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Dedication launches largest conference

Auditorium dedicated to Great God

PASADENA — The Ambassador Auditorium was officially dedicated May 6 by Herbert W. Armstrong during the opening plenary session of the Work's largest ministerial conference in the modern history of God's Work.

One thousand two hundred fifty people filled the Auditorium for the meeting, which began shortly after 9 a.m. It was called to order by Garner Ted Armstrong, who in turn gave the opening prayer and introduced his father for the dedication of the building. The proceedings were also piped into the college gymnasium for those not able to be seated in the new facility.

Herbert Armstrong, suffering from a voice problem, extended his greetings to "ministers of the living God from all around the world."

"This is certainly one of the greatest occasions in the lives of all of us and by far the greatest ministers' conference we have ever held and the first time we have been able to have all of God's ministers here," Mr. Armstrong said.

He outlined events which had led to the decision to build the facility.

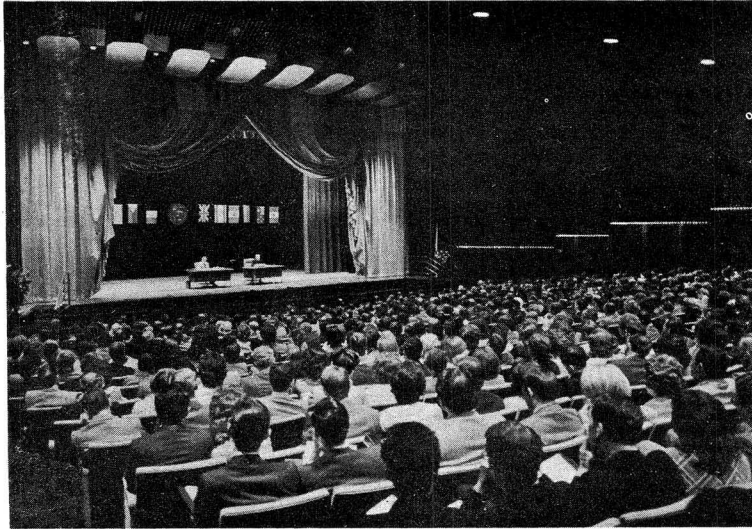
"Twelve to 14 years ago I was reading about King David's desire to build a temple to God in Jerusalem," Mr. Armstrong said.

Then he read from I Kings 8.

"It was in my heart if — I want to emphasize the biggest little two-letter word in the English language, if — God so willed. I did not at any time set my heart on it."

He explained that he had had architects produce a dozen or more sketches of the exteriors of auditoriums in 1960 or 1961. Letters were then continually sent to the brethren, informing them of the plans and projected quality of the building, Mr. Armstrong pointed out.

Because of the lack of financing and the urgent need for other buildings, the Auditorium was preempted by several other campus structures. The college gymnasium had to be built first, Mr. Armstrong said, be-



1,250 STRONG — A standing-room-only crowd of ministers, wives and headquarters personnel was on hand for the May 6 dedication of the Ambassador Auditorium. Following the dedicatory prayer, Garner Ted Armstrong joined his father on stage for the opening meeting of the conference.

cause the State of California had planned a freeway through the center of the campus.

The gymnasium, already a need of the campus, provided the type of building which would alter the freeway plans.

Next came the new dining hall to solve student overcrowding in the dining area, Mr. Armstrong said.

"We had another need which had to take priority and that was a classroom need. So finally, in 1967, we were starting the academic center," he said. "In the spring of that year my wife died and I named the academic center after her."

After the completion of the academic center, Mr. Armstrong authorized the construction of the Hall of Administration to alleviate the overcrowding in campus offices — especially in the business offices.

At the same time, the college had outgrown its dormitory space, so new dorms were built, followed by (See AUDITORIUM, page 10)

A Personal Letter from Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear Brethren of God's Church: GREETINGS! We are still in the midst of the greatest conference in the history of God's Work, with the first Sabbath service (May 11) to be conducted in the new Auditorium coming up in only a matter of hours, where more than 90 percent of Christ's ministry from around the world will be present. I'm sure you all know by now that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong announced a monumental new teaching regarding divorce and remarriage in the opening plenary session of the conference. The announcement

brought spontaneous waves of applause from the assembled ministers, pastors, associate and assistant pastors, local elders, etc., around the world.

Mr. Armstrong asked me to share the opening plenary session, on May 6, with him, and I was able to expound many of the Biblical principles concerning this new teaching, which I'm sure the vast majority of all of you have already heard.

We tape-recorded the entire proceedings of the dedication prayer and the opening plenary session and mailed the tape cassettes to churches all over the country and around the world, where they were to be played (See PERSONAL, page 15)

Worldwide ministry assemblies

PASADENA — Nine hundred fifty ministers and their wives were on hand here for the largest ministerial conference in the modern history of God's Work.

Registering for the proceedings were 95 local-church elders and 408 full-time ordained ministers, including 103 ministers from overseas.

The conference began Monday May 6, with morning and afternoon

Because the press deadline for this edition of "The Worldwide News" was during the ministerial conference, we were not able to include complete coverage. We plan more comprehensive and detailed coverage for the May 27 issue.

plenary sessions in the Ambassador Auditorium. The conference is scheduled to continue to May 15.

The Tuesday-morning meetings, conducted by Herbert W. Armstrong before his departure for a campaign in Manila, with a stopover in Tokyo, were also held in the Auditorium.

Doctrinal forums began that afternoon and continued through Wednesday.

Doctrinal forums — classroom discussion sessions involving the ministry — have been instituted at this conference.

"This is the first time in the history of the ministerial conference that this sort of meeting has been included," commented Ben Chapman, director of Marketing Services for the Work and registrar for the conference.

According to Mr. Chapman, the purpose of the doctrinal forums is "to expedite input from the field ministry in areas of doctrines, doctrinal administration and pure administration for headquarters study."

And the purpose of the communication workshops is "to expedite a full interchange of ideas, concepts, etc., enabling ministers to improve in their profession — church speaking, administering, counseling and serving."

There were 19 topics and 19 corresponding communication work- (See MINISTRY, page 10)



OPENING MEETING — Garner Ted Armstrong joins his father in expounding the new teaching on divorce and remarriage following the dedication of the Auditorium.

New teaching on divorce given in opening meeting

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong announced here May 6 that the Worldwide Church of God will alter its teaching on the subject of divorce and remarriage.

Mr. Armstrong, in the opening plenary sessions of the largest ministerial conference in the Work's modern history explained to the ministry that a basic assumption made determining the original doctrine had been in error. The assumption was that God bound all marriages which were entered into in good faith and in which there was not a previous binding marriage — whether the parties married invited God into their lives or not.

"We assumed and thought that [the assumption of God's binding] was so self-evident that we never needed to prove it," Mr. Armstrong said. "Does God bind other contracts by pagans or heathens or people that don't know about His Word, know what His Word is?"

He explained that marriages can be legally bound by the state without God binding them or being involved.

The new teaching will provide that those coming into the Church will be forgiven at baptism of past marital mistakes which were made apart from the knowledge of God's way.

A new member whose mate leaves (See DIVORCE, page 10)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Helpful
Thanks for the Church newspaper. It is very helpful in keeping all of us informed. Give our thanks to the entire staff.
Raymond F. McNair
Pasadena, Calif.

Horse's mouth
It [The Worldwide News] seems to have stopped rumors. It's good to hear the news from the horse's mouth.
I feel that I am a part of God's Work, not only a number. It's sure good to hear from all of God's people worldwide.
Florence Pigman
Corona, Calif.

Working out
The News has been really helpful in giving us a feeling of togetherness so important in this world, where so many times we feel so alone having to go against the mainstream in school, work and social activities. I enjoy most of the personal stories of others following God's way of life . . . finding God did work everything out for the good of those who look to Him.
Mrs. Phil Keener
Pilot Point, Tex.

Noticing coworkers
At last the coworkers are beginning to be noticed. This to me seems to be a most wonderful thing. All these years we have been sort of unnoticed — not knowing anything about the inner part of the Church . . . which we are putting God's money back into. I never thought of this being my money to start with, but in a troubled time such as this we should know more about the inner part of the Church.
I feel that we will know more about the Church through the paper, and it will make us all closer together.
Mrs. Archie Davison
Akron, Colo.

Deeply concerned
I enjoyed the newspaper and found it helped me to solve some of the subjects I have been deeply concerned about! I hope in the future you will have just as interesting a newspaper.
Please send as soon as you can.
Mrs. Howard E. Weld
Winchester, N.H.

Something missing
Please enter my subscription to The Worldwide News. I just received a sample and did not even know it existed. Looks like I've been missing something.
Trasy L. Turley
St. Charles, Ill.

More Canada
I received Mr. GTA's [renewal] letter yesterday. I for one (among many) really appreciate The Worldwide News. Let's have more news on the CANADIAN Work.
Brian Hancrar
Windsor, Ont.

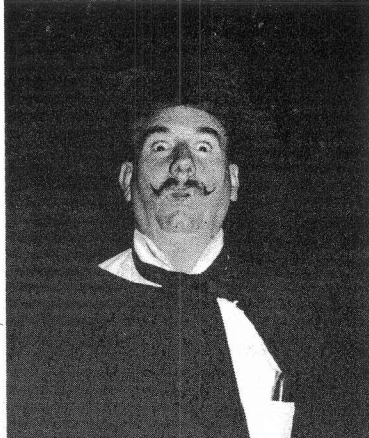
Aqua under the bridge
We really enjoyed the article by Mr. Jerry Gentry on his children's cute quips [April 1]. We too jot down our son's humorous lines as they're just too easily forgotten.
For instance, while driving across a bridge, my husband said to our three-year-old: "Hey, Mike, look at all that 'aqua' down there!"
His excited reply: "Yes, and there's lots of water down there too!"
Mrs. Robert Humphrey
Lafayette, Ind.

Donation
Technically, this check is for renewal, but in one sense it's a donation, for I read so little in the paper due to the too-small print. The type you started out with was good; why don'tcha go back to it? You could carry the same amount of news in the larger type by — ha! — being less long-winded. (But even so, you're doing a fine job.)
Denis Farrant
Hollywood, Calif.

Word of thanks
We just wanted to send a word of thanks for The Worldwide News, non-parallel in benefit and of constant interest. We find it helps us — and I'm sure all of God's people — keep abreast of the developments in His Church.
Commendation on a first year's overwhelming success is offered in the hopes and anticipation that many more years of such service and productivity will be forthcoming!
Mr.-Mrs. Briscoe Ellett II
New Orleans, La.

Impossible dream
Here's my subscription, plus a bit extra to help others.
The WN has been simply GREAT. There has never before been such a great medium for communications in God's WORK.
I must admit when I first heard it being planned I just couldn't visualize how such an ambitious publication could possibly be squeezed into the already overcrowded schedule of so many other vital publishing demands.
I thought it a great dream, but impossible! Here it is, a full year old! It has accomplished a miracle in very vital communication needs for all the Church (and interested) brethren.
A wise old man once was heard to say of his unit and its men:
"The difficult tasks we do immediate-

ly. The impossible takes a little longer!"
Thanks to the entire staff of hard-working overcomers of the "impossible" and to Mr. Armstrong for his realized "impossible dream" come true. I know we will continue in God's WORK to dream of and bring about even greater blessings in the days ahead.
Selmer L. Hegwood
Mokena, Ill.



Miscellany
SHADES OF SALVADOR — This photo was taken at an elaborate costume affair in the Durban, South Africa, church recently. Pictured is Robert Leask, one of many who attended the affair. (If you have a black-and-white photo you'd like to submit for this feature, send it to "Miscellany," The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.) [Photo by Eddie Neuteboom]

One spirit, one mind
The Worldwide News has put a closeness in our lives with Pasadena and all ministers and people of God's Church around the world that we haven't had before.
In a day when we are striving for unity, one spirit one mind, the WN plays a very important part. Thank you very much for the newspaper.
Evelyn Moody
St. Peters, Mo.

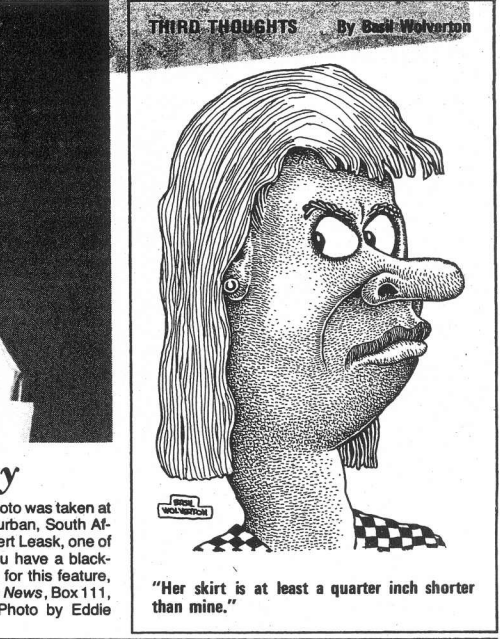
The Auditorium
Such a blessing . . . to see the picture of Ambassador Auditorium [April 15] — dedicated to the honor and glory of "THE GREAT GOD." I do hope and pray there will be a way for us to get to make a trip out there and see it. Sometime.
Floyd Hartley
Tipp City, Ohio

In this last week's newspaper, the coverage of the opening of the beautiful new Auditorium allows us to rejoice as though we were there.
Allen and Bessie Chumley
Shreveport, La.
We sure appreciate the work, the time and effort you put in the News. And thank you so much for the paper on the Auditorium! The Auditorium is just beautiful.
Karen and Lynn Bickel
Denver, Colo.

Throwing out leavening
Each Passover I have had to keep baking powder or light bread because my husband said he "couldn't" or he "wouldn't eat that hard bread." But thanks to the News and Mrs. Corrie Slyker's "Delicious Unleavened Bread" [March 18], my husband says I can throw out all my leavening. That soft, melt-in-your-mouth, truly delicious bread won him over. We have it often.
Mrs. Catherine L. Holt
Winslow, Ind.

Thank you very much for The Worldwide News paper. I have really enjoyed it. I'm taking the unleavened recipes and having the three whole pages Xeroxed and then cut . . . in squares and taped to a recipe card for use all year.
Mrs. R. A. Borton
Middletown, Ohio

Tornado watch
I especially enjoyed the issue I received yesterday: the dedication of the "House



for God" [the Auditorium] and the stories of God's mercy in the recent tornadoes [April 15]. We had some few bad storms in Virginia. One was headed toward Richmond and I prayed it would not get here (I work in Richmond). I am terribly afraid of wind, having gone through two hurricanes in Florida in the 1940s.
The storm dissolved in a rain squall in half an hour. I was very thankful.
Mrs. Homer W. Furr
Quinton, Va.

I can't thank you enough (or, actually, God, in using your services) for the coverage of the Xenia, Ohio, region and of the brethren involved there [April 15 and 29].
Many of us here in the Monterey [Calif.] church were well acquainted with Steve Wyke, whose photo appeared in the Xenia coverage — and [this] was a very dramatic answer to our prayers here for the safety of all the brethren in that section of the country — and Steve in particular. Probably because of the mail disruption which, I'm sure, also occurred in that region, the article in The Worldwide News was the first contact received from the affected area.
Thanks also for the coverage of the Auditorium [April 15], as well as the first year of this needed newspaper.
Bob Henriquez
Pebble Beach, Calif.

It struck me upon reading the account of the recent April tornado victims that I wasn't reading the city papers with just a story of another disaster and wondering if any of our brethren were hurt, as I was reading the actual accounts by God's people of how they were blessed by God's protection.
Thank you, Worldwide News, for this knowledge and peace of mind.
Kathy Golden
San Antonio, Tex.

Disaster
Please renew our subscription to The Worldwide News. Although it causes disaster at my house (I let my work go as I can't put it down until I've read it all front to back), I really do enjoy it.
Mrs. James C. Daves
Carrollton, Miss.

Executive interview
So many of us would enjoy pictures and background story concerning Mr. Garner Ted and his family. Hope soon this will be in Worldwide News.
Mrs. Ruthann Monroe
Phoenix, Ariz.

Good to hear
I am one (on my honor) who subscribed late during the year (either September or October) of 1973, but I have so enjoyed the newspaper, which keeps us so well informed, that I would like to send in my regular subscription price of \$4 anyway, to show my appreciation for it.
It was good to hear that even those who

were not able to pay for it were sent a subscription anyway, due to the financial blessing of those who could send in extra money. Out of love, others are able to enjoy this newspaper and to be informed of the happenings of the Work also. I am glad to be a part of this kind of church and a member.
Sarah I. Burke
Tempe, Ariz.

Small price
Thank you so much for the continuing of The Worldwide News. Also the small price for it. In this time of price rises, it seems good to know this has not changed. Not that I would not be glad to pay more for it.
Mrs. Carl Goodrow
Morland, Kan.

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DIAL A DISCIPLE
BY VIVIAN PETTYJOHN

Did you know that you can dial a disciple? The names of the 12 original disciples are found, in code, on your telephone dial. Each name, converted from letters to numbers, would appear as listed below. Can you decode the numbers and spell the names? (Example: In number code, the name of the apostle who replaced Judas is 62884427, for Matthias.)

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9. 5 2 6 3 7 (son of Alphaeus)
10. 7 4 6 6 6 (the Canaanite)
11. 8 4 2 3 3 2 3 8 7 (also known as Lebbaeus, Judas)
12. 5 8 3 2 7 (Iscaariot)

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Executive interview

S.E.P. director former track star, recreation plays big part in life

By David McKee

PASADENA — "You can live in a pretty rundown, depleted or adulterated society as long as you have hope. The Summer Educational Program is probably the one place where students who have the opportunity of being there can have hope.

"You've got people up there who have a goal, and it shows in them. Administrators, college students — they don't have all the answers but they do have the goal. The kids who go to camp can see that and relate to it.

"Even though there is discipline in it, the students of the summer program when they go home can hang onto the hope and the goal.

"That," concludes the director of the Summer Educational Program in the U.S., Dr. Floyd O. Lochner, "is why we have S.E.P."

Initiating S.E.P.

Part of Imperial Schools, the Summer Educational Program, which now also includes annual camps in Germany, England, South Africa and Australia, began in the summer of 1962 with Dr. Lochner as its director.

Earlier that year, Garner Ted Armstrong had approached Dr. Lochner with the question: "If you were running a summer recreational camp, what kind of a program would you have?"

"I told him what I thought would make a good program," says the director, "and he said, 'Good. That's what we're going to have this summer.'"

"But," Dr. Lochner continues, "it wasn't quite that easy. We had to have money for it."

A little money was procured and — along with a few donated boats, 17 or 18 canoes assembled by Imperial School students here and a surplus tent — the program got off the ground. Five hundred students attended the first eight-week camp in Big Sandy, Tex.

"There was a lot of makeshift, but we had a good program," remarks Dr. Lochner.

After a second year of S.E.P. in Big Sandy there was a year without the program while a search was made for better and permanent facilities.

Orr, Minn., was the result of the search, and some land was purchased there in February of 1964 to begin the program there.

"Between the 15th of February and June 1 we had to put up some buildings," the director says. "We really went to work."

"The first year at Orr was really something," he then goes on to say. "It was cold. It rained all summer. We didn't have shower facilities. We didn't have windows. It was really a pioneering summer."

Now, after several years of constant improvement and experience, equipment purchases, personnel and program expansion, the Summer Educational Program prepares to begin its 14th year.

Track Star

Directing the establishment and operation of a summer camp is a goal Dr. Lochner had even while attending the University of Oklahoma at Norman in the 1930s. Recreation has itself played a major role throughout his life, in fact, from the time he was old enough to run.

"I came from Lincoln County, Okla.," says Dr. Lochner. "I went to a high school with 42 students, played basketball, got into boxing and track and field."

Running was the major sport in his life, though.

"I got into running when I was in grade school," he says, "and stayed with it.

"I didn't have a coach in high school, but I had a book by Harry Gill, University of Illinois track coach. With that as a guide I was able to win a national high-school championship in the mile in 1932."

His time was 4 minutes 30 seconds.

"I went to the University of Oklahoma," he continues, "and won the national two-mile championship in a time of 9:26 in 1935."

He didn't make the Olympics, though, because in February of 1936 he broke his leg at a meet in San Francisco, Calif.

But following this incident Dr. Lochner came back to set a world mark in the two-mile steeplechase with a time of 9:57.

For two or three years thereafter he remained undefeated in that event, which includes eight water jumps and 40 hurdles.

In 1936 Dr. Lochner won an award as the "outstanding student at the University of Oklahoma." The award took into account academic achievement, athletic achievement and the other extras which made up Dr. Lochner's life.

He worked 20 hours a week, in addition to college duties, and participated in student government, although he was halfway pushed into this area as a result of his fame as an athlete.

Dr. Lochner was also a boxer at the university, and a successful one.

"I was the college champ at the university for three years at 135 pounds," he says.

"I started boxing when I was a little fellow. The reason for that was that there were 10 children and Dad got tired of us fussing so he just got us some boxing gloves. We spent quite a bit of time doing that."

Japanese Tour

Dr. Lochner graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor-of-science degree and a double major in physiology and physical education.

Immediately following his graduation he was selected to be on a track team that toured Japan for three

months.

Back from Japan, Dr. Lochner joined a sporting-goods firm as a salesman.

Two years later he went back to the university to obtain his master's in neurology, having been offered a job as assistant professor if he did so.

It was then, in 1939, that he married a student at the university, Verne White, with whose family he was well acquainted.

Mrs. Lochner later spent several years teaching in Imperial Schools here and is now the assistant dean of students at Ambassador College here.

The Lochners have two children: Otto, church pastor in the Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn., area, and Peggy, who is married to Dave Harris, an assistant to Dr. Lochner.

Before he got too far along with his master's program, Dr. Lochner was asked to become assistant state director of recreation for Oklahoma, a post he accepted and held for a few years until World War II. (He later earned a master's in education from the university and still later earned his doctor's degree from Ambassador.)

He joined the Navy at that point and worked in personnel management for 3½ years.

Losing Shirts

After that, he borrowed some money from his brother and bought a turkey farm.

"That was one of those things in which you could lose your shirt," comments Dr. Lochner, "and a couple of times I lost mine."

His last successful year as a turkey farmer he decided to get out of the business. He was offered a job at the University of Oklahoma as assistant track coach but turned it down and began to work for his brother, who handled a Dr. Pepper franchise in Tyler, Tex. There he discovered the Church of God.

"My brother's wife was taking *The Plain Truth*," Dr. Lochner explains. "I went into his office one morning and saw it on his desk. I read it and took it home to my wife and said, 'This makes sense.'"

His wife agreed, and they decided to begin listening to the radio pro-



DR. FLOYD O. LOCHNER

gram.

After listening to a few programs, however, Dr. Lochner was disappointed.

"We started listening and after about a week we decided to stop. It was just the same old stuff, a bunch of Pentecostal people," he says.

It wasn't until a month had gone by that Dr. Lochner discovered he had not been listening to Herbert W. Armstrong but to A.A. Allen.

"We're listening to the wrong man," he then told his wife. "We're reading one man and listening to another."

After only a few months of listening to Mr. Armstrong, Dr. Lochner decided to come to Pasadena and talk to Mr. Armstrong about the possibility of a job for him and his wife so that they could attend the college here.

On the radio at the same time, Mr. Armstrong mentioned briefly that the Spring Festival was in progress in Gladewater, Tex. Dr. Lochner decided to attend.

"It took me four or five hours to find the small clearing that they were

using at this time, but I finally did," he notes.

There he was told that Mr. Armstrong would be in Gladewater that next weekend.

Dr. Lochner met him then, and Mr. Armstrong said they couldn't use him at the time but that he would be contacted if anything opened up.

Within three weeks, his wife was hired to work in Big Sandy, teaching at the Imperial Schools there.

In another few months Dr. Lochner was himself hired to work in Big Sandy as an instructor. This was 1955.

Pasadena

After about two years Dr. Lochner and his wife moved to Pasadena. Dr. Lochner was named superintendent of Imperial Schools and head of the Physical Education Department.

"I stayed with Imperial until it grew and grew," says Dr. Lochner. "Now I work almost entirely with S.E.P. and my college class. I am the assistant superintendent of Imperial, but that is merely as adviser."

Dr. Lochner's college class is called *The Learner* and is something "I really enjoy."

About 75 students take the class, which deals with child growth and development, each semester.

"The summer program has also been a real enjoyment," Dr. Lochner goes on to say. "It's been difficult in the sense that you work night and day at the thing. Every year you go up there and you lose 10 pounds. The days are so long that you never go to bed, and when you do you have to get up."

"It is difficult but it's a lot of fun."

In addition to other responsibilities, Dr. Lochner has the opportunity to associate with Herbert W. Armstrong quite a bit, helping him with a personal fitness program.

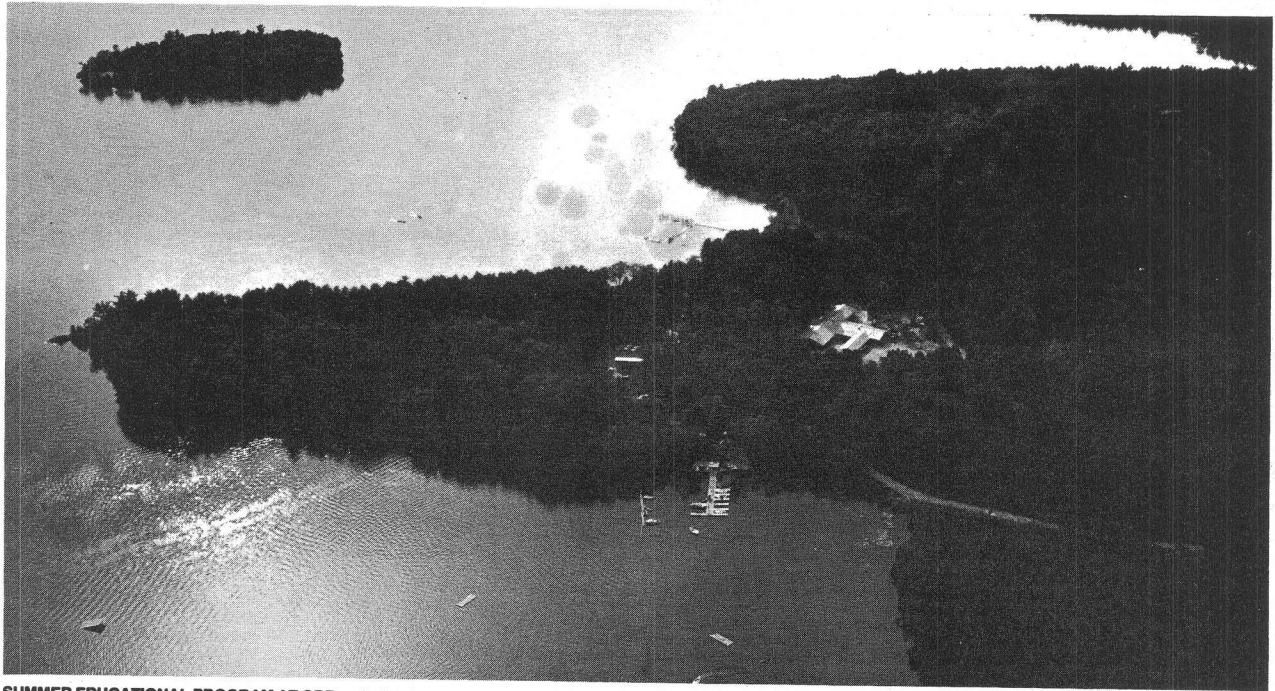
"I get enjoyment out of just sitting around talking to him and listening to him," he says. "When kings and dignitaries count it a great opportunity to sit and talk with him — well, you can see why it is tremendously rewarding for me to have the same privilege."

With running and boxing pretty much behind him, Dr. Lochner enjoys pitching horseshoes.

Looking forward now to another year at Orr, he is a man who seems to derive a great deal of pleasure out of whatever he does.



LOCHNER FAMILY — Dr. and Mrs. Lochner, center, pose for a family shot with their two children, Otto and Peggy.



SUMMER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT ORR — Aerial view shows the site of the S.E.P. program for the last eight sessions at Orr, Minn. (the camp was in Big Sandy for two years). The program is once again being offered to the young people in the Church this summer. [Photo by Jeanne Kloster]

Summer Educational Program now in 11th year

By Garner Ted Armstrong
PASADENA — This summer two groups of teenagers of God's Church will be part of the finest summer educational program on earth.

This marks the 11th year of Imperial Schools' Summer Educational Program (S.E.P.), and tremendous growth and development are still going on at the S.E.P. site in Orr, Minn.

The program was launched at Lake o' the Pines, Tex., near our own Ambassador College grounds in Big Sandy, Tex. But the camp was divided that year, with most of the students on our own grounds in metal booths, and those participating in the lake program staying on an island. There were virtually no facilities.

Roughing It

Food had to be taken daily to the little camp on the island — first by truck, and then by boat, all the way from the kitchen more than 40 miles away. There were no permanent dorms, no dining hall, no rest rooms or laundry facilities. Students really were roughing it that year.

And the next year, even though the camp occupied a larger area on the north shore of the lake, the facilities were about the same.

Our "austerity" program forced the cancellation of S.E.P. in 1964, but S.E.P. director Floyd O. Lochner began communicating with Scott Erickson Jr. and his father, from whom we obtained the Orr property (Mr. Erickson Jr. is now a local elder in Grand Rapids, Minn.), about a possible site for the camp.

I soon arranged with Mr. Erickson a meeting of all the principals in my office here. A plan was adopted which would place the fine buildings and land at the Orr site firmly in our hands.

The S.E.P. campsite today is the result of several miracles.

When it was learned Mr. Erickson could prefabricate the dormitories during the cold, snowy winter, thereby employing men who would otherwise be out of work, and when it was learned his heart was in this program — that he was really interested

in a project of this sort — it began to become obvious we could obtain these facilities for only a part of what comparable facilities would have cost in any other part of the United States.

Frankly, if God had not somehow sent just the right men and opened just the right doors to us, S.E.P. could not have begun.

So with all the facts in, the whole picture was presented to Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, who met Mr. Erickson during his trip to Pasadena. The program gained his full approval, and Mr. Erickson went back to Orr to

begin work.

Choked Wilderness

S.E.P. is the result of work — hard work. Once this fine site was a choked wilderness of birch, conifers, rock and brush. I know. I walked all over it.

Today campers sleep in dormitories which were built in record time and eat in a fine dining facility that — believe it or not — at one time was finer than the dining facilities at the two colleges in the United States.

Those attending summer camp still will be "roughing it" a part of

the time. There will be minor discomforts, small problems.

We would need several full pages to even begin describing the back-breaking effort that has gone into the miles of electrical lines, water-filtration system, roadways, buildings, docks, breakwater — and everything.

You who will be attending S.E.P. this summer could only really appreciate it all fully if you could have seen Charles Black (now on the Big Sandy Imperial faculty) and so many others with him and like him who emerged grimy, sloppy, filthy from a mucky,

rain-filled hole in the ground after 16 hours of work per day and then climbed right back into it the next morning. That's the kind of work it took to provide this camp — and that's volunteer labor, not highly paid professional wages.

I hope you campers learn to deeply appreciate the effort it took to make this fine beginning and hope you'll learn to add your part to this program.

It gives me a great deal of personal satisfaction and warmth to see this program continuing again this summer.

Profiles introduce S.E.P. faculty and staff

PASADENA — The following are profiles of faculty and full-time staff members of Imperial Schools and Ambassador College who will be working at the Summer Educational Program (S.E.P.) site in Orr, Minn., this summer.

For more of the history of S.E.P., see the interview of the camp's director on page 3.

Water-safety instructor, first-aid instructor, canoeing instructor — these titles all belong to **Rita Campbell**, 24. Miss Campbell, originally from Nova Scotia, has assisted in S.E.P. swimming and canoeing activities and was associate counselor of the camp's girls' work-



RITA CAMPBELL

ers' dorm in 1973.

She has spent the last three years at Imperial Schools in Pasadena as the varsity coach for the junior-high girls and the activity-period instructor for the seventh- through 10th-grade girls.



GUY CARNES

The personnel director for S.E.P. and the principal of Imperial Schools, Big Sandy, is **Guy Carnes**.

Originally from Goose Creek, Tex., Mr. Carnes, 47, has been with S.E.P. since its inception and has played a big part in the success of the program.

Before he became acquainted with the Worldwide Church of God 17

years ago, he taught school at Gladewater, Tex., for six years.

He received a bachelor-of-science degree and a master-of-education degree at Stephen F. Austin State University at Nacogdoches, Tex.

The William Tell for S.E.P. this year is scheduled to be **Mike Dale**, a faculty member at Ambassador College here.

Currently Mr. Dale, 23, is in Japan studying for his master's degree in Japanese sociology at the University of Tokyo.

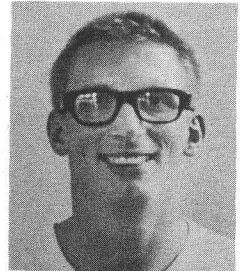
Originally from Ann Arbor, Mich., he graduated from Ambassador College in 1971 with a B.A. During the summers of 1967 and



MIKE DALE

1968 he instructed archery at S.E.P., introducing many to the skills involved in the safe use of the bow and arrow.

Bill Damm, 27, is the master of two sports, water polo and swimming.



BILL DAMM

For the last three years Mr. Damm, whose hometown is Long Island City, N.Y., has entered a national swimming race and has consistently placed in the top 10 in his age group in the nation.

Recently he set a new record in the 1,650-yard freestyle: 17:59.

In 1967 he graduated from Columbia University, New York,

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with a B.A. and in 1970 with another B.A. from Ambassador College.

During his college career he captained the water-polo and swimming teams at Columbia.

Since 1964 he has headed up the water-polo activity at S.E.P.

In the winter months he is a member of the Physical Education Department here, teaching swimming and water polo to Ambassador and Imperial classes.

A graduate of Central Washington State College in 1959, **WIL DERRICK**,



WIL DERRICK

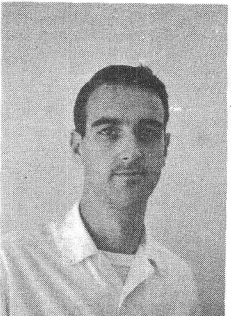
38, originally from Havre, Mont., went on to get his master's degree at the same college in 1969 in physical education.

He has taught from 1959 to the present in several areas, including biology, science and math.

In 1968 Ambassador College hired him as an instructor of physical education.

The summer of 1973 he headed up the canoeing activity at S.E.P. and will have the same responsibility this summer.

Originally from Greene, Maine, **Ralph Dow** has spent the last 27 years working in and attending vari-



RALPH DOW

ous schools dealing with food preparation. From 1947 to 1957 Mr. Dow, 45, cooked in several restaurants, and from 1957 to 1965 he was a Navy chef.

During that time he attended two semesters at Los Angeles Trade Tech, training as a chef.

In 1965 he joined the college as a cook supervisor.

Having been to S.E.P. for four summers, he will again be a member of the food-preparation staff.

Coming from a big family of 10 children, Joel Farnsworth, 22, has had much involvement with young people.

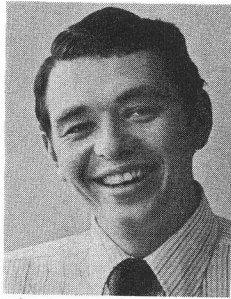
In 1969 he came to Ambassador College and graduated in 1973 with a B.A.

His first association with S.E.P. came in 1966 while still a student.

During the summers of 1972 and 1973 he was a counselor and dining-hall monitor.

Originally from Danville, Ark., he is presently a full-time member of the

S.E.P. staff, serving as an administrative assistant.



JOEL FARNSWORTH

David Harris has been with S.E.P. since its inception at the Orr campus in 1965 and has served in varied capacities. Presently he is the business manager and full-time staff member of the program.

Originally from Marquand, Mo., Mr. Harris, 31, came to Ambassador College in 1964 as a student and graduated in 1968 with a B.A.

Upon graduation, he joined the Ambassador College Physical Education Department as a swimming in-



DAVID HARRIS

structor.

In 1973 S.E.P. director Floyd Lochner asked him to be business manager for S.E.P., and he has continued in that capacity to present.

Currently he is working toward a master's degree in recreation at California State College, Los Angeles.

Ray Johnson, 44, has been with S.E.P. since the first year, 1961.

This summer he will be handling ecology activity.

He received a B.A. in ecology from Humboldt State College in California in 1953.

After serving three years as an Army counterintelligence agent, he returned to school to obtain a master's degree at Fresno State College in 1961.

Originally from Redding, Calif., he has been with S.E.P. and Imperial Schools ever since.

His main responsibilities with Imperial are that of coordinator for

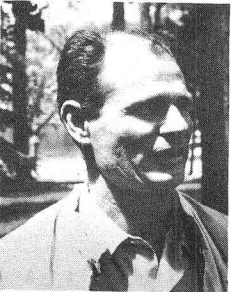
the Science Department and director of testing.



RAY JOHNSON

Since 1965 **Floyd Kielczewski**, 44, has been the resident supervisor of the Orr, Minn., campus.

He grew up near International Falls, Minn., not far from Orr, and has a unique background in the out-



FLOYD KIELCZEWSKI

doors.

As a young man in Ontario, Canada, he spent his summers guiding tourists from Minnesota's Namakan Lake into Canadian waters.

He and his wife **Mardelle** are parents of five girls, ranging from 2 to 17.

Dwight D. Eisenhower, **Norman Rockwell**, **Jack Dempsey** and **Sinclair Lewis** are only a few of the people **Arthur Knutson**, 71, has



ARTHUR KNUTSON

cooked for in his 50 years as a pre-



SING-ALONG — **Garnet Ted Armstrong** entertains campers with an evening sing-along during last year's camp session. Also pictured are Mr. Armstrong's administrative assistant, **Jim Thornhill**, and an unidentified staff member.

miere chef.

In 1920 he began his career cooking in two restaurants owned by his father in Minnesota.

In 1924 he was called into the armed services and a tour of duty that was to take him around the world.

After his military duty, he traveled to New York and began an apprenticeship at the Waldorf Astoria. That was only a forerunner of the many fine restaurants that he would serve during his life.

By 1953 Mr. Knutson had cooked for country clubs and restaurants in the U.S. and a construction company in Greenland, and even hosted two television shows simultaneously on cooking.

In 1953 he decided to settle down and begin his own restaurant business in Duluth, Minn.

In 1965 Dr. **Floyd Lochner**, director of S.E.P., offered him a job as chef for S.E.P., which was just opening in Minnesota.

For three summers, 1965, 1966 and 1973, he served meals to 600 students and staff members each day. He will return to this duty for a fourth summer beginning in June.

After graduating from Ambassador College, **Big Sandy**, in 1972,



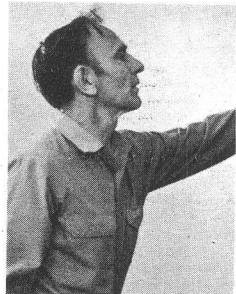
CAROL MORKEN

Carol Morken became S.E.P. activity director **Kermit Nelson's** secretary for S.E.P. and for the Physical Education Department at the college in Big Sandy.

She has assisted Mr. Nelson in scheduling S.E.P. activities ever since 1971 and this summer will be no exception.

Her childhood days were spent at **Cloquet, Minn.**, near Orr.

Ed Mauch, 53, was one of the original carpenters who made their



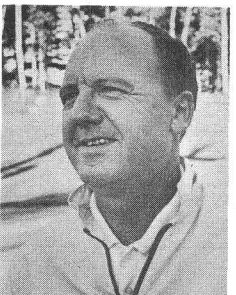
ED MAUCH

way north from Minneapolis, Minn., each weekend in the spring of 1965 to build and tame the northern wilderness for S.E.P. in Orr.

Since then, the camp has become a small city developed through the years as a result of hard work put in by such men as Mr. Mauch, who is originally from Wing, N.D.

For several years he worked from early spring until late fall maintaining and building the S.E.P. camp.

Then, in 1973, S.E.P. director **Floyd Lochner** asked him to join the staff full time to insure proper maintenance for S.E.P.



KERMIT NELSON

Kermit Nelson has been associated with Imperial Schools and the Worldwide Church of God since 1956, when he went to Big Sandy, Tex., as an Imperial instructor.

He presently is director of the Education and Physical Education (See PROFILES, page 6)



CAMPERS — S.E.P. staff member **Ray Johnson** instructs a small group of counselors at last year's session.

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departments at Ambassador, Big Sandy, and activity director for S.E.P. in Orr.

Mr. Nelson, 48, originally from Green Bay, Wis., received his education at several institutions. He attended Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich., for three years (1947 to 1950), receiving a B.S.; and Los Angeles State College (1957 to 1961), where he earned an M.S. degree.

He is now concluding work on a doctorate in education from Walden University, Naples, Fla.

Dr. Wilmer Parrish has been on the faculty of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, for over nine years as professor of health and biological science and is the college's personnel director.

Since 1967 he has been on the fac-



DR. WILMER PARRISH

ulty of S.E.P. as director of the camp's health center.

Dr. Parrish, 57, originally from Enid, Okla., received an M.D. in 1943 from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

He spent a two-year residency in pediatrics and was certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

Since that time he has been a member of the Texas Pediatric Society, Gregg County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association and the Dallas Southern Clinical Society.

His professional experience before Ambassador College includes three years in the Army as a medical officer and 15 years as a practicing physician in Longview, Tex.

Tom Ray, 34, came to Ambassador College in 1965 as a student. In 1971 Imperial Schools hired him as a physical-education instructor to assist with basketball and volleyball teams.

Originally from Grants Pass, Ore., he has been to S.E.P. for four years, assisting in the fishing and canoeing programs.

This summer Mr. Ray will again be working with the canoeing staff.



TOM RAY

Executive secretary for the Summer Educational Program is **Alice Roach**, 27. She has been with the program since March of 1973.

Originally from Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Roach received a bachelor's degree in Spanish from Notre Dame

University in Indiana in 1969 and then came to Ambassador College and obtained a master's degree in



ALICE ROACH

education in May of 1973.

Her professional experience includes being a research librarian and a computer researcher.

Waterskiing and sing-alongs are **Jim Thornhill's** responsibilities at S.E.P.

Waterskiing is always a fun activity, especially with the water show Mr. Thornhill and crew put on each Friday for all the students.

In 1955 and 1956 Mr. Thornhill, 36, originally from American Falls,



JIM THORNHILL

Idaho, attended Idaho State University at Pocatello and for several years after that taught swimming and waterskiing throughout Idaho.

After coming to Ambassador College in 1965 as a physical-education instructor, he joined S.E.P. in the summer months and helped develop the waterskiing program.

His main responsibility is that of



SWIMMING — Water sports abound at S.E.P. Here a race is about to get under way.



LEARNING WATER SKILLS — One of the skills learned at S.E.P. is canoeing, as this picture shows.

administrative assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong.

Camp photography and transportation responsibilities belong to **Hassel White**.

Mr. White, 51, holds an associate-of-science degree from Kilgore College, Kilgore, Tex., and a B.A. from California State University, Los Angeles, in photography.

Originally from North Carolina, he spent 20 years in the Navy as a photographer and taught four of those years.

In 1969 he joined Ambassador



HASSEL WHITE

College as a photographer and has since become a faculty member at Imperial Schools, teaching industrial arts and photography and supervising career-education classes.

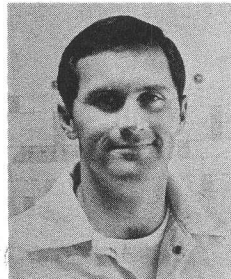
Mr. White is also a part-time fac-

ulty member at California State University at Los Angeles.

Wilderness canoeing is a favorite with the young people who go to S.E.P., and the man responsible for that activity this summer will be **Rodd Wilkinson**.

Mr. Wilkinson, 29, originally from McKeesport, Pa., is presently track-and-field coach for Ambassador College here.

In 1968 he received a master's de-



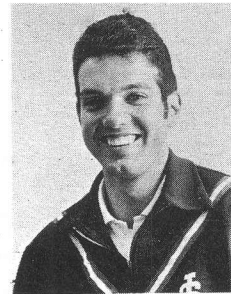
RODD WILKINSON

gree from Wichita State University, Wichita, Kan., and came to Ambassador College to assist in the Physical Education Department.

Every summer since 1969 he has been on the S.E.P. faculty, assisting in program directing and development.

In 1965 **Ben Whitfield** came to Ambassador as a student and graduated in 1968 with a B.A.

Mr. Whitfield, 27, didn't stop there, though, and in 1973 he re-



BEN WHITFIELD

ceived a master's degree in secondary education.

He has had 12 years' experience in campcraft, aquatic activities, backpacking and wilderness canoeing.

Since 1969 he has been an instructor for the Imperial Schools Physical Education Department.

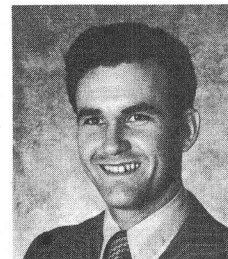
He has been to S.E.P. for six summers and will return this summer to work in canoeing.

He is originally from Jackson, Miss.

S.E.P. fishing activity is directed by **Eric Williams**, 30, a longtime fisherman of Minnesota waters.

He has been in this capacity for four years at S.E.P.

His educational background includes two years at the University of Mississippi, 1961 to 1963; two years at Memphis State, 1963 to 1965; and



ERIC WILLIAMS

three years at Ambassador College, 1965 to 1968.

Originally from Greenwood, Miss., he is high-school athletic director at Imperial.

Helping shoulder the load of responsibility this summer will also be several employees hired for the summer only. They are all Pasadena and Big Sandy college students or recent graduates and are as follows:

Jennifer Agee, counseling; Judy Amos, canoeing; Kim Ashland, counseling; Mark Ashland, water-skiing; Gary Bastie, swimming.

Wes Bastie, swimming; Dan Bates, transportation; Geoffrey Berg and Nathan Berg, canoeing; Roger Bickeberg, transportation.

Dan Boyce, secretary; Karen Bruning, secretary; Sarah Burnett, counseling; Chuck Daniels, counseling; Rod England, maintenance; Lach French, counseling.

Sue Fuessel, kitchen; Steve Gereaux, horseback riding; Kathy Goodman, store; Mike Greider, canoeing.

Dave Grogan, counseling; Rane Gruter, water polo; Bill Guthy, fishing; Rick Guthy, transportation; Doug Hall, water polo.

Dennis Hallingstad, staff; Joe Handy, fishing; Patty Hedge, canoeing; David Johnson; Ken Karas, counseling.

Jay Kellogg, first aid; Dan Kotora, water-skiing; Linda Link, nurse's assistant; Pat McBride, kitchen; Tanis Melville, counseling.

Owen Moe, counseling; Katie Morgan, counseling; Peggy Neal, counseling; Jan Neufeld, kitchen; Darrell Orban, canoeing.

Jill Petersen, swimming; Rhonda Peterson, kitchen; Mike Pettit, canoeing; Audrey Reeck, counseling; Francis Scherich, canoeing.

Cynthia Schoon, counseling; Stuart Segall, store; Bill Sprouse, white-water canoeing; Lavon Smith, secretary; Alexander Thomson, kitchen.

Ann Wagner; Charleston Williams, counseling; Phil Wiseman, transportation; Gayle Woodham, swimming; Gary Wooding, counseling; Brenda Yale, secretary.

New wilderness challenge offered to Church teens

By Guy Carnes
Principal, Imperial Schools
BIG SANDY — Last summer Garner Ted Armstrong directed me to go ahead with plans for a pilot summer program specializing in the development of wilderness skills through backpacking and river running in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. The program turned out to be an impressive success.

Many new outdoor schools utilizing the wilderness areas of the United States are being developed nationwide—Outward Bound, Wilderness Institute, Colorado Rocky Mountain Schools, just to name a few.

We have named ours the Challenger Program.

It has been designed to complement the Summer Educational Program (S.E.P.) at Orr, Minn. (see articles beginning on page 3), providing the additional challenge our country's wilderness areas can offer for boys and girls 16 to 19 years of age. The Challenger Program is exactly what its name implies: a personal, challenging experience with nature which yields permanent lifetime rewards.

Some of the lessons every person should learn cannot be gleaned from books or taught in even the best of schools; only experiences of a special kind can teach them.

Early Departure

With this as a guiding principle, we initiated Challenger training at Imperial Schools here on June 27, 1973. An intensive briefing on pathfinding, camping skills, mountain survival and equipment preceded an

anxious, restless night's sleep and an early departure at 6 o'clock the following morning.

Daybreak found 26 anxious young men departing from here and destined for Estes Park, Colo. The pioneer Challengers ranged from 15 to 18 years of age and represented five states in the U.S. Southwest.

After 22 hours of travel and a Sabbath-day's rest, the 26 young men launched the Challenger Program from the base camp at Estes Park. Preliminary preparation included shakedown hikes to nearby peaks and raft drills on nearby Lake Estes.

Then the program began in earnest. For one week the Challengers backpacked over snowcapped mountains, hiked through deep forests, ate trout caught from remote, icy streams, passed ice-locked lakes, scrambled over boulder-littered peaks, crossed threatening precipitous snow fields and forded swollen rivers which had washed out footbridges.

The excitement and vigor of the backpacking was exceeded only by the breathtaking Rocky Mountain scenery.

The second week the Challengers found themselves faced with a new series of difficult challenges and obstacles to surmount. Beginning at Kremmling, Colo., they boarded eight-man rubber rafts for a six-day trip down the turbulent Colorado River. Each day the Challengers encountered huge "haystacks" in miles of rapids which tested the rafters' skills to the utmost.

The young men agreed that valu-

able lessons had been learned — among them fuller appreciation and respect for God's creation, the value of cooperation and teamwork, the importance of respect for self, companions and instructors, and the realization that one can conquer seemingly impossible obstacles with courage and determination.

We feel the Challenger Program is a thrilling step toward new concepts of education.

Young Men and Women

And now comes the exciting news. This summer we plan to expand the program to include young men and women in three two-week sessions. Our teenagers need the experience that the Challenger Program can provide.

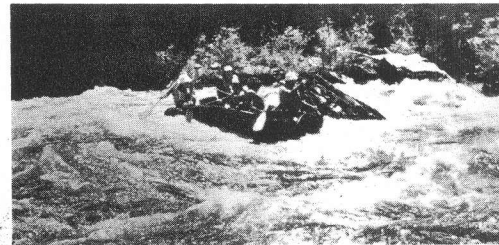
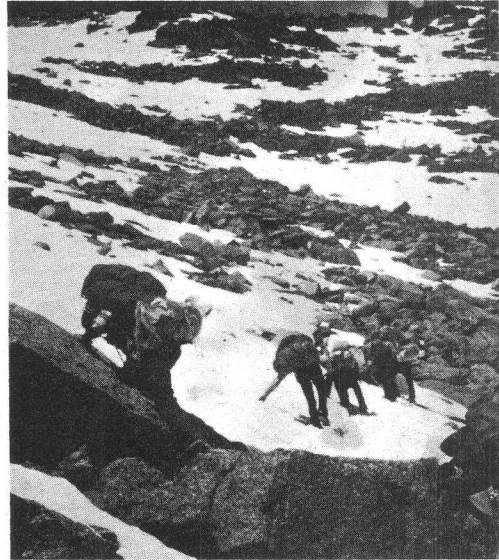
Tuition is \$125 per session, which includes all food, specialized equipment and supplies, but each applicant must supply his own sleeping bag and clothing and arrange his own transportation to Denver, Colo.

Scholarships are available similar to those given for S.E.P. (see box on this page).

Because of the physically demanding nature of the Challenger Program, all applicants must be 16 to 19 years of age and without physical or mental disability or any limitation which might endanger themselves or others involved in the program.

All our instructors are fully qualified in advanced first aid and emergency care, backpacking, campcraft and river running.

The boys' sessions will be directed by male instructors, while the girls' session will be directed by husband-wife teams.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH — Twenty-six youths had the opportunity last summer to take on the rivers and peaks of Colorado in initiating the Challenger Program of Imperial Schools. The pictures on this page show them climbing mountains and shooting the rapids on the Colorado River, part of the activities which are being offered again this year to teens in the Church. [Photos by Al Knauf]



The expenses for the Challenger Program are partially defrayed by tuition and partially absorbed by the Big Sandy Imperial Schools budget. There is no established monetary allocation for the program this summer, but Imperial does wish to expand and build a permanent program.

The only way this year's program can be made self-supporting is through the contributions of brethren who are able and willing to help financially.

If you would like to sponsor a boy or girl or contribute to the Challenger Program this summer, send your contribution to: **Imperial Schools, Challenger Program, P.O. Box 628, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.**

REQUEST FOR APPLICATION IMPERIAL CHALLENGER PROGRAM

This is a request for an application. No application will be accepted after June 10. If you are interested in the Challenger Program, complete the coupon and mail to:

IMPERIAL SCHOOLS
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 P.O. BOX 628
 BIG SANDY, TEX., 75755

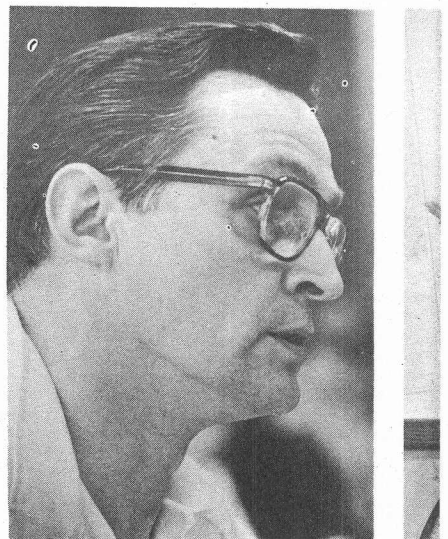
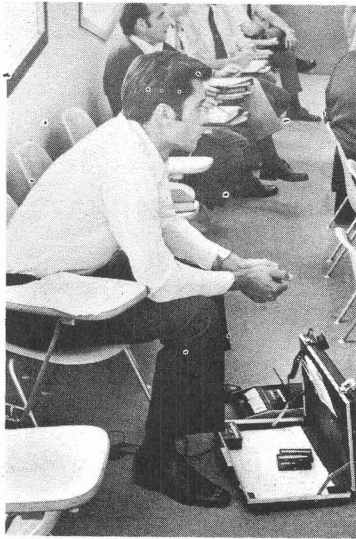
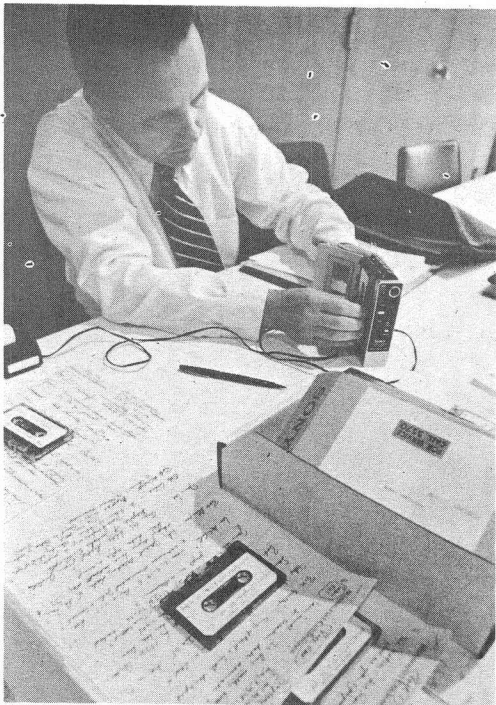
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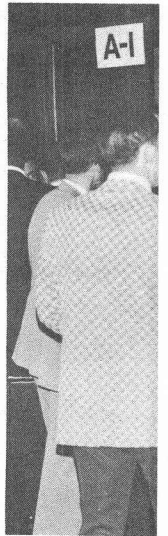
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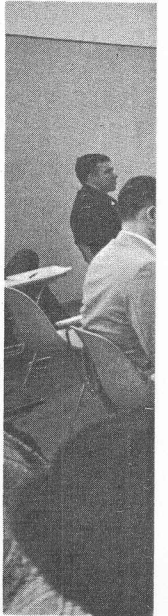
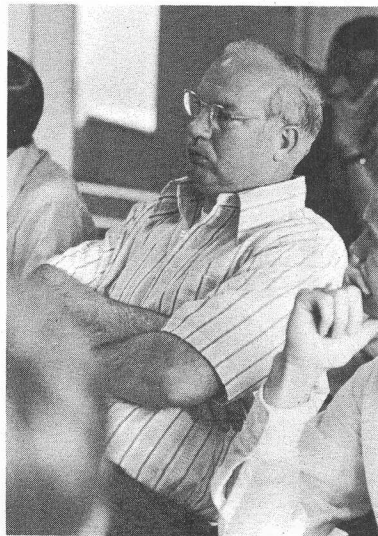
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Scenes from ministerial con



FORUMS IN SESSION — The small forums were one of the highlights of the conference. At top left, Wilber Berg prepares a tape for recording one of the forums while Artie Satterfield, left, listens attentively. At bottom left, from left to right, Dale Hampton, David Jon Hill and Clint Zimmerman conduct one of the forums, and Bryce Clark, bottom right, listens in another. Luncheon, above, provided the only break during the eight hours of meetings. In the three top pictures, from left to right, Chuck Rlanchie and Jacob Drawbaugh sit in on a forum while Herman Hoeh conducts another.

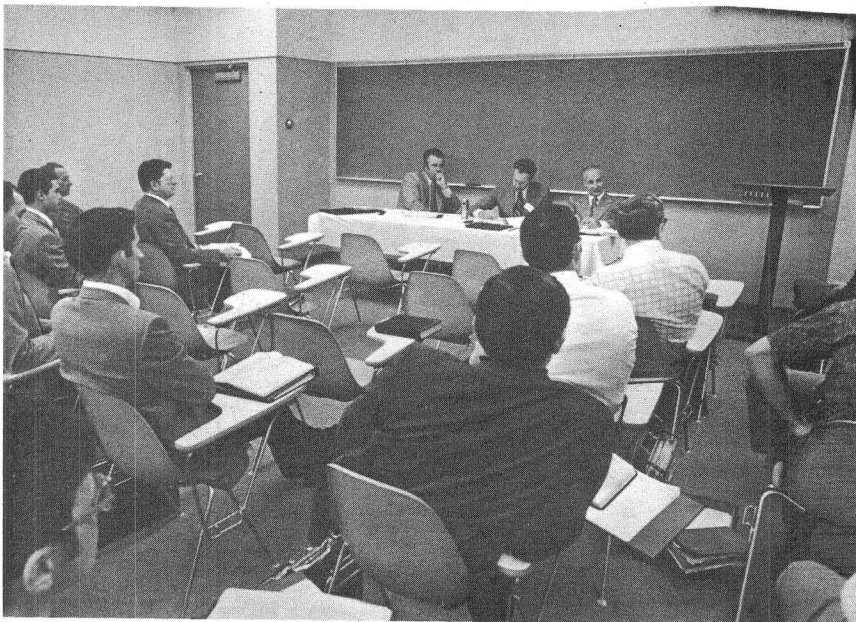




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MINISTERS MEET — At left, the incoming ministers gather in the Auditorium to register for the conference. When not in the plenary sessions, the ministers met in various forums, such as the one below. Each minister attended the sessions of his choice, as indicated by a roll sheet, bottom right. At right, David Antion, right, moderates, and Burk McNair assists in conducting one of those forums. Above, ministers and their wives attend one of the plenary sessions during the opening days of the conference. [All photos by John Robinson and David McKee]



Ministerial Conference Attendance Record

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an enlargement of the printing plant, he said.

The Best to Honor God

"Meanwhile, I was writing the brethren of the kind of building that it would have to be," he said. "We couldn't put up a building of inferior materials and workmanship. It couldn't be a shanty and honor our God — one as great as our God. To honor God, it must be the best possible for us.

"By the 1st of January, 1972 — a little over two years ago — we had \$2 million cash in the bank for this building. And at that time our bankers had come up with all of the remainder needed to build this building with 100 percent financing."

Mr. Armstrong said the building was financed for 15 years at an interest rate one percent below the prime interest rate and that many of the materials used in the building have escalated in price since their purchase. The gold leaf used in the building, for example, was purchased at \$35 per ounce.

"When the financing came, I knew I had my answer and that God had said to go ahead."

Even the workmen seemed to sense that they were working on a very special building, Mr. Armstrong said. Everyone involved seemed to treat the building with a kind of reverence.

"After all these years it's no longer a dream. It is a reality and here we are. Our God has provided His people with the finest structure of its kind on the face of the earth."

Dedicatory Prayer

Mr. Armstrong said that it was fitting and proper to dedicate the Ambassador Auditorium during the first meeting of the ministerial conference with virtually the entirety of the ministry present.

He asked the audience to rise for the dedicatory prayer. Here is the entirety of the prayer:

"Great Eternal God, with uplifting hands I want to thank You, Almighty God, from the bottom of my heart, and I know all these people are doing it the same way. They feel the same way towards You.

"Really, this is not our gift to You; it is Your gift to us. And we're grateful that Your name is on it.

"And now we come to the time that I want to dedicate this in the name of the living Jesus Christ to the honor and the glory of the Great God.

"Almighty God, please grant that we will always use this building to Your honor and glory; that nothing will happen here that will be displeasing to You. I ask You, Almighty God, to honor prayers that go up to You from this building.

"I ask You to bless those who come into it.

"I ask You to bless everyone who will speak in sermons or in Bible studies from this platform.

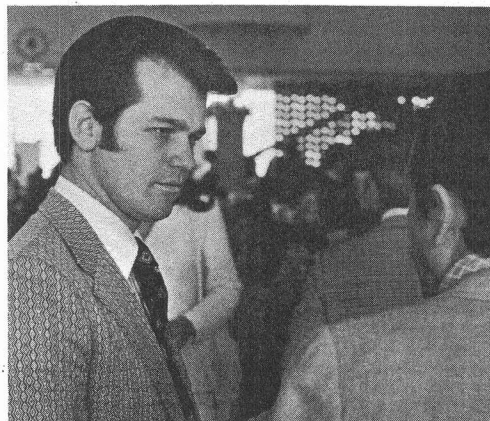
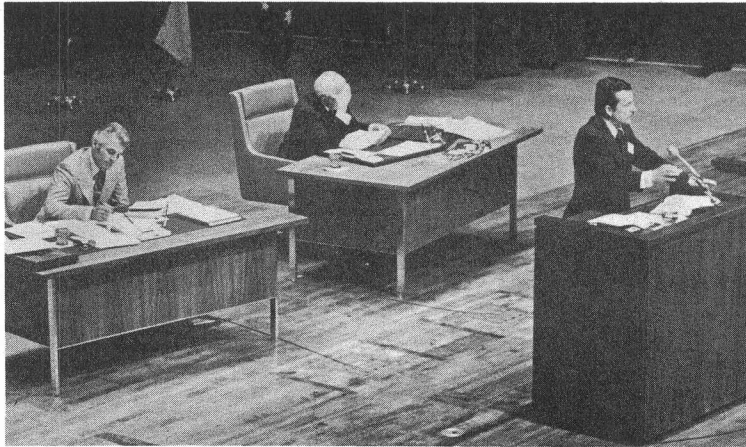
"I ask You to bless all the people as they come and to open their ears and their minds to do what will be preached to them in this building.

"I ask You, Almighty God, to bless it and to protect it in every way — to preserve it, because You are the great Creator, and You're the Creator who preserves that which You create.

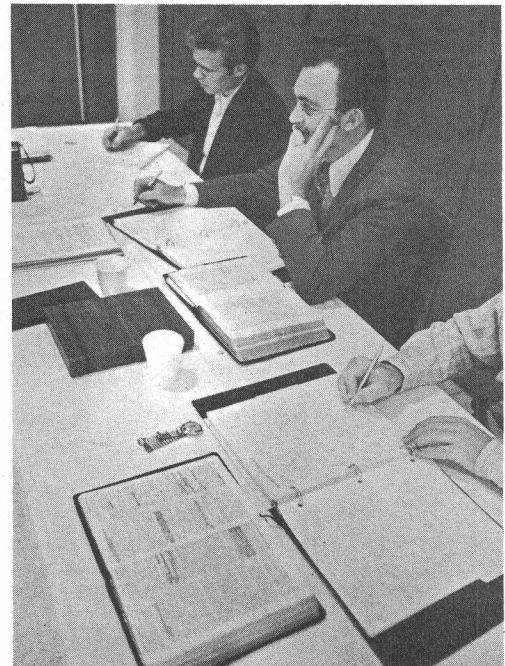
"So we ask You to preserve this immaculate and clean and beautiful, and keep it clean to represent clean and honest, forthright character. May it be an inspiration to all who come in.

"And we ask every blessing, Father, to people that come, and we give You thanks, as far as we humbly can, for allowing us to have such a beautiful place at Your headquarters church to honor You.

"Thank you, in Jesus' name. Amen."



CONFERENCE SCENES — Beginning above and going counterclockwise: Dr. Charles Dorothy addresses the ministers from the Auditorium podium while Garner Ted Armstrong and Herbert W. Armstrong prepare notes at their desks; Gerald Waterhouse listens attentively in a meeting; Judd Kirk chats afterwards with a fellow minister; Steve Martin, right, moderates a workshop session while secretary Greg Sargent takes notes.



Ministry

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shops. Each workshop (with the exception of the one evening workshop) had 12 sections. Time availability permitted each minister to participate in 12 of the two-hour workshop sessions and six sessions of the five-topic doctrinal forums.

Computer Registration

The ministers were preregistered by mail for the sessions to insure some measure of uniformity in the numbers attending each. The registration was accomplished with the aid of computers in a manner similar to fall and spring registration for college students.

Organization of the workshops and forums included a moderator, an assistant moderator and a secretary.

Moderators directed the discussions and secretaries took extensive notes of the proceedings.

The notes from each session (which varied to the degree that ministerial input did) were picked up by couriers immediately following the close of the session and then photocopied. The originals were then promptly returned to the secretaries and the copies typed and compiled.

The contents are now to be condensed and in the case of doctrinal forums submitted to the Doctrinal Research Team of the Worldwide Church of God.

Condensed notes and a written summary of each of the communication workshops will be sent to conference participants, according to Mr. Chapman.

The conference had been planned only a few weeks ahead of time and

involved quite a bit of work, Mr. Chapman explained. The aim was to organize successfully along the lines of a seminar.

Scheduling, lodging and feeding 900 people were not without their headaches. Thursday, May 9, was a hectic day in which meetings giving detailed divisional reports ran overtime both in the morning and afternoon. The reports began shortly after 8:30 and, following a one-hour lunch break, continued until almost 7 p.m.

Visiting ministers, who were served meals buffet-style in the student center, descended en masse on the overtaxed facility during the noon recess. One minister reported getting in line three times because every time he got to the serving table the food ran out.

Those men who brought their

Divorce

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because that mate is not "pleased to dwell" with him or her (1 Corinthians 7:12-15) can "let him [or her] depart" because "a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace."

The announcement, termed "monumental" by Garner Ted Armstrong, drew several rounds of applause during the course of the explanation.

The meeting was tape-recorded and was scheduled to be played in every Church of God congregation worldwide the Sabbath of May 11.

"There will of course remain many points to be clarified and procedural matters to go into, but I thank God for the new understanding He has given us," Garner Ted Armstrong said. "I think God has rewarded our efforts to seek truth and strive to properly follow His laws."

Herbert W. Armstrong emphasized that the new understanding had come about as a result of prayerful research and study of what the Bible really says and was not brought about by the reasonings of man.

He explained that some had tried to reason and make Biblical teachings conform to their preconceived ideas of what was best for man.

More detailed written information and background material will be forthcoming to members, Garner Ted Armstrong said.

wives did so at their own expense. Mark Ellis, pastor of the Glasgow, Scotland, church, said he thought it was especially valuable for his wife to come and see headquarters. Even at group rates, though, it cost him 200 pounds (almost \$500) to bring his wife, he said.

Enervated Ministers

Most of the ministers interviewed expressed optimism about the meetings.

Thursday's marathon left most enervated and by Friday everyone spoke longingly of the weekly Sabbath. Because of the week's heavy schedule, the Friday-night Bible study was canceled and only one service was held on the Sabbath. The announcement of the cancellation, made in Friday's meeting, received thunderous applause from the group.

POLICY ON PERSONALS

Along with increased circulation and general interest, The Worldwide News is receiving more and more requests to run personals. With this increase has come a growing variety of ads submitted, ranging from used-car ads to job offers and from rent-house solicitations to matrimony ads.

With this growth, we feel it necessary to offer some clear-cut guidelines on the types of ads we will run.

The personal column exists to serve our readers, but we cannot be responsible for the accuracy of each ad. Therefore, when you answer a personal, it is your responsibility to check the source of the ad. Get all the facts before you act!

WE WILL RUN:

- Only those ads accompanied by a recent Worldwide News mailing label with your address on it.
Pen-pal requests.
Engagement and wedding notices.
Ads concerning temporary employment for teenagers wanting jobs for the summer.
Lost-and-found ads.
Ads from persons seeking personal information (for example, about potential homesites or living conditions) on other geographical areas.
Other ads that are judged timely and appropriate.

WE WILL NOT RUN:

- Ads from nonsubscribers.
Job requests from anyone seeking full-time employment or job offers for full-time employees. (However, job requests and job offers for all types of employment may be sent to the Human Resources Information Center, 300 West Green, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.)
For-sale or want-to-buy ads (e.g., used cars).
Personals used as direct advertising or solicitation for a business or income-producing hobby.
Matrimony ads.
Other ads that are judged untimely or inappropriate.

Send your ads to Personals, The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

BABIES

- APPLETON, Wis. — Michel Lee Steenport, child of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Steenport, April 16, 9:50 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces.
BOSTON, Mass. — Kimberly Ann Staraja, daughter and second child of Wayne and Sharon Staraja, April 19, 9:20 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces.
BRICKET WOOD, England — Kenneth Philip Villers, son and third child of Terry and Beverley Villers, April 22, 12:55 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.
CARTHAGE, Mo. — Aaron Lynn Botts, son and first child of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Botts, April 15, 10:17 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces.
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Joanna Beth Mink, daughter and first child of David and Jo Mink, April 6, 9:47 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces.
CHICAGO, Ill. — Tracy Lynn Sorrentino, daughter and third child of Richard and Ann Sorrentino, April 21, 11:23 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.
CHICAGO, Ill. — Ted Robert Cary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cary, April 13, 11:48 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces.
CHICAGO, Ill. — Roger Riehl Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Riehl, April 20, 6 1/2 ounces.
COLUMBIA, Mo. — Richard Ivin Thieszen, son and first child of John and Marilyn Thieszen, March 24, 8:45 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces.
EDMONTON, Alta. — Brandie Lex Paterson, daughter and second child of Doug and Nancy (Smithson) Paterson, March 27, 4:02 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces.
FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Emily Sue Dunmire, daughter and third child of Debra and Gerald Dunmire, March 30, 6 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Jeffrey Duane Hallack, son and first child of Duane and Thea Hallack, April 12, 2:33 p.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.
GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Todd Elliott Matz, son and fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Matz, April 5, 2:12 p.m., 7 pounds.
GUILDFORD, England — Josianne Elizabeth Martin, daughter and second child of Philip and Jennifer Martin, April 7, 4:15 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces.
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Joan Marie Carver, daughter and first child of Noah and Irene Carver, April 23, 11:03 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Demetrius Dayan Buchanan, son and sixth child of Clifford and Vivian Buchanan, March 21, 9:28 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.
LAWTON, Okla. — Wayne Wray Woodall, son and fifth child of Phyllis and Teddy Woodall, April 1, 7:52 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces.
MODESTO, Calif. — Michael Howard Knapp, son and first child of Mitchell and Ruth Knapp, March 27, 3:06 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.
NEW YORK, N.Y. — Bryon James Scruggs, son and second child of Jack and Ruby Scruggs, April 23, 8:42 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.
PASADENA, Calif. — Joel Scott Davis, son and second child of Charles and Helena Davis, April 10, 8:35 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.
PASADENA, Calif. — Robyn Michele Johnson, daughter and first child of Dennis and Karen Johnson, April 5, 6:07 a.m., 8 pounds.
PHOENIX, Ariz. — Melanie Leah Anderson, daughter and third child of Dan and Barb Anderson, March 25, 2:25 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces.
PHOENIX, Ariz. — Rebekah Rena Reynolds,

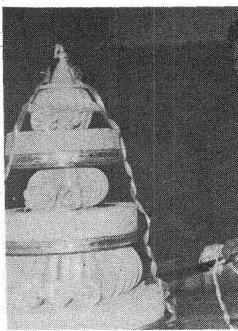
- daughter and third child of Roger and Janet Reynolds, April 1, 8:16 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces.
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jessica Leanne Chrysler, daughter and first child of Lyne and Alyce Chrysler, April 13, 9 p.m., 7 pounds.
SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Daniel David Diester, son and third child of Don and Bonnie Diester, Feb. 5, 3:15 a.m., 9 pounds.
ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — Lisa Michele Baergen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Baergen, April 24, 8:15 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces.
ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — Shasta Lynn Kalin, daughter and second child of Frank and Pat Kalin, Feb. 22, 8:03 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces.
ST. PAUL, Minn. — Matthew Marvin Mitchell, son and first child of Bruce and Kathy Mitchell, April 9, 10:52 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces.
SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Sarah Lynn Harvey, daughter and second child of Terry and Roxanna Harvey, April 2, 7:40 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce, 20 inches.
WEST DEMERARA, Guyana — Kwame Akintunde Marcus, son and second child of Fitzroy and Ann Marcus, Jan. 19, 8 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.
WICHITA, Kan. — Jason Lee Gibbens, son and second child of Don and Carol Gibbens, April 30, 2:41 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

PERSONALS

Send your personal ad, along with a WW mailing label with your address on it, to PERSONALS, The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Your personal ad must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box elsewhere on this page. We cannot print your personal ad unless you include your mailing label.

PEN PALS

- University of Oregon graduates, where are you? I would appreciate hearing from all former Webfoots. Write: S. Stanley Kusaka, 2841 Tenaya Drive, Merced, Calif., 95340.
I would like to write to someone in the S.L.O.-Morro Bay, Calif. area. I'm interested in church activities, sermons, etc. Mrs. Vicki Wolf Abertz, Rt. 1, Verona, Mo., 65769.
Wanted: A girl that has been in Girl Scouts a year or more. Please write me all about it. I am just joining a troop. So write soon to Michele Hollis, Rt. 9, Spring Drive, Douglasville, Ga., 30134.
Would like to hear from any locksmith in the Church, especially in New Mexico, Colorado or Wyoming. Also anyone at all from this area and particularly Silver City, N.M., and Rivert on, Wyo., and Jackson, Wyo. Please write Andy Alexander, 126 West Oak, Uvada, Tex., 78901.
I am 10 years old. I would like to have a pen pal as old as 10 or a little over from anyone from anywhere and attend Ashville church, Crystal Cogdill, Rt. 1, Box 277A, Sylva, N.C., 28779.
I would appreciate it very much if there are any English speaking and well known in the Church, I would like someone to speak this language to get in touch with me. Katka Hezelsch, 718 Oro Terrace, San Pedro, Calif., 90731, phone: 832-2663.



FIRST WEDDING — The first wedding in this era of God's Church of members in Southeast Asia took place in Singapore April 21. Shown are Donald Sim of Singapore and Mary Cheah of Malaysia, who were married in ceremonies officiated by Guy Ames, director of the Southeast Asia Region. Mr. Ames says this was also a first for him — the first time he had ever officiated at a wedding. [Photo by Clement Lim]

I am a Chinese boy, address: No. 14, Jalan Chanderal, Lucky Garden, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, Peninsular Malaysia. I am 19 years old. I am looking for a mature and understanding man or woman who could give me advice or other forms of assistance in my application and entry into Ambassador College, England or California. Ng Lip Siaw.

Hi I am 17 years of age. Interests: knitting, crocheting, taffing and writing. Would like to hear from anyone, any age. Will answer all letters. Write Susan Boochoer, P.O. Box 25, Tipp City, Ohio, 45371.

I hope to arrive in Amsterdam Sept. 22 on the way to Fiaz for the Feast and also attend Juching church Oct. 19 before flying home. Would like to get acquainted with some Church members in the Netherlands and Belgium. I am over 40 with many interests. You may write in English, French or German. I'll write in English or French. Mrs. Janet Farnsworth, 4112 Miralste Drive, San Pedro, Calif., 90732.

Hi, I am a 13-year-old girl. I would appreciate it if any boy or girl (or both) would write to me, from ages 12 to 15, that will be attending the Feast this year in Squaw Valley. My hobbies are sewing, baby-sitting and playing touchdown. My address is 10055 Webster Court, Santee, Calif. Ruth C. White.

Would like to correspond with brethren from any country, any age. We are in our 20s and have a four-year-old boy and a 15-month-old daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Humphrey Jr., 3105 Oneida Drive, Lafayette, Ind., 47905.

Single mother, 34, and daughter, 8, would appreciate letters from members of God's Church in U.S. or England. Not interested in receive clubs as mother has a weight problem and enjoys cooking too much already. Interests: gardening, music, reading, racing, sewing and traveling. Mrs. Wava Bell and Laura Bell, 313 West Main Avenue, Zealand, N.C., 28664.

I am 12. I would like to correspond with anyone, 12 to 14. I love to write letters and love every kind of sport. I would like to have a pen pal, girl or boy. Please write back. Loree Rogers, 2573 Merriman Road, Mead, W.V., 26021.

Hi there. I am 24 years old and single. Would like to hear from any girls that are 19 to 24 years old and who are members of the Church of God or who are actively active in The World Tomorrow program. Leon Greter, 4410 Hindenburg Highway, Box 12, Group 336, Rt. 3, Winnipeg, Man., R3C 2E7.

Hi there! Anyone looking for a pen pal? I surely hope so. I am looking for one who will be attending the Feast of Tabernacles at Big Sandy, Tex. That way I can meet him or her. I am 15 and would like anyone 14 to 15. My biggest hobby is writing other people letters. Please write to Norma Moore, 6117 Jeff Loop, San Antonio, Tex., 78238.

My name is Sandra Kind. I would like a pen pal. I like horses and music. I live at Rosecrest Road Rt. 6, Spartanburg, S.C., 29301.

I would like to contact some Church members from Australia (Queensland in particular). I will be immigrating to Queensland later this year. I am a dental technician who has been working in natural history. Would welcome pen pals from anywhere (age 23). Gerard Folan, 24 O'Conaire Road, Shantala, Galway, Ireland.

Would like to correspond with a Church member in Germany. Michael Hopper, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

Wanted: Pen pal in Africa, age 11 to 16, girl or boy. I would like to correspond in the Dutch or Spanish language. Please write to Tilly Plester, Gronweg 13, Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

I am interested to write to any members in God's Church who wish to correspond with Indian members. Please help me in this matter. Mr. Sudhir Phulke, 12-7511 Mettagud, Secunderabad 17, Andhra Pradesh, India.

WEDDING NEWS

- PASADENA, Calif. — Mr. and Mrs. Joel King were married Jan. 20 on the Pasadena campus at the Fine Arts Building. The new Mrs. King is the former Betty Watts. She was a junior at the college and is now working in Terminals. Joel King is also employed in Landscaping.
MOUNT POCONO, Pa. — Signi Nauratti and Dick Calenius were married here Jan. 13. They are from the Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y., church.
KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Michael D. Miller of the Toledo, Ohio, church and Miss Sandra K. Conley of the Kalamazoo church were married here March 17 with Ken Williams officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are residing in Toledo, Ohio.
DALLAS, Tex. — Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Nisbett announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Mead Donal Bond of Big Sandy. The wedding date is set for June 9 at Big Sandy.
OMAHA, Neb. — Paul L. Thompson and Mary Andrews were married here March 10. They are residing in Omaha.
LONGVIEW, Tex. — Mrs. E.M. James of Longview and George D. Crane of Brandon, Miss., were united in marriage April 10 at the Longview church at 3 p.m. Jeff McGowan officiated. A reception followed the wedding, and then the couple took a short trip to Mississippi. The new Mrs. Crane is home to friends at 411 East Loop 281, Longview.

November, 1973. Will gladly pay all postage. Would greatly appreciate this. Steven Harman, Rt. 4, Prior Lake, Minn., 55076.
I am a 26-year-old spiritual widow with five children from the ages of 6 to 10. My family will be moving into the area of Union, Va. Will need transportation to Bluefield Church. Would love to hear from brethren in that area with any information. Mrs. Frank Ratliff (former Linda Bulette, originally from the area of 6019 Borna Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103).
I have extra set of Correspondence Course, 1 to 58, which I will send to anyone who will pay postage. I also have extra Vol 1 of Bible Story, Mrs. H.M. Kaby, 19169 S.E. Highway 212, Clatskanie, Ore., 97015.
Would like to have a woman who can drive a car and is alone and would consider making her home with us. My husband is 85 years old and I am 84. Would prefer a woman around 60 years of age. Will have her own room and board and would like her to write and let me know how much salary she would want. My husband can't see well enough to drive any more. I would like to attend services in Las Cruces, N.M., but have no driver. It is 132 miles from my home. Mrs. John W. Harkey, Box 505, Cantzoco, N.M., 88301. Want a member of God's Church.
Anyone named Klassy — a German-Swiss name — please write to Karwin and Kathy Klassy, 103 Mar Vista, Pasadena, Calif., 91106.
Louisville, Ky., brethren! I hope to move to Louisville in June or July. My wife and I are going to live in the suburbs. We want to know everything about you and God's Church. Please write and hope to see you soon. John T. McNelly, P.O. Box 8375, Nashville, Tenn., 37207.
Would like to compare notes with anyone who is interested in or has done research on wine — either its history or future as it relates to the Bible. Write to Joe Handley, 5515 Decatur, St. Blazensburg, Md., 20710.
I got into the Church too late to get the Bible Story books. Does anyone have a set they no longer need or want they would send me? I will be glad to pay postage. I would love to have the old Correspondence Course lessons again. Mrs. Meredith M. Hughes, Rt. 3, Box 1061, Odessa, Tex., 79763.
I and my two daughters will attend the Feast in Germany this fall and would like to hear from anyone else going to Germany or anyone in Germany concerning Feast site, accommodations and transportation information. Al Hoppe, 1311 North Maine, Garden City, Kan., 67846.
I need God News issues of July, 1971, May-June, 1971, January and February, 1970, and all before 1970. I will reimburse postage and forward any extra issues on to others. Bill Noack, 1743 Ellin Court Drive, South Pasadena, Calif., 91300.
I would like to obtain copies of The Plain Truth, Tomorrow's World and the old Correspondence Course. Also the Bible Story and any other articles from Ambassador College. I will be glad to reimburse postage costs. Mrs. Frank W. Kind, Rt. 6 Rosecrest Road, Spartanburg, S.C., 29303.
Wanted: Vol. II of the Bible Story and Dr. Hoeh's volumes of Compendium and What Is the Feast? and Mark of the Beast. John W. Redmon Jr., P.O. Box 165, Millersburg, Ky., 40348.
I would like to correspond with anyone having the old Correspondence Course from lesson 40 on for our good clothes. Free clothes were saved. If you have some fairly good clothes you no longer need, please donate them to a worthy cause. Pant size: 30 waist, 31 inseam. Size: 15 neck, 33-34 sleeve. Jackets: 38L to 40R. Zake Obermeyer, 524 North Marengo, Pasadena, Calif., 91101.
To the former Lynette Todd: Dear Mrs. Rich Robinson of August, 1973: Please write to your big sister. I'd like to hear from you and have your new address. My new address is Linda Kruse, Rt. 5, Box 519A, Bucyrus, Ohio, 44820.
I have complete sets of The Plain Truth from 1959 to 1973 and would be willing to send them to anyone asking for specific issues or for an entire year. Also have several issues of Tomorrow's World and Good News. Edward Fout, Oak Drive, Rt. 2, Box 351AA, Powell, Tenn., 37849.
I would like to obtain copies of The Worldwide News for 1973 from anyone having extra issues and will gladly pay for shipping. Edward Fout, Oak Drive, Rt. 2, Box 351AA, Powell, Tenn., 37849.
At Mount Pocono Feast, 1973, a minister read a poem about women being taken from man's rib to be at his side. Would like a copy of it please. Anne Marie Emerson, 106 Granada Terrace, Springfield, Mass., 01108.
Am very much interested in receiving Plain Truth prior to 1983 and the Good News prior to 1983.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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Kansas City star

Artist puts posters to work for Work

By Roger Oliphant
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — "The greatest [artist] of all is God. You can tell that by looking around."

So says Robert Gunn, 28, an artist from here whose works show his exceptional talent for painting.

Mr. Gunn, a member of the North church here, recently completed what he describes as one of his most satisfying projects: five posters for Sherwin McMichael's Kansas City campaign of Dec. 15 and 16, 1973.

The posters were stunning reproductions of covers from *Plain Truth* magazines and Ambassador College booklets. They were used to call attention to the free literature displays during the campaign.

"Doing the posters for the campaign excited me more than anything

Garner Ted Armstrong's personal appearance there Jan. 25 to 27.

In St. Louis it was decided to put the colorful posters to work at literature displays during Mr. Armstrong's future personal appearances.

Parents Encouraged

Mr. Gunn's artistic talents became obvious at an early age and were stimulated by his parents and teachers.

"My parents always encouraged me," he says. "You see, my grandfather was an illustrator and my dad is an architect."

After graduating from high school, Mr. Gunn worked at various jobs, and his interest in art slack-

ed in 1968. Soon after arriving in Hollywood, he landed a job as a commercial artist for Feldman Advertising, a small advertising agency. He worked there nine months, learned the ropes, and then moved to Smith & Hemmings Advertising, a large Los Angeles agency where he eventually became assistant art director.

While working at Smith & Hemmings, Mr. Gunn took night classes in art, developing his own style of painting, a brand of realism which, he says, hasn't been popular for 30 years.

Mr. Gunn believes the current interest in the period of the '20s and '30s is contributing to a revival of his style of painting.

Too Successful

After two years Mr. Gunn quit and, with two fellow art students, formed an advertising agency, Daisy Design Studio, in San Diego, Calif.

"It was too successful for three people," Mr. Gunn explains.

As a result, he became disillusioned by the dog-eat-dog nature of the business.

"It takes all the creative aspect out of it," he says.

Eventually the three partners decided to dissolve the business and go their separate ways.

Mr. Gunn returned to Kansas City to devote himself to painting full time.

Since few people can afford to purchase original art, Mr. Gunn and his two agents try to sell his work to businesses that want to buy art for investment purposes.

"The way the economy is today," he explains, "corporations and businesses are looking for an investment that will earn them a sure amount of gain over a given period of time. Artwork will always appreciate in value."

To Mr. Gunn the process of creating art is more satisfying than selling it.

"If I were of independent means," he says, "I would give my stuff away, because I like to create for other people's enjoyment."

Some of Mr. Gunn's paintings are being featured in the lobby of the Waldo Astoria, a dinner theater here.

A number of his other works were recently exhibited at the Jewish Community Center here.



POSTERS USED AT CAMPAIGNS — A spectator pauses during the Kansas City campaign to look at one of several posters painted by Robert Gunn. The posters were used to attract attention to displays of *Plain Truth* magazines and Ambassador College booklets. (Photo by Ken Murphy)

I've done, I think, because of the purpose behind them," Mr. Gunn states.

Following the Kansas City campaign Mr. Gunn's posters were sent to St. Louis, Mo., to be used for

off temporarily.

"Eventually I came to realize that the jobs I had lacked fulfillment for me. I always went back to drawing."

Seeking greener pastures, Mr. Gunn left Kansas City for California



ARTIST — Robert Gunn, member of the Kansas City North church, displays a painting he recently completed to commemorate America's bicentennial in 1976. (Photo by Ken Murphy)

Senior class tours Europe in annual trip to Continent

By Melvin Rhodes

BRICKET WOOD — "A country a day keeps the blues away."

That certainly sums up the feelings of this year's Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, seniors as they sped through Europe during the second week of the college's recent spring break.

After a 5:30 a.m. departure from the college dining hall Monday, April 15, they tried to catch up on sleep on their way to Dover, England. After all, they had four years of sleep to catch up on.

The Dover-Boulogne, France, crossing of the English Channel on a hovercraft was a novel experience for some — an unpleasant one for others with weaker stomachs.

The first real stop in France was Reims, center of France's famous Champagne region.

Day No. 2 took the seniors to the battlefields of Verdun, France, and the thousands of war graves there. Peter Shenton, manager of the college's Travel Department, who was along for the trip, gave the class a vivid description of the battles and the number of people who died in World War I. This was one of the most sobering aspects of the tour of continental Europe, and the lesson was driven home of Europe's long history of carnage and suffering.

Before lunch the seniors crossed into the tiny grand duchy of Luxembourg and headed for the capital city of the same name. There they had the afternoon free to go shopping and see the beautiful ravine dividing the old city from the new; the radio station which broadcasts all over Western Europe (at one time it carried *The World Tomorrow* broadcast to the peoples of the British Isles); the royal palace; and the Common Market buildings.

German Party

An early start Wednesday morning sped the group into West Germany and the beautiful city of Bernkas-

tel-Kues on the banks of the Mosel.

There they all stocked up on local wines and ate a hearty German meal before commencing the long journey to Duesseldorf and a party at the German office of the Work of God.

Frank Schnee, director of the German Work, was there to greet the group with Bricket Wood students Jenny Osborn, Monica Burquist and Sylvia Herold. These students had been working in the German office through the spring break.

All had to leave at a reasonable hour to get up early next morning. A long journey was ahead to Brussels, the capital of Belgium and headquarters of the booming but troubled Common Market.

There they visited the Common Market headquarters. A film on the Common Market, slides and a brief lecture gave the seniors a thorough understanding of the organization's institutions and some of its present problems.

The evening in Brussels was free; all students took this opportunity to sample some of Belgium's finest beers and pastries.

Some were able to visit Ray Kosanke and Henry Sturcke, who man the Belgian office of *The Plain Truth* magazine (see the April 15 issue).

Long Haul Back

Friday morning 77 weary students, faculty members and drivers began the long haul back to England, with two border crossings in between.

As the seniors and chaperons crossed into France they approached the battlefields of Dunkirk, where British forces were evacuated during the dark days of 1940 when Hitler's forces were sweeping across Europe.

Later, a pleasant ferry crossing from Calais, France, to Dover, with an English meal of fish and chips on board followed by a nonstop journey to Bricket Wood, brought everyone home, back to the Ambassador College family.



BRICKET WOOD STUDENTS TAKE EUROPEAN FIELD TRIP — Thousands of graves attest to Europe's sufferings in World War I on the battlefields of Verdun in northern France. The site was one of several stops in Europe seniors of the Bricket Wood campus saw on their annual field trip. See story at right. (Photo by Kerry Gubb)

College grad opts for simple life, trades office for wind and grit

By Jerry Gentry
STANTON, Tex. — What motivates an Ambassador College graduate and his family to trade a well-ordered office job for the wind and grit of work on a West Texas ranch?

Earl Dickenson answers this question easily: "We've lived out here four years. I'm 39 years old. That means for 35 years I was doing something I didn't enjoy as much as this."

Strangely, while many country folks elsewhere are picking up belongings and moving to cities, the Dickensons made the move in the reverse direction.

Four years ago Earl was working full time in the Festival Office at Ambassador College, Big Sandy. He was dedicated to the job but admittedly became more frustrated with office work as time passed.

When the opportunity arose to manage a 4,000-acre ranch near here, Earl and his family considered carefully and hopefully. Earl's dad was retiring for health reasons. He offered the one-family ranch operation to his son Earl.

No Regrets

Today Earl, his wife Jean and their two daughters, Donna, 10, and Karen, 8, have no regrets about moving out to the flat West Texas plains. They were welcomed by members there and became active in the Odessa, Tex., Worldwide Church of God. Earl now serves as a local elder in that area.

"We are fortunate in that we are close to church, close to town," comments Jean, wearing her nearly perpetual smile.

She doesn't "consider this out in

the boonies" but does concede that "we are sort of on the edge of civilization."

To prove her point, she cites that Midland, Tex., "at one time boasted more millionaires per capita than any other city in the nation. Peter Nero has performed in Midland. So has Van Cliburn."

Of course, much of the economic oasis centered here was an outgrowth of vast oil discoveries in the Permian Basin, which covers much of West Texas and provides 25 percent of U.S. domestic oil production, according to Earl.

Yet plentiful oil doesn't mean an equal abundance of rainfall. This area receives only 12 to 15 inches annually.

As of the beginning of April, there had been little rainfall — less than two inches the past six months. Without moisture the precious grass for cattle to graze doesn't grow.

Just and Unjust

Not only is rainfall unusually low, but exceptionally low years keep many West Texas farmers and ranchers in perpetual fear of drought. As Jean admits cheerfully, "it rains on the just and unjust."

So the Dickensons have their own contingency plan, just in case a long period of dry weather sets in. Jean works part time as a secretary for an oil company in Midland while daughters Donna and Karen are in school.

Earl is making plans to reduce the size of his cattle herd if rains are not forthcoming.

"I'd rather have a little grass that's not used than come up short," he says.

The Dickensons' ranch is nearly all pastureland. Only 300 acres are cultivated, mostly in forage crops such as redtop cane and grain sorghum. These are eventually fed to some 135 head of Hereford cattle.

For the past two years the Stanton area has received well-above-average rainfall — 17 and 20 inches respectively.

"Last year was the best year we ever had," remarks Earl while sitting in their nicely decorated ranch home drinking iced tea. "We had a good yield and good price in the same year."

Bonanza Strike

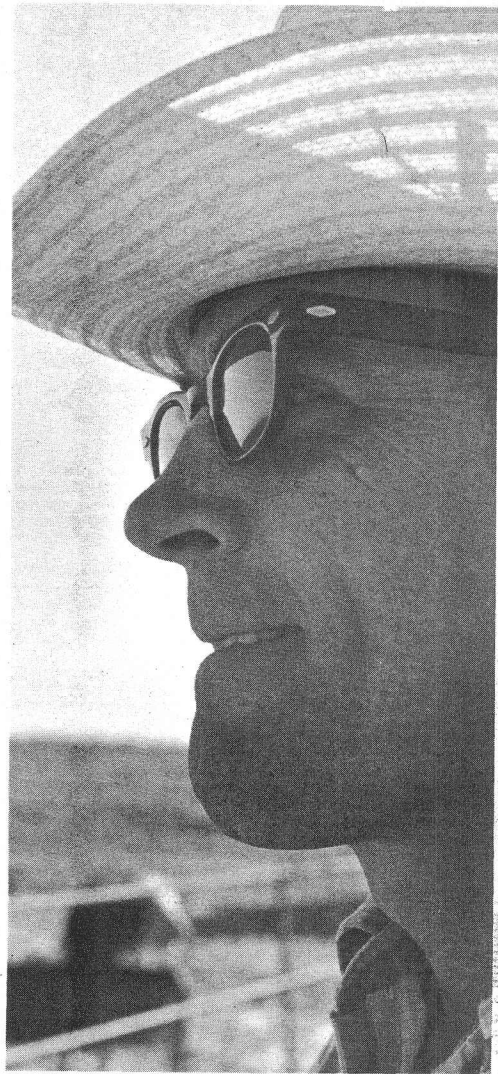
And last year Earl planted 300 acres of cotton and struck a bonanza. During the onslaught of the energy crisis, natural fibers were bringing top prices. The cotton Earl sold provided a needed bonus for buying machinery. It also provided some economic reserve against possible lean years ahead.

The Dickensons enjoy their simple ranch life-style. But if drought dictated otherwise, Earl could take a job in town. He holds a degree in business. And before attending and graduating from Ambassador, he had worked in the credit department of a major Midland bank.

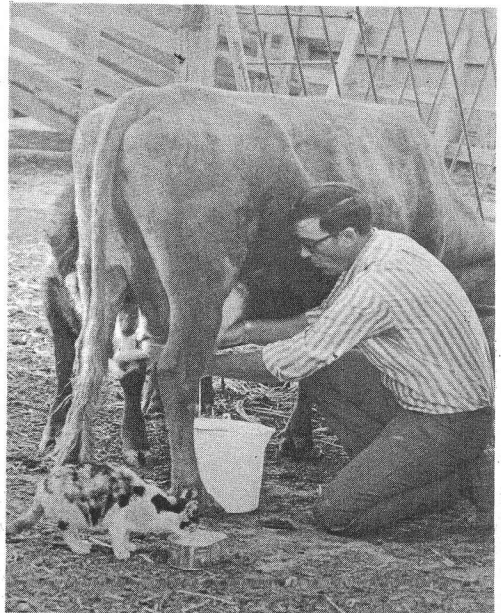
Yet the thought of leaving the ranch is a sad one for the Dickensons and one they refuse to entertain.

"I like ranching," says Earl. "I really don't like the thought of going back to shuffling papers. I really like to work this way . . . no boss looking over your shoulder."

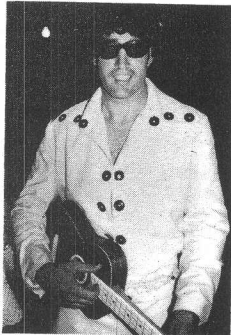
Jean nods. "We live a very simple life," she says. "We like it."



THE DICKENSON FAMILY — Whether it's doing early-morning chores, below, or looking over the ranch later in the day, above, Earl Dickenson enjoys the simple life. His wife Jean, far left, below, discusses piano lessons which their two daughters take. Donna, left, plays a difficult classical piece. The family, below left, enjoys an evening supper in their ranch house. [Photos by Jerry Gentry]



COSTUME PARTY — Some 100 guests attended a South African social, called the Fancy Dress Ball, organized by the single young men of the church in that area. Some of the outstanding costumes are pictured below and at the right. From top to bottom, this side first, are Elvis Presley, Maurice Chevalier, Andy and Flo Capp, a Spanish couple, the queen of hearts and joker, hippies, and Adolf Schicklgruber. See complete story in "Wrap-Up." (Photos by Eddie Neuteboom)



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BOB KLYNSMITH



NEVILLE AND MERLE SMITH

Local church news wrap-up

Barking Dictator

DURBAN, South Africa — Adolf Hitler is alive and well and living in Durban. Almost 100 guests at a party held at the home of Dave and Estelle Brunson eyewitnessed the dictator goose-stepping and barking out orders in his heavy German accent on a recent Saturday evening.

Hitler, alias Leo (Schicklgruber) Kritzinger, was in fact overall prize-winner at the much-discussed Fancy Dress Ball organized by the single young men in this area.

A tremendous amount of effort was put into the costumes, and some really outstanding garments were on display.

Other personalities attending included Elvis Presley, Andy Capp and Flo, and Hagar the Horrible — plus an assortment of Jews, Arabs, Greeks, Romans, Spaniards, Chinese, hippies and Gypsies.

A speciality of the evening was the first public appearance of George Hawker and his Sextuplets, whose music brought shouts of encore from young and old.

When emcee for the evening Bob Klynsmith — a recent graduate from Ambassador College — announced the prize-winners, everyone had to agree the judges had had a difficult task.

Still carrying his guitar and wearing his Elvis Presley suit, minister Dan Botha commented as he left the dance:

"It was one of the best ideas we've had yet."

Not even Hitler disagreed. *Geoffrey Neilson.*

Spirit in Their Heart

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Success in scouting is measured by the spirit in their heart, not by the number of merit badges or skill awards, stated scoutmaster Neil Dwinell to the scouts and assembled guests at their court of honor held Monday, April 22, in nearby El Cajon, Calif.

Assistant scoutmaster Terry Krogel emphasized the importance of developing qualities of leadership in scouts and urged parent participation in this program.

A diversified program was presented by the four patrols of Troop 321 for the entertainment of families and guests. Subjects covered included a discourse on identification of patches and badges, a demonstration of emergency first aid, color slides of various outings and a report on what the boys have learned about panning for gold.

Two more boys were awarded the rank of second class, joining with Stephen Hughes, who was the first of the troop to achieve this rank. They were Paul Clarke and Chris Holding Jr.

Four named tenderfoot scouts were Robert Sanderson, Eric Shoquist, Robert Hargrave and Mark Gardenhire. Pins were presented to the scouts and their mothers by awards chairman Robert Gardenhire.

Concluding the evening's program was the announcement by scoutmaster Dwinell of officers for the ensuing six months. They will be Stephen Hughes, patrol leader; Jeff Maasch, assistant patrol leader; Eric Shoquist, scribe; Mark Smith, quartermaster; and Chris Holding Jr., Paul Clarke, Craig Fehlberg and Robert Sanderson, patrol leaders. *Susan Karoska.*

Outdoor Leadership

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Boy Scout Troop 86, sponsored by the church here, had its first campout April 20 and 21.

Ten scouts, five adult leaders and three committeemen participated in the camp-out on grounds half a mile from the Feast site here. The purpose of the camp-out was to help the

troop's adult and boy leaders develop outdoor-leadership skills.

The adults achieved this goal by fulfilling the duties of one of the scout offices for the entire event.

The scouts learned more about outdoor leadership by each scout doing his part to make the outing a success and also by listening to talks given by adult leaders on knife and ax safety, citizenship, hiking and knots.

The event began Sabbath afternoon at the Feast site with a potluck supper for the scouts, leaders and their families.

Afterward, Bill Freeland, local pastor and troop committee chairman, led a Bible study on the subject: "What Is a Boy?"

After sunset the 18 participants hiked to the campsite and set up camp.

Everyone enjoyed lighthearted skits and a story-telling session around the campfire that night.

The next day's activities consisted of group instruction, a nature hike, games and camp chores such as cooking and cleaning. *John Torgerson.*

Meowed Parts

BRICKET WOOD — The Social and Activities Club (S.A.A.C.) held its annual talent contest and dance Thursday, March 28, at Radlett Village Hall in nearby Radlett, England. About 140 members came along.

S.A.A.C. has held a talent show for the last three years, and interest has grown considerably since. This year 13 different acts came up for review — from singing groups to soloists presenting their own compositions and from two families (including children) playing a variety of instruments to miming.

The winners were Mrs. Matt Jansen and Miss Hung Woon, who, accompanied by Kevin Ford at the piano, meowed the parts to Rossini's "Cat Duet."

The effect was extremely funny and very cleverly produced.

Second prize went to the combined families of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gridley and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas MacDonald, all playing a variety of instruments. The group included two-year-old David MacDonald on the maracas and his five-year-old sister Lorna on the small tambourine.

Robin Gridley, 5, played the triangle, with his sister Karen, 9, on the accordion and larger triangle.

Third prize was shared between The New Horizons, a group from the London church (Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spenser and Keith Holmes), and Miss Fiona McLean, daughter of Ambassador College band director Duncan McLean.

Seventeen-year-old Fiona sang her own composition, "A Little Bit of Heaven."

A dixieland band presented some lively dance music both before and after the contest.

The club is looking forward to many varied activities this summer: a three-day camp starting on April 26, a sports day tentatively planned for June 23, several spelunking trips, sing-alongs, etc. *Paul Suckling.*

Queensland Floods

SHREVEPORT, La. — Beginning in January, floods destroyed the homes of several brethren in Queensland, Australia (See *The Worldwide News*, March 18), so a project was begun in this church area to raise money to help replace their loss.

Three teenagers and 15 eager pre-teens participated in a garden-seed sale. These youngsters really worked hard in an effort to be of service to others.

Carol Tester, a very energetic nine-year-old, was awarded a paint set for selling the most seeds.

The total amount of seeds sold was

\$125, for a net profit of \$50.

Shreveport members wish to express their appreciation to these young people for their willingness to be of help to those who have suffered this misfortune.

Contributions were also given by members of the church to add to the amount sent to Queensland. *Delmarie Rushing.*

The '20s Revisited

WINNIPEG, Man. — Sunday, April 15, saw the culmination of weeks of preparation by the youth of the Winnipeg North Church of God for a 1974 look at the 1920s.

Entering the St. James Civic Centre, one was surrounded by a distinctive 1920 society atmosphere. Everyone from Charlie Chaplin to Al Capone was there.

Abbott and Costello began the evening's entertainment, and the curtains opened to begin a lively variety show emceed by David Ives and Don Kane.

The Valentine's Day Massacre occurred all over again but with a new twist and no bloodshed.

Songs reminiscent of Louis Armstrong, Al Jolson and others were artfully reproduced.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police even got into the act before the show was over.

After the show, everyone who knew how danced to the Charleston and other dances from the '20s.

Then, refreshed by coffee and confectionaries, everyone settled down to a hearty sing-along.

Songs like "Darktown Strutters' Ball" and "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover" were led by songwriter Nestor Guspodarchuk and Winnipeg's answer to Johnny Cash, Art Alyea.

The evening ended with the showing of a National Film Board production of the 1972 Winter Olympics from Osaka, Japan. *Ken Fedirchuk.*

Beautiful Botany

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Thursday, March 21, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Steinback, members here, took four widows from the Hattiesburg church to Bellingrath Gardens, near Mobile, Ala.

They enjoyed beautiful botanical gardens sequestered in the curves of a river — and hundreds of azaleas in bloom.

They also toured the posh home of the late Mr. Bellingrath, founder of the Coca-Cola franchise of Mobile.

During the trip home, the group stopped to satiate palates with barbecued hamburgers. While they ate, Mrs. Myrtice Collins, Mrs. Lois Bonner, Mrs. Lillium Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Steinback wondered how they'd make it home without falling asleep — since they were all so beat from walking for five hours.

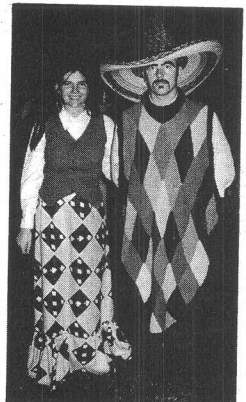
Then Mrs. Leona Downing said young folks just can't keep up with her and offered to drive everyone home. She is 92. *Mrs. Tom Steinback.*

Young People

BIG SANDY, Tex. — On Saturday evening, April 27, the young-adults' group here hosted a dance at the Festival Administration Building on the campus for young people from Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas church areas, as well as Ambassador students.

The band was comprised of Ambassador students, and entertainment was provided by members of the freshman class. The entertainment was essentially the same show presented at the freshman dance held this semester.

Activities of the group in the past have included hayrides, beach parties and a camp-out in Oklahoma. *Stephen D. Kraft.*



JOHANN AND SALLY VISSER



MR. AND MRS. COLIN CURTIS



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN LEES



LEO KRITZINGER

A Personal Letter
from

Garner Ted Armstrong

(Continued from page 1)

on the Sabbath of May 11, or as soon thereafter as possible.

I won't cover ground in this "Personal" which you will have already heard. Suffice it to say, our very animated doctrinal forums provided ample opportunity for the hundreds of ministers assembled to engage in various doctrinal and administrative discussions for literally hundreds of collective hours.

The compilation of this vast amount of material, subsequent organization and digestion of the facts and investigation of any additional doctrinal points are, of course, going to take a period of weeks and months.

However, we feel some thorough papers on the subject of D&R can be completed within a very short period of time, including many of the administrative questions which arose following Mr. Armstrong's dramatic announcement.

The administrative questions remaining on the subject of D&R following this monumental announcement of the new teaching of the Church will be only minimal in comparison with the enormous difficulties encountered resulting from the previous teaching.

God Not Involved

In a nutshell, the entire subject revolves around whether or not God Almighty is, at the present time, personally and intimately involving Himself in the private lives of human beings on this earth in only one important way — that of binding their marriages.

In essence, our former teaching implied God was in the marriage-binding business, whether it meant people in savage tribes in the Amazon, Africa or Indonesia or the island of Mindanao in the Philippines; marriage contracts involving the sale of daughters; marriage contracts confirmed by parents prior to their children's birth; child marriages in India and many other parts of the world (where girls of 9, 10, 11 and 12 are given in marriage); marriages done under some of the most incredible social and religious customs imaginable in countries all over the world.

The former teaching insisted that each of these marriages, so long as it was a first marriage with no previous marital contract involved, was bound, by God, for life!

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that marriage was originally a "divine institution" when God Himself presented Eve to Adam, but that following the original sin, God had allowed carnal, sinning, war-making human societies to appropriate to themselves their own humanly devised marital laws and customs. Even as God was not directly interfering in their governments, or interfering in whether or not they made war, so He was not interfering in their individual marital contracts.

Material to Come

The subject is vast, and a great deal of technical material has already been prepared. New materials on the subject (in the form of articles in our magazines, new booklets and voluminous other material to be made available to our ministry) is already in the works.

I would like to mention here something I said publicly to all the ministry: I hope every individual who was involved in a separation from a mate because of a "D&R situation" will be extremely cautious and not hastily jump into a situation which may be ill-advised. It will take time for all of the material to be digested, for the new teaching to be thoroughly pronounced and explained in a scholarly

and Biblical manner, and for all of the hundreds of administrative questions and individual judgmental decisions to be thoroughly discussed so that all pastors and assistants can "speak the same thing" in giving counsel or advice to individuals who may have questions concerning their own circumstances.

Don't Be Hasty

For someone, who has been sacrificing by living apart from a mate where it appeared earlier such a union might have been adulterous had it continued, to suddenly ask that a binding ceremony be performed by a minister of God's true Church without a great deal of caution and wisdom being exercised would be foolish.

In some cases, people have waited and prayed for years that this monumental change would appear to be the will of God, that it could be fully substantiated by the teaching of God's own Word, and that God would lead His human servants to see this change must be made.

We understand the true sanctity of marriage and the awesome importance of it, and this understandably makes it all the more incumbent upon us to approach it properly.

Once for Life

I hasten to add that this new teaching makes it much more heavily our responsibility to teach the world the absolute sanctity of marriage and the fact that marriage is intended by our Creator God to be ONCE FOR LIFE — that it is to be a "God-plane relationship," not merely a human contract subject to be broken by human courts.

Jesus did say, "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder!" Our teaching, then, is the same as it has always been when it comes to those within God's true Church or those to whom God has revealed His beautiful truths concerning the marriage relationship.

Once God Almighty is actually party to and directly involved with a human marriage, and when He, God, binds it, then that marriage is bound for life, and man is commanded not to "put asunder."

Articles in the WW will document various other aspects of the conference, including the very thorough and in-depth division-head reports consuming two whole days in marathon sessions.

You will be hearing of some of the fruits of this present conference for literally months to come.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong left for Manila on the morning of Wednesday, May 8. His campaigns are scheduled for May 16, 17 and 18, but he must be there early for pre-campaign activities.

Philippine regional director Colin Adair said 10,000 ticket requests

have already come in to our Manila office. I will keep you fully informed as I receive direct word from Mr. Armstrong in daily personal contact via our Telex and/or telephone conversations.

Even during the conference, I have had to keep busy on television and have just finished a couple of telecasts on the subject of our runaway inflation and the practice of hedging against inflation on the part of many people by private hoards of gold and silver.

Economic Problems

Even as I am working on this "Personal," I noticed in the newspaper this morning that the prime rate has again broken yet another record by soaring to 11 1/4 percent.

The same newspaper showed how the stock market is reacting to the U.S. Senate Watergate hearings and the move toward impeachment of President Richard Nixon.

The point I made in the telecasts was that it appears that the entire world is living a dramatic repetition of events which directly led up to World War II. Everything we have been predicting would come to pass seems to be shaping up more and more every day. More than 15 years ago I was saying Japan would become the dominant power in the East, would move to fill up any power vacuum in the Asian area, and finally would become a far greater threat to the United States than Communist China.

We were talking on the radio and television and in magazine articles about an impending trade war between Japan and the United States. Continually we have warned about the Middle East, not only from the point of view of the potential for big-power involvement, but also about Arab oil and the desperate need of the big industrialized powers — Europe and Japan, primarily — for Arab oil.

Years ago, in sermons before tens of thousands of our brethren at various Festival sites, I constantly pointed out that the two great things to really watch would be dramatic domestic crises (primarily economic, but also racial and social) inside the United States and the dramatic rise to power of a coming combine in Europe which would prove increasingly unfriendly toward the United States.

As I see the skyrocketing rise in prices inside our country, the topple of governments around the world (I am working right now on a Plain Truth article to document the many, many governments which have toppled or are about to be overthrown), the shocking potential for a complete stock-market collapse and deep depression inside the United States, I am reminded once more of what God's Word says.

Toward the end of the program I

quoted Ezekiel 7:19 (from *The Bible, An American Translation*, by Smith and Goodspeed):

"Their silver shall they fling into the streets, and their gold shall become to them as an unclean thing; for their silver and their gold shall not be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath . . ."

We had borrowed a number of gold coins and silver bars from a local bank to use as props in the telecast I mentioned before. As I was commenting to the fellows on the television crew: As glittering and as beautiful as were those 30-peso gold pieces, the American double eagles or the \$20 gold pieces (now selling for \$300 each!) or the big and heavy \$500 silver bars there on the desk before me, you can't eat gold or silver. It is, after all, only another medium of exchange or a symbol in which man places his confidence and is only good so long as individuals remain confident in it.

Traditionally, governments have indulged themselves in coin clipping (as the United States is now doing) and the printing of voluminous piles of worthless paper money. So long as the government still retains the confidence of its people, and the people still have confidence in their money, the system works.

But once that confidence is shaken (as it is being dramatically shaken today), then individuals begin to hedge against potential mistakes of a government in which they no longer have faith or trust. And the traditional hedges against inflation have been precious metals, objects of art and, of course, real estate.

On the program, I mentioned how it finally took up to three billion marks in pre-World War II Germany to buy a postage stamp! The time came when workmen had to be paid by the week because of the rapid fluctuation of money, and then by the day, and, finally, clerks were scurrying throughout German factories with bundles of money (up to five-billion-mark notes) to pay workmen by the hour!

When all of this collapses, a nation suddenly reverts to a barter system. A cigarette can become of more value than billions upon billions of bills printed by the government's printing office.

This happened in pre-World War II Germany and directly helped bring Adolf Hitler to power.

We are seeing the beginnings of that same type of inflation all around us in this world today!

Millions Turn Inward

At the same time, millions of people are turning inward, thinking of their own personal protection and safety, striving to get while the getting is good, with their minds and their appetites set only on the acquisition of the means for survival and

protection in the horrible times to come.

That whole passage of Ezekiel 7 is concerned with our people today! God says, "For the country is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Therefore I will bring in the worst of the nations, and they shall take possession of their houses" (Ezekiel 7:23, 24).

I know one major outgrowth of this conference is going to be our collective rededication to the great challenge and Commission which God Almighty has placed before us in this great Work.

We must as never before warn all nations of the chaotic and bloody days ahead. Never has our task seemed to loom larger than it does today! Notice:

- The entire world trembles on the brink of global famine.
- Governments topple almost daily.

- Dramatic changes in two of the leading governments in Western Europe (West Germany and France) seem to indicate upheavals which will dramatically alter the face of Europe and change the entire configuration of the Atlantic Alliance.
- Other governments topple around the world.
- The price of precious metal soars almost out of sight.
- Trade relations between Japan and the United States wester.
- The United States enters an era of terrible racism, wanton racist murders, sensational kidnappings and assassinations and struggles in the mire of impeachment proceedings against its own president.

Meanwhile, as all of these terrible things seem to come crashing in on us at the very same time, Satan launches an attack against God's Work to try to bring about apathy, lethargy, self-recrimination and bitterness — striving desperately to force us to FORGET the enormous task that lies before us to warn this sick world of the cataclysmic events which lie just ahead and turn instead to name-calling, blame-placing, recrimination and self-seeking!

We can all unitedly praise God that Satan has not succeeded in deterring us from the deepest resolve to rededicate and recommit ourselves to the great Commission which Christ has placed before us!

Christ's ministry will leave this conference with greater renewed dedication and zeal, a more deeply embedded spiritual impact having shocked and sobered us to a new awareness of the greatness of our calling and aroused us to new zeal to finish this great Work!

Brethren, let's realize there is no protection or safety for any one of us outside of the protection of God. Jesus did not warn people to watch world news in order just to be "spiritually saved." But He gave us the double blessing and the double benefit of promising us that if we really "watch" (meaning watch world news, trends and conditions!) we might be "accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS WHICH SHALL COME TO PASS!" (Luke 21:36).

Had Jesus not intended that His people be protected from the horrible traumas to come smashing in upon an unsuspecting world in the near future; had He been concerned only with personal salvation — finding a way of entry into the Kingdom of God — He would not have urgently warned his true servants to watch and pray that they might be accounted worthy to ESCAPE the horrible things to happen on this earth!

We who know what is coming have not only a divine Commission but an absolute moral obligation to warn as many of our fellow human beings as we possibly can about these impending days of great tribulation! Let's not let down on our great calling.

In Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong



TELECAST — This photo, taken after the taping of a Garner Ted Armstrong telecast, shows Mr. Armstrong holding a valuable rare coin. See "Personal," this page, and "Grapevine," page 16. (Photo by David McKee)

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

PASADENA — David L. Antion and Albert J. Portune, evangelists of the Worldwide Church of God who were both asked to take a two-month leave of absence to consider their futures with the Work, have now made their decisions.

Garner Ted Armstrong said here that Mr. Antion has decided to return to the Work in whatever capacity he may best serve.

Present plans call for him to assume a full teaching load at the college at the beginning of the fall semester.

Mr. Armstrong also said Mr. Antion would be able to contribute significantly in the ministerial-training program at the college.

His return came just prior to the May ministerial conference, in which he was able to contribute as a moderator in doctrinal forums and communication workshops.

Mr. Portune has submitted his official resignation and is no longer associated with the college or Church. The April 29 Los Angeles Times reported that he planned to join the organization called the Associated Churches of God, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

PASADENA — A pile of gold coins and silver bars worth a total of \$60,000 was featured in a recent Garner Ted Armstrong telecast, one of a series on the economic crisis.

"The emphasis of the coins," remarked Jim Thornhill, floor director for the telecast, "is the value now placed on hard money. The conclusion reached is that you can't eat the stuff."

Among the coins, on loan from a local bank, were the Austrian krona, now worth \$190; the American double-eagle \$20 gold piece, worth \$300; the British sovereign, worth \$52; and the Mexican 50-peso piece, worth \$250.

Each of the coins, except the smaller British sovereign, weighed about an ounce.

BIG SANDY — Larry Moluf, a junior on the Ambassador campus here, is being treated in a Tyler, Tex., hospital for multiple broken facial bones after a locking ring on a truck tire he was inflating blew off and struck him May 10. The accident occurred while he was on his job at



LARRY MOLUF

the college Transportation Department.

Although his life is not in danger, he is considered fortunate to be alive by hospital officials. According to one hospital staffer, had the locking ring struck one inch above or below the point of impact he would have been killed.

It is estimated it will take many months for Larry to fully recover from the accident. Presently he is in the intensive-care section of the hospital after undergoing surgery

for repairing bones (including a broken jaw) lasting over six hours.

Deputy Chancellor Ronald Dart has requested prayers for Larry's speedy and complete recovery.

BIG SANDY — The annual intramural track-and-field competition of the Texas campus of Ambassador College, known as Field Day, was held here Sunday, May 5, and Tuesday, May 7. In one of the largest intramural events of the school year the seniors edged out the largest freshman class ever to attend Ambassador with a score of 104-97.

Struggling in a neck-and-neck battle all day, the class of '74 captured the last two events of the day — discus and one-mile relay — to prove victorious.

This year's seniors, who have won Field Day for three consecutive years, were led in scoring by Judy Amos and Alvin Hicks, the afternoon's top point collectors with 26 and 22 points respectively. But it was the overall team effort which propelled the senior team to victory.

"You might say that we determined last year that we weren't just going to fade away as seniors have the reputation of doing," commented Senior Class President Clyde Kilough. "We weren't expected to win this year, but the class responded well and proved again the importance of hard work and unity in obtaining a goal."

One of those goals that afternoon was trying to win the annual tug-of-war. For many of the senior men the highlight of the afternoon was their team muscling its way to victory for an unprecedented fourth year in a row, a record of which they were quite proud.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 2
(1) Peter, (2) Andrew, (3) James, (4) John, (5) Philip, (6) Thomas, (7) Matthew, (8) Bartholomew, (9) James, (10) Simon, (11) Thaddeus, (12) Judas.



MINISTERIAL GET-TOGETHER — Lunchtime at the conference gave many ministers who were once classmates a chance to get together. Here former Big Sandy classmates have lunch outside the student center. (Photo by John Robinson)



MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE — View from the Auditorium facing Mayfair, a student residence, shows ministers filing into the Auditorium the first day of the conference. See conference coverage beginning on page 1. (Photo by John Robinson)

Campaign to be held in England

BRICKET WOOD — The first Ambassador College-sponsored evangelistic campaign to be held in Britain in over a decade is scheduled for Birmingham in June.

The speaker will be Charles Hunting, vice president of financial affairs for the U.K. and the Middle East.

Between 4,000 and 5,000 Plain Truth readers within a 35-mile radius of Birmingham are being invited to attend.

A two-night session will be held Friday and Saturday evenings, June 14 and 15, and invitations to attend follow-up Bible studies will be extended to all those who attend.

"Can Britain Survive?" — a look at what the future holds for the people of Britain — will be the theme of the first night.

On the second night, Mr. Hunting will speak on "What Will Tomorrow's World Be Like?"

Of necessity, the approach to the

British campaigns will be different from that adopted in the U.S. because Britain has not heard *The World Tomorrow* broadcast since 1967 and Garner Ted Armstrong is not well known here. Hence, public advertising would be unlikely to have the impact it does in the United States.

The aim of the campaigns is to give those already in contact with the

Work an opportunity to increase their knowledge at a rate faster than could be achieved through literature alone.

The foundation of the Work in Britain was laid by campaigns held in the 1950s by Dr. Roderick Meredith, now deputy chancellor of the campus here, and the late Dick Armstrong, son of Herbert W. Armstrong.

Obituaries

RICHMOND, Va. — Clark W. Keese Jr. of Charlottesville, Va., a member of God's Church here, died March 23 at his home of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife Rosie.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Walter Moore, 57, died suddenly of a heart attack March 3. He was baptized July 28, 1962, and had been in the church here longer than any other member.

Mr. Moore worked diligently for God's Work until the hour of his death and will be greatly missed by everyone.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — John

16 assigned to Canada

PASADENA — Sixteen graduating seniors from Ambassador College's three campuses have been assigned to the Canadian Work, announced Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division, in the April 23 edition of *The Bulletin* (a publication sent to ministers of the Church of God).

The seniors and their assignments are as follows:

Pasadena campus — Chuck Boehme, Hamilton, Ont.; John Elliott, Abbotsford, B.C.; George Hood, Yorktown, Sask.; Gary Moore, Windsor, Ont.; John Scott Murray, Vancouver, B.C.

Bricket Wood campus — Bjame Nielson, Montreal, Que.; Lauraine Nyhus, Edmonton, Alta.; Adrian Smith, St. John's, Nfld.; Leo Van Pelt, Sudbury, Ont.; Glen Weber, Penicton, B.C.; Dennis Wheatcroft, Red Deer, Alta.

Big Sandy campus — Leif Anderson, Winnipeg, Man.; Clyde Kilough, Edmonton, Alta.; John Reedy, Toronto, Ont.; Don Smith, Kingston, Ont.; Dennis Van Deventer, Winnipeg, Man.

Prindle, 45, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home April 15.

He served as a deacon in the Cincinnati East church, where he set an example of outgoing love and concern for the brethren. He will be remembered with affection.

Mr. Prindle leaves his wife Betty, two daughters and two grandchildren.

MANTECA, Calif. — Miss Ruby B. Hager died March 9, after enduring an extended illness, at the age of 62.

She was born Jan. 6, 1912, in Cresswell, Ore., but had lived most of her life here.

She was baptized into God's Church June 9, 1955, and attended the Fresno, Calif., church when it began in 1956 until the Sacramento church was begun in 1960. She attended there and then at Modesto from 1965.

She is survived by two brothers, Grant (a member of the Modesto congregation) and Vernon.

Miss Hager will be missed by many friends in her community and in the three congregations of Fresno, Sacramento and Modesto.

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Hans Ross Elias Topash, eight months old, died April 20 of pneumonia.

He was born in Elkhart, Ind., Aug. 9, 1973, the son of Paul E. and Dorothy M. (Hochstetler) Topash of Constantine.

Surviving, besides his parents, are one sister, Heidi Michelle, at home; his grandparents, John P. Topash of Niles, Mich., E. Louise Topash of Lake Ozark, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Elias M. Hochstetler of White Pigeon, Mich.

LAKELAND, Fla. — Mrs. Mabel Dyer-Hurdon, a member of God's Church for 14 years, died here March 29.

She was born May 9, 1903, in Buffalo, N.Y., and is survived by a son and a daughter, William and Joyce Dyer-Hurdon.

Mrs. Dyer-Hurdon was buried in Detroit, Mich.