the moderate

WHAT? NO 'CHURCH NEWS'?

This issue of *The Good News* does not carry the regularly scheduled "Local Church News" or "Announcements" sections in order that we might bring this special issue dedicated in large part to preparation for the soon-coming Feast of Tabernacles.

All local-church news and announcements that would have normally appeared in this issue will be run in our next issue scheduled Oct. 3. *The Good News* will suspend publication of the issue scheduled to fall during the Feast. Normal publication will resume with the Nov. 6 edition.

the Egyptian president is certain to be tighter than ever in the wake of Camp David.

Continuing the process

As we go to press the full facts of the agreements are only now being released. These documents will be studied and analyzed for weeks to come. What is obvious at first glance is the determined effort on the part of Israel and Egypt to continue, despite their differences, the historic initiative launched 10 months ago with President Sadat's visit to Israel.

The agreements are also careful to avoid raising obstacles on other matters that obviously could not have even been approached at this time. For example, there is no specific reference to the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights region or to the future of East (formerly Jordanian) Jerusalem.

The agreements also do not mention what may have been the major American contribution to the Israeli willingness to agree to cede control of the Sinai back to Egypt. On this point, Mr. Begin told reporters the day after the Camp David conference ended that the United States agreed to build two new air bases for Israel in the Negev Desert to compensate for the bases it will give up in the Sinai under the Camp David Middle East agreement. Mr. Begin said the Negev air bases would be located just a few miles from the international border line marking Israel's original frontier and will be of equivalent strategic value to the bases being surrendered in the Sinai.

According to former Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who made numerous trips to the Middle East in search of a peace agreement during the Nixon and Ford administrations, the Camp David advances are so great that the situation in the region has changed for the better, no matter what happens in the coming months.

"Everything in the Middle East has a fragile quality, but this is a major achievement," Kissinger said on NBC's [National Broadcasting Co.] *Today* program. He said President Carter "deserves the gratitude of the American people and the gratitude of the world."

What is clear now is this: If both Israel and Egypt are able to live up to the terms of the agreement, if Mr. Begin is supported by his own parliament, especially over the volatile Sinai settlements issue, if Jordan supports the new initiative, if Saudi Arabia lends its tacit support, if President Sadat miraculously escapes an assassin's bullet, we could see peace—or rather a state of non-war (except for bloody guerrilla attacks)—in the Mideast for the next five years at least.

A key factor, unseen by all the parties involved—Egypt, Israel and the United States—is the Work that God may yet want to accomplish in Israel and the Middle East!

But in the meantime it would also pay us well to note the admonition given in 1 Thessalonians 5:3—"For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them..."

Sharing...

Share yourself

In the early part of the 20th century a British explorer set out on safari through the darkest part of Africa in search of a lost civilization.

After trudging through vine-choked jungles for several interminable days in suffocating heat, he came upon a remote native village. He approached the camp astonished at what he had found.

"You people are lost to civilization," he observed to the chief.

"We don't mind being lost," the chief replied in perfect English. "It's being found that worries us."

Forests of unfriendliness

So it is with many in the jungles of modern society. Unceasingly busy with daily affairs, enmeshed in an undergrowth of self-serving ambitions and personal problems, they are lost to the fruits of fellowship and friendship and could not care less whether they're discovered or not. Generally speaking, members of the Worldwide Church of God have not wandered into these forests of unfriendliness, but many are walking on the perimeter in mighty tall grass.

There should be many good and lasting friendships in this Church of brotherly love. No doubt there are. But there are lonely people as well. And the loneliness is not isolated to any specific social class, or to any certain age group or to any particular sex: It can affect everyone and

probably does at one time or another.

In the near future loneliness, isolation and heartache will be but historical terms referring to a social phenomenon that occurred during man's rule on earth. At the Feast of Tabernacles we will symbolically observe that future time when people will be judged by what they are and not who they are; a time when personal conflicts will be resolved by one who knows the real meaning of love, concern and friendship.

Lonely in a crowd

The Feast is a time when we can come out of the social jungle and into the valley of peace. But even as we enjoy one of the most wonderful times of the year with family and friends, there will be those there who feel out of place, those who are lonely in the midst of a crowd.

They may be new in the Church or just visiting with relatives who are members. Or they may be older members with years of service to the Church. No matter who they are, we have a responsibility as Christians to share with them not only our substance but ourselves as well.

If it were announced that Jesus Christ would appear at all Festival sites this year, we would clamor all over ourselves to get to meet Him. It would be well to remember His words in Matthew 25:40:

"... Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Why not go out of your way this year to meet some new people at the Feast. Share your substance with someone less fortunate. And in sharing, share yourself as well.

This issue's column was written by Dennis Robertson, editorial director of Youth Opportunities United, the Church's youth organization.

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man's creation. Upon repentance granted by God to those He specially calls and their faith in Jesus Christ, their sins are remitted by the blood of Christ, and they are thereby RECONCILED to God—no longer cut off! Jesus was slain on the Passover day.

The following seven days of Unleavened Bread—when no leaven may be eaten or found in our houses—pictures the putting of sin out of our lives—keeping God's commandments instead. There are two annual Sabbaths—on the first and seventh days of this Festival.

The Feast of Firstfruits, called in the New Testament Pentecost, pictures the coming of the Holy Spirit—which came on that day in A.D. 31—as the time—between then and Christ's second coming—as the comparatively small FIRST HARVEST in man's spiritual creation—as it came at the time of the first agricultural harvest in Judea.

The Feast of TRUMPETS, coming on the first day of the seventh month of God's sacred year, reminds us yearly of the coming of Jesus Christ as KING of kings and LORD of lords to rule and offer eternal salvation to all nations—ushering in the KINGDOM OF GOD

—which is the FAMILY of God ruling the earth.

The Day of ATONEMENT pictures the event making it possible for humanity to be "AT ONEMENT" with God by the putting away of Satan.

Then the Feast of Tabernacles represents the glorious millennial reign of Christ and BORN saints in the Kingdom of God ruling all nations. Satan will be gone. ALL then living will be called. The first day of this seven-day Festival is an annual Holy Day.

The very following day is a separate Holy Day, picturing the Great White Throne Judgment after the thousand years. All who ever lived and were uncalled shall then be resurrected MORTAL. They shall then be called, with eternal salvation to those who repent, believe and receive God's Holy Spirit.

That COMPLETES the SPIRITUAL phase of God's creation of MAN—reproducing Himself. After that shall come the final resurrection of the incorrigible wicked who were called, but neglected, resisted or failed in being reconciled to God and developing the holy, righteous character from God.

After that comes the GLORIOUS ETERNITY finishing the creation

of the vast UNIVERSE.

WHAT A GLORIOUS MASTER PLAN! You are here to imbibe a foretaste of the peaceful, happy WORLD TOMORROW!

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The PLAIN TRUTH About HEALING

Part 6

Healing in the world into which Jesus came and in the world today, out of which Christ has called us. Final summary.

By Herbert W. Armstrong

LET'S SEE IF we can pick up the loose ends and put them together. We need clearly to understand HEALING as Christ put it in His Church for us today.

Today the medical profession interjects, as it did not when Jesus taught and healed. Correct UNDERSTANDING, as Christ intends for God's Church today, necessitates open-mindedly seeing it in the light of God's revealed teaching for TODAY.

To clear the air we need to understand why this is not God's world. We need to understand how this world has developed and changed and why God has called His Church to come out of this world and to be a separate and peculiar people — GOD'S PEOPLE!

The PRE-Adamic world

We need to clear our minds from today's concepts and confu-

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sion — to UNDERSTAND the beginning of human life, the world into which Jesus came and the changed world out from which God calls us today. We need to begin by refreshing our minds on what led up to MAN's creation.

God created angels before the existence of the physical universe — immortal spirit beings, each individually and separately created. Then God created the heavens — the vast material universe — and the earth.

But understand this basic truism. God's creating is a DUAL process. In the physical universe, what God created was perfect as far as the first stage of creation that had been produced. But God placed angels on the earth to be used by Him in the *finishing* stage — to utilize the material already created — working with its elements to beautify and finish its creation in physical splendor and glory.

This was merely the testing ground to qualify the angels to finish the creation of the entire limitless universe — all other planets.

As God's principle of creating is a dual process, so was the creation of angels — and so is it with man.

The *finishing* stage of angel creation, as it is with MAN, was creation of holy and righteous CHARACTER, which must emanate from GOD. That is something

that cannot be created instantaneously by fiat. It requires a process of development in which the created beings must MAKE THE CHOICE, acquiesce in and seek this righteousness from God.

Angels, as was man afterward, were created in their initial stage with MINDS with which to think, acquire knowledge, reason, make choices and decisions. God first instructed them.

God's own holy and righteous CHARACTER is the WAY OF LIFE OF HIS SPIRITUAL LAW. It is the way, the principle and attitude of LOVE — outgoing toward God first of all, in reliance, faith and obedience; and secondly outgoing concern for the welfare and good of one's fellows. This LAW was made the basis of THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD, which He first set

DUALITY of man's creation. This was the PHYSICAL state — the material with which to form and create the SPIRITUAL phase.

Man — and GOD

As the physical stage of man's creation began with Adam, so the spiritual phase began with Christ.

Adam was given an opportunity to qualify to succeed Satan on earth's throne. But to qualify it was necessary that he *reject* Satan's way of rebellion and GET and accept God's way of GIVE and obedience.

As God had first thoroughly instructed Lucifer and his angels before placing them on the earth, so God first instructed Adam and Eve — in His LOVE, His righteousness, His WAY and His Government.

In the Garden of Eden where God placed the man and woman were two symbolic trees. One symbolized God's Holy Spirit and gift of eternal life on obedience. The other, the tree of the "knowledge of good and evil," represented — if partaken of its forbidden fruit — taking to themselves the GOD prerogative of determining the knowledge of good and of evil — of deciding for themselves the WAY OF righteousness or of sin — the way of determining CHARACTER. And this, of course, meant REBELLION against God's REVEALED knowledge.

Satan was not allowed to contact Adam until his Maker first instructed him in the WAY of righteous character. Then the wily Satan got to Adam by deceiving his wife. But Adam was not deceived and willfully REJECTED GOD AS THE SOURCE OF REVEALED BASIC KNOWLEDGE as well as his God and Ruler.

Holy and righteous CHARACTER can come only by the free choice of its recipient. Adam had made the decision for his HUMAN FAMILY — except those God should specially call to make their own decision.

When God "drove out the man" from the Garden of Eden and barred reentrance, "... LEST he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever" (Genesis 3:22-24). God said, in effect:

"You have made the decision. You were instructed personally by your Maker. You did not believe what He said — you rebelled against Him as Ruler and Revealer of basic KNOWLEDGE. You have decided for the whole world

that shall spring from you, except such as I shall choose to specially call in preparation for MY KINGDOM, which shall follow the day of MAN.

"Therefore I SENTENCE YOU and your world, which you shall sire, to 6,000 years of being CUT OFF from me. Go, produce YOUR OWN KNOWLEDGE, form your OWN RELIGIONS, your OWN GOVERNMENTS, your OWN CIVILIZATION. And after the 6,000 years I have allotted to you for YOUR civilization, I shall by my divine POWER restore my GOVERNMENT and establish MY KINGDOM — my BORN FAMILY ruling the earth."

The world CUT OFF

And so THIS WORLD'S CIVILIZATION was developed by MAN, cut off from God and the revelation of God's KNOWLEDGE, yet craftily and invisibly swayed and led by Satan in Satan's WAY.

Man has NOT BEEN FREE TO VOLUNTARILY SEEK AND GAIN CONTACT with GOD. So said Jesus!

Look at the historic FACTS! Noah did not seek God — God called Noah for a definite project. Abraham did not seek God. God called Abraham, and Abraham responded and obeyed without argument.

Moses did not seek God. And when God called him to lead the Israelites out of Egyptian slavery Moses protested: "I can't do it. I have a speech impediment — I stutter." Jonah did not seek

Himself, only 120 believed Him after 3½ years.

Peter and his brother Andrew wanted to be fishermen — and also John and James. And Matthew wanted to be a tax collector. Jesus said to His 12, "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you."

The apostle Paul did not seek Christ — he was on a hate campaign to imprison Christians until Christ struck him down blind and revealed to him the GREAT COMMISSION he was to carry to the Gentiles.

Last and least, the very last thing I wanted to do was to become a minister of Christ's Gospel. I wanted to be an advertising man in the business world — until God CONQUERED me and after real conversion committed to me the GREAT COMMISSION for our time.

It is important that we KEEP IN MIND that this is NOT God's world — it is MAN'S world, cut off from God and God's ways, yet deceived and led by SATAN.

The people of China, India, southeast Asia, Indonesia and many populous areas of the world have been so completely cut off from God, few in those countries know anything about God.

God called ancient Israel out of Egypt, to be His separate and peculiar people — under HIS REVEALED LAWS. Yet He offered only their prophets His Holy Spirit. They were carnal-minded. They said to Samuel they wanted to be like the people of this world and have a king — rejecting God as King (1 Samuel 8:7).

Healing arts in Jesus' day

Into such a world Jesus came — a world that did not accept Him or His teachings.

"We must remember this development is not always progress forward. Too often, under Satan's unrealized sway, with man CUT OFF FROM God and His revealed knowledge, it has been progress in reverse."

God — and when God called him to a special assignment, he tried to run away in a ship.

Isaiah did not seek God or the office of prophet — he protested he was a man of unclean lips, until God cleansed them. The same with Jeremiah, who gave the excuse that he was too young. Did King David seek God or the kingship? No, David was interested in herding sheep.

Jesus came saying, "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him." And His 3½-year public ministry proved it. Of the many thousands who heard the Master

Now the medical profession antedates the time of Christ by many generations. However, man's development in the healing arts and medicine was then quite elementary compared to its status today.

Let's UNDERSTAND and fix firmly in mind this TRUTH — that the medical profession is one of THIS WORLD'S humanly devised phases of a man-made civilization — CUT OFF from God, but swayed and deceived by Satan!

Jesus had nothing to do with it. But I repeat, medical practice (and I use the word *practice*) (See THE PLAIN TRUTH, page 12)

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

To bring all our readers news concerning the state of the Work *The Good News* presents "Forum" beginning this issue. We think you'll find "Forum" a front-row seat to enlightening discussions held in Pasadena.

"Forum" is a result of an employee meeting Sept. 11 in which Stanley R. Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, fielded questions concerning many aspects of the Work and its activities. "Forum" will feature these sessions whenever they occur by running excerpted transcripts of discussions, questions and answers that we feel reflect the interest of our readership about developments within the Work.

PASADENA — One of my staff told me last week that he had run into a number of people in other parts of the Work who had expressed some concern and some anxiety because I had resumed a more day-to-day role in the affairs of the Work. . . . We all know what has been accomplished here in the past four months and I think all of us who have taken any time at all to think about it know that his [Herbert W. Armstrong's] recovery, in itself, is a clear indication that God is very mightily involved in this Work. We also know that any of you who had witnessed any of the events of last August up until the time that he did return, were cognizant of the fact that there were many people who did not have the faith that he would be returning to this Work at all. And very few thought that he would be returning with the vigor and the power and the strength that he has manifested here during the past 120 days.

I think with that in mind maybe we can proceed to a few other things that might perhaps ease your mind as to what my role might be. It's really quite simple. Mr. Armstrong decided that he wanted me to resume what has become known as a line function and to assume those duties properly for the first time. Although I was, for three years, the titular vice president for Financial Affairs, it was obvious to all that it was impossible for me to perform those line functions traveling 300 days a year abroad. I didn't even know the people on the staff — my own staff.

But when he named me as treasurer he made it plain that he treated

"...we're not like the United States government. We just simply can't go out and print more money."

me to devote whatever time was requisite for me to accomplish those duties. As a consequence it was necessary to have a little intradepartmental shifting of responsibilities and authority. Mr. [Ray] Wright, who formerly had been my deputy and had been acting as the vice president for Financial Affairs since January, just simply resumed his duties as my deputy, and Mr. Armstrong eliminated the office of vice president for Financial Affairs — a title he never liked anyway.

Mr. Armstrong is distinctly not in favor of the word vice president. He doesn't like it, never liked it and everyone who has had that title apparently has managed one way or another to get into trouble within God's Work. He has said, "Titles kind of go to people's heads." And I think there is wisdom in that.

That is the story behind the change of position for Mr. Wright. But, picking up my duties, I have told all the various department heads, in-

cluding Mr. [Ellis] LaRavia, that I will conduct myself from that office much differently from any of my predecessors, whether that predecessor was Mr. Wright while he was acting as my deputy or prior to that time Mr. [Frank] Brown or prior to that Mr. [Al] Portune.

I feel that there has been too much effort in the past on the part of each occupant of that office, knowingly or unknowingly, consciously or unconsciously, to assume that because he had his hands, you might say, on the financial levers of the Work, he was, in essence, running the Work. I'm

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not saying it was a conscious, voluntary thing, but nonetheless it did rear its head. As a consequence, decisions were brought to Financial Affairs — decisions that should not have been made in the Financial Affairs Office at all — decisions that should have been made within the departments — the various departments that Mr. Armstrong had established for the smooth functioning of the organization.

But unfortunately, as so often happens, the tail begins to wag the dog. And again, unfortunately, people occupying that office would begin to think that they know what was best for the whole Work. They began to know what was best for each department. They began to know what was best for Mr. Armstrong. That caused a certain amount of difficulties, a certain amount of strain and unnecessary tension and that, I hope, will be a thing of the past.

I intend to make it a prerequisite, you might say, of the proper administration of the Work that the department heads work together, that the department heads decide what is needed. Obviously there is only so much money to work with, and we're going to make that amount of money available to the departments as a whole. The departments are going to have to find a way, among themselves, to determine what they think, in their best judgment, is what is required for the proper operation of the Work. They will make their recommendations. We will then help them go through their budgets to determine whether there is some way that we can make their department more efficient by using whatever skills, expertise, special knowledge and experience we might have.

But basically they will have the authority and the responsibility, the concomitant responsibility, of running their department. We will also ask them such questions as: What do they intend to do with the money? We understand that they intend to spend it. But what do they intend to accomplish? What are their goals? What are their objectives? What can we expect to see at the end of the year for the money that has been allocated for that function? And then at the end of the year we would hope that they

will be able to show us how they met those goals.

You might have heard President [Jimmy] Carter refer to this as zero-based counting — the idea being that at the end of each year each department head has to kind of justify his department's existence. He certainly has to justify his request for his new budget. Just because he received X budget last year doesn't mean he's entitled to X plus 30 percent this year. Just because some other department is given 10 percent more this year doesn't mean he should be limited to 10 percent. Maybe he should have 2X or 3X. These are things that must be determined by proper coordination and cooperation among all the department heads.

We at the Financial Office do not intend to be a dispenser of favors. Not at all. We don't want to be the ones to determine whether any person gets a merit raise within some other department. We don't want to be the ones to determine whether someone should get a promotion meaning more authority, more responsibility. We don't want to be responsible for terminations. We don't want people to be angry with us because they didn't get a bonus or they didn't get a raise or because they were terminated.

We don't think that we should have those persons feel obliged to us for the bonus or for the raise or for the increase in responsibilities and the

I think it should produce much more effective and relevant and meaningful communication between people (after all, this organization is comprised of people). It's something we have to strive for. And we want good ideas.

Our forum that we have scheduled now is for persons who are closely connected in some way with the

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media effort. We want people in our meeting to speak up, to let their ideas compete in the marketplace. If they come up with a good idea, there will be enough people there who will recognize it as a good idea. It will be studied and may be implemented eventually. Everything, of course, is being done so that we can bring to Mr. Armstrong the best advice, so we can bring to him all the pros and all the cons.

I was telling Mr. LaRavia today at lunch another reason that my style has differed over the years. I bring matters to Mr. Armstrong just as I would bring them to a tribunal where we have appellate judges accustomed to looking at the problem from every conceivable facet, where they are accustomed to seeing a strong argu-

ment. Whenever I am in the world — and I travel extensively — if I see someone that I know, and I want to say hello to that person, I don't stand on ceremony. I'll walk up to that person. I'll extend my hand if it's appropriate. And I'll say, "My name is Stan Rader," and thus identify myself immediately. If you're going to meet me in a restaurant or on campus and you want to say hello, it doesn't hurt to state your name and position. Once a person does identify your name with your face and your job, then you've made the person aware of actually who you are.

With that in the background, are there any questions that I can possibly answer today that would alleviate any anxieties that are present about anything?

Are cutbacks going to have to be made and possibly layoffs?

To my knowledge that just is not true and unless my staff is not telling me everything (I just discovered who they are the last few weeks) I have heard nothing like that at all. All we're doing at the present moment is trying to bring ourselves up to date in perhaps a better fashion. Not only do I want to be brought up to date, but I want all of my staff to be brought up to date and I want everybody who heads up a department to be brought up to date as to what's happening.

I found out, much to my surprise, that a young man who had been around for about 18 years, an outstanding minister, a man who has traveled far and wide throughout the country, admitted to me after the first meeting several weeks ago of our interdepartmental group that he didn't know 40 percent of the people in the meeting. Staggering when you stop to think about it. Forty percent of the people in the meeting, meaning important people holding responsible positions in important departments, were unknown to this particular man. I didn't feel so bad after hearing that because I thought I was the only one

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in favor of going forward, as well as all the things that might be opposed to it.

But we would hope in our meetings involving media that before we take a proposal to Mr. Armstrong, everything would be studied very carefully. . . .

The old-fashioned suggestion box technique here at Ambassador . . . is not a bad idea, you know. Some very good ideas can come up in that way. We're all members of the same group. We're all thinking about the same thing. It wouldn't be a bad idea in my opinion. And if other department heads don't want a suggestion box, you can consider that I do. Therefore, you can send any memoranda on any subject that you want to the attention of my secretary. I guarantee you it will get to us, and you'll get some kind of answer from us. It might be such a good idea that you'll be changing departments, but that's the risk.

And I'm sorry that I don't know

who didn't know that same, shall we say, approximate 40 percent.

I don't know of any cutbacks that are planned. I would say that we may have some reemphasis from one department to another. We're not planning on cutting back anybody. As a matter of fact, I think we hired a couple of new people, took them out of one cost center and put them under our own. . . . so the Work is not hurting. To my knowledge the Work is more stable than it has been in a considerably long period of time. We have our debt, both short-term and long-term debt, to unbelievably low figures and better than it's ever been in the last 18 years.

That doesn't mean that we're ever going to have enough money to do all the things that we want to do within a given period of time. That's the thing we must always remember. Any financial period we select is artificial in terms of what we're trying to accomplish, whether we choose a day.

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CHRIST'S APOSTLE TO THE MINISTRY:

'WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS!'

The following article originally appeared in the Sept. 11 Pastor's Report, a publication for the worldwide ministry of the Worldwide Church of God. It is reprinted here for Good News readers on Mr. Armstrong's request.

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Fellow ministers, Satan tried again — God's Church has been through troublous times these past few months — but the Head of God's Church, Jesus Christ, was interceding for us — and thanks largely to you ministers, the Church has come through stronger than ever!

I simply cannot find words to adequately express my THANKS and GRATITUDE and LOVE for the LOYALTY of you ministers standing staunchly and unflinchingly behind me, behind the living Christ and behind the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD OUR FATHER!

We have just had a splendid and successful meeting of the area coordinators. Reports from them show that God's Church — His one and only Church — has weathered this latest storm and now presses on with renewed vigor to finish the GREAT COMMISSION.

All indication confirms this. The Work's income holds steadily with a slight increase. The mail response confirms it. The atmosphere at headquarters has taken on a NEW LOOK — it seems everyone is smiling — there is TOGETHERNESS, peace and harmony. Sometimes the barber shop is a reflector of campus atmosphere. The campus barber told me that he, too, notices the happy change — all seem to be looking forward to a leap ahead in God's Work.

Let me give you just a few brief excerpts from State of the Work reports from scattered areas.

From the populous New York area Mr. Elbert Atlas reports: "There are no indications that the difficulties we have been ex-

periencing during the last few months have adversely affected Church attendance. Attendance figures for the area [New York state, New England states, Delaware, New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania] are either holding steady or are slightly up. The brethren then . . . are remaining steadfast and stable. The fine manner in which the ministry in this area has responded to your leadership has resulted in the high degree of stability and unity. I feel the men have been doing an excellent job shepherding their flocks during these traumatic and troublesome times.

"To the best of my knowledge only three members have left the Church . . . that is three out of 5,600. One lives in the New York City area, and the others — a man and his wife — live in New Jersey. Press releases to five or six newspapers announced the time and place of a meeting . . . in Clark, N.J., two Sabbaths ago. Letters were also sent to members whose addresses he [Garner Ted Armstrong] had, encouraging them to attend . . . a grand total of six or eight people showed up. Only one was a member . . . not yet identified.

"Mr. Armstrong, because you are the head of this Work under Christ, the ministry looks to you for direction, guidance and correction. But you are also our father in Christ . . . I can say as your representative in this area, the ministers are doing highly commendable jobs in shepherding the flocks over which Christ through you made them overseers."

From the West Coast Sacramento (Calif.) area, Mr. Norman Smith reports: "The ministry and the people are committed to keeping the Body of Jesus Christ working together as one unit. There have been a few families that have departed in the past few months, but generally speaking it has been only about one family per church or less. The ministry believes in the government of God and is remaining loyal to the offices God has established."

From the Cleveland, Ohio, area, Mr. Guy Englebart reports: "Mr. Armstrong, the churches here are basically very stable. The ministers and brethren are behind you 100 percent as Christ leads you in accomplishing the Work of God in these last days. I know of no one here who has left God's Church and is following Mr. Ted Armstrong. Even though the churches are basically stable . . . some . . . understood you to say in your letter that we should not pray for Garner Ted Armstrong's repentance and return to God's Work. Many are confused as to why you said this."

Let me interrupt Mr. Englebart's report here to say that I'm sure I never said that! I myself pray for him and his restoration daily. What I did write was that I had been praying earnestly for him and a real repentance ever

since 1971. In the letter to the membership I did add a quotation from Hebrews 6:4-6 — that some refuse to repent, but I'm sure I indicated how I hoped desperately that he would. I still do and ask all to do the same. Mr. Englebart continues, "Let me assure you, Mr. Armstrong, that the ministers here are solidly behind you and fully loyal to you as you accomplish God's Work. The attitude and the feeling of the ministry and brethren is to forget the past, and let's get on with accomplishing the great commission . . . The most encouraging thing for the brethren right now would be for them to continue to see God's Work forging ahead and dynamically accomplishing the commission Christ has given to the Church."

The report from Mr. Dennis Pyle, Kansas area: "Mr. Armstrong, all of us in the ministry are behind you. We are supportive and loyal to you and the Work of God. We want to preach the truth of God as you instruct us based on God's Word. I want you to know that the ministry daily and zealously supports you and God's Church. They earnestly need your trust, your confidence, your support and your leadership."

Fellow ministers, you certainly have my confidence, trust

and support — and as I said above, I cannot find words to properly express my GRATITUDE and LOVE for you in your loyalty and faithfulness, especially during the recent few traumatic months. And I am now working some 14 or more hours daily to try to give you the leadership under Christ that you need. Your diligence, loyalty and faithfulness, coupled with the leadership that the living Christ enables me to give you — THAT IS THE TEAMWORK AND UNITY, under Christ's guidance, inspiration and power, that has continued to pull God's Church through all attacks by Satan. I do not blame humans for the trauma from which Christ has delivered us. I attribute it to Satan. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [wicked spirits] in high places" (Ephesians 6:12).

I pray for you daily and I still pray for my son, whom I love deeply, daily. Christ, our Head, is daily interceding for us on God's throne and will in His way bring us all in the UNITY OF THE FAITH. I remember that my mother's favorite Bible passage was, "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psalms 133:1).

A POLICY STATEMENT

By Herbert W. Armstrong

A statement in a recent issue of *The Good News* was emphatically not intended to reflect distrust of the ministry.

I want ministers and lay brethren alike to know that no longer are communications to me shut off and forbidden to reach me. The office of executive vice president had demoted, or shanghaied to other fields, ministers close to the top and they were threatened with being fired if they communicated with me in any way.

When one is forcibly restrained from communicating or reaching anyone higher than any certain office, he is shut off from Christ and from God.

What I had in mind was a case example that occurred many years ago — a member stirring up controversy about praying to "Our Father, which art in heaven," that is, God the Father. He insisted it was "taking it over Christ's head," and that we had no right to go to any higher than Christ. I explained how Jesus' sample prayer was a prayer to God the Father, in Jesus' name. I explained how Jesus said that if we ask the Father anything in His name, the Father will do it. I showed him Acts 4:23-31, how the early Church prayed to God the Father, saying, "Lord, thou art God . . . for of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed . . . and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus." I showed this man how miraculously God answered that prayer. Yet he persisted in saying we cannot contact anyone higher than Jesus — we were forbidden to reach the Father.

I wanted to make plain that no one is forbidden to reach me, as no one is forbidden to go to Jesus

Christ or to God the Father. However, I want to straighten out two points that were not understood — or perhaps I did not make them plain:

1) In ordinary cases of a member having or feeling any criticism against his pastor, he should, first, obey Matthew 18:15 and take it to his local pastor in private. In this regard I am reminded of a case history in my ministry. A member whom I had made a deacon insisted on being ordained an elder. When I did not comply, he became offended. I went to him about it, my wife accompanying me. Later he accused me of not obeying Matthew 18:15. When, in astonishment, I reminded him of how I had come to him privately, he got technical and said, "Yes, but Jesus said go to him alone, and you did not come alone — your wife was with you." Anyway, I explained that he was alone and therefore I had gone to him alone — and not to others — but one whose feelings are hurt will not admit it if he is wrong.

Now 2) if anyone brings to me any accusation about a minister — or if anyone brings a complaint against anyone higher than he in authority, I have always, through the years, adhered to one policy. I uphold the accused in the higher position, and the burden of proof is upon the complainant. The minister, or the accused in the higher office, is always innocent in my eyes until proved otherwise.

But as all are free to go to God the Father directly, so on the human level I want our people to understand that no one is shut off from me by someone under me who might (as was done) forbid him to contact me. That is all I meant.

Media team formed to coordinate effort

PASADENA — A media-coordinating team has been formed here to determine and recommend the best ways of implementing the Work's programs according to Stanley Rader, treasurer and general counsel.

The team, which has been appointed to coordinate all media activities of the Work on a day-to-day basis, is composed of key personnel in the financial, publishing, editorial, television, radio, subscriber services, data processing, accounting, legal and ministerial areas of the Work.

"Mr. Armstrong has been and will continue to be directing all aspects of media," said Mr. Rader. "He [Mr. Armstrong] is especially concerned about and very personally involved in the content of television, radio, *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News* and booklets."

"His primary desire is to increase the impact of our message. The media team has been designed to back up Mr. Armstrong by determining and recommending the best means of distribution."

"Effective and efficient utilization of media in the broadest sense of the term is an essential part of doing the Work," said Mr. Rader. "We shall strive to improve all present programs and investigate new techniques and innovative ideas. Thus, Mr. Armstrong will put his full efforts into evaluating all aspects of media for the express purpose of maximizing results, thereby doing the Work stronger than ever."

The established general procedure for the media team calls for each meeting to open with brief updates on the major areas of the Work.

According to Mr. Rader an important contribution to the meetings is the involvement of the ministry. "We plan to involve the ministry in terms of creative input for more effective utilization of and feedback about our various media programs," he said.

During the team's first meeting Aug. 24 Mr. Rader said the creation of the team gives the department heads a real opportunity for interaction and creativity in doing the Work.

Mr. Rader said he was especially desirous of bringing and keeping Mr. Armstrong completely up-to-date in all areas. He requested all reports, which must be in writing, be duplicated in larger type for Mr. Armstrong.

In the team's most recent meeting Sept. 14, Roger Lippross of Publishing Services made a formal presentation on the state of *The Plain Truth* newsstand distribution program.

Other topics discussed included the vast potential for *Plain Truth* newsstand circulation; the need for financial planning for a three-to-five-year period since publishing costs are increasing at rates well above the normally high inflation rates; ideas for new ways to utilize Church members in promoting *The Plain Truth*; results of preliminary direct-mail tests for *The Plain Truth*; and *The Plain Truth* as a vehicle to promote Church literature.

Mr. Rader summed up the two meetings held so far by saying, "Under Mr. Armstrong's overall policy direction, with the utilization of our most talented and competent people and with the freedom for full creativity, God's Church should experience great growth in the months and years ahead."

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD TREASURER'S REPORT

In prior years, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong traditionally presented a financial report to the brethren at the Feast of Tabernacles. Because of the large number of Feast sites around the world it is now impossible to make such a presentation.

Many have indicated that this information would be of general interest to the brethren and co-workers. Therefore, we are publishing this report in the pages of *The Good News* along with a brief explanation of certain key factors.

The Work's financial statements are audited

and certified each calendar year by an independent firm of certified public accountants. The following report was excerpted from the financial statements, which are prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and fairly represent the results of operations for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1977. This report includes the international aspects of the Work as well as all allocations to Ambassador College, Quest/77 and other special projects.

This Work is viewed with highest regards by our

major lending institutions, and we are continuing to meet our financial obligations on a consistent and timely basis.

Mr. Armstrong wishes to express his appreciation for your continued prayers and loyal financial support.

Stanley R. Rader

Treasurer

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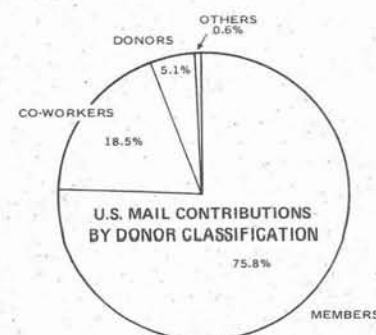
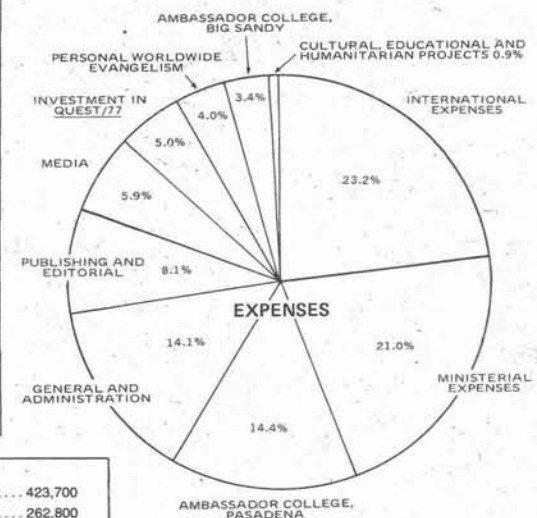
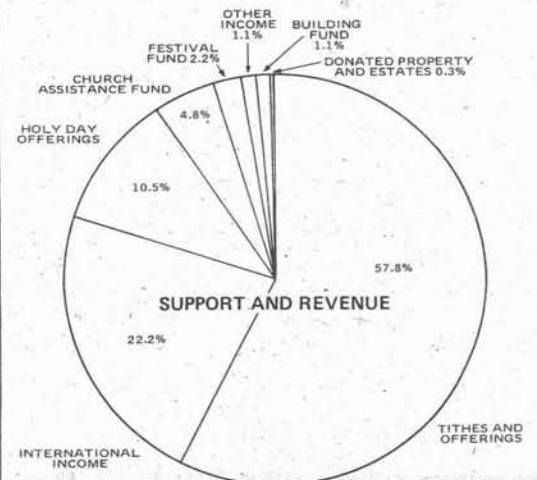
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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES¹

Year Ended December 31, 1977

	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:		
Tithes, Offerings and Contributions	\$38,812,700	57.8
Festival Fund	1,467,300	2.2
Church Assistance Fund	3,252,400	4.8
Building Fund	707,500	1.1
Holy Day Offerings	7,055,300	10.5
Donated property and estate donations	199,300	.3
International income	14,914,900	22.2
Other income	<u>751,900</u>	<u>1.1</u>
Total support and revenue	<u>\$67,161,300</u>	<u>100.0</u>
EXPENSES:		
<i>Program services:</i>		
Personal worldwide evangelism - campaigns and overseas visits	\$ 2,738,500	4.0
Media - radio and television, program time and production	4,099,200	5.9
Publishing and editorial	5,476,500	8.1
International expenses	15,867,700	23.2
Ministerial expenses	14,388,700	21.0
Ambassador College, Pasadena	9,844,700	14.4
Ambassador College, Big Sandy	2,305,300	3.4
Investment in Quest/77	3,404,600	5.0
Cultural, educational and humanitarian projects	<u>625,100</u>	<u>.9</u>
Total program services	<u>58,750,300</u>	<u>85.9</u>
<i>Supporting services:</i>		
General and administrative ³	<u>9,670,200</u>	<u>14.1</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$68,420,500</u>	<u>100.0</u>
Excess (deficiency) of support and revenue over expenses ⁴	<u>(\$ 1,259,200)</u>	



NOTES ON THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

¹ BASIS OF REPORT

Revenue and expense figures were taken from the certified financial statements. In addition figures were obtained from all international operations and added to the certified figures allowing us to present a worldwide financial statement.

² INVESTMENT IN 'QUEST/78'

Quest/78 has a circulation of over 300,000 per issue and is expected to be self-supporting by February, 1979.

Currently, two major communications conglomerates and several other major U.S. industrial corporations have shown an interest in acquiring Quest/78. We should expect a minimum of \$4,000,000 should the magazine be sold at an early date.

³ GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

General services salaries, administrative salaries and related expenses \$4,086,600
Contract service payments and fees 1,155,700
Supplies 634,300
Telephone and utilities 472,400
Postage and shipping 545,200

Use of facilities 423,700
Property rentals 262,800
Travel 95,500
Vehicle operating expenses 165,000
Insurance 598,100
Interest 572,700
Taxes, licenses and fees 250,400
Depreciation and amortization 297,700
Miscellaneous 110,100
Total general and administrative expenses \$9,670,200

⁴ DEFICIENCY

This deficiency (excess expense over revenue) was met by short-term borrowing from our bank - United California Bank.

NOTE ON CHARTS

To assist the reader in visualizing the financial data, we have prepared the accompanying charts. The first two charts graphically portray the same information presented in the Statement of Income and Expenditures. The third chart depicts the U.S. mail contributions by donor classification. As you can see the membership is responsible for 75.8 percent of all U.S. donations made to the Work.

THE FEAST ADVISER

Things to know before you go.

PLANNING PAVES WAY FOR FULL FEAST

A little foresight and planning goes a long way in having an enjoyable and profitable Feast of Tabernacles, many of our readers say, and some have written us with ideas for stretching Festival funds for maximum benefit from the Feast.

In the interests of those who will shortly be packing clothes and kids

into cars and campers for journeys to sites around the world, we are reprinting these money-saving suggestions from the Aug. 29, 1977, "Worldwide News."

"One of the best ways we have found to find economical motels and eating places is to purchase or borrow a Mobil Travel Guide," writes

Jeanette Baker in response to the WN's May 9, 1977, request for money-saving tips for Feastgoers.

The guide costs "about \$4," Mrs. Baker continues, "but they include ratings on motels and restaurants as well as telling what to see and do in a particular location. It is very helpful to be able to make reservations ahead of time at a reasonably priced motel rather than waiting until time to stop for the night and being forced to stay at an expensive place for lack of room in a less expensive place. We have found the Mobil Guide pays for itself in savings on motels and restaurants."

Hire a bus

"Rent a car from a Ford dealer," rather than one of the national car-rental agencies, suggest David and Kathleen Francis of Quinton, N.J. "The charge is much less per car. In Tucson we paid \$49 for seven days and 10 cents a mile. Total cost: \$85 for the week."

Arthur and Beatrice Robison of Lacey, Wash., write that "it would be nice to hire a charter bus and a lot of people could go together from their area or pick up passengers on the way."

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Crow Jr. of Brooklyn, N.Y., find that dividing their Festival money into categories and keeping it in labeled envelopes helps them to economize. Some of the categories they suggest are for car tune-up and repairs, gas and food for each day on the road and at the Feast, expenses after the Feast but before one's next paycheck, supplies, laundry and offerings.

The Crows also advise keeping money or traveler's checks in the trunk of one's car, not in the motel room.

"Being with three people" in a motel room during the Feast is economical for George James of Toronto, Ont. He also recommends that motel rooms with kitchen facilities are money-saving, providing one uses them instead of eating all meals in restaurants. But he also feels that "meals, especially breakfasts, are rel-

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BE SAFE, WATCH HEALTH

Feastgoers are advised to take certain steps to safeguard their health during the Festival says Dr. Wilmer E. Parrish, a deputy director of the Texas State Department of Health and former director of health services at the former Ambassador College campus in Big Sandy, Tex.

Dr. Parrish, member of the Big Sandy congregation, offers the following advice on what you can do to protect your health and insure your safety before and during the Feast.

• Perhaps the best thing for people to do when they come to the Feast is not to overdo. Have a balanced amount of recreation and rest. Do not overindulge in food. Of course, when we think of the Feast we anticipate that people are going to eat, and they're going to eat more than they do at any other time. However, they should watch their diet and not eat a lot of ice cream, cake, candy, soda pop and other junk food.

• Another potential problem is

lack of sleep. One of the worst things people do at the Feast is stay up late and party until the early-morning hours, when they should be going to bed at 10:30 or 11:30 to get the rest their bodies need to recuperate from the day before.

• Long, nonstop driving to and from the Feast is dangerous. All trips should be broken up to get rest and not overdo it. Five hundred miles a day is a pretty good figure to stick with at a 55-mile-an-hour speed limit.

• If you are camping this year, check your camp-stove system for leaks and use extra caution with catalytic heaters. Campers should never light catalytic heaters, lanterns or stoves inside a tent or anything made of combustible materials. There is a real danger of setting the tent on fire or of people getting burned. A catalytic heater uses up oxygen and you can get carbon-monoxide poisoning if the heater is left burning in a closed tent all night.

• Prevent moisture buildup and help dry damp tents by leaving flaps

(See BE SAFE, page 9)



Members will soon be making their way to this year's Feast. Here Oklahoma City, Okla., Church member Tom Simonon offers a cartoonist's-eye view of Big Sandy, Tex., Feastgoers on their way to services. Read of other places the Feast will be held below.

SITES LISTED

Worldwide Church of God members will be meeting in 73 sites this year according to statistics compiled by "The Good News." Following is a brief description of each site as supplied by spokesmen for the individual areas:

UNITED STATES

Anchorage, Alaska — The need for larger facilities forced the move north from last year's Kenai Feast site. Brethren will meet in the city's downtown convention area.

Big Sandy, Tex. — The oldest Feast site still in use, located in the East Texas woods on the former Ambassador College grounds.

Fresno, Calif. — A new site in central California near the vertical scenery of Yosemite National Park.

Lahaina, Hawaii — A very popular site for traveling members, this historic whaler-plantation town is on the Isle of Maui.

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. — A recreation area in central United States, brethren meet in the Church's convention building.

Norfolk, Va. — A new site on the Chesapeake Bay on the East Coast, the city was a rich and flourishing town of the colonies in the 1700s. It is also the home of the Norfolk Naval Base.

St. Petersburg, Fla. — Popular with tourists and Feastgoers alike, the city is on Florida's west coast on

the Gulf of Mexico.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. — Set in the Adirondack Mountains of New York, this new site was a famous millionaires' resort in the 1930s because of its numerous mineral springs and baths.

Savannah, Ga. — A new site on the Atlantic Ocean, the charm of the Old South still prevails in the city.

Seattle, Wash. — Feastgoers to this new site will meet on the grounds of the 1962 World's Fair. Many exhibits developed for the fair are still maintained and available for visitors.

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Before leaving for your Feast trip a number of elementary procedures should be implemented to deter the neighborhood burglar says Sgt. Sidney Lyle, crime-prevention officer of the Odessa, Tex., Police Department.

Sgt. Lyle, 40, and wife Pat, members of the Midland, Tex., Church congregation for 3½ years, are the parents of two children and are past presidents of the Spokesman Club and Women's Club, respectively.

Sgt. Lyle has been with the police department for 13 years and

has worked with the uniform patrol division and the criminal records section and served as director of the juvenile division before taking on his present duties as director of crime prevention.

Numerous articles by Sgt. Lyle on what the individual can do to prevent crime appear in various publications along with occasional reports in the former "Worldwide News" and now "The Good News."

The following tips are written by Sgt. Lyle especially for "The Good News" and Church members who

will shortly be traveling to Feast of Tabernacles sites around the world.

DETER BURGLAR

Nationally, most burglars live within eight blocks of their victims and only occasionally commit their crime on the other side of town. These criminal types are usually 15 to 20 years old and can be stopped cold in their tracks in most instances by following these recommended procedures.

• Before leaving for the Feast, call the police or sheriff's department and ask that they place your home on

close patrol. Most departments will have the patrol officer working your community check your home each day. Be sure to tell them when you expect to return and who to contact in case of emergency.

• Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail or contact the post office and have them hold your mail and deliver it when you return. You will still want a neighbor to keep an eye on your property as well as remove the customary circulars and fliers left on your door. The object is to make your home look lived in. Newspapers, circulars and a mailbox

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AVOID RIP-OFFS ON THE ROAD

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CAR CARE
MAKES SENSE

To help assure that your car is not one of those stalled along the side of the road, these suggestions are offered by the Car Care Council:

BEAT THE HEAT

- Be sure your cooling system is in good condition. You may have made it this far, but the advent of more hot weather could bring about the failure of a hose, belt or other components. How long has it been since you checked your antifreeze-coolant?

- How about the condition of your tires? Heavy loads at high speed on hot surfaces are hard on tires. To avoid failure, make sure they have plenty of tread and are properly inflated. Check them in the morning when they are cool.

- How's your oil? Oil is not only a lubricant; it is a coolant as well. And clean, well-filtered oil will help your engine survive the heat.

- Check your transmission. This is especially vital if you are towing a trailer. Most automatic transmissions share their cooling system with the engine. If you are towing a trailer, you should consider adding a transmission cooler, an inexpensive device you can have installed at most service outlets.

GAS WATCHER

Become a gas watcher. Make five gallons of gasoline do the work of six. It's easy when you know how. Here's a handful of suggestions.

If you will be driving to your vacation destination, look into sight-seeing services offered locally for your transportation needs while there.

This also could be your opportunity to advance in another travel direction — any direction — utilizing what the American Automobile Association refers to as the radius travel concept. It means systematically investigating all the recreational possibilities within a geographical circle, the size of which is determined by the mileage you're budgeting for pleasure travel.

Qualified travel counselors can assist you in matching your personally budgeted fuel supply with your travel interests.

Other suggestions:

- If you know some friends who are planning a motoring vacation at the same time, why not try to combine your trips? You also might consider taking a plane, train or bus to your destination and renting a car for any local driving you need to do.

- Why not try a nature walk or bike trip? Or even a bus ride downtown to the local museum or to see a local sports or artistic presentation? You'll probably find the spirit of family adventure and togetherness will more than make up for any slight inconvenience.

BUCKLE UP

In a 30-mile-per-hour crash, your car takes about two feet to stop at impact. Unbelted occupants, however, will usually stop in a much shorter distance, perhaps one or two inches, when they smash against the car's interior. This abrupt stop concentrates the impact forces, causing serious injuries and fatalities.

Belted occupants are much better off. The belts spread the impact forces over the body and reduce those forces

by stopping the body more gradually. This is why safety belts reduce the severity of injuries.

In a crash, car doors can fly open, tossing occupants onto the roadway. This can be disastrous, since the chances of being fatally injured are substantially greater if you're thrown out of a car; you might hit the pavement, a fixed object or be run over by another (or your own) car. One study estimated that four out of five such deaths could have been prevented if the person had remained in the car.

Safety belts do two things for people who use them: They help avoid collisions by reducing fatigue and keeping the driver in position behind the wheel during emergency-evasive maneuvers. If there is a collision, lap and shoulder belts will reduce the severity of any injuries and considerably improve your chances of surviving.

Fastening your safety belts should be as automatic as turning on the ignition. If it's done every time you get behind the wheel, it will soon be a habit.

Race-car drivers always wear safety belts. They've figured out the odds and they enjoy living. How about you?

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atively cheap in the southern states of the United States."

Food for thought

WN readers had much to comment about how to economize with meals and snacks, providing food for thought about how to provide food for the body.

"Generally speaking, we have found that the tendency is to order too much food, and the problem is compounded when most restaurants serve very large portions," Mrs. Baker writes. "Aside from the fact that a lot of food is wasted, it saves money to ask if two children or an adult and a child can order one plate of food and then divide it."

"We have found that not ordering a beverage unless it comes with the meal can save a lot of money. Also, desserts are another big item when added to the cost of dinner, so we usually split a dessert between two or three people. It helps us control the calorie count as well as the pennies."

"Frequently for breakfast we buy cans of juice and have that in the motel room before going out. Sometimes we buy Granola bars or a box of cereal and then have milk (purchased the night before and kept cold in the ice bucket) over it in bowls brought along for that purpose."

The Bakers have also found that "breakfast can be a very reasonably priced meal if you order eggs, because the toast comes with the eggs. If you drink your juice in the motel room beforehand, then it saves quite a lot over individual glasses of juice for a large family. If some can get by

with water instead of milk or coffee for the meal, you will save even more."

"A cafeteria can be a good place to economize, but for a large family it can be expensive if people are not conscious of the tendency to put too much of the delicious-looking food on their trays. We have divided portions at cafeterias, usually with no objection from anyone. Another way to hold down the cost is to tell your children they can go back for dessert after the other food is cleaned up. Frequently we have found that they have difficulty in eating all the food they picked up the first time through, so money isn't wasted on half-eaten dessert."

"Most restaurants serve a full-course meal at noon for about half the cost or less of the same meal in the evening," advises Keith Robert of Callander, Ont. "If a family can adapt to making their main meal in the middle of the day rather than in the evening, they will be dollars ahead."

Ice-chest ideas

Rick and Peggy George of Garner, N.C., keep food in their motel room during the Feast to save dollars and time. "While many motels prohibit cooking in the rooms, this doesn't have to prevent eating there. In past years, we have had good success keeping an ice chest in our room, which can hold milk, cheese, yogurt, fruit, juices, drinks, butter, jelly, luncheon meats, cold roast and salad fixings."

"The chest will take little extra room in your car if you use it to pack

some of your clothes. Or, if you have room, you may prefer to use it to carry cold drinks and food while traveling. The motel provides ice. Leave Styrofoam chests in the bathtub when not in use; water will begin to soak through them after a few days.

"Your cold chest can provide salad and drinks if you plan to go to a picnic area and charcoal some steaks."

"Much other good food may be kept at room temperature, such as fresh breads and pastries, nuts, some fruits and Granola cereals. Take along a few eating utensils and practice extra-good housekeeping regarding food in the room."

"This method can save enough money to pay for superior hot meals out."

Proof in pudding

An economical traveling trick comes from Eileen Thornton of Prosser, Wash. Her proof is in the pudding. "Before you leave home (to save trouble), get a case or whatever you need in instant pudding. I mix the pudding with fresh milk bought just before stopping for the night. Mix 1½ times the amount of milk called for on the box. This will give you a thick, foamy milk shake. You will need to take a portable blender or mixer to mix the pudding smoothly," or shake the milk and pudding mix in a jar to remove lumps.

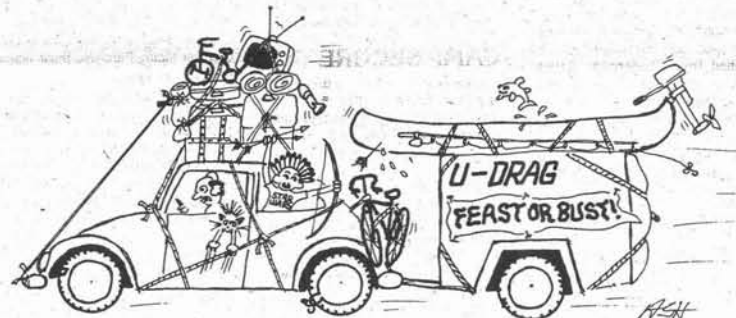
Coffee, tea and hot chocolate can be enjoyed in one's motel room through the use of a small electric pot to heat water. Mothers with babies can also use the pot to heat bottles and baby food.

Free for all

Following the principle that the best things in life are free, Roger Smith of Mishawaka, Ind., compiled lists of several free or inexpensive things to do at places to go near three U.S. Festival sites.

"Recreation ideas near the Wisconsin Dells Festival site include a free wild-animal museum, Animal Wonderland in downtown Dells; a free auto-ferry ride on state Highway 113 as it crosses Lake Wisconsin south of Merrimac, southwest of Wisconsin Dells; free winery tours and sampling at Von Steinhil Winery in Baraboo; a free museum of restored railroad rolling stock and

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TIPS FOR TIPPING:

	WAITER	CHAMBERMAID	BELLHOP AND BAGGAGE PORTER	DOORMAN	TAXICAB DRIVER	AIRPORT AND STATION PORTER	HAIRDRESSER
FRANCE	12% to 15% service charge usually included on check.	10 francs for stay of more than one week or for special service.	3 to 5 francs for a load of luggage; 2 francs per bag or service.	2 francs for calling a cab.	10% to 15% of the meter.	2 francs per bag at airport or railroad station.	15% to 20% of the bill.
GREAT BRITAIN	10% to 15% of check.	10 pence a day or 40 to 50 pence a week.	10 pence per bag.	10 pence for calling a cab.	10p on fares up to 50p; 15p on fares up to 75p; 10% to 15% if higher.	10 pence per bag.	20% of the bill.
IRELAND	10% to 15% of check; add more for special service.	10 pence a day or 40 to 50 pence a week.	10 pence per bag.	20 pence for calling a cab.	15 pence on fares up to 50 pence.	10 pence per bag.	15% to 20% of the bill.
ISRAEL	10% over the 10% service charge.	15 pounds a week.	1 pound per bag.	3 pounds for a special service.	10% to 15% of the charge.	1 pound per bag.	15% of the bill.
ITALY	10% of check over service charge.	300 lire a day or 1,500 lire a week.	200 lire per bag or service.	150 to 200 lire for calling a cab.	15% of the meter, 150 lire minimum.	200 lire per bag.	15% of the bill.
SWITZERLAND	Service charge included by law. Leave small change in addition.	Included in hotel service charge. 2 francs tip for special service.	1 franc per bag or minimum of 2 francs.	1 franc for calling a cab.	12% to 15% of the meter.	Local tariff plus 10%.	15% of the bill.
UNITED STATES	15% to 20% of check.	\$1 to \$3 per week or \$.50 a day for 1 or 2 day visit.	\$.50 per bag.	\$.75 for calling a cab.	15% of meter.	\$.50 per bag.	15% to 20% of total bill.
WEST GERMANY	5% of check over usual service charge.	1 mark for 1 night's stay; 5 marks a week.	1 mark per bag or service.	1 mark for calling a cab.	10% of the meter.	Fixed rates.	1.50 marks to 2 marks.

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AVOID RIP-OFFS

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full of paraphernalia are tell-tale evidence that the occupants are away.

- Keep in mind that 25 percent of all residential burglaries occur through doors that are unlocked or locked with faulty hardware. Furthermore, 18 percent of these illegal entries are through unlocked windows. Before you leave for vacation be sure all windows are securely locked and all exterior doors are properly equipped with deadbolt locks.

- You will be less likely to become victimized if you mark your valuable property, such as TVs, stereos, power tools, with your driver's license number. As a follow-up to marking your property, most law enforcement agencies will supply you with window decals. The decal tells the would-be thief that your property is marked.

- Keep shrubbery trimmed away from your windows so that anyone lurking around your home can be seen by an observant neighbor.

- Maintain adequate lighting near front and back doors.

- Ask your neighbors to call the police or sheriff's department anytime they see something suspicious around your home. Neighborhood cooperation is a two-way street. They can watch your property while you are away, and you can do the same for them when they are away.

CAMP SECURE

It certainly would be a disaster if after you arrive at your camp, set everything in order and take the family sight-seeing, you return to find that some thief with a hitch has backed up to your expensive camper or boat trailer and towed it away. Camper theft occurs more often than you might think. With millions of dollars worth of recreational equipment setting idle and unattended it is little wonder that recreational thefts are at their apex.

You can save your expensive vehicles by purchasing a reasonably priced locking device especially made for travel trailer security. By inserting the locking unit in the hitch cup, you prevent the trailer from

being connected to an unauthorized tow vehicle. You can have a lot of camper security for under \$15.

CARDS ARE CASH

The loss of money is a real blow to anyone's Feast, yet each year many people find out too late that they should have carried traveler's checks. Cash is not the only problem. Credit-card theft has become a lucrative criminal venture. Most people treat their credit cards like so much plastic when in fact they should be treated like cash. After all, most Master Charge and Visa credit cards will purchase up to \$1,500 unless immediately canceled when they are stolen. Otherwise the thief gets the merchandise and you get the bill.

- Do not carry unnecessary credit cards, and those you do carry, carry as if they were each \$1,500 in cash.

- When purchasing gas on a credit card be sure to see that the amount written in by the attendant is the same as stamped in the upper right-hand corner of your charge ticket. When you purchase \$8 worth of fuel the attendant can set the machine at \$18 even though he wrote in the correct amount. After you sign the ticket and drive off, he places a number 7 to the left side of the eight, puts the ticket in the cash drawer and transfers \$10 to his own pocket. The books balance at the end of the day and the XYZ Co. bills you \$18 for an \$8 purchase.

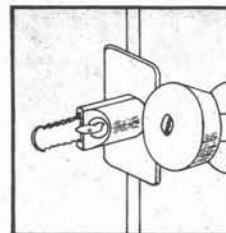
- Keep only a minimal amount of cash on hand. Purchase most items with money orders.

- Hotels and motels should not be thought of as highly secure locations. Never leave cash or credit cards in a hotel or motel room even for a minute. Ask yourself who has or may have a key to your motel room. The answer is obvious: maid service and anyone who has stayed in the room in the past.

- Cameras, jewelry and other high-cost easy-to-fence items should be kept in the trunk of your car or a hotel safety deposit box.

- When the family is out at the pool, valuables should be placed in the trunk of the car or someone should remain in the room with them.

- It is a good idea to block the door



TRAVEL LOCK

Carry to use anywhere. Fits most doors, drawers, cabinets.

of your hotel or motel room with a chair or other similar device while you sleep. There are a variety of handy little metal devices available from hardware stores, discount centers and mail-order houses designed to prevent entry into your room even with a key. Such devices usually cost about \$1 and are effective and easy to operate. However, they only work from inside the room. You must still remove valuables from the room when the room is unattended.

CAR THEFT UP

Auto thefts are on the rise and no end is in sight. Motorists who leave their vehicles parked on the curb in front of their homes and people who frequent night spots are prime targets for the thief. Unfortunately, the traveler venturing out for a picnic for fun with family and friends or a fabulous Fall Festival is also vulnerable to the car thief.

- Lock your car whenever you leave it unattended. The majority of auto thefts could be prevented if this simple step were followed. In fact, it would be a good idea if you kept your doors locked and the windows up when you are driving. If the doors are unlocked, a pedestrian can quickly become an unwanted guest in your vehicle the first time you stop at a red light or stop sign.

- Never leave valuables in the seat of the car. Always lock them securely in the trunk out of sight.

- If it is necessary to leave a key with a parking attendant, leave only the ignition key.

- Park your car in a lighted area of the parking lot nearest your room. Avoid parking on or near public streets, alleys or poorly lighted areas.

CHECK IT OUT

The best protection against auto fraud is preparation. Do not attempt a prolonged trip without first having the vehicle checked out by a reputable mechanic. Of course, the best of preparation is not foolproof, and sometimes the unexpected occurs in spite of all we do to prepare for the trip.

- When on the road and you experience a breakdown or your car is being serviced, stay with your car. Have the attendant show you the faulty part as it is removed from the vehicle. And be as sure as possible that the mechanic knows what he is talking about. The surest way to protect yourself is by going through reputable dealers. Sometimes seeking out neighborhood garages and service stations will help.

- Learn about your own car. Learn how to check the oil, water, battery, windshield wipers and fan belt. This will lead you to avoid the most common entrapments by unscrupulous station attendants.



CARD CARE — Credit-card theft has become a lucrative business says crime-prevention officer Sidney Lyle. See accompanying article for tips on how to avoid loss of money during the Feast.

PLANNING PAYS

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equipment near North Freedom, with free steam-train rides on weekends; free Natural Bridge State Park, featuring a 30-foot-high natural bridge with a 35-foot span, near Leland; and free Devil's Lake State Park, which has a picnic area on the lake's south shore and is surrounded by sheer cliffs, some used for practice by mountain-climbing enthusiasts. The park also offers climbing and easy hiking trails, picnic facilities with water and sanitary provisions, sandy beaches and boat livers.

"For those headed for St. Petersburg, Fla., . . . visit Okefenokee Swamp. The low-bucks entrance to the swamp is on the southeast side, near Folkston, Ga. Maintained by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it is not commercialized at all. Called the Suwannee Canal Recreation Area, it offers a free information center, free picnic area, free 4½-mile scenic automobile nature drive with four free hiking trails, free parking and a free 4,000-foot boardwalk into the swamp with a free 50-foot observa-

tion tower at its end.

"In addition, there are guided sight-seeing boat trips into the swamp. The best buy, though, is to rent a boat and motor for as little as \$13 for the whole day and strike out on your own, swamp map in hand. For an adventurous side trip on the way to or from the Feast, try an overnight canoe trip through the swamp. Permission and information can be obtained from Okefenokee Refuge Manager, P.O. Box 117, Waycross, Ga., 31501."

Mr. James' succinct advice for economical recreation: "Go with friends. Camp out. Roller-skate. Go to the local YMCA. Lift weights."

A contribution from a man in Illinois sums up the best route to travel for an economical and enjoyable Feast of Tabernacles: "There have been, to the best of my recollection, only two Feasts out of seven when I did not eat too much or exercise too little. Those were the two Feasts, when finished, I felt best healthwise."

"My tip for economy would be eat less but better and exercise or recreate daily. This isn't austerity, it's (for me) wisdom."

BE SAFE, WATCH YOUR HEALTH

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and windows open on pleasant days. Erect plastic covers over tents leaving six inches to a foot of space between the plastic and canvas.

- The only medical care that's given at Feast sites is that which can be given generally by a nurse in a first-aid situation.

- One of the big hazards of any Feast is vehicular traffic — cars, motorcycles, bicycles — and failure to observe commonsense rules that have been issued by the camp office. Practice common sense and be concerned about not hurting anybody including yourself.

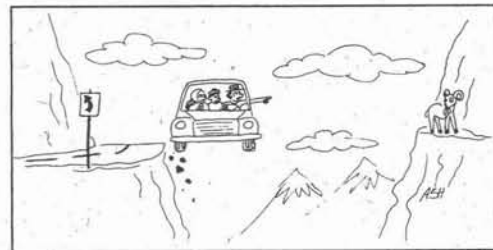
- If your child becomes ill with fever or some infectious or contagious disease such as chicken pox, measles or a sore throat, stay in your motel room or tent. Isolate the child from others and make him comfortable. In doing this for your loved one, you may prevent the illness from becoming more serious or complicated.

- Plastic bags can be a hazard to small children. Very often these are used to cover suits, protect mattress-

es and as other protective coverings because of their convenience. Remember the thin plastic can cling like a mask to the face, causing a person

to suffocate. When finished with the bags, roll them up, tie knots in them and discard them in the garbage can.

- Never store combustible fluids



in your living quarters or your car and keep them out of the reach of children. Also light your lanterns outside your tent, adjust them and then take them inside.

- What if you see a tent suddenly burst into flames? First, do not take the contents out but collapse the tent after all people are safely outside. Just loose the guy (stay) ropes and let the tent fall. When the tent is on the ground it is much easier to put out the flames.

- If, in spite of all precautions, one does get burned, a fast, convenient and competent method of treatment is to immerse or plunge the burned area into cold or even iced water. This relieves the pain immediately and diminishes the eventual burn damage. The burned area may have to be kept under water for a period of 30 minutes to several hours. The area can then be bandaged or, preferably, if it can be kept clean, left open to the air. Following this an ointment or emollient may be applied two or three times daily until healing has taken place.

“And this Gospel” shall be preached... Matthew 24:14

Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

The Feast of Tabernacles

We in the Church probably have more money at our disposal at the Feast of Tabernacles to spend on ourselves and our families than any other time of the year. So some are beginning to look at the Feast of Tabernacles as a vacation primarily, rather than realizing its basic purpose.

The Feast of Tabernacles has a particular purpose for us.

Instituted by God

Let's turn back to Exodus 19 where God began preparing the people for the Ten Commandments. Beginning in verse 10: "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments [this was for something significant], and be ready by the third day; for on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people . . . whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death" (RSV). And he warned them again in verse 15, ". . . Be ready by the third day . . ." And in verse 16, ". . . the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people who were in the camp trembled."

God was getting their attention. He emphasized with His presence the importance of what He was going to give to the children of Israel.

Of course He gave them the Ten Commandments, but He had a lot more to add, which they were unwilling at that time to receive (Exodus 20:18-19). This additional knowledge He had to give to Moses to pass on.

God mentions the annual festival seasons in Exodus 23:14-16: "Three times [or three seasons] in the year you shall keep a feast to me. You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread . . . the feast of harvest [or Pentecost], of the first fruits of your labor . . . the feast of ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in all out from the field the fruit of your labor."

And of course they were commanded eventually to go up to Jerusalem, to set aside 10 percent of their income, and, if necessary, if the way was too far, to turn that produce into money to use for the Feast of Tabernacles at the place where God had set His name.

And so "three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God." God through Moses taught the children of Israel something new, something significant, something that has a great deal of meaning for you and me, that goes way beyond the ability to spend 10 percent of our incomes and to have more physically at the Feast of Tabernacles. It has everything to do with our stability as a Church and it has everything to do with our stability as individuals.

Importance of the feasts

The Feast of Tabernacles is not just a vacation. If the Feast falls into that kind of mold in your mind, shake yourselves out of it because you're not going to get the benefit from the Feast that God intends you to have.

Those people of the nation of Israel did not understand God's plan at all. For Israel itself did not keep the Feast of Tabernacles or any of the annual Holy Days for very long. And that amounted to a national disaster — for the Holy Days are vital. Along with the weekly Sabbath they are at the heart and core of our worship to God, of our understanding of God's purpose for mankind.

Apart from these annual Sabbath days, you and I can not understand God's plan. We wouldn't have anything to tag various prophecies to. But we're able to look at the annual Holy Days and renew them, revive them and relive them year after year after year and

don't make any difference — the purpose of these festivals is spiritual.

(The speaking schedule is the important thing. And it's going to be every bit as good at Wisconsin Dells, Wis., as it will at any of the resort sites. We'll make sure of that regardless of how many ministers are there, whether many churches are assigned to an area or few.)

To do the Work, to finish and complete the Work that we have in this age, we've got to cling to these days and be blessed, just as occurred throughout the books of Ezra and Nehemiah when they kept those days.

Changed by Jeroboam

In 1 Kings 11:26 we find that Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, Solomon's servant, lifted up his hand against the king. And in verse 31, the prophet Ahijah said to Jeroboam, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I am about to rend the kingdom from the hand of Solomon and will give you ten tribes." So here we are at the time of the division between Judah and Israel.

Jeroboam, new leader of the 10 tribes of Israel, began to worry about his people coming back to Jerusalem to the Feast of Tabernacles. He feared if they obeyed God's commands concerning the annual festivals they would look to Jerusalem again, and perhaps he would lose his rulership.

Instead of looking to God and depending upon Him to solidify the nation under his rulership, he began to look at it physically and carnally and to try to devise some way by which he could at least in figure keep the laws of God, but keep people from going to Jerusalem.

In chapter 12, beginning in verse 28: "So the king took counsel [about what he could do concerning the Feast in Jerusalem], and made two calves of gold. And he said to the people, You have gone up to Jerusalem long enough. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt . . . And this thing became a [national] sin, for the people went to the one at Bethel and to the other as far as Dan . . ."

"And Jeroboam appointed a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month like the feast that was in Judah . . . in the seventh month."

Now this didn't mean that the nation of Israel was still keeping God's Festival, but at a different time. The seventh month was the time designated by God. You can't change the day and expect to come up with the same result. Never after this to my knowledge have the 10 tribes kept a Feast of Tabernacles to God.

But Judah kept those days, and there were periods of restoration in Judah. They still have a remnant of it in Israel today during the Feast of Tabernacles. Many Jews build temporary dwellings. You wonder exactly what they are when you first see the structures — usually a metal frame that looks like a child's dollhouse, to which palm fronds and other greenery are strapped. Some people even live in temporary dwellings if they're particularly conservative.

If all the rulers of Israel down to this day had maintained the understanding of the annual Holy Days and had kept them, even as there were revivals from time to time in Judah, where might we be today? It would certainly be a different world. History would have been rewritten so many different times and in so many different ways, it wouldn't be recognizable.

Restored in Judah

Mentioned in the book of Ezra and prominently in the book of Nehemiah are annual Holy Days. When God's Work is being done you will find these annual Sabbath days being kept throughout history.

That's why we keep them today. Not just to blithely go through 10 percent of our incomes, to enjoy steaks, or to relax on the beaches of Hawaii — those things

This sermon was delivered by Sherwin McMichael, a pastor-ranked minister and director of the Work's Festival Department.

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Returning from Babylon about 538 B.C., Zerubbabel and Joshua and their company began to restore the worship of God on the site of desolated Jerusalem. When the foundation of the temple was laid, they had just kept the Feast of Tabernacles (Ezra 3:1-8). But apparently for another 15 years nothing more happened. About 520, the prophet Haggai stirred them up and, lo and behold, right after the Feast of Tabernacles the temple was suddenly completed (see Haggai 2).

Later Ezra came (about 465 B.C.) and found they had let down again. They had begun to intermarry with Gentile nations around them and lost some of the knowledge of God's law. Finally Nehemiah came because the city walls were still unrestored. The temple was there but they hadn't done anything more. They had lost interest in the work they had been commissioned to do, which God had opened the door for them to do, because the people vacillated, weren't close to God anymore.

They prospered only when they had strong spiritual leaders (such as Haggai and Zechariah) for a decade or two.

Nehemiah preached to encourage them. And the wall was built in just 52 days (Nehemiah 6:15).

Feasts kept by Nehemiah

" . . . And when the seventh month had come, the children of Israel [the people of Judah were now beginning to call themselves Israel] were in their towns. And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the Lord had given to Israel" (Nehemiah 7:73; 8:1).

Now you don't find this kind of sudden wholehearted spiritual turnaround without teaching, admonition, encouragement and example. It was caused by Ezra and Nehemiah. Verse 2: "And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month," the Feast of Trumpets. "And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday . . ."

Do you see an amazing similarity between the Church of God, our services today, and the kind of services held by Ezra and Nehemiah? Don't we meet from morning until midday?

Beginning in verse 5, "And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people; and when he opened it all the people stood."

"And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God; and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground."

And then in verse seven, ". . . [he] helped the people to understand the law, while the people remained in their places. And they read from the book, from the law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense" — the meaning, with interpretation, discussing it, preaching, giving a sermon — "so that the people understood the reading."

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FEAST SITES LISTED

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Tucson, Ariz. — Weather is seldom a problem at this warm, sunny site in the Southwest.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis. — Autumn colors set the stage for Feastgoers at this north-central site.

CANADA

Calgary, Alta. — Canada's most popular site, in the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

Charlottetown, P.E.I. — The capital of Prince Edward Island, one of Canada's Maritime Provinces.

Penticton, B.C. — A long-time Festival site in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia.

Regina, Sask. — The capital of Saskatchewan, in the center of the Prairie Provinces.

Sherbrooke, Que. — A new Festival site for the French-speaking brethren, located in the southeastern corner of Quebec.

Toronto, Ont. — Brethren will gather this year in Etobicoke, a western suburb of the city.

EUROPE

Bonnndorf, West Germany — German-speaking brethren will gather for the second year at this village nestled in the scenic Black Forest region.

Brean Sands, England — One of two British sites this year, this seaside village is in Somerset, in the Southwest of England.

Carlsbad, Czechoslovakia — The first official Feast site behind the Iron Curtain will be conducted in this Bohemian city with the full approval of the Czech government.

Hjo, Sweden — This small town in south-central Sweden on the shores of Lake Vatter is the site of the country's first Fall Festival. Services will be conducted in English.

Hunzebergen, Netherlands — The Dutch-language Festival will be held for the third year at this resort near Exloo, only 12 miles from the West German border.

Kenmare, Ireland — The Irish brethren will return for the fourth year to this fishing resort town in County Kerry, in southwestern Ireland.

Praz-sur-Arly, France — The French-language Festival in Europe returns after three years in the Southwest of France to this village in the French Alps, about 45 miles from Geneva.

Scarborough, England — The

second of two British sites, this is a popular resort area on the Yorkshire coast in northeastern England.

AFRICA

Blantyre, Malawi — The capital city for this East African nation.

Curepipe, Mauritius — One of two sites, each for four days only, in this island nation in the Indian Ocean. Brethren from Mauritius, Seychelles and Madagascar will be able to enjoy both city and beach surroundings at minimum cost.

Durban, South Africa — Largest and most popular Feast site in South Africa, the city, with its beaches and gardens, is a holiday playground.

Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius — One of two four-day Feast sites in the islands.

George, South Africa — This quiet site is located on the country's Garden Route of scenic forests, valleys and rivers, bounded on the south by the Indian Ocean.

Kumasi, Ghana — The Feast will move north from last year's site in Accra to this historic city of the Ashanti kings.

Lagos, Nigeria — The capital city, where some 200 brethren plan to attend.

Lusaka, Zambia — The capital city of this central African nation.

Naro Moru, Kenya — The Feast site is the Naro Moru River Lodge, on the slopes of Mt. Kenya.

Salisbury, Rhodesia — About 200 brethren will meet in the Court-aud School of Music in this capital city.

Sonesta, South Africa — A resort near Cape Town for brethren of mixed races.

Umgababa, South Africa — A site on the Indian Ocean just south of Durban for the black brethren of the country.

AUSTRALIA, OCEANIA

Adelaide, South Australia — A city on the south coast of Australia famous for its many restaurants and nearby wineries. Feastgoers in the southern hemisphere enjoy spring temperatures.

Albany, Western Australia — On the southwest tip of Australia, brethren will meet in a large tent at Emu Point. Home of the country's only land-based whaling station.

Auckland, New Zealand — One of two New Zealand sites, Feastgoers

at this maritime city near the top of North Island will meet at Trillo's, the country's largest convention center.

Blackheath, New South Wales — A long-time site west of Sydney in the spectacular Blue Mountains where brethren meet in the Church's tabernacle building.

Cairns, Queensland — In the heart of the tropical wonderland of northeastern Australia, the area around Cairns is a popular tourist attraction.

Christchurch, New Zealand — On the South Island brethren will meet in the city's Town Hall. The city is known for its gardens, parks and river walks.

Gold Coast, Queensland — A tourist mecca on the east-central coast, this is the most popular of the Australian Feast sites.

Hobart, Tasmania — Capital of the island state, Hobart nestles in the shadow of towering Mt. Wellington near the mouth of the Derwent River.

Warrnambool, Victoria — A new Festival site this year, this holiday resort is on the coast 163 miles southwest of Melbourne.

ASIA

Baguio City, Philippines — The most popular of the four Philippine sites, also the nation's summer capital, located in an unspoiled mountain resort.

Bangalore, India — Brethren in India will observe the Feast in this city in the southern part of the country.

Cameron Highlands, Malaysia — Though this site is 6,000 feet above sea level, it has a climate similar to an English summer, with waterfalls and an abundance of flora and fauna.

Davao City, Philippines — A national-park area on the slopes of Mt. Apo, the country's highest peak.

Don Carlos, Philippines — A Feast site located in Mindanao Island's vast, rugged upland plain.

Mambucal, Philippines — A summer resort on the Visayan island of Negros, situated on a volcanic ledge.

Nukualofa, Tonga — Services held on Tonga's main island, Tongatapu. Most of the brethren will dwell in booths especially constructed on the Feast grounds. Services conducted in Tongan language.

Ranveli Beach, Sri Lanka — Brethren will be ferried to the Ranveli Beach Hotel, on a remote, pic-

turesque, tropical island.

Suva, Fiji — Tropical weather, millennial setting. This is the second year that Fiji brethren have been able to have services on their own soil. Meetings held only for last four days of Feast.

LATIN AMERICA

El Tabito, Chile — For the ninth consecutive year, members will gather at this small resort set in the midst of sand dunes and pine forests.

La Herradura, El Salvador — The Izalco Country Club, located on a quiet Pacific beach, is the Festival retreat for the Central American brethren.

Lima, Peru — A Boy Scout camp near this capital city will be the Festival site for members in Peru.

Mejgar, Colombia — Two hours southwest of capital city of Bogota. Tropical setting in a river valley. Services held in military club meeting rooms.

Oaxtepec, Mexico — For the sixth year, this lush, semitropical, government-owned resort complex 55 miles south of Mexico City will play host to Feastgoers, including many members from the United States.

Sierra de la Ventana, Argentina — Brethren from Uruguay, Argentina and parts of Brazil will meet here, just north of the resort city of Bahia Blanca.

THE CARIBBEAN

Castries, St. Lucia — Members will meet at the Holiday Inn on the beach six miles north of this capital city.

Chaguaramas, Trinidad — The government convention center on the site of the old U.S. naval facility will be the meeting place.

Christ Church, Barbados — Right on the blue Caribbean, Feastgoers will gather in the government convention center, St. Lawrence Gap.

Coamo, Puerto Rico — The site of the reputed oldest warm mineral springs in the New World, where services will be conducted in both Spanish and English.

Fort-de-France, Martinique — Resort community with services conducted in the French language.

Georgetown, Guyana — The only English-language site in South America, members will gather in the Pegasus Hotel of this capital city.

Nassau, Bahamas — Site is the Holiday Inn on Paradise Island, across the bridge from Nassau on white-sand beaches.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti — Services will be conducted in the French language.

Runaway Bay, Jamaica — Feastgoers will meet on the beautiful and interesting north coast at Runaway Bay Hotel and Country Club.

St. Francois, Guadeloupe — Resort community with services conducted in the French language.

Southampton, Bermuda — With mild weather and beautiful beaches, members will congregate at the Sonesta Beach Hotel in Southampton Parish.

LEARN MORE ABOUT ALCOHOLISM

Special meetings for Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Al-Anon members. Also open to people who have a drinking problem and people who want to learn how to better help a friend or loved one who drinks too much.

The meetings are conducted by Dale Hampton in Savannah, Ga., Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Oct. 18, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; and Seattle, Wash., Oct. 21, at 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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The Feast

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"And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, This day [the Feast of Trumpets] is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law."

People prepared for Feast

They had been prepared for the Feast by Ezra and Nehemiah. They had participated successfully in God's work. Their ears, their minds were opened to hear what God had to say. And when they heard the words of the law as a group—for some of these people it was the first time—they wept.

"Then he said to them [as is true in the fall festival season], Go your way, eat the fat [not the actual fat, but the meat from fat animals] and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared . . . We do the same thing. We have extra second-tithe assistance for people who have nothing prepared because of some problem or other. "For this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength" (verse 10).

And so then on the second day they continued to read, Nehemiah 8:14: "And they found it written in the law that the Lord had commanded by Moses that the people of Israel should dwell in booths during the feast of the seventh month . . ." And they did it. One of the greatest Feasts of Tabernacles in the history of Israel or Judah.

" . . . For from the days of Jeshua the son of Nun [all the way back to the entrance into the promised land under Joshua] to that day the people of Israel had not done so. And there was very great rejoicing" (verse 17).

"And day by day, from the first day to the last day" — and we do the same thing — services every day, though some people think we should just go to services on the annual Holy Days and party and feast during the rest of the time with 10 percent of our income.

The purpose for the Feast is the services, then party and fellowship in the afternoon or the evening with great gladness. Put those services first. Don't stay up so late that you wake up the next morning too tired to get up and to go to services.

" . . . They kept the feast [notice how it is stated] seven days." The Feast of Tabernacles is a seven-day Feast. "And on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly, according to the ordinance" (verse 18). And we do exactly what Ezra and Nehemiah did, now

so many hundreds of years ago.

20th-century Feast

Now turn back to Revelation 3 to the eras of the Church. Notice in verse 8 what characterizes this, our period of time: "I know your works [there are works for us to do]. Behold I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut . . . There are obstacles, but we are able to overcome them by God's Spirit in us, and the fact that regardless of what the opposition is, God will prepare the way or open the door and enable us to do what is to be done."

This year the Feast of Tabernacles will be observed at over 70 Festival sites in English, French, German and Spanish. Also this year for the first time, Mr. Armstrong is going to be speaking via 16-mm. film at every Festival site on earth. It's being translated from English into German, French and Spanish, so for the first time he will speak to virtually all of the people in the Worldwide Church of God.

God says, "I know that you have but little power." Sure, so did Ezra and Nehemiah as individuals. So did Zerubbabel, so did Haggai and Zechariah. But they had God's blessings because they clung to God's laws, and they kept those festivals.

"And yet you have kept my word and not denied my name."

The Plain Truth About HEALING

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significantly) was then crude and undeveloped compared to the medical profession of the late 1970s. Jesus had compassion on the sick, the diseased, the blind and crippled. MAN's civilization had not as yet developed a healing art that gave them much, if any, help. In His compassion and mercy for the people of Judah — God's chosen — He healed people of the general public as He came across them or they came to Him.

Jesus' ministry, as emphasized in the first installment, was a DUAL ministry. He proclaimed the good news of the future KINGDOM OF GOD, and He healed the sick. Preaching and healing went hand in hand as a DUAL ministry. So with the first apostles.

Jesus did not come on a soul-saving crusade, but He *did* make forgiveness of spiritual sin possible by His SHED BLOOD on the cross of DEATH — and He did also PAY THE PENALTY IN OUR STEAD of the broken laws that function in our physical bodies BY HIS STRIPES. I devoted some considerable space to that fact in an earlier installment.

For emphasis I repeat, Jesus PAID THE PENALTY FOR US of both physical and spiritual transgression. He reconciled us to God by His shed blood and death (Romans 5:8-10), and by His stripes we are HEALED (Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24). "Stripes" biblically means lashes given by a scourge or rod.

But now, when we come to the prophecy of the GREAT COMMISSION in our day, Jesus gave the proclamation of the KINGDOM OF GOD as the ONLY SIGN by which we might know when the end of this world — this DAY OF MAN — would come and His KINGDOM be set up to rule the earth. BUT, SIGNIFICANTLY, JESUS MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT HEALING BEING PART OF THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION TO ALL THE WORLD. Why?

Perhaps it is because we of Christ's ministry do not have the faith of Peter, Paul, James and the early first-century apostles. And of our time Jesus said, "... when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). Or could it be that man's world has developed a medical profession, which Jesus foreknew, that the people uncared for by God would be far better cared for than those of the first century?

Our DAY, now

But what we do find is that healing today is FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD'S CHURCH, as per James 5:14-15.

I repeat, there are two conditions to healing — commandment keeping (1 John 3:22) and faith (James 5:15). Commandment keeping has been restored to God's Church today. And we should have faith, which is a gift of God, but we are almost out of faith today, and when we're out of faith we're out from GOD!

It seems so much easier today to just go to a doctor and TRUST IN MAN — MAN CUT OFF FROM GOD — than to RELY ON CHRIST and His PROMISES!

Especially when we are so well aware of the progress made by the medical profession in our day.

Forty-five years ago I spoke of the use of medicines and drugs as poisons. Even 32 years ago, the only booklet the Church had, until now, published on healing, spoke of it as prescribing an opposite poison to counteract the poison in the body. That booklet was never actually written. Unlike all our other booklets it was transcribed from the recording of an ad-libbed broadcast. I said that the medical arithmetic was that one poison plus one more poison equals NO poison, and I remarked that second-grade arithmetic ought to know that one plus one does not equal zero!

In the early days of Ambassador College in the late '40s, our Dr. Ralph E. Merrill, M.D., and a pioneer member of the Church at Pasadena, said, "We doctors have been kept so busy treating those already sick that we haven't gotten around to much research into diet and other causes of illnesses." But for the past 15 or 20 years the medical people have made considerable progress in this area.

Further, it is true that today most doctors prescribe medicines that are NOT poisons but rather designed to help nature do its own healing.

However NO MEDICINE — NO DOCTOR — can HEAL! I have never heard a medical doctor deny that statement. They do not claim to heal.

I am not saying that God's people should trust in doctors instead of relying on God and His PROMISES. I shall have more to say about those promises a little later before closing this booklet.

UNDERSTANDING for our day

At this point we need to clear our UNDERSTANDING on two vital points:

1. God created MAN in His own image — after His own likeness. Man is wholly material flesh — yet there is a spirit in form of essence in each human. Man was made to have a special relationship with God. Man's potential is to be BORN INTO the GOD FAMILY — changed from material to spirit composition.

Consequently when God made MAN after His own kind — not after the dumb animal kind — God endowed man with near-creative powers. In the sense of designing and making out of already existing materials, man does have creative powers.

At the tower of Babel God said, "... and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do" (Genesis 11:6). Therefore, to put the brakes on man's misguided civilization development, God confounded their language.

Thereafter there was little progress in man's complicated educational and industrial development until after the invention of printing. Even then it took

time for dissemination of knowledge by the printed word until man began to narrow the language gap. For a while French seemed to be making progress as the world's universal language, but today English has overtaken it.

Most civilization development has occurred only in the last 125 years — and technical knowledge and industrial development has more than doubled in the last two or three decades.

This is especially true in the practice of medicine and knowledge in that profession. The fact

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of man's ability and capacity for development reflects, not the glory of MAN, but the creative might of our Maker in creating man to have such abilities and capacities.

Yet we must remember this development is not always progress forward. Too often, under Satan's unrealized sway, with man CUT OFF FROM God and His revealed knowledge, it has been progress in reverse. As Isaiah 1:4 says of ancient Israel, "... they are gone away backward."

Satan has had access to deceive and sway man into Satan's CHARACTER IMAGE, whereas we must acquire and develop GOD'S CHARACTER IMAGE to be born into His Kingdom! It is vital that we REMEMBER THAT, in considering healing vs. medical reliance TODAY!

2. God reveals knowledge — to those called and having His Spirit — which man could not discover for himself.

God left it for Copernicus to make first discoveries about astronomy, for Newton to discover the law of gravity, Galileo to discover that the earth is round. Yet for UNDERSTANDING, bear in mind that what was accepted as science yesterday is sometimes the laughingstock of today — especially in the speculative and philosophical sciences. Revelation from GOD is the basis of real TRUTH.

The same principle pertains to what man can DO. The great advances in the medical field enable man to do for his human family many things he could not do 50 years ago, short of actual HEALING. God does for us (often by miracle) that which we are unable to do. God gave man talents, mind-power (physical) and abilities that He intended us to use and develop under His guidance, and always for His glory and toward our development in the holy, righteous CHARACTER of God.

To this end, God intends man to excel and improve — but never in a way to inflate vanity or detract from reliance on and trust in God: We must rely on GOD for

guidance even in what we are made able to do for ourselves.

Righteous character must be developed

But the very PURPOSE of human life (God reproducing Himself) is this holy and righteous character development. AND IT IS ACQUIRED, DEVELOPED and INCREASED primarily through OBEDIENCE AND FAITH.

I said earlier that God creates by the principle of DUALITY. UNDERSTAND THIS! I explained that the first stage of human creation was the physical creation, starting from Adam. The second stage is the SPIRITUAL CREATION, beginning with Christ.

But even in the conversion of one called of God in the present age, that conversion is brought about by the DUALITY principle. First, upon being called of God, granted real repentance and being CONQUERED by Him, and having faith in Christ, with baptism, we are PROMISED the gift of the Holy Spirit. That is the first stage. There is a definite time when one receives God's Holy Spirit. But only Jesus (John 3:34) was not given the Spirit by measure.

All other humans do receive initially only a certain measure of God's Spirit. Then we must grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). That is the second phase of the spiritual creation.

The natural-born human has only the human spirit — imparting the power of intellect. Yet all such human minds are confined to knowledge of the physical and material. And by the fact that Satan is prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2), he broadcasts — surcharges the air with his ATTITUDE OF SELF — vanity and love only toward self. We call this attitude Satan instills human nature. We acquire it from earliest childhood gradually.

Repentance is change from that attitude. Through God's Holy Spirit joining with our spirit, we acquire — become part-takers of (II Peter 1:4) — the divine nature.

But this initial stage of conversion does not eradicate human nature. Real repentance is a change of WILLFUL INTENTION of turning from the attitude Satan had injected.

I don't know (for God does not reveal) what percentage of human nature is driven out and the divine nature GIVEN through the initial measure of the Holy Spirit at conversion.

But to illustrate, let us suppose one receives 1 percent of complete full measure of the Holy Spirit. Such a one might be, shall we suppose, 99 percent actuated by the selfish nature. Possibly that may vary in different individuals.

Principle illustrated by parables

Jesus illustrated this principle by the parables of the pounds and of the talents. In Luke 19:11-20, Jesus is pictured as giving His 10 servants one pound each. This unit of British money symbolized a measure of the Holy Spirit. For

sake of clarity let us suppose it represents 1 percent of the full measure of God's Spirit. When He returns from heaven as KING of kings and LORD of lords, each of the 10 is called to give account. The first had GROWN in grace and Christ's knowledge 10 times from where he started. In the Kingdom of God — in the next life — He is given rule over 10 cities.

The second servant had increased his original spiritual stock-in-trade five times. He was not saved by his works but regarded according to his works. He was given rule over five cities.

But the third had gained NOTHING. He thought his original conversion would get him into God's Kingdom without any spiritual growth. He had the one taken away from him. He lost out totally. He did not make it into God's Kingdom! In other words, if we do not GROW in God's spiritual character, we LOSE the salvation we thought we were starting with.

We grow in God's Spirit — receiving increased measure, by whatever extent we overcome the SELF and Satan-injected attitude and increase in God's LOVE, FAITH, OBEDIENCE — and in PRAYER and BIBLE STUDY.

The means God has given His Church for this development is primarily our part in loyalty standing behind Christ's apostle in our part in supporting the GREAT COMMISSION. In fact that is the primary PURPOSE of calling some to conversion NOW instead of after Christ comes to rule and Satan is bound.

Means of spiritual growth

But another important means God gave His people of our time for spiritual growth is RELYING ON HIM and His PROMISES FOR HEALING.

Let me help you UNDERSTAND. True, God does for us that which we cannot do for ourselves. HEALING is something we cannot do for ourselves — something doctors, medicines or knives CANNOT do.

Do not misunderstand. Doctors may be a real HELP — because they have specialized in learning many things humans can do. Again I refer, in PRINCIPLE, to child delivery and binding and setting a broken arm or leg. Today doctors can do for us many other things possible for a human to do short of actual healing.

But the VERY FACT that two conditions to miraculous healing by God are obedience and faith requires the exercise of, and therefore GROWTH in, obedience and faith.

Jesus said, "... whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do [a PROMISE], that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13).

But my father DIED

Finally, a most important matter to UNDERSTAND!

What if one relies on God for healing and DIES! I've heard so many refer to this old bromide to justify lack of faith that I want now finally to answer that DOUBT with God's TRUTH!

My conversion occurred in the spring of 1927. I first learned about HEALING in August of 1927 (See THE PLAIN TRUTH, page 13)

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The Plain Truth About HEALING

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— through the miraculous healing of my wife. I was learning rapidly in those days to TRUST GOD.

In the spring of 1933 I was visiting my father on his farm near Oregon City, Ore. That evening around sundown my father told me he had repented and wanted Christ's salvation. I was to baptize him next morning.

My father had been a solid church member all his life in a respected Protestant denomination. He was what everyone called a good man. He never used profanity, tobacco or strong drink. I knew of no bad habits. He owed no man any money.

He had a deep bass voice — had sung for years in a male quartet. He could fill an auditorium with no amplification clear down on lower C. I know of none who can do that today. When later I came into possession of a personally autographed record by Caruso, I was astonished to recognize the same voice color or tonal quality, except in the higher range, that my father had — although he had but little voice training.

That night he sang out, with gleaming eye and joyous voice, the old hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him." Then suddenly, a STROKE!

I had been ordained in 1931, about 3½ years after conversion. I anointed and prayed for my father. I BELIEVED! He believed! I continued praying for him through the night in FAITH! Yet at 9:40 next morning, he died!

That was my first experience in seeing one anointed and prayed over for healing die. Several astonishing healings had resulted from my anointing and praying.

I cannot say I was not shaken — and I can understand how others may be in such a case. But it did not destroy my faith! I prayed, asking God to give me HIS UNDERSTANDING!

He led me to the faith chapter in the Bible — Hebrews 11 — and I prayerfully studied. There I found the answer. Faith is the ASSURANCE — the EVIDENCE of what is NOT SEEN! Faith precedes the requested result. And faith is the ASSURANCE God gives us until the petition is answered. Faith is BELIEVING WHAT GOD SAYS!

Adam did not believe what God told him face-to-face. Faith is relying on the veracity of God — trusting that what God has PROMISED He will perform.

A promise I have often relied on is in Psalms 27:5. Moffatt translation: "Leave all to him, rely on him, and he will see to it."

Believer relies on God's promises

The doubter denies God's PROMISES. The BELIEVER relies on them — UNTIL God performs them.

God has given us MANY PROMISES. God promises (Romans 5:10) "... we shall be saved by his [Jesus'] LIFE." God promised salvation and eternal life through Abraham. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the PROMISES [of eternal life] made"

(Galatians 3:16). They were promised to Isaac and Jacob. Jesus Christ came to CONFIRM the PROMISES made unto the fathers (Romans 15:8). And Abraham, "... being not weak in faith [as so many are today] ... staggered not at the PROMISE of God through unbelief [as do many today] but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being FULLY PERSUADED that, what He [God] had PROMISED, he was able also to perform" (Romans 4:19-21).

Yet Abraham, Isaac and Jacob "... all died in faith, not having received the promises ..." (Hebrews 11:13).

A minister, apparently lacking either in faith or in UNDERSTANDING, writes, "Case histories in the Bible, and especially thousands of case histories in the present Church, show that faith was present in the lives of people, and God did not heal."

I could not vouch for the fact that FAITH was present in all such cases — I cannot judge others, only God can. The same letter gives the following, striking home to me, in contending against God's PROMISES to heal on faith: "What about the many of our dead we have buried — Mrs. Loma Armstrong [the wife of my youth who died at age 75½], your son Dick ... " and four others.

My answer, in simple FAITH, is that they, like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, all died in FAITH, not having received the PROMISES — YET! But in the next fraction of a second from their loss of consciousness in death, they SHALL WAKE UP HEALED — in the resurrection, and in GOD'S

KINGDOM! I have faith that in the not-too-distant future I shall see my father, my first wife, my son Dick and others he named FULLY HEALED in the Kingdom of God.

Proclaiming the world's ONLY and SURE HOPE!

God says through Paul, "If in this life ONLY we have hope in

Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Corinthians 15:19).

UNDERSTAND! God HAS PROMISED TO HEAL — on faith and obedience!

But neither you nor I can dictate to God how or when He shall do WHAT HE HAS PROMISED.

Nowhere has God promised that we shall be healed so repeatedly that we shall never die. My wife and my son had been REPEATEDLY HEALED! God says, "For as in Adam ALL die ..." (1 Corinthians 15:22). But He also promises "... so in Christ shall all be made alive."

You who misunderstand or lack faith, but trust in medical doctors, DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE MILLIONS WHO DIE, DIE UNDER THE MEDICAL DOCTORS' CARE? Yet you who disbelieve still have faith in M.D.s.

Frankly, candidly, it makes me a little indignant, as I fully believe it does the living CHRIST, to find people exalting the advances and "expertise" of medical doctors, while at the same

time denying that God's PROMISES are promises — discrediting faith in God, excusing their lack of trusting GOD while they argue for trusting MAN!

God has PROMISED salvation and eternal life on the SAME conditions He PROMISED healing — obedience and faith. Jesus paid our penalty making possible eternal life by His shed blood on the cross. He paid the penalty for physical broken law making possible our HEALING by His stripes

God's PROMISE to those who died in faith, not YET having received the PROMISES, STANDS SURE AND INVIOLENT! If we can't believe that, we simply do not believe GOD!

I have made it plain that God's Church does not condemn medical or other doctors — nor sit in judgment of those who are weak in faith and rely on MAN. And there is much they can do for us today.

I have given the BASIC

"The doubter denies God's PROMISES. The BELIEVER relies on them — UNTIL God performs them."

(Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24).

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases" (Psalm 103:3). If you can't believe the one, how can you believe the other?

The Eternal God called me and committed to me Christ's GREAT COMMISSION — to go into the whole world proclaiming the world's ONLY and SURE HOPE — the soon-coming KINGDOM OF GOD!

All whom God has called to come into His Church today — coming out from among those of the world — have been CALLED to stand back of this WORLDWIDE proclamation of the soon-coming KINGDOM — the time of LIFE after this life!

Look to the glories ahead

God wants our minds to be looking FORWARD to HIS KINGDOM and the glories ahead! That's what is meant by Colossians 3:1.

WHY, then, should any of us be NOW people — saying to God, "Do it RIGHT NOW, Lord — RIGHT NOW" or else we'll drop faith in God and trust in MAN!

PRINCIPLE — God does for us what we humans cannot do. One could get into endless arguments and controversy on technical specific issues of what we may go to man for and what to rely on GOD to do. I have given the broad guidelines. The Church will encourage God's people to BELIEVE GOD — RELY ON GOD — to say, with the apostles, "... Lord, INCREASE OUR FAITH" (Luke 17:5).

After writing the above lines, intending them to be the conclusion, I turned on television for a moments' relaxation. A medical drama was on. In a heated argument between two doctors — actors taking the part of doctors — one said to the other, angrily, "You're not a miracle worker — you're a doctor!"

God does not expect His ministers to make your decisions for you — and God's Church will not sit in judgment of you if you go to a doctor. But GOD says one of His BENEFITS, for which He makes no charge, is that He offers you the loving services of a MIRACLE-WORKER — the living JESUS CHRIST!

Spiritual tune-up in order for Feast

By Val Aspens

The time is now for multiple thousands of God's people around the world to be busily preparing in eager anticipation for an annual spiritual high — God's Feast of Tabernacles. We're preparing financially. We're buying the appropriate clothing items for the family, depending on our Feast site, maybe a warmer overcoat for the wife or waterproof boots for the kids, an umbrella or something new in swim wear if Hawaii or St. Pete's our destination. And, of course, some long overdue attention for the family car — new tires, a brake job and most certainly a tune-up is in order. All these preparations are essential, but frequently we're so busy with these physical details that we overlook the most important need of all. What about a spiritual tune-up for ourselves?

Spiritually sputtering

What if we set out for the Feast spiritually sputtering, low on oil, with our power steering ready to burn out and with our brakes about shot? That's like going to the Feast only to have fun, to fulfill our selfish desires, to see the sights, to partake of all the available culinary delights or consume a record number of margaritas. If such is the case, we can be sure the Feast won't satisfy and will become just another big event that went bust.

But how can we get tuned-up spiritually so this Feast of 1978 can indeed be the best ever?

The author of this article is a senior correspondent in the Work's Personal Correspondence Department. The department handles mail addressed to Herbert W. Armstrong and provides answers to questions on topics not covered in other literature published by the Church.

There is no better way to get a spiritual tune-up than to take special time with the Master Mechanic and to study His manual. It's the old, simple and effective formula of prayer and study; there is no better way. No matter who we are — small or great, saint and sinner alike — as we prepare for the Feast we must take time to meditate, to pray and look into God's Word. Unless we do, we will not have the proper spiritual orientation and will surely miss the real benefits that God wants us to receive.

Unfortunately, too often some get out of spiritual sync and look to the Feast as merely a vacation and forget that it is a "Feast unto the Lord thy God" (Deuteronomy 16:15). What are our personal thoughts prior to the Feast? Are we really tuned-up spiritually? The Bible shows "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he ..." (Proverbs 23:7). Do we have a God-centered orientation with an outgoing concern for others? Certainly it's not wrong to anticipate having a fantastically enjoyable time, that's part of the Feast, but we should also be keenly tuned to react to various opportunities to serve, to give and to

lend a helping hand. The good Samaritan was ready to give aid because his heart was spiritually tuned-up. Will ours be as ready at the Feast?

Part of this spiritual tune-up is to personally reexamine and fortify our relationship with our Creator. If we're not in solid contact with Him, going to the Feast will be just so many days of eating and drinking, going and coming, which may be fun, but will have no lasting spiritual value. Feast time is to be more than fun time, much more.

Count your blessings

Now is an ideal time to meditate on the blessings we've received and on how God has worked in our lives, both individually and Work-wide. The time is now to "meditate on all thy works ..." (Psalm 143:5). Can we join David in giving thanks to God "... for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (see Psalm 136).

Perhaps having a thankful attitude is the most telling indicator of one's spiritual condition. Do we thank God enough for life, for experiences, for growth-producing trials, for beauty around us, for His Truth, for His Work, for being called? The call is out, "Come ye thankful people, come." These words should have a special meaning to all of us in God's Church. If we're not all that thankful for the Feast, but rather consider it an unwelcome inconvenience or duty, perhaps there is a measure of spiritual gunk under our hood that

needs cleansing. We might check the manual (Psalm 139:23-24).

Now is the time to ask God for special protection for all of the brethren as they travel to and from and inbetween. Insurance is fine, but safety is much better. We also need to ask God to strengthen, safeguard and inspire Herbert W. Armstrong as he leads the Church and the ministry in the keeping of the Feast. Also we might consider placing the order that we may have meat in due season. And good weather at all the sites. These are just some of the things we can meditate on in preparation for the Feast; it could make a vital difference.

Don't forget God

While at the Feast, let's not become so busy that we inadvertently forget God. Shouldn't He be our ever-present companion not only at services, but during our meals with family and friends, on a lift up the Space Needle or on a boat ride down the Dells? Whatever we do or wherever we go, let's invite God along. He's one companion that won't cost us an extra dime, but His presence will transform the Feast into a real delight.

Perhaps it won't be possible or necessary to check our oil three times a day or labor an hour a day on our knees checking out the carburetion system, but if we are to have that greatest Feast ever, we need to do our part to get tuned-up and stay in tune spiritually with God now, during the Feast and always.

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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a week, a month or a year. Generally, we pick a year as the period that we try to operate within budget-wise.

That is, we try to match our resources from all areas with our expenditures. We often find in matching those resources with our departmental requests, that the budgeted expenses exceed the amount of income that we have available. Well, we're not like the United States government. We just simply can't go out and print more money. What we have to do then is to go back to the departments, to ask them to bring the budget around so that we don't have to go out and borrow vast sums, which means to mortgage our future. And that's what we're in the process of doing. But I don't believe there's going to be any retrenchment of any significance in any area.

Mr. Armstrong has just written a powerful message for the *Pastor's Report*, which unfortunately you don't all share in. I'll have to remind him of that. I'll see him tomorrow. But the *Pastor's Report* last week stated that we're going to make *The Plain Truth* the best periodical of its type in the world. He feels it should be the best. He wanted it to be the best, and it must be the best. That means if it's going to be the best, we're going to have to concentrate in bringing that about. That means we

have to improve the quality of the magazine. And by quality, Mr. Armstrong essentially is referring to its content. Once that happens, he feels, we'll have a vehicle that will be able to attract more readers. And those readers will find their way to our other literature — literature at the present moment being sent out by Mr. [Richard] Rice's department. His area is doing a basically heroic job, in my opinion and Mr. Armstrong's opinion, in filling a void at the present moment that exists because *The Plain Truth* has not been the magazine that Mr. Armstrong intends it to be. That's where our emphasis is going to be in the future.

We hope that our departments will distinguish between needs and wants. Sometimes what people want might also be what they need, but very often there is a difference between a bona fide need at a particular time and a want. You can go a little bit more slowly on that which you want and yet what you need might be something that has to be fulfilled immediately.

Due to the length of the question-and-answer session with employees and the inclusion of the "Feast Adviser" section in this issue, we are not able to publish all of Mr. Rader's comments at this time but will continue them in our Oct. 3 issue.

God's annual Feast days needed

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is? We who are Christ's, we who are "in Him," we who believe Him and His message, we who stood in that fork in the road and accepted His way — to walk in it through trial and joy — we are to be gathered with Christ at His Feast.

A giant stop sign

The Feast of Tabernacles is like a giant stop sign for us. We stop doing what we normally do in business and work activities throughout the year. We meet together in the presence of God and the fellowship of our brethren. We remember the story of man — strewn with weaknesses, mistakes, strife, struggle — then we look ahead, we anticipate the glory, the peace, the new challenge of a world and a life under the righteous and equitable rule of Jesus Christ.

The Feast is a time for us to strengthen ourselves by our renewed determination and a more complete dependence on the power of God's Holy Spirit to give us true strength to overcome as faithful servants.

God knows we have little strength. But He also knows we have not denied His name and we have striven to keep His Word.

Pearl of great price

We have been exhorted to hold fast, to not let any man take our crown. If you know the meaning of

Christ's true message — the good news of the coming Kingdom, the great destiny and purpose for man — and have submitted your life to Christ, then you have in your hands the "pearl of great price." And, before you is a crown of life! A crown that coronates you as one in the God family! No matter how many Feasts some of you have attended, no matter how long and weary has been your

road, let us look ahead now to this Feast of Tabernacles with a fresh and renewed outlook and plan to make the second or maybe the third effort.

Rejoice with your family! Rejoice with your brethren. And, remember, when you're at the Feast you're there where the Body is. You're there where Christ's Spirit dwells.

Let's make this Feast a "gathering of the eagles."

FEAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

Singles planning to attend the Feast in Tucson, Ariz., be sure to take part in the activities planned for you. The Denver, Colo., church singles club under the direction of David Niese has scheduled the following: Oct. 16, Church dance (singles will have their own tables and section); Oct. 17, picnic and games; Oct. 18, swim party and sing-along; Oct. 19, luncheon, tour and dance; Oct. 20, open in the afternoon. (State study in the evening); Oct. 21, dance; Oct. 22, roller skating. Location and time for these activities posted on the bulletin board at the singles' booth. Singles' buttons also available.

Choir members transferring to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., for the Feast who want to serve in the Feast chorale, please send your name, address and voice part you sing to Dave Fishburn, 67 Blossom Heath, Williamsville, N.Y. 14221. I will inform you of what music to learn and clothes to bring.

Attention: Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Festivalgoers. Ambassador Farms will be presenting a program again this year. Arnold Paulson, an economist, will explain how God's law, if obeyed, would bring us an economic system that would be good for everyone. No need for runaway inflation or devastating depression. Anyone who is bothered with making ends meet in this troubled economy of today is invited to come and learn why. Also on the agenda is Jim Wyle who will give us some helpful information on farming. If you eat you are involved with agriculture so you can not afford to miss this important meeting. Time and place will be announced. Watch your daily announcement sheet and the bulletin board for time and place of the program.

Attention singles at the St. Petersburg, Fla., Feast: This year's singles' dance will be in the Suncoast Room of the St. Petersburg Hilton from 9 to 12 p.m. Oct. 18. There will be a live band, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and fun for everyone. Payne Train, the same band that received so many favorable comments last year, will perform. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 per person.

The St. Petersburg, Fla., Feast Senior Citizens' party and dance will be held in the Suncoast Room of the St. Petersburg Hilton, 333 First St. S. from 2 to 5 p.m. Oct. 18. A live band, hors d'oeuvres, punch, cash bar and games will be featured. A \$3 donation, per person (if you can afford it), will be accepted at the door. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

All planning to attend the Savannah, Ga., Feast site who play any brass instrument are invited to participate in the brass choir. All ages and levels of performance ability welcome to apply, including those who do not own their own instruments. Any who can supply extra instruments (on a loan or rental basis) please advise. Send name, address, phone number, instrument(s) played and training and experience background to Norman Rowe, 501 Ward, Lufkin, Tex. 75901.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Festivalgoers: A special treat is in store for those who enjoy the big-band sound Oct. 21 at the Coliseum Ballroom, 535 Fourth Ave. N. from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. A small section will be reserved in the ballroom. Cost is \$3.75 per person. The Coliseum features an excellent 16-piece house band, 2,000 seating capacity, is attractive and unusual surroundings and a large dance floor.

FEAST TIME

Jim set down supper dishes for Major and Tobedyougo. The large black cat was waiting and began to eat with gusto, but Major sniffed at his dish and walked away. The beagle was in a bad attitude. Earlier in the day the Wilson family talked about "going to the Feast." Major knew what that meant. He would be left behind while the family went off somewhere in great excitement to worship their God.

"What's the matter, fella?" Jim asked, coming back to the dish. He was surprised to see Major lying listlessly in the grass, his chin on his paws. Tobedyougo licked his dish clean and leaped gracefully up on the picnic table, where he washed his face with his right paw.

Jim bent over Major. "Are you sick, fella?"

Major licked the face that leaned close. Take me, Jim. Please take me along, he tried to say, but his words came out in a soft whine.

Festival reservations arrive

Susie came bouncing out the back door. Her long hair was tied back with a pink ribbon, which matched her dress. "Our Feast reservations came today, Major!"

"Ohh-www-ww!" moaned Major.

Jim stroked his dog's head and neck. "Not so loud, Susie," he said. "The neighbors will hear you."

Susie settled on the grass beside Major and said in a lowered voice, "Can we take Major along this year?"

Major's tail began to wave in the air. He smiled hopefully. Then he climbed onto Susie's lap and licked one forearm.

"I love you, Major." She hugged him.

"No, we can't take Major to the Feast," Jim replied. "We can't take our cat either. Mrs. Higgins will feed both Major and Tobedyougo if we ask

her to. We took care of Boopsie for her once."

Major walked a few yards away and sank down miserably.

"Oh, poor Major isn't feeling very good," wailed Susie. "What's the matter with him?"

"He probably wants to go to the Feast with us," Jim guessed.

Major's ears moved. He raised his head and his tail gave a hopeful sweep across his back.

Why can't Major go?

"See? He wants to go," Susie said.

"Why can't he go?"

"It's a long trip," Jim explained.

"He couldn't go to services with us and

hotels don't want pets. If he gets sick we wouldn't know where a vet is. You know all of this. Dad explained it last year."

"But it'll be lonely for him here," Susie went on. "Tobedyougo doesn't stick around very much. He only shows up for meals half of the time. Can't we take him to Grandpa's farm?"

"Grandma and Grandpa are going to go with us to the Feast," Jim reminded. "You don't have your thinking cap on today, Susie."

"Don't make fun of me, Jimmy Wilson," Susie said, tilting her chin up. She repeated a favorite sentence she remembered from a minister's sermon last year at the Feast, "God's not finished with me yet."

"I'm sorry," Jim apologized. "I only meant that we'll have to think of something else to make Major's days

happy while we're away."

The children's father appeared at the back door. "Susie, Grandma wants you to talk to her on the telephone. Grandpa and Grandma called to talk about our Feast plans and to ask you what you'd like to have for a Feast gift this year."

"Oh, neat!" Susie sprang up quickly and hurried into the house.

Mr. Wilson closed the back door quietly after her and sat down on the top step. The sun hung low on the horizon; the trees in the backyard cast long shadows. He drew in a deep breath. "I'm certainly looking forward to the Feast this year."

"Ohhh-www-ww," wailed Major.

Mr. Wilson looked closely at Major and then he saw his supper dish still full. "What's this? Didn't Major eat his supper?"

"He's been hearing us talk about the Feast, and he hates being left behind," Jim replied.

A happy arrangement

Mr. Wilson smiled. "Is that it? Well, Major, you don't need to worry. Things are going to be different this year. Grandpa said he's made arrangements for you to stay on the farm while we're all away."

"But he'll starve there alone," Jim said. "He isn't used to catching his own meals."

"Grandpa said Mattson's hired man will be driving over to Grandpa's to do the chores and he'll take care of Major's food and water. Not only that, the Mattsons bought a little cocker spaniel. He and Major will have a good time roaming the timber together."

"That'll be keen!" Jim gave Major a hug. "Grandpa loves Major a lot, doesn't he?"

"He sure does. Almost as much as we do."

"Now everybody's going to be happy when it's time for us to go to the Feast," said Jim with a relieved sigh.

Major went to his dish and sniffed. He felt hungry. As he began to gobble down his supper, he smiled.

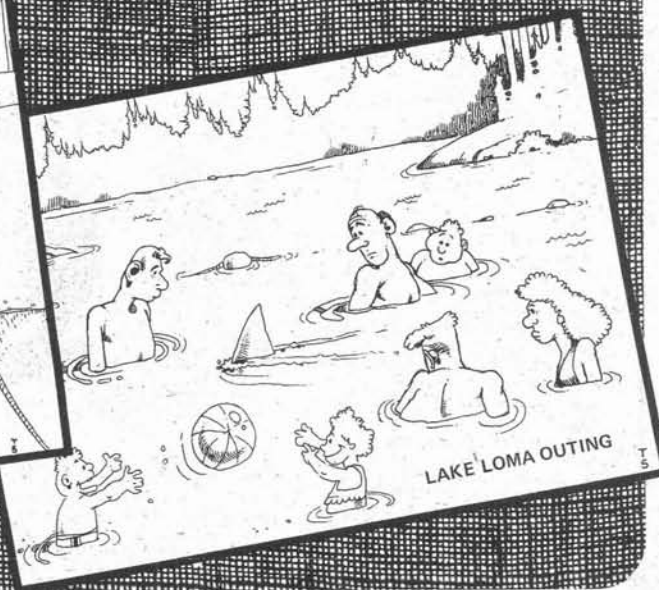
STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson





FEAST FUNNIES

Tom Simonton, a member of the Oklahoma City, Okla., church, went to Big Sandy, Tex., last year for his first Feast of Tabernacles. After the Feast Mr. Simonton decided to let GN readers know how a first Feast looks through the eye of a cartoonist.



NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

UPDATE

PASADENA — Following is a list released by the Festival Department of the traveling ministers' speaking schedules for the 1978 Feast of Tabernacles sites in the United States as well as a few international sites and the pastoral administration seminars.

Herbert W. Armstrong will speak in St. Petersburg, Fla., Big Sandy, Tex., and Tucson, Ariz.; **Wayne Cole** at Tucson, Big Sandy, St. Petersburg and Savannah, Ga.; **Raymond McNair** at Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; **Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.**, and Big Sandy; **Roderick Meredith** at Saratoga Springs, N.Y., Norfolk, Va., Savannah and St. Petersburg.

Leslie McCullough will speak at Seattle, Wash., and Saratoga Springs; **Dean Blackwell** at Big Sandy, Lake of the Ozarks and Wisconsin Dells; **Herman Hoeh** at Pasadena and Fresno, Calif.; **Ronald Kelly** at Regina, Sask., Calgary, Alta., Seattle and Fresno; **Steve Martin** at Norfolk and Saratoga Springs; **Art Mokarow** at Seattle, Savannah and Runaway Bay, Jamaica; **Robert Fahey** will speak at Lake of the Ozarks, Wisconsin Dells, Regina and Pasadena; **Sherwin McMichael** at Fresno, Seattle, Saratoga Springs and Norfolk; **David Antion** at Savannah and Lake of the Ozarks; and **Leon Walker** at Tucson and Pasadena.

Art Mokarow will conduct pastoral administration seminars in Seattle, Lake of the Ozarks, Savannah and Runaway Bay; **George Geis** in Lake of the Ozarks and Savannah; **Greg Albrecht** in Savannah, Seattle and Fresno; **Robert Oberlander** in Savannah and Lake of the Ozarks; and **Dale Hampton** in Seattle, Lake of the Ozarks and Savannah.

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PASADENA — **C. Wayne Cole**, **Raymond McNair** and **Leslie McCullough** traveled to Brickett Wood, England, Aug. 31 to attend a meeting of the board of directors of Ambassador College. According to Mr. Cole, also director of the ministry worldwide, the principal purpose of the meeting was to pass a resolution for the sale of the former Ambassador College campus at Brickett Wood. Three United States board members must be present before any official board action.

"... It appears the campus will be sold for a relatively good price," Mr. Cole says. "If this is God's will — and we believe it is — then we trust He will give His continued blessing to the pending transaction."

Mr. Cole and Mr. McNair stayed over the weekend to speak to the Brickett Wood and London congregations, respectively, on the Sabbath, and to meet Sept. 3 with British-area ministers. **Bram de**

ATTENTION MEXICO FEASTGOERS

All those attending the Mexican Feast site in Oaxtepec, there is a need by our brethren in Mexico and Central America for used clothing. Please bring whatever clothing you no longer need or want to the Feast with you. The extra space will be useful on your way back to carry all the beautiful artifacts and souvenirs. Our brethren would be very thankful.

Bree, director of the Work in the Netherlands; **Martin Bode**, business manager of the Bonn Office; and **George Kovanis** from Athens, Greece, were also present, according to Mr. Cole. Mr. Kovanis came to the conference to further acquaint **Frank Brown**, director of the Work in Great Britain and Mr. Cole with information about the potential for a future Work in Greece.

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PASADENA — **Dean C. Blackwell**, pastor of the Abilene, Midland and San Angelo, Tex., churches, has been named area coordinator in the Big Sandy, Tex., region according to **C. Wayne Cole**, director of the ministry, in the *Pastor's Report*, Sept. 11. Mr. Blackwell will replace **Sherwin McMichael**, director of the Festival Department. Mr.



DEAN BLACKWELL

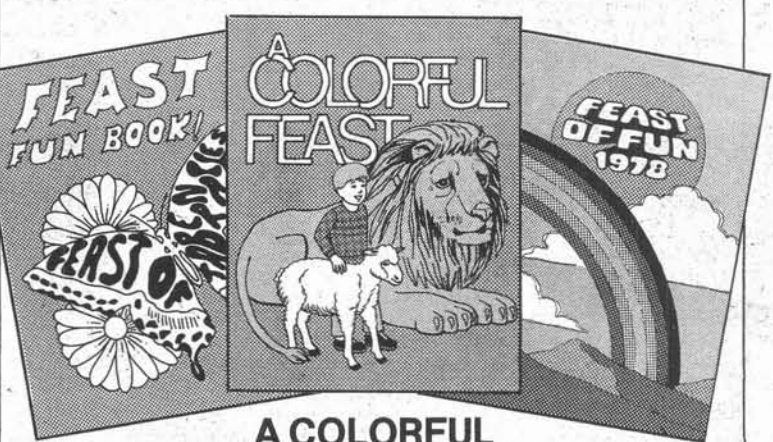
McMichael, along with his wife **Beverly**, will be moving to headquarters to continue to direct the Festival Department, which will be relocated here around the end of the year.

Mr. Blackwell is a senior pastor in the Church of evangelist rank. He has served since his ordination in the mid-'50s as a Church pastor, a district superintendent and as an instructor at Ambassador College. Mr. Blackwell and his wife **Maxine** have four children, three daughters and one son.

"He is," says Mr. Cole of Mr. Blackwell, "a dedicated and loyal minister of God's Church, fully acquainted with its doctrines and has always been very energetic in fulfilling whatever responsibilities he has been given."

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BOMBAY — The church in India grew Aug. 12 when six persons, ages



A COLORFUL FEAST OF TABERNACLES FOR KIDS

Coloring and activity books will be distributed to Feastgoer's children at Festival sites in the United States this year according to **Budde Marino** of the Festival Department in Big Sandy, Tex. The three books, made available by the Festival Department, are designed for 4- to 6-year-olds, 7- to 8-year-olds and 9- to 11-year-olds and will be offered free of charge where Festival brochures are distributed at each site.

Oriented around familiar Feast activities and concepts, the books are the result of the combined effort of several talented people in the

Peoria, Ill., church according to **Bob Boyce**, pastor there at the time. (Mr. Boyce is now on the sabbatical study program here.) Mr. Boyce coordinated the work of commercial artists **Herb Corse**, **Don Hart** and **Tom Zelo**; with ideas provided by **Diane Carter**, Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Herdridge**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ron Kennedy** and daughter **Margo** along with Mr. Boyce and his wife **Judy**. "We wanted to make the Feast fun for the children and reinforce the Feast days as Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong wants them reinforced," said Mr. Boyce. "We hope we have added a little happiness to each of our young friends."

ranging from 23 to 73, were baptized in the Olympic swimming pool here, according to **Joseph D'Costa**, a member of the Bombay church. After the baptisms by **Spaulding Kulasingam**, pastor of the church, a party was held for all Church members.

A Spokesman Club has been started here as the result of a suggestion taken seriously from **Dean Wilson**, director of the Australian and Asian Work.

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PASADENA — **Jack Martin**, former publishing director for *Quest* magazine, will become staff assistant to **Stanley Rader**, treasurer and general counsel. The announcement was made by Mr. Rader in a Sept. 14 media-coordinating-team meeting.

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PASADENA — **Allen Mantel**, 43, an elder in God's Church

and former faculty member at the Big Sandy, Tex., campus of Ambassador College, is listed in critical condition in an Amarillo, Tex., hospital following heart failure that occurred Sept. 13.

According to Mr. Mantel's wife **Sandra**, who was informed of her husband's illness at their home in Longview, Tex., her husband complained of an inability to breathe

while staying in a motel in Guymon, Okla., en route from Pasadena. Police rushed him to a hospital where he went into shock with a collapsed kidney and liver. According to doctors there may be possible brain damage as a result of the heart failure.

As of this report filed Sept. 21, Mr. Mantel is still in a coma in the High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

A new look

Just a note to say I enjoy the spiritual articles in *The Good News*.

I know the Church is on the right track and feel most will draw closer to God. I am striving for a closer relationship with Him. You all have my prayers.

Lydia Day
Bluefield, W. Va.

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I have never had a doubt about this Church being inspired by God. I guess a doubt will never exist, for the new look of *The Good News* is truly inspired and inspiring! The "Church News" section — often overlooked — is even more readable... we find it difficult to stop reading the paper until we have absorbed every word.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gentleman
North Pole, Alaska

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Thank you very much for *The Good News* newspaper. I really appreciate it. It's very helpful to me and encouraging too.

My sincere prayers are for the Work and your protection in leading us in the Church.

Betty Florie
Walden, N.Y.

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Keep it up, Mr. Hogberg

This is to let you know how well pleased I am about *The Good News* paper... The current series of summaries of our ministers' sermons are so uplifting and tend to keep one on the right track spiritually.

I especially find interesting and excit-

ing **Gene Hogberg's** "Worldwatch" column. This is a great help to God's people in becoming aware of what is actually taking place in this very troubled and calamity-filled world. Keep it up, Mr. Hogberg.

Margaret Kwilinski
Tucson, Ariz.

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The following letter was received by **Herbert W. Armstrong** as a result of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's sponsorship of the premiere of the movie *The Wild Geese*, see photo on this page. The letter was written by the *Duchess of Kent's* lady-in-waiting.

The Duchess of Kent has asked me to write and say how much she appreciated the fact that you have done a very great amount for the *Star* Organization for Spastics through your kindness and hospitality after the premiere of *The Wild Geese*, which Her Royal Highness recently attended.

As patron of the Spastics Society, the Duchess fully realizes the enormous contribution you have made towards this very worthwhile cause, and she particularly wanted you to know that your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Lady-in-waiting
to the Duchess of Kent

As announced in the Aug. 14 *Good News*, the pen-pals section has been discontinued.

All pen-pal letters received at the GN office as of this issue have been forwarded, but we will not be able to forward or return any pen-pal responses postmarked Sept. 25, 1978, or later.



MOVIE PREMIERE — The Duchess of Kent greets Mr. and Mrs. Richard Burton at the premiere of the movie *The Wild Geese* in London July 6. The charity premiere was cosponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and the Variety Club of Great Britain, with proceeds donated to children's charities. The event was also attended by noted actors **Richard Harris** and **Roger Moore**. (See "Letters," this page.)