

Mr. Armstrong to teach elders

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong will play host to 32 ministers in his Tucson, Ariz., home over the next few weeks, instructing them regarding key points he feels need emphasis in their sermons.

Mr. Armstrong, in a Jan. 28

conversation with Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, directed Mr. Dart to arrange for ministers presently on their sabbatical study programs at Ambassador College to be flown in three or four groups to Tucson.

Mr. Dart said Mr. Armstrong's

decision to talk with the ministers was an outgrowth of a conversation concerning the class Mr. Dart conducts for men on sabbaticals.

While some arrangements are not final, the plan is to fly the men aboard the Work's Grumman Gulfstream II.

Mr. Dart was excited about Mr. Armstrong's invitation to the men, saying it is a "marvelous opportunity for the ministers."

"We've always said the sabbatical program is an educational program and anything but a rest," he said. "The chance for the men to have this direct, personal contact with Mr. Armstrong will be a tremendous addition to their program."

Mailers explain why

Some get 'WN' late

PASADENA — More than one subscriber to *The WorldWide News* has asked why his copy of the paper takes two weeks to get to him, while perhaps a fellow reader in the next town receives his several days earlier.

This is a problem that plagues publishers and mailers besides the *WN*, says Eric Shaw, supervisor of the Church's Postal Center, which mails out copies of the Church newspaper after it's printed every other week.

"Some of it may be due to the transportation schedules, or the lack of them, in the systems through which the mail travels," Mr. Shaw says. "And it may just be that your local mail carrier had more than he felt he could handle on a particular day and some of the nonpreferential mail was held over until the following day."

The WorldWide News is mailed second class, the only financially feasible way to get most periodical publications into readers' hands. But a problem for some mailers, including the *WN*, is that the U.S. Postal Service recognizes two categories of second-class publications.

To fall into the "preferential" second-class category, a newspaper or magazine must come out on a regular schedule weekly or oftener. Since the *WN* comes out only every other week, it comes under "non-



ERIC SHAW

preferential" second-class mailing regulations.

'Nonpreferential' means delays

"With nonpreferential second-class and third-class matter, a local carrier may delay the delivery up to 48 hours if he has an unusual amount of first-class matter to deliver," Mr. Shaw says. "This could mean that two individuals on the same delivery route could receive their magazine at

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Pocono Festival site a disaster; members reeling from storm

PASADENA — The weather continued to disrupt the lives of many Americans as blizzards dumped record snowfalls in the East, and flash floods, mud slides and hurricane-force winds hit in the West. Directly related to the weather was an announcement by Garner Ted Armstrong, Feb. 11 that the Feast of Tabernacles site at Mount Pocono, Pa., may be canceled because the roof of the convention center there was caved in by snow during an earlier storm (*The WorldWide News*, Jan. 30).

Ministers in two areas hard hit by winter storms, however, reported no members of their congregations seriously affected.

55 inches in Rhode Island

Elliot Hurwitz, pastor of the Provi-

dence, R.I., church, contacted at his home in Cumberland, R.I., Feb. 17, said up to 55 inches of snow had fallen there since the latest storm had started four days earlier. Cumberland is the location of the hall in which the Providence church meets.

"I haven't heard of any of the brethren having any problems," Mr. Hurwitz said, "except what would be normal for having waist-high snow on the ground."

The pastor said no Sabbath services would take place Feb. 11 because of the snow and an official state of emergency. He said news reports were calling the storm the worst in the history of Rhode Island. "Even snowmobiles can't go in this stuff until it can pack around a little bit."

In Boston, Mass., pastor Reginald Platt said that, despite blizzard conditions that had affected his area, no Church members were having serious trouble, but "we have canceled services," he said. "And a state of emergency is still on. That means no cars on the road. That means we can't get to church."

California mud

In California the Los Angeles area was hit by flash floods and mud slides in the wake of torrential rains Feb. 9 and 10. In Sunland, in the foothills north of Los Angeles, *Plain Truth* assistant managing editor Dexter Faulkner and his family were awakened about 1 a.m. Feb. 10 by a "rumbling sound," Mr. Faulkner said. The sound turned out to be that of a wall of water, debris and automobiles washing down his street.

The Faulkners were fortunate in that their damage consisted only of 14 inches of mud in their yard and their garage flooded. Neighboring houses in Sunland were literally buried in mud. At least 10 Southern Californians died as a result of the freak weather, including two who drowned at the end of the Faulkners' street.

The Church's Mail Processing Center reported mail coming into Church headquarters was down noticeably, which department head Richard Rice attributed to the weather. "Member and co-worker

mail is down at this point," he said, "the severe winter weather in parts of the country being a factor."

Garner Ted Armstrong said Feb. 11 the Work is in the midst of a "serious cash-flow crisis" caused by the weather affecting the U.S. Postal Service and members' and co-workers' jobs.

Mr. Armstrong also announced that, because of the damage done to the convention building at the Church-owned Mount Pocono Feast site, the Feast for 1978 may not take place there this year. Being considered by the Festival Office as a replacement, he said, is Niagara Falls, N.Y.

(In other Feast-related news, Mr. Armstrong said Squaw Valley, Calif., also may not play host to Festivalgoers in 1978, though the reasons are not weather related. For details concerning the situations at Mount Pocono and Squaw Valley, see Mr. Armstrong's "Personal," beginning on page 2.)

Director speaks to Alaskans

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division, spoke to most brethren in Alaska as he preached to three church congregations the Sabbath of Feb. 4 and attended a church social that evening, according to Earl Roemer, pastor of the four Alaska churches.

Mr. McCullough spoke to 26 people in Fairbanks at a Friday-evening service and the next morning to 189 at a combined Anchorage-Palmer service. That afternoon he preached to 122 of the Kenai congregation before returning to Anchorage for the last part of a social. He was accompanied on the trip by John Robinson, managing editor of *The WorldWide* (See ALASKA, page 16)

GTA preaches in Jackson



PREPARES SERMON — Garner Ted Armstrong prepares to address 1,950 people at a combined-church service in Jackson, Miss., the Sabbath of Feb. 4. (Photo by David Armstrong)

JACKSON, Miss. — Garner Ted Armstrong's latest visit to a church area took him to this southern city, in which he conducted Sabbath services Feb. 4 in the Jackson City Auditorium before an assembled 1,950 people.

"I felt like kicking up my heels, said Jackson pastor Robert Peoples about the good weather that Mr. Armstrong seemingly brought with him from California. The area has not been unaffected by harsh wintry conditions plaguing much of the United States this year.

Mr. Armstrong arrived Feb. 3 and was accompanied by his wife, Shirley, son David, Youth Opportunities United director Jim Thornhill and members of a band that provide musical entertainment along with Mr. Armstrong at church socials.

It was Mr. Armstrong's first time in Jackson for this type of visit.

Mr. Peoples and his wife, Ruby, along with Southeastern Area coordinator Paul Platt and his wife, Mary Jo, and New Orleans, La., pastor Jim Chapman and his wife, Barbara, had dinner with the Armstrongs Friday evening.

Eight churches in Alabama, (See GTA SPEAKS, page 16)

A Personal Letter

from

Dale Hampton

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from sunny Pasadena! After one of the severest storms in Southern California's history, it is a gorgeously beautiful, sun-filled Sabbath morning as I dictate another "Personal." Now those of us in Southern California and much of the rest of the West can much more personally empathize with you snowbound brethren of the New England states and the East, as well as those who were shivering miserably in their homes clear down into the Deep South recently with some of the most severe winter weather in the nation's history.

The vicious storm that swept Southern California on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9 and 10, caused many deaths, tossed automobiles around like toys, washed corpses out of their graves, toppled hundreds of trees, cut out power to perhaps half a million people, caused landslides and mud slides, washed out bridges, tore boats loose from their moorings and generally wreaked havoc over much of the area.

The weather forecast calls for more cloudiness and the possibility of rain tonight and tomorrow, but for the time being it is a gorgeous Sabbath morning.

Weather hurts Work

In meetings with our director of mail processing, Mr. Richard Rice, and Mr. Ray Wright, business manager for the Church, we

were having to look at a new critical cash-flow crisis developing in the Work in large part brought about by the de-ating snowstorms that have prevented many thousands of you brethren from getting to your places of work, stopping the flow of traffic, halting mails, closing airports and generally strangling the economy temporarily.

Some of this is still occurring. And, as you might realize, since God's Work depends on the daily flow of mail as its very life's blood, it has seriously hurt the Work at this time! I will be writing to you about this and other matters in the near future but wanted to mention it here so that any of you brethren who have not been seriously affected by these weather conditions economically might be able, at this time, to help lift the burden from the Work by sharing the load with some of your not-so-fortunate brethren whose personal finances have been severely hit by the terrible winter weather.

Only last Sabbath I had the opportunity to visit with over 1,900 of you brethren in Jackson, Miss. It was a beautiful, clear, sunny weekend in Jackson, following severe wintry weather, icy roads and below-freezing temperatures. But it couldn't have been nicer for our brief visit.

As we were descending into Jackson through approximately 8,000 feet, Capt. Ed Black, who was riding (See PERSONAL, page 7)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Defining a curse

I was interested to read the article "Alcoholism a Disease" (WN, Nov. 21) and the resultant letter to the editor (WN, Jan. 16).

The Bible does indeed show alcoholism is a sin which must be overcome, and, in order to overcome, one must want to overcome. One of the basic tenets of Alcoholics Anonymous is that the alcoholic must want to get over his problem.

Alcoholism is a form of drug addiction, a physical condition which requires a painful withdrawal process to recover from. Without truly wanting to get rid of the habit, the alcoholic will never endure this process.

God shows that sickness is a result of sin. The alcoholic's mind is diseased, as is that of a sex pervert, compulsive thief or killer. Once he decides he wants to get over his habit, the alcoholic needs God's help and the support of those around him, as we all do when we are trying to overcome problems in our lives, to heal him physically and mentally.

Irena Marsh
Leicester, England

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I don't wish to get into an argument over alcoholism with Jeff Moss of Sydney, Australia, but it's obvious that he is uninformed concerning the subject.

True, alcoholism is condemned by the Bible. But so is overeating or anything else done to excess which may harm our bodies. Nevertheless, Mr. Moss notwithstanding, *alcoholism is a disease*, and to approach it that way is scientifically and medically sound.

Notice what the brilliant biochemist Dr. Roger J. Williams of the University of Texas states: "I will, however, herewith positively assert that *no one who follows good nutritional practices will ever become an alcoholic*." Strong words! Yet the proof that he is right is abundant. In my own home library I have numerous scientific studies indicating that alcoholism is a nutritional disease — malnutrition.

Would Mr. Moss condemn those with rickets (vitamin D deficiency), pellagra (niacin [B3] deficiency), beriberi (thiamine [B1] deficiency), etc., as lacking willpower because they are malnourished? I think not! Then let's not condemn the alcoholic as lacking willpower because he has a nutritional deficiency (though much more complex and much more difficult to treat than the above-mentioned diseases).

AICF and Mr. Hampton, keep up the good work.

Avon H. Pfund
Lincoln, N.D.

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Although I find most "Letters to the Editor" to be sincere and thoughtful comments, I occasionally read a letter from a presumably well-intentioned reader who demonstrates an appalling lack of understanding, perception and sensitivity. The letter by Mr. Jeff Moss in the Jan. 16, 1978, WN represents the classic example.

The letter by Mr. Moss contains so many erroneous assumptions, illogical progressions of thought and faulty conclusions that one finds a clarifying explanation and rebuttal nearly impossible in so short a space. However, a few brief comments are in order.

First, there may be much more that we do not know about alcoholism than that which we do know. This is to say that the social, psychological and physiological dimensions of man's functioning may interrelate in the presence of alcoholism in ways that we do not fully understand. We do know, however, that to say that alcoholism is exclusively or even primarily the effect of a "weak will" (the "cause") is nonsense of the highest order.

While the scientific data on this subject would certainly crush Mr. Moss' view, I think the most devastating blow comes from the millions of alcoholics worldwide, among whom one finds virtually every degree and variation in psychological orientation and social background: from the rich to the poor, from the strong to the weak. If these suffering individuals and their families could cry out unitedly, I believe they would ask for love, understanding and the help of Almighty God.

It would seem apparent that Mr. Moss

has read little of nothing about the nature of alcoholism, or he has an intellectual "blind spot," or both. In any case, I respectfully request that all who share his point of view carefully rethink their position. Moreover, while this kind of pseudomoralistic poppycock is wonderful if one wishes to be part of the problem, it does no good if one wishes to be part of the solution.

Francis C. O'Neal
Fairfax, Va.

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In the Jan. 16 issue Mr. Jeff Moss of Sydney, Australia, stated he was "disturbed" by Mr. Dale Hampton's emphasizing alcoholism as a disease.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines disease as "an alteration of a living body that impairs its functioning."

Alcoholism does that! It is a threefold illness: physical, due to chemical dependency; emotional, which is often the underlying cause; and spiritual, due to putting the ego and alcohol above God.

Mr. Moss claims that "alcoholism is merely a modern term for regular excessive use." This is not always the case. Some people find one drink is excessive. I know a man who passes out on three beers.

There is no human cure for alcoholism, but it can be controlled!

Alcoholics Anonymous, unlike other treatments, treats all three areas of the disease. In a character-developing program which teaches biblical principles and recognizes the need in everyone's life for a Higher Power, the alcoholic is able to resist the urge to drink. Not taking the drink eliminates the chemical reaction that triggers the emotional upheaval that puts "me first." Once the ego is subdued the person can recognize the need for God in his life and that only God can restore him to a sane, dry life.

Yes, God does see drunkenness in the same light as He does immorality, which makes a recovering alcoholic all the more thankful for the mercy He shows toward His wayward children. John 8:11 shows how Jesus was willing to forgive a woman (See LETTERS, page 10)

Correction

The Jan. 30 *Worldwide News* incorrectly stated in an article titled "Brethren Snowed In: Pocono Roof Caves" that churches in the north-eastern United States canceled services the Sabbath of Feb. 21 because of snow. The date should have read Jan. 21.

The same article also incorrectly stated that the Fort Worth, Tex., church canceled services Feb. 14. Actually the Fort Worth church did not cancel services but was instead greatly reduced in number because of heavy snow Jan. 14, not Feb. 14.

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Behind the Canal Zone debate

PASADENA — As I write, the United States Senate is well into the first round of debate over the proposed new Panama Canal treaties. This morning I heard parts of the deliberation over National Public Radio.

As one senator admitted, what is at stake is considerably more than the canal itself. Involved is the very future of the United States and its role in the world from now on.

God's hand unseen

It is quite apparent from listening to the debate so far, and from having heard other debates on television and seeing President Carter's "fireside chat" regarding the canal last week on television, that extremely few in this country grasp the most essential issue involved: the hand of God in the affairs of this country, whether in the past, or now, or in the troublesome future.

It is God who determines the times and seasons of the nations. (Acts 17:26).

Supporters of the new canal treaties (which would progressively turn over the waterway to Panama) cannot see the hand of God in the miraculous manner in which the strategic isthmian territory fell into U.S. hands at the turn of the century. Instead they feel that America must now "rectify" history and "restore" to the Republic of Panama something

it never had in the first place (except for the briefest moment of time in which it perpetually grant the zone to the United States).

Similarly, opponents of the new pacts cannot see the real reason the

Colombia to bring the United States back into the isthmus equation, which it indeed did.

The treaty with the newly independent Republic of Panama was indeed a gift. The author of the treaty,

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BY GENE H. HOGBERG

canal, so vital to America's economic well-being and military defense, is slipping from America's hands at this moment in the nation's history. Simply put: The God in whom Americans officially claim they trust is turning His back from us because of mounting national sins; His protection in times of trouble, so evident in the recent movie about the World War II Battle of Midway broadcast last week on television, is fading away. (Was it just luck, as Adm. Nimitz asked, that the vastly outnumbered U.S. Navy won and that the Japanese committed one strategic mistake after another?)

God, not fate, is the agent of human affairs. This we should never forget.

Curious history

Much of this morning's debate dealt with the curious history surrounding the American involvement on the Central American isthmus.

As was correctly mentioned, the United States was willing to conclude — indeed had concluded — a far less advantageous treaty with Colombia, the original sovereign of Panama, in 1902. Under its terms the U.S. negotiators obtained merely a 99-year lease over a canal zone that would have been quite a bit narrower than the subsequent cession (not lease) from Panama.

What the United States agreed then to accept, the full government of Colombia backed down on. It was the Colombian senate's decision that triggered the whole chain of events, from the decision of the U.S. Senate to turn its attention once again to the Nicaraguan site (favored by most senators) and to the decision on the part of independence-seeking nationalists in Panama to revolt from

as Panamanian nationalists today are quick to point out, was indeed not a Panamanian, although the Panamanian senate subsequently ratified the treaty. The author was a Frenchman, Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the last chief engineer of the ill-fated French Canal Co., which had failed in its own enterprise in Panama.

People have since said this enigmatic character was only interested in personally recouping the French Canal Co. assets. Nothing could be further from the truth. The French Canal Co. did receive \$40 million — from the United States. This money went to the company investors, how much of it to Mr. Bunau-Varilla himself, if any, nobody really knows.

Strange motives

What is certain is that this funny little Frenchman lent the Panamanian revolutionaries the money to finance their revolt, which cost \$100,000, out of his own pocket. And his motives were strange by today's standards. His sole purpose was to vindicate French honor, to show the world that, even though French engineers could not bring their project to fruition, their concept was correct.

Neither the Panamanians nor the Americans fathomed this strange character, nor his intensely held mission in life. "The fact is that, while the United States thought he was acting for Panama, and Panama thought he was a spokesman for the United States, he was in reality acting for a concept of his own, the honor of France, which was meaningless to everybody else," writes David Howarth in *Panama*.

Read also the current best-seller, *The Path Between the Seas*, by David McCollough, for his rendition of this (See PANAMA, page 10)

SEP seeks nurse

PASADENA — A qualified male or female registered nurse with paramedic experience is being sought by the Summer Educational Program (SEP), announced Jim Thornhill, director of the camp for Church youths, which is located in Orr, Minn.

Applicants for the job, which would run from mid-June through part of August, are urged to write the YOU Summer Educational Program, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, or phone (213) 577-5720, as soon as possible.

Pastor answers mail call

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA — Richard Rice is a family-oriented man and this facet of character seems to be reflected in his department and employees. "We stress the kind of family atmosphere where everybody knows that he's got to function and do his job properly for the next guy to do his right," says the 42-year-old director of the Church's Mail Processing Center.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 letters and 1,300 telephone calls, plus a mail-out of more than 57,000 pieces of mail per average working day, are handled by the department's 200 employees. Mr. Rice credits their low error rate to a "topflight" staff of supervisors and to communication.

"There has to be open communication, otherwise we lose ground, we lose our way. We have a man assigned whose main function is to communicate decisions from me and others to each employee. If there is a change in literature or we're killing a booklet, that's communicated quickly, instantly practically."

Bill Butler, communications coordinator and staff assistant to Mr. Rice, is also in charge of employee training. "We are very big on training our employees so that they know their job thoroughly," says Mr. Rice.

Every letter sent

The Mail Processing Center is responsible for handling every letter sent to the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College and Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong. From a small, limited operation in the formative years of Ambassador, it has developed into its present configuration, an area in which the mail

is completely processed from post office to post office in one continuous work-flow operation.

"Many of these departments were scattered all over campus. Personal Correspondence was separate from Mail Processing, the Co-Worker Department was separate still, as was the Postal Center. It was brought back together into one major department in late '71. There were many meetings held at the time by Mr. Bill Shaak, who came in as an efficiency expert."

Earlier that year, Mr. Rice recalls, "several of the evangelists got together and talked about the possibility of opening up or at least enlarging

the Birmingham, Huntsville and Montgomery, Ala., churches.

Functions absorbed

"The WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] line has since become a part of Mail Processing. The personal correspondence has been reduced to a bare minimum of people, and we also, inherited direct mail, which is now called subscriber development."

Subscriber development is a new program initiated about a year and a half ago to serve donors and co-workers who are not members of the Worldwide Church of God. According to Mr. Rice, the program's goal is

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the personal-correspondence area so that we could begin to develop the people on the mailing list, particularly those who were writing and asking questions inquiring about various things in the Work with emphasis on the Church itself.

"As I remember, 400,000 people were on the list at the time in that particular category. Jon Hill, Dr. [Clint] Zimmerman and others were working with different ministers on it, and Jon Hill gave me the opportunity or the option to come in."

"About eight or nine months later I was transferred into the present position I have at this point, the director of the Mail Processing Center."

Mr. Rice and his wife, Virginia, were at the time living in Birmingham, Ala., where he was pastor of

to aid these subscribers through personal interest to grow spiritually toward greater involvement in the Work.

"We simply write letters, advertise literature. We show that we're interested in them, concerned about them spiritually and help bring them along and feed them."

Co-Worker Newsletter, a four-page monthly publication of the subscriber-development program, was conceived to give co-workers an insight into news of the Work that was previously unavailable to them.

"We are dealing strictly with news for the most part. We cover such things as the Feast of Tabernacles, the [ministerial] conference, pictures of the Armstrongs, their travels. We are running a serial now of the autobiography of Mr. Armstrong to give these people a background of Mr. Armstrong himself."

Mr. Rice's association with the Church and college does not end with the Mail Processing Center and subscriber-development program. He is on the board of directors of both the Church and Ambassador College and is an associate pastor of one of the headquarters congregations of the Church, with Dr. Herman Hoeh as pastor. As an associate pastor Mr. Rice directs a Leadership Training Club that meets weekly.

Regretfully, Mr. Rice admits, "I used to have an Ambassador Club and women's club, but I got so involved I couldn't keep up and I had to let something go. Both Gin and I still have a lot of involvement with the students such as trips to the mountains and Bible studies with them on



MAIL DIRECTOR — Richard Rice directs the Mail Processing Center from his office in the Church's Office Facilities Building in Pasadena. [Photo by Sheila Graham]

Friday nights, things like that. We find that to be a real delight and a joy. We try to keep in touch because we have a son in college."

Heard through brother

Through his older brother, Robert, a longtime employee of the college in Pasadena, Mr. Rice became interested in the Church at an early age. "Robert, Bob, as we call him, was a member," Mr. Rice recalls. "He was out here at the college at the time and came back to my home state [Oklahoma] because of a recurring injury. He continued to listen to the broadcast and I heard Mr. Armstrong; I must have been 13 or 14. Through watching Bob's example, life-style, reading the literature and listening to the broadcast with him, I got hooked on it, you see."

Mr. Rice's parents are deceased. His younger sister, Helen Greeson of Moore, Okla., is also a member of the Church.

Mr. Rice listened for hours to the broadcast while in high school in Midwest City, Okla., a suburb of Oklahoma City.

"I just absorbed everything Mr. Armstrong said. It had a powerful effect on me because of what he said, his sincerity and his conviction. I really wanted to come to Ambassador College in the worst way, so I took a correspondence course to complete school early."

Mr. Rice does not recommend this course of action for 17-year-old youths. "I was too young... It was very rough."

During his sophomore year Virginia McAlester, a young lady he had met earlier, came to college, and they were married the next year.

"I knew her family for years. I met Virginia back in 1953. She came out when I was a sophomore, and that's when we really got to know one another a lot better and became friends."

The Rices have three sons, Phillip, 20, an Ambassador College junior, Anthony, 18, and Michael, 14.

"My main reason for coming to college was to find out what these true values were that Mr. Armstrong talked about. The college classes, the instructors, all those fellows had an impact on me because I was very young at the time, 17, and being called into the truth."

"I personally have found it very beneficial to study people, their habits, their examples, methods and means. To study the Bible and to know what it says and then to look for examples of people who are living it, so you can really get the picture and see how it's done; That has been a molding effect in my life."

Techniques of teaching

Before graduating from Ambassador in 1960, Mr. Rice began teaching in Imperial Schools in Pasadena. (Imperial was elementary and high schools then operated by the Church.) After graduation he continued to teach in the Imperial school system in Big Sandy, Tex., until his ordination in 1962. He considers those years of teaching experience invaluable.

"If there is any one thing I learned from Imperial Schools in a personal way, it was certain techniques of teaching. You have to understand and be patient with students. And this requires thinking. You have to think out approaches and put them in colorful ways and clear, simple language so they can comprehend in an organized way. That's something I learned from teaching which helped me to be better prepared for the ministry."

The Rices spend their vacations each summer camping with their family. Mrs. Rice says: "We go up to the redwoods in Sequoia to an isolated park and pitch our tent and camp for a week in God's country. And you know it's amazing how close you can become with your family when there is no TV, no radio, no distractions. After the sun goes down

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LETTER HEAD — Richard Rice, above, checks a statistical report. At right he is with his wife and sons in the family room of their Pasadena home. From left are sons Michael, 14, and Phillip, 20, Mr. Rice, his wife, Virginia, and son Anthony, 18. [Photos by Sheila Graham]





SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE — Canoeing in northern-Minnesota rivers and cheerleading clinics conducted by Ambassador College students are two activities offered at SEP. (Photos by Jeanne Kloster)

SEP invites campers

PASADENA — The Church's Summer Educational Program, a camp located in northern Minnesota for youths ages 12 to 19, is now accepting applications, announced YOU director Jim Thornhill.

In the following interview, Mr. Thornhill outlines the attendance requirements and goals of SEP:

Who can attend SEP?

"Applicants must be no younger than 12 by September, 1978, and must not have yet reached their 20th birthday."

When will SEP be in session this year?

"Applicants may choose one of two sessions. Each session lasts three weeks, with the first beginning June 20 and ending July 10. The second session begins July 13 and ends Aug. 2."

Where is SEP?

"The camp is at Orr, Minn., 40 miles south of the Canadian border. It is 100 miles from Duluth and 40 miles from Hibbing, the nearest air terminal. The area is relatively flat but heavily timbered and very lush in greenery. Lake Pelican, one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes, borders the camp."

What is the cost?

"The tuition charge for either session is \$225, which includes food, lodging, an accident-insurance policy, the use of equipment and SEP-issued clothing. Tuition is due and payable upon acceptance, and applicants or their parents may use Visa or Master Charge credit cards."

"That's extremely reasonable. You can't find a camp with the quality that we have anywhere else in the country. Transportation to and from Orr is not included in the price and must be arranged by the applicant."

Any chance of attending if one doesn't have the money?

"Yes, we have a scholarship fund that we hope to have again this year. Last year we had \$20,000 in that fund from which we were able to accept 74 kids who were not able to pay their own way. This scholarship fund is primarily from Church brethren who see the need for a child going to summer camp. One person I know gave us tuition for two. She didn't care who they were; she just gave us a check for \$500 and said, 'I want two kids to go.' We feel it is vitally important to get those kids there."

Are you accepting applications from countries other than the United States?

"Sure, anybody around the world, if they can afford to get there. In fact, we're working on possible ways of getting more international kids involved. Even though they have SEPs in their countries, we feel that Orr has certain advantages that they can't get because of their financial conditions most of the time."

How many applicants will SEP accept this year?

"We have room for 366 per session, 732 all together. We have seven girls' dorms and seven boys' dorms, so we look for an equal ratio. Last year we rejected 200 applicants. Of course those will go on our priority list this year and we'll try to pick them up first if we possibly can and they reapply."

What activities are offered at SEP?

"Waterskiing, archery, riflery, basketball, volleyball, swimming, canoeing and rock climbing are the major ones. In addition to this we'll be offering educational services dealing with the moral and social aspects of teenage life. Garner Ted Armstrong will be coming to Orr on a regular basis, and several Amba-

sador College representatives are hoped to make appearances and speak before the campers."

Who administers the camp?

"SEP is sponsored by YOU, the youth organization of the Worldwide Church of God. I serve as director of the camp and am assisted by the YOU staff and a host of Ambassador College faculty and students."

"Our counselors are the very best people that we can pick. They're totally youth oriented. They're totally dedicated to the Church and the college."

"Their experience and abilities to transmit that to the kids we have found is tremendously successful."

What's the weather like in Orr?

"The general temperature for the north area during the summer is 70 to 72 degrees. It doesn't get excessively

hot for any length of time. Evenings cool down and are very pleasant. The days are just right. Generally it will never get outside of light Wind-breaker weather. We expect to have our usual amount of rainfall, what with unpredictable Minnesota weather."

What will a camper get out of SEP?

"The learning experiences he gets as a result of being with 23 other kids in a dormitory of every variety of life-style, from every geographical location, the experience that he has, the opportunity to live in that environment with those 24 different personalities, learning to play together, grow together and to live together in that three-week time is invaluable when it comes to learning patience, learning how to have concern for your neighbor."

"It just follows many of the biblical principles right down the line. That's the way it has been tailored, to help develop the character of a younger person in all aspects of giv-

ing, sharing, patience and all aspects of development that are pertinent to living."

How should one apply to SEP?

"Those wishing to attend either session of SEP should complete an application [a form accompanies this article] and mail it, with any questions, to YOU. Applications should be sent in as soon as possible because we make our decision as the applications come in. We want to fill the camp as soon as possible in order to tailor the program to specific needs."

Applications and other correspondence should be mailed to: YOU Summer Educational Program, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123. The department's telephone number is (213) 577-5720.

Application forms have also appeared in the YOU newspaper, *Now You Know*, which is sent automatically to YOU members. Church pastors have been supplied with applications as well.

APPLICATION FOR Summer Educational Program

300 W. GREEN ST., PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91123



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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| APPLICANT'S LAST NAME | FIRST | MIDDLE | AGE | BIRTHDATE | SEX |
| PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME | | | PHONE NO. | | |
| ADDRESS | | CITY | STATE | ZIP | |
| CHURCH AREA | | MINISTER | | | |

HOW MANY S.E.P. SESSIONS HAS APPLICANT APPLIED FOR?

HOW MANY S.E.P. SESSIONS HAS APPLICANT ACTUALLY ATTENDED?

LAST YEAR ATTENDED

WHAT GRADE WILL APPLICANT BE IN NEXT SEPTEMBER?

DOES APPLICANT HAVE ANY PHYSICAL OR MENTAL HANDICAP THAT WOULD PREVENT VIGOROUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITY? ☐ YES ☐ NO

IF YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN

INDICATE HOW TUITION WILL BE PAID:

- ☐ CASH/CHECK/MONEY ORDER
☐ BANKAMERICARD
☐ MASTER CHARGE
☐ SPONSOR PLAN

CHECK SESSION APPLICANT WANTS TO ATTEND:

- ☐ SESSION I
☐ SESSION II
☐ EITHER SESSION

SOMEONE WHOM I KNOW (ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL) WILL PAY THE TUITION:

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| SPONSOR'S NAME | | | |
| SPONSOR'S ADDRESS | CITY | STATE | ZIP |

☐ CHURCH ASSISTANCE PLAN THIS PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR CHURCH ASSISTANCE

AMOUNT NEEDED: \$ PASTOR'S SIGNATURE

SIGNATURES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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| FATHER/GUARDIAN | DATE | MOTHER/GUARDIAN | DATE |
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MINISTERIAL APPROVAL I have reviewed this application and recommend for acceptance.

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| PASTOR'S SIGNATURE | DATE |
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ATTACH A RECENT PHOTO OF APPLICANT HERE

Australian has high hopes after paralyzing car-bike accident

By Marlane MacLeod

PERTH, Australia — Ron McGregor and Peter Thomas left Melbourne, in the southeastern part of the country, for a 9,000-mile trip around Australia via bicycle Feb. 21, 1977, planning to head north and follow the coastline counterclockwise.

A sad interruption to the trip being taken by the two Church members came when a car hit Ron two miles east of Port Hedland, in the Northwest. As was reported in *The Worldwide News* of Nov. 21, Ron is now paralyzed from the hips down.

At the time of the accident, the two men were about 850 miles from Perth, in Western Australia.

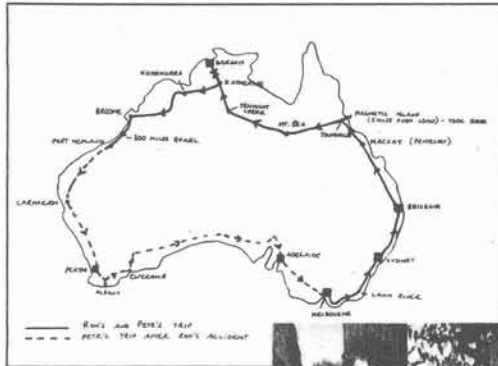
Ron, 25, is now a resident of the Quadraplegic Centre here, where he's becoming more and more proficient as he learns to replace his legs with his arms and a wheelchair. He still likes to talk about his and Peter's ambitious undertaking, a bicycle trip that should have ended with the two of them rolling back into Melbourne nine months later. (Peter did complete the trip, arriving in Melbourne on schedule in November.)

15-day trip

If you were to go around Australia by car, traveling an average of 600 miles a day, you could complete the trip in 15 days. That's without stopping for sight-seeing.

Put yourself on a bicycle, add a 40-pound pack, include 470 miles of gravelled road, headwinds and brethren who want you to stop and talk, eat and stay at least one night, and you've got a long, long journey ahead of you. That's what Ron and Pete had cut out for themselves.

"I got the idea of traveling all around Australia from a couple of



small country trips I made," Ron remembers. "I cycled from Stawell to Hay, which is a total of 550 miles, return. And I cycled from Stawell to Melbourne, a total of 146 miles.

"So I thought: Why not extend myself and go all the way around Australia?"

Ron thought about the trip for a year and a half, then heard that Peter was planning to do the same thing. "So we decided to go together," Ron says.

They made a schedule, but "it's the kind of trip you really have to play by ear," Ron says. They thought they would be in Townsville for Pentecost, "but we found out that Pentecost was a week earlier than we thought, so we ended up spending Pentecost in Mackay."

They planned to be in Perth for the Feast of Trumpets, then spend the Feast of Tabernacles in Albany, Western Australia. Then they were to



head back along the southern coast to Melbourne.

Inexpensive trip

They decided to go the 9,123 miles around the country on bicycles because "we thought it would be a cheap way to see Australia," Ron says, though it wasn't as cheap as they thought it would be.

"Riding a bicycle is also a beautiful form of exercise; it makes you very, very fit. You see more too on a bike. You see animals before you scare them away. We saw some snakes, mainly black and yellow-bellied ones. We saw some really colorful birds in the Northern Territory, and some big red kangaroos very close up."

Their daily schedule varied, but Ron remembers an "average" day: "We'd get up at 4 a.m., or about two hours before sunrise, so that we would be ready to ride as soon as the sun was up. It would take us all of two hours to get ready. We'd light a fire, pray and study. Then we'd cook and eat breakfast and check our bikes for any repairs that needed to be done."

They would ride, then stop for lunch about an hour, then continue.

"We aimed to stop before dark to allow time to set up the tent, but on some occasions we rode on into the evening, sometimes up to 10 p.m."

They planned their route to take advantage of tailwinds and "were virtually blown from Brisbane to Broome."

The accident

Two miles east of Port Hedland, on the North-West Coastal Highway, Ron was hit by a car from behind. Apparently the driver was blinded by the sun.

The next Sabbath Perth pastor Ken Lewis told his congregation about the accident. Many people visited Ron and sent him cards, and Mr. Lewis kept Church members up on his progress.

Ron talks about how the incident



TRIP INTERRUPTED—Ron McGregor learns to get along in a wheelchair after being hit by a car while on a 9,000-mile bicycle trip around Australia. The map shows the route Mr. McGregor and Peter Thomas planned to take. The solid line indicates the cyclists' route before the accident; the broken line shows Mr. Thomas' travels as he completed the trip without his injured companion. (Photos by Ken Lewis; map by Marlane MacLeod)

has affected him. He's a "complete paraplegic," he says, but "I still have full use of my hands, arms, chest and abdominal muscles."

When hit by the car, Ron was unconscious for 40 minutes. When he awoke, "I found my bad dream was reality. I knew I was paralyzed straight away."

One thing, he says, has given him hope: "No matter what else happened, the Kingdom is not far away."

"At first I put a time limit on when God would heal and restore me, but now I realize I cannot do this. I have to leave it to God how and when I will be healed."

The accident has "matured" him, he believes. "I now know more about life, things that I couldn't have learnt any other way. I have now met many spinal-cord-injured or diseased patients here and have learnt to have empathy for these people, people I barely knew existed before."

"And I know as never before the love of God's people."

The way to independence

Ron points out that more than 80 percent of paraplegics achieve full independence. They can go out of doors, stay overnight at a friend's place, swim, sail, drive a car, throw discus or javelin, become useful employees.

"I now feel that I'll have to go through all the motions that any other paraplegic does so that I can put this knowledge into use in the Kingdom."

"Sure, I get depressed sometimes. And yet something like getting dressed on my own gave me a quiet inner joy as one more step to full independence again."

In spite of everything, Ron says he is happy. "Overcoming little physical obstacles like this have contributed to my happiness. I am, overall, very happy. My bottom half is out of gear for the time being, but the top half is going strong as ever."

"But I think that it has mainly been the peace of mind I've experienced since coming into God's Church that has helped me through. It really doesn't matter what happens; God is in charge and you can rely on Him."

Ron speaks of his immediate

plans. "I'm concentrating on developing the muscles I have left, especially my arms. They replace the legs in a way."

"I plan to do further studies in 1978, either part time or externally, to obtain my bachelor degree in engineering [electrical] at the West Australian Institute of Technology or the University of Western Australia."

Job hunting

"I am also looking for a position as an engineer now, through several avenues, and plan to live in Perth for the next four years anyway."

A few days before this interview Ron talked with an executive of an engineering firm about a job in quality control: the inspection and testing of components. A meeting with the firm's manager is planned, and a new job could begin this month, six months after his accident.

Ron has just obtained his hand-control driver's license and looks forward to buying a car. Wheelchair basketball and pentathlon have caught his interest, so he is busy improving his wheelchair techniques. During this interview he was balancing on his back wheels and doing wheelies.

Ron has been in God's Church four years. He spent his first 18 on his father's sheep-and-cattle farm at Stawell, a town 146 miles from Melbourne. Then he left home to study for his diploma of communications engineering at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology.

After that he worked as a technician repairing computer terminals and power supplies for Control Data, Inc., headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn.

After working there two years he resigned to go on the bicycle trip.

Ron's mailing address: c/o Quad Centre, Selby St., Shenton Park, 6008, Western Australia.

If you get a chance to visit him and don't know what he looks like, just follow the skid marks. When you catch up with him you'll notice a bumper sticker on the back of his wheelchair that reads: "Watch on TV Garner Ted Armstrong on Sunday Mornings."

Two green thumbs grow coleuses, fuchsias, pothos

By Minnie M. Horsmann

NEWPORT, Wash. — She's a little Irish colleen who was born, not with one green thumb, but two.

Dorothy Wiese's home . . . looks more like a green Garden of Eden than a house.

A big budded Christmas cactus, a bright-scarlet stalk of John's fire, assorted coleuses, fuchsias, baby tears, a 29-year-old pothos and a huge jade tree fight for position in the living room.

A bank of hanging plants makes a living half wall in the kitchen, a huge Boston fern almost fills the basement stairwell, and the "extras" run over into the rest of the five-room house and full basement.

A huge split-leaf philodendron cozies up to whoever sits on the davenport.

A feather fern, which Dorothy found abandoned on the city dump with only one forlorn sprout alive, spreads its fine fronds in the living-room window.

Dorothy raises a lot more plants in a 10-by-17-foot greenhouse in the backyard.

Dorothy was born and raised in La Crosse, Wis., and began growing things in her grandpa's garden at an early age. She and her husband, Leroy Wiese, assistant county engineer, were married at La Crosse in 1946 in 40-below-zero weather.

"My corsage froze on the way to the church," she remembers, "and then thawed out and hung, brown and wilted, during the ceremony."

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Besides enjoying many of her plants herself, Mrs. Wiese, whose husband is also a member, puts small ones for church fund raisings and sells some to local residents.

She provides many Church members, aspiring to gain at least a green thumbnail, with their first starts. Her greenhouse has also become a plant hospital for those who don't succeed.

Prevention magazine recently sent a writer and photographer to see the Wieses; the publication plans to write them up as part of a series on how to stay young.

The Wieses are in their early 50s. Besides growing plants, they are teaching themselves to play the fiddle and banjo.

The couple moved to this area in 1947. Of their six sons and six daughters, three were killed in an auto accident between Newport and Priest River about four years ago.

Dorothy says all her children have inherited her love of green, growing things. Even 4-year-old Michael has his bedroom window full of them.

He has taken Pend Oreille County Fair prizes for the last two years on his own plants and proudly displays a pink toy duck with a pineapple plant sprouting from its back.

Craftsman caters to lover of fine knives

By Randal Donato

PUEBLO, Colo. — A small, easily overlooked building . . . is one of the very few places in southern Colorado where a connoisseur of cutlery can order a custom-made hunting knife.

Jim Sasser . . . is a craftsman who is in business for himself, works long

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hours and turns out sturdy, beautiful, functional knives for the sportsman and the collector.

"I've been making knives for 30 years as a hobby. I was 13, the first one I made," says Sasser. "I lived on a farm with my grandparents. My grandfather had a blacksmith shop on the place. That's where I started."

Sasser first came to Colorado seven years ago and went to work at the Allen Mine near Trinidad. He began making knives part time to sell to fellow workers. After 3½ years at the mine he went into the knife-making business full time. He now has his own shop and is his own boss.

No short days

Workdays of 12 to 16 hours are not uncommon, says Sasser. "There are no short days when you work for yourself." He usually takes only Saturday off.

Sasser uses the stock-removal method of making knives. First he puts a pattern on stock steel, then cuts out the desired shape of the knife. He grinds, polishes and buffs the blade to the desired bevel and finish. A similar procedure is followed for the handle. A guard may be put on, then the blade and handle are joined for the finished product.

The steel used is 154CM steel, a premium-grade steel which, according to Sasser, became the purest possible kind after it was developed for the internal parts of the Boeing 747 jet engine.

The time required to make a knife depends on the style, size and finish desired by the customer. A popular twin set of relatively small hunting knives takes about eight to 10 hours, says Sasser.

"You can put in 40 hours' work easy, depending on how fancy they want them," he says. "When you put on a mirror surface it takes some time to do it."

Handmade knives by Jim Sasser are not inexpensive. They range in price from \$50 to \$350. "The bottom of my scale is right at the top of the line for factory-made knives," he says.

People who buy his knives have provided Sasser with a flourishing market. He sells through stores in Tucson, San Francisco, New York City, Colorado Springs and Denver. He works with buyers on an individual basis in Pueblo.

The sky's the limit

"It's the personal touch that people go for," he explains, adding that the cutting edge of the factory knife can't compare with the keen blade Sasser produces. "I'm expanding pretty good. Whatever I've got on hand don't stay on hand too long. Prices on custom knives? The sky is the limit."

While a sign . . . indicates the location of Jim's Knife Shop, most of his business comes from satisfied customers.

"Mostly word-of-mouth advertising" brings the buyers, he says. "I've quite a local following. Most

of the people who have bought knives from me have been repeat customers."

Sasser is a man who takes his work home with him. He leaves no finished knives in the shop, but totes his products home in a briefcase every night.

"I dearly love to hunt," he says about one of his favorite pastimes. "I've been a hunter all of my life. Mostly I cater to the man who uses a knife, hunters and trappers."

"That's where I get my enjoyment — out of making a knife someone is going to use."

CRAFTSMAN — Jim Sasser works on one of his creations. He says the cutting edge of a factory knife can't compare to the keen blade he produces. (Photo courtesy the Pueblo, Colo., Chieftain)



Gunsmith's artistry tells a story

By A.L. Legg

WEST ORANGE, N.J. — Kenneth Strang, a member of the Woodbridge, N.J., church, is an artist in an unusual sense of the word. Ken is a modern-day gunsmith, a designer and maker of the once infamous Pennsylvania flintlock long rifle, a firearm used extensively in the 1700s and 1800s.

His artistry can lead you through the forgotten pages of early America. His art form, which has all but passed from the American scene, has produced the Hawkins gun, the Tennessee long rifle, the English flintlock, arms that ceased to be manufactured when the repeating rifle was developed in the last century.

Ken's creations are works of precision, with elaborate design, shining steel and brass and finely carved wood. Each gun has a story that can take you across the rivers and mountains of long ago.

Raw materials and knowledge

The gunsmith constructs the arms basically from raw materials and his own knowledge of each rifle's background. The stocks are cut from slabs of curly-rock maple, carved and designed and finished. The firing mechanism and trigger guard are cut from tempered steel with a hacksaw. Afterwards each piece is filed to precision.

After about \$100 and 100 hours of work, each is finished.

The only part Ken usually pur-

chases already made is a special octagonal rifle barrel. But still it must be mounted and sights put on.

Ken has an eye for original detail, meticulously patterning a gun after a particular period. Yet he believes, even as the craftsmen did then, that the engravings finely etched in the brass work must be unique. They are his own design.

But he will not compromise with the style of the period. For example, on his Lebanon County rifle he uses only traditional sights on the barrel, avoiding modern micro-sights that would increase the rifle's accuracy.

"I want my rifles to be shot in the same manner as my grandfather and father fired a flintlock," he says.

His shooting ability, though not as good as his designing capabilities, isn't all that bad. He recently finished in third place in a shooting match at Neshanic Station, N.J., missing the center of a target by fifteen sixteenths of an inch at an eye-squinting range of 100 yards. Hitting a dinner plate at 200 yards is not uncommon for Ken.

200 years behind?

Ken says that, thanks to today's higher-quality steel and better tools, "one is able to produce a far superior firearm than its early ancestor, provided one knows enough about the original design."

Ken's contemporary workmanship would have commanded the respect of early-American hunters and explorers.

Though some may think Ken is 200 years behind times, others don't agree. His craftsmanship won first, second and third places at the Mount Pocono, Pa., craft exhibit during the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles.

In first place was his .44-caliber Golden Age Pennsylvania long rifle, designed originally by Nicholas Beyer between 1810 and 1820. The same gun won first prize at a craft exhibit sponsored by the Westinghouse Co., winning Ken a \$75 savings bond.

In second place was a .44-caliber colonial belt pistol constructed of stainless steel and carved in curly-rock maple.

Taking third at the Feast was a two-knife combination: a Scottish Highland dirk and a so-called by knife. The handles are made of black walnut carved into Turk's-head knots and are sheathed in a handmade casing of leather and brass of Celtic design.

Why does he make them? Undoubtedly he's an incurable romantic of the period. His home has become a living museum of various flintlocks, early-American literature, hunting knives and powder horns, along with pictures depicting early America (painted by himself).

A proverb from antiquity states that if you've got something to do give it all you have. For Church member Kenneth Strang, this means studying, designing, building and shooting his masterpieces.

Shut-in keeping in touch

By Clint Strawn

TURNER, Mich. — Joseph Gut, a member of God's Church since 1973, has a learning problem that resulted from brain damage at an early age, but the problem hasn't affected his ability to retain facts about the Bible and world events.

Indeed, he could defeat most opponents in a Bible quiz.

Joe is thoroughly dedicated to God, His Work and the Church, but because he is a shut-in he would like to hear from God's people worldwide.

Joe (whose last name is pronounced Goot) is of Polish descent,



JOSEPH GUT

born in Standish, Mich. He was the only child of his mother's second marriage, and, because of his disability, he lived with his mother until her death in 1976.

Three years before her death, Mr. Gut and his mother had been baptized by minister Felix Heimberg.

This is where my wife and I enter the picture (we're members of the Midland, Mich., church). Mr. Heimberg, then pastor of the Midland church, gave us a call one day and asked us if we would pick up some new members for services.

Even though they lived about 20 miles from us and in the opposite direction, we agreed.

Mr. Heimberg explained Mrs. Gut didn't drive (she was in her early 80s).

We found the Guts to be friendly

and dedicated to God's Work. After services we couldn't get out of their house without first having supper with them.

Then the inevitable: Mrs. Gut died. What would happen to Joe?

His fate was decided by his half brothers and half sisters. He was to be placed in a private foster home. Joe's legal guardian (not his foster father or mother) would not permit him to attend services, which were about 75 miles away.

Though Joe can't attend church, he does receive publications of the Work and the broadcasts. My wife and I visit him regularly, and he does receive occasional letters. Recently the Midland Spokesman Club began sending taped sermons to shut-ins, so for a few months now Joe has listened to sermons by pastor Gerald Weston.

Since the foster home he is in is state funded, Joe is receiving an education. Besides high-school work, he does artwork.

If you write Joe — at 113 First St., Turner, Mich., 48765 — don't be surprised if you get an answer.



GUNSMITH — Kenneth Strang begins with raw materials, left, and after 100 hours of work produces a flintlock, right. (Photos by A.L. Legg)

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

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with me as copilot in the right seat of the Grumman Gulfstream II, suddenly pointed to the right-hand windshield where a lateral crack extended from the lower-left-hand to the lower-right-hand side. We felt the inside of the windshield and determined it was either the exterior or one of the interior panes (jet-aircraft windshields are generally three inches thick or more, containing several panes, the interior ones being heated electrically).

We immediately looked at the emergency procedures, and in the case of the G-II we are limited to 235 nautical miles per hour below the altitude of 10,000 feet. So, since we were already down below this speed, there was nothing further to do. Following our visit to Jackson, and on climb-out (this time I was riding in the right seat as copilot, with a broken windshield right in front of my face), two large dark spots appeared in the center of the pane, with a couple of other small cracks radiating outward from it as the aircraft began to pressurize.

We are limited from a normal pressure of 8.3 pounds per square inch inside the cabin to a not-to-exceed 6.0 pounds per square inch under the condition of a fractured pane on the exterior pane, including the speed limitations mentioned earlier, so we climbed on up to an altitude of 22,000 feet, much lower than normal cruising altitudes, to provide a more comfortable cabin pressure for the occupants, and set the cabin pressure at approximately the same elevation as would be achieved at flight-level 410 (41,000 feet) or 8,000 feet inside the cabin. This resulted in a cabin pressure of 4.8 pounds per square inch, well below the limitation of 6.0. And, once out of 10,000 feet, we experienced no speed limitations and continued the flight at normal cruising speed.

Canceled Tucson stop

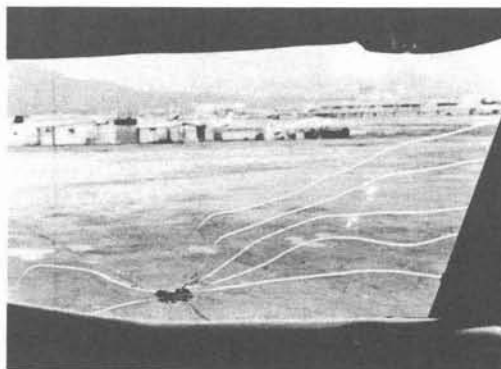
I had earlier intended to stop to visit my father in Tucson on our return trip from Jackson, but en route several other cracks began to appear. I was making out the log for that leg of the flight and hesitated to put any information concerning the cracked windshield in the log, most especially if we were going to go through the process of depressurizing the cabin, landing and then taking off and repressurizing from Tucson, and then the same procedure once again on landing at Burbank.

I spoke to my wife and others in the cockpit, discussed it briefly with Capt. Black and then called air-traffic control and requested a change in destination, deciding to continue the flight, since everything was going smoothly and comfortably and I did not wish to subject the windshield to any further and unnecessary stresses under the cracked condition.

We landed at Burbank without any further incident except several more cracks radiating out from the darker spots which had appeared. A couple of days later the aircraft was ferried at slow speeds down to Air Research Aviation, on the Los Angeles International Airport field, to have the right-front windshield pane replaced.

I called my father immediately upon arrival at my home and spoke to him for about an hour, filling him in on that trip to Jackson and the condition involving the airplane, explaining why I had been unable to stop under those conditions, which of course he understood very well.

Mr. Armstrong seemed to be in fine spirits and with clear voice was telling me how he had been attempt-



WINDSHIELD CRACKS — Cracks extend over a portion of the G-II's windshield, a problem that occurred on Garner Ted Armstrong's trip to and from Jackson, Miss. Mr. Armstrong and party made it back safely to the airport in Burbank, Calif. (Photo by David Armstrong)

ing to exercise even more by striving to force himself to walk several times a day. We chatted about his condition, plus many aspects of the Work, my trip to Jackson and other matters.

I felt our trip to Mississippi was one of the most outstanding local-church visits we have enjoyed. The brethren in that part of the country seemed especially warm and responsive, and we had a very enjoyable church social in a large ballroom in the downtown Holiday Inn on Saturday night with a standing-room-only crowd and with the usual cluster of children around the stage, looking up shyly and waving, trying to get my attention.

Perhaps the beautiful, clear weather helped lift everyone's spirits for the special Sabbath occasion. I believe brethren came from several states, even including brethren from as far away as western Louisiana, Arkansas and perhaps even northern Florida.

Feast sites disrupted

Mr. Sherwin McMichael, Festival director, has just recently completed a trip to the eastern seaboard, having intended to go to Mount Pocono, Pa., to survey the destruction resulting from the unusually heavy snows which caused the collapse of one whole end of our big metal tabernacle building at the Mount Pocono Feast site, but was unable to complete that leg of his trip due to the heavy winter storms and snowdrifts.

The pictures he brought to me proved that the building is extensively damaged. We are currently awaiting a final analysis from our architects and structural engineers to determine whether or not the building will even be salvageable!

Depending upon the length of time that would be required for insurance investigators to approve claims for damage (the building is insured), and whether or not the building can be repaired or whether it is a total loss, it may require us to abandon the Mount Pocono Feast site for the coming year, if not all together. Actually, we had been attempting to sell the Mount Pocono Festival site for some time and had received queries from various organizations over the last two or three years, but without any firm commitments.

Early plans would appear that Niagara Falls may well be selected as an alternative Festival site for the coming autumn, but I will write to you when we have firm details in a letter especially designed for Festival plans.

Squaw Valley talks

Following a swing through headquarters, Mr. McMichael continued to Squaw Valley, Calif., for extensive talks with local officials, especially the man in charge of the Olympic Committee, which has just acquired a 100-year lease for the facilities inside the valley itself so they can be utilized for various sports

activities and contests, including segments of the Olympics, in the future.

Because of a host of problems, it may be that we shall have to cancel Squaw Valley as a Feast site for the next year or even more, until some of the problems can be solved. This will be a heartbreaking occurrence to the many thousands of you brethren who have cherished Squaw Valley as one of the most beautiful and inspiring of all of our Feast sites and the approximately 11,000 brethren who flocked to Squaw Valley last year, making it, along with St. Petersburg, Fla., the largest Feast site in the world!

The problems concerning the arena itself are manifold; they include the fact that the Olympic Committee is going to remove a large segment of the bleachers on one end, thus exposing a great expanse of bare concrete that will play havoc with the acoustics and sound system, already very poor at best, and deprive us of an additional 1,000 seats in one of the choicest areas!

The committee has determined it will not do any work on the aging, splinter-filled bleachers, and it appears the local fire marshal would insist that no seating could be provided behind the stage, thus depriving us of several thousand additional seats!

Further, several of the large rooms utilized for registration, mothers' rooms, counseling and anointing will be taken up with Olympic weightlifting and exercise equipment, and both rooms will be locked up and made unavailable to us.

Mr. McMichael further informed me that, because of the high winds that ripped our aging canvas covering to shreds last year, there will be a very expensive tab for providing brand-new canvas (somewhere in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to \$50,000!) if we were to be able to utilize the arena, even under these very poor conditions, this coming autumn.

Another major problem is the sometimes selfish and uncooperative attitudes displayed by a handful of individuals who have played havoc with the Festival Office's housing organization.

Because some brethren have been eager to obtain the same large condominiums and/or private dwellings (some of them in the \$150,000 class), with beautiful lake and/or mountain views year after year (in some cases persons have even flown in to Squaw Valley during the middle of the year to plunk down money to insure choice housing for themselves, not going through the Festival Office), two major realty firms, controlling many motels, resorts and condominiums, plus two or three of the choicest of the large condominium complexes right on the shores of the lake, have decided to pull out of our Festival housing association and independently book

their facilities.

Local operators chortle privately that some of our people who are more well to do will pay up to three times as much as the more competitively priced resorts and motels which book through the Festival Office.

Off-season rates

As you know, the Festival Office has been able to go into large cities such as St. Petersburg, Spokane and Salt Lake City (in the past), Tucson and elsewhere and work directly through convention bureaus to bring the prices for motels, hotels and resorts down to off-season rates, realizing substantial savings by the collective arrangements, commonly done by all large convention services, which saves a great deal of money for the thousands of private families of God's people, and of course saves a great deal of money for the Work.

When hundreds or thousands of individuals refuse to go to the Festival areas to which they are normally assigned and, instead of requesting transfers through the Festival Office simply go to the site of their choice, the delicate balance of housing arrangements is destroyed and the entire system is thrown into chaos, sometimes deeply embittering frustrated motel and hotel owners who were told by their local convention service they could expect a full house, only to find their units empty.

On the other hand, when hundreds of individuals flock to a choice Festival site and unexpectedly, without prior registration, come into an area and are willing to pay two, three or more times as much money for choice Festival housing, you can understand how this might damage the entire system.

The Squaw Valley area is unique in that housing is located in perhaps a dozen or more tiny townships scattered all along the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe and as far away as Carson City and Reno to the east.

When one resort owner is talking to another and finds that the other resort owner was able to "scalp" his units privately, making two to three times as much money, then that old ingredient of human nature, just plain greed, enters in, and we find motel, hotel and resort owners exceedingly uncooperative if they feel they are losing a fabulous, lucrative windfall during an off-season time of the year.

Unfortunately some of the very finest of the lakeshore condominiums have been taken out of the Festival Office's jurisdiction for the coming year, and this, coupled with the many problems concerning traffic, the canvas covering, lack of seating, lack of available rooms inside the arena for our use and the enormous costs associated with Squaw Valley, make it appear now that there is very little chance for the Festival to be held in Squaw Valley again until some of these problems can be resolved.

Most expensive site

Squaw Valley has been the most expensive Festival site for us year after year, since the facilities are controlled by so many different organizations, and the Blyth Arena area has proved to be a political white elephant ever since its construction before the Winter Olympics of 1960.

Year after year we have had to undergo the expense of sending dozens of men weeks in advance to Blyth Arena to completely clean the year's accumulation of dirt and filth that comes into the building because it is completely open on one end. We have had to provide our own sound system, our own stage equipment (there is no stage in the arena), all of our own physical facilities of every description, including the big canvas that covers the open end.

This has been dangerous and costly work, and there have been minor injuries and huge expenses as-

sociated with it over the 17 years that the Worldwide Church of God has utilized the Squaw Valley area for its annual Fall Festival.

I have had extensive talks with Mr. McMichael and others on this situation and am awaiting final word from him concerning alternative Feast sites, which I would prefer not to announce at this time until negotiations are complete.

It is very saddening to me personally to have to think of losing Squaw Valley as a site at least for the next year or two, for it has always been one of the most exhilarating, exciting and inspiring sites on the face of the earth for me, as I am sure it has been to thousands of others!

Media news

Good news in media! I will be having meetings next week with Mr. Dick Janik of Ed Libov Associates, Inc., our new advertising agency, at which time he says he will give a report on progress he is making toward lining up our own West Coast network for the radio broadcast. Incidentally I have been making new Gospel-oriented half-hour radio programs to give me a backlog of new broadcasts when we first go on, so that if I am required to be away from Pasadena for any period of time I will not have to miss a single day of daily radio broadcasting.

There are some exciting announcements I would like to make at this time, but until final contractual negotiations are complete I would rather withhold them until the next issue.

I finished another new television program two days ago on the energy crisis with special attention to the question of whether the world is running out of natural gas. We have some interesting interviews from those right at the wellheads in East Texas fields and elsewhere. I believe it will prove to be an interesting and controversial program.

I was given a very exciting "present" on my 48th birthday last Thursday when Dr. Kuhn showed me a letter from my publisher, Sheed Andrews & McMeel of Kansas City, in which they informed me Avon Books, one of the really big paperback-book publishers, bought the rights to my new book, *The Real Jesus*. This means that by the late fall of 1978 Avon will put *The Real Jesus* out for sale, and, as you know, paperbacks reach a far larger percentage of the general populace than do the hardback books inside bookstores.

I do not know the exact number of copies printed in the hardback version as yet, but I was told Sheed Andrews & McMeel had already begun their second printing. I am hoping and praying that there will be even more printings in the future.

I have had dozens and dozens of letters telling me of readers' deep emotions concerning the book, and it has been deeply gratifying and heartening to see this response.

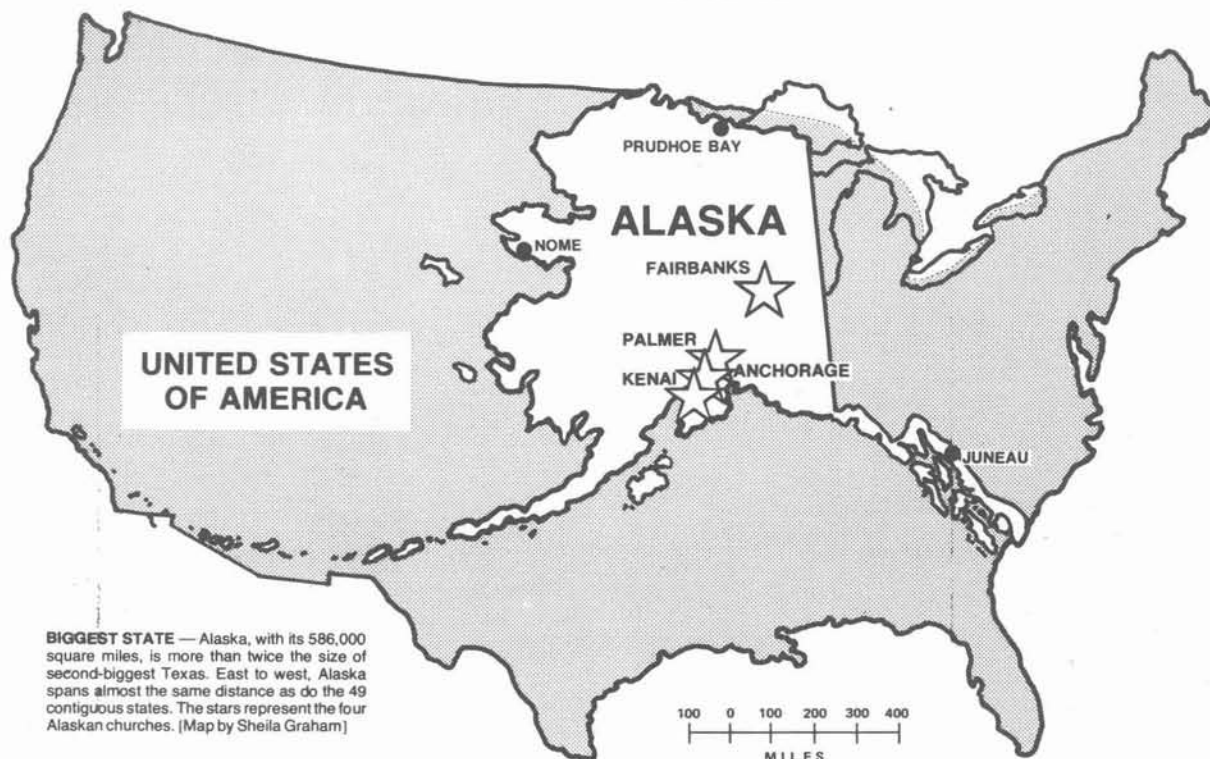
You can understand that I was elated over the idea that one of the really big paperback-book publishers would contemplate producing *The Real Jesus* themselves!

Incidentally I am at work on the next book, having to have my nose to the grindstone as the days dwindle away rapidly. My deadline for finished copy is April 1!

This is growing long. Please remember what I said earlier about the crippling effects the weather is having on the Work and do all you possibly can in the interim. I will be sending you a letter soon.

Please keep praying for my father's continual recovery, for me, that God will inspire the new radio programs and everything that we are doing in His Work, for all of us here at headquarters, for the ministry and for each other!

With love, in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong



Alaskans tackle America's last frontier

By Earl Roemer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska a frozen wasteland? Igloos for homes, dog teams for transportation and Eskimos everywhere?

Days of unbearable darkness throughout the winter, with the sun never setting in the summer? Horrible hardships for what few members there are scattered about the barren wastelands?

These are perhaps some of the concepts some brethren have about Alaska.

Let me assure you that the Worldwide Church of God is alive in what is truly America's last frontier. We have a weekly attendance in the four churches of up to 350, and membership is growing.

The four churches are the Anchorage, Fairbanks, Kenai and Palmer congregations. (The Kenai church actually meets in Soldotna and the Palmer church in Wasilla.) Some might think I travel the circuit by dog team. Though my voice has been a little husky on occasion, it's usually only due to preaching three times each Sabbath. (This article is intended, not as a snow job, but to reveal the cold, hard facts about Alaska.)

Immense geography

Alaska is an immense geographic entity. It covers 586,000 square miles bounded by 26,000 miles of coastline. As you can see from a map of Alaska superimposed on the map of the lower 48 United States, Attu Island rests near Los Angeles and the southeastern-Alaskan panhandle in Georgia. Anchorage falls somewhere in north-central Missouri, and Barrow falls over northwestern Minnesota.

Time-zone changes in Alaska are equivalent to those of the continental United States. When it's noon in Alaska's capital city of Juneau, it is 9 o'clock in the morning in the Aleutian Islands, which are a hop, skip and a jump from tomorrow (the international dateline).

We have members and prospective members scattered over the whole state, Sitka in the southeast, churches

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in central and south-central Alaska, Dillingham in the Southwest and Attu Island on the tip of the Aleutians. (The person on Attu is almost as close to Tokyo as he is to Anchorage.) miles from church. That would be like living in El Paso, Tex., with the nearest church in Los Angeles. Our member in Dillingham is 300 miles from Anchorage.

Unusual circuit

The church circuit could be unique in the ministry. I live in Anchorage and fly to two of the four churches. The congregation in Fairbanks meets Friday evening. Fairbanks is about 300 miles, or a 50-minute jet flight, north of Anchorage.

The church in Soldotna is about 70 miles by air or 150 miles by road from Anchorage, or 30 minutes by commuter flight. The church in Wasilla is about an hour's drive north from Anchorage.

Lest you think all the flying through the skies is kind of exciting, let me clue you in. Since my arrival in Alaska in late June of 1977, I have made 66 commercial flights for a total of 25,000 miles in the six months that I have been here. The two elders who assist me have logged 30 flights during the same period.

Though the flight from Anchorage to Fairbanks is jet service, the flight also continues to Prudhoe Bay, the stopping-off point for the oil industry on Alaska's North Slope.

Many of the passengers on those flights are clad in down jackets, denim jeans and heavy boots. And it's not uncommon for the flights to be late.

The flight from Anchorage to Kenai (near where the church meets in Soldotna) is something else again. The airline, Alaska Aeronautical Industries, flies de Havilland Twin Otters. The Twin Otters have nonretractable landing gear and cruise at a blistering

speed of 145 knots. My experiences with AAI have shown it frequently to be anywhere from three minutes to three hours late. On one occasion the door of the aircraft had to be tied closed with rope to keep it from falling open in flight.

Flying to the churches is expensive. My weekly ticket from Anchorage to Fairbanks is \$97.26 round trip. I usually fly Alaska Airlines or Wien Air Alaska.

The flight to Kenai is only \$32 round trip.

By air is the only way I can pastor the churches on a weekly basis, since the driving time from Anchorage to Fairbanks is eight hours, and the driving time from Anchorage to Soldotna is three hours, under the best of conditions.

Cold facts about temperatures

Many questions arise about the temperatures in Alaska. By understanding that Alaska is so vast a geo-

graphic region, it is easy to see that the temperatures also are going to vary greatly. The lowest recorded temperature in southeast Alaska (at Sitka, the old Russian capital of Alaska) was minus 5 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 21 degrees Celsius).

The southeast region receives about 150 inches of rain per year.

Temperatures in south-central Alaska range from an average from 60 to 80 degrees in the summer to zero to minus 20 in the winter. The interior of Alaska ranges from 100 degrees (38 Celsius) in the summer to minus 50 (minus 46 Celsius) in the winter.

In fact, in Fairbanks schools don't generally close until the temperature drops below minus 35 degrees.

The arctic North Slope, home of Prudhoe Bay oil, has temperatures of plus 40 in July to 20 to 30 degrees below zero in the winters. And winds (allowing for the chill factor) make the temperature feel like minus 125 de-

grees (minus 87 Celsius) or worse.

Alaska reflected in Church

Alaska is a land of contrasts in its people as well as geography. The Church reflects these contrasts memberwise. Represented by baptized people in Alaska are Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Mexico, Japan, the West Indies, Australia and Canada, along with Alaskan natives.

Occupations vary from trapping and guiding to home building to commercial fishing.

Looking at these contrasts, you will find exciting times in our members' lives. Dave Johnson and his family hook their dog team up on Friday and mush 15 miles to their pickup for their trip to town for Sabbath services. In the summer they come by boat.

Edra Pfeiffer, who owns and manages the general store in Dillingham, comes in twice a year for the Feasts.

Cori Darling, who lives on Kodiak Island and has to chase the bears away from her home, only can come to Anchorage for the Holy Days.

Jan Brady, whose husband, Tom, is stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard station at Sitka, attends twice a year. (We have a cassette-tape program of the sermons for those who can't attend services because of the prohibitive distances.)

The Dennis Gentlemans and Ralph Dows live at North Pole (Alaska, that is, a subdivision of Fairbanks).

Come summertime you'll find Bob Clucas and his family in their small skiffs bending over their dozen or so salmon nets out in the Cook Inlet.

Don Gates is just now finishing his 87-foot processor ship for catching, processing, packaging and freezing his catch immediately at sea.

Leonard Ballard, Clay Ellington and Bill McWilliams with their construction companies can be found building homes for the new arrivals to the Alaskan Kenai Peninsula.

If your interest has been piqued, and you would like to visit one of the last true frontiers, you might consider attending the Feast in America's largest state.



SNOW JOB — Noel Matteson, Anchorage member, got his car stuck in the snow in front of his pastor's home after a discussion on a local-church matter. Earl Roemer, left, unhooked the winch he used to free the car. (Photo by John Robinson)



SCRAPE, SCRAPE — Above: Alaska pastor Earl Roemer scrapes snow from an automobile parked in the driveway of his Anchorage house. Below: Leslie McCullough speaks to the Anchorage congregation the Sabbath of Feb. 4.



FLIGHT TIME — Earl Roemer, at right, speaks to the Kenai congregation after a flight there from Anchorage, where, below, he and Mr. McCullough walk toward the air terminal before their departure. [Photos by John Robinson]



Pearl Bailey defends liberal-arts education

By Randall Brelsford

PASADENA — Singer and actress Pearl Bailey came to the Ambassador Auditorium Nov. 9, "talkin' from the heart" about "truth and love" in the fifth of a seven-lecture series sponsored by Ambassador College.

Shunning the lectern, she said her father "was a holy, sanctified preacher, and when I get behind one of these babies I want to preach."

For the majority of her hour-long lecture she roamed across the stage, trailing a microphone cord behind her as she entertained with humorous stories and thought-provoking comments on a variety of subjects.

Too specialized

During the evening she defended a broad-based liberal-arts education and said America's children are becoming so specialized they are not receiving enough general knowledge to get along in life.

"Give these babies an opportunity to learn something," she said. Miss Bailey, herself a freshman at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., majoring in French, said parents have got so far from their children that many are unaware of the quality of education, or lack of it, their offspring are receiving.

"I don't think half the parents in this country know what their children are taking," she said.

Pearl entered college to fulfill her lifetime desire to be a teacher. "The strings of my life are hanging and I want to tie them together."

She explained she had always wanted to be a teacher, but singing, acting and "this and that" were also a part of her life; now she wants to tie all the strings together.

"I want to tie them so they don't get in your way and they won't choke me to death."

Miss Bailey, who has traveled worldwide with the United Nations and as a goodwill ambassador for the

United States, said America has its share of problems, but "all we have to do is put in a little more love, a little more caring, and we would really have something."

Recommending travel to promote international understanding, she stated, "You will find out more about your own country if you get out and see more of the world."

The second half of the address was spotlighted by her discussion of the situation in the Middle East. She told the audience any solution would have to come from the factions involved.

"They're going to have to talk this thing out themselves," she said.

Drawing on her experiences on recent trips to the Middle East, she said peace will not come about as a result of intervention by the United States.

"There is no way we can tell them to cross the peace bridge until we pass the peace pipe here in America," she continued. "We're so busy teaching everyone how to live that we have forgotten how to ourselves."

Performed with Bing

"I never thought I would be on this stage again," said Pearl, wrapping up her speech with a tribute to the late Bing Crosby, whom she had seen fall into the orchestra pit of the Auditorium nearly a year ago during the taping of a television special in which she also performed.

"If I ever meant what I said it would be tonight. You can't believe what it means to me to be on this stage."

She continued: "I stand once again where a master of his art stood. I hope I have treated you as well tonight as Bing would have treated you in song."

After her conclusion and a standing ovation, she answered questions from the audience and remained in the Auditorium for half an hour, shaking hands and informally chatting with anyone who approached her.

Mailer explains why

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couple of days apart if the carrier elects to take out only part of the group on a given day and deliver the remainder later."

Mr. Shaw and his department, however, are doing all they can to help the system. As is required for bulk second-class mailings, they sort the WN copies as far as possible, tying and sacking them before delivery to the Pasadena post office.

"This is done by zip code," says Mr. Shaw. "If there are 10 or more pieces to a particular zip code, they must be tied separately."

"Or, if there were enough for a third of a mail sack or more to a particular zip code, they must be sacked separately."

After sorting, the papers are put into the post office's sorting and transportation systems, which treat some subscribers better than others.

"Even though two individuals live in close proximity to each other but have two different zip codes, the mail may travel two completely different routes. Depending on the connections and sorting processes that the mail must go through, there could be a delay of a couple of days or more."

If one reader's *Worldwide News* is headed for an area with enough subscribers to make up a bundle of mail going to his zip-code area, but another person in a nearby area has to be "combined into a residue group due to lack of subscribers in his zip code," this could and probably will

make a difference in delivery times, Mr. Shaw says.

Sorted situation

"Each sorting process that a piece of mail must go through could hold it up for a day or more. A group sorted to the five-digit zip code can go straight to its destination without being broken down for additional sorting."

If a subscriber has reason to believe the U.S. Postal Service is somehow holding up the delivery of his paper longer than normal, he can talk to his postmaster, Mr. Shaw says. If the postmaster can't solve the problem at that end, he may "put a tracer on it back to us."

The second class mailing of the WN concerns principally U.S. subscribers. Most copies bound for other countries are airfreighted then re-mailed via other nations' postal systems or, in some cases, handed to readers at Sabbath services.

Mr. Shaw's department also handles these airfreight shipments, by which some non-U.S. subscribers receive their WN copies before many Americans do.

A few readers, principally those who live in non-English-speaking countries, receive their WNs via air-mail straight from Pasadena. This is a service that would be financially impossible to provide for most readers. On copy airmailed to Europe, for example, would cost 73 cents.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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caught in the act of adultery; surely He will be as merciful to the alcoholic.

I hope Mr. Moss and others who find it hard to understand alcoholism will find this explanation helpful.

Mrs. Faye McHollister
Kapuskasing, Ont.

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As one who has written a few things on alcoholism and other forms of drug abuse, I would like to offer some observations in response to the Jan. 16 letter in the WN that discussed the definition of alcoholism as a disease.

While researching for the pamphlet *Alcoholism — Worldwide Curse*, I too puzzled over the "disease definition" in light of biblical statements on drunkenness. Then one day I attended a meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. The group haggled over a question of definitions. The deadlock was broken when an old gentleman offered this gem of wisdom: "Don't get hung up on labels. The important thing is what works, what helps people to maintain their sobriety." I followed his advice and focused on solutions rather than definitions.

And here is what I learned: Among other things the "disease definition" facilitates the elimination of the moral stigma associated with alcoholism that, oddly enough, exacerbates recovery. In theory I had thought that the moral stigma — i.e., the guilt and condemnation implicit in saying drunkenness is wrong — would check the abuse of alcohol. I learned that in fact it has the opposite effect!

Most alcoholics already believe to one degree or another that drunkenness is morally wrong. The moral stigma only lowers the alcoholic's already minimal self-esteem. It reinforces his low opinion of himself that he is depraved, weak, inadequate, beyond redemption.

Over and over again, the experts — the people who are fighting alcoholism in the arena of real life — told me that to treat alcoholism as solely or primarily a moral problem virtually condemns the alcoholic to a life sentence of drunkenness. The moral stigma imposes a burden, a cross, if you will, that he cannot bear.

Nor should he have to bear it! I don't mean to say that alcoholism is not a moral problem. From a biblical point of view it is. *BUT so is every other kind of human*

Panama

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curious period of history.

As in the case of Suez (begun by the same engineer, Ferdinand de Lesseps), what France — or, as we understand, Reuben, the patriarchal firstborn — began, fell into the hands of the people of Joseph, to whom God had instead confirmed the birth-right blessing.

The treaty that Bunau-Varilla subsequently wrote and submitted to the United States was almost too good to be true. David Howarth continues:

"One senator, who had supported Nicaragua, spoke for most in describing the treaty as 'more liberal in its concessions to us and giving us more than anybody in this Chamber ever dreamed of having.' He added: 'We have never had a concession so extraordinary in its character as this. In fact it sounds very much as if we wrote it ourselves.'"

"Gunboat diplomacy" did not make the canal possible; it was a gift from God. And with it the United States was on the way to becoming an unprecedented world power, commanding, along with the British navy, the high seas.

This is some of the history, from God's point of view and not perceived by the nation's leaders today, who also do not know that what God gives God can take away.

Next time we'll examine the arguments surrounding the new treaties and why, if the pacts are accepted, the United States is in for some rough times ahead.

problem and sin. I ask: Does God label drunkenness more heinous than, say, lying or stealing? No. Haven't we deduced from such scriptures as James 2:10 that God doesn't categorize sin by degrees from petty misdemeanors to capital offenses? Why, then, should the alcoholic have to bear a greater moral stigma for his problem than others for different kinds of problems?

I suggest that, since moral guilt is a common denominator we all share (Romans 3:10), let us factor it out of the discussion. At best it is a secondary consideration. (It's really God's concern — not ours — since He alone is the judge of our conduct.) At worst it casts a stumbling block in the road to recovery for brethren who are alcoholics. Need I mention what Christ or Paul said about that?

Another pet theory I had to reevaluate in light of my research was the concept that drunkenness is due to a "lack of willpower" or a "character deficiency." I asked myself: Where does God ever use the term "willpower" or "character weakness" in defining drunkenness? The answer: Nowhere! In Galatians 5:21 it is subsumed under the label "works of the flesh," a general term covering many more components and impulses of the human psyche than just "willpower." Idolatry, for example, is also subsumed under "works of the flesh." But it seems to me that idolatry is largely a matter of ignorance and delusion and not primarily a matter of "willpower." I had to read the Bible for what it said — and not read into it what I thought it said.

The pivotal scripture that transformed my thinking on "willpower" was Romans 7:8-25, where Paul laments how the more he *willed* to obey the more he sinned! I meditated on that paradox for years, but it didn't make sense to me. I couldn't logically understand what Paul was talking about.

Now I think I understand — not through logical analysis or incisive exegesis, but through experience. The experience of the many alcoholics I talked to who experienced the same paradoxical reaction with alcoholism as Paul did with his problems. I mean the life-or-death experience of desperate people who looked down the barrel of shotguns and almost squeezed the trigger because they couldn't muster the "willpower" to stop drinking.

In all of my research on the subject, I have yet to read or hear one word about "willpower" being an effective deterrent to alcoholism. As I said, that didn't jibe with my original ideas. But I was compelled to change them because of the facts, the experiences, the fruits of over a million people redeemed from alcoholism by the strategies and approaches discussed by Dale Hampton in his seminars.

So I say that the terms "willpower" and "character deficiency" should be eliminated from discussion also. At best they are incidental to recovery. At worst they too cast a stumbling block in the road to recovery for brethren who are alcoholics.

Having said that, now let me state that I personally am not completely satisfied with the definition of alcoholism as a disease. As far as it goes it is correct. Alcoholism manifests all the classic symptoms of a disease. But there are other parts to the puzzle besides the disease syndrome. Unfortunately they are scattered and hidden all over the place. I was astounded to find out how little is really known about the etiology and biochemistry of alcoholism, how many conflicting theories there are as to what it really is. A more comprehensive, holistic definition will have to await further research . . .

I wholeheartedly support Dale Hampton's seminars. I hope more members will become informed on the nature of alcoholism as well as the success AA has had in redeeming lost lives.

Paul Graunke
Associate editor, *The Plain Truth*
Pasadena, Calif.

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I'm writing in response to the letter to the editor by Jeff Moss re: "Alcoholism a Disease" (WN, Jan. 16).

Alcoholism is a problem of enormous medical and social magnitude and one that is steadily growing worse. It is believed that as many as one out of six adult patients has an alcohol problem. Studies show 40 percent of the patient population in any hospital are alcoholics, even though many may not be under treatment for their primary problem, alcoholism . . .

Alcoholism has been described as this country's "most untreated treatable disease." Why? For one thing, many people still look upon alcoholism as a "bad



ROOF CAVES — The Feast building at Mount Pocono, Pa., suffered a disastrous cave-in Jan. 28 after snow and ice accumulated on its roof during a storm. The damage may mean no Feast at the Poconos in 1978. (See article, page 1.)

habit" or taboo, rather than a disease entity. Alcoholism does carry a stigma, and in many instances it is easier — and more comfortable — to treat the secondary manifestations rather than the primary disease, particularly since it is unknown what causes some people to become addicted to alcohol while most others do not . . .

I was baptized into God's Church in the early spring of 1970. Only after years of struggling with an alcoholic, who I still loved, was I willing to surrender to God.

We had spent years under the care of a psychiatrist doing everything that he suggested; i.e., shock therapy, hypnosis, repeated hospital stays in mental institutions, and during that time not once was the diagnosis of alcoholism made. The secondary manifestations of the disease were treated (acute depression, paranoia, schizophrenia, malnutrition, ulcers, cirrhosis — all of which are classified as diseases). I have recently read that treatment of alcoholism by psychiatry has only about a 3 percent recovery rate . . . Anyone knowing my husband during that time could see that he was ill (physically, mentally and spiritually). The medical definition of disease is: deviation from a state of health.

When I came into God's Church I thought that God would intervene and suddenly we would have happy, healthy, abundant lives. It didn't happen quite that way. My husband was baptized into God's Church in 1971 after 30 days of sobriety. The minister that worked with us and who showed such great love toward us knew that he desperately needed God's Spirit if he was ever to overcome his many problems (just like all of us do). He was sober for several months, but never without the constant craving for alcohol, even though we prayed fervently that God would remove this craving. Finally he took that first drink and worked at trying to control his drinking. He was miserable — he could not do it.

Finally, in the winter of 1973, my husband joined AA, but first I learned a very hard lesson — that he had absolutely no control over alcoholism. At a certain point in the drinking of every alcoholic they pass into a stage where the most powerful desire to stop drinking is of absolutely no avail. At the time my husband joined AA, life for him was pure torture. He couldn't get drunk and pass out, which would have given him temporary relief, and he couldn't get sober. This terrible state of being lasted for several days. The decision to go to AA was like an answer from heaven (another story in itself).

AA teaches many of the basic principles of the Bible. The program works because it is a program of give and not get. The members believe that if they don't stay morally straight they will start drinking again.

In the fall of 1974 my husband had a temporary setback and within a few days was very ill again. It is much like a roller coaster: Once the first drink is taken the bottom comes suddenly. The craving phenomenon goes into effect. In the spring of 1977 my husband joined Smoke Enders. This organization helped him to overcome his smoking problems. Why didn't God intervene and help him overcome these problems without the help of

organizations in our society? Perhaps because through the things we have experienced we have learned many valuable lessons, and for that we are grateful.

I'm writing with the hope that perhaps by doing so others may have a better understanding of an illness about which there is so much ignorance and misunderstanding. I don't believe that any of us without the disease can understand the craving and the fear the alcoholic experiences. Alcoholism is the result of sin and could lead to spiritual death.

Jane Danforth, R.N.
Houston, Tex.

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Never having answered an article nor published letter in my life, this will be a first.

The letter of Mr. Jeff Moss, Sydney, Australia (WN, Vol. VI, No. 2, Jan. 16, page 2), caused an incessant, compelling urge to support Mr. Moss but also minister Dale Hampton (WN, Nov. 21, page 16).

The question in point appears to be a problem of semantics and the understanding.

An alcoholic is one who uses alcohol habitually to excess (immoderate). Alcoholism as defined is a disease or abnormal state or condition (morbid) resulting from the inordinate or persistent use of alcohol.

The first (adjective) somewhere in time may cause the condition of the second (noun).

Having had over 30 years of inordinate drinking and completing two alcoholism programs including prolonged group therapy (12 years apart in different provinces of Canada), the experiences and resulting conclusions are inescapable. Exhaustive Bible study backs up those conclusions and explains clearly why our God will not permit an alcoholic to enter into His Church nor into His Kingdom.

Some conclusions are as follows:

1. In time an alcoholic (cause) may develop the disease of alcoholism (effect) of mind and body.
2. It is necessary to treat the cause, not the effect.
3. Only the alcoholic can treat himself.
4. Mind (will) power is always available to all humans.
5. Having mind power is, of itself, to no avail.
6. Being aware of or believing one has mind power is to no avail.
7. Simply having faith or asking God to help is also to no avail.
8. Being willing to use that mind power is to no avail, but is the first step if the decision is to change your drinking habit.
9. Being committed to that goal to change will do nothing, but is the second step.
10. The effort exerted, the work, the doing, the actual using of the mind power is the final step and is the only treatment that will get results.

The race to the goal cannot be run if the mind and body are terminally diseased in the state of alcoholism. For those able to crawl, creep, walk or run, it must be done in a state of cooperation, encouragement, advice, etc., to and from his circle of relational contacts. It cannot be done

alone. With God's help we can win but only if we work hard at it.

Alcoholism is a disease, but an alcoholic has no excuse; he only rationalizes. The reasons vary with individuals, but it boils down always to emotional immaturity and the basic selfish nature being boss, in control. We must overcome by effort.

D.A. Grieve
Brampton, Ont.

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Staggering response

When I asked you to put my ad in the WN, I requested no name to be added to the bottom of the ad, so you can imagine my amazement when I received the first envelope with eight cards and letters of encouragement. I am really amazed also that WN has time to sort all this stuff out and send on to us readers. I am not being critical, frankly, I am staggered, for so much time must be spent on this on our behalf; in fact, I am truly grateful for the encouragement I have received from those cards and letters in the two envelopes sent and want to thank you very much for your efforts and that of your staff. Gave me something else and someone else to pray for.

Name withheld
Australia

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Job appreciated

Even though we don't write often, we deeply appreciate the fine job the staff of the WN are doing. Keep up the good work.

Vickram Singh
Berbice, Guyana

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Roman cycle

Really enjoy *The Worldwide News* and the summary of the 12 months of 1977. As a passing thought — how nice it would have been [to summarize] the last 12 months in God's Work using His calendar. Perhaps this would help us remember the Holy Days more and the Work. It is just a thought. Everything, taxes, etc., are on the Roman calendar. Is God's Work on that cycle?

Jacob F. Koontz
Plant City, Fla.

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Mensa mentioned

As a member of Mensa, I found interesting the article in the Dec. 5, 1977, issue reporting on Mr. David Bierer's address to the Albany group. Since 2 percent of the general population qualifies for Mensa, there must be many qualified persons in the Worldwide Church of God. Perhaps you could print the Mensa address so that interested individuals could investigate further. Most people have a mistaken idea of the IQ required. On most standardized tests an IQ of 132 is sufficient to place one in the top 2 percent. Of your circulation of 32,500, there should be 650 potential Mensans. The Mensa address is 1701 W. Third St., Suite 18, Brooklyn, N.Y., 11223.

James R. Hoffman
Herdon, Va.

Local church news wrap-up

Proof of the spirits

ABERDEEN, Scotland — Guests from the South of Scotland traveled north on Dec. 17 to join the 27-strong church here for Sabbath services conducted by Bob Storer, pastor from Edinburgh. The swimming pool of the grammar school where the services are usually held afforded a refreshing and energetic evening for everyone present.

On the following day, the Spokesman Club invited members of the Ladies' Club and guests to hear a talk and see a film on crime prevention. Sergeant Edwin Fraser, an officer of the Grampian police force's Community Involvement Department, revealed how easy it is to fail in securing one's house and property from burglars and fake door-to-door representatives. The meeting ended after a long session of informal questions inspired by the talk and film.

The brethren visited a whiskey distillery Dec. 19 and were given a detailed explanation of the processes whereby Scotland's most valuable export is made. Then two guides invited questions in the relaxing atmosphere of the reception lounge. When the chance was given to prove the proof of the product, few of the adults declined. *Charles Adams.*

Glorified TV policemen

ALBANY, N.Y. — As if taunting the gusty approaches of yet another major snowstorm, the Spokesman Club here proceeded as scheduled with its ladies' night Jan. 19.

Dispensing with the regular order of business, the speakers were allotted additional time. Featured were Greg Deily, Ray Martell, Don Wood and Fletcher Manning.

Respectively, their topics were a musical presentation of the basic but flexible nature of the accordion; thought-provoking insights into the potential powder-keg status of South Africa; the true nature of a policeman's duties, rather than the glorified TV image of law enforcement; and a lecture and demonstration of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Food and refreshments were a gastronomic and spirited delight enjoyed during intermission and following the closing of the meeting.

An additional and final ladies' night is planned in the spring. *Hal Halvorsen.*

Giant pretzel

ALLEN TOWN, Pa. — The meeting hall here rang with laughter Dec. 24 as everyone participated in a social and family night.

The evening began with a buffet supper organized by Ruth Streapy, Grace Ruth and Wilbur Boehm. Then Bud and Paulette Crawford supervised games for the few folks. The winners were Shari Long, Stephanie Snyder and Neil Kratz.

Elmer and Carol Bergsman kept the intermediates busy with relays and other competitive games. Joy Bianca emerged the winner of the shoe race. Laura and Andy Garzillo were champions of a balloon-bursting contest and Pamela Kelley and Debra DiBernardi won the couples' stoup.

The competition was stiff in the adult games. In the candle race, Marcello Garzillo kept breathing too hard and blowing out his candle, while Elmer Bergsman was too fast. Sandra Kelley's balloon refused to stay off the floor and Fred Belanda kept biting his tongue.

After a stirring sermonette on the pitfalls of competition earlier in the day, Richard Fenstermacher won a giant pretzel in a very close race with Allen Ruth. John and Ruth Kratz did a fine job with the adult games.

Dianne and Dale Dech and Nancy Diehl kept everyone happy with refreshments.

Entertainment was first class. Mr. Garzillo thrilled his audience with two of his original piano solos. Jean Guillig sang, accompanied by Bud Crawford, and did a guitar solo. Angie and

Stephanie Snyder, two very tiny tots, sang with their daddy, Bud, who played a guitar. Matthew Diehl was talent scout.

The evening ended with a record hop, with music for all ages. *Margaret Fritts.*

Fun by the dozen

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — What's more delightful than a swim and a wiener roast in January in Alaska? Due to a chill in the air the evening of Jan. 14, 12 youngsters, grades four through six, met for a swim at the East Anchorage High School swimming pool, followed by a wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Wegh, using their fireplace to warm up and cook. Charades and rhythm were played afterwards. *Sandy Lewis.*

Nameless band

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Activities at the Belleville (Mich.) UAW Hall Dec. 25 brought together brethren from the Ann Arbor and Detroit East and West churches.

Sponsored by the Jackson Women's Club from 4 to 6 p.m. was a children's costume party, with prizes, games and refreshments. Balloons were provided for all the children who attended. Featured were two clowns, Fred Withrow and Steve Browning.

"The Family Dance," sponsored by the YOU members, was from 6 to 10 p.m. A newly formed group of musicians, featuring vocalist Linda Lane, brought together by associate pastor Maceo Hampton from the three area churches made its debut. The musicians are Mr. Hampton, Gregg Rodriguez, Ed Langster, Gilbert Bedford, Rick Dulcy, Ernie Maddox, Tony Giuffre Jr., Barbra Maddox, Pauline Dulcy and Phoebe Hampton.

Entertainment included tenor Alfred Mosley singing "Feeling Good," accompanied by Arvella McNair, pianist. Richard Daulton and Vicky Moffett sang "A Better World." An interpretive modern dance was performed by Tracy White, with her own choreography.

Following was the judging of the dance contest by Michael Surowiec, John and Shelly Dunkin and Keith and Sandy Hillman. The adult winner was Albert McDonald. Teen winners were Calvin Mills and Chris Langster. Prizes were awarded to Darrin Clayton, Monica Walton and Aretta Schills, winners in the children's category. *Helen D. Fenech.*

36 teams compete

AMARILLO, Tex. — The Amarillo invitational tournament had the largest field of teams in its four-year history as 36 teams from five states competed in six divisions of basketball and volleyball.

The tournament was Dec. 25 and 26 at the Activities Center of the campus of West Texas State University. More than 600 brethren attended Sabbath services in the West Ballroom there, where they heard a sermonette by Paul Shannon and a sermon by Dean Blackwell.

That evening the Amarillo church sponsored a rock-and-roll dance in the East Ballroom. At 6 p.m. the first four of 41 basketball and volleyball games began. Action was continuous on four side-by-side courts.

Winners of the tournament in each category were women's volleyball — Oklahoma City, Okla., first, and Denison, Tex., second; preteen basketball — Wichita, Kan., first, and Amarillo, second; YOU girls' basketball — Oklahoma City, first, and Texhoma, Okla., second; YOU Division II boys' basketball — Colorado Springs-Walsenburg, Colo., first, and Albuquerque, N.M., second; YOU Division I boys' basketball — Lawton, Okla., first, and Oklahoma City, second; and men's basketball — Wichita, first, and Amarillo, second.

Sportsmanship trophies were awarded to Albuquerque's women's volleyball, YOU girls' basketball and

men's basketball teams; Texhoma's YOU Division II boys' team; and Lawton's YOU Division I boys' team.

Named to the all-tournament women's volleyball team were Janet Voss of Amarillo; Lori Garza and Linda Conley of Liberal, Kan.; Sherri Witte of Denison; and Pat Meyer, JoAnn Vandever and Jean Mischnick (MVP) of Oklahoma City.

The all-tournament YOU girls' volleyball team was composed of Diane, Donna and Sharon Stair of Texhoma; Amy Thomas of Dallas; and Pam Kruger and Susie Smith (MVP) of Oklahoma City.

The all-tournament YOU Division II boys' team included Sonny Palacio and Chris Bachelor of Albuquerque; Charlie Rowland of Texhoma; and Fred Hunter, Mike Reese and Rick Reese (MVP) of Colorado Springs-Walsenburg.

On the all-tournament YOU Division I boys' team were Rod and Renwick Eddings and Monte Lindquist of Denver; Ricky Bolin of Amarillo; and David Moody and Pete Mills (MVP) of Oklahoma City.

Named to the all-tournament men's team were Ken Bacon of Midland; Bill Dufur and Mike Voss of Amarillo; Henry Caldwell and Ray Fyle of Oklahoma City; and Jack Sowder (MVP) of Wichita. *C.B. Sehorn.*

Agonizing trip

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Evan Williams and Mary Bouldin, YOU members here, left by bus Thursday, Dec. 22, to attend the second annual YOU conference in Big Sandy. After an agonizing trip, they finally got there Friday evening, too late for the YOU Bible study. They had to wait one more night until the fun began. During this time they got better acquainted with others and things around them.

During the next five days, they enjoyed Sabbath services given by Dan Bierer and Garner Ted Armstrong, question-and-answer sessions on such topics as living God's way and marriage, meetings and lectures by various people, dividing up into groups and attending workshops, dances and a game and movie night. An address by Jim Thornhill ended the conference.

The trip back wasn't so agonizing because their heads were full of memories of the last six days and ideas for the YOU chapter here.

The next week a special meeting was held here for people interested in what all went on from Evan's and Mary's points of view. *Shelley Bagwell.*

YOU winter banquet

ATHENS, Ga. — The YOU chapter here presented a winter banquet Dec. 31. The teens' families and other brethren joined them for their last activity of 1977.

The evening began with a potluck meal served by the teens. They assisted the elderly in getting served.

Then the film *Welcome to Ambassador* was shown. Debbie Camp and

Triessa Howington briefed the audience on their trip to Big Sandy for the YOU conference and local YOU coordinator Doug McCoy followed by reviewing the Athens chapter since its beginning.

The 1978 officers were presented: Dwayne McDuffie, president; Mark Loudernilk, vice president; Donna White, secretary; Timmy Cartrell, sergeant at arms; and Darla Wilson, historian and correspondent.

The 1977 volleyball team was recognized for its third-place win in the district tournament. Team members are Debbie Camp, Susan and Cathy Culpepper, Jan and Lisa Dispain, Triessa Howington, Daphne and Kristal Lovell, Cindy Norris, Donna and Sharon White and Darla and Dena Wilson. Triessa and Cindy were also named to the all-district team.

Those attending were able to view a YOU scrapbook, *New You Know* newspapers and other YOU-related materials.

There are about 25 YOU members in the church here.

The Women's Club held its first meeting of 1978 on Jan. 1. A bake sale held Dec. 23, from which the club received about \$240, and a men's night planned for early spring were discussed. Donna White queried the members on such issues as sex education, Anita Bryant and teaching children to manage money.

After refreshments, Patricia Carroll presented a lecture on American wines, followed by wine tasting for the members.

The club meets on the first Sunday of each month. Officers for 1978 are Sharon Franks and Tracey McCoy, chairwomen; Reba McDuffie, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Carroll, librarian; and Darla Wilson, corresponding secretary. *Darla Wilson.*

Children's party

BELLEVIEW, Ill. — Much to the joy of the 55 to 60 children and adults who had been looking forward to attending a children's party at the Fun-spot Skating Arena, Dec. 28 was a beautiful day. The party for children from 3 to 11 years of age was sponsored by the Women's clubs, Chapters I and II, of the church here.

The party began at 11 a.m. The children were met by clowns who bedecked them with colorful party hats. They were also given name cards to hang about their necks. The skating began immediately and children from 1 to 60 were on the floor and sometimes down on the floor. Shortly after noon, a lunch of sandwiches, potato chips, fruit cups, homemade cookies and soft drinks was served. Then it was back to the skating area.

The party ended at 3 p.m. and each child was presented a gift as he left for home, tired but happy. *Helen Clare.*

Spirit of Tomorrow

BRAINERD, Minn. — The Spirit of Tomorrow, which consists of YOU members and young adults here, had a roller-skating party at the Roll-A-

Rena Jan. 7 in honor of Donna and Linda Hanson, who were home for vacation from Ambassador College.

Thirteen people attended. This was the first meeting since last June that all members were in attendance. *Phyllis Haquist.*

Superstar competition

BALLYMENA, Northern Ireland — At a church social here Dec. 17, Will Linton, YOU representative, held drawings for a ticket raffle, guess-the-doll's-name and guess-the-weight-of-the-cake.

Mrs. Mark Ellis, wife of the pastor, chose the name of the doll and drew the winning raffle tickets, the first prize going to a Church member. Most of the tickets were sold by YOU members, with some assistance from helpful Church members.

Mr. Linton announced the good news that this fund-raising project brought in a profit of 127 pounds, some of which was used to help pay expenses for members going to Teen Week at Brickwood Dec. 26 to 29.

He accompanied 14 people from the Ballymena and Belfast YOU chapters who went to the teen program. Peter Roycroft won the boys' superstar trophy and David Herst came in third. One of the girls put up a strong challenge in the girls' superstar competition, but lost vital points in the last events. The boys were also runners-up in the football tournament, having knocked out the staff and the Dutch teams to be narrowly beaten in the final by a Scottish team. Ann Herron's team won the girls' section in the treasure hunt.

Many new friendships were made, and all the Irish team thanks the organizers, staff and especially Andrew Silcox for making the program so enjoyable and, above all, possible. *Mary Guy and Will Linton.*

Children's penny fair

CHICAGO — The Southlake Women's Forum of the Chicago Southeast church sponsored a penny fair Dec. 19 for 90 children.

With their pennies in hand, the children were greeted at the door by Donna Abels, dressed as Big Bird. En route to the festivities, a truck or doll could be purchased for 10 cents at Jan Becker's corner store. At the fair booths, the children played games for 2 cents and won prizes given out by the funny clowns also known as Debbie Fritzsche, Kathy Branch, Linda Halliari, Bonnie Kish and Donna McCammon.

Craft making was also part of the day's activities. Carolyn Redlarczyk, Vickie Sroka and Margaret Warden instructed the children on how to work with their hands.

One could even buy a corned-beef or peanut-butter sandwich for 15 cents at the country kitchen operated by Florine Criswell, Kigh Hollowell and Louise Mercer.

Barnum and Bailey circus music lended even more to the festive atmosphere. *Fran Sheets.*

From firewood to victory

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — For three months, the Colorado Springs-Walsenburg YOU basketball team (the Bullets), the cheerleaders and the sponsors went into the San Isabel Forest each Sunday to cut, split, deliver and stack firewood for purchasers. Sufficient funds were gleaned from this activity to pay for their trip to the annual invitational tournament Dec. 24 and 25 in Amarillo, Tex.

Following are the results of all this effort. In the first game, the Bullets won over Texhoma, Okla., by a score of 44-43. The second game the Bullets defeated Wichita, Kan., 37-36. In the third game, the Bullets won the Division II championship game from Albuquerque, N.M., with about a 20-point margin.

Team members are Rick, Mike and Tim Reese, Fred Hunter Jr., John Hunter, Brad Barber, Lex Baer and Eric Brader. The coach is Sam Reese and the assistant coach is Dave Van-Jegriff.

The Bullet cheerleaders are Yavonne and Lynette Cobb, Belinda (See WRAP-UP, page 12)



SPONSORS — Marie Lisson and Frances Sykes clown at a Belleville, Ill., Women's Club-sponsored skating party for children. (See "Children's Party," this page.)



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Adam, Lorinda Torguson, Robin Barta and Jenny Vandegriff. Their coach is Tessa Watkins.

Rick Reese won the trophy for most valuable player. Fred Hunter Jr. and Mike Reese were named to the all-tournament Division II team. Sue Vandegriff.

YOU Day

DES MOINES, Iowa — YOU Day for the chapter here was Dec. 31, enabling the teens to serve the church.

Many of the teens served as ushers and door people. Serving as song leader was Greg Rhodes, president of the local chapter. Eric Anderson gave the opening prayer, followed by a sermonette by Dan Reyer. Dan was one of the chapter's representatives who attended the YOU conference in Big Sandy in December. Debbie Jones, vice president, was the other representative.

The sermon was given by James Reyer, pastor here, followed by the closing prayer given by Harold Coleman.

After the service, a potluck dinner was held in honor of YOU Day. Teens were in charge of table setup, food preparation and serving.

The dinner was a chance for everyone to welcome home Joan Lehmkuhl, who has been in France these past few months participating in the YOU exchange program. Everyone also met Jocelyne Metayer from France. Jocelyne will be staying with the Lehmkuhl family in Ankeny, Iowa. Harold Coleman.

Tartan traveling rugs

EDINBURGH, Scotland — The church held one of its most successful social evenings Dec. 18.

The event was given a particularly Scottish flavor with tartan traveling rugs draped on the walls, the master of ceremonies in tartan trousers and a program of dances with predominantly Scottish bias. The ladies provided fare in the form of piping-hot potatoes in their jackets and a selection of mouth-watering fillings and salads.

The children had their own party, led by Jacko the Clown (Geoff Facer).

The evening was rounded off with a talent show that included songs by the children and teens, poetry, unaccompanied singing, a bagpipe performance, highland dancing, a hilarious skit mimed to the Ked Dodd record "Where's Me Shirt?" and a professional rendering of the hit song "Mull of Kintyre," including a great performance by John Meakin, preaching elder in charge of the Scottish churches.

George Davidson and local elder Hamish Douglass were responsible for the organization and smooth running of the social, which also was a way of saying good-bye to Gail Biegalski,



YOU exchange member from Buffalo, N.Y. David Lyon.

Fine chance

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Despite several inches of snow on the ground, brethren here gathered at Stevenson Station after services Jan. 14 for a potluck meal. The meal gave everyone a fine chance to fellowship and get to know one another better. Pastor Ron Reedy and his wife were welcomed back from the ministerial conference in Pasadena.

Later in the evening, basketball practice was held in a local gym for the Evansville Eagles YOU team and cheerleading practice for the girls. The cheerleading squad also practiced the next day in order to prepare for district competition Feb. 4 and 5 in St. Louis, Mo. Wilma Niekamp.

Intermittent assemblings

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — After many years of intermittent assemblings of members here, a Sabbath schedule has now been arranged by Dennis Luker.

To begin the schedule, a Bible study was held Jan. 21, led by Hilmar Lange. Then John Amos reviewed the ministerial conference. Both men are local elders in Arizona. Thirty four attended. And the predicted 15 inches of snow didn't fall. Tom and Eva Baldrey.

Cake capers

FLINT, Mich. — The women's CAP (Concerned About People) Club officers met at Betty Horchak's home Dec. 27. They decided to donate \$200 to the Sabbath-school classes here. Some money will also be donated to the Fellowship Coffee Hour, held once a month after services, and the Social Activities Fund.

A spaghetti dinner planned for Dec. 10 was postponed until Dec. 17 because of a snowstorm. The ladies of the Lansing area of the Flint church baked many cakes for the dinner and helped serve them. The majority of

the CAP women were serving in one way or another. Even those people who ordinarily don't like spaghetti ate it.

A cakewalk was attempted after the meal. But because of the overwhelming generosity of the CAP ladies, there were more than 40 cakes. So auctioning them off was met as a challenge by the Social Activities Committee. Jim Postema, head of the group, and Dennis Pine, who was in charge of the cakewalk and dressed as a clown, auctioned far into the night. An unusual cake was decorated as a big white rocking horse.

The cakewalk and disco dance were sponsored by the Social Activities Committee. But the dance had to be forfeited because the cakes were still being sold.

Basketball games were played in the gym. Ohio came to Flint and each team lost one and won one.

As the janitor was locking the doors, the corridors still rang with the laughter and yes, those cakes. Going once, going twice, sold! Helen Bramer.

Rose Parade

GLENDORA, Calif. — Teens here decided to have another camp-out, this time going to the San Bernardino Mountains for three days, Dec. 16 to 18. The group camped at a Girl Scout camp lodge that had a fireplace and cabins. Forty to 50 teens went, accompanied by nine chaperons.

The first evening was a sing-along with YOU President Robert Taylor on the guitar. Saturday, the teens held a Sabbath service. Robert talked about careers, then Ed DeWart and Bob Kennel talked about Christmas. That night was a dance and everyone, including the adults, danced.

Sunday, the last day, everyone cleaned up. After inspection, all enjoyed volleyball, hiking and hamburgers.

The chaperons were Lou Huante, Mr. and Mrs. DeWart, Mr. and Mrs. Kennel, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kofol and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Couron.

Jan. 1 the YOU teens went to Pasadena to spend the night in anticipation for the Rose Parade the next day. The group spent the night at the corner of Colorado and Craig. Some explored the crowded streets, others played cards and blew horns and still others sat and watched the bunches of

people. Most went to sleep at 4 or 5 a.m., though some didn't sleep at all.

Former President Gerald Ford, surrounded by four bodyguards, was in the parade. When the parade was over, everyone returned to his car and home. Ed DeWart.

Big event

IOWA CITY, Iowa — A big event for the teens and others young at heart here was Jan. 14 at a local roller-skating rink. Fifty persons of a variety of ages from the Iowa City and Davenport churches gathered for an evening of skating sponsored by the YOU members here.

In spite of a few resounding splats when some skaters contacted the floor, the event proved to be an overwhelming success. This was the first outing this winter for the two churches. Vern Tenold.

Indoor camp-out

KINGSTON, Ont. — The YOU members here had their first Bible study Dec. 23. The topic was "Pure Pressure," given by pastor Terry Johnson. The next Bible study will be Feb. 3.

Teens from Kingston, Ottawa and Smiths Falls, Ont., got together for a teen camp-out Dec. 24 to 26. No one enjoyed the warmth of a bonfire, but rather the warmth of a house and a hot meal prepared by the Smiths Falls chapter.

On Sunday, everyone played games in the snow. In the evening was a dance, with Dave Locum as disc jockey.

Monday was cold and the ice was smooth enough to play hockey or, as some chose, just to ice skate. That afternoon everyone said good-bye and was off for home.

Church members from Kingston and Smiths Falls enjoyed combined services and the first social of the winter season Dec. 10. Leslie Jackson, a professional square-dance instructor, included his teaching with his musical presentations.

High point of the evening was the hats. Flowers, birds' nests, stoves, kitchen utensils, dice, a coffeepot, Humpty Dumpty and an octopus were just a few of the ideas that went into the making of the crazy hats.

The judges finally chose Dale Weldon, boys' winner; Gloria Sherrow, girls' winner; Don Sherrow, men's winner; and Joyce Sherwood, women's winner. A special prize went to Gerald Lalonde for most unusual hat. Lois McAlpine and Joyce Sherwood.

Busch bird preserve

LA MIRADA, Calif. — The S-H Club of the church here visited the Busch Gardens bird preserve in Van Nuys Jan. 8.

Twenty members and guests enjoyed strolling along the shaded walks. A special treat was provided by the famous Clydesdale horses, pulling the Anheuser-Busch beer wagon.

Taking advantage of a 20-minute boat ride on the park lake, members were afforded glimpses of many birds, including five endangered golden eagles. Theo Thacker.

Persuasive selling powers

LEEDS, England — To clear away the wintry cobwebs and to brighten up the rainy days, the brethren here held a social Jan. 7.

While the ladies were busy preparing a mouth-watering hot-pot supper, Mike Burrows tuned up his vocal chords for the grand auction. All the items had been donated by the members and ranged from garden shears to a frying pan. The auctioneer soon got into the fast-moving patter and his persuasive selling powers led to some keen bidding. More than 28 pounds were raised.

During the evening, the adults enjoyed a full-length feature film, *The Poseidon Adventure*. The children were entertained with games organized by Pauline Nixon.

To complete the evening's entertainment, talented musicians showed their skills. Deacon Bernard Dowson was master of ceremonies and, with Ruth Bayliss on the piano, John Duffy from Manchester sang a medley of popular songs. Another member

entertained with a variety of musical instruments including an accordion and bones and spoons. Nine-year-olds Jeanette Thompson and Beverley Nixon gave an amusing rendition of the song "Angelo" and singer Stanley Magwood completed the show.

David Hepworth planned and organized the evening's entertainment. Rosemary J. Beck.

Velvet picture

MEDFORD, Ore. — The reorganization of the Busy Bees Girls' Club took place at a luncheon: at the local pizza parlor, where 11 girls and their mothers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schreiber.

Goals and purposes for the club were defined and plans made for the mothers to take turns planning and completing each month's project.

The first project was a slumber party with Mrs. Neal Canaday and her daughter, Coleen, as cohostesses. The second project was sponsored by Mrs. Eugene Ritzinger and her daughter, Kathryn, who headed a paper drive for the Lion's Blind Center, culminating in a visit to the center for the blind here Jan. 24, where the girls provided refreshments for and became friends with the patrons.

Debbie Branson was awarded a velvet picture made by a 94-year-old patron, Verle Dunlap, for collecting the largest amount of papers. I. Schreiber.

Reefion extravaganza

MELBOURNE, Australia — Billed as the "fastest growing Church camp in Southeast Asia" by coorganizer Graham Gleich, this year's four-day extravaganza at rural Reefion, 65 kilometers northeast of here, was better than ever.

Campers not only came from metropolitan Melbourne and Victorian country centers of Albury, Gippsland and Geelong, but 1,000 kilometers from Newcastle in New South Wales.

Camp organizers Neil Boyd, Mr. Gleich, Mike Bundy and Melbourne South pastor Rod Dean worked hard to provide a variety of activities and improve the male-female ratio to 31-22.

Sabbath evening, Dec. 23, the camp began with films and discussion led by Mr. Dean, covering such subjects as teenage marriage, natural disasters and Roman gladiators.

Next morning, after a light brunch, came a spirited hymn-along, followed by a Bible study led by Mr. Dean.

The evening saw David King and Howard Anders lead a quiz on a combination of biblical and gastronomical subjects. Following was the now-traditional dance.

Sunday morning, most campers participated in a sail sailing down a 10-meter rock face. Then they went swimming at the local water hole, ending with a hamburger dinner.

During this time, Mr. Bundy had planned to sneak out early to commence his trip to England. However, when he returned to the camp, he found a farewell committee had beaten him. His car was turned 90 degrees in the carport — which meant that it was impossible to move without the aid of several strong men.

Monday's hectic kayak race ended with most of the competitors and their crafts turned upside down in the Yarra River. The afternoon's soccer match saw Mr. Dean's team lose 2-0 to Eric Moutien's. Mr. Moutien was also the umpire.

Plans for Tuesday's Reefion Olympics had to be changed after unusual summer rain. Only the ground was dampened, however, and five teams battled it out over volleyball, table tennis and snooker, with Bruce Greenaway's team coming out on top.

Around 4:30 p.m. the campers began a reluctant trip home, leaving the camp in spotless condition. Graham Gleich and Leon Lyell.

Wee wahines

MELBOURNE, Fla. — A Hawaiian luau was attended by about 100 colorfully attired, lei-adorned brethren here Dec. 24 in the Melbourne Civic Center, brightly decorated. (See WRAP-UP, page 13)

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orated in tropic-isle motif. The vivacious affair, planned by Jim and Ilona Yesensky, social organizers, included a Polynesian dinner, an exhibition of the hula, a lecture on Hawaiian history and music and dancing.

An exotic meal prepared by numerous ladies was served to the appreciative and convivial feasters.

Following dessert, a resounding blast blown on the conch shell by Mr. Yesensky, emcee, announced the beginning of the entertainment.

The first, the obligatory hula, was winningly performed by nine grass-skirted waihoes 11 years and under, along with their director, Mary Johnson, an expert in all forms of dance. The dancers were Amy Hall, Debbie and Tiffany Nail, Kasey Salter, Debbie and Tina Sipatschew, Jennifer Yesensky and Debbie and Michele Young.

Next, Jim Monninger, a graduate of the University of Hawaii, delivered a lengthy discourse on the history of the Islands from the early Polynesian migrations to the present. This seemingly interminable oration, enough to drive most people to drink, did, in fact, as pina colodas, a rum-reinforced refreshment, appeared on the back bar.

The guests concluded the festivities listening and dancing to music of Hawaii and other popular varieties, played by an ensemble of Frances Reiker, organist; Tom Ashley, guitarist; Bob Overstreet, violinist; Chuck James, drummer; and Alice Smith, pianist. Occasional vocals were aided by Mary Jane and Danny Nail, Mr. Monninger and Leon Hendershot. *Jim Monninger.*

Gourmet's delight

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The North and South churches here combined Dec. 24 at Stanton Hall for a night of good old-fashioned fun. Dancing, eating and just plain talk were the popular attractions.

The evening began with free beer or buy-your-own at the bar. A potluck dinner of sloppy joes and a gourmet's delight of fruits, vegetables and desserts were served by the Women's Club.

Topping off the evening, a local band serenaded dancers with swings, waltzes, polkas and mixers.

Throughout the evening, tickets were entered for a door prize. The winner, Marlene Laufer, received a handmade quilt. *Pat Kuczynski.*

Something for everyone

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The South church here held a family-night social Jan. 14. The evening provided something for everyone — a potluck meal, a rousing sing-along, exciting games, movies and lively square dancing.

Although it was cold outside, the

warm friendly atmosphere inside drew the extended family closer together. All those attending had a knee-slapping, toe-tapping, hand-clapping good time. *Bennie Knudsen.*

Trailblazer initiation

PALMER, Alaska — The Busy Betsys took advantage of school vacation to have a tea party for their mothers. Each girl arrived at the John Orchard home Dec. 28, sleeping bag in hand, ready to start preparations for the tea to be held the following day.

The girls were paired off and given recipes to work on. The ensuing measuring, mixing, stirring, questioning, giggling and final cleanup produced surprisingly gratifying results.

By the time guests arrived Thursday, preparations were complete. Each mother was greeted at the door, then offered a choice of eight appetizers and hot spiced cider. Entertainment was provided when three girls recited poetry and two more sang a duet while accompanied on the xylophones by a third.

Jan. 1 was clear and sunny at 10 degrees below Fahrenheit, a perfect day for a winter roast, or so it seemed to the five boys and four dads who held the first meeting of The Trailblazers, a new club for boys 8 to 11 years of age. The group met in Wasilla at the home of John Orchard, coordinator of the club.

Each boy was initiated into The Trailblazers by crawling blindfolded through a paddling line in two feet of snow. Vic Emery then instructed the boys on the art of fire building in the wilderness. They collected select spruce twigs from beneath the snow at the base of the trees and soon had a blaze started to roast their hot dogs.

The Trailblazers — James Reed, Gus and Grant Hunnicke, Joel Emery and John Orchard — all attend the church here.

Dec. 20 was the date of the Big Basketball Event, when the Anchorage team matched the Palmer team for the first time. The main strategy the Anchorage team employed was to arrive an hour late in order to give the opposing team time to wear itself out warming up.

The Palmer team, on the other hand, was handicapped by inexperience, old age, a lack of subs, one wooded leg and a few "spare tires." *Linda Orchard.*

All-night festivity

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Thanks to Ron Sarfert, member and YOU coordinator here, about 54 teens and 15 chaperons enjoyed a fun-filled 12 hours Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

After Sabbath services at 6 p.m., participants gathered at a YMCA in Abington, Pa. All facilities were available to the group, who enjoyed basketball, volleyball, handball, swimming and skateboarding. The weightlifting apparatus and a trampoline were also available.

At midnight, hoagies and other re-

freshments were served. After the hunger and thirst of the exhausted athletes was appeased, a late-night showing of *Born Free* was viewed by all. The remaining time was spent socializing and cleaning up the YMCA area.

When 7 a.m. rolled around, 69 tired but pleased people headed for their homes and a much-needed rest and recuperation period.

Money made in the sale of candy bars by the YOU members was used to help finance the event. *Nancy Cole.*

Clubs plus chili

MISSOULA, Mont. — With the help of senior pastor Glen White and local elder Rick Baumgartner, the church here held its first formal Men's and Women's clubs Jan. 21.

The Women's Club met in the early afternoon following Sabbath services, with Delta Cody as hostess. Donna Love was appointed club secretary and Shelly Baumgartner was named secretary-treasurer.

The topic of the meeting was "Women's Responsibility to God." The women were given reading assignments and scriptural problems to be completed and handed in to Mr. White one week prior to the meeting. He looked over the papers and discussed the answers following table topics.

The Men's Club met in the evening. Their topic was James Dobson's book, *What Wives Wish Their Husbands Knew About Women*. Timothy Love was chairman and topicmaster. Speeches were given by Larry Stremba and David Bremner.

Between the two meetings, members were invited to the Baumgartners' home for a chili feed.

The YOU members held their first meeting Jan. 28 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Love, YOU coordinators. Rose Williamson, president, led the meeting, which was followed by a roller-skating party attended by both parents and teens. *Donna Love.*

Polished slopes

SALMON ARM, B.C. — For the third time, the church here invited the congregations from Kamloops, Kelowna and Penticton, B.C., and Tonasket, Wash., to come for winter activities Jan. 7 and 8.

The Enderby Ice Arena was reserved for two hours and the concession area reserved for after the games. The evening began with skating for all, some spending as much time on the ice as on their feet.

The Kamloops Cubs then played Salmon Arm and the rest in a hard-fought, hour-long hockey game that ended in a 4-4 tie. Competition remains keen as the two previous games ended in 1-point victories.

The final ice event of the night was a battle-royal broomball game between the women (the Fossils) and the teen girls. For the third time, the girls squeaked past the Fossils by 1 point.

Then everyone crowded into the concession area for coffee, ham-

burgers and hot dogs prepared by the Salmon Arm women. Most retired for the night at homes in the area.

The Lumby ski hill had been reserved Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. to midnight, and all activities took place around the lodge. The weather was perfect, with "warm" temperatures just above freezing.

Skiing was the main preoccupation of many for most of the day. The excellent hill with a tow provided exciting skiing for beginners and experienced alike. Floodlights allowed all to ski far into the night and provided a measure of anonymity for beginners, some trying to get the hang of the tow-rope. Because of special arrangements, all lift tickets were free and equipment could be rented at a large discount.

Beside the ski hill was a very steep toboggan hill, which was well used by kids from 4 to 54 years of age. Toboggans, sleds, plastic carpets and large inner tubes were all used to go racing down the hill at stomach-turning speeds. Soon large trains of six to eight inner tubes carrying 18 to 20 people began screaming down the polished slope.

All spent time warming up and drying out around the large pit fire, over which chili and hamburgers were cooked. A large enclosure of straw bales provided seating around the fire.

A hayride with horses and sleds had to be canceled due to flu affecting the driver. *Ken Webster.*

Cement-truck cake

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — The Women's Club had Mary Jane Rich of Stretch and Sew as a guest speaker Jan. 7. Twenty-five members learned about sewing with knit fabrics and were given the history of her business and how it started as a hobby. A display of knit fabrics and coordinates was shown, as well as clothing samples that she had made herself. She demonstrated how to sew and stitch a T-shirt in just 15 minutes.

Kathy Vail of Kathy's Kreative Kakes bakery was guest speaker Jan. 14. She clued the women in on some important and helpful points in cake decorating and gave a demonstration of her cake-decorating artwork. Photos were shown of some of her work, from a turtle-shaped cake to comic heroes like Batman and Robin, King Kong, a frosted yellow cement-truck cake for the retired cement-truck driver and a replica of a two-story Victorian house as a wedding cake.

Later on the same day, a roller-skating party, organized by the Women's Club, was in full swing. The children received party bags filled with candy, balloons and other goodies. Much energy was used up by the children during their 3½-hour party, and some credit should go to the five chaperons that left the party exhausted. *Gloria Cuajiao.*

Five-pin bowling

SARNIA, Ont. — Along came the

Sabbath, Jan. 21, and another snowstorm, but, with services moved up an hour, brethren had time to get the snow out of the way. Pastor Fran Rich took off for Detroit and picked up guest speaker Art Mekarow, who spoke about marriage.

After the usual visiting after services, some went out for lunch and then enjoyed five-pin bowling. A drawing was held, based on the second game.

High scorer was Janet Pray, next high was Sandy Adams and low was Valerie Van Horn.

This was the church's minisocial for the month and it was quite a day. *Iva Mae Grimes.*

Fund-raising family night

SYDNEY, Australia — After Sabbath services at West Sydney on Jan. 14, the brethren had a fund-raising family night in memory of Jock Cowan-Brown. For many years a member of God's Church, he had died seven weeks earlier of terminal lung cancer, leaving behind a young wife, Diane, and three small daughters.

Primarily, the evening was organized to raise funds for Mr. Cowan-Brown's widow and family and was considered very successful. Pastor Alan Dean acted as master of ceremonies having returned the previous day from the Pasadena ministerial conference.

Entertainment for the 250 people who attended included films, a tasty barbecue and dancing until midnight. Adults and children joined in having a tremendous time. Some of those present mentioned that it was the best evening they have had for years. *Warwick Richardson.*

Hockey tournament

TORONTO, Ont. — New Year's Day marked another sports event besides the Rose Bowl — the Toronto invitational hockey tournament. Teams from Montreal, Que., and Ottawa, Peterborough, Kitchener and Toronto, Ont., participated.

Warren Faulkner and Peter Grainger of the Toronto East church organized the event, which resulted in the winner's trophy being awarded to the Toronto A team. Toronto and Ottawa actually were tied in games won, but Toronto took first by virtue of having scored 18 goals overall to Ottawa's 17.

Doug Smith, pastor here, remarked that the tournament was an excellent opportunity for "fellows getting together in a Church league, because there's a general unavailability to participate in outside leagues."

Beef sausages and scrambled eggs started the Graduate Spokesman Club breakfast here at 427 Holiday Inn Jan. 15.

Member Myron Martin, who himself is a self-employed business success story, was topicmaster. Scintillating comments were given by many of the about 50 men and women attending. Toronto West copastor Tom (See WRAP-UP, page 14)



SNOW TRAIN — Toboggans, sleds, plastic carpets and inner tubes, above, make a train for screaming down a toboggan hill at a Salmon Arm, B.C., winter activity. Right: The Salmon Arm church reserved the Lumby Ski Hill Lodge for the event. Far right: A participant lugs an inner tube up the hill to take another run at it. (See "Polished Slopes," this page.)



Pastor answers mail call

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in the evening the only thing there is to do is to sit around the camp fire and talk. You can really get to know one another, and we find it very rewarding."

Mrs. Rice, who lists "macrame, crocheting and sewing in general" as her hobbies, also works part time as a receptionist-hostess at John Marshall Fundamental High School in Pasadena. For three years she has done volunteer work at the school, assisting mainly with smaller children who have fallen behind in their grade level.

Felt fired at first

"I have to admit, when we first came to Pasadena after having been a local pastor's wife for as many years as I had, I almost felt like I had been fired or laid off. I had been his secretary, visited with him, done his office work and was totally involved. Now he went to the college every day and had a secretary to do all his typing and filing and was in a totally new environment that I wasn't familiar with, working with and talking about

people I didn't know."

After discovering a real need for help in the Mailing Department, Mrs. Rice volunteered her services for eight weeks. "I went over every morning and worked as a terminal operator. I got to know the people there and I became familiar with exactly what he was doing so I could talk to him about his job. Since then I've been satisfied."

Mrs. Rice has designed three exceptionally beautiful macrame wall hangings that took her an average of 40 hours of work apiece to complete. One decorates the Rices' bedroom in their home in Pasadena. The second is in the home of the Ronald Darts, also in Pasadena, and the third accents the family room of the Sherwin McMichael's home in Big Sandy.

As for Mr. Rice, he finds being with his family one of the most relaxing and enjoyable of his activities. "Our family relationship is maturing. We do more things than we ever used to do together, even though my oldest son is now in college. We play cards, talk a lot, share life. I wish I had seen that sooner. In the ministry I

was gone most of the evening hours visiting, and I didn't have the chance to be with my sons very much."

Writes for sons

Notwithstanding his work with Mail Processing, Mr. Rice also relaxes by reading and writing. "I love to read a lot, and I enjoy writing too."

He is compiling his writings, a collection of practical lessons of life, into a notebook for his sons.

"I'm starting to build a wood shop just for the fun of it," adds Mr. Rice. "I enjoy working with tools and materials."

But, of all the things Mr. Rice has accomplished, he considers having a part in the Work the greatest opportunity of his life.

"There has been nothing more intriguing to me than to be involved in this Work with all of its variations, its different moods and to realize the impact of what the Church has been given to do. To me it's an enthralling undertaking and an awesome challenge."



TO THE HILLS — In contrast to the usual gavel-pounding, closed-door, air-conditioned, collar-and-tie meetings, the Barbados Spokesman club takes to the hills for an open-air session Dec. 26. The location is Cove Bay, at the northern tip of the island. Left: Club director Carlos Nieto gives an overall evaluation of the meeting. Below: President Joseph Best of the Barbados Spokesman Club delivers a speech against a background of hilly terrain. Other speakers were Cecil Cox and Henderson Jones. (Photos by Henderson Griffin)



Babies

BENNETT, Jesse and Elaine (Strack), of San Diego, Calif., girl, Elizabeth Viola Adele, Dec. 25, 11:11 p.m., 7 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, first child.

CASE, Michael and Beverly (King), of Kingston, Jamaica, boy, Michael Anthony Jr., Jan. 15, 8:45 a.m., 6 1/2 pounds, first child.

COOPER, Les and Kaye (Heflin), of De Ridder, La., girl, Rebecca Lee, Jan. 12, 5:46 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

HAYNES, Jack and Geneva (Oliver), of Amiston, Ala., boy, Jack Ray, Jan. 2, 5 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HOCHSTETLER, William and Paula (Keith), of Kalamazoo, Mich., girl, Angela Faith, Dec. 30, 12:55 p.m., 6 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

HOOPER, Owen and Eleanor (Sim), of Auckland, New Zealand, girl, Sonya Elizabeth, January, 4:20 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

HOOPER, Ron and Linda (Cloninger), of Arcadia, Calif., David Vincent, Dec. 19, 6:51 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

JAMESON, Ronald and Paulette (Knutson), of Wallerboro, S.C., girl, Daniela Melissa, Jan. 15, 1:12 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 girls.

JONES, Alton and Mary, of Columbia, S.C., girl, Sheri Kaywana, Dec. 29, 7 p.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KENNEDY, Thomas and Sandra, of Port Huron, Mich., boy, Michael Jason, Nov. 16, 7:40 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

LARSEN, David and Maria, of Kenai, Alaska, girl, Stacy Ariene, Jan. 17, 2:58 p.m., 6 pounds 19 ounces, now 2 girls.

MANCY, Philip and Ann (Beecher), of Temora, Australia, girl, Fiona Margaret, Jan. 18, 2:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MILLER, Tom and Nancy (Wheatley), of Evansville, Ind., Nathaniel Carl, Jan. 30, 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

NELSON, Walter and Norma, of Beaumont, Tex., girl, Amy Amanda, Dec. 9, 11:41 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

SENKBEIL, Al and Pat (Basham), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Justin Edward, Jan. 11, 5:28 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

SPICCIA, Carmelo and Diane (Ott), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, David, Dec. 21, 12:52 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

STEVENSON, Wayman and Christine (Brown), of Miami, Fla., boy, Michael Angelo, Dec. 1, 1:37 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

THOMAS, Alvin and Evelyn (Bridges), of Shreveport, La., girl, Sharon Rebecca, Jan. 25, 1:42 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TOOLE, Fred and Betty (Bingham), of Raleigh, N.C., boy, Butler Wallace, Nov. 19, 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

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PEN PALS

Don Smith, O wizard of squeegee and brush! Write me a letter in a binding rush! Don, Kathy, Timmy and Shari, where on this earth did you go? Sam, Jerry and Ian have a hankering to know! Send your address and tell of your weilers too! Or this frustrated window scrubber will surely be blue. D103.

Would like to hear from anyone in Church who does decorative or laboratory glassblowing. Have been teaching myself decorative work for two years. Sam Lombardo, D103.

I am 11 and would like pen pals from all over the world. Boys and girls 9 to 12 are fine. Hobbies: horseback riding, swimming, just about anything. So write soon. Brian Faw, D104.

Co-worker, single man, 35, would like to hear from single young ladies. I enjoy the plain truth about the Bible. Some other interests are tennis, jogging, country living, music, animals. Ron, D105.

Hi! I'm 24, single, male, especially interested in writing girls 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, D151.

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Our coupon baby this issue is Valerie Christine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Orlemann, of Westerville, Ohio.

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Boogie fever strikes again

WHEELING, W. Va. — Boogie fever struck again as the YOU Teen Club here sponsored its annual winter dance Dec. 31. The theme was "Fantasy on Ice" and the attendance was large, despite the weather conditions.

Attending were teens from Youngstown, Akron and Cleveland, Ohio; Charleston, W. Va.; Pittsburgh and Uniontown, Pa.; and a few other areas. Melody Gable.

Accumulated bruises

WOODBIDGE, N.J. — Have wheels, will travel. That's just what the brethren here did for the second time Jan. 8. The skating party, held at the United Skates of America Roller Rink in Edison, N.J., brought together 96 skating brethren of various abilities and ranging in age from 3 to anyone's guess.

Those who declared, "Backwards? You gotta be kidding!" and "How do you stop these things?" will have still another chance to improve their skills in a few weeks. This allows time for accumulated bruises to heal and sufficient bravery to develop.

The credit for arranging the morning of fun and exercise goes to Bob Lewert. Chris Lewert.

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

SHAWNEE MISSION, Kan. — The director of marketing for Sheed Andrews & McMeel, the publisher of *Garner Ted Armstrong's The Real Jesus*, reports the book is "selling very well" to the public.

"We've had some strong reorders from a couple of major wholesalers," said **Tom Thornton**, the marketing director. "We're in our second printing, so we've sold around 15,000. That's not a best-seller rate, but in the book trade that's very good."

He said the 15,000 sold do not count those sent free to Church members by means of a special arrangement between the publisher and the Church.

Mr. Thornton said the book was No. 1 in sales of books published by Sheed Andrews & McMeel the week of Feb. 5 to 11.

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PASADENA — **Allie Dart**, wife of **Ronald Dart**, vice president for pastoral administration, is home and making an excellent recovery from a recent operation.

Mrs. Dart was hospitalized to remove a small lump on her thyroid gland. The surgeon found multiple nodes on the thyroid and in the midst of them a papillary carcinoma, which Mr. Dart said the doctor described as a slow-growing type of cancer.

"It appears it has been totally excised," Mr. Dart said. "The doctor feels she will make a full recovery and is likely to have no further trou-

ble with it. Nevertheless, we would sincerely appreciate your prayers."

After four days in the hospital, Mrs. Dart returned home Feb. 3. Within a few days she was "up and around and beginning to do light housework," she said.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Peter Nathan**, operations manager for the Work in Africa, reported Feb. 10 that minister **Abner Washington** and his wife, **Ethyl**, will not return to their assignment in Ghana after traveling to Pasadena to attend the recent ministers' conference. The Washingtons are staying in the United States because of problems with Mrs. Washington's health.

Andre van Belkum of the Johannesburg office said a replacement for Mr. Washington has not yet been named.

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PASADENA — **Harry Snider**, executive fitness director of the Ambassador Health Club of Ambassador College, on Jan. 31 accompanied high jumper **Dwight Stones** to Freeport, Bahamas, where the 10-time world-record holder competed in the American Broadcasting Cos.' *The Superstars*.

Mr. Stones had asked Mr. Snider, his trainer and coach, to make the trip with him to enter the televised competition in which athletes temporarily leave their own



TACKLE IT! — Dwight Stones prepares for an obstacle-course run while trainer Harry Snider urges him on. (Photo by Sarah Snider)

specialties to compete in their choice of seven out of 10 events.

The competition, which took place Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 and 2, pitted athletes from various fields against each other in bowling, tennis, golf, swimming, weight lifting, bicycling, rowing, the 100-yard dash, the 800-yard dash and running an obstacle course.

Mr. Stones, who regularly trains on the Ambassador campus, came in second, winning \$30,000 in prize money. **Wayne Grinditch**, the five-time world-champion water-ski jumper, took first.

Mr. Stones and Mr. Snider plan to return to the Bahamas in March for *The World Superstars*, a similar competition that will be sponsored jointly by ABC and the British Broadcasting Corp.

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PASADENA — As many as 50

U.S. ministers' families will change areas this summer, announced **Ronald Dart**, vice president for pastoral administration, Feb. 6.

"Most of those who are going to be transferred this summer are already aware of any plans involving them," Mr. Dart said. "But they will probably only have two months' notice as to the exact assignment they will be taking up when they move."

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PASADENA — The International Division announced Feb. 2 transfers affecting ministers living in Canada and France.

Division director **Leslie McCullough** said **Bob Scott** and his wife, **Eloise**, who served in Paris four years with **Etienne Bourdin**, have moved to Canada to serve the two French-language churches in Trois Rivieres, Que., and Quebec City. **Sam** and **Marilyn Kneller**, for-

merly of Quebec, are now serving the Paris church.

"Sam's working with the Paris church," Mr. McCullough said, "will free Mr. Bourdin up for pressing translation needs, including the entire Systematic Theology Project, a progressive revision of our French-booklet inventory and, potentially, advertising copy for projects we hope to start in the future."

Mr. Bourdin, a professional translator and linguist for 25 years before coming into the Work, will continue as a senior pastor, speaking to Church members in France as he has time.

As was already announced, **Carn Catherwood** and his wife, **Joyce**, are in Brussels, Belgium, having moved from Canada to coordinate French-language churches in Europe. Mr. Catherwood also directs French churches in the West Indies.

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PASADENA — Wayne State University, Detroit, Mich., has honored an Ambassador College faculty member by establishing the "**Winfred G. Allen Jr. Collection**" as part of the school's \$3.5 million archive of the history of the labor movement.

Dr. Allen is assistant professor of speech communication at Ambassador.

The collection consists of research material he compiled while working on a dissertation at the University of California at Los Angeles, where he received his doctorate in speech last year.

Titled *Spokesmen for the Dispossessed*, the dissertation is an analysis of the public addresses of Eugene Debs, Daniel DeLeon and William Haywood, all turn-of-the-century labor spokesmen.



SERVICES FOR 1,950 — Garner Ted Armstrong, left, speaks with James Turner, pastor of two Louisiana churches, at a combined service and social in Jackson, Miss. (Photo by David Armstrong)

GTA speaks in Jackson

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Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi had canceled services Feb. 4 to hear Mr. Armstrong in Jackson. Some individual members had come from as far away as Arkansas and Texas.

Mr. Armstrong reported on the condition of his father's health and news of the Work and delivered a sermon on striving to be Christlike.

Mr. Armstrong also sang special music after a sermonette on plans for the Church's youth organization by YOU director Jim Thornhill.

Mr. Peoples felt even more people would have attended except for sickness in the area.

The Armstrongs and Mr. Thornhill were presented gifts by the churches. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong received a crystal candy bowl and

Mr. Thornhill a crystal vase.

Nearly all of the people who had come for the special services attended a social that evening in the downtown Holiday Inn. Mr. Armstrong sang briefly at the affair, which lasted 3½ hours. Mr. Peoples called it the biggest social of the year.

Mr. Armstrong departed Feb. 5 for Tucson, Ariz., to visit his father, but problems with his plane prevented him from landing in Tucson. He flew to Burbank, Calif., instead. With him he carried a card for his father signed by hundreds of brethren and a poem dedicated to him.

Garner Ted Armstrong's visit "helped people to get to know him and identify with the Work and headquarters," Mr. Peoples said. "A visit like this is a spiritual shot in the arm."

By Ronald L. Dart

PASADENA — A visit with Bill Rapp is an encouraging experience. Afflicted with chronic lymphatic leukemia, and with a blood count that soars one week while it declines the next, Bill has still managed to maintain a bright outlook, and his faith is, if anything, stronger.

Bill, who is 51, is presently on the disabled list in the ministry. His health permits him to carry only the lightest of ministerial duties. Al-

The writer, vice president for pastoral administration, visited Mr. Rapp Jan. 29 at his home in Tempe, Ariz., near Phoenix.

though he is unable to carry any load of counseling at all, he does periodically anoint the sick and keeps in touch with the brethren by telephone and by sticking around and visiting after church as long as his legs will hold him up.

In spite of ups and downs, Bill and his wife, Lorraine, are very positive and looking forward to Bill's being back in the full-time service of the ministry as soon as it is God's will.

Third treatment

He has recently embarked on a third course of cancer treatment after two previous methods had succeeded for a time and then become relatively ineffective. The latest treatment has shown a marked reduction in his white-blood count, but it remains to be seen whether it will hold. Meanwhile Bill is very much at peace with himself in the full realization that all of the forms of treatment he has tried are at best controls, and he is constantly looking to God as the only One who can bring him out of it and put him back to work.

Bill brightened perceptibly when I asked him about his mail. It seems he's had boxes of letters from every conceivable direction and location,



BILL RAPP

sending him best wishes, encouragement, prayers and general support. Although he has been unable to answer that volume of mail, he wants everyone to know how deeply appreciative he is of the number of people who are thinking about him.

Should you want to drop him a note of encouragement, his address is Box 27607, Tempe, Ariz., 85282.

Longtime member

Bill was baptized in 1954 and began working for Ambassador College in 1957 as a cabinetmaker. He was ordained a deacon by Herbert W. Armstrong in 1958 and started visiting members and prospectives that same year.

He did the lion's share of visiting in the Temple City and El Monte, Calif., areas and was ordained a local elder there by Leslie McCullough in June of 1964.

He worked in that area until 1967, when he returned to Pasadena to work in the Buildings & Grounds Department as Jack Elliott's assistant.

During 1969 he became the visit-

ing minister of the Pasadena A.M. church and was ordained a preaching elder that same year by Garner Ted Armstrong.

In 1973 he became the pastor of the Phoenix A.M. church.

Mr. Rapp was assistant Festival coordinator at Squaw Valley in 1965 and '66 and served as coordinator there in 1967 and '68. He also served as Festival coordinator for the Pentecost, B.C. (1969 to 1973), Wisconsin Dells, Wis. (1974), and Tucson, Ariz. (1975 and 1976), sites.

He and his wife were married in 1949 and have three children: Randall, 26, a member living in Arizona; Lori Ann, 21, a member attending Ambassador College; and Richard, 17, living at home in Tempe.

Alaska

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News, who also spoke at the three churches.

The two men arrived Feb. 3 in Alaska, which is administered by the International Division. Sunday evening, Feb. 5, they had dinner at the Roemers' home with local elders Dick Eckman and Al Tunseth and their wives before departing the next morning for their homes in Pasadena a day earlier than planned.

What the Anchorage *Daily News* called the biggest snowfall of the winter resulted in the cancellation of a get-together for deacons and their wives that had been slated for Monday evening.

Mr. McCullough, noting the 100-degree (Fahrenheit) difference in temperature between his home in Pasadena and Fairbanks, Alaska, termed the visit "profitable." He described the trip as a "routine visit" and his first to Alaska since Mr. Roemer had been assigned there in June, 1977.