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Mr. Armstrong plans to speak at HQ conference

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong plans to travel here from his Tucson, Ariz., home, where he has been recuperating from health problems since August, to conduct a meeting of the board of trustees of the Worldwide Church of God and "take at least a portion of the first general plenary session" of the January ministerial conference, announced Garner Ted Armstrong.

The younger Mr. Armstrong, commenting on his father's health in his "Personal" column beginning on page 2, said he was "sure that, since he is able to be driven around in the car from time to time in Tucson and to take brief walks in the house," he could very easily be taken aboard the Work's G-II jet for the brief flight to Pasadena from Tucson.

He said his father seems to be "steadily holding his own" and is being encouraged to increase the length of his walks to build up his strength gradually.

Pastor General Armstrong has been sidelined for the past four months after what doctors diagnosed as congestive heart failure. Those close to him marvel at the recovery he has made so far. His appearance for the opening of the ministerial conference, to begin Jan. 4, would be his first speaking appearance since August.

Caribbean on the move

By Sheila Dennis

PASADENA — Stan Bass and his staff are excited about an increased emphasis on media penetration in the Caribbean area of the Work. The last several months have seen more radio outlets, television exposure and newsstand distribution, says Mr. Bass, regional director for the Caribbean.

He says there are still some important islands in his area, however, that he and his staff are anxious to get into, especially Puerto Rico and some of the Bahamas.

The Work in the Caribbean is primarily aimed at English-speaking inhabitants of areas such as Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Bermuda and the Greater and Lesser Antilles, but it also overlaps into Central and South America, serving such peoples as those of Belize and Guyana.

The Work's broadcasts are already (See CARIBBEAN, page 4)

GTA to K.C. for sermon, social

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Garner Ted Armstrong spoke to 2,350 people at a special service the Sabbath of Dec. 17 and performed at a social that evening that was attended by about 1,000 people. The next day Mr. Armstrong was here for the beginning of the Youth Opportunities United national volleyball tournament for girls.

Midwest Area coordinator Dennis Pyle said Mr. Armstrong's visit was "very successful."

Services were in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Building, with the



GENE KELLY AT AC — Gene Kelly dons hat and cane during a show taped in the Auditorium to be broadcast on CBS television next March. Onstage with the entertainer are backup singers. (Photo by Ken Evans)

congregation composed primarily of the Columbia, Mo., Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., Topeka, Kan., and St. Joseph, Mo., churches, plus the three churches in this and the Kansas City, Mo., area.

Mr. Pyle said a letter was mailed from Pasadena inviting co-workers in the area to attend services, but he did not know how many did attend.

He said Mr. Armstrong spoke about general news of the Work before delivering a sermon on Christianity as a way of life. Mr. Pyle said: "Everyone really enjoyed the social

that evening. We had a good crowd."

Mr. Armstrong arrived here Dec. 16 and left Dec. 18 for a return flight to Pasadena via Tucson, Ariz., where he was to visit his father.

In the area at the same time as Mr. Armstrong were participants in the third annual national YOU girls' volleyball tournament, which began Dec. 18. Eight teams participated in the tourney, held at Johnson County Community College, in Overland Park, Kan.

Teams entered in the competition were from Big Sandy, Tex.; Chicago, Ill.; Eugene, Ore.; Lakeland, Fla.; Pasadena, Calif.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Wichita, Kan.; and Youngstown, Ohio.

Island site since 1963

Jekyll Feast canceled

BIG SANDY, Tex. — The Festival Office announced Dec. 6 that Jekyll Island, Ga., will not be a site for the Feast of Tabernacles in 1978.

According to Festival director Sherwin McMichael, seating limitations in the convention center and limited housing accommodations on the island were the reasons for the move from Jekyll to a yet-to-be-announced site somewhere in the South.

Budde Marino, a Festival Office employee, said that last year 1,000 more Feastgoers requested to transfer to Jekyll Island than the site could accommodate, therefore the Festival staff felt the need to move to larger facilities.

And, he said, all Festivalgoers are notable to attend services in the main seating area, which has room for only 2,200 people. Everyone else must sit in two overflow rooms, each with seating capacities of 1,500, and watch sermonettes and sermons over a closed-circuit projection system.

Last Feast some 5,500 people traveled to Jekyll Island, which has accommodated Church members

Gene Kelly tapes in Auditorium

PASADENA — Actor, singer and dancer Gene Kelly came to the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 15, and brought with him some famous friends, to tape 60 minutes of song and dance that will be telecast nationally by CBS next March.

The show, *Gene Kelly — an American in Pasadena*, is a tribute to the entertainer, with appearances by Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball, Cyd Charisse, Janet Leigh, Cindy Williams (Shirley in television's *Laverne and Shirley*) and others who help bring to mind the 65-year-old song-and-dance man's years of making movies for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The production, which will be sponsored by Kraft Foods when broadcast by CBS, was also a benefit performance for the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and Waif, Inc., an organization that assists orphans and abandoned children founded by actress Jane Russell in 1955.

After *An American in Pasadena*, patrons of the AICF and Waif who had paid for \$50 or \$100 tickets (others paid \$25) went to a dinner reception next door in Ambassador College's student center.

Entertainer Liza Minnelli is to appear with Gene Kelly in the televised version next March, though she wasn't here to be taped with the rest of the cast. Her part had been recorded several days earlier.

The show was the second in a series begun last March of star-studded performances to benefit the AICF and Waif and to be televised on CBS. The first was *Bing!*, taped March 3 to celebrate the late Bing Crosby's 50th year in show business.

819 sign up for conference

PASADENA — Registration for the 1978 ministerial conference stood at 819 elders and wives as ministers from around the world prepared for the meetings that are to take place here Jan. 4 to 11.

All church pastors worldwide, their wives and some associate pastors will come here for the conference at Church expense. Any other ministers, able to pay their own way, are welcome, according to Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

Mr. Dart said the conference schedule was "semifinal" and that one more meeting with Garner Ted Armstrong will, he hopes, be conducted the week of Dec. 19.

Tentative plans are for eight plenary (fully attended) sessions of three hours each beginning 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4, six morning sessions and two afternoon sessions.

Management open house

The 24 hours of plenary meetings are slated to be supplemented with a management open house the morning of Jan. 9, during which visiting ministers may tour Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College office facilities, plus have an additional 14 hours available for attending seminar and lecture sessions.

These sessions are scheduled for the afternoons of Jan. 4, 5, 6 and 8 and are to be one- and two-hour meet-

ings available to ministers and their wives on a volunteer basis.

Ministers were mailed a list of 35 available seminars and lectures with a brief description of each. As of Dec. 15, 819 men and wives had requested specific sessions.

Most requested was one titled Goals of the Pastor, to be presented by Arthur Mokoarow. Four hundred forty-three, or 54 percent of those registering, requested Mr. Mokoarow's presentation.

Least requested was the session on *The Worldwide News*. The meeting was requested by 11 people, or 1 percent.

Ted Herlofson, director of ministerial services, who serves as conference coordinator, said most of the ministers are requesting topics that "deal with the pastor's specific and immediate job."

Most and least

Twelve seminar lectures were requested by 300 or more of the ministers. The 11 most popular sessions, besides Goals of the Pastor, and the person or people conducting them, along with the number of requests for the session, follow:

Stress: Recognizing, Understanding and Combating It, Doug Winnail, 440; Marriage as Biblical Institution, Art Mokoarow, 427; Role of the Pastor's Wife, Steve Martin, 405; Marriage Counseling, David Antion,

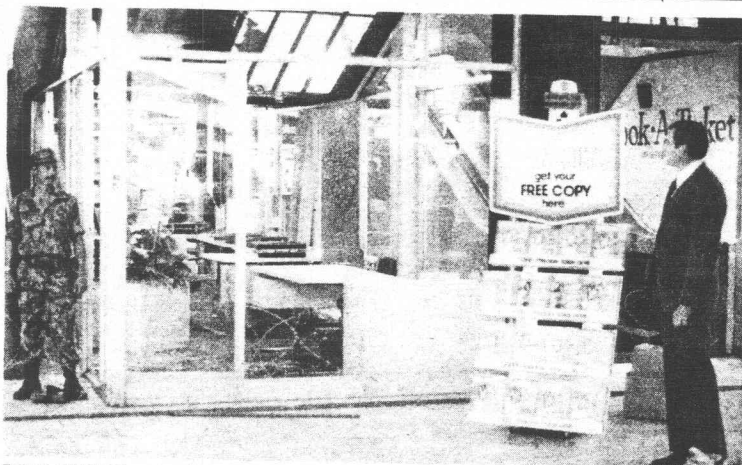
400; Youth in the Church, George Geis, 387.

Great Commission Fulfillment in New Testament Times, Brian Knowles, 381; The Growth of the Bible, Charles Dorothy, 359; The Gospel in Its Original Social and Cultural Setting, Kyriacos Stavrinides, 338; Premarital Counseling, Steve Martin, 318; Systematic Theology, Robert Kuhn and Lester Grabbe, 314; and Worldwide Goals and Objectives, Public Relations, Robert Kuhn, 310.

Six of the least-requested sessions, the person or people conducting them and the number of requests for each session are as follows:

Administrative Support, Ted Herlofson and Ellis LaRavia, 81; International Church Administration, Leslie McCullough and Ray Kosanke, 76; Church Festivals, Sherwin McMichael, 58; Study Papers, Steve Martin, George Geis and Richard Sediadic, 48; Publishing, Jack Martin, Brian Knowles and Roger Lippross, 46; and *The Worldwide News*, John Robinson, 11.

Mr. Dart said he is "not at all surprised" at the topics that were less requested. "I think it shows up those areas in which we have been effective in keeping the ministry well informed. The men didn't feel the need for additional information in those areas."



BOMB DAMAGE — A policeman in combat dress stands next to a small office rented by the Work in Johannesburg after a bomb damaged it extensively. At right is staffer Martin Bode.

Bomb blasts office; staff okay

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A bomb set to go off on the ground level of a 50-story office-and-shopping complex here exploded 30 feet from a small office recently rented by the Work to aid in distributing *The Plain Truth* and other of the Church's literature. Two staffers were in the one-room office at the time of the explosion, which did extensive damage to its four glass walls, and one staffer had just left to get a soft drink. All three were uninjured.

The Work's office here, headed by Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, had recently opened the auxiliary office on the ground level of the Carlton Centre, which houses the African Work's headquarters on the 35th floor.

"The idea was to have an office in the shopping area itself where people could also come in to pick up an advertised booklet or ask questions about *The Plain Truth* magazine," said staffer Martin Bode, the one who had just left to get a Coke at a nearby cafe.

Unusual thirst

If Mr. Bode hadn't experienced "an unusual thirst" for a Coke just in the nick of time, he "would have had it," he said.

His desk lay directly in the path of the explosion, which shattered the large window in front of his desk, showering it with fragments, cracking mirrors and spreading glass over his desk and chair.

The two other staffers sat at their desks at the time of the blast, about 4:30 p.m., but, even though the 9-by-12-foot room's four walls are made of glass — three walls of windows and one of mirrors — they escaped injury.

"Peter Hawkins, who works with me, was still inside" moments after the blast, Mr. Bode said. "His face was ashen white with shock. Pieces of glass were strewn all over the floor, and at first glance it seemed as if none of the full-length windows from floor to ceiling were left. Black smoke and dust was billowing around us, and a heavy smell of gas was hanging in the air."

Director Fahey later said "three things" saved Mr. Bode from injury or death. "First, that very morning hanging louvers were installed. They caught most of the flying glass.

"Second, only a minute before, Martin developed a thirst so left his desk for a Coke.

"Third, he went out of the shop in the opposite direction of the blast. He could have walked right into it."

The third worker, Lucy McCarthy, was at her desk, her back toward

a large window.

"Unbelievably," Mr. Fahey said, "the shock wave entered the shop from the opposite direction as the one that broke Martin's window." The window above the door "blew in towards her [Miss McCarthy's] face, at a distance of 2½ meters [about 7½ feet]. No glass reached her. Her desk is one meter wide, and there is a vicious gash on the top of the desk, but about as far from her as can be. Close enough."

Woman hurt

Though no employees of the Work were hurt, a woman in the building at the time of the explosion reportedly

had to have 400 stitches because of her injuries and may lose an eye.

Minutes before the incident, Mr. Fahey and Steve Serfontein, a Johannesburg Church member, left the ground-level office. Mr. Serfontein, a sign maker, was painting letters on one of the soon-to-be-shattered windows.

Mr. Bode said after the blast curiosity seekers came to survey the damage, many of them taking copies of *The Plain Truth* from the nearby display rack. One of the issues on display carried the article "Entering the Age of Terror."

"The timing seemed to be just right," commented Mr. Bode.

Barbados bomb scare disturbs Sabbath peace

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados — Members of the Bridgetown church were the objects of a bomb scare during Sabbath services Nov. 12.

Stan Bass, regional director for the Work in the Caribbean, was on this West Indian island to visit and speak to the congregation. He was about to finish his comments about the Work and begin his sermon when Bridgetown pastor Carlos Nieto came to the podium and whispered to Mr. Bass that a bomb was reported to be in the building and set to go off at 11 a.m.

The time then was 10:55.

Mr. Bass asked the brethren to leave the building quickly. There was no panic as the members filed out of the Vista Cinema, where the

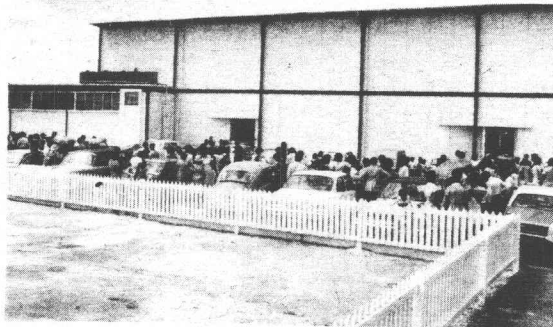
church regularly meets.

A deacon called the police, and in 15 minutes officers arrived with a bomb-disposal expert, Sgt. Louis Sealy, who used a TNT detector to sniff for explosives.

After a thorough check that included air-conditioning equipment on the roof of the building, Sgt. Sealy gave the all-clear and members came back into the theater. After a 55-minute delay Mr. Bass continued his sermon.

The bomb scare had begun when deacon Al Sealy (no relation to the sergeant) received a telephone call at the theater from a person claiming the building contained a bomb that was "set to explode at 11 o'clock." Mr. Sealy said the voice sounded like that of a teenage male.

BOMB SCARE — Barbados brethren, left, wait outside for the all-clear after a bomb scare. Right: A bomb expert cautiously inspects the hall. [Photos by Henderson Griffin]



New church and elder mark Asian milestone

By John A. Halford
Area coordinator, Southeast Asia

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Nov. 19 marked a milestone in the history of the small Southeast Asian Work. On that day regular services were started in Singapore and Malaysia, and we ordained our first local elder.

For several years we have held services from time to time in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. However, we have now established the two churches, and they meet on a regular basis once every two weeks.

Forty-four members attended at Singapore's Holiday Inn for the first of the regular meetings. I gave the sermon on the subject of "watching and praying."

Immediately after the service I left for Kuala Lumpur and arrived in time for the afternoon service in the Federal Hotel, where about 80 members were waiting.

During services that afternoon Yong Chin Gee became a local elder.

As far as we know, Mr. Yong is the first Chinese to be ordained to the ministry, though of course he is not the first oriental. Mr. Yong is a schoolteacher and lives with his wife, Yuet Sian, and two children, Li Nyuk and How Yin, in Segamat,

asking him leading questions about his beliefs, showing him that much of his previous understanding was not based on the Bible at all. The man also showed him a copy of *The Plain Truth*.

One thing led to another, and eventually Yong Chin Gee wrote to Australia to ask for baptism.

For several years Malaysia was the home for only two or three Church members.

In 1967 Mr. Cole again toured Asia. At this time Mr. Yong was living in Penang, where he was completing his teacher's training. He was looking forward to seeing Mr. Cole again when he visited Penang.

What he didn't know was that Mr. Cole was also scheduled to see a young Chinese girl, Yeong Yuet Sian, who was also living in Penang and had asked for baptism. On the day Yuet Sian was baptized, Mr. Cole introduced her to Mr. Yong and suggested they visit each other from time to time.

For some months they met each other each Sabbath and on the Holy Days. At this time Yuet Sian was having quite a lot of difficulty at home, since many of her relatives could not understand her new beliefs. Chin Gee was the only one she could



FIRST CHINESE — Yong Chin Gee became the first Chinese to be ordained. His wife is Yuet Sian, and his children are Li Nyuk and How Yin. [Photo by John Halford]

about 60 miles from Kuala Lumpur.

Mr. Yong was baptized in December, 1962, by minister C. Wayne Cole on the first baptizing tour in Malaysia. He was the first Chinese to be baptized in the country, though Mr. Cole had previously baptized an Indian couple in southern Malaysia.

Mr. Yong first heard about the Work in Perth, Australia, while attending a training college for teachers in 1959. He heard the broadcast over the only station broadcasting in Western Australia at that time, one in Kalgoorlie.

He returned to Malaysia a few months later and became involved with various other churches.

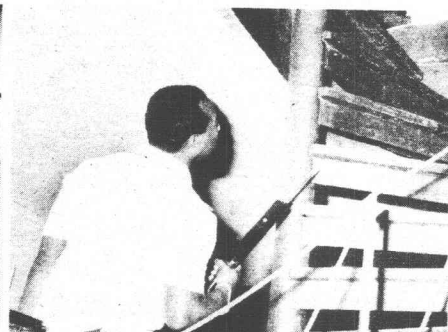
One day an acquaintance started

talk these things over with.

After a few months Chin Gee asked Yuet Sian to marry him, and the two wed a short time later. They were the first couple to have been married in the Church in Malaysia.

Mr. Yong was ordained a deacon earlier this year. Now as a local elder he will be able to serve his brethren in a different capacity, helping to conduct services in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur and visiting and counseling the many new prospective members.

Yong Chin Gee's ordination brings the number of local elders living in Asia (outside of the Philippines) to three; Saw Lay Beh serves as a local elder in Burma, and R.S. Kulasingam serves in India.



COURTESY: THE WORK

Increased emphasis on media penetration

Caribbean gets more radio, TV and 'PTs'

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 on weekly in the Cayman Islands and the British Virgin Islands and on five days a week in Grenada. Also covered is part of the Bahamas, from the Bahamas North Service in Freeport, Grand Bahama. A concerted effort is under way. Mr. Bass said, to begin the radio broadcasts to all the islands of the region, as well as get it back on radio in Guyana, South America.

According to reports from regional headquarters in San Juan, Puerto Rico, the financial efforts of 2,397 donors, 956 of whom are members and prospective members, have been combined to:

- Begin a newsstand program that distributes more than 4,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* a month.
- Maintain the broadcast on radio stations in nine countries.
- Bring the telecast to Barbados (it was on there for 13 weeks earlier this year), Trinidad (biweekly) and Bermuda (weekly).
- Pay for 27,270 copies of *The Plain Truth* that come into the region monthly.

Mr. Armstrong founded

The Work in the Caribbean began when the Barbados church was founded, on Feb. 3, 1968, by Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Bass, first pastor of the congregation, recalls that Mr. Armstrong spoke to 111 people in a meeting hall that was an old secondary school. Some 26 baptized people were present, some of whom had been baptized on tours made in 1965 and 1967 by Dibar Apartian, Leslie McCullough and Ronald Kelly.

Mr. Bass served in the area until 1972, when his work permit was not renewed.

The region's second church was in Trinidad. Lennox Deyalsingh, a



STAN BASS

lawyer and deacon, was asked to hold services twice a month beginning in August, 1972.

In 1974 Gordon Harry, recently graduated from what was then a campus of Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, England, obtained a work permit and served the rapidly growing congregation for three years. This year the government chose not to renew Mr. Harry's permit (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 7), forcing him to leave the country after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. McCullough, director of the International Division, asked Mr. Deyalsingh once again to take over the full responsibility of the church there until a full-time minister could be approved to work in the area.

In 1974 Mr. Bass moved from Miami, Fla., to San Juan and began regular church services. Now five men are stationed in San Juan: Mr. Bass, Mr. Harry, Pablo Gonzalez, Eduardo Crepinsek and Charles

Fleming.

Other personnel include:

- Kingsley Mather, pastor in Nassau, Bahamas, and Kingston, Jamaica. Mr. Mather initially assisted in Barbados in 1971. He was ordained by Mr. Armstrong in 1973.

- Carlos Nieto, a native of Barbados who pastors at Bridgetown, Barbados, and Castries, St. Lucia.

- Victor Simpson, who lives in Barbados and pastors the St. George's, Grenada, church.

- Paul Krautman, a 1974 Ambassador graduate who on his own time assists in Guyana.

A total of 1,569 people attended eight Feast sites in the West Indies and Guyana this year (*The Worldwide News*, Oct. 10). The sites were in Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, St. Lucia, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Bermuda and Guyana.

The French of the Caribbean

The French Work in the Caribbean began in 1968 on the island of Martinique with the establishment of the church there. The late Louis Jubert was the first pastor. Weekly services are still attended by the original 40-member congregation, its numbers since increased to 220.

Gilbert Carboneel, the present pastor, relocated from Paris, France, to the Martinique area in 1970 to aid Mr. Jubert. He was ordained in December of that year by evangelist Dibar Apartian.

Martinique is blanketed with the Work's only non-English broadcast, the French-language *Le Monde a Venir* (five times daily), and is served by *Le Pure Verite*, the French *Plain Truth*, with a circulation of 4,000.

The inhabitants of the islands of Guadeloupe are also able to hear the same broadcasts by Mr. Apartian that are beamed over Martinique. The

Pointe-a-Pitre church, pastored by Erick Dubois, also a native of France, who was ordained in 1976 by Mr. Apartian, is attended by 40 to 45 people; *Le Pure Verite* circulation is 1,500. According to Mr. Apartian, these churches are "totally independent financially. God has blessed them."

On Haiti, which Mr. Apartian describes as "one of the poorest countries in the world," 20 to 25 people attend a Bible study regularly held in members' homes. Ray Clore, an Ambassador graduate and American vice counsel there, conducts the studies. The broadcast is presently on only one small station once a week.

Stored, not delivered

Mr. Apartian told of members approaching him on one of his visits to Haiti to question why they were not receiving their copies of *Le Pure Verite*.

After checking with postal authorities, Mr. Apartian discovered "they were so poor no delivery was made except airmail and first class."

The missing magazines had been stored every month in a warehouse. The magazines, which are bulk-shipped from England to Port-au-Prince, are now delivered by hand by the young people there.

Latin America

In the Latin American region, five churches and seven Bible studies throughout Central and South America serve about 500 members and more than 700 prospective members.

This does not include the Spanish-speaking church in Pasadena, Calif., pastored by Robert Flores, which is attended by 80 people. Many members scattered all over Latin America receive sermons recorded from ser-

vices of the Spanish church in Pasadena. *La Pura Verdad*, the Spanish *Plain Truth*, goes to 93,000 subscribers.

"We have just moved Robert Flores II and Al Sousa from Mexico City, Mexico, to Monterrey, Mexico, in order to go to work in the northeast section to minister to the people God has called in that area," said Walter Dickinson, director of the Spanish Work.

Tom Turk, who recently received a permanent resident visa (*The Worldwide News*, Dec. 5), pastors the church in Mexico City and is office manager there.

Gonzalez to relocate

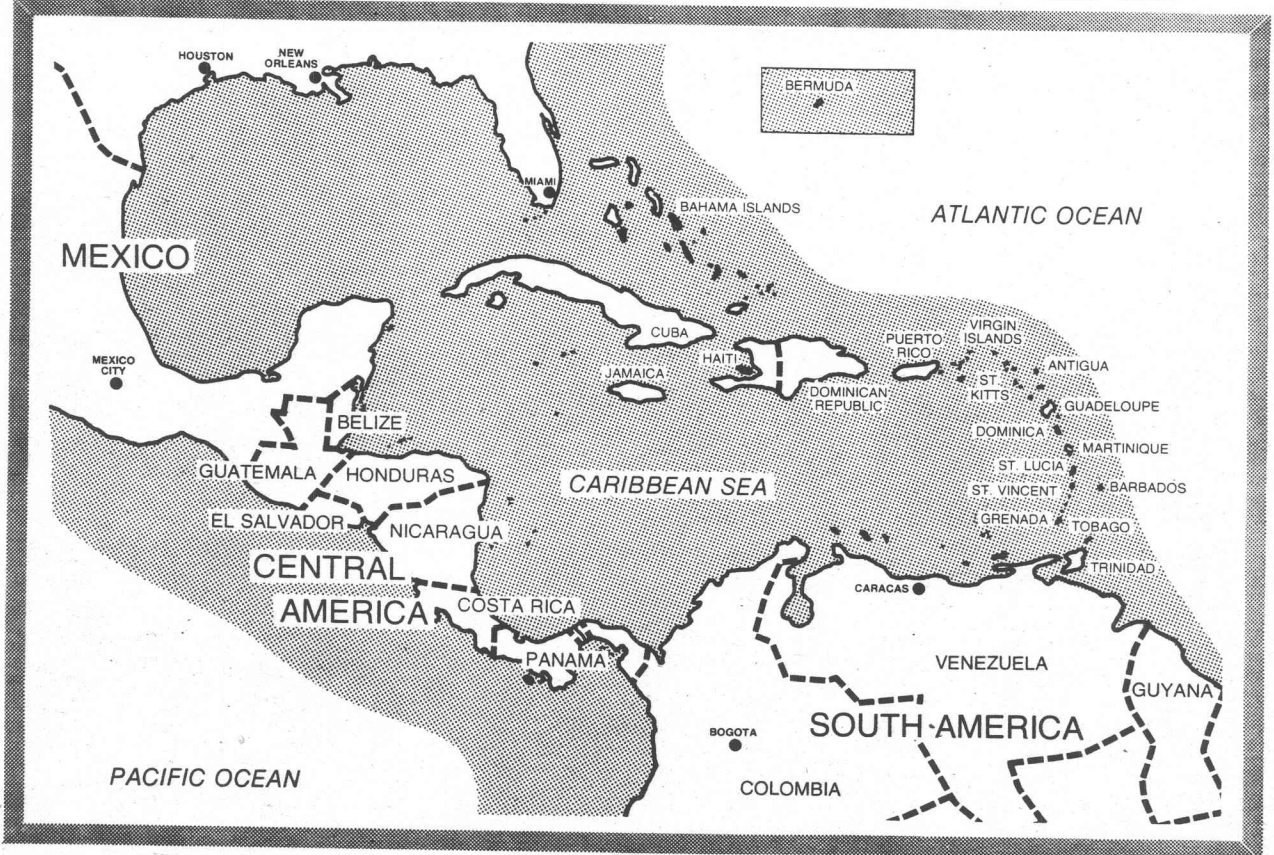
Mr. Dickinson also said he was happy to report that Pablo Gonzalez had just received his visa for Colombia. This will enable Mr. Gonzalez to transfer to Bogota, Colombia, and establish a church.

Mr. Dickinson said Mr. Gonzalez and his family will relocate in Colombia probably this coming summer, and will also minister to outlying Bible studies in Cali, Barranquilla and Medellin, Colombia.

Mr. Gonzalez presently flies from San Juan every third week to Colombia to conduct services in Spanish. There are 62 members there, plus more than 100 prospective members. Mr. Gonzalez conducts a series of Bible studies in Venezuela monthly for 22 members and 30 prospective members. The Feast this year in Bogota, attended by 115 people, was coordinated by Mr. Gonzalez.

Other Latin American churches are in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, pastored by Luis Chavez; Santiago, Chile, pastored by Filidor Illesca; and San Salvador, El Salvador, pastored by Herberth Cisneros. Mr. Cisneros also holds a Bible study in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Mr. Dickinson mentioned that the Church is working for registration in Argentina and has just filed for registration in Venezuela.



Members, youths honored

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Byron Norrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norrod, members here, was awarded the rank of Eagle by the Boy Scouts of America Nov. 21.

The rank is the highest attainable for an active boy scout, with only 1 percent of the boys who start the scouting program reaching this level.

Before the Eagle-rank presentation at the court of honor of Troop 455, other troop members received a variety of awards and increases in rank. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bogard were also cited and received an award for their generous support of

the troop fund.

Robert Lee, the featured speaker and a fellow scouter, addressed the parents and friends of the boys, encouraging them to continue supporting scouting.

WOODBRIIDGE, N.J. — The YOU chapter here sent Joan Flynt, captain, and Drena Brown, cocaptain, of the cheerleading squad to the Pocono Sports Summer Camp, sponsored by the National Cheerleaders' Association, for a week.

The girls returned with ribbons honoring them for being in the cheer-

leading group that was named most spirited, most outstanding, excellent, most dedicated and most organized and the superstar squad.

BLUFFTON, Ohio — Beth Ann Shelly has been selected for membership in the American Musical Ambassadors (AMA) Band, a select group composed of outstanding high-school and university students from all over the United States. The band will tour several European countries next July 4 to Aug. 3.

Beth Ann, daughter of Dr. and



BETH ANN SHELLY

Mrs. Howard M. Shelly of Bluffton, is a member of bands at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, and Bluffton College.

The tour group will visit Paris, Lucerne, Lugano, Milan, Venice,

Innsbruck, Salzburg, Gouda, Amsterdam and London. The tour will include concerts in the halls and parks of Europe. Students will visit many sites of musical and historic importance as well as tourist attractions.

The tour is to foster cultural and personal relationships between students of America and the people of Europe. In past years students of the AMA tours, through their high standard of musical excellence and equally high standards of behavior, have served as fine representatives of American youth and ambassadors of goodwill through their music for audiences throughout Europe.

Beth Ann is a member of the Findlay, Ohio, church and YOU.



MAJOR IS MISSING

PART 2

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Major left the alfalfa field and began his efforts to find his way back to Grandpa's farm. He followed the strange graveled roads until very late that night. Finally he curled against a hard tree stump and slept a little.

When morning streaked the sky he heard a farmer dumping grain in a feeding trough for cattle. Careful to avoid being seen, he trotted along a ditch until he had passed the farmyard.

For three days he wandered the countryside, pausing to drink water that had collected in low places in the ditches. He smelled nothing that reminded him of Grandpa's farm.

When he stopped one evening at a gate that enclosed a yard before a white farmhouse, the smell of hamburgers broiling drifted to his nose and he licked his lips.

A tall girl with long blond hair came around the house and walked out to the front gate. She was eating a hamburger. Seeing Major, she exclaimed, "Hello, doggy!"

Major stood perfectly still, eyeing the food. Desperately tired and terribly hungry, he waited.

Hamburger helps

"Where'd you come from?" She leaned on the gate and looked down. Major wagged his tail.

She opened the gate. "Wanna come in?"

Major did not move.

Stepping out, she broke off a piece of meat and, bending, offered it to him.

Major sniffed and then licked it and swallowed it down.

"Oh! You're starving! Poor little doggy." Leaning down, she laid the rest of the meat at his feet.

Major ate it in two happy gulps.

"Would you like some more to eat, poor little doggy?" Kneeling, she stroked his head.

Major wagged his tail.

"Come on."

He followed her inside. Click! went the yard gate, but Major was too desperate to care now. It felt so good to be loved again. He followed her around the house to the back door.

She went inside and brought out a dish of cold leftover stew and set it down.

As Major began to eat, the girl's mother came out.

"Your father says you can't keep the dog, Joyce. Uncle Wayne promised you one of his collie pups in the spring."

Joyce knelt beside Major and stroked his back. "I don't want to wait until spring. I want this dog now. Please, Mama!"

Turtle's name

"He has a collar. He belongs to someone."

"The collar hasn't any tags on it. He's lost and hungry. I want to keep him. He's a beautiful beagle. I'm going to call him Sonny after my turtle that died. Oh, I love Sonny so much."

Major winced and stopped licking the dish. Sonny? His name changed to Sonny? Oh, Jimmy, where are you? I want my name back!

But Joyce brought out a hairbrush and gently began to work the sandburs out of his coat. She rubbed his chest and tickled his tummy and he smiled and licked her hand.

That evening Joyce prepared a box on the back porch for Major's bed. She cushioned it with her old red coat, and he spent a comfortable night for the first time in days.

Joyce was careful to see that the gate was always closed, and when she took Major for a romp down the lane she always tied a rope to his collar.

Major watched for a chance to escape. Joyce treated him wonderfully well, but he could not forget Jimmy. Where are you, Jim? Where am I?

"What's wrong, Sonny?" Joyce asked one day when she tried to walk down the lane with Major and he sat down and would not walk. "I love you so much." She hugged him. "Don't you love me?"

Major licked her chin. Of course I love you. You're so kind and good, but I loved Jim first. He's my master.

"You're so wonderful, Sonny." She started to jog then, and he raced along beside her, trying to forget his loneliness.

Major has a plan

That evening Major studied the latch on the backyard gate. He was sure he could work it with his nose if he tried.

The folks were eating supper inside. Padding out to the gate, he stretched up on his hind legs and pushed his nose against the cold latch. Click! The gate swung open.

Galloping across the barnyard, he slipped under a board fence and streaked like a fox for the timber beyond. Joyce would be sad to find him gone, but she could get a collie pup. Jim needed him most.

Oh, Jim, where are you?

Stopping in the dark between two mighty elms, Major lifted his nose to the wind. How could he find Jim and Grandpa? Love. Love would find the way. Major put down his head and began to trot. Love would guide him back to Grandpa's farm.

Like our Major

Three days later a scraggly, dirt-caked beagle stumbled into a farm drive, sniffed at the delicious smell of Grandpa's car parked near the garage and started up the sidewalk to the back porch.

Grandma came out of the door, dressed to go to town.

"Why, hello there, dog. You look something like our Major. You are Major! Major!" Dropping her purse in the grass, she knelt and hugged him to her heart. "Where have you been? Oh, Major, how did you get so scroungy looking?"

He licked the powdered cheeks.

"Come into the kitchen. I'll fix you something to eat. Our prayers have been answered."

Trotting beside her, Major smiled as he sniffed the familiar kitchen. He lapped up half a bowl of water before pitching into the chicken and noodles she set down for him.

"Wait until Grandpa sees you! And Jimmy! He had to go home without you, heartbroken as he was. We thought you were drowned, but Jimmy wouldn't believe it. I've got to phone Grandpa!"

Rushing to the telephone, she dialed a number. "Hello, Gladys, this is Jenny. Will you give Grandpa a message for me? I know he's helping Rollie build a shed for his sheep, but this is important. Major's just now walked into the driveway. I don't know where he's been. All his tags are gone. But a strange thing's happened: There's a pink ribbon tied to his collar. . . . Yes, pink. . . . Will you give Grandpa the message? . . . Thanks, dearie."

Long distance for Jim

Hanging up, she began dialing a long-distance number. "Hello, Susie? This is Grandma. I know you're surprised to hear from me, but I want to talk to Jim first. . . . I don't care if he is taking a bath, you put him on the line. Someone has something he wants to say to him and it can't wait. . . . I'll hold on."

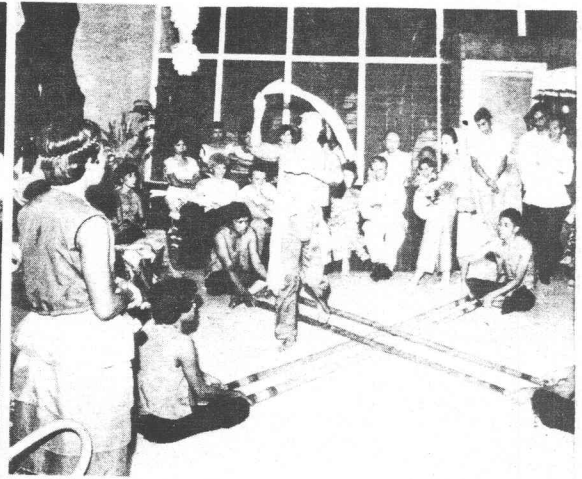
There was a rather long pause. "Jimmy, this is Grandma. Listen to this." Laying the receiver on a chair, Grandma pulled Major near it and whispered, "Speak into the receiver, Major. Speak."

"Woof!"

Grandma picked up the receiver. "Hear, that Jimmy? . . . I don't know where he's been but he's back safe and sound. He just came into the driveway a minute ago. We'll bring him to you this weekend. No, I'm not joking, it's really Major."

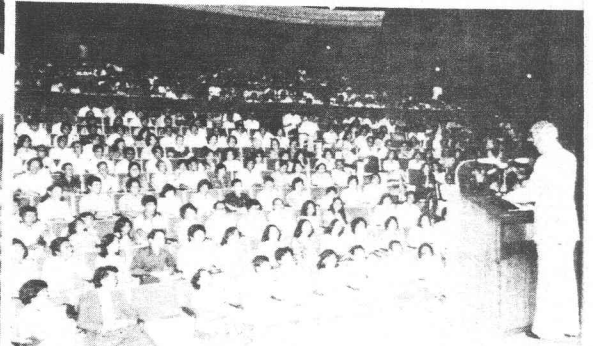
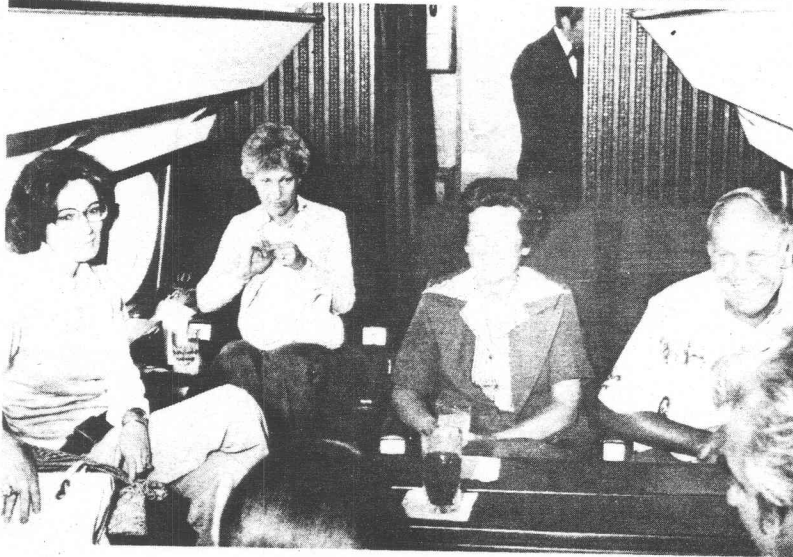
She lowered the receiver.

"You'll have to say hello to Jimmy again, Major. He can't believe that it's you."



GTA IN THE PHILIPPINES

PHILIPPINES VIA AUSTRALIA — Clockwise from lower left: With Mr. Armstrong, just before his trip to the Philippines, are Mrs. Les McCullough (International Division director), Mrs. Jim Thornhill (wife of the assistant to Mrs. Dean Wilson (wife of the Australian regional director) and Mr. Wilson inside the Gulfstream II jet); watching entertainment presented by the brethren the Thornhills (left), the McCulloughs (Mr. McCullough is behind his wife) and the Armstrongs (right); watching entertainment presented by the brethren the native Filipino dance; Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Thornhill get into the act (two pictures); the Philippine brethren perform (two pictures); Mr. Armstrong speaks in M...



Letters TO THE EDITOR

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so what if they are a bit repressive, and itching to get some atomic weapons of their own?)

A similar contradiction can be seen in his extolling the moral discipline of communistic (or gentile, if you prefer) nations — no pornography, clean streets, safe to walk the cities at night, disciplined to accomplish a great purpose, etc. — and then bemoaning the fact that such a system is making great inroads in the world of geopolitics.

Some of Mr. Hogberg's reporting is so obviously jingoistic that it appears to be a needless display of bad manners to non-Israelitish peoples. People to whom we have an obligation to be a light and example.

This is particularly unfortunate, since Mr. Hogberg has displayed many times in the past a fine capacity for objective and balanced reporting.

Tim McCaulley
Atlanta, Ga.

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Journalism tips

When I was appointed historian for my YOU chapter, I read an article in one of the old issues of *The Worldwide News* to learn how to write articles for "Wrap-Up." This article, entitled "Tips on Preparing Articles for the WN," appeared on page 15 of the Dec. 22, 1975, issue. Vol.

III, No. 25. It was a great help to me, and I believe that others who write such articles would benefit if the article, or part of it, reappeared in *The Worldwide News*.

Diane Miller
Grand Rapids, Mich.

There are no immediate plans for reprinting the article in the WN, but the staff does have on hand some copies of basically the same article in a reprinted, 8½-by-11-inch format that anyone may have for the asking. To obtain a copy, write The Worldwide News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A., and request the "journalism short course."

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Special event

It is good to be able to honour and acknowledge the efforts of people, particularly young people. The "Youths Receive Honours" column serves this useful function well.

But, when real achievement receives the same notice as what seems to be no more than an "ego trip," the genuine achievement is downgraded. An example is the German decoration the "Iron Cross," which were given away a dime a dozen. I have enclosed a clipping from *Worldwide News*... which falls into the "ego-trip" category.

Please show more discrimination in preparing copy for "Youths Receive Honours" and give honour to achievement which has resulted from real effort and so make publication a special event.

K. Penman
Marton, New Zealand

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel Lee Armstrong

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provide such a tremendous and enjoyable visit for us, not only in the services by hundreds of those who gave their warm greetings and extended their hands, but by those who participated in the dinner and entertainment as well!

Visited my father again

Following a brief stopover in the Hawaiian Islands, I immediately went back to Tucson to visit my father for a few hours, taking with me Mr. Ronald Dart. My wife, somewhat tired from the trip and feeling a little bit under the weather, decided to wait until the next visit before going again.

Mr. Dart and I and Capt. Ed Black, pilot of the Grumman Gulfstream II, talked with my father for a couple of hours, and we took our leave in order not to unduly tire him.

Once again I can report that he seems to be steadily holding his own, and we are encouraging him to increase his brief walks about the house to gradually build his strength. I mentioned in the pulpit the following Sabbath at Pasadena that I would be amenable to the idea that some of our leading ministers or other longtime

members of the Church who know Mr. Armstrong personally could from time to time call on him at his home in Tucson, because I felt he was certainly well enough to receive visitors.

However, I have had to caution any who do go that it is far better to stay only for a brief time, for I find that even if my father assays to talk, nonstop, for as much as 30 minutes, the effort can be tiring enough to him that his blood pressure could rise, and perhaps dizziness when he stands and begins to walk following such a session could result.

Father coming to Pasadena

My father is planning to come to Pasadena for a board meeting of the trustees of the Church just before the conference, and of course he expects to come out onto the stage and take at least a portion of the first general plenary session.

I am sure that, since he is able to be driven around in the car from time to time in Tucson and to take brief walks in the house, that he could very easily be taken aboard the Grumman and brought to Pasadena.

As I have expressed, altitude or pressurization is no problem, since he lives in an altitude of about 3,000-foot elevation anyway, and by flying at about 24,000 feet or so the Grumman is fully capable of providing sea-level pressure. Of course a

nurse with an oxygen bottle could go along, so I have no qualms whatever about Mr. Armstrong being able to come back to Pasadena for a brief visit any time he chooses.

Excitement over conference

Plans are excitedly under way and an increasing aura of expectancy is obvious all about the Pasadena campus, with announcements being made about providing additional housing for the hundreds of ministerial families coming into headquarters for the coming conference!

I'm sure by now many of our men from far-flung overseas areas are en route, and we're hoping that many families will arrive in time to enjoy some of the year's-end activities in Pasadena, not the least of which is the annual colorful Rose Parade (seen, I'm sure, by most of you on television; be sure to look for shots that might include the Ambassador College campus!) and of course the Rose Bowl game.

The conference will begin two days after the Rose Parade, delayed one day because of Jan. 1 falling on a Sunday. (Isn't it ridiculous? For at least three of the years that we have lived in Pasadena, the Rose Parade has fallen on the Sabbath, and they never delay it for that reason!)

I am currently speaking to you from our hotel in Kansas City, having just returned here after having spoken to more than 2,300 people



PINES

With Mr. Armstrong on his left is Mrs. McCullough (wife of the assistant to Mr. Armstrong), Mrs. Wilson (all shown here are the brethren in Manila are shown with their wives) and the Armstrongs (the brethren present a picture of two pictures); other of the brethren in Manila.



representing churches from this mid-section of the United States.

We are looking forward to a church social this evening with music and dancing, and expect to visit with some of the brethren.

Tomorrow I hope to stop over in Tucson once again and spend another hour or two with my father before returning on to Pasadena for a full week's schedule.

Engaging new agency

I am in the process of engaging the services of Ed Libov Associates of California, Inc., the largest radio-and-television-time-buying firm in the United States, to handle the accounts for the Worldwide Church of God for our electronic media.

I have felt for some time that, though Worldwide Advertising has done a professional job in every aspect, our account is so large that it may need the services of a much larger firm that could assign a larger number of professionally qualified individuals to our own account than is currently possible.

I have asked our business manager, Mr. Ray Wright, to work out contractual negotiations with Ed Libov Associates, and of course, in the interests of professional ethics and consideration for the services (in many cases above and beyond the call of duty) provided by Worldwide over the years, we would insure that a

90-day period would ensue, during which all current contracts, having been placed by Worldwide Advertising, would continue to be honored, and that Ed Libov Associates would not enter into negotiations concerning any currently outstanding contracts but would begin, forthwith, investigating various other markets and putting together packages of proposed media selections for my personal in the near future.

As I said in an announcement here in Kansas City, I have been thinking for some time about the possibility of getting back on the air with a live daily radio program. But I only wish to do so if I can finally fulfill what has been virtually a more than 20-year dream, that of putting together a small network (though there is no reason to assume it must always remain small) of stations via private telephone lines. This would mean I could do the program in our own studios adjacent to my office and know that I had a potential listenership up into the many hundreds of thousands or even a few millions, rather than talking into a tape recorder and feeling that the programs I am doing would not be heard by the general public until at least a week or even from two to six weeks later!

I will keep you informed of these negotiations.

Gene Kelly show

My wife and I were able to take our

three sons and be present for the Gene Kelly special in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 15. It was particularly gratifying to be able to see, right up close in person, such famous stars as Frank Sinatra and Lucille Ball, as well as Gene Kelly, and later to chat with some of them in person in the reception which followed.

Activities of this type are those which have taken some of the time of Mr. Henry Cornwall, who was instrumental in arranging the production of *Bing!* in the Auditorium, last March, and of course he was particularly instrumental in winning for me the invitation to appear before the National Association of Broadcasters convention on the same dais as Paul Harvey and to give the invocation before thousands of radio-station owners and managers.

Mr. Cornwall, though no longer functioning as the head of Worldwide Advertising (our agency), will continue, I am sure, to be particularly active in this field on behalf of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

The foundation, with its series of cultural events and especially the star-studded, glittering occasions for national television specials such as *Bing!* and the Gene Kelly special, bring to the campus the very finest possible awareness and right kind of publicity. And of course there is no

other setting that we know of as truly breathtaking and inspiring as the nighttime scenes capable of being captured on videotape or film in front of the Auditorium with its egret sculpture and fountain and the stately buildings set off in the jewel-like reflecting pool.

On the humorous side, when Frank Sinatra came out on the stage with Gene Kelly and there was a brief interruption (off camera, which will not be shown on the television special), Frank said, "Here we are in that mecca of show business: Pasadena!"

He then commented on what a beautiful "room" (it's the first time I ever heard the Auditorium called a "room") it was and jokingly said it was about the same size as his study in his home out in Palm Springs!

YOU international conference

I am looking forward to going to Big Sandy for the international YOU conference, later this month, and being present to address our young people who will be gathering there from congregations all over the world.

It will be a special thrill to see young people from New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines (when I was in Manila, seeing such a large body of people, and learning that only one youngster could come to represent them, I decided on the spot that such a large number of young people should be represented by at

least two and gave instructions to include one more!).

The first international YOU conference was a tremendous success, and this one will be much larger, featuring important guests and special speakers and a full schedule which I have already gone over and I'm very much looking forward to participating in.

That's about it for now. Next time I will probably have some exciting news about the ministerial conference for you; I would especially urge all of you brethren to go to your knees in prayer, realizing that the coming meetings in Pasadena will feature the collection together in one room of the broad majority of all of the called and chosen ministry of Jesus Christ on earth today!

As never before, we need an outpouring of His Holy Spirit, direct guidance from our older Brother in heaven, Jesus Christ, and a renewal of our deepest dedication to Him and to His cause and the great commission He has given His Church to perform.

Pray for my father, and for me, and for all of Christ's ministry in these weeks ahead, that deliberations, instructions, encouragement and/or decisions which will be given will be right ones and those that Christ Himself would have us make.

With much love . . .
Your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Local church news wrap-up

Square-dance season begins

ANNISTON, Ala. — The Anniston and Gadsden churches began their square-dance season for the winter Nov. 5.

A potluck supper was served before the dancing began. A talent show featured Ted Butler of Gadsden singing "I Don't Know the Name of That Song" and Paula Vinson and Frank Ashley of Birmingham singing and playing "Let Me Be There," "What's That Flower You Have On" and "Wyoming."

Then followed some lively stomping around, as the caller called the sets and pastor Bill Winner played his mandolin. *Tiny Johnson.*

Lights dimmed

APPLETON, Wis. — Teens here assembled Nov. 5 at the local girl-scout center, a facility used by the YOU chapter for its monthly meetings.

A sergeant of the Appleton police force was guest speaker, speaking on how the community is dealing with vandalism, alcoholism and drug abuse. A question-and-answer session followed.

Teen committees, appointed by YOU President Pam Watters, were given responsibilities of organizing meetings and activities. Recreation, refreshment and cleanup committees were appointed.

Later, lights were dimmed, the music began and 47 teens danced to records and tapes provided by YOU members. *Shari Skinner.*

25th and 27th anniversaries

BANNING, Calif. — The inviting front portal, under the imposing sign "The Laird of Rob-housie," swung open and the synchronized shout of "Surprise!" by 75 excited voices evoked expressions of incredulity on the radiant countenances of Wally and Jan Fagerstedt Nov. 20.

The occasion was to commemorate the anniversary of 25 years of married life by Mr. and Mrs. Fagerstedt.

Mr. Fagerstedt, an independent general contractor in the construction field, and his wife have been members of the Church since 1960 and have served as deacon and deaconess for many of those years. Their two daughters are married — Brenda is the wife of Dennis Woodbury and living in Colorado and Joan is married to Jim Tuck, who is the pastor of the Florence and Huntsville, Ala., churches.

The hosts for the evening, Fred and Marie Robertson, the above mentioned laird and his lady, planned and executed the surprise evening, using the occasion of their own 27th anniversary as the ideal subterfuge. *Bob Smith.*

Shampoo, cut and curl

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Twenty-seven ladies attended Women's Club here Nov. 20 and became enlightened on basic hair care.

Wilma Hardesty advised the ladies to first shampoo their hair. Cut it for one's face type was Mary Ann Wagner's suggestion. Carol Ann Conklin showed how to set hair and comb it out.

The women learned from Lynne Ritenour's icebreaker that, despite broken bones and unbelief, she survived to become a member.

The club's evaluation was by Grover Petty, who also stressed the importance of each woman's example of appearance, discussing 1 Corinthians 11. *Peggy Henry.*

'The Beard'

BIRMINGHAM, England — More than 100 members here enjoyed a pleasant evening's social activities Nov. 5, joined by visitors from the nearby Nottingham, Northampton and Gloucester churches.

Following the most important part of the evening — sandwiches, cakes and coffee — entertainment commenced with cards, board games and dancing to suit all tastes.



ALL-STAR TEAM — Named to the all-star team at the Boise district volleyball tournament were, front row, from left: Cheryl Ray, Renee Martin, Pasco; Robin Dellasandro, Boise. Back row: Lisa Davidson, Billings, Mont., and Sheridan, Wyo.; Tony Duprey, Connie Payton, Spokane. (See "District 81 Volleyball Tournament," this page.)

A general-knowledge and nature quiz produced some interest, as did a fancy-hat competition in which pastor Arthur Suckling courageously (and unsuccessfully) took part. Humor for the evening was provided by Barry Griffiths, who delivered a monologue, written by himself, entitled "The Beard."

Refreshments included a selection of budget wines and items from a YOU bake sale. *John A. McNab.*

District 81 volleyball tournament

BOISE, Idaho — The YOU girls' volleyball tournament for District 81 was held Nov. 13, the day after Garner Ted Armstrong's speaking appearance and conducting of a church social here.

The competing teams were from the Missoula, Great Falls, Kalispell and Billings, Mont.; Sheridan, Wyo.; Pasco, Yakima and Spokane, Wash.; and Boise churches.

The winning teams were Pasco, first place; Missoula-Great Falls-Kalispell, second; and Spokane, third. The winners advance to the regional YOU tournament in Tacoma, Wash.

Present at the tournament site were Jim Thornhill, national YOU director; Ron Dick, associate national YOU director; and Jim Haeefe, YOU Northwest regional director. The YOU participants presented Mr. Thornhill a gift for his outstanding musical performance at the dance the previous night.

The most valuable player for the tournament was Cheryl Ray of Pasco. Named to the all-star team were Cheryl Ray and Renee Martin of Pasco; Lisa Davidson of Billings-Sheridan; Connie Payton and Toni Duprey of Spokane; and Robin Dellasandro of Boise. *Jeff McGowan.*

25 years

BRAINERD, Minn. — The Women's Group here met Nov. 2 at the home of Mrs. Frank Muehlbauer of Royalton. Under the direction of Kathy Eckberg, the women learned how to do macramé. A luncheon was served by the hostess. The December meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Lee Morris, whose subject will be preparing foods with a Vit-a-mix.

What started out as a YOU meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Schnoor of Pine River turned into a surprise 25th-anniversary party when Mr. and Mrs. Don Holmes came with a decorated anniversary cake. Only then did Mr. and Mrs. Schnoor realize it was a surprise party for them. The

occurred, the evening proved to be a big success. *Jim Garner.*

Area coordinator visits

CALGARY, Alta. — Charles Bryce, area coordinator from Regina, Sask., traveled to Calgary the weekend of Nov. 19 to speak to combined North and South congregations. After recounting some of his experiences at the Feast of Tabernacles in South Africa, Mr. Bryce gave a short sermon on faith.

The combined service was held in the late afternoon and was followed by a potluck meal and a movie social sponsored by the South church. *Emily Lukacik.*

New year for YOU

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The YOU club here met Nov. 12. New officers were appointed: Tim McColm, president; Jeff Dowd, vice president; and Mary Ann Kirby, secretary.

During the meeting, the bylaws of the YOU, the specific jobs of the officers and money-making projects were discussed.

Following the meeting was a pizza party with music, games and dancing. *Delores Coltenback.*

Teen dance

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. — The YOU teens here had a dance Nov. 5 at the American Legion hall in Clarksburg. Free refreshments were served.

Teens from Pittsburgh and Belle Vernon, Pa.; Akron, Ohio; Wheeling and Parkersburg, W. Va.; Hagerstown, Md.; and Washington, D.C., were invited. The theme of the dance was Fall Festival.

John Harrison was the disc jockey. The dance was mainly organized by Gary Morgan, YOU coordinator; Janet Richards, president; Beth Teter, treasurer; and Lucretia Farley, secretary. *Lucretia Farley.*

Senior citizens honored

DALLAS, Tex. — The Dallas A.M. and P.M. churches combined Nov. 19 for a special Sabbath to honor its elders — that is, its senior citizens. Pastor Ray Wooten reminded the brethren of the proper treatment of these elders, not only with regard to the advice they can give, but also concerning respectful ways to advise them should the need arise.

For members under 60, the focus on age and the respect due it reminded them that their actions and mental outlook now can, to a degree, set the stage for their happiness in later years.

After services, everyone proceeded to the dining room for a covered-dish meal. Each family brought enough food for its own members plus some to share with a senior citizen or two. Older members didn't have to bring anything, although a widow or two did



25 YEARS — Mr. and Mrs. Wally Fagerstedt were honored with a surprise anniversary celebration. (See "25th and 27th Anniversaries," this page.) [Photo by Jim Russell]

smuggle in a work of confectionary art.

YOU members, supervised by the deacons and deaconesses, served the plates and took orders for seconds, eliminating the need to stand in lines and wait.

The day was a reminder to everyone that age is worthy of honor and that white or gray hair is not a calamity but a well-earned crown. *Ronata Gray.*

'Boogie Nights'

DES MOINES, Iowa — The YOU chapter here held a dinner and dance in Ankeny, Iowa, Nov. 19. The theme was "Boogie Nights," with Bill Woods of Davenport, Iowa, as disc jockey. The dance concluded at 10:30 p.m. so the volleyball players could rest up for the next day.

Breakfast was served at 9:30 in the Ankeny Community Center for the volleyball players and spectators. Then the referee, Maury Hansen, gave a presentation and showed films on girls' volleyball.

The tournament was at North High School in Des Moines with four teams competing: Kansas City (Mo.); East Minneapolis (Minn.); North; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Springfield, Mo.

In the first match, Kansas City won over Minneapolis. In the second, Sioux Falls won over Springfield. After the two matches, the Des Moines Dance-N-Drill Company gave its first performance. Then the consolation game was held, with Minneapolis winning over Springfield, giving the Minneapolis team third place.

In the championship match, Kansas City won the first game over Sioux Falls 15-11. But Sioux Falls came back to win the second and third games, 15-4 and 15-12, giving them the championship.

The members of the Sioux Falls team are Edith Gloe, Patty Churchill, Dianna Gloe, Noreen VanderPoel, Dianna Churchill, Beth McCord, Melanie VanderPoel, Kim Reynolds and Kathy Nusz.

The most valuable player was Edith Gloe. The sportsmanship award was given to Kansas City East. The all-star team was comprised of Janet Johnson and Debbie Rickette of Kansas City East, Brenda McIver of Minneapolis North, and Dianna Gloe, Kathy Nusz and Edith Gloe of Sioux Falls. *Harold Coleman.*

A spike and strike weekend

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The YOU girls' volleyball squad showed spunk out on the courts and defeated the Cape Girardeau, Mo., team at district competition Nov. 12. The Evansville team won two matches out of three, coming away with the first-place trophy and a blue ribbon for each member on the team. The girls advanced to the regional competition Nov. 20.

Team members, along with the coach and a few loyal supporters, celebrated by stopping at a fast-food restaurant before returning to Enfield, Ill., to spend the night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Glover.

After catching a few quick winks, all traveled to Carmi, where they ate breakfast at a coffee shop. Then the group made its way to Grayville, Ill.

(See WRAP-UP, page 9)



SIoux FALL CHAMPS — Sioux Falls volleyball players came from behind to win their district tournament. They are, front row, from left: Beth McCord, Melanie VanderPoel, Kim Reynolds and Kathy Nusz. Back row: Edith Gloe, Patty Churchill, Diana Gloe, Noreen VanderPoel, Diana Churchill and Terry Knutson, coach. (See "Boogie Nights," this page.) [Photo by Eric Anderson]

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — An Auckland Church member, Gary Dixon, has been appointed YOU coordinator for New Zealand, announced Bob Morton, regional director of the Work in this country.

Mr. Dixon's appointment, which means the beginning of Youth Opportunities United, the Church's organization for young people, in this area, came after discussions Mr. Morton had with YOU's international director, Jim Thornhill, when he was here recently.

Mr. Dixon and his wife, Wendy, will go to the YOU conference in Big Sandy, Tex., later this month, then attend the ministerial conference in Pasadena in January.

In a letter to New Zealand teenagers, Mr. Dixon said YOU will get under way in this country soon with the opening of several chapters and the appointment of local coordinators.

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PASADENA — The Pastoral Administration Division has announced the names of three men recently ordained local elders.

They are Robert A. Borton of Churubusco, Ind.; Clifford A. Redanz of Youngstown, Ohio; and Charles E. Whetson, also of Youngstown.

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PASADENA — All seven Holy Day offerings given by U.S. Church members in 1977 showed increases over 1976, reported business manager Ray Wright Nov. 28.

"As last reported, Atonement was negative as compared to last year," Mr. Wright said. "However, we are happy to report that now has swung to a positive 8.5 percent. The Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day percentages have increased as well."

Figures previously reported by Mr. Wright were "preliminary," he said, "in that, even though the offerings were banked, the total data had not been entered into the computer for a final report. And, of course, a

Members get taste of AC

By Kathy Treybig

HOUSTON, Tex. — Church members in this area are getting a taste of Ambassador College in a class taught by a former AC faculty member.

Leroy Neff, pastor of the Houston North congregation and the area's senior pastor, is teaching a class in biblical prophecy for interested members of the Houston churches.

The minister previously taught the class on the now-closed campus in Big Sandy, Tex., where he was on the faculty for many years.

The class here began Oct. 12 with 120 students and meets every Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9:30. Mr. Neff says he teaches the course much as he did in Big Sandy, except that there are no tests and students earn no college credits.

The course emphasizes the keys to understanding prophecy and the books of Daniel and Revelation.

number of offerings are always received after the Holy Days from brethren who for one reason or another are not able to attend."

The percentage of increase over 1976 for each Holy Day is as follows:

Unleavened Bread, first day, 10.6 percent; Unleavened Bread, last day, 8.1 percent; Pentecost 22.3 percent; Trumpets 5.3 percent; Atonement 8.5 percent; Feast of Tabernacles 10.8 percent; last Great Day 7.4 percent.

The total increase over the 1976 offerings was 10.4 percent.

Mr. Wright said the Work's overall income for the United States

Evangelist marries

PASADENA — Roderick C. Meredith, an evangelist in God's Church since 1952, married a member of the Bakersfield, Calif., church in a ceremony in Bakersfield Nov. 20.

Dr. Meredith, 47, a senior editor of *The Plain Truth* and a member of Ambassador College's theology faculty, wed Shyrel Ann Hensley in a ceremony conducted by Bakersfield pastor Dan Orban and attended by about 300 people: members of the bride's home church and other California congregations.

Dr. Meredith, who is also pastor of the Los Angeles church and serves it and five other L.A.-area congregations as senior pastor, met the former Mrs. Hensley on a visit to Bakersfield to speak to members there last spring.

"She came up to thank me for the sermon, and we started talking," Dr. Meredith said. "And a few weeks later I started dating her."

The former widower and widow treated their guests to Tahitian entertainment at their wedding reception, the bridegroom said.

The ceremony and "unusual" reception, as Dr. Meredith referred to it, were in Bakersfield's Casa Royale Inn. The reception began with another evangelist, Dibar Apartian, the voice of *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast in the French language, toasting the newlyweds and reading con-

gratulatory telegrams from overseas areas of the Work.

Next came a show put on by members of a group of Tahitian dancers, some of whom are Church members and all of whom are directed by Church member Leilani Sexton.

"A few of these [dancers] are or have been professionals," Dr. Meredith said. "A flaming-sword dance and other unusual entertainments were part of the presentation."

NBC will tape Dec. 29 and 30, on the college campus, the Ambassador Choral, Madrigal Singers, Chamber Orchestra and Dance Theater for showing the day of the parade. Pasadena's annual Tournament of Roses Parade itself will begin at 8 a.m. Pacific time.

Mr. Howard heads the chorale and Madrigal Singers; Dr. Gerry Long directs the orchestra; Christa Long, his wife, is in charge of the dancers.

Mr. Howard said performances by other, non-Ambassador groups will also take place on the AC grounds.



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gratulatory telegrams from overseas areas of the Work.

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KENTUCKY PERFORMANCE — West German pianist Gerhard Oppitz, right, stands with Rowlen Tucker, senior pastor in Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Tucker at a reception after an AICF concert in the Lexington Opera House. [Photo by Les Booth]

AICF concerts result in community involvement

NEW YORK — Two recent AICF concerts given by West German pianist Gerhard Oppitz at the Lexington Opera House in Lexington, Ky., and the Lincoln Center in New York City illustrate the involvement of Church members with the activities of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

Mr. Oppitz, the 1977 first-prize winner of the Arthur Rubinstein Piano Master Competition in Tel Aviv, Israel, gave performances in Lexington Nov. 29 and New York City Dec. 3. Many Church members were involved with the myriad of activities necessary to produce the concerts.

In a letter to Garner Ted Armstrong printed in *Pastor's Report* (a publication for ministers), Elbert Atlas, coordinator for the Northeast Area, noted that the concerts impressed the surrounding community. "When we first started working with the people in the local community here, there was doubt and skepticism," he said.

'Something to give'

The brethren, working with area citizens on the concerts, help to give people a better understanding of the Worldwide Church of God.

"To me," Mr. Atlas said, "activities of this type are an additional way of saying we have something to give." He said that "community activities of this type can provide tangible, easy-to-understand backup to

the verbal and printed preaching of the Gospel. When we give, people understand we are for real. They see a group of people who really believe and are trying to earnestly practice what they are preaching."

Many talents are found in the churches as a result of the concerts.

Brethren with managerial skills, public-relations talents, caterers and commercial artists are needed and usually found within the congregations that sponsor the concerts.

Outgoing and dedicated

Dan Spencer, manager of the Human Potential Center of the AICF in Pasadena, says the concerts show that the AICF is a humanitarian, giving and outgoing group of Church members who are dedicated to helping their fellowman.

Such concerts, Mr. Spencer says, give "Church members an opportunity to serve and to work with top community personalities. It is very impressive to these people to see, face to face, the deep, sincere attitudes of our Church members, to see God's way of life in action."

Members escape fire

By Doug Johannsen

WHITECLAY, Neb. — Fire destroyed a building here Dec. 4 that contained the home and a business belonging to Church members. The owners, Don and Lilly Norman of the Rapid City, S.D., church, escaped the burning structure with virtually nothing more than the clothes on their backs.

The wooden building, the site of a liquor store called the Jumpin' Eagle's Inn that the Normans leased to the operator of the store, burned shortly after Mr. Norman overheard women's voices outside the building, with one saying, "Hurry, the car's coming."

Moments later Mr. Norman smelled gasoline. Then a car drove up, someone apparently ignited the gasoline, and the car quickly left the scene.

Mr. Norman's attempts to extinguish the fire failed, and the building, with the Normans' business property and personal effects, was lost, as were their pet dog and cat.

Mr. Norman had applied for fire insurance a month before the fire, he said, but he had not received confirmation that a policy was in effect.



I LOVE LUCY — Television and movie actress Lucille Ball takes part in the Gene Kelly special taped in the Ambassador Auditorium Dec. 15. Other stars, such as Frank Sinatra, Cyd Charisse, Janet Leigh and Cindy Williams, participated in the performance, which benefitted the AICF and Waif, Inc. (See article, page 1.) [Photo by Ken Evans]