

Members learn to market 'PT'

By Sherry L. Marsh
BIG SANDY — Four regional meetings have been or will be held in the United States to assist 60 new *Plain Truth* coordinators in setting up nonmail-distribution programs in their areas.

The most recent meeting, for the U.S. North, took place Feb. 27 in Chicago, Ill. The first meetings were in Pasadena Jan. 30 and Big Sandy Feb. 6 and the final meeting is scheduled for March 13 in Newark, N.J.

The meetings are being conducted by Jack Martin, circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*; Gordon Muir, assistant circulation manager; and Mark Armstrong, a circulation staffer.

Besides the 60 coordinators, who were invited to the meetings and

whose expenses were paid, the meetings are also open to anyone interested in setting up a program in their area in the future.

The 60 areas that have been approved to begin distribution of *The Plain Truth* are being allocated 1,000 copies each of the magazine to be distributed from now until June, when the fiscal year ends. At that time, Dr. Muir said at the meeting here, he hopes more money can be allotted to the program so the number of magazines given to each area can be increased.

About 187,000 *Plain Truths* are now being distributed in the United States each month, as compared to 50,000 a month when the program began last September.

In the meeting here Dr. Muir stressed the advantages of having

Church members in the program.

"Having a newsstand program in the U.S. using only headquarters personnel, it would make it impossible to get around to all the areas," he said.

"We have found many talented people in the church areas with sales experience, and all they need is a short period of intensive training in how to market the *PT* for distribution. They have already shown they

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can be successful."

Dr. Muir was referring to the programs going on in more than 12 cities in America at present.

Those attending the meeting here seemed enthusiastic about starting the program in their areas.

"I think the problem is going to be just a matter of seeing how many copies we can get," said Mark Curd of Wolfe City, Tex.

Bill Vernich of Nashville, Tenn., is already working with the program in his area. He looks forward to finding more places to place the magazine when the allotment for his area is increased. "We're optimistic about locations that we're getting," he said.

"The goal of the department is to cover the United States, especially those areas that have been poorly reached by the other media," Dr. Muir said. "The only limiting factor will be finances."



DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM — Gordon Muir, assistant circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*, tells members how to set up a distribution program in their area. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

Canadian ministers meet for conferences

CALGARY, Alta. — Sixty ministers from the Church's two western-Canadian areas met here Feb. 27 for the beginning of a ministerial conference conducted by Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, who two weeks earlier had held a similar conference for ministers in eastern Canada.

Also at the meetings, which took place in downtown Calgary's Four Seasons Hotel, were C. Wayne Cole, director of the Work in this country; Richard Pinelli, coordinator of the Vancouver Area; and Charles Bryce, Regina Area coordinator.

The meetings, which were to last three days, were western Canada's first general ministerial conference, according to Richard Wilding, pastor of the Calgary North church. The conference was still in progress as of press time.

Eastern Conference

Mr. McCullough was in the eastern part of the nation, in Toronto, Ont., two weeks earlier, Feb. 14 to

16, for the gathering of ministers from the Church's two areas in that part of the country.

When Garner Ted Armstrong went to Toronto for a public personal appearance in mid-February (*The Worldwide News*, Feb. 14), he stayed on to kick off the eastern-Canadian conference.

Mr. Armstrong spoke at the opening session in Toronto Feb. 14 in the Sheraton Centre Hotel before 100 ministers and wives and answered questions. Mr. Cole, who was also there, called the session a "candid discussion of the state of the Work and plans for the future."

Jim Thornhill of Pasadena, director of Youth Opportunities United, also spoke in the morning Toronto session, reporting on the December international youth conference at Big Sandy, Norm Strayer, YOU's Canadian director, added comments on plans for adapting the U.S. program to Canada.

Other sessions of the conference, (See CANADIAN, page 9)

Local campaigns begin

PASADENA — Six ministers have been scheduled to conduct "evangelistic-type" campaigns in church areas across the United States, according to Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

Evangelist David Jon Hill kicked off the latest series in Richland, Wash., Jan. 30 and 31, followed by one in Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 10 to 12 (*The Worldwide News*, Feb. 14) and a third in Oakland, Calif., Feb. 25 and 26. Mr. Hill is also scheduled for a campaign in Sacramento, Calif., March 8 to 10.

Other ministers scheduled for campaigns include Dan Rogers, Portland, Maine, March 8 to 10; Norman Smith, Akron, Ohio, March 16 and 17; Gerald Waterhouse, Jacksonville, Fla., March 19 and 20; Jerry Aust, Wichita, Kan., March 25 to 27; and Carl McNair, Mankato, Minn., March 21 and 23.

Mr. Dart said Garner Ted Armstrong spoke with him in December about the need to have more small campaigns in church areas. Mr. Dart said the goal behind the campaigns is removing "barriers" to people's first association with the Church.

Mr. Dart also said he felt that a positive "spin-off" of the campaigns is the enrichment of the local membership.

According to Ted Herlofson, department manager for ministerial services and the one directly assisting Mr. Dart in the church-campaign series, the meetings are of an "evangelistic" nature and will gen-

erally not feature music. Mr. Herlofson said all *Plain Truth* readers "in the immediate area of the campaign site" receive a letter of invitation from Garner Ted Armstrong. Local advertising is left up to area members.

Mr. Herlofson said Pastoral Administration would have scheduled more campaigns, but "weather has been a factor." He said the severe winter curtailed plans.

'PT' helps Africans

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The January and February issues of *The Plain Truth*, with their heavy coverage of South African and Rhodesian affairs, are making Peter Nathan's job easier.

Mr. Nathan, regional circulation manager for the magazine here, reported Feb. 25 his department is getting "maximum mileage" out of the two latest *PTs*, which feature exclusive reports by Gene Hogberg, the News Bureau chief at Pasadena, written after he toured southern Africa.

"The January issue, with the article entitled 'The Battle for Southern Africa,' was sent to all 5,000 members of the South Africa Foundation and members of parliament on recommendation of the foundation's president, Dr. Jan Marais," Mr. (See 'PT' HELPS, page 9)

A Personal Letter from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren everywhere:

I am writing from Bucharest, Rumania. I am spending two or three weeks at the Otopeni Clinic, famous over all of Europe, recharging tired batteries.

I have kidded about being 37 going on 36. It is acknowledged by all, so far as I know, that I appear to be at least some 20 years younger than I actually am. I have said that not one man half my age (42) out of a hundred could keep up with the pace I do in God's Work.

But there may have been a slight misunderstanding in some of this, and I wish to be utterly FRANK, and not to pretend. It is true the dynamic power, energy and drive have been there. It is true that probably not one in a hundred half my age could do the work that I have been doing.

But what I feel most of you have NOT realized is that MUCH if not MOST of all that energy, vitality, drive and power has come from two sources — God, of course (Isaiah 40:29-31), and sheer determination and SELF-drive, even when I did not feel up to it.

But it's like one lady wrote to me years ago: "You may stand in that pulpit and preach with the energy and power of a 40-year-old, but you must remember you are standing on 80-year-old legs."

Constantly Writing

Under the STRENUOUS travel, with the continual speeches before Rotary clubs, Lions clubs, Kiwanis, Knights of Columbus, etc., etc., beside numerous other meetings with leaders around the world, I have had to keep up constant writing, besides the OVERSIGHT of the entire, vast, worldwide Work.

Of course in the letter I have had the very able assistance of my son, Garner Ted. I like to think of our relationship — and I think God looks upon it this same way — as in the very beginning, when there were only the TWO great supernatural Beings in existence: the WORD, who later became Jesus Christ, and God (John 1:1-3, 14).

But, although they were a TEAM working in perfect HARMONY, with one mind — that is, each in perfect agreement with the other — God was the Leader over the WORD. When the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14) as Jesus Christ, He said, "My father is greater than I," and He said He spoke only what the Father told him to speak. Yet THERE WAS PERFECT HARMONY, as between Garner Ted and me, and the Eternal God has delegated to me THE GREAT COMMISSION, to take the announcement of His true Gospel TO ALL THE WORLD, and I will leave no stone unturned to see that it is done.

I feel that God will continue renewing my youth and physical vigor and mental powers as long as necessary to get His job done. I have had to come to realize that this excessively arduous job of THIS NEW DIMENSION, getting into nations where doors were closed to the Gospel before, traveling the WHOLE, WIDE EARTH, is one few could endure. While I was driving myself on, even in fatigue, my physical body was taking a beating.

There was a time when Jesus needed to take off a little time and go aside to a quiet place and get some rest. So I have decided I must too.

Enforced Rest

I am not here because of faith in man's modern methods, but by faith, for all healing is in Christ. But my being here in a position of enforced REST from strenuous routine and travel keeps me in REGULAR HOURS and healthy meals, and I cannot have this opportunity to recoup vitality while still traveling and constantly speaking. I have Dr. Lochner with me, giving me twice-daily rubdowns (massages), and I get regular hours for sleeping. In a couple weeks I'll be (See PERSONAL, page 9)

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Tithing examples

You asked for examples of how we who tithe have been blessed ("Help Us Help 'The Plain Truth,'" Dec. 20). Normally the first thing that comes to mind is our financial blessings, and I can certainly attest to that in my own case. Since I started to tithe about three years ago (I was baptised about 2½ years ago), my salary has jumped almost 63 percent, and in one of those years I received a bonus amounting to over 160 percent of my base salary at that time.

My life-style has improved to the extent that now I have all the material things I could possibly want (or afford), and to a certain degree I feel somewhat embarrassed in front of other people, including those in the Church, because of a multitude of physical possessions.

But beyond these physical blessings, and more important, I can happily say that I have been blessed with good health all my life (except for the common childhood diseases of measles and whooping cough, and except for common cold). This, plus several instances of what I would term near-miraculous recoveries, would lead me to believe that our blessings, material or otherwise, are not necessarily in direct proportion to our tithes, nor for that matter to our relationship with the Church. Nevertheless, I need no further proof that Malachi 3 really works! And I am inclined to believe that, beyond our tithes, works of charity also have a heavy hand in the blessings we receive.

William M. Koenke
London, England

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Which example would you like to hear about?

Looking back over the last few years, I see that the trust fund set up in my mother's estate has been matching my tithes dollar for dollar. Last year being my 3-T year and the year I paid for orthodontia for two grandsons, the trust fund not only matched the tithes and offerings but netted me a thousand dollars extra. I just can't outgive God!

Name withheld
California

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Back in the '40s we were sending money to various organizations who were on radio at the time. It was at about this time that we had started to hear Mr. Armstrong. So it was at this time that we decided we would send the money to him instead. This was before we were associated with the Church. But we were blessed for tithing and giving even then.

After we were baptized we started giving more and made several loans to the Work as we had a little money saved. So we were blessed even more. Then after a few years we decided to cancel the loan and let the Church have the money. Well, it was not long after this that we received

money from an estate. The more we gave the more we were blessed. For sure we could not outgive God.

Name withheld
Kansas

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Since tithing over the years, I have had many blessings, also answered prayer, but I consider the greatest blessing of all is having God's Word opened up to me in a way I never dreamed of before. . . . As our ministers always say, don't believe me but believe what God's Word says. There are no ifs or maybes or perhaps, but God's plain, sound truth is taught. Could anyone ask for a greater blessing. . . . I consider the little that I have tithed is as nothing when compared with the knowledge and blessings I have received.

Name withheld
Australia

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As soon as we learned we should tithe, I asked God to make sure He fed my family as I was giving up "all this money." My attitude was terrible to

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God's law on tithing.

But now, 10 years later, we have a new car, money in the bank, both our daughters married in the Church, healings galore, my mother attending for the very first time last week, hundreds of friends, happiness beyond words, faith beyond words, etc., etc.

Mollie E. King
Sidcup, England

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Several years ago, just before the spring Holy Days, I received my income [tax] rebate for \$50. Knowing I had not received it I would get along without it, I decided to send it to headquarters. Then, human nature being like it is, I thought, Why not wait and put it in the Holy Day offering? Then another thought occurred: Why wait? The money is needed now. So before I could change my mind I endorsed the check and mailed it in.

Several months went by, then I received a call from the Social Security office (had applied for my SS), telling me to come down; they had some good news for me. I wasted no time getting there, and they gave me a check for over \$600. After tithing on this my sister and I went to England for the Feast of Tabernacles and met brethren from 91 countries. This is just one of the many proofs that you can't outgive God.

When my sister and I first came into the Church our house was robbed and all the furniture taken. We were out of town at the time and really surprised when we got home. But, after thinking the situation over, I said to her, "You know, God must have looked down on our house and said, 'Those two old ladies need better furniture than that, so I'll send someone to cart it away for them.'" We had to go to the store for some food, and when I saw a bulletin board there I placed an ad on it saying, "Widows' house robbed, all kinds of furniture needed, must be

"... The boss called me into his office and complimented me on the work I was doing and gave me a raise for more than the 10 percent I had just sent, and also told me that I did not have to come in for work on Saturdays any more."

reasonable and in good condition." Then the calls came pouring in. Most everything was for free. The outcome was we had much better than before, and enough left to help others in need.

Experience is a great teacher, and this we have learned: You can't ever outgive God.

Mrs. Carrie M. Yetter
Springfield, Va.

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Last 1973, when I first began tithing faithfully and regularly to God's true Church, we were only making an annual income of only \$4,300 to live on totally. This is right after I was severely hurt on my job in 1970 and was off work for a year and a half.

always said to me we just could not afford to tithe; we had too many bills. Years came and went and our bills got bigger and bigger. I tried to tell him it was because we were robbing God. I read the articles to him to see if that would help change his mind, but it didn't. I was getting \$2 a week for allowance, and I'd save \$1 a week to send to the Work. I'd save till I had enough to send it in. At the end of the year I received my income-tax statement [receipt] from the Work. I had donated around \$85. I had to show it to my husband. When we had our income-tax papers filed for that year, to our surprise we were getting some money back, and before we had to pay them. After that he let me tithe out of my check. I made more money that year and every year thereafter. Also, we received income-tax money back every year after that up to this year. Then my husband started tithing and things really started happening. He'd get a raise after a raise. Now his paycheck is three and sometimes four times as big as it used to be before we started tithing.

I knew that God would bless us if we tithed. . . . We send a good sum of money for the Work, but, you know, we don't even miss it and we have more than enough. It's funny, but our dollar bills stretch for us and I know that it could happen to others if they'd only give God a chance.

Mrs. Eddie Mandela
Wichita Falls, Tex.

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Being the mother of three small girls, I took in ironings to supplement the family income. (My husband is not in the Church.) As with nearly every person who begins to tithe, I thought, "How can I possibly squeeze out an extra 10 per-

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cent?" Then I found out. During my first third-tithe year, a friend needed someone to care for his motherless son and paid me as much each week as I was making from my ironings.

The second third-tithe year I again had an unexpected part-time baby-sitting job offered me — again earning the same amount.

The third third-tithe year the same thing happened — again at the same pay. The fourth third-tithe year I was offered a job for two hours a day at school — again at the same pay.

Now, this being my fifth third-tithe year, I'm planning a long-awaited trip back to Michigan to see my elderly mother, because I've come to expect an extra financial blessing as a result of simply obeying God's tithing laws.

I have never suffered for paying tithes; nor have I ever missed any money that I've given. It seems as if it is always promptly replaced, in one way or another.

With four children (one now 3 years old), we've had only \$12 in medical bills for the last 16 years — which is a great blessing in itself.

We have a very large DAV thrift store two blocks from our home from which we've clothed our children — with top-quality clothing for approximately \$50 a year.

Our garden and fruit trees produce bumper crops, as a result of tithing our fruit and observing the land laws.

I have no doubt whatsoever that God pours out blessings on those who step out on faith, ungrudgingly, and obey His tithing laws.

Mrs. Paul N. Sass
Oceanside, Calif.

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When I first heard what the Bible said and what I had been taught all my

life, I was shocked.

I learned about tithing and Sabbath keeping, and, after many months of consideration, studying and reading, I decided to tithe.

On payday during my lunch hour, I cashed my paycheck and went directly to the post office and made a money order for 10 percent of my wages. When I got back to work after lunch, the boss called me into his office and complimented me on the work I was doing and gave me a raise for more than the 10 percent I had just sent, and also told me that I did not have to come in for work on Saturdays any more.

I was very, very surprised to say the least.

Name withheld
Canada

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In December, 1965, my husband began attending services, and it almost caused our marriage to break up. We were very good Lutherans, and I was sick to see him leave what I felt was God's true church and join one so opposite. The marriage hung together only by the fact that we believed divorce was wrong. . . . When my husband was in his third-tithe year I had a change of heart and no longer clashed with him. The marriage greatly improved. I left the Lutheran Church and began attending services in his fifth year (but was not baptized until his sixth year (second third-tithe year) . . . The sixth year ended, and we went to the Feast of Tabernacles. Two weeks later my husband lost his good job and was not able to get back into his line of work for 40 weeks, but even then we had to take a big cut in pay and lose many benefits. We were suddenly becoming financially unsound.

In his eighth year we visited his aunt, who had a 240-acre farm . . . in northern Wisconsin, 150 miles away . . . On one visit she mentioned that she changed her will and made my husband sole heir. We never asked for that or had any idea that she would do it. Now suddenly [a] move [to that area] looked like a good idea, but my husband could not find a job . . . He thought of starting his own business, but nothing worked out . . . My husband then got the idea of home insulation and contacted the Borden Co. about a franchise . . . The spring feast days ended and I knew God was going to do something . . . The following weekend we signed a contract to begin construction of our new (See LETTERS, page 15)

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BLESSED BE THE TITHE

You've done it again. We invited you, in an article last Dec. 20 (titled "Help Us Help 'The Plain Truth'"), to send us letters telling real-life experiences you've had as a result of obeying God's instructions on tithing. And many of you — represented by the 25 letters printed on this page and page 15 — did write, from England, Australia, Canada and America. We promised to print some of them (here they are) and forward the rest to Plain Truth managing editor Brian Knowles for possible use in future articles on tithing in that publication.

Some of the accounts you see here are spectacular, like the reader who was making \$4,300 a year four years ago and last year was able to contribute \$12,000 in tithes and offerings. Others aren't as mind-boggling, and some of the blessings as a result of tithing and otherwise obeying God don't even directly involve finances. But they're just as real, and they're just as much a part of the good life that goes along with our calling.

These letters may sound somehow familiar to you, because some aspects of being a part of God's Church are the same no matter who you are or where you live. In fact, we think these accounts will bring others to mind that are as interesting as these. If they do, and others of you would like to write, we'll add them to the bundle we'll send to the PT, and perhaps print a few more of them. (We still ask that each contribution include the name of the writer, but we will refrain from printing his or her name upon request.) Write: Examples, The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.



Those were the days

'It was a hard life'

By Rolf G. Varga

SALISBURY, Rhodesia—Imagine living in the old days of Rhodesia when your nearest neighbors in the dense bush were 15 miles away, and where you slept surrounded by the sounds of the wildlife outside. There would be no refrigerators, electric lights or even running water. This is the kind of life Pat and Irene May lived when they married and went mining in Rhodesia. Members since 1968, they have so much to tell that it would take days.

"In those days," says Pat, "we had to be our own builders, gardeners, mechanics and even doctors. Our first house consisted of poles in the ground with corrugated iron sheets for the roof and sacks for the walls. In the rainy season after a sudden cloudburst, we had to sit in our lounge with our feet off the ground to let the rainwater flow through the house."

When talking about their diet in those days, Pat laughs. "Well, there were plenty of locusts, roasted over the fire—crisp like toast—and wild honey," he says. "And at one time we were growing over 30 different vegetables. Fresh meat wasn't too much of a problem. We shot buck, and then of course I used to go fishing. A few sticks of dynamite—bang—instant fresh fish. Illegal, but effective."

Pat's main mode of transporting himself was a powerful old motorbike. Often he would take his dog on the bike with him. It would sit on the fuel tank with front paws on the handlebars for rides of 50 miles.

"On those old bush paths I had plenty of scrapes," laughs Pat, "but, you know, that dog would always jump off before the crash and let me go it alone."

On one trip Pat had 45 punctures over 35 miles, but only lost his temper after puncture No. 25. Eventually he stuffed the tires with grass ("They were the old split-rim kind") and pressed on, stopping only to change the grass when it began to smoke.

Frequently Pat was called on to doctor the African villagers suffering from everything from pneumonia to malaria. At one stage Pat himself succumbed to polio and meningitis at the same time.

"The nearest doctor was 65 miles away, and when he eventually arrived he bundled me into his van and took me to hospital. It was touch and go, and to make matters worse they did a lumbar puncture on me and snapped the needle off inside me. It

was a new unbreakable kind. It's still there today."

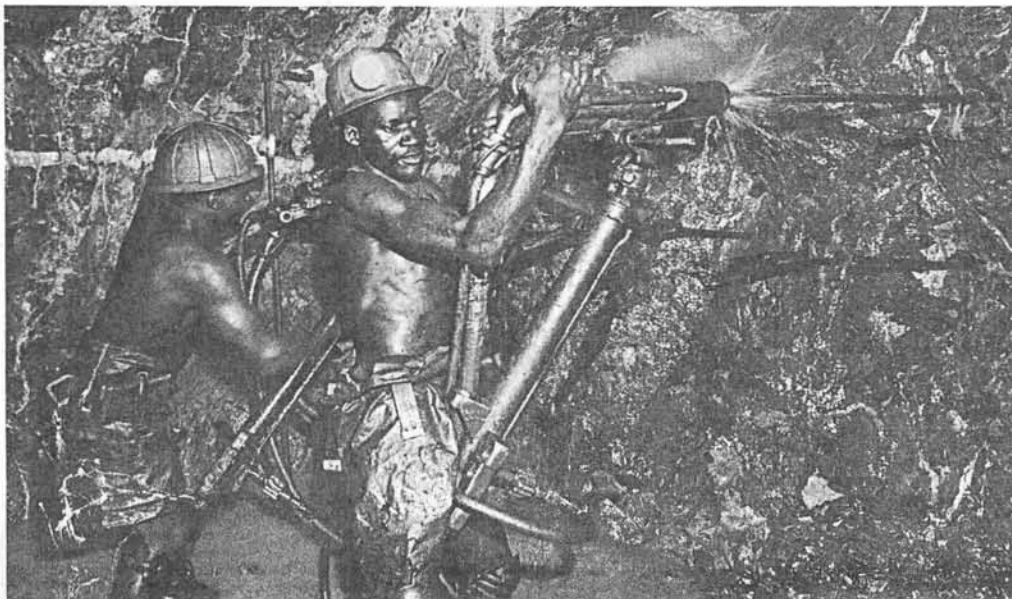
Pat was paralyzed from the waist down, but he fought back and won the battle. Today he walks with a

slight stoop, but that's from an injury sustained underground in a rockfall.

"It was a hard life," Pat says, thinking back. "But it was a life you enjoyed."



LIFE IN RHODESIA—Pat May, above, shows visitors a deserted mine, top left and right. Left: An old resurrected photo shows Mr. May with his motorcycling dog. Below: Drillers plant explosives in a gold mine. (Photos by Rolf G. Varga)



Heads March of Dimes drive

Victim works to repay debt

By Mary Heinecke

BIG SANDY—Twenty years ago this month (January) Jeannie Gillen came home after being hospitalized a year, including an entire month in an iron lung.

She was a victim of a polio epidemic in 1955, one of the worst years for the disease.

This month Mrs. Gillen is heading the March of Dimes drive in Big Sandy, working to raise money for the organization which paid \$7,000 of her medical costs in 1955.

In a letter to Mrs. Marcia Duke, Tri-Eastern March of Dimes chairman, Mrs. Gillen volunteered her services and gave some "personal

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statistics for those who would rather not answer the door when a volunteer comes around.

"Labor Day, 1955, I awoke in an iron lung . . . As I regained my consciousness I realized my condition, but one of the first things I remember thinking was being so thankful for the March of Dimes. I knew they'd help . . ."

"I had been working as a delivery nurse in a little Southern Illinois college town while my husband completed his last three months of college on the GI Bill," the 46-year-old Mrs. Gillen recalled.

"They had only had the Salk vaccine for four months then," she added, and she had not been vaccinated.

Valuable Friend

Because she was three months pregnant, Mrs. Gillen quit her nursing job. Two weeks later she was

stricken with the virus. But her last patient later proved to be a valuable friend.

Eleanor Seagraves, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's granddaughter, had her baby in the hospital where Mrs. Gillen worked, and, since Mrs. Seagraves was "the only patient we had for three days, I spoiled her."

"We had been told what a stinker she'd be," the slender Mrs. Gillen smiled. "But she was so down to earth. They lived out in the country, and her biggest worry was whether there would be enough water in the cistern to wash all the diapers."

When Mrs. Gillen contracted polio, she was rushed to the respiratory center in Springfield, Ill., by ambulance. "Mrs. Seagraves wrote to me, asking me if she could help," the March of Dimes volunteer explained.

After six months of "gradual weaning" from the iron lung to a chest respirator to daily therapy, "I wrote and told her I desperately wanted to go to Warm Springs, Ga.," the famous polio center established by FDR.

Mrs. Seagraves was instrumental in getting the Big Sandy resident into Warm Springs, at the time crowded with polio victims.

During her six months of therapy at Warm Springs, "they fitted me with back braces, crutches, hand splints, a positive-pressure machine and a wheelchair—all made just for me. That takes lots of dimes!"

Almost Recovered

After four years Mrs. Gillen was able to store her crutches away in a closet, and she is now almost completely recovered. Only a slight irregularity in her stride serves as a reminder of the time when she was completely paralyzed.

The mother of four children, two

born after her illness, Mrs. Gillen now lives on the Ambassador College campus with her husband, James, who is completing his doctorate in guidance and counseling.

Mrs. Gillen never worked for the March of Dimes until this year.

"We had always contributed, but we thought of it as braces and crutches and stuff," she explained.

However, she discovered the March of Dimes sponsors educational programs on drugs, alcohol, tobacco, prenatal care, teenage pregnancy and screening for genetic diseases, she said, adding she was impressed with the "well-rounded program."

The Big Sandy drive she is sponsoring includes a poster contest in the elementary school to help children "get the overall picture that good health isn't just a pill or vitamin."

Judging of the posters was Jan. 11, with winners receiving prizes from the East Texas Bank [in Longview], and awards will be presented at the Big Sandy Elementary School PTA meeting Jan. 18.

Mothers' March

The Mothers' March in Big Sandy will be Jan. 23, she said. Members of the Ambassador Club will go door to door to collect for the March of Dimes, as part of the senior project, Mrs. Gillen said.

"We're setting a goal of \$1,000. Surely, since there are 1,022 people in Big Sandy, we can get \$1 from each person," she exclaimed.

Of the money collected from the drive, 40 percent will remain in the community, she emphasized. The rest will go to the Salk Foundation in California and for research and educational programs.

After the March of Dimes drive is over this year, Mrs. Gillen said, she will be helping teach prenatal classes at Gladewater [Tex.] Hospital. She also hopes to go back to school, now that her children are older.

Balanced Diet

An active woman with clear, blue eyes and healthy-looking, smooth complexion, Mrs. Gillen is a firm believer in organic food and a balanced diet, with adequate amounts of rest and exercise. She makes the family's bread and will not allow white sugar in her home, and the Gillens also have their own garden.

As evidence of the advantages of following rules of good health, she points to the family's almost nonexistent medical bills. Believing that



REMINERS—Jeannie Gillen displays reminders of her 1955 bout with polio. [Photo courtesy the Longview Morning Journal]

her lax diet and sleeping habits made her susceptible to the polio virus, Mrs. Gillen is now an ardent supporter of preventive medicine.

She also optimistically believes people are changing their health habits and life-styles "very fast" as they learn the benefits of preventive medicine. The educational programs sponsored by the March of Dimes can help young people learn to take care of their bodies, she said.

And, although once-dreaded diseases like polio are "sometimes forgotten," the volunteer keeps a glide-about chair she received from

the March of Dimes in 1956.

"Because of a weak back, I still use it for many household chores. It has been reupholstered and is a constant reminder to me of one cause—the March of Dimes—that made a lifetime investment in me and how many others?"

Prayer gets results

By Nadine Van Laecken

SIOUX FALLS, S.D.—When God's people pray, they get results, says Carol Reining, a Church member here.

Since November Mrs. Reining had been in and out of doctors' offices and hospital rooms. Her malady was "very strange," doctors said. Mrs. Reining had the symptoms of pregnancy, yet she wasn't pregnant. And she had a pain in her left side.

Finally a new type of X-ray machine revealed a cyst "the size of a tangerine" in her abdomen. Mrs. Reining was anointed and prayers were requested. A week later she went to a specialist for an examination.

He could not find any sign of the cyst, and the pain had also subsided, Mr. Reining says. The doctor's explanation: "The machine must have been mistaken."

A week earlier Mrs. Reining's doctors had been positive of the machine's accuracy, Mrs. Reining says, with the tests even revealing the size of the cyst in centimeters.

FIND THE BIBLE PEOPLE

BY BECKY MILLER

Names of more than 60 people in the Bible are hidden in this puzzle. Look across, down or sideways (forward or backward). Can you find them? To help you get started, Aaron's name is in bold type. As you find the other names circle them in the puzzle and mark them off your word list.

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YOUR WORD LIST: Aaron, Abel, Abraham, Adam, Ahab, Amos, Bilhad, Boaz, Cain, Dan, Daniel, David, Eli, Elijah, Ephraim, Esau, Esther, Eve, Ezra, Gilead, Hagar, Ham, Hannah, Hosea, Isaac, Jacob, James, Japheth, Jezebel, Job, Joel, John, Jonah, Joseph, Joshua, Jude, Lot, Luke, Mark, Matthew, Micah, Moses, Naboth, Nahum, Nehemiah, Nero, Noah, Paul, Peter, Philemon, Rachel, Rebekah, Reuben, Samson, Samuel, Sarah, Saul, Seth, Shem, Solomon, Timothy, Titus, Zephaniah.

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Film backs Bible story

BRANDON, Man.—Fifty members of the Archaeological Society of Southwestern Manitoba saw the Ambassador College film *Quest Into Antiquity* at their monthly meeting Jan. 19. The film was shown by projectionist Henry Gaber of the Brandon church after a 30-minute lecture on biblical archaeology by church pastor Neil Earle.

A session for questions and answers afterwards led to a heightened respect for the historicity of the Bible as members of the society heard, many for the first time, of the grandeur of Jerusalem in the Herodian Period.

"Biblical history is not to be taken as lightly as evolutionists in the last century would have us believe," Mr. Earle said. He referred the audience to such accounts as *The Bible as History*, by Werner Keller, and the writings of William Foxwell

Allbright, an archaeologist who respected the authenticity of much of the Old Testament.

A retired Anglican priest remarked that he hadn't heard the name Josephus (first-century Jewish historian) since his seminary days 50 years ago, Mr. Earle said. At least one woman wanted to know how to subscribe to the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's magazine, *Quest* 77.

Professor Leigh Simms of Brandon University's Anthropology Department had been impressed with the account of the Jerusalem excavations in *Human Potential* magazine (the forerunner of *Quest*) and had invited Mr. Earle to speak to the society. Professor Simms will make an archaeological display of the Jerusalem excavations to be featured in a display for the public at Brandon University.

Country home becomes their dream come true

By Betty Gilbert

IRVING, Tex. — Most people live their lives without ever having their dreams come true. Maybe they dream too high or fail to take advantage of an opportunity when it comes along. But a real dream came true for us. People could have thought we walked into a nightmare when it all began, but it is working out.

The two of us — my husband, Don, and I — were raised on farms. Neither of us enjoyed living in an apartment when we moved to the city, so we bought a home in the suburbs. But we still felt closed in.

So we continued our search for a place large enough for a garden and a little elbow room. We located sev-

someone else would come up with cash for the other house before we sold ours.

First we tried a realtor but felt his fee when placed on top of our price made it overpriced. We decided to sell it ourselves.

Got Our Equity

With God's help we did get our equity out of it. We put every dollar of that equity into the other place. But we had one other problem: We still needed to mortgage \$6,000. We couldn't find a mortgage company that would loan any money on a house that old. They would have gladly loaned us \$30,000 or \$40,000 for a new house, but they wouldn't take a chance, plus they said it really wasn't worth their time to bother with a \$6,000 loan.

So a personal loan was worked out, and with the help of some men in the Church with strong backs we moved.

Right off we had a problem. Our former home was much larger, and we had too much furniture. We reluctantly sold part of it. About a week later we had sewage all over the backyard. The septic tank had overflowed. We hooked up to a city sewage system, which cost several hundred dollars.

Most of our friends thought we had lost our minds. One said, "You certainly have sacrificed a lot, haven't you?"

Here we had our dream come true and everyone was feeling sorry for us. After all, we had left a lovely home with all the extras, and now we were in this old house with one fourth the cabinets and closets we'd had before.

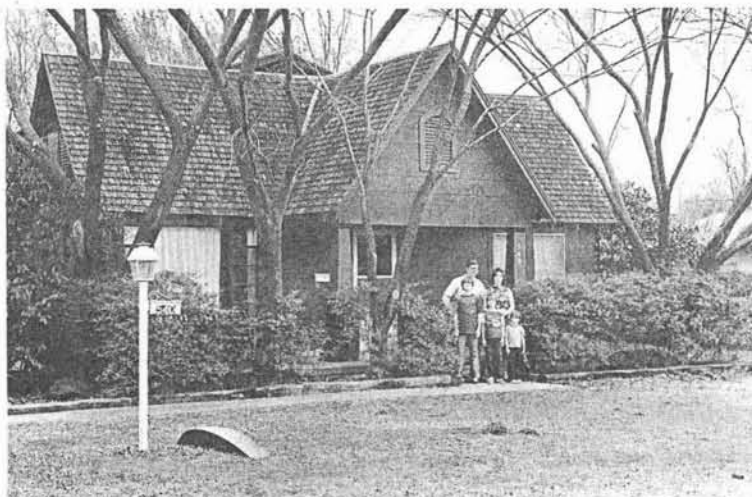
20 Trees on Minifarm

But for some crazy reason we

eral, but they were usually out of our budget range. After two or three years we finally found it. Now, "it" was a house 10 years old on a half acre of land. An elderly lady had lived in it several years, and before she moved into it her father had occupied it.

My husband inspected it thoroughly and declared it structurally sound. That was about all it was, except it had a certain character and charm we loved.

So a contract was signed. Now the only thing we had to do was sell the house we were living in. We tried for four months, all the time fearing



DREAM HOUSE — The Don Gilbert family gave up its house in the suburbs for this older house, above, which the Gilberts remodeled themselves. Right: Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert stand in their newly remodeled kitchen. [Photos by Mark Robinson]

loved it. It was wonderful to go out early in the morning and see and hear all the beautiful birds. We have more than 20 trees on our minifarm.

We did have a few more problems. One night we were lying in bed and something whizzed past my ear. I jumped up, turned on the light, and a bug at least three inches long ran under the television. And one night we heard munching noises in the kitchen that turned out to be rats. We put out poison for the rats and had the exterminator take care of the bugs.

The first year we tackled the kitchen and replaced all the wiring in the house. The day we hooked up the dishwasher was especially thrilling for me. It had been such a long time since I had had a sink, much less a dishwasher. We had been eating and cooking outside in our camper trailer for quite some time.

The second year we went up. The house had a large attic, so my husband, using his architectural talent, drew plans for an upstairs, which meant tearing off part of the roof and building walls. So on a very warm day in July he and our oldest son tore off the roof.

We borrowed large canvas canopies from some Church friends and covered the hole in the roof in case it rained at night. Now, this was no small hole; it covered practically the whole top of the house. Our next-door neighbor was so worried it would rain he came over two or three afternoons after work to help get the roof on. And the day after we put the finishing roof on a heavy rain came.

It took us several months to finish the upstairs interior. We had three bedrooms and a bath to build. Our children were so excited the day the carpet was finally laid. At last their rooms were ready to move into.

In fact, we were all so happy we just went up there and lay down and thanked God for allowing us to finish it. Every door facing had been hand-sanded and the paneling was gleaming with new varnish. We felt good.

Relaxed Third Year

The third year we relaxed a little and only remodeled the downstairs bath and installed all new plumbing under the house. Each room, as we work on it, is completely torn out and all new material put in. So actually we are building us a new home.

But we have built a lot more than just a home. We have built a foundation, a solid foundation. We have built considerable character. Our



three boys have learned so many skills.

I certainly do not suggest that everyone rush out and start rebuilding an old house. But if you know you enjoy that type of thing you could probably accomplish it.

My husband commented to a friend the other night that both partners have enjoyed the work, and it's all a team effort.

Our entire family has been involved in this venture. We have had difficult days. Days we've wondered if it was worth the trouble. Before anyone starts a project such as this you need to have a good relationship with your mate. There are times when nerves get frazzled and everything goes wrong. For us the difficult part is over, and we have weathered the storm. We have seen each other at our worst and our best. We have a mutual love and respect for each other that can't be torn down. We still have a lot to do, but it's a piece of cake compared to what we have done. So at a fairly young age we have a home paid for.

Was it worth it?

Yes, for us it was.

King extends invitation

MAIDSTONE, England — Stanley Gusten Olson, a Church member and 1964 graduate of Ambassador College, Brickett Wood, was invited to a reception during a state visit to Britain by King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden.

"It was most exhilarating and memorable to be privileged to meet the king and to convey regards from my parents living in Sweden," Mr. Olson commented.

When Mr. Olson later asked the king if he, after the reception, could take a photograph, the king replied, "All you need to do is keep taking the entire time."

Mr. Olson later sent a photograph of the king, the Swedish ambassador and Mr. Olson to the royal palace with congratulations after the king's betrothal.

"This was gratefully acknowledged by the king and the then future queen," Mr. Olson said.



INSIDE THE HOUSE — Don and Betty Gilbert and their three sons — Scott, top, Jeff, left, and Mike — gather around the stairs of their remodeled home, which they have lived in and worked on for three years. The family moved into the 10-year-old house on half an acre of land after a search for a place large enough for a garden and some elbow room. Mrs. Gilbert says the project has been a "team effort," with the entire family involved in the venture. [Photo by Mark Robinson]

SECRET OF THE WINDMILL

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

When Jim Wilson visited his grandparents on the farm he looked forward to getting up at dawn with Grandpa Wilson to help him do the chores. One morning as he and Grandpa came to the house after finishing milking Sadie, Grandma met them at the kitchen door.

"I had a strange phone call just now," she told Grandpa as he set the full milk pail on the kitchen stool.

"What do you mean strange?" Pulling off his jacket, Grandpa hung it on a hook behind the kitchen door. Jim followed his example.

"It was a young woman. She said she was Barney Cooper's wife."

"Barney Cooper?" repeated Grandpa. "I haven't thought of him in a long time. He used to be our hired man, Jim."

"Poor Barney's very sick," Grandma went on. "His wife was phoning to ask us to look for the money he said he hid here while he was working for us. It's money he inherited from an uncle, and he hid it because he was afraid a second cousin would steal it from him. Can you imagine such a thing?"

"If he thought someone was after it, why didn't he sock it into a bank?" asked Grandpa.

Secret Directions

"I don't know. The strangest part is he wrote down secret directions when he hid it and she read it to me. 'Go down to the barn and count 10 steps,' is what he wrote. Here, I copied it down."

Grandma pulled a piece of notepaper from her apron pocket. "Mrs. Cooper said if we find the money to mail it to a box number in Kansas City and she'd pick it up."

Taking the paper, Grandpa studied it. "That lady must have us confused with someone else. The Barney Cooper I knew didn't act like he had any money. When he came here he seemed flat broke. He worked two weeks and drifted on — after I fired him."

"Excuse me please, Grandpa," said Jim. "Why did you fire him?"

"He had a negative attitude about everything," explained Grandpa. "The worst part was he didn't work except when I watched him."

"I didn't mind that so much because I was working to change that, but when he dropped a cigarette into a bale of hay on the rack and burnt a hundred dollars' worth of alfalfa I couldn't afford to be patient any more."

"Well, Jim, let's wash up and eat a big breakfast, then we'll go down to the barn and dig around a little and see if we find any trace of that money."

He studied the paper again. "Too bad the man didn't tell her right out where the money was instead of being so mysterious with directions to count 10 steps. It might be lost for good."

Smell of Money

Half an hour later Jim and Grandpa slipped on their jackets and went out to get a shovel and spade from the tool shed beside the cave. Major came bouncing across the yard where he had been sniffing for moles.

"Come on, Major!" Jim called. "You can smell where the money is buried."

"Don't get your hopes up," Grandpa said. "We don't have very much to go on."

When they reached the barn Grandpa started at one corner and marched straight north 10 steps. It brought him to

the concrete drive that came out of the corncrib. "It can't be under that cement. Why don't you go to the other side of the barn and count 10 steps and see where that leaves you."

When Jim had counted the 10 long steps, he stabbed his spade into the ground near the tall, steel windmill.

Panting, Major galloped over with a puzzled expression. He wanted to play the new game.

Grandpa came around the barn, counting as he stepped. Stopping, he poked at some undergrowth near the stock tank beside the windmill.

Jim stomped on the spade and turned over a spadeful of earth. "The ground's awful hard," he told Grandpa. "But if there's money buried here I'll find it."

Jim worked hard at the spot and dug down almost a foot. Major wandered off and came back. He stopped and sniffed at the narrow steel ladder that came down from the top of the windmill. Placing one paw on the ladder, he wagged his tail. Grandpa, watching from the shade of the barn where he had stopped to remove his jacket, gave a chuckle.

"Major looks like he wants to climb a ladder. I knew a dog once that went up a stepladder. Pasha was his name. He was a sheltie. Prettiest little dog you ever saw, except for Major, of course. Pasha would go up four steps and then he'd jump off into his master's arms."

Counted the Rungs

Jim wiped his face with his handkerchief and counted the rungs on the narrow windmill ladder.

"That's awful high, it's got 10 rungs. Too high for Major to try it. Grandpa, could I climb the windmill just once?"

"No, and I'll tell you why. This summer when the watermelons are about the size of our heads I'll climb up on that windmill and drop one. Anybody that slips and falls would land in about the same kind of mush as that watermelon."

Jim gulped. "Yes, sir. I won't ask again."

"Good for you. We might as well gather up our things and go up to the house. We'll take a look around again toward evening."

"Grandpa! There are the 10 steps!" Jim pointed to the windmill ladder and gave a whoop. "I counted 10 rungs! That money must be on the platform at the top of the ladder. I know it is!"

Grandpa's head went back as he gazed upward. "Ten rungs, all right," he said slowly. "Wait here. I'll check it out."

One Rung at a Time

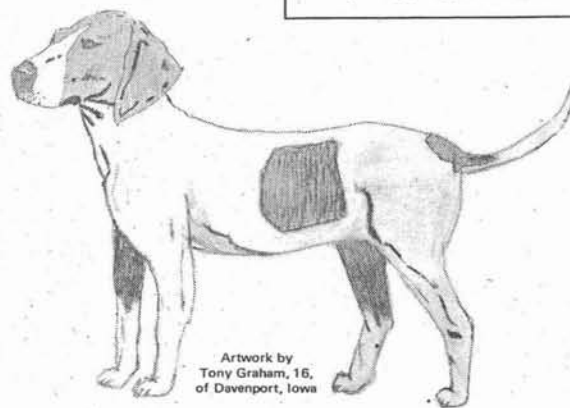
Jim watched Grandpa go up the ladder of the windmill, one rung at a time. When Grandpa reached the small platform at the top just below the wheel, which idled lazily, his hand went out and over and Jim held his breath. Had the hired man really hidden some money there two years ago?

Grandpa's hand slowly came away from the platform. The hand was empty but he fumbled at his shirt, unbuttoning two top buttons. Then he reached out and back and shoved something down into his shirt.

"It's here, Jimmy!" he called down. "A little tin box."

"How much money?" Jim yelled up. "I don't know. It's heavy."

Jim danced around the windmill as Grandpa came down the narrow rungs. When he was safely down, Grandpa



Artwork by
Tony Graham, 16,
of Davenport, Iowa

knelt, opened his shirt and took out a tin box that was caked with pigeon droppings. With a wrinkled nose, Grandpa banged the box on the side of the windmill to dislodge the droppings. Clang!

"Pigeons carry diseases sometimes," Grandpa muttered. "We'll have to wash our hands." Opening the two metal clasps, he raised the lid.

Jim gasped. Green bills! There were stacks of them with rubber bands holding them tight. "There must be a hundred dollars!"

Grandpa lifted out one stack and began to count. "These are each \$100 bills, Jim," he said in a pinched voice. He stopped counting, returned the money to the box and closed the lid. Jim had never seen him look so grave. "His face was white under its windburn. 'Must be \$20,000 here,' he said."

Tainted Money

Kneeling, Jim reached out but Grandpa stopped him. "Don't touch it. It's tainted money. Taint yours and taint mine."

Major gave Grandpa's cheek a warm lick, and he looked up. "Here, now, Major, never mind that." He got to his feet with the box. "Let's go."

"Where are we going, Grandpa?"

"To the bank. I won't send cash like this through the mail. I'll deposit it and write her a check. That makes more sense."

Grandma exclaimed as Grandpa showed her their find. She wanted to go into town with them, but she had started bread to rise and it could not be left unattended.

"Can Major go?" Jim asked after he had washed up and put on clean jeans and shirt.

"Yep, if he behaves himself," Grandpa replied with a smile.

Major's tail wagged fast as he trotted to the car with them. When they arrived in town and parked before the State Bank, he wagged his tail again.

"No, Major, you can't go into the bank," Jim said.

"He'll stay here and guard the car," Grandpa added.

"Stay!" Jim ordered.

As they went on into the bank building, Jim glanced back and saw Major settle himself on the front seat of the car.

Dropping into the chair Grandpa pointed out, Jim waited while Grandpa went to a teller's window. It took a long time for the teller to make out the deposit slip. He counted and recounted the money and then left the counter and went to the back rooms. Another teller came out with him, and they counted the

bills again and talked to Grandpa.

Seeing the Vice President

Grandpa walked back to Jim. "Come on. We've got to go into a back office. The vice president wants to see us."

Jim followed Grandpa to a small room where a Mr. Whitney, a little man with large glasses and a dark suit, directed them to take chairs. He left the room.

Jim sat down beside Grandpa in a big chair.

"I'll bet Mrs. Barney will be glad you're sending her the money. It's lucky Major found it."

"Major didn't find it. It was your idea."

"But Major got us started thinking about ladders," insisted Jim.

The door opened, but Mr. Whitney only stepped in for a moment. "Be right with you," he said in a nervous voice, and the door closed again.

Grandpa straightened his necktie. "There's something funny going on."

"Do you think the money is counterfeit?" Jim suggested, suddenly worried. "Ah . . . I don't know. It looked all right to me. I wish I knew why they're acting like this and keeping us here."

The door opened and Mr. Whitney stepped in. He had a tall stranger with him. It was County Sheriff Madison, and Jim noticed the holster and gun at his waist.

Grandpa rose to his feet. "Hi, Stan." He had known Stanley Madison since he was a boy in school.

"Hello, Mr. Wilson," replied Sheriff Madison. "Come along with me quietly. Let's not have any trouble."

No Funny Stuff

Grandpa's brows went up. "What?" "We're going to the courthouse. I want to ask you some questions about that money you brought in here."

"What?" yelled Grandpa again.

"Every one of those bills were taken in a holdup in Council Bluffs, Iowa, a couple of years ago. It looks like you were the one who staged the holdup."

Grandpa said, "Paw! I've never been in Council Bluffs in my life."

"The serial numbers match perfectly."

"But I can explain! I found that money."

"And I helped him find it," Jim jumped to his feet.

Sheriff Madison did not smile. "I've heard that before. Come on, let's go and no funny stuff."

TO BE CONCLUDED
NEXT ISSUE

Members, students honored

AMARILLO, Tex. — Zula Taylor, 65, a member of the church here, has been honored as an "outstanding senior citizen" by *The Golden Spread Informer*, an Amarillo newspaper.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Kaufman, Tex., the first of 12 children of Mr. and Mrs. Vick Garrett. She is the



ZULA TAYLOR

mother of two children: Earnest, who died in 1947, and Pearl Lee Leaks of Amarillo.

Mrs. Taylor enlisted in the Army in 1942 and was assigned to a shell factory in Grand Prairie, Tex.

She is active in volunteer work with a senior citizens' program at Hilltop Learning Center here, serving as dining-room hostess and general aide.

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — A brother-and-sister song-and-dance team, Brent and Lisa Davis, won first place in a talent contest at their school, Del Dios, here Feb. 2.

Brent's and Lisa's winning number was "Consider Yourself," from the movie *Oliver*, which they had also presented at a church talent show last year.

Lisa, 13, and Brent, 12, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Saffield Davis, members of the San Diego



BRENT AND LISA DAVIS



STAR RIDER — Lloyd Crabtree takes to the air, left, with his Suzuki RM80. Since he began riding competitively he has won four trophies, right. (Photos by Roger Hartop)



13-year-old becoming a star rider

By John A. Halford

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Lloyd Crabtree, 13, the oldest son of Australian business manager John Crabtree, is fast becoming a star rider of the junior league of the local minibike motocross club.

Lloyd has been riding with the Gold Coast Mini Bike Motocross Club since February last year, since being introduced to this comparatively new Australian sport by a school friend. Since he began riding competitively he has won four of the club's competitions.

Lloyd's father, a motorcycle enthusiast himself, encourages his son in the sport. He bought him his current competition machine, a Suzuki RM80. Mr. Crabtree has been an active supporter of the junior bike club since its inception and helped build its competition-track circuit at Burleigh Heads. He serves on the board of the club.

When asked if motorcycle racing is dangerous for a 13-year-old boy, Lloyd replied:

"Not at all. Bikes aren't dangerous, if you wear the proper gear and don't do foolish things. Bike riding has taught me balance and coordination. I think I will have a better idea of road safety when it is time for me to have a driving license in a few years. It is exciting and a great sport."

congregation.

Both had been refused when they tried to join the school chorus, but after their prizewinning effort the director decided room could be made for them after all.

MORSE, La. — Connie Myers, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers, has been selected to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1976-77.

Connie is a senior at Midland High School and is active in band and various clubs.

She attends church in Lake



CONNIE MYERS

Charles, La., with her mother and sister and is a member of YOU.

HEFLIN, Ala. — Jerry York, a member of the Anniston, Ala., congregation, was presented the District Award of Merit by the George H. Lanier Council of the Boy Scouts of America at a recent recognition banquet.

The award is a relatively new one that is presented to volunteer scouts who have rendered outstanding service to scouting on a district level. Mr. York is serving as district commissioner in his area and has been instrumental in establishing several Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs and an Explorer post since moving here in August, 1975.

He has also served as program director at the council's summer camp.

On the same evening he was also presented the Scouter Training Award, having completed the prescribed requirements over the past three years.

Before moving to Alabama, Mr. York was the "founding scoutmaster" of Troop 709, sponsored by the Worldwide Church of God in Atlanta, Ga. He is also a member of the

National Eagle Scout Association, having earned his Eagle award in 1957, and is a 15-year veteran scoutmaster.

Mr. York recommends the program to all boys — and men — interested in fun, character building and service to others.

FRANKLIN PARK, Ill. — Wayne Blake, 20, was one of 50 students of Triton College, River Grove, Ill., recently selected to appear in *Who's Who in American Junior Colleges*.

Students were selected on the basis of leadership, citizenship, academic achievement and extracurricular activities in the community and college. Mr. Blake is an English major, now in his second year at Triton. He plans to transfer to a four-year college to finish his studies.

Mr. Blake's name and achievements will appear in the annual publication of *Who's Who*, and he will receive a certificate of recognition.



WAYNE BLAKE

The Word is getting around

By Kenneth Tlou

RUSTENBURG, South Africa — Young Lich Sello's teacher was disappointed to find that her obedient, industrious and intelligent pupil was not part of a well-known church. Equally disappointed, 11-year-old Lich walked home from school, sad because his Church is not known like the other students'.

Lich's father, Edward Sello, a member of the Worldwide Church of God, listened with interest as his son told of the experience. The next day Mr. Sello sent a note to the teacher that read: "I understand that you doubt the existence of the Worldwide Church of God. . . Herein I enclose two of our booklets."

After reading the booklets, the teacher circulated them among the students and teachers, then praised Lich for being a student who instantly communicates with his parents. And two Church publications, *This Is Ambassador College* and *This Is the Worldwide Church of God*, were given free advertising.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4
To find the first letter of each word, use the letters printed after each word in the following list as a guide. For example, the horizontal row of letters beginning with J on the left and the vertical row beginning with L on top intersect at the A in Aaron:
Aaron JL, Abel RB, Abraham AA, Adam QH, Ahab TO, Amos KR, Balaam PT, Boaz FJ, Cain GC, Dan CH, Daniel AT, David BG, Eli KI, Elijah QG, Enkai HZ, Esau CA, Esther GS, Eze RL, Ezra JD, Gilead QA, Hagar OE, Ham TE, Harosh FE, Hovea QR, Isaac GI, Jacob PP, James LK, Japheth MI, Jazebai HS, Job FH, Joel NM, John FB, Jonah OS, Joseph PP, Joshua FB, Jude BP, Luf SH, Luke TK, Mark AG, Matthew AG, Meah VE, Moses AG, Naboth IB, Nahum IH, Nehemiah VO, Nero JP, Noah TB, Paul AL, Peter QJ, Philimon FT, Rachel OQ, Rebekah KO, Reuben CO, Samson AK, Samuel FD, Sarah EA, Saul AK, Seth OF, Shem SE, Solomon DN, Timothy CI, Titus EE, Zechariah GL.

A Personal Letter from

James Lee Armstrong

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outstanding majors in special fields that can prepare young students for meaningful careers — that you will find anywhere in the country!

My father has always said a thing worth doing is worth doing well, and this is one of the underlying concepts of Ambassador College. We want it to truly become one of the BEST small, church-related colleges dealing with liberal arts and providing significant majors in fields such as science, business, agribusiness, agriculture (to come a little later), etc., in the country!

All of you well remember that, many years ago, Ambassador College was graduating far more qualified young men and women than were truly needed in the field ministry.

Market Saturated

Obviously our on-campus job markets began to become saturated (even though we were operating a vast printing establishment, data-processing center and other major departments), so many of these young people began to face, for the first time in perhaps a decade or so, the need to shop around in the job market "outside."

Even though MANY of these young people obtained responsible and meaningful jobs, and were pulling

down good salaries, there WERE a few cases (which I believe were sensationalized) in which a young person went right back into the same job he may have occupied prior to coming to college!

Unfortunately, some of these examples, rather than the more positive ones, became widely known.

For a time the scuttlebutt among many of our young prospective college students was that there was no use whatsoever in going to Ambassador College, because all it did was delay your obtaining of a job four more years and you were not especially any more equipped or qualified for any particular skill when you graduated than you were prior to entering!

National Trend

Much of this false concept was buttressed further by articles appearing in recent times in leading national magazines which showed a national trend in this direction, that many young people were eschewing a college education in favor of a vocational school or trying to go directly into a job.

However, even during those years we could substantiate the fact that there were literally dozens of Ambassador College graduates who, with a theology and speech background, because of their character development, their meaningful, broad general education, their basic demeanor, attitude, outward appearance, confidence and sincerity, moved into very responsible positions in any number of jobs including

those in city government, sales and the more technical fields in large companies.

As I was going over, for example, our very finely equipped Science Department, I was struck by the fact that the Ambassador College undergraduate program in science allows students to become familiar with and to use scientific equipment and conduct experimentation which is normally only offered at the graduate level in most large universities! We are finely equipped and have very talented and thoroughly qualified staff members who are teaching in their own fields!

I could go on and on, perhaps uselessly, on this, but I wanted to let all of you brethren know that IN ADDITION to turning out the kind of fine, responsible young men and women I mentioned earlier, who are the backbone of the "field ministry" of God's Church today, there are dozens and dozens of other fine young men and women equally well trained with the same background in theology who each year take up positions of responsibility in their local communities and who, over the next three, five, seven or 10 years, will emerge as true leaders in their own local-church areas!

In this way Ambassador College not only provides a thoroughly trained and qualified ministry for those who wish to go on into graduate studies, or have a year or two of field experience as an assistant or to become an associate pastor, but also graduates highly qualified individuals capable of taking up positions in

special fields.

New Radio Stations

Here's GOOD NEWS! Even though most of the stations we have recently purchased for the five-minute radio program are in smaller towns in the Rocky Mountain states, I am very encouraged to announce that we have been able to buy Intermountain Network stations for our five-minute radio programs! [See article, page 16.]

Also, several other availabilities have been accepted, and I hope in the issues of the WN for quite some time to be able to announce new acquisitions of radio time for our five-minute programs as they become available.

I know all of you noticed in the last issue of the WN the account of Mr. Jon Hill's campaign in the Fort Worth, Tex., area. I am really encouraged to be able to announce that a number of campaigns in various areas around the country are to be conducted soon. [See article, page 1.]

To me this is a very encouraging and exciting new development in God's Work, and I hope, budget permitting, we can see a real growth of this program so that eventually literally dozens upon dozens of even the smaller churches in the United States will be able to experience such local-area campaigns!

Though I do not want to blurt what I want to say to you in the near future in a personal member letter, let me tell you that some really exciting plans are developing here at headquarters with regard to a special

worldwide Sabbath-day service. I'll save details for a forthcoming letter.

I will be doing additional batches of five-minute programs this next week (prior to the time you read this), and of course you all know that by the time you read this issue of *The Worldwide News* the Bing Crosby 50th-anniversary celebration will have been held in the Auditorium [see "Grapevine," page 16]. Rest assured there will be ample coverage! I am very expectantly looking forward to quite a number of additional local-area visits in the near future and will keep you up to date as these events develop.

Prayers for Mr. Armstrong

My father is presently at a health resort in Rumania (as he mentions in his "Personal" in this issue), and even though I had assumed his ankle was almost completely healed, it is, according to his "Personal," apparently still giving him some discomfort. I know he will appreciate your prayers in this regard.

Following the Toronto campaign I was able to be present at one of the opening sessions for approximately half of our Canadian ministry at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto [see article, page 1].

Although I could only stay for a very brief time (perhaps two hours or so), it was a wonderful opportunity to get together with so many of our men from scattered areas all over Canada, including the Maritimes. Also present were Mr. Les McCullough, director of the International Division, Dr. Robert Kuhn, my personal assistant, and Mr. C. Wayne Cole, director of the Canadian Work.

This coming Monday I hope to be present at the kickoff session of the area coordinators' meeting in Pasadena. (We hope to have two or three or even more such meetings in various locations around the country each year as we are able.)

We thought it would be especially nice if each of these area coordinators and his wife could be invited as a special guest of the Church to attend the Bing Crosby anniversary celebration while on campus, and I'm sure they're all excitedly looking forward to that opportunity as well.

That's about it for now — this is growing lengthy — but I wanted to bring you up to date. Thanks again for the "continuing-support" letters I receive from so many of you. They are deeply appreciated, and I do read every one!

Your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong

'PT' light in prison

LEXINGTON, Ky. — A prison isn't the most cheerful place to be, and Kentucky State Penitentiary at Eddyville is no exception. But many of the inmates at Eddyville brighten their days by reading *The Plain Truth*, says Gerry Russell, coordinator for the PT's newsstand program in the southeastern United States.

In fact, Mr. Russell says, *The Plain Truth* is "one of the most widely read publications among the 1,350 inmates at the prison."

Many of the prisoners belong to the Wit and Wisdom Club, "which is a cross between a Spokesman Club and Alcoholics Anonymous," Mr. Russell says. "The men who attend the club's two-per-week meetings are those that sincerely want to rehabilitate themselves."

"And they are getting a good beginning, as the club's creed recognizes that they need God's help to be able to achieve their goal of rehabilitation."

Mr. Russell learned about the Wit and Wisdom Club and other activities of prisoners from a recent visit to the prison.

"I had the interesting opportunity to speak to the club a few weeks ago, and all the Ambassador College-published booklets and magazines I had with me were rapidly taken, with requests for more," he says. So the week of Jan. 10 "we delivered approximately 500 booklets on approximately 60 different subjects to the club. We were assured that these booklets will be well read."

The club was founded and is directed by the prison doctor, Larry Bogart, but he has been reassigned and will soon leave his position at the prison.

"So Mr. Vic Kubik, minister of the Paducah and Dawson Springs [Ky.] churches, is looking into the possibility of the Church running the club under the auspices of AICF [the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation]."



EXPLAINING THE PROGRAM — Left: Gordon Muir, assistant circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*, center, speaks to two members who came to the meeting in Big Sandy to learn about setting up a PT-distribution program in their area. Four such meetings were held or are to be held around the United States. Below: Dr. Muir addresses a group of more than 60 men who came to Big Sandy. Sixty men were invited to the meetings nationwide, but more attended at their own expense. (See article, page 1.) (Photos by Tom Hanson)



Rhodesian brethren back fast

By Malcom Tofts

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — The church here fasted Feb. 18, along with other Rhodesians, after President Walter Dupont proclaimed a national day of fasting and prayer "that this nation comes before God to seek repentance."

The Salisbury church, pastored by Owen Willis, backed up the president by placing full-page advertisements in newspapers, encouraging Rhodesians to follow the president's injunctions. The ads appeared on the day before the fast and the fast day itself.

The president had requested "that church services be held throughout Rhodesia," so the brethren here met for a special noon service.

This was reportedly the first time an African leader has called such a day, and, reportedly, most Rhodesians did not observe it.



DIRECTOR — Canadian director C. Wayne Cole and his wife enjoy a banquet before a ministerial conference in Toronto. [Photo by Larry Greider]

Canadian conference

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which ran until Feb. 16, featured Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, who spoke on plans for the international Work, Canada in particular.

Robert Kuhn, an assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong, spoke on doctrine, including a review of a systematic-theology project and the relationship of the Church with the rest of the world from a publicity standpoint. He talked of magazine articles about the Work, television, the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, *Quest* 77 magazine and Garner Ted Armstrong's coming syndicated column and book.

International Communications

Among the ministers attending was Elbert Atlas, coordinator of the U.S. Northeast Area, which borders the two areas whose ministers were at

the conference. Mr. Cole said he had invited Mr. Atlas to come to "facilitate communications exchange between the U.S. and Canadian ministry."

The Toronto and Montreal areas "comprise an area stretching along the U.S. border from northern Michigan, extending past Maine 600 to 700 miles," said Cam Catherwood, coordinator of the Montreal Area. "I feel that it was exciting for the two areas to get together, renew old friendships and to have contact with headquarters personnel," he said.

Pastor sees Sabbath keepers

Unusual visit made

By Owen Willis

Pastor, Salisbury Churches
SALISBURY, Rhodesia — I am sure every minister has dreamed of the ideal visit:

"Are you obeying God's laws?"

"Yes."

"Are you keeping the Sabbath?"

"Yes."

"Are you keeping the Holy Days?"

"Yes."

"The Feast of Tabernacles?"

"Yes."

That was exactly my experience a few weeks ago while conducting a visit in Nairobi, Kenya.

Seven people came to my hotel room who wanted to discuss some questions about the Bible. They had been to some of the lectures recently given by Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, in the Kenyatta Conference Centre in Nairobi.

As we talked about various aspects of the Church, I found they were associated with the Church of God Seventh Day, which was headed by the late A.N. Dugger of Jerusalem. In Herbert W. Armstrong's autobiography Mr. Armstrong mentions Mr. Dugger in connection with his search for the true Church.

It seems that one of Mr. Dugger's assistants visited Kenya about six years ago, baptized a number of peo-

ple and ordained a few elders. Present estimates place the number of members of this church in Kenya at about 1,000, although it seems there has been little leadership and the church has fallen into some disarray, with pockets of members throughout the country.

My visitors seemed impressed that the Worldwide Church of God has a dynamic purpose and speaks with authority. One aspect that struck them was that this Church is doing a Work, proclaiming the good news of God's Kingdom to the world as a witness.

All together I spent 10 hours with these seven people on the three occasions we got together on my January visit to Nairobi. On Feb 1 I met with them in a home of one of the group and spent the day with them. Every occasion has proved extremely enjoyable and challenging; these people have a great interest and respect for the Word of God. It appears that a real kindred spirit exists.

I have received an invitation to speak to one of their churches close to Nairobi on my next visit to Kenya in early March. They have asked me to talk about the meaning of the Holy Days; it appears that, although they have been diligently observing the days for the past few years, they have not known the real meaning behind them.

A Personal Letter from

Robert W. Armstrong

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back on the job as vigorously as ever.

My left ankle received a serious sprain three months ago, after speaking to a packed auditorium in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. A sprain, as I have learned, is worse than a break. It seems to be mostly healed by now but is still far from being back to normal. I have had to learn to walk all over again, and still am a bit unsteady. But God is with me, and I NEED YOUR PRAYERS!

10 More Years

I need at least 10 more years of vigorous, active work to finish the Work that God has committed to me — or LESS, if God cuts time shorter, which is most likely!

Yesterday the idea came to mind to write a BOOK. It may become a series of articles, I hope in the new magazine *Quest* 77, a sort of opposite to the famous H.G. Wells book *Outline of History*. Such a book seriously needs to be written. I did manage yesterday to write out a synopsis OUTLINE of the 14 major chapters the book will require.

Meanwhile, news from Pasadena is that all is well. Our great God is on His throne!

With deepest love,
Herbert W. Armstrong

'PT' helps

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Nathan said. (The South Africa Foundation, Mr. Nathan said, is a group of people dedicated to improving relations between South Africa and other countries.)

Mr. Nathan reported copies were also sent to "school principals throughout the republic" along with a letter introducing the magazine and a postage-paid reply card.

"To date we have just under a 20 percent response, including cabinet ministers, diplomatic representatives, city councillors, etc.," he said.

The February issue gave extensive play to Rhodesia, so Mr. Nathan saw that it was "shown to the Rhodesian government, plus other groups." The article "has been accepted by all groups irrespective of their political outlook," and one, which considers itself, "in opposition to the present government, invited Robert Fahey, director of the Work in Africa, David Hulme and myself to a cocktail party where we were introduced to leading citizens of all races.

"The PT has been sent to all members of this group."

Rhodesia's Ministry of Information requested 5,000 copies of the February PT, "which it wishes to send to people they consider opinion makers throughout the world," Mr. Nathan stated. "Of this 5,000 only 500 would be sent to people in Rhodesia."

Some 11,000 more copies are set to go to other "prominent" Rhodesians, said Mr. Nathan. "Last Sunday [Feb. 20] members of the Harari [non-European] and Salisbury churches met and helped to mail 6,500 copies of the magazine to farmers and businessmen. The remainder will be mailed during the coming week. In three days we have received over 100 responses."



SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE — Ministers and Johannesburg-office staffers get together for lunch, left, at a three-day South African conference for ministers and their wives, and office staffers. From left, Mrs. Dan Botha; Mr. Botha, Cape Town pastor; staffers Elijah Tsosetsi and Petrus Sebati; and Owen Willis, minister responsible for Malawi, Zambia and Kenya. [Photo by Peter Nathan]



OVERVIEW — South African director Bob Fahey, above, recalls 12 months of the Work's progress in southern Africa during the opening session of a three-day ministerial conference Jan. 26 in Johannesburg. Right: Andre van Belkum, director of church affairs in southern Africa, reports that in 1976 the number of churches rose from 12 to 19 and church attendance rose by 30.4 percent, to 1,133 members. [Photos by Peter Nathan]



BABIES

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Heather Dawn, first daughter, second child of David and Patty Burson, Jan. 21, 9:58 a.m., 7 pounds, 13½ ounces.

BLUEFIELD, W.Va. — Amy Frances, fourth daughter, fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Browning, Jan. 20, 11:32 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces.

BRICKET WOOD, England — Benjamin Yungman, second son, third child of Gordon and Katherine Graham, Jan. 23, 7 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Wendy Elizabeth, first daughter, first child of Glen and Toni Laman, Feb. 10, 5:32 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces.

DALLAS, Tex. — Brent Austin and Bryan Alan, first sons of Wilbur and Gail Lewis, Jan. 29, 2:53 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce and 2:55 a.m., 5 pounds 11 ounces.

EDISON, N.J. — Ja'son Laman Kente, third son, fourth child of Helen and Thedus L. Cunningham, Feb. 1, 8:55 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces.

EDISON, N.J. — Jason Edward, third son, third child of John and Arlene Yutchan, Jan. 24, 11:55 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces.

EDISON, N.J. — Todd Evans, first son, first child of Evans and Cynthia (Ries) Whyte, Jan. 24, 7:41 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces.

EDMONTON, Alta. — Benjamin Royce, first son, first child of Richard and Dawn (Davies) Day, Feb. 3, 6:32 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces.

ELKHART, Ind. — Shelly Lynn, first daughter, first child of Tom and Elaine (Bailey) Blessing, Feb. 9, 11:14 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces.

ENID, Okla. — Christopher Schan, first son, second child of John and Debra Rummel, Feb. 6, 7:18 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

EVANSBURG, Alta. — David Dwayne, first son, first child of Gary and Bonnie (Bamber) Vandersteen, Jan. 15, 9:45 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces.

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — David Wayne and Angela Renee, second and third daughters, third and fourth children of Fernon and Ada Hair, Jan. 6, 8:37 a.m., 3 pounds 13 ounces, 8:48 a.m., 3 pounds 11 ounces.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Christopher Eugene, first son, first child of Robert E. and Debra A. Merrill Jr., Jan. 1, 3:07 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — James Bradford, first son, first child of Janice and Brad Pale, Jan. 2, 2:38 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces.

JOPLIN, Mo. — Derek Edgar, first son, third child of Don and Gail Mason, Jan. 25, 2 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Rachelle Anat, second daughter, second child of Mordechai and Nancy Joseph, Jan. 28, 9:30 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Jeremiah Wayne, second son, first child of Jerry and Cathie Morgan, Jan. 15, 1:11 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces.

OLATHE, Kan. — Jeremy Shawn, second son, second child of Charles and Linda Hopkins, Jan. 11, 5:44 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces.

OMAHA, Neb. — Gilbert Michael, first son, first child of Martin and Elaine Kimes, Jan. 30, 12:41 p.m., 4 pounds 11½ ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Michael Troy, second son of Paul and Lavonne Kneidel, Jan. 30, 5:30 a.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — David Carson, first son, fourth child of Carson and Verna Grubb, Jan. 13, 6:02 a.m., 11 pounds 10 ounces.

RED DEER, Alta. — David Andrew, second son, second child of Charles and Shirley (Reardon) Ranche, Feb. 2, 4:40 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — James Scott Butler, first son, second child of Jim and Beverly Butler, Feb. 9, 5:01 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Emilio Ricardo, first son, first child of Ricardo and Lilo (Fontillas) Fastidio, Feb. 9, 6 pounds 1 ounce.

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Alissa Ann, second daughter, second child of Darwin and Janet (Stallons) Nelson, Feb. 10, 1:47 p.m., 8 pounds 10½ ounces.

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. — Lynette Barbara, second daughter, third child of Tom and Marianne Eremenko, Dec. 27, 9:12 a.m., 6 pounds.

WATERLOO, Ont. — Benjamin Raymond, first son, first child of Michael and Pat Whyte, Jan. 12, 9:17 a.m., 4 pounds 15 ounces.

PERSONALS

Send your personal, along with a WN mailing label with your address on it, to "Personals," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Your personal must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears on this page. We cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

PEN PALS

Hello! I'll be 16 in March. I'm looking for a pen friend 16 and over living anywhere outside Australia. I enjoy writing to pen friends, and I collect stamps, cowboys, and see into my jacket. Linda Haastara, 30 Hermitage Crescent, Cartwright, 2168, New South Wales, Australia. All letters will be answered.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Tognas Jr. I saw your wedding picture in the recent *Worldwide News* magazine. Please write to me: Miss Myrtle Ables, 54 Roos St., Cape Town, South Africa, District 6, 8001, from your new address so that we can correspond again, and Lucille too.

Creative writers? I would be interested in exchanging thoughts and friendships with girls 23

POLICY ON PERSONALS

The personal column exists to serve our readers, but we cannot be responsible for the accuracy of each ad. Therefore, when you answer a personal, it is your responsibility to check the source of the ad. Get all the facts before you act!

WE WILL RUN: (1) Only those ads accompanied by a recent *Worldwide News* mailing label with your address on it; (2) pen-pal requests; (3) engagement, wedding and anniversary notices; (4) ads concerning temporary employment for teenagers wanting jobs for the summer; (5) lost-and-found ads; (6) ads from persons seeking personal information (for example, about potential homesites or living conditions) about other geographical areas; (7) other ads that are judged timely and appropriate.

WE WILL NOT RUN: (1) Ads from nonsubscribers; (2) job requests from anyone seeking full-time employment or job offers for full-time employees (however, job requests and job offers for all types of employment may be sent to the Human Resources Information Center, 300 W. Green, Pasadena, Calif., 91123); (3) for-sale or want-to-buy ads (e.g., used cars); (4) personals used as direct advertising or solicitation for a business or income-producing hobby; (5) matrimony ads; (6) other ads that are judged untimely or inappropriate.

NOTE: All personals are subject to editing and condensation.

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to 33 on creative writing and other comparative subjects. I am a single white male, 33, a member, love to write letters.

I'm a girl, 10, and would like pen pals, boys and girls, 10 and 11 from all around the world. I will answer all letters. Saint Morden, 19809 47th Ave. NE, Arlington, Wash.

I am a member in Miami, Fla., 27, and would like to hear from anyone interested in motion pictures, especially ancient film epics, also acting and writing. David Harvath, 25457 SW 108th Ave., Homestead, Fla., 33032.

I like to sing and would like the words (lyrics) to the following songs: "Rainbow at Midnight," "The Philadelphia Lawyer," "Wolverton Mountain," "Wedding Bells Will Never Ring for Me," "Mexicali Rose," "Don't Steal Another Man's Castle," "The Alamo," Mr. George B. Frank, Rt. 1, N. Box 108, Winton, N.D., 58091.

Hi! I'm 20, in college, would love to hear from Christians about my age. Interests: God's truth, history, science fiction, mysteries, music. Write soon! Eddie Wood, 2853 Webb Ave., Bronx, N.Y., 10468.

Married member, 26, mother of two small children, would like to write others my age in the New York City area. Interests: music (everything from rock to classical), reading, writing, child nutrition. Kathy Wiles, Box 1162, Lake Wales, Fla., 33853.

Divorced male would like pen pals 28 to 45 interested in God's true Word, good health, organic gardening, health foods, home life.

nature, good music. Harry S. Dill, Rt. 2, Fayette, Ala., 35555.

During our recent deluge of mail we received a letter from someone connected with the AICP asking us questions pertaining to prison. Somehow we misplaced this letter. Please write back to us as we wish to cooperate in this matter. Guy Pumpilla and Bob Rious, Box 968, Littlefield, Conn.

Burt Reynolds' twin, where are you? Saw you every day at the Feast in St. Pete but have never met you. You are about 20, fairly tall, dark hair, dark eyes. Whoever answers this ad, please send a photo so I can be sure you are the right person. Karen Crane, Rt. 2, Box 223, Jasper, Ga., 30143. Also, any other guys over 16 who would like to write, feel free to do so. Will answer all.

Letters can build a true friendship. Member desires sharing communication with others in western states. Would like to hear about your hometown, local customs, the like. I enjoy most outdoor activities. Interested in nutrition, jewelry, and some country music. I like watching good baseball pitching, performances by Tom T. Hall, John Denver, a bit of Doug Kershaw. I'm single, in late 20s, white. Paul Jackson, Box 12858, Las Vegas, Nev., 89112.

I'm a girl, 16. Would love to write guys 16 to 20 and any guys who will go to Florida for F. of T. Some interests: singing (pop rock), reading, amateur tennis, ice skating. Will try to answer all. Marilee Mulina, 1606 Liscomb Rd., Columbus, Ohio, 43207.

Single member, 39, who appreciates antiques,

good food, wine, country living in a river cabin in the mountains and long hair on a slim woman would enjoy corresponding with a together woman who can identify with home crafts, organic gardening, outdoor activities. Glenn Young, Rt. 1, Box 5268, Glenwood Ark., 71945.

Fred Heindl wants all his friends to know he's still around and kicking in the "youngins" at the Travelers Hotel. Writing is very tiring for him, but he would love to hear from you: 419 Georgia St., Room 15, Vallejo, Calif., 94590, El Stum.

Rennie Satterfield Henson and Elaine Farnsworth, where are you? Please write to me. Terry Brown Dean, 723 Cheers Circle, Columbia, Tenn., 38401.

Single father and son, 32 and 7, happy to have pen pals. We are into adventure, travel, macrobiotics, live theater, films, music, swimming, good friends, an M and probable M. Fred and Michael Arnold, 602 Lonsdale Rd., Toronto, Ont., M5P 1R7, Canada.

Single white member, 52, would appreciate pen pals in same age-group. Love to dance, some country-western music, sewing, some arts and crafts, growing flowers. Will answer all. Irene Whiddon, 2130 First Ave., Rt. 11, Meridian, Miss., 39301.

Are you female, 21 to 27? Are you interested in nutrition, physical fitness, natural foods? Then keep on reading. There is a healthy 27-year-old while belted member waiting to hear from you. When junk food gets you down and you want to get back into circulation, it's time to write Albert! 4425 Funtown Ave., Bronx, N.Y., 10466. So if health is your wealth, why not build a strong, new friendship.

Hi, I'm Sheila, 17½, interested in forestry, botany, bicycling, skating, all kinds of music, especially piano. Now training a two-year-old colt. Would like to write anyone 16 to 21 from anywhere. Sheila Taubee, 1721 Eldred Lane, Vista, Calif., 92083.

I am 12 and collect bird stamps. If you have any birds' stamps to give away, please send them to me. I have several car, ship, painting stamps to trade for them. John Manroli, 326 Clinton St., Hoboken, N.J., 07030.

Single Caucasian member, 33, desires to hear from other singles. Interests: swimming, bowling, basketball, baseball, most kinds of music, fishing, gardening, old-time radio-program collecting, fishing, nonfiction reading, CB, ham radio. Reply by cassette, open-reel or letter to Tom Grimsley, 10000 Lone Pine Ave., Van Nuys, Calif., 91401 (213) 763-3252.

Somewhere in the WCQ/AC there is an intelligent, imaginative, English-speaking Caucasian girl of unconquerable faith and character, 16 to 18, from anywhere, especially Hawaii, Canada, England, Scandinavia, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa. If you exist, could you be my pen pal? I am 17, interested in all things scientific, especially astronomy, God's truth, music, true history, geography, foreign

seedlings for the taller plants of the terrarium. Also plant ivy, moss and lichens. For a grasslike or carpet effect, plant a partridge berry. Place each plant carefully in the soil with enough space between plants to allow for growth.

Set the completed terrarium in a light place, but not where the sun will strike it directly. With the glass container closed, a balanced terrarium preserves temperature and moisture inside. Open the lid if the glass clouds with moisture.

Linda Arnold
Fisk, Mo.

☆☆☆

Barley does it

With coffee well over \$3 a pound in grocery stores across the country, some people are turning to other hot beverages. A coffee substitute can easily be made from roasted barley, and you may not be able to tell the difference between the barley brew and the real thing.

Here's what to do:

Roast barley grains in an oven at 400 degrees (204 degrees Celsius) for 45 minutes or less, stirring the grain to keep it from burning or scorching. When the grain is brown and cool, put it in a coffee mill or blender and grind.

Mix half and half with ground coffee, or use proportionately less coffee. Make sure the barley is the "malt kind," and be sure to use freshly ground grain (make a week's supply at a time), or seal it in an airtight container. Barley bought from a farmer should cost you 10 or 12 cents a pound.

See if you can taste the difference.

Lotha E. Hamilton
Stockton, Mo.



countries. Will also answer boys and girls of similar age and temperament of any race or nation. John Wheeler, 1048 E. El Toro Circle, No. 307, Tucson, Ariz., 85715.

Wanted (preferably alive): one Preston Zimmerman, last known location: Dallas, Tex. "Walters" been doing a "Pro 2" We would like to hear from you. "The Ames Brothers," c/o Mike Bacon, 1314 Pennsylvania Ave., Des Moines, Iowa, 50316.

I will be 16 in May. My race is all Indian. I am Moheave and Sioux, adopted and belong to the Worldwide Church of God. My hobbies: writing, sewing, knitting, crocheting, basketball, cheerleading, roller skating, travel, swimming. I would like to hear from Indian boys and girls around my age. There are none here in this Boise church. Annette Myers, 214 N.W. 22nd St., Boise, Idaho, 83702.

I'm a girl, 18, who would like to hear from girls and guys especially my age or older. Interests: outdoor fun, hiking, horseback riding, gardening, I own horses and other animals. I enjoy simple country living. Pam Mattinger, Rt. 1, Cadyville, N.Y., 12918.

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Larry and Walter, we're looking for you. Remember me and Lori! We met you in Square Valley, and we sat waiting. We would like to hear from you. Please contact us by writing Gine Mann, 2026 S. Sinclair, Stockton, Calif., 95205.

I'm Gina, and I'm 15. Would like guys 14 and up to write. I like sports, my favorite is football. I am a cheerleader for the Modesto Junior High. I will attend Square Valley for the Fall! Will try to answer all. Gina Mann, 2026 S. Sinclair, Stockton, Calif., 95205.

Anybody remember me? Attended Imperial School, 87 and 88. Would love to hear from you. Zoe Phillips (was Zoe Merrill), Box 5125, Security, Colo., 80931.

Are there any ladies who would write a 30-year-old Caucasian bachelor? (Am also a member.) Orvel D. Strong, 2990 Old Bangor Rd., Croville, Calif., 95955.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie G. King of Cade, La., are happy to announce the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter Kim Sharlene to Mr. Donald R. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim White of Preston, Miss. The wedding will take place in Lafayette April 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester F. Shoemaker wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter Diane to Edward Hawk. The couple will take place March 12 at Thuermer High School in Hagerstown, Md., church. A May wedding is planned.

David L. Tyler of Columbus, Ohio, and Susie E. Harper of Park Forest, Ill., announce their engagement. Wedding is planned for July 17.

Jewell Kaylor wishes to announce her engagement to Mr. Charles Paul of Orlando, Fla. The wedding will take place March 12 at Thuermer High School in Atlanta, Ga. All close friends and family are invited to attend.

WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Stolley Jr. of Malibu, Tex., are very happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Terri Lee, to Steven K. Buchanan. The wedding took place Aug. 28, Mr. John Ogden performed the ceremony. The bride wore a gown by Sandra Cranford served as maid of honor, and David Fontress served as best man. They now live at 2701 Penny Lane, Apt. 210, Austin, Tex., 78758.

Beckie Swafford and Douglas Shepherd were married Jan. 9 in Portland, Ore. Beckie is the daughter of Lorraine Swafford of Portland. Douglas is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Shepherd of Milwaukee, Ore. The couple will be residing in Milwaukee.



MR. AND MRS. D. SHEPLER

Owen E. Hooper and Eleanor S.L. Sim were married Feb. 5 in Christchurch, New Zealand, by Colin Kelly. Bridesmaids were Eleanor's sisters, Anne and Susan, and best man was Owen's brother Kevin. Everard Sim was groomsmen. The happy couple plans to reside in Auckland.

On Jan. 22 Ruth Black and Bob Miller were united in marriage by Mr. Dean Blackwell in Big Sandy, Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Miller of University, Pa., and Ruth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B.R. Black of Smoaks, S.C. Bob's and Ruth's address is 279 Ohio St., Apt. 2, Pasadena, Calif., 91106.

Barbara Coleman Foust and James Patrick Murphy were married Nov. 27, Mr. Jerald Aust, pastor of the Wichita church, officiated. The couple is living in Wichita, Kan.

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations on your 25th anniversary. (See PERSONALS, page 11)

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Lost Toboggan

ABBOTSFORD, B.C. — The first social here this year was Jan. 8 in Evergreen Hall in Chilliwack, B.C. Three short comedy films were shown at intervals throughout the evening. There were also novelty dances, including a balloon stomp, with couples trying to break balloons tied to other couples' legs. Winners of the event were Mr. and Mrs. Karl Wiggins Sr. and their son Karl and daughter Ethel.

In a baking contest, judges tasted numbered samples and awarded first place to Ena Bellamy and second to pastor John Elliott, who had baked a lemon-chiffon cake.

Irene Wiggins and Danny Hudon were winners in a children's art contest.

Refreshments were available throughout the evening.

The YOU group here enjoyed a snow party at Manning Park Jan. 15. Listed among the lost-and-found items the next Sabbath was one toboggan. *Verla Karr.*

Limbo Contest

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Some Kenai, Alaska, brethren drove 240 miles to join brethren here in a square dance, dinner and sock hop at the railroad depot in Palmer, Alaska, Feb. 6.

The hall was decorated by the teens here, who donated cookies left over from their recent bake sale, helped serve punch, set up chairs and clean the dance floor.

A square dance was held for two hours by a caller gifted in getting everyone dancing. Ray Reed, Mrs. Leonard Deal and Clint Wilcox won prizes for their country-and-western costumes.

Sue Kopy, Anchorage representative to the recent international youth conference at Big Sandy, gave a 15-minute talk about the conference.

Local elder Dick Eckman turned slave auctioneer and sold the services of teens interested in making money by doing cleanup at homes in the area prior to the spring Holy Days.

The dance resumed with three hours of music from Steve Kopy of Anchorage, a former disc jockey in the area. A special event during the sock hop was a limbo contest, done to Perez Prado calypso music. Jason Gordon aced out all competition at the 3-foot level, successfully dancing under the bar without knocking it down. The children's category was won by Annette Deal. *Mike Pickett.*

Cake Train

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — The ladies of the Women's Club here arrived early for Sabbath services Jan. 1 in order to prepare for the refreshment hour that followed services.

The children, the guests of honor, were fascinated by the decorations and the cake train, consisting of an engine, caboose and six cars, each a 9-inch-by-13-inch cake. Ice cream, punch, coffee and tea were also served.

The Social Activities Committee occasionally sponsors a refreshment hour after Sabbath services, providing a relaxed atmosphere for fellowship. *Carolyn Pfister.*

Singles' Club

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The Singles' Club here met at Sharon Fowler's home for a potluck meal after Sabbath services Jan. 29. With the women bringing the food and the men providing the beverages, everyone shared an afternoon and evening of fellowship and dancing.

Early the next morning more than 60 brethren here arrived at Bon Marche store to take inventory. The earnings, more than \$500, were put

into the activity fund, with the \$50 earned by the YOU members to be used for YOU activities. *Richmond W. Crisp.*

Breaking the Ice

AUSTIN, Tex. — The Austin and Waco, Tex., brethren enjoyed a steak dinner and dance at the Holiday Inn restaurant here Jan. 16, with 96 attending.

The evening began with cocktails and an icebreaker game. A piece of paper with the name of a famous personality was pinned on the back of each person. In an attempt to discover the name pinned on his back, each could obtain clues by asking one question per person about the personality's identity. The first-prize winner correctly guessed the name on his back after only two questions.

Ken Collinsworth emceed a 30-minute talent show. Linda Darrell entertained the group with some special music. *Ruth Pfleger.*

Stars Shine

BIG SANDY — The Longview Stars squeezed by the Dallas Raiders to win the championship game 73-72 at a YOU invitational basketball tournament here Jan. 29 and 30 in the Ambassador College field house.

The invitational tournament included teams from Houston, Longview, Big Sandy and Dallas, Tex., and Lawton and Oklahoma City, Okla.

Tournament play began with the Dallas Raiders whipping the Lawton team 69-46, the Longview Stars defeating the Houston Hot Shots 62-52, and the Oklahoma City Chargers beating the Big Sandy Challenger B team 60-51.

In a cheerleading competition between the Dallas and Big Sandy cheerleaders, both squads performed two cheers and a dance routine. The judges unanimously awarded the Big Sandy cheerleaders the trophy.

The next day the Houston Hot Shots slaughtered the Big Sandy B team 62-24 in the losers' bracket. For the winners' bracket, the Dallas Raiders slipped by the Big Sandy Challengers 58-57. The Longview Stars beat the Oklahoma City Chargers by four points, 65-51.

The Houston Hot Shots knocked out the Lawton team 58-30 to win the consolation game. Big Sandy got third place by defeating the Oklahoma City Chargers 86-51.

The championship game between the Dallas Raiders and the Longview Stars was a battle, with both teams determined to win the trophy. In the last seconds, Dallas, leading by one point, had the ball out of bounds near the Stars' goal. A Dallas team member threw the ball straight into the hands of a Longview Star, who shot and scored. The Longview Stars captured the championship 73-72.

Don Nicholson of the Longview Stars was named most-valuable player. *Tina Dennis.*

Guests of Honor

BISMARCK, N.D. — The Bismarck and Minot, N.D., churches met for their annual semiformal dinner dance Jan. 22, with Wayne Luginbill, former pastor here and present senior pastor in Fargo, N.D., and his wife the guests of honor. Mr. Luginbill had earlier given the sermon during Sabbath services.

The dinner dance was at the Kirkwood Motor Inn here, with the cost per couple \$22 for both dinner and dance and \$5 per couple for only the dance. About 60 brethren attended. *Lowell R. Knowlen.*

Accent on Youth

BRICKET WOOD, England — With the accent on youth, the

FOR THE BEST 'WRAP' AROUND

Since "Local Church News Wrap-Up" is such a great way for you to let others know what's happening in your area, here are a few helpful suggestions in telling your story. You can use this as a checklist whenever you are reporter for a big happening in your area.

1. Include your complete name, address and phone number on the article itself (not just on the envelope or accompanying letter).
2. Include date and location of the event in the article.
3. Give complete, accurately spelled names of all people mentioned.
4. Label pictures. Identify people in the photo, tell what's happening and give the photographer's name.
5. Write in the third person; use *he, she, they*, not *we* or *I*.
6. Type article or print legibly. Always double-space.
7. Remember our one-month deadline. Any story covering an event more than one month old when we receive it will not be printed.
8. Be creative, but brief. Remember you're not only telling about your activity, but you're giving suggestions to others for theirs.

Spokesman Club A invited eight YOU teens and coordinator Andrew Silcox to its meeting Jan. 10. An estimated 40 years separated the oldest member from the youngest guest.

The regular four-speech format was augmented by three speeches by YOU guests Danny Boraker, Colin Philo and Kevin Symonds.

Club director John Meakin summarized the evening: "I'm impressed and encouraged at the positive approach to life expressed by everyone." He emphasized to the teenagers that their ability to express themselves in public is an asset most people rarely achieve and urged them to become members of Spokesman Club when they are older. *John D. Stettford.*

Scotching an Old Adage

BRICKET WOOD, England — The memory of Robert Burns, Scotland's plowman poet, is honored in many places around the world Jan. 25. This year, for the first time, brethren here enjoyed a Burns Evening. It was organized by a few Scottish members here, with about 70 attending at the dining hall of the former Ambassador campus here. The evening had a distinctly Scottish flavor, with the theme built around the life and works of Robert Burns. The menu and format were in accordance with tradition at such affairs.

Once the guests were seated, the haggis, a traditional Scottish dish, was ceremonially piped in by a piper in full Highland dress who had been hired for the occasion. When the venerable haggis had been brought to the top table, Bill Wilson delivered the traditional "Address to the Haggis," after which a three-course meal was served.

After the meal, Chairman George Campbell proposed a toast to the Queen and the Immortal Memory toast, which outlined the purpose of the evening and explained something of Burns as a man and a poet. Other toasts were to the Work and to the lassies.

Next on the program was a 20-minute slide show entitled *In the Steps of Robert Burns*, with commentary. The chairman added more recollections of Burns, including a rendition of "For A' That and A' That."

The entertainment portion featured Irene Wilson, who sang "Aye Fond Kiss," accompanied by husband Bill on the harmonica; Earle George, who played a selection of tunes on his Jew's harp; Bill Allan, who recited "To a Mouse"; Vivienne George and Merissa Campbell, two young girls who gave a demon-

stration of sword dancing; and Shirley Hume, who sang "Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon" and "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," accompanied by her husband Ron on the piano. In conclusion the piper played a medley.

The tables and chairs were cleared to make room for dancing, as a record player blared out typical Scottish dance tunes.

Total cost for the evening, including the meal, drinks, entertainment and dancing was just 2 pounds (about \$3.40) per person. Who says Scotsmen are mean? *Bill Allan.*

Tired Mums

BRISBANE, Australia — Mrs. Mark Cardona's annual children's party started off with a bang here, as balloons exploded in the 33-degree-Celsius (92-degree-Fahrenheit) heat Jan. 11. Eager 4- to 10-year-olds ran and jumped and shouted in a variety of games, with favorites being a treasure hunt and man-the-ship.

Small hands dipped into the Lucky Dip prizes with alacrity, and the clown, an unrecognizable Russell Moore, delighted the children with his antics. A Mr. Whippy ice-cream van rolled up to serve sundaes to everyone.

The happy children wore smiles galore as they set off for home with tired mums, all carrying the prizes, balloons, bonbons and hats.

The Women's Club here provided food and assistance for the party. *Nancy O' Kane and Barbara Lansell.*

Emergency Life Preservation

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Southlake Women's Forum of the Southeast church here met Jan. 23 in Munster, Ind., for an educational meeting. The subject of emergency life preservation for heart attack, drowning or choking victims was demonstrated by Candance Birckie, a member of the American Heart Association.

Donna Abels discussed future activities for the Forum and introduced hostess Ellen Hill. Refreshments were served by Margie Hollowell and Kathy Bradbury. *Florine Criswell.*

New Format

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Service, Home and Education (SHE) Club here has a new format for 1977. A hostess and two cohostesses will organize each meeting. The club coordinator announces the topic for the next meeting in advance so members are prepared with questions and comments.

The club's motto, taken from I

Corinthians 13, is "The Greatest of These Is Love," and its goal is to attain Christian attitudes of love and service to others. Virginia Shobe submitted the motto and goal the club members selected.

Coordinator Nancy Lehmkuhl and Lorraine Pelley have worked with pastor James Reyer in selecting the club format for 1977. Jeanette Steele, who has been the club's coordinator for the past two years, is moving to the Oklahoma City, Okla., church area.

Mr. Reyer will speak at each meeting about women's roles and responsibilities. The subjects that have been chosen are "Why God Created Both Male and Female," "Women's Future in the Kingdom," "Submission: What Is It?," "Responsibility to Self," "Responsibility to God and Church" and "Responsibility to Mate, Family and Community."

Following a question-and-answer period, refreshments are served. *Nona DeVries.*

Sleigh Ride

DIDSBURY, Alta. — A hayride on the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Jan. 22 was an exhilarating experience for brethren here. Two draft horses pulled the sleigh over a three-mile course through the bush here in the foothill country of southwestern Alberta.

A fireside wiener roast with hot chocolate to drink warmed up the sleigh riders and tobogganers.

The Colemans were hosts for a turkey dinner in the evening. *Jim B. Petersen.*

Foreign Foods

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Ladies' Club here met Jan. 9 at Stedman Community Center for its annual men's night, which this year had an international theme.

Local elder Kenneth Wrench opened the meeting, after which secretary Nell Ellett welcomed the men. Nancy Gaskins conducted table topics, asking the members and guests what foreign country they would like to visit and why.

After a meal featuring foreign foods prepared by the ladies, pastor Al Kersha gave a talk about the World Tomorrow. *Nell Ellett.*

Cash Bar

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Miami and Fort Lauderdale brethren met Jan. 23 for a dinner dance and talent show at the Starlite Ballroom here, with about 200 people 12 years and older attending.

Background and dance music were provided by two professional orchestras. The talent show, emceed by Chris Sullins, featured skits and acts performed by the brethren. Food and refreshments included a cash bar and a cold-plate buffet. *Deborah Faso and John Ireland.*

Cheerleading Minisquad

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Supplementing the cheerleading squad here is the minisquad, as full of determination as they are full of enthusiasm. These 11 girls, ages 8 to 12, attended a minicheerleading class last summer for six weeks. Working with their teacher, the girls learned cheerleading skills, cheers and chants.

When tryouts were held, varsity cheerleaders from a nearby school were judges. Having a hard time trying to eliminate four girls, the judges decided to name four alternates instead.

The seven cheerleaders are Jennifer Buchanan, Danielle Gordon, Renee Hancock, DeLonna Minton, Angie Swihart, Dawn Stahl and Carolyn Stephenson. The four alternates are Lorilee Gordon, Trenea Gordon, Pam Nicholson and DeLinda Minton.

These girls have taken a share of the cheering load off the varsity squad in recent games. After the ex-

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MINI SQUAD — Supplementing the Fort Wayne, Ind., cheerleading squad are these members of the minisquad. Above photo from left: Renee Hancock, Angie Swihart, Jennifer Buchanan, Dawn Stahl, Danielle Gordon, Carolyn Stephenson and DeLonna Minton. Minisquad alternates are (below from left): DeLinda Minton, Pam Nicholson, Lorilee Gordon and Trena Gordon. (See "Cheerleading Minisquad," page 12.) [Photos by Connie Reed]



Wrap-up

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isting YOU squad steps down, this squad is planning to succeed them. Carolyn Buchanan made the girls' uniforms. *Connie Reed.*

Waltzes and Galops

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The senior citizens here met at the home of Valborg Quist Jan. 23. Despite the bad weather, a good turnout of members and some nonmembers attended. A potluck dinner was served, along with Danish cherry wine.

The group enjoyed piano and violin music and card games. Sharane Harris of Fremont, Mich., kept the record player going with lively polkas, waltzes and galops of European origin. Slides taken on travels in Europe were shown in the late afternoon. *Valborg Quist.*

Winter Crazy Cake

GREELEY, Colo. — Something new was added this year to the annual baking contest and auction Jan. 1. Finding talent galore, members of the congregation here presented 14 acts, ranging from solos to group singing, from a piano solo to an instrumental combo and from recitation to tap dancing.

In the baking contest, grand prize for the ladies' entries was awarded to Cheryl Gooding for her blueberry-ripple cheesecake, while her husband Steve took the prize in the men's category with a banana-rum-and-nut cake. Randy Altergott won in the children's category with his winter crazy cake.

Profits from the auction of the baked goods went into the church's fund. *Bob Swope.*

Chopped Sirlion

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City East church's YOU teens prepared and served a dinner

for the East Spokesman Club members and their wives or guests at the Blue Springs Community Center Jan. 26. The dinner was a fund-raising project for the YOU chapter.

The group divided into serving, cooking, cleanup and baby-sitting committees. The candlelight dinner of chopped sirlion, baked potato, salad, green beans, cheese, French bread, pie, coffee, tea and wine was served to 50 people. *Mariam Curry.*

Code of Conduct

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Teens here have officially established a YOU chapter, with the first meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Russell Jan. 29.

Mr. Russell has been appointed coordinator and has named the club's officers: Mark Gates, president; Vickie Dahle, vice president; and Rachell Russell, secretary-treasurer.

A code of conduct, according to biblical principles, was discussed, along with the importance of teens and parents working together. *I. Schreiber.*

Bizarre Bazaar Reward

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The children's program here has resumed after additional funds were raised by a bazaar, featuring a bizarre collection of items, and a bake sale, both sponsored by the Ladies' Club.

New officers are Bertha Zoellner, president; Anita Pape, vice president; Wilita Jenkins, secretary-treasurer; and Barbara Crockett, historian. *Barbara Crockett.*

Eight-Man Team

LONGVIEW, Tex. — Invited to the Big Sandy Invitational tournament Jan. 29 and 30, the Longview Stars' basketball team clinched another championship, upsetting the Dallas, Tex., team by one point.

Only eight teens comprise the upcoming Longview team: Don Nicholson, who won the toumey award for most-valuable player, Jeff Zhorne,

Scott Zhorne, Steve Goff, Chris Klotz, Mike Hammer, Mark Boyce and Lewis McCarty. *Jeff Zhorne.*

Preschool Activity Group

MEDFORD, Ore. — The first monthly meeting of the Preschool Activity Group was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Woods Jan. 20. Following the exhortations of pastor Leonard Schreiber that parents should take an active part in the education and recreation of their small children and teens, Mrs. Woods originated and is coordinating the preschool group, with the assistance of the mothers of all the participating youngsters.

The parents' goal is to prepare the children for school by teaching them crafts and how to relate to other children and adults and by taking them on educational and recreational field trips.

The church here held its annual winter social Jan. 22 at Grant's Pass Community Center, with 115 people of all ages enjoying the potluck dinner and talent show. Dancing was to the music of a country-and-western group composed of members from the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches.

Many of the participants came in costume. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stitt walked away with the honors for their costumes representing an Arab sheikh with a miniature oil barrel and a bowing and scraping Statue of Liberty roped to the sheikh. *I. Schreiber.*

Big Bird's Brother

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The annual children's party here Jan. 1 began with refreshments for everyone and games for the children. It concluded with a skit featuring Millie Gustafson as Popcorn the clown, Neil Gustafson as Baggy Pockets, with pockets full of snacks for the children, Rickey Cantrell as Tony the Tiger, Sheila Jones as Cinderella, Gary Garner as Big Bird's brother, James Bland as Mickey Mouse, Lanny Greenwood as Strong Man and Glenn Garner as Prince. The moral of the skit was learning to share, prepare, care and have self-control.

A semi-formal dinner dance Jan. 8 featured 30 minutes of entertainment, with Glenn Turpin as emcee. It included a piano medley by Lowery Eads Jr.; a solo by Gail Garvin; a comical pantomime by Joan Turpin and Zula Smith; a rendition of Shirley Temple's "The Good Ship Lollipop," choreographed by Mary Childress and performed by several of the larger men here, T.J. Childress, Larry Cole and Frank Holden; and "Alfie," sung by Debra Bridges. The finale was "Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by the choir under the direction of Bill Wooten. *Roy Shirey.*

Pictures for the Walls

MERIDIAN, Miss. — The third meeting of the Women's Club here was Jan. 23 at the home of Evelyn Sauls, where the women discussed organizational plans for this year.

The club's goals are to provide women 18 years of age and older with an orderly and systematic opportunity to serve others, while maintaining proper personal priorities; to take advantage of self-improvements; to improve daily life by building on experiences provided by the club; and to portray feminine character in keeping with the women's role God has designed.

Work projects for the school and hospital committee were finalized. The club plans to furnish two pictures for the walls of a recently constructed school cafeteria, provide used clothing to needy children through their teacher and give a party for one class. The first club title was sent to headquarters and money was set aside for a club offering on Holy Days.

The club's first meeting was a self-improvement workshop and luncheon, attended by 99 ladies from a

150-mile radius of Jackson, Miss. Doris McDonald, a professional model, charm teacher and former instructor of the John Robert Powers school in New York City, lectured to the group about physical grace.

Club officers are Bonnie Ivey, director; Jan Brown and Sandy McCraw, vice presidents; Elzie Johnson and Eleanor Culpepper, secretaries; and Linda Diaz and Nelda Avera, reporters. *Nelda Avera.*

Fair Profit

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The church here held a fair for the brethren and their guests at the Normdale Community Center Jan. 15. Booths featured games for young and old, and a Country Store boasted items such as aprons, home-canned goods, kitchen utensils and children's toys, all donated by the brethren.

A skit in the vein of television's *Hee Haw* was presented by several of the brethren.

A used-clothing center was available, and refreshments were served throughout the day. Pastor Paul Kurts indicated that the fair had generated a good profit. *Connie Williams.*

Winter Camp-out

PASCO, Wash. — The Pasco and Yakima, Wash., teens and chaperons camped out in a cabin in the Gold Creek area, 50 miles west of here in the Cascade Mountains, Jan. 21 through 23.

Before returning home, the weary and sore group had gone through Boulder Cave, had Sabbath services out in the woods and participated in a sing-along and dance. But no one played in the 15 feet of snow.

Sixteen teens and eight chaperons took part in the camp-out. *Mary Helne.*

Display of Talent

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — "I never knew Virginia could dance like that, or that Phil had such a beautiful voice!" Words like these were commonly heard from the 380 people here who attended the church's talent and fun show Jan. 15 at the Friends School in Moorestown, N.J. Social director and local elder Donald Traynor, along with 61 others, put on a loudly applauded display of talent.

Acts included singing, modern and tap dancing, instrumental music, reading of poetry, pantomimicry, comedy and a little magic. The show began with a patriotic medley of

songs by the youth chorale, directed by Jan Flynn. Following were 14 more acts, concluding with a dance routine by the cheerleaders.

The second half consisted of 11 acts, each of which acquainted the audience with more of the performers' hidden talents.

Refreshments were sold by YOU members during intermission. *John Cardie.*

Rap Session

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. — Sabbath school began with a bang Feb. 5, with groups one and four meeting.

Group one, the 4- to 6-year-olds, discussed how to help others in life, received name tags and gathered ideas for the next class. Instructors are Penny Harris and Linda Arnold.

Group four, the 14- to 19-year-olds, had a rap session about future programs. Instructors are Ray Harris and Ed Kinder. *Linda Arnold.*

Movie Night

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Members here enjoyed their second night at the movies Feb. 5. Films shown were *Meet Mr. Lincoln*, *Warning: Earthquakes*, *The Heart and Circulatory System* and Walt Disney's *Jungle Cat*. Refreshments were provided by the YOU chapter. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Brunch House

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Brethren here marked the ninth anniversary of meeting in Napredak Hall Jan. 1.

To honor the occasion, a special Sabbath brunch was organized. Those attending were seated by a host and given menus offering two meals. Waiters took orders and served hot feasts straight from the grill.

The men of the San Jose congregation did all the work, directed by pastor Judd Kirk. Two hundred people were served during the 1½ hours that "Brunch House" was open.

Afterward everyone gathered around the song leader for a hymn sing-along before services began. *Fred Crow.*

Talent Identification

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Ladies' Club here met Jan. 19 at the Holiday Inn. Barbara Scott, director, led a discussion about the meaning of Proverbs 31 in relation to women's involvement in the community. An (See WRAP-UP, page 14)



BIZARRE BAZAAR — Anxious buyers ponder over tables full of items on sale at the Little Rock Ladies' Club bazaar and bake sale. (See "Bizarre Bazaar Reward," this page.)

Wrap-up

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assignment to study the chapter had been given at a previous meeting.

Guest speaker was Janet DeWitt, past chairman of the housing committee here, first president of the Sioux Falls Arts Council, and director of the Center for Women at Sioux Falls College. She also teaches a seminar called "Beginning Again" at the college. Mrs. DeWitt spoke to the club about talent identification. Her goal is to take each woman from where she is to where she wants to be. The ladies were told to identify their talents and make use of them, and to find the gifts within their children that God gave them.

Mrs. DeWitt suggested a slogan to the women: "For all that has been, thanks; for all that shall be, yes." Mrs. George Reining.

B and C teams

TACOMA, Wash. — About 250 youths and adults gathered here Jan. 29 and 30 for a basketball double-elimination tournament. Nineteen games were played. Salem, Ore., and Sedro-Woolley, Wash., entered B teams and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, B.C., entered B and C teams.

Disproving the premise by some that Canadians can only play hockey, Norm Strayer and Lyle Davies led the Vancouver B and C teams to second places in the B and C divisions. The Tacoma B and C teams won first places in their categories.

The last game was an all-star game between the Tacoma A team and the B all-star team, with Tacoma coming out on top, 64-40.

The Spokane, Wash., church was planning to be hosts for a B tournament Feb. 20 and 21. The winner will receive a berth in the A-league tournament here March 19 and 20.

All teams were represented by their cheerleading squads. Gil Goethals.

Marital Compatibility

TAMPA, Fla. — Thirty members of the Over-40 Club met at Dr. and Mrs. Don E. Ward's home Feb. 6 for a potluck dinner.

After the meal William Stirling, local elder for the St. Petersburg, Fla., church, played the second tape of an AICF-sponsored seminar on achieving marital compatibility by Art Molarow, director of the Human Potential Center of the AICF. Questions and answers followed. Ellen Rego.

Out in the Cold

TOLEDO, Ohio — Blizzards and below-zero temperatures for weeks caused a critical natural-gas shortage in Ohio, forcing schools, plants and most businesses to close the last week in January. This literally left the church here out in the cold. High winds, drifting snow, impassable roads and thermostats in public buildings turned down to bare maintenance levels caused church services here to be canceled. The school used for Sabbath services was subsequently ordered closed for two months.

A warmer reception hall was procured temporarily in Perrysburg, Ohio, where the congregation held services more than nine years ago. Jean Cox.

Chili Contribution

TUCSON, Ariz. — Eighteen teens departed from the church's meeting hall here Jan. 16 for a YOU snow-line party in the Catalina Mountains north of Tucson. Five cars traveled in tandem for the 45-minute ride to Bear Wallow, a recreational area in the Coronado National Forest.

The group spent five hours tobogganing and tubing down the slopes, interrupted by lunch and occasion-

ally warming up at the camp fire.

Each teen contributed a can of chili and envelopes of instant hot chocolate for the noon meal. Hot water, crackers and marshmallows were provided.

Accompanying the teens were three preschool children and nine adults. Ann Tannert.

Jars of Frosting

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Homemakers' Club met at the home of Linda Neff Feb. 6, with about 28 attending. Mrs. Neff, wife of pastor Larry Neff, presided. The next meeting, on rug hooking, will be March 6. The club decided to cancel the April meeting, making the May meeting the last one scheduled for the year. Plans were made to include husbands at a special meeting in June.

Marveta Dawson and Carol Ann Givan demonstrated how to decorate a wedding cake, with Joyce Steagall assisting. They had previously prepared dozens of jars of colored frosting. The ladies divided into six groups, with each group decorating a cake with the advice and assistance from those in charge. Ruth VanBlair.

Spanish Fiesta

VISALIA, Calif. — The first social for the brethren here was Jan. 29 at the Elks' lodge in Tulare, Calif. Delfino R. Sandoval, associate pastor here, and his wife organized the social around a Spanish Fiesta theme. Guests included Bakersfield pastor Dan Orban and family and brethren from the Bakersfield, Fresno and Modesto, Calif., churches.

The evening began with the youngsters attempting to smash open a pinata, made by Carol Garcia.

The potluck Spanish-style meal was served by some of the Latin brethren dressed in Spanish costumes from booths decorated with paper flowers.

Dinner music was performed by a Mexican folkloric dance group and a mariachi band.

"Next was a cake auction. The extraordinary cakes were made by Spokesman Club members here and participants from the Bakersfield and Fresno churches.

Dancing and visiting concluded the fiesta. Luana Guy.

Hornets Sting Again

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — Five of the seven teams from the Southeast District met at the Bryan High School gymnasium in Jefferson, Ga., Jan. 23 to kick off the district's basketball season. The Warner Robins Hornets took three victories, defeating Walterboro, S.C., 104-17, Rome, Ga., 106-37 and Columbia, S.C., 134-32.

Rome defeated Columbia 68-48, while Chattanooga, Tenn., defeated Columbia 85-30 and Walterboro 85-39. Elijah Johnson Jr.

Frigid Fishermen

WINDSOR, Ont. — The singles here were hosts for the annual Winterland Singles' Dance Jan. 22, with 125 attending. Singles from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Ontario flocked to take part in an evening of dancing, meeting people and participating in or watching the first singles' dance contest. The first- and second-place winners of the freestyle and the swing went away happily with a little something to quench their thirst.

The singles rocked and reeled from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., as vibrating music was produced by Rick Roy, a disc jockey here.

Fresh air, fun, exercise and excitement contributed to the success of an ice-fishing trip for members and friends of Boy Scout Troop 106 here Jan. 23. St. Luke's Bay on Lake St. Clair, site of the outing, is a favorite winter fishing area for thousands of western Ontario residents.

The 65-kilometer trip to St. Luke's Bay was uneventful, interrupted only by stops to purchase live bait and



FRIGID FISHERMEN — A block of ice serves as a chilly chair for Bob Kienitz, left photo, as he tends his fishing line during Windsor Boy Scout Troop 106's ice-fishing excursion. Above: Boy scout Alan Brown, left, and scout Mike Lohr appear to be the only people on St. Luke's Bay as they wait for a fish to take their bait. (See "Frigid Fishermen," this page.) [Photos by Leslie A. Turvey]

meet Phil Laroue and his daughter, Elaine, of Tilbury, Ont., guides for the outing.

The trip onto the bay, however, was something else. Not far from the ramp leading to the lake's icy surface, Andy Cohoe's van bogged down in axle-deep snow. The boys quickly experienced the scout motto, "Be Prepared," as they began to push enthusiastically, but to no avail. Even Al Dougie's four-wheel-drive pickup truck was unable to free the disabled vehicle. Only after considerable shoveling was the way prepared to move forward. Two more such experiences and the caravan finally arrived at the fishing site, led by the Laroues' snowmobile.

Mr. Cohoe, an experienced ice fisherman, immediately began cutting holes in the ice with his chain saw. Others, using ice chisels,

chipped away at the ice the saw couldn't reach.

The ice was about 1 meter thick, an apparent record for mid-January. As soon as a hole was prepared, boy scout Andy Cohoe Jr. demonstrated how to bait the tip-ups, pivoted wooden stands with fishing line attached.

Soon the fish were biting, and a balance beam tipped up. Matthew Bondy, tending his brother Greg's rig, caught the first fish, a medium-sized perch. Within minutes, Sean Turvey pulled up the second and largest fish of the day; Jeff Bastien caught the smallest. Greg and Andy worked together to record the best catch, with four fish between them. And Andy made the most unconventional catch. As he pulled in his line, an unsuspecting fish followed his

bait to the surface. Andy plunged his hand into the icy water and grabbed his prize.

With temperatures hovering around minus-10 degrees Celsius and a 25-kilometer-per-hour wind blowing across the lake, the boys appreciated their mothers' insistence that they wear extra shirts and socks and other cold-weather gear. Mike Lohr, Windsor ministerial trainee and leader of the troop, wore electric socks with battery-operated heaters built in. Mr. Laroue's nearby shanty, with its wood-burning stove, provided additional heat and shelter.

After several hours on the wind-swept lake, the thoroughly chilled group gathered up their catch of 11 fish and returned to Essex, Ont., for piping-hot chili prepared by Joan Cohoe. Linda Marsh and Leslie A. Turvey.

Try going north for the winter

By Mike Pickett

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — America's northernmost state has had weather so upside down that few days have passed where records have not been shattered. Four-wheel-drive vehicles by the thousands travel barren highways with their special duplex tires designed for heavy snow searching forlornly for the white stuff.

Reports filter in from the bush areas of trappers finding animals whose mammary glands have already softened months ahead of normal birthing and nursing seasons. Bears are having a horrible time trying to hibernate. Moose are seen with newborn calves in January, an incredible occurrence.

Streams have been subjected to 32-degree weather for so long (zero Celsius), and with so little water in them, they are freezing from the bottom up. Water is running over the top of the ice, over the roads, glaciating and subjecting fish to uninhabitable streams.

20 Degrees Higher

A call to the weather bureau reached one scientist who exclaimed, "I'm sitting here looking at a January where the temperature is 20 degrees higher on the average than years past."

Dog racing has been wiped out in the Anchorage area. Marshes are thawed or covered only with sheets of ice. The annual "Fur Rendezvous" here has virtually no chance of holding its traditional 75-mile dog-sled race. No snow. The word went out for "someone who can pray better" than those in charge of the Fur Rendezvous to work on snow. As



this article is being written, in mid-February, it is snowing. Perhaps the request was granted.

Looking at the Anchorage weather records, one finds that all was well in September, the average temperature being close to normal.

October was slightly below normal in temperature on the average; the lowest reading was 6 above zero. In fact, for a week the average dipped to 16 degrees below normal. November was abnormal, but not taken seriously, for the old saying in Alaska goes: "If you want to predict the weather, wait 20 minutes and call it like you see it."

Nonetheless, the temperature had averaged 9.5 degrees above normal with a high of 47 degrees and most lows hovering around 25. Twenty-

three days were cloudy and four partly cloudy. It was as if great change were looming on the horizon.

December began to make Alaskans nervous. One clear day, 28 cloudy. Variations in Anchorage were reflected throughout the state below the north slope. The average temperature was 10 degrees above normal. The lowest was minus 9 in a season when nights usually dip to minus 18 or lower. Men were losing jobs because fuel sales were below normal. Snow machines were stymied because of rain and disappearing snow.

Overwhelming January

January was overwhelming. The average temperature had soared to 20 degrees above normal. The lowest temperature was 14 degrees and the highest a stunning 49. The sky was cloudy 29 days, making for one of the dreariest winters on record, with 130 days of total overcast out of 153 and only 10 clear days.

The sap is already moving in the birch trees, alders and willows. Buds are forming and the tops of the trees are flushed with dark red, which usually occurs in late March or April. The farmers in the area are holding their breath because their forage is green. One major freeze could wipe out farmers and make Alaska look more like Vietnam, with dead trees and fields.

As this article is completed, it's snowing heavily for the first time in quite a while. Perhaps Alaska is getting its reprieve, however temporary, as the East Coast gets its. Some Alaskans have long since indicated a willingness to swap.

An interesting winter.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR
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home in order for it to be completed by September so that we could move and have the children begin school. . . . My husband received the franchise, and one hour later we sold our [old] home by ourselves for the price we wanted and saved real-estate-broker fees. The blessings were greater than what we had hoped for.

We made the move. . . . My husband is earning two to three times the amount he earned in Milwaukee. . . . Oh, yes, there are trials. Some are of our own making, some we feel the devil has done, and some are just circumstances.

Does God bless those who tithe and try to keep His commandments? He has given us the things we have needed the most and done it better than we asked for.

Kathleen Woolin
Shawano, Wis.

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We were seated in the room of a very nice ski resort among beautiful surroundings in western New York. It was Pentecost, 1976.

Mr. [Arnold] Clauson, our minister, had just suggested that we add an "extra dollar" to whatever we had planned to give as an offering that day and, as he put it, "watch to see how God will bless you."

As I reached into my purse I thought about my husband's situation.

He had been doing house remodeling

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for people ever since his retirement. At first he was kept busy, but then jobs started to slack off. For about a year now there didn't seem to be any available.

We may not have needed the extra money necessarily, but my husband has always been active and I know how much he enjoyed the carpentry work.

We returned home that evening after a most enjoyable Feast day.

The following morning a knock came on our door. A neighbor wanted to know if my husband could help him to do some work on his house.

I couldn't help but wonder if such a quick response could be related to the "extra dollar."

Several weeks later the second job came, then two more in one week to be followed with jobs five and six!

I jokingly remarked to our minister that the way jobs were pouring in perhaps we should have added only 50 cents. He laughed and said, "Well, you know, you just can't outgive God."

Besides the jobs, we received by mail two unexpected checks totalling \$70.

With each incident I couldn't help but think about that "extra dollar."

Just how much did that "one little dollar" net us? It doubled almost 11½ times, or \$1,735-plus, a busy summer.

I can only conclude that God does shower us with many of the extra blessings as well as our needs just as He said He would.

By the way, I've the habit now of adding an "extra dollar" to each of our Holy Day offerings, and I probably always shall as long as I have one to give.

Madeline Yokes
Cambridge Springs, Pa.

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A little over a year ago I started having car trouble about once a week. Finally the thing really broke down and refused to be

"Speaking from experience, I know God doesn't lie in fulfilling His promises to provide."

fixed. Being fed up to here and then some, I struck out and bought a new one. "Struck out" is a fairly appropriate term because I couldn't even get the other one cranked to trade it in. Shortly after this, my insurance company, through a misunderstanding, hiked my premiums up to about \$800 a year. It took a couple of

months to straighten that out — at a loss.

What does this have to do with the story? Just this — it was the beginning of my third-tithe year. Figuring expenses and tithes, I was barely able to live from paycheck to paycheck. What's more, what little savings I had were being eroded. Needless to say, I consumed plenty of homemade-prepared food that year.

For a while this situation extremely tried my perseverance. I wondered where the promised prosperity was (Malachi 3). Well, when things really got rough, out of the blue my dad up and gave me a check for \$1,000. He had put two children through college, and since I didn't go he gave this to me. In all, this amounted to roughly the third-tithe amount.

Shortly after this I found a steal of a deal on a badly needed bedroom suite (the other one had springs poking me in the back). So the last few months of 3T were financially advantageous as well as comfortable.

I'm writing this way in hopes that these blessing letters don't fill people with the idea of profit alone in tithing. One might possibly think of it as a way of getting rich. True, God has promised tremendous riches; but, whether or not He chooses to bestow them in this life, one cannot say in every individual case. He may or may not.

But I can say as does the Bible that God is able to supply our every need. It may seem like He isn't sometimes, but that's to try our faith — to show us that God doesn't necessarily work as we think He would. How was I to know that \$1,000 would come my way? It was entirely unexpected.

I guess the key is giving not out of profit motivation, but, rather to unself-

very special and we'd like to tell you about them.

The first happened just a few months after our first third-tithe year. Our daughter was returning from a friend's house when she spotted a roll of money on the sidewalk. When she counted it there were 11 \$100 bills. We called the police, who took the money and kept it for three months. At the end of this time they notified us that no one had claimed it so we could keep it. (This was written up in the Oct. 28, 1974, issue of the *Worldwide News*.) Later when we stopped to figure it out this was the exact amount of our third tithe.

The second blessing occurred just a few months ago, at the completion of our second third-tithe year. A few weeks before we were to leave for the Feast of Tabernacles, the union where my husband works voted to go on strike. The strike started the day we left for the Feast. When we returned home 10 days later, they were still on strike. My husband had planned to take the following day off anyway as we had a lot of unpacking and cleaning up to do. That evening an announcement came over the radio that the strike had been settled and all the employees were called back to work. When my husband inquired about the situation he found that, because he had booked his vacation several months previously, he would not be counted as having been on strike. So, when all the other people in the office got their paychecks with 10 days' pay missing, we got the full amount. Not only that, we received the raise that was negotiated plus nine months' retroactive pay.

With blessings such as these, we look forward to the opportunity of being able to tithe, especially when it comes to our third-tithe year.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Thibault
Edmonton, Alta.

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I read your article in *The Worldwide News* about needing letters from "tithers" and decided to write, only because I thought it might help others to trust God concerning tithing. I was baptized in December, '69, and gave tithes faithfully from my baby-sitting jobs and teacher's-aide job. I didn't receive any big "breaks" in these years, but we always seemed to "just make it" with the budget. Well, last June I decided to go out into the "big world of business" as a nurse's aide. My children were all in school, and I wanted to do something "big." I got the job at a nursing home working part time. In December the owner stated he was looking his employees over as he had room for a promotion for one person. I discussed it with God and applied for the promotion. Wonder of wonders. The owners chose me — gave me the promotion — a raise — and after three months I'm to receive another raise after "proving" myself. I'm in

Clyde Price
Birmingham, Ala.

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As soon as I read your article, "Help Us Help 'The Plain Truth'" in the Dec. 20, 1976, issue of *The Worldwide News*, I knew I had to send along a write-up of a recent experience of how God blessed me for supporting His Work. . . .

Shortly after the last Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong issued an emergency plea on behalf of the Work. After wrestling with my conscience, I decided to respond with a \$50 special offering.

A few weeks later one of our local banks began advertising free promotional gifts and a chance to win a daily \$25 gift certificate for opening a new savings account. Because of my very thrifty nature, I took advantage of this opportunity and chose a pocket calculator as my gift. I also reluctantly took the time to fill out one of their coupons for the daily drawing — I can count previous winnings on one finger. You should have seen my surprise when I opened a letter from the bank the following week informing me that I was a \$25 winner! But don't go away yet; the story is only half over.

Upon picking up my prize, I less reluctantly deposited another coupon on behalf of my little boy. I've already tipped you off as to the outcome. Another \$25 winner! Who said lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place?

Only a few short weeks after responding to an emergency need for the Work, our Great God returned my \$50 to me. To be completely candid, the \$50 offering at the time wasn't a real hardship. If it were, my hunch is that God would have returned my \$50 with interest.

Gary K. Hussak
Camillus, N.Y.

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We have just completed our sixth year as members of God's Church. We have received many blessings since we started to tithe, but two of these blessings were

very special and we'd like to tell you about them.

The first happened just a few months after our first third-tithe year. Our daughter was returning from a friend's house when she spotted a roll of money on the sidewalk. When she counted it there were 11 \$100 bills. We called the police, who took the money and kept it for three months. At the end of this time they notified us that no one had claimed it so we could keep it. (This was written up in the Oct. 28, 1974, issue of the *Worldwide News*.) Later when we stopped to figure it out this was the exact amount of our third tithe.

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will be totally paid for in five years. The house had stood vacant for more than a year, yet hadn't been vandalized as others had. . . . Now I just expect things to work out right.

Gail McGehee
Hinkley, Calif.

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Just after Mr. H.W. Armstrong sent us the letter explaining Revelation 10, one lady that I clean house for gave me a \$5 bonus. I decided to send it in to the Work along with what my husband sends in. One week later another lady that I clean house for had her 6-year-old son present me with a Xmas gift. They wanted me to open it right away since it was something to wear for the season, they said. (It was Dec. 21.) The gift was a bell-shaped pin with gold, red and green colours. I declined it as tactfully as I knew how. There were no bad feelings.

In the meantime I'd ordered a silver charm bracelet for our 16-year-old daughter, on sale for \$12.95. It was to be a sort of belated Feast gift to be given her on Jan. 24, which is our wedding anniversary. Instead of sending silver they sent me a gold bracelet valued on sale for \$87.95. I knew what I'd do if the mistake were not in my favour. I decided to take it back to the store and explain. The jewelry department acted very unconcerned and sent me to the catalogue department. The catalogue department said to me after I'd explained: "You want it? Keep it." We have a very pleased young lady with a gold bracelet.

Mrs. Ed Hofer
Selkirk, Man.

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Re: "Help Us to Help 'The Plain Truth.'"

The blessings we received because of tithing are not necessarily financial. Sometimes it is necessary to sacrifice the material to obey God's Word. Letters telling only the financial blessings would be

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charge of this new program — have one employee under me and another soon. I had been working the 3-to-11 shift — now I work 8 to 4 Monday through Friday. Great, huh?

You see, in my discussion with God I gently "reminded" Him of the tithes and offerings He'd prompted me to give back — and now I needed Him to help me get that promotion over girls who had worked there for years. He listened, and acted fast.

By the way, at the year's end the owners of this home gave out bonuses. Employees that had worked there for 10 to 15 years received \$15 or \$25 — I received \$50 and only worked there since June. Also, I had taken off about three weeks for the fall Holy Days. Talk about God being on His children's side!

He's the greatest!

I don't know if you can use this letter — but maybe it will help others.

Name withheld
Nebraska

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When my husband and I first got married, we wanted to make the changes to begin to live God's way. He had just gotten a job that would require us to move to California. We saw that as a chance to make those changes.

One of the first things he did on his new job was to begin to tithe. Now, four years later, he makes almost 2½ times the sal-

misleading. God does bless the tithe payer.

Mrs. Merle C. Cunningham
Irving, Tex.

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This is our second third-tithe year, and our blessings started even before.

Last summer we had a field of hay we didn't need and wanted to sell it in the field and [let] the buyer bale it, but no one with money wanted to buy it, so we put it up ourselves and sold it and doubled our money. We were then able to buy siding and insulation for the house and have saved a lot on fuel this severe winter.

When we were on our vacation out west, we saw how dry it was for cattle and that they would be forced to sell. Since there were so many we decided to sell ours while we still had a market. Even though the market was low, we made more than we had expected.

Our car was involved in a head-on collision after we returned from the Feast. My husband was unhurt, as was the other driver, even though the car was totaled. After about a month we were able to find a nearly new, low-mileage car at a drastically reduced price, and we got twice as many miles per gallon now.

A little over a week ago to my surprise there was in the mail a check for \$2,000 and a bond, totally unexpected and greatly needed since we also have a child in college. Even a large portion of the

college expenses is helped by a state grant and a work-study job.

Even though we had a lot of dry weather last summer, we had an outstanding garden. I was able to can up enough food to probably last us two years.

Name withheld
Indiana

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The one thread that seems to run

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My husband has a small "one-man" business, and, in all of our third-tithe years, our income increased accordingly so it wasn't necessary to cut back in our living standard in any area. In fact, we received several small inheritances which made it better than ever.

Mr. and Mrs. G.L. Pranger
St. Louis, Mo.

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. . . I had to write and tell you of my joy over hearing from my dentist that I don't have to have any work done on my teeth this year.

Since I was 10 years old I have had to visit a dentist to have teeth repaired, usually five or six a year on the average. But this year ('77) none had to be done except the usual polishing.

This, I believe, is the result of Almighty God. I have never been able to go to a dentist without suffering a great deal, since for some odd reason anesthetic does not deaden the nerves enough for any work to be done without much sweat and tears on my part.

So, for those in a like position, tithe and ask God to see to your needs. The results are surprising and pleasant.

John A.C. Forster
North Bay, Ont.

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I cannot afford not to tithe, because the tithe is God's money and not mine. . . .

After 48 days in the surgical intensive-care unit, death overtook my husband, leaving me totally disabled and with only Social Security for income.

After the funeral the bills started coming in, amounting to over \$35,000. Under our health-insurance plan which we had through my husband's work for the past 17 years, I would have been in debt for 20 percent of the \$35,000.

But, just 117 days before, the board of

directors had changed the insurance coverage, whereby I only paid a standard deduction of \$295. The insurance paid everything over that, up to one million.

I know God worked this miracle after 17 years to protect me and others under the program, just as He (God) has always done in all my necessities of life.

Name withheld
Missouri

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I can remember very well a blessing for tithing. Never making a great deal of money, second tithe is usually slim. One year out of the blue my dad, who is not a member, suddenly bought me a trailer so I could camp [during the Feast of Tabernacles]. Then he volunteered to pull it to the Feast site and paid all expenses. It really helped stretch a little a long way.

Linda Arnold
Fisk, Mo.

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When I started to tithe in earnest, something happened that I will never forget. I sent in my first tithe, 10 percent of my gross pay, in other words, before anything was taken out. . . . The following Sunday night I found \$1,000 lying where hundreds of people could see it, but it was only to be seen by me. If you tithe you will be blessed.

Harry Brown
Philadelphia, Pa.

THE GRAPEVINE

PASADENA — The Ambassador Auditorium will be the site of the videotaping of a television program honoring entertainer Bing Crosby March 3.

The benefit performance will be a television special entitled *Bing!* and will be televised on the CBS television network March 20. Mr. Crosby, who was born in 1904 and will celebrate his 50th anniversary in show business, will be joined on stage by other entertainers such as Pearl Bailey, Bob Hope, Diahann Carroll, Rosemary Clooney and the Mills Brothers.

Dr. Robert Kuhn, executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, said the benefit will "be one of the biggest entertainment events of the entire television season. The Los Angeles chapter of WAIF — sponsoring homeless and orphaned children around the world — and the AICF will be hosting the evening."

Dr. Kuhn said the Work's Television Department is to assist with the production by providing the cameras, videotape machines, audio gear, lighting equipment and other technical equipment.

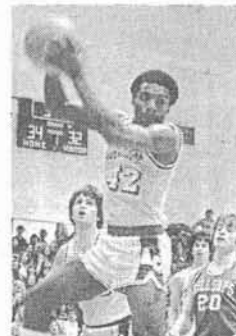
PASADENA — Mstislav Rostropovich, the Soviet-born cellist, performed twice in the Ambassador Auditorium Feb. 22 and 23. The artist, who played Feb. 8 at an Ambassador International Cultural Foundation concert in Milwaukee, Wis. (*The Worldwide News*, Feb. 14), performed works of Brahms, Bach and Rachmaninoff.

BIG SANDY — Pasadena will not be a site for the Feast of Tabernacles next September, Jack McKinney of the Festival Office here said Feb. 24.

Unlike last year, when Feastgoers were allowed to transfer to the headquarters site from other areas, "there will only be Holy Day services for the few who must remain at headquarters during the Feast to work," Mr. McKinney said.

"Also, since the Canadian work will be holding the Festival in its own sites, Niagara Falls [N.Y.] and Spokane [Wash.] will not be utilized as sites this year."

PASADENA — The Ambassador Royals basketball team finished its



THE BIG SANDY ROYALS

season here with a record of 12 wins and 14 losses, losing its last game to California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo 65-70 on Feb. 22.

The Big Sandy Royals wrapped up their season Feb. 24, losing to Mil-

saps College of Jackson, Miss., 89-88, with a final record of 15 wins and 15 losses. Five days later the Royals played Baptist Christian College of Shreveport, La., for the National Little College Athletic Association's championship, but lost 93-86.

BIG SANDY — The Ambassador College Royals track team set nine school records and tied for second place in its first indoor track meet of the year, held at Kansas State College in Pittsburg, Kan., Feb. 15.

On Feb. 24 the Royals played host to an indoor all-comers' track meet with seven men's and three women's teams competing. The men's team finished its indoor season at the meet with a third-place finish and one school record set by Ray Willingham in the 440-yard dash. It was the first indoor competition for the Lady Royals track team.

A Personal Letter from

Dan Ricker

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings again!

Once again I have just returned from a most enjoyable local-church-area visit, this time in the snow-covered, rolling hills of eastern Pennsylvania, with all of you brethren from the environs of Lancaster and Harrisburg!

A turnout much larger than expected greeted us upon our arrival, and I was very pleased with the warm and enthusiastic response we received! It is a special privilege for my wife and me and all of those who travel with us on such occasions to get to know so many hundreds of you brethren (obviously we are able to meet only a small fraction of the thousands who may attend) whom we have only seen from a vast distance at one of the Festival locations.

In questioning the audience as to where most of them attended the Feast, I found these are the people who, in the majority, attend the Feast of Tabernacles at Mount Pocono.

We do sincerely appreciate the large number of personal letters that came pouring onto my desk following our most recent church visit, and, rather than try to answer each one of them personally, let me say thank you here in this column!

Fine Examples

It was good to see several of our younger ministerial families, some of whom graduated from the Big Sandy campus only so very few years ago (at least, so it seemed to me), and find mature, responsible young families with growing children out there serving, sharing, giving to you brethren! I can't tell you what a feeling of satisfaction this gives me and all of us at headquarters and at the Big Sandy campus when we see the contrast between young men and girls whom we remember only as students and then go into these scattered church areas and see the fine example of dedicated service these young families are setting.

We took off from a wet, snowy runway in Lancaster, Pa. (and we used all of the runway!), and stopped

over in Big Sandy, where I was able to have meetings with some of the college officials, principally Mr. Ronald Kelly, and to take the student forum on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

On Monday I made a quick trip to Kansas City to meet the two heads of one of the major syndicates in the United States and was very pleased with the enthusiasm they showed over the possibility of a syndicated column in the future. Until there are some really definitive plans, however, I don't want to comment further on that, because these things have a habit of dragging on for months, and I think unnecessary repetition merely serves to dull interest. Suffice it to say that I do believe all the wheels are turning and that we are headed in the right direction and that soon I will have some positive announcements to make.

Substantial Growth

On arriving back on campus, I spent quite a number of hours over two days being briefed by various of our department heads in the Academic Division concerning the growth and development of their respective departments. It would take entirely too much space here to tell you of the solid, substantial growth we have experienced in the Ambassador College curriculum at both our campuses over the past few years!

For example, on Feb. 23 there was the "Job Fair" held on the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, which was put on in cooperation with 50 companies. The company representatives spent the entire day talking with and interviewing prospective applicants. I understand some 3,000 people participated in the fair. As I think I may have mentioned earlier, representatives from the Bank of America were on campus in Pasadena interviewing prospective students only a week or so previously.

We have one of the very finest general-education programs — together with the provision for several (See PERSONAL, page 8)



AICF GIFT — The Day Treatment Center of the veterans' hospital at Wood, Wis., was recently given a belt sander by the Milwaukee, Wis., chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. Morris Holmgren, left, an AICF representative, presents the machine to a hospital administrator and therapist. The center is an out-patient program that provides daily therapy and rehabilitation services for physically and emotionally handicapped veterans. The program includes arts and crafts, woodworking, music, cooking, electronics, sports and work-incentive programs. The new sander is now in daily use.

73 radio stations to air five-minute broadcasts

PASADENA — Seventy-three U.S. radio stations have contracted to broadcast Garner Ted Armstrong's new daily five-minute broadcasts, announced Dan Ricker of the radio studio here Feb. 17. The programs are now on the following stations (all are AM stations unless otherwise indicated):

Alabama: WKRG, Mobile, 710 kHz, 12:05 p.m.

Alaska: KBYR, Anchorage, 700 kHz, 5:35 p.m.

Arizona: KPGE, Page, 1340 kHz, 6:05 p.m.

California: KNCR, Fortuna, 1090 kHz, 7:55 a.m.

Colorado: KGIW, Alamosa, 1450 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KSNO, Aspen, 1260 kHz, 6:15 a.m.; KPIK, Colorado Springs, 1580 kHz, 4:10 p.m.; KDTA, Delta, 1400 kHz, 6:35 p.m.; KYOU, Greeley, 1450 kHz, 12:10 p.m.; KGUC, Gunnison, 1490 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KWSR, Rifle, 810 kHz, 11:50 a.m.; KVRH and KVRH-FM, Salida, 1340 kHz and 92.1 MHz, 6:05 p.m.; KGEK, Sterling, 1230 kHz, 5:55 p.m.; KCRT, Trinidad, 1240 kHz, 1:05 p.m.

District of Columbia: WKYS-FM, Washington, 93.9 MHz, 6:05 a.m.; WRC, Washington, 980 kHz, 6:55 a.m.

Florida: WCMG, Jacksonville, 1090 kHz, noon; WBIX, Jacksonville Beach, 1010 kHz, 3:45 p.m.

Idaho: KBLI, Blackfoot, 690 kHz, 6:25 p.m.; KBAR, Burley, 1230 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KVIS, Montpelier, 1450 kHz, 4:15 p.m.; KWIK, Pocatello, 1240 kHz, 6:45 p.m.; KLIX, Twin Falls, 1310 kHz, 10:05 p.m.

Illinois: WMAQ, Chicago, 670 kHz, 5:30 a.m.

Kansas: KGGF, Coffeyville, 690 kHz, 5:20 p.m.

Kentucky: WKYQ-FM, Paducah, 93.3 MHz, 12:55 p.m.; WKYX, Paducah, 570 kHz, 5:45 a.m.

Louisiana: WWL, New Orleans, 870 kHz, 5:55 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Maryland: WLPL-FM, Baltimore, 92.3 MHz, noon.

Montana: KBMN, Bozeman, 1230 kHz, 4:40 p.m.; KBOW, Butte, 550 kHz, 6:55 p.m.; KLTZ,

Glasgow, 1240 kHz, 5:10 p.m.; KXGN, Glendive, 1400 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KMON, Great Falls, 560 kHz, 6:20 p.m.; KBLI, Helena, 1240 kHz, 5:40 p.m.; KXLO, Lewistown, 1230 kHz, 6:30 p.m.; KPRK, Livingston, 1340 kHz, 6:25 p.m.; KRBN, Red Lodge, 1450 kHz, 12:36 p.m.; KSEN, Shelby, 1150 kHz, 6:25 p.m.

Nebraska: KCOW, Alliance, 1400 kHz, 6:25 p.m.; KUVR, Holdrege, 1380 kHz, 5:35 p.m.; KICX, McCook, 1360 kHz, 1 p.m.; KOGA, Ogallala, 930 kHz, 6:32 p.m.; KNEB, Scottsbluff, 960 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KSID, Sidney, 1340 kHz, 6:15 p.m.; KVSH, Valentine, 940 kHz, 4:10 p.m.

Nevada: KELK, Elko, 1240 kHz, 6:10 a.m. and 6:55 p.m.; KSRN-FM, Reno, 104.5 MHz, 12:05 p.m.

New York: WOR, New York, 710 kHz, 8:10 and 11:10 p.m.

North Carolina: WSOC, Charlotte, 930 kHz, 6:55 a.m.

Oregon: KLIQ, Portland, 1290 kHz, 4:02 p.m.

South Dakota: KOBH, Hot Springs, 580 kHz, 4:25 p.m., November, 4:10 p.m., December, 5:25 p.m., rest of year; KCCR, Pierre, 1240 kHz, 6:30 p.m.

Utah: KUTA, Blanding, 790 kHz, 12:30 p.m.; KURA, Moab, 1450 kHz, 6:25 a.m.; KLO, Ogden, 1430 kHz, 6:06 p.m.; KOAL, Price, 1230 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KSVC, Richfield, 980 kHz, 4:15 p.m.; KDXU, St. George, 1450 kHz, 6:30 p.m.

KVEL, Vernal, 920 kHz, 4:30 p.m.

Virginia: WRVA, Richmond, 1140 kHz, 10:10 p.m.

West Virginia: WVVA, Wheeling, 1170 kHz, 6:55 p.m.

Wisconsin: WAXX, Chippewa Falls, 1150 kHz, 9:55 a.m.; WEAU-FM, Eau Claire, 104.5 MHz, 9:55 a.m.; WISN, Milwaukee, 1130 kHz, 7:05 p.m.; WSAU, Wausau, 550 kHz, 6:10 p.m.

Wyoming: KBBS, Buffalo, 1450 kHz, 6:10 p.m.; KUGR, Green River, 1490 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KOWB, Laramie, 1290 kHz, 4:10 p.m.; KRAL, Rawlins, 1240 kHz, 6:05 p.m.; KVOW, Riverton, 1450 kHz, 6:20 p.m.; KWOR, Worland, 1340 kHz, 6:05 p.m.