



Norfolk and Seattle named sites for 1978 Feast of Tabernacles

BIG SANDY, Tex. — The Festival Office has announced two more sites for the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978: Norfolk, Va., and Seattle, Wash. Norfolk replaces last year's Feast in Hampton, Va., and Seattle, though not directly replacing a U.S. site, will ease overcrowding at the Squaw Valley, Calif., location and is expected to draw many Canadian Feastgoers who last year went

to Penticton, B.C.

Traffic should improve

"Easier access to house, beach and recreational areas has prompted the Festival Office to relocate the 1978 Festival convention site from Hampton to Norfolk," said Festival director Sherwin McMichael.

Norfolk is only 19 miles southeast of Hampton, on the Chesapeake Bay. The relocation, Mr. McMichael said, "will give members easier access to the abundant motel and popular recreational facilities of nearby Virginia Beach."

Last year Feast travelers to Virginia experienced a "traffic problem" between Hampton and Virginia Beach hotels, he said. "The only access between Hampton and the Norfolk-Virginia Beach area was through the narrow Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. We believe this problem to be relieved by the relocation across the bay to Norfolk."

The office expects 6,500 people to meet in the downtown Scope Convention Center, which dominates a 17-acre plaza within walking distance of many hotels and restaurants.

World's Fair site

Festival employee Budde Marino expects 6,500 to attend in Seattle at the Seattle Center, the site of the 1962 World's Fair.

Services will be in the Seattle Center Auditorium, part of the 72-acre World's Fair grounds, which are a "city within a city," Mr. Marino said. The exhibits developed for the fair are still maintained and will be available for Festivalgoers. They include a five-building science exhibit and many amusement facilities and restaurants.

A monorail service built for the fair still serves as a direct, nonstop means of going from the downtown hotel area to the fairgrounds.

Mr. Marino said Seattle will be a site because "Squaw Valley was just overcrowded" last year, and the location "makes it convenient for Canadian brethren" who live in the

western part of their country. He expects 1,500 to attend from Canada.

The Feast is now scheduled for 12 locations in the United States: Big Sandy, Tex.; Kenai, Alaska; Lahaina, Hawaii; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; Mount Pocono, Pa.; Norfolk, Va.; St. Petersburg, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; Seattle, Wash.; Squaw Valley, Calif.; Tucson, Ariz.; and Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

This is the same number of sites as last year, but three, Norfolk, Savannah and Seattle, have been added and three, Jekyll Island, Ga., Pasadena and Hampton, canceled.

Brethren snowed in; Pocono roof caves

By Klaus Rothe

PASADENA — Blizzards that wreaked havoc over a large part of the United States last week and much of January are taking their toll on Church members and Church property, most notably the Mount Pocono Feast site in Pennsylvania, where the roof over the Church-owned convention building collapsed after storms dumped unprecedented amounts of snow and ice on the building.

"I thought it was an explosion," said Jack Patterson, Mount Pocono site manager, who lives next to the building, when about a third of the roof came down with a bang Jan. 28 at 7:52 a.m. Unusually large amounts of snow and rain and high winds in the wake of one storm after another are thought to have been responsible.

Three large ceiling beams are down on top of 14,000 chairs, with another beam in a precarious position, according to Mr. Patterson. "We could lose even more," the site manager speculated.

No one was injured in the collapse. The building houses chairs, trams, sound equipment, sweepers and other cleaning equipment when not in use for the annual Feast of Tabernacles convention in the fall.

For the present the main consideration is to secure the building and make it safe as a wintry February and traditionally windy March approach, said Mr. Patterson. At press time no official estimate on the amount of damages had been made.

Things to come

Earlier in the month Mr. Patterson received a harbinger of worse things when heavy snows followed by warm weather flooded his basement with four feet of water.

Members, who normally meet for Sabbath services in the administration building next to the convention building, haven't met for the last three Sabbaths, said Ozzie Engelbart, Mount Pocono pastor.

The story was much the same over a vast expanse of the United States as revealed by an informal survey taken by *The Worldwide Church of God*. Scores of churches from as far south as Big Sandy, Tex., were canceling services, some for the third Sabbath in a row.

Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., pastor Dave Pack couldn't remember a time when "we've had a snowstorm from all four directions of the compass. Traditionally they come from the West." As he was commenting, as the latest blizzard was moving in Jan. 26, his electricity shut off.

"There has been snow on the ground every Sabbath since Nov. 12," Mr. Pack said.

For the last three Sabbaths in January, services have been canceled in Rochester. Outside Mr. Pack's Rochester home was four feet of snow on the ground, with drifts to eight feet in places and more snow on its way.

Northeastern Area coordinator Elbert Atlas reported 15 out of 21 churches in his area canceled services for the Sabbath of Feb. 21.

In the South

Conditions were no better farther south. Nashville pastor and Tennessee Valley Area coordinator John D. "Tony" Hammer told of 30-mile-an-hour winds, highways that were solid sheets of ice and four storms one right after the other.

Mr. Hammer said his children haven't been in school for more than (See BRETHREN, page 8)

Astronaut speaks in Pasadena

By Randall Brelsford

PASADENA — M. Scott Carpenter, a pioneer in America's space and oceanography programs, expressed his amazement at the adaptability of the human organism to new environments and his faith in the "ultimate value of technology" in a lecture in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 26. The talk was the fourth in a series of seven sponsored by Ambassador College.

Mr. Carpenter, the second American to orbit the earth in the Mercury space program, said his experiences in space gave him a "great respect for the Creator and the human organism." He said his experiences gave him "an abiding faith in curiosity and the ultimate value of technology to us."

Selected as one of the original seven U.S. astronauts, Mr. Carpenter believes the space program kept America out of war with the Soviet Union. "Humans like to compete," he said, and through the space program "we competed with the Russians in a constructive way."

Many doctors thought man could not survive in a weightless environment because he would have no

(See ASTRONAUT, page 16)

Stanley Rader changes posts

PASADENA — Stanley Rader, vice president for financial affairs, has tendered his resignation effective Feb. 1, announcing he will no longer serve as a director and officer of the Church and Ambassador College. Mr. Rader leaves his responsibilities to assume a new post as senior consultant to the Worldwide Church of God.

The announcement of Mr. Rader's transfer of duties was made jointly by Herbert W. Armstrong, Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Rader Jan. 26 after the senior Mr. Armstrong accepted the resignation at his home in Tucson, Ariz.

Senior consultant

Mr. Armstrong, pastor general and president of the Church and chancellor of Ambassador College, said Mr. Rader will continue as an independent senior consultant, similar to the post he held before 1975.

Mr. Rader said he had "considered this resignation for some time," since in recent years he has had "minimal involvement with the day-to-day administration of the Church and college" because of his full-time duties as adviser to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong said Mr. Rader has

been of "inestimable value over the years," and his efforts have met with "unparalleled success in all fields of the Church's endeavors."

Mr. Rader, 48, became a vice president in March, 1975, but he has been the constant traveling companion and personal aide to Mr. Armstrong since 1968, some years spending as many as 300 days abroad with him.

Mr. Armstrong first made contact with him and offered him a post with God's Work in 1956, at which time Mr. Rader was a certified public accountant working out of an office in Los Angeles.

He was first hired as a tax adviser. Then, in 1959, he enrolled in the University of Southern California's law school and graduated three years later.

He served on USC's faculty from 1963 to 1965 while also teaching accounting at Ambassador.

Arranges meetings

He has been instrumental in arranging many of Mr. Armstrong's meetings with government, business and civic leaders in southern Africa, Japan, the Middle East and elsewhere. For his efforts to improve cultural exchanges between the United



STANLEY RADER

States and Japan, the Japanese government last November bestowed upon him the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure.

Since Mr. Armstrong's illness, Mr. Rader has traveled to Japan on the pastor general's behalf, filling in for him at meetings with Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda and other government officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Rader, the former Niki Gartenberg, have been married 27 years and have three grown children.

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS! It has been a busy two weeks since the last issue! I have visited my father several times, including spending several hours with him on the Sabbath of Jan. 21 and the following Sunday morning at his home in Tucson. He continues to amaze everyone with his steady, if slow, progress.

He always comes quickly to his feet upon my arrival, is able to walk from room to room and always insists on walking me to the door when it is time to leave.

As I have continued to ask in the past, I do solicit your prayers that God will continually intervene in his life, especially to give him the physical strength that he needs so that he can become even more active.

My father and I were able to have many wide-ranging discussions on matters critical to the Church and all aspects of the Work around the world and in discussing some vital points decided to have a private father-and-son prayer meeting, turning many of the more critical problems concerning the Work over to the Eternal God in prayer.

This proved to be a very moving and rewarding occasion for both of us, going to our knees together in his study, rehearsing

before our Creator many of the concerns and problems which face us unitedly and reconfirming and restating our deepest love and confidence in each other. We arose from the prayer session with a feeling of great inspiration and relief that our Father in heaven is truly looking after every aspect of this great Work on earth at this time.

I was able to go about my duties in Pasadena with a new sense of confidence and enthusiasm following these moving and inspirational meetings with my father.

Study of major questions

Within the next few weeks I intend to take a series of reports resulting from my months-long studies into major questions concerning accreditation, the Vista del Arroyo property, the maintenance of colleges and the like.

I hope I can take along with me from time to time other chief executives at Pasadena, and of course I have encouraged many of those who have known and loved my father for so many years to visit him at his home in Tucson as they can, though being careful not to stay too long so that he is not unduly tired.

I understand Mr. Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration (See PERSONAL, page 7)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

WInteresting interview

I really enjoyed the "WInterview" with Richard Sedlak (Jan. 2), the managing editor of the Correspondence Course and the new ministerial publication, *Pastor's Report*, and would like to suggest that you publish more such articles featuring other key personnel in the Work. I'm sure that each one would really help all of us to keep God's command to "know them which labor among you" (I Thessalonians 5:12).

Mike Brandenburg
Pleasant Plain, Ohio

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True stories

Do you ever consider nonfiction for the children's-story section of the WN?

I enjoy contributing to the paper. I was amazed at the response I received personally to my article on family week that appeared in the WN not long ago.

Dottie Hoke
Newburg, Pa.

We do consider nonfiction for the "Story for Young Readers" and run one such story Dec. 8, 1975. However, most nonfiction we have received falls more naturally into the news or feature-article category.

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Personal letter

Thank you, Mr. Ted Armstrong, for your letter in the WN of putting us in your confidence and trust. We feel as if we were in your office and you telling us what's on your mind about the Work. It makes us feel closer to you and being a team, all working together.

We are really looking forward to getting your book and to know the real Jesus of Nazareth.

The Lynn Bickels
Brighton, Colo.

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Yes for YES

We have four children, 10 to 3 years of age. All participate in YES (Youth Educational Services, Bible classes for young people on the Sabbath). The 3-year-old is very cheerful and talkative. She really surprised us when, out of the "blue," or most likely because she's heard it before, she paused quickly, closed her eyes and said very quickly, "Dear God, bless all the children in YES."

Hope every church area is using this marvelous tool to unify God's people. We have so many religious subjects to discuss, and it has given me a boost and extra motivation for my personal Bible study. After being in the Church 12 years, I really feel renewed in study and in such profitable contact with the children.

Mrs. Bob Wenger
Big Sandy, Tex.

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Things to do

I recently read about Madalyn Murray O'Hair's latest "crusade" to ban all religious broadcasting from radio and TV.

I don't know where she gets her power or backing, but there are two things we can do.

We can pray God does not allow her ideas to prevail. And we can write letters to our congressman and the Federal Communications Commission, stating our views. Normally I don't write these kinds of letters. But I understand it is helpful.

Eileen Booth
Medford, Wis.

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Senior pen pals

Most of the pen pals in the "Personals" are from the very young. After reading the last issue of WN I was thinking how very nice it would be if there was a separate column titled "Mature Pen Pals" where people (brethren) 55 years old and older could find solace in communicating through the mail with one another. There are so many lonely older brethren, and they are shy about advertising for pen pals. A column that would be specifically "theirs" would help, I'm sure.

Inene V. Erickson
Wyoming, Minn.

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There is nothing like a name

My first articles [to read] are the weddings and anniversaries. It's fun to see

people happily married! It is also good to see an edition after edition to see [that] the new brides [do] not mind being called simply "Mrs. John Doe."

Very often I am quite frankly annoyed that women, once they marry, seem as if they have no name of their own at all. This is especially true under pictures. Even wives of our top officials become "and his wife" or "their wives" or "Mrs. . . ." Scoldom if ever the wife's name mentioned in captions. An example is the picture of the Hoehs and Merediths on page 1, Vol. VI, No. 1, Jan. 2, 1978. Maybe for the sake of brevity, "Isabell" (Hoeh) and "Shyrel" (Meredith) were left out, but I like it when the women are still left with a name of their own.

Would it be possible, if only in the wedding column, to list the couple as "Ed and Sheila Graham," or "Linda and Frank Percy," if she happens to be on the left-hand side of the picture? In many names it takes less space than "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe."

I feel somewhat relieved, being able to express my feelings about women having a name.

Jane Robinson
Kaukauna, Wis.

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Incisive news

Well, tomorrow is 1978, and I wish to thank all the staff of WN for making 1977 such a beautiful year through its timely reports and incisive, in-depth news, not only of the Church activities but also that of world conditions.

I wish all the staff of the WN a . . . year full of "health, education and welfare."

Tan Eng Chee
Penang, Malaysia

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Carter's budget 'conservative'?

PASADENA — Remember the American public gasping when, during the presidency of John Kennedy, the annual U.S. federal budget reached \$100 billion? Only a few years before that, in Harry Truman's time, it hovered around the \$50 billion mark.

Both of these examples shrink before the 1979 fiscal budget proposed by President Carter: a stratospheric \$500 billion, a cool half trillion!

Inflation, of course, represents a good share of the enormous leap in federal-government outlays. Much the same can be said of the gross national product, now topping out at the \$2 trillion rate for the first time. After taking most of two centuries to reach the first \$1 trillion GNP, the second trillion was added in only a little over seven years. About two thirds of the second trillion is attributed to higher prices rather than increased output.

Conservative budget?

The irony of the new half-trillion-dollar budget is that it is considered to be a "conservative" one measured against the galloping increases of recent years. It is only 8 percent higher than last year's amount; when adjusted for inflation, it is about 2 percent more.

But here the good news, as it were, ends. The government is expected to take in only about \$440 billion in income, leaving a projected \$61.8 billion deficit to cover by increased borrowing. This deficit comes on top of a \$60.6 billion shortfall for fiscal 1978. Reports *U.S. News & World Report*: "The President is piling up

the biggest two-year deficit in history. Add the red ink in the budget just announced, for the year ending Sept. 30, 1979, to the 1978 deficit and you get \$122.4 billion."

The total federal debt is soaring rapidly; sometime in the next few months it will top three quarters of a trillion dollars and should reach the \$1 trillion milestone in the early 1980s. Interest alone to finance this

surprising that confidence has drifted lower, and with it the incentive to take more risks in expanded investments which create jobs."

But of course some in government claim to have the answer to the job problem too. Just pass the Humphrey-Hawkins "full-employment bill." Tax the public more and create federally funded make-work projects!

Worldwatch

by GENE H. HOGBERG

massive deficit now runs close to \$49 billion annually.

Aside from inflation, the single most significant factor in increased federal spending is the alarming jump in outlays in recent years for social services. Up from virtually nowhere less than two decades ago, federal expenditures on health, education, welfare and other social programs now significantly outpace spending for national defense, whose budget has long been the target of liberal critics.

On top of this, Social Security payments will rise in the next budget to more than \$106 billion a year, only \$11½ billion less than defense. To save the program from bankruptcy, Social Security taxes are earmarked for steep progressive increases over the next few years.

But hold onto your hats. The darling social scheme of the welfarists is yet to come: a comprehensive national health-insurance program.

Considering the foregoing, it's no wonder confidence is so low among businessmen, investors and tax-hammered middle-income Americans, the very ones whose savings and spending are counted upon to keep the bloated balloon in the air.

The responsibility for the mess is laid squarely at the foot of government and its extravagant taxing-spending programs. Walter E. Hoadley, executive vice president of the Bank of America, told a Town Hall of California audience in Los Angeles recently why this dangerous lack of confidence has set in:

"Unfortunately most of the administration's proposals — consciously or unconsciously — seem to seek further redistribution of income and wealth. As a result, it is hardly

Economist Irving Kristol, writing in *The Wall Street Journal*, clarified America's economic crisis in simple terms:

"Inflation is caused by government printing too much money to finance its extravagant expenditures. Sluggish growth and high unemployment are caused by burdensome taxation and regulation. Stop spending so much money, lighten the burden of taxation and regulation, and your economic condition will smartly improve."

But, then, who in Washington pays any attention to such old-fashioned, homely wisdom? It makes one reflect once again about another piece of wisdom concerning what governments are wont to do, that given in I Samuel 8:10-18.

The Italian lesson

For a glimpse into America's economic future, one need look no further than the Italy of today. There are differences between the United States and Italy, most notably a powerful Communist Party waiting in the wings to grab power. But there are distressing parallels too.

Briefly the situation at the present is this: Caretaker Premier Giulio Andreotti is trying to piece together the 36th post-World War II Italian government. Premier Andreotti's previous government fell two weeks ago under the hammer blows of a plethora of economic, political and social crises, among them raging inflation, high unemployment and growing social disruption by terrorists and political militants on both the left and the right.

As a result, the powerful Communist Party reneged on the private (See CARTER'S BUDGET, page 9)

News chief keeps watch

By Dixon Cartwright Jr.
PASADENA — Don't just take Walter Cronkite's word for it, advises News Bureau chief Gene Hogberg, who thinks too many people, including Church members, rely on television news programs as their only means of keeping in touch with what in the world is going on.

Mr. Hogberg, who is also news editor of *The Plain Truth* and writes a column for *The Worldwide News*, recommends that a member of God's Church, or anyone with an interest in the shape of current events, subscribe to a good weekly news magazine, if he can afford it, along with the best available newspaper in his area, preferably one that has a broad national and international outlook.

"Even the top television anchor-men such as David Brinkley will admit that, if you're just depending on them to give you the important news of the day and not backing that up with a good newspaper or magazine, that's not enough," says the 40-year-old graduate of Ambassador College, who has been with the bureau since 1958.

Starting that year, while a junior in college, Mr. Hogberg began volunteering his time to gather newspaper and magazine clippings to back up the radio broadcasts being produced by Garner Ted Armstrong.

Several people had been invited to help supply the material to Mr. Armstrong, whose father at the time was shifting more and more of the broadcasting responsibilities to him, but some "just didn't come through with it," Gene Hogberg, then 21, did.

Mr. Hogberg went on the payroll part time as a student, but after his graduation his career, with what was then called the News Gathering Department, was interrupted by his assignment as a "second man" to a field minister.

The minister was Burk McNair, who, Mr. Hogberg says, "had the grueling Denver-Pueblo, Colo.-Garden City, Kan., circuit, which ranged up into Wyoming and Nebraska. I worked there for about five months, then I came back. The field ministry was not my calling, but I've always considered it profitable to have experienced what the often hectic life of a minister is like."

Mr. Armstrong had specifically requested he return to Pasadena, where he resumed working for the department and eventually, in 1961, became its head.

The bureau was established "to

help Mr. Ted Armstrong tap additional sources of information from newspapers, magazines, journals and so forth for his benefit for the radio program. But, as long as we were doing that type of work, it was logical that the News Bureau should also be called upon to provide information services for *The Plain Truth* magazine as well.

His first published article appeared in the May, 1961, *Plain Truth*, an analysis of an African political situa-

tion called "Behind the Congo Crisis."

column in *The Worldwide News*. "We presently subscribe to approximately 175 different sources of information," the bureau chief says. "Of course we have the three wire-service machines: Associated Press, United Press International and Reuters. But the 175 sources include everything from daily newspapers to weekly magazines to quarterly journals such as *Foreign Affairs* and bank newsletters.

Mr. Hogberg doesn't recommend

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any one particular publication that could serve as the ultimate news source for the reader interested in keeping abreast. "Each newspaper or magazine has its own bias," he says, "and must be read with that fact in mind."

Son of immigrants

Gene Henry Hogberg was born in 1937 in Chicago, the son of Swedish immigrants. His mother was a housewife and his father a painter for the Pullman Co., which operated the sleeping-car service for the nation's passenger trains. He attended Wilson Junior College in his hometown for a year before deciding to go to Ambassador.

After graduating from Ambassador and working in the News Bureau for four years, Mr. Hogberg married his secretary, an Ambassador student, Barbara Sipe. The new Mrs. Hogberg had graduated from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Tex., before coming to California. "We first met in '64 and were married Jan. 23, 1966," Mr. Hogberg says.

The News Bureau, which recently moved to the Church's Office Facilities Building, at 64 Valley St., one block east and across a freeway from the Ambassador campus, continues its job of backing up the broadcasts, now on television as well as radio. Six people are on the staff, including Mr. Hogberg and another longtimer and Ambassador graduate, Don Schroeder.

The others on the staff are news analysts Keith Stump, Jeff Calkins and Werner Jebens and secretary Janet Abbott. Besides supplying material for the broadcasts, the staff compile information used to back up articles in *The Plain Truth* for Mr. Armstrong and other writers, besides Mr. Hogberg's own frequent articles in the *PT* and his "Worldwatch"

Supplemental journeys

The department's 175 sources are supplemented by Mr. Hogberg's and other staffers' travels.

"Within reason and cost effectiveness, we do travel to try to get as much firsthand information as possible. For years News Bureau personnel have attended various meetings in this country, such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science meetings, generally held back on the East Coast, and other scientific and political meetings.

"There's nothing like getting out from behind the desk. You can do only so much here — we've got some of the best printed information available to us — but still you have to get out to do some firsthand research on occasion."

His journeyings have included a trip to the Soviet Union in 1974 with *Plain Truth* writer (and now assistant managing editor) Dexter Faulkner.



WATCHER — News Bureau chief Gene Hogberg sits in front of one of six world maps and globes in his office. [Photo by Dixon Cartwright Jr.]

The same pair toured five European nations in 1975, and last summer News Bureau staff member Keith Stump accompanied Mr. Hogberg on a visit to Asia.

One reason for wanting to see different places and their peoples is to perceive the news from other points of view. "The basic slant of the news in the United States is left of center, liberal left of center," he observes. "But almost all of this news, whether right, left or center, is still from an American point of view. And on some of these controversial issues, such as the projected U.S.-troop pullout from South Korea, you have to get out and talk to the people in the other countries and see how they're affected by it."

Misunderstood approach

Readers of Mr. Hogberg's articles have written letters from time to time implying he has a "right-wing" approach to news, but that analysis is a result of "misunderstanding," he says.

"People sometimes want to read political polarity or favoritism or whatever into what I write, but if they don't interpret what I say they'll find very little of that."

"Because I say, for example, that the United States is, out of fear, foolishly giving up a God-given birthright blessing in the Panama Canal, I am said to be right wing or anti-Panamanian, or I don't understand the so-called legitimate aspirations of the third world."

"In many of the articles that I write I'm not trying to take a conservative point of view or a reactionary point of view as opposed to what some people would say is a liberal point of view. I'm just trying to say, hey, this is the way things are, and if there's going to be a certain change in policy, such as in regard to the Panama Canal or in U.S.-Asian ties, here are the likely consequences to result from such a change of course."

"In essence I do not view myself as a political scientist, and I do not put myself in any particular part of the spectrum. I am interested in international relations, the interplay of political forces, shall we say, among the nations, and what are the likely consequences of certain actions."

"As far as the perspective on news analysis in *The Plain Truth*, the basic framework that we operate from is the framework that Mr. Herbert Armstrong and his son, Garner Ted Armstrong, have laid down, that the message of the Church is to proclaim or announce the coming of the Kingdom of God. Christ said that you can discern the signs of the heavens and know when the storms are coming. Well, there are a lot of political and social storms in the world that indicate that the Kingdom of God is soon to appear."

Another perspective

Mr. Hogberg makes mention of another "important perspective" the bureau operates from.

"As Mr. Herbert Armstrong explained long ago in *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* booklet, our English-speaking nations have been the recipients of Abraham's birthright blessings in this age."

"But what God gives He can also take away, as the chapters of Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 make abundantly clear, and as *The World Tomorrow* program and the pages of *The Plain Truth* have also made abundantly clear for over 40 years. God has no favorites in that sense. In fact, because He has chosen to deal with the nations of Israel in a unique way, much more is expected of them."

"When I look at the mountainous (See NEWS CHIEF, page 9)



NEWS GATHERERS — Above: Gene Hogberg, left, and staffer Don Schroeder are two of the News Bureau's staff of six. Right: Mr. Hogberg and his wife, Barbara, are at home in South Pasadena with sons Neal, 11, kneeling, and Derek, 9. [Photos by Dixon Cartwright Jr.]



Historic Savannah Feast site in cradle of southern hospitality

By Terry D. Warren

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The fog had early erased the eerie silhouette of John Wesley's statue in Savannah's Reynold's Square. Somehow I felt I was in old London Town rather than Savannah, Ga. We were enjoying an evening meal in the Green Room of the charming, historic Olde Pink House Restaurant, built in 1771 and today touted as one of Georgia's oldest buildings.

Here in an elegant colonial setting was the perfect place to reflect on the last two days, spent in one of America's most charming and authentically historic towns.

Eight blocks east was the Pirates' House Restaurant, where blood-thirsty buccaneers would gather for a frothy mug of ale during the late 18th century. Amid gaiety and laughter they would plot the shanghai of unsuspecting and often drunken men through a dark basement escape tunnel that led to the waterfront a few blocks to the north. The Pirates' House was mentioned by Robert Louis Stevenson in *Treasure Island* and, according to legend, is where Capt. Flint, who gave Billy Bones the treasure map, died.

The establishment was cited by *Redbook* magazine as one of the 34 best restaurants in the United States.

From the cozy Captain's Room, the best known dining room at Pirates' House, you can see the masts of the giant oceangoing vessels that enter Savannah's port. The tiny, frail, wooden frigates with their canvas sails have been replaced by modern ships from 60 nations, making Savannah a significant center of national and international trade.

On the waterfront

I wouldn't have wanted to walk along the waterfront in either of the last two centuries. Not unless I was looking for an inexpensive one-way trip to China or some other distant port.

But today the waterfront area is

The Festival Office announced Dec. 22 that Savannah, Ga., will be a new site for the Feast of Tabernacles in 1978, replacing Jekyll Island, Ga. Terry Warren, a Festival employee and managing editor of the annual Festival brochure for each of the major U.S. sites, wrote this article on what the traveler to Savannah can expect in the way of places to see and things to do. The office expects that 7,000 people from the Mid-Atlantic states and transfers from other parts of the country will travel to Georgia for the first Feast in Savannah.

undergoing an extensive renovation that is turning it into one of the city's main attractions. And, according to natives, it's a reasonably safe place to walk in the early evening.

Three eating establishments of note on the waterfront are The Boar's Head, Commodore Crowley's and Spanky's.

1,100 historic buildings

A 2½-square-mile section of downtown Savannah is considered the nation's largest registered historic landmark, with 1,100 historically significant dwellings. Some 850 are restored, in the restoration process or waiting to be.

Guided tours are available, or the visitor may see Savannah on foot, taking one of four walking tours along tree-lined streets. The best place to start a tour is at the visitors' center on West Broad Street.

Stops along the routes include the Owen-Thomas House, an authentic English regency house and registered national historic landmark designed in 1816 by English architect William Jay.

There's also the Telfair Academy of Arts and Sciences on Telfair Square, which opened in 1886 as a free art museum and is the oldest museum in the Southeast.

Not an accident

Savannah, a cradle of southern hospitality, is considered America's first planned city. After establishing the colony of Georgia and naming it for King George II, Gen. James Oglethorpe founded Savannah in 1733 only 10 miles from the sea along the Savannah River.

By July, 1733, settlers were assigned town, garden and farm lots. Two ranks of five side-by-side lots (60 by 90 feet) made up a tithing, and two pairs of tithings faced each other across each 270-by-315-foot square. Forty town lots made up each ward. Patterns for Savannah's inner city were set by the original four wards laid out by Gen. Oglethorpe.

Today the pattern is still extant, giving each neighborhood the feeling of a small town with its own landscaped park in the center. City planners from around the nation visit the city to glean ideas from the past on planning and redevelopment.

The \$10 million Savannah Civic Center, where Feast services will take place, is within walking distance of the town's historic section. The complex, one of the coastal region's largest, consists of an arena, auditorium-theater, ballroom, meeting rooms and exhibition space. The spacious, ultramodern arena seats up to 8,096 people with augmented folding and telescopic seating.

Only minutes from downtown are two well-preserved Civil War forts. Ft. Jackson, built beginning in 1809, saw service in the War of 1812 and the War Between the States. Ft. Pulaski, now operated by the National Park Service, was built beginning in 1829 with Robert E. Lee as one of its chief engineers.

Historically, in the writer's opinion Savannah surpasses Williamsburg, Va., in authenticity, though I'm sure many will disagree. There are points of interest too numerous to mention, with restaurants to please any palate, and southern hospitality abounds.

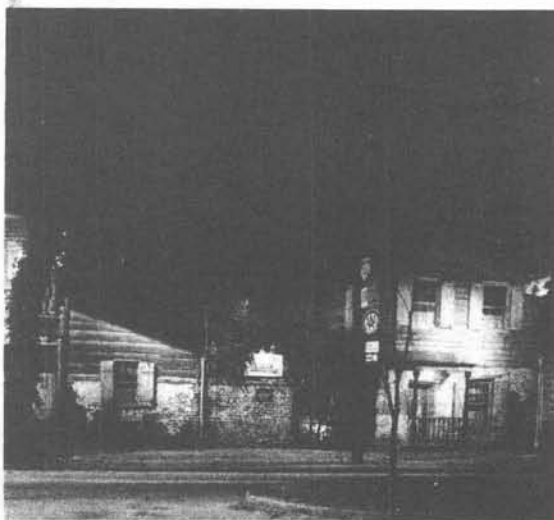


OLD AND NEW — The Old Harbor Light, above, was built to guide ships coming into the Port of Savannah. Seventeenth-century patrons of the Pirates' House Restaurant, top right, were sometimes shanghaied to foreign ports. Festivalgoers will attend services in the new Savannah Civic Center, right. (Photos courtesy Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau)



ANTEBELLUM CHARM — Savannah was built around several town parks, such as Johnson Square, at left. Other points of interest include stately mansions, such as the one above, and the riverfront-restoration project, which is transforming former warehouses into shops and restaurants overlooking the Savannah River. (Photos courtesy Savannah Area Convention & Visitors Bureau)





Three British sites announced

RADLETT, England — The British Festival Office confirmed Jan. 11 that the 1978 Feast of Tabernacles will be observed at only three British locations, two in England and one in Ireland. Church members last year kept the Feast at four British sites.

The 4,000 Feastgoers expected in 1978 will have no problems being accommodated at three sites instead of four, Feast administrators believe, even though travelers from overseas are welcome at each site, according to Edward Smith, an employee of the office.

How to transfer

U.S. members wishing to transfer should make application through the American Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. Big Sandy personnel will forward the transfer requests to the Radlett office.

Members in Canada, Australia, South Africa and Europe who wish to transfer to Britain should also apply first through their regional offices. Full details on the sites, however, may be obtained by writing directly to the Festival Office, Box 111, St. Albans, Herts, England.

The two English-mainland sites, Brean Sands and Scarborough, were last used in 1976. After the '76 Festival many British Church members expressed the hope that the Church could return to those sites, so for this year plans are being made accordingly, Mr. Smith said.

Brean Sands is a seaside resort village in Somerset, in the West of England. Feastgoers will stay in self-catering chalets of the Pontin's Holiday Village, near Burnham-on-Sea. Chalets are fully furnished, with bed spaces for up to eight people each.

Each unit has a kitchenette and television, wall heaters, cutlery, bedding and cleaning utensils. Food can be purchased at the camp's supermarket, and a cafeteria is available.

A traveler to Brean Sands should bring only clothes, towel, soap and toothbrush.

Services will take place in the Pontin ballroom, and a full program of entertainment, recreation, tours and sporting activities is planned for all age-groups.

Scarborough is a large popular resort on the Yorkshire coast, in north-eastern England. Meetings will take place in the seafont Futurist Theatre, which has a seating capacity of

2,000. The theater complex specializes in conferences and has improved its facilities, including auditorium lighting, since 1976.

Attached to the theater are restaurants, bars, dance floors and other facilities. Members expecting to attend at Scarborough will need to arrange accommodations in local hotels, guest houses, flatlets (efficiency apartments) or holiday units. Brochures and prices are available from the Radlett office.

Bruce Kent, pastor of the Bristol church, will be Festival elder at Brean Sands, and David Stirk, pastor at Leeds and Sheffield, will serve in the same capacity at Scarborough.

The Festival Office hopes that between 1,500 and 2,000 people will attend each of the sites.

Irish Feast

The third location is in the Republic of Ireland. Irish members and visitors will probably return for the fourth year to the popular fishing-resort town of Kenmare, in County Kerry, in the Southwest. However, said the Festival Office spokesman, an alternate Irish site is also being considered, at Galway.

In either case, the Dublin travel firm Joe Walsh Tours will coordinate a package for all visitors that will include accommodations, food and other travel costs. Details, once final, will be announced.

Attendance at the Irish site, which will be overseen by Festival elder Sidney Hegvold, Dublin pastor, is expected to be 500 people.

Living in Jerusalem is an extraordinary thing

By Robert Gordon

JERUSALEM — It is almost sunrise. Over a loudspeaker somewhere in the distance a *mussin* is calling faithful Moslems to prayer. The first light of dawn is beginning to change the black and grays of night to vivid colors, cars honk, occasional donkeys' feet click on paved streets, observant Jews gather at the western Wailing Wall to say their morning prayers.

Flower sellers, candy sellers, everything-under-the-sun sellers are beginning to take up their usual positions on sidewalks, in stalls or shops for the day's work. Supermodern buildings rise around an ancient city of vaulting and stone domes.

This is Jerusalem, and home for a microcongregation of the Worldwide Church of God. Although there are only eight of us living in Israel at the moment, we have already been informed that we will soon be expanding to a gigantic 10 or 12. There is one fact about our tiny congregation that makes it a bit unusual: It is overwhelmingly Jewish.

This article is about feelings. What does it feel like to be a part of a Jewish congregation of God's Church living in Jerusalem?

My old friend Vernon Hargrove, who is now pastor of the Indianapolis, Ind., church, once said that when I spoke it sounded like an Israel bond drive. And he was right; that is what this article wants to convey: feelings and not just my feelings, but our feelings, the feelings of Jewish members who live here. For us it is an extraordinary emotional experience that makes the heart beat faster when walking through the old walled city. My son was born here just a few blocks from the Temple Mount. Somehow that makes me feel great.

There are the traditional joyous songs sung on Sabbath evening to glorify God on the seventh day and the psalms that have been set to melodies generations old and some even more ancient.

"Next year in Jerusalem." When we think of those words, spoken so wistfully, prayed so fervently by millions of Jews, our fathers and grandfathers, over the centuries at each Passover, then the impact of our being here hits us.

A yearning of our people partially fulfilled, a yearning never satisfied until every past age that lived in exile opens its eyes in its own land. Then, of course, it will be a perfected Israel and Jerusalem. Family history is Bible study. We were raised from early childhood to know that the people we read of in Scripture were a part of the family, a part of our tribal nation. Raised to be conscious of a collective identification and a collec-

tive fate.

Jerusalem: This Jerusalem is a part of our national identity. It certainly is not the "Jerusalem of gold" that we are all waiting for. We members of the Church living here are not kidding ourselves about that, but then neither is anybody else who lives here. Everyone knows it is a carnal old city in a carnal old world.

Still we love her. Jerusalem, our wife of many years. We think of her a bit as Adam thought of Eve when he exclaimed (Genesis 2:23 New English Bible): "Now this, at last — bone of my bones, flesh of my flesh."

If you are ever in our hometown, please look us up. Contact Robert Gordon, Box 19111, Jerusalem, or telephone 424-616.

'Quest/78' advertises in U.K.

By Edward Smith

RADLETT, England — Church members in the South of England made a point of watching the commercial television channels in late December and early January. They wanted to catch the first television advertising of *Quest/78* magazine, the bimonthly publication of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

Quest/78 ads were televised as one- and two-minute spot announcements on successive days from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6. They were also seen in Ulster and the Republic of Ireland at peak viewing times.

Follow-up ads also appeared in the national press, including Sunday newspaper supplements and news magazines.

Quest is sold by outlets of W.H. Smith and John Menzies newsagents, two national chains. Tony Vinter, circulation director for *Quest's* international edition, reports subscription coupons are arriving daily in large numbers at the Radlett office.

The magazine's first printing was a product of the Work's press here, though the magazine copies were bound elsewhere. The pioneer international issue's first run, the January-February issue, totaled 184,000 copies, 150,000 for the British market plus 16,000 for Europe and 18,000 for South Africa. The March-April edition is scheduled to be off the press Feb. 23.



Truck hits pedestrians

TORONTO, Ont. — Nadia Barbaro, a member of the Toronto West church, was waiting at a bus stop with her young daughter, Paula, when a truck veered, jumped the curb and headed for the pair.

Mrs. Barbaro grabbed Paula and tried to run, but the next thing she knew she was lying under the truck with the front wheels stopped just an inch or so from her head.

Paula was farther back under the truck and had also escaped serious injury.

Firemen took half an hour to extricate them.

Mrs. Barbaro's two other children, Anna and Matthew, had been playing some distance away and escaped the mishap entirely.

"The thankful husband, Claudio Barbaro, a Toronto West member, realizes how close he was to losing his whole family," said Bill Moore, pastor at Toronto West. "The truck driver is facing a police charge of careless driving."

Minister reflects on his years in Church

MENTONE, Calif. — Robert C. Smith, pastor of the Banning and Fontana, Calif., churches and a Church member since 1960, wrote, in the form of an open letter, an article expressing the way a minister and longtime member of God's Church reflects on his years in the Church and his association with its pastor general, Herbert W. Armstrong. The letter in its entirety follows.

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

As my family and I join many thousands of brethren in praying for your continued improvement — and rejoicing with those same thousands at the encouraging reports issued by Garner Ted Armstrong — we necessarily found ourselves reviewing our lives since that time, a number of years ago, when we first came in contact with you and this Work.

The first sounds of *The World Tomorrow* emanated from my car radio in late 1959, but for the first several times I heard only Art Gilmore's closing comments. I was not interested in any world tomorrow, for the world today was my main concern, and fighting for survival for my family of seven had me too mesmerized to worry about involvement in the seeming fantasies of a nebulous, ethereal world tomorrow.

We had only been in Southern California for a few months, having left the East for a new start in life. At age 30 my accomplishments could have been easily inscribed on the head of a pin, and the prospects for a more productive, satisfying, family-edifying future didn't seem much more available here.

Apoplectic drain

On one particular morning, having begun my morning trek a few minutes earlier, I did hear *The World Tomorrow*, or at least enough of it to bristle the hairs on the nape of my neck and cause such a blood drain from my temples as to be almost apoplectic.

"You are filled with jealousy, vanity, lust and greed!" stated the positive, authoritative voice of the speaker. But this time I had the pleasure of meeting, at least via the airwaves, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and I had extremely mixed emotions about that meeting.

"Do you think God?" — a nonentity in our lives at this point — "has gone way off somewhere, like an absentminded professor emeritus, and forgotten about His creation?" continued the words of the speaker.

My pulse began to quicken. My ears wanted to rebel against — not the words — but the authority by which they were presented.

In my world, the world of 1959, positive authority had become virtually passe. And you, Mr. Armstrong, were not pleading, imploring, beseeching, whining, cajoling! You were not asking me to give my heart to the Lord, but, rather, were telling me something real.

"Why don't you quit listening to the paid professionals and start proving a few things to yourself? Why don't you blow the dust off your Bible, and find out why you were born, where you are going..." And the voice became lost in a swirl of almost flesh-ringing excitement, and I didn't quite know why.

Religion unimportant

Religion had not played even a minor role in our lives. After squirming through a couple years of cute little Bible stories at Sunday school — and comparing the "Christian teachings" with the plain, hard, cold hypocrisy of everyday life — it was not difficult to disregard the hollow mouthings of those "paid professionals" and follow the dictates of our own minds

and desires.

We borrowed a Bible, and marveled at the plain, simple words, and sat incredulously at the realization that those "mainstays" of organized religiosity were not even in the Book which they professed to follow.

We studied, and as that right way of life flooded into our minds we became aware of the inconsistencies of our society — religiously, economically, socially and morally. The words of the apostle Paul became our guide: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

Read, study, prove! Put to the test, by applying new teaching into our lives. See the results!

Our requests for free literature were met with immediate response as our mailbox literally bulged with magazines, booklets and Correspondence Course lessons. And it was truly free.

Soon we were approaching the old Shakespeare Club [in Pasadena] to attend our first Sabbath service. After being greeted by smiling, happy, radiant people, and singing several opening hymns, we were treated to the reality of meeting you, Mr. Armstrong.

What had been only a voice emanating from the airwaves was now booming out from the cheerful countenance of a dynamic "young" man in a light-gray suit. "Well, greetings..." filled the room, and our lives have not been the same since that time.

Void began to fill

We suddenly felt the satisfaction of belonging, and the gnawing void of emptiness began to fill. Bible study continued, and involvement — working with, helping, sharing, giving — replaced hollow, meaningless pursuits of a recent yesteryear. We now had something solid to teach our children as we began to prepare them for leadership in a society designed to produce happiness, joy, productivity, peace of mind, and governed by the desire to give, as opposed to our society's adamant striving to get.

Urgency and purpose

Ambassador College was extremely small and obscure, yet even in the spring of 1960 there was an obvious sense of urgency and purpose. Proverbs 29:18 states that where there is no vision the people perish. It was obvious, even then, that this people would not perish.

I began working for the college in 1964, and had the opportunity to work with you, Mr. Armstrong. Had the opportunity to see you in action, to analyze your "modus operandi" — and marvel at the progress, the growth, the fruits of that labor.

The beautiful campus expanded as necessary structures were added to an ultimate "master campus," and the pulsating entity which is the Church of God continued to shout out that same message with which Jesus Christ began His ministry.

That message: the GOOD NEWS of the WORLD TOMORROW!

With Garner Ted Armstrong pounding out the hopeful message on daily radio and television, indicting our errant world for the squalid mess we have created — and at the same time proclaiming the soon-coming government of the living God — you were suddenly aware of new doors opening up to the perpetuation of that message to hitherto unavailable areas around the world.

Quickly, miraculously, you found yourself in the presence of kings, prime ministers, leaders of state — not to stand in awe of those men but, rather, to stand before them and "cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions," just as Isaiah was inspired to write. The Gospel was —

and is — being preached in all the world as a witness unto all nations.

The Work grew to proportions of considerable renown. The media both extolled and criticized us. Religious "snipers" took aim at what we are doing, and the names Herbert W. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong were bantered about enigmatically by those masses who could recognize the good fruits being borne but were not able to understand why.

Some came into the Work, labored for a while, shared in the good life, flattered with success and departed for one reason or another. Others gratefully recognized the "big picture" — the overview — of what was transpiring and eagerly accepted the opportunities made available by God through you.

Productive families

The teaching — and the living —

of that way of life revealed in the Bible began to reflect in the lives of our growing children. Instead of the weary, heartaching, discouragingly bleak future facing the youth of this world, our children were becoming concerned, alive, vibrant, productive entities. Family life — working together, sharing together, rejoicing together — helped us to see more vividly the promised panorama of a utopian society just over the horizon.

The growth of AICF, the incredible acceptance of *Quest* 77, the laudatory comments from the "giants" of the publishing industry, recognition by national media, all shouted out the positive motivation of this Work, but the greatest accomplishment continues to be the cementing together of families in preparation to teach the entire world that God — the Creator — is a Family and desires that each of us become an integral part of it.

And through all these years you, Mr. Armstrong, have established the example of loyalty, faithfulness, dedication and perseverance by which we might follow you as you continue to follow Christ.

We agree with you, Mr. Armstrong, that God has done it all, that by yourself this great Work could not have been accomplished, but we also recognize your awesome part in making it possible. We appreciate your stick-to-itiveness, against seemingly overwhelming odds on many, many dozens and scores of occasions. We share with you the hurt of reading, or hearing about, the accusations, criticisms, derogatory aspersions which are from time to time aired by the media, and especially when they are cast by some to whom you have totally given of yourself over the years.

You taught us to "... blow the dust off your own Bible and prove..." some things for ourselves — and we did. You suggested we "... quit listening to the paid professionals..." and we did. You taught us to (See MINISTER, page 9)



HEALTHY AGAIN — Jason Cook, left, is in the swing of things before pneumonia and a broken collarbone threatened his life. Above: The Cooks with their son Jason, now 3, and Kevin, 9.

Hospital baffled; Jason healed

By Bill Stough

ST. CLAIR, Mo. — Jason Cook is a normal, healthy 3-year-old today. But a little over a year ago, during the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Jason came down with pneumonia. His subsequent healing — which his parents and friends believe was miraculous — and related events left his doctor, other hospital personnel and friends baffled.

It was a sad day for Jason's parents, Jim and Delores Cook, when they had to go home during the Feast. Jason had become seriously ill, their cabin had no heat, and what had started out as a cold was now pneumonia. His coughing was worsening, a fluid was forming in his lungs, and he needed attention 24 hours a day.

Medical tests

Once back home here, the Cooks immediately took Jason to a doctor, who took X rays that clearly showed fluid in his left lung. Another surprise: Jason had apparently recently broken his left collarbone.

Jim and Delores speculated that the break, which had gone unnoticed, may have also occurred at the Feast when Jason fell out of bed one night. But he hadn't shown any sign of complaining about his shoulder.

Jason's doctor, Clinton Hayes of Union, Mo., seven miles from here, prescribed treatment that could be administered at home for the time being.

However, the pneumonia got worse.

Dr. Hayes checked Jason every few days. About two weeks after he came home from the Feast, X rays showed the pneumonia in both lungs. The broken collarbone still also showed clearly.

The doctor now recommended Jason immediately enter a hospital, because home treatments would not be enough. Delores, however, was concerned that Jason could choke to death in the local hospital. There would probably be times when he would be left alone.

To go to a hospital with a larger staff in St. Louis, on the other hand, would mean either Jim or Delores would not be able to be with their son regularly because of the distance.

Delores, holding the coughing child in her arms, continued silently to ask God for help. Then an unusual thing happened.

Areas fade

As she and the doctor stood looking at the X rays, the cloudy areas in the pictures of the lungs began to fade away. When most of the cloudy areas were gone, about 60 seconds later,

Jason stopped coughing and fell asleep in her arms.

Delores remembers that the doctor couldn't believe his eyes. "Just a minute, now. There's something wrong with this X ray," Delores quotes the doctor as saying.

He sent Jason back for another set of pictures.

The new X rays showed no sign of pneumonia. Further, there was no longer a break in his collarbone.

Delores remembers the doctor saying something to the effect: "Well, that can't be. If that break is really healed, there should be a lump of calcium where the break was."

He checked Jason's shoulder and felt the calcium: "But how can that be? The calcium should take months to form."

The Cooks say the doctor never admitted the occurrence of a miracle, but Jim and Delores have no doubts. Even their friends, Bud and Helen Frick, Roman Catholics who at the time lived next door in the same trailer court and helped take care of Jason before his recovery, believe a miracle happened.

For a few days after the incident, curious neighbors came to see Jason and feel his healed collarbone. They realized Jim and Delores prayed to a real God, and perhaps there was something to that religion of theirs after all.

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel S. Armstrong

(Continued from page 2)

tration, together with Mr. Steve Martin, area coordinator for the western United States, are visiting him at his home today (the Sabbath, Jan. 28).

I will seek my father's final approval on many additional vital points of concern to the Work and would much appreciate your prayers, not only for his physical health, but that God will continue to lead and guide in every decision which must be made in His Work.

Here is some exciting news, if you have not heard it from your local pastors already, for we included this information in the recent *Pastor's Report*:

Our new media agency, Ed Libov Associates, Inc., has lined up the No. 1 television station in a new market, Tulsa, Okla. The program will air over KTUL, an ABC affiliate, Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to noon starting Feb. 5. The agreement included 12 promotional spots a week and a free ad in TV Guide.

And in Charlotte, N.C., we are adding WSOC-TV, an NBC affiliate, and our present contract, with WRET-TV, will eventually be canceled. WRET is a UHF (ultrahigh-frequency) station, and the program is presently on Sunday at 10 a.m. WSOC, which is VHF (very high frequency), will air the telecast Sunday at 12:30 p.m. immediately after *Meet the Press* and before the Sunday movie. This contract will include a free TV Guide ad and five free promotional announcements weekly.

Network hoped for

And this is only the beginning! As I stated in the recent co-worker letter which all of you will receive, Dick Janik, a senior executive of Ed Libov Associates and the person with whom I will work directly, is already hard at work on putting together our own network of radio stations!

The sky is the limit so far as we are concerned, our only constraints being the difficulty in obtaining times and, of course, the commitments to media budget.

However, we can dream, can't we? Our dreams are that eventually we will be able to put together on direct telephone-line hookups or tape delay within a few hours or the same day radio stations ranging from Seattle, Portland, Salem, Eugene, Medford, San Francisco, Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose, Bakersfield, Santa Barbara, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and San Diego and other cities up and down the West Coast! If we can begin on only two or three smaller stations, gradually adding more as we are able to clear the times and/or afford the radio time, this new "Pacific Coast Garner Ted Armstrong Network," or whatever else we call it, can gradually expand, growing, we hope, into the mountain states (cities like Boise, Ogden and Salt Lake, Denver, Albuquerque, Phoenix and Tucson) and eventually into the Midwest and even the East Coast!

I have already been making 30-minute half-hour radio programs ahead, but I'm very much looking forward to the opportunity to be on the air live once again!

Incidentally, I am beginning a new series on the four Gospels concurrently with beginning work on a book which is due at the publisher by April on the same subject!

I hope to put in narrative form, much like the final two chapters in *The Real Jesus*, a new book (title not yet selected) taken from a harmony of the Gospels. The book will be in narrative and biographical form and will strive to make many of the personal experiences of Jesus and His disciples. His parables and teach-

ings, come into real living color as in some segments of *The Real Jesus* book, and be absorbing, informative and inspiring without being a historic documentation, exegesis or heavy doctrinal exposition.

First letter bomb

Incidentally, I was contacted by our Security Department a few weeks ago which informed me that Mr. Richard Rice or members of his department had intercepted a suspicious-looking envelope which appeared to contain a possible "letter bomb." Of course the men in that department had been thoroughly indoctrinated through films and lectures on such matters, so the envelope, with its ridge down the center, unusual thickness and rigidity, was quickly spotted.

The Pasadena police department sent its bomb experts, and the letter was taken to a vacant parking lot near the Rose Bowl where it was detonated by explosives used by the police bomb squad.

It was discovered that the letter did indeed contain some of the ingredients necessary for a letter bomb, but it was believed the only explosion was from the explosive device used by the police department and that the letter itself did not explode. It was completely disintegrated and so very difficult to determine what all of the exact ingredients may have been.

When I combined this event, however, with a number of other threats that we have received recently, including threats on my life from those who have called or written threatening letters to my home and weird, strange-looking people showing up at my door all hours of the day and night and frightening my wife, then I realize more than ever the need for caution and especially God's protection.

I was told during the Feast of Tabernacles at Lake of the Ozarks, for example, that there was a man looking for me with a loaded gun in the front seat of his car. He had actually shown the gun to someone else and boasted that he was going to try to take my life!

With this in mind, of course, I am always very careful regarding security around airports and other areas where I may be traveling, but I thought I would mention this from a personal point of view and solicit your prayers for God's continued intervention.

Enormous amount to accomplish

Many years ago I gave my life completely to the Eternal to use as He willed. I firmly believe that He will preserve and protect that life for as long as He wishes to use it. But, of course, when He is through using my life it is of no further value to me whatsoever anyhow! I do not know how much more He wants us to accomplish during this age, but my own feeling is there is an enormous amount of Work yet to be accomplished before we can feel that the great commission is even remotely complete! That holds true for my father and his activities as well as my own responsibilities in radio, television and the printed media!

So we will certainly appreciate your prayers on the behalf of all of us at headquarters, my father over in Tucson, for all the ministers and for each other! We must be a praying Church, drawing close to God daily.

This is the most important battlefield before the Worldwide Church of God today! Satan has tried to strike at us from without and from within and to influence those of us within the Work to become antagonistic toward each other! As I was discussing with my father in Tucson recently, "I do not believe Satan is finding himself terribly busy in some remote village in Turkey, in some town in Central or South America, someplace in Africa or

even over in Rome!" I firmly believe Satan will attempt to get right at the leadership in God's Work and attempt to divide and conquer and destroy the Work in every way he possibly can!

That holds true for all of you brethren in your own private lives as well! Satan is the accuser of the brethren and is continually attempting to influence people to lose their first love, to allow a root of bitterness to grow in their hearts, to admit suspicion, greed, resentment and hatred into their hearts and thus poison the presence of God's Holy Spirit, driving the very mind of Jesus Christ out of their human minds until they become once again craven, carnal, cowardly, bitter and filled with the avarice and hatred of the devil himself!

Continually the New Testament apostles had to warn the little ones in

Christ that they should "resist the devil and he will flee from you" and realize that Satan is like "a roaring lion walking about seeking whom he may devour."

My father and I were very greatly encouraged and inspired by our deep personal prayer meeting together and by turning over the problems concerning God's Work directly into the hands of the great Creator God in heaven. I urge all of you brethren with your own personal family problems, your financial problems, your spiritual problems, problems of personal health and problems of attitude and mind to do the same thing!

I remember years and years ago counseling a student who was very disturbed over many aspects of his life. Upon discovering that he was working as a grounds keeper, I drew the analogy that all of his problems

were like those leaves he was raking up and placing in a basket and taking them on over to a pile to be burned. He should just think of raking up all of his own personal problems like so many leaves, placing them in a basket and holding them up to God and saying they are "not my problems any more, Father, but Yours!"

Let's all do that unitedly in God's Church, and I believe we will see new development and inspiring and encouraging growth everywhere!

And remember that there are many of our number who are in desperate need of your prayers because of grave illnesses, such as leukemia, cancer and many others! If we are a praying Church, we will be praying for those people as well!

With love, in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Pastor finds himself in Uganda

By Owen Willis

PASADENA — "Ladies and gentlemen, we have been requested to land in Entebbe." The captain's terse words came over the intercom of the Kenya Airways 720 jet, en route from Lusaka, in Zambia, to Nairobi, Kenya.

Minutes later, fearing the consequences of ignoring the radioed order from the control tower at Entebbe, the pilot had the plane on the ground, the first time a Kenya Airways aircraft had landed in Uganda. One hundred twenty-seven passengers, together with crew, scrambled out of the jet and were herded in the darkness to the terminal building.

Many thoughts raced through many minds. Why had we been

The writer, Owen Willis, is pastor of the churches in Kenya, Malawi and Zambia. He wrote this article Jan. 9 while attending the international ministerial conference in Pasadena.

forced to land in Entebbe? Were we going to be held hostage?

No one knew. Relations between the two previously friendly East African countries have soured after the excesses of Uganda's unpredictable President Idi Amin.

Captain disappears

The captain had been escorted from the plane first and was nowhere to be seen. The rest of the crew mem-

bers were with us, all under the watchful eye of Ugandan security guards, some of whom were in plain clothes and scattered among the passengers.

The hours went by and the tension and mystery became greater.

At one point one of the passengers attracted the attention of the person I had been seated with. In hushed whispers he explained he was an Israeli citizen. With sweat running down his brow and with trembling hands, he gave us his name and identification details, begging us to make immediate contact with the nearest Israeli representation should he be detained by the Ugandan authorities.

Eventually, after almost four hours, we were told we were being released and that we could board the aircraft after a passport check. The Israeli winced.

Now came the greatest moment of tension for us as the Israeli came nearer and nearer to the checkpoint (manned by five Ugandans and hawkishly watched over by two Arabs). He was getting closer. It began to look as if he might be looking for an opportunity to rush the checkpoint.

That seemed not only impossible but suicidal, considering the amount of weaponry around.

He got closer and closer and — in an instant of time, as the eyes of the checkers were drawn to a particular passport — went right through the middle of them in the shadow of the woman in front. We could not believe our eyes.

With a great deal of relief and after not a few prayers, we settled back into our seats as the engines roared into life and we left Entebbe and its twinkling lights behind.

No radio contact

But the story wasn't quite over. In Nairobi, our destination, there had been tension too. The estimated time of our arrival had come and gone with nothing having been heard from the plane. All efforts to contact the jet had failed. Lusaka had confirmed that it had left on time and with only enough fuel to make Nairobi. They added that the last they had heard was that the plane was having difficulties and radio contact had been lost.

The airport authorities were busy checking with all the airports on the route for possible news.

You can imagine how my wife felt, especially after a member of the diplomatic corps had come around to take down names of relatives of passengers on the flight. In his zeal he had virtually made the funeral arrangements for the unfortunate victims of the supposed disaster.

So for us it was with a great deal of relief, a little more appreciation of deliverance and a supply of sermon material that Kenya Airways flight 132 came to its end.

WHAT, WHO AND WHERE?

BY FELIX ORTIZ

Three items are missing: What are the words immediately following the quotation given? Who said it? And where in the Bible can you find the scripture? Give yourself 3 points if you know the words immediately following the quotation given, 2 points if you know who said it and 5 points if you know where in the Bible to find it. If you get all 10 quotations correctly completed, name the person who said it and can tell where to find it, you will earn 100 points. Now, without peeking or asking someone else to help you, what is your score?

- "Fear you not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord..."
- "The Lord is my shepherd..."
- "Man shall not live by bread alone..."
- "The woman whom you gave to be with me..."
- "There is a way that seems right unto a man..."
- "But if you will enter into life..."
- "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle..."
- "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..."
- "What? shall we receive good at the hand of God..."
- "For the wages of sin is death..."

CHECK THE ANSWERS AND GRADE YOURSELF:

WHAT? (3 POINTS)	WHO? (2 POINTS)	WHERE? (5 POINTS)
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WHAT + WHO + WHERE = TOTAL

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Denver no exception

'PT' newsstands catching on

DENVER, Colo. — Newsstand distribution of *The Plain Truth* seems to be catching on in many areas of the United States, and Denver is no exception. The coordinator for *PT* distribution in the mile-high city, Gerald Schnarrenberger, reports 100 outlets have become active in Denver since the program began a year ago.

"It all started about a year ago at the first of the *Plain Truth* distribution meetings held in Pasadena," Mr. Schnarrenberger, a deacon and Church member since 1964, said. "At that time, in late January, representatives were chosen for the newly established distribution system and were given guidelines to set up programs in their areas."

Gordon Muir and Mark Armstrong, two men who work with distribution of *The Plain Truth* and *Quest* magazines, held the meetings for Church members who would coordinate distribution back in their home areas.

Start small

"We were asked to start small — doesn't that sound familiar? — and try to reach a cross section of the people in our areas," Mr. Schnarrenberger said. "Potential outlets to be approached were suggested, such as grocery stores, hotels, doctors' offices, bookstores, shopping malls and other places where owners or managers would be likely to accept a free magazine."

"We were also cautioned not to force *The Plain Truth* on people, but to make it available."

The men were given basic kits that contained pictures of types of stands and racks that could be made use of. Typical sales presentations were gone over. Questions were asked and answered; goals and purposes were discussed.

In February, 1977, Denver pastor and Rocky Mountain Area coordinator Guy Engelbart, along with Mr. Schnarrenberger, met with Denver members to bring them up to date. Then the work began.

Mr. Schnarrenberger said when they contacted area businesses they met with "unbelievable results."

"God gave success after success," he said. "Mid-December, 1977, less than one year after the beginning, Denver had more than 135 outlets."

He defined an outlet as a store or other business that allows a *Plain Truth* stand to be set up or copies of the magazine to be otherwise displayed.

"One medical-dental building that lets us place magazines in five different waiting areas is counted as one outlet."

Most merchants went along with the *PT* distributors, Mr. Schnarrenberger said. But there were a few exceptions.

"Sure, we received some turn-downs. Like the gay motel manager who said no after noticing an article against homosexuality in the magazine. Or the few who said they didn't want anything to do with a religious magazine or church."

"But they just got us stirred up to try a little harder."

Three or four, he said, asked to have stands removed after they were in use, after coming under "pressure"

from customers who felt the magazine too controversial.

"But that still leaves the Denver area with well over 100 outlets."

Almost all the outlets are free, said Mr. Schnarrenberger. "We are paying a small rental fee for a downtown newsstand-bookstore. With that one exception, the stores and shops have donated space for the magazine."

No stands in most outlets

"We also save money because most of the stores do not even use display stands. For example, in most doctors' offices the magazine is placed in the existing racks or on the waiting-room table. Barber shops, beauty shops and coin laundries have tables for publications, and many small motels let us place them on the check-in counter. The basic rule is to put them where they make an attractive display and can be seen easily."

Some of the best locations, distributors have found, are supermarkets, but *Plain Truth* copies are even given away in the air. Frontier Airlines allows magazines to be placed on their propeller-driven craft for in-flight reading.

It takes quite a few magazines to supply the 125 or so outlets. Less than a year ago Denver's allotment was 500 *Plain Truths*. The January, 1978, issue totaled 5,000, and "the potential market in Denver is many times that," Mr. Schnarrenberger believes.

In at least one instance, there weren't enough copies to go around. "When we approached one large chain about placing stands in a few of their stores, they shocked us by saying that we could place stands in all of them. Their offer wasn't accepted because it would have taken 35,000 magazines a month just to supply them."

The *Plain Truth* program here has gone bilingual in an effort to reach the "approximately 200,000 people of Mexican-American descent in the greater-Denver area," the coordinator said. He and his co-workers are trying for 300 to 500 copies of *La Pura Verdad* to be given out a month. "This doesn't sound like much, but it will do a great deal to reach the Spanish-speaking peoples of the area."

Alaska Outreach gives a helping hand to all

By Laurie Riley and Jerry Shadwick

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — When government-sponsored, low-cost housing opened here in December, some members of the Church helped the tenants move in. The members are part of Alaska Outreach, a service organization inspired by Ambassador Outreach, a student group at the college in Pasadena, and helping people in need is what Outreach is all about.

Alaska Outreach strives to make life more exciting and less difficult for others, says Leonard Deal, an Anchorage deacon and director of Outreach, who drew up the purposes and goals of the Alaskan group after corresponding with members of the one at Ambassador.

Mr. Deal, 34, is married and the father of three girls. He and his wife, Kathy, have been in Alaska since 1964. He is employed by RCA Alascom.

"There is little outgoing concern around us today," Mr. Deal comments. "Outreach demonstrates by active involvement, in a wide spectrum of services, individually and collectively, those basic principles of giving and sharing. The Outreach volunteer is determined to set an example and a standard by which others will desire to live."

Really working

Today the program is a working reality. It began last April with 12 dedicated people attending the first meeting, and now there are more than 30 volunteers.

A variety of programs has been put into action. Working with other community-service organizations, Outreach has established a program of visiting senior citizens, coupled with other special projects for the elderly.

Special dinners, free concerts, skits and sing-alongs are organized by the entertainment department for groups and individuals, as well as outdoor activities for foster children and disadvantaged youths.

The educational arm of Outreach offers to its volunteers first aid, instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and disaster-relief training,

besides the opportunity to attend state-sponsored workshops for leaders in volunteerism.

Community leaders in all aspects of service are heard at monthly meetings.

Church members and other concerned citizens work hand in hand to accomplish these goals.

Outreach volunteers believe in what they're doing. Outreach "gives me a chance to use my personal talents to help people who aren't able to participate in community activities," says Bruce Clyde.

Pat Rockel enjoys "helping other people feel wanted and cheering them up."

Vanessa Summers says, "It's a great opportunity to share rather than serve myself," and "it's worthwhile to feel worthwhile."

John Vaughn appreciates an outlet in which he "can use the positive aspects of my personality in affecting others."

State conference

After participating in the annual Fall Volunteer Workshop sponsored by the Alaska Office of Volunteer Services, Outreach members received a letter from Connie Jones, associate director of volunteer services of the office of the governor of Alaska, stating:

"It is always important to have the volunteer viewpoint represented in statewide conferences, and Alaska Outreach members were especially articulate and well-informed participants in this year's conference. Their program is an example of a return to the real meaning of volunteering in this country — people helping people in a very personal way."

Noel Woodard, director of the Mable T. Caverly Senior Center of Anchorage, comments that "many of the elderly have the need for more than one service at any one time. The volunteers of Alaska Outreach were aware of this phenomenon, and carried out their tasks in an extremely empathetic manner. . . . We commend the Alaska Outreach volunteers for their service to the senior citizens of this community."



LORALYN HOLUM



FRANCENE GOMER

Youths recognized

MODESTO, Calif. — Loralyn Holum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Holum, for the second year has been awarded the Modesto Symphony Guild Lesson Grant for 1977-78 for her study of the violin.

Loralyn, 15, also won the YOU junior talent competition at Squaw Valley, Calif., during the Feast of Tabernacles. She is active in the Modesto chapter of YOU, where she serves as secretary-treasurer, and she is a cheerleader.

Loralyn attends Downey High School in Modesto as a sophomore.

BLACK RIVER FALLS, Wis. — Francene Gomer, who attends the Eau Claire, Wis., church, and her parents, Tom and Darlene Gomer, attended a formal ceremony Nov. 8 during which Francene was

inducted into the National Honor Society.

Francene attended the international YOU conference in Big Sandy, Tex., in December and will serve as YOU president of her chapter.

She has played piano solos for church services and at a YOU talent contest. She is active in school chorus and chorus musical productions.

Francene has maintained a straight-A academic record in school for two years, as well as holding a part-time job as a cashier. She plans to attend Ambassador College, where her sister Vicky now attends.

Francene is also president of a local volunteer group, working at a hospital and nursing homes.

Brethren fight storms

(Continued from page 1) two weeks, and there hadn't been services the last two Sabbaths, with hopes slim of many members showing up should services be held in the aftermath of the latest blizzard, which blew in Jan. 26.

"We're making the best of a bad situation," he said. "The kids are down to jigsaw puzzles."

Still farther south, in Fort Worth, Tex., services were canceled Feb. 14 as that area got an unusually large drop of snow. The Tyler and Lufkin, Tex., churches failed to meet altogether.

Big mess

"We're sitting in a big mess," said Edward Smith, coordinator of the Great Lakes Area. A full-scale blizzard with winds reaching 45 miles an hour had whipped through Cincinnati, Ohio, only hours before Mr. Smith was contacted by *The Worldwide News*.

No services took place in Cincinnati after the "blizzard of the century," and Mr. Smith stated "nobody had services yesterday [Jan. 28] in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana."

Mr. Smith likened Cincinnati to the North Pole as he reeled off statistics that included a 27.90-inch barometric reading, a 38-degree drop in temperatures "in a few hours and a 55-below-zero temperature, allowing for the wind-chill factor."

"It's rough out here and we're looking for spring and the Days of Unleavened Bread," he said.

In Chicago, Ill., some members nearly didn't make it home from Bible study when a blizzard stopped traffic cold Jan. 26. By the Sabbath, however, members went to services as usual, if somewhat decimated in ranks, according to Chicago Southeast and West pastor Carl Gustafson.

"Chicagoans are used to getting through the snow," he said. "The snow plows are fantastic. . . . They are ready for the snow here."

At least one minister was involved in a traffic accident that was directly related to the weather. Chicago-area

elder Roger Abels totaled his car Jan. 14 on the way to services when he hit a guardrail in an effort to avoid an oncoming car in his lane. He and his wife hit the windshield of their car. Unhurt, they managed to hitch a ride to services.

Cross-country skis

In Elkhart, Ind., pastor Rand Millich posed to be lucky enough to be able to visit a lady in a hospital but held out little hope for Sabbath services. With his house surrounded by snow as high as six feet in places, the pastor left his car at home and strapped on a pair of cross-country skis to get groceries.

Mr. Millich said his wife and daughter had a family day as 50-mile-an-hour winds howled outside. Lexington, Ky., pastor Rowlen Tucker said his area received 12 to 14 inches of snow followed by high winds of 50 to 60 miles per hour, causing six-foot drifts in some areas.

"That blows your mind in this area," Mr. Tucker said. "I mean, this is not the Dakotas."

He canceled services Jan. 21 and 28 in Lexington.

In Michigan City, Ind., Joe and Mary Ainsworth, both members, found themselves separated by two city blocks for one night. Mrs. Ainsworth had to spend the night at work when a blizzard hit Indiana Jan. 25. Her husband rescued her the next morning.

In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Joseph Teresavage, his wife and three children were stranded on an interstate highway on their way to services earlier this month. The family walked through snow-covered woods to get to a phone rather than freeze in their car. Seven hours later a cousin of the family was able to tow the car back home.

The list of church cancellations seems endless, and those congregations that braved the elements had a dramatic drop in attendance. Most of those interviewed agree that this year's combination of high winds, ice and snow is worse than last year's bitter cold.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 7

(1) "Which He will show to you today." Moses. Exodus 14:13. (2) "I shall not wait." David. Psalms 23:1. (3) "but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Jesus. Matthew 4:4. (4) "she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." Adam. Genesis 3:12. (5) "but the end thereof are the ways of death." Solomon. Proverbs 14:12 or Proverbs 16:25. (6) "keep the commandments." Jesus. Matthew 19:17. (7) "than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God." Jesus. Matthew 19:24. (8) "and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Peter. Acts 2:38. (9) "and shall we not receive evil?" Job. Job 2:10. (10) "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Paul. Romans 6:23.

Carter's budget 'conservative'?

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understanding it reached with Andreotti's Christian Democrats last July to abstain in parliament on key issues, letting Christian Democrat legislation pass, having first been cleared in huddles with the Red leadership.

In effect, the communists have already acted as a silent partner in government. Now they feel the time is right for full recognition and authority. They want inclusion in a new coalition government, with two or three cabinet positions.

How did Italy get into such a mess, with the Communist Party on the brink of picking up the marbles?

The problem goes back to the early 1960s. Before then Italy had generated its own economic miracle in Western Europe. Then a Democratic administration in the United States pressured Italian conservatives to embrace the socialists and their inflationary programs. Thus Italy embarked upon its notorious *apertura a sinistra* (opening to the left).

Since then Italy has been living far beyond its means, and its been down-

hill all the way. The country has piled up incredible deficits, perennial double-digit inflation and naggingly high unemployment. The labor unions have come under the domination of the Communist Party.

What ails Italy most is its swollen, inefficient public sector, which controls well over half of all industry and about 90 percent of its banking system.

Italian society is wracked by terrorism left and right. As Robert M. Bleiberg writes in the Jan. 16 issue of *Barron's*:

"Perhaps most ominous, law and order have broken down; in some parts of the country, violence rages unchecked, while acts of terrorism against juries and judges have brought the legal system to its knees. Thanks in part to misguided American liberals, Italy, which owes the free world many billions of dollars and serves as a base for the U.S. Navy in the Mediterranean and linchpin of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, today is dangerously shaky. The barbarians aren't at the gates; they're inside."

With communists actually in positions of power in Italy, should that happen, the whole nature of NATO, perhaps even the Common Market, is changed.

Watch the Italian scene closely.

News chief watches

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heap of crime, corruption and social ills in our society, the stench of homosexual perversion reaching God's nostrils, and then ask if America deserves to keep the Panama Canal, for example, 'no way,' I have to say.

"Frankly, in our egalitarian age some do not want to believe that God has ever singled certain people out to

course most other democracies — America is technically a republic — employ British-style parliamentary systems. But where are the successful democracies found? Largely within what we call the Israeli cultures. Only the stubborn, rebellious, individualistic cultures of Israel have been able to make it work to any real degree."

What about Japan and West Germany?

"The democracies implanted upon Japan and Germany have yet to receive their test under fire. India has been a notable exception to the rule, but look at Africa today. Democracy there has succumbed to traditional, top-down forms of rule, a few benevolent, some very bad.

"This different approach to government, democracy vs. tribal centralized authority, is the fundamental reason that a universal-franchise, one-man-one-vote system would end up in a calamity for South Africa, for example. The cultural chasm is too great to bridge in this world."

— Like office, like home

Fascination with international political and cultural systems colors Mr. Hogberg's life on the job and off. A visitor to his South Pasadena home may be met at the door by his wife, Barbara, dressed in an Indian sari, served *glogg* (a Scandinavian beverage made of hot, spiced, or mulled, wine) and then escorted through a house that has become a montage of internationality thanks to sundry souvenirs from faraway places.

The man of the house reads magazines and books on the geography, culture and languages of other countries in his spare time and is a student of "railroad lore," he says.

"I've ridden on some of the finest trains in Europe, in Japan — the famous Bullet trains — and elsewhere. While we were in South Africa around the Feast time in 1976, I was able to fulfill another dream by riding the famous *Blue Train* between Johannesburg and Cape Town, which is billed as a five-star hotel on wheels, and it certainly is."

He has a hope of someday boarding the fabled *Trans-Siberian Express* across Russia for at least part of its six-day run. And he regrets never having ridden the now-abandoned *Orient Express* through Europe.

Mrs. Hogberg, who holds a degree in home economics from Sam Houston State, is a housewife and substitute-teaches in high schools in South Pasadena and neighboring Alhambra four days a week. In her spare time she makes dresses with a knitting machine, fashioning garments one would have to "pay up to \$400 for in a better department store," her husband says.

She is also learning to make porcelain figurines, the lacy Dresden style found in fine jewelry stores.

The Hogbergs live in South Pasadena with their sons, Neal, 11, and Derek, 9.



GENE HOGBERG

receive benefits and blessings at any particular time in history, and of course there is a great deal of animosity and jealousy toward the United States — secondarily toward the British peoples, but especially toward the United States — among the third-world nations.

"When we come out and say, yes, this wealth and prosperity have been the result of a special blessing from God as a result of one person's obedience, many people are very taken aback at that. But we've never been deserving of our blessings, and because we are sinful peoples we are losing them right and left."

Best human form

Mr. Hogberg has definite feelings about forms of government, including democracy.

"As Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong has said, democracy is probably the best human form of government devised yet. But democracy, by its very nature, contains the seeds of its own destruction because it rests, especially in the American version, upon the ideals of the people themselves. And people change.

"Americans today, both the public at large and their leaders, who of course stem from them, are a much different lot from the founding fathers of 200 years ago. In fact, the America of today is radically different from the America of 20 years ago, in terms of moral values.

"Today there is little that unites the country. As someone said not long ago, America is a collection of 220 million egos each going its own way."

Can democracies function successfully elsewhere?

"With modifications, sure. Of



MR. AND MRS. C. TODHUNTER



MR. AND MRS. R. SHOEMAKER

Weddings recalled

PUEBLO, Colo. — Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Todhunter were honored at an open house Dec. 4 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

The Todhunters were married Dec. 7, 1927, in Pueblo and have lived here since.

They have three children, 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The Todhunters are members of the Walsenburg, Colo., church.

ELKHART, Ind. — Russell and Fern Shoemaker, deacon and deaconess in the Elkhart church, were surprised last month with a party to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary given by 90 members of the congregation.

Mr. Russell and his wife, the former Fern May, make their home in Niles, Mich., where they made their wedding vows Dec. 31, 1927.

The Russells, members of God's Church since 1962, have four children, three of whom live in Niles: a son, Robert, and twin daughters, Barbara Ann York and Mary Ann Lowe. Another son, Russell Jr., lives in Altadena, Calif. They also have 11 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker attribute their successful marriage to planning, working and doing things together and the fact that they don't buy things they can't afford.

SARNIA, Ont. — Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Dennis, ages 88 and 83, observed their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 31.

The Dennises, married Oct. 31,



MR. AND MRS. WESLEY DENNIS

1917, have lived in the same house all 60 years.

They have two daughters, Janet Pray and Marion McPhedran, both Church members. They have two sons, Stan and John, and another son, deceased. They also have 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis were baptized in 1973, first attending at Chatham, then London and now Sarnia, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Fran Ricchi, the minister and wife, presented the couple a crystal bowl on behalf of the members of the congregation.

BISMARCK, Ark. — Mr. and Mrs. Roy Graves Sr. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 25 at their home here.

The Graveses have five children,

Roy Jr. of Ukiah, Calif., Artis Lee of Glenwood, Ark., Ralph of Kalama, Wash., Earlene Moyer of Little Rock, Ark., and Carol Sirtatt of Malvern, Ark. They also have 15 grandchildren.

EVANS CITY, Pa. — Mr. and Mrs. Guy Byers were surprised with



MR. AND MRS. GUY BYERS

a party in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 20.

The Byerses attend the Pittsburgh West church in Vanport, Pa.

They were married Nov. 23, 1927, in Washington, Pa. They have two daughters, Lois and Jean, and seven grandchildren.

About 120 people attended the party, a covered-dish dinner.

ROSEBUD, Mo. — Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Marsch observed their golden wedding anniversary Nov. 24.

They have three children and five grandchildren and are members of the Rolla, Mo., church.

Minister

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prove the three basics: (1) that God exists — really, absolutely, irrevocably, positively, beyond a shadow of a doubt; (2) that the Bible is His written Word, containing knowledge available only by God's revelation, for our good, not only now, but for eternity; (3) that somewhere would be an organization, a Work, a Church, doing exactly what Jesus Christ was doing, saying exactly what Jesus Christ was teaching, about a soon-coming Kingdom to be established upon this earth.

We proved — beyond a shadow of a doubt — and then we believed!

I am now a minister in the Worldwide Church of God, blessed with the opportunity to serve hundreds of others who were also rocked back on their heels by the authority of the words of Jesus Christ as they came through the persons of Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong.

No longer do we live in a "no-solution" world, but rather are eagerly working toward the exciting WORLD TOMORROW!

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, we thank you!

In Christ's service,
Robert C. Smith

Ex-POW building new bridges

By John A. Halford

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — "Love your enemies; do good to those who despitefully use you."

The words are easy to say, hard to put into practice. They're especially difficult to remember when your enemy has beaten you, starved you, bayoneted your comrades and worked you half to death.

But West Sydney Church member Lance Lowe is trying literally to put this principle into action. As an ex-prisoner of war, Mr. Lowe is an active member of an organization that tries to promote friendship between Australian and American ex-POWs and their Japanese captors.

During the Second World War Lance was a signalman in the Australian Eighth Division. He was sent to Singapore in 1940 and captured by the Japanese in 1942 when the island surrendered. For 3½ years of captivity he alternated between the notorious Changi jail and various work projects on the infamous Burma Railway.

Because he had taught himself Japanese and Malay, his captors put him to work as an interpreter. "Because of this," he says, "I think I had a better time of it than most."

Saw firsthand

"But it was bad enough. Each day we had to work from 6 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Food was inadequate, treatment brutal and medical facilities minimal. I saw many of the atrocities firsthand."

During his captivity Mr. Lowe suffered 27 bouts of malaria. At one point he nearly lost his eyesight.

"I was put into a rudimentary hospital ward containing 200 dysentery patients. Since I was not as physically badly off as the others, I was put in charge of the ward."

"I remember this challenge well. So many of these men had lost all hope of recovery and had given up the desire to live. So we went to work to rebuild their determination to survive. We had some success; the death rate dropped from 13 a night to about one a day."

His captors released Mr. Lowe in 1945 when Singapore again fell into Allied hands. After a short period of

recuperation, he went back to Australia.

"I was lucky to be alive," he said. "So many of my comrades died in captivity. I think God looked after me. When I look back I realize I took some ridiculous risks. But in captivity I was determined to keep my self-respect and human dignity."

Rebuilt his life

After the war Mr. Lowe was employed as a mechanic and started to rebuild his life. Today he works as a successful journalist in Sydney, besides running his own business.

Mr. Lowe's experiences were similar to those of many thousands of others who suffered the deprivations of prison camps. But with Lance Lowe there is one big difference:



BRIDGE BUILDER — Lance Lowe, a member in Sydney, Australia, is a member of an organization that tries to promote friendship between Australian and American ex-POWs and their former Japanese captors. (Photo by John Halford)

Rhodesia: hard to stay but even harder to leave

By Ron Stoddart

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Living in Rhodesia has been full of excitement and challenge for those of us who have served in the ministry since the office was opened in Salisbury, the nation's capital. However, the excitement does seem to have increased in the two years since my wife and I moved here.

Military convoys now operate in the most sensitive areas, and it is dangerous to travel outside of the main areas after dusk. My wife and I travel on roads between churches and Bible studies with the knowledge in the back of our minds that people have been killed by antigovernment forces on the same roads or close by. We try to stay off gravel roads because land mines are usually planted on these rather than the main, paved roads.

Two close encounters

The police regularly cordon off main streets in Salisbury and search every person and vehicle within the cordon. This is done to deter repetitions of the attacks on civilian targets such as supermarkets. There have been two bomb attacks close to our office premises.

We have members who have to

face political coercion. One member living in Kambazuma, a black dormitory suburb of Salisbury, is threatened with eviction by his black landlord unless he joins and supports one of the main nationalist parties. This would involve attending meetings that begin by praying to an African deity, as well as giving financial support.

The writer is pastor of four churches in Salisbury and Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

Another member has had to move from his rural home to Salisbury after government and antigovernment forces began taking turns occupying his village, causing untold hardship.

Why don't Church members leave and live in some other country?

The ones who suffer most in Rhodesia are the blacks. And there is nowhere they can go. The best they can do is move to the main centers for security, but there is little work, thanks to sanctions and the fact that thousands of others have the same idea.

Obstacles to leaving

Most of the whites have toyed with the idea of going, and some have

"So many of my comrades came back from captivity nursing nothing but hatred and bitterness towards our Japanese captors. But I realized that this was no good. Even before I came into the Church I realized that hatred was going to get me nowhere. After all, hating the landlord doesn't get the rent lowered."

A couple of years ago Mr. Lowe saw an unusual advertisement in a Sydney newspaper. A Japanese ex-prisoner-of-war guard had suggested a reunion of prisoners and guards in Thailand. Although he suspected the ad was a hoax, Mr. Lowe wrote to find out.

Genuine offer

The offer turned out to be genuine. One of the Japanese captors had realized there was no future in harboring past resentments. After the initial contact, Mr. Lowe offered to

manage the Australian end of the operation.

He put out a press release and received many replies from ex-prisoners who were intrigued by the idea.

Eight ex-POWs from Australia, together with their wives, decided to make the trip to Thailand to meet their ex-guard. The reunion was to be in Bangkok, with a side trip to visit the site of the famous "bridge over the River Kwai."

All together 53 Australian and American ex-POWs and wives attended. On the Japanese side, 41 ex-guardians and wives showed up.

Lance remembers the moment of reunion vividly.

"We met first at a war cemetery in Bangkok. The Japanese coach [bus] had arrived first. When our party arrived it was obvious the Japanese were very apprehensive. What sort of reception would they expect? After all, these were the people who they had so badly mistreated 25 years ago. "But fears were quickly laid to

rest as the ex-POWs smiled and walked towards the group with their hands outstretched."

"Immediately our Japanese friends relaxed, and we spent a wonderful 2½ days together."

More reunions

This year Lance is trying to organize a reunion for other members of the Burma Railway work gangs to revisit the territory, if permission can be granted from the Thai and Burmese authorities. The Kwai bridge is a tourist attraction today, but much of the rest of the road has now reverted to trackless jungle.

Also planned for next August is another reunion of Japanese and Australian prisoners of war. "We hope to be able to meet in Japan and visit the sites of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki."

"I hope it can be organized. But it is to be a strictly bridge-building, friendly effort. We have no use for those who want to use our organization for political purposes."

Paraplegic plays in Olympics

By Sid Bell

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Danie Erasmus, a 39-year-old member of God's Church, has been confined to a wheelchair for 16 years. Yet during this time he has won numerous South African and international sporting awards, reeducated himself to drive and maintain an automobile and successfully negotiated learning to ride a horse, no easy task for a disabled person.

Mr. Erasmus' achievements and maneuverability have resulted from a dramatic, determined self-reorientation program.

In December, 1961, en route to a holiday in the Transvaal bushveld, Mr. Erasmus, then 23, and a friend decided to cool off in the murky Olifants River — with disastrous results. Unknowingly, Mr. Erasmus contracted a widespread African scourge, bilharzia, also called schistosomiasis, while swimming.

Found in many South African rivers and dams, bilharzia is carried by snails and enters the skin via tiny flukes. Every year many South Afri-

cans fall victim to this malady, though relatively few are as adversely affected as was Mr. Erasmus.

Doctors at first incorrectly diagnosed his excessive fatigue, sporadic but severe headaches, high temperatures and chills as tick-bite fever, and later malaria. Their correspondingly incorrect treatment was ineffective.

He was hospitalized and packed in ice to combat the high fever. Amoebic dysentery was the next diagnosis, penicillin the treatment.

Mr. Erasmus' allergy to penicillin resulted in a desperate three-day battle for survival during which family and doctors feared for his life before his body threw off the effects of the drug.

Finally identified

Eventually collapsing completely, he was transferred to an intensive-care unit in another hospital. Here his condition was at last correctly identified.

Living on 128 pills a day, the once-strapping 165-pound young man had become an often-delirious, weak 80 pounds, surviving on regular doses of morphine.

For nine weeks his parents slept at the hospital until at last some improvement was noted in his condition. But by this time the bilharzia had ravaged his system and he was permanently paralyzed from the hips down.

Doctors told him he would never walk again, a revelation that threw him into shock, followed by deep depression, shattered emotions and a nervous breakdown.

"All I wanted was my legs back," Mr. Erasmus remembers from those bitter days when he had lost all interest in living.

The bilharzia victim greeted the hospital psychiatrist with hostility, rudeness, total rejection of any suggestion that he begin thinking about using a wheelchair.

Psychiatric challenge

But the psychiatrist persisted and one day issued the patient a stinging challenge.

He told him that without a wheelchair he had few alternatives. He could deteriorate from bedsores, possibly ending up a suicide; or he could be a man and make the best of what had befallen him.

The challenge fired Mr. Erasmus with a zealous determination to overcome his disability. He resolved to do anything in a wheelchair he could previously do with his legs and came up with a three-point reorientation program that became the basis of his recovery.

• Employ whatever new methods

are necessary to accomplish goals. • Plan and think through how goals can be accomplished.

• Accept that achieving the goals will take longer than would have been the case under previous circumstances.

The payoff

Three years from the time he contracted the disease, his plan paid off. He excelled at field sports and was selected to represent South Africa at the 1964 Paraplegic Olympics. He had learned to bowl, play basketball and throw the javelin and shot put.

He also represented the country at the 1966, 1968 and 1972 Paraplegic Olympics, and he has competed in Japan, Europe and the Middle East.

He has accumulated 22 Olympic gold medals, as well as 14 silver and three bronze. He holds three world cups for various sports and has broken several world's records. He still holds the world's record for shot put for paraplegics.



DANIE ERASMUS

The onetime hater of wheelchairs has even designed a chair for disabled athletes he calls the Javelin Sports Wheelchair.

He transports himself in a hand-controlled wheelchair and drives a car that is custom made for his requirements.

A qualified aircraft mechanic, Mr. Erasmus is also capable of performing major overhauls on automobiles and has successfully competed in the building-construction business.

In 1975 he became a member of the Church of God, first coming into contact with the Work through The Plain Truth.

He is treasurer of the Johannesburg Spokesman Club.

For a recent "unique-experience" speech assignment in the club, he decided to ride a horse, which he did after constructing a special device to accomplish the feat.

Local church news wrap-up

Wild-berry tarts

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Ten happy preschoolers from the church here attended a luncheon party Dec. 27. Fancy sandwiches made by member Donna Kendrick were served on tablecloths placed on the carpet for a picnic effect. Black olives and sliced carrots on toothpicks, punch, potato chips and Alaskan wild-berry tarts were also served. Singing, games and prizes followed.

Because of the increase in church attendance of the preteen children, their parties will be divided into two groups — one for first through third graders and another for fourth through sixth graders. This will decrease the problems caused by different ages. *Alice Wegh.*

Nursery-rhyme quilt

ATLANTA, Ga. — The latest occasion for fun and fellowship here was a covered-dish luncheon and miscellaneous baby shower in honor of Mrs. Bob (Sylvia) Welsh on Dec. 11 at the Sturbridge Square Apartments' clubhouse. About 30 ladies, including the mother and three daughters of the guest of honor, were present.

One of the handmade gifts, a white macramé plant hanger with colorful beads and a teddy bear in a swing, served as the main decoration. The planter contained mints. Another gift was a nursery-rhyme quilt, with each square embroidered by a different person and quilted together with red and white gingham. All gifts were very useful, but apparently everyone was thinking blue. *Betty Lynch, Rosemarie Kelly and Donna Tucker.*

Old-fashioned social

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — An old-fashioned family social was held here Dec. 25 at the Emerald Mound Grange Hall near Lebanon. The two-level building afforded opportunities for a wide range of activities. Arriving at noon, people participated informally in cards, games and good conversation.

After a potluck dinner, most people joined in a sing-along. Pastor Frank McCrady led with his guitar, accompanied by several local church musicians on guitar, bass guitar, piano and drums. The sing-along was thoroughly enjoyed by singers and listeners.

Movies were shown following the sing-along. *Mary Anne Burns.*

Edible-necklace contest

BRISBANE, Australia — The 1977 Brisbane Family Night Dec. 17 was organized by the Women's Club here. A potluck meal followed the service for adults, while the children enjoyed a picnic on the lawns outside the hall. After their meal, they were entertained with games and goodies by the clown of the evening, Ian McQueen.

At 7 p.m., fun and games for the whole family began, with pastor Mark Cardona as emcee. Token prizes were awarded to the winners of each of the games.

Following was the judging of the baking contest for the men, the biscuit-baking contest for boys under 12, the edible-necklace contest for girls and the tie-tying contest for women. The response was overwhelming, with 49 entries in the men's baking contest.

Winners were Barney Boland, pasty; John Lyons, scones; Mark Cardona, cakes; and Robert Wood, biscuits. Honorable mention went to Russell Moore for his biscuits, Eric Cohen for his chocolate cake and Arthur Powell for his fruit cake.

Winner of the boys' biscuit-baking contest was Steven Moore, with honorable mention to Andrew Clane. The edible-necklace contest was won by Susan Hughes, with honorable mention to Karen Crabtree.

The women who entered the tie-tying contest had to tie the ties on themselves and the results had to be seen to be believed. Glenda Gee won the prize for the neatest tie and Mrs.

Lyndall Moore for the fastest tier. At the conclusion of the evening, a supper of the men's and boys' baked goods and ice cream was served. Tokens of the evening were given to the children. *Lyn Ryan.*

Kids' Day

CALGARY, Alta. — Kids ages 6 to 12 from the Calgary and Didsbury churches had a Kids' Day Dec. 28.

Activities began at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 6:30 p.m. First the group went bowling for two or three games. Then the kids went with their leader to his car and ate packed lunches. Next stop was the movie *Pete's Dragon*. Best of all was a stop at Shakey's Pizza Parlor, which gave the kids a bargain — all they could eat for \$2 a person.

The churches here usually have a Kids' Day twice a year, in August and December. This was the fourth one. *Eric and Tonya Wilding.*

Papier-mache luau pig

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The brethren here held a luau dinner dance Dec. 3. Outside the trees were bare and the weather was nippy, but inside was warmth and laughter amid decorations of artificial palm trees and tropical costumes.

The tables were decorated with fresh pineapples and fruit punch bowls. Among the items on the festive menu were sweet-and-sour beef and chicken, fresh pineapple and mixed fruit salads.

Roast pig, symbol of the luau, was absent from the menu, but, as a reminder of the obnoxious beast's normal presence, a large papier-mache pig, in sleeping position, was strategically located under a palm tree on the edge of the dance floor. He was the topic of numerous conversations during the evening. No one seemed displeased by the fact that he did not hold a spot on the center of the table with an apple in his mouth.

A professional band was secured to provide music for the dance, playing a variety of music sufficient to satisfy almost every taste. *Charles Dickey.*

Wolfman Schilling

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The Cincinnati West church here sponsored a "We Will Rock You" YOU dance Dec. 25. The evening was topped off with many dance contests, and door prizes worth a total of \$300 were awarded to many of the lucky winners.

The music was provided by a YOU coordinator who called himself Wolfman Schilling. *Judy Piccola.*

Israel memorabilia

CUPERTINO, Calif. — The

women's club here, Women of Tomorrow's World, enjoyed a slide presentation of Israel given by member Christa Brooks on Dec. 21. Christa visited Israel last April with several other local church members. Her occupation as a travel agent gave her some insights into this country that were educational and enlightening to the 30 who attended. Scenes included Christ's birthplace, location of His temptation by Satan, the Garden of Gethsemane, Christ's burial place and the Valley of Megiddo.

Karen Goff was hostess. She explained and described the kibbutzim, collective-farming settlements in Israel. She also served Israeli desserts and beverages to give the women a taste of Israeli life. Several people brought Israeli memorabilia from their trip to display at the meeting, including currency, artwork, jewelry, pottery, maps, yarmulkes, newspapers, periodicals and books. *Lisa Meredith-Coker.*

Wall art

DES MOINES, Iowa — The YOU chapter here assisted in painting a mural on the wall of the Franklin Library in downtown Des Moines. The mural has an area of 500 square feet and took 21 hours to paint. From Nov. 27 through Dec. 11, the teens spent their Sundays painting.

The mural is a collage of children's stories, such as *Alice in Wonderland*, *Hansel and Gretel* and *Snow White* and the Seven Dwarfs. The mural was drawn by two artists and painted by the YOU members.

Mention of their work was made on a local radio station. The library held an open house in admiration for the work of art. *Rhonda Reyer.*

Snow frolic

EVANSBURG, Alta. — The peaceful setting of a quiet lake surrounded by candy-like frosted trees was shattered Dec. 18 by the voices and laughter of some 50 people of all ages who gathered for the church's snow party.

The party featured skating, skiing and toboggan and snowmobile rides. A broomball game provided instant warmth for any who became chilled. One toboggan received a broken back and one rider was found desperately looking for enough stray pieces to assemble a pair of glasses.

The day climaxed at a nearby hall with chili and a heavy strain on the coffeepot.

Following the meal was the fifth meeting of the Spokesman Club, now in its third season here. Final comments were by pastor Dennis Lawrence. *R. Hanson.*

Bee drive

EXETER, England — Brethren here spent the afternoon on Dec. 17 visiting a local museum and seeing some of man's ingenuity, mostly from the distant past, such as glass bottles made BC, glassware of the 17th century, old flintlock guns with intricate inlaid patterns, handmade clocks and watches still in workable condition, costumes from all over the world and lace work hundreds of years old yet still beautiful. The museum also had almost every type of animal and bird, stuffed, for all to see.

In the evening was the first social of the winter. A talent show featured the Batten family, including three children under 5, singing; a skit by L. Buckley and D. Evans; Peter and Mary Cann on saxophones; Mrs. Buckley and three boys, all below 9, singing; and the Rowles family, with mum singing and Les and Seth on guitars.

Following was a bee drive. Beetles are still in short supply, seemingly. The bee drive was won by Mrs. Buckley and Mark. Sandwiches, beer and Devonshire Scrumpy (cider) were served by the ever-busy women. The Rowles family supplied music for enjoyment and dancing.

The last of a current series of film shows run by pastor John Jewell, aided by D. Widdicombe, was Dec. 21. The series had drawn good numbers of new faces with each showing at Exeter and Torquay. *Francis Cann.*

Nine-act talent show

FORT WORTH, Tex. — More than 300 people attended a free combined talent and country-and-western show here Dec. 11. After watching the nine-act show of singing, poetry reading, tap dancing and short comedy skits put on by Fort Worth members and emceed by 1977 Big Sandy graduate Chuck Fredrikson, the audience heard Derrell Felts and his band perform for two hours.

Mr. Felts has his own weekly half-hour television show aired in six states and has recently put an album, "Favorites from the Derrell Felts Television Show" on the MSA label. Mr. Felts and the musicians who performed at the talent show all attend the Sherman church and among themselves have performed with such country-and-western artists as Hank and Billy Thompson, Sonny James, Hank Locklin, Bill Anderson and Leon Payne.

At the keyboards was Sharon See, wife of Russ See, who played bass guitar. Colleen Swanson also played bass guitar and her husband, Ken, manned the lead guitar and violin. Pat

Houchin was the drummer and Mr. Felts played rhythm guitar and was the main vocalist.

A guest performance was undertaken by Sherman pastor Gerald Witte, who sang a number with the band and attempted, unsuccessfully, to get Fort Worth pastor and longtime friend Felix Heimberg to sing on stage, too.

Refreshments baked by YOU members and the women were sold at the show to bolster the Fort Worth congregation's cheerleader-uniform fund. *Scott Moss.*

Church meets in hay shed

GYMPIE, Australia — Peter McClean, pastor of the Caboolture church, conducted Sabbath services for the recently formed Gympie church in the hay shed of a farming member on Dec. 10. The usual meeting hall was being used for a polling booth for national elections.

After the service, the 46 men, ladies and children enjoyed steaks, hamburgers and drinks around a barbecue in the pleasant rural surroundings. *Bruce Smart.*

57th anniversary

HARRISON, Ark. — The American Legion hall was the location for the Tacky Party held here Dec. 24.

The party was for both teens and adults. Many of the YOU parents appeared in their most tacky outfits and participated in the night's festivities. First and second prizes were awarded to four YOU members. In the girls' division, Terri Harden received second place and her sister, Rhonda, topped out with first place.

Among the boys, second place went to Rodney Wilburn and first to Chris Westcott. These were cash prizes awarded for the most tacky outfits.

Among the activities that night were square dancing and many hilarious games.

The group took time out to give Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Passmore a set of wine glasses and decanter from the brethren for their 57th wedding anniversary. They were overwhelmed and speechless.

After activities slowed to a halt, all enjoyed refreshments, fellowship and listening to music. *Marti Green.*

Island YOU

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Yes, Virginia, there is a YOU chapter in Hawaii. And to prove it, Greg Wong and Naomi Kahumoku represented the Hawaii chapter at the YOU conference in Big Sand, Dec. 10-11.

According to YOU coordinator John Brown, the Hawaii chapter began in Apr. 1977, and boasts about 15 regular members. Mr. Brown quickly adds that due to the large number of preteens here, membership could more than double over the next two years.

Although small in numbers, the (See WRAP-UP, page 12)



FUN IN FORT WORTH — More than 300 people attended a talent and country-and-western show to hear, among other stars, Sherrie Lowe, left, perform a vocal solo and Chris Sparks, center, impersonate. Right

photo: Ken Swanson, left, Russ See, center, and Derrell Felts provide music at the show. (See "Nine-Act Talent Show," this page.) [Photos by Scott Moss]



HAWAIIAN REPS — Hawaiian YOU conference delegates Greg Wong and Naomi Kahumoku flank local YOU coordinator John Brown. (See "Island YOU," page 11.) (Photo by Steven E. Brightbill)

Wrap-up

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Hawaii YOU members are large in enthusiasm. In addition to regular monthly activities and meetings, the YOU chapter has sponsored and assisted in several Church-related activities and were hosts for several YOU activities during the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles in Lahaina, Maui. Steven E. Brightbill.

Fancy-dress competition

HULL, England — A Grand Church Social and Fancy-Dress Competition was held after Sabbath services Dec. 17. The evening began with a potluck meal, followed by a talent competition that included songs, poems and storytelling. The winner was Len Marsden, who, in fancy dress as a vending machine, recited a humorous poem about the same.

All the children received prizes for their entries in the fancy-dress competition. The costumes showed skill and imagination and included a robot, a cossack and a pirate.

The winner of the adult section was Janet Van Ham, who dressed as an Air France air hostess.

Other activities were a beetle drive, charades and a children's coloring competition, won by David Massingham, 5.

The emcee was John Johnson, who also organized the activities. Margaret Walker and Janet Van Ham.

Domed plaques

JONESBORO, Ark. — Months of work paid off for the Ladies' Club here as the women turned handcrafted items into dollars at the annual bazaar held the latter part of November and early December.

Under the kind and patient tutelage of Paula Vangilder, the ladies spent the first three meetings producing a wide variety of macramé items and domed plaques containing wildlife scenes and dried-flower arrangements.

For their next feat, the ladies will attempt to turn the \$300 profit into a piano for the church. Kathy Holmes.

Invitational tournament

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City East church was host to a four-team invitational basketball tournament Dec. 25 in Kansas City, Kan.

The games began early and were fast-paced until the end. The Kansas City East Bombers were the first winners of the day against Kansas City North. Next, the Kansas City South team played hard but was no match for the Columbia (Mo.) Tigers. It was anyone's guess as to who the final champ would be in the final game between East and Columbia. Columbia pulled it out, defeating East 60-52.

The top two scorers in two games were Roy Brown of Columbia with 52 points and Steve Howard of North with 46. The top rebounder of the day was East's Dan Curry with 46. In a free-throw contest, Darrell Wilson of South placed first and Gary Gregg of

East second.

As the purpose of YOU, good attitudes and conduct were emphasized in the tournament. The teams were voted on by the referees, coaches and district YOU coordinator Jim Redus. The outstanding sportsmanship trophy was awarded to East, with North placing a close second. Linda DeBerry.

First Bible study

KINGSTON, West Indies — According to a circular sent to scattered brethren in the Windward Island of St. Vincent from Stan Bass, director of the Caribbean Work, with local headquarters in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a Bible study was scheduled for the brethren here Dec. 25.

The circular, dated Dec. 12, stated that the study was to be held by Charles Fleming, who is working along with Mr. Bass in the San Juan office.

The Bible study, the first scheduled in the Associated State of St. Vincent and the Grenadines, was to have begun at 4:30 p.m. at the residence of one of the local brethren, Elizabeth Lambkin, who lives near the one and only airport on the volcanic island. Kingston, the capital, is about two miles from the Arnos Vale Airport.

St. Vincent, about 18 miles long and 11 miles wide, has a population of about 100,000, most of whom are blacks. Frederick Forbes.

Over 40s Bible study

LAKELAND, Fla. — The roaring fire in the fireplace and the sound of rain on the roof made the afternoon complete for the Over 40s Bible study held Dec. 25 at Bill Harkins' home. Weldon Wallick, local elder, and Mr. Harkins conducted the study with 27 people in attendance. The study emphasized that elderly citizens should be respected and honored by the younger people and should continue to develop their talents, serve and grow in God's Church.

Everyone enjoyed the Bible study and the covered-dish meal and fellowship. Kathy Lasseter and Jean Harkins.

Show-stopping performances

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The congregation here gathered to honor its senior citizens at a social especially for them Dec. 18. About 140 attended the event.

The hours before lunch were spent playing chess, checkers, bingo and visiting, while the tantalizing aromas drifting from the kitchen whetted everyone's appetite for the meal that followed. Italian spaghetti and French garlic bread accompanied by plenty of tossed green salad and choice of wines, plus a bevy of luscious desserts, confronted the diners. At the dessert table, pastor Tom Harrison found the Mississippi-mud cake particularly to his liking. He was observed scooping out the last smidgen from the pan.

After eating, the group viewed several Charlie Chaplin and W.C. Fields movies. A variety show followed, produced, directed and performed by local Church talent. Music and skits abounded as some very young people contributed their show-stopping per-

formances for the amusement of all. Most notable of these came from Paula Boggs of Elizabethtown, Ky. Dee Dee Morgan.

Eighth wonder

MANKATO, Minn. — The Bible study group here had its first sermonette by Ben Karles in 1977 on Dec. 31. It will be a year before the brethren have another one by Mr. Karles in 1978. John Cox.

Special people

MIAMI, Fla. — The Men's Club here sponsored a "Special People Get-Together" Dec. 18. "Special people" are defined as those between 45 and 105 years of age. About 50 of them were in attendance at the Stephen P. Clark Community Center here.

The afternoon activities began with everyone becoming involved in card games, checkers, Monopoly, Scrabble and similar games.

Representatives of the Ladies' Club helped arrange and set up a tasty buffet.

A sing-along was conducted by Carol McCurdy and accompanied by Carol Volkers on the piano. Copies of about 12 old favorites had been printed for the occasion, so everyone was able to sing out with gusto.

To make the afternoon complete, gifts were provided for all by Bill Pearson, deacon here. Howard W. Wills.

Mother hen

NANUET, N.Y. — Just as parched ground drinks in a long-awaited gentle rain, members here welcomed their first social on Dec. 10 with open arms. It was not a bad production, just a potluck dinner at the West Nyack Elementary School.

After dinner, Gerald Backhus, local elder, became mother hen and took the children off to another room for movies. This gave moms and dads a chance to have a good chat with old friends, meet some new faces or play games. The cheerleaders gave a short performance of their talents, getting in shape for the YOU competition this spring.

Nanuet, even though a relatively small church, currently averaging 210, has some advantages because it is an area-headquarters church. Pastor Elbert Atlas is area coordinator for the Northeast region.

Many guest speakers have come here to visit with Mr. Atlas. On a visit Dec. 24, Reginald Platt delivered a sermon on prayer. Two South African pastors, Adrian Botha and Andre Van Belkum, stopped by Dec. 31 en route to the ministerial conference in Pasadena. Others who have passed this way include Ed Faulk, Jack Martin, Leslie Schmides and Richard Frankel. Lloyd Briggie is associate pastor here. Lynn Sandland.

Magic of Disney

NORFOLK, Va. — The church here held a family night on Dec. 17. The special night included two full-length Walt Disney movies, beef hot dogs and popcorn. Members provided cold drinks and salads.

The meeting was held at the Peninsula Garden Club in Newport News, Va., with 120 present. Good fellowship and the magic of Disney combined to make an evening enjoyed by all. Cynthia Pryke.

Highly rated

NOTTINGHAM, England — Members of the church here went to the Albert Hall in Nottingham on Dec. 10 to listen to Handel's *Messiah*, presented by the Harmonic Choir and Orchestra under conductor Noel Cox. The performance was highly rated by the members, most of whom belong to the Nottingham church choir. The evening was arranged by choirmaster Bob Salter. Ron McLaren.

50th anniversary

PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand — The church here held a social Dec. 10 featuring a surprise ingredient. The surprise was the honoring and toasting of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenwood, who celebrated



SURPRISE — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenwood cut their 50th-wedding-anniversary cake at a Palmerston North, New Zealand, church social. (See "50th Anniversary," this page.)

their 50th wedding anniversary. The couple was presented a cake, orchids and a bottle of whiskey. Derek Attwood.

Spanish outdoor breakfast

PASADENA — The Spanish church of Pasadena had an outdoor breakfast Dec. 25 at a local park. Although the weather was cool and rain clouds filled the sky, about 100 enthusiastic people attended.

Aromas of hot coffee, sizzling steaks, eggs and tortillas wafted through the air. The brethren sat at picnic tables in a green plush setting, eating and drinking in a family atmosphere and enjoying one another's conversation.

Among the many activities were Frisbee throwing, volleyball, tennis, football and soccer, plus table games such as cards and Monopoly. The children took advantage of the playground facilities and joined in some of the adult games.

The breakfast outing turned out to be an all-day fun-filled event for everyone. Fernando Barriga.

Pastor named MVP

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — An all-day social for both churches here took place Dec. 25 at the White Oak Recreation Hall near McKeesport, Pa. The theme of the YOU-sponsored social was "Something for You."

The activities began with a men's basketball game between Pittsburgh and Belle Vernon, Pa. Pittsburgh won the match 46-31. Then the Pittsburgh teens defeated the Belle Vernon teens 44-31. Next, the Pittsburgh volleyball team took Belle Vernon in two out of three games.

A less strenuous sport was available in the form of bingo. Prizes were various amounts of canned goods. Each family had been requested to bring two cans of food to the social.

Two lines then formed for a chili dinner. Each family brought cheese and snack foods. Beer was served free to adults and soda pop sold for 25 cents a can. Hot dogs were also sold, and the Boy Scouts offered colorful drinking glasses at 60 cents each.

The cheerleaders performed a routine. Unfortunately, the lights shorted out in the middle of their performance. They continued their act, finishing in the dark. After the lighting was restored, they had a second opportunity to present their routine.

Their number was followed by a *Gang Show*, encoed by Ron Adamese. Panel members were Norbert Slowinski, Dr. Donald Waugamann and Dick Johnston. The acts included Angie Hicks and her exercise class, Ken Bessesman singing "Rubber Duckie," Nicole Slowinski and Bonnie Belotti performing a pantomime, Georgia Derrick and Jeannie Cameron singing "I'm Being Swallowed by a Boa Constrictor," Esther Murray reciting a poem and Angie Hicks performing a violin solo. Throughout the show, Rick Caldwell periodically ran across the stage and showered the host and contestants with shredded

newspaper confetti.

A special presentation was made to pastor Don Lawson and his wife. Mr. Lawson was presented with an award for most valuable player of the Pittsburgh churches in honor of his dedicated efforts during his first year as pastor here. The award was a large sheet cake, and, after receiving it, the Lawsons invited everyone to have a piece of it.

Dancing began at 7 p.m. Mr. Adamese played guitar and sang, accompanied by backup instrumentalists. Elaine Besselman, Don Surloff and Donna Coennen also sang during the evening.

About 450 people attended, including about 50 from the neighboring Belle Vernon church. Frank Lewandowski.

British news

RADLETT, England — Two men recently ordained as local elders here were David Silcox and Francis Bergrin. Mr. Silcox, a 1973 graduate from Ambassador College in Bricklet Wood, has been a high-school teacher for Imperial School and served under Harold Jackson in the Black African Work. His main duties will be in ministering to members in the Orpington and Maidstone churches, assisting pastor Robin Jones.

Mr. Bergrin graduated from Bricklet Wood in 1968. He taught economics and business-administration classes at the British campus, also serving as assistant business manager of the college, and later as business manager and company secretary in the British Work. He also handles legal and personnel matters at the Radlett complex. He will continue to assist at Bricklet Wood and in preaching in some of the nearby churches.

Four Bricklet Wood members, Richard and Linda Wood, John Stetford and Edward Smith, sang with more than 5,000 other choral singers from all over Britain in a large-scale "Fom Scratch" performance of Handel's *Messiah* at London's Royal Albert Hall on Dec. 8.

About 100 teens from the British churches spent four days on the former college campus here Dec. 26 to 29. Their Winter Term Program was organized under the auspices of YOU.

Other recent social activities at the campus for the local church included a jazz concert Dec. 19, given by the Ed Harvey Band; an under-age-12 Toy Swap Shop, where young Bricklet Wood children were able to donate their used toys to a children's home at Harpenden; and a Whist Drive organized by deacon Howard Silcox on Jan. 7.

A Grand Ball has been organized for Jan. 28 in the gymnasium for members here and visitors from other churches. Since this may be the last social activity to be held on the campus, in view of its impending sale, the ball will offer a full evening of dancing, music, entertainment, refreshments and fun. Children will be treated to an exciting party with games, food, drinks and professional entertainers. Edward Smith.

Sabbath clubs

RAPID CITY, S.D. — After the Feast this year, pastor Bill Swanson decided to try something different with the Spokesman and Women's clubs in this area. Since members live as far as 180 miles from Rapid City and there is no way to have clubs during the week, Mr. Swanson decided to have Sabbath clubs. After afternoon services, the brethren eat a carry-in meal, followed immediately by the clubs.

The Spokesman Club centers around Bible topics and discussions with speeches being given on sermonette topics. The Women's Club will cover women of the Bible through speeches and have table topics on current events.

During this time the children are divided into age-groups and given Bible lessons according to their level of understanding. Also, the YOU group has its monthly Bible study at this time.

So far, this format seems to be working well and is allowing more (See WRAP-UP, page 13)

Wrap-up

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members to attend clubs so otherwise could. Linda Holladay.

'Down on the Farm'

RESEDA, Calif. — "Y'all come" was the way the invitations began that invited 12 of the churches in the area to a Dec. 25 costume social sponsored by the Reseda brethren. About 300 members enjoyed the activities planned by pastor Bob Cloninger's "farmhands."

The mood for the country theme of "Down on the Farm" was set by the use of decorations loaned by Cheryl Stankiewicz, including a saddle, bridles, tack of all kinds, pitchforks, bale hooks and shovels.

A wheelbarrow and bale of hay with pumpkins and bundled dried corn stalks formed the base of a scarecrow. Frank Charest and Kathy Lampart helped create the scarecrow.

Evelyn Davison, Lorie Schiller, Barbara Kennedy, Jane Hickoc, Millie McFarlane and Marsha Harris helped make cloth remnants into place mats.

The meal was prepared by Pat and Dora Vee Teague and Russ and Shirley Moore. Eighty-five pounds of beef were seasoned and roasted under Mr. Teague's watchful eye, while Mr. Moore's own chili-and-bean recipe simmered. The meal was served family-style by some of the YOU teens under the direction of foreman Jim Hickoc.

While dinner was cooking, some watched a Mr. Magoo cartoon and *The Man from La Mancha*.

Entertainment was presented by the YOU members. Included were dance routines by Mary Slack, Karen Christopher, and Karey Schiller, a pantomime by Jan Smith and Pearl Staudinger and an original melody composed and played on his guitar by John Burt. Larry Ford emceed the show. The program concluded with music by the Jack Bulharowski Family Sextet, with Jack and his wife, Bobbie, and children Tom, Paul, Bobbie Anne and Beth performing.

Meanwhile the dining area was rearranged for the barn dance, with rhythms and songs by Larry Ford, Jim Foster Jr., Geary Whiting, Art and Yvonne Bradick and Elaine Ford. Buffet tables were set and covered with yummy home-baked desserts. Promenade music was played and everyone who was costumed was asked to circle the floor. Two winners were picked: Russ Moore won the adult division with his version of a clucky chicken, and Bob Cloninger's eldest daughter, Lisa, won in the children's division dressed as Raggedy Ann.

Numerous people helped behind the scenes: Alan and Lynn Barnes, Rick and Carla Willer, Carl Kennedy, Karl Lampart, Jim and Shila Wilson, Paula Foster, Richard Harry, Cornel Smith, Marie Christopher, Linda Scobee, Jim and Esther Foster, Malissa Teague, Sallee Toms and many more. Sallee Toms.

Canoe trip

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Bob Jones, pastor here, and his younger son, Mike, took to the woods during the December school vacation. They launched their canoe at Fort Meade, Fla., on the unspoiled Peace River in central Florida for a five-day canoe trip of about 50 miles.

The days were cool, excellent for canoeing. Nights were chilly, but this kept the water moccasins, rattlesnakes, alligators and mosquitoes holed up. Excitement was provided by near capsizings, armadillo hunts and Mr. Jones' cooking. Bob Jones.

Solvang spectacular

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — the picturesque town of Solvang, Calif., self-styled "Danish Capital of America," provided the setting for the Dec. 24 combined services of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo churches. The latter group was formed out of the former and these occasions provide opportunity for fel-

lowship, fun and reminiscing.

This event was especially pleasant due to the appearance of the former pastor here, Al Kersha, who presented a split sermon with present pastor Les McColm. Special music was provided by Bea Gusner, violinist, with Bill Lear as accompanist on the accordion.

Following a picnic supper, entertainment was presented under the professional direction of Tom Faunce. Acts included comedy routines by Ken Schwab and Craig Bailey and vocal numbers by Beverly Bogart and her sister, Candy, Gwen Whipkey, Dan Rojas and Carl and Gertrude Stewart.

In addition, Virginia Faunce and Bill Lear provided a little Gay Nineties' music, with Mr. McColm displaying his harmonica talents. A hilarious operating-room skit entitled "Patience, Patients," written by Bill Masterson, local YOU director, was staged by the newly formed YOU group.

The evening was brought to a rousing climax with "There's Gonna Be a Great Day," led off by Virginia Faunce, then with the cast and audience joining in the final chorus. Bill Lear.

Full-blown carnival

SEATTLE, Wash. — "Everybody wins and nobody loses!" The real winners were all that took part in the Winter Carnival, a production of the churches here Dec. 25 at the Scottish Rite, a floor beneath the Sabbath-service meeting place.

The high-pitched shrill of calliope music split the air with its melodic and enchanting siren call, beckoning one and all to don a festive mood and plunge headlong into merriment.

A children's Excitement and Activity Center captivated the wee ones, while free movies offered rest and relaxation to those wearying of the frenetic pace.

A series of Polynesian dances, interpreted by Jeanna and Stacy Potvin, enthralled the midway crowd, while Ward Hartzell's Chamber of Oddities provided the sideshow deviation into the unusual.

Helium-filled balloons danced over the heads of children. Clowns roamed freely through the milling throng and a Clown Makeup Booth permitted anyone so desirous to emulate in part their funny features. Celebrities were not wanting either — Big Bird trailed a coterie of small admirers, and, for them, was the star attraction. Also very much in evidence was spiderman, making his way furtively through the crowd.

Manny Lillengreen as Marshall Dillongreen II kept a watchful eye out for suspected miscreants with which to populate the jail. (Incarceration was brief and tenuous, the leaky portals affording a somewhat loose and leaky egress as well as ingress.)

A cake-decorating contest for children merited prizes for the entrants as well as providing prizes for the lucky winners of the cakewalk. An arts-and-crafts show provided an outlet for the talents of many and also provided treasures for a silent auction of many of the entries.

The whole affair was a resounding success. Nearly everyone was personally involved and had at least a thumbprint in the production, with most putting a great deal of time and effort in the planning, construction and execution of the various enterprises. Jerry Grosskrueger.

Clean ice

SMITHS FALLS, Ont. — The cabins were heated and the ice was clean when more than 30 YOU members from Smiths Falls, Kingston, and Ottawa attended a winter camp-out Dec. 24. That evening everyone ventured down to the lake for a skating party and bonfire, later returning to the house for a late supper of chili, rolls and hot chocolate.

Sunday morning, many tired eyes showed up for breakfast. Then all dressed warmly and hiked back into the valley for a game of capture-the-flag, which ended up as a snowball fight. That afternoon was a game of clue, won by the Smiths Falls group.

A dance that evening continued until midnight, and by the time the lights were out most of the leaders were done in.

Monday morning the guys had a hockey game, which Kingston won by 1 point. In the afternoon, everyone played games or cleaned up, then said good-bye to new friends. Camp was over at 4 p.m.

The teens were responsible for preparing the meals, cleaning up and organizing the activities, which made the camp-out one of the best ever. Jeannie MacMillan.

Virginia reel

SPOKANE, Wash. — The combined congregations of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Spokane attended an active evening Dec. 17, which featured a smoked-turkey dinner, salads, hot buns, drinks and pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

The YOU teens served the many brethren and their families. Funds raised were to help the YOU activities. Mrs. Roger Foster organized the tasty dinner.

Then members helped clear the room for a square-dance session with a professional caller. A demonstration of the Virginia reel was performed by the teens. Games were also featured for the non dancers. Verne Enos.

Computer readout

TAMPA, Fla. — The film of Garner Ted Armstrong's Portland campaign was viewed by 315 members and 65 guests here Dec. 31. The guests were PT subscribers in the Tampa area who do not normally attend Sabbath services.

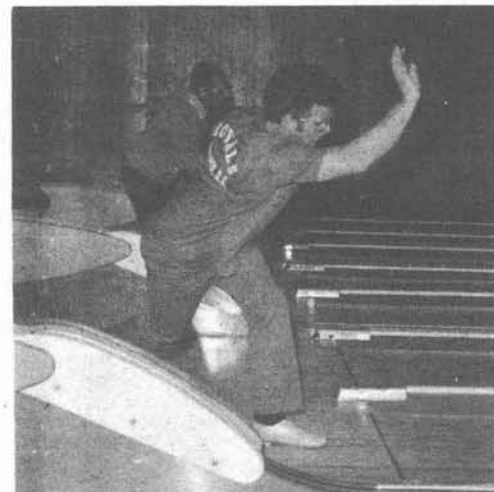
Using a computer readout of local subscribers, Church members used a letter and phone campaign to invite them to the film presentation. Invitations were also extended through newspaper advertising. All expenses for the campaign were paid for by funds from a recent local church yard sale.

Following the film, members fellowshiped with the guests. Many questions were answered by the members.

A display of Church publications resulted in 80 requests for literature, PT renewals and several cash donations. The most requested booklets were "What Do You Mean, Kingdom of God?" and "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse."

The campaign was also beneficial in updating the area PT subscription list. Some expressed interest in the local church and Sabbath services.

An additional benefit of the program was the placing of the name of the local pastor, Ron Lohr, in 1,650 homes in this area. The results were most gratifying for Church members. All agreed the program and effort were successful and worthwhile. Jim Blount.



UP HIS ALLEY — Washington pastor Larry Salyer bowls his way to a 210 score in the Washington, D.C., invitational bowling tournament. (See "Keglers' Tourney," this page.)

Mango harvest

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — Fruit picking tropical-style is the yearly fund-raising activity of the brethren here in northern Australia. Proceeds go toward the cost of the public-lecture series conducted at the end of the wet season.

The brethren pick mangoes, which grow on huge trees the size of mature oaks. Each tree produces hundreds of oval-shaped mangoes. Fruit pickers have to be nimble climbers, since much of the fruit can be 30 to 40 feet above the group.

Picking is no job for the faint-hearted. Many of the trees are inhabited by large green sugar ants who dislike intruders and can deliver a nasty nip. Another drawback is the acidic sap of the tree, which, if not promptly washed off, can cause red welts like second-degree burns on exposed skin.

But, without a doubt, the biggest problem faced by all the mango harvesters is to say "no" to eating another mango. Once one acquires the habit, it's for life. Bob Coward.

Cornish hike

TRURO, England — Despite a cold, stormy day, close to 30 members, strengthened by a few visitors from the Plymouth church, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Tilmouth at Penryn and went for a winter hike along the cliffs of the south Cornish coast Dec. 26.

Despite the pouring rain and the howling wind, everyone enjoyed the hike, especially Bill Deakins, who got wet through. But he is an expert fisherman and is used to this kind of thing.

When darkness fell, everyone returned to the Tilmouth home for a bit to eat and drink, followed by party games. First was a brain-stretching game called bluff. Then Barbara Foster came up with a first-rate word team game. During the games, a glass of wine was inadvertently spilled on a chair, and Mr. Deakins, who hadn't noticed it, sat down in it. Though it seemed not to be his day, he recovered and took on pastor John Jewell at cards, winning 2 games to nil. Joe Ogden Jr.

Fatigue and yawns

VICTORIA, Tex. — Brethren here ended the year right and sent Mr. and Mrs. John Ogwyn on their way to the ministerial conference with a friendly and fun-filled potluck dinner Dec. 31.

A seemingly endless table piled high with goodies of every description warmed everyone up and prepared the group for some crazy, exciting and mostly laughable games later indulged in by those who dared. A decorated cake depicting a harvest scene, with barn, silo, haystacks, cornstalks and pumpkins, graced the center of

the table and became the main attraction at dessert time. Relaxing dinner music and the Ambassador College record "Family Night" were played during and after the meal.

After dinner, tables and chairs were moved aside to accommodate such games as musical chairs, dress-up, bean relay and cut-the-flour. A gentle roar from friendly games of dominoes was heard in the background.

Fatigue and yawns won out eventually, and all parted at 10 p.m. with warm, happy memories. Lydia Darnell.

'PT' campaigns

VISALIA, Calif. — A PT campaign meeting and potluck dinner were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Guy Dec. 18.

John Huston, local coordinator, opened the meeting with a report on the growth of the PT distribution campaign since beginning about six months ago. About 120 business outlets are now receiving the PT or have PT stands. This not only includes Visalia, but three smaller cities — Exeter, Tulare and Woodlake, all within a 20-mile radius of here.

Mr. Huston gave some points on how to be a better coordinator and monitor. He brought out that each member is a representative of the PT and the Church of God. Monitors gave individual reports on the experiences encountered in delivering PTs.

Those present were Louie Barreiro, who volunteered to make extra signs for PT stands, Mr. and Mrs. Huston, Mr. and Mrs. Guy, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Golindo, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Justice, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Van Wert and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Long. Sheryl Justice.

Keglers' tourney

WASHINGTON — "Strike! Spare! Wow! Turkey!" were the shouts of spectators of the first invitational bowling tournament sponsored by the Washington, D.C., church Dec. 11 at the Springfield (Va.) Fairlans. Bowlers from the Baltimore and Hagerstown, Md.; Norfolk, Va.; Philadelphia, Pa.; and Washington churches participated.

High scorers were John Tincer of Norfolk, 213; Harold Richard of Washington, 211; Larry Salyer of Washington, 210; Richard Fix of Norfolk, 203; George Hoffman of Norfolk, 201; Ruth Farrington of Washington, 179; Jo Ann Thompson of Hagerstown, 160; and Sandra Elliot of Hagerstown, 155. Each team had its own official scorekeeper, allowing the teams to concentrate on their bowling.

The Washington teams took first place in both the men's and women's divisions, with individual high-game trophies going to Mr. Tincer and Ruth Farrington.

Those who helped make this tournament possible were Larry Marshall, league president; Harold Sikes, tournament director; Frieda Sikes, assistant tournament director; Mr. Richard, director of sports; Mr. Salyer, pastor here; and Dan Peacock, roving photographer. Linda F. Carl.

Razor-backed ridges

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — Four members of a backpacking fraternity — three Kiwis and one Aussie — completed an east-west crossing of the Tararua Mountain Range during the summer break, from Dec. 27 to 30.

The men started from Otaki Forks, climbing up to Field Hut at bush level on the first day. Next day the party began a slow climb from Field Hut to Mt. Hector, the highest mountain in this national park. Clear skies provided magnificent views in these normally cloud-covered mountains. From Mt. Hector, the group descended to Alpha Hut and bedded down for the night.

Next morning the party made the final descent into the Tauherenikau River Valley, and, after camping overnight, walked out to Kaitoke road end.

As a large part of the trip was done on razor-backed ridges, the trip had to (See WRAP-UP, page 14)

Babies

BUSCHMANN, Charles and Akemi, of Pasadena, Calif., boy, Charles Joshua, Jan. 10, 11:08 p.m., first child.

COSTON, Marty and Terrie (Hewitt), of Uvalde, Tex., girl, Dena Rachel, Jan. 7, 8 a.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now one boy, one girl.

DAHLIN, Donald and Verne, of San Luis Obispo, Calif., girl, Sally Ann, Dec. 22, 10:24 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

DANIELS, Kenneth and Sharon, of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Karmon Celeste, Oct. 8, 10:28 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now one boy, one girl.

DAVIS, John and Terry (Reagan), of Elgin, Ore., girl, Anne Marie, Jan. 9, 6:45 p.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

DECKER, James and Linda (Frakes), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Kimberly Shaw, Dec. 21, 9:56 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

DOBSON, David and Virginia (Althorn), of Cincinnati, Ohio, boy, David LeRoy Jr., Dec. 12, 2:25 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

DOCKEN, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur, of Blair, Neb., boy, William Benjamin Blair, adopted in December, 7 months old, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

GAMMEL, Michael and Holace (Brisco), of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Hollie Lane, Dec. 2, 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

GROSSMAN, Jack and Lucille (Wilmet), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, David, Oct. 8, 3:20 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

HENDRICKSON, Roger and Liv (Sandland), of Vancouver, B.C., girl, Anita Lynn, Dec. 27, 10:30 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HOLLADAY, Leonard and Sandy (Madern), of Concord, N.H., boy, Nolan Remy, Jan. 7, 3:30 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

HURWITT, Mr. and Mrs. Elliot, of Providence, R.I., girl, Heather Lynn, adopted.

JACKSON, Clyde and Marsha (Taylor), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Tiffany Lee, Nov. 9, 9:42 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

JONES, Robert and Bettie, of New Orleans, La., boy, Clinton Jubal, Dec. 20, 10:50 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KANGAS, Paul and Jennifer (Kunkel), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Raymond Alexander, Nov. 29, 8:59 a.m., 9 pounds 35 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KING, Steve and Lana (Fouchey), of Dallas, Tex., boy, Clinton Cordell, Dec. 27, 11:27 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KRIVACH, William and Carol (Gates), of Johnston, Pa., girl, Sonya Helene, Dec. 21, 11:30 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 girls.

LYLMAN, Donald and Janet, of Westland, Mich., girl, Kimberly Joy, Nov. 25, 3:54 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

MARGIE, Malcolm and Freda (Hill), of Ballarat, Australia, girl, Caroline Emily, Jan. 2, 12:36 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

MOREFIELD, Wiley and Frances (Richmond), of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Sylvia Eileen, Jan. 9, 5:20 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

NATHAN, Peter and Karen (Silvermail), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Karina Anne, Dec. 18, 5:25 p.m., 7½ pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PALM, Gene and Kathleen (Wiseman), of Crosby, N.D., boy, Justin Emanuel, June 15, 6:30 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

PARTIN, Marsha and Chris, of Duluth, Minn., boy, Kevin Carl, Oct. 12, 3:25 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

PLYE, Ray and Brenda, of Oklahoma City, Okla., boy, Bentley Ray, Dec. 28, 4 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

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ROSENBERG, Nicky and Carol (Page), of Carson City, Nev., girl, Jennifer Nicole, Dec. 31, 4:15 p.m., 7 pounds 5½ ounces, first child.

ROYCE, Mark and Barbara (Hoover), of Eugene, Ore., boy, Sean Michael, Nov. 9, 4:30 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

SUMMERS, Winston and Kim (Cottrell), of Hamilton, New Zealand, girl, Cheryl Lynn, Jan. 13, 7 p.m., 9 pounds, now 2 girls.

THORSON, Ronald and Darlene (Meyer), of Rapid City, S.D., boy, Ryan Lee, Dec. 25, 7:05 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

TUCKER, Rollo and Elaine (Thompson), of St. Petersburg, Fla., girl, Amber Dawn, Nov. 3, 4 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WAKEFIELD, Richard and Cassie (Cope), of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Jennifer Lynn, Dec. 31, 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WARREN, Reginald and Sandra (White), of Jacksonville, Fla., boy, Stephen Carey, Nov. 30, 3:58 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

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Hi, Detroit-area member, 29, white, divorced, other of two boys, 10 and 12, now one boy, one girl. I would appreciate any easy-to-prepare nutritious meal recipes that appeal to youngsters from anyone. Would like tips on starting a singles club. I welcome letters from anyone. Interests: music, art, model sculpting, mold making, ceramics, dancing, roller skating. Will try to reply to all. Fred Randall, C164.

Pat Kerlee: I've lost your address! Please send me your address! J6, 1055

Keep my mailbox filled. While 30-year-old male Church member wants correspondence with single white females 27 to 32. I enjoy fishing, church socials, church picnics, learning more of God's way. English correspondence from U.S. and Canada welcome. Jim Britts, C115.

Seated white male graduate student would like to write to young single females near his own age. 2 interests, mainly include anything except country and western music and history of Chinese political systems. Malcolm McClure, C118.

Anyone living in northern U.S. or Canada, where the canvasback duck nests, please contact me. Philip J. Strickland, C134.

How about you single ladies (members) 20's-37? Come on, give me a break if you live in Georgia or neighboring states. I'm single (divorced). Caucasian, 36. Let's be friends. Eddie C. Goodwin, Rt. 1, Box 317, Eastman, Ga. 31023.

Single white male, 33, with permanent emotional distress, interested in psychology, single females 18 to 35 who also have similar emotional handicap, or single females who are very sensitive and understanding. U.S. only. Mike Archer, C135.

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Hi, I'm a single lady in my 70s and would like to receive pen-pal letters from other single ladies and men near my age who are in God's Church. Write Box 211, Roddin, Calif. 95677.

Lisa Frys, Steve met you at the Feast in Tucson. Did I get your address. Please send it.

Hi, I'm a young lady 20 years old and would like lots of pen pals from all over the world. Interests: nature, gardening, nature, dancing, all kinds (including square, folk and ballroom), all types of music, Bible study, collecting postcards, reading, bowling, bike riding, poetry, reading books, funny stories, lots more! Especially reading and writing lots of letters. Suzanne Olson, Wisconsin, C121.

Where are you "Farrah Fawcett"? We saw you at the Feast and would like to hear from you. Please write Mike and Norman, C122.

Female co-worker, single, seeks pen pal, male or female, in U.S. or Canada (if male, over 36 please). Interests: stamps, music, art, reading, travel, hiking, swimming. Hopefully contact you every year. Bev O'Enry, Australia, C123.

Would like to hear from anyone who works for Safety-Kleen Corp. Bill, C124.

Hi, I would like any boy or girl 9 to 12 to write. Hobbies: ice skating, roller skating, Jilly Rinkoff, C125.

Hello, everybody! I'm a single white guy, 30, a member. Because I like fresh air and beautiful surroundings, I live in the country. Other interests: the truth, playing guitar and harmonica, gardening, woodworking, jigsaw, fishing, hiking, snorkeling, good music. Please write Pieter Louwrens, South Africa, C126.

Single female Church member with teenage son wishes to write single males in Church 40 to 50. Would especially like to write farmers or ranchers, or those interested in country living and gardening and have teenage (or younger) children. C142.

Robert Taylor, who won the recent YOUNG YOUNG talent contest: Wish to contact you. Please write C143.

Hi, I'm a girl, 13, and would like to write guys that are about my age. Interests: camping, dancing, rock music. Colleen Taylor, California, C127.

Single lady, Caucasian, 39, wishes to write gentlemen 40 to 46. Interests: God's Church, hiking, dancing, home-making, Missouri, C128.

Interested in writing other brethren who manage apartments. Bruce and Joyce Renehan, California, C129.

Single female, 22, white, would like to write anyone any age interested in psychology, sociology, history, poetry, serving, caring about people, music, children, anything you would like to talk about. C131.

Female, 24, looking for pen pals 20 to 35 from anywhere. I am white, interested in oceanography, pets, poetry, history, bowling, skating, movies, music, having fun! C132.

Hi! I would like to write to boys and girls 15 to 17. I like horses, art, some sports. I'd like to write many people. Try to answer all. Bonnie Howard, Pennsylvania, C133.

Anyone living in northern U.S. or Canada, where the canvasback duck nests, please contact me. Philip J. Strickland, C134.

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PEN PALS

Would like to write anyone living in New York City who is interested in fine art and/or the art of photography. Holly Ahner, C101.

Would like to hear from anyone in the Church with the name Hoak. Please write David L. Hoak, C102.

I'm a white female, 14, I have dark brown, waist-length hair and brown eyes. I'd like to write guys or girls (preferably guys) 14 to 18. I play the piano, and I like rock music (especially Eagles and Chicago). I love motorcycles and skateboards. I also roller-skate and swim. Tiny Scott, C103.

Female in late 20s, a member with three children living in Canada, would like to meet brethren in distant areas of the world. A description of your area, climate, vegetation and animal life would be appreciated. Mrs. Alice Brown, C104.

Hi! I'm 24, single, male, especially interested in writing guys who have had a hearing handicap. I have suffered from a severe case of nerve deafness since early youth and would like to write those who understand this problem. Also interested in gardening, natural cooking, music. Darryl J. Johnston, C105.

Hi, Girl, 10, would like girls and boys any age to write. Outside or inside of U.S.A. Hobbies: playing the piano, horseback riding, swimming, fishing, all sports. Audrey Tomlin, C106.

Hello there. My name is Michelle Hitch. I am 14 and very interested in horticulture. Would like you to write me if you know about this. Also, I love to write and I take tap dancing and modern dancing. C107.

Edward and Naomi Blackwell, Columbia, S.C., church: Lost your address. Write Dan Jeffries, C108.

Somewhere out there are strong, healthy, single outdoorsmen 30 to 40 who have a good education, with interests in art — maybe you paint in oils or watercolors? — and music — do you play an instrument and/or sing? Men who like to read nonfiction — science and history — who are gregarious, like physical work, such as remodeling an old Victorian farmhouse, and passionately dislike the city life, who would enjoy corresponding with a 37-year-old California widow and mother of two terrific teenage sons with like passions and interests. C109.

Recent ex-Ambassador student would very much like to write ex-AC students in Europe, Australia, South Africa, Asia and South America. Would also like to write any members behind the iron curtain or in the Orient. Interests: dramas, dancing, psychology, reading, poetry. Debbie Houghum, U.S.A., C110.

I am a Church member living in the North Country. During the winter every breath brings pain. My lungs were damaged in a fire. Need to hear from Arizona brethren, particularly those whose health has been restored by the climate. Norman L. Taylor, C111.

Friends and AC graduates: We have escaped the oppressive city of Houston and are now enjoying our 10-acre "estate" in the country. Please write us your news. Michael and Elizabeth Lu Foster, "Meadow Oaks," Rt. 1, Box 19C, Aubrey, Tex. 76227.

Hi! I am 11. My name is James. I would like pen pals from all over the world. I like fishing, basketball, skating etc. I would like boys from 10 to 12 to write to me. Texas, C112.

Hi! My name is Sheri Lindsay. I am 13 and would like to write to boys and girls near my age. Interests: sports, rock music, singing. C113.

Couple from Connecticut will visit Rapid City, S.D., in May and would like to write brethren in the area. Will answer all. Dick and Carol (Bohm) Bonsey, C114.

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Would like to hear from Evelyn, who I met at the Feast in Holland. Paul from Brussels, C118.

Angie and Dawn, I met you at the conference but didn't get your addresses. Please write Dawn, Box 852, Big Sandy, Tex. 75755.

My name is Susan Fawcett. I am 8½. I would like a pen pal about my age. I like to ice-skate, play soccer, read and write letters. C119.

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greetings, cards and gifts they received.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please pray for the healing of George Stewart, the relative of a nonmember friend. Mr. Stewart is residing in Florida.

Please pray for my nonmember husband that God will heal him. He is suffering bad pain. Mrs. A. Davidson, Sydney St., Augustine, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

When my friends hurt, I also hurt. Please pray for our close friends who are in the Church that God would help them to rebuild their marriage. They both feel as helpless as Humpty Dumpty! Unless God would lovingly intervene, the loneliness they both suffer may be too great for them both to bear. Please pray that God would join them again with loving ties.

Please pray for my mother and grandmother, neither of whom is a Church member. Continuously caring for my grandmother, who is senile, is draining my mother physically and emotionally. R.D.

Request prayers for my Grandmother Huckabee, 90 years old. A stroke has left her paralyzed in her right side. Please also pray for my mother, Mrs. Willie Lee McKee, and my cousin, Miss Loretta Browning, who has epilepsy. Cards, letters welcome. Rufus McKee, Rt. 2, Box 11, Wedowee, Ala. 36383.

Requesting prayers on 20 years of major heart problems. Multiple spinal injuries, several heart attacks, internal tumor with hemorrhaging. No financial income or help from social services since 1972. Fourteen years a Church member. How great is it, J.W.H.C.

Prayers are requested for making it possible to become very successful in life and to fulfill my dreams and enter into marriage with a very beautiful lady who still lives in the Philippine Islands in Riche.

I would like to ask your earnest prayers to our great Father in heaven of my beloved brother Tilden G. Campbell. He is in such need of a healing miracle because of a bad case of diabetes. This disease has destroyed the sight of his left eye, and his right eye is getting much worse. He also suffers from arthritis in both legs and feet, they swell, and he cannot even feel his feet walk. He's a wonderful man, and I know he'd appreciate your prayers as well. And if anyone has time, send him a card or letter. He'd love that. His address: Buckeye Towers, Apt. 708, New Boston, Ohio 45662. Mrs. Marian Dewey.

Brethren, I need your prayers once more, please, for a sister. Her husband is breaking up since her baptism. He has threatened to leave. She needs God's strength. (She has three children.) T.C.

Please pray for my wife and me. I was injured on my job in December, 1976, and was disabled for almost a year without compensation. As a result of long-term unemployment, we may lose our home, since we cannot make the yearly payment. We still have no income, and the weather, and am unable to find another job anywhere.

Brethren, would you please pray for my daughter and myself. We have had a lot of problems with my late husband's ex-wife. She has created so many problems for us since he died. She won't let up, so I was hoping I could ask for your prayers and support. L.S.C.

What is a real father like? What is masculinity? I need to know and understand. Pray for me, especially you fathers out there, so that I can understand these elusive questions. It's very important, and I need your help.

Prayers, cards, letters requested for nonmember with cancer and not given any hope to live by doctors. She believes God can heal her. She is Mrs. Sue Cross, 1810 Hazard, Houston, Tex. 77019.

Prayers, cards, letters requested for member's uncle, nonmember, who is in extremely weakened condition resulting from heart attack and many other physical problems. He is Mr. N.E. Wynne Sr., 5705 Schultz, Houston, Tex. 77032.

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

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Brethren worldwide, please pray fervently that God would intervene immediately in unbearable office situations that both my sister and I have. Also pray that God would continue to help my brother, who has a longtime alcohol problem.

Please pray that God would grant me the help to bend in more among the brethren and that I would be able to fellowship more.

Our family needs your prayers for God's help to overcome growing friction between our two oldest boys, ages 12 and 10, and their parents. The problems threaten to tear our family apart.

Once more I need your prayers. Our brother in Christ, Donald Willey, has a chance of being paroled in six months. Please pray to our great God for his freedom. T.C.

A very good friend of mine, in his 80s, is in a nursing home and quite despondent. He's had much heart trouble, would appreciate cards and letters to cheer him up. Wherever in the world you are, please send them to: Mr. Cornelius Rice, Merkle-Knappert Nursing Home, Clifton, Ill. 60927, U.S.A.

Please pray that God will intervene in our lives and help straighten out an unhappy marriage of almost 17 years. I am a member, my husband is not.

I pray for my great-uncle, Ervin Tichnell, who is a war veteran. He has cancer and other problems, and he is bedridden and very weak. Also pray for Mr. Forrest Roberts, who has a cataract and is almost blind. He asked me to have you all pray for him, and he says he believes God will help him. Mr. Ervin Tichnell, c/o Eric Moore, Rt. 6, Rosemar Rd., Parkersburg, W.Va. 26101, and Mr. Forrest Roberts, Rt. 2, Elizabeth, W.Va. 26143.

Prayer is again requested for Mr. and Mrs. Y.R. Singleton of Jackson, Tenn. Mrs. Singleton has had a stroke and is totally invalid. Her husband is also in poor health and has to remain confined most of the time. Cards, letters greatly appreciated. C145.

FOLLOW-UP

Skip and Suzanne Miller wish to publicly thank God and many friends and brethren who prayed diligently for us to conceive our first child. Suzanne is now in her 12th week (Jan. 8) and listened to the baby's heart over a special instrument. All is going well. Our six-year marriage is producing fruit.

I would like to thank the brethren for their prayers and words of encouragement on behalf of my grandson Donal. The doctor says the hole is still there, have faith our God will close it in His time. Bessie Peterson.

Thank you with all my heart from 2133 for the beautiful letters, cards and prayers on my baby's and my behalf. Only in God's true Church can one find such love and selflessness. God bless you, Wendy Cuff, Maurice Gosselin, Victor Baraville and Tom and Sarah Kirkpatrick. The doctor says there is still a chance the baby will be diabetic since I am not diabetic C133.

This letter is written to say "thank you" for your prayers on behalf of Kevin Kinsale. David, 28 Market Street, London, E.C.2, England, Nov. 28, 1977. We had reason to believe he would not see this day. On that day he seemed to be coming up his stairs and turning blue. All we knew was that our precious baby was not breathing! Every five days that he would do this, and we would pray. He had multiple seizures. Our wonderful minister, Mr. Ron Reedy, came and anointed Kevin, even though he himself was not well. Mr. Reedy said the members of the Evansville church that pray for Kevin. A dear friend, Sandra Bard, sent word to her friends in the Indianapolis church that prayers were needed. And someone, who is kind, thoughtful and unknown, sent in a message to *The Worldwide News*, asking for prayers. We are very happy to be able to say that Kevin is "a healthy baby, really healthy baby." This is a direct quote from the many doctors who have run tests on Kevin and never found what caused his breathing problems. Kevin had not had an attack for about five months. The Kinsales: Richard and Roberta, Lisa, April, Christopher, Gina and Kevin.

Our brother in Christ, George Abrahamson, died Nov. 15 of an inoperable brain tumor. Thank you for your concern and prayers. Dorothy Yunker.

Our most heartfelt thanks to the brethren and the students for their prayers, cards and letters for Steven Zimmerman, Chicago, Ill., Minn. He was helped immediately by his hyperactivity, but for his coordination. He still needs prayers for this.

Mrs. George Abrahamson of Duluth, Minn., wishes to convey her deepest thanks and appreciation for all the prayers, cards and expressions of love and concern in regards to her husband's failing health because of a brain tumor. They were a beautiful source of strength and encouragement. George died Nov. 15.

THANK-YOUS

Thank you, Mark Denny and Cheryl Sartori, for making our recent visit to C.A. Pasadena, an enjoyable one indeed. Special thanks also to Jim and Barb Damiano. Your hospitality was the highlight of our trip. Pam, Ed, Carolyn and Don.

To Bill (Kenosha): Flowers laid and wither / True friends stay through all weather / Kind words are sown by kind deeds — Leaving memories that stay kind. — Audrey, C146.

Thank you, brethren, in the U.S., Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Pasadena student body, India and elsewhere for your letters, cards and prayers for my mother's healing and also a miracle of love for this family and my sweetheart, Malvina. I'm overwhelmed by your response and the way of thanking you is to become a better son to our Father, and therefore a better brother to you all. I love you, Narendra Kumar.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention siblings! Remember the Des Moines Bash? Well, the Bash is back! But this time in Minneapolis-St. Paul! Keep your Memorial Day weekend open. Stay tuned for further details about the ACTION Bash!

LITERATURE

Wanted: books for Norfolk church library, especially *The Bible Story*, a harmony of the Gospels and Dr. Hoah's *Compendium* (both volumes). Will pay postage. Rose Deming, C147.

Urgently needed for study: lessons 42 through 66 of the old Correspondence Course, Vols. I and II of Dr. Hoah's *Compendium*, Vols. 2 and 8 of the Bible Story. Will be glad to pay postage. William Say, Box 61, Williamsburg, N.M., 87942.

I would like tapes of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong taken from the Feasts or from the radio broadcasts, if anyone would like to give them away. Jeff Montague, C150.

Would like to have Bible Story books to read to children. Will pay postage. William Chambers, C148.

I have two young sons, ages 2 and 3. Would like very much to have a complete set of *The Bible Story* for them. Will gladly reimburse all expenses. Linda Donahue, C149.

I have Plain Truth magazines from 1968 to 1977 to give away, plus a few Tomorrow's World and Good News magazines. I also will give away Lessons 1 through 37 of the old Correspondence Course. Dean Jones, 417 S. Missouri Ave., Westlawn, Ohio 45662.

Would appreciate receiving a complete or partial set of *The Bible Story*. We will pay postage and return any duplicates. Mr. and Mrs. Von Derrington, C162.

LOST & FOUND

Brethren who attended our Feast at Watonsin Delta, please check your Bible to be sure you have your own. Mine was lost on Wednesday, Sept. 26. It was a gift from my late sister, so is valued as a keepsake. My name and address are in the Bible. I have waited in the hope it would be returned. I will reimburse you for all expenses. Prayers for the brethren will help. Myrtle Rhodes, C151.

TRAVEL

Two widows, 50ish, hope to travel to Square Valley for Feast of Tabernacles this year. Would like to hear from brethren in the area who can tell us of the climate, recreation and how close we can get to the location. We intend to fly (plane, of course). Mrs. Mary J. Fox, Ohio, C152.

I am planning a trip to the Vermont-Maine area. Would like to write someone in the area who would be able to give me some information on hiking, camping and fishing. Also info on local wild plants (blooming time, etc.). Robert Freeman, Rt. 2, Box 888, Morganton, N.C. 28655.

SAFE (South African female European), 26, hoping on attending a Feast of Tabernacles overseas next year. Sites I would like information on are Scotland, England, U.S.A. (Lake of the Ozarks or Great Lakes). C153, Johannesburg.

I will travel to the States from Australia in late May and June, and I was wondering if any Church people would be willing to help me out with accommodation for a night or two in San Francisco, Las Vegas and Washington, D.C. I would be very much indebted. Wendy Stelling, C154.

Brethren in Switzerland: I'm 17 and may attend college in Leyzin in the fall, if everything goes well. Would like to have letters from anyone who attends Geneva church. Information on the way of life, employment opportunities, etc., appreciated. Will answer all. Retha Benedict, New York, C155.

Members planning to move to Idaho. Don't know exactly where yet. We would sincerely appreciate any information that you could possibly send on your area: population, jobs (classified ads or just send newspaper), description of surrounding area, etc. Brethren, thank you very much. We will gladly pay all postage. Ken and Chris, C156.

New Jersey skiers, possibly two to five of us age 23 to 27, desire to ski and stay overnight with New Hampshire and/or Vermont brethren and skiers. Reciprocal arrangements can be made. Write to Paul McVeigh, C157.

MISCELLANEOUS

Rootsman: How is it going? I have been doing it for 28 years and now am beginning to get somewhere (back to the 13th century on some roots) info on types of layouts for setting out your family tree. 68 basic British reference sources (available and possible surname crests. No charge, but please send international reply coupons). Info on surnames takes me longer to research but is quicker if you can quote town and/or county. No charge (due to taxation of fee enterprise in Britain, but international reply coupons) with all inquiries, please. Send to David W. Stinson, 19 Russell Grove, Westbury Park, Bristol, BS8 7UD, Avon, England.

Gayle and Ross Beath! Well, it's about time! Congratulations!! I hate to be an "I told you so," but do you have an address so we can write? Lots of love. Zada (Dook) Tiche, C163.

Obituaries

ADELAIDE, Australia — John "Jack" Westerman, 67, died unexpectedly Jan. 5.

Mr. Westerman, a bachelor, was a longtime member of God's Church. He is survived by a twin sister living in Canada.

ALTOONA, Pa. — Willard E. Claar, 73, died Dec. 29 after a long illness.

He had been a member of God's Church for 12 years.

Mr. Claar is survived by his wife, Elsie O., also a member; four sons, John of Parma, Ohio, and Melvin, Richard and Irvin of Altoona; and two daughters, Doris Thomas of Morris Plains, N.J., and Rosella Schler of Dover, Pa., also a member.

Mrs. Claar's address: 2118 Eighth Ave., Altoona, Pa., 16602.

BELVIDERE, Ill. — Elaine J. Pope, 32, a resident of Belvidere, died in a hospital in Chula Vista, Calif.

Mrs. Pope, who was a member of God's Church, was born in Benton Har-

Many of you have written in to the WN, asking for prayers. Some have been sent in a "follow-up," but the rest we have no idea whether you have been healed or what your condition is now. Please, all of you who have sent in your name for prayers, now send in a "follow-up." — R.K. Costell.

Ross and Gayle (Haltford): Congratulations on your wedding. Hope you will have many wonderful years together. Love, from Richard and Flora (McLean) Peacock.

Geoff and Derride (McCarthy): Sykes: Congratulations on being wed. Hope you will have much happiness together. Love, from Richard and Flora (McLean) Peacock.

Congratulations go to Byron and Cindy Griffin for their new baby, Debbie and Jeff Pullman for their baby boy and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Berger for their new daughter-in-law, Sue Miller. Love, Dennis and Debbie Hougum.

Does anyone have good tapes of the 1977 Jekyl Island Festival Choir repertoire that you would (1) copy and send to a Festival choir member or (2) send to me to copy and, of course, return? I will pay all expenses. Please let me know, and I will make arrangements with you. Mrs. Margaret K. Jones, Tennessee, C158.

I am a college student seeking summer employment on a dairy farm. I would be able to begin working shortly after Memorial Day and continue until shortly before Labor Day. I would prefer work in the Midwest but willing to take a job anywhere in continental U.S. or southern Canada. Joseph Gichrist, Minnesota, C159.

Congratulations and best wishes to the many people I knew at Big Sandy whose wedding I attended. I was so happy to see you all. Have read about in the WN. Among them are Dennis and Debbie Rendall, Lee and Sue Berger, Karen Lane, Tom and Sarah Kirkpatrick, Chuck and Ruth Hoover and Gary and Sandra Nichols. Joseph Gichrist.

British TV engineer, fired because of Sabbath observance, is seeking information about employment situation throughout North America. David R. McDermott, C160.

We have a 5-year-old child with the interest ability and need to play a musical instrument. Is there anyone who has an instrument gathering dust in the attic who would be willing to part with it? Mrs. A.M. Fairhaber, C161.

Mary Brown and Bobbi Shidham were challenged on their singing ability Saturday night, Jan. 7, 1978. Weapons were drawn. The boys (asias Steve Brown and Randy Shidham) chose Ping-Pong. A contest, a game they were highly skilled at, but easily defeated. They were doomed from the start! At the final tally, the score stood: women 110, boys 32. The better ball still reigns.

clude four brothers, George and John Putnam, both of Dexter, Gen. Putnam of Bernie, Mo., and Donald Putnam of Ferguson, Mo.; and two sisters, Roxie Stevenson of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and Beulah Putnam of Dexter.

Mrs. Adkins was a member of the Poplar Bluff church.

DULUTH, Minn. — George Lawrence Abrahamson, 50, died of pneumonia in a Minneapolis, Minn., hospital Nov. 15 after an unsuccessful struggle with a brain tumor.

Mr. Abrahamson, baptized in 1969, is survived by his wife, Pat, a member, two daughters, his mother and three sisters.

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Herbert W. Tucker, 69, died Nov. 22 after suffering several years from crippling arthritis.

Mr. Tucker, a resident of a Greenville nursing home, had been a member of God's Church for 13 years.

He had no surviving close relatives.

HAXTUN, Colo. — Lina May Rogers, 48, a member of God's Church for 20 years, died expectedly at her home here Dec. 25.

Mrs. Rogers is survived by her husband, Lawrence G.; two daughters, Mrs. Henry (Colleen) Doerr Jr. of Pasadena and Mrs. Glen (Connie) Weber of Trail, B.C.; two sons, Mark and Rick, both of Haxtun; and two grandchildren; all members of the Church.

Mrs. Rogers attended the Greeley, Colo., church.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mrs. Louis (Evelyn) Bettendorf, a member of God's Church since 1952, died Aug. 19. She had been ill with diabetes, necessitating the amputation of her right leg several years ago.

Mrs. Bettendorf had attended the Milwaukee church since its beginning in 1956.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gitter of West Bend, Wis.; a son, Harold, of Lamar, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

PLANT CITY, Fla. — Elmer Young, a member of God's Church since 1976, died Dec. 20 at his home after a two-year fight with cancer. He was 65.

Mr. Young is survived by his wife, Helen; three sons, Bob of Miami, Fla., Steve of Plant City, and Dave of Bartow, Fla.; two daughters, Virginia Beery and Katherine Williamson of Plant City; and nine grandchildren.

Mr. Young was a member of the Tampa, Fla., congregation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Wilma Marshall, 71, died of cancer Dec. 28 in a hospital.

Mrs. Marshall was baptized in 1971 and attended the St. Petersburg church.

TO PLACE A PERSONAL

Type or plainly print your personal, following the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears in the WN. Be sure to include a current WN mailing label with your letter.

Unless you specifically request that your address appear in the paper, the WN Circulation Department will automatically delete your address and assign you an alphanumeric mailing code so your address will not appear in print. (This is to help eliminate the unwanted, unsolicited material in the form of hate mail, religious tracts, chain letters, business offers and advertisements some readers had received after their addresses appeared in the WN.)

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By requesting the publication of your personal, you thereby consent to this mail-opening-and-disposition policy.

(This system is not used for personals in the "Special Requests" and "Follow-Up" sections, because of the urgent nature of many of those personals and the delay that results from the remaining service, unless the placers of these two types of personals specifically ask that the system be used.)

Mail your ad to: Personals, *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123 U.S.A.

TO ANSWER A PERSONAL

Simply address your letter to: Personals, *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123 U.S.A. In the lower left-hand corner of the envelope print plainly the WN-assigned mailing code that appeared in the ad you wish to answer.

Be sure to include a WN mailing label with your response, because we are only offering this service to WN subscribers. If you are a subscriber but have run out of WN labels, please include the subscription number from your Plain Truth label.

To help defray the costs of remaining, the WN asks that those who can afford it enclose a U.S. postage stamp. Non-U.S. readers need not include stamps.

When answering a personal using the mailing-code system, do not include on the outside of the envelope the name of the person you are writing. Your letter must be addressed directly to the WN, and the mailing code must be in the lower left-hand corner.

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — *Quest* 78, the bimonthly magazine of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, was launched in South Africa the week of Jan. 16, reports **Andre van Belkum** of the Work's office here.

Reports on the magazine appeared in newspapers throughout the country, Mr. van Belkum said, and radio announcements were aired. **Liam Nolan**, *Quest*'s international editor, was interviewed on a popular television program, *Galaxy*.

A large bookstore chain, Central News Agency, is the official distributor.

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PASADENA — The Mail Processing Center and the Publishing Services Department are still accepting orders from Church members for *The Real Jesus*, the new book by **Garner Ted Armstrong**, and report that a backlog of 12,000 member orders

will be sent out beginning Feb. 6.

"Our first order from the publisher was 30,000," said **Charley Elliott**, mailing coordinator for Publishing Services. "They were used up, and then we ordered another 15,000."

The copies are going free to Church members who request them by means of a special arrangement with Sheed Andrews & McMeel, Inc., of Kansas City, the publisher. The Work buys each member-requested copy at a discount and has the publisher send it free of charge to the requester. The book is available in stores for \$8.95 a copy.

Mr. Elliott said that, because original supplies at Sheed Andrews & McMeel had been exhausted, 5,000 requests from American members and 7,000 from other countries still haven't been filled but will be in early February.

Orders have come in from members in Australia, Britain, Canada, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa and West Germany, as well as

America.

The Real Jesus is in its second printing.

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PASADENA — Two representatives of the Olympic Concessions Co. presented Ambassador College students with a check for \$8,772.98 during a student assembly Jan. 24 for the efforts of 134 students who worked at the company's stands during the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 2.

Marshall and Ray Wilkings, owners of the Pasadena firm, said AC students helped sell, among other things, 55,804 Pepsi-Colas, 21,406 bags of peanuts and 33,000 glasses of beer.

Tom Linton, student coordinator of AC's part of the Rose Bowl and Rose Parade activities, accepted the check on behalf of the students.

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PASADENA — Ambassador College choral director **Ray Howard** has compiled a book of 240 choral works suitable for the Sabbath that the Music Department is offering free to church-choir directors worldwide.

The collection of works, in a black spiral binder, is available by writing Mr. Howard in care of Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

The works are in English.

Minister serves as obstetrician

By Leon J. Lyell

MELBOURNE, Australia — Within hours of each other Nov. 16, two potentially powerful princes were born: one to Princess Anne of Britain, the other in the humblest of circumstances to Vicki Dean, wife of Melbourne South pastor Rod Dean.

To add to the inhumanity, the potential prince was born on a living-room floor and midwifed by Mr. Dean himself.

The Deans, though caught completely unawares, had nonetheless been given fair warning. Their first child, Jennifer, had been three weeks early after a mild 20-minute labor.

Plan to wait

The story begins with the Deans soundly asleep. Mr. Dean is awakened by the cold feet of his wife. She thinks labor has begun, she says. They decide it is probably false labor and plan to wait and go to the

hospital in the morning.

At 1:30 a.m. Vicki decides to clean up the house in preparation for the morning's trip.

At 2:30 comes a hysterical interruption of the housework. Vicki is in a transitional stage. "We better go!" she yells.

Rod gets up to shower. Vicki decides to phone the hospital to ask whether she should come in.

There suddenly follows a series of rapidly fired, mutually contradictory orders:

"Rod, Rod! It's no good; don't have a shower. It's on the way!"

"Rod, get Jennifer ready for the car."

"Ring the Alarms [to look after Jennifer]."

"Get the car."

"No, it's too late. Ring the hospital."

"Ring the Alarms too."

Mr. Dean attempts to follow these

requests while still trying to wake up.

On the other end of the line, the nurse at the hospital hears Jennifer crying. "What's that kid doing up so late?" she inquires.

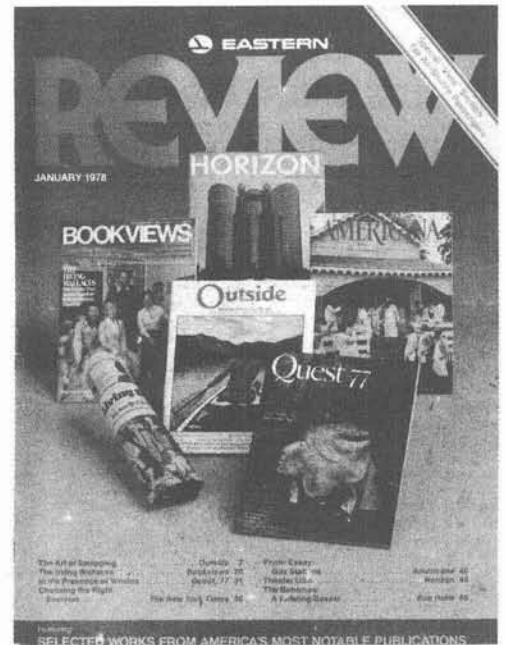
Rod is about to explain the situation when the nurse hears a second, more highly pitched crying. There on the living-room floor lies Barry Craig Dean, a healthy 8 pounds 3 ounces.

"Ohhh, baby." 2½-year-old Jennifer observes. She finds the event highly amusing and runs to find her dolls and blanket. The time is 2:35 a.m.

No time to panic

At this point Mr. Dean, who doesn't have time to panic, knows not what to do. Barry is not yet covered up and turns slightly blue. The umbilical cord remains uncut until the ambulance arrives.

It's 3 o'clock and the ambulance arrives.



NOTABLE PUBLICATION — *Quest* is one of America's "most notable publications." So says the cover line of Eastern Airlines in-flight magazine, *Review*. A feature article, "In the Presence of Whales," from the July-August, 1977, edition of *Quest* is reprinted in the January edition of *Review*, which was read by the thousands who flew Eastern Airlines in January. Another notable publication, *Reader's Digest*, has just asked for permission to reprint an article from the November-December edition titled "The Final Medal," and *Popular Photography* features *Quest* graphics in its January issue, according to Roger Lippross, production director of *Quest*.

Astronaut

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"G-clue" (a sense of up and down). Mr. Carpenter said: "There is up and down only when things fall. As long as there is no G-signal you can assign your own up."

Forces of rapid acceleration during launch and reentry were of concern to medical technicians as well. Here again, Mr. Carpenter said, the human organism proved amazingly adaptable. "The most amazing thing to me is that the human organism has no evolutionary experience with acceleration. How could you expect it to have defense mechanisms? But it does. The doctors couldn't tell us what to do to adapt ourselves to high acceleration; it came naturally. And that's amazing to me."

In 1965 Mr. Carpenter took a leave of absence from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to participate in the Navy's Sealab II program off the coast of La Jolla, Calif. Later, because he could no longer fly due to a broken arm and because he "felt the Sealab III program was important," he left the space program to continue his ocean research.

Defending technological advances, he said that he deplored "the lack of vigor with which we explore our successes" and described such actions as cancellation of the American supersonic transport as "a crime."

"Where technology is concerned we will always have a great many naysayers," he said. He later said that we should not abandon scientific pursuits just because they produce a problem. "Let us press on for answers to these problems," he countered.

Mr. Carpenter, who retired from the Navy in 1969, concluded by stating, "I firmly believe from my experience that given enough time man can accomplish anything he can imagine."

Minister, family members fear KKK, move

PASADENA — What began as a surprise going-away party shortly before the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles for two members of the Baton Rouge, La., church ended up with a dead snake on the minister's front porch and a professionally lettered and printed sign on the honored guest's car window that read, "The KKK is watching you."

But the last chapter of the story wasn't written until this month, when the minister finally sold his home and moved his family for fear of their lives.

Karl Beyersdorfer, pastor of the Baton Rouge church since July, 1975, and his wife, Gaylon, decided to hold a surprise party for Julius and Jane Cassels, who were moving to Corpus Christi, Tex. At that time the Beyersdorfers lived in rural Louisiana, about 25 miles from Baton Rouge. Mr. Beyersdorfer said he has since learned he was living in the heart of Ku Klux Klan country, a group in the past known for its white-sheet uniforms and flaming crosses on the property of black sympathizers. He said the parish he was living in reportedly has more KKK members than any comparable



KARL BEYERSDORFER
area in the United States.

Mr. Beyersdorfer said the entire congregation was invited to his home and several black members attended. "Two hours into the party and in the process of dinner, two carloads of strangers unloaded on the road in front of our house," Mr. Beyersdorfer explained. "Our house was 20 to 30 yards off the road. A group of about 10 men started up our driveway

when yet another man drove up. The group huddled around him, apparently planning some sort of strategy."

Dead snakes and a sign

Mr. Beyersdorfer said events occurred so rapidly that the group had driven off almost before he realized what was happening. But the remnants of the group's visit was a dead snake on the front porch, one in the automobile of one of the black members and the printed sign. "It was a beautifully done sign," Mr. Beyersdorfer recalled.

But the story doesn't end there. "Several of our guests were harassed by other vehicles as they drove off our property," Mr. Beyersdorfer said. "Members were passed by a carload of men who would slow down and stop in front of them. I got several telephone calls later from those who were harassed. It really terrified some of the brethren. The Cassels and their young daughter were mooned by one carload."

Almost every day for the next two to three weeks neighborhood children would come onto the Beyersdorfers' property, walk around the

house and ask their children if they were "going to have any more [racial epithet] over."

Feared being burned out

"What really bothered us were all of the tales we began to hear about the KKK," Mr. Beyersdorfer said. "A number of the members encouraged us to move. They told us that the usual weapon of the KKK is fire. People told us that the Klan will set fire to houses with the people inside."

He said his wife was particularly unnerved by the whole affair and their three sons and a daughter, ages 2 to 9, were bothered.

"I deliberated a month before we decided to sell," Mr. Beyersdorfer said. "Since we reached our decision many of the brethren have expressed relief."

The property sold for slightly more than the \$37,000 the Beyersdorfers paid for it, but Mr. Beyersdorfer said he had put about \$2,000 and "hundreds of hours" of labor into improvements.

The family has moved to a rented home near Port Allen, La., which is a French area.