

Resignations, terminations jolt ministry

Vast majority remain rock-solid and faithful to God's Church

CINCINNATI, Ohio—A tempestuous week in the Work, the events of which were covered extensively by television and newspapers nationwide, climaxed in seven resignations of ministers, including the resignations of two top evangelists, and the termination of five U.S. field ministers and suspension of a yet undetermined number, it was announced Sunday, March 3, by Mr. Ted Armstrong as he prepared for the final night of a three-night personal-appearance campaign here.

"But let me quickly point out that many facets of the situation are yet to be resolved, and all I can do is give you what has taken place up to our latest deadline for the paper," he explained.

"All of our members will be kept fully apprised through member letters just as quickly as there is definitive progress to report. In fact, since member letters are mailed first class and *The Worldwide News* second class, it may be that what you read in this issue will have been updated or outdated before you even read it. So be very careful to compare the date of this information [6 p.m. CDT, March 3] against any letter you may have received."

The two evangelists who resigned were Mr. David L. Antion, head of

the Church Administration Division, and Mr. Albert J. Portune, head of the Personal Appearance Department. Among the five ministers terminated were Regional Directors Walter Sharp, Big Sandy, and Kenneth Westby, Washington, D.C. The remaining terminations and resignations have not been released, Mr. Armstrong said.

Mr. Antion and Mr. Portune, who resigned Wednesday, Feb. 27, withdrew their resignations two days later, but final disposition of the matter remains undecided.

Understand Background

"The brethren need to understand the background of the situation to properly appreciate what might appear as precipitous action to some," Mr. Ted Armstrong explained. "For some months now my father and I, not to mention the Work in general, have been subject to scurrilous attacks from many different quarters. For months I have been hearing rumors and rumblings of widespread defections on the part of a sizable contingent of our field ministry."

"At first, I chose to dismiss these reports as nothing more than hearsay—wildly exaggerated and distorted. But when I learned of a local minister who turned the weekly Sabbath ser-

vice in each of the two churches he pastored into a forum for venomous attacks and a thinly veiled attempt to lead off members of the flock, I became alarmed. Since that time the man and the local elder assisting him have started their own church.

"In the following weeks two more field ministers defected, with one of them also raising up his own church, composed principally of our former members. In the midst of these distressing events two of our headquarters pastors, Dr. Ernest Martin and Mr. Al Carozzo, left the Work, with Mr. Carozzo starting his own church.

"As you can begin to see, I indeed had to view these events with growing concern and alarm. Then, when I learned of a regional director calling a special meeting of a number of the church pastors in his region and encouraging these ministers to return to their respective areas and call emergency meetings with certain members to 'inform them of the issues' and warn of a 'coming split in the Church, I said, 'I had to act at once!'"

Mr. Armstrong traveled to Big Sandy, where shortly after arriving he learned of a meeting which had been called by a troubled church pastor who had just returned from the afore-described regional director's meeting. Mr. Ted Armstrong immediately teleaxed his father in Manila, requesting he cancel his personal-appearance campaign there and return to the United States.

Following the weekly Sabbath of Feb. 23, Mr. Ted Armstrong decided to schedule an emergency meeting of all the ministers in the Big Sandy Region for Monday, Feb. 25. In all, close to 60 men were present for the 9:30 a.m. meeting, including virtually all ordained men in the region, most of the ministers from the college and several key administrative personnel.

The meeting lasted over seven hours, running nonstop until after 4 p.m.

"It Is Just That Serious"

Immediately following that meeting Mr. Ted Armstrong dictated an emergency letter to the members in the Washington, D.C., and Cincinnati regions. Full-time employees of

the college, aided by volunteer student help, worked all night preparing the letter for mailing, and the next morning the 8,000-plus member letters were flown aboard the Big Sandy-based King Air 100 to Cincinnati and the nation's capital for on-the-spot mailing.

Mr. Armstrong, fearing "nation-wide collusion," felt a letter from headquarters might take too long. In the letter he wrote: "It is just that serious."

Even though a letter was already being prepared in Pasadena, calling for a suspension of all Bible studies, Spokesman's Club meetings or other "special meetings," Mr. Armstrong wrote:

"However, I have serious reason to believe that, in order to preempt this letter, and in order to move swiftly prior to any official information reaching you direct FROM HEADQUARTERS, many of these men may be attempting to call 'special meetings' when in fact they intend to unduly arise against all of their fellow

ministers (who represent the VAST MAJORITY!), attacking and condemning Mr. Armstrong and myself, trying to devour the flock, appealing to people's deepest sensitivities in the area of divorce and remarriage, tithing and other related 'problems' which some few people may have."

Mr. Ted Armstrong wanted to explain that "because it was easier for the King Air to swing back toward Big Sandy from Washington, D.C., through Cincinnati rather than going as far north as Chicago or further west," he addressed those two regions in his earlier emergency letter.

Another major consideration was the fact that "at least one regional director who seemed to be defecting from the Work had been reported in that region working upon some of the ministers there."

Mr. Ted Armstrong said he was very greatly encouraged by reports from Mr. Sherwin McMichael in the Personal Appearance Department, and even in the midst of this terrible crisis decided to go right ahead with

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Cincinnati warmly greets latest personal appearance

CINCINNATI, Ohio—"Mr. Ted Armstrong is being warmly received here before one of the most enthusiastic audiences ever at a campaign," said Mr. Sherwin McMichael, director of campaigns for the United States, prior to the final night of a three-night campaign held here March 1 to 3.

"The local church is very, very warm—so much so that Mr. Ted Armstrong has even mentioned the fact during the two nights [so far] of the campaign," commented Mr. McMichael.

About 3,300 people attended the first night.

The second evening many people had to be turned away as 3,700 heard Mr. Armstrong's message in a standing-room-only crowd.

At the time of printing, the final meeting of the campaign had not yet been held.

Mr. McMichael reported that media coverage of the campaign "has been very good. We have been received very, very favorably by the media."

"There has been nothing derogatory on radio, television or the newspapers," continued Mr. McMichael. "In fact, Mr. Armstrong is scheduled to be giving two editors, one from the Cincinnati *Inquirer* and one from the Cincinnati *Post*, an interview."

"The day after the campaign he is scheduled to be on *The Phil Donahue Show* for one full hour in which Mr. Armstrong was told he could discuss

anything he wanted to."

This program, which originates in Dayton, Ohio, is sent to 48 other television stations across the United States.

Just prior to the second night of the campaign, a member of one of the Ohio congregations in the region presented Mr. Ted Armstrong and his father (who was unable to attend this campaign) with an all-copper model ship he had constructed. The ship is three to four feet long and three feet high with exact detail.

Members of the *Garner Ted Armstrong* television crew were on hand at the campaign to film Mr. Armstrong in preparation for a program about the campaigns.

Division director completes trip

PASADENA—After a month-long trip which took him to Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Singapore and Manila, Mr. Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, returned here last week.

Ministerial meetings at the new Australian office site at Burlleigh Heads on the Gold Coast of Australia with all the ordained men from New Zealand and Australia, plus Mr. Colin Adair, director of the Philippine office, were on the top of the agenda for the evangelist, who is busily trying to visit the major offices of the Work at least twice a year.

Since assuming his job as Interna-

tional Division director almost a year ago, Mr. McCullough has visited all the international offices except the one in Mexico City.

The highlight of the trip was filling in for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in a news conference in Manila. It came about when Mr. Armstrong was unexpectedly called back to Pasadena before he could proceed with a scheduled campaign in Manila.

Earlier, Mr. McCullough's stay in Australia in early February coincided with some of the worst floods that nation has experienced in recent years.

He vividly recalled flying across

A Personal Letter

from

Greetings, in the name of Jesus Christ!

I'm dictating this "Personal" from Cincinnati, Ohio, where in just a few minutes I must leave for the auditorium and the final night of our campaign here.

I hope all of you were very deeply drawn together in renewed hope and faith as a result of our collective fast day this past Sabbath.

Brethren, God's Church is winning a great victory!

I believe we are rallying together, locking arms and stiffening our resolve to do this great end-time Work of God with renewed energy and zeal and with a greater depth of real brotherly love and Christian concern than ever before! But as you can read in the lead story [page 1], we have had a great deal of trauma of late.

During World War II, when our nation faced its deepest agonies, the young men of our armed forces won many great battles. But there was never a great battle won without loss

of life—sometimes terribly heavy loss of life!

God's Church today is winning some very important victories!

Shockingly and sadly, however, we are losing some of our "troops." Like the heartsick feeling of grief when a close buddy on the battlefield feels when he sees a beloved brother and comrade in arms fall, so all of us grieve deeply for some few who seem to have stumbled and fallen during this critical time.

If some are only wounded, let us pray to God they can be completely healed and restored. If some are beyond being restored to God's Work, let us deeply grieve and sorrow for former comrades in arms whose armor was not sufficient to withstand Satan's darts, and really deeply pray in continual concern that it is not even yet too late for the power and the Spirit of God to restore them to His Church.

No Matter What It Takes

No matter what it takes to see to it you brethren are fed with the Word from THE BIBLE, I have firmly resolved we are going to do it!

If I must preach a live sermon in Pasadena before our television cameras and place it on the air in each and every city which temporarily may be devoid of a church pastor and/or in all cities across the entirety of this country where one of our local churches exists, then we shall pray God will supply the means and I shall do so!

No matter what Almighty God decrees—whether going back onto daily radio only, or back to only one magazine, or whether in personal campaigns, or a combination of these and/or other methods for preaching and teaching the true Gospel of the

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Flood Casualty

"They should have a great spring when that time rolls around," he continued. "They should have very good crops, although they lost some cattle and sheep. One woman in the Church lost her house and her husband."

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

400 miles away

I just received the Dec. 10 *WN* today, and I want to tell you what an encouragement it is to me. Because I live about 400 miles from church, a chance to fellowship is rare, and I find the *WN* helps make me feel like I do belong.

I love the articles on the lives of members and how God has intervened in their lives. In fact, I devour the paper in a couple of days and then have to wait another long two weeks for another one. Thank you for this paper that serves to unify us even more.

Faye Mihalicz
Snow Lake, Man.

Much to learn

I really enjoy reading from *The Worldwide News*. Although there's many miles between many of God's churches, I feel it links us together. It lets us feel a part of what's happening elsewhere. There is much offered and much to learn from the Church paper. It's not like the daily papers with the same old corruptions and troubles and violence of this society. I find it so much more encouraging. And I feel that it is both encouraging and interesting to both young and old. I know in my eyes it is truly an enjoyable part of the progress of God's worldwide churches of the *Worldwide Church of God*.

L. Webster
Santee, Calif.

Encouraging librarians

Recently I took some *Plain Truth* magazines to the local library and had the head librarian look them over. I told her about the worldwide educational program of Ambassador College and the *Worldwide Church of God*. She kept them for one day and after telling me she was very impressed said she would subscribe to it for the library. She now has found out she has a neighbor who takes *The Plain Truth* and told me when I went

in again she was reading her *PT* and found it very interesting.

After this I thought why couldn't someone go to each library and show them the *PT* and encourage them to subscribe to it. This would reach thousands if the librarian was the only one to ever read it.

Richard Grass
Bluffton, Ind.

India brethren

I won't even attempt to tell you how much I enjoy the *WN*. There just aren't words or space.

How blessed we are to be in the States, where we can meet every Sabbath with hundreds and two ministers and elders yet!

I wish you would print the names and addresses of our 15 Indian brethren so we could write to them.

Mary Hileman
Harbor View, Ohio

Perhaps the 15 Indian brethren can send a "personal," giving their addresses.

Family of hundreds

After reading your article on the Norvell Pyle family [Dec. 24], I had to write and straighten you out on a few points. First, the Pyles don't have seven children; they have . . . somewhere between 70 and 700 "children." As a former Imperial student, I know Mr. Pyle helped rear and train hundreds of us and all with love, fairness and impartiality. Even though on a number of occasions he had his own children in his classes, they were treated the same as the rest — and sometimes graded a little more stringently than the rest.

And second, all their trials didn't end when he came to Texas. Many was the time in the earlier days when paychecks were weeks and months apart, but never was there a word of complaint — only constant and loyal service to the Work and those little ones he was helping along.

I say *three cheers* for a man and wife who reared a family of hundreds — spread across the nation and around the

world: "By their fruits you shall know them . . ."

Mrs. Linnea (Van Landuyt) Haas
Ravenwood, W. Va.

Millennial newspaper

I have a request with which I am sure you could very well serve your readers. There is a paper, similar to *The Worldwide News* in size, put out in 1966 by Ambassador. It is [in] a futuristic style done as if after Christ's return and in the Millennium. It has articles about the present low divorce rate, India eating beef, pleasant weather, and war equipment being made into farming gear. It seems almost as if you are right there. Since we are to put God's Kingdom and His righteousness first, this could aim people to that. Perhaps you could reprint or revise the paper and put it out as one *Worldwide News* edition.

In any case, I know it would be worthwhile.

Gregory R. Olson
Clearwater, Fla.

We'll look into it!

Broadcasts published

Your Church newspaper is a very fine newspaper. I thoroughly enjoy it very much. Keep up the good work. But I would like to make one suggestion. Since I am one of these people who have an opposition in the family in listening to the broadcast, I would like very much every once in a while to see some of his [Mr. Armstrong's] strongest broadcasts published in the newspaper.

Gerald Mack
Cayce, S.C.

Sorry, but that's not the role of the *WN*. We refer you to Mr. Ted Armstrong's "Personal" in the Feb. 4 issue: "The purpose of this paper is not to teach, exhort or inspire directly (though we hope and pray that looking at all that is happening in the Work will prove inspirational) but is to 'inform'."

Prince Azariah

The article written by Prince Azariah of life at several spots and seemed to really enjoy the game.

BRICKET WOOD — Wednesday night, Feb. 20, Bricket Wood's director of music, John Khouri, accompanied by baritone Gerald Bieritz, presented a concert of piano and vocal music in the St. Albans, England, city hall.
Students, Church members and

India (Feb. 4, 1974) concerning the extreme hardships the 15 brethren over there have to face to keep and live God's laws has indeed opened my eyes to the "soft" life we have here in America. I'm deeply ashamed to think that I ever felt I had it a little rough. How deeply we need to pray daily for these 15 precious lives and for God to keep them strong in their faith and dedication to God's way of life. Just think of the awesome responsibility they have to their people! Only 15 out of 650 million chosen to know God's truth!

It's heartrending to think that they can't see each other and the ministers more often, and I do pray that this will soon be rectified. Fellowship with one another is so important and uplifting. We all need it.

I just can't help but wonder how many of us "sheltered" westerners would "hang in there" if we were confronted with such hardships; some of us have been "bent out of shape" just because we have to change the length of our hair or clothing in order to live God's way properly.

Name withheld
California

American women

I really enjoy the *WN*, especially the articles about brethren in other parts of the world, like the most recent one about the brethren in India [Feb. 4].

How blessed we in the U.S. really are — especially we women. In India and also Africa education for women is almost unheard of, it seems. Without education, at least to the point of a certain amount of reading skill and comprehension, most Indian and African women probably won't be able to become members of God's Church during this age.

Now . . . [a request]: In the Aug. 20, 1973, issue, E. Vella [of Mackay, Australia] requested prayers for his/her father who'd been sick for over a year at that time. How is the father? Maybe a note in the "Personals" would get us some info.

Doris Gross
Milwaukee, Wis.

Writing letters

Since the *News* is carrying a "pen-pal" local citizens were all invited.

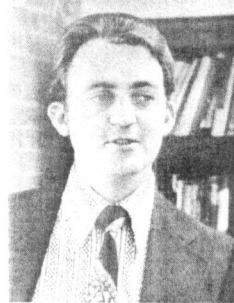
Selections included were from the works of Haydn, Mozart, Schumann and Rachmaninoff.

BIG SANDY — Thursday night, Feb. 28, Helena Costa, Portuguese pianist and professor of music, presented a program at the college here.
The next day she taught a class for Big Sandy piano students.

THE GRAPEVINE

PASADENA — Scandinavia will host a Feast site for the first time in 1974, announced Mr. Steve Martin of the International Division Feb. 20.

The approval of this new site came from Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong and Mr. Les McCullough, director of the division, just prior to the announcement from Mr. Martin. The new site will be located in central Norway.



MR. STEVE MARTIN

PASADENA — An average of 2,300 new people heard Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong each night of his recent St. Louis, Mo., campaign, reports the Personal Appearance Department in a news release about several campaigns and their results. In the first Bible study following the campaign, 83 new people attended.

The Raleigh, N.C., campaign conducted by Mr. David Jon Hill, director of marketing services, saw an average of 500 new people attend

each night of a two-night campaign there. Twenty new people attended the first follow-up Bible study there.

An average of over 400 new people each night heard Mr. C. Wayne Cole, director of publishing, who conducted a two-night campaign Feb. 1 and 2 in Kingsport, Tenn. In that city 47 new people attended the first follow-up Bible study.

PASADENA — Six students received awards here during a student assembly Tuesday, Feb. 19. Scholarship awards were made on the basis of outstanding service and leadership to Fred Stevens, senior, and Chuck Daniels, junior.

Scholarship awards based on outstanding scholarship as well as leadership and service were awarded to seniors Rich Linton and Fred Whitlark and juniors Angie Tirschler and Susan Flesher.

This was the first time for the \$100 college-sponsored awards. The Financial Aids & Placement Office expressed its hope that there will be a number of such awards in the future.

BIG SANDY — Ambassador College dropped its first intercollegiate basketball game in an 80-77 squeaker against Texas College of Tyler, Tex., here Feb. 25.

"We stayed right with them to the end," commented Big Sandy's athletic director, Kermit Nelson, who coached the team of Big Sandy students who previously had not played together as a team.

Senior Class President Clyde Kilough felt the game helped draw the student body closer together. The large crowd watching the game came



RECORD CATCH — Dr. Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of the Bricket Wood campus, displays what could be the largest bass ever pulled out of Lake Loma on the Big Sandy campus. The prize catch, caught Sunday, Feb. 17, weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce. (Photo by Dave Molnar)

column, perhaps an article or two on how to write letters would be timely and helpful.

I have been choosing two names from each issue and writing. I explain that I am in my 80s and if they prefer to have younger correspondents, feel free to say so.

Some of the letters I have received are very good examples. The best one was from a 16-year-old girl.

I also want to thank all on the *News* staff for their labors. I enjoy every word.

Floy "Grandmother" Mauck
Pasadena, Calif.

Personal glimpses

We are, like many others, very pleased with the newspaper. It is wonderful to read a birth announcement from someone you know has waited years for a child; or to be able to read the very latest news of the Work; or personal glimpses of the ministers and their families.

Mrs. J.L. Tucker
Claremont, Calif.

God's protection

I certainly do feel fortunate to receive so many wonderful publications from your Work. Recently I answered a penpal ad in *The Worldwide News* magazine, which my brother receives as a Church member. I received the most wonderful reply from the person who placed the ad . . . She is a Church member and I now have a new friend thanks to your services. I feel your Work is the only organization in the world that is unspoil by the world . . . and that MUST be because it has God's protection. Thank you so much.

Kenneth Klamm
Jefferson City, Mo.

Films about the Work

Please, sir, I don't know whether the Feast of Tabernacles will be held here in Nigeria this year.

If at all it will be held, I hope some films about the Work, especially of Mr. Ted and his father and other leaders in the Work, [can] be brought and shown to us. Anyway, thank you and good-bye.

Andrew Ocheche
Oturkpo, Nigeria

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'We want peace . . . as much as anyone can want it'

By Scott Moss

Big Sandy Freshman

BIG SANDY — A group of Ambassador College Hebrew-language students and their instructor, Mark Kaplan, attended a presentation given by Ehud Lador, Israel's consul general of the Dallas, Tex., consulate, Sunday night, Feb. 17.

Speaking at the Temple Beth El in nearby Tyler, Tex., Lador opened his presentation with some poignant statistics of the Yom Kippur War and



EHUD LADOR

described the internal state of affairs in Israel and the mood and sentiments of the people.

Lador commented that he had never seen such heroism in a people and that such sacrifice as he had seen was surely unparalleled.

"Families have buried their sons, their children and their grandchildren" in the four wars that have embroiled Israel since 1948, said the consul general.

Lador also mentioned that it costs \$40,000 to settle each family immigrating from Russia, putting a heavy drain on finances, especially since the greatest recent flow was in October, 1973, during the war.

Near the end of his lecture the consul general said: "We want peace. We want it as much as anyone can want it."

Afterwards, he commented on questions posed by the audience on such topics as the recognition of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel or the implications of the energy crisis.

The Hebrew students and club members attended Lador's presentation as part of a continuing program to become more aware of the Israeli situation and to relate to it personally.

After the meeting was over, the Hebrew students and Kaplan were given refreshments and taken on a tour of the classrooms and sanctuary of the temple and were able to talk with the rabbi, J. L. Ballon.

As a member of Kaplan's group, I was almost able to grasp that evening the terrible significance of the events of the preceding months. For instance, I hadn't realized that the Israeli war dead in the 18 days of the Yom Kippur fighting would equal, proportionately, three times the number of American deaths in Vietnam in nine years.

Or that many, many citizens in Israel have been mobilized and away from their families and businesses for nearly five months.

The impact of all this on Israel is undeniably far-reaching. As an avid student of Hebrew and things Jewish, I think that I can understand now the sentiment behind Lador's comment: "We want peace. We want it as much as anyone can want it."



SPROTTE AT HOME — Danish-born Richard Sprotte is the head of the editorial function of the Scandinavian Department. Members of the Sprotte family are, from left to right, Eric, 14, Mr. and Mrs. Sprotte, Karsten, 2½, and Lisa, 11. [Photo by Tom Deininger]

Editorial head moves to England

By Graeme Henderson

BRICKET WOOD — Danish-born Richard Sprotte arrived here recently from Pasadena to head the editorial function of the Scandinavian Department.

Mr. Sprotte, who is translating the *Correspondence Course* into Danish, will be coordinating editorial work and all future Danish-language publications.

More than 1,700 people in the Scandinavian countries are taking the

Danish Correspondence Course with more being added all the time. Six lessons of the Danish course have been printed so far and a small number of basic booklets.

Mr. Sprotte says he is hoping the budget will allow for six new booklets to be printed in Danish in the coming year.

It was decided in Pasadena to move Mr. Sprotte to England because of the growth of the *Scandinavian Work*. Formerly, he had worked

on translations in Pasadena in conjunction with Bricket Wood, where the Danish editions are printed. But with lectures now being held monthly in Norway and Denmark, it was thought that he could work more effectively in England where the Scandinavian Department could be consolidated.

Mr. Sprotte works closely with Christian von Zernichow, who assists in the Norwegian part of the *Work*. Mr. Zernichow suggests alterations that could be made in the Danish translations to make the language more easily understood by the Norwegian people.

Mr. Sprotte grew up in Denmark. He studied structural engineering at the Copenhagen Technical College, from where he graduated in 1954.

At the age of 30, he emigrated to the United States and settled in California.

Three years later he married a Texas girl, Tommye Woodland, who was in California teaching. The couple lived in San Diego, Calif., where Mr. Sprotte worked for a firm of structural engineers.

They began listening to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and became members in 1962.

The Sprottes moved to Pasadena in 1968, when Mr. Sprotte was asked to do translation work for the college. There he took several college classes while learning how to retrain his technical mind from engineering to translation.

The Sprottes are now settling into their house in Bricket Wood. They have three children — two boys and a girl. The oldest is Eric, 14, followed by Lisa, 11, and Karsten, 2½. The two oldest children will be attending Imperial School.

Gasoline thieves smell like roses

OAK HARBOR, Wash. (UPI) — Smelling like a rose could be a bad thing at Whidby Island Naval Air Station. The Navy is mixing a chemical in gasoline used by government vehicles that makes the fuel smell like flowers when it burns. The distinctive fragrance is intended to discourage theft of gas.

Anyone stationed or working at the base who drives a private car had better not have exhaust that smells like a floral bouquet, Navy officials warned.

Tongans have same goal despite problems

While returning to New Zealand from the January ministerial conference at headquarters Mr. Graeme Marshall, New Zealand regional director, took the opportunity to revisit the brethren in Tonga.

This was his fifth visit to the palm-covered Pacific isle, and he wanted to share with you some of his impressions of Tonga and of the way of life our people lead there.

By Graeme J. Marshall

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Tongans do face some problems. I'll get these out of the way by mentioning them at the very outset, freeing myself to dwell later on the island's very considerable advantages.

Tongans face shortages of some basic things most of us take for granted — things like meat, milk and transportation.

Most of the island's meat comes from its free-roaming complement of pigs. A person has the choice of either eating pork or no meat at all, which, of course, is no choice at all for our members.

But there's also a most positive side to the food situation. More of that later.

There are relatively few cars in Tonga. Bicycles and an unhappy breed of scarecrow horses make do instead.

Buses also operate in Tonga, but timetables don't. If you want a bus, you just go to the bus stop and wait. Sometime — anytime — a bus will come.

Unless, that is, a tourist ship happens to be in port, in which case all the buses gather in spirited competition at the wharf, happily unmindful of their regular customers strung out at bus stops across the length and breadth of the island.

Another, much bigger problem

for members in Tonga involves the very religious orientation of the island. By royal decree, Sunday is the Lord's sabbath and is strictly enforced upon locals.

Whereas visitors can get away with some sport or recreation on that day, no Tongan can. Consequently, after observing the true Sabbath, converted members of God's Church must also tread very warily indeed on the following day.

So seriously do the Tongan authorities take their "sabbath" that no airlines operate on that day, nor much of anything else, including the radio station.

But very much on the credit side of the ledger, by royal decree every male Tongan of 16 years of age is entitled to eight acres of land and a town block. But because population is now outstripping available land, the practical implementation of this decree is no longer universal. But many of our members do have eight-acre blocks and their own town blocks.

Tropical Paradise

Picture if you can what some of our members have growing on their land. Imagine eight acres of lush tropical vegetation, bearing heavy crops of papaya, mangoes, breadfruit, pineapples, lemons, oranges, guavas, sugarcane, loquats, watermelons, passion fruit, bananas and coconuts — all on one man's land! Almost makes you wish you were a Tongan.

But that's not all. On the same land — interspersed with the tropical fruit — grow corn, sweet potatoes, yams, carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, beans, peas, pumpkins, cucumber, squash and tapioca. There are even kapok trees, providing stuffing for pillows

and mattresses as well as material for clothing and furnishings.

And of course there are the ever-present coconuts, whose extremely refreshing juice has a natural effervescence. A genuine soft drink, attractively packaged and all, with no preservatives or coloring. And for free.

All in all, a Tongan's land makes him and his family self-sufficient, providing he has a little capital to maintain and work it.

Pop Music

It's interesting to note how much Western culture has influenced Tonga. I was living on the property of a deacon, Toluta'u Ha'angana, some 12 miles out of Nukualofa, the capital. His property is of the typical Pacific-paradise type already described.

But as dusk fell on a Friday evening, the Sabbath stillness was abruptly shattered by the jangling, electronically boosted raucous cacophony of a modern dance band. It seemed the band's repertoire included at least three quarters of all our most nerve-shattering pop efforts of late.

I couldn't help but think that even here — way off in the Pacific, in a hauntingly beautiful, verdant corner of the earth — the Sabbath is horribly shattered. At that time and in that situation it certainly brought home to me that we are undeniably living in Satan's world, not God's.

During my stay in Tonga I had opportunity to go out in a local well-weathered sailboat, through whose ancient hull the sea visibly seeped. We were in no danger, though; the crew's oft-practiced bailing routine insured that we remained well and truly afloat.

While we sailed onto the reefs for some line fishing, one of our members, Tamanika Tu'ikolovatu, donned a wet suit, goggles and flippers and slipped over the side for some spear fishing.

His style of spear fishing could best be described as different. His spear gun was a slingshot (the kind boys shoot birds with). His spear was simply a steel shaft. And behind him he dragged a piece of string affixed at one end onto a floating coconut. Onto this the speared fish were to be tied.

While we sailed around the reef for two hours and bagged two undersized little misfits of fish, Tamanika's tally consisted of 38 beauties, all caught with his slingshot and long spear.

As we took him aboard again he was trailing all his trophies on his coconut-towing string and loudly complaining that our return had foiled his chances of getting some even bigger fish he had been chasing.

Same Goal

While Tonga may be geographically at the ends of the earth, some members in government jobs do occasionally have the opportunity to take a three-month leave and travel to Australia and New Zealand to experience other cultures.

In spite of their physical isolation from the main body of the Church, our brethren there are progressing well. They must deal with the very same basic problems as we all do — the ones caused by universally similar human nature.

In their heart and attitude they are very much part and parcel with God's Church and daily strive toward the same great goal as do all of God's people worldwide.

The French Work—a worldwide department

By Clyde Kilough

PASADENA—It's not very often that *The World Tomorrow* broadcast is mentioned in a movie, so when one of the heroes of a recent French film said he was going to listen to Dibar Apartian and *Le Monde a Venir*, it was an impressive indication that the French Department of the Worldwide Church of God is playing an active role in the Work and an increasingly better-known role in the world today.

While the fact that the actor mentioned it shows that *Le Monde a Venir* is well known, noted Mr. Apartian in a recent interview, there is a lot more than just the French broadcast that is going into serving and witnessing to the French-speaking people around the globe.

Nothing points this out better than a tour of the department's base of operations, a third-floor suite of offices in the Hall of Administration here on the Pasadena campus.

It is here that *Le Monde a Venir*, *La Pure Verite* (the French *Plain Truth*), the *Correspondence Course* and several dozen booklets, reprints and letters originate and are sent to listeners, subscribers and prospective members, as well as the 600 widely scattered French-speaking members in the Church today.

Three Functions

The French News Bureau, headed by Tom Rogers, a 1970 Ambassador graduate, performs a key role in producing the French broadcast and publications.

The bureau began on a small scale in 1967, but over the past years it has grown and now fulfills three basic but very important functions.

"The first major job of the News Bureau," explained Mr. Rogers in a recent tour of the department, "is to feed Mr. Apartian with French news for the broadcasts and articles."

It is important, as he pointed out, to give the French-speaking listeners and readers material that applies to them.

For example, U.S. divorce statistics just won't make as great an impression in France as French statistics will.

"The other day Mr. Apartian asked for information on the problems of old age," Mr. Rogers said, giving another example. "We went right to the 'old-age file,' pulled the material. And he was able to go through the latest French sources to see what they had to say."

The second role of the News Bureau is to be of service to the English editorial staff when need be.

"Sometimes writers for *The Plain Truth* working on a certain article will come wanting to know 'What are the French saying about this?' and we can give them the information. It helps give the magazine a more international flavor, since it goes around the world," explained Mr. Rogers.

Its third job is to help French Department translators and proofreaders, headed by Anne-Marie Brunet. Verifying statistics and checking the use of technical terms, a prime concern of proofreaders, are speeded up and made possible through the files of the News Bureau.

Tongue Changes

The bureau also helps the translators keep up with current changes in French terms and words because, like any tongue, French is a continually changing and evolving language.

To keep its files current, the News Bureau receives three daily newspapers (*Le Monde* and *Le Figaro*, both from Paris, and *La Presse*, from Montreal, Que.); three weekly news magazines similar to *Time* or *Newsweek* (*Paris Match*, *L'Express*

and *Le Point*); a number of monthly magazines (*Unesco Courier*, the *French Reader's Digest*, *Europe* and *30 Jours d'Europe*, to name a few); plus regular dispatches from the French embassy in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Rogers, in addition to supervising the operation of the News Bureau, which employs four students, also handles personal correspondence and does certain editorial work to insure the French articles fit the same space as their English counterparts.

Most of the articles requiring translation are sent to three professional translators, in Paris, Brussels and Geneva, but those that are religious in nature are sent to two transla-

tors who are Church members.

Almost Self-Supporting

An interesting point about the French Work is that economically it is 85 percent self-supporting, and that's not counting the French-Canadian income.

The man who handles the financial affairs of the department is Mr. Peter Grieder, who is also a college French instructor.

Mr. Clayton Steep, the publications coordinator, handles the layout aspect of any literature that needs to be printed. He has been in the department for a number of years and had the opportunity to work on the first *Pure Verite*, published in 1963.

Mr. Arlen Shelton, assisted by

Mr. Joe Cavallo, is office manager and oversees the mailing operations and the literature section.

Off and Running

The French Department was born 14 years ago when Mr. Apartian made a broadcast which was aired for the first time on a Canadian station in 1960.

The next major step was publishing the *Correspondence Course* in 1961 and then, two years later, in June, 1963, printing the first French *Plain Truth* magazine.

With those breakthroughs, the French Department was solidly based, off and running.

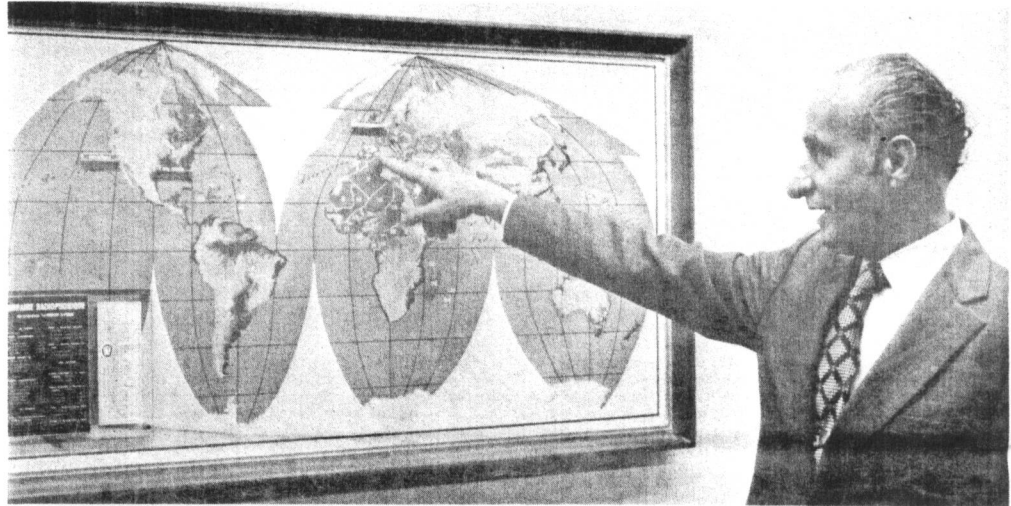
Today there are eight radio stations broadcasting *Le Monde a Venir*:

two in Quebec, Canada; Radio Luxembourg; Radio Europe No. 1, in Germany; two in the Antilles; and two in Haiti.

"It's a miracle the door is open for us to be broadcasting into France," said Mr. Apartian. "We cannot broadcast from France into France, since local stations are government controlled."

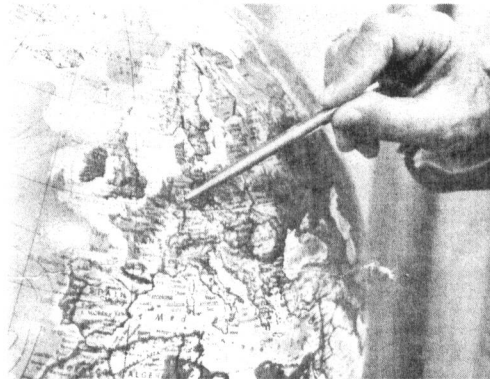
Both Radio Luxembourg and Radio Europe No. 1 are located outside of the country. However, they are beamed toward France and cover most of the country, especially the northern portion, as well as Belgium and Switzerland.

One interesting aspect regarding the history of the broadcast is that several years ago the program was on



SCOPE OF THE FRENCH WORK—Mr. Dibar Apartian points to one of the many areas in the world which fall under the auspices of the French

Department. The French Department began 14 years ago with a broadcast Mr. Apartian made in 1960. (Photo by Ken Treybig)



IMPORTANT STATION—Mr. Apartian points out the location of Radio Luxembourg, which sends the broadcast into France. (Photo by Ken Treybig)



FRENCH LIT—Shown above is a sample of the literature sent to French-speaking people around the world. (Photo by Ken Treybig)



"PLAIN TRUTH" PROGRESS—Mr. Clayton Steep, publications coordinator for the French Department, holds in his hand the very first *Pure Verite* and contrasts it with a recent issue. Mr. Steep had the opportunity to help put together that first copy in 1963. (Photo by Ken Treybig)

Radio Andorra for 40 days and 40 nights before it was put off. It produced one member. Radio Andorra at that time was owned jointly by Charles de Gaulle and a Catholic bishop.

Mr. Apartian's broadcasting schedule calls for three weekly 15-minute programs, in which he usually begins with trends in world news, then ties in a Biblical message.

In addition to broadcasting, he has also been writing an article for each *Pure Verite* issue since 1963 — one article a month, and always a different article.

Mr. Apartian, whose "Executive Interview" appeared in the Aug. 6,

1973, issue of *The Worldwide News*, also oversees the French churches.

There are churches for the 600 French-speaking members in Paris and Lyons, France; Geneva, Switzerland; Brussels, Belgium; Montreal and Trois-Rivieres, Canada; and on the island of Martinique in the West Indies.

Messrs. Bernard Audoin, Etienne Bourdin, Jean Carion and Colin Wilkins (who is currently in Pasadena for a year of college) serve the churches in Europe; Mr. Cam Catherwood — assisted by three other French-speaking ministers — pastors the two in Canada; and Mr. Gilbert Caribonnel is the minister in Martinique.

Three Fronts

As indicated by the various geographical locations of the churches, the main thrust of the French Work is concentrated on three fronts — Europe, Canada and the West Indies — with scattered interest ranging from West Africa to eastern Asia.

So while the department is under the auspices of the International Division of the Worldwide Church of God, it is, in itself, nearly equally as international in scope and function.

As Mr. Apartian summed it up: "We do not cover just one country. The French Department is a worldwide department."

Steady growth continued for French Work in 1973

By Thomas Rogers

PASADENA — The French phase of God's Work was blessed with another year of steady growth and accomplishment during 1973.

It was a year that saw the publication of the 10th-anniversary number of *La Pure Verite*. This French-language counterpart of *The Plain Truth* has grown considerably in size, quality and scope since the first 24-page black-and-white issue rolled off the press in June of 1963.

The 1973 *Pure Verite* mailing list peaked with a total of 111,013 regular subscribers — a healthy 33 percent increase over 1972 and a 25-fold increase over the 4,258 subscribers who received that very first issue over 10 years ago.

147 Countries

The magazine's circulation has not only multiplied in quantity but also in geographic distribution. *La Pure Verite* now goes into a record total of 147 countries around the world. Besides such obvious French-speaking areas as France, Switzerland and Quebec, the list includes addresses in Greenland, Tasmania and Inner Mongolia. There are even 10 subscribers in the U.S.S.R.

The expansion of the French culture and the popularity of French as a second language undoubtedly play a large part in *La Pure Verite's* geographically diverse circulation.

The *French Bible Correspondence Course* has also turned in a successful year. In fact, the course has long been a useful tool in getting out the Gospel in French.

The first lesson was printed in July, 1961, nearly two years before the appearance of the first French *Plain Truth*.

By early 1962, 76 students had

enrolled. This was an encouraging number back then, though small by today's standards. Just in the one calendar year of 1973 alone, more than 65,000 lessons were mailed out, and a total of 5,789 students completed the entire 12-lesson course.

It was likewise a busy year for the production of French booklets and reprint articles. Ten new translations were made of booklets and reprints that had never before been published in the French language. In addition, 23 previously published titles were revised and reprinted.

Now there are some 95 booklets and articles available in French. Excluding *La Pure Verite* and the *Correspondence Course*, 147,000 pieces of French literature were mailed out from Pasadena; Geneva, Switzerland; and Vancouver, B.C., in 1973.

Receives Mail Too

The French Work not only sends out a great deal of mail, it receives quite a bit too. During the last 12 months 104,236 letters poured in from around the world — 18 percent more than in the previous year.

The fruit borne by the broadcasting and publishing effort in French also included nearly a 15 percent jump in both members and coworkers over 1972. The increase in income more than kept pace with member and coworker growth. It was up 52 percent!

As reported in the Nov. 12 issue of *The Worldwide News*, a door swung open in October, 1973, permitting around 20,000 copies of *La Pure Verite* to be distributed at selected Prisunic variety stores throughout France. So far, the magazine has been received quite well. Many of the stores run out of their entire supplies after only two or three days.



"LE MONDE A VENIR" — Shown making a broadcast is the voice of the French World Tomorrow, Mr. Dibar Apartian. [Photo by Ken Treybig]



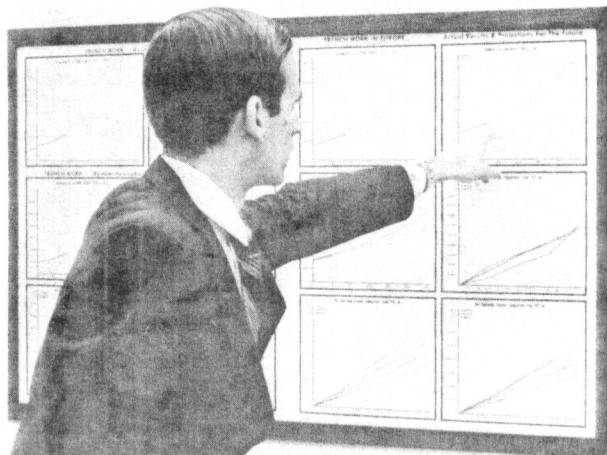
FINANCIAL MANAGER — Mr. Peter Grieder, the college French instructor, also handles the finances in the department. [Photo by Ken Treybig]



LIT ROOM — Mr. Joe Cavallo, assistant in the mail room, sits at his desk surrounded by niches filled with French literature. [Photo by Ken Treybig]



FRENCH NEWS — Senior Marc Flynn scans a French newspaper as part of his job in the News Bureau. [Photo by Ken Treybig]



GROWTH SCALED — Mr. Tom Rogers, supervisor of the News Bureau, explains one of the many graphs that help chart the growth of the department. [Photo by Ken Treybig]



FRENCH MEMBERS — Anne-Marie Brunet, translator and proofreader, looks over a map of France which pinpoints the location of members. [Photo by Ken Treybig]

Executive interview

Church's chief counsel recalls years of 50-fold growth in Work

PASADENA — Stanley R. Rader spent 270 days of the last calendar year traveling abroad with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and the two men shared the same dining table for over 500 meals.

But who is Mr. Rader? members ask.

Those who have heard him speak at the Fall Festivals have wondered if he were an evangelist. Photographs of him alongside Mr. Armstrong appear continually in the college and Church publications as he travels about with Mr. Armstrong, meeting kings, heads of state and other government leaders.

Yet Mr. Rader remains a bit of a mystery man to most.

As Many Hats as Necessary

Mr. Rader, 44, is perhaps most often referred to as chief counsel for Ambassador College, but he also supervises the Worldwide Advertising Agency, through which almost all the Work's media purchases are made. And Mr. Armstrong often refers to him as his "executive secretary" or his "special counsel."

"I suppose I principally wear three hats — general counsel, executive secretary and Worldwide Advertising — but I'm prepared to wear as many hats as necessary to get the work done," Mr. Rader says of his role in the Work.

Though Mr. Rader is not a baptized member of the Worldwide Church of God, he says he could not possibly spend the amount of time with Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong, evangelists and other pastors that he does without being deeply involved in the Work.

"Mr. Armstrong tells me that I'm more converted than most people he knows," Mr. Rader explained. "I consider myself a nonbaptized member of the Church, so Mr. Armstrong's expression is not only sincere, it's really accurate."

Mr. Herbert Armstrong has been most effusive in his praise of Mr. Rader over the years to the point that he said at the 1973 Feast of Tabernacles in Jekyll Island, Ga., that he felt there was only one man on earth who could do the job Mr. Rader is performing today.

In the January, 1974, ministerial conference in introducing Mr. Rader for an address to the ministers Mr. Ted Armstrong said:

"Stan has been a very close and a personal companion to Mr. Armstrong, and I am thankful for it. I'm very thankful for Stan Rader! I feel that he is a very important contributor to this Work . . . I think that . . . Mr. Rader has been instrumental in saving this Work many millions of dollars, that he has actually been used of God. And I believe history is going to prove that out."

Witnessed 50-Fold Growth

Mr. Rader, reared in New York and of Jewish extraction, has seen the Work grow over 50-fold since beginning work for it in 1956.

"At that time the Work was very small," he says. "It had a total income from all sources of less than a million dollars a year. There was one college — Pasadena — and there were no new buildings of any kind.

"Mr. Armstrong met me on that occasion because there was a problem confronting the then Radio Church of God and Ambassador College. For some inexplicable reason no one had been able to solve the problem and Mr. Armstrong was looking for help from the outside."

"I'd been recommended by a mutual friend and within a short time I had solved the problem. Mr. Armstrong then felt that he would like to retain me on a continuous basis as an adviser primarily on tax affairs, as well as the certified public accountant who would perform auditing functions and give advice as required."

"Consequently, I've seen tremendous growth from what was then still a rather small Work. I've seen the entire master plan Mr. Armstrong envisioned for Ambassador College, Pasadena, come to fruition. I saw the

my better students to begin to think of studying after they'd finished Ambassador College because I didn't feel the accounting courses should be handled at the undergraduate level because they would require too much time. I didn't want to divert students from their primary considerations — but they should do so, as I did, after they graduated."

"Recently I have learned that at least one of those students took my advice and he influenced another to do so. Two of our Ambassador College graduates, Leonard Smith and Jack Kessler, just this month received notification that they had passed the CPA examination."

"As the Work grew, my specific assignments began to change. I began to spend more and more time doing things which were not strictly limited to law and accounting. Mr. Armstrong called upon me to help in the field of advertising, for example, because of my experience with other advertising agencies. I was helpful in the development of many of the activities of the college from a kind of consultant standpoint."

"Finally, in 1969, Mr. Armstrong, taking recognition that I had been spending most of my time in the college, wanted to formalize that a little bit and make it so the college had first call on my services. From that time, though I still had my independent practices — law and accounting — it was understood that I would be available to do anything the college needed."

"It wasn't necessary for me to be in Pasadena as much because the Work had grown 50-fold and we now required hundreds of people to do what I and two or three others had formally done."

"Mr. Armstrong more or less delegated me to the position of general consultant and general adviser. I was not responsible for any line function whatsoever — strictly staff — but became available to go with him and do whatever was necessary for the Work."

"Consequently, I spent more and more time with Mr. Armstrong. In the last three or four years I have, for all practical purposes, been a kind of special counselor to Mr. Armstrong and to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. When necessary, I've helped to resolve specific problems in specific areas by request. But I spend almost all of my time with Mr. Armstrong and his son."

"Since the summer of 1969 I have averaged over 200 days away from home. Last year it was 270 — but previous years always over 200. I've seen what Mr. Armstrong is doing and seen what the Work is doing and I know that it's something which will continue to grow because the Work has much to do as yet."

Three Children

Mr. Rader has three children — two daughters and a son. His older daughter Janis, 22, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Stanford University in California as a music major.

According to Mr. Rader, "she is a very fine pianist. In fact, last year Mr. Armstrong and Mr. [Charles] Hunting [vice president for European and Middle Eastern affairs] were talking about the possibility of her being added to the faculty at Bricket Wood if the budget could stand it and if she wanted to live that far away."

"My second daughter, Carol, is 21. She opted for art and architecture as a major. She's a very gifted artist and has been since she was about 8. She wanted to go to Oregon, so she has been studying now for three years



MAN WITH MANY HATS — Shown above in his Hall of Administration office in Pasadena is Mr. Stan Rader, chief counsel for Ambassador College. (Photo by David McKee)

at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

My son, Stephen, 19, has just entered his first year of college. He wanted business training so he went to the University of Pennsylvania — Wharton School of Finance, which is one of the finest schools dedicated strictly to business and finance. But he missed his family too much, and, although he was doing well in a very hard school — three As and a C in calculus — he came home at the end of the first semester and enrolled in USC.

"All three children know, love and admire Mr. Armstrong. They respect him very deeply and he's had a very, very important role in shaping their lives."

Beverly Hills Phone Book Under "G"

Mrs. Rader is the former Niki Gartenberg. Mr. Rader recalls that the couple met while attending college at UCLA:

"I was asked by someone to help them find a date. I remembered that I'd met this girl at a coffee session at one of the student unions. I thought she would be a nice girl for this fellow to date, so I called her up, which was hard to do since I didn't really have her phone number."

"All I remembered was she said she was in the Beverly Hills phone book, her name was Niki, and her last name started with G. I went through the G's in the Beverly Hills phone book, which was not too big, and after I talked to her for a while I said, 'Look, this is kind of silly, isn't it? Why don't you go out with me and you get this other fellow a date!'"

"To make a long story short, we were married six months later."

Tennis and Books

Mr. Rader's favorite pastime is tennis, which he says also provides an enjoyable way for him to stay in condition. He usually carries his tennis gear with him as he travels and had last summer while accompanying Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Hunting on a trip through the Middle East.

"I beat a young pro in Tel Aviv, a former Israeli Junior Davis Cup player, then the tennis professional at the Hilton Hotel at Addis Ababa — though he was playing with a slightly sore tennis elbow."

"I continued on to Cyprus, where I beat the tennis pro at the Cyprus Hilton. Unfortunately, I tried to extend my winning streak into Mexico in July, where I ran into the then national senior champion of Mexico, who brought me down to earth very quickly."

Mr. Rader became Ambassador's answer to tennis player Bobby Riggs last summer while in Chile. He played against the former ladies' na-

tional champion of Peru.

"There was a very large gathering watching, including Mr. Armstrong, the G-II [the college's jet] crew and others. Although each set was close, I managed to lose six of them over a two-day span. I think Mr. Armstrong, who used to play a considerable amount of tennis in his youth, has derived some pleasure from my active playing."

Another pastime for Mr. Rader is reading.

"I consider myself a voracious and compulsive reader. I read fiction as well as nonfiction — especially biographies and autobiographies."

Interestingly enough, Mr. Rader of late has taken up reading in the French language and has recently finished two books written in French. He did not study French in school but "picked it up on my own." He feels



it helps to know French in the traveling that he does and in addition finds it "stimulating."

What Kind of Man Is Mr. Armstrong?

What are some of the personal observations of a man who spends so many days out of the year with Mr. Armstrong?

"I can say without any reservations whatsoever that Mr. Armstrong as a person is the most wonderful person I have ever met. He is the most benevolent and unselfish person I've ever known. He is a man you cannot help admire, love and respect. And I've never met anyone who felt otherwise."

"He is one of those people that the more time you spend with him, the more you love him, the more you admire him and the more you respect him. As a human being who is carrying in this Work, the Work of the living God, he is outstanding — remarkable!"

"Every world leader sees that, that's why he's invited back again and again and again. They see something that they want to share. And now they want to share it with their people."



MR. STANLEY RADER

campus at Big Sandy established and before that the campus at Bricket Wood. I've seen everything that Mr. Armstrong has envisioned become reality."

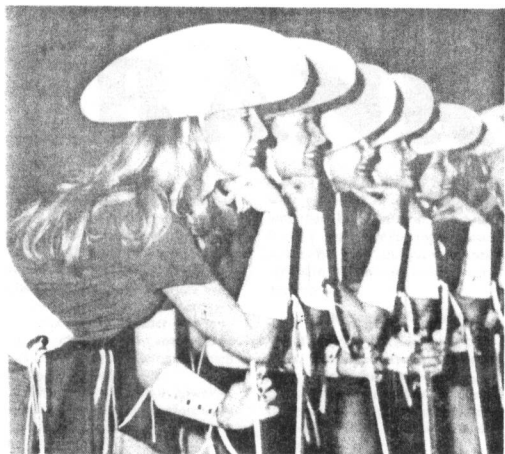
"I recognized very soon after meeting with Mr. Armstrong that this was a very unusual Work, probably the most unique thing that was going on in the world at that time. It was governed by unique principles — principles which Mr. Armstrong very carefully explained were unalterable. I learned that there were people who really could practice what they preached and could actually help others to live by the same set of principles. And I did learn that people lived fuller and more abundant lives by following those principles."

Continued Education

"I also realized that if I were going to be as helpful to Mr. Armstrong in the long run that it would be wise for me to continue my education in those areas that would be of greatest value. Consequently, I enrolled in the University of Southern California Law School in 1959, and when I completed law school in 1962 I was graduated with the highest average in the history of the school at that time. I was now prepared to use both disciplines — accounting and law — as Mr. Armstrong would require them in the future."

"I also taught law at the University of Southern California from 1963 to 1965 as a professor of contracts. Those were the same years I taught accounting at Ambassador College."

"During that time I urged some of



RANGERETTES — The Kilgore College Rangerettes of Kilgore, Tex., pose during one of the routines which they performed during a special assembly on the Big Sandy campus Thursday, Feb. 21. (Photo by Pete Leschak)

College's '200-foot watch' speeds toward completion

By David McKee

PASADENA — The Ambassador Auditorium is such an unusual construction experience because of the extremely close tolerances required that the project manager compares himself to a watchmaker.

"We at the construction site refer to this structure as the '200-foot watch,'" stated R.M. Wood, project manager for the construction of the Auditorium.

The "watch" he had reference to is speeding toward completion.

On the outside of the structure the last of the scaffolding has come down, and the pool, balcony and

walkways which surround the building are taking on a finished look.

Outside the fencing which closes off the main construction there is a lot of activity as the stone mall which runs through the center of the campus and around the Auditorium approaches completion.

A great deal of landscaping work is also centered around this construction, with a number of shrubs and trees and large areas of sod going in.

Inside the building itself the carpeting (purple on the main floor and gold in the balcony) has been installed, and other phases of the work there speed toward a conclusion.

"The Auditorium will be ready for the Vienna Symphony April 7, 8 and 9," stated Joe Bauer, executive director of the building.

He commented that a great deal of favorable remarks have already come from the local community regarding the project.

"It has been an exciting process," the director added, "watching the building develop from drawings to reality."

Barring unforeseen difficulties, come April 7 those drawings will have become reality.

Obituaries

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Mrs. Fred (Letha) Hewitt, a deaconess in the church here, died Jan. 30 after an extended illness.

She was born near Urbana, Kan., in 1902 and had lived here for many years.

She was baptized in 1959.

Mrs. Hewitt in many ways was "Mom" to those who knew her, and she will be greatly missed.

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Victor Immanuel Berghofer, 77, died at his home here Feb. 9 after being bedfast with a chronic illness for nearly five months.

Grave-side funeral services were conducted by Mr. Leonard Schreiber, a minister from Pasadena. It was Mr. Schreiber who baptized Mr. Berghofer several years ago at San Diego, Calif.

In his funeral sermon Mr. Schreiber said Mr. Berghofer "set a fine example for all of us in his deep faith and conviction in his God."

Mr. Berghofer is survived by his wife Mary; a sister, Mrs. Edward Hill of Poway, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Dick Brinks of Escondido; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

"BIBLE STORY" AVAILABLE

The Pasadena Postal Center has a *limited* supply of Vols. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the *Bible Story* now available for distribution. Those who are interested in obtaining copies of the volumes remaining, or who would like to complete their sets, should write to Ambassador College, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123. Since the supplies are limited, all requests will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis until the stocks are exhausted. These volumes will not be reprinted again, so send in your request today!

Director of human-resource center seeks your help in serving people

By Art Mokarow
Director of Human Resources
 PASADENA — "It seems almost too good to believe that right at this time, when we are planning to emigrate to the United States, this new department is being started to help people in God's Church with their jobs and education."

This comment, from Australia, is just one of five-plus letters coming into Pasadena each day, asking for information from the Human Resources Information Center.

Another, from Wisconsin: "I have read your article in *The Worldwide News* and think it's 'great.'"

Then, from Canada: "I noted with great interest the announcement in the Nov. 26 issue of *The Worldwide News* that a Human Resources [Information] Center has been formed by the Church in conjunction with the college. This is a much-needed department, and I am happy that God has provided a way for it to be started."

Letter after letter shouts for help. Brethren are unemployed, widows need help to supplement their limited incomes, and brethren in small business ventures all need service and aid.

One spiritual widow wrote in and described her pitiful state. Her husband left her with small children and changed the lien on their auto from himself to her before he took off with the car. He left her with other personal debts and now gives nothing for support. She is on welfare and would like to market her crocheting

and knitting products. But she needs an outlet. Would we please try to help.

On and on, letter after letter. These people — our brethren — really need help.

People Service

We are doing what we can, but you can also have an opportunity to serve one another.

We call it "people service."

It would greatly aid this department if those who would like to and have the time would send into the Human Resources Information Center job and employment opportunities that you know of in your locale — newspaper ads, business acquaintances, neighbors and other sources you might have available to keep us informed of employment and job opportunities.

As requests come in we will send the information to the individual seeking help and it will be up to him to follow it up.

Of course we have no way of knowing whether it is what he wants, but at least he can check and see. Certainly from time to time it will be just what is needed and you would have been the one who helped.

Another area of need is finding marketing outlets for products produced by the brethren. About 30 percent of all letters coming in are asking for marketing outlets for home-made products. Some have sent in samples of their work, and it is beautiful.

The sale of some of these products



DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES — Mr. Art Mokarow, director of human resources, requests the assistance of those brethren who can provide information — knowledge or experiences — in helping the Human Resources Information Center to be a "people service." See story above. (Photo by David McKee)

Fund raising reflects involvement

By Glen White

Pastor, Winnipeg Churches
 WINNIPEG, Man. — Total involvement by the Church is needed to reach effectively the people of northwestern Ontario and the grain-producing provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan here in Canada. One way to do this is to provide funds for public Bible studies.

Here are some examples of the response from members of the two churches here to raise funds and to support personally the person-to-person campaigns and studies:

- A college student provided a colorfully illustrated campaign-fund chart to trace the response of financing these studies.
- A farmer and volunteer laborers

donated crop-removal costs of \$100.

- A boys' club (ages 8 to 13) went on a house-to-house bottle collection. Their efforts produced over \$200. It would be difficult to find a more excited and involved group than these boys.

- A member of the Church who is a building contractor, again with volunteer labor of men and teens, donated the cost of constructing a wall in a house. The fund continued to grow by their efforts.

- A young housewife suggested a bake sale at a major shopping plaza. Women of the church donated all the goods for the sale, which earned \$600.
- Handicraft items were made by

could mean \$50, \$100 or \$200 a month to some needy person. Everything — silver jewelry, handmade sweaters, pillows, blankets, tablecloths, oil paintings — is available. If you know of various marketing outlets, please write in and let us know.

Another area needing attention is job opportunities at home. In many cases handicapped brethren, wives with small children and those who are ill need to supplement their income. It could mean additional funds to purchase nutritional food for their families where presently they can only buy starchy food to save on the food budget. Naturally, inflation keeps eroding away even what they have.

One member recently wrote in an excellent suggestion: A man had been working for an automobile manufacturer for years — doing well — and suddenly became handicapped from an accident. What could he do? He lost his job and was restricted in job opportunities.

He found out each state has a superintendent of vocational education. This person made contact and is presently teaching in a vocational school. He found that no college degree or formal education was required. As long as he was a licensed, skilled individual, he could teach.

This one suggestion, written in, could be the employment answer for some.

Serve the Brethren

Perhaps you have experiences and knowledge which you have gleaned which could be the very answer for other brethren.

People service is the force of multiple minds and experience. Here is an opportunity for you to serve your brethren.

If you find you can offer solutions to some of the preceding needs, please write to the Human Resources Information Center, 285 West Green Street, Suite 205, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Now you know

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UPI) — A local mental hospital has initiated a study of the film *The Exorcist* because 12 new patients were admitted last month for treatment related to the film.

Mrs. Dorothy Brooks, information director at Western Psychiatric Institute, said some persons who never needed mental treatment were "falling apart" after seeing the film.

Mrs. Brooks said the facility began the study to determine the community impact of the film, which deals with demon possession.

members and sold the following day.

- A garage sale netted \$1,031.

The total earnings by all these means is \$5,300, a good start for future campaigns and public studies in and around Winnipeg.

Whole families drove sometimes over 900 miles round trip to support the campaigns and local Bible studies. Members in outlying towns provided information on halls and local conditions, and others provided transportation and moral support.

And a church language club typed, folded and stamped invitations for a local public Bible study.

These people will agree that the way of sharing and giving is certainly a privilege and an opportunity to work full time in God's Work.



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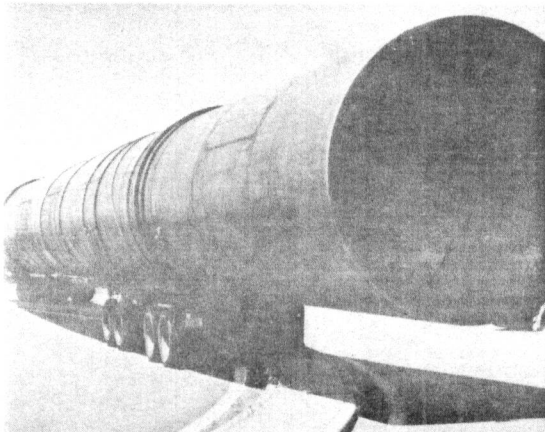
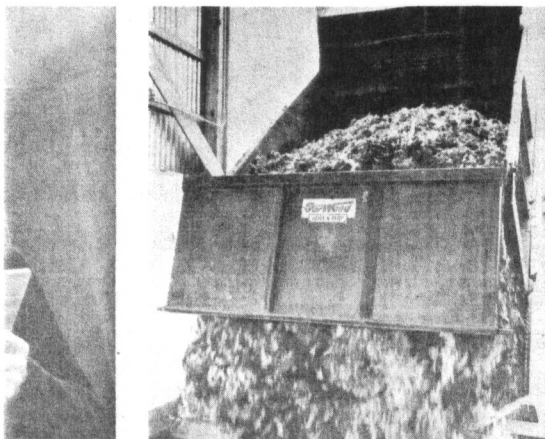
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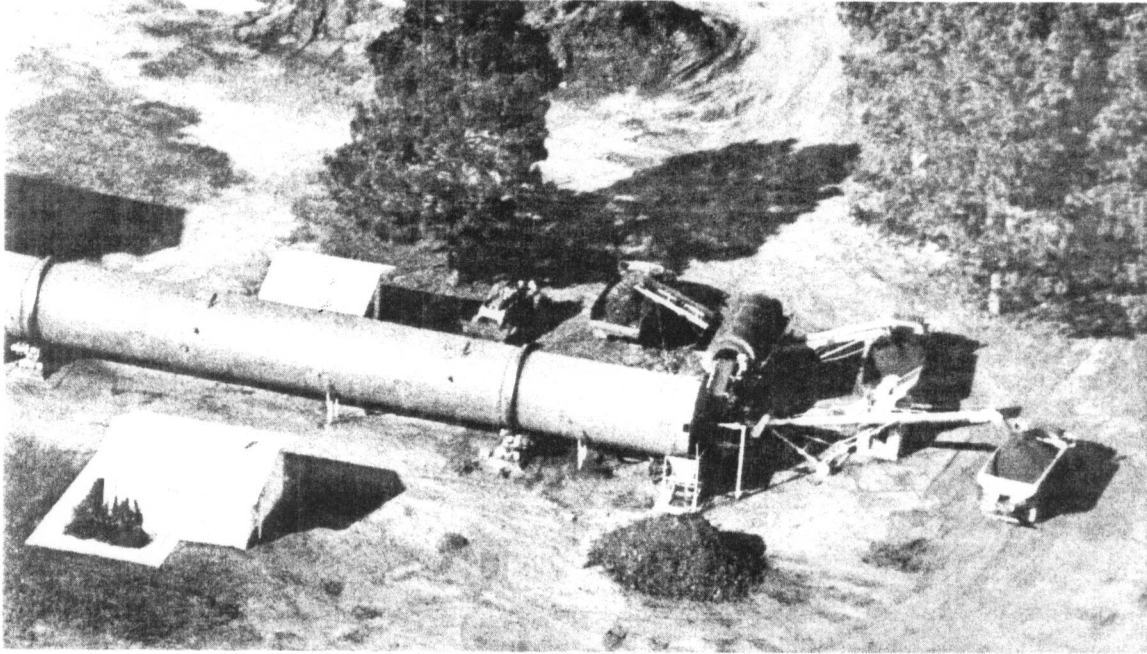
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What to do with our mountainous trash heaps is a problem of mammoth proportions for most cities. As former Houston, Tex., Mayor Louie Welch once said: "Everyone wants us to pick up his garbage, but nobody wants us to put it down."

Frank offers a present-day alternative to flushing our valuable wastes (*i.e.*, resources) down the nearest river, or piling them in a landfill, while farmlands waste away for lack of nutrients and organic material to grow healthy crops.

FRANK THE DIGESTER — Starting above and going clockwise: From a bird's-eye view, the Ambassador College digester is quite an unusual sight; despite its appearance, however, Frank is a possible alternative to converting city wastes into the usable compost college employee Steve Prociw is holding; transporting the 120-foot tube from Oklahoma — where it was constructed — to Big Sandy was no easy task, especially on some of the hairpin turns in the road; Zoell Colburn, director of operations, glances over reports on the digester; the end product of the digester has two major uses, as landfill and fertilizer, shown being spread on college farmland; actor and ecologist Eddie Albert, left, talks with the digester's inventor, Eric Eweson, while on a trip to Big Sandy in 1972; the first step in the process is feeding garbage into the digester, which will come out in a few days as usable compost. (Photos by Sam Duncan, Alan Heath and Eugene Smyda)





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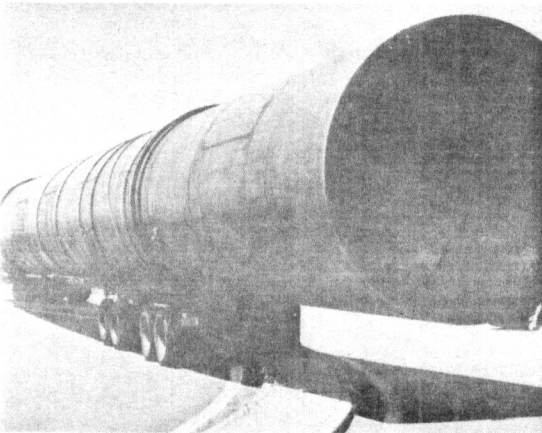
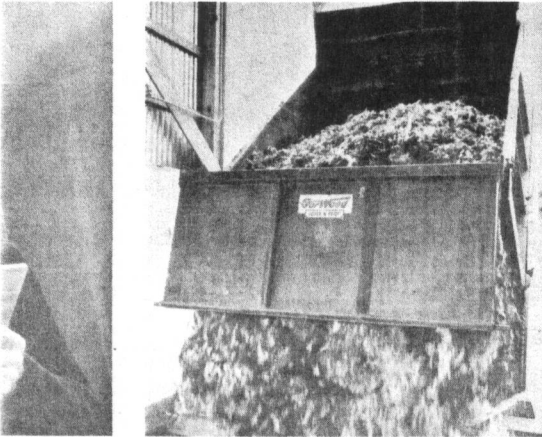
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Local church news wrap-up

Fiesta for All

NORWALK, Calif. — Nearly 300 people from 10 Southern California churches packed the church building here Jan. 19 for "A Fiesta for All," a dance planned by an Ambassador College, Pasadena, Spanish-language club called the "Spanish Circle."

The hall was brightly decorated with Mexican sombreros, Colombian serapes and numerous items from Ecuador, Uruguay, Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries.

A band, led by Bill Brazil, an employee of the college at Pasadena, supplied four hours of varied music, including a good portion of Latin favorites, which especially seemed to bring people to their feet and onto the dance floor.

Halfway through the dance, special entertainment was presented, including several authentic fully costumed flamenco and Mexican dances.

Also, Fernando Barriga, another Pasadena employee, sang a ballad of the 1910 Mexican revolution, and Dr. Charles Dorothy of Pasadena, editor of the Spanish edition of *The Plain Truth*, added sparkle with two lilting tunes on his classical guitar. The most amusing segment of the entertainment came when seven Ambassador students portrayed a Colombian bus ride which typified some of the travel by Ambassador students last summer in Colombia.

All in all, the social, which had been planned for more than three months by Spanish Circle officers Keith Speaks, president; Mario Sieglie, vice president; and Eduardo Crepenski, sergeant at arms, was a tremendous success, especially since it was the first such event ever put on by the Spanish Circle. *Keith Speaks.*

Complimentary Cocktails

CHICAGO, Ill. — Excellent cuisine, fine entertainment and lively dance music combined to make the annual Chicago-area churches' winter dance a wonderful evening.

Held at Lancer's Steak House Saturday evening, Feb. 2, the occasion was hosted by the Arlington Heights church members, who entertained members from the Southside, Hinsdale and Rockford churches.

All ticket holders dining at Lancer's were treated to complimentary cocktails compliments of the management.

Over 300 enthusiastic people danced to the swinging music of the Judd Five Combo and applauded the local-talent show.

Entertainment, emceed by Jerry Mitsap included songs such as "If I Were a Rich Man," "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better," "Sunny" and "Wouldn't It Be Lovely."

These, along with a song-and-dance routine entitled "Sisters," a jazz piano-and-drum number and a

skit called "Along Came Jones," combined to produce a very enjoyable evening for many of the Chicago brethren. *Dennis Diehl.*

Unusual Seattle Season

SEATTLE, Wash. — Seattle's eight basketball teams completed their season the first week of February with exciting interleague tournaments.

The B League, better known as the "Fun League for the Beginners and Those Over the Hill and Along the Way," was won by Capt. Rich Oettel's team, the Jets.

Observers say the team play of the Bosserman boys — Tony, Tom and Mark — sparked their father Chuck, Oettel, Lee Cline, Dave Elmore and Pete Weisenfeld to the league and tournament championship.

The A League season was unusual in that each team was victorious over the other at least once, giving analysts a busy season.

The team of the year was Capt. Rich Park's Kings, who captured the tournament championship after finishing fourth in regular league play.

The Kings won the hard-played, tense championship game from Mr. Fred Brogaard's Sportsmen (Mr. Brogaard is the minister here) when Park's 35-foot shot swished with 11 seconds left in the game.

The win was spearheaded by the 50 percent long-range shooting of Al Farris and Park, who hit 16 and 40 points respectively.

Mr. Brogaard's pat hand of Ken Johnson, Steve Mehl and Bob Teruhne, with good play from his substitutes, almost held up.

The hard-luck team of the tournament was the league-leading Ambassadors, who couldn't adjust to two missing starters in the first game of the tourney. They did win the consolation game from Ted Millhuff's Knights with a sparkling 50 percent shooting display.

The Ambassadors' Wayne Hageman (captain), Al Christopherson, Sam Morden and Ted Brush all averaged over 40 percent from the floor.

The Knights played well, but overall team strength handicapped them a little too much. It was enjoyable and educational to watch them form their offense around star center Tim Shaffer. *Ted Brush.*

Springboard for Southeast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — To handle more effectively a large congregation and provide more space for rapid growth, the Church of God here is now meeting as two churches, in the morning and afternoon.

The transition occurred smoothly the Sabbath of Feb. 2. Morning services were attended by approximately 280 of God's people; afternoon services saw approximately 260 people.

The sermon, by Mr. Robert Dick,

covered the rich history of the Birmingham church since its inception Feb. 2, 1962, by an evangelist and pioneer in many foreign offices, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse.

Birmingham began as the 51st church worldwide in 1962 with 140 pioneers. The recent creation of a morning church in Birmingham marks the 366th church worldwide.

During its early years Birmingham served as a springboard for the Southeast. New churches formed in Tupelo, Miss., and Huntsville and Geneva, Ala., and included many brethren who had previously been among those driving long distances to Birmingham.

Birmingham expects to continue a fine growth rate.

It also expects to enjoy the smaller, more intimate congregations — for a while, at least! *Gary Mercer.*

Waving Palms

BOMBAY, India — Jan. 20 some of the Church members and coworkers of India started out before dawn for a picnic at Bassein, 30 miles north of here.

This was the first such picnic organized by our deacon, Mr. S. Kulasingam.

The weather was cool and crisp, with dew drops on the green.

Bassein was selected to avoid the city crowds which cover all picnic spots like a blanket. A native of Bassein, a friend of one of the members, was waiting to meet the group to escort it.

The first stop was a little pub selling the best-known produce of Bassein: palm wine. (The next-best-known product is bananas.) This delicious drink is nonintoxicating and should be drunk only in the morning.

Palm wine is obtained from the tender shoot of a palm. An earthen pot is tied close to a slit made in the shoot and sealed the previous evening. The sap keeps dripping into the pot all night. The pot is removed early next morning, before sunrise, when it is ready to be served.

Everyone enjoyed this drink in a clean chalice nestled in lush green trees, vegetable gardens and waving palms.

Lunch was mainly chicken and "bread bread." This unleavened bread is made by hand from rice flour. It goes well with . . . well, anything Indian.

A farmer insisted on providing the group with radishes from his farm, while another native family brought salad and chutney (green peppers and fresh coconut ground together).

The afternoon was spent at historic Fort Bassein a few miles away.

The group had an interesting walk around the top of the ramparts of the fort, getting a panoramic view of nearby fishing hamlets, lush tropical greenery in the distance and the shimmering Arabian Sea in the background.

After an evening snack of fruits and cookies, the picnickers returned home. *Sudhir Chandra.*

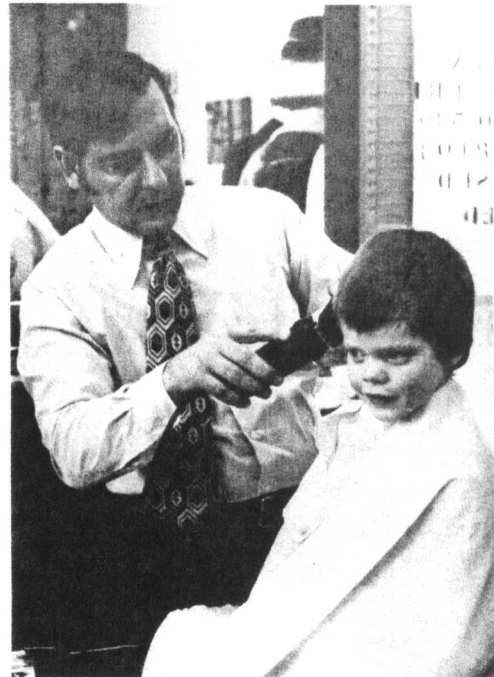
Perfect Host

DERBY, N.Y. — Traveling home from Toronto was indeed tenuous; the roads were icy, and the wind-blown snow had drifted and in many places covered the passing lane.

To make matters worse, Ontario law forbids the use of studded tires that New Yorkers depend on for traveling the wintry roads around Buffalo, N.Y.

So to say the least, there was an aura of tenseness on the trip home, but nothing to compare to the tense excitement that filled the gymnasium on the outskirts of Toronto, Ont.

The Toronto churches hosted a three-team basketball tournament consisting of Hamilton and Kitch-



LOWERING YOUR EARS — On the first Sunday of each month George Bondy gives free haircuts to boys up to 12 years old from the Windsor, Ont., congregation. Bondy began barbering in 1950 and opened four barber schools throughout the province. Now a sales representative for a steel firm, he continues his trade in the service of his brethren in Windsor. Here Bondy gets three-year-old Shannon Menard's hair in shape for the next Sabbath services. (Photo by Leslie A. Turvey)

ener, Ont., combined; Toronto; and Buffalo, N.Y.

In the first game Toronto soundly defeated Hamilton-Kitchener as did Buffalo in the second game, setting up what appeared at the outset a very tough, close battle for the tournament trophy.

As the play-off started, it was nip and tuck — Buffalo and Toronto swapping baskets for the first quarter.

Toronto came out and opened up a nine-point lead by halftime. Coach Dan Bierer of Buffalo (also Buffalo minister) made a defensive change going into the second half which would have worked, but two games in one day were beginning to show on the Buffalo team.

Hopes began to wane when at the end of the third quarter Buffalo was trailing by 11 points.

Early in the fourth quarter, Mr. Gary Antion, Toronto minister, fouled out, giving a decisive advantage to Buffalo because of Mr. Antion's ball-handling ability.

Buffalo ripped off seven straight points to come within four points of Toronto.

At this point the referee had to call time and have the announcer quiet the fans and cheerleaders so that the players could hear the whistle.

A couple of minutes later, at the end of regulation play, the score read Buffalo 61, Toronto 61.

A three-minute overtime period was played at the same pace of the four previous quarters. The frenzy of the spectators grew, and once again, with the score knotted at 65-65 with six seconds to play, Buffalo had at a foul shot and missed.

But a Buffalo player, Ken Meeky, rebounded and made a turnaround jump shot as time ran out, giving Buffalo a 67-65 victory over Toronto.

The Toronto churches hosted a fine day that included broomball competition at intermissions and delicious refreshments served by the teenagers.

But most of all, Toronto played the perfect host by allowing Buffalo to take the tournament trophy home. *Pam Kiver.*

All the Extras

WEST BRANCH, Iowa — Sunday, Feb. 10, 40 members and guests of the Iowa City Spokesman's Club enjoyed a special ladies' night held at the Hoover House Restaurant here.

After a delicious meal of roast beef and Cornish hen with all the extras, the club held a lively meeting and then went to the nearby Herbert Hoover Presidential Library (West Branch is the late President Hoover's birthplace).

At the library the club was shown a film depicting life in the United States during the early 1900s and then toured the library and viewed items of historical interest. *Tom Tullis.*

San Diego Appearance

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The long-awaited announcement of the personal-appearance evangelistic campaign for the San Diego and Escondido, Calif., area was made at both Sabbath services in this area Feb. 16 by the pastor, Mr. James Friddle.

A two-night appearance has been scheduled in this area on the weekend of May 3 and 4.

The name of the minister chosen to present God's truth to the public in this southernmost part of California and the exact location will be announced later.

Rummage sales are being scheduled for the purpose of raising funds to help cover the cost of the campaign. *Susan Karoska.*

The Cat Came Back

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Many old-time favorites were enthusiastically sung at a sing-along held here Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Over 150 people attended and participated in the festivities, which were led by Mr. Wayne Dunlap, pastor, and by David Ball, a member of the church here.

The singing was accompanied by three guitars and one banjo.

At one point an example of some bluegrass picking was performed on the banjo by Gary Mitchell, which

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INDIAN PICNIC — Indian brethren recently got together near Bombay for a picnic, the first of its kind. See report above.

Wrap-up

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drew an enthusiastic response. Cindy Roberts, teenage guitarist, brought sidesplitting laughter with her rendition of the hilarious song "The Cat Came Back." Refreshments and fellowship also contributed to a thoroughly successful and enjoyable evening and is just the beginning of church-sponsored sing-alongs in San Jose. *G.R. Burris.*

Hot Time in the Cold

MACOMB, Ill. — Mark up two successful firsts for the church here and the first opportunity for many of the Macomb brethren to hear some real down-home banjo pickin' by Macomb's minister, Mr. Roger Malone.

It may be 40 miles to the Mississippi, but a riverboat might just as well have tied up at Macomb's 4-H Center Saturday night, Jan. 12. A dance buoyed by a riverboat theme and talented entertainment piloted by deacon Jerry Rigdon supplied the atmosphere.

Power generated by clapping and toe tapping during the entertainment could have taken everyone clear to New Orleans.

Mrs. Ben Leonard and Mrs. Barry Brown gave us a piano duet: the theme from *The Apartment*.

A song-and-fun act was provided by the Jean Dawson and John Foster families, with young Nat Dawson, 8, stoking the audience reaction with cue cards.

Bill Key and a friend fired up some original compositions on two guitars.

An aspiring combo — the Beef Bacon — with Malone on the banjo, Mrs. Malone on the piano, Phil Elligsen (choir director) on the tuba and Dan Burge on bass guitar — got up such a head of steam that the audience didn't want to let them stop.

And that was in 12-below-zero weather. Just watch what happens when it warms up. *Bob Druen.*

Deflated Balloon

DALLAS, Tex. — Almost 100 people attended a fun-and-games party given by Mrs. Ellen McIver, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McConnell at the Lancaster Community Center here. All ages were represented — from one-year-olds to grandmas and grandpas.

There were cards, dominoes, chess and Monopoly. Dancing featured rock 'n' roll from the early years. The twist and the stroll were dances that went over well.

The highlight of the evening was Matilda Jones, introduced by Mark Smith and escorted by Earl Leonard, freshman from nearby Ambassador College, Big Sandy.

Matilda was a good-looking young lady of measurable proportions — a dark brunette and a sharp dresser. Jim Sheppard fell in love with her from the verbal description given him by the McIver family.

Matilda turned out to be a good-looking broom.

Jim was a very good sport. He had a dance with her and passed her on to others.

Needless to say, Matilda was very popular and hardly missed a dance, until one of her balloons slowly deflated.

Cake, cookies and punch, plus color pictures for memories, rounded off the evening of fun. *Pam McIver.*

Friendship Quilt

OAKLAND, Calif. — Sunday, Feb. 3. Mrs. Robert Griesinger, a member of the church here, was honored with a tea held at the Rod and Gun Club in Richmond, Calif.

Sixty-five ladies and girls of the Oakland church presented her with a "friendship quilt," designed and completed by Mrs. David Cuevas and Mrs. Gary Sjordal, both Oakland

members. The king-size quilt, consisting of 80 squares, 41 of which were individually designed and executed in applique, comprised a unique and colorful token of esteem for a woman who has done so much.

Despite her own ill health, Mrs. Griesinger has been hostess for teas, luncheons and many pajama parties for "her girls" from preschool age up to high-school graduates.

Having no children of her own, she has opened her heart and home and liberally showered her affection and attention on others, particularly the young.

Her latest innovation is slumber parties.

The parents and all members of the Oakland church hold her in fondest regard for her constant outgoing warmth and the fine example she provides of happiness and service in the face of sometimes insurmountable difficulties. This tea was a token of thanks. *Anne Robinson.*

Jets Blast Rockets

TRUMAN, Ark. — The Jonesboro, Ark., teenagers, behind the scoring of Tim Gardner, defeated the Little Rock, Ark., teens here Saturday night, Feb. 2, 67-54.

Gardner led all scorers with 24 points. Joining him in double figures was Rick Cantrell with 17 points and 17 rebounds and Duane Hutchinson with 10 points and 16 rebounds.

Sylvester Washington led Little Rock with 22 points, while Dennis Turner pulled down 17 rebounds for the losers.

Jonesboro improved its record to 5-4, while Little Rock fell to 2-3. *Rick Warren.*

Corncocks Played a Part

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Saturday night, Feb. 2, was an evening of fun, frolic and fellowship for 195 brethren of the church here. Chili, dice and corncocks all had their part in the evening's festivities.

Eating, one of the most important activities of the night, began around 6:30. To satisfy the appetites of everyone, more than 20 gallons of chili, at least 35 different types of hors d'oeuvres, and various desserts were prepared and served by the women of the church.

The evening's main activity, a dice game called bunco, was next. Enthusiasm and excitement filled the air as the participants hurriedly tossed the dice, hoping to score points by rolling doubles. Mr. Bob Persky, the minister, awarded prizes to the top winners.

Corncocks played a part in the

evening's final event. A pickin'-and-singin' group — the Corncocks — was one of the nine skits that composed the last event of the evening, the fun show. *J. David Perry.*

Mountain Gold

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Perhaps a talent scout was not present on the night of Feb. 2 as the Nashville East and West churches congregated for their annual steak supper, talent show and dance at the Sheraton Hotel, but participants in the entertainment portion of the affair put on a tremendous presentation anyway.

Jack Eubanks, deacon and well-known guitarist in this area, was in charge of the talent show, which featured not only amateur and some professional talent but also Mr. Bill Swanson, pastor of both churches (plus Cookeville, Tenn.), and Mr. Bill Miller, associate pastor.

When Mr. Swanson came to Nashville with his guitar, he came to the right place; he not only loves to sing a good western tune but also likes to recount his earlier days of ranching.

His rendition of "Gold in the Mountain" was a fitting complement to Mr. Miller's selection, "Long Tall Texan," which gained an assist from Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Eubanks.

About 200 persons were in attendance for the fast-paced show which lasted for approximately an hour and a half and which included 28 different numbers.

The program, called "Summer-time," featured both popular and country tunes, along with several original songs. Mr. Eubanks provided superb backup for a number of acts, along with pianist Earl Eichelberger, while Robert Jacobs did a fine job as emcee. *Everett Corbin.*

Laughing Gear

MT. PIRONGIA, New Zealand — Donning tramping gear, eight hardy young adults from the Hamilton, New Zealand, church, trudged determinedly up a meandering trail to the 3,120-foot top of cloud-capped Mt. Pirongia here Feb. 3.

The root-laden, tree-lined trail led the eager company through dense semitropical native bush where unseen cicadas, crickets and native birds filled the air with song.

The trampers reached the top with their heads in a cloud — literally.

After a satisfying meal on a slightly disappointing no-view afternoon, this reporter put laughing gear into motion with some Bill Cosby routines for the weary walkers.

Descent was highlighted by some

vine-swinging, vine-climbing acrobatics at one particular rest area.

At the end of a long day, all agreed the 10-mile tramp was well worth it, even though visibility was better at the bottom of the mountain than at the top. *Alex R. Lukes.*

Philly Finally Falls

UNION, N.J. — The Philadelphia, Pa., and Union churches were involved in an exciting and aggressive basketball game here Feb. 9. Both teams were undefeated prior to this game.

Early in the game Union took the lead due to strong rebounding and quick fast-breaking.

Philly regrouped and gained an early second-quarter lead, but misfortune struck and one of Philly's players was injured. Union then surged to a 35-25 halftime lead.

Philly came out of the locker room hot and overtook Union behind the driving of Steve Marandola (31 points) and shooting of George Greco (23 points). They held a 57-53 lead at the end of three quarters.

Leading by six, Philly lost another player due to injury. With both of their big men gone, they lost the lead and trailed by nine with five minutes remaining.

Philly closed the gap to one point until a third player was injured. Union took over behind Thedis Cunningham (24 points) and John Foy and Mark Klink both with 16. Union won 92-84.

Neither of the injuries was serious, and both teams are looking forward to their rematch in Philly. *Steve Marandola.*

Yell Girls

DALLAS, Tex. — The church here enjoyed an evening of volleyball, football, table tennis, tennis and basketball Sunday, Feb. 4. The accent was on family participation, and there was plenty for young and old alike.

The evening started with early arrivals playing football and tennis. Then volleyball games were organized and the ladies got in on the action.

In the family room adjacent to the gym where volleyball games were roaring, Brenda Lindsey coached a vivacious cheerleading practice for the Dallas yell girls.

In the half of the room unused by the cheerleaders, table-tennis enthusiasts battled it out. Gary Guy, an Ambassador College graduate, proved to be master Ping-Ponger.

Activities were wound up by exhausting and hard-fought basketball games. *David Joplin.*

Academic honors awarded students

The *Worldwide News* has obtained the list of students from each of the Ambassador College campuses comprising the highest academic honors awarded for the 1973 fall semester.

These students are divided into three categories: Highest Distinction, High Distinction and Distinction.

Padena — Highest Distinction (3.80 or higher): Richard Linton, Todd Rockhold, Anna Wagner and Fred Whitlark.

High Distinction (3.50 to 3.80): Deborah Barr, Linda Blosser, Timothy Bosserman, Mark Fischer, Susan Flesher, Jennifer Gehr, Stephanie Hosteller, Ruth Ludvigsen, Gary Moore, David Parker, Tom Purnell, Vicki Ratliff, Michael Regan, Virginia Ritenbaugh, Linda Schoon, Angelika Tirschler, Julianne Willis, Alma Worley and John Zahody.

Distinction (3.20 to 3.50): Allen Andrews, Wayne Anton, Mark Ashland, Diane Bauer, Linda Bergstrom, Raymond Clore, Daniel Cook, Robert Curry, Denise Dozier, Michael Eash, Barbara Forney, Dennis Hallingstad, Robin Harris, Patricia Hedge, Loma Jantzen, Dennis Lawrence, Stephen Lee, Linda Lisman, Ray Lisman, Lamont Lont, Roger Ludwig, Anna Lyon, Thomas Mathews, Rosanne Newell, Ralph Orr, Steven Pelfrey, Brian Pomictier, Deborah Pon, Terry Sawyer, Edward Stonick, Kent Wilson, Wendy Zebrowski and Leonard Zola.

Bricket Wood — Highest Distinction (3.80 or higher): Sandra Smith.

High Distinction (3.50 to 3.80): Lindsay Anderson, Irene Clark, Reginald Killingley, Colin Lauchlan, Reider Lie, John McLean, Kerin Noller, Alan Redmond and Annette Weatherly.

Distinction (3.20 to 3.50): Linda Cloninger, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Wayne Garratt, Gregory Johnson, Cheryl Long, Peter Longley, Donald Melville, Linda Moll, Rex Morgan, Bjarne Neilson, Donna Pattemore, Alexander Peck, Gillian Pilkington, Dennis Ramlow, Nancy Scull, Lorraine Seaton, Linda Severson, Edward Shanklin, Philip Shields, Jill Smith, Edell Thomsen, Martin Tranquada, Richard van Pelt and D'Arcy Watson.

Big Sandy — Highest Distinction (3.80 or higher): Becky Abrams, Kevin Hudson, Mike Isaac, Cynthia Issler, Gary Pendergraft, Stephanie Saracino and Cliff Wickham.

High Distinction (3.50 to 3.80): Joan Abstein, Leif Anderson, Lee Berger, Ruth Black, Leonard Cachio, Greg Delyly, Russ Edwards, Julian Gehman, J. Edward Glancy, Kathy Goodman, Dave Grogan, Jan Gully, Tom Haynes, Perry Hoag, Mike Hopper, Roberta Jaros, Don Jochle, Brenda Johnson, Gary McCoy, Joe Mihal, Scott Moss, Stormy Norman, Barbara Pawlowski, George Pendry, James Ricks, Earl Smith, Gary Smith, Becky Sutton, Paul Syltie, Laura Tomich, Ken Treybig, Carol Welch, Gail Williamson and James Worthen.

Distinction (3.25 to 3.50): Tom Adams, Jennifer Agee, Carol Allen, John Anderson, Kim Ashland, Bea Bishop, Leah Bryan, Paula Jo Crim, Rex Dickey, Kay Duke, Rosalee Gaugler, Randy Gregory, Dennis Houglum, Wayne Janes, Debbie Klitz, Pete Leschak, Warren Lewis, Mary Sue Lord, Ron Masek, Dale McLeod, Elaine McMillan, Creighton Miller, Steve Miller, Dave Molnar, Larry Moluf, Brenda Reser, Tim Robinson, Dave Swaim, Guy Swenson, Nancy Watkins, Terry Willhoite and Robert Williams.



THE ROYAL TONES — The Detroit church band was started about two years ago and has since performed at such church activities as talent shows, fairs, picnics, ball games, Spokesman's Club ladies' nights and wedding receptions. Pictured, from left to right, are Keith Hillman, who plays lead guitar and sings; Sandy Hillman, who plays accordion; William Gilbert, who alternates on the drums with his father, Bill Gilbert (sitting); Fred Davis, who plays the piano; Jan Gordon, who plays rhythm guitar and sings; and Jim Davis, who plays the mandolin and guitar. [Photo by Rondal C. Mullins]

HI-LITES

FROM IMPERIAL SCHOOLS AND TEENAGERS AROUND THE WORLD

Imperial students in San Antonio for weekend planned by area teens

By Rich Glasgow

BIG SANDY — Friday morning, Feb. 8, at 6 a.m. the Big Sandy Imperial High School varsity basketball team and cheerleading squad left for San Antonio, Tex., to spend a weekend planned by the young people's group from the San Antonio area, the Teen Club.

Coaches Charles Black and Tim Alexander and their wives accompanied the group as chaperons.

The three Imperial vans arrived at the home of Mr. D.R. Sandoval (coordinator of the activities and minister in San Antonio) at 1:30 p.m., and after a brief rest the group rushed to see the sights of the city.

The first thing the teens toured was the Alamo. This was the first time for most of the Imperial students to see the historic mission-turned-fortress.

Inside they saw artifacts and plaques honoring those who forfeited their lives for the Republic of Texas in the 19th century.

From the Alamo they crossed the street to see a slide show depicting the Battle of the Alamo, between Texas and Mexico. The show is purported to be one of the most accurate accounts of what occurred there.

Venice-Like Canal

After the 30-minute slide show the group walked several blocks down to the San Antonio Hilton, located on the San Antonio River. There part of the group boarded small riverboats to ride along the winding Venice-like canal.

The rest of the students walked along the scenic river walk.

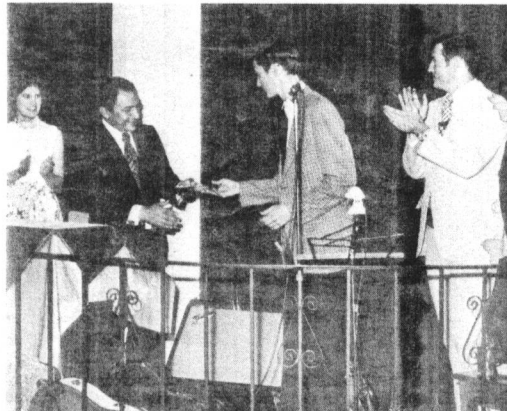
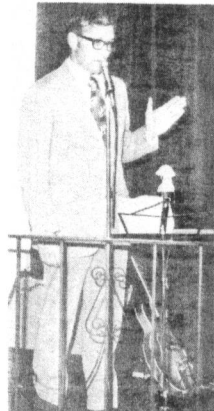
The riverboat ride, which lasts about 25 minutes, meanders throughout the downtown area and includes some of the grounds built for the World's Fair there in 1968.

From there, Mr. Sandoval led the group to a shopping mall where the guys could look at sporting goods and the girls could enlarge their wardrobes if they wished to.

After a couple of hours, everyone returned to the Sandovals' home to meet the families at whose homes everyone was to stay.

Saturday night, Feb. 9, was the night of the first annual awards ban-

WEEKEND IN SAN ANTONIO — Above: San Antonio Royals' guard Jerry Sandoval (No. 11) goes up for a jump shot during a game against the Big Sandy Imperial School varsity team Feb. 10. The San Antonio Teen Club planned the event. Bottom left: Imperial basketball coach and athletic director Charles Black gives a speech on the importance of exercise at the awards banquet. Bottom right: Mr. Roy Holladay, right, pastor of the San Antonio church, watches as San Antonio player Bailey Peyton presents a plaque to Mr. D.R. Sandoval, minister from San Antonio, for his time and effort spent with the basketball team. (Photos by Rich Glasgow)



quet for the San Antonio basketball team, this year held at El Rancho Restaurant.

Mr. Roy Holladay, pastor of the San Antonio church, welcomed everybody.

After the meal Mr. Sandoval introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Charles Black, Imperial basketball coach and faculty member, who spoke about the state of America's health and the importance of exercise in the lives of every individual from childhood through adulthood.

Trophies Presented

The presentation of trophies and awards followed Coach Black's speech.

Mr. Sandoval introduced San Antonio's basketball coach, Allen Johnson, to award the trophies to the basketball players.

Five different trophies were awarded to the outstanding players, who were chosen by the San Antonio team.

The trophies went to Dave Orth, Philip Seelig, Jerry Sandoval and Bailey Peyton.

At the close of the program Mr. Holladay awarded Coach Johnson and Mr. Sandoval engraved plaques to show everyone's appreciation for their participation with the basketball team.

The next day, Sunday, at 11 a.m.

the Imperial Challengers took on the San Antonio Royals.

Many San Antonio parents and friends came to cheer and support their team. The score remained fairly close until the last quarter when Imperial, utilizing its experience and teamwork, put it all together to surge ahead and widen the gap to 25 points. The final score was 70-45.

"Both teams fought tooth and toenail all the way, and the game was certainly a fine example of good sportsmanship and team effort," said Coach Black.

After the game both teams met at the home of Harold Hildebrand for a potluck dinner for a final get-together before the Imperial group headed back to Big Sandy. The entourage from Imperial deeply appreciates the hospitality which was shown the entire weekend by the San Antonio church and the Teen Club.



VISITING THE ALAMO CITY — A group of Big Sandy Imperial School students gathers in front of San Antonio's Alamo before taking a tour. The event, which was sponsored by the San Antonio Teen Club, took place last month. See complete story at left. [Photo by Rich Glasgow]

Take cheap photos of your nips

This article was written by a mother of three "half-grown kids" in the state of Queensland in Australia who vividly remembers the experience of her children growing up.

By O. Waterman
CLEVELAND, Australia — Out here in our neck of the woods, more

precisely the rich, fertile Darling Downs of southeast Queensland, it is customary to dispatch one's five-year-olds to school for the last week of the year preceding their admission as regular pupils.

When Ross' turn came, he went too.

It is a big upheaval to mum and family alike to send one's first lamb to the slaughter, and it was no different at our house.

On a tottering 20-inch two-wheeler bicycle he rode two miles to the gate to catch the school bus. (His having just learned to ride was a good excuse for me to follow at a respectable distance in the car.)

It wrung my heart to see my vulnerable snowy-haired tiny tot, definitely ill at ease and somehow just a baby, board the bus and sit with six other newbies — surrounded by seasoned old-timers of a year or more.

Almost in tears, he was whisked away — my last glimpse for hours being of a white-faced little chap clutching his lunch, sitting on the proffered seat.

That face was to haunt me all day, and I'll admit I was close to tears myself. The realization of one's precious babies becoming independent is enough to wrench the stoutest heart.

Each morning I followed him down in the car, each evening I drove down to escort him home.

Of his activities I could glean nothing — which more than ever convinced us he was being pushed around. But apart from a cut head, product of a fall off his bike onto newly laid gravel, he came home unscathed.

Friday of The Week culminated in a picnic-cum-prize-giving affair, which was successful enough.

Mounting Fears

Then his year to start as a regular pupil arrived too soon. Mutely he watched me prepare his clothes and books. My fears for him again began to mount. There was nothing we could do, I realized. Going through the mill had happened to us, and adult intervention is of no avail. If anything, it makes it worse.

With surprisingly little reluctance he began school in earnest. Occa-

sionally he manufactured excuses, but he went nonetheless.

Before long, homework came on the scene, and this he did cheerfully without protest. Things were looking up.

After a couple of weeks it was bearable, and I noticed a change in him. He began taking more interest in the doings of the family — on which I was cross-examined daily, particularly on the progress of the baby, who was referred to as My Pretty Little Sister.

The reason was the presence of two fairly new sisters in other families whose five-year-olds sons were "in grade one, like me, Mum."

Towards the middle of the year occasional related questions became more frequent, to the detriment of our Tea at Dusk Routine.

"So-and-so's sister can crawl, Mum. Why can't My Pretty Little Sister?"

I tried to explain the six-month age difference, a hard thing for one so young to understand. Sometimes it was "Joe is good at his sums. I'm not too good; they are too hard."

The circulars on current school activities were typed and duplicated by the versatile head teacher and sent home per the schoolies. They were items of pride in one's reliability to deliver and, if need be, return.

Only the Queen's personal messenger could duplicate the ceremony with which these precious documents were presented. On one such occasion the missile contained the data relating to the forthcoming Fancy Dress Ball. Of course we went.

Advice to Young Parents

Now, 15 years later, with all bar one having flown the coop, I wonder where those precious years went. This is my advice to young parents:

- Take lots of cheap negative-type photos of the nips doing their own thing.
- Give them your love and your ear; the kitchen floor will still need washing tomorrow.
- Lots of material things do *not* make kids happy, regardless of what adults think.
- Above all, live and teach your kids to obey God — then they will obey authority.

Potter overcomes energy shortage, demand for work ever increasing

By David K. Noller

WOLVERHAMPTON, England — Basil Matthews, like most other proprietors of business throughout Britain, has to switch off his power supply four days each week because of the energy crisis. He is permitted to use electricity on Thursday, Friday and Saturday only. This ruling allows Matthews just two working days with electric power; he keeps the Sabbath.

But because he is one of the very few craftsmen of his kind and skill in the world — a "designer executant of ceramic art" as he describes himself — Matthews still has to work six days a week.

At his workshop here he said, "Although I can still meet orders from six different countries, I have found I can arrange the various stages of work to accommodate the power re-

strictions."

Most of the work is done by hand. For example: the designing, molding, shaping and decorating. Three women are employed full time to do the decorating or painting of figurines, which are the principal product he produces.

No Ordinary Potter

Now Matthews is utilizing his kilns to maximum production by inserting more figurines at one time for firing and glazing.

He said, "By learning to be more efficient in the use of electric power and placing larger consignments of figures into each kiln, I find we're still producing as much as before the crisis."

But Basil Matthews is no ordinary potter. After being discharged from the British army, it was suggested by an industrialist that he develop his talent in modeling ceramic figurines.

That was 28 years ago.

Today business is thriving. His work is sold in six major areas around the world — Sweden, the West Indies, France, Germany, the United States and Britain.

Matthews, a member of the Worldwide Church of God for 16 years, attends the Birmingham church, in the Midlands area of England.

His workshop is at his home in Wolverhampton, 15 miles from Bir-

mingham. Demand for his work doesn't leave Matthews much time for secondary interests. But he does make time to fulfill his responsibilities as president of one of the two Spokesman's Clubs in Birmingham.

He is also a member of the board of trustees of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood.

No Violin or Piano

"I once played the violin and piano, but I never touch them now," he explained.

He concentrates mainly on ceramics, for which he began to develop a talent in 1946.

Matthews was a desert rat. During World War II he served in the Second Royal Tank Regiment, Seventh Armored Division, in North Africa.

Earlier, he had been transferred to

the battlefields in France. He spent a total of four years in uniform.

In 1944, however, he was discharged. He was going blind with trachoma. With only a pension to support himself and his family, he tried his hand at tabletop photography.

Sponsored by a local newspaper, he diversified to become a public-display modeler.

But an industrialist friend told Matthews that he was wasting his time and urged him to model figurines in ceramics.

So he went to art school. But there was no one there to teach him, so he taught himself.

Soon one of his figures was presented to a member of the royal family. The queen mother saw it and said she would like to see him continue in his artistic pursuits.

From then on he worked professionally on his own.

Success came early. Everything was sold in the first week of business, and he has been sold out ever since.

But in 1953 life suddenly changed for Matthews. For six years he had worked hard in his shop at his home with his wife Charlotte and two children, Brenda and Jeff. (They too are members of God's Church. Brenda is in Canada, and Jeff works in the radio studio at Bricket Wood.)

Adam and Eve

Late one Monday night his daughter Brenda, at the age of 15 years, suggested he listen to some music on the radio before retiring for the night. He tuned in to Radio Luxembourg and heard Mr. Herbert Armstrong speaking on *The World Tomorrow* program.

"It was the first time I'd heard any religious leader support the Adam-and-Eve account," Matthews recalled. "Immediately I was interested in hearing more."

He began receiving *The Plain Truth* every three to four months from Pasadena.

At this very time he was suddenly hit with problems.

"We were flat broke, and the business had gone to pot," he remarked.

Matthews waited 18 months to be baptized.



NO ORDINARY POTTER — Basil Matthews, a member of the Birmingham, England, church and a ceramist, puts the final touches on one of his creations. In picture at left he displays a few of his works. (Photos by Brian Duffield)

By this time, his eyes were in a very serious condition. He asked the minister, Mr. Gerald Waterhouse, "to anoint me and I've had no eye trouble since."

That was in February, 1958. And at that precise time all the technical problems in clay firing and glazing ceased.

Today Matthews' work is in ever increasing demand. He has the rare ability to compose ideas and models from photographs within minutes. He only works on solid sculptures, because he believes it establishes solidarity psychologically, and it requires extra skill to fire solid figurines.

Greatest Achievement

His greatest achievement, he says, was to design and mold a figurine in one hour, which earned him 15

pounds (\$33). And that was 20 years ago.

Today some of his masterpieces sell in the \$10-to-\$200 price range in the United States.

Actually, 80 percent of his figures are sold abroad. This has qualified Matthews for the "Queen's Award" (for exporting 60 percent of yearly production) for the past five years.

In 1947 he sent a group of figurines to Princess Elizabeth (now Queen Elizabeth) as a wedding gift.

But he prizes the figurine of the lion, boy and lamb he designed from the Ambassador College emblem. He presented an original to Mr. Herbert Armstrong, and now it is displayed on the campus here.

This was later used by Harrod's, a London department store, as a pattern for a silver model which is now in Pasadena.



It all began as a hobby for ceramics artist

By Katy Hoskinson

POLAND, Ohio — Fascinating, beautiful and gorgeous are just a few of the adjectives that come to mind when entering the home and viewing the dainty, breathtaking porcelain dolls of Mrs. Dorothy Burkhardt.

A member of God's Church since 1961, Mr. Burkhardt is also the pianist for the Youngstown, Ohio,



CERAMICS ARTIST — Mrs. Dorothy Burkhardt displays one of her dolls in one of several stages of completion.

church.

"It all began in a hobby shop in Struthers, Ohio," Mrs. Burkhardt reflected. "About 11 years ago I took up ceramics — the process of manufacturing pottery — with my sister to encourage her in a hobby, as she was greatly depressed over our mother dying and our father suddenly leaving and remarrying."

Mrs. Burkhardt received her early training under two instructors in Cleveland, Ohio, and a ceramics specialist in Youngstown.

When she receives the figurines (the type of object she usually works with) they are in a rough clay form which she must "trim and finish."

She then makes and designs clothing, which is an art in itself.

"I dip each piece of apparel into the slip [watered-down clay] until the desired thickness is attained," she explained. "Then I fit the clothes onto the doll. This procedure must be completed in a matter of minutes, before the clay becomes air dried and is unworkable."

"Next I place the dressed doll into the kiln for a day to bake it and to burn the cloth fabric out of the slip, leaving a fragile clay-shell replica of the once-soft material."

Mrs. Burkhardt continued: "After removing the doll from the kiln, I then spray-glaze the many colors onto the different parts of the doll three times. Following each coating I put the figurine into the kiln to dry, which darkens the colors and gives the doll an all-over glass appearance. During this glazing procedure I must wear a mask to protect myself from breathing in the fine glass-like particles that are in the air, caused by the spray glaze."

The final step before putting the doll into the kiln for the last firing is the delicate job of painting the features.

The paint used — china paint — is a special combination of oil and color pigments mixed to the exact consistency.

This procedure, which requires a very artistic execution, is done by putting a small amount of the paint on the doll and drawing a fine pen through it. Then the paint is pulled along to finish the features that the final firing makes permanent.

The material alone for an average-size doll is about \$50, according to Mrs. Burkhardt. She has over 250 dolls, one of which is a horse and carriage valued at approx-

imately \$250.

Many homes in the British Isles and all over the world, including the homes of Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. David Antion (director of the Church Administration Division), have another spot of beauty and charm added to them because of one of the ceramic dolls made by Mrs. Dorothy Burkhardt.



FINAL PRODUCT — These two figurines are two of over 250 dolls produced by Mrs. Dorothy Burkhardt.

Florida couple moved to Alaska, opened successful mukluk business

By Don L. Phears
DELTA JUNCTION, Alaska — Barnel and Becky Bragg know what they're talking about when they discuss cold weather. They live here in Alaska's cold interior where temperatures sometimes reach 70 degrees below zero.

It was not surprising, therefore, that this young couple from Florida — both members of God's Church — decided to manufacture mukluks when they chose to set up a mail-order business. (Mukluks are special footwear designed for very cold climates.)

Alaskan natives have made skin mukluks for centuries out of the hides of a variety of animals such as caribou, moose and seals.

By contrast, however, the Braggs manufacture their mukluks out of a tough canvas duck material for the upper shell. The soles are made from split cowhide, and inside are felt liners one-half inch thick on the sides and one inch thick on the bottom.

Surprisingly, well over half of their mail-order business comes from outside the state of Alaska. Most orders are from areas that get appreciable amounts of powder snow, such as Colorado, Minnesota and Washington, as well as several Canadian provinces.

People learn of their business through magazine ads in *Alaska* and *Fur*, both of which are nationally circulated magazines.

Not For Everyone

The Braggs also have a free brochure they will send to anyone thinking about buying a pair of mukluks.

"Not everyone should purchase a pair of our mukluks!" points out the first sentence of their brochure.

The reason that mukluks aren't for everyone is that they are designed for temperatures of at least zero or colder.

Made of canvas, the mukluks are not waterproof, but for cold weather this is good; canvas mukluks are designed to breathe. This allows body moisture to escape, which, if otherwise trapped by waterproofing, would soon chill a person in very cold temperatures.

Quite surprisingly, however, the Braggs continue to get numerous orders from areas such as Texas, Louisiana and, recently, even Hawaii! When they do receive such a request their standard operating procedure is to write the individual and explain that mukluks can only be used in areas where it is cold enough and where there is little moisture. After that, it is up to the individual.

In the Beginning

Their mail-order mukluk business began as a combination hobby and side business for Becky Bragg three years ago. Barnel Bragg had the original idea; he needed some warm footwear to go out and feed the horses in the winter.

The first year Becky Bragg put out about a dozen pairs of mukluks. The second year production increased considerably, and Barnel Bragg was called in for assistance and together they put out a great deal more.

This year, with demand increasing as fast as ever, they have added a number of pieces of commercial machinery and are really grinding out

the mukluks.

Running a small mail-order business isn't as simple as one might imagine. A variety of supplies — such as large amounts of canvas, huge rolls of half-inch felt, heavy commercial thread — must be constantly ordered.

Brochures have to be printed.

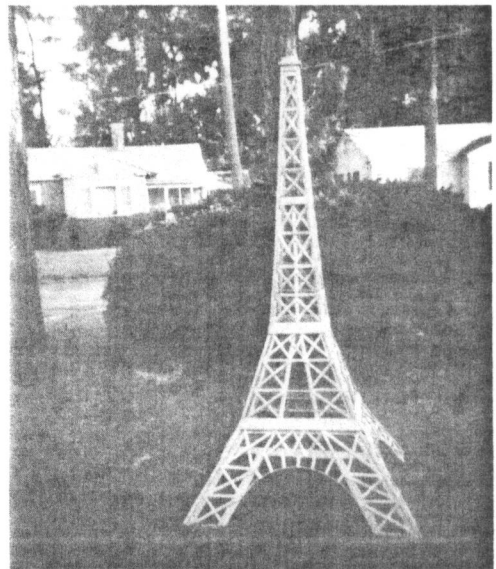
New equipment has to be purchased occasionally, and equipment has to sometimes be repaired.

Also, there is the problem, which occurs ever more frequently, of waiting on supplies.

With the expected beginning of construction this spring of the controversial Alaska oil pipeline, the Braggs are adjusting their thinking into terms of the possibility of several thousand orders of mukluks per year.

With the influx of thousands of workers who will be living and working in subzero temperatures, this is a very real possibility.

The Braggs, like others in isolated spots in Alaska, fervently hope and pray that there will be enough people in the Fairbanks, Alaska, Bible study someday — about 100 miles away — to justify a regular church. As it is, they commute to Fairbanks once a month for the Bible study, conducted by Mr. Bill Gordon, pastor of the Anchorage and Kenai churches.



Miscellany

CARPENTER'S ENJOYMENT — "A carpenter's task can sometimes be enjoyable," according to Todd R. Kalanguin. Kalanguin is a carpenter and remodeler who recently filled a request for a nine-foot replica of the Eiffel Tower. The model was requested for a party sponsored by a club which later donated it to a children's museum. [Photo by Mrs. T.R. Kalanguin]

God intervenes in birth of baby

The following is a report by a member of the Johannesburg church describing how God miraculously intervened during the birth of his second child.

By Louis Richards

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — I was awakened by my wife just after 2 a.m. and she complained of severe backache. We didn't quite know what to do, so I advised her to phone the doctor. The baby was not due for slightly more than a month.

When she phoned him he advised her to go to the maternity home immediately. As she returned to the bedroom her contraction pains started and then her water broke.

She was then unable to prepare herself for the nursing home and could hardly reach the bed. I decided to phone the doctor, but he had already left for the nursing home, so I ran to a nurse who fortunately lives on the same floor as we do. She immediately came over and then helped my wife toward the bed.

As my wife walked toward the bed she told the nurse she could feel something protruding. When the nurse had a look she was shocked to see the umbilical cord. She immediately told me to phone the ambulance, which I did.

When I got back to the bedroom she told me she was extremely worried about the umbilical cord and that she was afraid that the afterbirth would come before the baby.

While she stood there holding back the umbilical cord, I decided to phone our minister. I dialed his number and the minister's wife answered. I informed her what was happening and I was told not to worry and that they would pray for us.

I thanked her and returned to the bedroom. As I reached the bedroom the situation changed drastically and the next moment I saw the baby's foot appear and knew that we were having another breech baby, just like our first one.

The nurse asked me to phone the nursing home once again to find out whether the doctor had perhaps arrived yet and to tell them exactly what was happening. And when I once again returned to the bedroom,

the baby was halfway born.

The nurse asked me to call her friend who was spending the night with her and who was also a qualified nurse.

When we returned, the baby was born except for the head, which was stuck.

To make matters worse, my wife's contraction pains had stopped.

They struggled to release the head, and finally, when the baby's head was extracted, the baby was stillborn and blue.

The nurse tried everything possible to revive the baby — she slapped her, applied mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and massaging. But to no avail.

I then phoned our minister once again and told him that the baby had been born but that it was not breathing. I was told that they would pray, and I believed that everything would be okay.

I returned to the bedroom again, and the nurse was still trying to revive the baby, but without success.

I then went to the kitchen to put on a kettle of water. When the water was boiling I went to see what was happening and saw the nurse standing back and shaking her head in despair.

All of a sudden the baby started gasping for breath and suddenly slightly. The nurse grabbed it. She asked what

time the baby had been born and my wife answered 2:45 a.m. I looked at my watch and noticed it was 2:55 a.m. The baby had actually not been breathing for between five and eight minutes.

The nurse cut the umbilical cord and wrapped the baby in a blanket. She and I rushed the baby to the nursing home.

When the doctor saw the baby a few minutes after arriving at the nursing home, he said that the baby was healthy and had a beautiful color. Our Creator had performed a miracle. We were overjoyed.

We thank God that we have a perfectly normal and healthy baby girl.

JUDGES AND KINGS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH

BY IRENE BURKE

Fifty judges and kings mentioned in the Bible can be read forward, backwards, up, down and diagonally in this puzzle. They are always in a straight line, and they never skip any lines. Letters may be used more than once, and names overlap. Listed at the bottom are the names of the judges and kings and where they are found in the Bible.

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THIRD THOUGHTS By Basil Wolverton



"I'm going to have to insist that my husband sing tenor. I can take care of the bass."

A Personal Letter from

James Earl Armstrong

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soon-coming Kingdom of God — I have determined that I am going to remain firmly and loyally at my father's side to serve and to help him in this great end-time Work, until death.

No matter what the depths of collusion, and no matter what "problems" any of us may have had in times past (myself included), when it comes down to a time of crisis, *I will not lift up my hand against God's anointed!*

THANK YOU, loyal and faithful brethren of God's Church, for the many thousands of you who have through the loyal and faithful ministry and through your letters and telephone calls told us of your deep concern and your prevailing prayers during this crisis.

My wife and I have been through some terrible emotional turmoil; and we have lost many, many hours of sleep and have been fasting more than eating for the better part of 10 days.

However, I know this trauma will pass and that in a matter of only a few weeks God's Church will once again be about the business of doing this great Work fearlessly, no matter what the obstacles.

We have learned some deep spiritual lessons in all this. I have learned that no matter whether before audiences of two, 200 or 2,000 I must walk out into the street and stoop under the horribly burdensome cross that is my own to bear.

On With the Work

I wish to quote to you a small section of an article appearing in *U.S. News & World Report*, March 4. It was an inset in another article titled "Who's in Charge?" concerning the struggle inside the White House resulting from Watergate. In an inset entitled "When the Agonizing Ended for Nixon," the magazine quoted a White House aide as saying:

"For a year, the President had agonized over Watergate. And the whole White House staff had seemed to be tied up in knots, trying to deal with each new development.

"A dramatic turnaround came during the President's stay at San Clemente. Finally, he reached the point where he could agonize no more. Many men reach this point in dealing with personal problems — granted they may be problems of a lesser magnitude.

"Nixon in effect said:
"The — with it;
"I have done everything possible;

there is no way I can placate my adversaries. I am going back to work and forget about Watergate, come what may."

Dramatic Parallel

For me, brethren, this is a dramatic parallel. I have been agonizing over real or imagined problems month after month after month.

I have been breaking my back to plunge into every doctrinal question, problem or "issue" which needs solution.

I have created this newspaper for greater contact with you brethren, begun a whole vast series of campaigns in order to preach the Gospel to the world more effectively, worked toward revitalizing and making ever stronger our magazines and striven toward the production of new booklets.

(Of course, all of this has been done by literally dozens of hard-working people at all levels in God's Work, and my only input has been at an executive level and in the decision-making and idea process, plus writing some of the booklets or articles.)

I have appointed Dr. Charles Dorothy to head up a special group toward the continual review and collection of all Worldwide Church of God doctrinal material with an eye toward formulation of permanent books which present doctrines so that all the world may see and understand.

And I have been heading up a doctrinal committee for several months.

Each time an "issue" is solved, it seems detractors leap to another "issue."

Prevented From Doing TV

All this will come very clear in due time. However, I have been prevented from doing television for over a period of two weeks! My health has been seriously affected. My sleep has departed from me, and my wife and I have been put through emotional trauma almost beyond endurance.

Continually I have had to turn to God's Word and get on my knees to call upon Him for His strength and to learn how to "rejoice in tribulation" and "to count it all joy" when we fall into these terrible troubles.

It has come time to plunge once again into DOING THE WORK!

I too have now had to see there is NO WAY I CAN PLACATE MY ADVERSARIES. I too am going BACK TO WORK and FORGET about the agonies of the past, *come what may!*

I'm going to have to cut this short; it is time for me to get my things together and head for the auditorium.

May God bless all of you loyal, faithful brethren!

In Jesus' name,
Gamer Ted Armstrong

Resignations

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the Cincinnati campaign because of the very encouraging report he received from the ministry there.

After being in Cincinnati during the campaign, Mr. Armstrong reported that "the entire region seems to be absolutely solidly loyal behind headquarters and behind Jesus Christ and His government in His Church."

No Stigma

He wanted to be sure to clarify that "there is no stigma remaining on either of these two regions so far as loyal and faithful brethren and/or ministers are concerned."

He explained that it was only in his attempts to preempt any further precipitous and dramatic "defections" that he rushed the letter into major eastern cities as quickly as he did. And in this way only were those two regions singled out.

Otherwise, Mr. Armstrong said, he would have preferred the letter to have reached all the brethren in the continental United States simultaneously.

Limited mailing facilities on the Texas campus were also a factor.

McCullough

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band when a flood washed everything away. Other than that, though, all of the members that we have heard of were not hurt."

Presently, the Sydney office is in the process of relocating to Burleigh Heads, and, according to Mr. McCullough, "they should have everything moved in by the middle of this month except the press, which is to stay in Sydney for another year until the building at Burleigh Heads is complete."

He also said a small mailing office is to be maintained in Sydney.

For four consecutive Sabbaths Mr. McCullough spoke before Australian and Philippine congregations starting with the Sydney church Feb. 2.

From there he took the services in Brisbane, Melbourne and finally in Manila.

Once out of Australia, Singapore was the next stop. There he visited with Mr. Guy Ames, the Work's representative in Southeast Asia, and conducted a special Bible study, where he found some 30 English-speaking brethren.

"Most of them are Chinese and Malaysian and a few Indians, speaking both Chinese and English," remarked Mr. McCullough.

He estimated the average age of the group at somewhere in the 20s.

"They are well educated — one member lacks only a year to get his law degree — hold good jobs and are

In the letter he also announced the suspension of four men employed in the Big Sandy Region. However, these men were not named.

Quoting from the letter: "I have just finished a seven-hour session with all of the ministers in the Texas Region. I tape-recorded every word that was spoken. I have never in my life seen such a clear and transparent difference between the Spirit of God working in the minds of virtually all of these men (there must have been about 60 present) and the few who were exceptions. There was a spirit of rebellion and total lack of repentance in only four . . . But with the broad majority, there was a spirit of unity, of deep dedication, of loyalty, of faith and an obvious willing up of true emotion with the Holy Spirit of God leading and guiding!"

The next morning, Feb. 26, Mr. Ted Armstrong returned to Pasadena to meet with his father, who by this time had returned from Manila, having canceled his personal appearances, which by now has been reported to you via Mr. Herbert Armstrong's member letter.

The rest of the week was spent in grueling hours of meetings, the outcome of which was Mr. Antion's and Mr. Portune's resignations and then

a very fine group of people."

Young Church

Mrs. McCullough, who accompanied her husband on the trip, said: "Singapore is very clean and green. The slums have been torn down and replaced by government high-rise apartments. It is a very good place for an American to live. They had a special Bible study so we could meet the people. It is a very young church and all seem to be intelligent, educated people."

Concerning the church in Singapore, Mr. McCullough said:

"Things are going very well there. Guy Ames is continually excited about his new job and the area he's working in and he has very good identification with the people."

"Things are going fine in the Philippines too," said Mr. McCullough of the last stop on this trip.

He had no idea he would meet Mr. Herbert Armstrong there. Mr. Adair informed him Mr. Armstrong had postponed the recently scheduled Saigon campaign and would proceed with the Manila campaign early.

The Work's television crew and photographers for *The Plain Truth* were already in Manila to cover the event. But only days before the campaign there, it too had to be postponed when Mr. Armstrong was unexpectedly called back to Pasadena.

"Since he had to leave," said Mr. McCullough, "he asked me to stay over and take a news conference scheduled for him."

their withdrawal of their own resignations.

In a Feb. 27 communique to all U.S. field ministers, Mr. Ted Armstrong wrote:

" . . . I have temporarily disbanded the present organization of the Church Administration Department and the regional directors. As of now, every church pastor reports directly to me in line function. And to assist me, I have appointed a staff of evangelists, consisting of Mr. Raymond McNair, Mr. Wayne Cole, Mr. David Jon Hill and Mr. Ronald Dart. These men will be laboring daily over the telephones to directly assist me in whatever needs you have. They also will be making church visits."

Public Apologies

Mr. Ted Armstrong also said he has learned that several of the men who have been speaking against headquarters and Church doctrines have completely reconsidered and are asking for reinstatement.

He explained that those ministers who wish to be reinstated must make public apology to their flocks for having been outspoken over real or imagined difficulties or "issues" rather than continuing to preach "sound doctrine" and must repudiate all such precipitous actions.

Church leaders at headquarters stated that each and every minister who is willing to show genuine repentance and a desire to get on with the business of helping solve any and all difficulties within the Church will be heard thoroughly by a ministerial board at headquarters.

"This may only affect a small number in the United States, and, in some few cases, transfers and reassignment may be necessary," Mr. Ted Armstrong said.

Ultimate Results Good

As of now, there is much to be resolved, Mr. Armstrong explained. "But God is still on His throne, and I know that the ultimate results of this current crisis will be good. I give this information to the Church in an effort to arm them with direct information rather than having to wonder about the continuing stream of rumor and sometimes distorted information through newspapers and the electronic media.

"I'm sorry to have to report the names of some of these men to you, but since their names have already appeared dozens of times in newspapers around the nation, it seems as though I almost have to. But I do want to go on record as saying that the door of repentance swings wide for these men, and nothing would please me more than to welcome these men back into the Work upon repentance. My fervent prayer is that God will grant such a request."

Regional conference held at Australian headquarters

By Dennis Luker

Director, Australian Work

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Fifty-seven ministers and their wives gathered from all over Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines for a regional conference here the first week in February on the Gold Coast of southern Queensland, the new headquarters of the Australian Work.

It has been nearly two years since the ministers from this part of the world have been able to meet for dis-

cussions of subjects ranging from doctrinal questions to field policies and their implementation.

Everyone expressed it was one of the finest conferences we have had, primarily because Mr. Les McCullough, director of the International Division, was present to conduct the meetings, which were of great value in cementing church unity and oneness of mind and approach.

During the four-day conference all the ministers and their wives had the opportunity to tour our new temporary facilities here and look over the six-acre site where our new press building and administrative and mailing offices will be built later this year.

One of the highlights of the conference was three ordinations. Lyall Johnston and John Larkin of New Zealand were ordained as preaching elders, and Rod Dean of Australia was ordained a local elder.



PRESS COVERAGE — Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God were in the news throughout the week as reporters and newscasters traveled to both the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses to cover news concerning the resignations and terminations of several ministers. Big Sandy Dean of Faculty Don Daikins, above, was one of several college officials interviewed in Big Sandy by a television news crew from KPRC-TV of Houston, Tex., Wednesday, Feb. 27. (Photo by Ken Treybig)

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To locate the first letters of each name, use the two letters printed after each name in the following list. For example, the horizontal row of letters beginning with the letter Q on the left and the vertical row beginning with the letter E on top intersect at the A in Abdon: Abdon DE, Abijah MC, Abimelech AG, Ahab ME, Ahar DF, Ahaziah DF, Amos GG, Ase DF, Athaliah RD, Baasha MB, David OL, Deborah PP, Ehad DB, Eiah DB, Elakim GH, Eion MI, Gideon JM, Hezekiah MF, Hezraa EK, Ithan CA, Jair AA, Jehoiadai IN, Jehoshaphat LO, Jehoram ED, Jehoshaphat PE, Jehoram FI, Jehoshaphat ED, Jehu ED, Jephthah FI, Jereboam AA, Josiah FC, Josiah LO, Jotham FA, Manasseh KA, Manasseh KA, Nadab NI, Omri QM, Othniel JC, Peleah RK, Phakiah RK, Peleboam II, Sarason KE, Saul AN, Shearum AN, Solomon AN, Zami NB, Uziah AL, Zachariah BP, Zedekiah OQ, Zorai BI.