

Transfers announced

PASADENA — A "partial list" of reassigned ministers was released March 25 by Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration. "The remainder of the announcements will not be made until the week following the Days of Unleavened Bread," he said.

The ministers, who will come here for a sabbatical during the 1977-78 school year, and their present field (See **MINISTERIAL**, page 9)

77 meet in Aussie conference

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Ministers and their wives from across the country came to a hotel just north of here to be brought up to date on God's Work in four days of meetings beginning March 14.

Seventy-seven ministers and their wives met at the Broadbeach International Hotel for the 1977 Australian ministerial conference, presided over by Leslie McCullough, director of (See **AUSSIE**, page 9)

A Personal Letter from

Samuel Led Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from sunny Pasadena. I have never seen a single week go by in God's Work but what there has been a mixture of good news and bad news, and certainly the past couple of weeks have been no exception. Perhaps you are like me and would usually prefer to get the bad news out of the way so the final thoughts of any message are a little more on the upswing. At any rate, as you will notice in the article on the second page of this issue, a deep personal tragedy struck into the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wineinger of Spokane, Wash.

Mr. Wineinger shot his wife to death and then turned the gun on himself and took his own life on March 16.

I was utterly stunned by this news, since I have talked to Mr. and Mrs. Wineinger on any number of occasions. Even though I did not know them well personally, I remember having seen them around the headquarters church, where Don was a local elder in 1969 and 1970, during his time here on campus, as well as at the Feast in Spokane. Apparently personal family problems finally

came to the point that Mrs. Wineinger was seeking a divorce, and it was near the lawyer's office the murder-suicide took place. The Wineingers leave four children: Steven, Darla, Martin and Tisha, ages (See **PERSONAL**, page 9)

Campaign series slated for major Aussie cities

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — The Gospel will go to Australia's major cities via a series of campaigns starting in May, announced Dean Wilson, director of the Work in this country. Mr. Wilson and the Church's four area coordinators will campaign "in all cities where church services are currently held," campaign coordinator Rod Matthews said March 14.

Mr. Wilson and area coordinators

Mark Cardona, John Halford, Graemme Marshall and Bob Mitchell will begin the series, but, said Mr. Matthews, the campaigns "will be extended to regional areas where there is sufficient concentration of PT subscribers by the church pastors in subsequent months until all major population centers have been covered."

Mr. Wilson met with the coordinators "a few weeks ago," Mr. Matthews said, to outline the objectives of the campaigns, which are "to encourage and involve the membership with our commission to reach the people with God's message, to add to the Church as God calls and to give the ministers valuable speaking experience."

The campaign timetable isn't complete, but Mr. Matthews released the following partial schedule:

Adelaide, South Australia, June 17 and 19, Mr. Wilson; Bunbury, Western Australia, June 21 and 22, Mr. Wilson; Perth, Western Australia, June 24 and 26, Mr. Wilson; Sydney, New South Wales, June 8 through 14 (at three locations in the city), Mr. Wilson; Grafton, New South Wales, May 27, Mr. Halford; Lismore, New South Wales, May 29, Mr. Halford; Gold Coast, Queensland, July 29 and 31 and Aug. 1 and 2 (two locations), Mr. Wilson.

Accrediting committee checks AC's progress

PASADENA — An evaluation team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) of San Francisco, Calif., visited Ambassador College here March 21 to 23 to assess the college in the light of a recent self-study, which was one step in the process of gaining regional accreditation, according to Les Stocker, director of public information for the campus.

Ambassador is classified as a candidate for accreditation by the WASC, a status granted after a similar evaluation visit some 2½ years ago.

According to the *Handbook of Accreditation* of the WASC, accreditation is "a voluntary process involving an association of schools and colleges to encourage high standards of educational opportunity for all students." It says a "fundamental principle of accreditation" is that "each institution will express, adopt and adhere to declarations of purposes that are suitable to the nature of the institution itself and equally appropriate within the framework of higher education. Accreditation evaluation attempts to assess the effectiveness

(See **ACCREDITING**, page 8)

Mr. Armstrong brings messages to leaders in Namibia, Transkei

By Robert E. Fahey

Director, African Work

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Herbert W. Armstrong addressed the Turnhalle, the constitutional conference of Namibia (South-West Africa), March 14 in Windhoek, the capital city, and a week later, on March 21, spoke before the parliament of the newly independent Transkei in Umtata, its capital city.

The Turnhalle was named after the hall in which the 11 delegations, from the 11 population groups that make up the 800,000 inhabitants of Namibia, are meeting to try to forge a constitution for the country, which has been a mandated territory of South Africa since World War I. Namibia is due to receive its independence Dec. 31, 1978.

Mr. Armstrong said of the Turnhalle: "I have never spoken to that type of group before. It is an opportunity that comes only once in a lifetime, maybe several lifetimes."

Mr. Armstrong is the first "non-South-Western" to have been invited to speak to the Turnhalle conference.

When this door swung open, naturally we went right through.

At 6:30 p.m. the delegates to the conference began to take their usual positions around the large room. Dirk Mudge, conference chairman, led Mr. Armstrong and Stanley Rader to the speaker's platform. Mr. Armstrong sat in the middle seat, which belongs to the chairman. Mr. Rader sat on his right and Mr. Mudge on his left. Mrs. Rader and I sat just

right of the platform, among the delegation headed by Dr. Ben Africa, whose "prayer for peace" appeared in *The Plain Truth* in this area last November.

Mr. Mudge opened the meeting, welcoming Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader to Namibia, and then he introduced Mr. Rader.

Mr. Rader compared the Turnhalle to the conference that developed the United States Constitution two centuries ago. (Mr. Rader is a former professor of law, and his knowledge

of the legal beginnings of the United States is extensive.) He said that, although the U.S. Declaration of Independence from Great Britain was drawn up in 1776, the Constitution was not ratified until 1789, 13 years later. When the U.S. Constitutional Convention was formed, 65 delegates were approved by their various states, but 10 never bothered to attend, apparently feeling that nothing would come of the conference.

What's more, of the 55 who came, 16 refused to sign the Constitution, and some who did sign expressed dissatisfaction with some parts of the document. It took a full year for nine states to ratify it.

Seen in this light, the Turnhalle conference, which began in September, 1975, is making excellent progress.

Well-Known Introduction

Mr. Rader then introduced Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong began: "Greetings to all of you!"

To hear that well-known introduction in the setting we were in was thrilling. I thought, Now they are going to hear it. And they did.

The good news of Jesus Christ's soon-coming reign on earth came through loud and clear. Mr. Armstrong may be 85 years old, but his voice is as strong and full as ever. The message was crystal clear. Talking to several delegates after the speech, I discovered that they (See **MR. ARMSTRONG**, page 8)

African diary kept

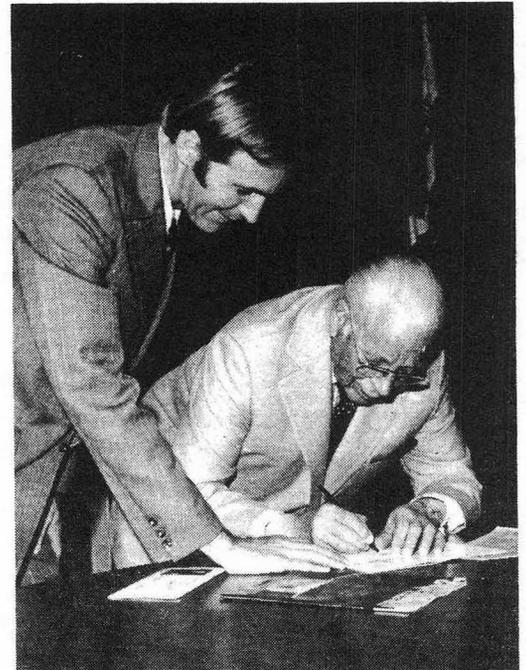
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The travels and speaking schedule of Herbert W. Armstrong on his latest trip to southern Africa are being chronicled by Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, in the form of a diary, beginning with Mr. Armstrong's arrival in South Africa March 10.

Mr. Fahey, in the following, covers Mr. Armstrong's itinerary up to March 27:

Thursday, March 10: Arrived 1:10 a.m.

1 p.m. Spoke to Rotary Club in Pretoria.

2:45 p.m. Met the new mayor of (See **SOUTH AFRICAN**, page 7)



Autographing Christmas booklet

AUTOGRAPH REQUEST — Herbert W. Armstrong autographs a copy of the booklet *The Plain Truth About Christmas* for Dr. J. Greyvensteyn, mayor of Pretoria, South Africa, March 10. The mayor, a *Plain Truth* reader, asked Mr. Armstrong to sign the booklet at the same time he requested an autograph of a PT article Mr. Armstrong had written two years previously when the PT was in tabloid format. (See additional pictures and other coverage in this issue.)

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Changing the pace

In response to the letter in the last [Jan. 31] WN of the situation of those unable to keep the Sabbath by attending services, I happen to be one of those unfortunate . . . I live nearly 100 miles from services. I have four children and am a spiritual widow. My biggest problem is transportation there, as we haven't a car nor truck that will make the trip, not speaking of the expense of gasoline, which I cannot handle. I would love to have ideas from others as to how they keep the Sabbath at home, making it not just another day for their children.

One way I try to change the pace of the routine week when the Sabbath comes: I try to write to someone I know in another church area on that day.

I have deep feelings for those who, like me, go for weeks, months without any fellowship or connection with nothing but pure old "world." I don't even have a decent radio to get the broadcast on, and even at that the rest of the family prefers to watch TV, etc.

I do so much appreciate *The Worldwide News*, as it is a means of diversion from all else and lets me hear some of what goes on out there in civilization.

Linda Hutchins
Guion, Ark.

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In reply to Mrs. Faye McHollister's letter to the editor on keeping the Sabbath and Holy Days at home:

I would like to relate a few living examples of my wife and family.

My wife puts forth an extra-special meal on the beginning of God's Holy Days, including Sabbath . . .

God's days do take on an extra meaning in our family, as it is a delight (Isaiah 58). We as a family take the time to break away from the "world's" everyday "humdrum" and use this time to communicate with each other . . .

We should be able to use this time to instruct our children in God's ways, play with our children, be it games or communication. We should show love, respect and communicate with each and every member of the family, yes, take time to know our family and build family loyalty on each and every day, especially God's Holy Days.

Robert Morris
Wanamingo, Minn.

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In regard to the letter from the lady who keeps the Sabbath and Holy Days alone with her children, perhaps I can help. Except for the time I am in services, I also keep them alone, as none of my family attends. Usually at sunset on the beginning of these days I have a review of what the day pictures. Perhaps she could do this and have a short discussion with the children so they would have a fuller understanding. One way that makes the Holy Days very exciting to me is to picture in your mind their fulfillment and what it will mean for all mankind. Also, she could discuss with her children what it must have meant to the Israelites of that time period as they kept them.

The Sabbath can be made a very special day with perhaps the best meal of the week served on that day. It is a great time for spending more time with your loved ones, just to talk to them and find out how their week has gone. You can do this even with your family who doesn't attend.

Linda Arnold
Fisk, Mo.

MOVING?

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Changes seen for France, India, Africa

By Gene Hogberg
News Editor, "The Plain Truth"
PASADENA — Africa, the world economy and elections in key Western European nations and India dominated the news this past fortnight.

Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny's current junket to Africa, coming right on the heels of Fidel Castro's African tour, seems aimed at wresting the diplomatic initiative away from the United States and Britain (which seem to be at a loss as to what to do in the area anyway). Mr. Podgorny's visits to Tanzania, Zambia and Mozambique are the first by a top Kremlin leader to any of the black front-line countries surrounding Rhodesia.

The new Soviet initiative was prefaced by several ominous statements on the part of Soviet officials, one particularly blunt and strident polemic coming from Anatoly Bromyko, head of the U.S.S.R.'s Africa Institute. He recently wrote that "the fate of southern Africa will not be settled on the banks of the Thames or the Potomac."

This is all particularly significant in light of recent events in Zaire (formerly the Belgian Congo). Almost immediately after the Congo was granted its independence in 1960, the copper-rich province of Katanga tried to secede. At that time Katangan forces were led by the province's pro-Western premier, Moise Tshombe.

Scorning his appeals for aid, the United States and the United Nations sided with the central government, and the rebellion was eventually crushed, though not before 7,000 Katangan troops had fled to Angola.

American Ally

Since that time Zaire's central government has adopted a pro-Western stance, actually becoming America's staunchest ally in black Africa. Now, in an ironic reversal of allegiances, a 2,000-man remnant (some reports say 5,000) of the old Katangan rebel troops has invaded Zaire, this time with the aid of the Cubans and Soviet weapons. The United States has already sent more than \$2 million in military aid to help crush the invasion.

The importance of Zaire is underscored in a recent interview in the South African news magazine *To the Point* with a top Zairian official who argues that "there is in Africa a concentrated move, and you can guess its origin, which . . . aims to intimidate or liquidate all possible non-leftist leaders."

He concludes with the warning that "should Zaire, with its strategic

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served in the *Work's News Bureau*, reading, studying, collecting and collating news from around the world. He has traveled extensively in Europe, including Eastern Europe, and southern Africa, as well as the Middle East, Asia, India and elsewhere.

The WN has asked Mr. Hogberg to prepare regular, informal articles for the paper reflecting his insights into world conditions from his vantage point as a veteran news analyst and member of the Church.

central position and huge resources, ever collapse, it would be the end of Africa." At least as far as the West is concerned, that's true.

A Lot of Bad Money

Zaire is critical to the West for another reason. The nation is in hock up to its ears — more than \$3 billion in debt — to Western bankers, the majority of them big New York firms. Zaire has once already rescheduled its massive repayments, since it hasn't been able to get its copper (65 percent of its foreign earnings) to market, thanks to the guerrilla fighting still going on in Angola, which has blocked the Benguela Railroad, principal route of Zaire's exports.

Other LDCs (less-developed countries) are also having a hard time meeting their loan commitments, contributing a great deal to the free world's fiscal problem.

Zaire is only one particularly bad situation. U.S. banks hold a total of \$45 billion in loans to the struggling LDCs.

In an effort to relieve the stress on private financiers, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is getting a

new lease on life.

Much of the new infusion of IMF money will come from Saudi Arabia and other oil-rich countries that now are wallowing in so much money, reports the March 28 *Business Week*, that "they are running out of banks" to put it in.

According to that magazine: "Ironically, the timing of the IMF arrangement could not be better for the Saudis . . . The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) keeps a list of 80 international banks in which it keeps deposits . . . The Saudis will put in between 80 percent and 120 percent of the total capital and reserves of each bank, depending on its absorptive capacity. "This can translate into \$2.8 billion for Citibank and \$20 million for France's Societe Generale if the Saudis wanted to invest to their limits. But even the 80 largest banks in the world can hold just so much Arab money, and the Saudis now feel it will become increasingly risky to place additional sums into the private system. Even with billions in oil money being invested in long-term securities in the U.S. by Morgan Guaranty Trust, Citibank, and Chase Manhattan, the Saudis must still find a home for their riches."

Elections in France

Is France going the way of Italy? The recent municipal-election results seem to answer yes. Now more than two thirds of the 221 French cities of more than 30,000 population are under left-wing control. Even Rheims, the champagne capital of the world, has a communist mayor. (Perhaps he can give a few tips to the Russians on how to upgrade the quality of their sparkling wines.)

Where the rightists won, moreover, was hardly a consolation for President Giscard d'Estaing. At least in Paris that was the case, where the ticket of former Gaullist Premier Jacques Chirac captured 69 city-council seats to 40 of the left. This assured Chirac, an archrival of Giscard's, of election by the council as the first mayor in Paris after 106 years of central-government rule through appointees. Adds *New York's Journal of Commerce*:

"The ruling coalition in France went down to a resounding defeat in Sunday's municipal election, heightening the prospects of the first takeover of power within a year in a major western country by a Socialist-Communist government. The reform-minded liberal regime of President Giscard d'Estaing is in deep trouble.

"After nearly three years in office and of basing his action on reforms to

undermine the left and hopefully to reinforce the center in order to diminish Gaullist influence, President Giscard d'Estaing must concede this political strategy has failed."

With Giscard's political career dealt perhaps a fatal blow, Chirac, who months ago resigned angrily as Giscard's prime minister, hopes to pick up the conservative banner and try to stem France's socialist-communist tide.

Mrs. Gandhi Out

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on March 22 was forced to resign after her Congress Party was soundly thrashed in India's parliamentary elections. The 59-year-old prime minister had been in power for 11 years.

Much of the blame for her defeat was attributed to her imposition, for 21 months, of an emergency-rule decree under which she governed nearly singlehandedly.

The Congress Party, significantly, had been in power for all 30 years of India's independence. We will have to wait a while before we see if the now-dominant Janata Party makes any changes in India's foreign posture in the world.

U.N. Debates

It is also too early to see, at this writing, what the outcome could be in the United Nations as it begins to debate the imposition of a range of sanctions against South Africa. Pressure from black African states is putting the United States, Britain and other Western European nations over the barrel.

For free-world Security Council members to veto calls for trade embargoes and bans on foreign investment and the sale of military weapons could play into Moscow's hands, since the Soviets champion anything the third world wants.

But Western investments and trade with South Africa are sizable. Britain's shaky economy, for one, could hardly stand any embargoes. *Worldwide News* readers might do well to follow the U.N. debates in their newspapers and on TV-network news. You'll see a lot of fully vented human nature in action.

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Minister, wife die in shooting

SPOKANE, Wash. — A Worldwide Church of God minister and his wife died March 16 of gunshot wounds in an incident that was ruled a murder-suicide by the Spokane County coroner. Dr. Lois Shanks ruled that Donald Wineinger, 43, pastor of the church here, fatally shot his wife, Marilyn, 40, and then himself.

The shooting took place in a second-floor corridor of a downtown office building outside the office of Mrs. Wineinger's attorney, who was representing her in a divorce action, police said. Mrs. Wineinger died at the scene; her husband died about an hour later in a hospital.

Surviving are four children, Steven, 21, Darla Mauer, 19, Martin, 17, and Tisha, 15. The two younger children were living with their parents.

Ronald Dart, vice president for

pastoral administration, contacted at his office in Pasadena, said he was "stunned."

"There is always the tendency to speculate as to why when you hear of such a tragedy," he said, "but, frankly, speculation at this point can serve no constructive purpose. We instead should turn our attention and our prayers to the surviving members of the family and to the brethren in Spokane."

Mr. Dart has not yet named a new pastor for the Spokane congregation.

Evangelist David Jon Hill of Sequim, Wash., who conducted Sabbath services here March 19, three days after the incident, said:

"It is not our responsibility to try to outguess or preguess what God's final judgment is going to be, but our main concern should be for the living, especially for the children. We should not condemn, lest we be con-

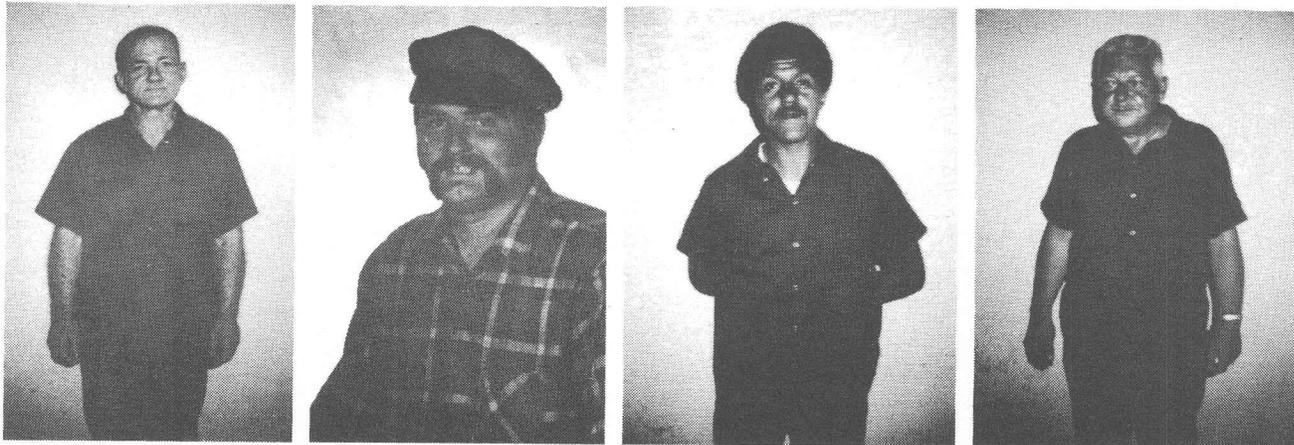
demned."

Paul Shumway, local elder here, conducted the funeral for the Wineingers March 20 and a burial service the next morning.

Mr. Shumway said the youngest son, Martin, will live with his older brother in Spokane, and their sister Tisha will live with an aunt and uncle in Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Wineinger were married in 1954 and were baptized the same day in April, 1962. He was ordained a deacon in 1967 and a local elder in 1969. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wineinger attended Ambassador College, Pasadena, the 1969-70 school year and were then assigned to Kansas City, Kan.

He was ordained a preaching elder in July, 1971, and pastored churches in Oklahoma City and Ada, Okla., and Portland, Ore., before his transfer here in February, 1974.



MEMBERS BEHIND BARS — Four members of the Worldwide Church of God — from left, Jack Walker, Perry Betz, Tom Stanton and Paul Tipton — are serving time in Southern Michigan Prison. The four, whose sentences range from seven more years to life, have become Church members since being incarcerated.

Four Church members waiting it out

By Stephen Brown

JACKSON, Mich. — In this city 80 miles west of Detroit stands Southern Michigan Prison, reportedly the largest four-walled penitentiary complex in the world. It is a foreboding structure, dark and sprawling, encompassing 57 acres just within its walls, and has a total surrounding penal area of 5,000 acres, including five work farms. The day I interviewed prison officials the complex housed 5,625 "residents," four of whom are members of the Worldwide Church of God.

There has been a prison on this site — 4000 Cooper St. — since 1839, I was told. And in 1924 construction began on the present huge walls that now surround it. The complex houses a textile department, stamping plant (for making license plates), laundry, shoe factory and food-services department. There are tennis courts, a gymnasium, a baseball diamond and a swimming pool. There is a prison newspaper (*The Spectator*), a library and other educational facilities.

But don't get the idea this is a pleasant place; it is not. The monotony, cruelty and hatred that are bred in such an environment can hardly be understood by those of us on the outside. Escape attempts are not infrequent (the recapture rate is almost 100 percent).

Our four members are not able to see each other frequently but are often visited by members of the Ann Arbor and Detroit West churches. Naturally, for those in such an institution, there is a continual battle for the mind. The four members welcome prayers of the brethren on their behalf that their minds will stay alert and their thoughts uplifting. God has called them to support this Work, and that is what they want to do.

Listened to Broadcast

Jack Walker, No. 120575, is 52 and is serving a life sentence for second-degree murder.

Much has been written about Jack in the *WN* (*The Worldwide News*, May 28 and Nov. 12, 1973; Aug. 30, 1976), therefore this account is brief.

He was born in Hamtramck, Mich., an enclave of Detroit, in 1925. He served in the Army and has been in and out of prison much of his life.

Jack became interested in the Work as a result of hearing *The World Tomorrow* on radio and was baptized by Judd Kirk in 1973. He now has an application pending for early parole.

Seven More Years

Perry Betz, No. 122018, is 30 and

is serving a term of at least seven more years for armed robbery.

Perry was born in Battle Creek, Mich., in 1946. From age 5 he lived in a rural area with his parents and three brothers near Yorkville, Mich.

Perry had a normal childhood, and "up until the eighth grade I was a very good student and carried a B-plus average in all my subjects," he says. "But upon entering into my teens I entered into juvenile delinquency, and as my grade level went down in school my petty thefts in the shoplifting game went higher.

"I was kicked out of school at least four or five times until I quit at age 16."

At 17 Perry joined the Army, only to end up after five months going absent without leave and stealing a car to get back home. He was apprehended and served a sentence of 35 months.

"Since then I have been in and out of prison for various reasons, and it's been mostly in."

Perry has been associated with Baptists, Catholics, Seven-Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witnesses, Christian Scientists, Protestant denominations, Muslims and even Satan worshippers.

"Solomon once said he'd seen everything . . . and all was vanity," Perry comments. "Well, I think I've done all those things, and I agree all is vanity."

This is Perry's fifth time in prison. During his stay here he has finished high school and started college twice.

"Eventually I will get enough credits to graduate," he says. "I'm serving time for armed robbery and will get out in July, 1984, or whenever God feels I am ready. I was called into the Church and baptized by Mr. Bruce Vance on Dec. 20, 1975."

Perry asks the brethren to "continue praying for me."

Bad Church Experiences

Tom Stanton, No. 139030, is 35 and serving life for second-degree murder.

Tom was born in Nashville, Tenn., in 1942 and has four sisters, four half sisters and four half brothers.

"My childhood was not a happy one," he says. "You see, my mother and father separated when I was 4 years old."

To help his mother put the kids through school, Tom dropped out at 15 to help support the family. But, because of his youth, he was unable to find work.

And then, as he puts it, "a year later I was messing around the radio and I heard this man talking about the

Bible [on *The World Tomorrow*]. But he made me afraid because he was talking about the end of the age."

At age 17 Tom was in trouble with the law for carrying a sawed-off shotgun and served two years in Ashland, Ky. Once again he listened to the broadcast, this time while serving time.

In August, 1963, Tom married and told his wife about the broadcast. She listened, became interested and was visited and invited to the Detroit church by Dennis Day. As Tom puts it, "my wife went to church, and I went fishing."

Tom's previous bad experiences with churches kept him from attending, he says, although he "wanted to worship God."

Things turned from bad to worse until in 1965 he separated from his wife. He still listened to the broadcast and read *The Plain Truth* and kept promising himself that "next week I'm going to attend those services and find out for myself."

Next week never seemed to come, and eventually Tom found himself in a hospital being treated for a liver ailment brought about by the abuse of drugs.

However, while in the hospital "I was listening to the broadcast and reading the Bible when one of the patients saw me and asked me what I was doing. I preached to him for about an hour all I knew about the Bible, but it was amazing as I was wondering how I could teach him

these things and not even believe them all myself."

The man he taught was Earl Maddox, now a member of the Detroit West congregation.

Tom led a life of dope and robbery until he was convicted of the charges he is now serving for. Since then he has become a member of God's Church; he was baptized April 10, 1976, by Bruce Vance.

Wanted to Know

Paul Tipton, No. 144205, is a 53-year-old inmate serving 20 to 30 years for armed robbery.

Paul was born on a farm in Fayette County, Ohio, in 1923, the youngest of nine children. He first became aware of the truth while serving time in the Ohio penitentiary in 1966.

"For the next 10 years I was a co-worker," he says. "I completed the Ambassador Bible Correspondence Course along with all the relative literature."

Paul is a man who has been in trouble and confined most of his life.

"There came a time when I wanted to know the truth of God, so I looked up and asked God to let me know. I think I have been blessed in having had that prayer answered. It was a few days later that for the first time I heard Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong broadcasting *The World Tomorrow* program over my radio.

"I was able to recognize immediately that Mr. Armstrong was delivering the truth of God and that

he was a man who knew what time it was universally. I took advantage of his free offer of *The Plain Truth* and subsequently sent for the Bible course.

"The first of God's ministers to counsel with me was Mr. Robert Hoops. Second was Mr. George Affeldt, third was Mr. Glenn Burzenski, fourth was Mr. Doug Taylor, and then Mr. Bruce Vance, who baptized me inside these walls June 10, 1976."

Paul is interested in music and composes, sings and plays the guitar. He hopes to have some of his songs recorded someday.

Paul sees the Church as "a people commissioned to do an important work by God. In my opinion you [the members] are getting the job done. Don't stop now."

On his life he comments: "Now that I am a baptized member of God's Church I know that God has forgiven me my past sins and wrong way of living. I have the opportunity to live for the present and the future, to grow and develop into a useful human being as a Christian.

"I am receiving visits and counseling, letters, prayers and encouragement from many members and friends in this area and from other states. With God's help and the help of God's people I am making progress. I have finally found a people who will forgive me. They are the members of the Worldwide Church of God.

"Two things I need: your continued goodwill and earnest prayers. And God bless all that your hands set to do."

A letter from Ft. Leavenworth

By Larry W. Rothrock

FT. LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A minister of the Church told me that I should write a brief summary of my story and send it to *The Worldwide News* and that it would probably be published.

At that time there were many critical events taking place in my life. Additionally, I was not certain that I should in fact write this article. Now, however, after having grown somewhat in knowledge and grace, I feel more confident that I should share my experience.

The circumstances surrounding my life are, I suppose, unusual. I had been a member of the United States Army Fifth Special Forces Group, more recognizable to most people as the famed Green Berets. I had been a soldier since 1965. Included in my military career were two years of combat duty in Vietnam, a duty assignment on the demilitarized zone in Korea and a classified-duty assignment in the Middle East. I had

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had what you would call a rather distinguished military career.

In 1970 my father had just become a member of the Church and was anxious to tell me the good news. I had just recently returned from duty in Vietnam and wasn't particularly interested in what he had to say. He did, however, bring up some very interesting subjects.

Pushed Aside

I learned some things that I had never heard any minister or church talk about before. At that time I was not in a repentant mood by any means, so I pushed these newly learned truths of the Bible aside — aside but not forgotten.

In the following six years I con-

tinued to go my own way. I continued in the ways of this world, but for some reason I could not forget the things that my father had told me. At times I would try to rationalize or argue them away, but they would not leave. I had heard the truth; I knew it was the truth. But I was not about to give in.

In 1975 I experienced some extremely difficult personal problems that later led to my financial ruin and divorce. My parents wrote and told me that I would continue to experience difficulties and hardships until I was willing to obey God. But I was like the ancient Israelites, stiff-necked, and would not heed their warnings.

All efforts to pull myself up by my own vain attempts fell hopelessly apart, and the situation only became worse. I turned to alcohol and drugs, which only compounded my problems. In a final, desperate attempt to

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Mistake victim recovering from nightmare

By Bob Smith
Fontana Pastor

CORONA, Calif. — In an age of blatant skepticism, every item of good news is an encouragement, and the story you're reading is one of those refreshing breaths.

Eddie Graham's body convulsed violently, the blood draining from his face, as the first of three cardiac arrests wracked his body. The adverse effects of certain medicines were

chronicled in Ed Graham's medical history, but now — as his body twisted and writhed — the realization that someone apparently had made a mistake became a terrifying reality.

Frantic efforts were made to reactivate his heart as a hustle of activity surrounded his suddenly still body.

Eddie Graham, a member of the Fontana, Calif., church, had just had minor surgery to relieve pressure on a pinched nerve in his right wrist. The

operation had been simple, and now, as he was being released to go home, he was to take several pain pills.

Then, suddenly, came the beginning of an awful nightmare that was to last for months.

Some began to wonder if the reactivation of Eddie's heart was a blessing after all. At 31, baptized for about a year, a family man with a lovely wife and a fine son — a man with a future — Eddie lay month

after month in a hospital bed, totally oblivious to his surroundings.

"Extensive brain damage" was the coldly clinical statement after myriad tests by a university's corps of experts. "Probably will not recover," "brain damage too severe for natural recouping of lost facilities," "probably remain a vegetable." On and on went the drone of dire prognostications.

Ed Graham's pupils — fully dilated — remained transfixed in an unseeing stare, his deteriorating body alternating between spasms and bone-chilling screams. Straps on his wrists and ankles added to the seeming futility of his enervated breathing, and with each week the picture grew bleaker.

Pamela Graham maintained an incredible vigil at the bedside of her husband. Doctors, nurses, orderlies, therapists, family members and friends alike marveled at her undying optimism.

On infrequent occasions 7-year-old Steven Graham was allowed to see his father, a remnant of an active dad.

The brethren in the Southern California churches prayed for Eddie. Weeks passed. His sister, Karen Lewis, sent a note to *The Worldwide News* asking the readers to pray for her brother. Eddie's mother, Beverly Cobb, joined Pam in the bedside vigil.

One day I walked into Eddie's room, as I had so many times, and Pam, as usual, was standing by the bed, with her back to me. This day was to be special.

"Look who's here, honey." Pam usually said that when I walked in. Suddenly, as I neared the bed, a voice I hadn't heard in a long time said, "Hi, Bob!"



BACK WITH HIS FAMILY — Eddie Graham is on his way to living a normal life again with his wife, Pamela, and 7-year-old son, Steven. (Photo by Bob Smith)



BETTER NOW — Eddie Graham, who lay in a coma for months, is on the road to recovery. (Photo by Bob Smith)

Two simple words, but this time spoken by Eddie Graham. I had walked in on a miracle.

Eddie was sitting up in his bed. His eyes were still unseeing, his body was still shaking, the casts were still on his feet, but he was back from the terrifying journey his illness had taken him over the past months.

Eddie Graham is home now. The "brain damage" is rapidly being totally repaired. The ugly casts have been replaced by comfortable shoes, which Eddie triumphantly draws onto his feet with hands that were incapable of functioning just a few weeks earlier. The eyes are no longer unseeing, for now he compliments his visitors on their taste in clothes colors and should soon be able to see in detail.

Eddie and his family attended services in Fontana a few weeks ago. The vigil had paid off.

Officer recommends: Don't help the burglar

By Sidney Lyle

ODESSA, Tex. — Would you put up a sign in your front yard that read "Burglars Welcome"? Obviously not. But you could be leaving signs that tell potential burglars they are welcome.

Most burglars live within a few blocks of their intended victims, giving them an excellent opportunity to observe who is away and who isn't. Here are a few tips to decrease the criminal's opportunity:

Have a trusted neighbor check your home each day when you are away.

Sgt. Sidney Lyle is director of crime prevention for the Odessa (Tex.) Police Department. His article is printed here in the general interest of our readers.

away, changing the positions of curtains and rearranging the interior lighting to make the home look lived in.

Get in the habit of closing the garage door when you are at home; a closed door that is usually open will be an immediate sign to thieves that no one is home.

Use a Timer

The use of an inexpensive timer (usually less than \$10) can turn your lights, television and radio on and off at predetermined times. The neighborhood thief won't risk entering your home if he has reason to believe someone is present.

Proper identification of valuable property is recommended to discourage the would-be thief. Any sharp object that will scratch metal will do,

or an electric etching tool, which can be purchased from any variety of hardware store or borrowed from most law-enforcement agencies.

Once you have inscribed your driver's-license number as a permanent identification mark, the next step is to let the potential thief know your valuables are inscribed by placing a small sticker on your front and back doors, advising that all your valuables are marked.

Most home owners are unaware that their security locks offer no more security than a bathroom lock. You can check the security of your locks by depressing the latch into the housing as it does when you close the door. Then examine the spring latch on your bathroom door. If the latches look the same, you're in trouble. You already know how insecure the bathroom lock is.

A Better Lock

All exterior doors should have a spring latch with a small (usually half-circle) metal plunger on the trailing edge of the latch. The dead-bolt plunger remains depressed while the door is closed, and keeps the latch from being jimmied open.

If your exterior-door locks do not have this device, they can be replaced, or just the latching bar can be replaced with one that has a dead-bolt plunger, costing less than \$1 and installed in less than three minutes.

A final word to the wise: Daytime thieves appreciate a lot of shrubbery that is tall enough to hide behind, and nighttime thieves like the home owner who leaves outside lights off at night.



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Easy if you dry

Dehydration is a way of preserving foods by drying them. Adding water to dehydrated food makes it ready for eating or cooking. Dried milk and milk products, soups, coffee, tea, spices, gelatin, dessert mixes and macaroni are sold in most stores. Other common dehydrated foods include yeast, eggs and egg products.

Important features of dehydrated foods are their light weight and compactness. More than 90 percent of the water is removed during drying. When adequately packaged, most dehydrated foods can be kept for several months if stored below 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24 degrees Celsius).

Foods selected for drying must be fresh and clean and at the proper stage of ripeness. Vegetables are usually briefly heated and cooled (blanched) to destroy enzymes before drying. Biological products such as serums and vaccines and such foods as chicken and mushrooms are freeze-dried. In the freeze-drying process the product is frozen and then held under conditions of low heat and a nearly perfect vacuum. As a result the ice in the frozen foods is vaporized without melting.

Exposing food to the sun's rays

was the earliest-known drying method. People have dried fish and other meat in the sun for thousands of years. But dehydration did not become commercially important until the middle 1880s.

Linda Arnold
Fisk, Mo.

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Spare change

I would like to share a method by which ladies in the Church who do not have money "of their own" would be able to contribute to the Work. Save and send in the

money you receive with "cents-off" coupons.

I started saving all the money I received by using such coupons a few months before the last Feast, having in mind a Holy Day offering, and now whenever the money I'm saving adds up to \$5 I send it in as a special offering.

I keep the money in a jar in my kitchen and every week the kids ask me how much I put in this time. They've even started contributing an occasional nickel or dime to the jar.

Sometimes I borrow the money, needing ready cash, but I always put it back, adding more than I borrowed for interest. Also, when the contribution for the week is an odd number like 37 cents, I'll round it off to 50 cents.

All of this involves spare change that I never know is gone, and it's really surprising how quickly such small amounts add up.

Name withheld
Texas



Teacher turns the table, helps police department

By Nancy Ann Coleman
AUGUSTA, Ga. — Have you ever called the police and asked if they needed your help?

In 1969 Mrs. Barri Armitage of Washington, D.C., heard that 50 percent of all applicants (80 percent of the blacks) who took the local police examination failed. As an

Mrs. Armitage is a member of the Columbia, S.C., church. Her book, How to Do Well on Standardized Tests, is being considered for publication. She has conducted workshops, explaining her philosophy of teaching children and adults how to attack standardized tests.

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adult-education teacher, she believed she could help these applicants.

The Washington Police Department began to refer test failures to Mrs. Armitage. For 15 hours a week she drilled them in test taking.

After two weeks 75 percent of her class passed the examination. The others were allowed to continue the class until they passed.

When she moved to Augusta last year she talked with officials here,

but so far "has not felt needed."

Augusta's 25 percent black police department faces a racial-discrimination hearing later this month, but Joe Taylor, head of the Civil Service Commission, said the problem is finding enough qualified blacks who want to be policemen.

In addition to desire, the applicant must have a passing grade on a civil-service examination. A source at the police department said "few blacks pass the exam."

Learn to Attack

In Washington Mrs. Armitage found that the problem was that the applicants did not know how to take tests, and she helped them "learn to attack the questions."

She studied similar tests and tried to analyze why they had failed. Civil-service tests include analogies, proverbs, reading comprehension and vocabulary. They are used to hire firemen, stenographers, typists and clerks, as well as policemen.

A result of her study is a mimeographed booklet she put together for the benefit of other adult teachers. It has been sent to a publisher and is still used in Washington.

William Raspberry, a black Washington Post columnist, recommended the police course as part of high-school curricula. "Facility with tests doesn't really prove anything



BARRI ARMITAGE

Neither, however, does a diploma. The only trouble is that it's awfully tough trying to land a job without one," he said.

Mrs. Armitage's booklet has been used to teach ex-convicts how to take civil-service tests. She thinks, "If it could be used in high schools for one or two weeks, scores on college boards and other examinations might improve."

Misunderstanding Questions

She agrees that police departments need some method of screening applicants. Although one prevalent theory is that such tests are culturally biased, she thinks unfamiliar subject matter is less of a problem than misunderstanding of the question itself.

The instructions in the booklet get to such basics as what the teacher should say in response to student questions and suggestions for explanatory drawings on the blackboard. Proverbs are dissected and compared; analogies are expounded and put into sentence form.

Wedding attended by all

By Jim Lichtenstein
PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Mildred B. Hill and Maj. Thomas N. Rivers were married by Tom Oakley, elder of God's Church here, last Oct. 2 in a wedding attended by friends, family, sons, daughters and even grandchildren of the bride and groom.

It all began 36 years ago when Maj. Rivers and Mrs. Hill first met in Camden, N.J., in December, 1930, during the Great Depression. Mrs. Hill's first husband, Wendell, and Thomas Rivers worked as substitute mail carriers in the Camden post office. More than working together, the two families lived two doors from each other. The Hills and Riverses were friends, although neighbors for only eight months. In 1931 Maj. Rivers and his first wife, Marian, moved to a new home in Camden. He continued to live there until his marriage to Mrs. Hill.

During World War II the Hill and Rivers families did not maintain contact. Maj. Rivers was active in the military throughout the war, and by the time the two families had reestablished contact their children had grown and had families of their own.

Mrs. Hill and her first husband, Wendell, were married in 1923 and shared 47 years together until his death in 1970. The Riverses — Thomas and Marian — were married in 1925. She died July 4, 1971, after a marriage of 46 years.

Now, after a courtship of several months, a friendship that began 35 years ago has brought together two who share a combined total of 93 years of married life in their first marriages into a new relationship of mutual commitment and love. Both have moved from where they had been living to begin a new life together in a townhouse apartment in Maple Shade, N.J.



MAJ. AND MRS. THOMAS RIVERS

UNEXPECTED HERO

The metal lure of his fish line struck the side of the garage with a thud. This was no way to fish, Kenny told himself, frowning as he reeled his line in. But what was a fellow to do when he'd been told he must stay in his backyard?

Kenny wanted to go fishing, like the bigger boys from town who had just walked past his house on their way to the river, fish poles dangling over their shoulders.

Kenny lived at the crossroads a quarter mile from town, where his father worked. His parents had made three strict rules for him. Not walking along the highway, nor crossing it, was one. The other two: Don't go to the river alone, and don't come into Mother's beauty shop when she's busy. (It was in the front part of the house.)

Obey the Rules

"Even though you'll soon be 9," his parents had told him, "we expect you to obey these rules."

Gary Brown lived down the road at the edge of town. Gary was Kenny's best pal. Even though Kenny wasn't old enough to become a cub scout, Gary and his mother, who was Gary's scout den leader, sometimes took him with them to their meetings. Just last week they had visited the fire station to learn about fires. They were all — even Kenny — advised to report any suspected fire to an older person. The meeting had impressed Kenny.

Kenny continued to practice with his fish line, looking from time to time toward Gary's house for a sign of his friend. He wished that when his father kept his promise he had made — to take him fishing soon — he would also take Gary. But the time seemed never to come because his father was always so "busy."

While Kenny was watching for Gary, his attention was suddenly drawn to a strange movement there. It couldn't be — but it was! Smoke was coming from



STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Jean Bunker Schmidt

behind the Browns' garage. Kenny instantly remembered the fireman's words; he knew he must tell someone that Browns' garage was on fire! He could even now see flames.

Immediately Kenny ran to the front door of his house. He banged. His mother appeared at the window, but she waved him away. Kenny quickly looked across the road where Mr. Anderson, the fire chief, lived. But he knew he wasn't supposed to cross the highway. He thought of the boys at the river. He wasn't supposed to go to the river either. He looked back at the Andersons' house. Suddenly Kenny dropped his fish pole and, making sure no cars were in sight, ran swiftly across the road.

Shouldn't Interrupt

Mrs. Anderson, at the door, gave Kenny a disapproving look. "Kenny,

you're not supposed to . . ."

Kenny had been taught not to interrupt, but he could not help it now.

"Is Mr. Anderson home?" he asked, breathlessly.

"No . . ."

"Browns' garage is on fire!"

Right then Mrs. Anderson shut the door squarely in Kenny's face! This action was difficult for him to understand. He had always thought Mrs. Anderson liked him. And she had hardly practiced the Golden Rule — "do unto others as you would have others do unto you" — which Kenny himself had been taught and tried to live up to. But then, what was he doing? Disobeying the Commandment: "Honor thy father and thy mother."

There was really no time to ponder these things. He made his way once again across the highway, hurrying as he went. He picked up his abandoned fish pole as he tried to think what to do. Then he made a prompt decision. He fairly flew to the river. The boys there eyed him with suspicion.

"What's the excitement? Tryin' to steal the best fishing spot?"

Kenny had scarcely realized he had his fish pole in his hand. "Listen," he began. But before he could go on they all heard a great commotion. The town siren was wailing. Trucks were screaming. Bells were clanging.

Scolding for Sure

The other boys dropped their poles and ran toward the highway. But Kenny stood very still. He felt a great relief that the fire had been discovered, but another thought crowded out any desire to follow the boys as they ran. He walked slowly back to his yard. He told himself that in his well-meaning efforts he'd done everything wrong. He'd crossed the highway; he'd gone to the river alone; he'd interrupted his mother at work. And he was sure to get a scolding, which he knew he of course deserved.

Kenny looked toward Gary's house again and could see firemen running about. He wondered who had sounded

the alarm. A yearning to be in on the excitement rose within him. Kenny was putting his fish pole back in the garage when he heard his name called. He looked toward the house. It was his mother.

"Kenny! There's a fire at Browns'! My last customer has left, so I'm free. Let's go!"

That evening Kenny's father heard the whole story.

"Do you know our son is a hero?" his mother said, pride in her voice. "When he saw the fire he tried to tell someone — even me! — but no one seemed to listen. Except Mrs. Anderson. If it weren't for Kenny the garage might have burned. As it was, they were able to put the fire out quickly."

Just then Mrs. Anderson came to the door. "My," she exclaimed, "I've just realized I slammed the door in Kenny's face before I ran to the telephone! I'm sorry, Kenny. When I heard what you said I didn't think of anything else but to call the fire department."

"That's all right, Mrs. Anderson," Kenny told her.

"My husband rushed right home when he heard the siren," she said. "He said you're a hero and you are going to get a medal for what you did!"

"I'm just glad I helped stop the fire," Kenny smiled. But, looking at his father, his smile faded. "But, Daddy, I disobeyed all three of my rules!"

Using Judgment

His father patted his shoulder. "But you've shown us you're old enough to use good judgment. You knew this was an emergency. And we've learned something. We'll change a few of those rules, son. When you feel there's something very important to tell someone, go right into Mother's shop even though she may be busy. She'll handle it from there. Right, Mother?"

"Right!" his mother smiled. "And now," his father continued, "get your fish pole ready and call Gary. We three are going fishing!"

Transcript of Mr. Armstrong's speech in Namibia

On this page is a transcript of an address made by Herbert W. Armstrong March 14 in Windhoek, Namibia, before the Turnhalle (Namibia's constitutional conference). Namibia, also known as South-West Africa, is a mandated territory of the Republic of South Africa that is due to gain its independence Dec. 31, 1978.

Also transcribed on this page are remarks by Dirk Mudge, chairman of the conference, and Stanley Rader, vice president for the Work's financial affairs, who accompanied Mr. Armstrong to southern Africa.

Mr. Mudge: Ladies and gentlemen:

It gives me great pleasure in welcoming with us today Mr. Herbert Armstrong, a man who is already well known to us. It is not his first visit to South-West Africa. He has been here before. I want him to know we are glad; we feel honored to have him with us again. It's not my duty to make a speech tonight. I will say a few words later on. At this stage I want to ask Mr. Stanley Rader, executive vice president of Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, to welcome and introduce Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Rader: Thank you, Mr. Mudge, delegates. This is a great pleasure for me as well as for Mr. Armstrong to be here today.

Just before we came here I had the opportunity to review one of your most recent brochures dealing with what has been happening here since September of 1975. I believe. I was very impressed by a few of the comments on the very back of the brochure, which reminded us that for more than 30 years South-West Africa has cropped up at every one of the United Nations sessions, has twice been a part of an International Court of Justice proceeding at The Hague, and has been the subject of debate and controversy in many other parts of the world. I was particularly interested in the next paragraph which mentioned that there is a lot of clamor for more progress more quickly, be-

"There is a great responsibility on the shoulders of every one of you. I am not judging you, but the great Creator is, and you are going to be held accountable for the responsibility."

cause I happen to think of another constitutional convention, the one that took place in Philadelphia, Pa., almost 200 years ago.

The United States, of course, has just been celebrating its bicentennial year, but some of you may not have remembered that the Constitution of the United States was not adopted 200 years ago. The Declaration of Independence is dated July 4, 1776, but it wasn't until quite a few years later, after a very similar convention in Philadelphia, that the Constitution of the United States was finally signed by only a portion of the delegates that had actually attended that particular convention.

And, as a matter of fact, 10 of the 65 delegates that had been certified by the respected state legislatures refused to even attend that particular constitutional convention for fear that it would come to naught. The remaining 55 did meet for quite a long period of time, almost a year,

"... I am here as His representative to tell you that we are right at the end of that 6,000 years."

and then 16 of those 55 refused to sign it.

Then it took a considerable time, more than a year, for nine states to ratify it.

So the progress that you have made here is remarkable in my opinion, and I think if the contrast is made in the proper forums around the world that there would be much appreciation for the monumental effort that is taking place here at this time.

Mr. Armstrong is here today. He will be addressing you in a few moments. His purpose, of course, is to share with you his beliefs about the state of the world today, the reason for its troubles and to sketch for you a bit of what the future will bring.

But he is also here to gather information. Information that he will use in various forums which are open to him.

We have a magazine that is published in five languages, 3.5 million copies per month. We have radio and television programs in the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and every other place where radio is available to us, or television.

He has been called by leaders of some of the more powerful nations of the world today a builder of bridges between peoples and has helped on more than one occasion to bridge one nation to another. He will help, I am certain, to bring a good message to the rest of the world — to his countrymen in the United States — as the result of this now second trip to Windhoek and, of course, his first opportunity to address you today. May I present Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong: Greetings to all of you!

Mr. Rader has just told you how the Constitution of the United States was founded, and I will just add that in the year of 1945 I attended the entire San Francisco convention where the charter for the United Nations was drawn up. So I feel I know a little of this sort of thing myself, and that, now, is about 32 years ago.

I was in the advertising business for 20 years and learned that it was always needful — if I was going to address a group or if I was going to write an advertisement for a certain

class or type of people — it is important that I know something about them so I could speak to them in their own language.

So let's see if I know something about you. That you are the representatives of 11 population groups, that you have been meeting since September, 1975, in a constitutional conference here in Turnhalle to, first, draft the constitution, to, second, form an interim government and, third, to achieve independence by the end of next year, that is, Dec. 31, 1978.

Also, that you have made surprising progress if you understand how slowly sometimes this sort of thing goes, as Mr. Rader has just told you how long it took to form the Constitution and the country of the United States, which was separated from England. And you have already adopted a declaration of fundamental rights and the ending of apartheid. I'm not quite sure that the latter has

been finalized, but that progress at least has been made.

Now, when I travel over the world as I do — and I think there are few men on this earth who travel as much as I do — in order to do it I have to have my own aircraft. It is the largest private corporate jet aircraft made, and I fly to all parts of the world. I probably know more kings and presidents and prime ministers and emperors. There have been two [emperors], and only one remains alive. The other was Haile Selassie, whom I knew very well, and the one who remains decorated me with — I have a little button here that went with it — the highest decoration and honor ever bestowed on an unofficial Japanese — by the emperor of Japan.

When I travel I like to have a map, I like to know where I am at the moment, as well as where I am going. I think we should like to know where we are in the state of things of human civilization and in the time of the world's progress, just where we are right now.

If we just look at the state of the world today, as it is today, we don't understand. I will tell you why. It is a good deal like coming in on the last 10 minutes of the cinema or, as we call it in the United States, a movie. You haven't seen what started, you haven't seen what went on before. You haven't seen what led up to it, and you can't understand what you are seeing now.

If we look at this earth, this world as it is now, and we don't know what led up to it, what went on before, we are not going to gain a right understanding of the condition we are facing. You gentlemen here and ladies, are — I guess it is mostly gentlemen — and anyway you are in the world of this condition and you are facing its problems. So let me just fill in very briefly what has gone before, what has led up to the present world we live in.

We were born in this world, we grew up in it, but our forefathers long before we were born formed it and brought us up to this place and the situation we are in now. I think it is well pictured by the biblical account of the story of the forbidden fruit. I think you have all heard of that story.

Anyway, it is a story that says man was created in the image of God. That he was created and had a relationship with God, the Creator, who created the sun and the moon and the earth, who created all life, the plants and the animals, all races of mankind, of every color and of every kind and of every nation.

The first man and woman were taken up into a Garden of Eden, a most beautiful park, and in the center of that garden were two trees, one called the Tree of Life and the other called the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

Now, in the very beginning here was a newly created man with an adult mind. But it was unfilled with knowledge. He had never lived before. He did not have any knowledge, and there was no other man on earth. Can you imagine a situation like that?

And so the One who created him, who formed and shaped him and brought him into life, his Creator God, explained to him that this earth had first been inhabited by angels.

Now, probably some of you have never heard that before. But it is recorded and the record has been maintained that over all those angels was a government. It was the government of God. It was government not formed by a legislative body like you

gentlemen sitting around and agreeing. It was a government formed by God, the Creator Himself, and given to them.

Now, you cannot have a government without law. There has to be a constitutional law, a foundation for every government. And so the foundation of that government was the law of God. And the law of God is simply love. You can spell it with one little simple word, l-o-v-e, love. Love is an outgoing concern for the good and the welfare of others equal to yourself. It means that you love others as much as you love yourself. That you are interested in the welfare of others as well as in your own.

Now, first, after creation, God in-

would persevere.

That all was very good. He aroused ambition. Ambition is a desire to get, plus the will to pay the price and to work hard enough to get it. Now, today in this world we think that is a pretty good way. That way seemed pretty good to Adam.

So Adam, the first man that God created, the first human being, disbelieved God. As a matter of fact, humanity has never seemed to want to believe God. His wife took it first, then he with her. They took to themselves the decision of what is right and what is wrong. In other words, the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. They took to themselves the knowledge of what is good and what is evil, of what is right and what is wrong. What is best for me, in other words, or for yourself. They rejected God, and they rejected God's authority over them. They rejected God's

"If you have it in your hearts to do it, I think you can. Anyway, I am all for you."

structed them how the angels had rejected God's government. His government, as I said, is a way of life, the way of love, of outgoing concern for others. It is the way of serving, the way of helping, the way of sharing, the way of caring for others. Instead they turned to the opposite extreme and they decided on a government of what I call get.

In other words, they turned to an attitude toward life of vanity, to exalt self, of lust and greed, to get and gain everything you can, to take away from the other fellow everything you can take away from him, one of competition and strife, competing with the other fellow, trying to get the best of him in every bargain, in every deal, and also the way of resentment of authority. The way of resenting any imagined injury, of wanting to get even and saying: "I am going to do it to you before you do it to me."

Now, God explained His govern-

"... You can form a government that is going to come into that time and produce happiness instead of the kind of evils that we have been seeing all over this world. There is a great responsibility on the shoulders of every one of you."

ment, the way of love, and that His law was founded on that way of outgoing love, concern and consideration for others.

Then God allowed Satan, who had been placed on this earth as the king over the angels and who is the one who turned the angels to the ways I call the way of get. The simplest way that I know to summarize the one is get and the other way is give, or love.

So then Satan came to this man. He got to him through his wife, through the woman. He gave many reasons for the way of get.

I will give you one of his arguments. A man who employed me on my first summer-vacation job away from home when I was a boy of 16 inspired ambition within me. He inspired the way of get. He said I was going to be very successful in life as I would work hard and, if I would work, if I would study hard and

government. They decided on a different way.

Since man then cut himself off from God and said, "I don't want you to rule me, I resent your authority," God said: "I adopt the hands-off policy for 6,000 years. All right, you go ahead and form your own governments. I'll leave you and your posterity" — because He is the Father of all nations, of all peoples, of all colors and all races — "you form your own government. You form your own religion. You form your own system of industry and business and commerce. You form your own society. You form your own kind of education. In other words, you decide what kind of life you are going to have and form your own government."

Now, that has happened. God said, "I'll keep hands off for 6,000 years, then I'm going to intervene."

Now, God, however, preserved a record of this, and God did reserve to Himself the right to dip in and make Himself known to certain ones. He made Himself known to ones that we find recorded way back in the book of Genesis, which is a book of beginnings.

There was one called Enoch who walked with God instead of walking this other way.

Then there came a time about 1,900 years later when there must have been a population explosion just like we are having today and the only man on earth that would listen to God or talk with God or be ruled by God at all was a man named Noah. He was the only one out of millions, actually billions, of people who had existed on the earth by that time. So the biblical account records that there was a flood and all but Noah and his family were drowned. And the population started all over again with Noah, his three sons and their wives. Eight people.

Now, things have continued on since then. It has come on down to our day. Mankind adopted the way of get, instead of a way of give. Mankind has formed his own kind of government, and that is why we have so many governments of so many kinds all over the world.

That's how it all got started. That's how it has continued and has come down to us. That is the background that has led up to today and all of the evils of today. Because the way of "I love me and I don't like you and I'm going to do to you, I'm going to get the best of you if I can" has led to strife, it has led to wars, has led to violence, it has led to suffering, heartache and every kind of evil that we know of in this world. That is the

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Mr. Armstrong's itinerary

South African diary kept

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Pretoria, Dr. J. Greyvensteyn, who is a *Plain Truth* reader.

Friday, March 11: Lunched with Jennifer and Owen Williams at Ellis Park. Owen Williams is the leading tennis promoter in South Africa and together with Arthur Ashe is president of the Black Tennis Foundation. Possibility of AICF help for their foundation is being considered to assist promising and underprivileged blacks to develop and enjoy their tennis.

Watched Bjorn Borg beat Frew McMillan.

Saturday, March 12: Combined church services in Deutsche Schule, Johannesburg. REF [Robert E. Fahey] took announcements, SRR [Stanley R. Rader] gave a comparison of Joseph's life with this Work today. Mr. Armstrong spoke on "Just What Is Conversion?"

Sunday, March 13: Mr. Rader went to tennis luncheon to meet Judge Blen Franklin, president of the South African Tennis Federation. Mrs. Rader arrived from New York that evening.

Monday, March 14: 11 a.m. Flew to Windhoek, S.W.A./Namibia. Arrived at 12:30. Met by Martin Bode and Frank Nelte, both ministers from Johannesburg.

3 p.m. Met Pastor and Mrs. Yssel, mayor of Windhoek. Pastor Yssel is a *PT* reader, although he does not always agree with the theology. Present was Mr. Coetzee, the city secretary, and Mr. Clayton, the chief engineer. Pastor Yssel welcomed the party to Windhoek and presented Mr. Armstrong with the Windhoek yearbook. Mr. Armstrong and Pastor Yssel discussed Windhoek, Mr. Armstrong's worldwide work and a portion of the book of Revelation! We stayed there 45 minutes.

4 p.m. Mr. Rader was interviewed by press and radio personnel in preparation for Mr. Armstrong's address to the Turnhalle [Namibia's constitutional convention] that evening.

6:30 p.m. Mr. Rader and Mr. Armstrong addressed the Turnhalle conference in Windhoek. Introduced by chairman of the conference, Mr. Dirk Mudge. That invitation came from Dr. Africa, leader of the Baster delegation.

7:30 p.m. Cocktail party to meet various VIPs in Windhoek.

Tuesday, March 15: 10 a.m. Mr. Rader met Professor Kerina, who helped form SWAPO and coined the name "Namibia." Professor Kerina is interested in AICF help in founding an all-African art museum in Windhoek.

12 noon. Flew from Windhoek to Cape Town.

4 p.m. Visited Dr. [Nicolaas] Diederichs, president of South Africa. After warm greetings, discussions centered around Mr. Armstrong's coming trips behind the iron curtain. Dr. Diederichs was informed of HWA's speech to Turnhalle and inquired about the content of the speech. Mr. Armstrong reiterated his remarks to the Turnhalle and explained that the government of God will soon be restored to the earth. Discussion then went to the Turnhalle constitutional conference and the chances of acceptance of the new country by the international community. The meeting lasted 1½ hours.

Wednesday, March 16: 11 a.m. Visited Ambassador Unna of Israel at the Israeli embassy. The discussion centered on a very wide range of subjects, including our activities in Israel, the address to the Turnhalle, our worldwide Work, and developments on the international scene. We

stayed there 1½ hours.

1 p.m. Lunched in HWA suite with Minister H.H. Smit of colored affairs, Rehoboth and Nama peoples, and Mr. W. Theron, director of colored education in the Cape Province. The minister had expressed the desire to meet Mr. Armstrong when he was in South Africa. The meeting was arranged for the November trip but had to be canceled because of Mr. Armstrong's ankle injury. Mr. Theron was invited by the minister because of his interest in the Eon Choir, a colored singing group that AICF may be able to assist.

3 p.m. Visited with mayor of Cape Town. The mayor took ill the previous day (lost his voice after a speech), and the deputy mayor stood in. This turned out to be a fortunate coincidence. The deputy mayor will be mayor towards the end of the year. AICF has been hoping to find a way to invite a leading nonpolitical mayor (which Cape Town has) to the U.S.A. and a reciprocal visit the other way. In this way it is hoped that a bridge will be built and that both mayors will get an insight into how the other city handles its problems, particularly of a racial nature. This opportunity contains the possibility of a great deal of good.

Thursday, March 17: Lunched at the houses of parliament with Sir de Villiers Graaff, leader of the opposition. Also present was Mr. Japie Basson, leader of the Transvaal United Party, and Dr. G.F. Jacobs, member of parliament. This was basically a get-acquainted visit. We learned about them and they learned about us. All three gentlemen have

asked me to give them additional information about ourselves. Dr. Jacobs, a leading economist and business authority, may be visiting Los Angeles towards the year's end. He is interested in visiting Ambassador Cole.

4 p.m. Tea with Hendrik and Joey Schoeman in Mr. HWA's suite. Mrs. Schoeman is very active in many organizations, including the South Africa Foundation. She is the one that set up the first luncheon for Mr. Armstrong in Windhoek. Her exceptionally capable handling of this and all the surrounding details very much impressed our party. The Schoemans stayed 1½ hours.

Friday, March 18: First appointment 9 a.m. Attended South Africa Foundation annual general meeting. Mr. Peter Sorour, director general of South Africa Foundation, publicly thanked Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Mr. Rader and Mr. REF of *The Plain Truth* for factual reporting of the southern-African situation. After the coffee break Mr. Rader spoke briefly to the meeting about the American constitutional beginning.

1 p.m. Lunch with South Africa Foundation. Mr. Herbert Armstrong guest of honor at Dr. Jan Marais's table.

8:30 p.m. U.S. State Department was unable to grant permission for Mr. Armstrong's G-2 to fly into Rhodesia. So Rhodesian trip had to be canceled. The party will remain in Cape Town.

Saturday, March 19: 2:30 p.m. Church services. *Plain Truth* readers invited. Attendance 360. Eighty new. Master of ceremonies Dan

Botha, pastor Cape Town churches. REF announcements, SRR sermonette and Mr. HWA sermon. (Several readers phoned to say that letter arrived late so could not attend.)

Sunday, March 20: 1 p.m. Luncheon in Protea Suite with leaders of colored people, including Mrs. Jansen, president of Coloured Representative Council, and Mr. Jansen. Mr. Bergins and Mr. Brink also attended. Host, Mr. HWA. Present, Mr. and Mrs. Rader, Mr. and Mrs. Fahey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Botha, pastor of the Cape Town churches.

Monday, March 21: 9:15 a.m. Fly Cape Town to Transkei. Arrive 10:32, met by John White, minister for eastern Cape.

11 a.m. Meeting with Prime Minister [Kaizer] Matanzima and his cabinet. Our entire party was included. The meeting took place in the cabinet room. Prime Minister Matanzima thanked Mr. Armstrong for coming and introduced each member of his cabinet. He then explained his country's claim to independence dating back to 1910 when Transkei was included in the union of South Africa by the British. This was done against their will. Mr. Rader introduced our party and thanked the prime minister for his welcome. He then gave a brief outline of Mr. Armstrong and the organizations he has founded.

Then Mr. Armstrong spoke briefly, giving a preview of his speech to the Transkei parliament.

12:30 p.m. Lunch at Umtata Holiday Inn.

2:10 p.m. Deputy prime minister introduced Mr. Rader to parliament. Mr. Rader gave a thumbnail sketch of Mr. Armstrong, the media at our disposal and the Church, college and AICF. Then he introduced Mr. Armstrong.

2:20 p.m. Mr. Armstrong ex-

plained the coming government of God to approximately 250 leaders of Transkei.

2:45 p.m. Chaplain of the cabinet thanked Mr. Armstrong on behalf of the entire parliament.

3:15 p.m. Fly Umtata to Cape Town. Mr. Armstrong was working on a co-worker letter en route.

Tuesday, March 22: Mr. Armstrong spends day writing.

5:30 p.m. Appointment with minister of education and sport, Dr. Piet Koohof. Meeting was canceled because an urgent cabinet meeting was called by Prime Minister Vorster.

Wednesday, March 23: Mr. HWA spends day writing.

4 p.m. Party flew to Johannesburg from Cape Town.

Friday, March 25: 10 a.m. Fly Johannesburg to Tibali.

11:30 a.m. Meet mayor of Tibali, Counselor R.S. Bausar.

12:30 p.m. Luncheon for Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Raders at Cecil Rhodes' private dining room at Tibali Club. Hosted by mayor of Tibali. Also present were Deputy Mayor Mr. Van Zyl, who has been a *Plain Truth* reader for two years, town clerk Mr. Tienaar and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew LaRiche, Rotarian leader.

2:30 p.m. Visit Oppenheimer House, the main diamond-sorting house in southern Africa, which produces 65 percent of the world's gem diamonds.

3:30 p.m. Meet Mr. Alec Hall in his office. Mr. Hall is resident director of De Beers Mining Co.

4:30 p.m. Fly Johannesburg.

Saturday, March 26: 2:30 p.m. Combined services in Johannesburg. *Plain Truth* readers invited to service.

Sunday, March 27. No appointments scheduled.

Mr. Armstrong's Namibia transcript

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world in which we live and of which this body is trying to draw up a constitution. And I hope and pray that you draw up one and form a better nation than any other on the face of this earth.

If you have it in your hearts to do it, I think you can. Anyway, I am all for you.

We are now in what is biblically called the time of the end. The evils in this world have multiplied until they are greater today than they have ever been any time before in the history of the world. Crime has increased. Murders have increased. Every kind of evil and every kind of

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trouble is greater in the world today than it has ever been in history before.

Now, for the first time in the history of mankind, the weapons have been devised which can erase human life from off this earth. Man has come to a place where he can destroy all humanity, destroy himself, just as the very first son of Adam destroyed his brother, Abel.

Right now today I find that nations are toppling and governments in the world are toppling and falling, going over at a rate of one a month. I think back to the presidents, the prime ministers, the heads of government that I know and that I have talked to in the last 10 years. About half of them or more are now dead, many assassinated.

Take Allende of Santiago, Chile.

Three weeks after I was there he was machine-gunned down and assassinated in the very room where I had the conference and where I met him. These things have struck home to me.

I knew Haile Selassie, I knew Mr. Rahman of Bangladesh. He was a very powerful, strong man and the kind of man any government needs. He was recently assassinated, about a year ago. Many that I have known—I will not take up your time going through that, but you know what has happened. You read your newspapers.

We are in the time when some small nation who happens to have the atomic or the hydrogen bomb could suddenly start a nuclear war that would force the United States and Russia into it. And all of a sudden—so fast you could hardly realize how quick it was happening—a nuclear, devastating war could come that would blast all human life off the face of this earth.

That's the world we are living in this minute. I think we need to be sober enough to realize it and not make light of it and say, "Oh, it will never happen." Too many men have said, "It can't happen here," and then it did happen.

Some three to four years ago I read an editorial in one of our most respected businessmen's magazines, *United States News & World Report*. It is a magazine a good deal like *Time* and *Life* and reports news every week. It is probably read by more businessmen than any other magazine in the United States. This editorial said it would seem that we have now reached the time when the only hope of saving humanity alive is the intervention of an unseen, super-powered, great hand from someplace. The writer meant God, but it is rather embarrassing to use the word

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God today, so he did not use it. He said an unseen, strong hand from someplace.

Well, I am here as His representative to tell you that we are right at the end of that 6,000 years. We are in what is biblically called the time of the end. I am here to tell you gentlemen on His authority that we are in the end time of this civilization. That a new and better civilization is coming, that the great Creator is going to intervene in the affairs of this world and men of nations.

All the evils of our educational systems are going to be corrected, and I know what they are because I have founded three colleges. The way of outgoing concern for others, the way of love, is going to replace in the hearts of men the way of get, the way of hate, the way of kill, the way of take, the way of "I love me and don't care about you."

It is going to lead to a world of happiness and joy, it is going to lead to a world of prosperity, economic

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prosperity and great abundance for everybody. Today over half of the people on earth are ignorant and uneducated. Today over half of the population on this earth are in abject poverty, many starving to death. And that whole situation is going to be changed. Until what we call human nature changes and the heart of man changes, and we come to have an attitude of caring for one another, of concern for others equal to the con-

cern for ourselves, we will always have the kind of evils and troubles we have.

Now, I don't know how soon it's going to come, but there is a scripture, a prophecy by Jesus Christ. It is in the 24th chapter of Matthew. It says that a time of trouble will come, and it is like a great downpour of the greatest storm that ever came, and the early drops of it are already beginning to be sprinkled. It will be a time worse than has ever happened in the history of the world or ever will happen, and unless He does intervene, that there would not be a human life saved alive on this earth.

But He said God will intervene, so that will not happen. Instead, we are going to look forward until it's like we had had the greatest storm we ever had, it was so cloudy and dark, you could not see and all of a sudden the clouds disappear and the sun comes out, then the sun has been behind those clouds all the time, and this earth is coming to a place of happiness.

Now, you can form a government that is going to come into that time and produce happiness instead of the kind of evils that we have been seeing all over this world. There is a great responsibility on the shoulders of every one of you. I am not judging you, but the great Creator is, and you are going to be held accountable for the responsibility. And I just say, God help you to do the best job that can be done and to form the finest government that has ever been formed in the history of mankind on this earth. It is my prayer that you will succeed. God bless all of you.

Mr. Armstrong brings message

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understood what Mr. Armstrong said, that God would soon be setting up a government based on His laws, the way of give.

Of course, understanding it and believing it are two different things. But one thing is for sure: Those I talked with heard the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The audience was exceptionally attentive. Most had their private earphones in place (used for translations), and there was hardly any noise of any kind. Mr. Armstrong said later that he had never spoken before such an attentive audience. The Turnhalle delegates were listening intently — and enjoying what they heard.

The approach Mr. Armstrong used was excellent [see the transcript of Mr. Armstrong's address, page 6]. The night before, in Johannesburg, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Rader had discussed how to approach the group in the most effective manner. Of course the Gospel had to be the basis for the speech, but how to present it?

They decided that, since the country was trying to form a government, Mr. Armstrong could show how they had a chance to set up a government that was more nearly based on God's way of life. "If it is in your hearts to do it," he said, "God will help you to succeed."

The result was a very warm reminder both of the responsibilities that

the delegates had to form a good government and the encouraging good news of the World Tomorrow.

The entire group was warmed by this approach. For a moment it seemed we all had our minds refocused from the bargaining and bickering of today to long for the Kingdom to be established. It seemed so desirable and so near!

After the speech Mr. Mudge thanked Mr. Rader and Mr. Armstrong. He seemed inspired and uplifted by Mr. Rader's comments on the time it took for the United States to form its Constitution and the warm, fatherly encouragement from Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Mudge expressed his appreciation and said he was speaking for all those present. Then, after the speech, Mr. Armstrong asked to say a few more words, a request that was quickly granted. He said he was aware of the great difficulty the nation faces in following the "way of give" in a hostile world. But he hoped and prayed that they would set up the finest government possible under the circumstances, fair and just for every person in the country, no matter his race or any other consideration.

At the cocktail party held later, many of the delegates echoed Mr. Mudge's kind remarks. In all Mr. Armstrong's three trips to southern Africa, I have never seen such an

enthusiastic response. Possibly one reason is that these men, confronted with the problems of forming a multi-racial, multilingual, multireligious and multinational government, can easily see the desperate need for the government of God to be restored to the earth.

Transkei Address

Exactly a week after addressing the embryonic parliament in Windhoek, Mr. Armstrong addressed the parliament of the newest independent nation in the world. The Transkei gained its independence from South Africa last Oct. 26, and on that same day Prime Minister Kaizer Mantanzima said: "We of the Transkei are Christian, democratic and anticommunist."

A surprisingly small percentage of the nations of the world today can make that claim. In spite of this, the Transkei's independence has been largely ignored by the world, but the Gospel has got to go out there too, regardless.

The 250 parliamentarians gathered in a conference room at the instruction of the prime minister, with the format and content much the same as in Windhoek. Mr. Rader gave an overview of Mr. Armstrong and the organizations that back him up, then Mr. Armstrong spoke for 25 minutes.

He told the members of parliament

that the government of God had first been rejected by Lucifer, who became Satan, the adversary, then by Adam and Eve, instigated by Satan. So God left man to go his own way, to form his own government, laws, education systems and society.

God took a hands-off policy. After 6,000 years of selfishness, war and hostility, man would have the power to destroy all human life from the earth. Before intervening, God would wait until man's self-government had obviously failed and, if He delayed one more day or hour, and maybe even one more minute, all human life would disappear.

But God would step in and stop

man's cosmocide and reestablish His government on the earth. This generation, Mr. Armstrong said, will see God's intervention. No dates can be set, because God doesn't, but it will happen in our time.

Mr. Armstrong was thanked, in the British fashion, by the chaplain of the cabinet. His remarks were kind, and he concluded by saying: "Thank you, Mr. Armstrong, for your message. I assure you it has hit home."

Our 10 Church members in the Transkei were overjoyed. God had sent His apostle to proclaim the Gospel to their parliament, up to then an unheard-of thing. But maybe it's a mustard-seed beginning.

Accrediting committee

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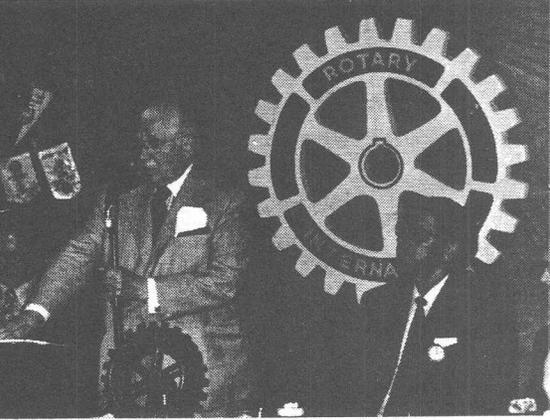
Based on Ambassador's self-study report, which was completed last August, and the evaluation team's assessment and recommendations, the Senior Commission of the WASC will consider Ambassador's request for accreditation. That decision is expected in early June.

The three-day evaluation process included interviews with President Garner Ted Armstrong, members of the board of trustees, administrators, members of the faculty and students.

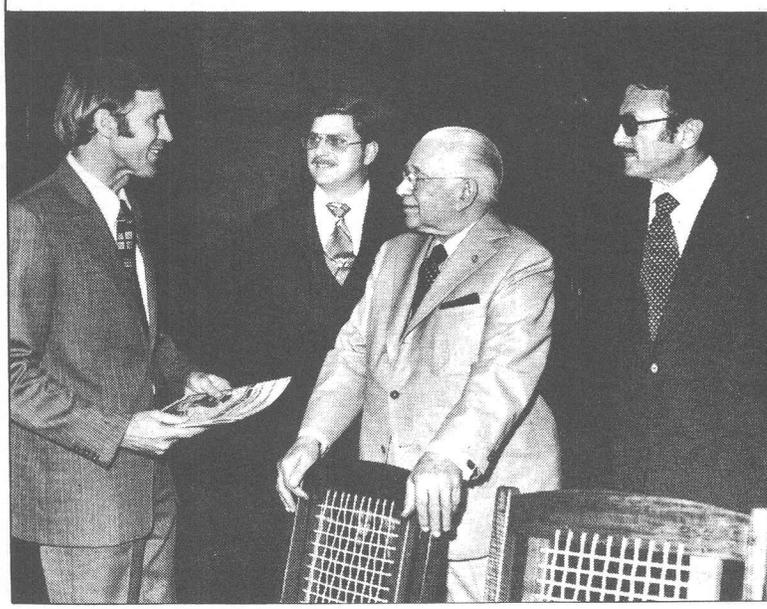
The team visited classes, laboratories, student residences and other facilities at random.

Robert K. Thomas, academic vice president of Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, was chairman of the visiting committee, assisted by Vice Chairman J. Richard Chase, president of Biola College, La Mirada, Calif.

Other committee members: Corinne Clay, professor at California State University, Fresno; Eugene E. Dawson, president of the University of Redlands, Redlands, Calif.; Dean R. Sorenson, assistant dean of instruction, Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho; George Lotzenhiser, dean of fine arts, Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, Wash.; and George V. Summers, librarian at Loma Linda (Calif.) University.



IN WINDHOEK AND PRETORIA — Mr. Armstrong, above left, addresses delegates to the Turnhalle, Namibia's constitutional conference, in Windhoek as Turnhalle Chairman Dirk Mudge looks on. Mr. Armstrong, above right, speaks to Rotarians in Pretoria, South Africa, March 10 and the same day meets Pretoria J. Greyvensteyn, lower left, as Stanley Rader (right in photo) and Robert Fahey Mr. Armstrong, lower right, meets Turnhalle delegates after the March 14 address in Windhoek, including Dr. Ben Africa (right in photo), whose "prayer for peace" appeared in the South African edition of *The Plain Truth* last November.



A Personal Letter
from
Samuel Lee Armstrong

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22, 19, 17 and 15.
There is, of course, a temptation to ponder why? However, the utter finality of such an act leaves one only with a sense of futility, shock and dismay and makes you wish, futilely, that you could have offered help at a time when that help would have been beneficial.

I do sincerely hope, for the sake of the Wineingers' children and their family loved ones, that the hate mongers will find some measure of sympathy for the mental and emotional anguish and torment which finally erupted in such an act so they can omit attacks of guilt by association or attempts to see the general spiritual well-being of Christ's ministry in terms of such a tragedy.

Unfortunately, ministers are people too.

While I have known for many years that the stress factors in the ministry, even in the world at large, were so great that the suicide rate among such a profession was quite high, I do not believe any of us ever expected in our wildest dreams that such a tragedy could strike one of our own number.

We are extremely sorry that we must report such sobering and unwanted news, and I would like to ask all of you to remember those four stunned children in your prayers, as well as call upon any and all who may have personal knowledge of the Wineingers to offer whatever assistance you can (as I know you will and probably have already) through any personal contacts you have.

Mr. David Jon Hill, who spoke in Spokane on the Sabbath of March 19, called me at my home prior to his message, and we discussed the situation briefly. He, like me, was thinking solely of the unbearable shock to the family and loved ones and told me he was going to concentrate on this aspect in his sermon.

Bible-Study Question

Later, in our first all-student Bible study on the Pasadena campus, I was asked a question relating to the condition of an individual in the resurrection who might have committed suicide. My answer was that we cannot prejudice such situations; that suicide is, after all, an act of murder and therefore breaks one of the Ten Commandments, "thou shalt not kill" (do not murder). To kill oneself is still murder.

I explained that, though we humans tend to categorize sin, and that most human societies tend to look upon the taking of another human life as the supreme sin of any sort, God does not "categorize" sin on an ascending or descending scale in the same fashion as do we human beings. To break any point of the Ten Commandments, even as magnified by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount, is to commit sin. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

However, any sin except the unpardonable sin can be forgiven! I explained how Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was actually in the throes of such self-agony and recrimination that he was *trying*, in his own way, to "repent" of the evil deeds he had perpetrated. When he discovered he could not find any absolution whatever, even in returning the money to those who had paid him as an informant, he, being filled with self-hatred and revulsion, committed suicide!

Though it is only a personal opinion, and by no means "official doctrine," I feel that even Judas Iscariot is going to have an opportunity to fully repent of such a dastardly deed and to have an opportunity for conversion and salvation.

Why it is that many people cannot feel satisfied unless they are able to file away in their minds some tidy little "niche" as to the spiritual qualifications of other people, and most especially those who are deceased, I will never understand.

Repeatedly we are commanded not to judge, not to condemn, not to criticize, and to wait until Jesus Christ comes to this earth to rule in love and mercy, and to leave everything firmly in His hands.

Stress Factor

My Bible-study comments also, understandably, ventured into the area of modern stress. A related question had to do with the actions of a converted person in high-stress situations. I commented that none of us can truly *know* exactly what we will do in any given stress situation until it happens. Perhaps many sermons could be preached on the subject; but, obviously, an individual is going to react differently to different stressful stimuli in different situations.

Peter, though thoroughly dedicated to Jesus, having listened to His teachings and seen His examples for 3½ years, and having known Him for years earlier than that, was nevertheless so enraged at the thought of His arrest that he seized his sword and tried to kill the servant of the high priest. That he missed cleaving the man's head in two like a pumpkin was not Peter's fault, and he only succeeded in lopping off an ear!

I suppose there are those who would immediately condemn Jesus for Peter's rash act! There are those in the world who still believe in guilt by association, and there are hate mongers and "filthy dreamers" who would quite literally seize upon an opportunity to attack Jesus Himself, even as modern hate mongers would seize upon the deaths in the Wineinger family as an opportunity to attack the ministry!

It is incredible how human beings can be so utterly lacking in the compassion they should normally have, not only toward suffering human beings whose violent reactions to stressful situations erupted in tragedy, but also in the stunned and bereaved loved ones they leave behind.

Jesus, the gentle Teacher who had warned His own disciples that they were giving in to the siren song of Satan's ways when they wanted Christ to "call down fire" upon a simple innkeeper who denied them lodgings, was saddened and stricken by Peter's sudden burst of outrage. He healed the servant, admonished Peter and allowed Himself to be taken and crucified according to God's grand design.

By no means was Jesus "guilty" of having trained a disciple who could, under great moments of

stress, revert to an unlawful and criminal act.

College Accreditation

As I'm sure you all know, we have under gone an intensive and thorough visit by the committee chosen from the Western Association to evaluate the credentials of Ambassador College pursuant to accreditation [see article, page 1].

It was an intensive and exhausting three-day visit and was very helpful and constructive to the college in distinct ways.

We very much appreciated not only the kindness and cooperative spirit of the visiting team members, but most especially their professionalism and incisiveness in probing directly to the points where, in their opinion, Ambassador College needs to continue to improve.

As I have said in the past, the procedure of pursuing accreditation is a learning experience and one which, by inviting outsiders to look at us, makes incumbent upon us a closer look at ourselves.

This can only be constructive and valuable.

It would be inappropriate for me to speculate in advance on the outcome of the accreditation visit. However, let me say that I have never had a deeper commitment to Ambassador College, nor greater pride in the achievements we have made so far, than the feeling that I have today. These colleges are truly wonderful institutions growing steadily in professional substance, and it is our firm conviction that the months and years ahead will see continued development and growth in the colleges toward our dream of becoming truly the finest small, liberal-arts, church-related college in the United States.

I hope all of you brethren can realize not only the historic proportions the college has played in the development of the Worldwide Church of God, but the highly critical role it must still play.

No one need be deceived about the prophesied future relating to the last days of God's Work on this earth or the final field of battle as Jesus made so clear.

Totally Trained Ministry

It has been made clear to us time and time again that our ministry must be thoroughly educated, totally trained, competent, qualified, dedicated and, perhaps of utmost importance, *highly skilled!*

Jesus warned that the "children of this world" are generally "wiser" than those who have seen and understood the true light. This was not a situation He found desirable, but one He commented upon as being the norm. Even though we can see by the apostle Paul's words that our calling is a spiritual one, called "the simplic-

ity that is in Christ," there is no need whatever to suppose that the most desirable state is to remain uneducated, simple or unskilled.

Perhaps I can summarize what I have been driving at by a few examples relating to higher education.

In the beginning years of the college, when we taught classes disproving evolution, we were always forced to utilize textbook materials coming from other church organizations which had sent their specialists into the field to gather data and documentation on stratigraphy, historic and dynamic geography, paleontology and other studies.

It is my further belief and desire that Ambassador College produce the experts in these and other fields who can conduct our own research, perform our own experimentation, write our own textbooks and stand on our own two feet as having special expertise in the fields of proving the existence of our Creator and disproving the theory of evolution.

Why should not this also be true in many other areas of higher education? We should not "prove" something is so because we quote some other "expert"; we should be experts ourselves!

TV Special

I hope all of you had an opportunity to see the special half-hour program on the colleges when it appeared on television, but if you did not our Television Department is having 15 16-mm. films prepared which can be sent around to the churches all around the world so that all will have an opportunity to see it. I think you will be surprised and re-dedicated when you realize the many excellent programs that are developing at Ambassador.

I've been making additional numbers of five-minute programs recently, and in a meeting just the other day with Mr. Henry Cornwall gave him further instructions on seeking additional outlets for the programs.

I have been told that if we desire it we could leap up to 1,000 or even more radio stations before the end of this year, but I had to tell Mr. Cornwall that we simply cannot take that number of stations on that quickly because of the budgetary constraints!

I hope to be able to announce new stations to you in increments of 10 to 20 or more over the next few months, but it truly is a touch-and-go situation. I know many people voiced dismay when they could no longer hear the program, and a number of them called in on the WATS line to say they had been listening for 20 years but this was the first time they had ever called in!

So, as I knew all along, though there are many hundreds of thousands or perhaps even a few millions who looked upon the daily half-hour radio program as a continual part of their lives, they never responded in any manner, shape or form and only continued to listen so long as the program was available. Strangely, now that the program is no longer available on a straight, daily basis (but is once a week), and I have gone to a five-minute formula, many of these people are beginning to respond for the first time!

Church Visits

Most of you will be reading this during the Days of Unleavened Bread. I plan to be in Detroit for the Passover and the weekly Sabbath, then go down to Cincinnati for the first day of Unleavened Bread and a church social that night, before continuing to Big Sandy.

It appears there may be an opportunity for a high-level meeting with very well-known governmental figures during the Days of Unleavened Bread, but I would not want to comment further until I have more of the facts. As I told the ministry in *The Bulletin*, how's that for starting a rumor?

It will be good to see so many thousands of you in scattered areas around the country again very quickly. Rest assured I will try to continue the pace of visiting as many of our church areas as I possibly can in the coming months. It is a beautiful, fresh spring day here in Pasadena, and I just discovered the third annual little hummingbird nest in a perennial pitosporum right outside my window, so my wife and I filled our little nectar glass and put it out for the bird this morning. We took a leisurely stroll around the backyard and inspected all the new little buds on our peach trees and enjoyed the garden and backyard for a few moments on a beautiful Sabbath morning.

I am very much looking forward to the inspirational days of the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread and hope all of you can take the tragedy and bad news in stride and grit your teeth and lock your arms and continue straight ahead with your determination and dedication to finish God's Work.

As Franklin Roosevelt once told his son when they were being ushered in to see a group of foreign dignitaries: "Look straight ahead, look 'em right in the eye!" Until next time...

Your brother in Christ
Garner Ted Armstrong

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the International Division of the Work, and Dean Wilson, regional director of the Work in this country.

"Mr. McCullough covered the latest news and developments in the international area of the Work and news from headquarters," said Rod Matthews, director of the campaign program here.

Mr. Wilson announced some ministerial reassignments and said others are "pending" and "will be announced soon." He said Colin Jackson, pastor at Hobart, Tasmania, and Kevin Lulham, pastor of the Gippsland, Victoria, congregation, will travel to Pasadena for a year's sabbatical next August. Bill Dixon will return from a year in Pasadena in June for reassignment.

Australian business manager John Crabtree brought the ministers up to date on the financial situation, and Plain Truth circulation manager Roy Hickford announced plans to immediately place the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast on stations in Kalgoolie, Bunbury and Albany, Western Australia; Port Pirie, South Australia; Maryborough and Bundaberg, Queensland; and Broken Hill, New South Wales. The additional coverage means, Mr. Hickford said, that by September the program can be seen on 44 stations out of the estimated 53 necessary to cover a "vast majority" of the Australian population.

The final day of the conference John Halford, area coordinator for Southeast Asia, left on a six-week tour of Malaysia, Singapore and Burma.



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ommented that more than 20 associate pastors be named church pastors whenever the openings are available," he said. "I was very pleased with the men and their wives that I interviewed. They were a fine group."

Mr. Dart was to make a similar trip to Washington, D.C., the weekend of March 25 and will interview additional associate pastors in Big Sandy during the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Ministerial transfers

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assignments, are as follows:

Fred Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.; Jess Ernest, Appleton, Wis.; Roy Holladay, Richmond, Va.; George Kackos, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Al Kersha, Raleigh, N.C.; James Kunz, Dallas, Tex.; Ray Meyer, Akron, Ohio; Bill Moore, Bluefield, W. Va.; Carlos Perkins, Chicago, Ill.; Bill Roberts, Louisville, Ky.; Jim Rosenthal, Bridgeport, Conn.; Don Samples, Rochester, N.Y.; Charles Scott, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Doug Taylor, Flint, Mich.; Tom Tullis, Davenport, Iowa; and Hugh Wilson, New Orleans, La.

Other reassignments include:

Kelly Barfield, from sabbatical to Liberal, Kan.; Al Barr, from sabbatical to Chicago, Ill.; Dave Fiedler, from Liberal, Kan., to Appleton, Wis.; Reinhold Fuessel, from De-

troit, Mich., to Cincinnati, Ohio; Bruce Gore, from sabbatical to Raleigh, N.C.; Nelson Haas, from sabbatical to Flint, Mich.; Fred Kellers, from Miami, Fla., to Little Rock, Ark.

Randy Kobernat, from sabbatical to Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Ron Lohr, from Cincinnati, Ohio, to Miami, Fla.; Dennis Luker, from sabbatical to Phoenix, Ariz.; Herbert Magoon, from sabbatical to Tampa, Fla.; Rand Millich, from sabbatical to Elkhart and Michigan City, Ind.; Camilo Reyes, from sabbatical to Phoenix, Ariz.; Mike Swagerty, from sabbatical to Akron, Ohio; Darryll Watson, from sabbatical to Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa; Jim Wells, from sabbatical to Topeka, Kan.; Ray Wooten, from Little Rock, Ark., to Dallas, Tex.; and Chuck Zmmerman, from Altoona, Pa., to Greeley, Colo.

BABIES

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Greg Philip, first son, second child of Phil and Jeanette Dunagan, Feb. 7, 11:57 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces.

AMARILLO, Tex. — Michael Fred, first son, third child of Michael and Joyce Guiley, Feb. 20, 2:21 p.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Jeremiah Bran, second son, third child of Robert and Donna Kendrick, March 4, 12:40 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces.

ATHENS, Ga. — Lee Bertolotti, third son, fourth child of Norman and Delores Archibald, Feb. 17, 9:40 p.m.

ATLANTA, Ga. — Jason Mark, first son, first child of Mark and Pam Ranew, March 1, 11:25 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces.

BEAUMONT, Tex. — Kyle David, first son, second child of Jerry and Judy Harris, Feb. 15, 8:39 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Deborah Ann, second daughter, second child of Jim and Sally Shipman, March 1, 5:38 p.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Laura Jean, second daughter, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Kowalczyk, Feb. 21, 2:20 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

BRISBANE, Australia — Karina Michelle, first daughter, first child of Peter and Catherine McLean, Feb. 19, 6:55 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Andrew Kirk, first son, third child of Michael and Lisa Riebel, Jan. 28, 9:08 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Danelle June, first daughter, first child of Bill and Gwyn (Thornton) Lenhart, Feb. 22, 5:54 a.m., 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

ELKHART, Ind. — Laura Suzanne, second daughter, second child of Robert and Elaine Holmes, March 4, 8:02 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces.

ERIE, Pa. — Patricia Lynn, third daughter, third child of Mr. and Mrs. William Deets, Feb. 23, 9:35 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Talitha Gayle, first daughter, first child of Tony and Pat Zubrowski, Jan. 5, 9:48 a.m., 5 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.

GLENDORA, Calif. — Heather Ann, third daughter, fifth child of Ed and Lucy (Leno-Sargenti) Cantu, Feb. 1, 9:30 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. — Samuel August III, third son, sixth child of Ken and Christine Spitz, Feb. 21, 3:24 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

HAMILTON, Ont. — Ryan Paul, second son, second child of Peter and Meike Denee, Feb. 20, 3:25 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.

HAYS, Kan. — Christel Dawn, first daughter, second child of Dean and Lynda Edinborough, Jan. 3, 1:34 a.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Leanne Denise, first daughter, second child of Randall and Denise Sparks, Feb. 19, 3:38 a.m., 10 pounds.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Deborah Lynn, first daughter, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Milton Johnson, Feb. 20, 9:41 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Julie Diane, first daughter, third child of Ronnie and Carol Brown, March 8,

POLICY ON PERSONALS

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

WE WILL NOT RUN: (1) Ads from nonsubscribers; (2) 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 will be sent to the Human Resources Information Center, 300 W. Green, Pasadena, Calif. 91123); (3) for-sale or want-to-buy ads (e.g., used cars); (4) persons used as direct advertising or solicitation for a business or income-producing hobby; (5) matrimony ads; (6) other ads that are judged untimely or inappropriate.

NOTE: All personals are subject to editing and condensation.

WHERE TO WRITE: Send your ads to: "Personals," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

2:47 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces.

MIAMI, Fla. — Jonathan David, first son, first child of John and Cindy Buckland, March 3, 2:52 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Rodney Edward, first son, sixth child of James and Sherry Dwyer, March 2, 3:28 a.m., 6 pounds.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Judy Ann Melissa, first daughter, second child of Ralph and Cheryl Jedzinski, Feb. 7, 1:07 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces.

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Adam Daniel, first son, second child of Robert and Barbara Sanders, March 9, 3:42 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Brent Evans, first son, second child of Bob and Sandy Howarth, Feb. 26, 8:20 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Kelly Ann, first daughter, first child of Rich and Barb Linton, Feb. 11, 7:55 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Robert David, first son, first child of John and Nancy (Davison) Lyons, March 6, 10:05 p.m., 10 pounds 7 ounces.

PASADENA, Calif. — Tanya Michelle, first daughter, first child of Steve and Becky Szabo, Feb. 14, 3:24 p.m., 5 pounds 4 ounces.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Heather Anne, second daughter, fourth child of Stephen and Karen Peter, March 7, 2:09 a.m., 8 1/2 pounds.

PLYMOUTH, England — Peter James, second son, second child of Vivian and Joy Carre, March 6, 5:25 a.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces.

RICHMOND, Va. — Mark Robert, fifth son, fifth child of Roy and Norma (Cowan) Holladay, Feb. 16, 5:06 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces.

ROANOKE, Va. — Barbara Allen, first daughter, first child of Allen and Rosie Holbert, Jan. 13, 5:55 a.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

ROANOKE, Va. — Guy Ernest, first son, second child of Guy and Betty Jo Estes, Feb. 23, 9:45 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

SCOTTSDALE, Neb. — Rebecca Elizabeth, first daughter, second child of Roger and Marilyn Klein, Feb. 10, 8:09 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.

SHERMAN, Tex. — Sharon Rachael, first daughter, third child of James and Ruth Horner, March 2, 1:08 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

TACOMA, Wash. — David Scott, first son, fourth child of Dorothy Downey, Feb. 12, 12:20 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

TORONTO, Ont. — Jeremy Justin, second son, third child of Murray and Lori Armstrong, March 8, 5:53 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

WALSENBURG, Colo. — Anthony Orlando, first son, second child of Mrs. Anthony C. Bueno, Feb. 24, 10:57 a.m., 12 pounds 8 ounces.

WICHITA, Kan. — Charles William, fourth son, fifth child of Brian and Mary Beth Davis, Feb. 19, 2:25 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces.

WINDSOR, Ont. — Simon Robert, first son, first child of Bob and Janet Nettleton, Feb. 16, 6:45 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces.

WODONGA, Australia — Fiona Louise, first daughter, third child of Louise and Gordon Murison, Jan. 26, 9:27 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces.

A letter from Ft. Leavenworth

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help myself, I resorted to crime.

For a short time it appeared as if I had succeeded and that my now-criminal efforts would pull me through. Well, they didn't; the bottom fell out on 12 March 1976. I was arrested by the military police and faced trial by military court-martial.

It appeared that the whole world had collapsed on me. I had lost my family, my career was over, and I was now facing a prison term of up to 57 years if convicted. I was locked in a solitary cell. After two more days of mental anguish I was completely beaten. I do not believe that a person could feel any lower than I did at that time.

man could stand in the way. There, under armed guard, I was put into God's Church, as I received the gift of His Holy Spirit. It was an experience I shall never forget.

My troubles were far from over. But now, with God's Holy Spirit to strengthen me and with the firm conviction that I was now a begotten son of God, I could face any trial. I did in fact face a military court-martial and was convicted of crimes I had committed. I was sentenced to 15 years of confinement and hard labor and dishonorably discharged by the Army. I had been disgraced by man, but I knew that later I would be glorified

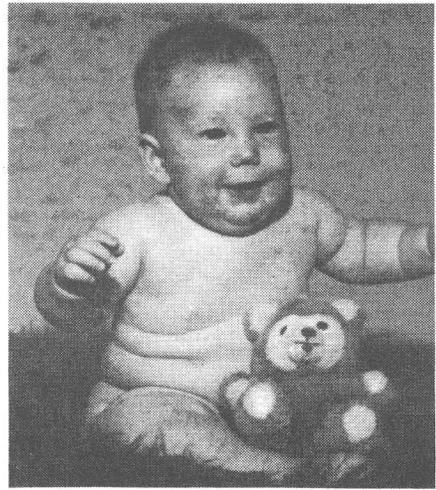
by God. I am confined at the present time in the United States Disciplinary Barracks at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. I am behind bars, but I am freer now than I ever was before.

Sometimes it gets a little rough in a place like this and my spirits get down. When they do, I recall a saying I once heard. It goes like this: "I felt bad when I had no shoes until I looked around and saw a man who had no feet."

Well, I have both feet and shoes and I have a lot more. I have the promise of the most valuable gift of all: the gift of salvation and eternal life. I thank God for that.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives! Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Gabriel Isaac Colbeth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Colbeth of Roberts, Wis. If you would like to submit a photograph of your child for the coupon, just send a photo (black and white preferred) to: *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Please include the name of child, parents' names and address. Sorry, we cannot guarantee using or returning your photo. Submission limited to members of the Worldwide Church of God who are subscribers. Please enclose your *WN* label.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT THE WORLDWIDE NEWS BOX 111 BIG SANDY, TEX., 75755, U.S.A.

Church area:

Baby's first and middle names:

No. of children same sex as baby (including baby):

Boy Girl Total No. of children (including baby):

Parents' names:

Birth date: Time: a.m. p.m. Weight:

PERSONALS

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

PEN PALS

If the woman whose personal was in Feb. 28 *WN* who suffers severe nervous illness and depression would write me, I would like to correspond with her. Reggie Hart, Rt. 2, Box 5175, Washington, Ind., 47501.

I'm 9½, would like pen pals 8 to 10 from anywhere, boys and girls. I like baseball, gymnastics, cooking, animals, swimming, music. Janice Atkins, Box 93, Colwich, Kan., 67030.

What do you collect? Write and tell me! Would like to share hobbies with you. I collect auto license plates, so anyone who has one that I'll buy from anywhere in the world, send it Bill Burton, Rt. 7, Box 552C, Hickory, N.C., 28601.

Hi! I'm 16. Would like letters from boys and girls 16 to 19 in the area of skiing, fishing, and outdoor sports. I'm also in YOU, Nora Westfall, 2131 E. 42nd St., Lorain, Ohio, 44065.

Needed: my mailbox full of bazaar and craft ideas. We plan a bazaar for our area this fall. Carol Swiney, Box 1502, Conrad, Mont., 59425.

I am 11 and would like boys or girls 11 to 13 to write. Hobbies: horseback riding, swimming, reading, collecting odds and ends. Patty Boyd, 1935 Farmington Place, Gretna, La., 70053, U.S.A.

Hi! My name is Marty, and I'm never sorry that I'm 55 years young and forever full of fun! I'm not too old to love dancing and playing pool or having a good time with my friends. I'm a single mother who loves God's truth, children, family relationships, cooking, dancing, playing eight-ball, communicating. Would like to hear from mature gentls and anyone who would

Words cannot express it. God had let me prove to myself that my ways were not going to work. He had left no doubt in my mind whatsoever. I had been thoroughly convinced by my Creator that all my efforts were utterly in vain. I was completely beaten; there was no fight left, no rationalizing, no arguments. Only complete, unconditional submission. I was now repentant.

I called on God for help, and I'll remember the words I humbly and meekly uttered throughout all eternity. I quite simply said, "I guess I am willing to obey now."

At that very moment, as I completed that short but completely sincere statement, I felt as if someone reached down and lifted the entire weight of the world off my shoulders. In fact, someone had: God Almighty.

Started to Read

At that point I knew exactly where to turn. I knew where the truth was; I had heard it six years before from my father's lips. I wrote to my parents and asked them to contact a minister of God's true Church as soon as possible. I had a Bible with me and I started to read. I prayed and asked for only one thing: wisdom and understanding of the truth.

The results were unbelievable. The Bible was no longer a confusing conglomeration of scriptures, but a story that suddenly began to make sense. It was not like reading a book; I felt as if God Himself were standing there talking to me. I know beyond any doubt that God answers prayers. He answered many more for me, with numerous real and astounding answers.

A few days later I was contacted by one of God's ministers, Mr. Larry Walker from the church in Fayetteville, N.C. On 5 April 1976 I was baptized while confined at the stockade at Ft. Bragg, N.C. I had to be escorted by armed guards into the prison yard for the baptism, but God had opened the doors for me and no

to write Myrtle Messmer, Box 923, Boyes Hot Springs, Calif., 95416.

Stoke-on-Trent, England, church would love to hear from you all over the world. Our scries will reply to you all in full. We would love to hear from you, to tell us of places where God's truth is active. Ring us please, through John S. Sutcliffe, 11 Bollinham, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 3DL, England.

Our dear 90-year-young Auntie Annie would love to hear from you all everywhere (and her scries will answer for her). Please write, because she loves to hear from everybody in her loneliness, as she is almost completely house-bound now — deaf, poor eyesight, etc., but with a very active mind. Give your address and we will try to keep you posted on the British Campaign and of course Auntie Annie and her cottage on the edge of the Derbyshire Peak District. Herds, Annie Green, "Sunside", Clitheroe, Hyde, SK14 6RX, Derbyshire, England.

Jewish male co-worker, 28, college student, seeks to write Jewish female co-workers and members. Interests: psychology, movies, music, art, finance, business administration, others. Howard Mirenburg, 3136 Perry Ave., Bronx, N.Y., 10467.

Single white member, 27, would like to write females 22 to 28 who enjoy the rugged outdoor type of life. Interests: fishing, hunting, gardening, hiking, most music, sports. Occupation: timber worker. James Pitman, Rt. 1, Box 2A, Smithville, Ohio.

Attention women 19 to 27! I'd like to hear from you by letter or tape cassette. Foreign correspondence welcome, but please write in English. Interests: varied, but I like oil painting, astronomy, etc. Clark Sci-H, Gods Work computer science, sports, swimming, target shooting, etc. Write to: Lenney Pope, 301 First Ave. S., Apt. 3, Altona, Iowa, 50009.

Hi, Larry Smith and family. Long time since we've seen you. Remember us, Jim and Ginger Parlett? We moved from Baltimore. Live in Florida now. Write 2446 Highland Acres Dr., Clearwater, Fla., 33515.

Danish woman member, early 40s, lively, energetic, enthusiastic, would like to hear from members, similar age, interests. Interested in many outdoor pursuits, such as swimming, horse riding, travel. Anna Diernaes, Hjortsvang, DK-7 Toerring, Denmark.

Hi! I'm Sheri. I'll be 16 in June. I'm very interested in veterinary work and would like to become a licensed AHT. I'd prefer the three-year training with a vet degree for training. Any two-year degree? Does anyone know of a vet willing to help me? Also, if you work with animals in any way I would like to hear from you. Sheri Taulbee, 649 Emerald Dr., Vista, Calif., 92081.

Two girls, 15, would like to write boys and girls 15 to 20 from England, Scotland, Wales, France, Germany, Switzerland. We speak and write a little German and hope to visit Europe someday. Bonita Krieger, Rt. 3, Box 39, Batesville, Ind., 47006, and Steffieann Moorman, Rt. 3, Box 64, Batesville, Ind., 47006.

Member of the Mobile, Ala., church, age 34 with a daughter, 8, would like to write mature members who are sports, music, dancing, flying, odd hobbies, helping others. A. Lisenby, Box 77, Satsuma, Ala., 36572.

Naschel, received your letter and would like to write back but mislaid your address. Glenda Salvatore, 150 Cross Park Rd., Northampton, Mass., 01060.

Single white member, 32, wishes correspondence. Interests: music, travel, sports, etc. Write to: Larry W. McVey, 414 Nantucket, Valparaiso, Ind., 46380.

Hi, I am 8. Would like to hear from girls my age. Hobbies: painting, horses, ice skating. Julie Wade, 6321 Horseshoe Bend Dr., Hamel, Minn., 55340.

Single Negro female, member, 21, would like correspondence from English-speaking pen pals worldwide. Hobbies: music, reading, cooking. Flossamae Bowleg, Box N-8056, Nassau, Bahamas.

Single girl, 23, nonmember, plans to go to St. Petersburg Feast. Would like guys or girls around my age to write. Sue Gahr, 800 Arlington St., Appleton, Wis., 54911.

Moesche mit deutschstaemigen und sprachigen Glaubensbruedern in Europa, Nordamerika und sonstwo aller Alter Berufe und Interessen regelmessig Briefwechsel voellig in deutscher Sprache unterhalten. Meine Interessen kennen keine Grenzen. Mit kurzem Lebenslauf schreiben an Herrn A. Bashiru, Box 2073, Accra, Ghana, Westafrika.

ENGAGEMENTS

Susan A. Fox of St. James, Mo., and Joseph P. Lasser of Rolla, Mo., are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding will be May 29, 1977, in Chicago, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mozingo of Greensburg, Ind., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Lucia Jane to David R. Porter of Indianapolis. The wedding is planned for May 6, 1977.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Toolkian of Troy, Mich., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Joan Mary, to Gary Lee Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Smith of Hayward, Wis. Both are students of Ambassador College, Big Sandy. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Girschbach are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Claudia Rose to Charles Francis Campos Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Campos. The couple and their parents attend the Palo Alto church. The wedding is planned for July 10.

Mr. and Mrs. "Red" St. John of Hapeville, Ga., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Debbie, to Robert D. Whitehill of Wichita, Kan. Both attend Ambassador College, Big Sandy. A June wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Kalber of Gladewater, Tex., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lesley Ruth, to Craig W. Van Patten Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig W. Van Patten of Sacramento, Calif. A September wedding is planned in Pasadena, Calif. Craig is a student at Ambassador College, Pasadena, and Lesley is employed by *The Plain Truth* magazine office.

WEDDINGS

Sandra Diane Cranford and Wesley David Fantarone were joined in marriage Jan. 29 by Mr. Dean Blackwell in Evansville, Ind.

Miss Lisa Louise Stainthorpe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Stainthorpe of Fresno, Calif., was united in marriage to Mr. Norman Leroy Chaney of Fresno, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Don Billingsley. The maid of honor was Miss (See PERSONALS, page 11)

Local church news wrap-up

Harmonica Versions

AKRON, Ohio — Some 128 members and guests of two Akron churches attended a formal dinner and dance at the Tangier Restaurant here Feb. 27. Following a buffet dinner, dance music was provided by the Jack Halkides Band from Canton, Ohio.

During intermission, Freddy David, once the lead harmonica player with the Harmonicats and now an instructor at the University of Akron, played harmonica versions of everything from a passenger train to a J.S. Bach organ fugue to a symphony. Mr. David, a guest of Akron member Warren Key, still performs on the nightclub circuit, has scored two movies and is scheduled to appear at the Tangier later this year with Danny Thomas. *Bill Meyer.*

Bananas and Orchids

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Russian Jack Springs Park in Mount View, Alaska, was the scene of a sledding party for mothers and their preschool children Feb. 15. Because of a recent snowfall and warm weather, the day was perfect for the outing.

Lunch was eaten in a warm-up hut, with the children finding prizes in their cupcakes. A tour through a city greenhouse located in the park wound up the activities. The children looked at bananas and lemons growing on trees and saw orchids, cacti and many other flowers in full bloom.

Some of the preschoolers were a bit hesitant about sledding since Alaska's peculiar weather this year has often coated everything with many inches of ice. Several young lads found themselves careening wildly through the woods far past the end of the sled run. *Alice Wegh.*

Borden Street Boogie

ANNISTON, Ala. — The Anniston and Gadsden, Ala., churches enjoyed a potluck supper Feb. 26. Teens sold drinks and desserts.

Mark Winner began the entertainment, presented by the YOU members, with the singing and playing of "Five-Foot-Two, Eyes of Blue." Later he and other teens put on a hilarious skit in which he acted the part of a teacher with a noisy class.

Several teens did their version of the evolution of modern dance. A group of girls sang "We've Only Just Begun," and Mark wound up the show with a piano number, "The Borden Street Boogie."

The evening concluded with



DYING SWAN — Bonnie Pace-Brooks dances Saint-Saens' "Dying Swan" at a benefit concert to raise money for the senior citizens group of the Big Sandy church. (See "Classic Ballet," this page.) [Photo by Sheila Dennis]



COUNTRY FAIR — Above: The A.M. and P.M. churches of Birmingham, Ala., put on a country fair Jan. 29 with bargains and games for everyone attending. Below: Two youths stopped long enough to have their picture taken with King Kong at the fair. (See "Wanice Wicker's Confectionary," this page.) [Photo by Harold Kilgore]

square dancing. *Verna Faye Johnson.*

Thought-Provoking Speeches

ATHENS, Ga. — Spokesman Club members, their wives and dates enjoyed their first ladies' night of the year at Ramada Inn here Feb. 27. All appreciated the food, warm fellowship and thought-provoking speeches. Also present was the director and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Franks. *John M. Norris.*

Classic Ballet

BIG SANDY — "Ballet is . . . music, movement and decoration being parallel in thought."

Quoting English critic and ballet historian Arnold Haskell, Selmer Hegvold, a pastor of the church here, introduced a benefit concert at the Ambassador College Auditorium here Feb. 23. The concert, presented by Delta-Fern Wisdom, instructor of ballet with studio facilities on campus, featured three classic-ballet dancers: Bonnie Pace-Brooks, Ambassador graduate; Bernice Fisher, Ambassador senior; and Eileen Dennis, 14-year-old YOU member.

Appearing as featured artists were Ruth Walter, professor of music, and Martha Ronish, instructor in music, both here at Ambassador. Mrs. Walter played Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No. 6* on the piano and accompanied Mrs. Ronish as she played "Two Romances" by Schumann on the flute.

Proceeds of the concert were combined with those of a bake sale held the same evening in adjoining rooms and will be used to help sponsor a newly organized senior citizens' club here, the Silver Ambassadors. Most of the baked goods were donated and served by members of the club.

By special request, Miss Wisdom included on the program "Tribute to 1976 Bicentennial," which had been presented in a 1976 recital. Her dancers saluted the Statue of Liberty, portrayed by Ambassador junior Shara Dennis.

To conclude the program, Bonnie Pace-Brooks danced Saint-Saens' "Dying Swan."

Large bouquets of red roses were presented to Mrs. Walter, Mrs.



Ronish and Miss Wisdom in appreciation for the concert. *Ellis Stewart.*

Wanice Wicker's Confectionary

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The A.M. and P.M. churches here turned out in strength Jan. 29 to participate in what has become a social event of the year. This year's theme was a country-fair atmosphere with country dress.

Booths were lively and received much action. One crowd pleaser was the Country Challenge, also known as the Mighty Moo, where Truman Ferguson and Wiley Morefield kept people jumping. For those who like to browse, the Country Store was the place to visit and say hello to R.O. Bailey and Huston Grigsby, the store's proprietors. All sorts of items were on display for bargain-seeking connoisseurs. Hot cider and sassafras tea was available to tickle the palate.

Sparing nothing to make the fair interesting and exciting, Joel Nueman negotiated a visit from King Kong, who allowed himself to be photographed with passersby.

The Spokesman Club presented a slide show on "This Is Ambassador College," while the YOU chapter

staffed a dart-throw booth.

For those with a sweet tooth, it was almost impossible to pass Wanice Wicker's Main Street Confectionary. Along the same line, the candidates participating in the cakewalk left nothing to chance as they kept Stan and Miriam Fuller busy calling out numbers.

Bob Franklin coordinated the fair. *Kenneth M. Martin.*

Ladies' Soccer

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Zeekoevlei, Plumstead, was the location for a combined picnic for the European and colored (mixed races) brethren here. Some played volleyball, soccer and cricket, while others swam and sailed.

In a ladies' soccer match, the referee, pastor Dan Botha, had a hard time trying to keep up with the ladies, who were kicking the ball wildly and each other as well.

A braai lunch was served. *Sylvia Young.*

YOU Did It

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The Cleveland West church's YOU group conducted its first Sabbath

service Feb. 26. From the opening songs, led by Rick Hall, and the opening prayer by Dale Smith to the closing prayer by Dale's brother, Art, the entire service, with the exception of the sermon, was handled by the YOU members.

Becky High ushered and Ronda Dute and Colleen Gus took attendance, while Teresa High maintained the nursery and Tanya High the ladies' room. Special music was a duet by Dana Schmock and Sharon Westfall, who sang "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing," accompanied on the piano by Tina Sewolich.

The sermonette was delivered by Bob Gus, YOU treasurer. He gave several points on overcoming obstacles, citing biblical examples of faith and obedience. *La Verne J. Witting.*

Dried Fruits

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Thirty-six ladies enjoyed lunch at Bonanza Steak House in Pueblo, Colo., Feb. 20, after which Sue Peterson conducted a short get-acquainted session through the use of table topics.

Mary Singleton introduced guest speaker Theresa Ross, extension agent for family living at Colorado State University in Pueblo. She demonstrated methods of drying fruits and vegetables.

The women had watched Garner Ted Armstrong's telecast that morning on "Famine, Can We Survive?" and were interested in Cherie Samuel's hints on how to conserve energy and water and store foodstuffs. *Tommy Joe Stewart.*

Disco '77

DAYTON, Ohio — Disco '77, sponsored by the Singles' Club here, was planned for March 26 at the Red Barn. Singles 18 years and older were invited to enjoy an evening of dancing to the latest disco sounds. The music was to have been presented by Thunder Sound, a national audio-systems distributor. Tickets cost from \$3 to \$4.50. *John Boone Jr.*

Handcrafted Door Prizes

FLINT, Mich. — The women's Concerned About People (CAP) Club and the Social Activities Committee here worked together to plan an enjoyable fund-raising family night Feb. 12.

The CAP Club sponsored and served a spaghetti dinner to about 300 people. The social committee added to the event with family activities.

A movie and games were provided for the young and the young at heart, with a clown, Dennis Pine, adding extra enjoyment. Disc jockey Jerry Hubbard was in charge of music for dancing and listening.

The women also held a used-clothing sale. They worked as a group to create a puff quilt that was given away in a drawing. The door prizes, handcrafted by the ladies, were a macrame owl, a crocheted afghan and a sand-art project.

Funds from the dinner, quilt drawing and used-clothing sale will be used by the CAP Club to provide food baskets for needy families and other service projects. *Joann Whitehead.*

Brown Mouse

FLORENCE, Ala. — The Diamond Shamrock Clubhouse in nearby Muscle Shoals was the scene of the year's first church social and costume ball Feb. 26.

After dancing to a variety of music, all formed a huge circle and took turns jumping into the middle to introduce themselves. After the introductions the brethren were given ballots to select their favorite costumes. Mrs. Shelba Stanley expressed everyone's feelings when she said, "Everyone looked so good that

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it was hard to select who had the best costume."

Minister Jim Tuck presented trophies to the winners. In the adult category, Lawrence Woods won first place dressed as William Penn in a 17th-century costume designed by Frances Holt. Terry Curran won second dressed as a Roman soldier with armor and robe.

In the young people's category, Marty Stanley won first dressed in a brown fur caveman's outfit and carrying a club. Brian Campbell won second with his brown-mouse costume, complete with a mousetrap on his tail. *Betty Curran.*

Guys' and Gals' Club

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A new club met at the home of Baxter Biggs here Feb. 26. Ideas about starting men's and women's clubs were discussed, but, in conclusion, the idea of combining the groups won the majority vote. The new group will be called the Guys' and Gals' Club. Mr. Biggs was selected as chairman, with his wife, Charlene, as his assistant.

The 30 men and women attending discussed why they want a club and how they can better serve the Church. After plans were made for the next meeting, which will be a potluck meal with an open invitation to new members, refreshments were served. *Denise Jacques.*

Accent on Beauty

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — The last two meetings of the Women's Club here have centered around makeup. The meeting Feb. 2 was presented by a Merle Norman representative. She showed a film and invited the women to make appointments to come by the store for free facials.

The meeting Feb. 28 was a makeup demonstration of Redkin products at a beauty shop, where the women experimented with the products. Three ladies were chosen by the staff to have facials done by the salon's employees. *Vicki Swihart.*

Mr. Mokarow in Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Tex. — Arthur Mokarow, director of the AICF Human Potential Center, presented a two-part seminar here at the Inn of the Six Flags March 6, his third here in two years.

Lecturing on "Getting Control of Life and Time" and "Making Life Work When It Doesn't," Mr. Mokarow who also gave the sermon here the day before spoke to a seminar crowd in excess of 270, including about 40 nonmembers. The profit after expenses from the seminar was divided between the AICF and the congregations that had been invited.

Mr. Mokarow, who hopes to provide free seminars for all AICF members in the future, is now in the process of arranging a seminar featuring skier Jean-Pierre Hallet for the Dallas-Fort Worth area within two months.

Mr. Mokarow was also granted a 28-minute interview by a locally known Dallas news commentator that was to be aired later.

"It was a great seminar," commented Stuart Smith, a nonmember and local health-spa employee and a guest of Felix Heimberg, pastor here.

"I got a great deal out of it too and am always happy to have Mr. Mokarow to come and speak to us," Mr. Heimberg added. *Mark Robinson.*

Elusive Victory

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — A late-fourth-quarter surge lifted the Imperial (Pasadena) Bruins to a 44-40 triumph over Glendale, Calif., and the championship of the Southern California Class B YOU basketball tournament, played Feb. 27 at Santa Ana High School.

Both contenders gained the finals

with relative ease as Glendale topped Garden Grove, tourney host, 55-26, and Imperial outshot San Diego, 62-34. Neither team could mount a commanding lead in the final contest, however, with Imperial's 4-point advantage the widest margin until the final stanza. Glendale moved into the lead, and looked like it was moving away when the Imperial offense suddenly caught fire. Sparked by Brent Bailey, who had 18 points and 17 rebounds, and the sharpshooting of Steve Guice with 21 points, the Bruins rallied to regain the lead and claim the victory that had eluded them in last year's finals.

In extremely close balloting, Imperial forward Brent Bailey was chosen the tournament's most-valuable player and presented a trophy, edging out high scorer Aaron Johnson, who connected for 57 points in two games for Glendale.

Trophies were also presented to the Imperial and Glendale teams. *Gary Mysels.*

Sunshine Express

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Teens of the Charlotte, Greensboro, and Raleigh, N.C., churches attended a YOU district basketball tournament here Feb. 19 and 20. The Greensboro teens performed the duties at Sabbath services, handling the ushering, song leading and the opening prayer.

The Charlotte Fame, coached by Ronald Benjamin, and the Greensboro Blazers, coached by Bob League, started off the first game of the tournament, with the Blazers victorious, 61-45. Ricky Coble was high scorer for the winners with 25 points, while Tom England led the scoring with 12 for the losers.

In the second game the Blazers were up against the Raleigh Raiders, with the Blazers again victorious, 82-63. The Raiders' leading scorer was Jeff White with 17 points. Ricky Coble was again the Blazers' top scorer with 20.

The next day began with Charlotte vs. Raleigh, with Charlotte winning 77-60. High scorers for the winners were Arnie McManus with 18 points and Tom England and Kerry Johnson with 16 each. Tim Wolfe led the Raiders with 17 points.

The next game again matched Greensboro and Charlotte, but this time Fame won, 68-64, tying the two teams for first place. Fame's high scorers were Tom England with 13 points and Berwin Johnson, Arnie McManus and Kerry Johnson with 14 each. Archie Hart led the Blazers' scoring with 20 points.

The two teams played again to determine the championship. The Blazers won, 53-30, and will represent the district at the Southeast regional basketball tournament in Gainesville, Ga.

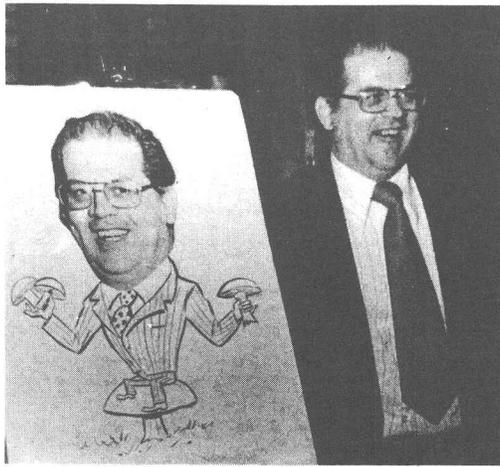
Tom England, Arnie McManus and Kerry Johnson of Charlotte, Ricky Coble, Archie Hart and Greg Franklin of Greensboro and Jeff White and Tim Wolfe of Raleigh were chosen for the all-tournament team. Ricky Coble was named the most-valuable player. Tom England was given the sportsmanship award.

A dance followed the tournament, with the Sunshine Express providing the music. *Marshan Page.*

Man of the Hour

HINSDALE, Ill. — The roasting came as a surprise to deacon Clarence Svehla of the Chicago Southwest church, but not to the 56 men who came to roast him. The two months of secret planning paid off Feb. 22 as the men gathered at Fox & Hounds' Rest in suburban Willow Springs, south of Chicago, for "The Roasting of a Svehla," a first in this area. The event was in appreciation for the many years of service he has rendered to Church, ministry and brethren.

The men enjoyed cocktails and a banquet dinner before deacon Harold Cormany, emcee, introduced the



MAN OF THE HOUR — Clarence Svehla, deacon in the Chicago, Ill., Southwest church was honored at a dinner given by men in the church there. (See "Man of the Hour," this page.) [Photo by Will Vandermolen]

program, with 13 speakers filling the rostrum. The 14th speaker, Mr. Svehla, had to wait his turn before he could answer in his behalf, as the speakers paraded to the lecturn to quip and quote about the man of the hour.

Before each speaker left the lecturn, he hung a whitewash brush around the neck of Mr. Svehla as a reminder to him of the times he had awarded the brush when he had been evaluator of Spokesman Club. One of the men said he had been awarded the brush just for being a guest at a club meeting evaluated by Mr. Svehla.

A special coat of arms was created for the occasion to reflect Mr. Svehla's character. Humorous awards were also handed out to him.

But before it was over, something useful was finally bestowed on him. Because he is an avid handball player, the group presented him a complete handball outfit, from a sweatband down to the shoes, and a bag to carry the equipment.

The following day pastor Carl Gustafson was asked by Mr. Svehla, "What was the roasting for?" He replied, "To thank you and honor you for your service." The reason that Mr. Svehla didn't know the purpose of it was that everyone had been so busy roasting him that no one remembered to thank him. *Paul P. Dzing.*

Change of Place

HOUSTON, Tex. — A welcome party and dinner were given here Feb. 19 for Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Neff at the Humble recreation hall by the brethren of the Houston North church. Mr. Neff is the church's new pastor.

The evening began with a potluck meal, followed by table games.

A welcome poster depicting the Neffs' move from the gardenlike Ambassador campus in Big Sandy to the bustling city of Houston, painted by Jessie Turner, was hung in the hall.

Mrs. Neff cut a welcome cake, decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Ted McCord.

The evening provided an opportunity for the brethren to become better acquainted with the Neffs and for them to meet more of Houston's large congregation. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Healan of Humble, Tex., organized the evening. *Mrs. Ted McCord.*

Reunion of Churches

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The event was a reunion of brethren from churches comprising the offspring of the original Grand Rapids, Mich., and Elkhart, Ind., circuit once pastored by Frank McCrady III. The group met on the Western Michigan

quarter. When the final buzzer sounded, the score was locked at 49-49. When the dust finally settled three minutes later, the scoreboard blinked out a 55-51 victory for Lafayette, who represented the district in the Great Lakes regional tournament here March 19 and 20. *Randy Houston.*

Bayou Bullets

LAUREL, Miss. — The undefeated Baton Rouge (La.) Bayou Bullets squeaked by the Birmingham (Ala.) Vikings in the YOU A League district finals here Feb. 27. The Vikings full-court-defense almost destroyed the Bullets' offensive attack. With only five minutes left in the final quarter, the Vikings had a comfortable 9-point lead. But the tired and frustrated Bullets got their show together and put on a dazzling second effort to nip the Vikings in the closing seconds of play, 36-34.

The Bayou Bullets had to rely on an aggressive defense to overcome a fired-up New Orleans, La., team in a semifinal game, 47-38. The unbeaten Bullets will carry their 7-0 season record, which includes victories over Houston, Tex., and archival Jackson, Miss., to the regional tournament. *Les Meitzler.*

Banquets and Feeds

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Three bachelors here have for years opened their hearts and their home to hundreds of brethren, giving grand and glorious banquets and feeds, widows' luncheons and dinners and special parties for brides and grooms. Every table is beautifully decorated and flowers are given to the ladies. With plenty of gourmet foods, every feast is a surprise and a delight.

No occasion is too small or too large for the chef, Ray Becker, and his two staunch and faithful friends, Al Eswelan and Ray Richter. The brethren here salute them. *Peggy Pachuta.*

Shaving Balloons

MAIDSTONE, England — The Maidstone church met for its inaugural Sabbath meeting here Feb. 20, 1971. To mark the anniversary, the church held a party followed by an informal social Feb. 26.

The brethren consumed a buffet-style meal of sandwiches and cakes provided by the ladies. The anniversary cake, made by George Holden and iced by the mother of member Mike Anderson, was cut by Mr. Holden, who, having forgotten his hammer and chisel, had to make do with a knife.

The church had its yearly social Feb. 19, organized and presented by emcees Mike Anderson and David Rowing.

Activities included a party and film show for the children, while adults enjoyed a contest of shaving balloons. More than the balloons became covered with shaving foam.

Music for dancing was provided by member Bernard Dessey's band. *George D. Holden.*

AICF Seminars

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Two seminars with Art Mokarow and Ken Coleman of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation Extension Center in Pasadena presented by the Minnesota AICF drew good crowds, including a significant number of people from outside the Church. The Feb. 20 session of Achieving Marital Compatibility and Marriage Communications had 196 in attendance, of whom 18 were nonmembers.

On Feb. 21 Talent and Skill Development drew 236, including 40 nonmembers.

Bob Kadow, a St. Paul, Minn., member, publicized the event, setting up interviews for Mr. Mokarow on four television programs and four radio stations.

Mr. Kadow also arranged to have the seminars accepted for teacher recognition. (See WRAP-UP, page 14)



CAVEMAN — Marty Stanley was the first-place winner in the children's category at a costume ball Feb. 26 held by the Florence, Ala., church. (See "Brown Mouse," page 12. [Photo by Betty Curran])

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certification credit by 13 school districts.

The seminars were advertised in 10 newspapers, 11 radio stations and two television stations. Notices were sent to 50 churches and 450 businesses. Most of the response came from Mr. Mokarow's television appearances.

The marriage seminar covered five life-cycle phases and how the needs, real or perceived, of each phase affect the marriage.

The participants were asked to look at these needs realistically and to recognize when having to compromise or change a need could put undue stress on the marriage partner.

The talent- and skill-development seminar showed how to be aware of natural strengths and weaknesses that should influence one's choice of a career and how to deal with the pains and pleasures to be expected as he progresses along the "learning curve" of skill development.

The charge for each session was \$15 per couple or \$10 for an individual, with a 50 percent discount for AICF members. *Karen Ziminski.*

New Name, Same Sting

MOULTRIE, Ga. — A Hornet by any other name stings just as deep.

The Moultrie Hornets (formerly Warner Robins) continued their winning ways by mauling the Atlanta (Ga.) Pacers 124-26 in the district YOU basketball tournament at the Bryan High School gym Feb. 13.

The single elimination tourney also included teams from Chattanooga, Tenn., Walterboro and Columbia, S.C., and Rome, Ga.

Rome captured the opening game from a young, inexperienced Walterboro team, 57-22. Norman Zimmerman topped all scorers for Rome with 17 points and Dale Frye led the losers with 14.

A strong Chattanooga squad started sluggishly but finished strong to whip outmanned Columbia 61-34. Terry Wicks scorched the nets for 24 points to head a big 'Nooga rally, while Tim Goodwin garnered 14 for Columbia.

Atlanta's Pacers bumped Rome out of contention in the afternoon's most hotly contested match. The lead swapped hands many times before the nip-and-tuck game ended 68-60, with Atlanta on top. The winners got balanced scoring from Kevin McDuffie with 15, Ira McCune with 17 and Russ O'Quinn with 18. Rome's Jeff Williams led all scorers with 22 points.

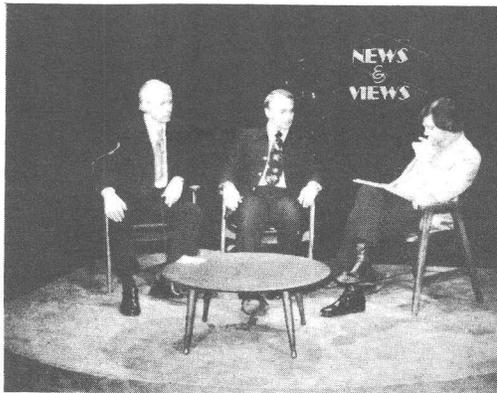
In the tourney's fourth game, Moultrie derailed Chattanooga with little difficulty, 88-38. Jose and Robert Roquemore spearheaded the Hornets' pressing defense, while Chuck Bond singed the cords for 24 points coming on long jump shots. Terry Wicks was again high for 'Nooga with 18.

In the championship tilt, Moultrie's mighty maulers manhandled the Atlanta team 124-26 to win the district tournament. As the crowd filed out of the gym, a leather-lunged Moultrie fan was heard singing, "California, Here We Come." *Larry Erwin.*

The Formations

MONTREAL, Que. — The French church here enjoyed a dance Feb. 12. Music was provided by The Formations, featuring Kevin Roehon on the double bass, Tony Matoli and Ed Jurick on guitars, Roland Hebert on the drums and Joe Strozak on the accordion and organ.

The band played a waltz, jumped into hard rock, changed to a Sinatra song, switched to a polka, slid into a Latin American beat and then offered a sexy French vocal tune. This was followed by an Israeli folk dance, a



TV INTERVIEW — Bob Hoops, left, pastor of the Minneapolis church and Art Mokarow, from the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation Extension Center appeared on television station KMSP in Minneapolis. (See "AICF Seminars," page 13.) [Photo by Bob Kadow]

disco number, a samba, a Broadway hit and a country-and-western melody, all topped off with musical memories of the '60s.

One satisfied ballgoer summed up the evening this way: "It's cold in Montreal, but as we enter the elegant Queen Elizabeth Hotel, we feel strange and excited. We begin to see familiar faces, all friends from the Montreal French church. Is this the night, that fantastic night of the French ball? As we approach the beautiful ballroom, we can hear the whispers of 256 brethren. This must be the place! Look at those chandeliers and the red, plush carpets and candles. Hot and cold buffet served all night, and that table must be 30 feet long.

"Now the band is playing soft cocktail music while everyone is eating and enjoying the rich atmosphere of the soft lights. It's 10:30 and the band is ready to go on. Look at those guys go. Listen to those guys play and play and play.

"It's 3 a.m. It's over! When the French have a ball, it's a ball. Did I say that it was cold in Montreal?" *Ed Jurick.*

A Little Wiser

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, England — The Middlesborough and Newcastle-on-Tyne YOU groups played host for the first time to young people from the Bricket Wood and Nottingham churches Feb. 26 and 27. The young people attended Sabbath services in the civic center here and then enjoyed a teen party at the home of member Gerry Harm. Under the watchful command of Andrew Silcox, Colin Richardson and Mr. Harm, the group danced the night away, while a few still young in heart also joined in.

On the following day the youths traveled to the Billingham Sports Forum, where they participated in table tennis, badminton, ice skating and swimming.

All too soon, the visitors had to set off on their 300-mile return journey, leaving behind two YOU groups a little wiser, a little more confident and much happier. *Iain Sanderson.*

A Day to Remember

NORTHAMPTON, England — The members of the Northampton and Cambridge churches held their first combined church service and social evening Feb. 19.

David Gunn led the song service, which was followed by two sermons, one by John Meakin, Bricket Wood elder, and the other by Arthur Suckling, pastor here. Special music was performed by the Northampton choir, conducted by Roger Clarke.

The social began with a meal provided by members of both churches. Then followed short cartoon films and games for the children, or organized by Lynn Meakin and Fiona Peacock.

Entertainment was provided by

members and included a trumpet solo by Duncan McLean, a flute solo, singing, and a poetry reading by Sylvia Smith. To end the evening's entertainment, Mr. Suckling, Mr. Meakin and Robin Stow performed an Arab dance.

The activities concluded with a slide show of the Pasadena campus and the Auditorium. *Richard Peacock.*

Winter of Growth

OMAHA, Neb. — The church here enjoyed a costume party March 6, with more than 150 in attendance to celebrate a profitable winter of growth among the brethren. The group counted their blessings and enjoyed a sing-along, prizes, games, dancing and delicacies, fun for all ages.

A "This Is Your Life" skit was presented, honoring Russ and Carolyn Meacham, who will be moving to the Ozarks. *Evelyn Nelsen.*

Stable Members

PEORIA, Ill. — The church here held an appreciation banquet Feb. 18 at the Hyatt Regency. Seventy-seven people were present to celebrate their continual support of the Work and the Church for 10 years or longer.

Following the meal pastor Bob Boyce explained the value and need for strong, stable, long-term members and their value to the newer members. Each member was presented a letter of appreciation. *Jean Dawson.*

Houdini's Trunk Miracle

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — About 80 people attended the annual Spokesman Club ladies' night dinner dance Feb. 27 at Mallard Inn and enjoyed a stimulating evening of dining, listening and dancing.

After a sumptuous buffet dinner, Ernest Cuff conducted table topics. Toastmaster Richard Roskaz presented the three speakers: Jack Ganzel, Bob Spencer and George Kuo.

To add more fun to the evening, Tom Schiavo performed a magic act entitled "Houdini's Trunk Miracle," escaping from a nailed-shut wooden box in which he was tied and handcuffed.

Everybody enjoyed dancing to the music of Al Disalvatore and The Sportsmen. The club congratulated Bob Tatar, the ladies' night chairman, for his planning that made the evening a success. *George Kuo.*

Natural Foods

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. — The rainy evening did not prevent 12 hearty souls from attending the second meeting of the Women's Club here. Guest speaker was Dr. Larry Perron, a chiropractor, who stressed the importance of maintaining good dietary habits and eating raw, natural foods with as few chemicals as possible in them.

Wilma Ellis was hostess, with

President Sue Grace conducting the meeting. Wanda Hostetter supplied the refreshments. *Linda Arnold.*

Ice Hockey

RICHMOND, Ind. — The Richmond and Anderson, Ind., teen club gathered for ice skating and ice hockey Feb. 6 at the Bimbos in Morrison, Ind. Before the activities began, the teens helped clear the snow from the river.

After the game the ladies prepared a chili dinner. People fellowshipped with one another near the warm fireplace and listened to music.

The churches' pastor, Garvin Greene, also attended. The group closed the day with a cheer. *Richard Ryan.*

Fighting Inflation

ROCKFORD, Ill. — The Women's Alliance of AICF was to have met at a library here March 16. The theme of the meeting was to have been "Fighting Inflation in the Kitchen," with several of the club's women speaking on the subject, thus fulfilling the third goal of the Women's Alliance, to develop poise and confidence in personal expression. *Mary Margaret Dyer.*

First-Aid Procedures

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Women's Club here met Feb. 17 at the home of Howard and Sheila Carrell. The guest speaker was Dr. Boyce Berkle, member here, who instructed the women in the emergency first-aid procedure for cardiopulmonary resuscitation. "In Time to Live," a film provided by the American Heart Association, was shown, followed by Dr. Berkle and his wife demonstrating the procedure on the "automated Annie." The women were given opportunities to



WHAT ARE THEY? — The Mamas, San Jose's adult cheerleaders performed their cheers during the Southwestern regional YOU basketball and cheerleading competition Feb. 19 and 20. (See "Seesaw Battle," this page.) [Photo by Mary Roberts]

practice the procedure after the lecture and demonstration.

Dr. Berkle also gave instructions for the correct emergency procedure for a choking victim.

The club members felt that this club was one of the most informative of the year. Hostess was Wanda Smith, with Sheila Carrell as cohostess. *Janice McElroy and Roberta Lashua.*

Kitchen Cosmetics

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Members of the four Women's clubs here and guests heard an informative lecture on self-improvement by John Robert Powers School representatives Toni Tash and Dee Sabey at the Sears store in El Cajon, Calif., Feb. 22.

Subjects discussed included weight control, diet, exercise, cut and care of hair, kitchen cosmetics and how to use makeup to give a natural look.

Operating on the principle that

whatever can be put into the body can also be used on the body, the speakers suggested the use of products found in the kitchen, such as eggs, avocados, lemon juice and cucumbers, for aid in skin care. An ironing board used as a slant board for relaxation makes an excellent beauty aid, they said.

Ms. Tash offered women a way of eliminating that tiresome task of putting hair up in curlers. Get a blow-cut from a skilled and reputable hairstylist, she told her audience, then brush and blow-dry the hair from the nape of the neck forward, swinging it back into place when finished.

A nine-week course in self-improvement at the Powers School was awarded to Shirley Gomperts. *Susan Karaska.*

Seesaw Battle

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Southwestern regional YOU basketball and cheerleading competition was Feb. 19 and 20 here. Brethren organized the competition and housed the 160 participants, opening their homes and providing meals and transportation to and from the games.

Teams coming from Southern California were Santa Ana, Long Beach and Pasadena Imperial and Auditorium. Teams from northern California were Fresno, North Bay, Oakland and San Jose.

From the beginning the boards were dominated by the south as they swept the opening games from their northern brothers. Santa Ana advanced into the finals, defeating North Bay and Auditorium, while Imperial dominated San Jose and Long Beach.

In a seesaw battle in the championship game, Imperial was finally able to grab a 4-point cushion, defeating Santa Ana 67-63. Imperial

will participate in the national competition in Big Sandy.

Long Beach dominated Auditorium for third place and Oakland defeated San Jose in the consolation game.

The all-regional team chosen by the coaches included Kevin Handy of Oakland; Bob Daily and Jim Murray of Santa Ana; Greg Hayes of Long Beach; Dwyer Hockwald of Auditorium; and Vince Edwards and Greg Rothwell of Imperial. The team-sportsmanship award went to Santa Ana, with Vince Edwards receiving the most-valuable player award.

Fourteen cheerleading squads competed. The judges were from professional sports, all with experience in athletics and performance sports. Each squad, in the time permitted, performed three cheers plus a dance routine. Judging was based on appearance, execution, routine and

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overall showmanship. Out of a possible 200 points, San Jose placed first with 184, Santa Ana placed second with 173, Sacramento was third with 163, followed closely by Monterey with 161. San Jose will also participate in the national competition. *Fred Crow.*

Unfinished Tournament

SPOKANE, Wash. — The church here played host to a three-day jam-packed YOU Northwest regional tournament Feb. 19 through 21. The tourney brought many to the heart of the Inland Empire, with teams, cheerleaders and fans from Boise, Idaho; Vancouver, B.C.; and Sedro-Woolley, Tacoma, Seattle, Pasco and Spokane, Wash.

At Sabbath services, Gil Goethals, Tacoma elder and Northwest regional YOU coordinator, gave a sermon entitled "It Takes a Lot of Work to Be a Good Parent."

The basketball action started early Sunday in the Mead High School gym. As the scoreboard ticked away the exciting action, the minutes and seconds took their toll of strained emotions, frustrations, exhilaration and success with teams, cheerleaders and fans.

With all this there still awaits a first- and second-place winner, though Vancouver packed up the third-place hardware and went happily back across the border. The undecided championship resulted when Tacoma upended Spokane 58-57 in a three-minute overtime, after the regulation play had ended 50-50. Spokane had earlier defeated the

roffe, after which the evening began with a flying start with some topics chosen by Jeff Sutton.

The award for the most-improved speaker went to John Whitaker-Axon, while Cavan McCarthy received the award for the most-effective speaker.

Fine cheese was served with wine, and director Tony Sadler brought the entertaining evening to a close with a summary of the proceedings.

Frank Brown, evangelist and head of the Work in Britain, took Sabbath services Feb. 12 in the Stoke-on-Trent and Liverpool area. During his visit he ordained Birmingham deacon Tony Sadler a local elder. *Heather McCarthy.*

Community Complex

TISDALE, Sask. — The Worldwide Church of God here, in conjunction with the Legion Club, sponsored a public dine and dance Feb. 19. Proceeds were donated towards the construction of Tisdale's community complex.

The Hometowners' Band from Prince Albert, Sask., provided the music for the semiformal occasion. Response from those attending was excellent, with many asking for another get-together to be planned soon. *Evelyn Evenson.*

Affectionate Ape

TOPEKA, Kan. — A midwinter luau hit Topeka Feb. 5. As church members and guests sat at decorated tables around life-size palm trees, the show began with Ralph Campbell as emcee. "Tiny Bubbles," sung by Don Conard, warmed the audience.

Island dancing included "Hukilau," a Polynesian dance by Barbara Anderson, Sheila Campbell,



DONATED FRUIT — Officers of the Wheeling, W.Va., YOU chapter (from left), Liz McCracken, treasurer; Melody Gable, secretary; Mark Molnar, vice president; and Sandy Lazear, president, present Bernice Jesalovsky, right, a secretary from the School of Hope, a school for retarded children, with Texas citrus fruit. (See "Church Bears Fruit," this page.) [Photo courtesy the Martins Ferry, Ohio, *Times-Leader*]

Woods and accompanied by Linda Daniels, chose for the audience of elderly patients a program of music ranging from the lighter but thought-provoking "No Man is an Island" to the stirring and inspiring "Onward Ye Peoples."

One of the women patients commented soon after the choir arrived, "We want to hear something from the Bible. So the choir sang 'God So Loved the World,' 'Father, Oh Hear Me,' and 'Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God.'"

After the concert, the singers visited many of the patients and gained a keener understanding of their needs. *Jerry Long.*

Converted Warehouse

WALTERBORO, S.C. — Twelve members of the Spokesman Club here had a work party Feb. 6 and 20 at the Ladson, S.C., Coastal Center, a rehabilitation center for the mentally retarded.

The volunteers, under the direction of Gene Morris, converted a small warehouse into a storage room and bicycle shop. The men also built a roof extension onto the Center's horse stables.

This year's Spokesman Club, which meets in Summerville, S.C., has a different format. For the last three years, some of the graduates have had an active part in club as well as the undergraduates, yet there haven't been enough men in either category to warrant having separate clubs. This year director Ronald Jameson decided to have both clubs anyway. Each club has officers and the two groups meet together with the undergraduates performing at one meeting and the graduates at the next meeting. The combined club meets every other Sunday night, and wives are welcome to attend on the graduate-club night.

Each graduate meeting has a theme and three speakers, who speak for 15 minutes each. Following each speech the members can make comments or ask questions of the speaker.

The undergraduates follow the Spokesman Club manual. All members of the combined club participate in each table-topics session and in the question and comment section of the graduate meetings.

This new format offers more of a challenge to the graduates and is proving to be more stimulating and enjoyable for all the club members. *Paulette Jameson.*

Trophy Hunters

WHEATLAND, Wyo. — Excitement ran high here March 6 as teams from near and far vied for trophies at the invitational basketball and volleyball tournament.

Basketball teams participating were from Bismarck, N.D.; Rapid City, S.D.; Grand Island and North

selling 114 boxes. Many of the older ladies surprised the brethren by selling 5 to 10 boxes each.

The teens donated 20 boxes to a school for retarded children as a community service. The Wheeling church had a fruitful sale, netting about \$4,000. *Renee Walden.*

Stretch and Sew

WICHITA, Kan. — The Women's Club here previewed the spring designs in a fashion show given by Geraldine Porter from Stretch Fabrics during the Feb. 21 meeting at the Ramada Inn.

Stretch and Sew Fabrics is a fabric store here that specializes in knit fabrics and has created a unique pattern and method in sewing. Mrs. Porter modeled many spring fashions that she adapted from the patterns sold at the store. Names were drawn and winners received free Stretch and Sew lessons, patterns and a pattern box.

During the first portion of the club, Mary Ann Aust talked about Mrs. Herbert Armstrong, with whom she had had a close association for 15 years.

The March club was to have featured a lecturer from the American Cancer Society. *Gail Hubbell.*

Star-Studded Evening

WIMBLEDON, England — Keith Stevenson gave a lecture on astronomy to two groups of members here Feb. 26, showing how great God's creation is. An activity evening had also been planned, with table tennis, volleyball, billiards and other games.

The Wimbledon Spokesman Club held its first ladies' night of the year Feb. 22. The club includes members from the Brighton and Orpington churches.

The speeches were "Gold in South Africa," by Stuart Rising; "Loyalty," by George Kalli; and "Psychiatric Nursing," by B. Fields. These were followed with "Harmful Results of Gambling," by Bob Gillett; "Impressions of New York," by D. Jardine; and "A Whale of a Tale," by Stephen Spykerman.

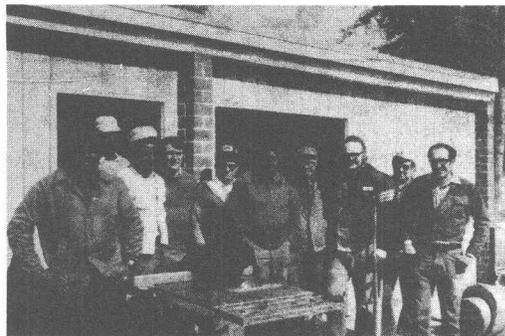
Mr. Kalli was most-improved speaker, Mr. Walters and Mr. Allen were most-helpful evaluators and Mr. Spykerman's story based on Romans 8:22 earned him the most-effective speaker's cup.

Food was prepared by Mrs. Michael Bousfield and Mrs. Graham Hawkins. *David Gomm.*

Visual Tour

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Seventy-five brethren here took a visual tour of Jerusalem after Sabbath services Feb. 19 by way of a slide show presented by Ray Dick. Mr. Dick lived in Jerusalem for several years while he was manager of the Jerusalem Office.

A potluck dinner preceded the slide show. *John Torgerson.*



WORK PARTY — Members of the Walterboro, S.C., Spokesman Club did some volunteer work for a rehabilitation center for the mentally retarded Feb. 6 and 20. (See "Converted Warehouse," this page.) [Photo by Tom Boyd]

Tacoma B team 47-45, but Tacoma battled back in the double-elimination tourney, forcing the two teams into a third and final game that was planned for March 19 in Seattle.

Spokane brethren opened their homes to the visitors. Mothers and teens handled the concession stand.

A roller-skating party was Sunday evening at Skatetown, with more than 300 attending, according to Paul Shumway, YOU director for the church here and for the basketball tournament.

A first and second all-tourney team was announced at the close of the event, with first-team trophies going to L. Davies of Vancouver; D. Goethals and Jon Davis of Tacoma; and D. Jager and G. Dupuis of Spokane. The second-team awards went to Mike Bennett and F. Parman of Tacoma; G. Monahan of Boise; and D. Weech and G. Delly of Spokane. *Verne Enos.*

Fine Cheese

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England — The Spokesman Club here held its first ladies' evening of the session Jan. 28 at the North Stafford Hotel. The members and the ladies were welcomed by President Martin Wood-

Carmen Conard, Phyllis Duke, Linda Gifford and Jackie Nunzig. They also performed a routine with a *pu illi* (a bamboo rhythm instrument) to "Kona Hema Oka Lani." Terry VanZandt, a local high school student, performed a Tahitian dance. Julie "Nani" Gorrell instructed the dancers in the Polynesian arts.

After Violet Gordon sang "Mama's Mu Mu" the tropical two-some, Russell Duke and Don Conard, pantomimed a bongo comedy, "Day-O." During "Hawaiian War Chant" the audience was startled by an affectionate ape (Ernie Oshel, in full ape dress, who looked for a lady to dance with. The dance resumed after all the entertainers sang "Aloha Oe.")

Slides of Hawaii were shown by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Williamson throughout the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Duke directed the luau. *Linda Gifford.*

Hospital Concert

VISALIA, Calif. — The church choir here, comprised of 10 therapy voices, went out to meet the public Feb. 12, performing for the Kewah Manor Convalescent Home in Visalia. The choir, directed by Ray



TOPEKAN LUAU — Entertainers at a luau in Topeka, Kan., Feb. 5 serenade the audience with a Hawaiian tune. (See "Affectionate Ape," this page.)

THE GRAPEVINE

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BIG SANDY — Gary Wise, a 20-year-old freshman from Elsinore, Calif., scored 7,088 points to win the open division of the decathlon at the



GARY WISE

Florida Relays in Gainesville, Fla., March 23 and 24.

Wise led the 10-event, two-day competition from the second event on, competing against 30 other "decathletes." The second-place winner scored 473 points behind Wise.

The Ambassador athlete, who lives on campus with his wife, Linda, has scored higher in each successive meet he has entered since his first decathlon in June of 1975.

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BURLINGAME, Calif. — Entertainer **Bing Crosby**, 72, entered Peninsula Hospital and Medical Center here March 25 after being discharged the same day from Pasadena's Huntington Memorial Hospital, where he had been recuperating since his March 3 fall into the orchestra pit of the Ambassador Auditorium during the taping of a television special (*The Worldwide News*, March 14).

A nursing supervisor at Peninsula Hospital, near Mr. Crosby's Hillsborough, Calif., home, said doctors now say the singer suffered a ruptured disk in his back and may have to undergo surgery. She told the *WN* he "seems in good spirits and is resting comfortably."

The entertainer's doctors had previously thought he had suffered only a minor cut and bruises.

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PASADENA — Two members of the Ambassador College faculty recently earned their doctorates.

George Geis, chairman of the Theology Department, received his doctor's degree Jan. 13 in the field of educational psychology. **Robert Oberlander**, director of financial



ROBERT OBERLANDER

aids and career services, received his Feb. 22 in education. Both degrees were awarded by the University of Southern California.

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PASADENA — **Leslie L. McCullough**, director of the International Division, and his wife returned here March 22 from a 2½-week trip to New Zealand and Australia.

According to **Rex Morgan** of the Auckland, New Zealand, office, Mr. McCullough arrived in Auckland March 8 for a six-day stopover en route to Australia. After attending a conference of the New Zealand ministry, Mr. McCullough took a three-day deep-sea-fishing trip with members of the Work's staff there. Making the trip were **Bob Morton**, New Zealand regional director; **Bill Hutchison**, business manager; and **Lyall Johnston** and **Jack Croucher**, both church pastors.

Mr. McCullough spoke to the church in Auckland March 12, before continuing to Australia. (See re-

lated article, page 1.)

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BIG SANDY — Evangelist **Herman L. Hoeh**, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church, spoke to the students on the Texas campus of Ambassador College in an assembly March 17 on pre-Adamic history. In it Dr. Hoeh told the students that there do not have to be "insoluble contradictions between Bible, science and history."

After leaving here Dr. Hoeh traveled to Corpus Christi, Tex., to conduct Sabbath services that weekend.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — **Bob Morton**, regional director of the Work in New Zealand, announced March 14 that a "spot ad" for *The Plain Truth* magazine will be aired on television nationwide here March 29, 30 and 31.

Mr. Morton said the 60-second commercial will be telecast "during peak viewing hours."

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MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Pianist **Vladimir Ashkenazy** performed here March 17 in the second concert sponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

The artist played works of Scriabin and Rachmaninoff for a near-capacity audience in this second pre-



INTERVIEW — Cal Culpepper, 22, left, a Big Sandy Ambassador senior from Athens, Ga., is interviewed on the Texas campus by Leon Walker, chairman of the Theology Department at Big Sandy, and Bronson James, assistant housing director at Pasadena, for the ministerial-candidate program ("Grapevine," March 14).

sentation of a three-artist series. Russian cellist **Mstislav Rostropovich** had begun the series Feb. 8; baritone **Robert Merrill** is scheduled to conclude it April 12.

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PASADENA — **Ronald Dart**, vice president for pastoral administration, flew from here March 18 to Chicago, Ill., where he spoke to the Chicago Southside and Northwest (Arlington Heights) churches March 19.

"I gave an announcement-style sermonette," Mr. Dart said, "followed by a full sermon."

That night he interviewed two associate pastors and the next day another seven. The associate pastors were accompanied by their wives during the interviews.

Mr. Dart said the interviews were to consider the associate pastors for appointments as full church pastors. "Our area coordinators have re-

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Queen honors Fijian Church members

By Rex Morgan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Two Church members on Fiji were responsible for preparing their district for a visit from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip Feb. 17 that turned out to be "one of the most exciting experiences" of their lives, said members Epele and Sofi Kanaimawi.

Mr. Kanaimawi, who holds the title of *ratu*, an honor carried only by Fijian hereditary chieftains, was recently appointed commissioner of the Northern Division of Fiji, an island and independent dominion of the British Commonwealth in the Pacific Ocean 1,300 miles north of here.

Realizing that uncertain weather conditions could pose a major problem (February is in the middle of Fiji's hot, wet summer), Mr. and Mrs. Kanaimawi prayed daily for good weather for the visit.

A full-dress rehearsal took place Feb. 16 in the city of Labasa the day before the Queen was to arrive. Shortly after the rehearsal started, a huge, black cloud formed in front of the royal dais. Hopes that it would blow away were shattered when, despite strong winds, rain poured down by the bucketful for the rest of the afternoon.

Mr. Kanaimawi had made sure Labasa was ready and waiting, with flags flying everywhere, when Her Majesty arrived at the airport. His daughter, Alisi, 9, presented a bouquet of orchids to the Queen, who then proceeded to the park, where some 10,000 people had gathered to welcome her.

The weather was fine, but no sooner had the Queen and Prince Philip taken their seats on the dais than a thick, black cloud again formed over the grounds. Everyone felt that heavy rain was imminent, but the Kanaimawis kept silently praying.

God answered their prayers, and, although the rain came down all around Labasa, not a drop fell at the grounds. Instead, the clouds and wind shielded the people from the heat of the afternoon sun. Later, when speaking to the governor-general of Fiji, Prince Philip com-

pared the occasion with the Israelites' crossing of the Red Sea. The Queen and he had noticed God's hand in the miraculous change in the weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Kanaimawi escorted Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip throughout the tour, and just before she departed the Queen told Mr. Kanaimawi she had thoroughly enjoyed herself.

Then she took him aside and bestowed upon him the medal of the Royal Victorian Order in appreciation for the unusual effort that had gone into organizing this part of her tour.

The award is considered an extremely high honor, especially when conferred in this manner by the sovereign in person.

ROYAL VISIT — Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip greet Fijians, above, accompanied by Church members Epele and Sofi Kanaimawi. Below: The Queen receives a bouquet of orchids from Alisi, the Kanaimawis' daughter. Behind the Queen are Mr. Kanaimawi, Prince Philip and Mrs. Kanaimawi.

