



FEAST ADDRESS — The Tucson, Ariz., Feast site, left photo, was one of 11 U.S. sites visited by Herbert W. Armstrong, right. (Photos by Klaus Rothe)

105,000 keep '76 Feast of Tabernacles

Adelaide to Wisconsin

By Dixon Cartwright Jr.
BIG SANDY — Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong completed their traditional tours of United States Festival sites as the Feast of Tabernacles for 1976 drew to a close Oct. 16 with an estimated 105,000 people attending at about 60 sites around the world.

The Armstrongs each traveled to and spoke before the brethren at the 10 major U.S. sites, with Herbert Armstrong also addressing Feastgoers in Pasadena. In their sermons they emphasized the urgency of the Work and of the times, trying to help members realize the end of the age is closer than it might appear, according to Sherwin McMichael, director of the Festival Office here.

Some 75,000 people were at 13 locations in the United States, and 6,000 had traveled to six sites in Canada, with the other 24,000 keeping the Feast in areas as diverse as Ghana, Guyana and East Germany, Mr. McMichael reported.

Mr. McMichael said the Festival, which began the evening of Oct. 8, as expected "went very, very fine."

Cooperative Weather

"I suppose it's awfully easy to use a lot of superlatives, or whatever,"

he said, "but I felt, and Mr. Ted Armstrong did as well, that the atmosphere and enthusiasm and audience response at every Festival site was better than it has been for the past several years. People seemed more enthusiastic and genuinely excited about the Festival."

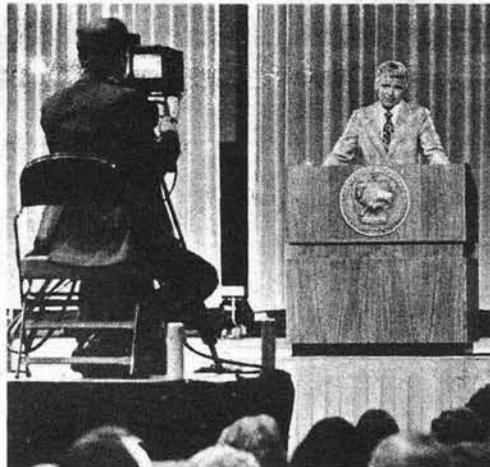
The Festival director said this year's fall weather cooperated with the "largest annual convention on the face of the earth."

"We had better weather at most of the sites," he said. "There was some rain during the early part at the Poconos, but the rest of the [U.S.] sites were absolutely gorgeous — beautiful autumn weather — including Squaw Valley, which we were worried about. Temperatures were in the 60s, even at Spokane."

Serving the Brethren

As had been announced before this year's Feast, "service to the brethren" was the theme of preparations for the Feast by Mr. Michael's office.

"I would say people appreciated that [the theme] and expressed it in the way they responded to the Festival itself. I had many, many people at the sites express their appreciation for the brochure, appreciative of the



VIDEOTAPING — Garner Ted Armstrong speaks to Tucson Feastgoers and potentially millions as a cameraman tapes Mr. Armstrong's sermon for possible release on television. (Photo by Klaus Rothe)

organization of the Festival. Everything just seemed to be on a real high note this year."

(The Festival brochure was a publication given free of charge to most U.S. Feastgoers; it contained fea-

tures such as restaurant guides and articles about the Feast.)

Though complete figures for Holy Day offerings hadn't been determined at press time, Mr. McMichael reported donations on the first Holy Day for U.S. sites "averaged 13 to 15 percent over last year."

For the second straight year country singer Buck Owens performed during the Feast, this year at four U.S. locations and this year with Garner Ted Armstrong appearing and singing in the same show.

"The Buck Owens performance went worlds better than last year," Mr. McMichael said, "and probably, conservatively speaking, twice the attendance — probably 2½ times the attendance — we had last year. And the programs, of which I saw two [Mr. McMichael traveled to four sites], were very well received."

Employees in the Festival Office were "much of a breather before getting ready for next year."

"We've already started holding

meetings within the Festival Office to evaluate what we did this year and what can be improved for next year," Mr. McMichael said, "and there are a number of things already started. We've already started on the brochure for next year. People don't see it, but it's just like producing *The Plain Truth* for one year, and the brochure next year will be improved over what it is this year."

Following are reports compiled by the *WN* staff from information supplied by coordinators at 43 Feast sites around the world:

Adelaide, Australia

Four hundred six people attended the Feast at Adelaide, in the state of South Australia, with "fine and cool weather" prevailing, according to Festival coordinator Ted Tupper.

Sermons during the Feast included Graemme Marshall's address on the knowledge explosion and its effects and Dennis Luker's message on the preparation and expectation of the World Tomorrow.

Alan Dean was raised to the position of preaching elder.

Albany, Australia

Celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles in the true sense of the word, 435 people met in a tent at Emu Point, in Albany, in the state of Western Australia.

Sermons on emotional maturity, why keep the Feast and how Satan makes life difficult for Christians were given by Gavin Cullen, Bob Mitchell and Graemme Marshall.

The only land-based whaling station in the southern hemisphere attracted members during their stay at Emu Point, according to Festival coordinator Bob Mitchell.

Bacolod, Philippines

The Feast at this Philippine site included a picnic and family night, with fine weather and an official registration figure of 174, according to George Hood, coordinator.

Sermons were preached on the Church's spiritual welfare, by Mr. (See **WORLD'S LARGEST**, page 9)

ABOUT THIS ISSUE:

The big news in the Work of the past two weeks has, of course, been the Feast of Tabernacles. According to a Festival Office tally, some 105,000 people met as a unified body around the world to observe the eight days of services. Our coverage of this event dominates our front page and takes up more than 11 pages in this special 20-page issue. In all, we have reports from 43 Feast sites in 17 countries and territories. To spice up this copy, which measures 246¾ column inches, 75 pictures are sprinkled throughout. Even with this extended coverage, some reports haven't yet arrived. We hope to print them for our readers in our next issue, Nov. 8.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Saints and sinners

I don't know how it escaped me for six weeks, but I just read the poem "Saints and Sinners" in the Aug. 2 issue. I know you fit in articles where you can, but that one should've been on page 1 in larger, bolder type! Hoorah for Helen Hanson. She's highlighted a major weakness we all seem to have. It seems when someone slips, we all try to remember those white hairs down his back that prove he's been a sinner from the beginning.

How 'bout reprinting that poem every two or three months to remind us?!

Rebecca Taylor
Jacksonville, Fla.

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Sense of accomplishment

The arrival of your letter brought so much happiness to our son [a winner in the coloring contest, Sept. 23] that I just want to thank you for sponsoring such a contest that gives the children a sense of real accomplishment. I hope you will be able to list as many "honorable mentions" as possible to reward as many children as possible for the effort and hope they have put forth. We really appreciate the children's stories and these contests as there seems to be so few activities for the children until they are old enough for the YOU events. Thank you again for the interest the paper has shown in the children.

Marvin Talbott
Piano, Tex.

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Surprise in the mail

Thank you for your letter telling me that I won first place in the contest for drawing Major [Sept. 13]. I was really surprised when we came home from church and found your letter in our mailbox.

I drew four different pictures of Major and decided to send the third one in. We are planning on going to Hampton, Va., for the Feast. I am planning on buying binoculars with part of the prize money.

Kevin Scott Wilson
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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You really made the day for our son Kevin with the letter telling him that he won first place. He was so excited that he gave it to my wife to read, and he was doing "swan dives" on the living-room rug and actually crying for joy!

We have enjoyed *The Worldwide News* since it came into existence — we read it from the first page through the last page. And we think it really is a great paper — fulfilling the important purpose that Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong meant for it. Thank you very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Wilson
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Temporary woe

Woe is me! Woe is me! As a matter of fact, it's my second woe of the day. The first was when I ironed my thumb.

In my haste to get my last article in to you on time, I mailed the write-up first since it took a while for the photo lab to make a black-and-white glossy print from a color negative. So I sent the pictures later in a plain brown wrapper.

And, although I mentioned Don Shannon in the article as a photographer, I forgot to specify on the prints that he had also done that professional job of the "Arter" Family (Aug. 2 issue of *WN*, page 14). Naturally, you thought I had done it and gave me the credit.

It was my goof, purely and simply; and I apologize to Don Shannon, to you and to the readers. (But it sure was great being a professional photographer while it lasted!)

Please print a correction for me and give the credit where it is due. Thank you,

thank you, thank you!

Carol Savoia
Winter Park, Fla.

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Not Alone

After reading the present issue of *WN*, I had to sit down and thank you and to show you how much I and my family appreciate our Church paper.

Reading stories of different members [and] how they face their trials is very inspiring to me, the different stories lift you up and encourage you. You think that you have problems until you read of others . . .

I didn't receive the questionnaire sent out to different ones. I would vote excellent also.

Our children really enjoy reading the paper. Also, they read every one and love the stories about Major.

I met and have some very dear friends through the pen-pal section.

Mrs. Bernice Mayer
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Thank you for printing the ad in the "Special Requests" column, requesting prayer for healing. And I want to thank everyone who works hard to make our paper the terrific paper that it is. I would be lost without it, for it keeps me posted on what is happening with Mr. HWA and Mr. GTA and in the Work, and helps me to pray for them.

Lillian Leyda
Medina, Ohio

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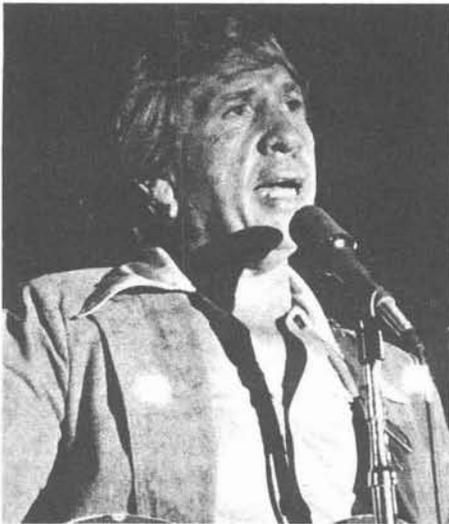
My husband and myself enjoy this newspaper very much. Also, my children enjoy the children's stories when they are in it. I am sending my donation as well as \$5.00 more to help toward someone else who might not be able to afford it.

Thank you for this newspaper as to help keep us informed about God's Work and people.

Kay Furth
Grand Prairie, Tex.



GONE FISHIN' — Father and son take time out to go fishing at Lake Loma, on the Ambassador campus in Big Sandy, during the Feast. [Photo by Tom Hanson]



WINNING COMBINATION

Buck Owens, left, and Garner Ted Armstrong appear together at one of four U.S. sites during the Feast. Mr. Armstrong and the country performer sang several songs together at the end of each of the four shows, which also featured the Buckaroos, including fiddler Jana Jae, lower left. The show drew several thousand people. [Photos by Scott Moss]



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SERMONS FOR THE DEAF — Arleen Fultz, left, interprets a song service for 12 deaf members at Squaw Valley. Lana Kreivis, right, forms words from the sermon. (Photos by David McKee)

Good signs for deaf at Squaw

By David McKee
SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. — A woman sat with her back to the minister and, as he spoke, delivered an interpretation of his remarks to a group of people seated facing her.

Doris Rodolph, 38, a member of the Spokane, Wash., church, was using sign language to communicate words from the pulpit to a deaf audience of 12.

The interpretation was a service of the Church's Educational Services

for the Handicapped, provided for the first time this year, according to Lana Kreivis, 31, an employee of that department who worked with Mrs. Rodolph here during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Also assisting with the interpretation was Arleen Fultz, 34, a member of the Monterey, Calif., church, who interpreted the song service.

The Church's deaf membership in the United States and Canada had been invited to come to Squaw Val-

ifornia State University in Northridge. She now works for Pasadena City College, interpreting a class in English and one in automobile-engine rebuilding, in addition to working for the Educational Services for the Handicapped at headquarters.

Mrs. Rodolph works as an interpreter and teacher's aide for Garry Junior High in Spokane and in her community in special areas, including vocational rehabilitation. She also assists in recapping the news for the deaf on KXLY television in Spokane. Her interest in deaf communication began when she became friends with a deaf person in the Church. She took what classes she could but found "practical experience" to be the best instruction.

Mrs. Fultz, an accountant, learned to talk with the deaf so she could communicate with her deaf in-laws.

Expanded Department

Educational Services for the Handicapped was, until April, 1976, the Educational Services for the Blind. The expansion of the department to accommodate services to the deaf was accomplished to a great extent through the efforts of Steve Martin, coordinator for the Church's Western Area, according to Mrs. Kreivis.

Mr. Martin acted on proposals for deaf services presented to him by Don Breidenthal, a deaf student at Ambassador College in Pasadena, and Mrs. Kreivis.

Hugh Mauck is the director of the department and, according to Mrs. Kreivis, "is looking for the input of all the deaf in the Church" in providing services for them.



Alumni together again at the Feast

By Sherry L. Marsh

BIG SANDY — Alumni of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, were reunited at each United States Feast site except Alaska, plus three Canadian sites, this year. The Big Sandy AC Alumni Association, headed by Dale Schurter, helped organize the reunions to bring the former students together to reminisce and learn about the growth and progress of their alma mater toward accreditation.

Seventeen alumni-reunion organizers were chosen to plan the gatherings at the Feast sites, each coming up with activities they felt would be enjoyed by those attending.

The meeting in Tucson, Ariz., organized by Sammy O'Dell of Amarillo, Tex. (class of '75), met at the Desert Inn for cocktails and dinner and heard tapes of former student-body presidents who could not attend the meeting. A nostalgic slide show of the college and students was seen by more than 60 alumni there.

In Squaw Valley, Calif., Ben Chapman, a former instructor at Big Sandy, addressed the alumni there at their dinner meeting, which had been planned by Charles Groce of Salt Lake City, Utah (class of '70).

Eighteen alumni and their guests chartered a schooner at Lahaina, Hawaii, off the coast of Maui (the island where the Feast was observed). The former students of the Texas campus survived a sail over rough water, then swam, snorkled and ate a meal on board before sailing back to Lahaina, all organized by Bob Luckabaugh of Gladewater, Tex. (class of '70).

At the homesite of Big Sandy, 95 alumni met for cocktails and dinner in the college dining hall. James Gillen, instructor at Big Sandy, addressed the group on the status of the college and its plans. A slide show and dancing followed. The Big

Sandy reunion had been planned by Wayne Merrill of Big Sandy (class of '72).

No further reports on reunions at other Feast sites were available when

the WN went to press.

Future reunions will depend on response from this year's, according to Murdock Gibbs, assistant to Mr. Schurter.



ALUMNI SAIL THE SEAS — Alumni of the Big Sandy campus who attended the Feast in Lahaina, Hawaii, hold their reunion off the coast of Maui on board the schooner *Taragram*. Big Sandy graduates reunited at every U.S. Feast site except Alaska, plus three Canadian sites. (Photo by Dixon Cartwright Jr.)

ley for the Festival, and 12 of the 18 attending were able to be here.

These met during the Festival to discuss how to aid the deaf in the Church and ways to preach the Gospel to the world's deaf, according to Mrs. Kreivis.

Limited to Lipreading

Before the sign-language interpretation, the deaf membership had had limited access to preaching services by lipreading and through the use of other members' notes, Mrs. Rodolph said.

With interpretation, the deaf are provided the spoken portion of church services in a language they understand, and "the body and facial expressions of the interpreter portray the emotions of the speaker."

"Deaf people have been deprived of hearing services," said John Hemingway, 25, a deaf member of the Hamilton, Ont., church. He said the interpretation service "really makes the deaf feel a part of the Church."

"It's great," according to Mike Harrison, 28, of the Vancouver, B.C., congregation, and "it's only a beginning for the deaf."

The service is one of interpretation, rather than transliteration, because some of the wording is changed to make ideas understood. Some words and particularly idiomatic expressions cannot be translated word for word and understood by the deaf, according to Mrs. Rodolph.

Mrs. Kreivis and Mrs. Rodolph shared the greater part of the interpreting duties. They traded off, since, as Mrs. Rodolph put it, the task was "extremely tiring."

Interest in Communicating

Mrs. Kreivis first became interested in deaf communication while walking down a library corridor and "saw a book that looked interesting." The book concerned deaf communication and spurred her to learn to "talk" to the deaf.

She attended classes available to her, including a workshop session at

Tire blows Trumpets

By Wong Mein Kong and Yip Chi Kiong

KUALA LUMPUR — How would you like keeping the Feast of Trumpets with an accident and pushing a motorbike with a flat tire for five miles on limping legs and an empty stomach?

We were riding on a motorbike on our way to have lunch together with

The writers are members of the Kuala Lumpur church.

some brethren on that day, last Sept. when we struck an oil slick going around a bend. The bike skidded, sending us sprawling right into the middle of the road. Somehow the following vehicles missed running over us.

After picking ourselves up and deciding that grease-soiled attire and skinned knees and elbows were just not the fashion to lunch in a classy coffeehouse, we rode to a nearby member's home for treatment.

As if that were not enough, on our way back the bike blew a tire, causing a near repeat of the morning's incident.

Much to our consternation, we soon found that all the motor shops were closed. No, they weren't keeping the weekly Sabbath, or Trumpets, rather a Moslem festival that day to celebrate the end of their fasting month.

Hungry, thirsty, smelly and weary, for the next hour and a half we took turns pushing the bike for five miles back home.

We consoled ourselves. Were we going through a test of patience and endurance to see if we could keep our humor in the face of adversity? This was one Trumpets blown by a tire.

Rhodesians: same needs, hopes, wants

Work making progress reaching black Africa

By Lazarus Chimba
SALISBURY, Rhodesia — The African is basically no different from other human beings; he has the same needs, the same hopes and wants. He has his own problems, his own successes and failures. But I suppose

Church keeping Monday, Wednesday and Friday as rest days and then keeping the Sabbath. Of course, a lot of people break these rules now, but never openly, or they may be accused of bringing drought or such other

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LAZARUS CHIMBA



EVISON MUTIWASEKWA

there are certain difficulties peculiar to him.

The African believes in an almighty Creator God. He believes God is a spirit being. He also believes that man is composed of flesh and spirit. At death, the spirit goes to the place appointed by God.

Now, when a man is dead and leaves surviving children, they pray to God through his spirit. They address their prayers to the dead father and to the grandfather and so on back. These ancestors are supposed to be the link to God.

For the Shona peoples it is believed that one cannot approach God direct. So everyone prays to God for domestic affairs through his or her ancestors. For national issues, like praying for rain, special spirit mediums are used. These intermediaries are approached and they pray for rain.

Missionaries who first came with the British at the beginning of the century have worked hard in bringing their own brand of Christianity to the Africans. Most African children now grow up in what may be called a "Christian" home. But because the churches are divided, each teaching its own "gospel" and none teaching the real purpose of life to the people, there has been on the whole little progress towards changing the traditional concepts of worship.

African Rest Days

The strongest evidence for the preceding is found in the rest days kept by the Africans. Today if you are a farmer in the country you must observe Friday as a rest day. Other areas have as many as three rest days in a week. On these days field work is discouraged. Imagine a member of God's

Religion sensitive issue for African

By Evison Mutiwasekwa
MARANDELLAS, Rhodesia — In the African society and community, religion is one of the most sensitive issues. If ever there is a challenge upon earth for an African, it is the call into God's Church.

When the challenge first rings in one's spiritually deaf ears, it all comes up, seemingly, to be a way blocked with woes, since the African type of life is so knit together with all relatives, from close to distant ones. All these in a majority of cases are joined together by common beliefs, so dear to every one of them. Should one try to break from such a family-relative system, eventually one is rendered a renegade. In both moderate and extreme circumstances, persecution ensues in an attempt by the relatives and friends to discipline the outcast.

Nobody to Mourn

Generally speaking, because of breaking from family-relative religion, people term you odd. Some say it is following a crazy, obscure religion; some say no one would help you in time of need; and, lastly, nobody would mourn for you when you die.

To a family man, the difficulty may be brought in when a severe sickness strikes any member of the family. In most cases, sickness is thought to have something to do with superstition. Relatives come and hammer upon the husband or the wife to find out through black magic the cause of the illness.

In general African belief, scien-

tific medicine plays second fiddle to black-magic prescriptions. So it is of no doubt how much faith is needed to withstand this satanic assault in such circumstances. These are a few of the problems assailing the family member in God's Church.

The single person faces other prob-

lems. In many cases African parents declare outrightly, with a rod-of-iron command, to their sons that they should marry "now or never."

On the other hand, the African girls rarely want to follow their own way of life different from that of their

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Difficulties in Africa

By Shadrack M. Dandawa
KAROI, Rhodesia — I am a member of the Worldwide Church of God. I live in one of the remotest parts of Rhodesia, about 40 miles from the Kariba Dam, 17 miles from the Sanyati River. I live among people who believe very much in ancestral spirits. These people believe that God exists but that He does not help people directly except only through the ancestral spirits.

When the head of a family dies, the people come and gather to mourn the dead. They chat and tell the young ones he has been taken by his ancestors. They do not believe that someone can just die, as told Adam. They then take the body for burial.

At the burial ground they call to the ancestors: "Your son here is coming to you to make fire for you! Receive him. Go and inform the one whom we do not know, the Great One, that your son has come today."

That greatest whom they do not know represents God. After that ceremony the people disperse.

After 12 months lots of beer is to be brewed; cousins and nephews are invited to mourn the deceased again. Beasts are slain for meat, and a big feast is made, and people dance and mourn all night till morning. At 4 a.m. they take their drums to the graveyard and kill another beast there. A special friend of the dead man is made to call out to the dead man and say, "We have now brought you to your own home, and into your own house, to care for your family again."

The dead man is now believed to become a spirit responsible for looking after his family. If you try to tell them or talk about the true God, they just won't believe. They tell you, "We know God is there, but you cannot seek God on your own except only through your spirit, because God is spirit."

Even as a member of the Worldwide Church of God among these people, who scorn and laugh at me for rejecting my tribal spirits. So I ask you brethren to pray for me and for others who face the same difficulties here in Africa.



AFRICAN SCENE — This rural shop is run by a Rhodesian member of the Worldwide Church of God. (Photo by Rolf G. Varga)



FACES OF AFRICA — Rhodesian children, above and right, laugh at a joke. When the Feast of Tabernacles was first held in Rhodesia, 39 black Africans attended. In 1975 there were 120. [Photos by Rolf G. Varga]



Religion sensitive

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parents, whether it be social, moral or religious, except in degeneracy. As a result, few girls, without the influence of the parents, ever see the truth. Western dating is frowned upon.

Again there is the job problem. In the present economic climate, jobs are hard to come by. (Rhodesia is under heavy United Nations sanctions.) If one is out of a job, one stays with relatives who would not tolerate job choice because of the Sabbath. One really is placed between the devil and the deep blue sea. It is ghastly to contemplate the tests of such times.

Looking at all this onslaught of temptations upon the seemingly unfortunate African in God's Church, we realize we are not called to live out of the world, but we know that the bigger these obstacles upon obstacles come, the harder they fall!

The Other Side

Yet, on the other side of the coin, there is much more than a store of problems after problems. Through God's Church much more knowledge has been gained besides the spiritual. Opportunities have arisen that otherwise would never have come.

Now, taking stock of the difficulties, we realize and have an innate craving desire that an opposite world must come, and, casting our eyes to the other view of the wonderful Kingdom just beyond the horizon, the more enthusiastically we pursue along the racecourse to this great goal. This time not under the banner of black power or black magic, but under a much greater power, surely like a mighty army.

Work making progress

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natural disasters which may befall the people. It is believed working in the fields on Friday, or any other rest day, brings a curse on the people. I have known people who have been arrested in the fields by the chief's messengers for working in the fields on traditional rest days.

God's Work only started to make its impact felt here when the second 19 years of the Work were drawing to a close. The African does not have a shortcut to repentance; he must get rid of the traditional beliefs of God and also get rid of the conventional teaching of the many Christian sects.

At least one African member is believed to have come into contact with God's Work around 1957. One or two more got to know of *The Plain Truth* in the early '60s. But from 1965 the Work took a definite trend upwards. More people became aware of *The Plain Truth*. Many took the Bible Correspondence Course; it was something new and true.

The opening of the South African office certainly helped the Rhodesian Work. Ministers started visiting Rhodesia, and in June, 1970, the first two Africans were baptized, in Salisbury. Several had been baptized around the country earlier. The following year the Work opened an office in Salisbury. In that year, 1971, the first Feast of Tabernacles in Rhodesia was held for three days at Victoria Falls with 39 Africans attending. Last year 120 people attended.

Unlearning a Lot

What sort of people is God calling? Definitely not many wise men! Some of the African members were preachers of their own churches before knowing God's Church. Some were teachers; others were leaders in one sphere or other. Some are children of spirit mediums and witchdoctors. More than most white brethren,

African members have to really unlearn a lot of things.

It may be said that African members of the Church represent a reasonable cross section of the wider African community. But most of those called are young, with many below 30 and most not over 40.

The Work is attracting mostly young people because of the use of English. Most Africans born before 1930 did not go to school and they find it difficult to understand English. It was only after the Second World War that significant numbers went to school. Few of these went on to secondary school. University graduates are not uncountable among the Africans.

The majority of the African members in Rhodesia live in the main cities of Bulawayo and Salisbury. Life is expensive, and, as far as housing is concerned, the situation is not ideal. The houses are good, but one can wait for as long as 10 years for a house. In the meantime, a family will have to make do with one little room as "lodgers." The government is trying hard to build enough houses.

The average income of members is between 100 and 250 U.S. dollars a month. Many are below this and few go over \$250. Few can afford insurance of any sort. Be that as it may, God's people are certainly happy, for they have a hope not common to all. People marvel because of the things we are able to do. They cannot understand how we are able to take an annual holiday to the Feast.

Some members have encountered problems with keeping the Sabbaths. They have lost their jobs for some time, but they have waited till God opened a way. The jobs African members have are many. Some are schoolteachers, others clerks, electricians and health inspectors. It may be of interest to say that one member's job is to help see that the dam on Lake Kariba (until recently

the largest man-made lake in Africa) does not burst!

Church Encourages Sports

You may be surprised to know that some early missionaries taught their converts to regard sports as "worldly." Many African churches discourage sports like football, basketball or whatever! But not the Church of God! We have had many sports socials, and recently a football

team was formed in Salisbury and is playing regularly against other amateur teams from all over the country. There is another team from the Bulawayo church. This year's Feast promises to be a time for thrilling soccer matches as the two teams clash.

Five years is not a long time for a church. Yet the big jump has been taken, and each year the Work makes progress. Membership has more than

trebled in those five years.

The present political situation appears to make the future confused. A settlement has proved elusive till now. A vicious terrorist war is being fought on the borders, but so far God has protected all His members here. The Church knows that God has opened a door and no man can shut it. With this in mind it is hoped the other things not yet completed by the Church here will be completed.



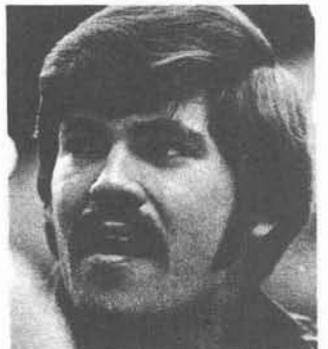
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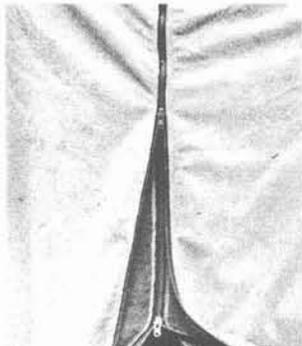
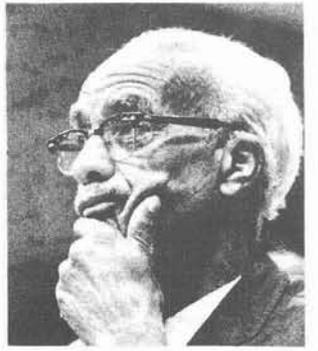
MONKEY BUSINESS — When the Durban, South Africa, church had a picnic late in the summer, a visitor from the Johannesburg church, Thyrsa Lombard, brought this friend with her to enjoy the festivities. (If you have a black-and-white photograph you'd like to submit for this feature, send it to: "Miscellany," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.) (Photo by Geoffrey Neilson)

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Hood, and Christian standards, by Bien Macaraeg. Others were on conversion, God's law and the Gospel through the ages, according to Mr. Hood.

Nearby attractions included hot mineral springs and a waterfall. A team from Iloilo beat a Cebu team in basketball, Mr. Hood reported.

Bad Salzungen, East Germany

The Worldwide Church of God celebrated the Feast in East Germany with 18 present, including a member serving in the military who was able to attend most of the eight days, according to Gary Hopkins of the Bonn office. Local elders Alfred Helleman and Paul Kieffer and their families shared the Feast with the seven East German brethren and some visiting members.

Sightseeing included a visit to Eisenach and the Wartburg Castle, where Martin Luther translated the Bible into German, Mr. Hopkins said.

"The eight days of concentrated fellowship for our seven East German brethren, who in their daily lives are separated by many miles, is vitally important to them for the coming year," Mr. Hopkin said.

Baguio, Philippines

Four people from Australia, one from Switzerland and one from Hong Kong kept the Feast along with about 950 other brethren in Baguio City, with sunny skies, warm weather and afternoon showers, according to Colin Adair, site coordinator and regional director for the Philippines.

Local reception was good, and two newspapers carried welcome messages, Mr. Adair reported.

The Feast there included a talent show and dance, and for recreation there were boating, horseback riding, hiking and basketball.

Sermons included one by Mr. Adair on the World Tomorrow; change, Pike Mirto; God's healing, Pedro Ortiguero; and faith, Jose Raduban.

Big Sandy, Tex.

With an official registration of 8,653 people, about 5,525 of whom camped out on the campus of Ambassador College, the Feast in Big Sandy got under way with U.S. Festival director Sherwin McMichael delivering the opening message, pointing out the importance of the Feast and saying it is the largest convention of its kind anywhere.

Activities held at the Texas site included Buck Owens' show, a show by Big Sandy student performers, a YOU talent contest and an arts-and-crafts show, according to site coordinator Harold Rhodes, pastor of the Austin and Waco, Tex., churches.

Mr. Rhodes indicated there were no problems, though there was a serious car accident involving two Church women and a man from the city of Big Sandy (not a member) in which the man later died.

It was also announced in services that a child had been run over by a truck but was miraculously uninjured.

Mr. Rhodes considered the high points of the Feast to include the visits by the Armstrongs, the clear weather with temperatures around 75 in the daytime and the helicopter rides over the college grounds.

Other attractions included nearby Tyler (Tex.) Rose Gardens, campus waterfront activities and paddleboat rides and horseback riding.

In addition, there were tournaments in softball and basketball, with Little Rock, Ark., taking first place in A-league softball and Houston, Tex., second. Longview, Tex., won the men's basketball competition,

with Lawton, Okla., placing just behind them.

Mr. Rhodes cited local reception to the Feastgoers as "very favorable" and listed representative sermon topics, on the Holy Spirit, by Ray Wooten, the temporary nature of life, by Ronald Dart, and humility, by Dr. David Wainwright.

Also at Big Sandy was a reunion for Ambassador College, Big Sandy, alumni.

Blackheath, Australia

Seven hundred sixty-three people attended the Feast of Tabernacles at Blackheath, Australia, in the state of New South Wales. John Larkin, the site coordinator, reported the weather was rainy and cool for most of the Feast, but "improving towards the Last Great Day."

Evangelists Roderick C. Meredith and Dean Wilson from the United States were speakers, along with Dennis G. Luker, director of the Australian Work. Sermon themes mainly concerned the Kingdom of God.

Between services, in the Worldwide Church of God tabernacle at Blackheath, members visited caves, enjoyed mountain scenery and went hiking.

Also during the Feast, ministers John Comino and Rod King were raised in rank to preaching elder.

Bogota, Colombia

Surrounded by the lush vegetation of the Andes Mountains, Los Paches Country Club, at Bogota, was the site of the first full Feast of Tabernacles held in Colombia. A total of 101 (75 adults and 26 children) attended morning services the first Holy Day, held in a building overlooking a river valley 70 kilometers (115 miles) south of the capital city of Bogota. Local elder Pablo Gonzalez coordinated the Feast there as brethren from Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, the United States and Puerto Rico enjoyed the warm, mild climate and breezes of this resort area.

A talent show Sunday night displayed dances, songs, poems and Latin American humor. Other activities included two open-air cookouts, a semiformal dance, a showing of a film of the construction and dedication of the Ambassador Auditorium, hikes, swimming and other sports. A special presentation was given by a member, the director of Dale Carnegie courses in Ecuador, Eduardo Mendoza.

For many brethren it was the first time they had ever sung Church hymns or attended formal services.

Everyone here was inspired by the spiritual messages, fellowship, good food and the natural beauty of Colombia. Many of the club directors and members expressed to Mr. Gonzalez their surprise and delight to see such a large group exemplifying fine conduct and enjoyment of life.

Brean Sands, England

About 1,900 members and children attended the Brean Sands Feast site, near Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, England, at Pontin's Holiday Village, the largest of the four British and Irish sites.

Almost nightly, dances were held to the music of the Trevor Raymond Show Band, and each afternoon the chief attractions were competitive interchurch sports, including football, volleyball, swimming and table tennis.

Services were in the camp ballroom and included sermons from visiting speakers Ronald Kelly and Don Ward from Big Sandy, with Frank Brown, Paul Suckling and Francis Bergin commuting between (See WORLD'S LARGEST, page 10)



HOBART TO HAWAII — Above: The congregation in Hobart, Australia, holds hymns for a song service during the Feast. Right: Two hundred four people meet at the Christchurch Town Hall in Christchurch, New Zealand. Below: The Lima Hanas perform special music at Lahaina, Hawaii. The group, all members, played and sang Hawaiian music for services each day of the Feast. (Photos by Stephen Odell, Jack Croucher and Dixon Cartwright Jr.)





A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE — The Feast was both a time for crowds, as in the Auditorium in Pasadena, left, and at St. Petersburg, Fla., above, and for solitude and quiet conversations on the beach, right. [Photos by Charles Buschmann, Ellis Stewart and Linda Beach]

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Brethren met for the Feast four days at Lourdes Auditorium and four days at Sangunian Bayan Hall at Cagayan de Oro, with fine weather and an attendance of 680, according to site coordinator Ed Macaraeg.

Cairns, Australia
At the Cairns site, in the state of Queensland, 213 people met at the Cairns Civic Center for the Feast of Tabernacles in "beautiful, tropical — sunny and hot — weather," according to coordinator David Noller. Ministers Mark Cardona, Harry Schaer and Mr. Noller spoke on the meaning of the Feast, preparing for peace in the World Tomorrow and what the Feast means to individuals. Activities included swimming, snorkeling, tours and observing fish on the Great Barrier reef. Mr. Noller reported a "miraculous escape from injury or disaster" when two tires on a bus transporting members blew on a trip to the mountains. The bus did not overturn. This year was the first for Cairns as a Festival site.

Calgary, Alta.
The highlight of the Feast in Calgary was the visit of evangelists Leslie McCullough and C. Wayne Cole and *Good News* managing editor Brian Knowles, according to site coordinator Richard Wilding, pastor of the Calgary North and Olds churches. About 1,400 people were registered at Calgary. Local reception was good, but "with only 1,400 attending and Calgary a big convention city we did not make a big impact," Mr. Wilding said. Activities included a tour of Banff National Park, a family night of western entertainment and a barbecue and dance. "Good weather" prevailed, according to Mr. Wilding. Nearby attractions included Heritage

Castries, St. Lucia
Eighty-four people met in Castries on the first Holy Day to keep the second Feast of Tabernacles on the West Indian island of St. Lucia in recent years. "The beautiful setting at the Holiday Inn was enhanced by the heavy rains experienced during the previous week which made the landscape so fresh and green," said Victor Simpson, a ministerial assistant from San Juan, Puerto Rico. "Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves and are encouraged by the services as well as the many activities arranged," he said during the Feast.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.
About 600 people registered for the Feast at Prince Edward Island according to Steve Botha, pastor of the Halifax, N.S., church and coordinator for this Canadian site. Mr. Botha reported that weather was sunny, local reception good and press coverage adequate. Activities included a steer barbecue, an arts-and-crafts show, a teen dance and an ice-skating party. A tuna-fishing trip was gone on by some Feastgoers. No results of sports tournaments were in at press time. Representative sermon topics included the World Tomorrow and Christian principles. Speakers included C. Wayne Cole, Carn Catherwood and Steve Botha.

Christchurch, New Zealand
The New Zealand Alps and Canterbury Plains provided a scenic backdrop for the Feast in New Zealand. Two hundred four attended services at the Christchurch Town Hall, according to coordinator Jack Croucher. Topics for sermons included God's government, given by Jack Croucher and Robert Morten.

Edinburgh, Scotland
Three hundred eighty-four members from several countries converged on the Leith Town Hall, two miles from the center of the Scottish capital, to keep the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles. Warnings of spiritual pitfalls and

Guyana
Guyana's leading hotel, the Pegasus, for the first organized observance of the Feast of Tabernacles in that South American country. In eight days packed with activities, brethren enjoyed a dinner-dance, a film show and sports activities that included swimming, horseback riding, cricket, lawn tennis and table tennis. Guyana is not principally a tourist country; it is strictly for the adven-

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Satan's trump card came from visiting speakers Ronald Kelly, evangelist, and Francis Bergin. An exhortation to be rededicated to God's Work was given by evangelist Frank Brown. Activities included a children's party, social and dance and Jacobean banquet.

Georgetown, Guyana
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Girdwood, Alaska

"Pleasant temperatures up into the 40s" prevailed at the northernmost U.S. Feast site, along with a flu bug that swept through the body of 294 registered Feastgoers, according to coordinator William Gordon, pastor of the Anchorage, Kenai and Fairbanks churches.

"One fourth to one third of the people" were hit by the flu, and "some are still afflicted" (as of Oct. 17), Mr. Gordon said.

Two major happenings were a big barbecue with 240 pounds of beef

and "all the trimmings" Monday evening and a wedding Sunday after services.

The main theme of the Feast was "faith," Mr. Gordon said, with several sermons centering on aspects of faith as it related to the particular topic.

Visiting speakers were Terry Roth of Prince Albert, Sask., who spoke on what the Feast pictures to the world and the kind of courage it takes to be a teen in God's Church, and Will Wooster of Edmonton, Alta. Mr. Wooster gave the opening message Friday evening and spoke later in the week on the topic "for

women only."

The Feast was held at the Alyeska Ski Lodge, which offered members a chair-lift ride more than a mile long, compliments of the lodge. Other activities included movies, helicopter rides, gold panning and dancing. A table-tennis tournament was held, with Dennis Gentleman winning the senior division and Bobby McWilliams taking the junior-division title.

Mr. Gordon mentioned that the local reception to the Feastgoers was "tremendous." One unusual aspect of the Feast in Alaska was the offering. On the Last Great Day, the 260 present gave an offering totaling more than \$9,000, a per-person average of \$48.42 and the highest figure of any Feast site as of press time.

Gold Coast, Australia

About 1,400 Australians and 10 overseas visitors kept the Feast at the Gold Coast site, in the state of Queensland, enjoying "perfect" weather that was "warm and sunny with some evening rain," according to site coordinator Rod Matthews. Recreational opportunities included "the best beaches in Australia," Marineland, a vintage auto museum, and bird and animal sanctuaries, Mr. Matthews said.

Local reception was "very favorable," with a small but prominent article in a local daily, Mr. Matthews reported.

Representative sermon topics included one on preparing for the World Tomorrow, by Dean Wilson; overcoming, by Dennis Luker; and how God needs Church members to begin the Millennium, by Mark Cardona. During the Feast Peter McLean was raised to preaching elder.

Hampton, Va.

"We had good basic sermons on child rearing, the Holy Spirit and prayer," reported Hampton coordinator Dale Schurter. "The spiritual meat, I feel, has been outstanding."

Six thousand six hundred forty people registered there, with average attendance at 6,000.

A tornado hit Hampton the first day, and 2,000 people were late for services three days, according to Mr. Schurter. "One other thing: We met on ice — literally," he said.

The meeting-hall floor was set up for hockey, so the chairs were put on a layer of insulation over ice, he said.

A tornado came within a couple of miles of the airport half an hour before Herbert W. Armstrong was to land, according to Mr. Schurter, bringing with it "a torrential rain and windstorm."

"But in 30 minutes it was all gone," with only a few clouds in the



TOURING — Arm in arm, these Feastgoers stand in front of historic buildings on a tour during the Feast in Hobart, Australia. [Photo by Stephen Odell]

sky when Mr. Armstrong landed, Mr. Schurter said.

About 2,000 people missed most of morning services three days during the Feast because one of two tunnels leading to the Hampton site was closed for construction and there were three car accidents (not of members) in the other tunnel, delaying traffic for hours.

Scheduled activities at the Hampton site were a YOU day, a family day, an arts-and-crafts show and sports tournaments. In women's volleyball the Charleston-Parkersburg, W. Va., team won first and the Charlotte team second. Richmond, Va., took first in basketball, with Charlotte second, and in softball it was Columbus first, Greensboro second on an overtime game.

The manager of a roller-skating rink sent a memo thanking the congregation and especially YOU members for coming to the skating rink, according to Mr. Schurter, saying they were by far the most outstanding young people he had seen.

"The manager was so impressed that any YOU member that would present a card can be admitted free the entire year there," Mr. Schurter said.

Buck Owen's show performed Thursday night with "an exceptionally good response, 5,500 people," said Mr. Schurter.

Hobart, Australia

Dark clouds and rain were a common sight for 22s Feastgoers at Hobart, Australia, on the island state of Tasmania, but the inclement weather there made it "good for fellowship," according to Kerry Gubb, coordinator.

Ministers Roderick Meredith, Graeme Marshall and Brian Orchard spoke on how to overcome Satan, loyalty to the Work, and the family structure.

A major attraction near the site was the Port Arthur Convict Settlement, built in 1805, along with other historic buildings in the city.

Ross Beath was ordained to local elder during the Feast.

Humacao, Puerto Rico

One hundred five of God's people met at a Marriott resort facility, Palmas del Mar, on a bay overlooking the Atlantic at Humacao, Puerto Rico.

"The weather has been rather showery, but the undaunted spirit of God's people is shining through," reported minister Clarence Bass during the Feast. "Temperatures are peaking in the upper 80s, but the air-conditioned facilities more than compensate for the humidity."

About half of those present were from the mainland of the United

States, the rest from Puerto Rico. Several were from Canada, Mr. Bass said.

A presentation by a Puerto Rican folk-dance group was featured at a picnic Wednesday afternoon.

Sermons were delivered by Richard Ames of Big Sandy and Mr. Bass.

Jekyll Island, Ga.

"Incredibly beautiful weather" characterized the Feast at Jekyll Island, Ga., according to Jerold Aust, pastor of the Wichita, Kan., church and site coordinator.

Two outstanding aspects of the Feast were the Armstrongs' visits and a day on the beach, with softball, volleyball and tennis tournaments.

Registration was 4,670.

Tuesday was YOU day at Jekyll, with teens helping with ushering and parking. Helicopter rides were available, and a big attraction was the old, distinguished mansions in a nearby section of town "hearkening back to Orange Grove in Pasadena," Mr. Aust said.

According to Mr. Aust, the Gulfstream II jet landed right on the island's 3,700-foot runway because of the "very tight schedule" of Herbert W. Armstrong, who flew from the Hampton Va., site.

Two YOU dances each had an attendance of about 400, according to Mr. Aust, in addition to the YOU talent contest held Sunday night with an estimated 1,800 attending.

Men's softball winners were the Chattanooga, Tenn., church; women's softball, Nashville, Tenn.; men's volleyball, Knoxville, Tenn.; and women's volleyball, Cookeville, Tenn. Tennis-singles winners were Larry Goodman and Vicky Kincaid of the Nashville Church.

Local reception was "open, friendly," and "they will do anything they can to make our Feast here enjoyable," Mr. Aust said.

Kenmare, Ireland

Four hundred sixty-five members met at the Silver Slipper Ballroom in Kenmare for the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles in Ireland.

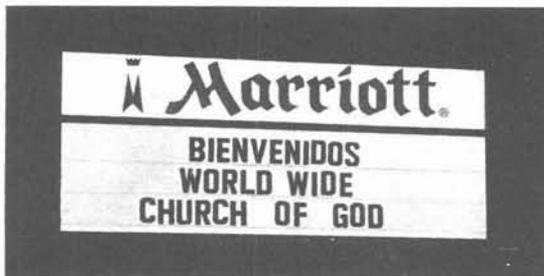
Apart from memorable sermons, the Feast was marked by two bomb scares in the hall used for services. Both turned out to be hoaxes.

Coach trips were taken to the rugged Irish countryside, picturesque landmarks and the historic city of Cork.

A talent show was organized by the Belfast church and included traditional dancing and folk songs.

Lahaina, Hawaii

The Festival site on Maui, one of (See '76 FESTIVAL, page 12)



A WELCOME SIGN — A Marriott Inn welcomes Feastgoers to Tucson, above, and in Wisconsin Dells Herbert W. Armstrong demonstrates a Neostyle, an ancestor to the mimeograph, that was given him by Clifford Heart of Chicago, Ill., below. The centerpiece in front of the lectern, illustrating Micah 4:3, was built by Vern Lanter of the Elkhart, Ind., church. [Photos by Klaus Rothe and Roger L. Smith]





INTERNATIONAL FEAST — Feastgoers in New Zealand, above, enjoy the water, as do paddleboaters on Lake Loma at the Big Sandy site, left. Below is a view of the meeting hall at the Cairns, Australia, site, and, bottom, the children's choir performs at Squaw Valley, Calif. [Photos by Tom Hanson, Brian Hase and David McKee]



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the eight islands of the island state, was host to 1,070 Feastgoers this year, three times last year's attendance of 350, reported Tom Blackwell, site coordinator and pastor of the Honolulu church.

Evangelist Ronald Dart of Pasadena, director of pastoral administration, opened services Friday night, Oct. 8, and preached the next day before traveling to three other U.S. sites.

Members met in the Lahaina Civic Center, which was also the scene of other activities, including a dance and a concert by the Sons of Hawaii, Honolulu recording artists.

The weather was typically Hawaiian — balmy nights and days with occasional rain that would almost always quickly clear.

Mr. Blackwell said the main activity was an authentic luau sponsored by the Hawaiian brethren for visitors to the islands.

Other events included a show presented by AC students from Pasadena, a youth day, tours to numerous points of interest, such as the crater of a dormant volcano, hydrofoil excursions and low-altitude scenic plane rides over the islands.

Offerings on the second Holy Day amounted to an average of more than \$42 per person, Mr. Blackwell said.

Many visitors from the mainland were profuse in their praise of the site and the Hawaiian brethren.

"The local people here really worked hard to provide all the special activities," said Mr. Blackwell, who will soon transfer to the Harrison, Ark., church.

One example was special music, provided every day of the Feast by the Lima Hanas, six members of the Honolulu church who played and sang Hawaiian music.

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

With a registration figure of 8,898, the Feast in Missouri was among the largest anywhere, according to figures compiled from telephone reports. Jim Chapman, pastor of the New Orleans East church and coordinator for the site, said the high points of the Feast were the sermons given by Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong. Their sermons "were absolutely outstanding; people really responded to them," Mr. Chapman said.

Other highlights of the Feast there were a kiddies' day in which 1,000 children, ages 4 to 11, participated in games and other activities, and a picnic for the elderly.

Weather was "perfect."
"I don't see how we could have had any better weather," Mr. Chapman said. Daytime temperatures were in the middle to high 70s.

Mr. Chapman reported no major problems and said local reception to the Feastgoers was "good overall," with no unfavorable press that he was aware of.

"There was a great deal of stress put on the family unit" and its importance, said Mr. Chapman, and a second theme in the sermons given was the need to stick to the goals of Christians, he said.

There was a good balance during the Feast between sermons and recreation, with an emphasis on the family, Mr. Chapman said.

"It was the most balanced Feast I have seen, recreationwise — not too much but something for everyone."

Results of the sports tournaments held there include Springfield-Rolla, Mo., taking first place in women's volleyball, with Kansas City East coming in second.

In softball Belleville was first and Topeka, Kan., second in a close game. Cincinnati North won the golf tourney.

Other attractions Feastgoers took

advantage of were helicopter and air-plane rides, horseback riding, fishing and "all kinds of water sports," according to Mr. Chapman. The Feast show from Ambassador College, Big Sandy, *You 'n' Me*, was presented Oct. 13. The next day was YOU day, with youths helping out in parking and ushering.

"Overall, I think it was a very, very enjoyable Feast," said Mr. Chapman. "The weather, the cooperation and the attitudes made it perfect."

Lenzkirch, West Germany

About 500 German-speaking brethren from 11 countries met for the first time in the Black Forest resort town of Lenzkirch for the Feast, according to Gary Hopkins of the Bonn office. The weather was "warm and sunny, with temperatures reaching the 80s," Mr. Hopkins said.

Local reception was good, with the town of Lenzkirch presenting a program of music and folk dancing Saturday evening, Oct. 9, at which the deputy mayor "warmly welcomed us and presented regional coordinator Frank Schnee with a Black Forest doll as a token of the friendship between Ambassador College and Lenzkirch," Mr. Hopkins said.

The ordination of two men to local elder and one to preaching elder highlighted the opening service of the Feast and foreshadowed the theme of growth in the Work of God and in personal lives, Mr. Hopkins said.

Evangelist Frank Brown flew in from England to give the sermon on Tuesday. Simultaneous translation made it possible for the majority of non-English-speaking brethren to understand via earphones, according to Mr. Hopkins.

Melbourne, Australia

The first Feast of Tabernacles held in Melbourne, Australia, in the state of Victoria, was observed with 914 in attendance. Members there heard sermons by Roderick Meredith, Dean Wilson and Graeme Marshall on how Satan uses society, the fact that God's Work will be accomplished, loyalty and preparing for the Kingdom.

During the Festival Kevin Lulham and Colin Sutcliffe were raised to the office of preaching elder.

Major attractions in the area were Melbourne's museums and theaters and scenery east of the city.

Mount Pocono, Pa.

Official registration figures showed 6,210 people in Mount Pocono, with an average attendance hovering just below 5,000, according to David Robinson, coordinator there.

Herbert W. Armstrong spoke the evening of the first day, and Garner Ted Armstrong was scheduled to speak on the Last Great Day. Sermons expounded Christian liberty as opposed to the modern concept of liberty (Dr. Clint Zimmerman), spiritual warfare (Keith Thomas) and how to be spiritually rejuvenated (Greg Sargent).

The weather was "ideal," according to Mr. Robinson, and he termed "very successful" an arts-and-crafts show, two singles' dances and the annual family day, held at a state park. Local people were friendly and press coverage was good, he said.

Nearby attractions for the Feastgoers included an Amish farm and scenery along the Delaware River. The Big Sandy Feast show performed Saturday night with "fine turnout," Mr. Robinson said.

In the basketball tourney the ministerial team won first place and

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 Union, N.J.-Newburgh, N.Y., took second. The Mount Pocono-Allentown, Pa., team won the softball competition.

Ottawa, Ont.

Highlights of the Feast in Ottawa included a teen dance, talent show and senior citizens' tour of Parliament, according to site coordinator Gary Antion, pastor of the Toronto West church. Though there were snow flurries the first day or two, it was otherwise clear, Mr. Antion reported.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. (CBC) interviewed ministers and members for possible airing on a show called *Concern*, said Mr. Antion, though there was no television coverage of the Feast.

Scheduled activities included a hockey tournament and 2,000-foot bobsled ride that required a chair lift to get to the starting point. Principal speakers were C. Wayne Cole and Mr. Antion, their topics being the need to be ambassadors, by Mr. Antion, and a sermon on being positive, by Mr. Cole.

Pasadena, Calif.

Attendance at the Pasadena site reached an unexpected 4,000 the first day of the Feast, forcing Feastgoers to find seats in the college's classrooms and near the college's swimming pool, according to Greg Albrecht, coordinator.

Because of the large attendance, people started lining up outside the Auditorium at 6 a.m. the Last Great Day to hear Herbert W. Armstrong speak for a morning service beginning at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Albrecht said the site had not prepared for the large turnout, since advance registration indicated only 2,600 would attend.

Services were piped to a large television screen to the college gymnasium, the student center and a couple of classrooms in the college's academic center.

Offerings for the first Holy Day

reached a little over \$12 per person, Mr. Albrecht said.

Highlights for the Feast were a "stockholders' tour" of the Ambassador College campus that some 1,500 "long-distance travelers" were provided; a Festival-sponsored tour of Disneyland and Universal Studios; a banquet for senior citizens; and a family entertainment night, produced by the Ambassador College students.

Mr. Albrecht termed the weather "unseasonably warm" for the first two thirds of the Feast, with temperatures in the mid-90s.

Only one accident marred the Feast, when one couple was hit broadside by a truck just as they began their trip to the Squaw Valley, Calif., site. Both spent the Feast in a hospital bed, Mr. Albrecht reported.

Principal speakers were Herbert W. Armstrong, Dr. Herman Hoeh and Dean Blackwell. The sermons followed a theme of being a more dedicated Christian.

Penticton, B.C.

About 1,700 people registered for the Feast in Penticton, B.C., this year, according to site coordinator Richard Pinelli, pastor of the Surrey and Abbotsford, B.C., churches. Activities included a family night with barbecue and dance, a talent show and an over-40 social, which included another dance and talent show.

A "very successful" teen dance was also part of the Feast, Mr. Pinelli said.

Principal speakers in Penticton were C. Wayne Cole, Brian Knowles and Richard Pinelli. Representative sermon topics included having vision and spirit, Christian living and life in the Millennium, said Mr. Pinelli.

Local reception to the Feastgoers was "fine. They're glad to have us back," said Mr. Pinelli, and media coverage was minimal.

Nearby attractions included a game farm, a boating pond and



LIFT YOUR VOICES — Feastgoers at the Melbourne, Australia, site are led in song in the Camberwell Civic Center. Attendance was slightly more than 900. (Photo by Norm Smith)

helicopter and airplane rides, Mr. Pinelli said.

Port Barcares, France

The Mediterranean resort of Port Barcares, in southwestern France, welcomed 700 French-speaking European members for the autumn *Fete des Tabernacles*.

"It was the best Feast ever," commented Dibar Apartian, headquarters evangelist and director of the French Work, who officiated at the site.

A festive atmosphere was enhanced by music that filled the air. Church youths and others serenaded members while they ate, and on several evenings tunes sung by a roving group of youths echoed throughout the camp.

Swimming and sailing were not the only ways the sea was put to use this year; 25 people were baptized in the Mediterranean.

Four deacons were ordained, for the Paris, Nancy, Nimes and Geneva churches, respectively, as well as a deaconess for the Paris church, the second so far in French-speaking Europe.

Port Dickson, Malaysia

"A warm family atmosphere" prevailed over the Feast in Port Dickson, according to minister John Halford of Burleigh Heads, Australia, coordinator for the site.

Sermons, given by Mr. Halford and Reg Wright, reflected the area's atmosphere, emphasizing the need to understand God as a compassionate Father and the family relationship with God to be developed now and in the future.

Meeting in the National Union Bank Employees Training Center, which overlooks the Strait of Malacca, 160 members, 13 from overseas, met in the resort area, which offers a beautiful beach and calm, warm waters.

"Good weather, good food and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities" were enjoyed by those attending, Mr. Halford said.

Quebec, Que.

A hurricane with winds of up to 75 miles an hour roared through the Quebec City site at the beginning of the Feast, according to Cam Catherwood, site coordinator and pastor of the Montreal French church. "All the brethren survived," he said.

Weather during the Feast was cold and rainy at first and cold and sunny later on.

About 550 people were registered at this Canadian site, Mr. Catherwood said. Local reception was "fine. With only 550 people in such a big city we weren't noticed all that much."

There was no press coverage to speak of, he said.

Activities included a variety show, talent contest and family dance. A puppet show and a social for the elderly were also presented, Mr. Catherwood reported.

Speakers included evangelist C. Wayne Cole and Mr. Catherwood;

topics were peace of mind, the Millennium and being positive.

Regina, Sask.

"Excellent newspaper coverage" and a 25-minute interview on a TV show characterized reception to the Feast at the Regina site, said Charles Bryce, site coordinator and pastor of the Regina church. Local-media people "were very interested as to when Mr. Ted Armstrong could come for a campaign or Bible study or something," said Mr. Bryce.

About 1,800 people registered for this Canadian site, at which the mayor of Regina gave a welcoming address and presented the ministers with sets of cuff links and a brooch for their wives.

Weather was sunny and the temperature above seasonal, Mr. Bryce reported, and the first Holy Day offering totaled \$28,34 per person.

Activities included a broomball game and church social, along with sports tournaments. "All activities had overflow crowds and full support by the brethren," Mr. Bryce said.

Sermon topics included the Kingdom of God, by C. Wayne Cole, how to rejoice, by Mr. Bryce, and Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, recounting the 21 years he has kept the Feast and the blessings that have come along with it.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Very inspiring" sermons by Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong were the highlight of the Festival in Florida, according to coordinator Dick Thompson, pastor of the Dayton (Ohio) A.M. and P.M. churches. About 8,800 people registered for the Feast, held at the Bayfront Center.

There were "no major problems," according to Mr. Thompson, and there was "good weather." Two major attractions were Buck Owens' show, which drew an estimated 5,500, and the Florida Youth Choir, a group of about 200 youths ages 8 to 14.

Among the scheduled activities

were an eligibles' social, softball, basketball and tennis tournaments and a senior citizens' social. Local reception was termed "very good," though there was not a great deal of press coverage.

Mr. Thompson said a popular drawing card of the St. Petersburg site were the beaches and ocean. Also, the site is near Disney World, Busch Gardens, Cypress Gardens and many fine restaurants.

Atlanta, Ga., won the softball touney, with Cartersville, Ga., placing second. Tupelo, Miss., won the basketball competition, and Atlanta came in second.

Mr. Thompson said the tennis tournament, which had 10 categories, was "very successful." Temperatures were in the 80s, with cool evenings, he said.

According to Mr. Thompson, there were several auto accidents, but none was serious. Sermon topics included the temporary nature of life, the urgency of the times and the need to renew efforts in getting the Gospel to the world as a witness, Mr. Thompson said.

St. Philip, Barbados

"Good evening, brethren! Welcome to the Feast of Tabernacles, 1976!"

With these familiar words, Leslie Schmedes, a preaching elder from New York, opened the ninth Feast to be held in Barbados.

"The Feast started on a very high note, even though the attendance of 200 was only two thirds of the expected number," said Victor Simpson, a ministerial assistant from San Juan, Puerto Rico. "Attendance reached 358 on the first Holy Day."

Weather was clear and warm, Mr. Simpson reported.

Scarborough, England

This year for the first time Scarborough, a seaside resort on Britain's northeast coast, was one of four Festival locations for the Feast in Britain and Ireland. About 680 people from (See '76 FESTIVAL, page 18)



LIMA HANA LUAU — Jennie Aina, left, and Violet Sylva, members of the Honolulu church, practice before their performance as part of a music group called the Lima Hanas at a luau on the beach near the Lahaina, Hawaii, Festival site. (Photo by Dixon Cartwright Jr.)



THE JOLLY ROGER — Brethren at the St. Philip, Barbados, site relax aboard a cruise ship called *The Jolly Roger*. (Photo by Henderson Griffin)

Local church news wrap-up

Quoits Game

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — Members held their second picnic of the summer Sept. 12 at the Living Memorial Park in Coopersburg, Pa.

Approximately 140 adults and children enjoyed socializing and eating their family-packed picnic lunches. Steamed corn on the cob was prepared by chef Wilbur Boehm. Ice-milk sandwiches were available for everyone.

Activities included sack races, a tug-of-war, apple bobbing, egg tossing, volleyball, baseball and quoits. Young children enjoyed special games and playground equipment. Prizes were awarded. *Gordon Long.*

Quaking Bodies

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The young adults and their teen guests assembled Sept. 12 at the Turnagain elementary school for an earthshaking softball game.

A damp breeze under overcast skies blew across the playing field that 12 years ago shook in ground swells for several minutes during the 8.5-rated earthquake that decimated the Turnagain area of Anchorage. The score of the ball game, being as lopsided as the earthquake, is best left unmentioned.

Quaking bodies warmed up at the home of deacon Leonard Deal by eating barbecued hot dogs and salad provided by the young adults. *Mike Pickett.*

Musical Labor

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Alaska Festival Choir gathered Sept. 6 in the shadow of Mt. Alyeska, site of the Alaskan Feast of Tabernacles, to celebrate Labor Day by laboring on music for the 1976 Feast.

Choir members drove 100 miles north from Soldotna and 40 miles south from Anchorage to work with choir director Don Webster, a Kenai-Soldotna music teacher, on the 1976 repertoire.

After a three-hour practice, the Alyeska home of Don Phears quieted down as the choir members practiced Feast-type eating on a meal of spaghetti. *Mike Pickett.*

Carolina Picnic

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The Asheville, S.C., and Asheville churches held a combined picnic at Jackson Park in Hendersonville, N.C., Aug. 29.

Horseshoes, tennis, chess and children's contests, including egg-carrying races and shoe-finding events, were a few of the activities. Medals were given to winners of the

children's contests.

On the softball field the Greenville men defeated Asheville 21-13, but the Asheville women sent Greenville reeling 16-10. *Richmond W. Crisp.*

Tunnel of Glowworms

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Thirty-three persons, most of them members here, enjoyed a pleasant but tiring afternoon Sept. 19 hiking through the Waitakere's catchment area for the Auckland water supply.

Spokesman Club President Dennis Gordon organized the hike. The group's first experience was walking through a half-mile-long tunnel that goes through a mountain. A myriad of glowworms covered the ceiling of the tunnel. The hikers also visited a 90-foot dam.

The way back was extremely slippery and the group became lost once before returning home before sunset. *Dirk Verheijden.*

Low Plimsoll Line

BALLYMENA, Northern Ireland — The church here held what has now become its annual picnic at a north-coast resort of Ballintoy Aug. 29. About 40 attended, even though there were two hours of rain before the day became sunny.

The group enjoyed running, jumping and volleyball, and some were brave enough to venture into the cold, briny water. However, visits to the "kitchen," a limestone cave, slowed the brethren down considerably.

Laid out on plastic sheets was an array of home-baked dainties and some fried fish caught that morning. Pastor David Bedford's charcoal brazier sent clouds of aromatic smoke skywards as he wrestled with a mountain of beefburgers that would have activated the gastric juices of an



SECOND OF THE SUMMER — These picnickers line up for a game at Allentown's second picnic of the summer. About 140 people were part of the activities. (See "Quoits Game," this page.) [Photo by Gordon Long]



TROPHY TIME — Coach Norm Silsbee, left photo, takes the first-place trophy for his champion Atlanta men's softball team. Right photo: Coach Leon Morris, right, receives a trophy on behalf of the first-place Atlanta women's team from Harold Lester, minister in the Atlanta church. (See "Tri-State Softball League," this page.)

oak tree.

By the time this reporter went spearfishing, his Plimsoll line was rather low in the water. *Hugh Carton.*

Ministerial Watering

BALLYMENA, Northern Ireland — The church here has reached a milestone in its short sojourn. Although it is now only a little over a year since its inception, the brethren have already had a cake sale that boosted the campaign coffers by about 350 pounds (\$560). There have been two picnics and a weekend camp-out. Two *Garner Ted Armstrong* TV programs have been shown twice, once in an elderly people's home and again for the general public. Both were augmented by a liberal display of booklets.

The first Spokesman Club was held Sept. 5. Since there is now a monthly Bible study in Coleraine, David Bedford, pastor here, decided to utilize the occasion and the room

for a pre-Bible-study club.

It was a miniclub with only five members, plus the director. *Hugh Carton.*

End-to-End Bills

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Sara Collins was honored by the women of the churches here with a restaurant luncheon Sept. 16. Mrs. Collins, wife of associate pastor Robert Collins, had been bedridden for 11 years when she was healed suddenly July 12 (*The Worldwide News*, Aug. 16).

She was presented with a hand-crocheted purse that held a long stream of bills stapled end to end. The bills totaled \$264 and were used to make the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles memorable for her. *Helen F. Garrison.*

Club Ends in Ruins

BULAWAYO, Rhodesia — The Spokesman Club here ended its first year with a family get-together at Khami Ruins, 12 kilometers from Bulawayo, Aug. 29. Games were played, followed by a *braai* (barbecue).

The club held its ladies' night the previous evening when President Melvin Rhodes handed over the reins of office to his successor, Elliott Chichaya. The club is the first multi-racial Spokesman Club in southern Africa, though there are only four white members including director and local elder Ron Stoddart. *Melvin Rhodes.*

Tri-State Softball League

CARTERSVILLE, Ga. — The Worldwide Church of God Tri-State Softball League climaxed its season here Aug. 29.

The league is the first of its kind in this area. Designed and organized by

member and sports coordinator Henry Nix, the league is composed of both men's and women's softball teams from the Cartersville and Atlanta, Ga., Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tenn., and Gadsden, Ala., churches. Each team played 12 games in the season. The teams with the best win-loss records were the champions of the league and were presented trophies for first and second places.

In the final games the first-place trophies were presented to both the Atlanta men's and women's teams. The second-place trophies went to both the Cartersville men's and women's teams.

Most-valuable-player awards were determined by votes that were cast by umpires at the end of each game, with each church supplying two umpires. The award in the men's league was presented to Dave Orban of Knoxville, with Marie Berry of Atlanta and Nellie McFalls of Knoxville tying for the award in the women's league. All were given trophies.

Mr. Nix hopes to have more leagues in 1977 similar to this one in the Southeast so that the winners of each league can meet for a championship game. *Bill Richardson.*

Pet Rocks

CLEVELAND, Ohio — *Garner Ted Armstrong* fair booths were sponsored during August and September in Cuyahoga, Lake and Geauga counties in Ohio.

Volunteers from the Cleveland East and Erie, Pa., churches talked to 899 people, signed up 421 for *Plain Truth* subscriptions, 125 for *The Good News*, 36 for the Correspondence Course and 730 for booklets.

The Geauga County Fair booth proved the most popular of the three and was the only booth set up outside rather than inside one of the fair-ground buildings.

An arts-and-crafts booth sponsored by the East Women's Clubs at the Cuyahoga County Fair pulled in more than \$400, enough profit to pay most of the cost of the three fair booths. A pet-rock display drew attention to the booth and passersby then stopped to look over the craft items. Pet rocks are decorated stones of various sizes that were generally sold for 25 cents. *Barbee Bond.*

High-Flying Chickens

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A pair of softball games pitted the finalists of last year's Jekyll Island softball tournament against one another Sept. 9 at Newberry, S.C.

The first game saw the Greenville, S.C., team jump out in front with two runs in the first inning, but then the

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DISPLAY, AWARDS — These girls (above photo), who attend the Chicago Northwest church, display certificates earned Sept. 4 for memorizing books of the Bible. Back row, from left: Trina Sullivan, Christina Karpowycz, Wendy Keller and Lorene Kloska. Front row: Heidi LaRocco, Lisa Salyers and Jackie Meeker. In the left photo, four young Chicago churchgoers, Christina Karpowycz, Doug and Ernie Hagenow and Lisa Salyers, show the results of their efforts to portray housing, education and clothing in the time of Jesus. The display was used for Chicago Northwest Sabbath services. [Photos by Shirley Karpowycz]



TRYING OUT THEIR WINGS — Harry Bente, center, back row, pilot and deacon in the Pittsburgh, Pa., church, gave these 11 scouts a bird's-eye view of Pittsburgh from his Cessna 210 last month. Some parents, shown here, also took advantage of clear September skies to go for a ride.

Wrap-up

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Columbia Chickens (a nickname given to them by someone previously writing for the *WN*) came on strong. All the Chickens had at least two hits, but the leading hitters were third baseman John Claytor and left-fielder Bob Taylor, both 4 for 5, and center fielder Winston Davis, who had two doubles and a home run. The final score, with Columbia victorious, was 18-4.

The second game was a more even contest. Greenville pitcher Jake Rollins, with his high-arching knuckleball, slowed the Chickens' bats, but they still won 10-5. Bob Taylor again went 4 for 5, and first baseman Clyde Finklea blasted a double and a home run.

Greenville left fielder Ronnie Poole led his team with excellent fielding and strong, timely hitting. *Gene Ardis.*

The Big Sell

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Labor Day, Sept. 6, dawned crisp and clear over Columbus. By 7 a.m. members of the church here began to gather by a huge trailer in the Woolco parking lot. They set up tables and loaded them with goodies from the trailer. There were departments for toys, housewares, clothing, electrical goods, books, baked goods, plants and more.

A long line of buyers waited patiently until the games were opened at 8:30, and then they came like a tidal wave for three hours.

Merchandise moved slower during the afternoon. At 3 p.m. prices were lowered. Toys, books and baked goods were gone by 5 p.m. and housewares were reduced to three boxes of assortments at 25 cents each.

About 4:30 the voice of Paul Heine rang out: "We have a bargain for you. All the clothing you can stuff into one of these shopping bags for 50 cents."

He kept up his chant, and many bags of clothing moved out. Later the price was reduced to a quarter, then to a dime.

Under the direction of Don Lynd and Myron Shaffer, the event was a sellout — to the tune of \$4,500. *George K. Arnold.*

Sabbath Luncheon

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Following Sabbath services here Aug. 28, the widows and widowers and those who provide transportation for them were invited to a luncheon at the community center in Stedman, N.C., by the Church members.

All enjoyed the good food and fellowship. *Olga Marona.*

Cake Connoisseurs

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — A bit of autumn chill was in the air but it didn't take members here long to

warm up to their 10th anniversary picnic held at Wagon Wheel Parkland in Decatur, Ind., Aug. 29.

After a "scumpilicious" potluck dinner served by the ladies, everyone scattered to participate in sports, rides, card playing or fellowship.

One popular activity was riding the bumper cars, as young and old alike maneuvered little electric-powered autos around with the dexterity of an A.J. Foyt or a Bobbie Unser.

Horse enthusiasts had a fine day while the softball gang battled it out on a nearby diamond.

Horse-and-buggy rides and a tractor-pulled-train ride gave families a chance to enjoy the park's scenery.

A prize was given for the best-decorated cake, but no one got to see it for long as cake connoisseurs quickly managed to ascertain that it tasted just as good as it looked.

All ministers who had ever been assigned to this area were sent invitations, though most were unable to attend. Ministers attending were Bruce Vance, Detroit and Ann Arbor, Mich., pastor, and his family; Garvin Greene, Anderson and Columbus, Ind., pastor; and Frank McCrady Jr., Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., pastor and father of Fort Wayne pastor Frank McCrady III. *June Grove.*

Youth Day

FLORENCE, Ala. — The young people of the church here conducted services Sept. 4. Butch Stanley had the opening prayer and Jerry Green led the singing, accompanied by



SONG LEADER — Jerry Green conducts song services on youth day in Florence, Ala. (Photo by Joe Campbell)

Marsha Williams at the piano. Marty Stanley and Gwen Richardson took attendance.

Paul Thompson gave a sermonette on "What is Quality?" and explained how it relates to jobs and attitudes. Mel Turner, pastor, followed with a sermon on youth and how to be the leaders of the future.

David Kimbrell gave the closing prayer; David Woods parked cars; others assisted in setting up chairs and cleaning up. *Jan Old.*

Drop-In Campers

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The YOU group here traveled to a site near Moab, Utah, for a weekend

camp-out Aug. 27. Forty-two people attended the camp-out; 23 stayed all three days and 19 were drop-ins.

The group was sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Al Chandler, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Alderfer, Sally Lyon and Nancy Hotz.

Three tents and a cooking area were set up Friday afternoon. After breakfast and cleanup Sabbath morning the campers took a hike through picturesque rock formations.

Mr. Chandler conducted a Bible study geared to the young people. That evening pastor Ledru Woodbury and his wife arrived, and John Fogg led a sing-along around the camp fire.

Before breaking camp Sunday, the campers drove to the Dolores River for a swim. *Kathy Lyon.*

Early-Bird Breakfast

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — For those members here who were brave enough to come out in the 50-degree weather Aug. 29, the day started with an early-bird breakfast at Douglas-Walker Park.

After breakfast a ball game was started between the 40-years-and-older men and the women. The women's team consisted of about 25 members, and all 25 went out to play in the field. The men finally managed to win the game by one run.

The young adults challenged the teens to a game of volleyball. At the end of the first game the young adults looked bad, but they bounced back and won two of the three games.

The Ladies' Club sponsored a cakewalk that proved to be profitable. The preteens became involved with a tug-of-war, a ball toss and a candy scramble. *Norm Walker.*

A Touch of Youth

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Sabbath services here Sept. 4 were filled with a touch of youth. It was youth day. All the duties except the sermon, which was delivered by pastor Mel Turner, were performed by the church's young people. Two sermons were given, one by Joel McDonald and the other by Robby Lamb.

Other duties were opening prayer, Wade Mastin; music, Keith Karr, Chris Karr, Lenny Smith and the young people's chorale; announcements, Johnny Baker; closing prayer, Ricky Keith; hall setup, everyone; coffee, Leah Parker and Theresa Doss; lost and found, Mary Montano and Connie Russell; public-address system, Chuck Curry; ushers and head count, Roger Keith, Hal Brothers, Charles Underwood and Randy Martin; ladies' rest room, Naomi Bone, Rebecca Doss and Connie Russell; mothers' room, Marsha Doss and Cindy Underwood; parking, Lisa Sampson, Franklin Bone, Mike and Rick Curry; library, Mary Montano; songbooks, Naomi Bone and Rebecca Doss; men's rest room, Lenny Smith and Bart Justice; and hall cleanup, everyone.

Services were refreshing, and the general consensus was that youth day should happen more often. *Gay Chaney.*

Fair Turnout

KITCHENER, Ont. — As the aging summer passes the reins of time to autumn, 'tis the season for joyous frivolity in southern Ontario. Almost every town has its annual fair and at all the major ones are displays staffed by members of the Worldwide Church of God.

The Central Ontario Exhibition was held here Aug. 31 to Sept. 6. A booth was operated for the second year with the combined efforts of the Kitchener, London and Windsor, Ont., churches.

Manufacturing costs were shared equally. The Windsor craftsmen were the artisans who fabricated the structure out of square steel tubing. Purple fabric was hung from the

frame as a backdrop for the eye-catching pictures and displays. A carousel providing a rotating display of *Plain Truth* covers was added this year.

Manning the booth was an opportunity to experience firsthand the reactions of Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Public to the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast and the Work.

A total of 1,132 *Plain Truth* magazines, 572 *Good News* magazines and 207 copies of lesson 1 of the Correspondence Course were given out. In addition, 338 requests for 1,377 pieces of literature were filled out as well as 805 subscription cards. This is more than double the 472 *Plain Truths* given out last year.

As for the booth, it was quickly dismantled and taken to London in preparation for the opening of the Western Fair. *Craig Marley.*

Lenoir Reel

LENOIR, N.C. — The church here had a round and square dance at the Lenoir Moose Lodge Sept. 11.

Music was provided by a band organized by member Joe Ramsey. He composed a special piece of music for the occasion and named it "The Lenoir Reel."

This was the first social here since the arrival of the new minister and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smylie, who received their initiation into mountain music and dancing. *Dalton Medford.*

Steep Sleep

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The young people here had been anticipating the camp-out to be held at Maynard Tapp's baby farm Sept. 11 and the day finally arrived.

After devouring quantities of hot dogs, hamburgers and marshmallows roasted over the camp fire, 22 preteens and seven hardy adults rolled out their sleeping bags under the stars to slip and attempt to sleep — the campsite was on a hillside. But little sleep was had, since most of the children were so excited they talked into the early morning.

After a large outdoor breakfast, some fished while others rode ponies.

Next summer the group hopes to find a flatter and less rocky location. *G.M. Russell.*

Bluegrass Music

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The church here held its annual outing Aug. 29 at the North Central 4-H Camp near Carlisle, Ky.

Activities included swimming, softball, horseshoes, fishing and loafing as well as nail driving, plank sawing, a catalog race and games for the kiddies.

Winners of contests were Eugene Burton, sawing; Ken Tapp and husband-wife team Dave and Kim Hannaway, nail driving; Steve Tucker and Dave Hannaway, catalog race, open division; and Melony and Bill Faulkner, catalog race, father-and-son-or-daughter division.

After a potluck meal in the dining hall, the day ended with a sing-along and bluegrass music. *Ken Tapp.*

Usual Chatter

MAIDSTONE, England — The Maidstone and Orpington churches resorted to green Mote Park here Sept. 12 for an afternoon of fellowship and fun.

The day commenced with skies overcast, but soon they turned to something more appreciated and everyone participated in games with names that have only recently found their way into the English way of enjoyment, namely swingball and Frisbee throwing.

Other activities were shooting, model railway, rounders (more like baseball) and the usual chatter.

In late afternoon the group enjoyed tea and, after more of a period of

informality, returned home. *George D. Holden.*

Family Month

MEDFORD, Ore. — The State of Oregon declared Sept. 13 to 19 Family Week. All citizens were urged to recognize that good family relationships are the primary source of strength to the community.

Leonard Schreiber, pastor of the Medford and Klamath Falls churches, declared Sept. 18 to Oct. 16 Family Month for the two churches.

Mr. Schreiber kicked off the month's activities with a family sermon urging all parents to take an active part in every area of their children's lives and to make the coming Feast of Tabernacles a family affair. He suggested that each family adopt someone without relatives in the Church so that no one would be left out.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parsons sponsored an ice-cream party for the 40 teens and their parents Sept. 18.

Families gathered at a roller rink Sept. 19 for a forenoon of fellowship, fun and exercise.

That same day the "church family" united in donating goods to be sold at a superannuation sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Kastner to raise money for an additional offering for the Feast of Trumpets. *I. Schreiber.*

Slo-Pitch Steamrollers

MELBOURNE, Fla. — The big, well-oiled Red Machine from St. Petersburg steamrolled its way to victory at the Florida Invitational Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament, which was sponsored by the church here at Kiwanis Park, Marritt Island, Fla.

Two of the five teams were St. Pete's first victims as it rolled over Melbourne 14-7 and squashed Fort Lauderdale 23-5. Orlando looked good as it downed Miami handily 10-2 on the other field. Its victory was short-lived, however, as St. Pete cranked up the old machine and ground out a decisive victory 17-8.

All was not lost, however, as the spectators and players quenched their thirsts or drowned their sorrows, as the case may have been, at the concession stand set up by the church here. *Dave Ingram.*

Tole Painting

MELBOURNE, Fla. — The first meeting of the Women's Club here was brought to order by club President Mary Johnson Sept. 11 at the home of Burdette Woodridge. The business session was opened with ideas for fund-raising and service projects.

Donna O'Brien presented topics emphasizing becoming acquainted. Shirley Moore gave a talk and demonstration about tole and decorative painting.

The club's evaluation was by director and recently ordained preaching elder Jim O'Brien. *Connie Ingram.*

Gobbled Pizzas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — "You should have seen those boys making pizzas!" expressed some of the adults who chaperoned a teen pizza party at Sue Rutledge's home in Smyrna, Tenn., Sept. 18.

John Bradford, Chuck Smith, Bill Vernich and others assisted the girls in the pizza-making process, which entailed some diligent effort on the more than 15 pizzas that were eagerly gobbled up by the 50 teens attending.

Chaperons included Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Caudill, Mary Brent and Juanita Corbin. *Everett Corbin.*

Duck-and-Goose

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The sign reserving the main pavilion at Henry (See WRAP-UP, page 16)

Wrap-up

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Horton State Park Aug. 29 read "Worldwide Church of Christ." Once this slight problem was resolved with the scratch of a pen, members here of the Worldwide Church of God began their second social of the summer.

The day's activities included the usual swimming for both adults and young people, in addition to softball. But those enjoying the day the most were the children, who for the first time came in for some special attention with games tailored especially for them.

Sue Rutledge, assisted by Mary Brent, made the first-, second- and third-place ribbons that were awarded in the children's games, including softball throw, rope jumping, potato race, sack race, three-legged race, Frisbee throw, and duck-and-geese.

An additional thrill for the adults was a canoe ride down the Duck River, which cuts through the park.

Mrs. Rutledge was host to a Hawaiian-style singles' party at her home in Smyrna, Tenn., Sept. 5. The evening featured delicious eating and a wee bit of group singing. Several selections were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Spicher, who were joined by others.

Tony Hammer, pastor here, and his wife were special guests. *Everett Corbin.*

Potluck Sabbath

NEWBURGH, N.Y. — The relatively new church here held its first social function, a potluck supper, Sept. 11. Immediately after associate pastor Dave Pack's sermon, the hall was cleared and tables set up by Gene Rossi and crew.

The tables were decorated, gourds and all, by Lynn Sandland and Jennie Simon, while Shirley Pack and crew arranged the meal on a separate serving table.

About 70 people, including many visitors, stayed after services for the supper. The church has averaged about 20 visitors each week. Mr. Pack plans to have a potluck Sabbath every three months. *Dave Sandland.*

Dime 'n' Pin

NEW CASTLE, Ind. — A Hawaiian luau was the theme for a Labor Day-weekend outing here Sept. 4 and 5 for the Anderson and Richmond, Ind., churches.

A hindquarter of beef turned over a fire all night for the next day's main course. Three women coordinated the food, punch and decorations. Hawaiian dishes were complemented by pineapple halves hollowed out and filled with pieces of fruit.

Hawaiian music set the tone as the meal was eaten on tables set near the ground. Diners with flowered shirts, dresses, muumius and grass skirts were entertained by six young hula dancers, ages 2 through 9, the 2-year-old being helped by the 3-year-old.

Rhodon Cross, Anderson deacon, then gave a quiz on the Hawaiian Islands, which Anderson won. Anita DeMent won a "dime 'n' pin" by guessing within four beans of the 1,946 in a jar. Tugs-of-war for everyone concluded the planned activities, with the Anderson men, Richmond women and Anderson children winning the pulls. *Garvin Greene.*

20-Mile Canoe Trip

OTTAWA, Ont. — Forty-seven teens and 11 adults enjoyed fun, sunshine and fellowship at Canoe Lake, Ont., Aug. 20 to 26. Young people from Montreal, Que., and Cornwall, Kingston, Smiths Falls and Pembroke, Ont., attended the camp, which was sponsored by the teens here.



SAN DIEGO OVER NORWALK — These girls, San Diego's YOU girls' volleyball squad, beat a team from Norwalk, Calif., as YOU's national volleyball competition began in the areas last month. From left, on floor: Ramona Clarke, Vanessa Reeves and Linda Gomperts. Seated: Jeri Dau, Janie Voss (captain), Michelle Jacobi and Karen Hughes. Standing: Renee Salter, Renee Hartford, Barbara Sittner, Paul Smith (coach), Anita Dwinell and Caroline White. (See "Volleyball Competition," this page.) (Photo by Susan Karoska)

Outdoor Sabbath services were conducted by Eric Livermore of Ottawa and Bill Rabey of Montreal. The teenagers took part in an open discussion covering various subjects.

A 20-mile, all-day canoe trip was a high point of the camp. *Gary King.*

Don't Wake the Snake

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The church here held a picnic breakfast at Saratoga Park, San Jose, Calif., beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 29.

Folding tables and portable camp stoves were set up to form an assembly-line production of tasty food. A nominal \$1 per person 10 years and older and 50 cents for those under 10 provided an all-you-can-eat breakfast of fried eggs and pastrami, whole-wheat pancakes (a Sharon Dillard specialty), lots of butter and homemade syrup, cantaloupe slices, coffee, milk and tea.

Those responsible for preparing and serving the food were Larry and Arvine Walton, Jay and Jan Brown, Paul and Sharon Dillard, Leo and Laverne Levasseur, Tom Collins and Nadine Whitaker.

Cleo Jones was game master and provided volleyball, horseshoes and an electronic game called Don't-Wake-the-Snake. The children enjoyed a recreation area and climbed trees. *Arvine Walton.*

The Rainmakers

PLYMOUTH, England — Some sensible people pray for rain, some do a rain dance, and some wash their cars. The brethren here, however, do the first above and then just go walking.

This area has been having its worst drought in centuries. Then all that dry, sunny weather was shattered when 24 brethren here gathered at Peter Tavy School for a 10-mile tor hike in the Tamar Valley. While they were waiting for tardy arrivers, the sky blackened, thunder crashed and lightning lit the sky, but only a few drops of much-needed rain fell.

The group, led by John Terrett, agreed not to walk the moor because of the lightning, but instead to take a short walk to Cadson Bury, an ancient earthworks stronghold, which was some 10 miles from Peter Tavy. On arrival at the top of Cadson Bury, flasks were opened and sandwiches shared. Then ominous clouds were followed by the liquid. Those unprepared were soaked to the skin before getting halfway down the hill.

All adjourned to the Terretts' nearby cottage and enjoyed cards and a sing-along before returning home after the rain.

Mr. Terrett put the story into song

Truro Sept. 26 and at Exeter Oct. 24. *Francis Cann.*

Whitewater Picnic

ROCHESTER, Minn. — The church here enjoyed a potluck picnic at Whitewater State Park near Elba, Minn., Aug. 29. Several St. Paul members also attended.

The softball team here had challenged the St. Paul team to a game that saw St. Paul defeat Rochester 11-3. Then they agreed to play a five-inning game, which gave Rochester an 8-7 victory.

Other activities included horseshoe pitching, volleyball and Frisbee throwing. *Judy Bushlack.*

Wheelchair Guests

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Members of the church here enjoyed a potluck picnic Sept. 12 at Oscar Scherer Park, near Sarasota, Fla.

Also enjoying the picnic were five wheelchair residents from a convalescent home who were guests of the brethren. Several members provided transportation for them. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Deluxe Activities

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The



SAN JUAN PICNIC — Young and old enjoy fellowship at a Puerto Rico church picnic. (See "Home-Grown Bananas," this page.)

and it was played out by the hikers and a drummer in a talent show organized by Mr. Terrett Sept. 12. About 50 people were present.

The judges named drummer John Collins and guitarists Les and Seth Rowles the winners. They represented the Plymouth church at the Feast of Tabernacles at Brea Sands.

The same show was to be given at

church here celebrated its 10th anniversary with a pair of deluxe activities Aug. 28 and 29. Fred Coulter, who established the church Aug. 27, 1966, with an attendance of 95, and family drove across the desert from his present home near Monterey, Calif., to join in the celebration.

The ladies outdid themselves with



10TH ANNIVERSARY — Ministers Fred Coulter, left, and Charles Groce display Salt Lake City's 10th-anniversary cake. (See "Deluxe Activities," this page.)

a potluck dinner, served after Mr. Coulter's sermon.

The group met the following morning at Lagoon Amusement Park to be tossed, turned and tumbled through the skies on the breathtaking rides. Those with more sensitive stomachs enjoyed touring a reconstructed pioneer village, swimming or lunching.

The 10-year anniversary cake was delicious as well as beautiful. *Roger Ludwig.*

Volleyball Competition

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Opening play in the YOU girls' volleyball national competition began with San Diego and Escondido playing Norwalk at the Grossmont High School gym here Sept. 19.

Larry King's Norwalk team won its opening match against Escondido 15-9 and 15-7, but crumbled under the more powerful play of Paul Smith's San Diego girls who won easily 15-11 and 15-3. Glenn Bechtold and Tom Ivcevic coach the Escondido team.

Referee was Dan Brady, a member of the San Diego Association of Referees. *Susan Karoska.*

Teen Club Disbands

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Teen Club here, which has served the young people of this area for several years, has disbanded in favor of the nationally affiliated YOU groups.

Coordinators and officers for Escondido, Calif., and San Diego YOU clubs were announced by pastor James Friddle last month.

Escondido coordinators are Tom Ivcevic and Glenn Bechtold. Officers are Laurie Sass, president; Robert Powell, vice president; Karen Shogquist, secretary; John Helmuth, treasurer.

Paul Smith has been named San Diego coordinator, with the following club officers: Steve Friddle, president; Barbara Sittner, vice president; Janie Voss, secretary; Karen Hughes, treasurer. *Susan Karoska.*

The Voice of Freedom

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The New Horizon Singers and the Norwalk Junior Choir presented a performance with an American bicentennial theme, *The Voice of Freedom*, Sept. 18 at Craftsman Hall here.

The lively and fast-paced presentation was enhanced with narration, slides, dance and instrumental accompaniment. It related some of the high points of American history of the last 200 years, including immigrations from the world over.

Larry Holbrooks, producer, Norwalk pastor Wayne Dunlap, writer and narrator, and Dan Salcedo, choir director, assembled the production. They were assisted by Jerry Andrews, stage manager, Allyn Aldridge, assistant stage manager, Leona Forste, Arliss Gamble, Izetta Mello and Esther Salcedo.

Dorothy Flynn was pianist. Other performers were Tony Dominguez, Larry Holbrooks, Carolyn Mello and Ester Mora, dancers; Diane Davis, flutist; Greg Endries and Benny Perez, drummers; Earl Allen, guitarist; and Bob Maw, Leona Forste, Jerry Andrews and Amy Ward, soloists.

The San Diego appearance marked the fourth performance by the group of more than 100 persons, and other performances are planned. *Susan Karoska.*

Home-Grown Bananas

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A picnic here took place Sept. 5 near Guavate, which is nestled away among tropical foliage.

After a game of water-balloon tossing, spirits and bodies were not too dampened when heavy rains began to fall during the course of the picnic. In between showers the group enjoyed games such as grab-the-can, tele- (See WRAP-UP, page 17)

Wrap-up

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 phone, dominoes and rope jumping and even managed to squeeze in a somewhat muddy hike.

The day was topped off with a pot-luck meal typical to Puerto Rico consisting of fish cakes for appetizers; *pastei*, a main dish of meat with sauce, bananas, mashed carrots and squash all wrapped and tied in banana leaves; rice dishes; avocados; fruit salad with home-grown bananas; flan; and pineapple cake for dessert. *K. Crepinsek.*

Churches' Retreat

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — The North Bay churches, comprised of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., brethren, spent Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4 and 5, at a retreat conducted by Ed Mauzey, pastor of both churches. The retreat was at Casini Ranch, along the Russian River, near Duncan Mills.

The retreat was themed "The Christian Family." Saturday Mr. Mauzey conducted a Bible study and workshops and Dennis Adams, pastor of the San Francisco church, shared an array of slides detailing the construction of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness.

On Sunday the brethren conducted workshops that stressed Bible principles as applied to family affairs: Roger Hanes, D. V. M., on animal care; Frank Saxen on insurance; Joe Morris on home remodeling; and Gary Barmore on real estate. Cor Grieve conducted a workshop on painting, and Bill Lund presented a film on alcoholism followed by a question-and-answer period.

Teens were bused in their own vehicle Saturday afternoon to historic Ft. Ross for a special study while the adults enjoyed a nature hike and nature films.

The teens again enjoyed their bus on a trip to Guerneville, Calif., Sunday evening, while others played family bingo.

The retreat's food was spearheaded by a spaghetti feed prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Vern Sparks of Vallejo, Calif. The YOU men prepared and served Sabbath brunch with 100 pounds of potatoes (hash-browned), 50 dozen eggs (scrambled) and pancakes.

Sunday Roger Hanes, Bob Cooper and Alan Leach barbecued 155 pounds of beef and a whole lamb for all to enjoy.

Camp broke up Monday. *Bill Lund.*

Rummage Browsers

SPOKANE, Wash. — An enthusiastic "Hey, where do you want this junk, I mean, merchandise?" started the early-morning activities at the Ziegler parking lot Sept. 19 as the church's rummage sale here got under way.

Rick Stafford was in charge of the sale as load after load arrived and was sorted into spaces allotted for such items as clothing, shoes, hardware, appliances, plants and games.

Vern Ziegler, owner of the Ziegler Building Center, gave the brethren free use of a portion of the parking area for the sale.

Members started bringing salable items to pickup points two weeks before the sale. Work parties made signs to direct people to the sale and ads were placed in newspapers.

The proceeds went to the church's activity fund. The YOU group here sold popcorn and cold drinks to the people browsing through the rummage.

Unsold items were donated to the Prevocational Training Center for the Handicapped. *Verne Enos.*

Candy-Striped Carnations

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — The over-60 group feted Mrs. Bob Walker with a farewell dinner at her

home Sept. 12 with 42 attending. The day was interspersed with card and bingo playing, eating a bounteous dinner, a sing-along and a short business meeting.

Jess McClain and Bill Freeland, pastor, acting on the group's behalf, presented Mrs. Walker with a candy-striped carnation corsage and a lacy white shawl. After the Feast Mrs. Walker's new home will be in Albuquerque, N.M. *Janice Adkins.*

Farewell to Summer

THUNDER BAY, Ont. — The teens here wrapped up their summer vacations Sept. 3 to 6 with a weekend camp-out at a farm.

The group headed for the farm Friday evening to set up camp. On the Sabbath Paul Linehan, ministerial trainee, led the teens in a Bible study. Towards sundown a bonfire was built for a wiener roast, followed by a sing-along.

Sunday saw such activities as football, softball and everyone's favorite, a water-balloon-tossing contest. Unfortunately, swimming in nearby Oliver Lake had to be called off due to an early-autumn chill in the air.

After breakfast on Monday, the weary campers packed up their gear and headed home ready to start another school year the next day. *Dolores Koetter.*

National Exhibition Booth

TORONTO, Ont. — The Canadian National Exhibition here is one of the largest annual exhibitions in the world. This year some 3.6 million visitors from many parts of the world went through its turnstiles during the 20-day run ending Sept. 6.

Members of the churches here had designed, built and financed an Ambassador College booth to advertise the college, what it stands for and what it teaches.

Literature requests, 2,628 in all, asking for 11,463 pieces of literature, were received from people living in Canada and the United States, as well as Europe, Asia, Africa, the West Indies and Mexico. A total of 1,159 new subscriptions were added to *The Plain Truth* mailing list, while 9,150 current issues of the magazine were picked up, being part of 25,223 copies of Ambassador College publications that were taken or handed out during the exhibition. *Keith Van Pelt.*

Special Practice

WHEATWOOD, Sask. — "Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" The legion hall here resounded with eager voices Sept. 19. Chorale members from Manitoba and Saskatchewan gathered for the first time to practice together. Many drove four and five hours to reach here.

The Whitewood ladies of the Moosomin, Sask., church provided lunch and supper. *C.M. Finch.*

First Women's Club

WICHITA, Kan. — Canterbury Inn hummed with activity Sept. 19 as 98 women gathered for the first Women's Club of the season under the direction of Jerold and Mary Ann Aust.

Mr. Aust, who was pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches before coming here, took the first half of the meeting to explain the club's format, direction and goals. One goal is to make the club available to serve the community.

The format for the first half of club each month will encourage participation of the members with a business session, nonfiction book report and an open discussion of one of the women of the Bible.

Mr. Aust said he preferred to keep the second half professional by inviting guest lecturers to speak who are well-versed in their own fields. Several fields suggested by the ladies were interior design, nutrition, arts and crafts and community service.

Arts and crafts will be explored in the next club Oct. 31 to prepare for

the church's coming bazaar. The bazaar, directed by Mrs. Lyle Campbell, will enable the ladies to display their handiwork to the community as part of a fund-raising project.

Mr. Aust emphasized that the primary goals are the development of character and domestic skills. *Gail Hubbell.*

Balloon Stepping

WINDSOR, Ont. — Sunday was fun day when the congregation here got together for an end-of-summer picnic Aug. 29.

The women teamed up for volleyball during the morning while the men played their own version of touch football.

Following a basket lunch, the picnickers performed the skills necessary to break balloons attached to their opponents' ankles without getting their own feet stepped on, as well as running relay races.

The day's events concluded with a hamburger and salad supper and another game of football. *Leslie A. Turvey.*

Something' fer Free

WINNIPEG, Man. — When summer comes to the Canadian prairies, the people revel in the welcome respite from winter's frigid grip. Every community worth its salt has its own festival.

This summer the Winnipeg (South) and Winkler, Man., and Roseau, Minn., churches set up display booths at seven fairs in southern Manitoba, Minnesota and North Dakota under the leadership of pastor David Fraser. Plans for the booths and some of the materials came from Pasadena, with the construction by member Bob Hunter. They were collapsible to make them easily transportable from town to town.

Members manned the booths, giving away literature, answering questions and supplying booklet-request forms to interested fairgoers.

A record for literature given away in Manitoba was set this year. More than 700 *Plain Truths* were distributed, along with 300 *Good News* magazines, 600 copies of *World Crisis in Agriculture* and more than 300 other booklets. In addition, 200 people took request forms to send in for literature not available at the booth.

Members got a tremendous boost from being involved with the booth. Some discovered a latent talent for salesmanship, engaging interested but hesitant passersby in conversation and helping them overcome their shyness about "takin' somethin' fer free."

Later in the year public Bible studies will be held in many of the areas covered by the display booths. *Don Mears.*

Wipeout

ALEXANDRIA, La. — Members here and their guests began arriving the evening of Aug. 27 at the Lions Club camp in Leesville, La., prepared for a weekend of roughing it. They found, instead, camping with a touch of luxury.

Participants were housed in modern air-conditioned dormitories with all the comforts of home and a little more, for some.

Hot meals were served throughout the weekend in an air-conditioned dining hall. Ladies under the direction of Mrs. Tom Haymon worked to prepare enough food for even the heartiest of appetites. The women were pleasantly surprised when some of the men took over the dishwashing.

Sabbath services were outdoors under a pavilion.

Music of all types was provided that evening by Tom Tannehill, a Monroe, La., member who played an electric guitar and sang rock-flavored vocals; H.L. Triplett, member here, who played a guitar and sang country-western tunes; and Jim Turner, Monroe pastor, who played

the drums and thrilled the group with his version of "Wipeout." A dancing exhibition was given by Tom and Marylou Haymon, Alexandria's answer to Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Other activities were tennis, basketball, miniature golf, badminton and swimming. *Judy Oakes.*

Personalized Quilt

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Beautiful Daniel's Lake was the setting for the end-of-summer picnic here Aug. 22.

A game of horseshoes kept everyone entertained, and the day turned out warm enough for swimming in the lake.

Plenty of good food was enjoyed by all during the afternoon.

Bill Gordon, minister of the Alaskan churches, and his wife Helen were presented with an unusual, handmade quilt. Every family embroidered its name and personal design on squares. Mrs. Jess Evans, deaconess, organized several women to put the squares together and finish the quilt for the occasion.

Mr. Gordon and local elder Al Tunseth ordained a local elder and two deacons here Sept. 4. The ordination of Dick Eckman as local elder means that three men are now available to share the new Fairbanks Sabbath service, which requires a two-hour round-trip commuter-jet flight from here. *Joan Ellington and Mike Pickett.*

Skating Party

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — A YOU outing was held Aug. 28 and 29 in conjunction with a skating party for the brethren at the nearby Hub City Roller Rink Aug. 29.

The 27 teens attending began their outing Saturday night at the YWCA here with a chili supper and a meeting in which YOU officers were announced by coordinator James Taylor. The officers are Greg Musgrave, president; Johnathan Grimes, vice president; Ann Odum, secretary-reporter; and Cathy Taylor, treasurer. After that the teens had basketball, cheerleading and pep-squad practice. The group spent the night at Mr. and Mrs. Taylor's home.

Activities the next day included volleyball practice for the girls, skating with 58 other brethren and swimming. Several teens won free passes and drinks at the skating rink by competing in games and races. *Ann Odum.*

Junior Olympics

HENDERSONVILLE, N.C. — The Asheville, N.C., and Greenville, S.C., churches held an outing at Jackson Park here Aug. 29.

Greenville won the men's softball game 21-13 with a big first inning, while Asheville took the women's game 16-10.

A junior Olympics consisted of races and games for the children. Medals were awarded for the top three places in each event. Participation was the important thing, not merely winning, so each child who took part but did not place also received a medal.

Later some enjoyed swimming at Laurel Park Lake.

Asheville deacon Jay "Chef-Boy-R" Deaton headed up a team of men who fried chicken for the 125 people attending. The ladies brought vegetables, dessert and drinks, with watermelon served later. *Allen McIntosh and Joyce Stepp.*

Unfeathered Chicken

LAWTON, Okla. — The newly organized chorale here, under the direction of Don Jackson, who recently moved from Big Sandy, sang for the first time during services Aug. 14.

The chorale, with about 20 members, sang again at the Feast of Trumpets.

About 100 members and their

families here loaded up all their picnic gear and traveled to Lucy Park in Wichita Falls, Tex., for their annual summer picnic Aug. 15.

Some former Lawton members, now living in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, were also there.

Softball, volleyball and horseshoes took up the morning. Other activities, after a picnic lunch, were sack racing, egg tossing, apple bobbing and leg racing (for the tiny tots). Winners were awarded first-, second- and third-place ribbons. Then it was on to the swimming pool to cool off.

Mr. and Mrs. W.L. Bailey, winners of the egg toss, were awarded a chicken that had lost all its feathers and was badly in need of a good home. *Ethel Register.*

Slumbering Bowlers

LAWTON, Okla. — The teenagers here held a bowling party Aug. 29 at the Thunderbird Bowling Alley here. Since not everyone was equally matched in ability, the scores ranged from the low 30s to the 170s.

The bowling was the conclusion to two slumber parties the night before.

The girls' party was held at the home of Joe Dobson, pastor, with the boys' party at Judy Burt's home. Earlier that evening the boys and a few of the girls had played basketball, gathering at the Dobsons' house for refreshments, dancing and cards after the game. At midnight the boys went to their own party.

The lack of sleep didn't help the bowling scores the next day.

This outing concluded activities for the summer of '76 for the teens here. *Lyn Walker.*

Baseball Awards

NORWALK, Calif. — The church here concluded its first baseball season with a pizza dinner for players and their families at Roma Pizza in Lakewood, Calif., Aug. 29.

Pastor Wayne Dunlap, assisted by Rick Stites and Gary Mysels, coaches of the A and B teams, was on hand to present certificates of achievement to the youngsters. Don Turk, director of the junior boys' sports activities, was master of ceremonies.

Those receiving awards on the A team were John and Mack Flores, Jeff Green, Doug Hurelbick, John Jones, Greg Muriel, Randy and Ronny Raught, Mark Sanchez, Doug Schenk, Don Turk and Kevin and Paul Wright.

B-team members receiving awards were Danny Blinn, Rex Danyluk, Dale Dubelbeiss, Darryl Goff, Dave Muriel, Ray Mysels, John and Tim Newsom, Alex Ortiz, Tim Salcedo, Kenny and Lee Schoenfeld.

In its initial season the league, for 7- to 12-year-old boys, included teams from the Santa Ana, Long Beach and Pasadena, Calif., churches, as well as Norwalk. *Gary Mysels.*

Suburban Church League

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — The slo-pitch team here was eliminated from play-off competition in the Suburban Church Slo-Pitch Softball League after losing to Brockport (N.Y.) Free Methodist 19-13 in a hitters' contest Aug. 17.

The Suburban Church League consisted of 18 teams from churches in the Spencerport, N.Y., area. The teams were divided into the northern, central and southern divisions, with six teams each.

Playing in its first league competition ever, the team here captured first place in the central division with a 9-3 record.

Members of the team were Danny, Jack and Ron Beilstein, Roger Briggs, Brenda and Dean Fenton, Brian and Jake Hannold, Jeff Hawver, Brian and Eric Lasch, Bill, Nancy and Steve Mansfield, Dave and Dick Mitchell, George Robinson and Gary Richards. *Jake Hannold.*

'76 Festival report

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all over the British Isles, and a number from overseas, attended daily services.

On the first Holy Day the mayor of Scarborough welcomed members of the Church to his town. In his short opening address he expressed the opinion of David Stirk, coordinator of the site, that what the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College had to offer was just what Scarborough needed.

Wednesday evening a civic reception and dance were sponsored by the borough council of Scarborough and by the deputy major and deputy mayors.

Besides the regular morning services with key speakers Ronald Kelly and Frank Brown, evangelists, at the beginning and end of the Feast, respectively, members enjoyed sports, social activities, tours and other recreation. Waterskiing attracted some, and a square dance proved popular.

Tuesday was YOU day. Teenagers and their parents enjoyed a beach party, fireworks display, talent show, sing-along and dance.

Spokane, Wash.

Highlights of the Feast in Spokane were the visits of the Armstrongs and the performance put on by the Pasadena students' Feast show, according to site coordinator Leonard Walker, head of the Theology Department in Big Sandy.

Warm weather, in the 70s during the day, was "A-1 perfect," Mr. Walker said.

According to Mr. Walker, things were "very, very busy, but routine," with no problems. Sermons covered faith in the presence of adversity, by Mr. Walker, commitment to the Work, by David Jon Hill, world news, prophecy and how the world is not listening, by Leslie McCullough, what it's like to be spirit, by Richard Aitkins, and contending for the faith once delivered, by Bob Hoops.

Local reception to the 4,000 Feastgoers was good and media coverage was labeled factual by Mr. Walker. "We have found the people here in the city to be friendly, warm and hospitable and helpful in every way," he reported.

Recreational activities available to the brethren included roller and ice skating, basketball, baseball, volleyball and golf, with fishing and trail-bike riding proving popular as well.

Other events were the YOU talent contest and a "half-century luncheon" at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane.

In a baseball tourney the Tacoma men placed first and Tacoma teens second, and in golf competition Scotty Glen of the Salem, Ore., church won with a 68. The golfer who had the most fun, according to Mr. Walker, was Gaylad Burrey of the Sedro-Woolley, Wash., church,

who came back with a 171. There were baseball and volleyball games but no tournaments.

"Overall, the Festival here has been a very pleasant one," Mr. Walker said.

Squaw Valley, Calif.

The weather was "so beautiful it just blinded us," with temperatures around 75 degrees during the day, according to site coordinator Ellis LaRavia, pastor of the Imperial P.M. church in Pasadena.

While the Feast at Squaw Valley went smoothly, "there were quite a number of major auto and motorcycle accidents involving people before they even arrived at Squaw Valley, in many cases near their hometown," Mr. LaRavia said. "But in every case so far as I remember we've had excellent reports throughout the Feast of recoveries and miraculous healings," he said.

Seven thousand people were registered there for this, the 16th Feast held in Squaw Valley, according to Mr. LaRavia. "For the first time we initiated a family day, which was extremely successful. We had hundreds of people that attended."

An arts-and-crafts fair attracted 200 entries. The winner was Jeff Jones of the Bakersfield, Calif., church with a carved plaque of the Ambassador College seal.

Sermon topics "revolved around family and building a relationship towards God," Mr. LaRavia said.

Arthur Mocarow spoke on understanding oneself to better relate to others; Bob Bertuzzi spoke on prophecy; Richard Rice talked about the meaning of life; Norman Smith spoke on learning the lesson of history.

Local reception to the Feastgoers was "very good," and articles on the Feast appeared in three newspapers, according to Mr. LaRavia.

In softball competition Eugene, Ore., placed first and Portland, Ore., second. In men's volleyball San Luis Obispo, Calif., was the winner, with Modesto, Calif., second.

Other activities included "an extremely well-received senior citizens' luncheon," with Tony Brazil providing music.

The Pasadena Feast show and the YOU talent contest both had attendances of around 3,500, Mr. LaRavia said.

"I really think the overall turn of the Feast has been one that has been extremely positive and unifying," said Mr. LaRavia.

Tucson, Ariz.

Slightly more than 5,000 persons heard sermons stressing the need for rededication to God in Tucson, according to Walter Dickinson, Tucson's coordinator.

Steve Martin, regional director for the U.S. Western Region and minister in charge of the Tucson site, opened services Oct. 8 by urging



A SEA OF FACES — Paul Suckling, director of church administration in Bricklet Wood, addresses the audience at the Brean Sands, England, site, at which 1,900 people were registered. (Photo by Philip Stevens)

members to make a "new beginning."

"The Church has grown weary, but it's our responsibility to hang on," he said. "We're halfway through the battle... We must carry on no matter what."

The Holy Day offering for the first day came to a per-capita average of \$15.44 per person, said Mr. Martin. Principal speakers included Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong, Ronald Dart, Paul Platt and Gerald Waterhouse.

Herbert W. Armstrong concluded his Festival travels Oct. 16 as he spoke in the Tucson Community Center, in downtown Tucson.

Mr. Dickinson, who has attended Tucson since it became a Festival site in 1973, credits much of the success and popularity of the site to the city's facilities, climate and natural environment. "It's just a beautiful place to have a Feast," he said.

Popular attractions with Feastgoers were Old Tucson (a movie set just outside of town), the Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum and Nogales, Mexico, a border town 90 miles south of Tucson.

An appearance by Buck Owens, accompanied by Garner Ted Armstrong, was attended by 3,500 fans, the majority Feastgoers.

A skateboarding competition attracted numerous YOU contestants as they vied for a new skateboard given to the top winners. A poster contest and arts-and-crafts display decorated a YOU booth.

The weather, "ideal," according to Mr. Dickinson, reached no higher than the mid-80s, with only a light shower during one morning service.

Local reception and TV and news-

paper coverage was "excellent," said Mr. Dickinson. Tucson Community Center authorities "are very happy with us because of the way we take care of everything," Mr. Dickinson said. "They just honestly say we don't have to worry about a thing when we're here."

"I think the Feast has gone extremely smooth, and what a better way to end the Feast with Mr. Armstrong," said Steve Martin, regional director and principal speaker for the Feast.

"I feel the brethren want to rededicate their lives. I feel there was motivation at this Feast, and there will be action as a result of this Feast."

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

"Better than last year" was the comment Leroy Neff, pastor of the Houston North church and coordinator for this northern site, had concerning this year's Feast in Wisconsin. Daily sermons and a wide variety of recreational outlets combined to give the 8,278 people registered a "fabulous" Feast, according to Mr. Neff.

Cool weather with some wind and no major problems characterized the Festival this fall, and activities ranging from trap shooting to chess were available. There were tournaments in chess, fishing, horseshoes, golf, volleyball and softball.

The keynote of the Feast was "the visits by the Armstrongs," said Mr. Neff. Representative sermons included one on unity by Carl McNair, the Gospel in the Old and New Testaments by George Meeker, what it will be like to be immortal by Mr. Neff and preparing for a job in the World Tomorrow by Arthur Docken.

Other activities: the Big Sandy Feast show, *You 'n' Me*; the YOU talent contest; a kiddies' day; dinner dances; a senior citizens' picnic; and many sports tournaments.

The Milwaukee church placed first in the men's volleyball tourney, with Des Moines second and Minneapolis A third. Minneapolis A took first in women's volleyball. Sioux Falls second and Minneapolis B third. Ann Arbor and Detroit West tied for the softball championship. Chicago Southside was second and Wausau, Wis., third.

Local reception was good. "We were very well received and appreciated," said Mr. Neff.

Attractions near the Church-owned site included boat cruises on the Wisconsin River, amphibious-vehicle trips and amusement parks and museums.

BABIES

AMARILLO, Tex. — Samuel Lloyd, third son, sixth child of Sammy and Barbara Lykes, Aug. 5, 4:18 p.m., 7 pounds 13½ ounces.

ATLANTA, Ga. — David Douglas, first son, first child of Doug and Donna (King) Silabee, Sept. 3, 3:10 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce.

BONN, West Germany — Sulamith Katharina, first daughter, first child of Gotthard and Brigitte Behnisch, Aug. 21, 6:35 a.m., 4,000 grams.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Jason Lee, second son, second child of George and Margaret Ivy Hyde, Aug. 5, 11:47 a.m., 9 pounds 1½ ounce.

CARTHAGE, Mo. — Richard Walden, first son, second child of Bob and Jan (Camerow) Shobe, Sept. 10, 7:15 a.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Rachel Marie, first daughter, first child of Rebecca and Tim Buttz, Sept. 1, 3:34 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Kevin, first son, first child of Kenneth and Sharon Daniels, Sept. 3, 7:14 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Chay Everett, first son, fourth child of Donald and Lolly Coberly, Sept. 17, 1:04 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — Arnie Christine, first daughter, first child of Sonny and Ruth Shannon, Aug. 29, 9:05 p.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Terry William Orta, second son, third child of Bill and Kathy Strine, Aug. 4, 7:26 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Michael Patrick Hansen, first son, second child of Mike and Sandra (Hansen) Canavan, Sept. 4, 3:19 p.m., 8 pounds 9½ ounces.

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Donald Roy Shikh, first son, first child of Joan (Goff) and Donald Jacques, Sept. 17, 8 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Sarah Jo, first daughter, first child of John and Ann (Goff) Jacques, Sept. 6, 8:20 a.m., 7 pounds.

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Gregory Aaron, first son, first child of Fritz and Wanda (Fried) Levens, Sept. 6, 4:59 a.m., 5 pounds 14½ ounces.

LENOIR, N.C. — Rebecca Lynn, second daughter, second child of Alvin and Sheila Holman, Sept. 7, 5:48 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.

MELBOURNE, Australia — Narelle Diana, third daughter, fourth child of Harold and Barbara Ingham, Aug. 28, 9:40 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces.

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Katie Jennine, third daughter, fourth child of Peter and Judy E. Parker, Sept. 12, 11:02 p.m., 10 pounds.

PASADENA, Calif. — Ronald David, first son, second child of Ronald and Camille (Leah) Nelson, Sept. 6, 2:15 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Gregory John, first son, first child of Nancy (Klett) and Ed Stonick, Sept. 19, 8:47 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Tallon Denton, second son, second child of Lynn and Elaine (Lilly) Busby, Aug. 10, 7:34 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. — Matthew Shawn, third son, fourth child of Lynn and Donna Shoemaker, Aug. 30, 10:30 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces.

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Malinda Renee, second daughter, sixth child of Odean and Ardyd Olson, Sept. 17, 3:50 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Jennifer Karen, fourth daughter, fourth child of Ron and Noelly Fatock, Sept. 9, 1:25 p.m., 2 pounds 8 ounces.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Steven Clay, first son, third child of Leonard and Charlene Wilson, Sept. 3, 7:12 p.m., 9 pounds 1½ ounces.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Jeffrey York, first son, first child of Bob and Sharon (Schrolocke) Pettit, Sept. 12, 6:36 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce.

SEATTLE, Wash. — Kimberly Ann, first daughter, first child of Nick and Mary Warren, Aug. 25, 1:56 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Daniel Lynn, first son, first child of Dennis and Sandy Whitted, Sept. 13, 10:45 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

SYDNEY, Australia — John Geoffrey, third son, fourth child of Graham and Kath Shepherd, Aug. 7, 12:55 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

TORONTO, Ont. — Mark Alexander, first son, first child of Gerald and JoAnn Rawson, Sept. 8, 3 p.m., 6 pounds 1½ ounces.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Heather Lynn, second daughter, second child of Gregory and Vickie (Montville) Turner, Aug. 19, 2:04 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces.

WHEELING, W. Va. — Michael Todd, second son, fourth child of Gerald and JoAnn Rawson, Sept. 8, 3 p.m., 6 pounds 1½ ounces.

WINNIPEG, Man. — David Lee, first son, first child of Clyde and Dee (Finlay) Kilough, Sept. 15, 1:45 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

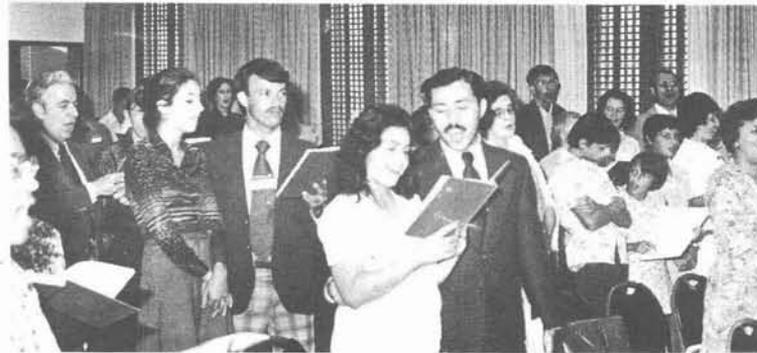
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PEN PALS

Guy wishes to correspond with other people, other places. Also, those in Portland, Ore., since I hope to move there. I request info on living conditions and jobs. Those 13 to 23 and those in other countries, don't hesitate to write. Interests many. Ben Waldrop, 516 El Camino Ave., Sacramento, Calif., 95815.

Hi! I'm 12 and in seventh grade. I like music. (See PERSONALS, page 191)



VOICES SINGING — The brethren attending the Humacao, Puerto Rico, Festival site sing out at services, held in the Marriott resort facility. Attendance was 105. (Photo by Eduardo Crepinsek)

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The Work's office here is preparing for **Herbert W. Armstrong's** next visit to South Africa and neighboring nations in November. According to **Andre van Belkum** of the office, Mr. Armstrong will spend about four weeks meeting with leaders of South Africa, Namibia (South-West Africa), Swaziland, Lesotho and Rhodesia and "will be the first to meet Chief Kaiser Mantanzima of the newly formed independent state of the Transkei."

Mr. Armstrong is also scheduled to address audiences in Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, South Africa, as well as service clubs, businessmen and community and government leaders in major cities.

"It is also very likely he will meet the Rhodesian prime minister, **Mr. Ian Smith**, and a number of his cabinet members," Mr. van Belkum said.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Bob Fahey**, South African regional director, is scheduled to address the 150-member Port Elizabeth Rotary Club Oct. 28 preparatory to a planned campaign by **Herbert W. Armstrong** in Port Elizabeth Nov. 11.

On Oct. 25 Mr. Fahey was to visit the secretary of the prime minister of Lesotho at Maseru, the nation's capital, to make arrangements for Mr. Armstrong to meet the prime minister there Nov. 24.

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PASADENA — The Ministerial Services Department here has announced the names of 14 men who have been or will soon be ordained as ministers or raised in rank.

Six men are being raised in rank to preaching elder and eight to local

elder. The local elders will not be on the Work's payroll.

The new preaching elders: **Ken Giese** of the Minneapolis, Minn., church area; **Ronald Jameson**, Walterboro, S.C.; **John Moskel**, Minneapolis; **Mark Robinson**, Fort Worth, Tex.; **Steve Smith**, Valdosta, Ga.; and **Val White**, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

The local elders: **James Baldwin**, Concord, N.H.; **Douglas Bosshart**, San Francisco, Calif.; **Duane Fertig**, Casper, Wyo.; **James Hanson**, Eugene, Ore.; **Lelon Jackson**, Tupelo, Miss.; **David Kenders**, Greeley, Colo.; **Henry Petersen**, Sioux Falls, S.D.; and **Harlan Spieker**, Watertown, S.D.

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PASADENA — **Gene Hogberg**, *Plain Truth* news editor, returned here Oct. 23 from a fact-finding tour for the magazine. He and his family



GENE HOGBERG

spent 4½ weeks in South Africa and Rhodesia while he worked on a forthcoming series of articles on southern Africa.

Mr. Hogberg described his trip as



THEIR 28TH—Eddie and Irene Eckert of the Tucson, Ariz., church applaud Herbert W. Armstrong at services in Tucson during their 28th Feast. Both were baptized in April, 1947, by Mr. Armstrong, and they later attended their first Feast in Belknap Springs, Ore. This time around Mr. Eckert served on platform duty, and Mrs. Eckert was Festival organist. [Photo by Klaus Rothe]

"eyeopening." It made him "realize how much more complex the situation in that part of the world is than has been reported."

While in southern Africa Mr. Hogberg spoke at the Festival sites in Durban and Umgababa, South Africa, and before the Feast he had spoken to the Salisbury, Rhodesia, and East London, South Africa, churches.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Plans are being made to extend the *Garner Ted Armstrong* program on television to more Australian cities in 1977, reported **John Halford**, assistant to Australian regional director **Dennis Luker**.

The telecast began in this country last spring (*The Worldwide News*, July 19) and has been aired in 13-program series in Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane. The programs are currently airing in Perth and are scheduled for Hobart.

Each series, Mr. Halford said, has been backed up by an extensive advertising campaign, using radio, newspapers and posters in city buses.

Mr. Luker said his office is "very pleased with the results of our pilot series of programs. Everything indicates that this is going to be a very effective way to reach the people of this country. There is nothing else quite like it on Australian TV."

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PASADENA — The Tokyo Sym-

phony Orchestra performed Oct. 16 and 17 in the Ambassador Auditorium here.

The program featured the works of **Stravinsky**, **Brahms** and **Beethoven**. As a complimentary gift to people attending the Feast of Tabernacles here, about 650 tickets were given to Church members.

The audience each of the two nights averaged 850.

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BIG SANDY — Jazz pianist **Stan Kenton** and his orchestra performed for an audience of 1,025 in Ambassador's newly remodeled field house Oct. 20 in the first of five Ambassador-sponsored concerts to be held in conjunction with the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, according to director of development **Dale Schurter**.

Future concerts scheduled include the Obermkirchen Children's Choir, Nov. 21, guitarist **Carlos Montoya**, Dec. 8, the San Antonio Symphony Orchestra, Feb. 16, and songwriter and folksinger **Oscar Brand**, March 10.

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court of the United States Oct. 12 heard arguments from both sides in a case that could determine whether an employee may legally be fired for observing the Sabbath (*The Worldwide News*, Sept. 23).

Contacted at his home in Mount Vernon, Ky., **Paul Cummins**, 42, a member of the London, Ky., church, whose firing from his job for the Parker Seal Co. in Berea, Ky., in 1971 prompted the case, said a decision will probably be reached by the court "sometime in the next few weeks."

The high court is being asked to decide whether a 1972 civil-rights law is constitutional. The law requires employers "to reasonably accommodate" an employee's religious observance if it doesn't cause an "undue hardship" on the employer's business.

Also joining Mr. Cummins in arguing his case, besides his own attorney, was the U.S. solicitor general, who argued that the 1972 civil-rights law in question is constitutional.

When asked what he thought would be the outcome of the case, Mr. Cummins said, "I think we'll win it."



HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS — A blind member sits in services, left in left photo, with his seeing-eye dog, and Ruben Lujan of Tijuana, Mexico.



right, searches for a phrase in translating services in Tucson in Spanish. [Photos by Klaus Rothe]