

Response best yet in campaigns

By Rex Sexton

SEATTLE, Wash. — "I think the messages were more Biblically pointed and direct than ever before," stated Mr. Al Portune, director of personal appearances, about Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's campaign here Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

"The response was more profound and thought provoking than ever before," he continued.

The campaign was held in the Seattle Center Opera House, which is right in the center of the city in a part of the complex built for the 1962

World's Fair.

Mike Isaac, Big Sandy senior who is a former opera singer and now is performing on the campaigns, commented that the lavish opera house is "one of the major performing houses in the country."

Campaign Topics

On the first night, Mr. Armstrong talked about world conditions and how America needs to repent and change.

On the second night he spoke on "the real Jesus," beginning by

showing how people fashion their own version of Christ "and worship that instead of the true Christ."

He showed that Jesus is the God of the Old Testament and that Christ came to magnify and put the law into practice, not to do away with it.

"The audience was the most responsive we've ever had," Mr. Armstrong said after the third night. On that night he spoke on personal repentance, true baptism and the Holy Spirit.

"Mr. Armstrong made a strong and direct appeal for people to take action in their own lives as opposed to the superficial repentance proposed by mainstream Christianity," commented Mr. Portune afterwards.

"The auditorium holds 3,200 and was filled all three nights, with an additional two video rooms set up in the wings that enabled about 400 more people to hear the message," Mr. Portune stated. "In addition, we turned away about 200 on Saturday night. Out of these we had 700 to 900 Church members attending."

Completely Peaceful

In its Saturday edition, one of the local papers carried an antagonistic article about the Work.

"We came into an area that has been a hotbed of antagonism due to a certain group in the area that has been writing persecuting articles for some time," commented Mr. Portune. "However, it was completely peaceful, and we feel that God took care of us."

Again, the Ambassador College Band and Singers were with Mr. Armstrong.

The students, who were from both the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses, were able to meet many people in the lobbies after each campaign, and added Mr. Portune, "we feel that the campaign has been a real success and expect some very responsive Bible studies to follow."



SEATTLE CAMPAIGN — Mr. Ted Armstrong speaks before a full house in Seattle, Wash., as television cameras, top left and bottom right, record the event for a future telecast. (Photo by David Armstrong)

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear Brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS! I am dictating this from Pasadena after a hard day of lengthy conferences with many leading headquarters ministers concerning many doctrinal points, and then a busy day of television in the afternoon.

Work breaks mail records

By David McKee

PASADENA — Ambassador's Marketing Information Services has reported that the week of Nov. 25 to 30 broke all records for mail processed in one week's time.

The weekly total of 164,207 letters was augmented by mail carried over because of the two-day Thanksgiving break. But even without the two extra days, the old record of 133,064 — set back in April of 1970 — would likely have been broken.

The heavy mail inflow during the record week was primarily due to the returns of nearly one million *Plain Truth* subscription-renewal notices sent out in November.

The Mail Processing Center also noted a marked rise in television mail, and a new weekday record of 2,494 letters was set Thursday, Nov. 29.

The final week of November brought in an avalanche of TV mail, reported Mail Processing.

The total Ambassador College mail count for November soared to 34,846, which is the second-highest monthly total in Ambassador TV history. The highest total came in March, at the peak of the last season, with a total of 34,936.

The week of Nov. 25 averaged over 2,000 responses per day, which also set a record in the TV-mail count for a single week, with 12,320 responses. Much of this added response can be attributed to the simulcast of the Middle East programs, which have spurred a great deal of interest, said a spokesman for Marketing Information Services.

November ended with 343,575 letters. This is a 138.7 percent increase over last November.

For the year, 3.25 million letters have come in, and even before November began, the 1973 letter count had already surpassed the total number of letters received in any previous calendar year.

I'm expecting to go out to the airport to meet Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong tomorrow morning upon his return from one of his most extensive overseas trips and, I believe, by far the most important and the most successful!

Though I want to save all the details for him (and I only know a few of the details, even though we've kept in continual close, personal touch via Telexes), I do want to tell you at this time that my father was able to meet the emperor of Japan! In a special ceremonial dinner following his audience with the emperor, my father was congratulated by many top leaders high in the Japanese government and educational system, who themselves, though "VIPs" in Japan, have never been granted a personal audience with the emperor!

This is certainly a fantastic achievement that my father has been

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Things look bleak for Press as England faces fuel crisis

BRICKET WOOD — A dramatic announcement by the British government Thursday, Dec. 13, could severely reduce the activities of the Work here within the next few weeks.

Industrial action by electricians, coal miners and railway workers has resulted in a fuel crisis of disastrous proportions. British industry, beginning on Dec. 31, will be limited to a three-day week. In the last two weeks of the year, companies can only operate for five days — of their own choice.

The situation for the Ambassador College Press complex in Radlett is further aggravated by our apparent

allotted three days: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In all likelihood this allotment will be appealed, but the consequences of a rejected appeal are obvious.

As it is, the Press is now having to operate on a system of priorities. Preference is given to *The Plain Truth* and all the necessary inserts for the different editions. *The Worldwide News* will be printed when the situation allows it.

Commented Gordon Graham, Press planning manager, "Prepress departments are able to function almost as normal, with the exception of

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TV crew videotapes news where it happens



ON-LOCATION PROGRAMS — Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, here doing a program on the energy crisis at Los Angeles International Airport, did several on-the-spot programs in the Southern California area the past week.

PASADENA — We live in the new generation. Young and old want to be where the action is. Ambassador College television is no exception.

Last week Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and the television crew rented a mobile videotape unit to do several full half hour television programs on the spot around Southern California. Shooting sites included Los Angeles International Airport, the Standard Oil refinery at El Segundo, shipping and supertanker berths at Los Angeles Harbor, and King Harbor at Redondo Beach, home of one of Southern California's largest pleasure marinas.

The purpose? On-the-spot programs focusing on the current energy crisis.

There is no substitute for being there. The Ambassador television studio staff members have been investigating the lease or purchase of television equipment with this mobile remote capability since early in the year.

An article in the June 25 issue told about the programs Mr. Armstrong did on location at the men's and women's prisons near Chino, Calif. While those programs have not yet been aired, when viewed the im-

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OFFICIAL

PASADENA — On the same weekend that Mr. Ted Armstrong was conducting a three-night campaign, two other personal-appearance campaigns were in progress.

Mr. Sherwin McMichael, assistant campaign director, spoke in Kansas City, Mo., before 1,101 people (337 nonmembers) on Saturday night, Dec. 15, and 946 (587 nonmembers) Sunday night, Dec. 16.

Music was provided by the 165 City church choir, featuring soloist Bronson James of Pasadena.

The combined Kansas City churches supplied funds raised by bake sales, garage sales, church socials and other activities. Mr. Albert Portune Jr. served as the campaign emcee.

Mr. Ronald Dart, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus, traveled to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he addressed 1,250 people (300 nonmembers) and 777 (350 nonmembers) Sunday, Dec. 16, and Monday, Dec. 17, respectively. Mr. Bill McDowell, Festival director, from Big Sandy, emceed the programs.

Mr. Dart the first night spoke about the fulfillment of man's existence apart from God and concluded by showing the purpose of man in this life and the soon-coming return of Christ to set up the Kingdom of God.

The second night he talked about how we are living in the end time and showed how God will shortly intervene.

The Pittsburgh-area churches were involved in fund-raising activities similar to those in Kansas City.

PASADENA — On Dec. 8 and 9, a week before Mr. Dart's and Mr. McMichael's campaigns, Dr. Clint Zimmerman spoke to an estimated total of 2,000 people (800 of whom were new) in a personal appearance in Orlando, Fla.

The first evening Dr. Zimmerman spoke on why problems exist in the world today.

The second night he talked about the falling away from the Church of God spoken of in the Bible and how the world does not know God's wishes because those wishes have become so mixed up with pagan ideas over the course of time.

He went on to talk about the sacrifice of Christ and its meaning and to ask the people in the audience what they would now do with what they had heard.

Though the messages were heavy, said Dr. Zimmerman, "the audience seemed very interested, paying rapt attention to what I was saying."

Emcee of the campaign was Mr. Steve Martin, executive assistant to Mr. Les McCullough in the International Division.

Nineteen people attended the first follow-up Bible study.

PASADENA — On Dec. 9 and 10 Mr. Albert J. Portune Sr. conducted a campaign in Portland, Ore. The first night there were 1,900 people in attendance, 1,150 of whom were new; the second night 1,500 came, 1,250 of whom were new.

In Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 2 and 3, Mr. David Jon Hill was the speaker. Twelve hundred attended the first night (550 nonmembers); the second night there were 756, of whom 250 were new.

Twenty-five attended the follow-up Bible study.

PASADENA — A list of cities presently scheduled to host the personal appearances for 1974 has been

released by the Personal Appearance Department. The locations and dates scheduled so far are as follows:

St. Louis, Mo. — Jan. 25, 26, 27.
Raleigh, N.C. — Jan. 27, 28.
Kingsport, Tenn. — Feb. 1, 2.
Columbus, Ohio — Feb. 2, 3.
Knoxville, Tenn. — Feb. 23, 24.
Dayton, Ohio — Feb. 23, 24.
Cincinnati, Ohio — March 1, 2, 3.
Wichita, Kan. — March 9, 10.
Houston, Tex. — March 29, 30, 31.
Sydney, Australia — May 2, 3, 4.
Atlanta, Ga. — July 27, 28.
Birmingham, Ala. — Sept. 7, 8.
Nashville, Tenn. — Oct. 25, 26, 27.
Buffalo, N.Y. — Nov. 15, 16, 17.

BRICKET WOOD — Mr. C. Wayne Cole, Publishing Division head, arrived here from Pasadena Monday, Dec. 17, for talks with Mr. Charles Hunting, Bricket Wood bursar; Dr. Roderick Meredith, Bricket Wood deputy chancellor; and Ambassador Press representatives. Talks centered around the effects of the current power crisis on printing and coordination of editorial matters.

BIG SANDY — Mr. Leslie McCullough, head of the International Division, left the campus here Dec. 12 for an 11-day trip to Bricket Wood and Dusseldorf.

The purpose of the trip, explained Mr. McCullough as he boarded the plane, "is to talk over budgetary plans for the International Division and make adjustments for 1974."

He was also scheduled to meet



with the head of the German Work, Mr. Frank Schnee, to go over advertising suggestions for the coming year.

Mr. John Robinson of Big Sandy, managing editor of *The Worldwide News*, accompanied Mr. McCullough.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Mr. Roland Sampson, local elder, has just returned from an African baptizing tour and is now in Miami, Fla., where he will be working with Mr. Clarence Bass.

Making Miami their home base, the two men will be visiting the West Indies.

PASADENA — Bengt Bjorkenheim, director of marketing for the Finnish paper industry (which is the biggest industry in that country, which is the largest exporter of paper in the world), visited the Ambassador College Press here Tuesday, Dec. 4.

The occasion of this visit was a trip which he and his wife Babben took, visiting users of Finnish coated paper in Central and South America and the

West Coast of North America.

The Ambassador College Press is the only user of Finnish coated paper on the West Coast, and the Bjorkenheims visited here to cement both the business and personal relationship established in Mr. John Egbert's visit to Finland a few months ago (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 26). Mr. Egbert, plant manager, took the Bjorkenheims on a tour of the printing facilities.

PASADENA — World adventurer and explorer John Goddard, whose explorations have taken him through some 112 countries and over enough miles to equal 40 times around the world, presented a film on Turkey here and in Big Sandy Dec. 18 and 19 respectively.

Goddard has spoken and presented



JOHN GODDARD

his films at Ambassador College for the past several years.

He first gained international recognition with his expedition down the 4,000-mile Nile River and has made frequent appearances on such TV shows as *Search for Adventure*, *Bold Journey* and *True Adventure*.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Armstrong's meetings

I really appreciate hearing about the Work through the Church newspaper. If it is possible, I would like to be informed further in advance about tentative and planned meetings Mr. H.W. Armstrong is to have with "key" world dignitaries — either through the newspaper or indirectly through the *Ministerial Bulletin*.

Kurt Frahn
Seminole, Fla.

Bible knowledge

I find the Church newspaper extremely valuable; thank you. How about a "Test Your Knowledge" column, where you ask, say, 20 short Bible questions and give the answers on another page? For example: (1) What book comes after Jeremiah? (2) List the Ten Commandments in order. (3) Who wrote the book of Chronicles? etc., etc.

I feel this would be of real value to the members as well as being good fun. We had a quiz like that at Bible study last week and most of us did badly.

John Russell
Strand, South Africa

While we would like to, *The Worldwide News* is not able to produce its own puzzles and quizzes; there are just too many other things to do. But we are happy to accept contributions along this line.

Every little bit

I say "Thank You, God" each time *The Worldwide News* reaches my mailbox for making it possible for you to publish this paper.

I read Mrs. Judy Duff's letter in the June 11 issue, and I certainly agree with her. (It took me all this time to get courage enough to write a letter!) Our teenagers MUST be made aware of how much we do love and need them — and our old people too.

It is SO hard to live with an unconverted mate and be around hostile relatives, but with all the literature we receive (*The Good News*, especially), and what radio and TV broadcasts we can listen to, there always pops up an article or idea which does help us. We just have to search a little for them . . .

I especially enjoy the pictures of our brethren . . . Seeing Mr. Herbert Armstrong healthy and smiling comforts me, knowing he is fine and still so active for his age . . .

I pray daily for a bigger and better paper, although it is fine just the way it is. And also for the radio and TV broadcasts and that some of them can be shown at a time when we who are "spiritual widows and widowers" can watch and hear without causing so much friction.

Mrs. Margery Jaycox
Montesano, Wash.

Thoughts on letters

"Letters to the Editor" is such a nice and effective means to communicate with one another, in expressing our gratitude overall and our love for one another.

Once in a while, a letter expresses deep remorse and sorrow for another letter writer's sins, shortcomings and need to be straightened out, so to speak. Can we not, as we "cry out" for someone else's rotten attitude, as we see it, remember that only God can read hearts and therefore judge righteous judgment?

God says to esteem each other better than ourselves because He knows we're hardly likely to esteem each other even as good as ourselves, let alone better, without His Holy Spirit.

If we remember as we get to know one another and reach out for communication that while God says in His Word that by our fruits we shall know whether someone is struggling along God's path or another, He also says the human mind cannot read another's heart. Then we can be kind and loving in helping one another with suggestions, can't we?

Mrs. Gerrie Brown
Denver, Colo.

Sincere effort

Please cancel our subscription to *The Worldwide News* newspaper.

Articles seemingly written by 17-year-old high-school students, "baby news," Protestant poetry, sentimental clichés, etc., are my idea of dull reading.

I'm sorry to see that you are not adhering to your practice of well-written magazines and sensible articles that you have so generously given us in the past. Lack of literary genius can be overlooked, but not lack of content.

Thank you for your sincere effort.
Mrs. Tommy Maxwell
Pueblo, Colo.

Potential lifer

Would you please make me a lifetime subscriber to the Church newspaper.

Thank you.

Fernando Gambala
San Diego, Calif.

Apples of gold

Thank you for . . . introducing us to Mr. Frank Skinner, father of 11 baptized children and 15 grandchildren of the Worldwide Church of God (Nov. 12). His story surely brought tears to my eyes until I could not read more until I thanked God for such a man that yielded to God's way so as to train all those children in such a way that they "wanted" God's way in their adult life.

Mr. [Ronald] Dart recently read Malachi 4:6 to us again in a sermon, asking us to take a fresh look at our children. Since then, we have taken inventory of our example and teaching as parents.

God has blessed us with two family age groups. Our oldest daughter is a junior at Pasadena Ambassador. We were baptized when she was six years old. So for 14 years we have tried to rear her God's way.

Now, with our three small children, ages 3, 6 and 10 years, we take a more mature look at what we've done right or wrong. Last week I found a new book in the public library, giving actual case histories of some of the 60,000 parents that are realizing they need help as parents in this age of the "generation gap." Some of those parents have been overly permissive with their children and become doormats. Others, being too strict, became dictators to runaway children. Neither way worked. How thankful we should be that we can begin to understand that God promises us if we teach and train our children they will not depart from that way.

Mr. Skinner gave me new faith to pray and wait that God would deal with our oldest daughter. Last night our phone rang with the happiest words of family news: "Hello, Mother, I've been baptized!"

God surely knows the right times to inspire us to new zeal and determination to "hang on" and exhort others from our own blessings and joy. Mr. Skinner's story surely helped me with his

story as such a "dad." *The Worldwide News* surely brings the most welcome stories and brings this proverb to life: "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver."

Jeanne Gillen
Big Sandy, Tex.

List of ministers

Thank you for the list of ministers and their locations. I was wondering if it were possible — without too much extra work on your part — to print a list of all the states in the U.S. and under each state list the cities where there is a church and minister with them?

I used to know most of them 10 years ago; but now there are so many, we don't receive this information. Also, will you please announce in *The Worldwide News* when we are to renew our subscription?

Mrs. Viola R. Cossel
Las Lunas, N.M.

This information is forthcoming.

Statistics helpful

Thank you so much for publishing the growth statistics in *The Worldwide News*. Statistical information periodically helps us to continue to pray sincerely, zealously, for we see the literal answers to our prayers. With the schedule of public appearances, our prayers can be beaten up finer than can be with a general topic.

John W. Trescott
Cleveland, Ohio

Rumor has it

I'd like . . . to say thanks for the entire *Worldwide News*. I can hardly wait to devour each issue, although I'm at headquarters, where, as rumor has it, we supposedly know everything.

Keep up with a job well done.
Janice McMaster
Pasadena, Calif.

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DIRECTOR SPEAKS TO MANILA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY — Mr. Colin Adair, director of the Philippine Work, answers one of many questions after his hour-and-a-half speech at Manila Central University. This was his third speaking engagement there.

Director of Philippine Work speaks before audience of college students

By Filamer Santos

MANILA, Philippines — Mr. Colin Adair, director of the Philippine Work, was invited to speak Nov. 24 before an audience of 140 college students and faculty members of Manila Central University.

As in his two previous speaking engagements, at San Carlos University in Cebu City and the University of Nueva Caceres in Naga City, Mr. Adair spoke on the subjects of modern dating, courtship and marriage.

Response

Although this group was smaller compared to the group at the University of Nueva Caceres (which had over 1,000 college students present), its responsiveness and enthusiasm were incomparable. The students were very much attuned to what was being said. In fact, they laughed every now and then when Mr. Adair dropped some logical, down-to-earth comparisons and examples.

In one case he compared "falling in love" to someone accidentally falling and breaking his leg. They got a kick out of it, even though it didn't quite sink in.

His Topics

In his speech Mr. Adair covered the origins of dating, its tragic connotation to our present-day youth, why long engagements aren't advisable, and why marriages today are on the rocks.

He emphasized the fact that the key to understanding why all these wrong marriages, broken homes and divorces are occurring — rendering our

homes and families asunder — lies in the basic truth that for every effect there is a cause.

He pointed out and underlined the fact that wrong dating, its present concept and widely accepted practices lead directly to the unhappiness and many frustrations being experienced by married couples today. The problem is that many dating couples equate dating with sex.

This should not be so, he pointed out. Sex in its rightful use should only be engaged in after marriage, otherwise it will break a spiritual law, which will in turn exact its penalty when broken.

Questions

There were quite a lot of questions asked by the audience. Here are some of them:

- If love is learned and developed, what then can you say about "love at first sight"?
- Is jealousy a sign of love?
- Can a couple without children consider a marriage successful?
- Can a sisterly or brotherly love lead to marriage?

Finally, an encouraging question: "Is there a way by which you could

be contacted personally for counseling?"

Mr. Adair gave the office address and assured everyone he is available any time anyone wants to drop by.

The Future

Mr. Adair's speaking engagements are preparatory to what lies ahead for 1974. Already in the planning stage is a string of engagements requested by a number of colleges and universities. Three more will be conducted before the end of the year.

The year is rapidly drawing to a close, and income-tax time for Americans is upon us again, reminds the Festival Office at Big Sandy.

Now is the time to consider your tax deductions for 1973. You can save money by sending in your estimated excess second title and title of the title before Jan. 1, 1974, to add to your 1973 income-tax deduction.

Business booms, water flows at historical Watergate site

By Dexter Faulkner

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Watergate is a historically important part of the Washington scene and the most expensive piece of real estate in the nation's capital. The now-famous scene of the burgled Democratic National Committee headquarters by persons working for President Nixon's reelection committee in 1972 is a complex of six buildings on 10 Potomac-front acres assessed at \$33 million, a figure that is supposed to represent 65 percent of its fair-market value.

John Hancock Life Insurance owns all the land, having bought it for \$14 million about eight years ago. The same land was formerly the site of a famous old gasworks in an undesirable neighborhood known as Foggy Bottom. This particular section was called Watergate because

the nearby Chesapeake and Ohio Canal had a series of locks with a watergate which opened into the Potomac River.

Not too many years ago the site had an inn by the name of Watergate and appealed to the well-to-do locals living in the area. Three presently existing apartment buildings of the Watergate complex, totaling some 743 apartments, are owned by tenants in cooperatives. Some of the apartments (exclusive penthouses) have sold for around \$300,000.

Watergate Improvements, Inc., a subsidiary of the Rome-based Societa Generale Immoiliare, owns the Watergate Hotel and the first office building — the one which had the Democratic National Committee as a sixth-floor tenant.

When it was opened, Watergate was promoted as having the most sophisticated security devices for the protection of tenants. But the devices did not seem to protect the Democratic National Committee, which moved uptown to less-expensive space when its lease ran out.

As a point of interest, President Nixon's personal secretary of many years, Rosemary Woods, lives in the Watergate and had her apartment robbed during an absence several years ago.

Business is booming for the Watergate complex. Many of the exclusive boutiques and shops report record sales. Even the management of the Watergate office and apartment complex has capitalized on the recent Watergate scandal by advertising office space for rent in the local newspapers.

Now, besides being this city's most notorious and expensive real estate, Watergate is a stop for many of the tourists who visit the nation's capital.

A tremendous amount of water (in the form of words and deeds) has flooded through the Watergate since the break-in of June 17, 1972.

And it is obvious that a considerable amount more will flow before the word Watergate is remembered as it was a year and a half ago — a place where free evening concerts were given by Army, Navy and Marine bands during the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. U.S. Diplomacy share Vietnam and Nepal experiences

By Dexter H. Faulkner

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mr. and Mrs. U.S. Diplomacy, Ellsworth and Carol Laise Bunker, shared their experiences in Vietnam and Nepal with a group of Washington editors recently. Most of you will recall back in March, 1971, Mr. Herbert Armstrong had an interview with the ambassador at the height of the controversial Vietnam War. *The Plain Truth* ran an exclusive interview with Bunker in May of that year.

Ambassador Bunker and his lovely, vivacious wife Carol Laise, former ambassador to Nepal, covered political, economic and military aspects of the two countries.

Bunker, now ambassador-at-large, said, "Now that our part in the war is over, I think perhaps it can be viewed in a more dispassionate manner. There are useful lessons to be learned from our involvement in the longest and in many ways the most complex and difficult war in which we have ever been engaged."

Ambassador Bunker reminded his audience that "this was the first war in which there was no censorship and the first war fought on television. For the first time the brutalities and the horrors, which are common to all wars, . . . were freely reported in the press and televised into everyone's living room."

He pointed out that "one of the lessons the war taught us was the fact that a democracy cannot successfully prosecute a war unless the war has public support."

"Americans," he continued, "are impatient people. And as the war dragged on, in part because of restrictions we imposed on ourselves support diminished and the time ran

out."

When asked why this difficult and complex war with a small, weak country lasted so long, Ambassador Bunker answered:

"The first and generalized answer, I think, is that the war was new to the American experience."

He said it "differed radically from any other war in which we had been engaged" and "we had to learn how to fight."

In summary, Ambassador Bunker said:

"We did get an honorable settlement in Vietnam that provides a reasonable and honorable way in which to settle the war. Our troops are out. Our prisoners are home."

But he went on to say, "There is not yet peace in South Vietnam. Yet, imperfect though the situation is, it is far better than before the Paris agreements were signed, and hopefully we may have entered a new environment."

Ambassador Laise, now assistant secretary of state for public affairs, asserted:

"Nepal is a nation whose leadership has maintained a legitimacy unchallenged by colonization."

Speaking of the United States foreign-aid program, she said:

"Our presence has been expressed in a good Peace Corps and in a sound and practical aid program averaging \$8 million annually."

In a lighter vein, Ambassador Bunker, the perfect diplomat, said his "major diplomatic achievement was persuading my wife to marry me."

When asked for some insight into the married life of two ambassadors, he humorously described an incident

in Saigon. While he was speaking to a women's association someone asked how they arranged protocol between them.

"Well," he said, "it's really a very simple matter. When I go to Nepal obviously my wife is the boss. And when she comes to Saigon, she's the boss. There isn't any real problem."



COMMISSIONER SPEAKS TO PASADENA STUDENTS AND FACULTY — Walter Pudinski, commissioner for the California Highway Patrol, visited Ambassador College in Pasadena Thursday, Dec. 6, and presented an assembly to the student body and faculty. He talked about his job, the job of the highway patrol and the "ticket syndrome" that many law-enforcement agencies have and that he has tried to destroy in his brief tenure as the youngest head of the highway patrol in its history. [Photo by California Highway Patrol]

Executive interview

Evangelist helps to train leaders after 20 years in field ministry

By Dave Havir

BIG SANDY — "I think they had around seven booklets at the time," commented Mr. Dean Blackwell, evangelist and faculty member on the Ambassador College campus here, about the first time he became interested in writing to Pasadena for some of the college literature.

"In my junior year at Texas A&M, I happened to turn on the radio and hear the broadcast — I had heard the broadcast once before I went to college, but I could never find it again. This particular broadcast was about the mark of the beast. It scared the liver out of me and stood my hair on end."

After that broadcast Mr. Blackwell wrote out to Pasadena and asked them to send him everything they had. It was the receiving of those seven booklets which started him on the road to becoming interested in God's way of life.

Meeting Mr. Armstrong

Around Passover time of that same year, 1952, Mr. Blackwell found himself spending an evening listening to Mr. Herbert Armstrong explain some subjects of the Bible.

"I had come home for Easter vacation and met Mr. Armstrong at the [Roy] Hammers' home . . . in Gladewater [Tex.]," he explained. "At the time, I lived here in nearby Kilgore and was going steady with Maxine [Tankersley, who later became Mrs. Blackwell]."

"My aunt and cousin were already members of the Church, and they were down here for the Passover. So they invited us over to meet Mr. Armstrong."

Mr. Blackwell had already been pretty much persuaded by what he had read in the literature, but it was this introduction to Mr. Armstrong that convinced him to go to Ambassador College. He made plans to attend Ambassador beginning in the fall of 1952.

Close-Knit Family

Mr. Blackwell's first impression of God's college in Pasadena was that of a big happy family.

"Everyone was hugging everyone, because they hadn't seen each other all summer," he said. "It was just a real close-knit family filled with love."

In recalling those years, Mr. Blackwell admitted that the campus was much smaller than what he had originally pictured. Yet he had to recognize the value of quality from many of the nice things around him.

Mr. Blackwell also admitted that there were some inconveniences in those early years:

"Sometimes we had to face a few inconveniences. For instance, in Mayfair, where the women lived on the second floor and men on the third, we often had a problem with water for bathing. When the girls filled their bathtubs on the second floor, we didn't have any water on the third floor. Occasionally you'd be in the shower all soaped up and then you'd find out that the girls used the water. So you'd just have to wipe off the soap with a towel."

But Ambassador College had certain advantages because of its small size. Mr. Blackwell pointed out:

"One of the highlights and main advantages of being a student in the earlier years of the college was our close contact with Mr. Armstrong. Any hardships that we may have faced were more than counterbalanced by the hours we spent with him — in his home, in the classes and in college activities. He played in the Ping-Pong tournaments with us. He played tennis with us. He was always

in on everything."

Profitable Summer

During his college years Mr. Blackwell studied many hours — usually 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. — every night. He realized that he couldn't waste much of this educational opportunity, and after half a year of college he began giving sermonettes.

He remarked: "We gave our first sermonettes right there in Pasadena. And when we'd become more qualified, then we'd go out to San Diego. Someone from the college would drive to San Diego every Sabbath."

At the end of his first Ambassador school year, Mr. Blackwell was ordained into the ministry — on June 1, 1953 — and went back to East Texas to spend the summer. He married Maxine, and the two of them started a church in the Big Sandy area.

"We were the first couple married in the Redwood Building [now the library, student commissary and student lounge on the campus]," he revealed.

Mr. Blackwell was the pastor of the Gladewater church, which met in the same building. At that time there wasn't any salary for being a pastor; to the men it was just an opportunity.

Mr. Blackwell worked in oil fields as a regular job, which meant that he had to do all his visiting in the evenings.

At the end of the summer the Blackwells went back to college in Pasadena as married students.

"It was totally different my second year," he said. "Attending college as a married student was harder in some ways. Then I was responsible for two people instead of just myself. We had a small apartment and almost existed totally on beans, honey and whole-wheat bread."

On to the Field

Graduating in 1954, the Blackwells were sent to Eugene, Ore., to pastor the church there and the one in Portland, Ore.

"Having had the opportunity to preach in the mother church in Eugene was one of the biggest excitements and privileges in my life," he said.

Mr. Blackwell was the secretary on the board of directors of the Eugene church, which was a separate corporation due to the legal aspects of the property. In January of 1955 Mr. Blackwell was ordained a pastor.

Having had the church circuit of Eugene and Portland until the summer of 1955, the establishment of the Salem, Ore., church created a three-church circuit.

Driving 70 miles to Salem for Friday night, the Blackwells then took Eugene on Saturday morning and drove 120 miles to Portland for the afternoon services.

In 1956 the Blackwells were transferred to the two-church circuit of Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo. But after six months in the new location, the Milwaukee, Wis., church started, and the hectic pace of maintaining a three-church circuit again burdened the Blackwells.

About the pace, Mr. Blackwell stated: "It was a killing drive on the weekend. We'd leave at noon on Friday and get back at midnight on Saturday night, traveling 850 miles plus preaching about six hours. If God hadn't been with us, none of the ministers could have done it."

Mr. Blackwell also described the enthusiasm of the Church brethren on those circuits:

"They were really excited and filled with appreciation when we came. They didn't have their own minister to call during the week to come out and to encourage and comfort them. Since the brethren could only be together for Sabbath services, it tickled them to death to be able to get together."

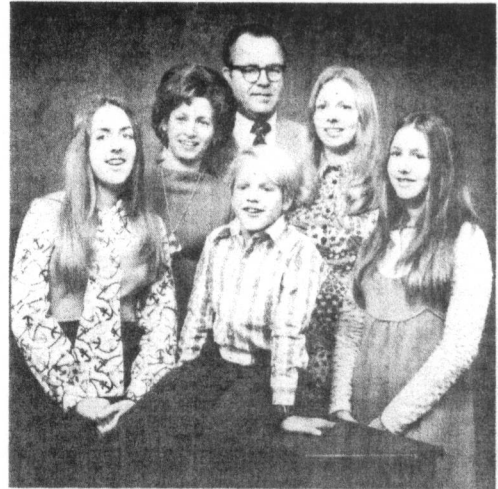
Another pressing part of Mr. Blackwell's tenure in the Chicago area was that there was no church east of Chicago at that time. He had to handle the urgent requests which arose in the northeastern part of the United States, including many baptizing swings into the nearby states.

The Blackwells spent nine years in the Chicago area — 1956 to 1965 with the exception of a semester of refresher courses in Pasadena during the fall of 1957. Mr. Blackwell was ordained an evangelist in January of 1965.

In the fall of that year he again went to Pasadena for a semester of taking more classes. Then, in January of 1966, the Blackwells moved to Kansas City, Mo., where they remained for 6½ years.

Great Satisfaction

Looking back over his 20 years in the field ministry, Mr. Blackwell recalled some of the things which have provided much of the great satisfaction in his life.



THE BLACKWELL FAMILY — Moving to Big Sandy in the fall of 1972, Mr. Blackwell has become an active part in the Ambassador College community. Members of the family are, clockwise, beginning left, Ronda, 16; Mrs. Blackwell; Mr. Blackwell, Regina, 18; Bonnie, 14; and Jeff, 11. (Photo by Ken Treybig)

"One of the greatest satisfactions in life is watching a fellow human being grow and change," he explained. "Some people don't seem to realize the benefit and blessings of helping people, seeing different people from various backgrounds and problems make the changes and begin to go God's way. I don't think some people realize the excitement that God must get from seeing someone turn around and live a totally changing life by being willing to go His way."

"One of the real blessings of having been in the Work all those years is how I can look back at all the people we used to visit and see what they are doing in the Work today."

Mr. Leslie McCullough, Mr. Dean Wilson, Mr. Leroy Neff, Mr. Richard Plache and Mr. Dale Schurter are a few.

His Helpmate

How much help does the wife provide for a man who has been serving in the field ministry for 20 years?

"She has always been the kind who was aware that her husband was committed to be involved in other people's lives," he explained. "One of her callings was to give up some of her husband's time so that he could share it in the lives of other people. Her understanding of that has made it a lot easier for me."

"One of the most valuable things in my life was the fact that my wife

was with me all the time through the first years. We didn't have a ministerial assistant, so she was the one who was my companion, partner and helper all those years."

In spite of his busy job, Mr. Blackwell has been able to enjoy numerous activities with the family.

"The Sabbath has always been a big family day," he explained. "And many of our activities have been with the Church. We enjoyed many family socials over the years."

Some of Mr. Blackwell's personal hobbies include sports and dabbling in all kinds of things. Although he is not an avid collector, he has saved many old coins and old stamps.

"Of course, my biggest hobby is book collecting," he admitted. "I just love old, rare books."

Even though Mr. Blackwell donated over 4,000 books to the Ambassador College, Big Sandy, library this past summer, he still maintains an extensive collection in his home.

Back to Texas

During the 1972 Feast of Tabernacles at the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Festival site, Mr. Blackwell approached Mr. Leslie McCullough — then deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus — and asked him if there were any teaching positions open at the college at Big Sandy.

"I had often thought of having the opportunity of working at a campus of Ambassador College," he explained.

Beginning his new life as a college instructor, Mr. Blackwell began teaching Preliminary Homiletics (third-year speech), Pastoral Administration (fourth-year speech) and Comparative Religion (then fourth-year Bible).

Describing the difference between preaching sermons and teaching the Bible class at college, Mr. Blackwell said:

"It's quite a bit different from preaching. Everything in the classroom has to be in a lecture tone and the teacher must be ready to interrupt his train of thought and answer questions about the material."

"But it's really exciting. You've got to delve into things a lot deeper to give a series of lectures on a subject than if you would be preaching week by week. I really enjoy it."

Training Leaders

Mr. Blackwell also enjoys working with the Ambassador men who are in his speech classes at college. He is happy with the chance of helping eager young students in finding

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COLLECTION OF BOOKS — Even though Mr. Blackwell donated over 4,000 books to Ambassador College in Big Sandy this past summer, he still maintains an extensive collection in his home. Here he is pictured with the books he has stored in his garage. (Photo by Ken Treybig)

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the proper path of helping others. He described the importance of the development of these men:

"One of our jobs is to train men to serve as ministerial trainees in local areas after graduation.

"Yet that's only part of our job. We are also in the business of training men for the future — for the work which will need to be done in the Millennium. That's why we are just as excited and pleased with those graduates who go out, get a job and help the local minister on their own free time. These men are as much of a minister — an active servant — as those who are hired full time by the organization."

Mr. Blackwell has found a home at Ambassador. His enthusiasm and bubbly warmth are contagious attributes which he passes on to the students who enter the college.

Mr. Blackwell is very happy in his post of helping students live a life of serving others. He considers it a real opportunity to be helping in the training of today's young leaders.



AT THE OFFICE — Mr. Blackwell does some of the office work that comes with being a faculty member. He teaches Preliminary Homiletics, Pastoral Administration, and Comparative Religion. [Photo by Scott Ashley]

'I'm really lucky,' says prisoner when comparing his trials to others'

The writer of the following article is an inmate in the Chillicothe Correctional Institute. He is a coworker and would-be member whose situation has prevented him from being baptized.

By J.M. Manos Sr.

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — For a long time I thought that most prisons were alike. I thought I was in such a devastating situation that none could be worse.

But I'm really lucky. I didn't realize this until my Church-member friend, Mrs. Polly Thomas of Lancaster, Tex. (mother of seven children), mentioned in a letter to me that she was also writing a man in prison in California and one in Michigan.

The prison administration of the California prisoner wants to put him through its so-called therapy — much akin to total brainwashing.

And the one in Michigan was taken out of minimum security and put into maximum security because he tried to keep the Festival of Tabernacles.

So the small difficulties that arise at times because I want to observe the Holy Days and Feasts as the Worldwide Church of God teaches are really nothing and on second thought make me quite ashamed of myself because I felt I had it tough. Compared with what others go through, I'm really "lucky"!

I read my first *Plain Truth* in 1964 because I couldn't sleep, and when I did get to sleep I wanted more of the

Boot camp offers a choice of two

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UPI) — The Air Force's only boot camp is now letting recruits have a choice of two types of underwear.

"Since it became a separate service 26 years ago, the Air Force offered male trainees just one kind of underdrawers — baggy boxers," an announcement from Lackland Air Force Base said recently. "The only choice recruits had was in sizes small, medium or large — hardly a fitting tradition for today's progressive airman.

"This week, after jockeying with the idea for several months, the Air Force added briefs to its shorts supply. Every male trainee gets his choice of briefs or boxers."

All of the underwear still is white.

same reading material when I awoke. Little did I realize that God had His finger in the pie and that now, nine years later, I would still be hungering after more truth!

I searched the next day until I found more — and you know, I still don't know who those magazines belonged to!

I finally wrote to California and asked them to send me a copy every month.

Piece of the Action

But that wasn't enough. I wanted more. I kept sending to Ambassador College for material, yet that still seemed not enough. So I took the old *Correspondence Course*, which lasted about five years.

Then, convinced I was on the right track (it took me four years of arduous study and prayer before I was sure), I wanted a piece of the action, as we would say in prison terminology. I became a coworker in '68.

Also in '68 I asked for and received a visit from a Worldwide Church of God minister, Mr. Nelson C. Haas, who is now a minister in West Virginia.

Mr. Bruce Vance was also my minister for a short time.

Mr. Haas and Mr. Vance helped me through a very rough period of spiritual growth.

My new minister, who comes regularly to the prison to see me, Mr. Don B. Hooser of Cincinnati, is a tremendous help, along with Mr. Glenn Burzenski, who has joined him in his travels.

Mr. Hooser mentioned the fact to the members in his church area that he comes to the prison to see me and invited anyone who wanted to visit me to write me and find out how and if he could.

Three members accepted the challenge. Now, nine months later, Ralph Smith, Roger Depoy and John Shultz — all from the Chillicothe area — are regular and close friends of mine.

Some time ago Mr. Vance spoke of me to his church members. A very close and lasting friendship developed between Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Pearson, now of Columbus, Ohio, and me.

Of late Mrs. Thomas and family, whom I mentioned at the beginning of this article, have become close and sure friends.

Of course, I have only written to them, not having seen them yet. But

they have shown themselves to be very fine people.

As of now I am still in the Chillicothe Correctional Institute and am up for a commutation of a life sentence. Maybe next year I'll be able to attend the Festival.

I am now on my second Bible *Correspondence Course* (the new one) from Ambassador. I still send for material and get *The Plain Truth*, *The Worldwide News* and *The Good News*, and I am looking forward to the day I'll be released and be able to be baptized.

Staying Close to God

I have found out from experience that the closer you stay to God through prayer and obedience, the easier the worst things you encounter are to endure.

God makes the promise many times in His Instruction Book for us — the Bible — that He will help us. It isn't always in the way we feel He could or should, but I've found out you can be sure He'll make it come out in the best way He knows will teach you.

I'm sure the Church members will agree. God never allows anything or does anything without a reason.

No matter how rough the going gets at times, hang in there — to use an old axiom. You can know with a certainty, when you stay close to God, He will help.

The ministers of the Church are God's instruments. They are there to give advice in tough situations. Their one main job is to help you get to God. Let them.

God intervenes for teen

By Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Clark TOOWOOMBA, Australia — God does intervene in the lives of teenagers, as is illustrated in the following incident:

My 17-year-old son had held an apprenticeship in sign writing for only six months when he asked for time off for the Feast of Trumpets.

His employer was annoyed; he had already granted the eight days off for Tabernacles.

The matter came to a head when Robert told him he would need traveling time, which would make it almost two weeks he would need.

He was told to choose between his job and his religion. He was told in no uncertain terms that he was in danger of losing his job to someone

The Spanish Work reports on year's baptizing tours

By David McKee

PASADENA — Despite the lack of extensive broadcasting or advertising, the Spanish Work is growing at quite a remarkable pace, according to latest reports from the Spanish Department here. The growth has been particularly realized by a number of counseling and baptizing tours through Central and South America this year.

"This is the first year of thorough visiting," according to Mr. Victor Gutierrez, office manager for the Spanish Department in Pasadena.

In began with a tour in Colombia in February by Mr. Robert Flores, a preaching elder who lives in Argentina and works there as well as in Chile and Uruguay. He visited about 30 and baptized six, the first six people to be baptized in that country.

A second visit this year to Colombia was made during the summer by Mr. Mark Rorem, contributing editor for booklets and the *Correspondence Course* in the Spanish language, and Mr. Sam Norman, who worked in the Spanish Editorial Department. They talked with 60 and baptized six more people.

There are many more Colombians awaiting baptism, pending more visits and counseling in that country.

In April of this year a five-week tour was made through the Central American countries of Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica by Dr. Charles Dorothy, editor of the Spanish *Plain Truth*; Mr. Rorem; and Mr. Daniel Robert, head of the Spanish section of the Personal Correspondence Department (PCD). A total of 52 people were visited, though none was baptized.

Another trip was made to Central America, extending to the three countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Costa Rica, just after the Feast of Tabernacles this year. Mr. Fernando Barriga, local elder, and Mr. Don Walls — both of whom work in the Spanish division of PCD — made this journey into Central America and baptized five people out of a total of 58 visited.

Also, 19 members of the Sardis church, including their minister, in Guatemala came into the Church shortly after the Feast of Tabernacles, which was conducted by Mr. Barriga in that country.

It is interesting to note that after the two visits to El Salvador this year there is a church membership of 45 people where there were only a very few members prior to that.

Drug Investigation

A unique story accompanies the baptism of one of the individuals in Costa Rica. He was to be baptized on the first trip through Central America, headed by Dr. Dorothy, but he did not appear. When Mr. Barriga came through several weeks later the

gentleman was able to meet him, and it was then explained why he had missed the first appointment:

This particular individual has a rather dangerous occupation as a drug investigator. Many times he has been threatened and twice kidnaped as he gathered information and evidence against drug offenders, who included people in the highest reaches of the Costa Rican government.

Both times that he was kidnaped he miraculously escaped, finally presenting his evidence before a government committee. He has had protection since that time, and now he is baptized.

The most recent tour to Spanish-speaking countries included Chile, Peru and Ecuador and was conducted by Mr. Robert and Mr. Ken Ryland, associate editor for the Spanish *Plain Truth*. They began just after the Feast, which they spent with 85 Church members in Chile, and visited between 60 and 70 people.

Their tour included stops in many cities and in some of the most remote and hard-to-reach areas of South America.

Because of time and circumstance they did not baptize anyone, but they did report that as a result of their journey there are 20 people awaiting baptism in these countries.

This series of tours adds up to a substantial growth in the Spanish division of the Work in the past year.

"In a few more years we can foresee the beginning and establishment of many churches throughout the Central and South American countries if we keep up the visits and tours," noted Mr. Rorem.

Word of Mouth

This area of the Work is one which is developing in a very exciting manner. These Spanish-speaking people have problems — most notably the Sabbath problem, because of the scarcity of jobs and the domination of the Catholic Church.

They have tight-knit communities, which helps in the spread of the Gospel as they advertise our message to each other in a word-of-mouth manner unique to the Latin community.

They are bright, intelligent people, many of whom are coming into a knowledge of God's truth, the younger ones desirous of a chance to come to Ambassador College.

So the tours continue. The next is scheduled for the latter portion of December and will take Mr. Gutierrez to Spain for visits with the people there.

Russians find

Rip Van Winkle

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Russians have a modern-day Rip Van Winkle.

Nadezhda A. Lebedin has awakened in the Ukraine after sleeping 21 years, according to the trade-union newspaper *Trud*. The paper said her problem began in 1952 when she was sick with flu but recovering when she began to get bad headaches and lost her speech.

"She was absolutely immobile, not even able to open her eyes," *Trud* said. She had no reaction to pain, but her internal organs kept functioning and she was fed "artificially."

The chief neuropathologist from the Ministry of Public Health in the Ukraine said she started to come out of the coma after 20 years.

Her eyesight has been restored, she can speak and is now learning to walk again.

The neuropathologist, who was not identified, diagnosed the case as "lethargic sleep" and said it was "extremely rare."

who would work on Saturdays and who would not be requiring days off throughout the year.

We as a family decided to put complete faith in God and ask Him to intervene so Robert could keep the Feast and his job too.

The decision was to be made over the weekend after Trumpets. On returning to work on Monday, Robert was told he could have two weeks off on full pay and was also given permission to sit for his first year's exams at Blackheath, the Festival site, under the supervision of Mr. Gavin Cullen, one of God's ministers.

This has been a great source of inspiration to us all and proves God does intervene for teenagers!

Booklet Department communicates God's truth

By James Rector

PASADENA— Before any of you were ever members of God's Church, you very likely had already devoured one, two, three or more of the many booklets published by Ambassador College.

Subjects such as *Does God Exist?*, *What Is Faith?* and *Why Were You Born?* stirred the minds of many a prospective member in the earlier days of the Church and were responsible for educating a host of people in the basic truths of God.

Many of these basic booklets help build this Work.

Although many booklets have been printed through the years, it was not until April of 1972 that an official Booklet Department actually came into existence. Prior to that time, the booklets were more or less an appendage of *The Plain Truth* magazine.

With the amalgamation of *Tomorrow's World* magazine and *The Plain Truth*, the organizational structure of the editorial function was significantly altered.

In April of last year Mr. Herbert Armstrong announced the appointment of Mr. David Jon Hill as executive editor of the newly formed Booklet Department, and a unique facet of the Work of God was launched.

Mr. Brian Knowles, former pastor of churches in Tulsa and Ponca City, Okla., was named managing editor and given responsibility over the direct day-to-day operation of the department.

With the advent of television and an extensive advertising program, the need to review and update existing material as well as to create new booklets became paramount.

Associate editor Gary Alexander and the entire staff of writers were inundated with work assignments, and by June of this year more than 30 new or revised booklets had been completed. A program for the thorough development of further subject matter was in the process of being established.

Today the Booklet Department has



EDITORIAL MEETING — Members of the Booklet Department meet with Mr. Brian Knowles, seated at the head of the table, managing editor of *The Good News* and the Booklet Department, in an editorial meeting to

indeed come of age as a significant aspect of God's worldwide Work. Through the mass medium of television, a far greater spectrum of people is being reached, and consequently the diverse needs of our expanded audience must now be taken into consideration.

Getting It All Together

The demand placed on the Booklet Department has been increasing during 1973. Immensely popular publications such as *The Real Jesus*, *Is Sex Sin?* and *Read the Book* are typical examples of the current work being accomplished.

At the present time we are taking a long, hard look at the needs of the Work and how the Booklet Department can best serve those requirements.

Since we have accumulated nearly 80 booklets, one of our major projects

is the condensing of certain booklets and related reprints into more comprehensive publications on each particular subject.

John R. Schroeder is primarily responsible for this long-range undertaking and maintaining our existing supply of literature.

Most of you brethren have undoubtedly noticed the attractive new covers on many of the new booklets. From the comments we have received we gather that you approve.

This is one of the more significant innovations which has served not only to enhance the aesthetics of each edition but also provided the Television Department with additional color material for advertising.

When Mr. Ted Armstrong displays one or more of these attractive booklets, it is a tremendous incentive to many viewers and has resulted in an unparalleled request for our recent publications.

We have also found it necessary to review many of our older booklets, especially those concerning modern social problems such as marijuana, pollution and crime.

While many of these have served genuine needs in the Work, current social problems are in a constant state of metamorphosis, open to varied interpretations and continually in need of updating due to new statistical information.

For those reasons you will probably notice a stronger emphasis on Biblical topics in the near future, and as time and finances permit, the secular booklets will be revised and several new ideas now on the drawing boards will be completed.

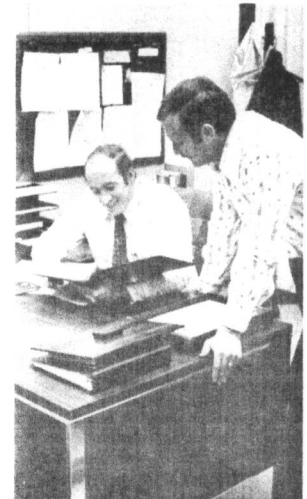
The subjects of famine and agriculture, for instance, are both being rewritten from a more Biblical point of view.

This is, by no means, to say that secular subjects are being de-emphasized, simply that we need to revise and refine our material.

Looking Ahead

The coming year should see expansion into several new areas. Mr. John Portune, an associate editor with his main focus on our science-

ARTWORK — Some of the men responsible for the artwork of the Booklet Department are Ron Lapeska, top left, working on a map overlay; Gary Haggerty, bottom left, working on an illustration for *The Envoy*; and Greg Smith, right, working on a layout. [Photos by David McKee]



discuss policies and priorities. In the picture on the right Mr. Knowles discusses plans with an administrative assistant, Mr. Arch Bradley. [Photos by Dave McKee]

oriented booklets and reprints, will be reviewing all such material, and many new booklets will emerge in the science sphere.

A very important booklet which is just now hot off the press expounds and debunks the traditional concept of the Trinity. Heretofore we have had only a modicum of information available on this popular "Christian" doctrine, but the forthcoming booklet should provide a thorough explanation of the Trinity in a Biblical way that most modern readers can understand and appreciate.

Additional booklet subjects include *Where Is God's True Church Today?*, *How to Teach Your Children About God*, *How to Study the Bible* and *Answers From Genesis* (a question-and-answer booklet).

What Is a Real Christian? is just off the press and is being distributed

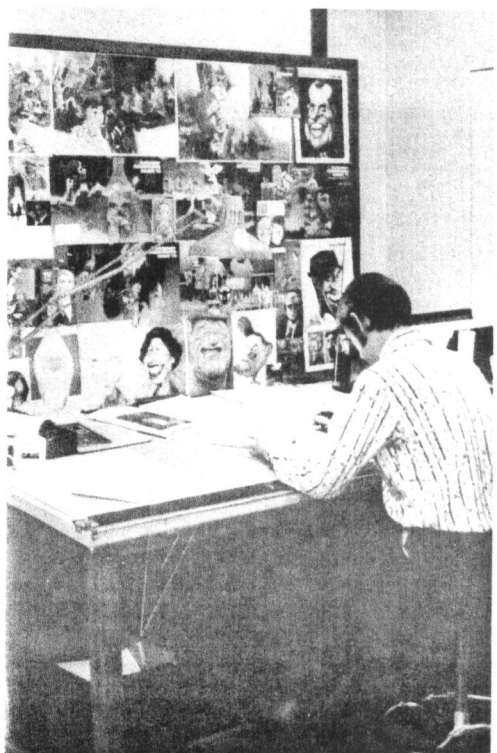
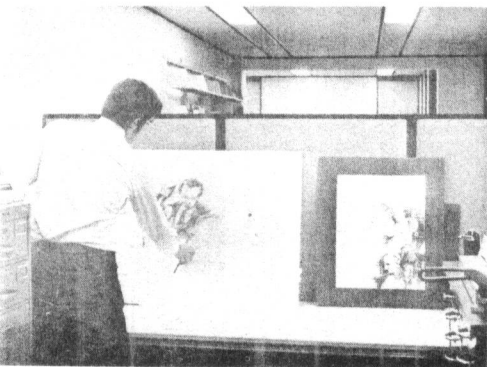
at the present time.

There are a number of other possible topics which could become future booklets, but they are not definite enough to list in this article. Perhaps later.

As you can see, we are rather busy with what the required research, artwork and writing involved in turning out booklets such as these.

In the future we hope to improve our ability to communicate the truth of God in a manner that will truly relate to the problems and complexities of life experienced by so many people today.

We will be grateful for any suggestions or help you can give us along the way. We certainly hope that you can appreciate the work being accomplished here at headquarters and that you will continue to remember this facet of God's Work in your prayers.





THE PYLE FAMILY — It's not often a family spread across the U.S. gets a chance to meet in one place at the same time, and when it does, it's time for family photos such as the above. Beginning with Mr. Pyle, center, front row, and going clockwise, is the Pyle family: Natalie Hammer, Kay Kissee, Joe, Ray, Dennis, Jack, Norva Lee Kelly and Mrs. Pyle. (Photo by Ron Kelly)

And happy they whose quivers bear full store of arrows such as these

By Clyde Kilough
GLADEWATER, Tex. — It's been said that God often works through families.

A look at the Norvel Pyle clan would certainly convince you this statement is true and very applicable today.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyle, longtime members of the Worldwide Church of God, have seen six of their seven children and their mates go through Ambassador College and assume varied roles of responsibility in the Church.

A list of their children reads almost like a *Who's Who in the Work*.

Their oldest daughter, Norva Lee, is married to Mr. Ronald Kelly, a pastor and dean of students at Ambassador College in nearby Big Sandy.

Natalie, their second child, is married to Mr. Tony Hammer, pastor in the San Francisco and Oakland, Calif., areas.

Jack, their oldest son, is a preaching elder, pastoring the Memphis, Tenn., and Tupelo, Miss., churches.

Dennis is the regional director of the Kansas City Region.

Kay is married to Mr. Jim Kissee, local elder and faculty member in Big Sandy.

Ray is a preaching elder, pastoring the Portland, Ore., church.

And finally, their son remaining at home is Joe, a sophomore at Imperial High School in Big Sandy.

Distributed among these children are 17 grandchildren.

All told, there are 11 Ambassador College degrees in the family, and from 1954 through 1970 there was at least one Pyle child in the college.

Still Head of the House

"I'm very thankful there are several ministers in the family," said their father in a recent interview over coffee and doughnuts at his home here. "They all still consider me head of the family and respect it greatly."

Mr. Albert Portune years ago nicknamed him "Patriarch of the Pyle Family" and still refers to him by that title.

Although Mr. Pyle has always

been the head of his house, he didn't rear his children by a strong hand alone; it was strength mixed with a lot of genuine love, family togetherness and patient understanding that produced the results.

The Pyles have definite ideas and practices of child rearing and family life, and a lot of it has to do with their family experiences as they came into the Church back in the early '50s.

Count Your Blessings

When I asked the Pyles about their background in the Church, Mr. Pyle replied:

"I've often thought of the circumstances that we went through . . . In fact, I started a week or so ago to write up something like 'Count Your Blessings' and use some of our first experiences after coming into the Church as examples of blessings that most people would really consider, in a sense, tragedies."

Mr. Pyle, superintendent of the Marshall (Ark.) School District from 1946 to 1951, was approached one day by an elder in a local Protestant church who asked if they had ever heard "this man Armstrong" and encouraged them to tune in to his program over radio station XEG. This first contact came at a time when the Pyles were looking for answers they couldn't find from any other churches.

As they listened to the broadcast their questions began to be cleared up, but, "like many other people," Mr. Pyle said, "I tried to approach it from the standpoint of proving Mr. Armstrong wrong. We found we never could do that."

This went on for a period of about eight years, during which time they received all the literature and heard about the establishment of Ambassador College in Pasadena.

They still "weren't quite settled in our minds about some things, but we made up our minds the way to settle it was to come down to Texas and talk with the late Roy Hammer and find out about this man Armstrong and Ambassador College. So that's just exactly what we did."

Roy Hammer was one of the early members in Texas. It was he who

donated the land that eventually became the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College.

The Hammers met the Pyles one Friday night at a Gladewater hotel and answered the questions the Pyles didn't have settled. And they showed them some other things they didn't even know about.

The Pyles by this time were living in Yellville, Ark., where they had moved in 1951 to operate a hardware store in which they had purchased half interest.

Last-Ditch Effort

They returned to Yellville, determined to make some changes, the first of which was to close their store each Sabbath.

This immediately brought a visit from a local minister, who was very concerned about their lives and made what he called in a letter to the Pyles a "last-ditch effort to set you on the right path."

Mr. Pyle countered by printing his own 15-page booklet entitled *Which Should We Keep? God's Commandments or Man's Traditions?*

After that, the hardware store began failing rapidly, and they closed it out in the spring of 1953, in debt over \$5,000.

"In counting our blessings one of the first ones was the hardware store and getting rid of it," stated Mr. Pyle. "If it had been successful, and if we'd have continued there and if we would have made money, we never would have given it up. When people are making financially good they don't tend to give up, which is just what would have happened to us."

They observed Unleavened Bread that spring in Texas, where they talked with Mr. Herbert Armstrong about moving to Pasadena and helping in starting a school for members' children.

The Pyles went back home after the Feast, auctioned off their belongings and made plans to move to California or, if no work could be found, to the orchards of Washington, where with such a sizable family they could make a good income.

The Second Blessing

With between six and seven hundred dollars, the Pyles and their six children loaded up and headed for the West Coast late one evening in their '50-model Nash.

The next morning, near Oklahoma City, they were involved in an accident which did considerable damage to their car.

"This wreck we considered was our next blessing," Mr. Pyle commented, "because out of it we learned an awful lot of patience and more of the fact that we were really getting then to the point we had to trust God and look to Him because



MODERN-DAY PATRIARCHS — Called by some the "Patriarch of the Pyle Family," Mr. Norvel Pyle, along with his wife, stands outside their home in Gladewater, Tex. (Photo by Clyde Kilough)

there was certainly nothing else we could look to."

During this time the Armstrongs had found there were more children in the Gladewater-Big Sandy area than in Pasadena, so the decision was made to start a school, to be headed by Mr. Marion McNair, in Big Sandy in the fall of 1953.

So the Pyles moved on to Yakima, Wash., where the family found work thinning apples. The finances began to look better; they bought a furnished house and began to entertain ideas of staying in Washington.

But hard times came soon after the fruit picking ended, and there was no work except baby-sitting. One of the bleakest winters in years set in, money ran out, and for "six to eight weeks" the Pyles lived on \$15 earned from baby-sitting.

Another Setback

"We lived close," said Mr. Pyle, "but God stretched dollars to give the food we needed and the fuel to keep warm."

Springtime finally came and work opened up, but another tragedy was to hit the family. On the second day in the orchards their house burned to the ground, leaving them with only the clothes on their backs, their car — and a can of second-tithe money.

"We had some second-tithe money we kept in our bank — a 32-ounce tomato can with a hole in the top," remarked Mr. Pyle. "When we got \$15 a week we'd put a dollar and a half in the can and send a dollar and a half to Pasadena."

"I immediately thought of that tithe money and walked around to the part of the house where it was kept on top of one of the girls' wardrobes. When that house had burned down, that tomato can had gotten outside the house. I don't know how, but it was lying outside. The girls' jewelry in the wardrobe was melted on the floor, but the money wasn't even scorched. This to us was quite a miracle."

"A newspaperman wrote a story — 'Tithing Saves Only Salvage From Flames' — about their plight, and the immediate public response was so great the Pyles "got literally more clothing than we had before. It came in by the truckloads."

"We didn't need furniture because we had made up our minds by this time this was just another circumstance in our lives to show us something — that something was that we weren't going to stay in Washington!"

California to Texas

That fall the two oldest girls were accepted to Ambassador, and thus began a tradition of sorts that was to last for years.

After the Feast, observed again in Texas, Mr. Pyle, with \$40 in his pocket, moved his wife, four kids and two dogs to California, where he worked in a variety of jobs including manufacturing yo-yos.

"That ended up actually in a failure," recalled Mr. Pyle. "We never were successful with it because we had the wrong motives — we were going to make enough money to support the Work of God!"

In the spring of 1956 Mr. Pyle was given a job in the mail room at the college, and later that fall began Imperial Schools in Pasadena. The next summer he was transferred to work at Imperial in Big Sandy, where he has been ever since.

Through those years some of the most rewarding highlights for the Pyles have been seeing their children go through Ambassador.

"From '54 for the next 16 years till 1970 we had one or more children in Ambassador College," said Mr. Pyle. "By 1970 we had in our family — including myself, my sons-in-law and daughters-in-law — 11 degrees from Ambassador."

Mr. Pyle jokes about holding the

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Personal

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permitted, and I am sure God's Work in that part of the world will be very greatly enhanced, in whatever configuration it is God's will for it to take, as a direct result.

My father probably will want to write a "Personal" for *The Worldwide News* — or, if not, I'm sure his "Personal" in *The Plain Truth* magazine and his letters will give you many of the highlights of this and many other exciting things that happened during this trip.

Balanced the Budget

In very lengthy budgetary meetings at headquarters with Mr. Frank Brown, business manager, and all of the various division heads, we feel we have successfully balanced the budget for 1974.

We are adopting a very stringent program for the Work — fully expecting that the energy crunch will become most severe on into the months of January and February — and are proceeding very cautiously toward 1974 with regard to expenditures.

We have been able to increase cautiously in some areas and stringently decrease in others. I believe our priorities are fine, and, though I could wish we were able to afford far more air time vs. production cost in media (television and radio), I believe another six months to a year will see us out of a very tight squeeze, and that we will have the wherewithal to place the program on far more stations.

While we have made no firm decision concerning this, we have been discussing in some depth the potentiality of going back to a once-a-week television program only, together with daily radio, so that there will be many dozens of additional church areas which could see the television program at least once a week. And, even though we would not have intensive daily television (which is now in comparatively few areas), the exposure would be somewhat broader, and we are fairly sure "dollars per new response" would be somewhat lower.

However, this implies many serious considerations concerning our entire TV-production facility, staff, equipment and what we set our hand to do approximately two years previously. As you may realize, it takes lots of serious consideration and prayer and hours of lengthy meetings with all of the people involved before coming to any such decision — and I am only sharing this with you in the light of what I have always said — that you are "friends" and I want you to know as much as is profitable and possible about some of the things we may even speculate about. PLEASE do not start "rumors" that we are reverting to once-a-week television! We have not even remotely made this a decision — and we may not. BUT we at least have to consider some of these things, and I wanted you to know it was being considered.

Overflow Crowds in Seattle

As you know, I just returned from Seattle — see page 1 of this issue of the *News* for an article about the personal appearance there — where we had a very enthusiastic and attentive audience that was overflow capacity two of the nights and almost to capacity on the first night.

I feel that my messages were directly inspired of Jesus Christ, and I felt that they flowed more smoothly and more powerfully than ever before. Although I suppose each minister feels as he goes along in his campaigns that each one is "better and better," perhaps that is true and not just a feeling. After all, I know that the people in Seattle were left with a very powerful witness of the very

heart and core of the Gospel!

It will remain to be seen whether or not God is intending to really produce fruit for his Church in that area, and I have no report to give you at this moment concerning any persons who may begin attending a follow-up Bible study. But I'm sure you will learn of this through these pages.

I have had some very refreshing meetings with leading headquarters ministers concerning our "doctrinal priorities." We are hoping to present Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong with a projected outline of doctrinal discussions so that ministers from the field, on all three campuses and in foreign offices — and all of us at headquarters — can begin a systematic discussion of any "gray areas" of doctrinal questions which really do need to be thoroughly understood and reclarified and restated in concrete terminology.

We have had two such lengthy meetings and are, we feel, making real progress! I was particularly pleased to have lengthy meetings with Dr. Ernest Martin, Mr. David Antion, Mr. Raymond McNair and others — as well as other meetings which included a large group of our headquarters ministers, such as Dr. Herman Hoeh, Dr. Charles Dorothy, Mr. Al Portune, Mr. Jon Hill, Mr. Norman Smith, Mr. Wayne Cole, Mr. Gunar Freibergs, Mr. Dibar Apartian and several others whose names I cannot recall at the moment.

I hope that we will continue on a fairly regular basis to have such discussions. The few meetings we have already had have proved enormously successful.

Chicago Basketball

I am hoping to be able to be with 2,000 or more brethren in the Chicago area for this coming Sabbath and perhaps even join them for a social occasion — including a sing-along — and to look at a little bit of the basketball tournament! I understand somewhere in the vicinity of 40 basketball teams are coming together for a regional basketball tournament in the area, and we are really looking forward to this opportunity to speak before a large group of people on the Sabbath, visit with about 40 of God's ministers, and see some of the brethren in more of an informal social occasion.

Well, that is about it for now. I won't make this overly lengthy, and we'll try to give you more of a thorough rundown on some more of the news next time.

In the meantime, though we have



CHURCH IS GROWING IN AFRICA — Early November saw the completion of the fourth annual Black African baptizing tour by Mr. Harold Jackson, head of the Black African Work, and Mr. Roland Sampson, local elder now working in the West Indies out of Miami, Fla. (see picture below). In the picture above are some of the members in Africa near Victoria Falls in Rhodesia during this past Feast. As in the past, the tour conducted this year gave many of the members there a chance to talk to a minister, an opportunity which comes around only once a year. Major nations on the extensive tour included Morocco, Ghana, Nigeria, Rhodesia, South Africa, Tanzania and Kenya. Thirty-seven new members were added on this tour in West Africa and six in East Africa. This does not include the growth in South Africa and Rhodesia. As time goes on, the members in Africa should have more opportunity for regular fellowship with each other.

been having many traumas and trials lately — and I do expect that we shall be in a time of trial for the foreseeable future — I have been very encouraged and inspired by the reaction throughout Christ's ministry, and the many hundreds of letters and phone calls expressing confidence and faith, as the broad majority in God's Church really bear down and gird themselves for the immediate future and the troubles we all know Jesus Christ prophesied we will have to endure!

I am very appreciative for all of the letters which have come to me personally, both from the ministry and from lay members, encouraging me through some of these difficult times. It is sincerely appreciated!

More next time — and perhaps by then you will know a great deal more about Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's recent trips and the very powerful messages he has delivered before top-echelon government leaders, educators, diplomats, industrialists and others in some of these foreign countries.

In Christ's service,
Garner Ted Armstrong



GOES ON AFRICAN TOUR — Mr. Roland Sampson, local elder, accompanied Mr. Harold Jackson, head of the Black African Work, on this the fourth annual Black African tour.

Isolated members

Some members in Africa only visited once a year

The writer of this article is a local elder now living in Miami.

By Roland Sampson

MIAMI, Fla. — Have you ever missed a Sabbath service and experienced that void of not having the weekly fellowship that has become increasingly a regular part of our spiritual life in America, Europe, Canada, Australia and other places around the world?

Consider for a moment some of our members scattered around the globe, who are not able to partake of this blessing.

Following is a letter from our members in Enugu, Nigeria, very aptly expressing an attitude of extreme gratitude for the blessing of meeting together with God's ministers, which for them has not been a weekly or monthly occurrence; it has only been an annual occurrence.

Dear Brothers in Christ:

With great joy we all express our gratitude for your presence with us here today. For many years we had waited patiently for a visit by God's own true ministers to establish a basic link between us and the headquarters of God's Church; this was

accomplished last year, 1972. Last year's visit by Mr. Robert G. Morton and Mr. Harold Jackson served the valuable purpose of setting us more firmly on the knowledge of the Gospel, and we are still living upon that unforgettable memory. Your coming again this year is assuring us that you people over there at headquarters are mindful of us and our difficulties here; for this we say thank you. On this same breath may we say that we are very happy to have you again this second time, coming to strengthen us more in the knowledge of truth, and we say welcome.

Please extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and his assistants, whom God has made instruments of His great Work. We thank them for the thousands of [pieces of] literature sent out to this country. We also would like to submit some requests for you to transmit to headquarters:

1. The establishment of a church here.

2. That this year's or next year's Feast of Tabernacles be held here under a trained minister of God.

In closing, we say once again welcome. We are your brethren.

Senate adopts day of fasting

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UPI) — The U.S. Senate Dec. 20 called for the observance next April 30 of a "national day of humiliation, fasting and prayer" as repentance for the nation's failings.

The resolution, adopted by voice vote with no debate or opposition, now goes to the House for consideration. If the House approves it, the measure will go to President Nixon.

Introduced by Sen. Mark O. Hatfield of Oregon, the resolution declares "it . . . behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins and to pray for clemency and forgiveness . . ."

He suggested that on April 30 "our government and the other institutions of our society would all cease business as usual . . . so that we all would be free to consider actions appropriate to a time that would symbolize national repentance."

"We witness a country torn apart with division and lacking the spiritual foundation that would restore its vision and purpose," Hatfield said in a speech introducing the resolution.

"We, as a people, through our own acquiescence to corruption and waste, have helped to create a moral abyss that produces a disdain for honesty and humility in high levels of national leadership."

The resolution asks Congress to call upon Americans "to humble ourselves as we see fit before our Creator, to acknowledge our final dependence on Him and to repent of our national sins."

Hatfield's resolution is akin to a proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln establishing April 30, 1863, as a day for reflection, at a time when the Union cause in the Civil War was at a low point.

Ambassador employee and student near victims of would-be thieves

By David McKee

PASADENA — It was a little bit past 10 o'clock on a dark but relatively peaceful night in late November as two figures made their way along brightly lit Del Mar Avenue. The two were returning to Ambassador College from the Salt Shaker, an all-night restaurant frequented by students and staff members, located about one-half mile from the campus here.

When the couple — Denice Masterson, Ambassador junior, and Bob Nesler, Television Department employee — got within a couple of blocks of campus, a man, armed with a gun, moved stealthily up beside them.

Such a dramatic circumstance we commonly find in our newspapers, on TV and in suspense novels but never expect to find ourselves confronted with directly. The two individuals in this story certainly didn't expect it to happen to them. Nevertheless . . .

"It was 10 minutes past 10," Denice clearly recalled. "We were coming back from the Shaker."

"We were one or two blocks from campus, near Imperial Schools," she continued, "and we saw this guy. He came out from between some buildings across a lawn and started to follow us."

Something Wrong

"I knew something was wrong the

minute I saw him coming," Denice remarked. "But neither of us said anything about him, though we both knew he was there. We just kept talking."

"Pretty soon he got within about four feet of us. I had watched his shadow as he walked up behind us, and then he came right up alongside us. Then . . ."

Then not a little commotion ensued as Nesler stepped between Denice and the man as he was reaching into his coat for a gun and saying, "This is a . . ."

Before the man got the word *stick-up* out of his mouth, Nesler swung his briefcase and knocked him to the ground.

"I jumped on him and grabbed the gun by the cylinder so he couldn't shoot me," Nesler explained, "and I told Dee to run."

Then he grabbed the attacker and started to drag him back to campus to be arrested.

Only Three to One

Meanwhile, two of the three guys who had been stationed across the street in a car all this time came to the aid of their buddy.

One might at this point believe that Nesler was in a bit of a bind. But "the odds were only three to one," he said. "I told them that the first one to touch me would get the butt of the gun between the eyes."

The two thought better of messing with Nesler, taking their companion and returning to the car and the last member of their group. The four drove off as help began to arrive, but not without Nesler getting their license number.

Unfortunately, it was found that the license number had been falsified, and the attackers made good their escape. They have yet to be caught.

"I am always careful, conscious of everything around me," commented Denice, thinking back on the events of that evening. "But despite my caution, I found myself in a situation where, even though I knew what was going to happen, I couldn't do a thing about it."

It proved fortunate indeed for Denice that her caution includes escorts. Some don't bother with that caution.

"People take all kinds of chances," she continued. "I know that God protects us, but how far will He protect us from our foolishness?"

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photography.

"The Fototron machine in type-setting is classified as a computer and is exempt from restrictions."

"Portable generators and natural light enable other departments to operate in daytime, while graphics has set up office in a private residence."

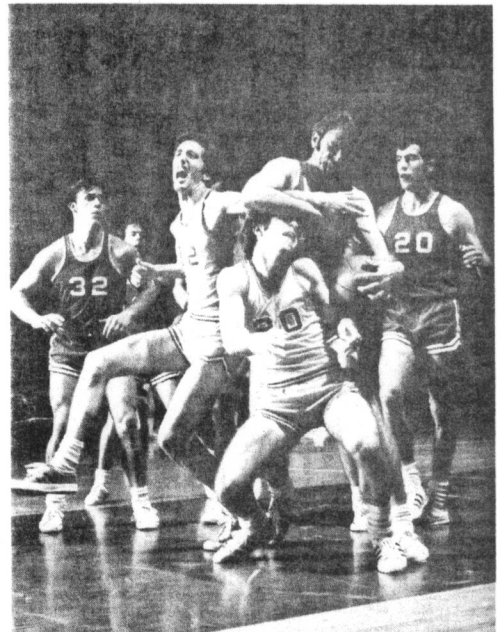
In the Press offices no lighting is allowed, but candles are an adequate, if smelly, substitute.

One item of good news: There are no restrictions of food processing, so the Press kitchen is busy feeding the men with good, hot meals.

At present, the Press is on schedule, and the January *Plain Truth* should go out on time. But if the crisis continues, things look bleak.

On campus, the students face no government restrictions, but blackouts come at awkward moments.

A shortage of oil has resulted in dormitory heating cutbacks, and a shortage of gas may affect the college laundry and kitchen facilities. No gas means no hot meals for the students.



GETTING CAUGHT IN THE CRUNCH — It's hard to tell who's hurting the most in this friendly little social gathering, which took place the other night in a docile basketball game between the Big Sandy Ambassador College seniors and juniors. One thing is for sure, though: Three's a crowd. The man in the middle of it all is senior Pat Giunta, No. 20, while senior Jim O'Brien, No. 12, and junior Jim Vaughn, No. 14, are intent on getting their hands into things. (Photo by Wayne Janes)

And man said, 'Let it be . . .'

By Gordon Jones

LONDON, Ontario — In the beginning there was man — thinking, laughing, smoking, stronger than dirt. He decided it was he who created the heavens and earth and the hosts therein.

And man said, "Let there be light." And it was so. Neon light, fluorescent light, flashlight, spotlight, laser light, mercury-vapor light, General Electric, Sylvania and Westinghouse, all blinking on and off at the will of man.

And man saw the abundant light, and he said to the host assembled in awe, "Live better electrically." And the darkness he called "failure due to overload."

The man said, "Let the earth bring

forth green things." And it was so. For man tilled the ground and seeded the clouds, and man beheld the great bumper crops which he had made and said, "Yo-ho-ho." And it was good.

And man split the atom, assembled computers and conquered the heavens, and man called the heavens "space" and the earth he called "ground control." But man gazed into space, saying, "Let there be voices to sing my praises." And it was so. For there came *Telstar*, *Early Bird* and *Lunar Orbiter*. And man heard the voices he had made and nodded, "A.O.K."

Then man said, "Let us make God in our own image, and after our likeness, and let Him have dominion over an hour on Sundays." And it was so. God was, of course, quite like a dotting father and definitely on our side.

And man congratulated himself on his success and his wisdom in all things. In fact, he drank a toast from his Thermos, put God on a shelf, returned to his own ways, and blew himself up.

And in the end, there was God, and His sigh was too deep for words.

Now you know

MAUD, Okla. (UPI) — Isaac Nathan Edwards observed his 110th birthday Thursday, Dec. 6, crediting his long life to hard work, a simple diet and service to the Lord.

Edwards, who was orphaned by the death of his mother 100 years ago, said he already is looking forward to his 111th birthday in 1974.

"The Good Lord willing and if I can continue to stay in good health, I'll make it," he said.

"I have always worked hard and I have always tried to serve the Lord to the best of my ability."

He favors "simple but nourishing foods" — fruits, vegetables and a rare piece of cake or ice cream — and that was on the menu provided on his birthday by his two daughters.

Edwards marked his 110th at the rural home two miles southwest of Maud, where he has lived the past 21 years. He shares his home with his two daughters and a son.

Minister left out in cold, faces 180-mile walk home

By Barry Palmer

TACOMA, Wash. — Mr. Gil Goethals, assistant pastor of the Tacoma and Olympia, Wash., churches, had an unusual hunting trip this fall.

It started out when Mr. Goethals traveled to eastern Washington with Mr. Ed Leyda, Tacoma member, and Mr. Terry Anderson, assistant pastor. They had made arrangements to meet Mr. Goethals' son Ron, who would arrive later.

When they met at the area, Ron parked his car on a loop road about 150 yards from Mr. Leyda's truck, facing the opposite direction.

It was getting dark after a long day of hunting when they returned to the cars. While Mr. Goethals was loading his gear into Ron's car, he told Mr. Leyda's two sons to go over and tell their father that he would be there in a few minutes to ride home with him.

Ron loaded up the gear, warmed up his car, said good-bye to his dad and drove off.

Mr. Goethals started walking toward Mr. Leyda's truck. He was about 50 yards from the truck when the engine started and the lights came on.

But then the truck started to move. Mr. Goethals started running and yelling, but the truck kept going down the dirt road and out of sight. Each driver had begun the 180-mile trip home, fully assured that Mr. Goethals was riding with the other.

It was 12 miles to the freeway; Mr. Goethals was in hip boots, with no flashlight, no pack and no gun. He started walking.

Finally, after about seven miles, a shortcut and a couple of fences, Mr. Goethals reached the highway. Hitchhiking is illegal on Washington freeways, but, of course, this was an emergency.

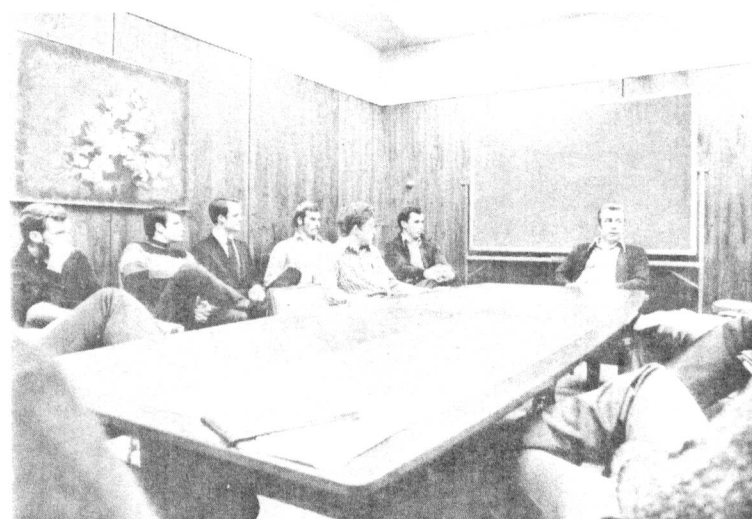
Traffic was light. One car, two cars. Three cars. "Can't they see I'm in trouble?" he thought.

Mr. Goethals was praying while

walking along that one of those cars would stop and give him a ride. But Mr. Goethals said that God knew best, and he would walk home the entire 180 miles if he had to.

Finally, after 15 or 16 cars went by, one of them stopped. The man said, "I don't know why I stopped for you; I never stop for anybody."

But Mr. Goethals found out why this particular car had stopped for him. This man's destination was within three miles of Mr. Goethals' home.



POTENTIAL LABORERS — On his recent trip to Big Sandy en route to Europe (see "Grapevine," page 2) Mr. Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, dropped in on his former home, Ambassador College, Big Sandy. While on the Texas campus he had a meeting with several of the senior men interested in working in the International Division, particularly in Canada, and answered their questions and described the opportunities available. The Canadian Work alone hopes to hire approximately 20 men from all three Ambassador College campuses upon graduation next June. Mr. McCullough's meetings stirred a lot of enthusiasm among the seniors here. (Photo by Ken Treybig)

Local church news wrap-up

Big Sandy Bash

BIG SANDY — Several hundred families from the A.M. church here enjoyed a full evening of dancing, recreation and conversation Wednesday, Dec. 12. Meeting outside college facilities, a new experience for Big Sandy, the winter family social was enjoyed at the newly remodeled skating rink now called Family World.

Mr. Bob Jenness, pastor of Big Sandy A.M., said he was "very well pleased with the overall results of the evening, especially the warm family atmosphere."

Arrangements for the family social were coordinated by our local insurance agent, Bill Kelley. The music and band were headed by Walt Dep-tula, and Donald Yale called the square dancing.

Most of the evening was spent in semiformal dancing under decorations provided by a dozen A.M. church women under the supervision of Mrs. John Martin.

Food and refreshments were provided by the Dave Leonard family, and Chesley Tipton arranged for the 20 women to bake and decorate cakes to auction and pay for the refreshments.

The small kids enjoyed games and recreation supervised by Mr. Jan Wade.

In addition to dancing, young and old enjoyed pool, cards and other games during the evening.

The very successful winter family social was concluded at 11 p.m. Before the cleanup was completed, plans were already suggested for another, similar social for Big Sandy A.M. *Loren Weinbrenner.*

Ladies of Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Homemakers' Club? You say it can't be done without turning into a social phenomenon of gossipy old women and stiff ladies' teas?

Well, the women of the Pittsburgh church are disproving this theory and developing an educational domestic program which they can participate in.

It took a complete summer of planning, misplanning and organizing to get the club off the ground.

Finally, in November, they started with a very successful tour and lecture on interior design and home furnishings in one of Pittsburgh's largest furniture stores.

The club meets once a month at three or four different locations around Pittsburgh. Each group of 25 to 30 meets at the hall closest to it. An executive committee organizes and keeps record of a monthly time schedule.

Every month various members

demonstrate a craft or hobby they are proficient in, with the club actively participating.

Outside professional speakers on nutrition, first aid, powder-puff mechanics and furniture finishing are scheduled for this year.

There are nearly 130 homemakers and their daughters involved in the club. With this many actively spawning ideas, there shouldn't be trouble maintaining a worthwhile program.

We hope our frontier program will be effective and give an opportunity to share and broaden our domestic skills. *Linda Sue Stevenson.*

Ipswich vs. Utrecht

UDEN, Netherlands — Minehead, England, was the scene of an international soccer match during the recent Fall Festival. The teams of Ipswich, England, and Utrecht, Netherlands, met for an extremely exciting duel.

At 3:30 on a brisk and invigorating Tuesday afternoon, the Utrecht team kicked off. This signaled the start of an action-packed one-hour game.

Both the teams fought hard, and though neither team had had a chance to train for this match, it was a captivating game with many good passes.

As the first half progressed, pressure mounted on the Ipswich goal. The inevitable happened. Some fast action on the part of Richard Steinfert, Utrecht left wing, brought the score to 1-0. Was it finally going to happen? Would Utrecht go home victorious for the first time in five years?

Ipswich countered. A fast break of three of the Ipswich 11 threatened to tie the score. The Utrecht goalie, in a magnificent solo action which took him far from his goal, saved the day for the Dutch. Then, just before time-out, Utrecht center Paul Ursem curved the ball behind the Ipswich goal, bringing the score to 2-0.

The Ipswich team countered relentlessly during the second half of the game. Utrecht was visibly tiring. The spectators wondered if Utrecht would be able to continue to beat off the attacks. After several Ipswich near misses, relief was great when the whistle sounded the end of a thrilling game characterized by excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. *John Ursem.*

S.A.A.C. Activities

BRICKET WOOD — For members of the Bricket Wood Social and Activities Club (S.A.A.C.), healthful outdoor activities have been beneficial in many ways.

This refers to spelunking, rock climbing, walking, nature study and similar ventures, though S.A.A.C.

does, of course, organize various other sports.

The opportunity to build character in the form of harmony, team spirit and persistence is very evident on difficult rock climbs or when spelunking. Bodily health and stamina are also improved.

Two recent trips were to the Strid Woods Nature Trail in Yorkshire and later to Snowdonia in North Wales.

It was inspiring to share experiences with people of like mind.

We hope that people in scattered parts of the United Kingdom will be able to join us more in the future. *Tony Johnson.*

A Day at Teton Marsh

MOUNT POCONO, Pa. — Dec. 8 the Mount Pocono church sponsored a movie social in the Festival Administration Building.

Approximately 135 people came

to see *A Day at Teton Marsh*, by Walt Disney, and *Viva Max*, the main feature.

The teenagers supplied pizza, hot dogs and other snacks for supper and intermission. *John Havir.*

Chorale and Band Concert

PASADENA — The Ambassador College Chorale, Band and Woodwind Ensemble gave their first winter concert in several years Sunday night, Dec. 9, in the college gymnasium.

The chorale sang a varied program of light music from all over the world, including four early-American pieces, a German song and a Japanese song.

The woodwind ensemble played the overture to *The Shepherd King*, by Mozart, and the finale from Schubert's *Symphony No. 5*.

The program ended with the band playing the "Festive Overture" of Shostakovich. *David McKee.*

LOST AND FOUND

BY VIVIAN PETTY-JOHN

Lost in the sentences below are the names of persons found in the Bible. Can you find them? Underline each name as you find it and watch for two sentences which have two names in each one. (Example: IS YOUR PET ERRATIC?)

1. A GOOD, AVID READER CAN LEARN QUICKLY. *David*
2. IT IS A MOST CURIOUS SITUATION. *Annus*
3. SHE RODE A BLUE BICYCLE TO TOWN. *Harold*
4. IS THAT A REAL UKELELE? *Luke*
5. THE SEAT WAS ON A HUMP OF THE CAMEL'S BACK.
6. HIS WAS A CASE THAT SHOCKED THE JUDGE.
7. WILL YOU PLEASE SING A SOLO MONDAY NIGHT? *Isaiah*
8. THAT BOY OFTEN ACTS LIKE A BELLIGERENT MULE.
9. THE INTERIOR DECORATOR WILL REDO MY LIVING ROOM. *John Brown*
10. I LIKE JAM, ESPECIALLY PLUM. *James*
11. CABLE A HOT MESSAGE: "HELP!" *Leah*
12. PLEASE HAND ME A DAMP SPONGE.
13. HIS RIGHT BICEP HAS DEVELOPED FAST.
14. THE SHIP MODEL IS HALF FINISHED. *Joab*
15. HE HAD A BANJO ABOUT TWO FEET LONG.
16. WHAT A LOVELY DIAMOND!
17. THE COIN AT HAND IS A QUARTER.
18. THE HUNGRY PUPIL ATE HIS LUNCH EARLY.
19. THE JOURNEY'S END IS BUT ONE STEP HENCE.
20. AN OLD, GRAY TARPULIN COVERED THE WAGON.
21. EATING IS A HABIT I LIKE.
22. CLASS, TAKE THE NEXT SENTENCE AND REWRITE, PLEASE.
23. IS THE SOUND OF A BOA "Z-Z-Z"?
24. PLEASE HAND AN ERASER TO ME.
25. THE BLACK, HANDMADE MASK LOOKED SCARY.
26. AN OLD RUG LIES THERE FOR YOU TO USE.
27. HE FELT PATHOS EACH EVENING.
28. IF YOU NEED A MONEY LOAN, CALL A BANK.
29. IN PAINTINGS OF BIBLE PEOPLE A HALO IS NOT SCRIPTURAL.
30. THE ICE AGE WAS A FRIGID EON OF TIME IN HISTORY.
31. BE CAREFUL OR YOU'LL MAR THAT WALL!
32. YOU SHOULD CARRY A WATER THERMOS, ESPECIALLY WHEN CROSSING THE DESERT.
33. HE HAD A ROOM RIGHT NEXT TO MINE.
34. WAS THAT AN INDIAN GURU THAT SPOKE TO US?
35. AT HIS REQUEST SHE MADE WHOLE-WHEAT BREAD.
36. IT WAS AN OLD VOLCANO, A HUNDRED FEET DEEP.
37. SHE BALKED AT THE PRESCRIBED DIET.
38. AS I MONKEY AROUND AT SCHOOL I GET IN TROUBLE.
39. WHEN STUDYING BECOMES A HABIT IT USUALLY BECOMES EASIER TO DO.
40. HE IS A SIMPLE VICTIM OF AMNESIA.

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Comedy writer sends thanks

PASADENA — Bob Orben, a comedy writer who has written for such personalities as Red Skelton, Jack Paar, Dick Gregory and numerous political figures, gave assemblies to the student bodies at Big Sandy and Pasadena in mid-November of this year.

After his visit he wrote to Joe Bauer, assembly coordinator for Ambassador College, and expressed feelings typical of most who see Ambassador College. In his letter he said:

"As I was sitting on the plane, returning from my visit to Ambassador College at Pasadena, I was reflecting on how many memorable days we spend in a lifetime.

"If you really look back on the past, it all seems to blur except for a few highlights. And, Joe, the students and the faculty of Ambassador College, both in California and Texas, have really provided me with such a highlight.

"My visit to your two campuses last week will certainly stand out as two of the most fascinating days I have spent in a lifetime of travel and show-business experience.

"I have been so enthused about Ambassador as a result of this visit that I have already spoken about it in glowing terms on more than one talk show. I think an organization that lives its ideals should be talked about."

False packaging marches to mart

"Oh?"
By Thelma Evelyn Jones

She put on her lashes
Then painted her eyes,
Padded her bra
Her form to disguise.

Tinted her hair
To look young, I presume,
Squeezed in her girdle,
Then sprayed on perfume.

Added some lipstick,
And a highlight of rouge,
Chose the right dress
So she wouldn't look huge.

She has a mission;
Now she's ready to start
To march on false packaging
Down at the mart.

'Watch yourself,' Rudolph warned

"Christmas Spirits"
By Vada M. Pendergrass

Rudolph won't be the only one
With a red nose Christmas night!
And the falling snow and mistle-toe
Won't be the only sight.
The rat-tat-tat
Of the play war toys
The fights and spat
Of the girls and boys
The forlorn look of the Christmas tree
After it's stripped by the family:
These are some of the sights you'll see.

The spirit of Christmas
That comes from a bottle,
The farewell ride
Behind the throttle,
The blood-smear streets
In the pale moonlight,
You'll see them all
On Christmas night,
So careful, Rudolph,
Watch what you do.
The blood on the highway
Could belong to you.



SPIRITS RUN HIGH IN DETROIT EAST SPOKESMAN'S CLUB — Attendance and enthusiasm were at an all-time high in this meeting of the Detroit East Spokesman's Club Dec. 10 at the National Brewery. The club's tour through the plant was conducted by Mike Pellar, a deacon, who works as a stationary engineer at the brewery. According to a Detroit club member, the good attendance at this club-sponsored activity was due to the enthusiasm all the members have for the club this year, not the free samples passed out during the tour. (Photo by Rondal C. Mullins)



SIGN CONSTRUCTION — Darrell Ridgeway talks recently about the business he built on Biblical principles. Below: He contemplates jobs he will tackle the next day, bending plastic material for sign letters. (Photos by Jerry Gentry)

Dramatic turnaround

Member tells how tithing pays

By Jerry Gentry

ELBERTON, Ga. — This story is about Darrell Ridgeway, who less than 10 years ago was a \$55-per-week layout man for an Elberton granite company.

Today he operates his own successful sign-construction business, which employs five other men and will net about \$20,000 this year.

What caused such a dramatic turnaround in Ridgeway's financial state-

ment?

If you talk with him very long about business matters, you'll go away with a pile of evidence that tithing plays a big part, notwithstanding the fact that many businessmen would laugh at the very suggestion.

Ridgeway thinks giving 10 percent (plus offerings) to the Worldwide Church of God has played a big part in the growth of his business, though it is certainly no substitute for hard work, careful planning and common sense in business matters.

Telling the World

Ridgeway, a college dropout ("I couldn't hack English in school," he says in a friendly Georgia drawl), has built a successful sign business where there was only an idea less than 10 years ago.

Today he operates his business out of his home basement shop. His motto: "Tell the world with signs."

He makes no foolish claims about the road to success.

"It's been discouraging, even depressing, at times," he says. "But often the depressing and even bizarre circumstances turn out to help the business grow bigger."

For example, he needed badly another dependable man with sign-shop experience who could sell and who could supervise other men's work.

He found the man: James Noland. But a year passed before circumstances were right for Noland to join the Ridgeway company.

In another instance, another employee, Ted Osborne, was suffering a series of personal setbacks and health problems when he came to work for Ridgeway on a temporary basis at first. By a doctor's pronouncement, he was on total disability.

But today he's happily working full time for Ridgeway in a very rewarding job.

At another time, Ridgeway

came to us that I never dreamed of. I've met presidents of big corporations, even high government officials, as a result of this business."

Consider for a moment. If all tithing did were to lop off a 10th of a person's hard-earned income, it would be a foolish investment indeed.

Actually, the principle of tithing might be called a *perspective builder*. It is a law for personal financial success. It humbles the mind and helps built respect for God and man. It reduces greed by pointing the mind to God, the ultimate Owner and Giver of wealth.

Once God is recognized as Giver of everything, a person can claim the many promises of God.

Tithing encourages respect for other men's right of ownership too. Giving a 10th in recognition of God makes a person less likely to pull off a shady business deal to make a fast buck, accept a bribe or purposely deal unfairly with another person. And everybody respects an honest dealer.

Tithing is a lot more than just a nice thing to do only if you are religious. It is a law for personal financial success.

"I consider God the President of this corporation," says Ridgeway. "I talk to Him just like I'm talking to you. I've struggled with some problems for four or five years before I saw even a glimmer of hope. It hasn't been a bed of roses, but when the chips are down, when the business really needs help, the help is always available."

Tiger by the Tail

"I've got a tiger by the tail and don't know what to do with it," Ridgeway ponders. "Business has



Doors of communication opening for Alaska brethren

By Mike Pickett

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska appears to most people to be a world away from everyone and everything else.

When it comes to news of the Work, Alaska does indeed seem isolated. The events this fall, however, show how the doors of communication are opening for the Alaskan brethren.

In September Mr. Burk McNair, then the regional director for the Northwest and Alaska, arrived with a discussion of the Work.

As the Feast season arrived, the number of visitors increased. The then Festival director in charge of the Alaskan Feast, Mr. Art Mokarow, visiting from headquarters, poured out a wealth of information for the local brethren.

Those in Alaska for the Feast also had the opportunity to hear Mr. Willis Bicket and Dr. Stig Erlander, both from Pasadena. Altogether we received information varying from the latest happenings in the Work to dietary information.

After the Feast Mr. William Gordon, the local pastor, made a whirlwind trip to Pasadena and returned with a firsthand description of the Auditorium, as well as actual pieces of the marble materials being used in construction and a vast amount of information on the Work.

Two weeks later the director of the International Division, Mr. Leslie McCullough, arrived to hunt moose and shared with us a vast amount of information on the worldwide Work and how to obtain knowledge and wisdom.

Less than a week later, the contrail of Mr. McCullough's departing jet barely dissipated, Mr. McNair was back again, sharing his thoughts on the world situation and how it applies to Bible prophecy.

Alaskans will obviously be kept up to date with world news and happen-

ings in the Work with this kind of steady input from visitors and travelers. In fact, if things accelerate at this pace, we should be having visitors daily in three weeks — we hope!

Myth and truth quite different, poem explains

By Wanda Wilson

Have you ever wondered what harm you've done
By your tale of Santa Claus to a little one?

For the comparison between a mythical man in a red suit,
And the truth of Christ's birth is quite acute.

The one is a lie that o'er shadows the other,
And just what does it do to a little brother . . .

Who is just beginning his formative years
And is told a falsehood by all of his peers?

One that may later cause him to wonder
If Christ being born isn't just a blunder.

Of course it isn't, but during your life
Have you been one of the ones who are causing this strife?

For the Bible is true, yes, every little bit,
But Satan is a liar and the father of it.

If you don't believe this, and there is a lot more,
Just turn to and read John eight forty-four.



Former weight-lifting champion tells how he came to Ambassador College

By Rex I. Sexton

BIG SANDY — "It was early in 1969 when myself and four other members of the University of Alaska weight-lifting team journeyed to Anchorage to compete in the Mr. Alaska contest," recounted Perry Hoag, a 26-year-old student in his first year at Ambassador College here.

Hoag won that contest, and the story of that and how he came to Ambassador is certainly unique.

When Perry Hoag was young, his father was an officer in the armed forces. They lived in various parts of the country but ended up in Alaska when Hoag was 11 years old.

"The major event of my high-school years occurred when my se-

as Alaska's No. 1 power lifter and captured the title of Mr. Alaska.

Hoag explained how the contest was conducted:

"A Mr. Anybody contest entails shaving one's body of all superficial body hair, smearing said body with baby oil, and performing various muscular poses to a mixed audience — I won't say mixture of what — while adorned in a scant pair of mini-trunks. Embarrassment does not satisfactorily express the feelings I underwent in this bizarre spectacle."

He also explained that "the lifting and the resultant glory — a nine-inch pot-metal trophy — were once very much a part of my life, but now I think of them as part of the past."

only one isolated incident, was indicative of the hypocrisy, which, in the vernacular of the day, began to turn me off.

"On studying international relations and history," Hoag continued, "I became aware that the denizens of this planet were on a one-way trip to oblivion. Being an evolutionist atheist-existentialist did not put my mind to rest. I believed there was no higher being than man, and that he was an accident."

Soon Hoag began to get involved in Eastern religions and practiced "concentration and meditation." He remembers this now as the most unhappy period of his life.

"I suffered periods of depression and despondency to the point that I wondered what use there was in living," remembered Hoag. "The one positive thing which came out of all this was the impetus which brought me into God's true Church: Through the study of parapsychology and meditation, it became obvious to me that there was a spiritual world."

Missing Pieces

Hoag remembered how he first came into contact with the Church:

"One day I had this feeling that I should go and see one of my old friends. We hadn't kept in touch, but I felt that I had to see him. As I entered his room he was studying a Bible. As we walked I began to question him, but his answers were not like those I had heard in the past. I was surprised and became engrossed in what he had to say."

Then things started making sense to Hoag, who had been looking for answers for three years.

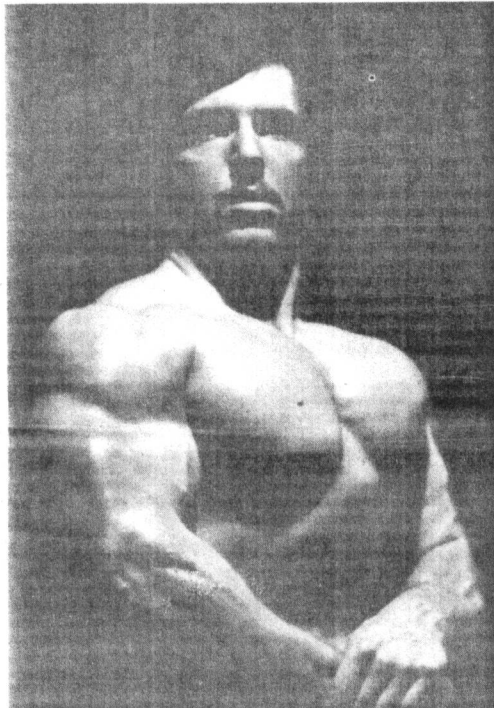
"It was as if the missing pieces of a puzzle had been handed me," Hoag remembered. "In the following weeks I spent many sessions with Jim and read voraciously all the literature he gave me."

It was only six weeks later that Hoag became a baptized member of the Worldwide Church of God.

"That was one year and four months ago," Hoag added, "the best 16 months of my life."



PERRY HOAG — Big Sandy student Perry Hoag tells the story of how he won the Mr. Alaska competition and subsequently how he became interested in Ambassador College. See story at left. [Photo by Pete Leschak]



MR. ALASKA — This is Perry Hoag as he appeared in 1969 in the Mr. Alaska competition. At that time, Hoag was attending the University of Alaska. He is now a freshman at Ambassador College, Big Sandy.

nior class elected me class wit," stated Hoag. "Actually, I have to clarify that. There were two of us who tied for this honor, so we were deemed the class half-wits."

Hoag graduated from high school in 1965, when the Vietnam War was going strong. He recalled his draft situation:

"Uncle Sam was in need of strong young patriots. Love for self being stronger than love for country, I decided to go to college."

Hoag entered the University of Alaska that fall, and on the advice of a friend began to lift weights.

Herculean Proportions

"At first it was merely to keep in shape," Hoag remembered, "but finding that my body type was conducive to weight training, I became obsessed with the idea of building my body to, as the magazines say, herculean proportions."

After he had progressed to the point of having to walk through doors sideways, he decided it was time to enter active competition.

The contest he entered was the Mr. Alaska and Power Lifting Championship Contest, which was open to anyone living in Alaska.

When it was over, Hoag emerged

At the University of Alaska Hoag earned a bachelor's degree in political science and also received his teaching credentials.

During his later years of college Hoag became somewhat of a political activist. He worked actively on several political campaigns, but, as he put it, "all the candidates that I supported were soundly thrashed at the polls."

From that point forward, the life of Perry Hoag began to change. He told his story this way:

"I came increasingly to feel a sense of inefficiency. I saw within this country some very real problems. At first I felt that we could change the world. I became active in moratoriums and peace marches, which were quite fashionable in 1969."

Spreading Love, Understanding

Hoag went on: "I recall one particular occasion. After I had given a rousing speech at a rally in Fairbanks we proceeded to march downtown and spread love and understanding amongst the brethren of the world. As we approached, a man, intoxicated to the nth degree, staggered into the crowd admonishing us to 'go out and get a job.' This, though

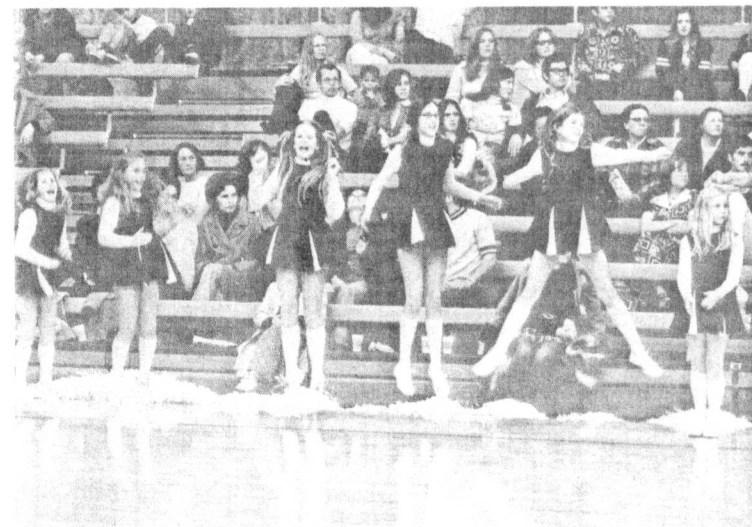
Safety rules given in poem

BIG SANDY — The following poem was submitted by Dr. Allen Stout of the Agriculture Department here, who said the name of the poet was unavailable.

"Ten Little Hunters"
 Ten little hunters, feeling fit and fine . . .
 One forgot his safety catch, and then there were nine.
 Nine little hunters, flirting with their fate . . .
 One started clowning and then there were eight.
 Eight little hunters, in a shooter's heaven . . .
 One was "triggered" by a fence, and then there were seven.
 Seven little hunters, wise to feathered tricks . . .
 One used a faulty gun, and then there were six.
 Six little hunters, glad to be

alive . . .
 One looked down a gun barrel and then there were five.
 Five little hunters, mighty skilled in woodland lore . . .
 One took to drinking, and then there were four.
 Four little hunters, feeling mighty free . . .
 One had an "empty" gun, and then there were three.
 Three little hunters, tramping through the dew . . .
 One shot a "shadow," and then there were two.
 Two little hunters, shooting on the run . . .
 One tripped on a rock, and then there was one.
 But one little hunter is still alive to tell . . .
 That following sound safety rules, Guards a hunter well!

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THEIR FRIENDS — They may not look like the average cheerleader, but they sure make as much noise. They are the Big Sandy faculty cheerleaders, and they give their best every time the faculty basketball team plays. Until last year the faculty team was cheered on by one of the Ambassador College class cheering squads. Now one of the college's coeds regularly gets together with the girls during the week to practice different cheers and dance routines for upcoming games. Many of the routines are the girls' own original ideas. Several of the girls have fathers who play on the faculty team, and all of them are students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades at Imperial Schools. From left to right are Kara Kelly, Cindy Black, Rebecca Nelson, Ronda Kelly, Eileen Dennis and Donna Ward. Not pictured is Donna Schmidt. [Photo by Ken Treybig]





PHILIPPINE YOUTH GROUPS — After a program entitled "Barnshow Bonanza," members of the Philippine youth groups get together for a picture. See article at right. [Photo by Simeon Gonzales]

HI-LITES

FROM IMPERIAL SCHOOLS AND TEEN-AGERS AROUND THE WORLD

After much head scratching

St. Louis church offers programs to suit about 200 area youths

By Virgil Petcu

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — What do you do with boys and girls in the Church ages 9 to 12 who are reluctant to join the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts in their neighborhoods because they would not be able to participate in all of the activities?

Mr. Bob Bertuzzi, pastor of the North and East churches here, pushed and prodded for some kind of a program to suit the needs of the boys and girls in the Church in this age bracket.

After much head scratching and consulting, the Youth Club was started in November, 1972. It's like having Cub Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts all in one group.

"Impossible," said a few. "Won't work," said the Boy Scouts of America.

But it does work, and works very well.

Over 150 children enrolled originally, and eight groups, or patrols,

Girl falls head over heels for boy friend

VENTURA, Calif. (UPI) — With their exciting marriage proposal behind them, Stephen and Kimberly's wedding ought to be a piece of cake.

Stephen Lester, 23, was riding around the city recently with his fiancée, Kimberly Sauerman, 19, when he got the irresistible urge to propose to her.

But fate called first for a falling out.

As he proposed, Lester said later, Miss Sauerman leaned against the passenger door of his pickup truck and turned to face him. But the door suddenly gave way, and the bewildered girl just fell out.

Suffering minor cuts and bruises, she was treated at the county hospital.

The story ended happily. Kimberly said yes.

were formed.

Eight instructors and assistants were chosen — most Spokesman's Club graduates.

The meetings are held every other week, alternating Tuesdays with Bible-study night.

The St. Louis South church, pastored by Mr. Tom Fish, also started a Youth Club this year along the same lines. Overall, there are approximately 200 children involved in the St. Louis area.

The meeting program is outlined for the instructors by the 39-year-old Youth Club director, Mr. Ralph Finn, following the format as it was started last year. The two-hour meeting is broken up into timed segments consisting of fun time, handicrafts and a quiet time at the end for an inspirational-type story or instruction.

Four Basic Concepts

The Youth Club was started with four basic concepts in mind:

- To build love between the children and the Church.
- To teach skills.
- To do handicraft work.
- To have fun.

Mr. Bertuzzi believes we are accomplishing the four goals and at the same time providing great opportunities for Spokesman's Club graduates and all the other adults who work with the young people to practice what they have been taught and to serve others.

In the past year these were two outings to a tree farm in the Ozark Mountains in Missouri, where archery, riflery, camping, nature lore, cooking and trailblazing were taught.

Did the kids enjoy it? Let one eight-year-old express himself.

"Let's do this every Sunday, Mr. Finn!"

Ideas for the meetings are gleaned from the literature printed by the Boy Scouts of America and library books on handicrafts and nature lore.

These ideas are worked up into an outline for the instructors. Materials needed for the projects are acquired by Mr. Finn.

These materials, along with the outline, are then given to the instructors on Bible-study night. They in turn look over the outline and material for the meeting to be held the following week.

The cost of the program is covered by dues, skating parties and the church "social fund." Discounts on quantity items from local handicraft shops also help to keep the cost down.

Also, some of the project materials are pre-cut or preformed in a limited way by Mr. Finn.

Club Insignia

The Youth Club even has an insignia for members' jackets, shirts or hats that was designed by a member in the South church, Mrs. Eleanor Hudgins.

The entire program of youth education in the Youth Club is a very challenging and rewarding one, and all of the instructors, and especially the children, think it's all worthwhile.



CLUB INSIGNIA — St. Louis youths who belong to the Youth Club wear this insignia, designed by a member of St. Louis South. What the initials "YEP" stand for had not been confirmed at press time.

Young Adults' Group

Program in early stages is showing good results

By Bienvenido Macaraeg Jr.

MANILA, Philippines — Back in 1968, just a few years after the Manila church was established, Mr. Arthur W. Docken assigned Mr. Jeremiah Ortiguero the task of organizing a club for the young people, to provide them the opportunity to get-together and fellowship with one another God's way.

Consequently, the Single People's Group, composed of singles 18 and above, was formed.

For some years the group energetically provided the members with invigorating and exciting activities like hikes, cookouts, outdoor or indoor games, parties, picnics and the like.

(In 1970, however, it was decided that this club should be renamed the Young Adults' Group, and it began to include not only the young ones but also the once young — and the married ones.)

Then, in 1969, Mr. Docken began to feel the need of attending to the growing number of preteen boys in the church. He asked one member, who has had extensive training and experience in scouting, to organize a club for the boys.

As a result, the Ambassador Boys' Club was founded. It was patterned after the Boy Scouts but with some minor revisions to adapt it to the beliefs and practices of the Church.

About 18 boys 8 to 11 formed the original core of the club. There could have been many more, but many of the boys lived too far away.

And as you would expect, the boys greatly valued being in the club. They met on Sundays for games and to learn some scouting skills. Or they went for hikes or learned to cook their meals out in the open without the aid of any cooking utensils.

But some soon outgrew the club, and it was realized that the teens in the 13-to-17 bracket were being left unattended. So now and then this particular age group was also provided with organized social activities.

Present Activities

Today, aside from the Boys' Club, a Girls' Club has also been organized, for the girls below teenage, in which the girls are taught simple lessons in basic home economics, handicrafts, etc.

Meanwhile, the boys also play basketball, having been inspired by the basketball tournaments among the youths in the church. Sometimes they, along with the girls, visit parks and resort areas or learn swimming.

But because of the absence of con-

venient and available facilities, it was decided to make them "uncommitted" members of the Red Triangle of the local YMCA so they would have the opportunity to use the Y's facilities.

Painting Contest

It was also observed that some of the children displayed artistic talents. So to help encourage them, a children's painting contest was launched. Valuable prizes, which were appealing and useful to the children, were awarded to the winners.

The result of the contest was very interesting and amusing. Some of the entries surprised us, considering their limited skills and young ages. Others were quite funny.

One child thought he had painted a live chicken, but the finished art looked more like a fried one ready to be eaten.

Financial Problem

Adequate funds to finance the club's activities were frequently a problem. For many years the boys depended on very meager funds which came from their own pockets.

Of course, the church provided the finances for some of their specific needs now and then.

But recently a big boon came their way that guaranteed regular, adequate funds for both the Boys' and Girls' clubs. Mr. Colin Adair, present pastor and director of the Work here, gave both clubs a regular share of the proceeds from the sale of used postage stamps from the office.

When the boys heard of this, they were so delighted that they felt they should do their part even more. So immediately they all went out on a spur-of-the-moment fund-raising campaign of their own.

Going all over the neighborhood, they collected all the empty bottles and newspapers they could find.

Their sale that day came to an amount that exceeded by far all their personal contributions for many months.

Long-Range Plans

On the drafting board now and about to be implemented are long-range, comprehensive, well-studied and purposeful plans for balanced, well-coordinated, closely supervised and effective social activities for the youths of all age levels, as well as for all the church members of all ages.

Mr. Adair has appointed Mr. Pike Mirto to handle all the social and entertainment activities of the church year-round. As such, Mr. Mirto has in turn carefully thought out the objectives, laid out general plans and assigned the corresponding varied responsibilities to qualified individuals.

So far, even in its early stages, it is beginning to show encouraging results.

Now you know

TOKYO, Japan (UPI) — About 200 kimono-clad young Japanese women visited a Shinto shrine in Tokyo's Shibuya district to honor the needle.

They were observing Harikuyo, a custom dating back hundreds of years in which Japanese women express their gratitude to the needle for its hard work during the past year.

While white-robed Shinto priests prayed, women silently stuck thousands of used needles, one by one, into a huge piece of bean curd on a platter to give the tiny sewing tools a soft place to rest after their year's toil.

South African S.E.P. becomes reality

John Bartholomew is a South African 1973 graduate from Brickell Wood. He is now a ministerial trainee in Johannesburg and is responsible for the young people's activities.

By John F. Bartholomew
 JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Most of you would be surprised to hear of a December Summer Educational Program (S.E.P.). But to us who live south of the equator it couldn't be better.

Yes, S.E.P. has become a reality

in South Africa for the first time. Plans have been finalized to have a two-week Summer Educational Program here Dec. 16 to 28.

The manner in which God blazed the trail and led us to the location for His S.E.P. is a thrilling and exciting story.

When Mr. Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division of the Work, gave the go-ahead for our program in August, it appeared to us that the obvious locality for holding

the camp was in the vicinity of George, where we keep the Feast. We are well acquainted with the people, and the environment is ideal for outdoor activities.

However, when it came to planning the budget and other details, we realized that there were several disadvantages. Most of our members live near Johannesburg and Durban, about 1,000 miles north of George, which would have meant high transportation costs for the majority of

them.

Also, the camping facilities available to us required the purchase or hire and moving of costly equipment, and the site would have been within a holiday camp of 1,200 Christmas campers.

An alternate site had to be found, and the most convenient spot appeared to be somewhere between Johannesburg and Durban.

But in this country the inland waters are mostly contaminated with bilharzia, a parasitic disease. Investigation showed that the recently constructed Midmar Dam at Howick, about 70 miles north of Durban, had been developed as a holiday resort area and is bilharzia-free. This is due to careful treatment and management of the watershed area.

We had contemplated the idea of hiring a school boardinghouse with all its facilities, especially a fully equipped kitchen. As things turned out, Cedara Agricultural College is seven miles from the dam, and my brother Peter is a member of its faculty.

I phoned him, explained our plans and asked him to set up a meeting with the board of directors to negotiate the hire of their boarding facilities.

Hope and Anticipation

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, Bryan Mathie, our business manager, and I left Johannesburg at sunrise to reconnoiter the Midmar area.

On arrival at Cedara, Peter informed us that the hire of the college facilities was totally out of the question. The hope and anticipation that Bryan and I had built up over the 310-mile journey suddenly waned.

But Peter then mentioned that there was a "land service camp" situated on the college farm property and that he had arranged a meeting with the camp secretary for us.

Land service camp? All sorts of ideas went through my mind. What could it possibly be? Some sort of clearing in the bush, maybe an old cowshed or stables?

Five minutes later we drove onto the grounds of the camp. We were almost beside ourselves with excitement. Here was a camp that was designed for our needs — and more. It can accommodate about 400 children and is located on the side of a hill near a pine plantation.

There are separate accommodations for boys and girls, a total of 64 small huts, each with seven bunks.

Furthermore, each area has its own adequate bathhouse, divided by the staff's quarters, a fully equipped camp kitchen, a dining hall and a large meeting hall for film shows, lectures and indoor games.

All this at the price of 20 cents per person per day.

To top it off, the camp caretaker is

a *Plain Truth* subscriber and is also taking the *Correspondence Course*. He was overjoyed to hear that we were from Ambassador College and said that he would do everything in his power to assist us.

A meeting with the camp secretary revealed that the camp was available for the exact period that we need it. He was also in favor of our hiring it, even though he had never heard of our organization or program before.

Things were looking good and we drove off to Midmar Dam, eager to discuss the use of the dam for our intended water sports with officials of the Natal Parks Board.

Once again our hopes were shattered. The best the regulations would allow us to do as far as canoeing was concerned was to canoe along a three-mile stretch of water right in front of all the campers, swimmers and fishermen. We had to gain the favor of the authorities if we wanted our canoeing program to be more interesting, exciting and challenging.

Permission Granted

It so happens that the husband of one of our members, Mr. Robin Maguire, occupies a prominent position as a research officer for the Parks Board. We explained the situation to him and he said he would investigate the matter and report back to us later.

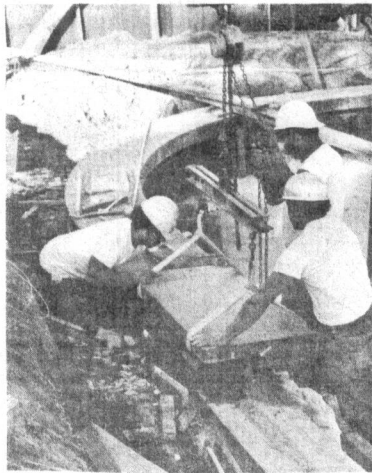
You probably guessed it: We were shown favor far above our highest expectations. Permission was granted for us to use the Park Board's private jetty, which is across the dam from the side developed as a resort area. From the jetty we can canoe along the perimeter of their game reserve (which is stocked with white rhino, several varieties of antelope and thousands of waterfowl), spend the night at a campsite and canoe back along the same route the next day.

This course entails a 20-mile round trip, which each of our seven groups will have the opportunity of taking. At this stage Bryan Mathie and I felt certain that we knew where God wanted His South African S.E.P. to be.

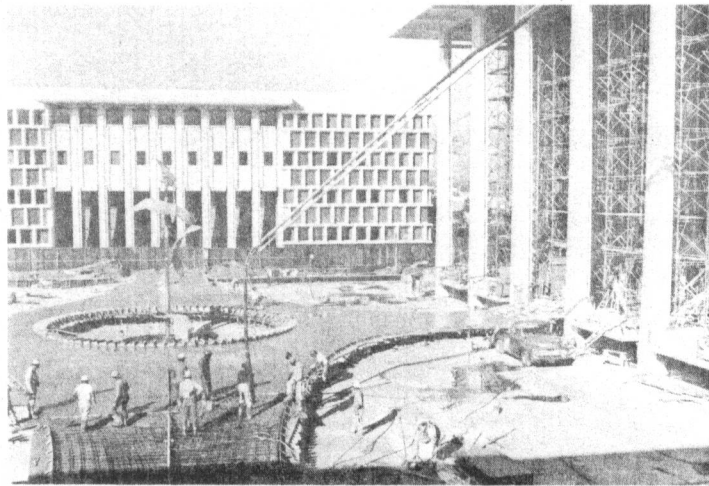
An added attraction is the 365-foot Howick Waterfall, which is two miles downstream from Midmar. Just below the falls is a 2,000-acre private game ranch with 1,000 head of antelope.

We have hired the ranch for three full days at a very reasonable fee, about \$2 per person. The ranch's game rangers will take groups of about 10 along the trails through the bush and explain in detail the habits of the animals and wildlife.

Many of the residents and the authorities in the area are showing us great favor and really going out of their way to help us. Our decision to hold the first S.E.P. at the Cedara Land Service Camp was not a difficult one; it was made for us.



AUDITORIUM PROGRESS — The construction on the Auditorium in Pasadena with the pool surrounding the building nears completion. These photos show, above, the laying of the black ceramic tiles on the bottom of the pool; granite blocks, left, being carefully maneuvered into position to form the upper edge of the pool; and, below, a cement truck (out of the picture) reaching its rubber-snake-like appendage over obstructions to deliver cement to the pathway which is set above the reflecting pool. [Photos by Ken Evans]



Essays tell how children would treat their kids

By Dave Havir

PASADENA — Some of the students of Imperial Schools were asked recently by their principal, Mr. George Geis, to write an essay on how they planned to treat their children differently from the way their parents treated them. Here are what some of the children wrote.

From a boy: "I plan to love them and devote myself to them in every way possible."

"I will never punish them when I am angry. First, I'll cool off . . ."

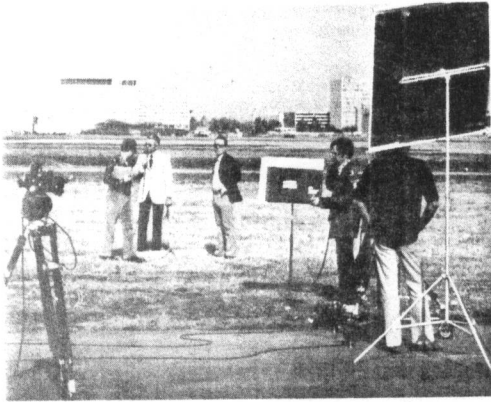
"I will not argue with my mate where the children can hear it. In fact, I won't argue, but discuss in quiet tones the problems that may arise. I also plan to raise my children in a country atmosphere."

From a girl: "I love my mother very much, and the ways of living I plan to carry on to my children. She

seems strict on styles, but at times I am glad she can say no when the skirts get too short. I may ease up a bit on my children, but not much."

From a girl: "Really, I'm learning how to treat my kids from the example my parents set, and I'm not just saying that either . . . They have never (to my knowledge) had an argument. If one disagrees with the other, they wait until we are gone to discuss it. And if they are wrong about something, they always change. I really love them because they are fair and good to me."

From a boy: "Be consistent in correction. You can't let a kid get away with something one time and then smash him for it the next time. Also, let your child get with other kids of his own age so they won't be shy later. Also, be careful not to be too strict and not always nagging."



Videotape

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mediacy of the subject comes through strong, along with the personal sensitivities and problems of the prisoners interviewed and the pathos of a society without just laws or the power or knowledge of how to deal with crime.

Graphic Illustration

Last week's programs graphically illustrate America's need for more energy sources. It's one thing to say it takes X amount of fuel to fly a jet. But it's quite another matter to have that jet's surge of power at takeoff on the runway overwhelm the audio channel with its own statement of fuel needs and consumption.

Something about a ship loading up at a grain elevator in the harbor behind the television crew brings the shipping and commerce problems more forcibly to mind.

The cracking tower with its dwindling supply of crude oil for refinement tells its own story of energy

TV CREW GOES ON LOCATION

— These shots (above, right and below) were taken at Los Angeles International Airport as Mr. Ted Armstrong and the TV crew did several programs on location in Southern California last week on the energy crisis. A rented mobile videotape unit, like the one used to do a series inside a prison early last summer, makes such on-the-spot programs possible.

crisis.

And the crowded marinas replete with pleasure craft of every description underscore America's obsession with escape from the reality of the energy crisis, trade deficit, inflation and cities.

More Effective With Inspiration

Bringing an important message to America and Canada through the tube is much more effective when given the inspiration of actually being there. The TV crew feels the remote-television excursion was a success and hopes you agree when you see the programs on your local station.



Wish all businesses would do same

Ambassador de-lights city officials

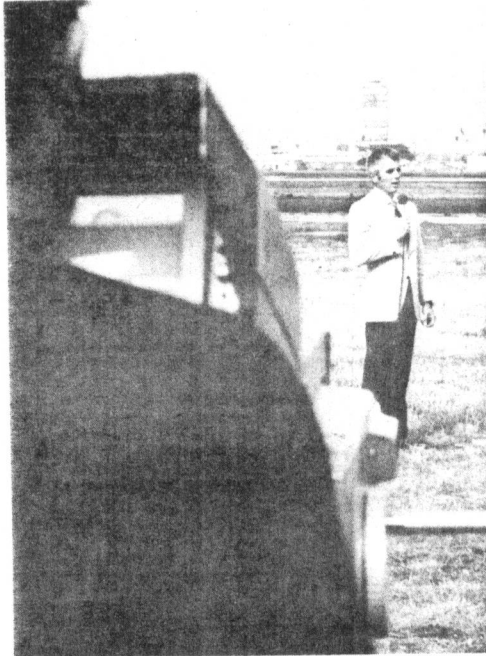
PASADENA — With the energy situation growing more critical each day, the time for voluntary action is nearly over, making way for mandatory measures for the curtailment of energy consumption across the United States.

At the Ambassador College campus here action has been taken several times in recent weeks, prompted by a meeting three months ago which included the top 20 users of electrical power in Pasadena and officials of the Pasadena Water and Power Department.

In that meeting the utility company urged the major users of electricity to implement any feasible programs they could to cut down on their con-

sumption of energy. It was entirely up to those major users to act voluntarily, and as it turns out the most significant action was taken by three of the 20: Ambassador College, Electro-Optical Systems and California Institute of Technology.

Because of the efforts on the part of Ambassador College, many of the college's ideas and programs in the energy-consumption area have been adopted in a proposed ordinance for mandatory energy curtailment which went before the city board of directors Wednesday, Dec. 12. The proposed ordinance won the unanimous approval of the board in that first reading, and if it has unanimous approval — which is expected — at the



a look at... YESTERYEAR

PASADENA, January, 1959 — The highlight of ... [the 25th-anniversary celebration of the broadcast] was the reading, by Mr. Ted Armstrong, of the presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, commemorating 25 years of

broadcasting. The presentation read as follows:

No anniversary would be complete without a gift. But a gift presents a serious problem. Mr. Armstrong has repeatedly said MRS. Armstrong was fully 50 percent of his ministry. She has been with him through much of the actual programming during the last 25 years. No run-of-the-mill gift would do. And so, in selecting an APPROPRIATE gift for the occasion, I found the article I wanted could not possibly be purchased on such short notice, not even at the finest jewelry stores, silversmiths, or trophy makers on the Pacific Coast.

I found it would have to be MADE, by silversmiths in San Francisco. And so I had to decide whether to have a gift to present to Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong TONIGHT, or to sacrifice presenting it tonight in order to have a wonderful memento specially created by master craftsmen as a permanent, lasting memorial of this 1st Sunday of 1959, the 25th Anniversary of THE WORLD TOMORROW Broadcast. [From the Pasadena Portfolio, Jan. 20, 1959.]

PASADENA, January, 1972 — A long-awaited step in Ambassador College's master plan for the Pasadena campus was taken on Friday morning, Jan. 14, 1972, when ground was officially broken by Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong for the new Auditorium.

The ceremony took place at the site of the Auditorium — between the Hall of Administration and the Student Center. Present was an audience of several hundred, including college representatives and regional office personnel from Ambassador's worldwide extension program, as well as Pasadena Mayor Walter L. Benedict; the chairman of the Community Redevelopment Agency, Louis Vincenti; Pasadena Planning Commission chairman, Mrs. Jo Heckman; Mr. Stan Smith, representing Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall (DMJM); and R. Gale Medlicott of the Walter Simpson Construction Co. [From the Pasadena Portfolio, Jan. 25, 1972.]

Pyles

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record for "being the dumbest student Ambassador College ever had because it took me 11 years to get a degree."

He entered college in 1956, but the move to Big Sandy delayed several years of his Ambassador education.

How Did They Do It?

The Pyles have been asked many times how they did it. What qualities of child rearing and family life did they incorporate to have a family such as theirs?

Mr. Pyle admits it is hard to nail down specific things but feels overall that rearing children depends greatly on "taking genuine interest and spending time with them."

Said Mrs. Pyle, "I think as the children got older we explained to them what was right and what was wrong but didn't forbid them to do a lot of things. If they went ahead and did something we advised against, they felt so guilty about it that would be the last time they'd do it. We didn't demand them not to do this or not to do that."

Mr. Pyle added, "As our kids began to come into the age to thoroughly understand right and wrong, we tried to teach them right and wrong or advise them against those things that were wrong, but we did not try to force them into things."

"We did, believe it or not, leave our children an awful lot on their own. I've had the older girls, who had their training basically established before they even heard of the Church, say to me, 'Dad, if you had tried to force us on certain things we would have rebelled.'"

"To get that point over to people is certainly a difficult thing, but it's a philosophy we used and one I think people still have to use. Let's put it this way: Every child we had thoroughly understood that what Dad and Mom said was what we meant. They knew the end result would be a just punishment, but at the same time we tried to be very liberal with them."

Mr. Pyle laughed and said, "I guess based on some of the philosophies and things you hear, our method of child rearing might not fit in certain respects."

Whether it fits or not, you can look at the fruits and see what has been accomplished.

All of Mr. and Mrs. Pyle's children are now married and on their own except one, but still the Pyles feel a responsibility.

Mr. Pyle concluded, "Even when they get out our job is not finished, but I guess it's mostly on their shoulders now."

After 40 years of marriage, corresponding with 40 years of teaching school, both having begun in 1933, Mr. Pyle recently retired from teaching to put his experience and energy into working with young people in both Imperial Schools and Ambassador College.

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Now you know

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UPI) — Police are looking for thieves who want to capitalize on the gasoline crisis.

Officers said a railroad boxcar was broken into recently and 2,000 new gasoline cans, capable of holding one to 10 gallons each, were ripped off.

Citizens were warned not to buy the cans from black-market dealers.