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A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Garner Ted Armstrong was invited to an April 5 dinner in Washington, D.C., given by the Egyptian embassy. At the meal were Egypt's President Anwar el-Sadat, U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale and other notables. For details, see Mr. Armstrong's "Personal."

Detroit to be met at the airport by Mr. Bruce Vance and Mr. Shorty Fuesel. We very much enjoyed our stay at Detroit and the opportunity to meet with, I was told, 3,701 of you brethren in that area. It was my first time in (See PERSONAL, page 7)

Members protected

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — Members in flood-stricken eastern Kentucky and tornado-ravaged Birmingham, Ala., were largely unaffected during a violent week that coincided with the annual Days of Unleavened Bread April 2 to 9.

Pikeville pastor Darris McNeely reported there is no doubt in his mind that God was looking out for His people.

"God's people came through this very, very well," Mr. McNeely said (See MEMBERS, page 7)

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from beautiful, sunny Lakeland, Fla. We have had a very busy week! Sometimes I wonder if these "Personals" aren't a continual, running commentary with a lot of hoopla about what I expect to do, then what I did, and then what I next expect to do and then what I did, and then on and on. But until I receive protests telling me you are tired of hearing about day-to-day activities, I guess I should assume this is the format you brethren want.

At any rate, we left Pasadena on Friday morning, April 1, and flew to

Festival applications coming

BIG SANDY — Applications and housing forms for the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles will be mailed to members in the United States beginning April 18, announced Festival director Sherwin McMichael.

"Even though it is only April, now is the time to discuss with your family and begin to plan seriously for the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles," Mr. McMichael said. "A little time now in thoughtful preparation will help to insure another wonderful Feast for you and your family."

Mr. McMichael said the Feast Office, on the Ambassador campus here, which handles Festival arrangements for about 80,000 brethren in the United States, began preparations for the 1977 Festival immediately after the '76 Feast.

"As the Feast of Tabernacles is now the largest annual convention on earth, preparations for each Festival are a never-ending, year-round effort," Mr. McMichael said. "It is only through such a continuous effort that we can provide the kind of service to all 80,000 brethren at the United States sites."

Mr. McMichael said that the Feast will be observed in the United States at nine major sites plus Alaska and Hawaii. The major U.S. sites are Mount Pocono, Pa.; Hampton, Va.; Jekyll Island, Ga.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Big Sandy, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Squaw Valley, Calif.; and Tucson, Ariz.

Mr. McMichael also announced that the Feast will be observed in more than 40 international sites. The sites and transfer procedures are listed at the end of this article.

Service to the Brethren

Mr. McMichael said a major goal

of his office is to provide "a real service for the brethren." Mr. McMichael said that a letter the brethren will receive shortly, which features a completely redesigned application form, is only the tip of the iceberg, representing hundreds of hours of manpower in Festival preparation.

Mr. McMichael and members of his staff have conducted extensive meetings with representatives of

each Chamber of Commerce at the Festival sites. "Over the years, members have expressed encountering varying degrees of cooperativeness on the part of the motel-hotel operators and other businesses in the cities we visit annually," Mr.

Michael said. "In the Festival Office we felt the time had come to meet, not only with the Chamber administrators, but with as many rep-

(See FEAST, page 6)

Little Rock derails the Express in third annual YOU tourney

By James Worthen

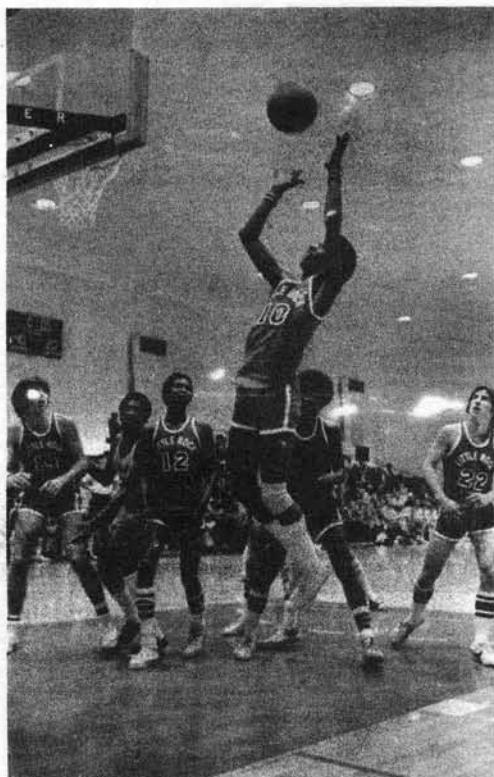
BIG SANDY — The two teams representing the South Central Region of Youth Opportunities United, Little Rock and Big Sandy, captured the national basketball and cheerleading competition held here April 6 to 9.

The Little Rock Rockets derailed the Cleveland Express 58-48 in the championship game of the third annual basketball tournament, held here for the first time after being staged in Pasadena the first two years.

The Big Sandy cheerleaders edged out their counterparts from Greensboro, N.C., and Peoria, Ill., for national honors.

Bowling competition held in nearby Longview, Tex., in conjunction with the basketball saw Harvey Wierenga of Grand Rapids, Mich., win the boys' division and Penny Pyles of Fort Wayne, Ind., take the girls' title.

The order of finish for the eight teams in the YOU basketball tournament was the Little Rock (Ark.) Rockets, Cleveland (Ohio) Express, Moultrie (Ga.) Hornets, Tacoma (Wash.) Trojans, Pasadena (Calif.) Imperial P.M. Suns, Detroit (Mich.) Dyn-o-mite, Rapid City (S.D.) Stars (See TOURNEY, page 8)



LITTLE ROCK DOMINANCE — Sylvester Washington, most valuable player of the 1977 YOU basketball tournament, goes up for a rebound near the end of the first half in the championship game against Cleveland. Little Rock dominated the rebounding on both ends of the floor. Little Rock won the title game 58-48. (Photo by Robert Johnson)

Diary records meeting with Swazi leaders



SWAZI MEETING — Herbert W. Armstrong speaks at a banquet in honor of King Sobhuza II of Swaziland in Mbabane, the capital, March 28. To the right of Mr. Armstrong are Prime Minister Makhosini Dlamini, Prince Gabheni and Robert Fahey, director of the African Work.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Herbert W. Armstrong's travels during his latest stay in southern Africa were noted in a diary kept by Robert Fahey, director of the Work in Africa, who traveled with Mr. Armstrong. The Worldwide News ran excerpts from Mr. Fahey's diary in the March 28 issue that covered Mr. Armstrong's schedule from March 10 through 27.

In the following Mr. Fahey brings readers up to April 4 (the day Mr. Armstrong left Africa to return to Pasadena):

Monday, March 28: 11 a.m. Fly from Johannesburg to Mbabane, Swaziland.

2:30 p.m. Meeting with prime minister and leading members of the cabinet. This meeting had been postponed from the last trip, in November. I [Mr. Fahey] was asked to introduce Mr. [Stanley] Rader to the cabinet. (Mr. Armstrong was not present.) Mr. Rader outlined AICF [Ambassador International Cultural Foundation] projects to date in (See PAGE 10)

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Total shambles

Please take this in the well-intentioned spirit it is meant, but your issue No. 5, Vol. 5, dated 2/8/77 was in some places a total shambles.

May I point out the following?

Page 3, picture caption, "Pat May, above, shows visitors a deserted mine." Not true, that mine is very active indeed. It was the equipment that was deserted.

Picture caption, "Drillers plant explosives in a gold mine." Not true. The pictures merely showed drillers at the mine face. Having explosives there would have been deadly.

Page 8, "Rhodesian Brethren Back Fast." This inaccurate report takes the cake!!! Our President is John Wrathall and has been for some years now. Walter Dupont??? Really!!! Our pastor is Mr. Ron Stoddard and has been since before the Feast last year. Owen Willis??? Really!!!

The inference in the article is our President is an African (i.e., black), which is incorrect. He is Caucasian. As to whether most Rhodesians observed the day or not, this is debatable! I was personally quite impressed by the number of people everywhere who responded to the fast "according to their knowledge."

Page 9, "Unusual Visit Made," by Owen Willis, Pastor, Salisbury Churches, Salisbury Rhodesia." My comment is as for above.

All my corrections given above have been checked out with the authors concerned. What concerns me is I really do understand the need to shorten and/or precisely some articles sent in, but to completely change the facts and put in some things "plucked out of the air" is not right. It is just dishonest. I have tried to understand how it could happen but up to this point in time haven't made much headway.

I'm sure you will rap the gremlin concerned.

Rogan Webster
Salisbury, Rhodesia

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I wish to thank you for the efforts you and your staff go to to produce a highly readable, up-to-date, and reasonably accurate publication. I always eagerly anticipate the arrival of WN and am never disappointed when it arrives. It has a very high standard. And is unique.

However, with all human endeavours mistakes are made. And I trust that when errors are made you appreciate having these brought to your attention. Two such mistakes occurred in the issue that was published on the 28th February, 1977, which has just reached here. Unfortunately, from my point of view, these inaccuracies were in an article which appeared under my name.

I appreciate your need to edit, shorten, and rework articles, particularly as most

of your writers may not be particularly gifted in journalism. Such is the case with me. And I therefore have no objections to alterations being made.

But in the article in question, on the fast day held here, I did not mention the President of Rhodesia's name. It did occur to me to call him by name, but I didn't, as I thought it would not be of much interest to non-Rhodesians. Perhaps here I miscalculated. Anyway someone at your end decided to add in the name. Unfortunately the name used was President Du Pont. This is incorrect. President Du Pont has been out of office for several months. President John Wrathall is the present President of Rhodesia. And he was the man who called the fast. Whilst this mistake may not seem all that great, from across the Atlantic, since the article was published under my name it was somewhat embarrassing for me that the impression was given that I don't know the name of the President of the country in which I live. Similarly the article, as published (but not as written), stated that Owen Willis is the pastor of the Salisbury church. Again this is incorrect. Mr. Willis used to be stationed here. But he has been out of Rhodesia for several months, and is presently responsible for Kenya. Ron Stoddard is the minister in Salisbury, and he took the meeting in question. Again, to someone reading the article in this part of the world it looks odd that I apparently don't know my own minister is.

Anyway there's no harm done. And I merely thought I would bring this to your attention as "feedback" is always useful. I know you will endeavour to maintain your normally high standards, and won't mind my mentioning this temporary lapse.

M. Toft
Salisbury, Rhodesia

The editors regret the errors, some of which were because of out-of-date reference works and others as a result of misinterpretation of writers' original material.

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This old house

I was very pleased with the way the article came out ["Country Home Becomes Their Dream Come True," Feb. 28], even though the age of the house was misprinted. It's 40 years old instead of 10. Wish you had lowered my age instead of the house's. All in all you did a fine job. Thank you. It's so great to get something in print for a change instead of rejection slips. Sure gave my sagging writing ego a much-needed boost.

Betty Gilbert
Irving, Tex.

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Link with news

Thank you so much for *The Worldwide News*. We "devour" every issue. . . *The Worldwide News* is our link with the news and details of the Work, college and membership around the world. . .

Connie Hoffman
Bonn, West Germany

Big Sandy to admit 300 in AC summer session

BIG SANDY — The fourth summer session of courses for college credit on the Texas campus of Ambassador College is scheduled to begin with registration for new students June 12. Classes will begin June 13. As many as 300 students may be accepted for this year's program, said Dr. Lynn Torrance, director of admissions. The session has been shortened to five weeks this year and will run through July 15.

"The summer session is designed to enable as many new students as possible to attend Ambassador who may not otherwise have the time or the opportunity to pursue a full-time course of study here," said Gary Pendergraft, admissions officer. "It also opens the door for a number of students to continue their education full time in either the fall or spring semester."

According to Dr. Torrance, the average class load for the summer session will be two classes for a total of six units of college credit, with each class meeting 1½ hours Monday through Friday. The charge for

the summer session will be \$400 for tuition (up to six units), room and board.

Courses to be offered include: Introduction to Computer Science, Principles of Economics, Flight Training and Ground School, Home Gardening, Beginning Drawing, Landscape Painting, Applied Music, General Psychology, and Survey of the Gospels.

In addition to the course offerings, recreational facilities for swimming, horseback riding, tennis, racketball, basketball, softball and golf will be available. Formal and informal dances are planned, along with the organization of Ambassador Clubs (speech clubs) for the summer. A special feature planned for this year's program is a seminar on success at college.

A complete list of course offerings with additional information and an application may be obtained by writing: Office of Admissions, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

From Cairo to Cape Town

Nuclear cloud gathers over Africa

By Gene H. Hogberg
News Editor, 'The Plain Truth'
PASADENA — From Cairo to Cape Town, all of Africa today is in turmoil. The communists are enjoying unprecedented success in their attempts to oust the last vestiges of Western influence on the Dark Continent.

As reported in my last column, both Soviet President Podgorny and Cuba's "Dr." Fidel Castro recently jetted to key outpost states in east and south-central Africa, leaving behind a trail of promises to dump more manpower, material and military aid into the coffers of black nationalist forces determined to grab political power in Rhodesia and South-West Africa (Namibia).

Castro also spent considerable time in both Ethiopia and Somalia in an apparent attempt to patch up relations between the leftist governments of these countries, located on Africa's strategic horn. Somalia has long been in Moscow's pocket; in Ethiopia a radical crew took over the reins of government about a month ago, signaling a "dramatic decline" in American influence there (says West Germany's news magazine *Der Spiegel*).

Sadat's Fears

Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, in an interview in the French newspaper *Le Monde*, said he was extremely concerned about what he called the Soviet Union's "sinister plots" all over Africa.

"I am very, very worried about the way events are shaping in Africa, particularly in Zaire," he said. "The Soviets are dabbling in sinister plots from one end of the continent to the other."

According to *Le Monde*, the Egyptian leader said: "In Sudan they have tried to overthrow the regime of Gen. Numeiri [and] Ethiopia . . . has become a major center of Soviet plotting . . ."

"As regards the civil war in Zaire, this evidently is not an internal matter. The Katangese are armed with modern Soviet tanks . . . The situation is critical. I wonder where they will strike next."

As far as Egypt itself was concerned, Sadat said the Soviets "have already begun creating troubles in our country. But I am thinking especially of Sudan, where any upheaval is likely to have repercussions in Egypt."

Moscow's Two African Goals

Sadat's concerns must be taken seriously. Since the last Russian military advisers were thrown out of Egypt in the early 1970s, the Soviets have made one of their key objectives the reestablishment of their position in that country. For Moscow the ouster of Sadat and the installment of a pro-Soviet regime there are the key to Russian influence in the Middle East.

Elsewhere in Africa the primary objective is the overthrow of the government of South Africa. All other objectives south of the Sahara are subsidiary to this goal.

Moscow suffered its first big reverse in Africa way back in the early 1950s when South Africa broke diplomatic ties with Moscow. Relations between the two arch-enemies have never resumed.

A former KGB officer, Aleksei Myagkov, was in South Africa recently, talking to reporters. Since his defection to the West two years ago, Myagkov has disclosed many secrets of the KGB's operations.

Africa, Myagkov told an interviewer in South Africa's news magazine *To the Point*, is ranked

Gene Hogberg, news editor for *The Plain Truth*, has spent the past two decades as a dedicated news watcher. Since 1958 he has served in the *Work's* News Bureau, reading, studying, collecting and collating news from around the world. He has traveled extensively in Europe, including Eastern Europe, and southern Africa, as well as the Middle East, Asia, India and elsewhere.

The WN has asked Mr. Hogberg to prepare regular, informal articles for the paper reflecting his insights into world conditions from his vantage point as a veteran news analyst and member of the Church.

third in importance for KGB operations. In first place are the NATO countries (meaning Western Europe and the United States). Second is China. The most important areas for the KGB in Africa are the Middle East (with Egypt the key country) and South Africa.

"All that the Soviet Union is doing in Angola and Mozambique is geared towards getting to South Africa," Myagkov says. "The Russians would like to have the whole of southern Africa, and South Africa is the key to that."

Why the Soviets want to control Africa from top to bottom is quite clear to all military strategists. As I explain more fully in my article in the coming May issue of *The Plain Truth*, the objective is to strangle the economies of the free world, to cut Western Europe and the United States off from Africa's raw materials, and to interdict the vital Cape of Good Hope oil route from the Persian Gulf to Europe and America.

Communist Blitzkrieg

Few realize, it seems, how fast the free world's sun is setting in Africa. Ever since American will collapsed in Angola, the downhill slide into communist totalitarianism has been rapid indeed.

Here's what the lead editorial in the March 25 *To the Point* says:

"Intelligent Africa-watchers will tell us that present events in equatorial and southern Africa are following a predictable pattern. And that therefore they are not new. Certainly not unexpected, except to those in the West who have been wearing blinders and earplugs for the past few years. What is new and unexpected is the speed with which they are taking place. The Communist bloc is moving at a blitzkrieg pace in its efforts to outflank the West in Africa . . . The Western democracies have patently lost interest, or else are unable to grasp the fact that their survival is at stake, not in what is happening in Europe or America, but in the drama being played out in Africa."

The editorial continues:

"However we interpret the military invasion of Zaire, we may be certain of one thing: The Soviet Union stands to gain by the outcome. For more than 15 years the U.S.S.R. has waited its chance of getting a firm foothold in that strategic and copper-rich country and of leveling the score after the overthrow of Moscow's lackey Patrice Lumumba in 1960. That chance came into full view when the West allowed the Russian-Cuban combination to get away with the rape of Angola. There was little doubt that Zaire would be next on the list, just as there is a high probability that Zambia is already being marked for special attention."

Dazed America

The United States simply has no effective policy whatsoever to

counter the communist offensive, since it has become hung up over the issue of "majority rule."

If you think the *To the Point* editorial was a blunt one, note this editorial in *The Citizen* of Johannesburg of March 16:

"While the U.S. President rides to his human rights crusade like a knight in shining armor, the Russians and their black terrorist stooges are laughing all the way from Moscow to Maputo [Mozambique]."

"Fidel Castro flouts Africa as if the continent has become Cuba's backyard — you want arms, you want soldiers, you want intervention, well, in a puff of cigar smoke, you've got it, Castro style."

"And the U.S. wanders around in a human rights daze as if it is Castroed."

Nuclear Blowup

One thing is for sure. The line will be drawn at South Africa's borders even if it takes nuclear weapons to do so. The South Africans are not gutless, as practically every other society in the flaccid Western world has become.

But such courage in the face of escalating odds offers little comfort for the cause of world peace. As *The Citizen* editorial concludes:

"Unless something is done, and done soon, to resolve the Rhodesian issue . . . unless South Africa is treated with the understanding and goodwill that it needs and deserves, unless the U.S. and the West stop pussyfooting about Soviet plans to grab southern Africa and the Cape sea route, there's going to be some mighty threat to peace on the subcontinent. And that threat won't be of South Africa's making."

A recent editorial over the South African Broadcasting Corp. warned further that any attempts to dismantle South Africa itself "could have devastating worldwide repercussions."

In view of all of this, remember to pray for your brethren in South Africa, Rhodesia, Zambia and elsewhere on the African subcontinent as they live through increasingly perilous times.

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DANCE THEATER — The Ambassador College Dance Theater, left, performs the spring concert in the Ambassador Auditorium. Below left: Anne-Marie Callo and Dennis Gonzalo dance in the classical ballet *Waldteufel*. Below: Ilona Vera, guest artist and member of the Ambassador dance faculty, dances. [Photos by Ken Evans]

Concert captures student spirit

By John Zahody

PASADENA — Some 60 Ambassador students and faculty members combined their talents with guest artists to produce this year's spring concert in the Ambassador Auditorium March 26 and 27. Capacity crowds responded with standing ovations to the college's most elaborate and colorful annual production.

In this year's concert were the Ambassador College Chorale and Dance Theater and the Pasadena Community Orchestra. Guest artists included Hungarian-born dancer Ilona Vera and singer Paula Bellamy.

The chorale opened the program, accompanied by the orchestra. Chorale director Gerald Bieritz conducted the ensemble as it performed Mozart's *Vesperae de Dominica*, arranged for chorus and solo quartet, and "Swell the Full Chorus," from Handel's oratorio *Solomon*.

Serious Repertoire

Of the Mozart composition Mr.



Bieritz said: "It was a challenging work for the chorale, and I think they did a very fine job with it. We're trying to build a more serious kind of choral concert repertoire. That's my general aim, and I think this concert was a success in that aspect."

An integral part of campus life since 1950, the chorale is comprised of undergraduate students who qualify for membership by audition.

Following the chorale's performance, the 65-piece Pasadena Community Orchestra took the stage to perform the *Prince Igor* overture, by Aleksandr Borodin, and "Les Preludes," a tone poem by Franz Liszt. The orchestra was conducted by its music director, Dr. R. Gerry Long, chairman of Ambassador's Department of Music and Art.

"The orchestra did an outstanding performance of both compositions, especially the very demanding 'Les Preludes,'" Dr. Long commented.

Jointly Sponsored

The Pasadena Community Orchestra is jointly sponsored by Ambassador College and Pasadena City College. Membership is open by audition to students and other adult nonprofessional musicians.

The second half of the concert featured the Ambassador College Dance Theater, accompanied by the orchestra, which presented a colorful variety of entertainment beginning with *Waldteufel*, a classical ballet of four waltzes by the Austrian composer of that name, arranged and conducted by Dr. Long.

Next on the program was *Five Sketches*, an original ballet composition written and arranged by Mark Graham, an Ambassador student.

Accompanied by Mr. Graham's music, the dance theater humorously depicted aspects of everyday life.

Waldteufel and *Five Sketches*.

SPRING CONCERT — Singer Paula Bellamy, above, backed by the college chorale, sings. Below: Gerry Long conducts the Pasadena Community Orchestra. Below right: Dance-theater members perform *Five Sketches*. [Photos by Ken Evans]



es were choreographed by Christa Long, director of the dance theater and the wife of Dr. Long.

"The fact that we could attempt a classical ballet like *Waldteufel* represents a real milestone in the history of our company," Mrs. Long said. "These students have worked very, very hard, and I think their progress is extraordinary. We have several men as well as women in the program who are very talented, and this pleases me particularly."

The Ambassador College Dance

Theater is open to students enrolled in college dance classes who qualify by audition. All theater dancers are required to study ballet, jazz, tap, pas de deux and, in the case of the women, pointe. They are also urged to develop vocal and acting talents.

Hand-Clapping Finale

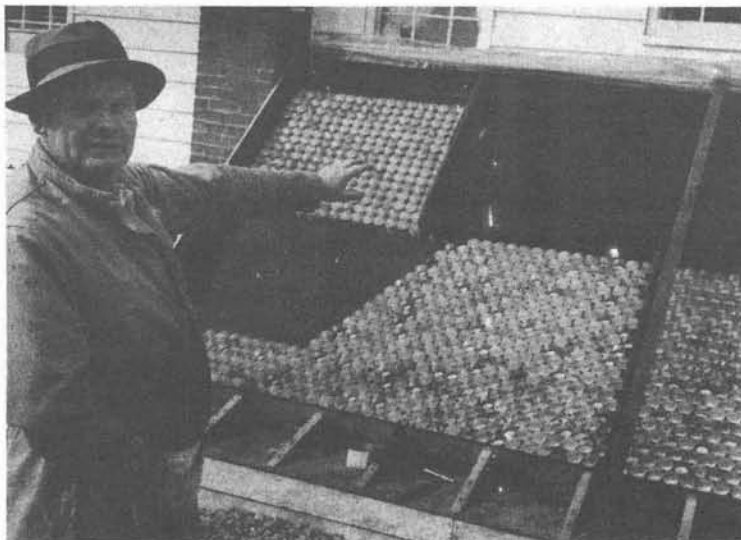
Through It All, a series of five dances set to American songs, was the climax to this year's concert as the audience joined in the hand-clapping finale.

The dance theater performed in the jazz medium as guest singer Paula Bellamy, backed by the chorale, gave a stirring performance. With extensive credits including the Debbie Reynolds show in Las Vegas, the singer is rehearsing with Wild Honey, a new group directed by Fifth Dimension star Ron Townsend.

Choreography for *Through It All* was by Ilona Vera, who was featured as guest dance soloist, in collaboration with Mrs. Long. The dancer was

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SOLAR FURNACE—Bill Tolle shows his solar furnace before completion. The black cans absorb heat from the sun and warm the air between the cans. The air is then circulated into the basement and the rest of the home via ducts. [Photo courtesy the Middletown, Ohio, Journal of Feb. 9]

Member captures sun's heat

By John Leach

WOODSDALE, Ohio — While the thermostats of his neighbors hover near 60 degrees, Bill Tolle and his wife, Dorothy, sit in comfort in their one-story frame home where the temperature is nearly always in the balmy 70s.

And, as long as the solar furnace Tolle built himself continues to operate, the Woodsdale man will remain unaffected by governmental decrees

This article, about Bill Tolle, a member of the Cincinnati North church, is reprinted by permission from the Middletown, Ohio, Journal of Feb. 9.

asking home owners to conserve fuel oil, a commodity he's spent only a little more than \$150 on all winter.

Admittedly there are some problems. Tolle said he didn't make the collector system which stores the solar heat big enough. He'll remedy that soon when he increases the present storage area on his furnace from its present size of 8 by 20 feet to 10 by 46 feet.

Heat Stored for Night

With a bigger collector, Tolle will be able to store more heat for use at night and on days when the sun doesn't shine. Right now he switches on the solar furnace between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. every day; the rest of the time his home is heated by the fuel oil.

Tolle, a retired electronics engineer, and his wife, a geography teacher at Roosevelt Middle School, began the solar project in 1975. The pair collected 1,400 cans, cut them in half, painted them dead black and nailed them, open end up, on a slanted plywood board leaning on the back wall of his home.

A nonreflective sheet of plastic was spread over the cans and a storage bin lined with gravel built below the board.

Now, when sunlight hits the black cans, the air between the cans and the sheet of plastic is warmed; that warmed air is circulated into the storage bin and, by fans, is pushed into the Tolles' basement.

The air then travels into the Tolle home via heating ducts in every room.

Anyone Could Do It

Anyone could make such a furnace with proper guidance, Tolle feels, and he says he and his wife would be

willing to give advice to anyone in the area who wants to attempt it.

In fact, both Tolle and his wife contend that the federal government ought to give tax credits to persons who build their own solar furnace.

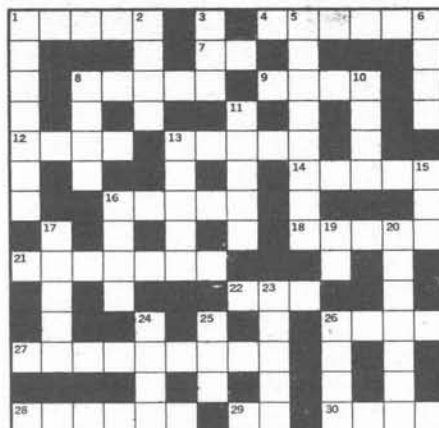
"It's not nearly as expensive as a manufactured solar furnace," said the Woodsdale man, whose project

cost him around \$800.

"Anyone can do the job if they have directions to do it," he added, "but there was a lot of bugs I had to work out. I don't know if I would have been able to do it without my engineering experience, but, like I say, I'd be willing to help anyone else build their own."

BIBLE CROSSWORD

BY MR. AND MRS. JACK L. BAILEY



ACROSS

- 1 He and Joshua were "favorable" spies sent into Canaan (Numbers 14).
- 4 Where Jacob wrestled with the angel (Genesis 32).
- 7 An ancient city captured and destroyed by Joshua (Joshua 7:3-5).
- 8 Black wood (Ezekiel 27:15).
- 9 An ornament worn about the neck or head.
- 12 The dogs licked his blood (I Kings 19:22).
- 13 The wages of sin (Romans 6:23).
- 14 The meek shall inherit it (Matthew 5).
- 16 Not one of Jesus' — was broken.
- 18 Commander in chief of Saul's armies (I Samuel 26:5-14).
- 21 Last of minor prophets.
- 22 He helped stay the hands of Moses (Exodus 17:10-12).
- 26 "And the cock —" (Mark 14:68).
- 27 Husband of Naomi (Ruth 1:1-3).
- 28 Title for an army official (II Kings 18:17 and Isaiah 20:1).
- 29 Fertile land east or southeast of Palestine (Job 1:1).
- 30 A destroyed city of ruins (Ezekiel 26).

DOWN

- 1 Place of the skull.
- 2 The Bible is an inspired —.
- 3 A small evergreen tree (Psalms 37:35).
- 5 Wife of Aaron.
- 6 Older daughter of Laban (Genesis 29).
- 8 The valley in which David slew Goliath (I Samuel 17).
- 10 Great-grandson of Shem (Genesis 10).
- 11 Psalms 119:128 (read).
- 13 First daughter of Jacob and Leah (Genesis 34).
- 15 Possessive form of she.
- 16 A wild animal (Psalms 90:13).
- 17 Means confusion.
- 19 Beside.
- 20 A servant of Abraham (Genesis 15).
- 23 A place where "gold" came from (Daniel 10).
- 24 A city of the plain, afterwards called Zoar (Genesis 14:2).
- 25 — Kingdom of heaven be likened unto — virgins (Matthew 25).
- 26 Throw off, as in — (Psalms 51:11).

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Family learns lessons from burning of home

By Joan Jacques

BREVARD, N.C. — John and Ann Jacques and their 7-month-old daughter, Sara, were returning to their Lake Taxaway, N.C., home in the predawn hours of Sunday, Jan. 16, when they noticed a bright, red glow in the sky several miles before they reached home.

They finally realized the glow came from a fire in their own neighborhood and were shocked a few minutes later when they saw that it was their own house in flames.

The Lake Taxaway Fire Department responded quickly, but to no avail to the Jacqueses. Their home was too far gone to save.

In a near state of shock, unable to believe their eyes, the Jacqueses, members of the Greenville, S.C., church, stood by and watched their home burn to the ground, destroying everything they owned except the clothes on their backs and what they had taken to Sabbath services with them.

John and Ann and Sara had made the long trip to Charlotte, N.C., the previous morning to hear Garner Ted Armstrong speak at services. They had stayed for the dance, at which Mr. Armstrong and a band performed, and hadn't got home until 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

I asked John if anything had survived the fire. He said he had salvaged from the ashes an iron wood-burning stove, badly damaged, and a cast-iron skillet.

John, a carpenter, had recently been helping remodel a house and, fortunately, had left most of his carpenter's tools at his work site over

the weekend. "So I will still be able to work at my job," he said.

John and Ann were quickly recovering from the loss.

"We are presently renting a house, as we were only renting our home which burned, which we are furnishing with furniture contributed by people of the local community and brethren in the Church," John said. "But we have found a little house near Brevard which we are buying. Our loss prompted us to finally buy and own our own home. We have a few things to prepare and fix up in it but hope to be moved in before the Days of Unleavened Bread.

"We have had so much help from the community, our families and brethren in the Church. In fact, people have been so generous and have given us such an abundance of things that we have been able ourselves to give to others and share. We just never would have believed how kind and helpful people can be at a time like this.

"Of course there were many things which cannot be replaced, such as little Sara's baby pictures, our wedding pictures and things of this nature.

John thinks the loss of the home could turn out to be a "blessing in disguise."

"We learned many valuable lessons from our experience," he said. "In the future we will be more cautious and will take good care of our belongings. We are thankful for what we still have, for we still have each other and our precious baby, Sara."

The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Youths receive honors

BOISE, Idaho — Mike Farley, 17, has been awarded the rank of Eagle by the Boy Scouts of America.



MIKE FARLEY

A member of Troop 49 here, Mike has earned 31 merit badges, seven more than required for the rank.

He assists scoutmaster Lem Allen as junior assistant scoutmaster.

Now you know

By Ted Millhuff

SEATTLE, Wash. — Sound Express, a music group of the Seattle church, has been putting on shows at nursing homes the last couple of months. So far the group has given four performances, and four more are coming up soon, says guitarist Mike McDermott, leader of the musicians.

The Seattle Housing Authority is having a sing-along book printed to be given to Sound Express to use at the nursing homes, Mr. McDermott says.

Mr. McDermott's wife, Ann, is lead vocalist. Completing the group are Larry Lindsley on bass, John and LaVon Stiles on vocals and Becky Van Mechlin on piano.

Mike attends the Boise congregation and is a member of YOU. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Farley.

LITTLE ROCK, Miss. — Millie Ivey, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Joe Ivey, members of the Meridian, Miss., congregation, has been accepted for private study with Doris Earley McDonald, a charm instructor and pageant coach from Jackson, Miss., who formerly taught charm and modeled professionally in New York City.

An eighth grader at Beulah Hubbard School, Millie is multitalented. She has studied dance for 10 years.

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MILLIE IVEY

For all occasions

She can really doll up a cake

By Frieda B. Tupper
WATERTOWN, S.D. — Baking and decorating "doll cakes" is a specialty perfected by Viola Bitz, a member of the church here since 1974. Although Mrs. Bitz makes cakes of many shapes and sizes and for all occasions, the doll cake — in which a doll is placed partially inside a cake with the edible portion of the cake forming the doll's dress — is her favorite.

Raised on a farm at Venturia, N.D., the young Viola helped her mother in the house while her sisters helped with the farm chores outside. Her mother had recognized her talents in the culinary arts and let her

was a flop, she admitted, but it was the only flop she ever had. The next two evolved beautifully, and that made her the official cake baker for all family occasions from then on.

Job With NYA

During the Great Depression, in 1936, when Viola was 14, she found a job with the National Youth Administration. This was when Franklin D. Roosevelt was President and the NYA was for youths of America what the WPA (Works Progress Administration) was for unemployed men.

The NYA was offering sewing and baking for girls, so Viola eagerly ap-

self-study she learned much about cake decorating.

When she saw a picture of a doll cake and set out to copy it, the result pleased her and she began perfecting the art. The first doll cake was a present to her granddaughter, but she now makes them for any kind of party as centerpieces for special occasions such as Mother's Day and farewell and children's parties.

At Least Three Hours

The 56-year-old mother of eight children says it takes at least three hours to bake and decorate a cake. Mrs. Bitz uses the basic white or yellow two-egg layer recipe and three 8-inch, round pans for the doll cakes.

For making the skirt of the doll, she cuts down the layers as necessary. She buys either doll busts or full-sized dolls at a craft shop or variety store and inserts one on the top layer before decorating.

When she applies the icing, her dolls become lifelike under her creative imagination.

The basic icing for beginners is butter cream:

Cream 1 cup vegetable shortening, add 1½ cups confectioner's sugar and cream again. Then add ¼ cup evaporated milk slowly. Add salt and flavoring to taste.

Beat at high speed for five minutes. Store in an airtight container in refrigerator and whip up before using. Flowers made in advance should be placed in the refrigerator to harden a bit.

After using a metal cone for some years, Mrs. Bitz learned to make paper cones, which she likes much better. Using 9-inch vegetable parchment paper, she cuts either triangles or rectangles, depending on the size cone she wishes to use. She drops the decorating tube into the cone and holds it at tip end to be filled with icing.

After filling it, she rolls the top down toward the icing so it cannot back up when the cone is squeezed.

There are many different tubes for as many designs. Viola uses 10 tubes to make borders, leaves, roses, stems, ruffles and stars.

How to Color

Color is introduced into the icing by several methods, usually by mixing directly into a portion of the icing; however, the brush-stripping method is popular, as is the spray-color method. Pale colors make the most beautiful cakes, she says, but the stronger, bolder colors are especially beautiful for the doll cakes be-

whose art piece was chosen.

Her work is a water-color and pen-marker painting titled *Baby Goat*.

Shari received a signed certificate of congratulations from Wisconsin Gov. Patrick J. Lucey.

Shari and her parents attend church here.



SHARI BUCKMASTER

secretary of her eighth-grade class, and she is head cheerleader for the Meridian Youth Opportunities United chapter.

Millie's ambitions include dancing a classical ballet in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena and someday having a dance studio for children.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Shari Buckmaster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Buckmaster, was chosen to participate in the Wisconsin Youth Art Fair last month at Madison, the state capital. The fair was sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Wisconsin Art Association.

Judges selected 220 art pieces for the fair from those submitted by first-through 12th-grade students from around the state. Shari, a first grader at Marshall Elementary School in Madison, was honored to be the only child from that school



DOLL CAKE — Viola Bitz adds the finishing touches to a doll cake. She began making the cakes in her teens and now bakes them for special occasions such as Mother's Day and children's parties. (Photo by Frieda B. Tupper)

have free reign from the age of 10. She loved baking cakes, and whenever the family went into town she'd go to the bakery to watch the baking and decorating.

When Viola was 12 she received her first cake order from an uncle and aunt whose birthdays were on the same day. The first angel-food cake



ALL HER WORKS — Mrs. Bitz displays the results of her handwork. Each cake takes about three hours to complete from the time she begins to mix the batter to putting on the last bit of icing. (Photo by Frieda B. Tupper)

cause they bring out the personality of each doll.

There are three essential steps to good decorating, Mrs. Bitz points out:

- Icing must be the proper consistency.
- The pressure must be controlled.
- The decorating cone must be held at the correct angle.

Last year Mrs. Bitz attended a

10-week workshop in cake decorating for which she received a certificate of achievement. She has already demonstrated a knack for decorative writing, but she hopes to perfect this art and become truly professional when she attends the Wilton School at Chicago this summer.

So far this is only a dream, but she has the hope and the faith to bring this dream to fulfillment.

Youth's fractured elbow mending after accident

MANILA, Philippines — Andrew Adair's doctor is amazed at how quickly the 5-year-old's badly broken arm is mending. Andrew, the adopted son of Colin Adair, director of the Work in the Philippines, broke his arm in a fall at his kindergarten here March 4.

Andrew "had jumped sideways from a two-foot-high wall, lost his balance and fallen on his arm," Mr. Adair said later.

The Adairs took their son to the Makati Medical Center, where his arm was bandaged and X-rayed. "At first we thought it was only a dislocation, but to our dismay the X ray showed a clean break just at the elbow," Mr. Adair said. "We were informed he would have to stay in and have it repaired."

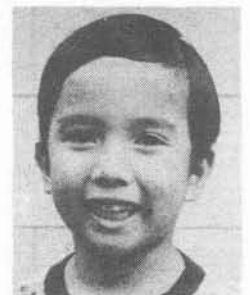
The 70-year-old orthopedic surgeon the Adairs consulted informed them Andrew had suffered "a very bad break," Mr. Adair stated, "one of the worst kinds. And it couldn't have happened at a worse spot."

That afternoon Andrew underwent a "closed operation," in which the surgeon manipulated the bone from the outside.

"After almost an hour Andrew was wheeled out of the operating room," Mr. Adair said. "My wife and I were unhappy to see his left arm in traction, which the doctor informed us would last from 10 to 14 days before they could put on a cast."

"The doctor kept shaking his head and saying it was a very bad break. If this didn't work, he said, they might have to open the arm to fix it. There was the chance of a deformity if the bones didn't knit properly. The main problem was the break wasn't horizontal but diagonal, making it more difficult for the two ends to come together. And it was right at the elbow joint."

Three days later the surgeon



ANDREW ADAIR

X-rayed again to check on the arm's progress and was, Mr. Adair commented, "amazed how well it was coming on." After another X ray, six days after the mishap, "he was astonished. The bone ends had come together so well that he felt confident he could put the cast on the next day or at the latest the day following."

"He showed me the X-ray plates, and even to a layman like me the vast difference was obvious."

"The doctor was so excited at the development that he showed the plates to the other doctors, who were dumbfounded that the bones were healing so quickly."

In a week Andrew had his cast and was home again.

Andrew's doctor had commented to Mr. Adair "that in all his experience of 40-some years, including many years as an army surgeon, Andrew's was the worst fracture he had ever seen, and yet it had healed the quickest, in almost half the normal time."

"I didn't bother to explain to him that there was another factor he hadn't considered. He might not have appreciated me telling him about the greatest Healer of all."

Youths receive honors

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including ballet, toe tap, jazz and baton.

At the age of 5, after being selected from a group of 150 auditionees, she performed at Jekyll Island, Ga., at the Feast of Tabernacles before an audience of 8,000.

She has studied piano for five years and sings and acts. She is a flutist with the Beulah Hubbard High School Band.

A book she wrote, *The Peaceful Playland*, is being published.

Previous pageant awards include: second alternate, Newton County Our Little Miss; first alternate, Miss Mississippi American Pre-Teen; first alternate, Magnolia Belle; second alternate, Miss Mississippi Baseball Queen.

Millie's hobbies include swimming, skating, bowling, cooking, crocheting, decoupage and collecting dolls and foreign postcards.

Millie was voted class favorite and



Jenny could hear her father singing as he came up the walk.

"Mama, how can Dad be so happy here in the city? I hate it here."

"Honey, your dad has had three promotions in the last two years. The last one was to the main office here in Houston, making him a pretty important VIP."

"Yes, I know all that, Mom. But I still don't like it. I wish we hadn't had to move. I don't get to ride my saddle horse, Prince, any more. Well, not except when we get to go to see Grandma and Grandpa on vacations."

"I'll set the table for you."

"Thank you, Jenny."

They heard Dad open the front door.

"Fresh bread again?" he asked.

"And fresh apple pie too, Dad," chimed in Johnny as he came into the kitchen.

"Honey, you've really taken an extra interest in your baking lately," Mom said to Jenny.

Nothing Else to Do

"No, not really," Jenny admitted. "I guess I'm mostly bored and have just been baking because I haven't had much else to do. There are several cliques here in this neighborhood, and I just can't seem to break into any of them."

Little Jerry came in the back door. He had been fighting and was covered with mud and had torn his good shirt.

"Dad, I'm going to have to lick every boy in my class," he said. "They won't let me play ball with them."

"Yeah, and the guys on the junior track team are so stuck up they won't give me a fair chance," said Johnny. "I know I can run in the relay faster than any of the others."

"Dad, I've been thinking," Jenny said. "I want to major in homemaking, but I just can't stand the teacher here in this new high school. If I could go stay with Grandma and Grandpa, I'd have Miss Tyler again. I could ride Prince and take care of him too."

"Here, now. No problems solved during supper. But I think what this family needs most is for everyone to join my club."

"Hey, that's neat, Dad. What kind of ball do you play?" Johnny wanted to know.

"Can I play ball too?" asked Jerry.

"Hold on a minute, you two. This isn't a ball club. This is the compliment club."

Never Heard of It

"Dad, I never heard of a compliment club. What's that?" asked Jenny.

"I'll explain all about it after supper at the family conference tonight," Dad told everyone. "Mom has supper ready now, so let's all eat."

Jenny respected her father because he cared enough to set aside one night a week for family night. It was a night to be used for a conference to solve any family problems, to play games, to work on a project or even just to talk.

After the supper dishes had been washed, they sat around to discuss the problems that

moving to the city had brought them.

"Dad, all these problems are different," Jenny said. "How can just joining one club solve all of them?"

Dad explained: "What happens to us doesn't always decide whether we are happy. To have friends we must first be friendly, and the easiest way to be friendly is to be a member of the compliment club. To be an active member, three times a day you must pay someone a compliment. All three compliments may go to one person, or they may go to three different people."

"Jenny, why don't you try giving all three compliments to your new homemaking teacher for a week. Johnny, how about your giving some of yours to your coach and teammates and Jerry to his classmates. I want you to try it for three weeks and report back what has happened."

They all agreed to try it.

"I'm going to try it on the garden club too," Mom said.

Each family member became an active member of the compliment club, but Dad wouldn't let him or her report at the family conference for three weeks. Then he asked each in turn what had happened.

No Fights in Two Weeks

"Jerry, what about you?"

"Well, Dad, I haven't had a fight in two whole weeks, except with Tommy, and he's my best friend now. I like some of the boys better than others, but we all pretty much play together now. I didn't think it would work, but it does."

"Let me tell you about the track meet this week," Johnny began. "We won the relay, and I came in second in the 100-yard dash. I got to try for the high jump and the broad jump but didn't get a ribbon for either of them."

"I told the coach last week about your compliment club, and he got everyone on the team to be a member during the meet. Do you know what? We won the good-sportmanship medal."

"How about that, Dad? Pretty neat, huh?"

"Yes, Johnny, it is."

Then Dad asked Jenny:

"How do you like your new homemaking teacher now?"

"Dad, she was so busy that at first it was hard to get to know her," Jenny answered. "One afternoon last week after school she took me down to the malt shop, and we had a Coke together. She knows the manager at the stables and is going to help me get a job there after school. I'm also going to talk to her about getting a scholarship. Dad, she's smart."

"Honey, I can't say I don't have anything to do now," laughed Mom. "I was elected treasurer of the garden club yesterday. Of course no one else wanted that job, but it will be just the open door I needed."

"We'll all continue to be active members of your compliment club. No wonder you're a VIP."

Feast applications

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representatives from the local business communities as possible.

"At these meetings we spoke to between 50 and 300 local business people, all of whom benefit greatly from the annual Festival. The programs, which lasted from 2½ to 3½ hours, proved successful. Not only will these meetings help to hold down future motel-hotel rates in spite of inflation, provide additional incentive for businesses to develop social Festival tours, discounts and other services, but, perhaps more importantly, will include each business community in our plans for the following year and help them to feel individually a part of the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles."

Mr. McMichael said in several cities the Festival Office was invited to join the local Chamber of Commerce and did so. "At one Festival site where we did join, the president of the local Chamber explained, 'Now we are a team.' Hopefully such a team effort will not only save you and your family money at future Festivals but will also provide an even warmer atmosphere to welcome us at each Festival city."

Mr. McMichael said the Festival Office is also planning to make "physical-plant improvements which will help solve the traffic problems at Hampton, Squaw Valley and Lake of the Ozarks, make camping more enjoyable at Big Sandy and refurbish the Mount Pocono site to improve its facilities." He promised details at a later date.

The office has also reinstated a 10 percent convention-service fee on all motel accommodations booked by it. The funds will go to the office to offset the cost of Festival operations and "will in no way increase the cost of the individual's accommodation," Mr. McMichael said. "This is standard operating procedure for any convention service which books for its delegates. In fact, this year, in talking with the individual Chambers of Commerce, we did not have a single protest at the reinstitution of the charge by the time we reached the conclusion of the meeting."

If any member is told that his accommodations are costing more because of the 10 percent service charge, he should immediately contact the Festival Office in Big Sandy or his housing manager at the site, Mr. McMichael said. "Such a statement or procedure is totally unethical, and any proprietor who would try to take advantage of our brethren should be reported immediately."

Your Help Needed

Mr. McMichael asked Feastgoers specifically to do two things to help facilitate Festival preparations:

- Return applications as soon as possible.
- Do not make your own housing arrangements.

"Some few receiving the housing application may be tempted to make their own arrangements," Mr. McMichael said. "Please resist this temptation. If your accommodations have not met your requirements, please lodge your complaints directly with us. We are making a concerted effort to do the very best for you and your family. If our efforts do not meet your expectations, write to us, call us, or contact the housing office at the Festival site to make whatever corrections in your accommodations that are necessary."

International Feast

Besides the 12 sites in the United States, the Festival is planned for more than 40 other sites around the world, and Americans, the Festival Office says, are welcome to transfer out of the country as space is available. All members within the United

States wishing to transfer to a site outside their country must submit their applications to the Festival Office, though the transfers will not be approved by the office here. The application will be sent to the international office handling applications to the specific site.

Mr. McMichael said U.S. Feastgoers' foreign-transfer applications will be handled as follows:

- Application should be made directly to the Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, requesting a transfer to an international site.

- The office will make a Xerox copy of the application and mail the original to the representatives of the international site considered.

- The international representatives will approve or disapprove the application and contact the U.S. member directly.

- The applicant will notify the international representative directly if any change or cancellation is necessary.

Church members who live in countries outside the United States and wish to transfer to another country may contact the Work's office in the region in which they live.

The following information, released by the Festival Office, is a partial list of non-U.S. sites. The numbers in parentheses indicate how many international transfers will be permitted. If no numbers are listed, transfers are unrestricted.

Argentina: Sierra de la Ventana (Argentine and Chilean sites may be combined at Mendoza, Argentina).

Australia: Adelaide, South Australia; Albany, Western Australia; Blackheath, New South Wales; Cairns, Queensland; Gold Coast, Queensland (transfers limited, but preference given to overseas visitors); Hobart, Tasmania; Melbourne, Victoria.

Bahamas: Nassau (150).

Barbados: site not yet determined (75).

Bermuda: Southampton (200).

Canada: Calgary, Alta. (1,000); Charlottetown, P.E.I. (250); Ottawa, Ont. (1,500); Penticton, B.C. (200); Regina, Sask. (500); Saint-Foy, Que. (250).

Chile: El Tabo (Chilean and Argentine sites may be combined at Mendoza, Argentina).

Denmark: Glesborg (100).

El Salvador: exact site unknown. **England:** Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (200 to 250); Southport, Lancashire (200 to 250); Torquay, Devonshire (100).

France: Port Leucate (50) (services in French with English translation).

Guadeloupe: Pointe-a-Pitre (10) (services in French with English translation).

Ireland: Kenmare, Kerry (100).

Jamaica: Runaway Bay (80).

Kenya: Nairobi.

Malaysia: Port Dickson (transfers not encouraged).

Malawi: Cape McLearn.

Martinique: Fort-de-France (10) (services in French with English translation).

Mauritius: exact location unknown (20).

Mexico: Morelos (services in Spanish).

Netherlands: Exloo (125) (see article, page 10).

New Zealand: Auckland (100); Christchurch (50).

Philippines: Baguio City.

Peru: Huampam.

Puerto Rico: Aguadilla (200).

Rhodesia: Victoria Falls.

South Africa: Durban (500); George (500); Hawston (colored); Umkomaas (black).

Trinidad: Chaguaramas (200).

West Germany: Bonndorf (100) (services in German with English translation).

Zambia: Lusaka.

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

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several years to take a Passover away from either Big Sandy or headquarters, and it was a very moving and rewarding experience.

We had a very warm and enthusiastic crowd the next day at a beautiful setting right along the river front just across from Windsor, Ont., in a huge indoor facility which I understand is one of the largest of its kind in the world and, following services in Detroit, went to Cincinnati the same evening. We very much enjoyed a dinner with some of the ministry for the Night to Be Much Remembered and then met with over 4,000 brethren in Cincinnati's beautiful Music Hall, which I believe is one of the most beautiful auditoriums for speaking in the entirety of the United States.

Brethren from many surrounding areas had come, and again we had an overflow crowd with the warmest and most enthusiastic response imaginable.

That same evening we were able to host a church social and dance, which everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy, and, though I retired early, we really did appreciate the opportunity to let our hair down with the brethren and have such an enjoyable social occasion. I was told that about 2,000 people had jammed the ballroom for our social, and I could believe it. It appeared the hall went on forever; I could barely see to the back, and there were people everywhere!

Children Flock Around

Most especially noticeable were the dozens of little children who flocked around and at the foot of the stage and, no matter the tremendous, blaring sound of the big speakers, seemed to be totally enthralled in watching the musicians and their instruments and looking up in wide-eyed amazement at all that was taking place.

We continued to Big Sandy for the next evening, and then I flew to Washington, D.C., at the invitation of the Egyptian embassy for a dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Anwar el-Sadat April 5.

As I told you in the last "Personal," there was the possibility of a meeting with a high-level official, but I didn't want to elaborate on it in case it didn't come off.

How thankful I am now that I chose to wait until after the fact! Actually, I had been told there was



every likelihood that President Carter would attend the meeting — and so went to Washington in the hope that he might — and that it might present an opportunity to meet a President in office for the first time in my life.

However, upon arrival in Washington, Mr. Adli Muhtadi met me at the airport. He and his wife accompanied my wife and me to our hotel and informed me that President Carter had asked President and Mrs. Sadat over to the White House for a private family affair the evening before, and that it appeared President Carter had not gone to a similar dinner given by Yitzhak Rabin, the former prime minister of Israel, during his recent visit to Washington.

It appeared that his advisers would point out that it would amount to a slight toward the Israeli government if President Carter should attend a similar dinner given by an Arab leader and that very likely he would not attend.

Honored by Sadat

Nevertheless, it was an honor to be invited by the president and first lady of Egypt, so my wife and I prepared to go to the dinner not knowing quite what to expect.

It was held in Anderson House, a large, palatial estate in downtown Washington which dates back to the pre-Revolutionary War era. It consists of many fine stonework and woods with large halls and formal public rooms including a high-ceilinged library and several very large rooms opening off a large hall with a surrounding balcony with balustrade

and wide staircase.

Upon entering and showing our card, mailed to us by the Egyptian embassy, we began to recognize a few people we knew. I was pleased to meet once again the editor of the leading Cairo newspaper, *Al-Ahram*, and members of the information ministry, including Mr. Sadat's personal secretary, and other officials of the Egyptian government and embassy I recognized.

Then, just before dinner, I had an opportunity to meet briefly Vice President and Mrs. Walter Mondale and Secretary of State and Mrs. Cyrus Vance and chatted briefly on two occasions with Sen. and Mrs. Hubert Humphrey.

Also at the dinner were former Vice President Nelson Rockefeller and his wife, Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, Sen. Howard Baker of Tennessee and several others who seemed familiar but whose names I could not place.

My wife and I chatted for several minutes with the Democrat senator from Florida, who told us he listens to the program a great deal, and I believe he said he takes *The Plain Truth* magazine.

Of course, we also had opportunity to meet again with President and Mrs. Sadat briefly.

I also met Mayor and Mrs. Walter Washington of Washington, D.C., and briefly spoke with newswoman Barbara Walters.

Personal Honor

Actually, though I suppose this appears to be a great deal of name dropping, it is an honor to be invited to such an occasion. Though I did not have an opportunity for a lengthy conversation with any of the officials mentioned, it was a personal honor for me to meet so many members of our own government and of the government of Egypt, and other individuals who are quite well known, as I'm sure all of you can well imagine.

We returned to Big Sandy the following day, where I attended the finals in the national YOU cheerleading competition and one of the semi-final games of the national YOU basketball tournament.

Then the next day it was off to Lakeland, where I am presently. I have just returned to my hotel after a warm and inspiring meeting on the last day of Unleavened Bread at which there were 2,000 brethren from, I believe, nine churches in nearby areas.

As I find to be universally true in these combined-church meetings, the brethren always seem to be so tremendously "up" and responsive and enthusiastic for the occasion.

It is a humbling experience and a very rewarding one to be able to meet with so many thousands of you brethren



GTA VISIT — In Detroit, Reinhold Fuesel, far left, presents a custom-made hunting knife (above) to Mr. Armstrong, compliments of the Detroit East church. Mr. Armstrong's wife, Shirley, left, waves to 15 congregations at a combined meeting in Detroit after she was introduced by her husband. Below: In Cincinnati Mr. Armstrong (center) sings at a social. (Photos by Rondal C. Mullins and Scott Moss)



ren in the "field" and to return to headquarters with the feeling of support, loyalty and love you give us!

We are very much looking forward to a fun church social tonight in Lakeland before returning to Big Sandy for one quick overnight stop before going on to Pasadena the first of the week.

Abuse of Personals

On another subject, I wanted to let you know that we are experiencing a growing abuse of the personals section of the *WN*. An altogether unhealthy number of you brethren are being deluged with unsolicited mail of every conceivable stripe which you did not ask for when your name and address appeared in that column.

We have found that too many of our brethren who merely want encouragement when they are ill, or ask a question about *The Bible Story* or other literature, or request a pen pal from overseas, or are asking the whereabouts of a long-lost friend, are being deluged with totally unsolicited mail of every conceivable nature, ranging from vicious hate mail from enemies to solicitations from those who would use members' names and addresses for their own commercial purposes.

Therefore, to spare those brethren who wish to utilize the personals column such unwanted intrusions into their own privacy, I have asked the *WN* staff to investigate methods whereby we can continue the personals section without having to include complete mailing addresses in print.

Recent surveys have indicated that there is a tremendous effort on the part of some to deliberately exploit

our open policies in *The Worldwide News*, and, while any new system will require additional effort on our part, it will avoid the commercialization of otherwise exploitation of you brethren by those who would use your sincere letters to further their own nefarious ends.

Hopefully we will have an alternate procedure ready shortly and I can announce it in my next "Personal."

Ultimate Insult

Perhaps the ultimate insult would be a terminal-cancer patient who — terribly lonely and distraught and merely wanting prayers and letters of understanding, love and sympathy from his or her brothers and sisters in Christ's Church — receives an outpouring of vicious hate mail and filth attacking the very Church from which he or she seeks love and understanding.

I am very much looking forward to the next few weeks of busy activity at headquarters, and most especially every precious moment I can find aside from normal daily routines to work on my forthcoming book about the real Jesus. I am working toward a deadline of May 1 for the finished manuscript and certainly hope and pray I will make it on time.

Again, thank you very much for your continued prayers and dedication to God's Work; I hope my most recent letter to all of you concerning Christ's ministry struck home and that all of us can continue to draw closer together as brothers and sisters in the Body of Jesus Christ.

Very sincerely in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Members protected

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after surveying the damaged area. Only three member families suffered flood damage in a church area in which more than 5,000 were left homeless.

Another three families reportedly were affected in the London, Ky., and Bluefield and Charleston, W. Va., church areas.

The hall in which the Pikeville church meets was not unaffected. Three feet of water stood on the meeting floor, which one day earlier was the scene of services on the first day of Unleavened Bread. Ironically the sermon topic that day concerned Noah.

After the flood, Church members got the hall back in shape for services April 9.

Ealey Lemaster, member of the church here, described Pikeville as looking like a bomb had hit it. After hearing personal accounts from members who lived through it all,

Gerry Russell of Lexington, Ky., *Plain Truth*-newsstand coordinator for the U.S. Southeast, said, "It was plain to see that once again during this Passover season God protected His people in the midst of plagues and disasters."

To aid the homeless the Lexington church is sending clothing, food and furniture to the stricken. Mr. Russell described his home, which is being used as a collection center, as "Grand Central Station." Members, Mr. Russell said, were responding in a big way to help those less fortunate.

Meanwhile, in Birmingham pastor Ken Martin also credited God's intervention on behalf of some 650 members as they faced a killer tornado that ripped through parts of that city April 4.

"No member of the Birmingham Church of God was seriously affected save one Church family that suffered extensive flooding to the lower level of their small garden-supply store," Mr. Martin said.

Cheerleaders take title by being best of friends

By James Worthen

BIG SANDY — What does it take to become the No. 1 YOU cheerleading squad? The support of the church area and parents, help from experts and hard work are key ingredients, of course.

But the 1977 champs from Big Sandy had two elements that may have given them the extra boost to the top of the heap, according to coach Jolinda Jenkins.

"The girls were very close friends and invited criticism because they wanted perfection," she says.

Cheerleader captain Robin Hammer agrees with this assessment as she adds that "each girl is the other's best friend," and they strive to work together in each routine. "We even laugh together."

Jolinda, who graduated from Ambassador here in 1976, says the squad hit lows at different times of the year, but when one person hit a low another was there to bring her back up.

She feels this was an important factor, considering the length of time practiced, nine months, and the youth of the Big Sandy cheerleaders.

High-school junior April Cowan, 16, is the oldest member of the squad, Robin Hammer, 15, and Liz Stewart, 15, are sophomores, Eileen Dennis, 14, Ronda Kelly, 14, and Lisa Roe, 14, are freshmen, and Donna Ward, 14, is an eighth grader.

The cheerleaders were chosen at tryouts last July, and the girls in August attended a National Cheerleaders Association camp in Dallas with around 100 high-school teams, ac-

cording to Jolinda.

"There the girls worked on cheerleading from the time they got up until time for bed."

Throughout the school year the cheerleaders held practices twice weekly, with each session two hours. When they reached a problem area, the girls received help from Ambassador cheerleaders Shara Dennis and Teresa Rohr, both juniors, and dance instructors Leslie Nelson, a freshman, and Becky Simpson, a local member.

Jolinda, herself a cheerleader three years in college, said that support from the church, parents and the local YOU chapter was terrific. "When we needed pom-poms or gloves, they went out of their way to help us out."

She adds that local support really solidified after the basketball team lost the district title and was eliminated from competition. The feeling was, as Robin puts it, "to win something for Big Sandy at the nationals."

The Big Sandy team advanced to the nationals after winning the regionals at Jackson, Miss., where it had perfect scores from all three of the outside judges.

April says she was down a couple of weeks before the regionals as she began to wonder if the months of work and time spent would really pay off. They did at the regionals, and the Big Sandy cheerleaders practiced three times a week to prepare for the nationals, where they edged out Greensboro, N.C., and Peoria, Ill.



YOU CHEERLEADING CHAMPS — Above: The Big Sandy cheerleaders, winners of the 1977 YOU cheerleading competition, perform their cheer, "Get Fired Up," for the judges. The squad, from left, includes Jolinda Jenkins, coach; Robin Hammer, captain; Ronda Kelly; Liz Stewart; Eileen Dennis; Donna Ward; Lisa Roe; and April Cowan.



1977 BASKETBALL CHAMPS — The first-place Little Rock Rockets are, from left, back row, Sylvester Washington, Tim Shaw, Donnell Washington, Doug Rogers, Jay Ussery and Les Pope (coach). Front row: an unidentified player, Mike Harris, Dale Turner, Billy Baugh, David Norfleet and Terry Brand. Standing at right is YOU director Jim Thornhill. Not shown is player Bob Shaw.

Out of nowhere, player helps Rockets to win championship

By James Worthen

BIG SANDY — Little Rock's Rockets held a 43-40 lead over the defending champion Moultrie Hornets with about a minute to play in the game. But Moultrie (last year's Warner Robins team) was surging back, and the carefully built Little Rock lead appeared about to become unraveled.

Jose Rocquemore, the most valuable player of last year's YOU basketball tournament, made a clean steal near midcourt and appeared to have a clear shot at the basket to bring the Hornets to within 1.

But seemingly out of nowhere came the Rockets' 18-year-old Doug Rogers to bat the lay-up away and stem the Moultrie tide. Moments later the Rockets claimed the game, 45-40, advancing them into the finals, where they disposed of Cleveland 58-48.

The one play seemed to epitomize a season that saw the Arkansans wind up as 1977 YOU basketball champions. The Rockets started this season by losing their first two tournaments to Texas teams that didn't advance past district play, Dallas and Big Sandy. As one opposing coach noted, Little Rock seemed to be missing one ingredient that would make it a solid contender.

That missing ingredient turned out to be in Little Rock's own YOU group, according to Rocket coach Les Pope. He noted that Rogers had

been a member of the YOU chapter for a couple of years but didn't have transportation to the team practice. This was brought to the attention of Little Rock pastor Ray Wooten by Rogers' mother.

Pope felt that Rogers' addition was the "real turnaround" in the Rockets' fortunes. Before his arrival they had not won a tournament; after his appearance they didn't lose one.

Rogers' contributions to the squad can't easily be spotted on paper. In the national tourney he averaged only 6 points a game and was not among the leading rebounders in this or any other statistical category in this tournament. However, he appeared to be the man behind the scenes in the Little Rock attack. Coach Tim Alexander of Longview, Tex., whose team Little Rock beat in the South Central Region's finals, said Rogers was the key to the Rockets' offensive rebounding.

With Rogers working in the middle, the Washington brothers, Sylvester and Donnell, had a clear path to rebound on the sides of the basket. The Rockets were able to get second and third shots seemingly at will, the statistics of the championship game showed. In the first half, when the Rockets derailed the Cleveland Express by building up a 20-point half-time lead, the Rockets had 12 offensive rebounds to seven defensive rebounds for Cleveland.

Other contributions Rogers made

that don't show up in the box score were his screens for the Washingtons to drive off, his going after loose balls and his helping the Rocket guards out against the full-court press. This was in addition to his making the big defensive play when it was needed.

Rogers fit into the total team effort, which Big Sandy tournament coordinator Gil Norman said was "impressive" because of "its balanced team play in every category."

Tourney

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and Denver (Colo.) Bucks.

The cheerleading competition, rated by judges from Texas colleges and universities, included judging on appearance, routine, execution and showmanship. First, second and third went to Big Sandy, Greensboro, N.C., and Peoria, Ill. The five runners-up, not in a specific order, were Baltimore, Md., Denver, Kansas City, Mo., San Jose, Calif., and Tacoma.

YOU director Jim Thornhill said after the tournament that next year's will "probably be held here."

He said that, with the central location and recently improved facilities, the Texas campus is a good place to hold the competition.



Team play ignites Rockets to YOU title



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ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM — Below left: The all-tournament team, from left, includes James Dancy, Cleveland; Sylvester Washington, Little Rock; Vince Edwards, Pasadena; Allen Olsen, Rapid City; Jeff Hermanson, Tacoma; Chuck Bond, Moultrie; and Bill Gilbert, Detroit. Below right: Washington accepts congratulations from YOU director Jim Thornhill.



By James Worthen

BIG SANDY — Here are the scores from each round of games of the third annual YOU national basketball tournament and highlights of each team's action:

First round: Moultrie 66, Pasadena 52; Little Rock 53, Rapid City 48; Tacoma 91, Denver 53; Cleveland 73, Detroit 72.

Second round: Pasadena 60, Rapid City 47; Detroit 85, Denver 58; Little Rock 45, Moultrie 40; Cleveland 57, Tacoma 55.

Third round: Rapid City 68, Denver 40; Pasadena 65, Detroit 59; Moultrie 53, Tacoma 46; Little Rock 58, Cleveland 48.

LITTLE ROCK

Coach Les Pope says his team "rarely gets shook," and that proved true here as the Rockets, champions of YOU's South Central Region, were faced with about every possible situation in their march to the 1977 YOU national basketball title.

In their first game, the Rockets had their run-and-gun game taken away by a hard-nosed Rapid City squad that forced the game into a slowdown offense contest. However, the Rockets scored when they needed to, winning the game by 5 points, 53-48.

The Arkansans trailed Moultrie, Ga., by 32-25 early in the second half, but they stayed in their game plan to win. They jumped way ahead of Cleveland in the title game and played just well enough to win the contest.

The Rockets showed balanced scoring, with Sylvester Washington, the tourney's most valuable player, averaging 17, his brother, Donnell, 12 and Billy Baugh 11 points.

CLEVELAND

The Express of the Northeast Region was a hot and cold team, with spurts leading the Ohioans into the finals, but their subpar shooting let them down there.

In the semifinal game with Tacoma, the Express outscored its opponents 21-2 at one stretch in the first half and hung on to win the game by 2 points.

But, in the final with Little Rock, the Express was outscored in the first half 22-4.

The Ohio squad advanced to the final on the strength of its offensive rebounding, emerging with the next-to-worst shooting percentage. But in the final game with Little Rock, Cleveland players were given only one shot as Little Rock controlled the backboards on both ends of the floor.

James Dancy averaged 17 points and six rebounds a game, while Mike Jenkins had 15 points and Bert Jenkins 14 rebounds per contest.

MOULTRIE

Moultrie's Hornets found that everyone else was gunning for them as they (last year's Warner Robins, Ga., squad) were the defending champs and favorites when the tourney began. Gil Norman of Big Sandy, tournament coordinator, said the Hornets were at a "low point" in their performance, which led to the Little Rock upset.

In their third national tournament appearance, the Georgians used their perimeter shooting to finish third, although that is what let them down in the second half of the Little Rock game.

Coach Robert Rocquemore did have his Hornets use the fast break in beating Pasadena's zone defense in the first round, but they mostly continued with the conservative offense of passing around the perimeter.

The Hornets, who had swept competition in the Southeast Region, had the best team shooting percentage, almost 48 percent, and were led in scoring by Chuck and Roylin Bond,

who averaged 23 and 17 points respectively. Roylin averaged 10 rebounds per contest.

TACOMA

The Trojans are the other team to have been to the nationals in the three years of the tournament's existence. This year they finished fourth again, after a third the first year and fourth last.

The Northwest champs are a steady ball club but lack the firepower to blow any opponents out of a game. They used a rugged defense and fine outside shooting from Jeff Hermanson and Rich Larsen to stay close to opponents.

In the 2-point loss to Cleveland, the Trojans were able to stay close with the 19 points and 16 rebounds of Larsen as Hermanson was held to 10 points in that contest, 10 points below his tournament average.

PASADENA

The Suns of Pasadena Imperial P.M. won consolation honors with one basic commodity, a full-court zone press, which forced opponents into turnovers that led to easy Pasadena baskets. Vince Edwards, who tourney coordinator Norman considered one of the best all-around players in the competition, led the defense and averaged more than 17 points per contest with a 67 percent shooting average. His brother, Donnis, had 13 points per game.

Norman added, although the Suns were among the youngest and shortest of the teams represented, the champs of the Southwest Region certainly were among the quickest.

DETROIT

The Dyn-o-mite was among the teams with the best depth, and the Michiganites, winners of the Great Lakes regional contest, certainly needed it. One starter didn't play and two others were injured early in tourney action.

Detroit's Bill Gilbert led the tournament in three top categories. He was the leading scorer, with more than 25 points per contest, the leading rebounder, with 17 a game, and had the best shooting percentage, hitting at an almost 69 percent clip of his shots from the floor.

Gilbert also had the best dunk of the tournament. In fact, it was the only dunk.

Guard Ricky Bellers averaged 18 points per game and was also one of the top free-throw shooters, hitting 13 of 20 from the charity stripe. However, in the 1-point loss to Cleveland in the first round, he missed the front end of five 1-and-1 opportunities in the last 10 minutes.

RAPID CITY

The Stars of the North Central Region were the sentimental favorites of the tourney, and they were given the sportsmanship award. The South Dakotans seemed to take the crowd by surprise — they appeared to be slow and sluggish — yet in game action they played a hard-nosed defense with a pass-the-ball-around-for-the-good-shot offense.

Coach Rex Norman's strategy reminded observers of the Hank Iba style of the '50s. The Stars forced eventual champion Little Rock into a slowed-down style and lost by only 5 points.

Allen Olsen shot 66 percent from the floor in averaging nearly 17 points per game for the Stars.

DENVER

The Bucks' inexperience and youthful mistakes hurt them in losing their three games by a total of 95 points. Rod Eddings was a bright spot for the champions of the Mountain Region with an 18-point average and 11 steals in the three games.

PERSONALS

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ceremony was performed by Mr. James Redus in Osage Beach, Mo. The mother of honor was Virginia P. Peristeras, sister of the bride, and the best man was Robert J. Routh. Parents of the couple are Mrs. Mary Cramer of Westville, Ind., and Mrs. Charles Manaker of Wichita, Kan. The Manakers are residing at 4606 Valley Lane, St. Joseph, Mo., 64503.



MR. AND MRS. J. CALVIN SMITH

Lillie Hunt and J. Calvin Smith were married Jan. 29 in Fayetteville, Ark. Lillie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Hunt of Lincoln, Ark., and Cal is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherman Smith of Centerville, Mass. The couple now resides in Wichita, Kan.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT NEWPORT

James K. Pittman and Robert J. Newport were married March 19 in Dallas, Tex. Jan's mother is Mrs. June Pittman of the Dallas-Fort Worth churches; her father is Mr. E.E. Pittman. Mr. James Lee, Dallas minister, presided. Mrs. Linda Lee was mother of honor, and best man was Dan Brock of Arlington. The couple will reside in Ft. Worth, Texas. 74558.



MR. AND MRS. PRESTON FULLER

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Anna Margaret, to Mr. Preston Fuller on Feb. 13. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Doug Henrich of the Washington, D.C., church. Mr. Bruce Keener was best man, and Mrs. Bruce Keener, sister of the bride, was mother of honor. The couple now resides in Gladewater, Tex. Their address: Box 1368, Gladewater, 75647.

ANNIVERSARIES

To Mom and Dad Carmen in Spokane, Wash.: Congratulations on your 35th anniversary. Would love to be with you on your special day. Love, Bill, Linda, Carmen and Dawn.

To my sweetheart, Al: Happy anniversary! On April 5, 13 years ago, God gave me a wonderful gift, you. I thank Him every day for your love, our life together and for the son He gave us. All my love, all my life, your Bummy.

The church at Moomsinn, Calif., wishes to send belated congratulations to Arthur and Beatrice Robinson on their second anniversary, March 12, and wish you many more years of happiness.

Happy golden wedding anniversary, Mom and Dad, on April 16, Love, Carolyn and Rachel.

Congratulations to Dad and Mom for their silver wedding anniversary, March 29. May God grant you many more years of happiness together. From their loving daughters.

Thank you, Richard, for six months of wonderful

married life. From your ever-loving wife, Fiona.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Wagner of Cedarville, Ark., observed their silver wedding anniversary March 16. Dr. and Mrs. Wagner were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bingham in Fort Smith, Ark., where friends of the couple gathered and presented them with gifts. Later a party of 18 joined the Wagners at Wyatt's for dinner. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. William Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Haines, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Starnett, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Mark O'Connell. Dr. and Mrs. Wagner have three children: Mrs. Richard Withers of Surrey, B.C.; Miss Nancy Wagner, a senior at Ambassador, Pasadena; and a son, Keith, a sophomore at Ambassador, Pasadena.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Prayers requested for the healing of our sister, Ouldie S. Jaeger, a member for 20 years. She suffered an accident in January and has had diabetes. She has to be in a hospital because she needs constant care. Please pray that God may heal her. Send her cards to encourage her. She can't answer anyone, but it would make her happy to know that many are praying for her. Her address: Fifth Floor, Room 519, Greater Paterson General Hospital, Wayne, N.J., 07470. Dominic Mancini.

Prayers from WCG members requested for a member, 78, suffering from abdominal and chest pain and arthritis pain in arms, legs. Several doctors have suggested exploratory surgery. Prayers would heal him, I'm sure.

There is a girl in Kuching, East Malaysia. I have been in contact with since 1975 who discovered God's Church in 1972 thanks to an old PT in her school library. She is depressed because she has no church where she lives. Please pray for her and send her letters and cards. She is Betty Kuah, c/o The Chartered Bank, Kuching, Sarawak, East Malaysia. Dominic Mancini.

We all have a sister in need of love and encouragement who has lost her husband and today saw with a short time and has been left with three children. Please uplift her spirits and show her we really do care. She is Mrs. Norma Webb, 391 Center St., Caldwell, N.J., 14423.

Prayer for healing and relief of pain urgently requested for our sister in Christ, Betty Butler, Room 209, Langside County Memorial Hospital, Allentown, Wis., 54609. Carson spreading Love.

Brethren, please pray for my father, nonmember, who after many years of hard work and faithful service will soon be pushed out of his job unnecessarily. Please ask God to spare him great mental and perhaps physical suffering this will mean and to allow him to work until retirement, only a few years away, S.A.

I have a paralyzed left foot due to a broken bone in the foot three years ago. The bone healed incorrectly. Please ask God to intervene and give me back the use of my foot. I am a dear child welcome. Helen Dill, 300 Dunster Dr., No. 6, Campbell, Calif., 95008.

Desperately need prayer to overcome problems which have plagued me for years. God knows who I am.

Brethren, please pray for my daughter's healing. God knows her problem and who she is.

Request prayers for Mrs. Bonnie Duncan, who underwent surgery March 10 for what was thought to be a benign prostatic, but turned out to be pretty serious. Several complications resulted, including two collapsed lungs. Cards, letters appreciated. Send mail to 339 Knobcreek, Houston, Tex., 77060.

I am a co-worker, have been lifted to God's Church for two years now; I've been keeping the Sabbath about 1 1/2 years. I want to be a baptized child of God more than anything in this world, more than I've ever wanted anything in my life, but I've got this awful habit that I simply can't rid myself of, and that is knowing God and knowing how hard I've tried and how much I want to quit. The harder I try the more upset I get. I need help and prayers and efforts just aren't enough. I am now having trouble with my neck and am sure it is cancer. Would the Church please pray for me, that God will deliver me of this habit, and that He will heal me spiritually and physically, that I may have peace of mind as a baptized child of God. R., North Carolina.

Request special prayers to God for the healing of my little 11-month-old niece, and her mother. She had a car wreck. The baby, Mary Frances, who is in the Children's Hospital in Birmingham. The baby is in a coma with a skull fracture. She is having convulsions. Please pray God will heal her and the baby's mother. All letters welcome. Rufus McKee, Rt. 2, Box 262, Wedmore, Ala., 36278.

I must stand trial again for murder. I am not guilty, and the first trial ended with a hung jury. A new date was set, for April 18. God has blessed my dear mother, Mrs. Lillian R. Hudleston, and me during this trial. I feel like to request prayer for us both as we all pray for the Kingdom of God on earth. Charles Mason Ewing, 123 W. Philadelphia St., Flint, Mich., 48503.

Please pray that God will intervene in healing my mother, Mrs. M.L. Hodgen, Springfield, Ky., Rt. 1, nonmember. I am a very interested co-worker. Cards, letters appreciated. Mrs. William M. Hardin.

Request prayers for my mother, Mrs. Lee, here in Hawaii, who has cancer spreading in her body. Please pray God will intervene to stop growth and alleviate suffering and mental anguish. Milton W. Lee, 98 1339 Hoonani St., Pearl City, Hawaii, 96782.

Please pray for my 8-year-old granddaughter, who is to have surgery on her hips to straighten her malformed legs and feet. Braces did not help. She cannot walk much because she falls, causing bruises, sprains, fractures, broken bones. We are trusting our Father to heal her. Cards greatly appreciated. Her address: Via Scitana, 6287 U-Hubbard Rd., Hubbard, Ohio, 44425. I am a member at Youngstown, Ohio, Mrs. S. Moga.

Request the prayers of God's people for the complete healing of our son, who suffers from cerebral palsy. He has a very difficult time that I be able to cope with situation of antagonistic, unconverted male, M.P.

Prayer request for Trishia Ostertkamp, 506 S. 3rd St., St. Louis, Mo., 63101. Trishia is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott of Sacramento, Calif. Physicians have examined her and have run all possible tests. There is no known cause for her recent seizures and blackouts unless a tumor is located on the brain. Surgery would end in death, and physicians say nothing can be done.

Brethren worldwide, please pray that God would heal a problem of a member that has continued for about 15 years. Also pray for complete healing of ear problem.

Request for prayers, letters for our dearest friend, Mr. Abraham Deavers, Box 515, Joel, Ill., 60432. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ott.

I ask you to pray for my father, nonmember, who has multiple health problems as the result of the

death of his youngest son.

Request prayers for a Church family whose several members were lost in a tragic accident. They need God's comforting Spirit to help them through this.

Please pray that God will intervene in the healing of our son, David. He has chronic bronchitis; he is very restless at night and gets little sleep. He has a very bad cough. His body resistance is weak and he is susceptible to diseases. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lopresto, 2682 Acacia St., New Orleans, La., 70122.

Please pray with me for my heavenly Father, asking Him for healing of my physical and mental problems. My marriage hangs in the balance, and my two children need their mother. Also, please pray for my mother's problems to cease. G.

Requesting prayer for my granddaughter. She and her twin sister were involved in an accident March 25, and she is still in a coma. She is Jan Wallace, Rt. 3, Stockport, Ohio, 43787.

Please pray for God's healing of my minister and friend, Mr. Bill Rapp of Phoenix, Ariz., church. He has been very ill for the last few months and does need God to intervene and heal him.

Cards, prayers requested for my uncle, a nonmember. He had three operations and must have another. He is not able to walk. Send to Mr. John Gillespie, 1711 Forest Park Ave., Baltimore, Md., 21207. Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Marvel Jr.

Brethren, please pray for my husband, who I fear is an alcoholic. Also pray that God will help me to be stronger and receive wisdom and understanding. I do all I can to help my husband and obey God.

Request prayers from the brethren, and cards, letters, for my husband, child and myself. (Mrs.) Rochelle, Suite 101, 111 L. L. Lane, Apt. 101, Penbrook Hall, Western District Post Office, St. Andrew, Jamaica, West Indies.

Strong and fervent prayers requested for two co-workers: Godwin Anaguiyale, and J.B. Nanley. Broken leg but had a very accurate cast. They took many years. He is receiving treatment. Surely God will heal him. John Ferguson, Ghana.

FOLLOW-UP

For the response from our daughter, K. Bicket, thank you for the prayers and letters. I received a letter from a sister in Christ in Denver, Colorado, West India, Canada, the U.S. I am improving and very thankful. I also pray for my husband, who is complete healing of my ailments. Mrs. John (Lamb) Wichta, Kan.

I would like to thank each one for the prayers for my healing and also for the hundreds of cards and letters. I received a letter from a sister in Christ, Big Sandy and Pasadena for the cards you sent me. I am feeling better and can't come out here. I attended services March 19 for the first time in 3 1/2 months. I love you all and hope you will continue to pray for Mrs. Frank Carter, 636 W. Bessmer, Greensboro, N.C.

I want to thank all of you for praying for my good friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Jewell. She died March 15. Your cards and letters were greatly appreciated. Mrs. Stanley Kilgore.

God intervened for Mrs. Gayle Dragger (whose request appeared in the WN). She was in surgery for 12 hours. Prayers still urgently needed, also for her family.

I would like the readers of the WN to know that my warm response to the request for prayers for my mother is very encouraging and heartwarming. You are making someone very happy because of all the very nice cards and letters. Thanks so much from all of us. She is getting warmer and treatments have shown some. Please contact Clerk and family, 222 S. Main, No. 27, Longmont, Colo., 80501.

My son and I sincerely thank each one for prayers, cards, letters, phone calls. Thank you, Virginia Wickett, for your telephone call. God has really been with us in this ordeal. The trial lasted three days. The jury was in debate 3 1/2 days. Finally, the jury returned a verdict. A new trial is set for April. There was absolutely no believable evidence of the guilt of Charles Mason. Please continue your prayers. Continue your prayers. Charles Mason is now awaiting judgment. Lillian R. Hudleston (mother of Charles Mason Ewing), 123 W. Philadelphia St., Flint, Mich., 48503.

Brethren, thank you for the cards, letters to my daughter and family, especially for your prayers. She has been at home. Please continue your prayers and cards to Miss Jonnie Hycyna, 529 Chippewa Rd., Port Colborne, Ont., L3K 5V5.

The tremendous response of all, including Ambassador students, to Mrs. Marie Goffe, 4 Knightbridge Rd., Texas, Tex., 77602, is having a great effect on many people. Mrs. Goffe is recovering from a very serious illness. Her mother of a Methodist minister who is my brother-in-law. As a nonmember coming into contact with the brethren, I am very grateful for your concern, which is so excited that word about this act of love on your part is spreading. Quote from letter of 3-7-77: "I was so blessed, showered with cards, notes and letters... expressed themselves so beautifully and sincerely... helped to sustain me... asking God to heal me. They all seem to love and be blessed with great faith. Your light is shining to many around here who are learning about this work via your cards and letters. She is healing rapidly and still looks each day for more cards and notes. Mrs. J.C.S."

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, letters for my parents. My mother said they were so thrilled and inspired by the Church members and that Dad is much better and back to work. Mrs. Carlton Martin, Rt. 1, Box 83, Lexington, S.C., 29072.

Mrs. Olga Goldstein, nonmember, wishes to thank all the wonderful and warm-hearted members who prayed and sent cards and letters. She is learning to live confined to a wheelchair. Please continue to remember her. Address: 703 Birchfield Rd., Upper Darby, Pa., 19082.

Just to let all my dear friends know that after 12 years of our prayers, I have been healed. Norman Smith announced me again about two months ago after I had spent four hours in the emergency room at the hospital, and I have been better ever since and know our prayers have been answered. Thank you, Thea, Kim, Kipp and Asheville and Orville for your prayers. Ruby Carr, 700 Waboo Ave., Greenville, Calif., 95955.

I wish to thank all the brethren throughout the world for their prayers, fasting, concern and encouragement. I am feeling better. I am happy to announce I was recently granted a passport to travel to the U.S. and I am possibly, be able to attend Pentecost services at Mount Poccano on a furlough. Please continue to remember me and visit me when you are still incarcerated at Litchfield and has never been able to attend services yet. Guy Pungipia, Box 968, Litchfield, Conn., 06759.

I truly wish to thank everyone for the nice cards and letters and the prayers for me. I am improving very much. I won't be able to answer all cards and letters. But I will thank you again. Emerson Stone, Crossville, Tenn.

My daughter and I thank all our brethren for their

prayers, cards, letters. Truly we are one family. She is feeling better. Thanks to the ministers also. Mrs. Frank Wood, Middleburg, Ga.

THANK-YOVS

I want to thank all of my dear brothers and sisters for their encouraging cards and letters and for their prayers. If it were possible, I'd put my arms around you one and all. Mrs. Ernestine Fisher, 2657 Nebraska St., Louisville, Ky., 40218.

Thanks a million for the many cards, letters, etc. I received. I do appreciate your love, concern. It has been real healing. You are a unique set of people in our world. Victor Singh, Bush Lot Village, Corentyne, Berbice, Guyana, South America.

The right words fail me to tell everyone how grateful I am for the letters and cards. I am unable to answer them all, so this is the best way I know of. I shall never forget how many loving brethren there are in the world. Mrs. Paul Stone, 836 N. Monroe, Topeka, Kan., 66608.

I am sending a warm and sincere, though belated, thank-you to all the brethren and friends in the Denver church, who with their generosity of the second time, asked me to attend the Feast of Tabernacles at Tucson in 1976. Helen M. Jewell.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in learning the names of plants and animals you encounter on family nature walks and trips to the park? The U.S. Forest Service is sponsoring its third annual dinner of foods and beverages prepared from plants gathered wild. There will be a field study session with a hike in nearby mountains. Learning to recognize plants and animals and their uses will be emphasized. Arrangements for camping can be made. The date is May 1 (rain date May 8). For more information, contact: Forest Service, Department of Plant Pathology, Clemson University, Clemson, S.C., 29631, or Robert Freeman, Rt. 2, Box 999, Morganton, N.C., 28655, (704) 584-3832.

BASH '77: A holiday in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn, Des Moines. Des Moines Singles Club.

LITERATURE

Wanted: clippings and articles (especially of interviews) having to do with Dorothy Hamill, Olympic silver medalist in Denver, Colo., Salt Lake City and L.A. areas, keep a special lookout, as she is planning to visit our area. I am an admirer of fans of hers invited to write too. Dennis Emery, 20024 Chavon, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 48080.

Bible Story. We have Vols. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 available for someone on Bible Study. Contact: Church of Stratford-Smith, Box 148, Mossall Bay, 6500, Republic of South Africa.

Urgently needed: newspapers or magazine you will continue to pray for Mrs. Frank Carter, 636 W. Bessmer, Greensboro, N.C.

Vol. 1 and 10 of Compendium wanted. Will pay cost of books and postage paid. Bernard Pilon, 1495 Henri, Bourassa, Est. Apt. 406, Montreal, Que., Canada.

TRAVEL

Are there any members who go sailing in areas within driving distance of Pasadena? If so, and you'd like an extra hand on deck, please contact Val Brown, Box 918, Maricopa, Ariz., 85138, Pasadena, Calif., 91101. Or call 795-1189 after hours.

Kennmare Feast '77. Are you planning to attend Kennmare from England this year? Then let us share transport from London to the Coast. Contact: Lewis McCann, 51 Longfield Rd., Pootle, Dorset, England. Telephone Pootle 77628.

Urgently required: information about Feast sites and travel arrangements. I am a business requirements, I must be in Rio de Janeiro the day after the Last Great Day. Any suitable Feast sites? English-speaking only or translation? Would consider Caribbean-area sites also. Worldwide Convention office not able to help. Write: John D. Stettin, 428 Bushy Lane, North Watford, Herts, England, WD2 4PF.

Is there anyone who will travel from the Pasadena area to the Big Sandy campus any time after Aug. 15 who would have room in their car for a bicyclist? Also, please contact Kathy Packer at 949 E. 67th St., Inglewood, Calif., 90302. Or call (213) 672-8923.

Plan to attend the Feast in England and four parts of Europe? Interested in a traveling companion? Young bachelor, 24, planning the same. Contact: Steve MacLachlan, Box 918, Maricopa, Ariz., 85138, R.O.A. 2180.

Anyone interested in moving into the Ontario, Ont., church area, contact Mrs. R.W. Browne, Box 206, Fruitland, Maine, 05819.

If you have campers returning from first session and are going to second session, please read on. I will leave from Baltimore and will take one of two routes, depending on who wishes to go. I can take Rts. 70, 85, 90/94, 35 or Rts. 76, 80/90, 90/94, 35. Will be able to carry seven people. First come, first served. For more information, call Ernest Harding, (301) 661-3193 after 3:30 p.m. EST.

MISCELLANEOUS

If anyone reading this knows of, or knows the whereabouts of, a young lady named Sylvia Jean Olson, who is 26 and who has not been heard from by family or relatives since August, 1970, please contact Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Olson, Rt. 1, Box 103, Sandusky Rd., Hillport, Wis., 53937. Only know she went to California. Would appreciate getting in touch with us. This is our last resort. I'm praying that God through His people will help us find her.

Richard Jackson, who in 1972-73 resided in St. Simons, Ga., and attended church in Jacksonville, Fla., please contact E.S. Mitchell Jr., 871 W. Eighth, Apt. 48, Eugene, Ore., 97402.

If anyone who attended the Feast at Wisconsin Delta taped the sermon by Mr. Al Makarov, we would like to have a tape. If you do, please send the tape so I could make a copy of it. Would pay for postage. Address: Mrs. Harold Olson, Rt. 1, Box 103, Sandusky Rd., Hillport, Wis., 53937.

Am interested in contacting Welsh people from Cardiff, Glamorgan or Merthyr Tydfil areas, or if their forebears came from there and are of the Welsh race. David Lloyd Matthews or anyone related to an Elizabeth Thomas born Nov. 11, 1872, who married an Albert Robert Matthews and immigrated to South Africa. I am doing a family tree on them (my grandparents) and would like if anyone can help. Veronica MacLellan, 19 Scott Rd., Pinetown, 3600, Natal, South Africa.

My nephew collects beer cans. Would like cans from all over the world. Mrs. Louis Lansing, 935 Dayton St., Chillicothe, Ohio, 45601.

Obituaries

ADRIAN, Mich. — Gail G. Sanderson, 54, died Feb. 24 after an extended illness.

A member of the Toledo, Ohio, church, Mr. Sanderson had been a deacon for 10 years.

Mr. Sanderson was supervisor in the advanced-engineering department of Tecumseh Products Co. and an Explorer scout leader.

Surviving are his wife, Madlyn; sons Larry and Eugene of Temperance, Mich.; Gary of Toledo and Timothy; daughters Pamela Meinke and Beverly Chesterby; and a brother, Gilbert, of Toledo.

Mrs. Sanderson's address: Rt. 2, Box 290, Adrian, Mich., 49221.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Ronney L. Downs, 68, a Church member and veteran of World War II, died in a hospital March 5 of cancer.

Mr. Downs' wife, Margaret, his daughter, Edith, and son, Ronney Jr., attend church here. Another son lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. — Cecil Leroy Kiskass, 59, a member of God's Church since February, 1977, died of cancer at his home March 4.

Mr. Kiskass is survived by his wife, Edith; a daughter, Diana Powers, also of Coffeyville; a son, Steven, of Denver, Colo.; and six grandchildren.

FRESNO, Calif. — Max Henry Taylor Jr., 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Henry Taylor Sr., died of a gunshot wound in an accidental shooting March 22.

Besides his parents, Max Henry Jr., a native of Fresno, is survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Taylor and Annie Guynin, all of Fresno, and three sisters, Theresa Taylor and Cathy Ward of Fresno and Melinda Johnson of Selma, Calif.

GLADEWATER, Tex. — Mary Helen Carroll, 93, a longtime member of the Church, died March 12 at a nursing home here.

Mrs. Carroll was baptized in 1958 while living in Wichita Falls, Tex. She moved to the Big Sandy area in June, 1967.

Survivors include a daughter, Hazel Meier of Phoenix, Ariz., a son, T.H. Boruff of Midland, Tex., and 10 grandchildren. Two of her grandchildren are also members: Dave Moore of Gladewater and Diane Dick, wife of Robert Dick, pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, churches.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Iva Esther Banks, 82, a member of the church here, died Feb. 9.

Mrs. Banks is survived by a son, Percy, also a member here.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Lewis L. Williams, 68, a member of the church here, died Feb. 26 after an extended illness.

VENTNOR CITY, N.J. — Ann Booye, 45, a member of the Philadelphia, Pa., church, died of cancer March 18.

Mrs. Booye is survived by her husband, Richard, and a daughter, Gail Anne.

WEST POINT, Tenn. — Blanch Davenport, 57, a longtime member of God's Church, died March 7 after an 18-month bout with cancer.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Ted A. Kimbrell of West Point; a son, Tom, of Alvin, Tex.; and six grandchildren. Mrs. Davenport's daughter is a member of the Church.

Anyone knowing whereabouts of A. Rachel Oler, age 30, last seen by mother, Myrtle Stuart, in Hickory, N.C., in 1959? Maybe someone in Church knows this woman. If so, contact her mother at 650 20th St. NE, Hickory, N.C., 28601, (704) 328-8548.

To my friend, who is more than a friend. I promise a rose garden with room to grow both old and new varieties. Signed, one who is looking forward to raising roses.

Want you to know we enjoy knowing that our prayers for you are helpful and give you strength. Cannot always send cards to each of you, though we'd like to, as long as we can pray for you well, and we want you to know you are remembered in a special way. Until we see you perfect in God's Kingdom, our prayers are with you. The Gentlemen family, North Pole, Alaska.

Church member would like readers to write him who know of members who might want to keep house and take care of his children. Looking for someone who could live in mid-40s or older. Kansas City area. Call collect. Business: (913) 782-4758; home: (913) 884-6916.

Canadian member, long in search of a supplier of Bible thumb-index kits, informs the editors that such is available from Lorena Manufacturing, Box 960, Angus, Ont., Canada. Canadian inquiries must include stamped, self-addressed envelope, others 25 cents or equivalent amount for postage, handling.

Local church news wrap-up



BOZO THE CLOWN — Stan Coleman, right, presents a door prize to Paul Turner, at an Albuquerque preteen party. (See "Lamb-Shaped Cake," this page.) [Photo by Eunice Goodrich]

Lamb-Shaped Cake

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The walls of the Fraternal Order of Police hall resounded with the laughter and squeals of children 11 years and younger who gathered for a party sponsored by the Three Fountains Women's Club of the church here.

The children were entertained with games, prizes, toy surprises and Stan Coleman as Bozo the Clown. As the lights dimmed, The Kents, magicians, entertained with tricks, quizzes and sleight of hand, delighting both children and adults.

A door-prize drawing for a lamb-shaped cake decorated by Eunice Goodrich was won by 4-year-old Paul Turner.

The children were seated at decorated tables and served punch, ice cream and cookies. *Beverly Johnson.*

Young Siblings

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — First-through sixth-grade children here enjoyed roasting wieners over a fire in a Ben Franklin fireplace at the George Wegh home March 5. Accompanying music was provided by one of the youngsters on his accordion. After the barbecue all went swimming at a nearby high-school swimming pool.

They were joined at the pool by some of the teens. After the swim the teens converged on the Wegh home and did their duty in cleaning up by eating the remaining food, with the help of several of their young siblings. *Alice Wegh and Mike Pickett.*

Miscellaneous Shower

ATLANTA, Ga. — Jewell Kayer was honored at a miscellaneous shower and going-away party Feb. 27. She was to have become the bride of Charles Pula March 12.

She received many gifts, with Donna Tucker recording each gift in Mrs. Kayer's bridal book and Pam Lester placing a number on each box. Each of the 28 ladies from the Atlanta and Rome, Ga., churches brought a covered dish to be shared at the luncheon.

The party was given by Mary Ann Shintler, Donna Sheffield, Sible Schrock and Betty Lynch. *Betty Lynch.*

Beetle Drive

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Brethren here met for their annual Beetle Drive March 5. As the dice spun round on the tables, tension rose and sweat dropped, with players waiting for the sixes. After nine beetles of various shapes and sizes were drawn, a much-needed break enabled everyone to enjoy refreshments. Prizes were awarded at the end of the evening.

The Northern Ireland churches

gathered in the war-memorial hall here March 19 for the annual barn dance. After eating a meal prepared by the Belfast ladies, the group danced until midnight. Baked goods were served during the evening. *Roberta Anderson and Carol Bedford.*

Go Fly a Kite

BIG SANDY — Go fly a kite. That's what about 85 preteens and teens did March 27, here on the Ambassador College grounds. Rainy weather put a damper on the contest, but not on the participants' enjoyment of the day.

Keith Cottrill, Ambassador sophomore and Carl Carmichael, church member, organizers of the kite-flying contest, said it was organized to give kids a sense of accomplishment and to let them have fun.

Trophies and photos were given as awards. Money from the activity fund was used to provide awards and bubble gum for all.

In the 1-to-5 age-group, first place went to Darin Colburn, second to Allen Simons and third to Carla Teitgen.

First through fifth places in the 6-to-10 age-group went to Nathan Colburn, Lynn Simons, Tim Rhome, Tamara Stout and Renee Rhome.

Winners in the 11-to-15 age-group were Jesse Allen, first; Mark Thompson, second; Grace Aga, third; Norman Baugher, fourth; and Randall Gordon, fifth.

Award for best homemade kite went to Garrett Burson in the 7-year-old division. In the 8-year-old division, Michael Stout was first; Alan Cottrill, second; and Jimmy Fisher, third. First place went to Tom Carmichael in the 13-year-old division.

Mr. Cottrill said an adult division is planned for next year's contest, as

some parents had requested a mothers' and fathers' class. *Tina Dennis.*

Coping With Change

BOISE, Idaho — An AICF Extension Center Seminar, promoted as a human-potential seminar, was sponsored jointly by Sales and Marketing, Inc., a group of leading businessmen and executives in this area, and the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce March 15.

Glenn Lungren, vice president of sales and marketing for First Security Bank, and Norris Johnson of the Greater Boise Chamber of Commerce and members of the two sponsoring groups contributed to the success of the seminar.

The meeting, held at the Sheraton Downtown here, was attended by 198 people, according to a head count made by one of the AICF members.

Featured for the seminar were Ray Considine, who spoke on how to communicate better sales and marketing skills; Arnold Van Den Berg, who spoke on how to deal with inflation by improving personal earning power; and Art Molarow, who spoke on the laws of achievement and coping with change.

A film entitled *How to Get Control of Your Time and Your Life* was shown during the seminar. *Jeff McGowan.*

Beds of Nails

BRICKET WOOD, England — The B Spokesman Club here held its second ladies' night of term March 9. The location was the club room at the former Ambassador College campus, arranged and decorated for the occasion. Pizza, salad and drinks were served. About 30 members and their wives and dates were welcomed with glasses of sherry.

The table-topics session was unusual, being presented by a lady, Sue Ann Henderson. The topics and the evening in general were praised by guest director John Meakin, who evaluated the first half.

Toastmaster David Finlay introduced the four speakers. Neil Jackson gave an impromptu speech on the characteristics and achievements of Franz Joseph Strauss; Phil Lewis recounted an interview with a stunt woman who lies on beds of nails; Nigel Kiernander, a former navigation officer in the merchant navy, gave a description of a hurricane he had experienced at sea; and Bill Allan gave a sermonette showing that the apostle Paul kept the Sabbath among the Gentiles.

The club's director, Harold Jackson, advised the speakers and exhorted the ladies to encourage and help their husbands to become better speakers. He thanked the organizers, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Halford, and their helpers for the work that had gone into making the evening a success. *Bill Allan.*



SURPRISE RECEPTION — Gerald Witte, left, pastor of the Denison, Tex., church, presents a gift to Mr. and Mrs. V.E. Anderson at a reception honoring them on their 50th wedding anniversary. (See "50th Anniversary," this page.) [Photo by Rick See]

Old-Fashioned Auction

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The church here gathered for a Western social that included square dancing, cakewalks and an old-fashioned auction March 5. Beginning with a pot-luck meal to entice even the most hesitant guests to stay after Sabbath services, the evening was filled with the barking of the auctioneer, member Vernon Boring, and the calling of tips by a professional square-dance caller.

The auction and cakewalk paid for the evening and yielded a small profit that was added to the social fund. *Charles Dickey.*

Formal Attire

CHICAGO, Ill. — Brethren and guests of the Chicago Southside church met Feb. 27 at the Condesa Del Mar. Everyone enjoyed the elegance of the building, the food, service and the band. Many of the teens and young adults also attended.

The Southside church marked its 14th anniversary in February. Since its inception, it has had two pastors. The first, Harold L. Jackson, was pastor from February, 1963, to June,



TIED UP — Roger Sandmark displays his wife's adeptness at tying a tie under pressure. (See "Ties Tied," this page.) [Photo by Radd Zedrik]

1971. Since that time the pastor has been Carlos E. Perkins. Both have organized the annual formal dinner dances. *Mary Bellamy.*

Ties Tied

CONCORD, N.H. — The church here enjoyed a carnival Feb. 19 at Runtlett Junior High School. Contests included shaving balloons, log sawing, pin-the-diaper-on-the-baby, and tie tying. A drawing was made for a door prize. *Radd Zedrik.*

50th Anniversary

DENISON, Tex. — A reception was given by the church here in honor of Mr. and Mrs. V.E. Anderson, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 13. The Andersons, who have been members for 14 years, have lived in Durant, Okla., since their marriage. They have one son, Jerry, who also resides in Durant with his wife and two sons.

The idea for the surprise reception came from the teens here. The teen band provided entertainment for the 100 guests.

Thirty-one teens traveled by bus to Fort Worth, Tex., following Sabbath services March 12. The church there sponsored a hot-dog supper and party that evening. Live entertainment was provided by the Denison teen band: James, Randy and Kathy Pierce, David Davis and Tammy Ellison.

The visiting teens were guests of the Fort Worth brethren that evening. Sunday was a day of athletic activities at the Woodland West Park



HIGH FLYER — Tamara Stout holds her high-flying kite after a contest sponsored by the Big Sandy church. (See "Go Fly a Kite," this page.) [Photo by Joan Tootikian]

and gym in nearby Arlington. The two churches met in a flag-football game and four basketball games. *Kay Curd.*

Mumbling Between Records

DES MOINES, Iowa — Teams from Rapid City and Bismarck, S.D.; Springfield, Columbia and Kansas City, Mo.; and Duluth and Rochester, Minn., gathered here for the annual YOU North Central Region basketball championship March 12 and 13. YOU members from other areas came to watch the games and participate in the festivities. Among those attending were Dennis Pyle, Kansas City pastor; Carl McNair, Milwaukee pastor; Mark Ashland, assistant director of YOU in Pasadena; Jim Petty, athletic director at Ambassador College in Pasadena; Kémit Nelson, athletic director at Ambassador in Big Sandy; and his assistant, Gil Norman.

Following a tradition here, a disco dance was Saturday night for YOU members, with pizza and pop served continuously. The YOU chapter here had hired a disc jockey, who added to the atmosphere by mumbling between records.

Basketball play-offs began early Sunday morning at a large, new high-school gym in Ankeny, Iowa. Kansas City South squeaked by Bismarck 31-30, and Duluth defeated Columbia 80-15 in B-division action.

Two A games were played simultaneously: Rapid City beat Kansas City East by 3 points, 62-59, and Springfield was victorious over Rochester in a tight game, 53-52.

Duluth won the B-division title, defeating Kansas City South 69-65. Rapid City became A-division champ in the last game of the day against Springfield, winning 75-48.

During the luncheon break, 11 teams were involved in the cheer-leading competition. The judging scale had a maximum of 200 points. Kansas City East came in first with 183, Des Moines was close behind in second with 180 and Kansas City South was third.

Awards were presented for the all-star team, sportsmanship, and most-valuable player. No trophies were awarded this year; instead, gold, silver and bronze medals were given.

In the A division, Rapid City won the sportsmanship award. Mark Larson was judged most-valuable player. Rapid City was the first-place team, with Springfield runner-up. The all-star team consisted of Bob Polly of Springfield, D. Barnes of Kansas City East, Bill Harang of Rochester and Mark Larson and A. Olsen of Rapid City.

In the B division, the first-place team was Duluth, with Kansas City (See WRAP-UP, page 13)

Wrap-up

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South runner-up. The all-star team consisted of Ray Buchanan and Dennis Yarnell of Kansas City South, Dan Wendt of Bismarck and Scott Jaeger and Mark Henruth of Duluth. Most-valuable player was Scott Jaeger. The Bismarck team won the sportsmanship award. *Eric Anderson.*

Quick-Handed Steals

DETROIT, Mich. — The Detroit area was alive with basketball fever as teams and fans from the Detroit; Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Flint, Mich., churches gathered Feb. 27 at Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti, Mich., for the first annual Detroit invitational basketball tournament.

In preliminary action Detroit East outdueled Detroit West in a 58-56 overtime win, and Fort Wayne overcame a strong Flint squad, 57-48. In the afternoon contest for second place, Detroit West, led by Steve Brown's 19 points, downed Flint 56-49 to set the stage for the championship game between Detroit East and Fort Wayne.

The title game, marked throughout by quick-handed steals and sharp outside shooting, saw Detroit East pull away to win in the last seconds, 53-49. The winners were led in scoring by Jerome Bischoff and Randy Holly with 21 and 17 points respectively, while the losers were paced by Clyde Dickey's 17 points. *Dan Hand.*

Kaleidoscope Social

FAIRMONT, Minn. — The church here had a multicolored special social March 19. A potluck meal was served, followed by games organized by Mrs. "Gambol" Staebus. Big-band dancing was supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry "Stereo" Fakler.

Carl McNair, Upper Midwest Area coordinator and Milwaukee, Wis., pastor, conducted campaigns in Mankato, Minn., March 21 and 23 for *Plain Truth* subscribers. More than 100 nonmembers attended. Twenty-five Rochester and Fairmont, Minn., members prepared the meeting hall for the campaigns. *John Cox.*

Widows Honored

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Members here enjoyed an evening honoring the widows March 12. A buffet meal was served, followed by an auction of donated items. Proceeds were set aside for a youth fund. Dancing concluded the evening's activities.



HOSPITAL-COMMITTEE PROJECT — Meridian's Ladies' Club visits the Meridian Nursing Home and present 100 homemade bib napkins to home residents, along with a copy of the Ambassador College record album *Sunset to Sunset*. Behind the two oldest residents are, from left, Bonnie Ivey, club director and deaconess; the home's social director; Ron Wallen, pastor; Wendell McCraw, a deacon; a nurse; Myrtle Caraway, club member who made the most bibs; Joyce LaBelle, club member; and Rosemary Wallen, who presented the bibs.



WINNERS — The Rapid City, S.D., basketball team, left, and the Kansas City East cheerleaders, right, won out against their competitors in YOU's North Central Region. The basketball players are, from left, back row: Mat Morgan, Wes Pawlowski, Allen Olson, Tom Morgan. Second row: Dave Fergen, Mark Larsen, Mike Olson. Front row: coach

Pastor Al Kersha and his wife and son also attended. *Olga Cameron Marona.*

Three-Story Dollhouse

FINDLAY, Ohio — A potluck supper of home-cooked food started the church's festivities here March 12. A talent show filled with music and comedy entertained the crowd until the craft fair began at the YMCA.

The fun of the craft fair began long ago when members decided what they would make or bake to sell. Additional funds were produced through raffles of a "grandmother's fan" quilt and a three-story, furnished dollhouse. Both items were donated, with Alice Eversman's quilt going to Thelma Dean and Mary Whiting's dollhouse going first to Dorothy Anderson of Findlay. However, Mrs. Anderson requested a second drawing, so Audrey Knick and her sister, Sylvie, of Lima, Ohio, received the dollhouse.

The craft fair netted \$1,200 for the Work. Dennis Diehl, pastor here, was to have presented the offering to Garner Ted Armstrong in Detroit, Mich., April 2. *Mary Whiting.*

Bible Study

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. — A Bible study followed Sabbath services here March 12. Don Thomas, local elder of the Mobile, Ala., church, conducted a question-and-answer period and spoke about the purpose and use of anointing oil. A potluck lunch followed the Bible study. *Larry Duval.*

Flower Power

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The

Women's Club here met March 8 to learn about professional floral arrangements.

The women gathered at the Crossroads Florists, where the owner demonstrated techniques of dried and fresh floral arrangements. She answered questions about the drying of fresh flowers, care of household plants and ways to clean and preserve silk and dried flowers.

The florist presented the club with three of her creations, which were given away by drawings. The corsage she had made was given to club director Sonja McCrady. The florist showed the proper way of pinning on a corsage, high on the shoulder so it can be slightly seen from behind. *Vicki Swihart.*

Broadway Tunes

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Brethren here met for a potluck supper March 19 in Santa Ana, Calif.

Entertainment consisted of a musical presentation entitled "Salute to Show Business" by the Ambassador Choraleers from the Pasadena campus and the showing of a Walt Disney movie.

Featured in the Chorale program were a number of Broadway and movie tunes from the turn of the century to the present. *Gordon Hendee.*

Juggling and Comedy

GREENVILLE, S.C. — A dance was sponsored by the 40-Plus Club here. Sabbath services March 12. Many brethren from Asheville, N.C., and Columbia, S.C., and other surrounding areas attended the event.

The Noland Band from the Columbia church provided the music. A talent segment featured juggling, comedy and singing. Refreshments were served to the 100 brethren who attended. *Allen McIntosh.*

Euchre Tournament

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Winners of this winter's euchre tournament here were Gordon Burns, men's high scorer; Larry Gribben and Bob Burns, tied for men's runner-up; Jim DeShong, men's low scorer; Sarah Osborn, women's high scorer; Carol Burns, women's runner-up; Becky Burns Morris, women's low scorer; and Gordon Burns, most "lones," with 10.

Those participating in the tournament also enjoyed good food and fellowship when they met to play cards. *Sarah Osborn.*

Homemade Wines

IPSWICH, England — The East Anglian churches' Spokesman Club held a ladies' night in Chelmsford Feb. 6 and the newly formed Ladies' Club returned the compliment and held a men's night Feb. 27.

The ladies' night, a formal dinner, was under the chairmanship of Bill Groombridge. Local elder Martin Brown was presented a gold watch in appreciation for his work as deputy



director of the Spokesman Club. The men's night was an informal buffet meal, accompanied by homemade wines provided by the ladies. Speeches on aspects of leisure were given by Coral Plumley, Daisy Cornish and Rena Gibbons under the directorship of Heather Shenton. Carol Groombridge conducted table topics. Guests included ministers Peter Shenton and Martin Brown. A. Michael and Monya Davis.

Mother's Pizza House

KINGSTON, Ont. — Preteens here were treated to lunch at Mother's Pizza House March 6. After lunch the children played pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, bobbed for apples and had a peanut race at the home of minister Terry Johnson and his wife. The activities concluded with hot chocolate and cookies. *Gail Lalonde.*

Squared Off

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — The congregation here sponsored its first YOU invitational basketball tournament March 5 and 6. Teams participating were from the Evansville, Indianapolis and Lafayette, Ind., and Peoria, Ill., churches.

Visiting players were housed by brethren here, with the games being played at the YWCA.

In the first game the Evansville Eagles pulled ahead in the last four minutes to defeat Indianapolis 58-53. Lafayette and Peoria squared off, with Lafayette outscoring their opponents 20-4 in the third quarter and going on to win 55-51.

The next day Indianapolis and Peoria competed in the consolation game. Indianapolis won 66-53 to place third in the tournament.

In the championship game, Lafayette overcame an early deficit and defeated Evansville 65-56.

The championship trophy was presented to the Lafayette Liberty and the second-place trophy to Evansville. In addition, the YOU district-champion trophy was presented to Lafayette. *Brian Lewis.*

Dinner Without Dessert

LAWTON, Okla. — The Women's Club here picked the weekend of George Washington's birthday to have bake sales to raise money for the club. The first was at the Ward Mall in Duncan, Okla., Feb. 18 and the second was at the Sheridan Mall here Feb. 21.

Many of the women baked cakes, pies and breads, with the homemade breads being the big sellers. The bake sales netted about \$215.

The club met for its third meeting Feb. 27, with about 47 members and guests attending. Millie Linville, speaking about children's gifts, gave the point of interest, a brief discussion or demonstration on the same subject as the main program. Lois Netherland led the table topics. The main program was about natural

childbirth, with pastor Joe Dobson as guest speaker.

The Lawton brethren gathered at the Elks' lodge March 5 for a potluck dinner without dessert.

After dinner two tables loaded with 30 cakes, baked and decorated by members, were auctioned, then cut and served as dessert. Chef trophies were awarded for the three best-decorated cakes.

Each family brought a prize for bingo. Proceeds from the cake auction and chances sold on a macramé table for the adults and a macramé owl for the children up to age 12 were to be used for church activities. *Sherry Havens and Ethel Register.*

Dancing Diehards

LONGVIEW, Tex. — Wayne Mitchell's home was the setting for the first activity of the Young Adults' Club (YAC) here Feb. 27. Thirty-three persons were present for an afternoon of fun and games.

The members were organized into five teams to compete in such things as a water-balloon toss, three-legged race, tug-of-war and volleyball. Each team was given points according to how it placed in each event. This was the first of a number of activities that will climax June 5, when the first-place team will be decided. All members participate in each event, and team effort is required.

At the end of the afternoon an exhausted group of young adults devoured barbecued hamburgers and all the trimmings, with a few diehards remaining for more fellowship and dancing. *Donna Patillo.*

Wallpaper Necklaces

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The Women's Club here participated in an evening of arts and crafts Feb. 24 at the Security Savings and Loan in Milwaukee.

Dee Kessler, wife of Dr. William Kessler and creator of home arts and crafts, brought some examples of her handiwork. Mrs. Kessler showed the women what could be done with seeds, round pieces of egg cartons, wire, strips of wallpaper, bottles, coffee cans, brown shoe polish and a little bit of imagination. The results were some seed flowers, wallpaper necklaces, and decorative containers with the look of wood. *Pat Kuczynski.*

Family Day

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The YOU chapter here outlined activities for the coming months at a meeting March 6. Committee responsibilities were delegated in three areas: fund-raising projects, entertainment and a miscellaneous heading that will involve civic projects, the church library, a teen Bible study, a baby-sitting service and a visiting program by the cheerleaders. (See WRAP-UP, page 14)

Wrap-up

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Fund-raising activities will include a fruit sale, a candy sale and a work project. Entertainment will focus on a skating party, an outing and a spring dance.

Tywan Corbin was named YOU reporter and will be assisted by Jeff Williams. Angie Grett is chapter president.

The Ladies' Club here met March 13 to discuss plans for a family day that will consist of a square dance and a chili supper.

Members viewed a film entitled *World Without Cancer* and discussed a woman of the Bible. *Everett Corbin*.

Italian Potluck Party

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The young adults' club and widows here gathered for an Italian potluck party March 5. After indulging in the Italian dishes, everyone settled down for a sing-along, accompanied by the church's guitar strummers, Dave Huffman, Pete Gregori, Marvin Watson and Mike Chilton.

Pastor Jim Chapman and his wife joined the party in hours of games, card playing and fellowship. *John D. Bertha*.

Controversial Beginning

NOTTINGHAM, England — The Spokesman Club here held its first ladies' night March 9. All enjoyed the steak and wine.

Director Arthur Suckling brought the club to order and President Brian Gale welcomed the ladies and started the ball rolling. A controversial start was ensured by topicmaster Bob Salter, whose opening question was about women's responsibilities.

Toastmaster Mike Maher introduced the speakers. Deacon Arthur Cliff leaped to the podium and launched into an animated speech about counting the cost of home extension. Neil Hanley gave a speech on the emergency fire service, with practical advice on how to keep cool in an emergency. Peter Thompson enlightened those present with facts about the universe. Mr. Gale spoke about "The Worst Sound in the World." An alarm clock spoke for itself. The most-effective speech was given by Colin Sweet, who explained the importance of thinking before speaking. Most-improved speaker was Mr. Cliff and the best evaluation was given by John Merchant.

Mr. Suckling expressed satisfac-

tion with the evening and stressed that personality be allowed to show through in speeches. *John Wells and Mike Maher*.

Tomorrow Plays "Yesterday"

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Orlando and Daytona Beach, Fla., churches held a ladies' night Feb. 26. Sabbath services were followed by a potluck supper.

In honor of the ladies, the men served the food and then cleaned up. Since the men were occupied, the women and children presented the program.

The mistress of ceremonies survived long enough to introduce the first act, a group known as Mother's Knee, fresh from an appearance at the Checkered Apron. The lead singer, Penny Savoia, was backed by a trio of Stefanie Miller, Sonya Japhet and Allison Dunham. Tony and Paul Savoia played guitars, Tim Register played drums and Robin Japhet played the piano. They did a fast-paced (45 rpm at 75 rpm) rendition of "The Night Chicago Died."

The Arter Family was back by demand (theirs). The group consists of Dee Bickell, Barbara Watton and Cassie Register.

A four-piece combo called Tomorrow played "Yesterday." Tomorrow's members, all 13 and 14 years old, are Danny Woodhall, Ken and Bobby Japhet and Mike Savoia.

Dee Bickell as Tinkerbell, the dainty ballerina, made a return engagement on her twinkling toes, while the resident pianist, Ted Japhet, accompanied her. She then sang a duet with the emcee.

The Orlando cheerleaders closed the program with a routine. Perry Harold, basketball coach, introduced the team members who were present. George Embury conducted a slave auction of the players and cheerleaders. Those auctioned included cheerleaders Linda Person, Terri Porter, Sherry Tucker, Gina Savoia, Wilda and Michele Coker.

The basketball squad included Anthony Davis, Tim and Todd Jones, Chris Brownson, Dana Dunham, Ken Japhet, Rick and Mike Savoia and Jon Register. Team members from Melbourne were not present.

Lloyd and Cassie Register took charge of the program from this point and involved many members in team games pitting the men against the women. Big winners for the evening were the women. *Carol Savoia*.

Toning Muscles

ORPINGTON, England — The Ladies' Club here on March 16 in-



FAMILY NIGHT INTRODUCED — Harry Sloder, standing, Seattle, Wash., preaching elder, talks with Mr. and Mrs. Garner Ted Armstrong before combined services in Seattle March 12. Mr. Armstrong spoke to more than 2,200 people, introducing the concept of a family night to be kept by all Church members. Besides performing for special music at services, Mr. Armstrong also sang for two hours at a dance that evening, accompanied by several musicians from Pasadena. (Photo by Ray Mount)

visited a member of the Health & Beauty Club to teach them how to relax completely and tone their muscles.

After rocking and rolling on the floor, swinging, walking, bending and stretching for about an hour, the exhausted members invited the demonstrators to return in about six months. *Mollie E. King*.

Intrepid Hikers

PLYMOUTH, England — A party of hikers led by Tony Hicks and Angus Robertson set off to climb High Willhays and Yes Tor, the two highest peaks in Dartmoor National Park, in the county of Devon.

The party assembled at the Melody Inn near Okehampton, where drinks were downed to fortify the intrepid group for the strenuous hike ahead. The ascent was observed by the sheep, wild ponies and Galloway cattle that characterize that part of the Dartmoor wilderness. Hot soup and scones were later served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Terrett of nearby Callington.

A series of monthly speech classes conducted by local elder John Jewell began Feb. 21 here. Twelve men representing the Exeter, Truro and Plymouth churches were in attendance. Mr. Jewell explained the goals and purposes of the classes, after which each member gave a five-minute impromptu speech, followed by impromptu evaluations by the members and a summary evaluation by Mr. Jewell.

About 50 people crowded into Mr. and Mrs. Jewell's home at Dobwalls, Cornwall, March 5 for wine and cheese and a housewarming party. David Widdicombe presented Mr. and Mrs. Jewell with some warming words and a box of wines, accompanied by congratulatory cards from the Plymouth, Exeter, Truro and Taunton congregations. *Francis Cann*.

Get-Well Cards

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo. — The volleyball and basketball teams and cheerleaders here journeyed to Cape Girardeau, Mo., March 5 to challenge the teams there.

The Cape Girardeau team won the basketball game. Routines were performed by the Poplar Bluff cheerleaders during halftime.

A disco dance, with music provided by Steve and James Baker of Poplar Bluff, concluded the activities.

The church here designated March 19 as youth day. Roger Franz was song leader, with Lynette Franz on the piano. Jim Estes, YOU president here, delivered the sermonette. Special music was provided by Lynette

Franz and Samuel Sayers on trumpets.

In the Sabbath school here during March, group one, ages 4 to 6, made get-well cards for ill members listed in the *WN* and mailed them. Instructors are Penny Harris and Linda Arnold.

Group two, ages 7 to 10, memorized the Ten Commandments. Instructors are Sylvia Beauchamp and Dorothy Sayers.

Group three, ages 11 to 13, studied the Holy Days and learned the books of the Bible. Instructors are Margaret Franz and Ella West.

Group four, ages 14 to 19, discussed dating, characteristics to look for in a mate and marriage. Instructors are Ray Harris and Eddie Kinder. *Linda Arnold*.

Knockout Cricket

ST. AUGUSTINE, Trinidad — The church's fourth annual sports day took place Feb. 27 here.

The activities began with a knockout cricket competition for the ladies. Four teams of seven led by ladies in three age-groups competed for the S.P. Hosein trophy, which was won by the team led by Jennifer Sankar.

Other activities were the men's 200-meter race, the strong-man race of doing the most pushups, the Japanese relay, which is a combination of backward running and skipping, the children's tug-of-war, the frog-hop race and the blindfold race.

Members who turned up enjoyed the tropical weather and patronized the refreshment stand. *John Baptiste*.

Sign Language

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The over-40 group met in nearby Bradenton for a turkey and duck dinner March 13. About 60 people attended.

A program about talking to the deaf was given by Agnes Hows. As she talked, Jeffrey Cato interpreted in sign language. Several of the members have enrolled in her class so they will be able to do volunteer work with the deaf or communicate with relatives who have hearing problems.

Several games of card bingo concluded the afternoon.

Brethren here enjoyed a potluck picnic March 20 at the Oscar Scherer State Park south of Sarasota. Guests were nine residents of a convalescent home who appreciated the opportunity to fellowship. *Esmer Luedemann and Lavene L. Vorel*.

Catered by YOU

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Spokesman Club here held its first ladies' night and dinner meeting of the season Feb. 27, with 68 members and guests attending.

The YOU chapter accepted the

challenge of catering the dinner. Hors d'oeuvres and wine were served as guests arrived, followed by a roast-beef dinner with homemade pie for dessert.

The Spokesman Club presented a check for \$175 to the YOU group for its outstanding contribution to the evening. *C. Sharrett*.

Volunteer Program

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Women's Club here met March 9, with 27 members present. After announcements and next month's assignments by Barbara Scott, Chuck Scott talked about the action program and how to become leaders in the community.

After a break, Robert Christensen, director of the Voluntary Action Center (VAC) in Sioux Falls, spoke on being a volunteer and a woman's role in it. The VAC recruit 100 volunteers a month and represent 60 agencies. *Carol Reining*.

Why Knot

SMITHS FALLS, Ont. — The second women's meeting here was Feb. 20, with 17 members present. The hostess, Ali Postma, welcomed the ladies to her home and Marjorie Haughton opened the meeting with prayer. Liz Johnson was chairwoman and invited ideas and comments for future meetings.

The purpose of this meeting was to learn about macramé. Each person was given enough cord and beads to complete one plant hanger. Mrs. Johnson demonstrated some basic knots. After two hours of fun and laughter, some had just learned how to make a square knot.

Several works were on display, including some done by children. A lunch was enjoyed during the social hour and it seemed that the group was "knots" about macramé. *Joan McCaw*.

Ladies' Club Debut

UNION, N.J. — The first meeting of the Nanuet Ladies' Club here was Feb. 23, with 30 ladies in attendance. Richard Frankel introduced the club's officers. A square dance was planned in conjunction with the Edison Ladies' Club.

The club's president discussed the objectives of the club. Table topics were conducted by Mrs. Lloyd Briggie. Several of the questions pertained to guidelines for children's TV viewing and coping with cold weather.

Mr. Frankel gave a few points on the purpose of Ladies' Club, stressing unity and service.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the meeting. *Betty Hendrick*.



SNOOPY AND THE GANG — Roger Smith (Snoopy), Joe Rabbitt (a clown) and Tracy Walker (Wonder Woman) won the awards for best costumes at a children's party in Elkhart, Ind., March 6. (Photo by Roger L. Smith)

Mao article draws big response

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong's article "The Private Conference With Mao That Might Have Taken Place," which appeared in *The Plain Truth* in March, prompted one of the biggest responses from readers of the magazine to date, reports Richard Rice, director of mail processing.

Mr. Rice's department released the following letter excerpts as examples of *PT* readers' "outstanding response":

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The article written by Herbert Armstrong entitled "The Private Conference With Mao That Might Have Taken Place" was just beautiful.

Mrs. Harold Doss
Grand Island, Neb.

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The *New Plain Truth* is just wonderful. The articles in it are so good, especially Mr. H. W. Armstrong's "Private Conference With Mao That Might Have Taken Place."

H.B. Brown
Marsh Hill, N.C.

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Received the copies of *Plain Truth*. I was really excited about the articles, especially the one with Mr. Armstrong

and Chairman Mao. Too bad it didn't really take place. I thought I would really miss *The Good News*, but find I don't. Thank you, one and all, for making it so much clearer for all of us.

Merriam Harrell
Alliance, Ohio

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Please tell Mr. H. W. Armstrong that he had a very good article in March's *Plain Truth* about the meeting with Mao. He would have liked to have had.

I have been wondering how Mr. Armstrong presented God's message to leaders of other countries and I see that he is truly inspired in his commission.

Also, you people are really coming on terrific with the new, stronger *PT*. Thanks again.

Richard Heath
Earlton, N.Y.

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I just finished reading your scenario with Mao... Your article, though longer than most, simply captivated me from start to finish. Soon lost in reading, with occasional synthesis and meditation, time passed almost without awareness...

Thank you for that article. It was like being an invisible "guest" in the private office of a world leader while you carried out God's commission. What a moving inside glimpse into the mechanics of how God employs you as His personal emissary.

As your "guest," new information seemed to leap forth from prior knowledge. It surely was a new and refreshing perspective.

Martin Kolk
Denton, Tex.

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I liked the article of yours in the latest *PT* about the private conference with Mao that might have taken place if he were still alive. It gave us a great deal of insight of the conversation that does go on when you do have private talks with world leaders and dignitaries.

Mrs. Barbara J. Suboski
Kalkaska, Mich.

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I really enjoyed the "interview" of Mr. Armstrong with Chairman Mao.

Mrs. Sherry Schrock
Blackfoot, Idaho

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I would just like to make a short comment on "The Private Conference With Mao That Might Have Taken Place." This was undoubtedly the best article I have ever read, be it newspapers, magazines, books, etc. I have sent away for many of your booklets, but this article seemed to synthesize simply (forgive my contradiction) man's history and God's government to be established. I am not yet a member of the Church of God, though I

have been attending the Sabbath services. Reading this article seemed as though I was speaking to the man, Herbert, in my own home. I have never read an article which contained so much knowledge and understanding in one short article.

Some things I have had doubts about have become clear to me. I hope Mr. Armstrong continues God's Work on earth of announcing the wonderful World Tomorrow.

David L. Berkensier
Piqua, Ohio

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I was pleased with the new copy of *The Plain Truth* magazine. Especially enjoyed Mr. Armstrong's article with Chairman Mao "that might have taken place."

How sad that it couldn't have taken place before this man passed away.

Mrs. George Cooper
Clinton, Tenn.

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I have just finished reading your article on "The Private Conference With Mao That Might Have Taken Place" and had to write and let you know how much I enjoyed reading it! It gave me a little more faith and hope for God's coming Kingdom, and gave me the inspiration to stand behind God's Church even more. I understand more clearly God's plan and purpose for human beings. WOW! Thank you — it was beautiful!!

Karen Henard
Indianapolis, Ind.

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I haven't read all of the March *Plain*

Truth yet, but I really enjoyed the Mao article by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. I thought it a very concise and to-the-point plan of God. I want to read it again.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ivey
Deltona, Fla.

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I want to thank you for your article in the latest *Plain Truth* "The Private Conference With Mao That Might Have Taken Place." You have told us, in essence, what you tell world leaders whom you meet but I have not known how. I have often wondered what transpired during a conference, how the subject was approached and presented. In reading your article I felt as if I were actually there with you and through it I have a better and deeper understanding of what you are doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Thomas
Grand Junction, Mich.

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That was a great article about your "would-be" conversation with Mao Tse-tung. It was gripping and hard to put down. I wonder if it would have been as absorbing and colorful if it had really taken place. Maybe not — maybe more so — I cannot say. But it was very interesting and hard to put down.

I have at times wished I could know what is said in the conversations you have with world leaders. It seems like it would be so gripping and absorbing to sit in on such a dialogue and see how world leaders react to the truth.

Stanley Barton
San Diego, Calif.

SEP applications still being accepted

PASADENA — More than 300 applications from Church youths have been sent to Youth Opportunities United headquarters here for the Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn., the first session of which begins June 14.

"Plans are still continuing for a fun-filled and exciting summer program," said Jim Thornhill, director of YOU.

Maintenance work on the SEP grounds is almost complete, he said, and the new gymnasium "is 99 percent finished."

The director said "staff and personnel selections" have been made, and the staffers "are very excited about working with the youth of God's Church."

Mr. Thornhill announced that a "new SEP color brochure" will soon be available to be mailed to youths who have requested information about the annual summer program, and a letter from Garner Ted Armstrong will soon be sent to all U.S. YOU members about SEP.

Mr. Thornhill said he appreciated the "early response" to the program this year, but urged other young people of the Church not to put off sending in their applications "because we are filling up quite rapidly."

SEP applicants must be 12 years old by September, 1977, to be eligible for admission. Students who have graduated from high school or are older than 18 are not eligible. Because of the strenuous outdoor activity involved, mentally retarded or physically handicapped persons may not be admitted.

The tuition charge for either of this summer's two three-week sessions is \$225, which includes food, lodging, an accident-insurance policy, the use of equipment and SEP-issued clothing. Detailed information will be sent to each applicant with his or her acceptance notification. Tuition is due and payable upon acceptance, and this year for the first time applicants or their parents may use BankAmericard or Master Charge credit cards.

Applicants are usually Americans or Canadians, but the camp is open to citizens of any country, according to the YOU office here.

The office has announced the dates

for the two sessions as follows:

• Session I: Students arrive Sunday and Monday, June 12 and 13. The session begins Tuesday, June 14, and ends Tuesday, July 5, with students returning home Wednesday, July 6.

• Session II: Students arrive Sunday and Monday, July 17 and 18. The session begins Tuesday, July 19, and ends Tuesday, Aug. 9, with students returning home Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Those wishing to attend either session of SEP should complete the application form accompanying this article and mail it, with any other correspondence, to: YOU Summer Educational Program, 300 W. Green St.,

Pasadena, Calif., 91123. YOU's telephone number is (213) 577-5720.

Last-minute cancellations are discouraged because they deprive other young people the opportunity to attend camp.

APPLICATION FOR Summer Educational Program

300 W. GREEN ST., PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91123

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- HAVE YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN FILL IN THIS FORM COMPLETELY.
- ATTACH A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF.
- SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS NOTED ABOVE ALONG WITH A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$3 FOR PROCESSING.

APPLICANT'S LAST NAME	FIRST	MIDDLE	AGE	BIRTHDATE	SEX
PARENTS/GUARDIAN'S NAME			PHONE NO.		
ADDRESS			CITY		STATE ZIP
CHURCH AREA			MINISTER		
HOW MANY S.E.P. SESSIONS HAS APPLICANT APPLIED FOR?			HOW MANY S.E.P. SESSIONS HAS APPLICANT ACTUALLY ATTENDED?		
WHAT GRADE WILL APPLICANT BE IN NEXT SEPTEMBER?			DOES APPLICANT HAVE ANY PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HANDICAP THAT WOULD PREVENT VIGOROUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY?		
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES IF "YES," PLEASE EXPLAIN <input type="checkbox"/> NO		

INDICATE HOW TUITION WILL BE PAID:

- ☐ CASH/CHECK/MONEY ORDER
☐ BANKAMERICARD
☐ MASTER CHARGE
☐ SPONSOR PLAN SOMEONE WHOM I KNOW (ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL) WILL PAY THE TUITION

SPONSOR'S NAME			
SPONSOR'S ADDRESS		CITY	STATE ZIP

- ☐ CHURCH ASSISTANCE PLAN THIS PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR CHURCH ASSISTANCE

AMOUNT NEEDED: \$

PASTOR'S SIGNATURE

- CHECK SESSION APPLICANT WANTS TO ATTEND:
 ☐ SESSION I JUNE 14 TO JULY 5, 1977
☐ SESSION II JULY 19 TO AUGUST 9, 1977
☐ EITHER SESSION

SIGNATURES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

FATHER/GUARDIAN	DATE	MOTHER/GUARDIAN	DATE
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ATTACH A RECENT PHOTO OF APPLICANT HERE.

THE GRAPEVINE

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court for the second time in six months has heard the Sabbath-related case of a member of the Worldwide Church of God. The high court on March 30 heard arguments on behalf of **Larry Hardison**, 32, a member who attends church in Portland, Ore.

Contesting Mr. Hardison in the action are Trans World Airlines and the International Association of Machinists, a labor union. Mr. Hardison, then living in Kansas City, Mo., was fired by TWA in 1969 after he refused to work on Saturdays. His union sided with TWA.

A similar case, involving another

member, came before the court last Oct. 12 but ended in a tie, letting stand a 1964 civil-rights law but setting no precedent.

This time, since all nine justices heard the case, Mr. Hardison and his attorney expect a landmark decision on the constitutionality of the law. His attorney feels Mr. Hardison has a "better than 50-50 chance" of winning the case.

Interested parties filing friend-of-court briefs on Mr. Hardison's behalf included the Worldwide Church of God, the American Civil Liberties Union and the Commission on Law and Public Affairs (a Jewish legal-aid organization).

A decision is expected within two months.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — **Clarence Bass**, director of the Work in the Caribbean, has begun placing advertising for *La Pura Verdad* (The Plain Truth in Spanish) in Puerto Rican newspapers.

The magazine was advertised in *El Mundo* March 6 and 7 and in the *San Juan Star*, an English-language daily, March 11 and 12.

"The response was overwhelming," said **Pablo Gonzalez**, a minister here. "More than 1,800 letters" had come in by month's end, "and they still keep coming in. Suddenly the *Pura Verdad* mailing list in Puerto Rico almost doubled."

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PASADENA — Entertainer **Burl**

Ives appeared in concert in the Ambassador Auditorium March 31, singing folk music and accompanying himself on acoustic guitar. The concert was taped for a TV special.

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BIG SANDY — Ambassador decathlete **Gary Wise** placed second in the Texas Relay Decathlon in Austin March 30 and 31 with a score of 7,316. Competing against 15 other athletes from all over the United States, Wise improved his score 228 points since his last meet, in Gainesville, Fla., March 23 and 24.

Wise, a 20-year-old freshman from Elsinore, Calif., also set a record for the high jump at the Texas meet of 6 feet 9½ inches.

Diary records meeting with Swazi leaders

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southern Africa. Discussion followed on possible projects in Swaziland. Prince Masitsela, minister of the interior, recommended we consider helping Swaziland's 2,000 blind.

7:30 p.m. Banquet in honor of King Sobhuza II. Held in the main dining room (Gigi's) of the Royal Swazi Spa Hotel. After dinner Mr. HWA offered the traditional toast to the king. Then SRR introduced Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong began: "I have good news for you!" Everyone applauded! Mr. HWA then explained that world peace and prosperity are coming in our generation. Mr. Armstrong was thanked by the king's representative to the dinner, Prince Gaheni.

Tuesday, March 29: 12 noon. Meet King Sobhuza II at his official residence. The king must have listened to the tape of Mr. HWA's speech the night before. He commented on several points in the speech, especially the need for the entire world to change to the way of give. The king said many preach good things, but Mr. Armstrong also helps people to change. The discussion then went to AICF and possible help for the blind. Other AICF projects worldwide were mentioned. After hearing that HWA left Bucharest just before the earthquake [*The Worldwide News*, March 14], the king said, "That shows the Lord has more work for you to do!"

The king was presented with one of the first 12 copies of *Quest* [77] [the AICF's magazine]. He in turn gave Mr. Armstrong a beautiful picture of his daughter. Mr. Armstrong enjoys great favor with the king of Swaziland.

As we were leaving, a donation was made through the king's office to help St. Joseph's School, for the handicapped, in Swaziland. This is the second AICF donation to Swaziland. The first was help with the purchase of a bus needed by the same school.

We were with the king about one hour.

1:15 p.m. Fly Swaziland to Johannesburg.

7 p.m. Springs Rotary Club. After dinner President Leon Blideon introduced Rotarian Stan Rader. Mr. Rader in turn introduced Mr. Armstrong. Mr. HWA spoke for 40 minutes to the 130 Rotarians and Annes present.

Mr. Armstrong began by referring to his article on the fictitious interview with Chairman Mao [*The Plain Truth*, March, 1977; see also *WN* article, this issue, page 15]. Then he went straight into the causes of the problems we face today. "It all began with the incident of the forbidden fruit." He showed how Adam rejected God's instructions and in so doing rejected God's rule.

The audience sat in absolute silence. They had heard the story before, but never like this! An exciting

ment began to fill the room!

Mr. HWA continued with the briefest outline of man's misuse. Then he said that Christ came, announcing God's government, the Kingdom of God, but almost no one believed Him! "Nor do the churches today!"

The audience was still dead quiet. Not agreeing, nor disagreeing. Just listening — hard!

"Men have rejected what God said. Our governments don't bring peace. Our schools reject God and teach evolution. Our religions teach the exact opposite of what God says! The immortal soul is a lie from Satan!"

He continued by saying that God knew that man would have the power to erase all life from the earth, but then God would step in. Then Mr. Armstrong said: "God has called me to take this good news to all the world, just before that intervention. And it doesn't matter whether you believe it or not; it still is going to happen anyway!"

Then he gave a brief description of the world living the way of give under Christ's rule. Rotarians have as their motto "Service Above Self." Mr. Armstrong concluded by urging them to fulfill that godly principle.

Nobody does it like the boss! Mr. Armstrong was thanked by Rotarian Alan Dutton (the South African office's insurance man).

Because it was late, we left quickly for home, a 45-minute drive away.

The next day Mr. Dutton telephoned to say that the response from the members of the club was exceptional. That night many had approached him to ask for more information. The next morning he had six or seven phone calls from members saying how pleased they were that the club had arranged for Mr. Armstrong to speak. Many asked about the Chairman Mao interview and how they could obtain a copy. Mr. Dutton said he had never seen that type of enthusiastic response in all his nine years as a Rotarian.

Wednesday, March 30: HWA spends day writing.

4 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Rader, Mr. and Mrs. Fahey and Mr. John Kinston (assistant to Mr. Rader) visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Williams, cochairman with Arthur Ashe of the Black Tennis Foundation. Also present were Mr. Tommy Madiba and Mrs. Winnie Ramatlo, black directors of the BTF.

Mr. Rader and Mr. Williams played tennis against two promising teenage blacks. Each side took a set just before it became too dark to complete the third set!

After dinner we discussed how AICF could help BTF. Also how the BTF could help the AICF! If successful, this project could open many important doors for the Work in this area.

Thursday, March 31: Morning.

Mr. Armstrong wrote for the ministerial Bulletin.

11:30. Tour of the South African Broadcasting Corp.'s [SABC] television studios. Possibly the finest equipped and most modern in the world.

1 p.m. Luncheon as guests of Mr. Gert Yssel, deputy director general of the SABC. Also present were Mr. Jan van Zyl, director of news services for the SABC (both radio and TV) and two of his staff. These men

control all the broadcasting in South Africa. Therefore this is a very valuable contact for the Work here. When combined with the luncheon hosted by the director general of the SABC in November, we have met the leadership of the SABC with the exception of Dr. Piet Meyer, the chairman. We are hoping a luncheon can be arranged with him on the next visit.

Friday, April 1: 7 p.m. Passover service Alberton Civic Centre, near Johannesburg. Mr. HWA conducted



AFRICAN VISIT — Mr. Armstrong, above, signs the mayor's visitors' book in Kimberley March 25 as Mayor Ron Bauser looks on. Prime Minister Kaizer Mantanzima of the Transkei, below, introduces Mr. Armstrong and party in the cabinet room of the Transkei parliament in Umtata March 31. Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader chat in the Royal Swazi Spa, bottom, before a banquet in honor of King Sobhuza II March 28.

