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## A Personal Letter from



Dear brethren and co-workers with Christ:

It is Tuesday morning, July 19. We are in flight in our G-II from Tokyo to Hong Kong. We have on board one of my "Japanese sons" — a high member of the Japanese Diet — with his very charming wife and two of their three sons.

Last Sabbath we had a private dinner in the private dining room connecting with the Fountainebleue Restaurant atop the Imperial Hotel with the ambassador of Israel and his wife and with other members of the Israeli embassy and their wives, making it a total of 12 at the dinner. There immediately followed a Sabbath afternoon service attended by some 200 *Plain Truth* readers.

Last night was the big night of the visit to Tokyo — a most important banquet with about 150 in attendance, including several high in the Japanese government, with 13 ambassadors from as many countries. Most of my "Japanese sons" — all members of the Japanese Diet — were present. I was guest of honor and main speaker. I did get over to them the GOOD-NEWS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

### Very happy announcement

I mentioned, first, that I had a very happy ANNOUNCEMENT to make. I then mentioned that some three years ago I had been guest speaker at a luncheon in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, attended by 19 ambassadors — official representatives of 19 nations — and most of their wives. Everyone was so jovial in a bedlam of laughing conversation that I then said this was evidence that all our nations could live happily at peace as we were doing. I said, last night, that "tonight I will go further. I ANNOUNCE to you tonight that, in our very present living generation, ALL NATIONS WILL come to live happily and joyfully together in WORLD PEACE. We will not bring this about ourselves," I said.

"We humans have brought only trouble, pain and suffering — discontent, injustice and unhappiness — on ourselves!"

"Governments are now being overthrown at the rate of one a month. This will accelerate. For the first time in all history, since 1950 man has created the weapons of MASS DESTRUCTION that can ERASE ALL LIFE FROM THIS PLANET EARTH. We humans are going to bring conditions to the very brink of TOTAL DISASTER! Our No. 1 problem now is SURVIVAL of the human race!"

"Many world-famous scientists say our only hope is the emergence of ONE WORLD SUPERGOVERNMENT to rule all nations. One of our great weekly news magazines in the United States said in an editorial that it would seem that mankind's ONLY HOPE now is the sudden intervention of AN UNSEEN STRONG HAND FROM SOMEPLACE."

"The editor meant," I said, "the intervention of GOD, THE CREATOR OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND ALL THE PEOPLES AND RACES OF THE EARTH."

### Supergovernment to rule

"I am here to ANNOUNCE to you tonight that IN OUR PRESENT LIVING GENERATION humanity will bring things to the place that, UNLESS there

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## Floods, blackout hit in East; disasters affect area brethren

Some Church members in Pennsylvania and New York were caught in the middle of disasters July 13 and 20. The night of July 13 New Yorkers for the second time in 11 years were plunged into blackness and, this time, the heat of the night air lights, air conditioners and all other electrical appliances were switched off when lightning struck power lines and set off a chain reaction that cut off power to nine million people in New York City.

A week later floodwaters ravaged Johnstown, Pa., the site of an 1889 deluge that claimed 2,200 victims. The latest flood, caused by 8 to 12 inches of rain that fell in six hours, claimed 58 lives at latest count and left 50,000 homeless. Estimates of property damage run to \$117 million.

New channels for the Conemaugh River and Stony Creek had held out hope that flooding of the magnitude of the 1889 disaster and another in 1936 wouldn't recur. But history repeated itself July 20. The night before, a heavy rainstorm became stationary over Johnstown, a city of 41,000 population 60 miles east of Pittsburgh.

"It seemed to me like a half dozen thunderstorms all converged over this general area," Church member Ross Weaver, a resident of Johnstown, told *The Worldwide News* by telephone. "I viewed — before tight security was imposed — areas where streets became rock and debris-ravaged riverbeds. People were absolutely bewildered at the suddenness of it all and the magnitude of its destruction."

"I've lived my entire life in Johnstown and know it well, but I was

hard pressed to recognize many sections of the town. Thousands of cars, some crushed beyond any kind of recognition, were tossed in every conceivable place.

"Property damage will be in the hundreds of millions, and loss of life is already in the 50s."

A member of the Indiana, Pa., church, Patricia Miller, along with her husband and six children, lived in New Florence, 12 miles downstream from Johnstown. Their trailer house just escaped the onslaught of water in the early-morning darkness, Mr. Weaver said. Just a few miles from the Miller trailer, a dozen bodies were recovered, and others rescued, from another trailer court.

"Another small town extensively damaged was Windber, about 12 miles upstream from Johnstown," Mr. Weaver said, "where the Felix

Predkos and the Bill Di Nimos and Mrs. Christina Hiteshew live. There is no way we know of their situation, as all communication to Windber is out and roads are blocked, and security by state police and National Guard is stringent. We tried to radio to know of their safety to no avail. We feel certain they're safe but can only surmise what damage they've experienced."

### New York blacked out

A week before the Johnstown disaster, at 9:34 p.m. July 13, New Yorkers were suddenly faced with a massive power failure. Smaller — according to authorities, than the more extensive blackout of 1965 that affected not only New York City but eight states and two Canadian provinces — this power failure was

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## 'WN' moving offices

BIG SANDY — The editorial and production offices of *The Worldwide News* will transfer to Pasadena effective Aug. 15, announced Garner Ted Armstrong.

The paper's offices had been headquartered here on the Ambassador College campus since its creation in April, 1973, and had drawn heavily for its manpower needs from the student body of Ambassador, as well as depended on other college or college-related services.

Mr. Armstrong said that, with the merger of the campus here with the one in Pasadena (*The Worldwide News*, May 23), he felt the WN

should relocate. The paper's new offices will be in the Office Facilities Building, owned by the Work and located two blocks east of the Ambassador College, Pasadena, campus.

The WN's address after Aug. 8 will be Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

John Robinson, managing editor, said he feels the move is in the best interests of the paper. "Only the more discerning of our readers will notice any significant improvement in content," he said, but newsathering and coordination will be easier, he added.

"The relocation should not affect reader service noticeably," he said. "We will of course have an address change, which will pose a brief inconvenience, and there may be some change in the day the paper arrives at your home due to our mailing from California rather than Texas. There will be some gains and some losses, but overall I feel the decision to move was obvious."

Four full-time employees of the paper, Mr. Robinson, assistant managing editor Klaus Rothe, senior editor Dixon Cartwright and associate editor Sheila Dennis, will be transferred. Five part-time employees, former students at Big Sandy who have transferred to the college in Pasadena, will be retained. They are David Blue, Randy Brelsford, Kimberly Kessler, Peggy Nelson and Roland Rees.

The aforementioned staff members prepare, edit, typeset and lay out camera-ready pages complete with positive halftones, which they will continue to do. The WN, which has been printed by a commercial firm in Gladewater, Tex., will be printed by Glendale Rotary Offset in Glendale, seven miles east of the paper's new offices. The Glendale firm will photograph the pages, strip and burn plates, previously done by the Ambassador College Press here.

The paper has been mailed under the supervision of Dean Koenike, with the volunteer help of local members and students. After the transfer WN mailings will be handled by the Work's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena. Therefore Mr. Koenike will no longer be employed by the WN.

## Ministers meet in the outdoors

PASADENA — A campsite on a lake in southwestern Oregon and a national park in central California were the latest sites for ministerial meetings conducted by Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, who said the selection of such nonurban locations was due initially to budget considerations.

"The idea of conducting the meetings in an outdoor environment grew out of economics, but it has turned out to be a very effective setting for ministerial communication and development," Mr. Dart said. "When we weren't involved in formal sessions, we were still together for fellowship. At the Oregon site we had a place for a large camp fire. At night we'd sit around the fire and swap stories, sing songs or just talk. It was a tremendous experience."

### Continuing commitment

Mr. Dart, who returned here July 24, said the two sets of ministerial meetings were part of a continuing commitment on his part to reach as many field ministers as possible in small groups or "one on one." He said such contact gives him a chance to get to know the ministers personally and bring them up to date on Church policy and the activities of Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong, as well as gives the ministry an opportunity to talk personally with



OUTDOOR MEETINGS — Ronald Dart, facing camera, conducts a ministerial meeting at King's Canyon National Park, 65 miles northeast of Fresno, Calif.

# A Personal Letter

from  
*Danice Lee Armstrong*

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings! It is impossible to believe that summer is almost gone and by the time you are reading this hundreds upon hundreds of students will be making final preparations and packing to leave to come to Pasadena for the beginning of our first year as a fully consolidated, liberal-arts college with well more than 1,000 undergraduates on campus at the same time!

Last-minute preparations are feverishly under way to finish redoing the remaining single-family residences along South Orange Grove and Del Mar, after receiving a special one-year use permit granted by the city, to prepare for the arrival of the students.

All indications are that only a

comparatively small number, perhaps 50 to 100 of older, mature students will up into their 20s, will have to live off campus in rented apartments, but I am assured that the vast majority of all undergraduates will be housed in existing dormitories on campus.

I suppose the older we grow the faster time flies — we never fail to comment on this especially with the passing of the seasons — but this has been the shortest summer in my memory! Perhaps it is because we begin college a good bit earlier than most institutions because of the required break at the Feast and the Holy Days, as well as the required national holidays and other interruptions in the academic schedules, but this has an offsetting benefit, in that Ambas-

sador students are always out of college 10 days to two weeks earlier than almost all other institutions, which gives our students a head start in the labor market.

## Second session winding up

The second session at the Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn., is now winding up. We have had the most successful year in all of our history!

The youngsters seemed to be, on the whole, a very fine group, with only minor problems, which can always be expected. But, thankfully, as of this writing we have no serious injuries. Even though a handful of youngsters had to be sent home for a variety of disciplinary reasons, the camp on the whole went very smoothly.

From the expressions of joy and enthusiasm from the young people, even including letters coming back from those who attended the first session, it is plainly evident what a tremendous opportunity the summer's experience in Orr is for the young people of the Church who decide to go.

Year after year we have seen hun-

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# Letters

TO THE EDITOR

The court and the Sabbath

I have just finished the article on the court's ruling of the Sabbath [June 20]. I too lost my job two years ago. God will provide, and though it is hard now we all know in a short time it will be better.

Mrs. F. M. Jones  
Cameron, Tex.

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I read with great interest the article "High Court Hits Sabbath Keepers" in the June 20 issue. Having attended the same services each Sabbath for several years together with Mr. [Larry] Hardison, I am well acquainted with him and his conflict with TWA.

It was in 1969 that I myself was fired by the Social Security Payment Center in Kansas City for refusing to work during the Feast of Tabernacles. Although I was not a union member at the time, I took my case to the local chapter of the American Federation of Government Employees. Although the union was not required to do so, it went to bat for me, and seven months later I had my job back — with full pay. At the time the union intervened for me, the chief steward said he didn't think I had a ghost of a chance of winning. But I feel God chose to fight for me personally.

I can greatly sympathize with Mr. Hardison's plight. However, I never felt that the government owed it to me to give me my job back. As a matter of fact, I wrote a personal letter to the director of the Social Security office, giving him permission to request that I voluntarily resign if he ever found my work unsatisfactory. In over seven years now, I have not heard any complaints from him.

I do wonder, though, how many people in God's Church — before becoming converted — take a job with a certain company, gladly work on the Sabbath for a number of years, become converted, and now expect that company to let them have the Sabbath off — even if it means negotiating away the rights of other loyal employees?

Does this company owe anyone grace more than God does?

Bryon A. Carroll  
North Kansas City, Mo.

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God's Church who have taken their cases to the courts, which have focused legal attention and the public spotlight on the cause of Sabbath observance. Indeed, Jewish and Seventh-day Adventist groups were impressed with the seriousness of the issue to file *amicus curiae* (friend-of-the-court) briefs supporting the member's position. The time has come, as the Supreme Court notes, for the action to move from the judicial to the legislative branch of government.

What action can be taken? Lobbying, at some stage in the future, might be helpful. The presence of spokesmen for the Church in public hearings and private meetings with congressmen would enable us to present our plea, as it were, before those who are to judge the merits of it.

For the present, however, perhaps the best thing that could be done is for those members who feel they will be affected by these moves (and we all shall, to one degree or another) to simply take pen in hand to write their elected representatives in Washington and say, "Please hear our case. Please help us."

The Bible speaks eloquently on the validity of this. The form of government in Exodus 18 is one that allows for those who are governed by the "captains of ten, etc.," to relay their concerns and hopes to them for transmittal up the chain of command. King Solomon was brought by his subjects on various matters. Jesus spoke of a woman who virtually badgered a judge into rendering a favorable verdict. And, while Paul said we should be subject to civil powers, he nowhere condemns our supplicating them for help. Indeed, the book of Acts is filled with cases where interaction with high officials was vital — sometimes to preserve life.

I'm not suggesting any mass movement, because I don't feel it would serve any good purpose. However, it's time — indeed, it is past time — that we go to our leaders and ask them to amplify the law so that the possibility of our worshiping God as He commands still remains viable to us.

The time to act is now, today, this hour. Must we wait until we or friends, family, brethren of ours are out of work and on welfare before we realize there is a way to avoid these problems?

Mark A. Kellner  
Rego Park, N.Y.

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My income was terminated Feb. 1, 1977, and there were indications that prejudice was a factor.

Stan Talbot  
French Creek, W. Va.

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... I read ... "High Court Hits Sabbath Keepers." That really made me realize how terrible things really are, how prophecy is being fulfilled.

Mrs. Pete Hidondo  
Carson City, Nev.

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The recent court decision on the Sabbath (See LETTERS, page 15)

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# Korea looks to U.S. for peace

By Gene H. Hogberg

News editor, 'The Plain Truth'

PASADENA — I've just completed a three-week, six-nation fact-finding trip in Asia, and one overall impression stands out: We are in for some mighty big changes in that part of the world in the near future, and I'm afraid none of them good ones for the prospects of world peace.

But at the moment, despite the first chilling winds of stormy political weather, economic fortunes throughout the places we visited — Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines — are good, in some cases better than ever before in history.

Everywhere Keith Stump, my News Bureau associate, and I traveled, we saw prosperity at levels the nations of Asia have never before experienced. The big cities of Asia — Tokyo, Osaka, Seoul, Taipei, Hong Kong, Singapore, Manila — are fast undergoing face lifts. New high-rise office buildings and hotels are going up at furious rates. Streets are being torn up for new subways or crosstown motorways.

## Big Macs in Asia

In spite of the cultural differences, an American can now feel almost as much at home in the big cities of free Asia as he can in Western Europe. Keith and I sampled the menu at McDonald's outlets in Tokyo and Hong Kong. The Big Macs there are the same as anywhere in the States, right down to the 100 percent-pure beef, pickle, sauce, etc., on a sesame-seed bun. Only the change you get back is different.

"The colonel" has also invaded most of urban Asia, along with Der Weinschnitzel, Shakey's and Dunkin' Donuts. But these operations are relatively small potatoes compared with other establishments with shingles that advertise the Bank of America, Chase Manhattan Bank or Citibank, or the billboards that hawk enormous arrays of merchandise produced by all the big American, European and Japanese multinationals.

Some arrangements can be pretty complex. The Ford Motor Co. in Korea, for example, assembles both the English Ford model and its Rexord from West Germany in the same plant.

Throughout the countries, and colonies, we visited (at 398 square miles, Hong Kong is not a country; it's Britain's biggest remaining colony), the national economies are booming. Sights are set high.

## Free of fear

But all of this hard-won prosperity, gained by countries poor in natural resources but rich in the human variety, could quickly be sent into a tailspin. This is simply because it is the American political and military commitment to the free Asian nations, now in doubt more than ever before, that has enabled them to develop their economic structures free of undue fear of their enemies.

For example, the Japanese miracle has been insured all along by the American nuclear umbrella. With the U.S.-prescribed no-war clause in its constitution, Japan has been forced to direct the endless energies of its well-educated, disciplined work force toward economic development, devoting a small fraction of the national budget to military defense.

During the Korean War, 1950 to 1953, while Korea was being devastated, the Japanese were put on their postwar economic feet by provisioning the U.S. war effort across the Sea of Japan. Older Koreans, we found, have never forgotten that Japan, harsh overlords in Korea from 1910 to 1945, actually profited at Korea's expense. Moreover South Korea today has to devote 35 percent of its national budget to defense. Yet the hard-working Koreans are still determined to surpass the Japanese economically someday.

Safely tucked underneath the American umbrella, the Japanese have built the free world's second-largest economy. And, as one analyst told us, while America was pouring millions of tax dollars into its mad rush to put a man on the moon by 1970, the Japanese (or at least the Sony Corp.) were busy perfecting the Trinitron TV, which now has knocked the props from under the American television industry.

## Korea, Taiwan sheltered

Despite their resentment of Japan's success and knowledge that the United States is in no small way responsible for it, the Koreans we

talked to realized that they too would be absolutely nowhere today were it not for the American commitment to their national security.

On Taiwan too the realization is the same. Without the 1954 treaty guaranteeing Washington's ironclad commitment to Taiwan's defense against its sworn communist enemy on the mainland, Taiwan would not have been able to make such gigantic economic strides, would not have been able to "turn hell into heaven," as one Taiwanese scholar told us, and would not be able to hold high a torch of freedom, new "model China," for suffering Chinese to see across the Formosa Strait.

Throughout the remaining free nations of Southeast Asia it is recognized, but not always publicly stressed, that it is the still-formidable American military presence in the region, specifically in the huge naval and air bases in the Philippines, that holds the big communist predator in the area, Vietnam, at bay.

This is true even after America's tragedy in IndoChina. Homegrown communist insurgents might bark and even bite a little, as is the case along the Thai-Malaysian border right now, but they stand little chance of success as long as the United States is still present in force in the region.

Thus it is the continued American military presence throughout Asia that has, at least until now, preserved the political-ideological status quo and made possible the dramatic economic and social advancement in country after country.

But big winds of change are blowing

out of Washington that could upset everything and ultimately result in great physical destruction and the loss of millions of lives.

America, it seems, or at least some of its key leaders, no longer realizes how important it still is to the safety of free men everywhere. Bored, it seems, of exercising a world role, tired, over-the-hill America thinks it can gradually withdraw from its solemn commitments and promises.

If it does, if it abandons its friends in Asia, it will do so only to the grave peril of its own existence.

## Pullout in five years

In Korea Keith and I found the No. 1 topic on everyone's mind is the announced policy of President Carter to pull out the remaining U.S. ground forces in five years.

On our first day in Seoul we spoke with the nation's business chieftain. (See KOREA QUESTIONS, page 7)

# Tours stimulate growth in Latin world

By Keith D. Speaks

PASADENA — The brethren of God's Church in the Spanish-speaking world are increasing in number as more people hear the message of the Kingdom of God, thanks to the front-line touring, visiting and preaching of ministers in the Spanish Work.

Three ministers, Fernando Barriga, Pablo Gonzalez and Robert Flores, have been busy in Spain, Portugal, South America and Mexico and have filed their reports on the progress in those areas.

In April and May a minister from the Pasadena Spanish church, Mr. Barriga, visited the Iberian Peninsula for six weeks. On this tour he baptized three people in Portugal, the first Church members in that country, and another three in Spain, which now is home for 11 members.

Mr. Barriga left Los Angeles in mid-April, spending a Sabbath with the Brooklyn, N.Y., congregation, to which he spoke about the Work's accomplishments in Latin America.

He then left for La Coruna, a port city in northwest Spain. Because of a cold he had caught during unseasonal rainy, chilly weather, he was unable to spend the Sabbath with Generosa L. de Rios and her sister, Elena L. de Yanguas, who have been members longer than anyone else in Spain.

#### Lost Bibles

Heading southeast, he arrived at Sarria, in Lugo Province, and baptized Maximino Rodriguez, who lives in Mosteirovello, 25 kilometers (15 miles) from Sarria. Mr. Rodriguez has read the Bible for 50 years and likes to talk about it and correct the beliefs of others. Because of this practice, he has been stopped many times and had his Bible taken from him. He says he's had to buy many Bibles in his lifetime.

"I've already suffered great tribulation," he said, referring to his experiences during the Spanish Civil War.

At 75, Mr. Rodriguez is still an alert man who, despite a paltry pension, has maintained good health.

"I am a happy man. I don't have worries like those who have bigger incomes. I delight in having the knowledge of the truth. And I'm even happier since I've been baptized, because I'm now a begotten son of God."

Passing through Portugal, Mr. Barriga baptized three people, the



**COLOMBIAN BIBLE LECTURE** — Pablo Gonzalez conducts one of two Bible lectures for students and graduates of the Ambassador College Correspondence Course in Medellin, Colombia. Mr. Gonzalez

first members of God's Church in that country. One of them, Manuel Correia de Morais of Alijo, gave him two bottles of port, vintage 1917, asking that one be given to Herbert W. Armstrong.

After a day with the Morais family on its beautiful, spacious estate, Mr. Barriga traveled to Porto, where he talked with eight prospective members and baptized Jose Ferreira Coutada.

In Lisbon, Portugal's capital, Mr. Barriga spoke with four people interested in the Church. One, Custodio Duarte Silva, is an accomplished sculptor who has several bronze works on display in Lisbon's main plazas.

#### Literature in Portuguese

Later Mr. Barriga spent a Sabbath with Adelino Nobre in Moita do Ribatejo. Mr. Nobre on his own initiative has translated many of the Church's booklets and articles into Portuguese. The Spanish Department has saved this material, hoping that someday it can be used to reach the peoples of Portugal and

Brazil and the ex-colonies of Portugal. Mr. Nobre was baptized in the Atlantic Ocean in a ceremony attended by his whole family.

Returning to Spain, Mr. Barriga stopped in the town of Madronera, where Macrina Pablos Avila de Espada, the wife of a member, was baptized. In the past the Espadas' clients had importuned them to keep their business open on the Sabbath (to purchase first-communion or wedding gifts), but by now the community has grown accustomed to their new hours.

In Navalperal, in Avila Province, another PM (prospective member) was visited, Gabriel Villena, who works in the bar-canteen of the railroad station and wants to distribute *La Pura Verdad* (*The Plain Truth's* Spanish edition). One time he had printed 100 Church booklets that disappeared almost as quickly as they were put on display.

After visiting several people in Malaga, Mr. Barriga arrived in Barcelona for Pentecost weekend, exactly on schedule. Because of unexpected circumstances, Mr. Barriga

talked about Ambassador College, the Worldwide Church of God and *La Pura Verdad*. Some 170 people attended the meetings. [Photo by Mauricio Perez]

attended, out of 2,500 invited, an excellent 8 percent response.

Mr. Gonzalez recounted his approach and methods, giving an insight into exactly what occurs at one of the meetings.

"People started arriving by 2 p.m.," he said. "I began an informal, personal chat, with others joining in the conversation as they arrived. By 2:20 p.m. I moved to the front table and the formal meeting started. After a 10-minute formal salutation and brief introduction, we had a break for coffee and refreshments.

#### Subjects covered

"With the ice broken and everyone at ease, by 2:45 the lecture began. From previous meetings and informal conversations I had discovered that most people are interested in learning what is Ambassador College, the Worldwide Church of God, *The Plain Truth*, what's behind it all, how it is financed, etc.

"Hence I began with the subject: What is Institucion Ambassador, WCG, PV [*La Pura Verdad*], etc.?"

"The approach: Could it be possible that man has been and is being deceived into believing and following tradition instead of the commandments of God? Could it be possible that this is the real cause for all of man's ills and miseries; that is, man's rejection of God?"

"By 3:45 I had finished the lecture and thanked the people for coming. I told them about future meetings. If they wanted to attend all they had to do was fill out a card given to them at the entrance and that we would eventually notify them."

"At that time a man asked if he could ask a question, so I told the people they could leave now if they wished. Not a single soul left."

"By 5 p.m. I just had to close the session, although about 30 more minutes were spent in shaking hands and taking notes for future personal counseling."

"We are very happy that God allowed us to take His message in a very personal and direct way to those He wants to hear it. We are depending entirely on Him to bring us in contact with the people, and hopefully some will make concrete, positive decisions in their lives as God calls them."

Mr. Gonzalez held similar meetings March 27 at the Hotel Dann in Bogota, Colombia, with 170 attending and April 30 and May 1 at the Centro Simon Bolivar, Caracas. [See TOURS, page 6]



**BIBLE LECTURES IN MEDELLIN** — The Medellin skyline rises high in the prosperous capital of Colombia's northwestern state of Antioquia. Two Bible lectures for students and graduates of the Bible Correspondence Course were held here earlier in the year. [Photo by Mauricio Perez]

# Retiree finishes degree at 65

By Ted Thompson

TYLER, Tex. — Marshall Hamil, 3007 Dinah Lane, will receive a birthday present of sorts on May 14, two days after his 65th birthday.

Really, though, the gift isn't a gift. It won't be given to him. It's something the retired public-relations man

*This article, about a member of the Tyler, Tex., church, is reprinted by permission from the Tyler Courier Times of May 9.*

with the Cotton Belt Railroad has been working toward off and on since the 1930s, when he was a bit younger.

Hamil will receive a bachelor-of-arts degree in English during graduation exercises at Texas Eastern University.

Since he's already carved a career without benefit of a college degree, obviously his choice to reenter college wasn't the dominating factor pushing him back to the textbooks. He went back to learn, he said.

## Depression rigors

As a younger man, Hamil had studied at several colleges and universities before a married man's responsibilities and the rigors of the Great Depression forced him out of college into the workaday world.

But after he retired from the railroad he decided to reenter school, not necessarily "to make good grades,

but rather to learn. I'm not sure I did either before," the father and grandfather confessed on the eve of his belated graduation.

When he reentered Texas Eastern in the spring of 1973, he found studying a bit harder, because he had to learn or relearn particular learning habits associated with academics. He decided he wanted to learn, and the degree was only incidental.

Hamil said he feels he has appreciated his latest stint into college, after having been out for so many years in the business world.

He said that when he started back



**JUST TO LEARN** — Mr. Hamil studied books like the one shown here because the subject intrigued him. [Photo by Robert Langham of the Tyler Courier Times]

to the university he decided he would take courses and subjects that intrigued him — something that he was really interested in.

For that reason he will graduate with more semester hours than are required. He would recommend a similar approach for anyone else returning to college after a lapse.

## Something you want to know

"Go back and study something you really want to know, or something you are really interested in," he advises. "Something interesting — not something that is mundane and not something that is necessary to make a living with," he said with his back toward a bookcase filled with Shakespeare and other giants.

An attitude like that explains why he described his most recent university experience as "not being classified as fun, but pleasure."

It was a pleasure even though when Hamil first registered at Texas Eastern classes were being held in a makeshift location at the old Roberts Junior High School. He played a tiny role in the university's successful plea to legislators for a nicer location now enjoyed.

Hamil made some of the first photographs of the Roberts Junior High School location that were included in the brochure presented to the [Texas] legislature when appropriations were being considered.

When Hamil graduates he will have 15 guests in the audience, "in-



**BACK TO THE BOOKS** — Marshall Hamil returned to college after a 20-year lapse and recently received his bachelor-of-arts degree in English at age 65. [Photo by Robert Langham of the Tyler Courier Times]

thing else, though.

Hamil has already enrolled in the graduate program. Again, he's taking more courses than are required, because he "enjoys it."

# Enough Time for Jenny

Jenny was the youngest of four children. "I'm going on 6," she would say proudly. Jenny's favorite room in the house was the kitchen. This morning the sun was shining brightly in through the big windows. There was the rich, warm smell of bread baking and the special fragrance of lilacs fresh from the bush in the yard. Mother had cleared the breakfast dishes and was watering the plants.

"Where ya going, sweetie?" Mother asked as she saw Jenny heading out the back door.

Jenny's bright eyes twinkled as she hugged her rag doll, Martha. "Just out to see what Daddy's doin'," she said as she turned the doorknob and bounced out, tossing her braids.

Daddy was working in the garden. Jenny liked the smell of the damp ground as Daddy turned it with the shovel.

"Can I help?" Jenny asked hopefully.

Daddy stopped and took a handkerchief from his pocket to wipe his face. "Not right now, short stuff. It will be a while before we can plant anything. You'd better go and find something else to do. Besides, you'll get Martha all dirty here. Okay?"

## Later maybe

"Okay," Jenny said and hurried off to find her brothers.

Billy and Danny were around the corner of the garage working on Danny's bike.

"Billy! Danny!" Jenny called as she rounded the corner at full speed.

"Hi, Jen," Danny said without looking up.

"Can I help? Can I give you the tools or somethin'?"

"Oh, Jen — not now, okay? We've got to get this old bike fixed right away. Maybe later we can give you a ride, okay, Jen?"

"Maybe later," mumbled Jenny as

she walked slowly back to the house, dragging Martha behind her.

Back in the kitchen, Mother was at the sink doing dishes. The soapsuds sparkled in the sunlight.

"Mommy, can you play with me?"

"Oh, Jenny, honey, I can't right now. I really wish I could, but I'd like to get these dishes done first. Why don't you go back outside; it's so nice?"

"Where's Nancy, Mommy?"

"Your sister's gone to the store for me, hon."

"Oh."

Mother stopped a moment and watched as Jenny went out the door. The bounce was gone from her step. There just never seemed to be enough time for Jenny lately. I'll just have to spend more time with Jenny, she told herself.

Jenny and Martha went out and sat on the old sandbox by the back fence.

"Martha, why do grown-ups have to be so busy, anyway? I don't think I want to grow up at all. They don't have time for any fun. Look, there's Mrs. Lincoln. I s'pose she's busy too."

## Lived by herself

Mrs. Lincoln was Jenny's new neighbor. She lived all by herself. She had grandchildren about Jenny's age, but they lived in another city. Her new home was small but comfortable. It didn't take long for her to finish her housework, and on a fine spring day she was glad of it. As she sat in her yard swing, Mrs. Lincoln saw Jenny's little round face peeking over the fence. Mrs. Lincoln waved and decided to go over and speak to her.

"Hello, young lady. How do you like this fine weather?"

"Oh, it's okay, Mrs. Lincoln."

"Well, well, a face as pretty as yours should be smiling. Something wrong?"

"Oh, it's just that everybody is so busy, and nobody has any time for me. I'm going on 6, but I guess that's not big enough . . ."



## STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

By Donna Baker

"Running a family is a mighty big job, you know. Why, when I remember how busy I was when my children were small, I hardly had time to catch my breath!"

"Now — well — now there's not so much to be done."

"Say, why don't we ask your papa over there if you could come visit at my house. Maybe we could even make a batch of cookies!"

## Don't be a bother

"Oh, Mrs. Lincoln!" Jenny gasped, hopping up and down. "Oh, could we really?" Jenny ran off.

"Daddy, Daddy! Can I go visit Mrs. Lincoln at her house? She asked me, Daddy! Could I? Could I?" Jenny called breathlessly.

"Well, okay. But don't be a bother, short stuff."

"Thanks, Daddy!"

Later, just before lunchtime, the family started gathering in the kitchen.

"Has anyone seen Jenny lately?" Mother asked. "It certainly has been

quiet around here this morning."

"I know," said Danny. "We finished the bike and couldn't find her anywhere."

"Right," Billy added. "Usually she's right there if there's a chance that she'd get a ride."

"I noticed it too," said Nancy. "No little shadow."

"She's been up to something important," Daddy whispered mysteriously.

Just then Jenny burst into the room, her face all smiles.

"Mommy, Mommy, guess what! I've been at Mrs. Lincoln's house and we made cookies and she sent some home with me and she wants me to come back as much as I can. So can I, Mommy? Can I?"

"Whoa, slow down there, short stuff," Daddy said with a laugh.

## She took the time

"It all sounds just fine, Jenny." Mother said as she gave her a big hug. "I'm glad she took time for you."

"The funny thing is, Mommy, she said she was glad I had time for her! She said grandmas have lots of time, but sometimes mommies and daddies have to be busy even when they want to be with their kids. And she called those days grandma days! But, Mommy, Mrs. Lincoln isn't really my grandma."

"No, dear, she isn't, but she's a very wise lady and I'm very proud she wants you to be her friend. You see, grandmas and grandpas are very special people. There is a lot we all can learn from them. They're an important part of every family and it's even more fun if you can borrow a few extra. When you go back this afternoon, be sure you ask her to come for supper tomorrow night."

"Great, Mom, I'll help set the table for you."

"Thank you, sweetie, I think that would be fine. After all, you are going on 6!"

Jenny turned and then looked back. "Mommy, when I grow up I'm gonna be a grandma."

# Local church news wrap-up

## Departures and arrivals

**AKRON, Ohio** — A hello-and-good-bye picnic held near Uniontown, Ohio, June 26 marked the departures of outgoing pastor Ray Meyer and associate pastor Thomas Harrison and the arrival of incoming pastor Mike Swagerty.

Mr. Harrison will pastor the Louisville, Ky., church. Mr. Meyer is returning to Ambassador College for a sabbatical and Mr. Swagerty is coming here from a sabbatical. The new associate pastor will be John Foster, who served in a similar capacity in Maine.

The picnic was attended by brethren from both the Akron A.M. and P.M. churches. Bill Meyer.

## Turn of the Century

**APPLETON, Wis.** — Forty-six YOU members and 19 advisers here traveled by car to the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago June 26. After viewing the exhibits, they departed for the Sheraton Hotel, where they enjoyed swimming in the indoor pool before retiring for the night.

Monday, after breakfast, teens and advisers pondered what to do first at Great America. That dilemma was quickly solved once inside the gates as a mad dash was made towards the Turn of the Century, a fantastic roller coaster with two upside-down loops. Another attraction was Logger's Run, a wet version of a roller coaster.

The group returned home at 8 p.m. after a three-hour trip. Joe Nikodem is YOU coordinator. Shari Skinner.

## London broil

**BEAUMONT, Tex.** — The last meeting of the year for the Lake Charles, La., and Beaumont Spokesman Club was a ladies' night at the Ramada Inn in Orange, Tex., June 19. Members, wives and guests dined on London-broil steaks marinated in mushroom sauce.

After the four speeches, a gift was presented to club director Al Mischnick. The evening concluded with the graduation of two Beaumont members, Jerry Harris and Walter Nelson. Walter O. Nelson.

## Activity banquet

**BIG SANDY** — About 120 teens, parents and guests attended the Big Sandy YOU activity banquet and dance at the Ambassador College dining hall June 21. A buffet dinner prepared by the kitchen staff was followed by dessert, a large cake baked and decorated by Tim Greenwood.

Dr. Donald Ward, former dean of faculty of Ambassador College, spoke to the teens, stressing self-awareness, standing up for one's personal beliefs and not going along with the crowd.

Jim Kissie, YOU coordinator and emcee for the evening, presented the awards.

In A-league basketball, Noble Fisk, 19, was named best offensive player; David Torrance, 18, best defensive player; and John Jones, 19, most inspirational player.

Joy Tipton, 17, and Amy Allen, 16, shared the most-valuable-player award for girls' volleyball. Most inspirational player was Cathy Black, 16.

The Challenger cheerleaders, the YOU national champs, were each presented white cheerleading sweaters. The girls are Robin Hammer, 16, captain; April Cowan, 17; Liz Stewart, 15; Ronda Kelly, 15; Lisa Roe, 14; Donna Ward, 14; and Eileen Dennis, 15.

YOU officers for the 1977-78 season were announced by Mr. Kissie: Rusty Lingle, 17, president; April, vice president; and Tina Dennis, 18, secretary-treasurer. Teen council members are Liz, Robin, and Forrest Worthen. As a result of the transfer of several families to Pasadena, Robin was later named vice president and Liz secretary-treasurer to replace April and Tina.

Cheerleading tryouts for the coming basketball season were July 18 in the Ambassador College auditorium. Robin, Liz, Donna and Lisa won positions on the team. April, Ronda and Eileen, whose families are being transferred to Pasadena, were replaced by Sue Hegvold, 16, and Charlene Dickinson, 13. *Tina Dennis.*

## Open-pit 'baa-beeue'

**BRANDON, Man.** — Brethren here faced a moody Manitoba morning June 26 as they prepared for all-day mini-Olympics at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Art Penner, members here.

Mr. Penner had organized both individual and team events with a winner-take-all total score.

Participants ranged in age, from 5 to 75. Dorothy Hay's Mighty Movers got off to an aggressive start in the individual competition and held their lead in the team events in spite of threatening upsets by Ross Hamilton's Bad News Bears and Frank's Farmers. Alas, pastor Neil Earle's Screaming Eagles floundered badly after an impressive start in the basketball shoot.

Culinary high point of the day was the 60-pound lamb donated by deacon Larry Packham of the Moosomin, Sask., church. Members Cliff Munro and Steve Lindmayer excelled in their first attempt at open-pit "baa-beeue."

The day was rounded off by an after-supper sing-along. During the sing-along, Dorothy Hay received the team trophy for the Mighty Movers and visiting minister Ken Frank capped the individual award. *Neil Earle.*

## Laity leaders

**BRICKET WOOD** — The combined Spokesmen clubs met June 22



**INAUGURAL DANCE** — Burleigh Heads pastor David Noller and his wife, Karen, take to the floor at a dinner-dance. (See "Dance Ends With Auction," this page.) | Photo by John Halford

for a graduation dinner at St. Michael's Manor, formerly an Elizabethan mansion but now an exclusive country inn near here.

Following table topics by Tony Goudie, speeches were given by Bob Harper, Eric Jay, David Philo and David Sayers during the meal.

Only one Spokesman, Francis Ball, graduated this year because 80 percent of the members are already graduates.

The club directors, Harold Jackson and John Meakin, each evaluated half of the program. Frank Brown, director of the British Work, addressed the group, thanking the club members, as liai leaders, for their support of the British ministry, the Church and its activities. *John D. Stanford.*

## Cocktail hour

**BRIDGEPORT, Conn.** — The cocktail hour began at 3 p.m. when the Spokesmen Club banquet was held at My Dad's steak house in Meriden, Conn., June 12.

Dinner was followed by a humor-filled topics session, with the ladies invited to participate.

After receiving his certificate, Mark DeBiase, the only graduate this year, commended pastor Jim Rosenthal for his help, inspiration and dedication to the men of the club during the past years.

In keeping with ladies' night, Tim Nettleton's speech, "Appreciation for Women," was dedicated to his mother, Eunice Nettleton; Ray Newby spoke on "What Is Woman?"; John Pitts' humorously entertaining speech was titled "Foreign Languages"; George Zychek spoke on "Nervousness"; and Mark DeBiase's speech was entitled "The Race."

Mr. Rosenthal's closing remarks were a farewell to the club, as he and

his wife, Dianne, and sons David and Eric will soon return to Ambassador College for a sabbatical. *Wilma Wilson.*

## Dance ends with auction

**BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia** — More than 100 people attended the inaugural annual dinner dance held at Coolangatta Senior Citizens' Hall June 25. The dance, organized by the church social committee here, attracted members from the Brisbane church and people from the local community.

Before the final dance, member Jeff Savidge auctioned all of the decorative table lamps to increase the profits for the evening. *Roger Griffiths.*

## Snoring speech

**CHELMSFORD, England** — The final meeting of the Chelmsford Spokesmen Club was held at the County Hotel June 22, with 42 members and wives attending.

Club chairman Bill Groombridge greeted ministers Martin Brown and Peter Shenton. Speech subjects ranged from "Learn a Language" to "How to Stop Yourself Snoring." David Gordon took the cup for best speech. Alan Riley was judged best evaluator.

Mr. Shenton commented that it had been a good speech club and much personal progress had been made by many members. Graduate club is to continue on a fortnightly basis. *A. Michael Davis.*

## Hidden camera

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — A winery tour and outing for the Southlake Women's Forum of the Southeast church here was June 26. Forty ladies traveled in vans to the only champagne vineyard and winery in Illinois for tasty samples and an educational lecture on the differing qualities of wines.

A scavenger hunt was a high point of the trip back to the Massey farm, where the rest of the meeting was conducted. How to make homemade wines was demonstrated in a skit that included Carol Massey, Sue Fosnaugh, Flora Rudicel, Jan Metz and Luci Soltysk.

To enhance the outdoor setting, kitchen props were constructed by Jim Massey. A prop camera concealed a real one and the entire skit was filmed without the audience's knowledge. Refreshments were enjoyed after the meeting. *Carol Massey.*

## Pens and calculators

**CHICAGO, Ill.** — The Southside church's annual graduation dance in honor of junior-high and high-school graduates was at the Marina City Towers June 11.

Junior-high graduates Tempe Barber, Gene Carr Jr., Damen Hayes, Allen Mosley, Karen Perkins, Anthony Sampson and Daniel Vaughn were given pens sets.

High-school graduates Ricardo Gibson, Cheryl Jackson, Terri Morris, Lorenia Vaughn, Barbara Versher

and Timothy Walker were presented calculators.

Music for dancing was provided by a professional disc jockey.

About 200 people attended a fashion show and dance given by the Southside Ladies' Club at the University of Chicago Center for Continuing Education.

Thirty-three club and church members participated in the show, including three men. Garments were modeled in three categories: day wear, sports wear and evening wear. The show was narrated by Helen Gibson and coordinated by Barbara Williamson, Cathy Harrill, Ula Hicks, Earline Hill, Dorothy Archie, Mrs. Gibson and Belinda Hardin. Music was furnished by Douglas Bragg & Co., a group of members here.

On behalf of the church, local elder Jesse Bellamy presented pastor Carlos Perkins and his wife a silver coffee and tea service as a departing and 25-wedding-anniversary gift. The Perkinses planned to leave for Pasadena the end of July. *Barbara Williamson.*

## Truckload of watermelons

**COOKEVILLE, Tenn.** — The YOU chapter here sponsored a church outing at Cumberland Mountain State Park June 26.

The recreation lodge served as the center of activities that included horseshoes, volleyball, card games, hiking, boating and swimming. Apple bobbing and searching for coins in a tub full of sawdust served to entertain the small fry.

A potluck meal was served, with YOU members doing the serving and cleaning up. The day was topped off by cutting up a truckload of cold watermelons.

The weekend of July 4 found several members here backpacking in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Four men and two teenage boys hiked 31 miles through the park on the Appalachian Trail. Only one man had experience in backpacking.

The group hiked 15 miles July 3 before pitching tents and crawling wearily into them for the night. Next day the hikers walked the remaining 16 miles to the pickup point, where the wives and mothers waited for the exhausted hikers.

Those taking part were leader John Lambert, Tom Maddox, Arlen Bryant, Feison Young and his two sons, Michael and Mark. A 40-mile hike is planned for next year. *Arlen Bryant.*

## Shuttle service

**DES MOINES, Iowa** — The North Central Region YOU track meet and coordinators' meeting were June 25 and 26 in Ankeny, a suburb of Des Moines.

The festivities began on the Sabbath as people arrived from all over the region. Since Byerly came the farthest, from Billings, Mont., more than 900 miles from here, Mike Blackwell, assistant YOU director, and James Reyer, pastor here and regional YOU director, spoke to the congregation during services.

Immediately following services, everyone went to the Lakeside Center recreational building in Ankeny where the Des Moines congregation played host to the dog-hog potluck.

At 8:30 p.m. back at the recreational building, the region's YOU coordinators' meeting began with Mr. Blackwell presiding. The Des Moines women served hot dogs, fresh fruit with dip and a keg of beer to the coordinators and their wives during the meeting. Mr. Blackwell talked about headquarter's "Overall Philosophy of YOU" and answered questions.

At 11:30 p.m., the YOU members were shuttled back to Lakeside Center.

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**SPEECH! SPEECH!** — Alan Riley, left, evaluates minister Peter Shenton, center, comments, and David Gordon, right, tells how to stop yourself from snoring at the final meeting of the Chelmsford, England, Spokesmen Club. (See "Snoring Speech," this page.) | Photo by A. Michael Davis

Hopes to get back on the road

## He's making it as a Starr

By Tom Stocker

COVENTRYVILLE, N.Y. — Charlie Starr may not be a household name, but his singing style has enough punch and professionalism that it earned him over \$1,000 a night.

It also got him fired from a job as advance singing act for Bob Dylan & Tears, a nationally known group.

Starr, who has been blind most of his life, has been a solo performer for such groups as the Carpenters, the Fifth Dimension, Chase, Buddy Rich and other top names in the recording industry.

While he is not well known in his home state, New York, his popularity on the West Coast has been enough to draw thousands to one-man concerts at such places as the Hollywood Bowl and the Troubadour.

He has also appeared on *The Johnny Carson Show*.

Starr has been singing as a solo performer before name acts appear on stage for the past 10 years.

He acted as the "warm-up" performer until one of the large record companies balked on a contract with him, he said.

Starr has not performed in more than a year because of litigation with the company, which is withholding several thousand dollars and will not release him from the contract unless he settles for much less.

While he is under contract with one company, Starr said, no other recording, or booking agency, will give him work.

He said he hopes to settle the dis-

*This article, about Binghamton, N.Y., Church member Charlie Starr (whose real last name is Piscatello), is reprinted here by permission from the Oneonta, N.Y., Daily Star.*

pute soon so that he can get back on the road and perform.

### Charts hit

While he is waiting for a court settlement of the case, Starr said, he is working on a new album.

He has had three moderately successful albums and several singles which have hit the charts.

Starr is both unpretentious about his success and his blindness.

It's hard to think of him as being blind because his whole attitude, on what would be a handicap to some, is to avoid the stereotypical role of a blind person.

Born in Buffalo, Starr said he was raised in a family of five children by a crippled mother who could not work and had to accept public assistance.

"I'm not ashamed of that because I saw how hard my mother worked with her handicap to raise us."

Starr said the lawsuit has put his family in a position where they could qualify for welfare.

"I'm not going to do that. I've worked hard all my life and I just couldn't do that. My faith in God tells me that times are going to be rough for a while, but I just know they're going to get better."

Starr and his wife, Beverly, have three sons, ages 7, 9 and 14, and live in a rural area where they raise goats.

Mrs. Starr works at Camp Brace as a cook, and Starr said he is also employed at Camp Brace as a music instructor.

Times were not always lean for the Starks.

He said at one point in his career he was earning about \$1,000 a night as lead performer for name groups.

"I once got fired because I got a better review than the main act," Starr said, adding the group was Blood, Sweat & Tears.

"I'm not angry about that because that's part of life."

### Glowing terms

Starr has a collection of reviews from throughout the country where he has performed, and all speak of him in glowing terms.

Starr's last name formerly was Piscatello but was changed by a manager because people found it difficult to pronounce.

"They'd introduce me in a night club and say now let's have a big round of applause for Charlie Pisca, Pisca, well, anyway, here's Charlie."

Starr said the name change occurred in an elevator when his manager was introducing him to Bobby Darin.

On blindness, Starr said he does not want to portray the image of a helpless blind person, which is "a falsified image."

He attended the Batavia School for the Blind, where he said he and about 300 blind children learned to cope with their handicap.

"Most of them never knew what it was to be sighted so they didn't miss it."

Starr said he was blinded by glaucoma in one eye at an early age, and later lost sight in the other eye during a softball game.

His desire to play a musical instrument came before the loss of his vision, he said.

### A SEPTET TIMES 10

BY WILMA KIRBY

Seventy names from the Bible are hidden below. Find them by reading forward, backward, up, down and diagonally, always in a straight line. Cross each word from the list as you find it and circle the names in the puzzle. Letters may be used more than once and sometimes overlap. Can you find all 70 names?

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**HIDDEN NAMES:** AARON, ABEL, ABIAH, ABNER, ABRAHAM, ADAH, ADAM, AMMON, AMOS, BAAL, BARUCH, BENJAMIN, BOAZ, CAIN, CALEB, CANAAN, DAN, DAVID, DINAH, DOEG, EBER, EDOM, EHI, ELAH, ELI, EPHRAIM, ESAU, EVE, EZRA, GABRIEL, GAD, GADI, GIDEON, GOD, HAM, HERO, ISAAC, ISRAEL, JAMES, JOB, JOEL, KISH, KORAH, LABAH, LEAH, LOT, LUKE, MAON, MARA, MARK, MARY, MELCHIZEDEK, MIRIAM, MOSES, NAOMI, NOAH, OBED, OBIL, OG, ONAN, PAUL, PUJA, RACHEL, RAHAM, REU, RUTH, SAUL, TOU, URIAH, ZACHARIAH.

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**MUSICAL STAR** — Charlie Starr sings and composes his songs in a soft blues style. Princess, his seeing-eye dog of 11 years, once had a song written about her by singer James Taylor. (Photo courtesy the Oneonta, N.Y., Daily Star)

blindness is a seeing-eye dog, who has been "a friend and companion" for 11 years.

"I didn't want anybody to know I was blind when I was a kid so I didn't get a dog until I was about 20. I could kick myself for not having done it sooner," he said.

Starr said his attempt to conceal his handicap got him into "some tight scrapes," but, he added, "I always managed to get out of them."

He explained that while attending the Batavia school his mother could not afford to pay bus transportation for weekend visits to her, so he hitchhiked to Buffalo on many occasions.

"She didn't know that for years, and I guess it was just as well she didn't."

Starr hopes that he can resolve his lawsuit with the record company and go back to performing on a limited basis.

Only concession  
Starr's only real concession to his

## Tours stimulate growth

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Venezuela, with 77 there, nearly 11 percent of those who had received invitations.

Follow-up Bible lectures are planned for these cities and others in Colombia.

Since the time of the first of these lectures more than a year ago, weekly attendance in Bogota has doubled, increasing from 30 to 35 to around 65 each Sabbath.

### Mexico City lectures

Beginning in late January, Robert V. Flores Jr., pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, spent several months in Mexico City to conduct public Bible lectures for Correspondence Course graduates and students in that area.

About 3,200 names comprised a list that was divided into four equal parts, each person in each group of 800 receiving an invitation to attend four lectures to be held at the Sociedad Biblica building in downtown Mexico City.

Four separate one-hour lectures were presented (in each of the four series), on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, with a week between each series during which Mr. Flores visited and counseled those showing interest.

In all, 150 new people came in contact with the Work via these lectures.

Since the Bible lectures, the weekly average church attendance in Mexico City has risen steadily.

Also, two similarly styled series of lectures were given in late April and early May by Robert G. Flores Jr. and Alberto Sousa, ministerial assistants serving the city. These lectures were for specially selected readers of *La Pura Verdad* who had shown interest in religious and doctrinal articles. Eighty more people attended one or more of these presentations, which also took place in the Sociedad Biblica meeting hall.

During his extended stay in Mexico City, Mr. Flores and his assistants visited several areas of the Mexican capital and started up a Spokesman Club for the Mexico City men.

Mr. Flores also traveled to Lima, Peru, for the Passover and then to Chile and Argentina to confer with the leaders of two of the congregations in those countries on the feasibility of a Feast of Tabernacles site near Mendoza, Argentina.

### More tours coming

Also slated for the near future are comprehensive visiting tours through the Dominican Republic and Peru, where some PMs have been requesting baptism and visits for years. Increased visiting activity has been going on in several Central American countries.

# Korea questions pullout plan

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Tae Wan Son, president of the Korea Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Tae first outlined the remarkable economic improvements his resource-poor country has made since 1961, the year President Park Chung Hee assumed power and began a series of major reforms.

In 1961, he said, the Republic of Korea's per-capita GNP was a pitiful \$83. By 1976 it had zoomed to a shade under \$700. By 1981 it is hoped that will rise to \$1,500.

Korea's economy grew a phenomenal 15 percent in 1976, and the increase this year should range anywhere between 10 and 13 percent.

But the future, just when it looked so hopeful, is now suddenly clouded by the troop-pullout issue.

## Yankees welcome

Mr. Tae assured us the U.S. ground forces are still necessary to deter war launched by the North Koreans. And the surest way to deter war is to leave the troops right where they are. Korea, he added, is one of the few nations that have said "Yankee welcome" rather than "Yankee go home."

Mr. Tae said Americans obviously find it difficult to realize the precarious position the Republic of Korea is in, and has been in, for 27 years. He drew an analogy he hoped would help. Seoul, the capital, is only 30 miles south of the enemy line. To the north are heavily armed, offensively oriented communist forces ready to strike whenever the time is right. "You have no communist enemy directly facing you," he reminded us as Americans.

"Korea is still in the stage of protecting freedom, not enjoying it, as you are in America," he added.

## A Personal Letter from

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is that supernatural divine intervention, NO HUMAN WOULD BE LEFT ALIVE. But, just before that happens, GOD ALMIGHTY WILL INTERVENE and save humanity ALIVE. And He will then set up over US THE KINGDOM of GOD — the same supergovernment to rule all nations which scientists say is our ONLY HOPE.

Mankind then will be governed by GOD'S LAWS of LOVE — of giving — of helping, sharing, serving. It makes no difference whether you believe that or not. IT IS SURE! It is as certain as the rising and setting of the sun. We HAVE ANNOUNCED IT TO YOU. Your ears have HEARD IT! It's your ONLY HOPE. THANK YOU, ladies and gentlemen!"

I said it with authority and power. That is the way we are getting the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM to the leaders of the gentle nations ALL OVER THE WORLD.

I need you back of me 100 percent.

In Hong Kong I will speak at a special dinner of the highest people, and hope to give them the same message.

Remember our serious NEEDS in your heartrending PRAYERS. I am on a very long and strenuous trip. From Hong Kong we go to New Delhi, where I am to speak to a very large audience, then on to Israel and then to three countries on the West African coast, and then to Pasadena.

With deepest love,  
in Jesus' name,  
Herbert W. Armstrong

PS from Hong Kong: This is Thursday, July 21. The dinner last night had to be canceled because of a typhoon which hit Hong Kong yesterday.

Korea, in its precarious position and level of development, simply cannot live up to America's high standards of human rights. There have to be more controls against subversive, disruptive elements in its society. Agents of the North are constantly trying to infiltrate the South.

I might add that Korea is a free society. There is a close reign kept on political dissent and student activity, but the basic structures of a free society, even a structured democratic one (as if that were the paragon of governments), are there. One sees practically no soldiers on the streets or at the airport.

## Controlled life

By contrast, North Korea is one of the most repressive societies on earth. Every aspect of life in the North is rigidly controlled. All property belongs to the state. People can work their own garden plots, but they can't even own these small parcels of land.

Food and clothing are rationed. The economy of the North is in shambles, in marked contrast to the economic miracle being performed in the South. The North's dictator, Kim Il Sung, is embarrassed by the contrast; this only gives him more reason to take over the South by force of arms to put an end to capitalism's bad example.

In the North children as young as 5 and 6 are regimented into military-style organizations in which they are taught to run wooden bayonets through the U.S. imperialists. A generation has been educated on class hatred since the Korean War ended 24 years ago. The overriding goal of communizing the South by force has been drummed into their ears all their lives.

Humanitarian ideals simply are not taught up north, we were told by South Korean legislator Shin Sang Cho, who holds the portfolio of education in his government. That's why the North Korean soldiers acted so viciously when they attacked American soldiers in the notorious tree-trimming incident in the demilitarized zone last year. Two Americans were hacked to death with axes.

Yet, despite the day-and-night differences between the two Koreas,

there is hardly a peep of human-rights criticism of the North regime emanating from Washington.

One wonders too if America, for all its ballyhoo over human rights, can afford all of the human rights it permits. It should go without saying that with rights goes responsibility. Yet I'm 100 percent convinced that no Asian city would ever have experienced the shameful looting of the recent New York blackout. I read about the blackout while in Taipei. As an American I was ashamed. I was certainly not going to lecture anybody I met about human rights.

It should be obvious that American society has failed in the most fundamental human right of all, the primary right to be free of harm to one's person and property. The big blackout gave America a big black eye around the world.

## Berlinlike showcase

The same Mr. Shin told us Korea is probably the world's showcase contrasting a free society with a communist totalitarian one. It is like Berlin, only on a far larger, more dangerous scale. It is Mr. Shin's belief that, if freedom loses out in Korea, "the direction of history will be decided on this peninsula."

Fears were widespread in South Korean circles, Mr. Shin added, that America is on the verge of abandoning the country, as it ultimately did in Vietnam. If the ground troops go, he continued, "we cannot trust you will keep your commitment to defend us."

Those few — only 30,000 — soldiers are important psychologically to the South Koreans. They are infinitely more important as a symbol of America's resolve than a thousand promises, or even written commitments, to assist if a war does break out.

What really hurts the Koreans is that the Carter administration has yet to give any clear justification as to why the troops must go in five years. The only reason given so far is just that it fulfills a preelection promise Mr. Carter made.

## Former prime minister talks

On our fourth day in Korea we had the unusual privilege of meeting privately for an hour with Paik Too

Chin, chairman of South Korea's main political party. Mr. Paik has served his country as prime minister twice, the first time during the Korean War, at which time he had face-to-face confrontations with President Eisenhower.

Mr. Eisenhower, of course, was determined to arrange a cease-fire, acquiescing to Russian and North Korean demands. Mr. Paik said the South Korean government had been determined to fight on toward victory and never signed the armistice agreement at Panmunjom.

Mr. Paik cordially received Keith and me at his beautiful office in the National Assembly building. Aside from reminiscing about the Korean War, he also openly expressed his fears for the future of his country.

"I am very worried," he said. "I oppose the scheduled troop-withdrawal plan of Mr. Carter. The compensatory measures [more U.S. military aid and sales of equipment] will not preclude a new war itself."

"America is very impatient," Mr. Paik added, whereas the communists have never relinquished their aims at a forced takeover.

Why, he asked, have the Americans decided to pull out? This is exactly what Kim Il Sung has been demanding the United States do ever since the armistice was signed, on July 27, 1953.

Mr. Paik, along with Mr. Tae and others, stressed that they realize the American forces should not stay forever. But they should stay as long as the threat from the North remains. And it does.

The more the South progresses, Mr. Paik added, the worse the situation actually becomes. The growing prosperity in the South only makes Kim Il Sung green with envy.

And Kim is not getting any younger. He has promised that the peninsula will be unified in his lifetime, by force of arms of course, Kim having broken off in 1973 all hopes of a peaceful reunification.

## Three against two

It is only the U.S. military presence, Mr. Paik assured us, that roughly balances the military equation on the Korean peninsula. Right now, he said, it is a three-vs.-two

situation: North Korea, backed up by its two patrons, the Soviet Union and Communist China, against the South, backed by the United States.

Moreover North Korea's friends are connected to her by land; the sole ally of the South will be 8,000 miles away when American ground troops are withdrawn.

Asked Mr. Paik whether, if Kim Il Sung launched an attack after the Americans had gone, the Chinese or the Soviets would back them up.

He felt that, even though the two communist giants might prefer that Kim didn't start a war, they would be compelled to assist him anyway.

Kim marches to his own drummer. He would drag them both into battle, because if one would come to his aid the other would be forced to as well, lest either one appear to be a paper tiger in the eyes of the rest of the communist world.

The world is no better off now that world communism has been fragmented. In some ways it is more dangerous than ever, given the intense competition between the Soviets and Chinese for the supremacy of communism.

In the event of war, Mr. Paik said, "of course we'll fight, but the U.S. will then face a very difficult decision: come back or forsake an ally in Asia."

Abandoning Korea in time of trial, moreover, could have disastrous consequences in Japan and on the Japanese-American defense treaty. That agreement certainly wouldn't be worth much.

Mr. Paik mentioned several times that the United States must be firm, must show determination toward the communists. "You must be stern, otherwise you will lose all your friends."

America must realize, he stressed, that Korea serves as the "front line of the United States. Korea should be the last place to pull out U.S. troops."

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Mr. Paik leaned forward in his chair and asked, "Could you do something for us?"

I told him I would certainly try.

He then asked us to explain the true situation in Korea to the people, including the leaders, of America.

We hope the full story later on in *The Plain Truth* will at least partly grant his request.

Ending our interview, the cordial

Mr. Paik presented each of us with a

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# Ministerial meet: 'one on one'

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peaceful and tranquil silence broken occasionally by a few songbirds."

Mr. Dart was only on hand for the last day of the meetings because of a last-minute scheduling conflict that had delayed his departure from Pasadena. Norman Smith, Northwest Area coordinator, conducted the meetings, which were attended by eight ministers in addition to Mr. Smith and Mr. Dart.

Mr. Billingsley described the first two sessions as "relaxing and profitable discussions" conducted by Mr. Smith. Mr. Dart and his wife, Allie, joined the group the afternoon of the second day, and Mr. Dart conducted the morning session July 13.

Mr. Billingsley said Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and Bertie Box, a deaconess in the Visalia church, were particularly helpful and instrumental in the success of the meetings. He said the Nelsons and Mrs. Box "served us with very scrumptious meals, including a pit-barbecue beef dinner one evening that was provided by the Fresno and Visalia churches."

Other ministers attending, followed by their respective church areas: Noel Horner, Modesto, Calif.; Joel Lillengren, Sacramento, Calif.;

Paul Meek, Sacramento; Dan Orban, Bakersfield, Calif.; Tracey Rogers, Reno, Nev.; D.R. Sandoval, Fresno, Calif.; and Peter Wolf, Fresno.

## On to Oregon

Mr. and Mrs. Dart stopped in Chico, Calif., for the Sabbath of July 16, where Mr. Dart gave the sermon before leaving the next day for Oregon.

They arrived July 18 at Camp Ap-serkaha, a camping site on Howard Prairie Lake, 25 miles east of Ashland, Ore., and began preparing for the meetings, which were to be attended by 64 people, including 25 ministers, their wives and children.

Mr. Dart described the site, which was selected by Leonard Schreiber, pastor of the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches, as an "excellent location."

Mr. Schreiber said some were "apprehensive" about the concept of camping out, "but many went home saying it was the best type of conference they'd been to." He also said many of those who attended were positive about the ability of the ministry to curtail expenses by camping.

Dan Fricke, pastor of one of the

Portland, Ore., churches, said the meetings were a "fine success," noting good weather and the "cordial atmosphere."

Mr. Dart was assisted in conducting the meetings by Art Mokarow, coordinator of ministerial development, Dale Hampton, associate pastor of one of the Pasadena churches, and Mr. Smith.

The two-hour morning and afternoon meetings were opened the afternoon of July 18 by Mr. Hampton, who talked about alcohol abuse, according to Mr. Dart. The next morning's session was conducted by Mr. Dart, who entitled his presentation "The Preacher," discussing the concept that preaching is communication through personality and stressing the importance of character and personality. That afternoon Mr. Dart conducted a general question-and-answer session.

The morning session on July 19 was presented by Mr. Mokarow, who spoke on understanding the phases of growth of a church and how to give opportunities for development to members of the church.

Mr. Dart said he talked about divorce and remarriage in the afternoon session and the next morning again

conducted the meeting, soliciting comments on ministerial ethics and discussing healing. He said Mr. Smith concluded the meeting with "general and summary remarks."

Ministers attending, other than those previously mentioned, and their respective church areas: Richard Aikins, Tacoma, Wash.; Donald Bailey, Medford, Ore.; Richard Duncan, Portland (North), Ore.; Gerald Flurry, Pasco and Yakima, Wash.; Roger Foster, Spokane, Wash.; Lambert Greer, Olympia, Wash.; Gil Gunderson, Tacoma, Wash.; Jim Haefele, Portland (East), Ore.; Glenn Harmon, Eugene, Ore.; Randy Holm, Seattle and Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Bryan Hoyt, Kansas City (North), Mo.; Richard Parker, Salem, Ore.; Donald Russell, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Marc Segall, Klamath Falls and Medford, Ore.; Paul Shumway, Spokane, Wash.; Harry Sleder, Seattle and Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Don Walker, Salem, Ore.; Larry Walker, Eugene, Ore.; and Valden White, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.

Mr. Dart said he is scheduled to join similar ministerial camp-outs in Wyoming and Minnesota Aug. 8 and 14, respectively.



**DEVASTATION** — Church member Patricia Miller and her husband, Ray, above, stand in front of the remains of a house trailer in which they and their six children lived. The family survived the flood. Mr. Miller, with the help of other men, right, salvages what he can. [Photos by Don Lohr]



## Disasters hit eastern members

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nevertheless more ominous.

Police reported that within half an hour thousands of people were beginning to swarm out into the darkened streets. As though in a fever to loot and destroy, they banded together, with reportedly little regard even for race, against their neighbors.

Members of the Church in those areas were not unaffected.

*Worldwide News* associate editor Sheila Dennis contacted several members who were among those directly affected by the blackout.

### Faltering and failed

Lynn Long, an executive secretary at Mobil Chemical and a member attending the Manhattan church, was in her apartment in a business district in Brooklyn when the power faltered and failed. Responding to the request of a frightened neighbor, she called the building superintendent to ask for candles.

She decided to go down to the second floor, using a fire escape at the rear of the building, and meet the superintendent.

"Since they were rioting downstairs, I did not want to go out the front," Miss Long said.

Assuming the fire escape to be of modern design, the full length of the

building, she ventured out onto the structure, her apartment keys in her hand.

Suddenly she fell through an opening in the escape to the street below, a full flight of stairs. Injured, keys lost, Miss Long remembers she begged the superintendent to come down to try to find her keys, meanwhile praying they would be found.

The keys were located, and he opened a window, which she used to enter the building.

Using the superintendent's flashlight, she crawled, cut and bruised, back up the stairs to her apartment to call her minister, Ed Faulk, assistant pastor of the Manhattan church, for an anointed cloth. Mr. Faulk was able to send the cloth, but Miss Long was forced to wait until the next day to go to a hospital for emergency treatment.

### Other members

Mr. Faulk told of a member in the Bronx, Marie Josey, who slammed her bathroom door shut on a fire started from a candle, saving her entire apartment.

"A number of our people in the Bronx and in Manhattan who live in high-rise apartments were trapped for 25 hours, especially our older widows, [and] had no water or elevator service," Mr. Faulk said. "They suffered through it."

Now the people face inflated food prices in the area.

"Bread is up to a dollar a loaf. For poor people that's pretty high."

William Stratford is a deacon at Manhattan and owns a liquor store in Mount Vernon, near the Bronx. Dan Cartwright, also a member of the Church, leases the apartment over Mr. Stratford's store.

Shortly after the lights went out, Mr. Stratford said Mr. Cartwright heard noises in front of the building. He opened a window and shone his flashlight down on the street, revealing some men gathered around the front entrance of the store. They began to disband as he shouted at them and started down the stairway. Only one or two men stayed to confront Mr. Cartwright. Slowly they also moved down the street.

Mr. Stratford said the only damage to his store "was to the steel lock on the door." A powerful cutting instrument had been used to sever it. Buildings only three and four blocks away sustained considerable damage, Mr. Stratford said.

Before the emergency was declared over at 7:40 a.m. Friday by Mayor Abraham Beame, according to news sources more than 2,000 stores had been ransacked, many of them also burned, and more than

3,500 persons jammed by the police into already crowded facilities at courthouses and jails.

### Uneventful assignment

William Kubon, 40, married, the father of two sons, ages 16 and 13, and two daughters, 14 and 11, and a member attending the Long Island church, was ordered along with several thousand other off-duty policemen to report to the nearest precinct headquarters that night. But Mr. Kubon, who does not carry a gun, said he had no choice but to report to the

precinct he normally worked from, which is basically a high-income residential and business area.

Entering the station house, he remembers, he stood and watched and waited as his fellow officers were assigned, some to traffic, others to the South Bronx and Jamaica areas, where looters were already hard at work. According to Mr. Kubon, the officer in charge turned to him and gave him the "uneventful assignment of guarding the station house.

"I had Somebody looking out for me, that's why," he said.

Mr. Kubon, an 18-year veteran on the force, also was called to duty during the blackout of 1965. He says the people then were "festive," with little or no looting evident. He is saddened by the complete reversal in the mood of the people.

"They thought it was an act of God. Of course, it was their god. Some of them were even quoted as saying it was Christmas in July."

According to Mr. Kubon, more than 600 officers were injured in that long night of violence and looting.

Mr. Kubon said he feels the rampant looting and destruction were "an indication of today's decaying society" and could happen again, "here in New York or anywhere else."

## Britons complete tour of Israel

By Edward Smith

RADLETT, England — A pre-dawn departure July 15 from Ben-Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv saw the end of a two-week visit to the Holy Land by a party of British Church members.

The group of 33, from all parts of the British Isles, included four ministers: Barry Bourne, Hugh Carton, John Jewell and David Stark.

Day-to-day organization for the tour was handled by the Radlett Festival manager, your truly Edward Smith.

A London tour company took care of flight and accommodation details, and two excellent guides (Arab and Israeli) insured a memorable pilgrimage over the focal land of the Bible.

A visit to Israel for a Christian becomes a journey of a lifetime. This tour, embracing a week in Jerusalem and southern Israel, five days in Tiberias and Galilee and two days in Tel Aviv, became an experience that few in the party will forget.

Hotels in Jerusalem and Tiberias were the site of Sabbath services; the first Sabbath the group was joined by

the dozen or so Church members who live in Israel.

A crowded itinerary meant the 33 tourists visited almost every biblical site featured in the Gospels and many sites spoken of in the Old Testament. From its Jerusalem base, the 33 Church members explored the Old City at length, taking in the usual run of the holy places, including the Dome of the Rock and the El Aksa Mosque.

In these paragraphs are room for only a few of the memorable experiences of the group.

From Jerusalem the members visited Bethlehem, Hebron, a bedouin market at Beersheba, Arad, Masada, Jericho and Bethany. They swam twice in the incredible waters of the Dead Sea.

At the start of the second week, they drove north to Galilee, stopping en route at Shiloh, Nablus, Sebastia, Megiddo and Jezreel.

Another memorable day took in the Golan Heights; the party crossed five former Syrian defense lines and approached to within a mile of the embattled town of Quneitra (now

Syrian controlled). From there the bus progressed north to the Lebanese border, to Mt. Hermon, Dan, Banias and Hazor, near the sources of the Jordan River.

Two of the group, Valerie Philo and Maria Ferrara, will remember the afternoon the party crossed the Sea of Galilee by boat. They took turns steering it across to the Israeli *kibbutz* of En Gev. From this flourishing agricultural community, the sightseers drove around the southeast segment of the lake to Degania (Israel's first *kibbutz*, dating from 1909). Here they bathed in the Jordan, and Patricia Brown of Manchester, England, was baptized by her pastor, Mr. Bourne.

Three days before leaving the country, the Britons headed southwest down to modern Tel Aviv, stopping first at the Roman port of Caesarea (where Paul was imprisoned) and at Jaffa (formerly Joppa, from where Jonah sought flight to Spain). Then, during the last full day of the tour, members had leisure time for swimming in the Mediterranean or taking private trips to Ashkelon and Haifa.

On this last day, a conference with one of Tel Aviv's tour companies opened up the possibility of a regular international Feast site in Israel starting in 1978.

The visitors remember the parting invitation of Michael Sahar, an Israeli spokesman from President Ephraim Katzir's office, who in an evening lecture stressed that Israel welcomes all visitors and hopes they will return.

King David in Psalm 137 urged godly men never to forget the eternal city. When you look forward to the time when Christ will rebuild His capital there, perhaps you also echo the ageless prayer: "Next year in Jerusalem."



**JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME** — British members toured this excavation in Jerusalem.

## Pastor's wife dies

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Laura Mae McColm, wife of Lester McColm, pastor of the churches here and in San Luis Obispo, Calif., died July 28 after a five-year battle with cancer.

Mrs. McColm, 51, had been a member of the Church for 22 years. Along with her husband, she first attended at Portland, Ore.

Thousands of brethren got to know the McColms while they served pastored in California, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Missouri and Oregon.

Mrs. McColm, the former Laura Christensen of Long Beach, Wash., is survived by her husband and two children, Tim McColm, 30, of Lompoc, Calif., and Sandra Astorga, 29, of Los Angeles.

Her daughter said Mrs. McColm was "very aware, happy and sociable" the last five months of her life as she prepared to attend what would have been her 23rd Feast of Tabernacles.

Mrs. McColm was buried in Santa Barbara.

**A Personal Letter**

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dreds upon hundreds of young lives right in the middle of the hectic teenage years turned right side up, with a whole new value system and a whole new set of goals before them, where prior to summer camp there was listlessness, uncertainty and a lack of a clear-cut purpose in life.

I cannot speak too highly of the tremendous example of the fine young men and women from Ambassador College who are counselors and staff members at SEP. Of course this year Mr. Jim Thorpehill, director of YOU and the SEP camp, was able to pick and choose from the large number of applications of Ambassador students from both campuses who wanted to serve as counselors or staff members.

**Did not have to jettison**

I was so thankful that you brethren responded the way you did during our cash-flow crunch of a little more than two months ago and that we did not have to jettison this fine facility at Orr.

With the exception of the gleaming, new, air-conditioned, all-metal gymnasium, which as I explained before is going to be paid for by exercising our continual line of credit with our banks in Southern California, the camp is free and clear. Though every year will see needed maintenance and repairs and the constant problems of having buildings subjected to the harshest extremes of weather (often you will notice during the winter that International Falls, only about a 45-minute drive to the north of Orr, is the coldest place in the United States, with temperatures ranging down to 40 degrees below zero from time to time), in the main the camp is in marvelous condition and is a tremendous asset to the Church in providing the most memorable summer in collective thousands of young lives.

I hope we can all realize the tremendous value we should place on our young people's lives!

Oftentimes we fail to see in the young people of our congregations the tremendous value for the growth and stability of the Church itself! After all, these are the strong, stable, loyal and dedicated *members* of the future — each one of them. Each should be viewed as a "prospective member" by us all, in our example, not only as parents and teachers, but as lay members in the congregation. We should be continually sensitive to the need to set standards of conduct and be exemplary in the eyes of the young people!

Too often, as parents and older people, brethren tend to push upon the youngsters the idea that they are to "shut up and be quiet," sitting rigidly still and paying close attention in church services, which are largely directed at the adult congregation. No matter how hard most of us as ministers may try to include the youngster, services can become largely disinteresting to young people in their preteens and early teenage years. I hope all of us can be inspired to realize one of the greatest investments we can make is the loving concern and the thoughtful time we spend with our own children!

**Hallmark of Work**

Let's never forget that one of the hallmarks of the Work of God on this earth at this time is to "turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers; lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

A curse has already descended upon our society at large, with millions of young people totally abandoned by their parents to automatic baby-sitters such as television, while

the parents pursue their own carnal, lustful pleasures and desert their own children in the middle of their own living rooms.

Let's never force the young people of the Worldwide Church of God into a subculture of their own, excluded from the very people who love them the most, their fathers and mothers and their spiritual fathers and mothers.

Of course, from the perspective of one who has been in the field of education since 1953 and is made continually aware of the enormous differences between what is offered at Ambassador College and through the youth programs of the Church and what is normally available in the world as a whole, I can feel very keenly about these principles.

Thanks to your loyal support, the summer camp at Orr is still intact, and we are laying on the shelf for the time being any plans to abandon it.

**Falcon sells**

In a call I received just this morning, Mr. Dan Spencer told me the final paperwork was to be signed today, transferring the Falcon to a Mexican banking firm.

Of course I suppose I could allow myself to have emotional regrets because of the tremendous and effective tool the Falcon has been for the Work over the past nine years of operation and the many wonderfully enjoyable (as well as some few awesomely frightening) experiences I have had while piloting the Falcon into many parts of the world. But I will still be able to do a large part of the same type of activities at least in the continental United States and Canada by the use of the little Cessna Citation.

Though I will not have overseas capabilities, and will have to go commercial on such trips, I will be able to make my full Festival schedule, albeit somewhat slower and requiring more hours in the air, with the Citation.

Which reminds me that I hope all of you are already making serious plans toward the FEAST!

**Spiritual pinnacle**

The Feast of Tabernacles is the absolute spiritual pinnacle of the year for God's people. I find myself looking forward to it many months in advance every year!

In recent talks with our Festival director, Mr. Sherwin McMichael, I learned that reservations for the Festival are lagging significantly behind last year. If you have not yet made your reservations for the Feast of Tabernacles, I certainly hope and pray you will do so very quickly so the work load on the existing secretarial staff can be spread over as long a time as possible.

Brethren, we are now the LARGEST ANNUAL CONVENTION ON EARTH. I'm sure you can begin to realize the monumental number of hours required for the careful and thoughtful preparation for the Feast, with large public facilities to be rented, sound systems, house food services and all of the myriad details associated with conducting a successful Feast of Tabernacles.

**Two ways to help**

You can help in this in two significant ways:

- Be sure to carefully select the Festival site of your choice (most will want to go to the one to which they are normally assigned, nearest their dwellings, for purposes of ease in access, time away from home, number of hours spent in driving, etc.), and then get your reservations in.

- Send in as soon as you possibly can a generous portion, even if it cannot be a full 10 percent, of the *Festival tithe* you are saving for you and your family, to help defray the costs for the large public facilities.

I think an appropriate analogy for this is the fact that God commands us

to save 10 percent of our annual incomes as a Festival tithe for our own use to observe His annual Holy Days in the fall, spring and throughout the year. Of course, since the Feast of Tabernacles means "Feast of Booths," or temporary dwelling places, we must spend a portion of that money on the "little tabernacles," whether rented homes or tents or campers, during the Feast.

**Holy convocations too**

However, it is required for us to have holy convocations, commanded assemblies, and to do so we must meet in large public halls or on our own Festival properties. These buildings must be paid for and maintained or leased or rented. Since we are to spend that portion of our income we call the Festival tithe to defray these spiritual requirements, it is obvious that we should all unitedly and collectively chip in to help defray the cost of the BIG "tabernacle" in which we all unite fully.

Back in the earliest years of the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy, when the whole Church in the United States and Canada met together in only the one place, my father used to explain to the brethren that had so set it that the payments on the little metal "booths" (later converted into college dormitories) would come just after the Feast of Tabernacles, annually, and asked the brethren to remember that when the Holy Day offerings were taken up during the Feast of Tabernacles.

However, it was always obvious that we should not, if it is humanly possible, take money away from the Work itself and the main thrust of preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God as a witness and a warning to the world for the retirement of debt on physical facilities. So finally the idea of a "tithe of the tithe," or a small portion of the Festival tithe which you save for yourselves, could be asked to be donated to help defray the large costs of the development of Festival sites and the leasing and rental of large public facilities.

If you have not yet sent in your own generous portion of your Festival tithe, I hope you will think about it and respond to the Festival Department very soon. It will really help a great deal toward making the Feast of Tabernacles a big success once again.

**Trip to Australia**

I am definitely committed to a trip to Australia sometime during November. Our Australian brethren will be given the exact schedule when I am able to work it out. I am hoping to obtain a chartered aircraft once in Australia so that I can speak five times in five days in five locations, thus meeting with as many of the brethren in Australia as I can!

Though I cannot definitely state it will be possible, I tentatively plan to swing through the Philippines and visit with the brethren there briefly before returning to the United States through Japan. It is hard for me to realize it has been more than 16 years since I have been to Australia or the Philippines, but it has!

I have not been to England since about a year ago. So much for my reputation as a globe-trotting evangelist!

Frankly, I have devoted so much of my time whenever possible during the year to special church visits and campaigns, trying to visit with and even have social occasions with as many of you brethren in the United States and Canada as possible, that I have not been able to visit with our brethren in scattered places around the world for a long time.

I am very much looking forward to the trip in November to Australia and, I hope, the Philippines the same month.

**New book**

Very soon now we will begin shooting our new schedule of 26 new television programs for the coming

season. I am already at work on another book, requested by the publishers, which will be a fast-moving paraphrase of the book of Matthew. It will not follow Matthew verse by verse — that is not the intention — but hopefully will make the first Gospel come alive in modern layman's language, making it interesting and fully understandable (as well as highly controversial, because of the truths contained therein) for the general public.

I would not normally have made such a decision, but this was the specific request of the publishers themselves, who asked me to commit to providing them with one such book of one of the four Gospels of my choice over the next four years until all four have been completed.

I am working out a special arrangement with the publishers, incidentally, so that, if it is possible, I can see to it that each baptized head of household of the Worldwide Church of God will be able to receive a copy of my forthcoming book, *The Real Jesus, absolutely free!* I am very hopeful of such an arrangement, since, even though I know the brethren do not expect it, I would far rather be able to give this book away free of charge to members of the Worldwide Church of God.

Of course, I feel I am going to reach a vast number of people by allowing an outside publisher to publish, distribute and sell the book rather than going to the enormous cost (I doubt if the Work would have been able to afford it) of printing and distributing *free of charge* the book to the general public as a whole.

**Psychological barrier**

As I have explained before, there is a deep psychological barrier which seems to be automatically broken when one goes into a bookstore, pays the price of a book and purchases it. When you are given something, there is the automatic suspicion many humans tend to harbor which makes them wonder where's the hook and feel they are in some fashion *obligated* because the publication has been given to them *free of charge*. When they go into a magazine or bookstore and purchase one of this world's books or magazines, no such psychological stigma is attached.

Therefore, though I know some few may not realize the psychology behind it, I am fully confident that the book *The Real Jesus* will find its way into (I hope) hundreds of thousands of homes where it may do some really *great good*, where it would never be invited or allowed if I merely tried to advertise it over the radio and give it away *free of charge*!

As I have told the brethren in public statements in sermons, I have spoken on the subject of the real Jesus over the years, produced a booklet called *The Real Jesus* long since given away free to all the Church and the general public, written articles about the subject in *The Plain Truth* and made many radio programs on the subject, so there is no significant material contained in the book which in any sense has been withheld from the brethren. Therefore it is primarily material which most all the brethren already know and understand anyway.

But in this fashion the Work of God can be far more effective in preaching our message and in bringing thousands of people into a close and intimate personal relationship with Jesus Christ, even leading many hundreds, we hope and pray, into deep and lasting repentance and seeking the way of life which leads toward the Kingdom of God.

**Over 100 'Personals'**

I was just talking to Mr. John Robinson, managing editor of *The Worldwide News*, prior to the beginning of this "Personal," who told me that the July 4 issue of the *WN* marked my 100th "Personal," or my "Personal" centennial, and this one marks the 102nd time I have written

to you brethren from my inside perspective of the Work of God.

I have always appreciated your response and the enthusiasm you brethren have shown in being taken directly into our confidence from the inside point of view, and I know you appreciate it.

That's about it for now until the 103rd time. Thanks very much for your continued support. Please, let's not let down in the waning days of summer, and let's keep on keeping on and holding up the hands of my father and the others God has called to finish His Work!

In Jesus' name,  
 Garner Ted Armstrong

**Korea**

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a floral watercolor with calligraphy, already framed, painted by a woman delegate to the National Assembly.

We thanked Mr. Paik for his hospitality, and for giving us more than twice the time he normally grants to other visiting journalists.

**On to Panmunjom**

The next morning, our last day in Korea, Keith and I experienced for ourselves the intransigent nature of the North Korean foe, whose forces are camped only 30 miles north of Seoul.

With car, driver and escort provided by the Chamber of Commerce, we visited the true village of Panmunjom in the DMZ.

The North-South dividing line, of course, bisects the true village, including the buildings in which periodic meetings between the two sides are conducted. We stepped inside the Military Armistice Committee (MAC) building, in which most of the talks take place. A table is squarely in the middle. The border divides the table north and south.

**Infraction spotters**

The American tour officer warned us not to touch the microphones on the table, nor the flags on the table, nor the two microphone pickups at either end inside the building. These were all North Korean property. North Korean guards with binoculars and cameras equipped with telephoto lenses were stationed nearby to spot any infractions, ready to denounce any American "provocations."

The North Korean flag on the table was slightly taller than the American, but the U.S. flag had three tiers as opposed to two for North Korea, thus equalizing the situation.

We walked over the line into North Korea inside the building, the only area where such an action is permissible.

A few yards back of the MAC building on the South Korean side is South Korea's Freedom House, complete with a tower one can climb to see over into the North.

Not to be outdone, the North Koreans not long ago erected their counterpart building. It is exactly one meter taller and one meter wider than the Freedom House. Nevertheless it is a sham building, as phony as a prop on a movie lot at Universal Studios. Ostensibly two stories tall, it has only one room downstairs, we were told, that has actually been completed. (Hardly anyone visits the northern side anyway.)

The nonrooms on the second story were all covered with drapes. Otherwise one might peer through to the North Korean countryside. Oh, the dangerous games men play.

Panmunjom, nevertheless, confirmed to us that unification of the two Koreas will never come about peacefully and that a new war is almost certain once Kim perceives that the United States will no longer stand by its commitment to the South.

What a tragedy that will be. Millions of lives will be lost, with untold destruction of the economy the diligent people in the South have worked so hard to build up.

Next issue: Taiwan.

# San Diego is home for many ministers

By Susan Karoska

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Two ministers — Roderick C. Meredith and James Friddle — have played integral parts in the history of the San Diego church, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary Sept. 3.

Dr. Meredith has the distinction of being the man who raised up the congregation, preaching that first sermon to seven people at Dartley Hall on that Sabbath in September, 1952.

Mr. Friddle, the present pastor, is directing activities to celebrate the anniversary on the first Sabbath in September of this year.

Dr. Meredith was ordained an evangelist Dec. 20, 1952, by Herbert W. Armstrong. He is now a professor of theology at Ambassador College, Pasadena, pastors the Glendale P.M. church and supervises six other churches in the area. He has been an editor of *The Plain Truth* and other of the Work's publications since 1953.

Mr. Friddle came here as pastor at San Diego and Escondido in 1973. He had been ordained a preaching elder in 1956 and pastor in 1964, with both ordinations conducted by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Friddle has served in a variety of church areas, from Pennsylvania to West Coast congregations. He is now conducting Bible studies in Yuma, Ariz., and assisting local elder Mario Seiglie in serving residents of nearby Mexico.

Alton B. Billingsley was the first resident pastor here. He is now serv-

ing the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches. He was ordained a preaching elder in 1975 by C. Wayne Cole.

Others in the ministry who have served here include Tom Blackwell, now pastor at Harrison, Ark., and Leonard Schreiber, who came up through the ranks and is now at Medford, Ore.

Two ministers who began as ministerial assistants here are James L. Peoples, who now pastors the Charleston and Parkersburg, W.Va., churches, and J. Richard Parker, now at Salem, Ore. David Albert also was pastor here for three years while living at Pasadena.

Historians in the San Diego church believe their congregation has provided more men for the ministry than any other in this era of God's Church.

Ministers from San Diego and their present assignments:

Harold Jackson, regional director of the black-African Work; Robert F. Bertuzzi, minister in Seattle and Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Leonard Schreiber, Salem and Klamath Falls, Ore.; Randy Schreiber, Denver, Colo.; Bill Swanson, Rapid City, S.D.; Ken Matson, Little Rock, Ark.; Paul Ivicovic, San Diego; Gordon E. Murray, Santa Ana, Calif.; Jess D. Ernest, Appleton and Wausau, Wis.; Daniel J. Cafeo, San Diego; Carl Gustafson, Chicago, Ill.

Invitations are being sent to all these ministers and many others to assist the church in celebrating its 25th year.

## A big 10-4 from Atlanta

### Cbers out to help

By David E. Bates

ATLANTA, Ga. — Some Church members who own Citizens Band radios have formed the Worldwide Pioneers CB Club for the Atlanta church area. The club's motto is "Sharing and serving."

The first project the club undertook was the distribution of bumper stickers to Church members who traveled to the Feast of Tabernacles in St. Petersburg, Fla., last year. The stickers were to provide identification if emergency assistance was needed along the way to the Feast, but not for year-round use by members.

The stickers, bright yellow with the letters WW in black, proved beneficial, with many favorable comments from members who received help on the road. Many members from

other areas who attended the Feast at St. Petersburg requested stickers for their return trip.

The Pioneers will again sponsor the project in the southeastern United States this fall. Fund-raising projects have already begun; the first was a flea market.

The club also raised money to purchase a CB radio for Atlanta pastor Harold Lester. After being a Cber for a few months, he reports he enjoys the radio and has found it useful in his travels.

For more information about the Worldwide Pioneers CB Club, or information on the use of bumper stickers in other Feast areas, contact club President David E. Bates, Code R157, *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

## Hams make contacts

By Dave McMullen

PASADENA — Six amateur radio operators of the Ambassador Amateur Radio Association, all members of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. and P.M. churches, and their families spent the weekend of June 25 and 26 camping in the San Gabriel Mountains 35 miles north of here and participating in the annual American Radio Relay League (ARRL) field day.

On field day, the fourth weekend in June, amateurs all over the United States and Canada take their radio equipment into the field, set up and attempt to make as many two-way contacts as possible. Emergency preparedness is the principal objective of the field day; however, under a scoring system administered by the ARRL, points are given for each contact and bonus points can be earned for such things as 100 percent emergency power and formal message traffic.

Antennas were erected and equipment was connected Friday afternoon. After a pleasant Sabbath in the mountains, radio operations began at sundown. My gasoline-engine generator was immediately sidelined with a broken shear pin. With that source of power gone, all equipment was powered from an auxiliary power unit in the motor home of Bernie Schnippert, local elder in the Auditorium P.M. church.

Ben Chapman, associate pastor of the congregation, furnished a screened-in tent to serve as the "ham shack."

When the last contact was made, the logs of the club station, WB6ZOT/6, showed an unofficial score of 500 points. This score will not prove to be a record breaker; last year's top score was 14,651.

Among the many contacts made were four with Japan and one each to Alaska and Hawaii.

## BABIES

AGEE, Richard and Elsie (Tulby) of Santa Rosa Calif., boy; Daniel Richard, July 8, 7:58 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 6 girls.

ALLEN, James and Teresa (Graeff) of Anchorage, Alaska, girl; Jennifer Denise June 22, 6:35 p.m., now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BOWERS, John B. and Faith (Zimmer) of Clovis, Calif., boy; Daniel Foster, July 3, 11:05 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

CLAGGETT, David and Patricia (Stein) of Tulsa, Okla., boy; Benjamin David, June 6, 9:19 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

COULSON, Pat and Lydia (Carroll) of Mobile, Ala., boy; Robert William, July 2, 1:10 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DAVIDSON, George and Meryl of Edinburgh, Scotland, girl; Vicki Holloway, July 5, 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DODSON, Joe and Paul (Carwright) of Lawton, Okla., boy; Brad, June 20, 5:25 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DOUTHAT, Dennis and Linda (Fielder) of Bluefield, W. Va., boy; Bradley Ryan, July 1, 11:23 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DUDEK, Dennis and Linda (Yockel) of Rochester, N.Y., boy; Jeremy David, June 28, 12:04 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DUNN, Duane and Marge, of Belcourt, N.D., girl; Kara Susan, July 15, 4:50 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

SUSKIS, Ronald and Pina (Palade) of Pasadena, Calif., girl; Lemuela Christina, June 25, 8:30 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GILLESPIE, George and Mary, of Edmonton Alta., girl; Karen Lynell, June 23, 2:13 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 girl.

HAWFLYRUM, Logan and Colleen (McPhedran) of Saskatoon, Sask., girl; Adan Lee, May 11, 9 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounce, first child.

HAY, A. Wallace and Jacque (Faulkner) of Mouthie, Ga., boy; Wallace Wales, July 12, 8:01 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEDGREN, Gene and Esther of Mount Pocono, Pa., girl; Brenda July 9, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KARLOV, Karl and Merike, of Auckland, New Zealand, boy; Matt July 7, 9 pounds 6 ounces.

KELLERMAN, Larry and Germaine (Julian) of Huntington Beach, Calif., girl; Janine Celeste July 5, 8:10 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

KOMARANSKY, Steve and Margaret (Cook) of Surrey, B.C., boy; Darryl John, June 19, 12:38 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

KUBIK, Olesh and Diane (Mallery) of St. Paul, Minn., girl; Nadia Marie, July 3, 2 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

MCLEOD, Mike and Karen of Houston, Tex., girl; Alyssia Nicole, June 18, 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

MAINE, Roger and Florence (Hochstein), of

Chattanooga, Wash., boy; Joel Scott, July 17, 1:20 p.m., 10 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

MATHENY, Guy and Carol (Long) of Flint, Mich., girl; Brenda Jean, July 8, 6:41 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MELTON, David and Patty (Peulou) of Fontana, Calif., boy; David Gene III, July 6, 2:38 a.m., 8 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

MORGAN, David and Ardena (Jansz) of Melbourne, Australia, boy; Benjamin David July 6, 3:41 a.m., 3,340 grams, first child.

MORRIS, Brent and Melanie (Paveiko) of Philadelphia, Pa., girl; Michelle, July 6, 1:05 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MUENCH, Henry and Shirley, of Cashion, Okla., boy; Carl David, June 27, 8:30 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

OPIO, Eidad and Zipporah (Akongo) of Nairobi, Kenya, girl; Wai June 7, 12:45 p.m., 6 pounds now 1 boy, 3 girls.

OTT, John and Sharon (Couchman) of Richland Wash., girl; Christine Chen, June 30, 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

PARSON, Wayman and Ada (Puryea) of Norfolk, Va., girl; Angela Wynona June 26, 7:30 a.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

RAHEL, Mel and Cathy (Debree) of Montreal, Que., boy; Kristopher James, July 15, 10:40 a.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

REHOR, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph of Denver, Colo., girls (twins); Natalie Kay and Nicole Rachelle, May 25, 6:25 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, 15 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 3 1/2 ounces, first child.

ROLL, Bill and Judith, of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy; William Joseph David, July 1, 6 a.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ROUNDIS, Michael and Andrea (Juine) of Syracuse, N.Y., boy; Michael William June 30, 4:45 a.m., 7 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, first child.

RUSSELL, Gerald and Dorothy of Lexington, Ky., boy; Kelly Gordon July 10, 11:15 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

SCHMIDT, Kenneth and Karen (Barri) of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., boy; Brandon Charles July 1, 10:29 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SCHNEIDER, Edward and Fran (Turci) of Chippewa Falls, Wis., boy; Steven Edward June 26, 7:21 a.m., 7 1/2 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SENAMELA, Pearce and Magdalena (Matare) of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy; Leslie July 11, 11:50 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 6 girls.

SHULL, John and Marcia of Huntsville, Ala., girl; Christina Janele June 15, 5:57 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SONNENBERG, Orvald and Alice of Edmonton, Alta., girl; Brenda Lynn June 7, 1:37 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

STONEFISHER, Richard and Mary of Baltimore, Md., girl; Misty Marie June 30, 8:13 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

THOMPSON, Teence and Mary (Johnson) of Peoria, Ill., girl; Ruby Lynn July 3, 9:46 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

WILLIAMS, Scott and Rebecca (Sommer) of Elkhart, Ind., girl; Heather Marie July 6, 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

WILSON, Sylvester and Iris (Wright) of New Orleans, La., boy; Gregory Sylvester June 17, 4:50 p.m., 7 pounds, first child.

WORKMAN, Danny and Gail (Ellis) of Richmond, Va., girl; Brandy Leigh July 9, 12:59 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

WRIGHT, Marlene and Rita (Neal) of Melbourne, Fla., girl; Anna Rose July 8, 9:06 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE BIRNEY

## Couple celebrates 50th

By Janette Steele

SUBLETT, Kan. — Clyde and Virginia Birney of Liberal, Kan., were honored at a reception celebrating their golden wedding anniversary here July 10 given them by their

children and grandchildren.

The gathering was attended by 162 people, including many members.

Mr. and Mrs. Birney were married July 11, 1927, in Syracuse, Kan. They lived in this area most of their married life until retired from farming and moved to Liberal, where Mr. Birney is employed by Hettie Appliance and Mrs. Birney is employed by the state, helping to care for the elderly in the area.

They are a deacon and deaconess in the Liberal congregation and have been attending church for 20 years.

The Birneys have one daughter, Mrs. Ralph Steele of Weatherford, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, Nitza Mae Birney of San Antonio, Tex.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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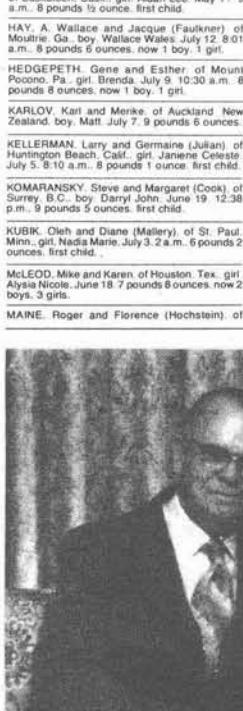
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MR. AND MRS. CLYDE BIRNEY

## PEN PALS

To young girls 20 to 30, fascinated by sociology music, the physical sciences, nature. While you are attending the Feast at St. Petersburgh, Wayne Aman, R102.

Girl, 12, would like to write boys, girls 11 to 14. Interests: swimming, horses, other animals, rock climbing, basketball, other sports. Mique Germano, R102.

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# Local church news wrap-up

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and from there went to their various places for a good night's sleep.

Sunday brought clear skies and hot weather. Registration for the track meet began at 11 a.m. at ParkView Track in Ankeny. Many track records were set despite the heat. The winners competed in the national meet July 12 and 13 in Big Sandy.

Mr. Reyer extended his thanks to the workers and participants who had a hand in making the weekend a success. *Nancy Lehmkuhl.*

#### Greek and Hebrew lexicons

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Miami and Fort Lauderdale churches met for a farewell picnic for pastor Fred Kellers and his family at Robert King High Park July 3. Brethren paid \$5 per family to enjoy a finger-lickin'-good fish fry.

Before the meal, Ken Brady presented Mr. Kellers a Greek lexicon, a Hebrew Bible, a Hebrew lexicon and a Greek index from the brethren in appreciation for his four years of service in this area. Mr. Brady also presented Mrs. Kellers a palm tree and a farewell card with artistic cockroaches on the front, drawn by Bud Wille.

The youngsters gathered for a corn-shucking contest, which was won by David Kellers. Then the corn on the cob was boiled and served with a meal of fish, hush puppies and slaw.

After the meal everyone gathered around the YOUN auction, where Lee Knewle auctioned off plants, toys, books and other items donated by the brethren. More than \$100 was raised for the YOUN.

Then boys ages 8 to 15 gathered for a Grand Prix Derby. Each boy had designed and painted a car for the speed race. David Kellers won first place and Stevie Wilson won second. The long-distance race was also won by David Kellers. Freddy Kellers placed second and Stevie Wilson third.

Other events were a women's softball game and volleyball. *Denise Jacques.*

#### Captivated choir

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — The New Horizon Singers, a choir composed of members from the Santa Ana and Garden Grove churches, performed a repertoire of songs for patients at convalescent homes in Paramount and Downey, Calif., June 26.

The group was enthusiastically received and invited to return. The singers also were captivated by their audiences. At the first home, one of those in the audience was a little lady who walked with two artificial knees. A couple at the second home were the parents of the composer of "Moonlight in Vermont."

The program was arranged by Tony Dominguez and directed by Dan Salcedo. Dorothy Flynn accompanied on the piano and Art Gamble and Dave Wallaugh on guitars. *Jane Stanwood.*



**FAREWELL PICNIC** — Miami and Fort Lauderdale pastor Fred Kellers and his family are honored for four years of service July 3. (See "Greek and Hebrew Lexicons," this page.)

#### Under the stars

HARRISBURG, Pa. — The teens here had a camp-out at the Herb home June 18 and 19. The 15 teens spent most of the sunny weekend swimming and playing volleyball. They slept in tents and under the stars in sleeping bags. Everyone had an enjoyable time. *Laurie Shepler.*

#### One-man band

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Brian and Sue Price were hosts here June 25 for the A Spokesman Club "punch-up." The punch was concocted by vice president Dan Greyling especially for the family-games evening. It proved potent but did not deter anyone from enjoying the music supplied by the one-man band, Peter Hubner with his trumpet and synthesizer.

Cars, roulette and dice, coupled with a chicken and hamburger barbecue (*braai*), added spice to an evening. *Dan P. Greyling.*

#### Bathing in the burn

KILMARNOCK, Scotland — The Isle of Arran, just off the west coast of Scotland, was the destination of nine YOUN teens and four adults of the church here for a weekend camp.

The first stage of the journey was a one-hour boat trip from Ardrosson to Brodick, followed by an hour's hike to set up camp on the banks of the river at the foot of Goat Fell.

Guided by Frank Gillingham, the group prepared to make the climb up Goat Fell early the next morning. After several hundred feet of steep ascension, the entire Bay of Brodick was clearly visible with the Scottish west coast in the background and a part of the Irish coastline on the horizon. Near the top, the party stopped at a river to lunch and had the opportunity to observe and stalk groups of deer and their young on the hillside.

Those fit enough climbed Ben Uis

the next day while the less energetic bathed in the nearby burn.

A tired but invigorated group arrived back on the mainland enthused with plans for another camp-out. *Olive Jack.*

#### Chicken fights

LAWTON, Okla. — The YOUN chapter here held a combination picnic, Bible study and swimming party July 10.

The activities began after Sabbath services, with the teens gathering at Glenwood Park in Mountain Park, Okla. After the picnic, a Bible study was held on the subject of "What Does the Church Stand For?"

At sundown everyone dived into the reserved swimming pool at Snyder, Okla. The evening ended at 11 p.m. with everyone exhausted from races, chicken fights and dunkings. *Lyn Walker.*

#### Trip, tryouts and talent

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The YOUN members here took a trip to Opryland in Nashville, Tenn., June 19. Five carloads of youths and chaperons spent the night in a motel, then enjoyed the thrilling rides and activities the next day.

The following weekend were cheerleading tryouts for the coming basketball season. Seven girls were chosen: LaVerne Washington; Jan Durnell, captain; Donna Durnell, co-captain; Shelia and Raylene Wawak; Beverly Rodgers; and Stacie Harris. They sponsored a car wash July 1, earning \$49 toward new uniforms. They plan to attend a cheerleading camp at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tex., for five days.

YOUN coordinator Gene Griffin planned a formal dance for July 23, inviting surrounding YOUN chapters. The new YOUN president was Bill Baugh.

The district YOUN talent contest was held at the American Legion hall. Three scholars of music were judges, two from area towns and one from California. The first-place senior winner was Raylene Wawak of Little Rock, who played a piano solo. Second place went to Sherry Corley of Sheridan, Ark. The first-place winner in the junior division was Lisa Smith, who played a piano solo. *Boots Harris.*

#### Rooster's revenge

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The YES class of 12-to-14-year-olds, the coordinator and the teachers enjoyed a camp-out at the farm of Marion Lee June 25 and 26.

The evening began with games, followed by a wiener roast and dancing. Then all retired to the hayloft of Mr. Lee's barn. Noise continued into the wee hours of the morning. Weary eyes finally closed, but, as if to get vengeance, the old red rooster who was sleeping (?) nearby cut loose with his version of reveille, which lasted the rest of the night.

The outing ended Sunday morning with a hayride. *Carol Mullins.*



**CRIME STOPPERS** — Nassau minister Kingsley Mather, left, presents Work-produced booklets on stopping crime and dealing with the drug problem to Nassau police officials recently. Mr. Mather also presented the police with a film entitled *When Criminals Go Free*. (Photo courtesy the Nassau Tribune)

#### Concert of fine music

MELBOURNE, Australia — The second church-sponsored "Concert of Fine Music" was June 19 at the Campbelltown Civic Center's auditorium. The program of 14 acts lasted two hours, with about 350 attending.

Musical styles represented ranged from a guitar solo of a bourree by Bach through Woody Herman's famous "Golden Wedding" for clarinet to an original work composed and performed by member Randall Roucher, "To the Future." The artists were a talented mixture of members and nonmembers.

Fifteen-year-old Christopher Stewart played Grieg's "Wedding Dance" and Brahms' "Hungarian Dance No. 6," a piano duet with his teacher, John Matthews. Later he performed Gershwin's "Summertime" and the "Golden Wedding" on the clarinet.

Member Mal Jennings, reputed to be one of Australia's top jazz trumpeters, performed "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "Granada" and later accompanied on the piano Arthur Le Couteur, a powerfully voiced bass baritone. Both traveled 70 miles from the country center of Ballarat especially for the concert.

Patricia Dangerfield sang a bracket of three love songs.

The artists performed under the direction of Brian Orchard, a minister of the Melbourne North church. Leon Lyell was emcee. *Leon Lyell.*

#### Old-fashioned Fourth

MELBOURNE, Fla. — With an old-time theme prevailing, members and guests here enjoyed a social July 4 at Crane Field. It was organized by



**STAR-SPANGLED SOCIAL** — Ray Johnson, left, leads a sing-along of nostalgic tunes with Robert Overstreet Sr. on violin and Francis Reiker on accordion. (See "Old-fashioned Fourth," this page.) (Photo by Henry Phelps)

current social planners Jim and Lana Yesinski.

A country-store booth displayed handcrafted items supplied by the endeavors of the Women's Club. A ceramics display was provided by Berdette Woolridge.

Children gravitated to set-ups featuring popcorn, pretzels, candy-coated peanuts and a large wooden barrel crammed full of grab bags that went for modest prices from 1 cent to 25 cents.

Trading became active and heavy when Ken Woolridge started taking bids from the floor for the donated box lunches. An award for the best-decorated box went to Mary Johnson, who designed her box to resemble a refrigerator.

Following lunch, a relaxing sing-along was accompanied by Robert Overstreet Sr. on the violin and Francis Reiker on the accordion. Then a humorously written "History of the Melbourne Church" was read.

Attention then focused on the long-awaited results of the hairy-beard-growing contest. Contestants Bob Lehman, Ben Moore, Damon Simon and Jim Yesinski were asked questions

concerning their beard-growing experiences by emcee Dave Ingram. The winner was Mr. Simon.

The finale featured a cakewalk. Winners were Tiffany Nail, Ray Johnson, Kelly and Shawn James, Sarah Flanders and Ann-Marie and Cathy Barenbrugge. Then Daniel Overstreet was announced as winner of the jelly-bean-guessing contest. The raffle prize went to Betty Phelps.

All proceeds went to support the Sabbath school, the YOUN and the Women's Club. *Mary Jane Nail.*

#### Rotating beef

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — About 450 people from the North and South churches here gathered in the Kettle Moraine area of Eagle, Wis., June 26. The home of the Earl Cutler family was the scene of a beef barbecue, potluck picnic and slave auction.

The activities began at 10 a.m. with two master barbecue tenders tending to 240 pounds of beef roasting on a spit over an open fire. Baseball, volleyball, drinks and fellowship kept everybody's mind off food until 3 p.m., when the feast began.

Member Mal Jennings, reputed to be one of Australia's top jazz trumpeters, performed "The Shadow of Your Smile" and "Granada" and later accompanied on the piano Arthur Le Couteur, a powerfully voiced bass baritone. Both traveled 70 miles from the country center of Ballarat especially for the concert.

The highest bidding went for Glen, the final slave auctioned. Continually being increased by dollar bills from the audience, the final bid was made and Glen was sold to Mike Hanisko for \$131. *Pat Kuczynski.*

#### No gossip

OTTAWA, Ont. — Little did pastor Robert Berendt realize that while he was on vacation the brethren were preparing a surprise going-away party for him and his family.

The evening of June 12, the Berendts were told that they were being taken to the place that serves the best food in town. The ladies of the church had prepared a buffet that equaled Holy Day meals in quality and quantity. After dinner, the Berendts were treated to entertainment and dancing.

Mr. Berendt, who is being transferred to Edmonton, Alta., said that he would never worry about gossip in the Ottawa church since the brethren had kept this secret so well. *Gary S. King.*

#### Wicker picnic basket

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The Palo Alto and San Jose churches held a combined picnic at Saratoga Creek Park in San Jose June 12. The occasion was to say *shalom* to local elder Steve Nutzman and his wife, Melania, who are being transferred to Columbus, Ohio.

Volleyball was the featured event of the morning. In the afternoon were planned activities for all ages. The children were occupied with games and sports planned and supervised by Joe Zapata Jr. The young people played a hot baseball game and the

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grown-ups participated in water-balloon toss, cards, socializing and more volleyball.

After the noon meal, the Nutzmans were presented a remembrance gift from the brethren: a large wicker picnic basket outfitted with all picnic necessities, including a matching tablecloth and napkins, food and two bottles of wine.

Short speeches of fond moments shared together were given by Hal Baird, pastor here; Judd Kirk, pastor of the San Jose church, and Larry Walton, local elder here.

While serving here and in San Jose, the Nutzmans had their first child, Jennifer, bought their first home and made many friends. *Arvine Walton.*

### 'Spokesman Song'

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — About 70 people attended the Spokesmen Club graduation dinner here June 5 at Tall Pine Inn to honor the nine graduates who have successfully completed their assignments.

The program started with cocktails and dinner, followed by table topics conducted by Bob Spencer. Nester Turzan, toastmaster, presented the three speakers: John Brown, Jack Ganzel and Bob Greenwald.

The new graduates, Scott Loper, Ken Northrop, Bob Virtue, Clair Brungard, David Palmer, Ernest Cuff, Richard Raskaz, Bill Sheridan and Bill Mefford, entertained the club and guests by singing "Spokesman Song."

George and Linda Kuo sang "Sunrise, Sunset." Ed Kelker, Allen Andrew and others also performed songs and skits.

Then all enjoyed dancing to the big band music of Jim Owen and Friends.

The Philadelphia Freedoms, the slo-pitch softball team here, captured the Willingboro Fellowship League championship June 26, ending the season with a five-game winning streak and an overall record of 13-3.

The congregation has a second softball team comprised mostly of younger players. They played in the same league as the Freedoms but did not do quite as well this year.

The teams staged a four-month newspaper drive to pay for new uniforms, new equipment and expenses. *George Kuo and Dale Carlen.*

### Extra time

PINE BLUFF, Ark. — Seventy-three people showed up at the American Legion hall here June 25 to enjoy the district talent show put on by teens from the Tupelo, Miss., Harrison, Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Ark., churches. Six participants entered in the contest.

To give the judges a little extra time to rank each participant, Mr. and Mrs. Larry French entertained after every two participants.

The winner in the junior division was Lisa Smith, with a piano solo.

First- and second-place winners in the senior division were Raylene Wawak and Sherry Corley, both with piano solos. *Sarah Jacks.*

### Flashes of lightning

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — About 25 young people participated in a campout at Cooper's Lake Park in Butler County, Pa., July 16 and 17, braving a



**PLYMOUTH PICNICKERS** — Exeter, Plymouth and Truro, England, members hold a picnic deep in the Devonshire countryside. (See "Elderly British-Made Machines," this page.)

bout with stormy weather.

After attending the Pittsburgh P.M. service, the group ate a spaghetti dinner at Therese Ruffner's home and then drove to the site of the camp-out. The group later set up tents.

At about 9:30 that night, a torrential downpour began, accompanied by flashes of lightning. Some of the tents developed leaks and a number of the campers took refuge in their cars.

After about 1½ hours, the storm abated and the young people continued their activities. Some joined in a square dance provided by the park's management. Other entertainment included roasting hot dogs over a fire, singing to guitar music and conversing.

The following day the group went swimming, sunbathing and boating at nearby Moraine State Park.

Therese Ruffner and Ginny Morgan organized the camp-out. *Frank Lewandowski.*

### Elderly British-made machines

PLYMOUTH, England — The day of the picnic for the churches of southwest England dawned somewhat grey and bleak, with everyone remembering last year's 81-degree weather and sunshine. But, undaunted, members from Exeter, Plymouth and Truro gathered June 19 at a central location deeper in the Devonshire countryside at Higher Furdon Farm, the home of a couple whose two sons are sons.

An old-time garden cultivator hauling a small trailer around the field gave the little ones exciting rides. In addition, an exaprotooper's bike with miniature sidecar attached, a moped and a 197-cc. motorcycle, all elderly British-made machines, provided fun for older riders.

The first event was a paper chase led by Mike Evans and won by Shaun Widdicombe. In the meantime some of the ladies had a practice game of rounders. Then came the rounders match between two mixed teams, one led by Alan Tilmouth and the other by Seth Cardew. After some great hitting and running, the game was won by the Terrible Tilmouth Ten.

The next event was the volleyball match, again between mixed teams, the first led by Tina Jewell, pastor's wife, and the other by Mr. Cardew, whose team won the event.

The children enjoyed three-legged, batten, blindfold and sack races. Shaun Widdicombe and Mary Cann won the sack races.

Homemade foods, wines and beers were served. John Jewell and Dave

Widdicombe barbecued beefburgers while Eileen Deakins grilled mackerel caught that morning at 4 a.m. by her husband, Bill.

The bring-and-buy stall was running all the while with bargains for everyone, raising 15 pounds for the campaign fund. *Francis Cann.*

### GTA campaign film

RADLETT, England — The one-hour film of Garner Ted Armstrong's 1974 New Orleans, La., campaign, "Is This the End Time?" was retitled "On the Threshold of a New Age?" and shown to audiences of *Plain Truth* subscribers during June at eight locations within 70 miles of Radlett, British headquarters: Lewisham, Catford, Watford, St. Albans, Herford, Stevenage, Cambridge and Peterborough.

Subscribers were mailed leaflets and letters of invitation from the appropriate local minister, followed up by reminders. Attendance was above expectations and totaled 271 for the eight sites, representing a response of more than 7 percent.

Although sobering, the film ends on a positive note for mankind through Christ's return, and response to it was encouraging. The majority of people stayed afterwards to talk over tea or coffee, some for more than two hours. The level of interest was reflected by the amount of literature taken, some 1,250 items. *David Lloyd.*

### Sticks and leaves

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Brethren here had a camp-out at Trenton, Mo., June 18, 19 and 20.

In a Sabbath class, preschoolers made Father's Day cards. The older children made pictures from sticks, leaves and anything else they could find.

Piano music for Sabbath services was taped for convenience.

Pastor Richard Prince took the kids on a walk to see the Bicentennial Tree.

The YOU members cooked breakfast for everyone Sunday morning, featuring pancakes and scrambled eggs. *Francine Osterkamp.*

### Chic burlap bag

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The cheerleaders here sponsored a Sadie Hawkins dance June 18 to raise funds for new uniforms. Both North and South chapters of the San Diego YOU attended the dance, which was held at the Paul Iviecius' home.

The dress for the dance was straight out of Dogpatch, with awards going to the best-dressed hick couple. Doug Roff beat out the rest of the guys and became King Hick with his curly blond locks, buck teeth, tattered straw hat and overalls. Janie Voss triumphed over the rest of the girls with the Daisy Mae approach, with midriff blouse, tattered shirt and freckles.

The most original costume belonged to Brenda Stonebreaker, who came attired in a chic burlap bag, courtesy of the Imperial Valley Onion Growers. To complement her outfit, she wore matching combat boots. *Steve Hughes.*

### Sugarloaf Ridge camp-out

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Several families from the Santa Rosa and Fairfield churches met at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park for a weekend camp-out June 10. After setting up camp, the

group drove down the mountain to the Golden Bear Restaurant for dinner.

The campers attended Sabbath services in Sonoma, Calif., where the two churches have a combined meeting once a month.

Sunday morning they played volleyball, then sadly broke camp until Aug. 12 and 13 when another camp-out is planned. *Roger and Dora Fossa.*

### Girls' track meet

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The girls' track team here traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, for the North Central Region track meet June 25 and 26.

Anita and Edith Gloe of Osmond, Neb., and Ross Schaefer of Tripp, S.D., were accompanied by Holly and Ardis Van Laecken and Lisa McCormick of Letcher, S.D. The chaperones were coordinators David and Rosetta Helselt, Terry Knutson and Dave Hummel, all members here.

The group joined the brethren in Des Moines for Sabbath services and a potluck meal.

Anita won the senior girls' shot put at 39 feet 9 inches and the discus at 10 feet 7 inches. Her sister, Edith, placed third in the senior girls' discus. Rose brought home first place in the junior girls' mile run with a time of 6:39.8. *Nadine Van Laecken.*

### New assignment

SYDNEY, Australia — The three Sydney churches and the Wollongong church combined for Sabbath services June 18.

The brethren heard from former Sydney and Wollongong pastor Bill Dixon. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon had just returned from Pasadena after their sabbatical and stopped here en route to Mr. Dixon's new assignment as pastor of the churches in Australia's island state, Tasmania.

Robert Mitchell, area coordinator, gave a report from the coordinators' conference that was recently held at Australia's headquarters in Burleigh Heads, Queensland.

After the service, many people stayed to greet and welcome back Mr. and Mrs. Dixon. *Warwick Richardson.*

### Kingsmiths victorious

SMITHS FALLS, Ont. — With the words "Play ball," the Rideau Kingsmiths of the Kingston and Smiths Falls churches played their first non-Church team at Burrill's Rapids Correctional Institution.

Somewhat apprehensively, minister Terry Johnson urged the team, with some members having driven more than 70 miles to participate, to do its best.

Soon all fears vanished, as the Kingsmiths took the lead from the first inning with the only serious challenge coming in the bottom of the last inning. Enjoying a 13-7 lead, the team loosened the tight defensive play and allowed three runs. The excellent play of Dan Patterson and Pete Clark brought the game to a happy end. The Kingsmiths defeated their opponents 13-10. *Audrey and Kevin McCready.*

### Chorale travels

TOLEDO, Ohio — After Sabbath services June 11, members of the chorale here traveled to Oak Harbor, Ohio, to present two groups of inspirational songs at the Ottawa County Riverview Nursing Home.

Mrs. Rod Kuntz was soloist and Mrs. Kenton Deily was piano accompanist. On behalf of the residents, a few of whom are more than 100 years old, the manager of the home expressed appreciation to chorale director Frank Klett for the music.

During intermission, Mike Hechel, pastor here, spoke to the residents about coping with life in a nursing home.

Arrangements for the visit were made by Mrs. Charles Yoder, a resident of Oak Harbor and deaconess here.

After the program, the chorale families met together in a park for a potluck picnic. *Kay Rose.*

### Regional track meet

TOLEDO, Ohio — Brethren here welcomed YOU members to the "Glass Capital of the World" for the track-and-field finals for the Great Lakes Region June 19.

An estimated 400 spectators and contestants from eight states were on hand.

Winners in the junior-girls' division were Lisa McLean, 100-yard dash; Ronda Johnson, 220-yard dash; Cindy Stafford, 880-yard run; Vicki Sturdevant, mile run; and Cathy St. Charles, two-mile run.

Senior girls' winners were Valerie Bobo, shot put and discus; Kelly Melum, high jump and long jump; Sandra Love, 100- and 200-yard dashes; and Amy Albertson, 440-yard dash.

Junior boys' winners were Exavier Johnson, 100-yard dash, and Jim Bryant, 440-yard dash.

Senior boys' winners were Mike White, shot put; Mike Pendleton, discus; Rick Walker, high jump; Scott Yoder, long jump and triple jump; Brian Betties, pole vault; Calvin Mills, Andre Johnson and Mike White, 100-yard dash; Andre Johnson, 220-yard dash; Luke Preslewski, Brian Betties and Rick Walker, 440-yard dash; Luke Preslewski, 880-yard dash; and Jeff Stafford, mile run and two-mile run.

### Old oak trees

VISALIA, Calif. — Members here met at a park for a potluck dinner July 2.

Before eating, the teens gathered under the old oak trees around Alton Billingsley, pastor of the Fresno and Visalia churches, for a YOU Bible study.

Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley were presented a surprise anniversary cake in honor of their 31st anniversary.

John Huston reports that within a month of beginning *Plain Truth* distribution in this area, three businesses have accepted the *PT* counter stands with both English and Spanish editions and more than 60 businesses, which include doctors' and lawyers' offices and beauty shops, are receiving *PT* subscriptions. Plans are being made for more *PT* stands.

The Visalia brethren held a three-day yard sale to build up the local fund. Members contributed all the items for the sale, which netted \$450. The teens worked four hours on July 3 and earned \$75 planting honeydew-melon seeds and cleaning up the garden of members Mr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman of Earlimart, Calif. *Sharyl Justice.*

### One-acre garden

WOODBRIDGE, N.J. — Blueberry Mountain Farm, near Newton, N.J., was the site of an old-fashioned, neighborly garden planting June 26.

Stan Olan, one of three who rents a house on the farmland, obtained permission from the owners to use about one acre of the land for a garden to grow vegetables for the widows and the poor in the church.

The group camped out on the property Saturday night and rose early to clear the land of brush and prepare it for planting. By the end of the day, 40 people had showed up to lend a helping hand.

An afternoon get-together and sing-along was held at the home of Richard Frankel, pastor here, and his wife July 10. Forty-five of the church's 12-to-29-year-old "teens" turned up for the informal picnic to acquaint themselves with each other and the Frankels. Other get-togethers and Bible studies are planned. *Elaine Schiano.*



**SHALOM SEND-OFF** — San Jose elder Steve Nutzman, his wife, Melania, and daughter Jennifer get a farewell message in the form of a banner. (See "Wicker Picnic Basket," page 12.)

# Youths receive recognition

EUGENE, Ore. — Greta Makinson, 18, who graduated in June as valedictorian at Elmira High School, was accepted to sing with the seventh annual European Concert Tour in the All-American Youth Choir for 1977. The tour is sponsored by the Universal



GRETA MAKINSON

Academy for Music, Princeton, N.J.

America's Youth in Concert serves to demonstrate internationally the high quality and fine character of American youths while enriching and expanding the music and cultural horizons of the young musicians.

The concert tour began July 4 in Philadelphia, Pa., and Carnegie Hall in New York. Then the group was to go on to London, Paris, Geneva, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence and Rome and back to New York July 27.

The brethren from the Eugene church presented Greta \$90 to help with her travel expenses.

For the past two years she has been a member of the National Honor Society and the Society of Distinguished High School Students and has been honored in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

She was named Oregon Scholar, Oregon State University Dad's Club Scholar, Outstanding Choir Member (three years) and Elmira Outstanding Musician and received the Senior Music Award.

Greta makes most of her clothes, has a stamp collection, plays piano, organ and oboe, is active in YOUs, was a cheerleader for two years, plays on the church volleyball team and was Oregon senior-division YOUs talent winner for 1977.

Greta will attend Ambassador College this fall, majoring in music and with a teaching career as her goal.

FRESNO, Calif. — Shelly Van Zant, youngest daughter of S. M. Van Zant Sr., has been awarded a California State Scholarship of \$1,300 for the 1977-78 school year.

The scholarships are awarded to students of high scholastic ability and financial need.

Shelly is a 1977 graduate of Fresno's McLane High School. She looks forward to attending Ambassador College this fall.



SHELLY VAN ZANT



BEN REECK

TOLEDO, Ohio — Ben Reeck, 18, of Palmyra, Mich., placed in the top 5 percent in the American College Test to qualify for a state scholarship.

Ben was vice president of his German club and a band member for two years and played solo and ensemble trumpet at the Feast of Tabernacles for the last three years.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and the president of the YOUs chapter here.

Ben is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reeck, members here.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Barbara Reeck, 17, of Palmyra, Mich., has



BARBARA REECK

been named a delegate for Girls' State.

Girls' State is conducted by the Auxiliaries of Michigan for young women chosen by their high schools as outstanding in scholastic achievement and citizenship. The girls will run a model state and local government.

Barbara is a member of the National Honor Society and will be the high-school yearbook editor for 1977-78.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Reeck, members here.

SAN ANGELO, Tex. — Debra Kay Ransom, a graduate of Talpa (Tex.) High School, has been nominated to appear in the 1976-77 edition



DEBRA RANSOM

of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Debra has maintained an average of A or above throughout high school and was a member of the National Honor Society.

She is a member of the YOUs chapter here and attends church here. She was active on the San Angelo track team and went to the district meet at Amarillo, Tex., and the regionals at Albuquerque, N.M.

Debra, who has helped illustrate books, plans to enter Angelo State University this fall and major in art. She plans to enter some of her work in arts-and-crafts competition at the Feast of Tabernacles.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Penny Flyte, 11½, has twice entered her special coffee cake in baking contests in Starke, Fla., and twice has won the



PENNY FLYTE

first-prize blue ribbon.

Penny is the daughter of Janet Brownlee of Hampton, Fla. They attend church here.

SAN ANGELO, Tex. — Cyndie Lynn Wakefield, a senior at Lakeview High School, has been nominated to have her biography appear in the 1976-77 edition of *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

Cyndie has been active in band and chorus throughout high school. She was in the all-region band her sophomore year and during her junior year was in a flute ensemble that went to state for ratings.

She also accompanies both stage band and choir.

Cyndie was accompanist for two fellow students for state soloist ratings.

She is active in her YOUs chapter and enters the talent contest each year. Last Feast at regional competition in Tucson, Ariz., she placed third with an original composition she sang.

She is secretary-treasurer of the YOUs chapter; she is church accompanist and plays special music.

Cyndie has studied piano for 12 years, flute and voice for five. After completing her senior year, she hopes to enter Ambassador College and major in music.



CYNDIE WAKEFIELD



LIZ STEWART

BIG SANDY — Liz Stewart, 15, a junior at Big Sandy High School, was one of 180 Texas delegates who attended the 1977 Future Homemakers of America national youth-leadership meeting July 11 to 14 in Seattle, Wash.

Representing 77,000 members of the Texas FHA, Liz was among 1,500 delegates from schools throughout the nation.

The theme of the conference was "Leadership '77: Explore Roles, Set Goals."

She is the daughter of Ellis and Pat Stewart, members of the church here. A member of YOUs, Liz is a member of the National Honor Society, with a 97 grade-point average. She holds the office of reporter for 1977-78.



MIKE WALLACE

## He builds character, doesn't want to be one

By Zenda Cloninger

RESEDA, Calif. — One word describes 18-year-old Mike Wallace: enthusiasm. Mike, the son of Bette and the late Gordon Wallace, members here, seems to have enthusiasm for everything he's become involved in: the Church, Youth Opportunities United, the YOUs-sponsored Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn.; competitive swimming and now Ambassador College.

Only enthusiasm could get a guy up each morning at 5 o'clock before school to swim an hour.

Only an enthusiastic young man would lead a group of teens on a grueling, week-long hike into the High Sierras, as Mike did last summer as president of the Reseda YOUs chapter.

And it took lots of enthusiasm to attempt to save a man wrapped in a heavy chain (who was pretending to drown) to win his SEP lifeguard certificate.

Mike's enthusiasm — and deter-

mination — led him to apply for every possible scholarship as his senior year in high school drew to a close last spring. His efforts didn't go unrewarded: Mike will attend Ambassador College with the aid of a state scholarship totaling about \$1,300 a year, an Ambassador athletic scholarship for room and board, a \$150 scholastic scholarship from the Acton Women's Club and a \$75 athletic scholarship from Palmdale High School Swim Boosters.

Mike, who expects to major in theology at AC, has been chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1976-77 and received honorable mention from the California Association of Compensatory Education.

Mike, who for the summer is getting up every morning at 4:30 to go to work for a construction company, reveals the secret of his success, which seems to rub off on other young people: "If you don't build character, you become one."

# Letters

## TO THE EDITOR

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bath is good because it keeps us trusting the Judge and Supreme Court in heaven for our freedom and ability to keep the Sabbath.

We are not just another "sect." This is the Family of the living God and Creator of all that is. We should not owe our right of worship to any carnal-minded, spiritually blind humans. No human court has the right to judge God's laws. There is only the responsibility of deciding whether to obey.

The publicity may be helpful. May cause Sunday observers to question their beliefs, and hopefully some few may find the truth.

William Ickes III  
Berlin, Pa.

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After reading the article "High Court Hits Sabbath Keepers" in the June 20 WN, I would like to make one or two comments which I feel might be helpful.

Here in Britain we do not (as far as I am aware) have any constitutional protection against dismissal from a job because of Sabbath observance. However, we do not have scores of people out of work and living on social security because of this.

Why not? Because God Himself gives people favour, that's why! I know of many cases where people have obtained tremendous favour regarding Sabbath keeping and their jobs. We even appear to have at least one Bible example of this. How about Daniel (and the other three)? The kings he "worked for" were surely not "Christians," and he kept the Sabbath because he was a righteous man (Ezekiel 14:14) — in other words he had to obtain favour on a much higher level than most of us!

Those who have lost jobs in this country over Sabbath keeping have always eventually found better ones. God does provide for His people; we just ask in faith (Matthew 7:7) and He will supply the need.

(Mr.) C. Marsh  
Shropshire, England

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Re: the U.S. Supreme Court decision against Sabbath keepers:

... I am disappointed over the court's ruling, but not surprised. Mr. Ralph Hodge said it for me in the WN's June 20 issue when he stated, "Everything that's anti-God is gaining ground." And now that the Supreme Court has taken a slap at all Church members who worship God on His Sabbath day, America had better brace itself for some big trouble.

Michael E. Brandenburg  
Pleasant Plain, Ohio

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**Inside information**  
"Just What Is Our Mission?" and "Why Many Don't Understand Pentecost" [July 4] were totally unexpected treasures.

I think Herbert W. Armstrong's new supplements are a great idea. And *The Worldwide News* is a perfect place for such inside information.

Peter Hulin  
Hollywood, Calif.

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After reading Mr. H.W. Armstrong's article in the July 4 issue on "Why Many Don't Understand Pentecost," I felt compelled to write you and let you know how grateful I am for *The Worldwide News* and especially the added contribution made by Mr. H.W. Armstrong. I receive a "spiritual charge" from his articles that seems to give me a special joy and delight. I am happy that your publication is now being used as another way to receive spiritual food and rejuvenation.

P.L. Gwinn  
Columbia, Tenn.

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... My congratulations for publishing "Why Many Don't Understand Pentecost" and "Just What Is Our Mission?" They are among the best I've ever read.

Yves Martin  
New York, N.Y.

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**Beautiful!!!** This is the best word in my mind to express the July 4, 1977, edition. I have been a subscriber a number of years, and the paper has been improving since. *The Worldwide News* now seems to be a complete paper — what with the latest of church news and progress. GTA's letter, Gene Hogberg's international-news

editorial and now with HWA's spiritual enlightenment. *The Worldwide News* is now an all-purpose paper.

John E. Buchholz  
College Point, N.Y.

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### Another member in Japan

I am writing in reference to the article by Pansy Jang ("Member Sticks It Out Alone") in the Monday, July 18, 1977, issue, page 6.

A correction should be made to Mr. Tanner's statement that he is the only member of God's Church with a permanent home in Japan.

Mr. David H. Smith has been a member of God's Church for some time (over two years that I know of). He has a permanent home in Japan and has had for many years with his Japanese wife, Miki, and their five children.

His address is David H. Smith, 90-25 Yoshioka-Cho, Sasebo, Japan, 85701.

I have been in correspondence with him for many years, even before he was baptized in the Philippines, and my heart has certainly gone out to him many times, as he has gone through enormous hardships there. He has recently learned that he is a diabetic, to go along with everything else.

John Dickson  
Sammamish, Tex.

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### AC and superjazz

... I was happy to read the "Grapevine" on Monday, May 9, 1977, and see Ambassador College sponsoring jazz (George Shearing and Supersax).

Scott Villiger  
Ocean City, N.J.

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### Following up

I would like to make a suggestion regarding the requests for prayer in the "Personals."

Most of the time these requests are for people who are critically ill, yet a follow-up on their progress is rarely printed. I have people on my prayer list who were terminally ill a year ago, yet I haven't the slightest idea how they are now — and I would like to know.

Mrs. Eugene B. Lucas  
Overland Park, Kan.

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Your recent policy of not printing addresses in the "Personals" columns was very welcome and much needed. I ran an ad a couple years ago and did receive some very unwanted mail. However, there seems to be the need for a slight improvement: I would like to write people in certain parts of the U.S. and some other nations (United Kingdom, France, Australia and New Zealand), but if I answer an ad I have no way to be sure where I am writing to. This would also be a problem for people who want to write to someone in the U.S.A. and don't want to pay the much higher postal rates (about 450 percent higher per ounce for airmail) for answering overseas letters.

May I suggest that you arrange ads in the columns according to general areas, example: ads from Europe in the "Europe" column, ads from Africa in the "Africa" column, etc. Or perhaps all non-U.S. ads in a "Foreign" column. At least I hope people will identify their country, or state of the U.S., in the ad.

Gregory D. Watson  
Cincinnati, Ohio

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As we've mentioned before, we feel some readers using the new coding system may prefer not to reveal where they're from. But we encourage readers when writing their ads to include such information if they so choose.

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### Column comments

Mr. Gene Hogberg's columns surpass any political news articles of the major news publications such as *Time* and *Newsweek*. I am particularly looking forward to his comments during his upcoming trip to Asia.

(Mrs.) Jeanne White  
Columbus, Ohio

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Gene Hogberg's articles are GREAT. More like it please.

Penny Havens  
Phoenix, Ariz.

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As a WN subscriber for the past several years, I have come to look forward to each new issue. However, there is one feature I find of questionable merit and that is Mr. Gene Hogberg's news analysis.

Is Mr. Hogberg expressing his own views or does he represent the Worldwide

Church of God? ...

If the latter is true, then why do we, a Church which calls itself worldwide and is dedicated to making God's truth relevant to all mankind, view world affairs as if the only possible sides to any argument were either pro-American or anticommunist? Is not the collective world capable of viewing world affairs in broader terms than pro- or anti-American or pro- or anticommunist?

If I were a non-American or communist (and, let's face it, they make up more of the world God has commissioned us to reach than Americans or anticommunists), I think I would be forced to conclude that any organization which viewed world affairs in this manner was rather narrow and provincial in its thinking. I would probably be forced to view their theology in the same light.

Mr. Hogberg's reporting tends to picture one side as completely right (e.g., South Africa, Rhodesia, South Korea) and one side as completely wrong (e.g., President Carter, Andrew Young, SWAPO, U.S.S.R.). This seems overly simplistic and inaccurate.

Are we to believe that just because something is anticommunist or American that it has God's approval? Are we supposed to believe that just because something is either anti-American or procommunist that it is condemned by God? Is the Kingdom of God only for Americans and anticommunists?

If we truly are the Worldwide Church of God, then shouldn't our official newspaper reflect a world view that is relevant to all peoples? Why can't our analysis of world events seek to show God's point of view and fairly show how far all men have strayed from His standards?

Tim McCaulley  
Atlanta, Ga.

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### Deciphering births

... The birth announcements are easier to decipher now.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips  
Fort Myers, Fla.

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... I prefer the births by the city rather than the last names.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Pro  
Kansas City, Mo.

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... The babies list in alphabetically ordered surnames [makes it] so easy to spot a familiar name, such as Johannsen, Doug and Betty, of Rapid City! That really makes a rapid identification ...

H.F. Huckfeldt  
Fort Pierre, S.D.

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### Growing room

I would like to respond to the woman who expressed concern about children's behavior in church (June 20 issue). In some situations I can agree with her, and children are, it would seem, allowed to make too much noise in church. However, we reach the point sometimes as parents of young children that we must learn to tune them out if we are ever to hear a sermon! Sometimes I feel we are lacking because we have no provision for small children during sermon time. Very often a toddler can be occupied through the sermonette, but any longer is just too much to ask. Consequently many mothers are often forced to miss sermon after sermon, or they are made to feel that they must teach these children of theirs to either be quiet during church or go to sleep. In the latter situation, they end up spoiling these little ones for something that is not their fault and if they really looked at it would realize they are spoiling out of a degree of anger. (I have seen it!) I have done this myself but I don't think it's right.

So what can we do about this? In our situation as a Church (meeting in rented rooms, etc.), I don't know. I do know, however, that there are many mothers who, in a desire to hear an entire sermon, have learned to tune out their young children, to a degree. I haven't been able to do this, and I can count on my hands the number of sermons I have heard in their entirety in the past 18 months. At times I wonder why I even go (just to sit in the ladies' room?). This is not really conducive to good spiritual health. I sincerely think we need to find a reasonable solution.

PS: I hope no one gets the idea I have an uncontrollable child; I don't. I have a lovely, normally active, thoroughly enjoyable little girl who needs room to grow.

Sherry Brumgard  
Royersford, Pa.

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### Church of God? ...

If the latter is true, then why do we, a Church which calls itself worldwide and is dedicated to making God's truth relevant to all mankind, view world affairs as if the only possible sides to any argument were either pro-American or anticommunist? Is not the collective world capable of viewing world affairs in broader terms than pro- or anti-American or pro- or anticommunist?

First, to God, for the fantastically beautiful weather He gave us, with bright sun and a cool breeze. The day before the meet there was a storm that accumulated 3 inches of rain in State College.

Second to the YOUs for offering our kids an alternative outlet for their abilities and talents.

Third to the spectators who gave enthusiastic support.

Fourth to those magnificent kids who gave each event every ounce of effort they had to give.

Last but not least I'd like to thank the coordinators for the untiring effort.

Our local coordinator, Mr. John Lambert, and his wife, Hazel, have worked with our kids many hours and have given them the support and encouragement that induced their best efforts.

Let's face it: Our YOUs program is not going to appeal to all of our teens, but the kids who responded to this event are definitely turned on to YOUs. They need the program, and because of dedicated people like John and Hazel Lambert YOUs is going to be there for them. I strongly feel that as parents we owe it to our kids to encourage and support their participation in YOUs. If we can do this we will all be winners.

Colleen Close  
Towanda, Pa.

### Coded personals

I was somewhat relieved to see the "code" system begin [for personals]: as I was one who received "unwanted" mail from time to time. Thanks to your "good" thinking, that has stopped.

Mrs. Frances Calkins  
Roswell, N.M.

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It's sad you have to resort to remailing responses to the personal section because of inconsiderate people, but glad that you have found a way to avoid nuisance mail.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Thompson  
Omaha, Neb.

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The "personals" are somewhat "tacky" (some, not all) — my only suggestion is to modify this.

Jerry Scott  
Albany, Minn.

### Subscribers' suggestions

What I would like to see more of is interviews and articles on leaders in the Church — even if they have been featured in past issues. So many have had positions changed recently. I'd like to keep up to date on their current jobs and lives and learn more about their backgrounds too.

I also enjoy articles on brethren and Church activities in countries around the world.

David W. Bruno  
Duluth, Minn.

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I think it would be nice to have a recipe column in *The Worldwide News*, with favorite recipes of the ministers' wives.

If so, I'd be happy to see Mr. H. Armstrong's recipe for cooking parsnips. Years ago I heard him say he could cook delicious parsnips.

Mrs. Bascom Messer  
Big Stone Gap, Va.

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Since Mr. Ted Armstrong asked for comments regarding the paper — I feel I must make at least this one. If it needs anything, it's an increased emphasis on aspects of the "Work" worldwide! Actually, this is the only real reason I subscribe — that, to see the blessings and (often) horrible plights many of the brethren find themselves trapped in (otherwise, for the purpose of prayer).

Other than that, however, the "NEWS" still has, in my opinion, far too much a "school newspaper" approach. As the age worsens, and as our collective and individual Christianity is tested more and more, I personally believe that we need to see more of the functioning of God's Work around the world and a little less of the "social" aspects of the Church. What counts, after all, is how well the Work is being accomplished — and I can never read enough of what the Work is doing at any given moment.

The May 9 issue was a prime example — featuring some hard-hitting and truly inspiring communications from the "top ministry" — it was like a breath of fresh air.

When I think about that one considerably important area, though, I mean it when I say that the paper is worth its price — and hope it will continue for a long time to come.

Robert R. Henriquez  
Pebble Beach, Calif.

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When the paper first came out you had write-ups about the evangelists which were most enjoyable, and I would like to see stories about pastors, local elders and preaching elders and deacons. We do not get nearly enough of that type of thing. Since it is a Church newspaper, why not have more news about the Church? And that means ministers.

Phro Burgess  
St. Louis, Mo.

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I really look forward to seeing *The Worldwide News*. It and the PT are welcome sights tucked in the mail amongst the bills and "junk" mail. (Like an oasis in a desert!)

Only one thing has disappointed me, and that is, being a new member of April of '76, I was looking forward to the recipes for Unleavened Bread, and there weren't any when the time came!

Hope this year there will be some!

Juanita McKinney  
Norwood, Ohio

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**Now we know**  
After five years of reading *The Worldwide News*, it is time to say "thank you." It is easy to forget what it was like when we didn't have a newspaper to keep us all informed. I regard "taking things for granted" as one of our biggest problems. You see how I did just that for five years by not telling you how much I appreciated the WN. It brings to mind what Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has said so many times: "Ingratitude is one of man's greatest sins." Actually, I have often commented to others of how much I appreciate the WN. Just today I realized I had never told you. Now you know.

Ellis D. Noll  
Robesonia, Pa.

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I just love this paper. It is more a "round-robin" letter to everyone in God's family.

Helen B. Herbst  
Sumner, Wash.

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Enclosed is check for \$25 for renewal of the best little newspaper in the world and a little extra for some in lesser circumstances. God bless your whole staff.

Bruce B. Douglass  
Clatskanie, Ore.

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It truly is good to have an "official" grapevine in order to separate rumor from fact.

The "Personals" from Herbert W. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong are tremendous as links to the brethren.

W.T. Hanson  
Redding, Calif.

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If I had to pay the true price of what this newspaper is worth, I just couldn't afford it. Long may it live.

Mrs. John Henry Jr.  
Mill Run, Pa.

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I enjoy the "News" very much and appreciate it greatly as I am unable to get to Sabbath services because of transportation problems.

Mrs. Melbourne M. Augell  
Falmouth, Ky.

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Enclosed find a check for \$5 for another year's enjoyment in reading your fine paper. Not a bad investment.

Ella MacLean  
Oswego, N.Y.

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When I think about all of the positive and stimulating articles and news of God's Work reported in the objective and uplifting manner you do, all I can say is thank you and please continue, you have my support.

Andy Martin  
Birmingham, Ala.

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We believe the WN is an integral part of this Work and holding us together as a "family"! Thank you!

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Foster  
Placentia, Calif.

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# GRAPEVINE

**BIG SANDY** — Three former faculty members of Ambassador College here have been assigned responsibilities in the United States field ministry, announced a spokesman for Pastoral Administration July 29.

**Richard Ames** will pastor the Lakeland, Fla., church. **Dean Blackwell** will be pastor of the Midland, San Angelo and Abilene, Tex., churches, and **Allen Manteufel** will be associate pastor of the Kansas City, Kan., church.

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**JOHANNESBURG**, South Africa — **Charles Bryce**, coordinator of the Regina (Sask.) Area, will travel with



**CHARLES BRYCE**

his family here from Canada for the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles.

According to **Andre van Belkum**, director of church administration for South Africa, "Mr. Bryce will be visiting all the major sites as a guest speaker."

He replaces **Brian Knowles**, managing editor of *The Plain Truth*, who was to have come but for "personal reasons" was unable to make the trip, Mr. van Belkum said.

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**BIG SANDY** — Small metal buildings, or "booths," formerly used for student residences, adjacent to the convention center will be rented during this year's Feast of Tabernacles, according to **Sherwin McMichael**, Festival director.

Because of the merger of the two campuses of Ambassador College, the booths have become available

and are being rented for \$10 per night. According to Mr. McMichael, the booths are "equipped with carpeting, two to four beds — no army cots, but full-sized domestic single mattresses — wood-paneled walls, fluorescent lighting and air conditioning. For all practical purposes, the booths are now miniature motel rooms."

However, the booths do not have individual bathrooms, but men's and women's bathhouses are located in the middle of the complex.

Mr. McMichael said the deadline for contacting the Festival Office about renting a booth is Aug. 15 and noted that those renting will need to provide bed linens, blankets and pillows for each bed.

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**BIG SANDY** — Thirty-eight former Big Sandy students who are transferring to Ambassador College, Pasadena, left the former campus here by bus for Pasadena July 30.

"It's sort of sobering that this whole thing is actually happening, that people are actually leaving and that we will be starting a new year in Pasadena," said **Curtis Lucka**, a senior and bus-service coordinator. "Some people have mixed emotions about it all."

Seventy-two students and five newly accepted fall-term students will leave on two buses from the East Texas grounds Aug. 6 for the non-stop trip to Pasadena.

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**JOHANNESBURG**, South Africa — **Robert Fahey**, regional director for the Work in Africa, and **Peter Nathan**, operations manager for Africa, will leave Aug. 3 for a two- to three-week tour of East and West Africa, according to **Andre van Belkum**, director of church administration in South Africa.

This multipurpose trip will include a follow-up campaign in Nairobi [Kenya] on Aug. 6 to 7 given by Mr. Fahey. "Mr. van Belkum said.

From Kenya Mr. Fahey and Mr. Nathan will fly west. According to Mr. van Belkum, they will visit Lagos, Nigeria; Accra, Ghana; Abidjan, Ivory Coast; and Monrovia, Liberia. "They will get acquainted with staff and churches there and open bank accounts and lay groundwork for setting up a mail office in West Africa, probably in Nigeria," he said.

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**PETER NATHAN**

Mr. Rader are scheduled to visit some West African states in November. A visit [by Mr. Fahey or others] before they arrive can often help their arrival, departure and other physical needs."

From Monrovia, Mr. Nathan will return here, with Mr. Fahey continuing to England and a meeting with **Harold Jackson**, director of the black-African Work.

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**PASADENA** — Some 600 works of art — paintings, drawings, photographs — were on display in Ambassador's gymnasium as the college played host to the annual Pasadena Festival of the Arts Juried Art Show July 6 to 17. The Pasadena Arts Council and the city's recreation division present the show each year.

Artists won cash prizes totaling \$2,370 in this year's competition, which was expanded to include photography, architecture and paintings by Pasadena schoolchildren, as well as traditional and nontraditional painting.

Ceremonies included a welcome address by **Michael Germano**, vice president for academic affairs of Ambassador. **Mrs. Verne Orr**, president of the Pasadena Arts Council, responded by thanking the college for its "spirit, space and facilities."

**Andrew Voth**, show coordinator and director of exhibits for Ambassador, said the results of AC's participation "have been very favorable, because many people who knew nothing about the college have become very involved and very excited about it through the Festival of the Arts."

Visitors one day of the show saw an exhibit of classic automobiles that included **Garner Ted Armstrong's** 1930 Model A Ford.

First South Pacific Polynesian

## Tonga has new elder

By Sesilia F. Ha'angana and Rex J. Morgan

**NUKUALOFA**, Tonga — Tonga's new local elder, I. Tolata'u Ha'angana, who was ordained May 28 by Bob Morton, director of God's Work in New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, first wrote to the Work's office in Sydney, Australia, in 1960, while he was a lay preacher of the Methodist Church.

Since then, Tonga has become a site for the Feast of Tabernacles, and the several Church members who live here are raising bananas to help pay for *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast here.

Mr. Morton says Mr. Ha'angana is the first South Pacific Polynesian to become a part of the ministry of God's Church (*The Worldwide News*, July 18).

### Related to royalty

The new local elder, who works as head of the Tongan Government Plant Quarantine Service, is 49, has eight children and is related to the royal family of the Kingdom of Tonga.

In 1960, when Mr. Ha'angana first wrote the Work, he received *The Plain Truth* by return mail. Three years later he requested a visit.

By 1965 he, along with three other *PT* subscribers, wrote a letter to the Sydney office, requesting counsel for baptism.

Ministers C. Wayne Cole and Don Abraham came from Australia in January, 1966, and baptized the first four Tongan members and appointed Mr. Ha'angana leader of the small group.

By 1968 four members lived in this country; that year they built a booth of coconut leaves and observed the Feast of Tabernacles.

The next year Mr. Ha'angana donated 1½ acres to the Church as a Feast site, and the brethren built a tabernacle there. This building has been used ever since for Sabbath services, Spokesman Club meetings and other church activities.

In 1972 Mr. Cole, then director of the Work in Australia, gave Mr. Ha'angana the opportunity to receive a month's ministerial training on field work around Sydney.

Evangelist Herman Hoeh came from America to conduct the Feast in 1972 and 1973. On the opening night of the 1973 Festival, Dr. Hoeh ordained Mr. Ha'angana a deacon.

The Spokesman Club began in 1976; it now has six members.

### Proceeds of three acres

Under Mr. Ha'angana's leadership, Church members here are planting three acres of bananas, the proceeds of which will go toward paying

for the broadcast.

When he returned to New Zealand from his recent visit here, Mr. Morton said he was "deeply impressed" by the loyalty of the church in Tonga and members' zeal and determination to do whatever they can to further the preaching of the Gospel in their part of the world.

Mr. Ha'angana feels his ordination is "an honor and a command from Jesus Christ to hold firm the reins and go forward, knowing for certain that God will direct and inspire me. This means more strength and more courage to seek more wisdom and knowledge to be more fully able to fulfill our part in the great commission."



**TONGAN ELDER** — I. Tolata'u Ha'angana, here in formal Tongan dress, became the first South Pacific Polynesian to become a part of the ministry. He was also, in 1966, one of the first four Tongans to be baptized.

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