

Festival applications rolling in

BIG SANDY — The Festival Office here is "really gearing up" to handle its annual task of processing 30,000 applications and making housing arrangements for an estimated 80,000 persons who will attend the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles.

According to Norma Davis, the office's receptionist-secretary, who has helped handle applications for six years, the applications as of May 7 were being returned here at the rate of "close to a hundred or more" per day per major U.S. Festival site.

She said applications were mailed to members April 16 to 20.

"Almost immediately we began getting them back in the mail," she said.

Now the race is on. The Festival Office staff asked the *WN* to remind readers that all applications should be returned to the office here no later than June 1 and pointed out that the sooner each member returns his application the better his chances are of receiving the requested accommodations.

The same holds true with transfer requests.

Sign Your Check

Donna Eddy, a Festival Office

FLOOD OF MAIL — Festival Office staffer Norma Davis surveys the morning's mail, a stack of Festival applications. (Photo by John Robinson)



employee five years, reminded applicants to be careful in completing their applications. She said many brethren forget to sign their checks, send too much money or not enough, and some even forget to fill out their applications. "We get a few envelopes which contain a deposit check and a blank application," she said.

(Note the box on page 8 that lists frequent errors made on applications.)

Jack McKinney, assistant Festival director and the one who supervises the Festival-housing requests, said the key in completing applications is

to make your wishes known.

"Just tell us what you want," he said. "We prefer members to be more specific in their requests and ask that they use the comments section of their applications. Some feel they need to call us on the telephone to explain their needs. During the hectic months immediately prior to the Festival we often find that a telephone call may not get the attention that a clearly indicated preference on an application will."

Mr. McKinney said it is helpful for members to indicate their feelings (See **FESTIVAL**, page 8)

A Personal Letter from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS! It's a beautiful, sunny, summery day [May 8] here in Pasadena, where yesterday saw the last day of classes for the 1975-76 year!

Though it's almost impossible to believe, summer is just around the corner, the college year has already come to a close, and I will be en route within a matter of a few days to Big Sandy for commencement exercises there, and then return to Pasadena on the following Sunday, prior to the commencement exercises here at Ambassador College, Pasadena, and prior to the beginning of our international ministerial conference.

As you all know, resulting from needed restructuring in the ministry (previously announced at some length), I had to decide to delay the ministerial conference for a short while, but plans have been proceeding for the conduct of an in-depth ministerial conference beginning on the Tuesday following commencement on Monday, May 17, at headquarters.

This year, all pastors of churches in the United States and many others from around the world are being brought to the conference, with associate and assistant pastors invited to come, as well as all local elders whether or not in the employ of the Church.

We're expecting in the neighborhood of 300 men and, of course, in those cases where it is possible and the families can afford it, their wives to be at headquarters, arriving this next Sunday and Monday morning [May 16 and 17].

Honorary Degree

Ambassador College will grant its very first honorary doctorate at commencement exercises in Big Sandy! Honored will be Edwin Earl Fowler, administrative vice president of Tyler Junior College. (Tyler Junior College is a highly regarded school about 25 miles southwest of the Big Sandy campus.)

Mr. Fowler will be presented the degree doctor of laws, *honoris causa*, during the commencement exercise.

We feel Mr. Fowler, who has been with the Tyler college for almost 30 years, is an outstanding educator and community leader, and we are

pleased to honor him in this way. Thus, even as the founder and chancellor of Ambassador College, Herbert W. Armstrong, has been granted honorary doctorates by other universities, Ambassador now grants its own first honorary doctor's degree.

More Videotaping

Today, the Sabbath, I am once again to speak at the headquarters afternoon services and videotape my sermon for future release on television and radio.

I hope all of you brethren have been able to hear some of the latest radio broadcasts I have been making, and, even though the audio quality is not what I would wish (there seems to be, depending upon the auditorium in which it was taped, a little bit too much feedback and a booming sound because of reverberation), I believe the content is very powerful and is very much a part of the new thrust in God's Work I announced some months ago in my "state-of-the-W" message.

We have completed our television programs for the current season by the use of this latest program of videotaping my sermons before a live audience, and today's sermon will form part of the first programs to be

(See **PERSONAL**, page 7)

Australia airs telecast for first time

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Australia's first Garner Ted Armstrong telecast was aired on a Sydney television station May 2.

"It was almost 20 years to the week from the date of the first *World Tomorrow* [radio] program in Australia in 1956," said John A. Halford, director of *Plain Truth* lectures at the Work's office here. "The first program of the 13-week series, 'The Laser,' was seen by an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 people in the Sydney area."

Until recently finances and technology have kept the TV program out (See **AUSTRALIA**, page 16)

Worldwide conference nears; senior pastors being selected

PASADENA — Plans for a conference of ministers from around the world to be held here May 18, 19 and 20 are nearing completion, as well as plans for a preconference meeting May 17 of all U.S. area coordinators and the newly appointed senior pastors, according to Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

Mr. Dart said the selection of "approximately 40" senior pastors is "98 percent complete," with the official list of appointments to be released early the week of May 10. The senior pastors will be notified of their selection through their area coordinators.

Mr. Dart said "a lot of hard work" went into the selection process and suggestions were sought from as many people as possible. "We are trying to get the best possible use of manpower," he said, adding that Garner Ted Armstrong has been "heavily involved" in all selections. "It has been a real plus to have Mr. Armstrong so deeply involved. He has been able to go over every appointment personally."

A preliminary conference and related activity schedule printed in the May 4 *Bulletin* included scheduling of the following activities:

• Monday, May 17: A morning meeting of area coordinators followed by a meeting of the coordinators and senior pastors; Ambassador College, Pasadena, commencement that afternoon and a dinner that evening for area coordinators.

• Tuesday, May 18: General

morning session for all ministers attending to be conducted by Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley Rader, followed by an afternoon general session with Garner Ted Armstrong; also in the afternoon session a "doctrinal-overview" session to be conducted by Garner Ted Arm-

strong, Ronald Dart and Robert Kuhn.

• Wednesday, May 19: General morning session to be conducted by Garner Ted Armstrong followed by a presentation on the "work of the ministry" by Ronald Dart; general (See **CONFERENCE**, page 7)

Mr. Armstrong to visit South America, Africa

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong returned here April 29 after what Stanley R. Rader, vice president for financial affairs and planning for the Work, described as a "very successful trip" that included the observance of the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread in Israel, followed by a visit to Rome.

In Israel Mr. Armstrong met with Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem and others active in Israeli public life, Mr. Rader said. Mr. Armstrong then visited Rome, which is now receiving world attention because of the Communist Party's expected entry into the Italian government in Italy's June elections.

Mr. Armstrong will remain in Pasadena until graduation ceremonies at Ambassador College May 17 but will depart shortly thereafter for "important commitments" that include semiofficial visits to Korea, Oman and Kuwait and a round of activities in South Africa that are to culminate in a campaign in Johan-

nesburg June 20 and 21, Mr. Rader said.

During his stay in South Africa Mr. Armstrong also plans to visit the neighboring areas of South-West Africa and Rhodesia.

"Circumstances permitting, it is tentatively planned that we will remain following the campaign to visit other areas increasingly in the news," Mr. Rader said. "For example, between June 24 and July 6 there is the annual conference of the Organization of African States (OAU) taking place in Mauritius, and we have tentative visits planned in Zambia and several other black-African countries."

Mr. Rader said Mr. Armstrong plans to spend July 4 in Israel. Also scheduled for the near future are a campaign in Trinidad and visits to Caracas, Venezuela, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, tentatively scheduled for late July, and "royal visits" set for August in Denmark, Sweden and possibly Norway.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Unleavened comments

I'm enclosing a check for my renewal to the News and wish to express my thanks for the Unleavened Bread recipes that were in my past News (March 29). I am keeping and putting most of them on cards for my recipe files.

Sorry I neglected to put my name on the Hoe Cake (bread) recipe. Guess I ran out of room on my card.

The newspaper keeps me in touch with Church of God news that I'm not able to get out and hear otherwise. The nearest church is miles away from my neighborhood and I no longer get around far alone.

Lois White
Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.

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Regarding the March 29 WN pull-out section on unleavened dishes, I have had numerous questions in my mind as to the validity of some of the recipes in reference to being "truly" unleavened.

I am a university student studying dietetics and food administration and have worked with different leavening methods. It became apparent to me while reading over the recipes that many avid cooks must not be aware that leavening is not simply formed through the biological production of carbon dioxide (baking soda, baking powder, yeast, bacteria, etc.); but leavening is also formed through the incorporation of air (beating, eggs, creaming fats and sugars, folding and beating doughs, rolling doughs such as puff paste, etc.) and through the use of steam (the liquid in a batter or dough that may be converted into steam—as is used in popovers and cream puffs).

Eggs, I found, were commonly used in the recipes; however, the incorporation of air into the egg is especially easy because of the coagulation of the egg proteins which give structure and rigidity to the cell walls surrounding the air bubbles. Eggs also leaven through their liquid, which converts to steam.

The spirit of the law should be considered in baking and cooking. To leaven is to make a product light and porous and when God commanded that leaven be put out of the house, He did not limit it to those products made by the biological production of carbon dioxide, but to all forms of leavened foods.

A sin is a sin irrespective of its form, and the same applies to leavened foods.

Jan Phillips
Glencoe, Ala.

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In reference to recipes, WN, 29/3/76—having just been fitted for reading glasses, I sat down this evening to study the recipes. Last year I didn't bother to struggle with the fine print but stuck to my "old faithfuls" from the booklet *Recipes for Days of Unleavened Bread*, plus a few "ordinary" . . . things like yo-yo biscuits and shortbread and rich fruit cake (which is really just fruit stuck together with a batter). Now the query—I am actually appalled because I consider many of these recipes to be leavened. Here is my reasoning. Q. What is leaven? A. A means of raising, rising, or puffing up different meal or flour products . . .

Lois Orford
Kallangur, Australia

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I was shocked to find leavening among the "unleavened" recipes in the latest issue of *The Worldwide News*. Specifically bread . . . These recipes tell you to mix the "starter," let it set (pick up yeast) 24 hours, mix the rest of the dough the next day, and then let it "rise" before baking. This is the method of leavening bread that has been used for thousands of years! Many recipes call for using egg whites . . . The dictionary definition of leaven includes this, also. In addition to flagrant violations of the command to not eat leaven, I find it distressing to see a fetish being made of Holy Day baking and getting our minds off of the true meaning of the season. I don't feel a Christian should be involved with extra baking that looks leavened . . . that tastes leavened . . . but isn't really quite (?) leavened. If we really had our minds on God's overall plan and particularly this Holy Week, we wouldn't be so busy trying to circumvent God's commands. What comes next, hot cross buns?

Allen H. Weber
Minneapolis, Minn.

When printing recipes from our

readers last year, the accompanying article noted that the recipes were provided as a service. The editors provided the same approach again this year, printing those recipes that called for no yeast, baking powder or baking soda. No attempt was made to evaluate the theology of peripheral substances that some may consider leaven. We apologize for not clarifying this policy this year. The following is a quote from managing editor John Robinson that appeared in the March 3, 1975, WN:

"As with so many areas of life, everyone has a slightly different understanding of exactly what leavening is."

"We've reprinted these recipes which were submitted by our readers as a service—not as the official Church-approved recipes for the Spring Feast. If anyone feels some of the recipes are questionable, then I suggest they not use them."

Specifically regarding Mr. Weber's letter, though he encloses the word started in quotation marks, the term is not used in any of the recipes.

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Canadian speedup

Many, many thanks for my *Worldwide News* paper of March 29 that I received April 5.

I've had to wait so many weeks these past months that the news was old news by the time I read it.

So we are all grateful for this blessing (of faster service) and thank each one of you for a wonderful paper.

Mrs. Dora Pierce
Edson, Alta.

The *Worldwide News* is now shipped bulk via airfreight to Toronto in our latest effort to speed service to our Canadian readers. Once the copies arrive in Toronto they are mailed individually to each subscriber.

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In general

I would like to join countless others in expressing my joy and excitement concerning the new developments in God's Work.

As brethren in the *Worldwide Church of God*, we all need to unite behind our one goal of spreading the good news of

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the cutting Kingdom of God. And now as never before we need to speak out forcefully to accomplish this goal.

I stand behind you as much as possible in prayer and with financial support. As the sayings go, lets "get it all together" and "keep on keeping on."

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Sherry Fowler
Rockville, Md.

Since sensing it some 2 1/2 years ago, each single WN has contained one or more names/pictures of personal acquaintances, excluding WCG/AC staff, of course. Congenially, convivially cooperative cover to cover, it's surely a super specious service readily rendered us ravenous readers. It must make many millions merry among mere members and mailmen.

PS: Sure enjoyed James Perry's hilariously humorous way to cure arthritis—WN, 4-12-76 ("Postmark"). Reminds me of Mr. Basil Wolverton's characterization of the No. 6 Stir to Action Speech in Spokesman's Club manual.

John S. Hamilton, D.V.M.
Plum, Pa.

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Just want to let you know how much I enjoy *The Worldwide News*, especially what Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Ted are doing and where they are going. Also, in the March 15 issue, the picture of Mr. Scott Crawford of the television crew zooming in on the beetle. That little beetle must have felt important! To all of you, keep up the good work. It's a great paper.

Geneva Smith
Ackerman, Miss.

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Citizens' comments

I was surprised to read in the WN an article dealing with CB, or children's band radio, as it is known in not a few circles.

Surely the WN editor and his associates were or are ignorant of the lawlessness, anarchist-minded people who clutter up the radio spectrum with their juvenile, mundane jive talk.

As a group, the CBers represent America as a whole. That is a complete disregard for governmental authority. The FCC has already admitted that their creation of the CB service was a bad mistake. It is a case of where the bad apples outweigh the good apples.

Of a truth, CB is a Mickey Mouse toy with which normally sane people escape into their second childhood.

I'm really hoping it will dry up and blow away or that it is just a fast like 10-speed bikes were two years ago and electric watches a year ago.

Charles W. Russell
Scottsboro, Ala.

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I very much appreciate the interest the Church is taking in CBers. I think it can be a wonderful agent in spreading the Gospel and news of the Church. I would like to see a column in every *Worldwide News* about CBers. Keep up the good work.

Frank L. Hassinger
KKQ9878, "Mr. Gunsmoke"
and "Little Kitty"
Uniontown, Pa.

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Please enter my handle and call letters in your directory. You'll never know when you run across someone you know or from your old hometown (mine being Rock Hill, S.C.).

L.G. "Bud" Brazell
KGG3761, "Scarecrow"
Yadkinville, N.C.

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Dave and Pat Paisley, Curly and

Peppermint Patti, KBD8722, Phoenix, Ariz.

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Carl M. Larsen and Andy Larsen, KKT3772, Pinecone and Sheridan Bum, Sheridan, Wyo.

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Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Simcik, KWQ9578, Asphalt Cowboy and Jealous Wife, Granger, Tex.

Correction

In "The Official Grapevine" of the March 29 issue of the WN was an article about 14 students at Ambassador College, Pasadena, who were honored by the college's Financial Aids Office for significant contributions in leadership, athletics, dorm life, social functions, speeches and Ambassador Club.

In the article the names of two students were misspelled: Dennis Keefe and Paulette Powell.

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LOS JALISCIENSES — Members of the Guadalajara, Mexico, congregation perform folk dances depicting Mexican history. [Photos by Ken Evans]



Mexican members dance in Auditorium



By Keith Speaks

PASADENA — A group of Church members traveled from Guadalajara, Mexico, to present a two-hour folk-dance performance in the Auditorium here April 17. The 21-member group, Los Jaliscienses, journeyed nearly 1,800 miles to become the first Church group from another country to perform in the Auditorium.

Jack Elliott, managing director of the Auditorium, said, "It was one of the best evenings of family entertainment held in the building."

The dances depicted interesting aspects of Mexican history.

The capacity crowd gave the dancers a standing ovation and the dancers gave three encores.

The presentation also included a singing group, La Estudiantina, directed by Bernabe Mercado. A reception was held in the Ambassador College student center afterwards.

Gilberto Marin, a native Mexican and member of a professional folkloric group, decided to put his talents to use within the Church and formed Los Jaliscienses, which is mainly students in their late teens. For most of them this was their first trip to the United States.

They arrived by bus in Tijuana,

Mexico, on the U.S.-Mexican border, and several Spanish Department employees drove down to pick them up and then take them on a tour of the campus and trips to other local attractions.

The group met with the Pasadena Spanish church for the recent Holy Days, and many of the Mexican members lodged in members' homes here.

Bus fare and other expenses were met with money from local fund-raising activities, contributions after the performance and a sizable donation from the Uvalde, Tex., church.

During the dancers' stay, Alfredo Mercado, a deacon from Guadalajara and supervisor of Los Jaliscienses, was married to Maria Celeste Garibay in a ceremony performed by Fernando Barriga, elder in the Pasadena Spanish congregation.

"We were very pleased and grateful to see how everyone in the department and church here pitched in and worked together like a real team to carry out such a large project," said Robert Flores, pastor of Pasadena Spanish. "It has become an example, an encouragement and an inspiration to all areas of the Spanish Work."

Caribbean elders tour Grenada and Dominica

By Victor Simpson

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Clarence Bass, regional director of the Work in the Caribbean, and I undertook a baptizing tour to the

The writer, who lives in San Juan, is a ministerial trainee serving the Kingston, Jamaica; St. George's, Grenada; and San Juan churches.

islands of Grenada and Dominica March 25 to April 1.

After an overnight stop in Barbados, we arrived in Grenada on Friday the 26th. We were scheduled to meet four persons there in the afternoon.

Experience has shown that scheduling prospectives for a specific hour leads to a high percentage of no-shows because transportation can be quite difficult in some of the islands, and some people feel that, if they cannot be present at the arranged hour, there is no point in coming.

So on this occasion we made it clear that we would be available throughout the afternoon.

Three people turned up, two of whom, a husband and wife, were baptized the next day.

On the Sabbath we conducted services and a Bible study for 54 people. We counseled another three persons and baptized one of them Sunday morning only minutes before we left for the airport. This brought members in Grenada to 29.

We had to stay overnight in Barbados again Sunday to make a plane connection to Dominica.

Our trip from the airport to our hotel in Dominica was one that we will never forget, even though we would like to. Our driver showed little consideration for the comfort and safety of his passengers. We exchanged anxious glances as he raced along mountain slopes and narrow roads at freeway speed.

On one occasion we were literally thrown out of our seats as he swerved to avoid an oncoming vehicle. Earlier we had heard this same man give advice to a friend on how to drive carefully.

We were relieved to reach the hotel.

Apart from the few who have been able to attend the Feast in either Trinidad or Barbados, the brethren and prospectives here had not seen a minister for more than two years. So they were understandably excited to see us.

We had reserved the first after-

noon to talk to members, and we were kept busy into the evening.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we saw 12 prospectives and baptized three. Many more showed considerable interest, and it is likely that a few more will be ready for baptism by the time of the next trip sometime after the Feast of Tabernacles.

We met a man whom we had not heard of before. He was bedridden with at least three distinct ailments, but in spite of this his example of positiveness, enthusiasm and zeal was inspiring. He might have been baptized if circumstances had permitted.

We now have 16 members and many new prospectives in Dominica.

Now you know

By Susan Karoska

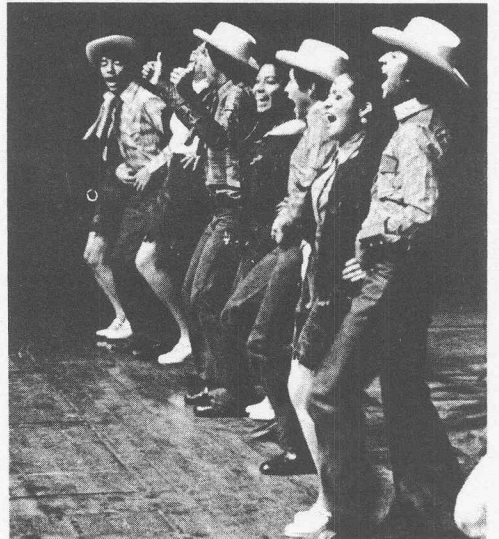
ESCONDIDO, Calif. — Children whose parents are members often face difficulties with their peers, especially at times when others observe their holidays, such as Easter.

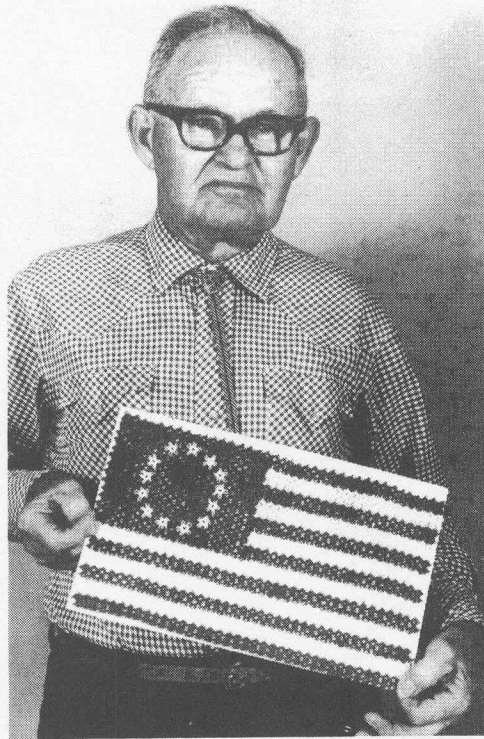
This was the case for Larissa, small daughter of Mrs. Nancy Sass, who lives in nearby Oceanside.

Mrs. Sass reports a conversation she overheard between her daughter and a neighborhood playmate.

"I've got a new Easter dress," the playmate proudly announced to Larissa.

Not to be outdone, 3-year-old Larissa quickly replied, "Well, I've got a new Feaster dress!"





TATTED FLAG—Ted Gushwa displays a bicentennial flag with 13 stars and stripes that he tatted. (Photo courtesy *The Arizona Republic*)

Stars and stripes forever

Hobby isn't flagging for retired carpenter

By Mary Jane Alexander

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Flags are a common sight in this bicentennial year. But a Phoenix flag maker has a method as old as the flag itself.

Ted Gushwa, 19401 N. Seventh St., makes bicentennial flags with the original 13 stars, as well as

an impeccable neatness seen in his current work. He uses a system for making sure that no bare ends show.

"When I finish a row I work the dangling cord into the first loop of the next row as I move in the opposite direction. Other than that, the same stitch is used throughout the work in tating a flat," he explains.

50 Hours per Flag

It takes 50 hours of working time for Gushwa to make one flag. "This is about two weeks of actual time, when I work steadily," he adds. "I consider it good speed if I finish three of the small circles in an average of five minutes."

The flags Gushwa makes measure 7½ inches by 13 inches. He determined these dimensions by trial and error. "I had to make two flags before I got the top seven stripes to fit across from the field with the stars," he recalls.

"The idea just came to me one day that I could try to make a flag. I made the first one, with 50 stars, in mid-November.

"The only materials I need are balls of red, white and blue heavy crochet cotton. And I use a small plastic shuttle," Gushwa says. The work is easy for Gushwa, except for one minor disadvantage. "The yarn must be wound around my fingers so tightly when I work that it sometimes cuts into them," he explains.

Because of the many hours he spends making a single flag, Gushwa charges \$15 each for them. He has already sold two flags and has orders for six more waiting.

Gushwa doesn't mind being overloaded with orders, as long as the customers don't mind waiting until he gets around to making their flags.

This article, about a Phoenix member, is reprinted here by permission from The Arizona Republic of Phoenix of Feb. 15. Mr. Gushwa points out that no patterns are available for his flags.

today's version of the stars and stripes, by tating. This old method, which he learned 60 years ago, produces a delicate lace by looping and knotting with a single cotton thread and a small shuttle. The origin of this craft is unknown.

Gushwa, now 73, finds this work very relaxing. And it is also making him popular with friends, neighbors and door-to-door salesmen who visit his home and fall in love with his handiwork. He has made six flags and is working on his seventh, because "everyone who sees them wants one of each."

Began as Hobby

Gushwa has done tating intermittently throughout his life. But he started it actively as a hobby a couple of years ago, after he became bored with retirement. "I couldn't be active in it too often when I was a carpenter, because the work sometimes interfered by making my hands too dirty. Your hands have to be extra clean when tating," he advises.

After learning to tat from his sisters as a young boy, using a grocery cord used to tie packages and a safety pin, he improved his skill to

Youths receive honors

SPRINGDALE, Ark. — Sisters Kathy and Brenda Turnbull were winners in competition called the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, Inc., Bicentennial Essay Contest. The results of the contest were announced in the March 31 issue of the *Springdale News*, which sponsored the competition.

Kathy, a fifth grader, and Brenda, a ninth grader, each received a \$25 check. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull, members of the Fayetteville, Ark., church. Kathy and Brenda will now enter regional competition.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Sue

Kopy, a junior at Diamond High School, was notified recently of her induction into the National Honor Society, Kokogiak Chapter.

Sue, an Alaskan resident for six years, is a past camper at SEP Alaska and is extremely active in SEP-fund



SUE KOPY

projects. She hopes to maintain her 3.6 grade-point average at Ambassador College, studying liberal arts or teaching.

CARTHAGE, Mo. — Joe Hilgenberg, 17, received the State Farmer Degree with the Missouri Future Farmers of America (FFA) April 23. This is the highest honor awarded members of the FFA at the state level.

Joe was also interviewed and elected by delegates as state vice president of the Missouri FFA.

Joe is especially interested in dairy animals. He has won several dairy-efficiency awards with his herd of registered Nubian goats. He also was third-high individual in state dairy-cow judging at Columbia, Mo., April 22.

Joe's brother Gene, 20, also holds the State Farmer Degree and is president of the alumni chapter here.

Joe has attended church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clem E. Hilgenberg of Carthage, for 16 years. He will graduate from high school next January and plans to attend the University of Missouri, majoring in veterinary medicine.



JOE HILGENBERG

Now you know

By Dirk Verheijden

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Robert Thompson, a deacon here, was a guest speaker March 3 on a talk show on a radio station that carries *The World Tomorrow* six nights a week.

Mr. Thompson, who is a self-employed television serviceman, answered questions from listeners who called the station about problems with their TV sets. The first hour of the program was so successful that the master of ceremonies pressed upon Mr. Thompson to stay another hour.

Mr. Thompson feels his Spokesman Club training came in handy, and the experience gave him a boost: After the show several people contacted him for television repairs.

BIBLE-VERSE ACROSTIC

BY MR. AND MRS. LEONARD EHRET

Hidden in the crossword squares at the bottom of the puzzle is a Bible verse. To find what it says, answer the questions on the numbered spaces, then transfer the letters above each number to the corresponding number in the crossword squares. Here is an example of how it works:

X. CORN ON THE:

C O B
24 108 120

Transfer the C to square 24, the O to square 108 and the B to square 120.

A. TWO KINGS OF ISRAEL:

73 139 9 67 88 82 116 64 4

B. FOREVER:

144 18 7 103 13 1 20 140

C. WON'T RISE:

127 11 8 136 3 92 164 71 138 14

D. WILLFUL BETRAYAL OF TRUST:

131 17 15 35 2 132 111 99 63

E. WITHOUT THESE YOU CANNOT HEAR:

100 34 115 31 74 51 61 134

F. WHAT GOD DID ON SEVENTH DAY:

91 98 110 74 23 137

G. MINOR PROPHET:

108 57 16 72 38 47 125

H. HEBREW MONTH:

128 49 40 70 94

I. JERUSALEM'S NAME (EZEKIEL 23:4, RSV):

124 29 60 79 93 76 37 117

J. OUT OF THE:

138 43 65 56 133 25 101 36 21 130

K. D.U.B. NO NO:

42 55 86 92 124

L. "HE COMES AS A ---- IN THE NIGHT":

119 19 30 58 114

M. FROM TOP TO BOTTOM. FROM:

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N. FROM AN EMPTY HEAD COMES:

142 32 112 93 122 97 64 90 85 6 116 81

O. NOT WRONG:

22 83 95 50 41

P. WHAT FISHERMEN WANT:

48 102 39 113 39 27 138 68 33 54 26 106 12 48 89 77

Q. WANT BADLY:

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Current too strong

Girl swept into flood-swollen river

By Frank W. Nelte
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Florence Mokwana, 13, daughter of a Church member from the Transkei, a South African province, was saved from flood-swollen waters of a tributary of the Bashee River Jan. 15.

That morning the girl's mother,

Christabel Mokwana, had gone to the local village market to buy groceries. Her road had taken her across the Umhlahlane, a stream that flows into the Bashee.

Hinterland Cloudbursts

The previous evening there had been some heavy cloudbursts in the

hinterland of the Bashee, so when Mrs. Mokwana returned with her shopping a few hours later the tributary was swollen to about four feet deep with a strong, treacherous current.

As usual, when her two daughters saw her returning they ran to meet her. When they came to the river the

older girl, Nomthunzi, was frightened by the flooded stream and stood back. But Florence, who cannot swim, waded toward her mother.

Swept Toward River

After a few steps Florence was swept off her feet by the powerful current and disappeared under the turbulent waters. After a few seconds her head appeared above the surface 20 feet downstream. The current was rapidly carrying the helpless girl

down to the flood-swollen Bashee itself.

The riverbed is liberally dotted with huge granite boulders. These rocks, hit by the full fury of the raging torrents, often formed whirlpools.

Hearing Mrs. Mokwana, neighbors ran to try to help Florence. By running along the banks, they got ahead of the girl and finally pulled her out of the stream about a mile from where she had fallen in.

She suffered only minor bruises.

The afternoon was warm and sticky and Grandpa took a big, red bandanna from his overall pocket to wipe his face. Jim waited to hand him another staple to pound the barbed wire into place on the freshly set post.

"We might get rain," Grandpa said. He hammered the staple and then squinted into the western sky. Clouds that looked dark and foreboding rolled in over the farmland.

"Now, Jimmy, hand me another staple," Grandpa said, moving faster. "We'll try to finish this part before the rain comes."

They worked their way up the straight line of fence posts until they came to a leaning red shed. Directly up the hill from it the big, white farmhouse stood where Grandpa and Grandma lived.

Shed in the Way

"That's all we'll do today," Grandpa announced, closing the cloth bag of staples. "Tomorrow I've got to start tearing down the shed so we won't have to go around it with the fence." He glanced again at the sky. "Looks like wind in those clouds."

Jim had never seen the grass and trees look so strange. All the ground and sky seemed to blend into a hazy yellow-brown.

"Yooo-hoooo!"

Looking toward the house, they saw Grandma waving her apron. "Television says there's a tornado alert!" she called. "Hurry!"

"What'd she say about a torpedo?" Grandpa asked.

"There's a tornado alert," Jim explained.

"Come on. We'll go to the storm cellar." He started up the hill fast and Jim followed.

Jim suddenly thought of his dog. "Major! Where's Major?"

"Never mind," Grandpa said. His arm waved off toward the west. "She's coming! Hear that roar?" He broke into a trot.

"Major's down the timber chasing squirrels," Jim gasped. Stopping, he cupped his hands around his mouth. "Ma-a-a-jor! Here, boy! Here, boy!"

Grandpa's hand gripped his shoulder and pulled him along up the hill. "No time for that."

"But Major will be blown away," Jim choked.

Grandpa pulled him along faster. "Open the door!" called Grandma. Already at the storm cellar behind the house, she clutched the family Bible in one hand and a jug of apple cider in the other.

Heavy Stillness

The stillness that had hung so heavily over the countryside had given way to a roaring, and Jim could hear the explosion of twigs snapping, hundreds at a time.

"Stand back," ordered Grandpa. He reached down, grasped the iron handle and raised the heavy wooden door. "Hurry, Jenny."

"Ma-a-jor!" Jim hollered one more time into the wild wind that swayed and

bent the trees.

"Down the steps!" Grandpa ordered, and Jim went down.

The cellar was brick lined and smelled musty. Cobwebs hung from the ceiling. Jim brushed a long web from his hair as Grandpa slammed down the door and they were plunged into darkness.

"Matches are on the bottom step," Grandma said quietly.

"I got 'em," Grandpa said. "Candles too."

Jim heard him scratching one after another. They seemed to be damp and would not ignite.

Forgetting the matches, Jim listened to the raging storm. The roaring of a hundred freight trains swept over the cave. There was a splintering sound, a terrible crash, as something heavy fell on the cellar door.

"Oh!" gasped Grandma.

"The Eternal is our refuge and our fortress," quoted Grandpa. "In Him

THE STORM

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

we will trust."

Jim felt Grandpa's arm circle his shoulders, and Grandma's warm little hands clutched both of his.

"I'm so glad we're safely in this cave," she said.

"I'm afraid," Jim admitted.

"King David said when he was afraid he trusted in the Eternal," Grandma reminded. "So now's the time to trust. He'll keep us safe."

"What about Major?" Jim asked.

"You can get another dog," Grandma soothed.

"Not like Major!" Jim said. "He's special."

Taking a Peek

A great pelting of rain rattled on the cellar door as they listened and waited. The wind abated.

"I'll take a peek," Grandpa said.

"Do be careful," said Grandma.

They heard him feeling his way up the steps. "I can't budge the door," he announced. "There must be a tree on it."

"I knew it!" exclaimed Grandma. "I've been in this cave 50 times in our 49 years on this farm and I always knew some day we'd be trapped by that box-elder tree blowing over."

"Trapped? Will we starve?" Jim asked in a small voice.

"No, honey, we won't," Grandma called herself to order. "The neighbors will haul us out."

Grandpa rejoined them in the darkness. "Remember, Jenny, our neighbors are gone. The Mattsons went to Missouri to bury an uncle and the Havirs moved into town last winter and haven't rented their farmhouse yet."

"Give me those matches," Grandma said with sudden spunk. "I'll get us some light." The first match she struck sprang to light and Grandpa applied the candlewick to it. A friendly glow filled the cellar.

Grandma dug out two musty quilts from a box, shook them out and spread them on the cold bricks. "Let's sit down and have a sip of cider."

The waiting wasn't hard at first, but as the hours passed the cider jug emptied and Jim became chilled and tired. Grandpa's stories about the Big War became a little boring at last. The four candles melted away. One more

and they would be in darkness.

"Woof!" Major's bark outside made Jim jump up with a shout.

Major to the Rescue

"Major! Good dog!" He crawled up the cellar steps and pressed his head against the unyielding door. "Get help, boy! Go! Go!"

Jim heard scratching and whining as Major tried to get to him. "Go, boy! Go!"

Silence.

The final candle sputtered out. Jim stayed on the top steps, hunched and waiting. He felt very hungry. "Grandpa, I'm too young to die."

"And I'm too old," Grandpa replied. "So we'll keep treading water. Sing something cheerful, Jenny."

"Row, row, row your boat," Grandma began in her sweet little voice. "Gently down the stream . . ."

"Row, row, row your boat," began Grandma.

Jim began to row, row, row his boat, and they sang the round over and over.

Major Returns

Jim heard a tractor lumbering up the driveway. He heard a man's voice and a dog's bark. Major had come with help.

"Hullo-o-o!" called a man.

"Hullo, yourself," Grandpa responded, joining Jim on the steps. "It's Dick Brown. He lives across the section. Don't tell me that Major galloped all that way over there!"

The tractor rumbled in closer, an iron chain clinked, a tree scraped, and the cellar door opened.

Jim saw the night moon shining down on a husky farmer in overalls. Then he almost tumbled over as Major leaped into his arms. "Together again!" Major seemed to gasp and his tail wagged 90 miles an hour. Jim hugged him close.

"Thanks a lot, Dick," Grandpa told Mr. Brown as they left the cellar. "We're thankful you came by."

"I thought that beagle was crazy the way he acted," explained Mr. Brown. "I'd gone over to Mattsons' feedlot because I thought I heard a coyote. I promised to keep an eye on things for them. That dog ran at me and ran to the road a dozen times, so I followed him to see what was ailing him. I didn't know you folks were trapped down there. A lot of the phones are out, so Dorothy didn't think much about it when she couldn't reach you."

"We'll miss the box elder," Grandma said quietly as they prepared to go into the house. "But our home was spared. I'm very grateful."

"Jim," said Grandpa. "Would you look at that?" He pointed down the hill. "That shed blew into the next township. We can finish the fence tomorrow."

Jim and Major turned to look to where Grandpa pointed into the moonlight. Jim gasped. "It's gone!"

"Yep. Well, as the old saying goes, it's an ill wind that blows no good."

"Grandpa means," said Grandma, "that a strong wind sometimes can do strangely good things."

Symposium explores frontiers of knowledge

Idea forum



PASADENA — Thirty-two papers covering a wide range of topics were presented in a two-day symposium on the Ambassador College campus here April 19 and 20.

According to college registrar Dr. William Stenger, symposium coordinator, the two days of meetings were to provide Church members and college personnel "a forum for the interchange of ideas" and "a vehicle for various researches that have been completed by our people who haven't had a vehicle of this kind before, where they could actually present papers to others for criticism or discussion."

The symposium, entitled Frontiers of Knowledge and Implications for Theology, was moderated by Dr. Robert Kuhn, assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong, and George Geis, chairman of the Theology Department.

Open to Public

Most of the authors of the 32 papers presented half-hour summaries to an audience made up of others involved in the symposium, plus college students and the general public.

"We even had several people who traveled out here with the YOU groups [for the recent Youth Opportunities United basketball tournament] who stopped by" to listen to papers as they were presented. "It was open to the public."

The symposium had been announced and papers for it solicited in an article in *The Worldwide News*. Dr. Stenger said as a result of that article, and an announcement in *The Bulletin*, "about 130" people sent in "abstracts" of proposed topics. As a result of these, symposium organizers chose 32 papers to be presented, a few of which were delivered *in absentia*. The papers covered history, geology, evolution, astronomy, economics, political science, social science and the arts, Dr. Stenger said.

"It wasn't dealing with doctrinal or theological questions per se, but rather the thrust of the symposium was to study areas outside of theology but look at their theological implications."

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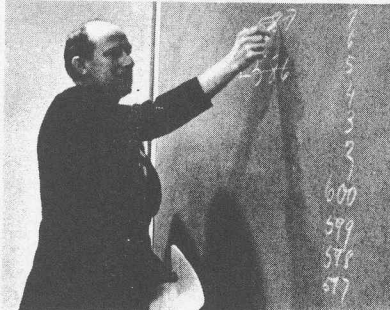
He said some of the papers may be published in some form.

"We're looking into the possibility of publishing a proceedings of the symposium, which would include at least the major articles, if not all of them. And some of the things that were presented could possibly be reworked for some of our other publications, although not directly — perhaps extracts or topics from them."

Will there be other symposia? "This is yet to be decided. We haven't totally analyzed all the pros and cons of this one, although tentatively we're thinking about having one in two years, in other words in the spring of '78."

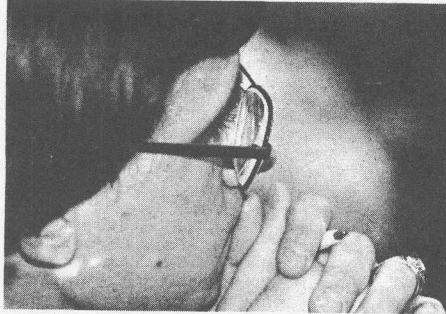
Topics presented included "When Did Nebuchadnezzar Capture Jerusalem?", by Herman Hoeh; "Historical Record of the 360 Day Tropical Year," by Kenneth Herrmann; "Should Artistic Creativity Have Restraints?", by Wilbur Berg; "The Fate of the Universe — Open or Closed?", by Robert Ginskey; and "The Theory of Development — Viable Alternative to Evolution," by Richard Burky.

Dr. Kuhn felt the meetings were "a dream come true for many of us. The history of Ambassador College has shown a continuing interest in searching all aspects of human knowledge relating to the Bible."



FORUM FOR IDEAS — Robert Kuhn, top left, moderates the wide-ranging symposium. AC faculty member Lester Grabbe, top right, comments after a presentation. Above left: Big Sandy Church member Kenneth Hermann presents his topic. Above center: *Plain Truth* senior editor Herman Hoeh uses time charts to answer the question, "When did Nebuchadnezzar capture Jerusalem?" Above right: AC registrar William Stenger, symposium

coordinator, addresses the audience. Below left and right: AC students Mark Rosino and Debbie and Barry Wawak listen to the presentations. Bottom left: AC faculty member Yael Katzir lectures from her paper. Bottom center: Richard Burky of the Church Administration Division discusses evolution. Bottom right: George Geis, one of the two moderators, addresses the audience. [Photos by Roger Fakhoury and John Kossey]



A Personal Letter

from
Gene Ted Armstrong

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used for the next season.

By the first few days of this week I hope to be reviewing yet another list of radio and television availabilities, and perhaps by the next "Personal" I can announce yet an additional selection of stations we have chosen which, we hope, will be very good news for many of you brethren who still do not have adequate radio or TV coverage in your area.

As I have stressed before, none of this has been budgeted, but we are going to continue to walk through these doors as rapidly as they open and simply trust God in faith to provide the means when the time comes! The main thing before us is the urgency to get this last-ditch warning before the world as a witness!

Current-Event Awareness

I hope all of you are staying very closely aware of world conditions, especially those in the Middle East and Africa!

Yesterday I reviewed the next issue of our full-color magazine-format *Plain Truth*, and you will find in it my father's article written from Rome concerning the communist influence and dominance on the Italian political scene and what this may mean for NATO and all of Europe.

World events are speeding up at an ever-accelerating pace, and God's Work must keep pace!

Very shortly after commencement I will speak before a small college in southern Utah at their request for a baccalaureate sermon prior to their commencement exercises. As I mentioned previously, I had decided I would accept at least a limited number of such invitations for speeches before educational institutions, civic organizations and the like (such as my recent appearance before the agricultural fair in Brandon, Man.).

My father is presently in Pasadena and spoke to the students for their regular Sabbath-morning brunch today. He will be taking the main sermon here at headquarters next Sabbath afternoon, before participating in the opening of the conference, and then will be en route once again for an extensive global trip which will last in the neighborhood of six weeks.

NAIA Invitation

By the way, we received notification from the executive secretary of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) welcoming Ambassador as an associate member, effective for 1976 and 1977. This means that Ambassador College assumes the obligation of fully practicing the NAIA code-of-eligibility regulations and adopting the rules of the NAIA applying to all intercollegiate competition.

For the last two years the NAIA has held its regional-championship games in the Ambassador College gymnasium. It numbers among its members the University of California at San Diego, the University of Redlands, Claremont Men's College, Point Loma College (San Diego), California Baptist College (Riverside), Occidental College (Los Angeles), Whittier (Calif.) College, La Verne (Calif.) College and many other schools, some of which are much larger than Ambassador.

So, actually, being accepted as an associate member of the NAIA suddenly places the Ambassador College intercollegiate basketball program on a very respected par.

Big Sandy's Program

Next year Big Sandy, as Pasadena, will enter its third year of intercollegiate competition in basketball.

Already Kermit Nelson, director of our Athletic Department at Big Sandy, has a 30-game schedule planned for the 1976-77 season.

This past year Big Sandy has (and will again next year) competed in the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA), and those involved in Big Sandy's basketball program are hopeful that next year's team will make it to the NLCAA finals, in Norfolk, Neb.

Many of you brethren may not know that the Big Sandy campus has been participating in intercollegiate athletics in many fields other than just basketball for the past few years. We actually achieved national prominence with our cross-country track team when our men won the NLCAA cross-country title last year.

Big Sandy has placed heavy emphasis on girls' sports, such as basketball, volleyball, tennis, track and cycling. In fact, our women just last week set a national record in the 24-hour relay. The relay is a grueling ordeal in which a team of eight women, each running a mile at a time in consecutive order for 24 straight hours, totals the miles run and submits the results to the California sponsor organization.

Our women ran more than 182 miles this year and broke the old record by three miles.

I am told we already have a big increase in the number of applications from students for next year, and we are expecting quite a large incoming class on both college campuses in the fall, plus, of course, summer classes will be going on in both locations, including our continuing-education classes for adults featuring a "vacation" for a number of families who will live on the Big Sandy campus and attend classes during the summer.

That's about it for now. Once again my sincerest thanks for the continued expression of loyal support. Your prayers are very deeply appreciated!

Your brother in Christ,
Gamer Ted Armstrong

Plans under way

Quebec City site for French Feast

MONTREAL, Que. — Plans are under way for the fourth consecutive observance of the Feast of Tabernacles in the suburbs of Quebec City, capital of Canada's only French-speaking province and one of the oldest and most picturesque cities in North America.

"The French-language Work amongst Canada's six million French-speaking citizens, most of whom live in Quebec province or in neighboring areas of New Brunswick and Ontario, began on a very small scale some 10 years ago," said Cam Catherwood, superintendent of the Work's Montreal District.

"At the beginning growth was slow and not too significant. However, things literally began to explode about 1971 with the help of ads placed in various French-language publications, including *Reader's Digest*.

"And at the present time there are many hundreds of French-speaking members attending the four fully established Churches of God — Montreal, Quebec City, Trois Rivieres, Sherbrooke — in which all services are conducted in French only. Dozens more attend outlying Bible studies."

Attendance at this fall's Festival "should exceed 700," Mr. Catherwood said. "Services will be held in an ultramodern auditorium in the western suburb of Quebec City, within minutes from some of the finest tourist facilities to be found in Canada.

"Quebec City is an ideal location for a different type of Feast. There are majestic mountains just to the north of the city, as well as the awesome beauty of the St. Lawrence River, one of North America's great waterways, a short distance from the hall."

Quebec City is one of the oldest

established cities on the North American continent. Mr. Catherwood said. Part of the city walls, built hundreds of years ago, still stand, and visitors who travel from the suburbs into the old city pass through gates in the wall constructed long before much of the continent was explored.

"Any members who are French speaking and would enjoy contact with our friendly *Quebecois* members are certainly welcome," he said. "However, there are no provisions made for translation of the services into English, and a potential Feastgoer is advised to have a good working knowledge of French."

Member measures success in small, personal triumphs

By Marnie Brennan

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Success to some is winning high public office, an Olympic medal or a major supporting role in a Charlton Heston movie. But sometimes "you've got

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to measure your success in terms of very limited goals," says Gene Venie, an Alaska Psychiatric Institute volunteer who learned in two years of experience to delight at small, personal triumphs.

Gene's volunteer job is to help those with a few strikes against them win a ball game.

Workdays Gene Venie is a transport ion agent for Northwest Airlines. But on one of his days off he puts in three hours at API helping a physical therapist stretch the

capabilities of those with mental handicaps. It's a mission he admits at first was tough.

"It was my first experience with it," says Venie of work in a mental institution. "You have to get used to it. It's not always clean. It takes a little adjusting."

Explaining, Venie recalls an early experience with a 17-year-old boy suffering from Down's syndrome. "It just wasn't a very pleasant



GENE VENIE

picture," he says, describing the child as offensively odorous from wet diapers and drooling.

But he adapted and considers experiences with that particular boy ones that stick out in his mind as most personally rewarding. "It's a matter of learning these people, just like anyone, need love and attention. When he — the patient — does something right, you've got to be able to hug him and praise him and say, 'love you.' At first it's a very hard thing to do. It teaches you what love is all about."

One of Gene's successes was helping the 17-year-old to learn to chew and drink better, "nothing really dramatic," he remarks. "We're not looking to change the world, just trying to help them as much as we can. You never know what you're going to accomplish."

Gene, at 39, is a bachelor who came to Alaska from Florida in 1967, went back east for three years in New York and returned here "permanently." He likes to travel and most recently spent time in Australia and toured the Orient.

The API assignment is his first volunteer job, one he sought after viewing a television series exposing horrible conditions in a New York mental institution. It stirred him, but when he went out to the facility to see conditions firsthand "it was more than I could handle." The interest rekindled in Alaska, so he checked out the psychiatric facility here.

"This is a fantastic facility, bright, clean and cheerful," he boasts. And Gladys Harper, the therapist he works with in Koutsky unit, is the "one making my success. It wasn't till I met her [that] I really clicked in this whole thing."

CB preacher didn't know he was

By Rupert G. Rouse

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. — "Come in, Smokey. Come in, Smokey. This is [call sign]. I'm sitting just off Highway 17 north, right in front of the Onslow Academy."

This call came over the Jacksonville church's sound system loud and clear during services recently. The call drowned out the sermonette man.

But the young man who made the call had a surprise coming too.

Two members went out to the parking lot and asked the man, who had a Citizens Band radio in his car, if he realized he was speaking to 150 people inside the auditorium.

He reportedly turned a bright pink and stammered that he did not.

They explained to him that the PA system was picking up his CB signal loud and clear.

He apologized. The two members reported that the last they saw of him was movin' on.

Conference

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afternoon session with reports from the International Division and the areas of publishing, circulation, publications and colleges; that evening a dance.

• Thursday, May 20: General morning session to include reports from the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), Youth Opportunities United (YOU), the Financial Affairs Department, the Legal Department and the Television Production Department; concluding meeting that afternoon to be conducted by Gamer Ted Armstrong.

All general sessions are to be in the Ambassador Auditorium.



ON THEIR LAST LEG — Gail Coates hands the baton to Marie Owings, both sophomores at Ambassador College, Big Sandy, in the campus' third annual 24-hour relay. The eight-member women's team set a national record for the third year straight, and the men a Texas record the third time in a row. The object of the relay is to cover as much ground in 24 hours as possible. [Photo by Rick See]

Festival applications rolling in

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about the distance they prefer to be from the auditorium. "Some members don't mind a fairly lengthy drive and look on it as a chance to see the countryside, while others want to be as close as possible and detest driving. If they will just let us know how they feel, we will do all we can."

He also said there is always greater demand for kitchenettes than are available at each site. "We find that most people are more interested in a refrigerator than in the stove, so we encourage the use of ice chests when kitchenettes are unavailable. A family with limited funds may find that by using an ice chest and stocking a few items in it they can provide themselves and their children with a light breakfast and even lunch from time to time and at the same time realize a substantial savings."

Providing a Service

According to Sherwin McMichael, Festival director, the office here is making an effort to provide the member the accommodations he desires.

Mr. McMichael, in a March 22 and 23 meeting with U.S. Festival-site coordinators (*The Worldwide*

News, March 29), stressed that the chief goal of his office in planning for this year's Feast is to develop a philosophy of "giving to the membership" and "providing them a service" in all Feast planning.

"As has already been mentioned in the letters accompanying the

applications which the members recently received, we are offering several new benefits this year which we hope will be of real service to the membership."

Mr. McMichael was referring to an insurance policy provided free to all those participating in the tithe-of-the-tithe program, expanded Youth

Opportunities United (YOU) activities, the printing of an improved Festival brochure and other benefits.

The Festival Office staffers include Mr. McMichael, Mr. McKinney, Budde Marino (who is also assistant director of campaigns for the Work), Bill Braden and Paul Hunting.

"These men wear many hats, each having three or four major responsibilities within the departments, and several having responsibilities with the Campaign Office," said Mr. McMichael, who also directs the Personal Appearance Department.

Full-time secretaries are Norma Davis, main receptionist for the Festival and Campaign offices; Janice McKee, secretary to Festival and campaign director McMichael; Miss Eddy, secretary to Jack McKinney, Festival and campaign business manager; and Diane Luker, secretary to Mr. Marino.

Two student general secretaries are Claire Goodman, a sophomore at the college here, and Susie Klaus, a junior.

Booked for 10 Years

While the processing of housing applications is mainly handled in the four to five months before the Feast, planning for each fall's Feast begins at least a year in advance, according

MOUNTING TORRENT— Festival Office secretary Donna Eddy sits in a processing room in which the Festival-application deposits are sorted and pulled from envelopes coming in at a rate of "a hundred or more per day" per major U.S. Festival site. Up to four secretaries at a time process applications, which are beginning to pour in. [Photo by Scott Moss]



to Mr. McMichael.

Suitable sites are chosen (see article, page 9) with expected attendance in mind, and halls are contracted.

"Many of these auditoriums are booked up years in advance," Mr. McMichael said. "Some of them

Festival brochure planned for U.S.

BIG SANDY — The Festival Office here is busily preparing 8½-by-11-inch, full-color 1976 Festival brochures for all major U.S. Festival sites, according to Budde Marino of the office, who is in charge of the project.

Eleven brochures are actually being prepared, though each will have the same cover design, and several of the articles will be common to all.

According to Mr. Marino, the brochures may vary in number of pages but are expected to fall in the 48- to 54-page range, depending on the site.

Each site's publication is slated to

include color-photo montages of Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong, letters of welcome from local officials and other features such as emergency phone numbers, an activities schedule for the site, a guide to restaurants and feature stories on local items and activities of interest, as well as advertising, according to Mr. Marino.

Plans call for 80,000 copies to be printed. Two free copies will be given to each family registering at a U.S. site, with additional copies to be available at \$1 per copy while the supply lasts.

"We're trying to put together a brochure which will be a constant

companion guide for the members," Mr. Marino said. "The policy we have established for the brochure will be 60 percent editorial and 40 percent commercial, and it will be printed on quality stock."

A decision whether to include blank pages for sermon notes in the back of the brochure, as was done in some previous editions, is yet to be made.

The brochures will have such articles as an update on the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and the Church's Youth Opportunities United (YOU). There will be maps, guides to museums and galleries, a financial planner and a

page of discount coupons for YOU members.

"We still have a flood of artwork and mechanicals to coordinate from each of the 11 sites relative to advertising," Mr. Marino said.

Four salesmen, representatives of the Festival Office, will contact businesses at each of the sites for advertising between May 10 and June 18, he said.

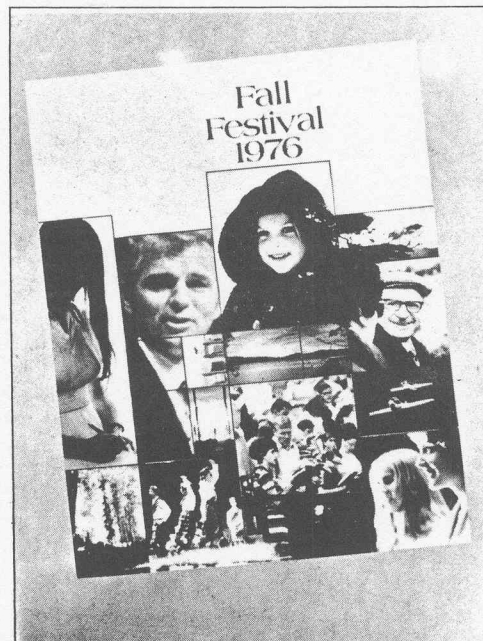
Rough copy is due July 2, finished artwork by July 30. The project is planned to be mailed to the sites by Sept. 23, according to Mr. Marino.

Festival director Sherwin McMichael summed up the aims of this year's brochures:

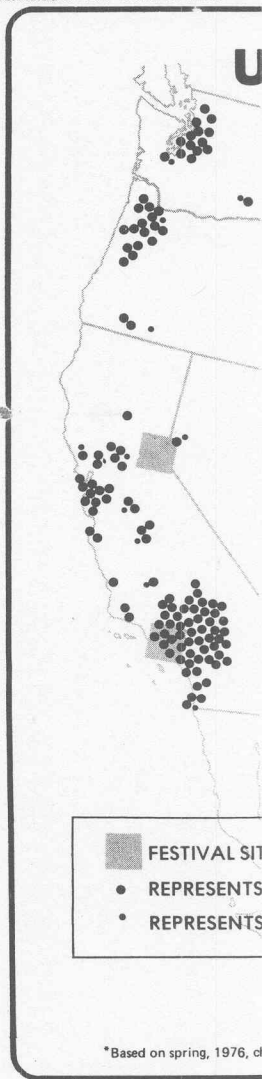
"We're trying to take all of the good from past brochures and put it into this year's publication."



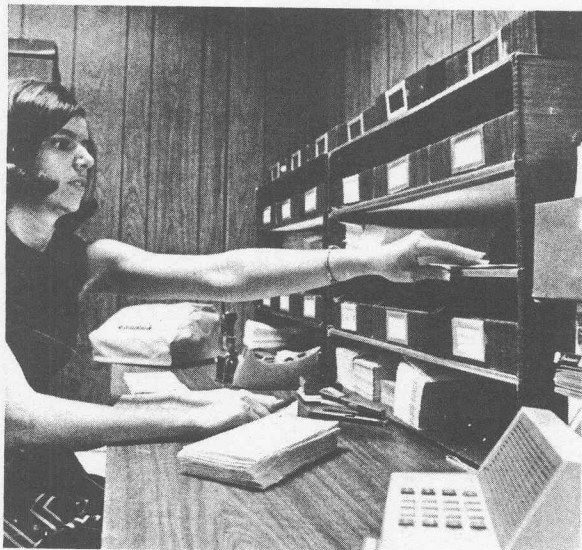
CONFERRING— Festival director Sherwin McMichael, left, discusses a working model of the new Festival brochures with Budde Marino,



coordinator of the project. At right is a preliminary cover design for the new brochures. (Photos by John Robinson and Scott Moss)



*Based on spring, 1976, data



have bookings 10 years in advance for certain times of the year. Fortunately, the Festival season is not one of the busiest times of the year, so it's open for us." Projected attendance at U.S. sites this fall is as follows: Big Sandy 10,300; Jekyll Island, Ga., 2,400;

Hampton, Va., 5,000; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., 9,500; Mount Pocono, Pa., 10,400; Spokane, Wash., 4,600; Squaw Valley, Calif., 3,800; St. Petersburg, Fla., 7,000; Tucson, Ariz., 8,500; Wisconsin Dells, Wis., 11,400; Lahaina, Hawaii, 1,500; and Pasadena 1,500.

Locale important in site choice

By Scott Moss
BIG SANDY — When the Festival Office chooses a new Feast site, five major things are taken into account: site location, the auditorium, the housing potential, the number of family-type activities in the area and the weather, according to Festival director Sherwin McMichael.

Mr. McMichael noted that the location of the site is of prime consideration. "Two thirds of our membership live east of the Mississippi, so it is fairly easy to select sites in the eastern portion of the United States which are within easy driving distance of sizable concentrations of members."

"However, in the less densely populated western states we have a more difficult situation."

"Mr. Ted Armstrong preferred fewer sites with larger attendances this past year rather than a large number of small sites. As a result, we dropped our Salt Lake City site, which we had used in 1975."

"There are not enough members in the area surrounding Salt Lake City to support a large site [see the accompanying map]."

Mr. McMichael feels it is best to have larger sites with a minimum attendance of 5,000. "We feel the

larger group at a given site provides us with a better bargaining position, which will allow us to get the types of auditoriums and arrangements most suitable to our membership."

Considered when choosing the auditorium are stage visibility, seating capacity, quality of the sound system, proximity and size of parking facilities and general appearance and quality of the hall itself.

The hall is booked with a binding contract a year in advance so no last-minute cancellations can disrupt plans.

Next in line is housing potential. That is, are there enough quality housing facilities in the area?

Each site has a housing coordinator who works with overall housing coordinator Jack McKinney. They visit each facility and judge "many, many factors relative to each motel and hotel, including the cost," Mr. McMichael said. "We save approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year for the members in what would otherwise be excessive costs throughout the Festival sites. A great deal more work goes into housing than anyone remotely imagines unless they've participated in it."

The Chamber of Commerce of a prospective city is usually anxious to

have the Festival held in its area, Mr. McMichael said. "Every time the Worldwide Church of God visits a site . . . it means anywhere from \$1 million to \$2 million being spent in an eight- to 10-day period," he said. "We're not keeping the Festival at any site where we're not welcome."

Another important factor is the family activities available. That was one reason Hamilton, Va., is being substituted for Roanoke, according to Mr. McMichael. Church members wrote the office, mentioning the lack of activities and adequate housing facilities in the Roanoke area. So the site was changed to Hampton, which boasts better housing and activities.

Even the weather is taken into account. The Festival Office tries to pick a site with mild and predictable fall weather, though exceptions are made, Mr. McMichael said. He said there will always be a need for some northern sites, since not all the brethren can afford to transfer to the South.

Even the Poconos, in Pennsylvania, notorious for streaks of bad weather, is appreciated by many people who attend, he said.

"There have been some unpredictable weather problems, but I think they are something we have to accept."

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Local church news wrap-up

Two Kinds of Parties

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — With spring in the air, 12 happy preschoolers had a party April 4 that included games, songs, dancing, refreshments, puppet making and pottery painting.

Three dances, the bunny hop, alley cat and *hershuwal* (an Israeli folk dance), were taught by 12-year-old Judy Stephens, a member of a local folk-dance group.

The pottery had been made by the children at an earlier party from native clay that had been dug at Earthquake Park before winter.

Also April 4, first through sixth graders of the Anchorage church met at the Bill Kraniches for a birdhouse-and-apron party.

Each had been given six weeks to complete his project at home with the help of his parents. (The girls made aprons and the boys birdhouses.)

Each partygoer presented a project and spoke a few minutes about it. Judges then picked out the outstanding quality of each project and awarded ribbons and prizes.

Birdhouse awards went to Chris Bolzern, best built; Mike Pickett, most practical; Danny Wegh, most original; Chad Dillon, best painted; and David Kranich, biggest.

Apron awards went to Wendy Wegh, most difficult; Sammy Elledge, cutest; Robyn Lewis, most ambitious; Wendy Eckman, most colorful; Heather Lewis, most unusual; Carol Rolinski, most artistic; and Judy Rolinski, most practical. *Sandra Kranich and Alice Wegh.*

Buffalo Swim Meet

AMHERST, N.Y. — The Buffalo, N.Y., church was host of its second annual swim meet March 27, competing with teams from the Erie and Rochester, N.Y., churches.

The meet was at a high school here.

Nine freestyle relay events based on age and sex, with four swimmers on each team, were held. A point system had been set up for each relay.

The final score: Buffalo 59, Rochester 51 and Erie 34.

Randy Gilmore was voted the most valuable swimmer. He swam in three of the nine relay events.

Beth Melchiorre of Buffalo did a synchronized water ballet to the theme from *Mahogany*.

Buffalo got the trophy for the second straight year. Any team winning three years consecutively will keep the trophy. *Ron Wolodyga.*

Costume Party

AUSTIN, Tex. — The Austin congregation put its imagination to

use March 27 for a costume party with entertainment, dancing, an old-fashioned auction, games and prizes.

Cakes, paintings and other items were auctioned to raise money for YOU and other church activities. Winners for the best-decorated cakes were Brenda Childers for her teddy-bear-shaped cake and Jean Patterson for her bicentennial-flag cake.

A raffle was held to select the winner of an oil painting by Jerry Carlow.

Winners of awards for costumes:

• Children: Jason Albert, Elizabeth Childers, Aaron Davis and Scott Talbott.

• Youths: Ronda Ross and David Beebe.

• Adults: Mrs. Mary Childers, women's division; Jerry Carlow and Danford Bryant, men's; and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Talbott, couple.

Entertainment was a flute solo by Brenda Childers and a piano solo by David Beebe. *Jean Talbott.*

Fair Nets Fair Amount

BATON ROUGE, La. — The church here held a fun-night fair March 20 to raise money for the Work. Ten-cent tickets were sold to participate in cakewalks, darts, bingo, a fish pond, a football throw, ringtoss and a pistol range.

Arts and crafts, canned goods and Tupperware were sold. Then came the auction of *everything* that was left.

The door prizes were an electronic calculator and two American flags.

After a really fun time, the Baton Rouge church was able to send about \$400 to headquarters. *Wilson Grice.*

Australian Square Dancing

BLACKHEATH, Australia — Members of the church here and some visitors from Sydney spent a weekend here in the Blue Mountains March 20 and 21.

The first evening they met at the Festival Tabernacle for a lively family evening, which commenced with some square dancing.

Len Morris instructed and was caller.

Members then danced to music provided by Phil Plows, Peter Bateup and Robert Haanstra.

After supper Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Elfverson organized a game called *twister* for the children. More square dancing followed.

The next day there were a barbecue, tennis and other activities. *Margaret Sheard.*

Proverbs 31 Concept

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

— March 11 was the date once again for the Woman's Club of the Colorado Springs and Walsenburg churches.

Herbert Magoon, pastor, discussed the differences in the woman who follows the Proverbs 31 total-woman concept as opposed to those who practice the "liberated-woman concept."

Joan Hemdon lectured on the importance of personal grooming, attitudes toward husband and family and especially the emotional pitfalls that can destroy and debilitate a tranquil mind.

Refreshments were served by Betty Hudson, Elaine Johnson and Sue Peterson. *T.J. Stewart.*

Boys' Basketball

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Boys' basketball-tournament play was held here April 4. Greensboro, N.C., came in first; Jacksonville, N.C., the underdogs, with only six players, came in second; Columbia came in third; East Columbia finished last.

Jacksonville beat East Columbia 41-6. Jeff Klaus was top scorer, with 20; Keith Trumble made 14.

In a game between Greensboro and Columbia, Greensboro came out on top 62-60 in a battle decided in overtime.

The first-place match was between Jacksonville and Greensboro. Jacksonville dominated and was always in the lead. The final score: Jacksonville 36, Greensboro 42. *Jeff Klaus.*

Cumberland Outing

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — The church here held an outing at Cumberland Mountain State Park after the Sabbath April 3.

Square dancing was the main event, and relay races were also featured.

Some of the hardier braved the cool night by camping out and staying to play tennis Sunday morning. *Nancy Gunnels.*

Church History

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — This church area conducted a biennial formal dance featuring the history of God's Church Feb. 28.

Slides were shown that depicted the beginning of God's Church up to the present.

As David Brewer and Kent Henderson narrated the events, background music was played.

Posters of the old *Church of God News* back to 1961 were displayed.

Corpus Christi was the eighth church raised up in the Philadelphia era of God's Church. *Judy Laney.*

Spring Fever

DAVENPORT, Iowa — "Swing Into Spring" was the theme for a weekend of activities geared to the singles here on April 3 and 4. The singles in Davenport planned and did most of the work to stage an enjoyable weekend for singles invited from neighboring areas.

The Nostalgia Sock Hop at the Blackhawk Hotel got everyone into the swing of things when Volney Lamb of radio station WQUA, Moline, entertained and took charge of the dance. The mixture of '50s songs and up-to-date rock balanced out the night.

The next day, at Duck Creek Plaza, 40 people participated in "Spring Fever Madness." Patented after the TV program *Anything Goes*, seven teams were formed to compete in a series of games. These included throwing cotton balls, playing egg football, threading a needle and drawing a pig while blindfolded.

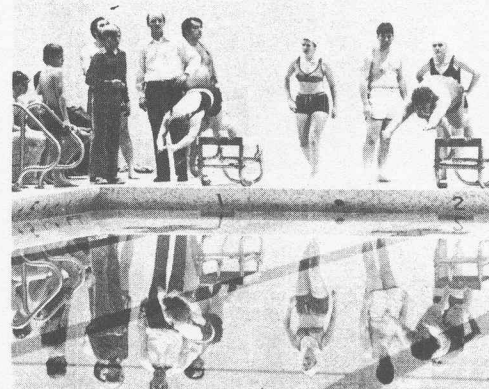
Nora Wanamaker, 89, of Iowa City didn't drop a single bean,

thereby taking first place in the jelly-bean relay.

The winning team for the day was the Maximums, with 66 points, made up of Rick Stanczak of Arlington Heights, Roger Schmidgall and Connie Wilcoxon of Peoria and Linda Link and Becki Hertz of Des Moines. *Linda Miller.*

Wide Range of Talent

DURANGO, Colo. — After Sabbath services and a smorgasbord



NEW YORK MEET — These are some of the swimmers who took part in a March 27 swim meet sponsored by the Buffalo church. The Buffalo competitors won the contest for the second consecutive year. (See "Buffalo Swim Meet," this page.) [Photo by Bob Rodkey]

dinner April 17, the church here had its first talent-fun show, under the direction of Louis Martinez with E.C. Davis as master of ceremonies.

The wide range of talent by youths and senior citizens included a skit, piano solos, guitar duets, singing, numbers on the viola, violin and harmonica and audience participation in Israeli dancing. *Sandra Homer.*

Developing Your Potential

EDMONTON, Alta. — The Edmonton North Spokesman Club held its semiannual ladies' night at Lake Eden Ski Resort March 27. Many other church couples and widows also attended this dinner meeting.

The table topics and speeches featured the theme of "developing your natural human potential." After the speeches a movie, *Pack Your Own Chute*, was featured. Elie Hofer, the overall director and pastor of the church, said the evening went smoothly and was a terrific success. *Philip W. Shields.*

Alaska Sings

EKLUTNA, Alaska — Some 50 people squeezed into the basement of



TALENT SHOW — Beth Shelly, left, and Jack and Martha Reed show they have talent as they sing at a show that was part of a fair put on by Findlay members April 3. (See "\$800 for the Work," this page.) [Photos by Howard Shelly]

the Lennarth Fransson home for an Anchorage-church sing-along April 3. It was a hot time in cold Alaska, especially for those sitting next to the traditional barrel stove.

The singing was led by Lawrence Summers, guitarist, accompanied by Olaf Frislie on the violin. Before snacks, entertainment continued with impromptu choral and dance groups. *Elinor Fransson.*

Lippy the Lovelorn

ENID, Okla. — The church here held a semi-formal dance March 20 at the Holiday Inn.

Music was provided by a band from the Oklahoma City church.

Guests from Oklahoma City were also present.

A comedy skit depicted a bar-room scene from the old West. The actors were Ed Reed as Brave Bob the Bartender, Jackie Burns as Gruff Gracie the Barmaid, Randy Heidrich as Lippy the Lovelorn Cowboy, Kay Campbell as Frenchie the Frivolous Filly, Lee Campbell as Shakey Sam the Sheriff and Bill Gallagher as Sue the Sioux Indian. *Bill Keesee.*

Citrus Suddenly Available

FINDLAY, Ohio — The squeeze was on March 23 to April 3, two weeks to sell Texas-grown oranges and grapefruits that suddenly became available thanks to, the Toledo church.

With the fruits provided, the members went to work producing still more fruits as they squeezed out \$50 for the church fund through sales. *Larry Knick.*

\$800 for the Work

FINDLAY, Ohio — Switching to afternoon services April 3, the church here held a potluck meal after church.

For dessert live entertainment was (See WRAP-UP, page 13)

WE'RE SPEEDING UP

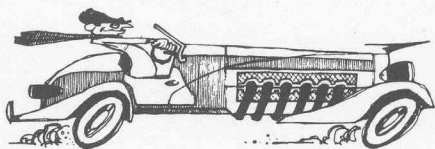
As you may have noticed, the "Wrap-Up" section of the *WN* is becoming more current, thanks to the help of you who contribute to this column.

Our goal is to have writers send us reports of news events within a week after the events, and we're now only printing those that we receive within a month after the event.

To help cover all areas, we continue to ask that you keep your "Wrap-Up" brief. If photos will accompany your article, please check with firms offering 24-hour processing.

Our address at the *WN* is Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

Thanks for helping us speed up.



Wrap-up

(Continued from page 13)
 The all-tournament team were Imperial teammate Brent Bailey, Darrel Maxwell and Tony Carter of tournament victor Long Beach. Mark Green and Carl Johnson of Glendale, Joe Mendoza and Moses Jacoba of Glendora, Mike Fry of Fontana and Larry Ortiz of Norwalk.
 The Norwalk team was awarded the sportsmanship trophy. Gary Mysels.

Fascinating Classes

OLATHE, Kan. — A number of the women from Kansas City South have enrolled in "Fascinating Womanhood" classes taught by Louise Smothers. Basic class material is the book *Fascinating Womanhood*, along with a workbook, both by Helen Andelin.

Two eight-week classes have been completed, and a graduate class is beginning monthly. Two more eight-week classes will start soon. Louise Smothers.

Being a Girl

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. — "I Enjoy Being a Girl" was the theme of a Women's Club fashion show April 4 at the Lake of the Ozarks Festival Administration Building.

The auditorium had been decorated to fit the theme.
 Mrs. Ruby Cuffel and Don Edwards won the door prizes, \$10 gift certificates.

Preteens, teens and women participated as models in the show, which featured sports wear, skirts, dresses and long dresses.

Between sections entertainment was by the models and other church talent. Les Greenfield played a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. Vinton Nance on the piano. Lynetta Plime played a flute solo, accompanied by Monica Grimes. Millie Slagle sang a solo, "I Enjoy Being a Girl," accompanied by Charlene Taylor. Mary E. House.

Them Thar Hills

ROANOKE, Va. — Orchard Hill Farm's apple-packing house sheltered the church here the night of March 21 as members rallied to devour a potluck meal of hot dogs, chili and apple cider.

After the meal folks squared off to an evening of western and hoedown square dancing.

The little folks enjoyed movies. Others learned why Orchard Hill was so named as rambunctious hayrides proceeded through them thar hills. Duane Long.

Coloring Contest

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Church pastor Donald Samples presented ribbons to winners of a coloring contest here April 12.

Children of the church up to 12 years of age were eligible to

compete. Each of three age-groups were given a copy of the same picture to color.

Receiving blue first-place ribbons were Sonya Bruner, Kiersten Spraker and Todd Fenton. Second-place red ribbons went to Carissa Spraker, Stacy Bruner and Allan Hannold. Jake Hannold.

Teens Place in City League

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The teen basketball season here ended March 23 and 24 in a city-league play-off at a Salvation Army gym.

The teens, in their second year as a church team, came up with a third-place trophy for the tourney. High-point men were David Nolan, with 21 points; Jeff Dodson, with 15; and Eric Jones, with 14. Coach Gary Koerner was pleased with the final score: Worldview Church of God 62, St. Paul's Catholic Church 35. Lavene L. Vorel.

New Church Band

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The first public appearance of the new church band took place April 17 when it played for the annual semiformal dance at Rancho Bernardo Inn, near Escondido.

A total of 144 members from both churches enjoyed the evening tremendously, according to a report by church pastor James Friddle.

The band's talent and versatility were demonstrated as it produced music for polkas, waltzes, fox-trots and rock.

During intermission was entertainment furnished by Margie Friddle dressed as a charwoman singing "I'm So Pretty"; a country ballad, "Old Dogs and Children and Watermelon Wine," by Paul Smith, guitar; Dan Edelman, with a vocal rendition of "If I Were a Rich Man"; and "Mr. Bojangles," sung by Virgil Gordon.

Jim Walker of Escondido is band leader and plays lead guitar. The rest of the band are Rhonda Edelman, bass guitar; Margaret Walker, piano; Jim Ivcevic, saxophone; and Greg Edelman, drums.

The group will perform at the annual church variety show, scheduled for May 24. Susan Karoska.

20th for Shreveport

SHREVEPORT, La. — It was 20 years ago March 10 that the Shreveport church was begun. The congregation first met in the northern-Louisiana town of Minden. James Friddle was the first minister. Several years later the church was moved here.

In recognition of the anniversary, Sabbath services were held on March 6 in the Minden Civic Center. Sermons were given by Bill Bradford, present pastor, and Leroy Neff, a former pastor who is now business

manager at Ambassador College, Big Sandy.

During the noon break a buffet luncheon prepared by the ladies was served. Many members who have since moved from the area returned for the day. The Shreveport brethren were also joined by the Texarkana, Ark., and Monroe, La., churches.

Helping to coordinate the day's activities were Dave Ogwyn, Vesta Montgomery, Marge Dostal and Paul and Becky Burks.

The day was brought to a conclusion with an anniversary dance at the 40 & 8 Club in Shreveport.

Gladys McDowell had created an anniversary cake for the occasion. Judy Walker.

Outstanding Outfits

SPOKANE, Wash. — The teenagers here were host of a costume party March 20 and invited the young adults for the occasion. There were dancing, music and games, with refreshments.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of prizes for outstanding outfits. The most unusual costumes were worn by Jena Nellis as Wonder Woman and Don Kotke and Tom Robinson with makeup masks.

The most humorous girl was Crystal Jager as the Rotund Painter, and Mart Wineinger had the most unusual guy's costume; he came as an outhouse.

The best-dressed girl was Laree Graybeal as Cinderella, and Doug Graybeal, in an Uncle Sam costume, was best for the guys.

Dan Deinger and his wife Valerie were in charge of the party. Deinger is YOU director here. Connie Payton and Dave Robinson.

From Fruit to Wheels

SPOKANE, Wash. — YOU teens here turned 10 tons of grapefruit and oranges into a profitable venture during their spring vacation, April 3 to 11.

The activities began with teens taking orders for cases of the fruit. Then, the evening of April 3, the final planning-and-sign-making session was held. Early on April 4 the big undertaking was started with the unloading of the 1,000 boxes that arrived from the Crest Fruit Co. in Texas. The fruit was redistributed to six street corners in this area.

Busy intersections were covered by some 50 teens plus some energetic parents, all under the direction of YOU director for Spokane Dan Deinger. The goal of the project was to raise enough money to purchase a used 67-passenger school bus for YOU activities.

On April 11 all who helped sell went to the Clayton Graybeal home for pizza, pop, salad and ice cream. Gina Nellis and Verne Eno.

Truckload of Fruit

TOLEDO, Ohio — Toledo and



BACK TO SCHOOL — These women from Kansas City South are enrolled in "Fascinating Womanhood" classes. Standing, from left, are Effie Minton, Mary Brooks, Patty Gilley, Janett Owens, Jean Hornor, Kay Keener, Garlena Curtis, Trudy Wittmeyer and Phyllis Gerfen. Seated are Jo Ann Bergmann, Louise Smothers (instructor) and Elizabeth Kuhn. Not shown are Mary Stephenson, Elizabeth Stump, Elsie Fry, Imogene Howard, Sharon Owens, Sheryl Wempe, Linda Hopkins, Gini Summers and Glenda Brown. (See "Fascinating Classes," this page.) [Photo by Ken Murphy]



ST. PETE TEAM — St. Petersburg teens placed third in city-league basketball competition in March. The players are, standing, Dulvin Lewis, David Dodson, Jeff Dodson and Doug McCall and, kneeling, Dan McCall, David Nolan and Eric Jones. (See "Teens Place in City League," this page.) [Photo by Lavene L. Vorel]

Findlay members sold 1,850 boxes of Texas oranges and grapefruits in one week.

After an offering is sent to Pasadena, the remainder of the proceeds from the sale will be used to sponsor church activities.

When the Toledo-bound truck arrived early on March 28, many helpers made light work of unloading and distributing the fruit. Gloria Hoskinson.

That's Entertainment

TORONTO, Ont. — "That's Entertainment" was the theme of a regional teen dance here April 3. The dance was in an auditorium at Toronto's largest shopping mall, Square One, and was sponsored by teens from Toronto West, Central and East for all surrounding church areas.

Records were spun by the pastor at Toronto West, a former disc jockey, Harry Walker. The master of ceremonies, Gary Moore, started it all with a snowball dance, led by Rita and Fabian Jardim. For special entertainment Danny McBride played and sang.

Albums were given to lucky ticket holders. The grand prize was a clock radio, won by Jeff Miller of Kitchener. About 180 attended. Rita Jardim.

Youth Day

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — The Clarksburg, W. Va., and Uniontown churches had a Youth Day April 17. The youths took over the roll count, ushered, played the piano, handed out song books and parked cars.

The sermon and sermonette were

also directed to young people. The sermon, given by David Johnson, pastor, concerned problems of teens in the Church. He incorporated into his sermon material from papers the teens had written. Janet Richards.

Bicentennial Dresses

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — A fashion show featuring clothing made by the ladies of the Warner Robins and Columbus, Ga., churches was the highlight of the day April 4 as more than 20 outfits were modeled, ranging from a gentleman's denim leisure suit to frilly, full-length bicentennial dresses. There was also a handicraft display with work in needlepoint, macramé, crocheting and flower arranging. Mike Henley.

Club Promotes AICF

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The Spokesman Club here promotes the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation by giving free subscriptions to *Human Potential* magazine to prominent citizens in this area. So far, all of those contacted have accepted the gifts.

Those who will receive *Human Potential* include Jack Hunter (the mayor of Youngstown and a congressional candidate), editors of the three area daily newspapers, the local director of the United Appeal, the president of Youngstown State University and the Warren Public Library.

Larry Rees, assistant librarian for the library, liked the appearance of the magazine. He said he would prominently display it. Jim Guy and Ralph Orr.



GRADUATING SPOKESMEN — Three Spokesman clubs, from Portland (Ore.) North, East and West, held their annual graduation banquet April 11. The evening included a cocktail hour and steak dinner. The graduates and directors, from left, include (standing) Larry Bontrager, Jim Copeland, Straton Jones, William Donier, Ron Fritch, Woodrow Corsi Jr., Michael Summey, Allan Anderson, Glenn McKinney, Ernest Hand, John Stalnaker, Pete Swanson, Dan Fricke (director), Richard Duncan (director), Jim Haefelle (director) and (seated) John Harris, Michael Goble, Tim Lowery, Larry Wilson and Mayo Hand.

180 brothers and sisters at latest count

By Roger Fakhoury
PASADENA — For John Spencer Chikeziem Archinihu, life at Ambassador College here is almost the same as home in Nigeria.
 "I have about 180 brothers and

sisters, and we keep on increasing," he smiled. "Last month I got a letter from home that informed me that six more brothers and sisters were added to my family. Since we are continually growing, no one can

keep track of the actual number." John Spencer (the shortened name the campus students have given him) is an outgoing, exuberant 20-year-old freshman from the city of Aba (population 152,000), in southwest-nigeria.

His initial appearance is impressive. While only 5 feet 1/2 inch tall, his smile and athletic build make the difference.

John comes from a wealthy family. His father has a unique position in Aba: He is the ruler.

Not Much Competition

"My father does not have much competition for his post. He is the natural ruler. When he dies the eldest son will take over."

What position did John hold in the family, and could he ever be made ruler of Aba?

"No," he laughed, "I am not even within the first 100. My oldest brother is heir to the throne, and he is about 55."

John's father, besides being ruler of Aba, is a prosperous farmer who owns a vast amount of farmland. The family cultivates yams and melons, maintains banana and pineapple plantations and supervises a poultry farm.

What type of unity could there be in so large a family?

"Contrary to what you might think, we are a very close family. The family's households encompass an area as large as this campus. My father's castle is located in the center and each one of his 25 wives has her own house in which she and her children live.

Three Soccer Teams

"People don't realize that there are many advantages with our large family. We have three soccer teams just among ourselves."

Why did he decide to come to AC?
 "It is really an interesting story," John mused. "I knew nothing about Ambassador College or the Worldwide Church of God."

Early in life John decided to study in the United States. Many of his brothers and sisters had gone to other countries — West Germany, Britain,

France — but none had ever gone to America.

"So I prepared myself to play the ambassadorial role of representing my family and country, especially when I learned that I would be the only person from Africa here this year."

"When I got the catalog from the College Entrance Examination Board, I looked through the list of colleges in California. I chose Ambassador College at random and sent in my application form."

Since arriving, John has had nothing but praise for Ambassador. "I was initially impressed with the atmosphere. The people are friendly and helpful."

John plans to stay four years and then hopes to go on to study medicine, specifically gynecology and obstetrics. He also hopes to practice medicine here for a year, then return to Nigeria. He would like to establish a hospital in Aba.

John talked of the events that led to his attending church:

Church on Saturday

"I knew nothing of the Church before I came," John said. "I arrived on a Sunday and by Monday I found out that church here is held on Saturday."

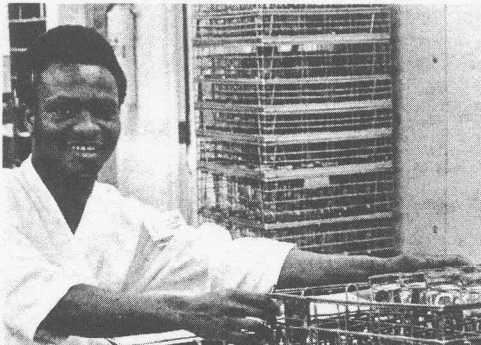
How did he react when he found out about the Sabbath?

"It was a surprise to me," John reflected, "and very hard to accept at first. I had always considered Saturday to be a workday, and it was difficult to change my thought pattern. It wasn't until I registered for the freshman Bible class before I realized how much I needed to know about this Church and their beliefs."

So, after nearly three weeks on campus, John entered the Ambassador Auditorium for Sabbath services for the first time.

"I was initially impressed with the majestic aura of the Auditorium radiated. I sensed an atmosphere which seemed conducive to worshipping God. My church back home was a cathedral, and very different."

But what really impressed John was the message he heard that day. "After church I went straight



ONE OF 180 OR SO — John Spencer, here at work on campus, chose Ambassador College at random. He left at least 180 brothers and sisters in his native Nigeria. [Photo by Rick Stodola]

Ohio elder conducts Passover behind bars

By Kenneth W. Christopher
CHILLICOTHE, Ohio — A little before sunset April 13, I sat down with a small elect — possibly unique — group of people at Chillicothe

The writer, a local elder in the Portsmouth, Ohio, church, is employed as director of teaching at Chillicothe Correctional Institute.

Correctional Institute. It was my privilege to conduct what may be the first Passover service in a prison for both inmates and employees in this age of the Church of God as two prisoners and one employee partook of the Passover.

The service lasted about an hour, and inmates and employees sat down together as equals, not as inmates and supervisors, but as brothers in Christ.

The inmates had looked forward to

this opportunity ever since I had conducted the first weekly Bible study there a few months ago, the first in a series of studies open to all interested prisoners.

At first the studies were on Wednesday evenings in a vestibule that provided no privacy. When it became impossible for those who had loyally attended each session to meet on Wednesday evenings, the services were moved to the prison's Protestant chapel and held at 8 a.m. Saturdays.

The chapel provides a better setting, and the men — and I — are fresh and wide awake after a night's rest. Other than a Catholic mass conducted in the nearby Catholic chapel, no one else is in the building at that hour, since the majority of those attending have never heard of

Worldwide Church of God or either of the Armstrongs. But some are subscribers to *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*.

At the beginning of each service, those attending, usually about nine inmates, are politely told that this is a voluntary service that will be conducted from 8 to 9:30 a.m. and that they will be given a chance to ask questions at the end of the meeting. I tell the men they are free to leave any time.

However, no one has left early except those who have had to leave for work assignments.

This statement is necessary because many of these men are "longtimers," and they can remember years ago when they were required to attend a church service every Sunday morning.

The men's questions are deep and thought provoking. The depth of some of their questions might put a few Church members to shame. Some of the questions sometimes become the topics for the next week's study.

Officially the Bible study is concluded at 9:30, because the chapel must be vacated for another group. But the men continue to talk and ask questions outside after services.

These studies are inspiring to me because of the prisoners' enthusiasm. At times they seem to hang onto every word said.

The prayers of *WN* readers are requested for their continued success.



home. It really got me thinking about the things I had heard. I realized that there was something substantial to the message.

"I am not yet baptized, but if it is God's will, which I'm sure it is, I plan to be baptized very soon."

Next year three of John's older brothers plan to come to AC. I asked John if they are excited about coming to America.

"More than just America," John commented. "Ambassador College. They have been interested ever since I arrived."

"You see, I also have been playing the ambassadorial role for Ambassador College."

Obituaries

MOUNT POCONO, Pa. — Mary Margaret Creasy, 80, died at her home of a heart attack April 6. She had been a member since 1967.

Surviving are a daughter, two sisters and a brother.

Mrs. Creasy's husband, Stanley L., 82, had died one day earlier of a stroke. He was not a member.

The Creasys were married 62 years. Five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren also survive.

OZARK, Ark. — Earl Edward Clay, 82, died at his home here April 2 after a brief illness.

He is survived by his wife, Berntha Seratt Clay.

Mr. Clay, with his wife, was a member of the Russellville, Ark., church. They previously had attended the Fort Smith, Ark., church for several years.

Mr. Clay was a retired farmer and a veteran of World War I.

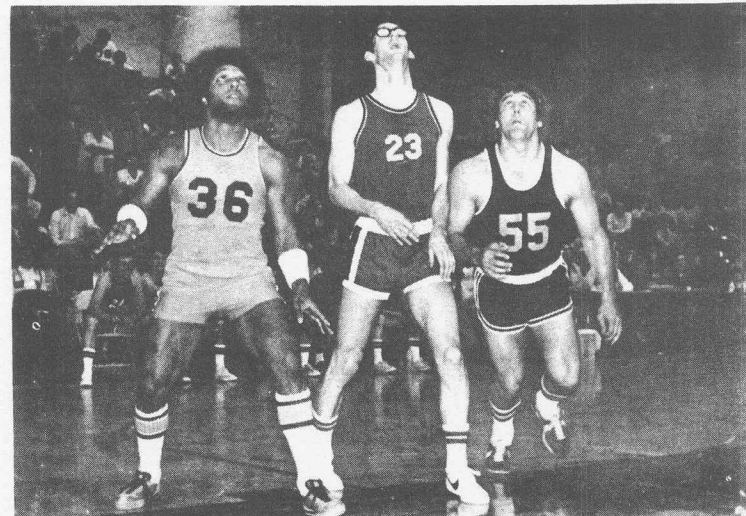
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Leonard Haley, 71, a member here, died in a hospital March 9.

Mr. Haley is survived by his wife, also a member, two sons; and one daughter.

SAN JOSE, Calif. — James Walker died March 30 of cancer. He had been a member of the Church 12 years.

Mr. Walker is survived by his wife Grace; a daughter, Leah Jones; a son, James Jr.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Walker was a native of California and a member of the San Jose church.



TIGHT SQUEEZE — Cincinnati elder Dave Pack, center, may have the height advantage (he stands 6 feet 7), but it looks like the opposition's Lenvil Elliott (No. 36), running back for the Cincinnati Bengals football team, and his teammate, Jim LeClair (defensive linebacker), might muscle him out of the rebound during a YOU fund-raising game between the Bengals and a team sponsored by the Cincinnati North and West churches March 27. To represent the Bengals were Elliott; LeClair; Bill Kollar, defensive tackle; Dave Green, kicker; Al Beauchamp, defensive linebacker; and Rufus Mayes, offensive tackle. The church-sponsored team was aided by Fred Diarling, former University of Cincinnati player; Bob Wiesenhan, former Boston Celtics player; George Spencer, former University of Washington player; and two Church members, Pack and Ralph Weis. The final score was 103-78 in favor of the church-sponsored team. Free tickets had been given to three orphanages and a home for wayward boys. Dayton and Cincinnati YOU cheerleaders aided both teams. The venture netted \$1,500, which went into YOU coffers. [Photo by Mike Lockard]

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PASADENA — A special Sabbath brunch was attended by 600 Ambassador students in honor of **Herbert W. Armstrong** May 8.

During the meal, the students presented Mr. Armstrong an engraved silver bowl, a replica of a bowl made by **Paul Revere** for the Massachusetts State Assembly.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Australia's regional director **Dennis Luker** and director of *Plain Truth* lectures **John Halford** returned here last week from a tour of Southeast Asia.

Mr. Halford had left at the beginning of April; Mr. Luker had joined him in Kuala Lumpur immediately after Passover.

Mr. Halford said: "The trip was very profitable in every way. We were able to visit most of our Asian members in their homes. We hope that this will help us to serve them more effectively in the future."

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PASADENA — Ambassador College announced that its summer program at the archaeological excavations in Jerusalem will be open to six undergraduate students of the campus here and six from Big Sandy this summer.

All applicants must have successfully completed at least one year of Old Testament Survey or its equivalent.

In addition to working at the dig site, the students will take classes and attend lectures provided by Hebrew University (which cosponsors the dig with Ambassador) in Jerusalem.

The students accepted will be given a scholarship by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation covering air fare, room, board and tuition for the summer.

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PASADENA — The senior classes of Ambassador College here and in Big Sandy took their traditional annual trips as the school year drew to a close.

More than 70 Pasadena seniors spent four days, April 22 to 25, traveling along the California coast in two buses, stopping at San Simeon and Carmel and ending up in San Francisco.

The Big Sandy group spent six days in Mexico City, meeting with the Mexico City brethren for Sabbath services and touring the city and environs April 30 to May 5.

Pasadena Senior Class President **Bill Guthy** said, "I felt our senior-class trip was a great way to complete our four years together."

Big Sandy's Senior Class President **Mike Hale** commented: "It was quite a memorable and eye-opening trip. I hope the tradition of the senior trip is continued."

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PASADENA — Operations of *The Plain Truth's* Washington, D.C., office, located in the National Press Building and manned by **Henry Sturcke**, will be terminated at the end of this month, according to *Plain Truth* managing editor **Art Ferdig**.

Correspondent Sturcke, who served as office manager, researcher, messenger, public-relations director, photographer, writer and tour guide on behalf of *The Plain Truth*, will remain in the Washington area, where he hopes to find employment.

A recent change in the magazine to a more religious format brought

about the closing of the office, Mr. Ferdig said.

In other developments, Mr. Ferdig announced the appointment of **Jack Martin** to circulation manager worldwide for *The Plain Truth*. Mr.



JACK MARTIN

Martin is also circulation manager for *Human Potential* magazine.

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PASADENA — The Ambassador College Chorale, cooperating with the Music Department, presented a spring concert May 2 in the Auditorium.

After a first-half presentation by the Pasadena Community Orchestra, the chorale performed two pieces, "Whitman" and "Aria," dedicated to the poet **Walt Whitman**.

"Whitman," narrated by **Garner Ted Armstrong**, was presented with members of the Ambassador College Dance Theater under the direction and choreography of **Christa Long**, wife of Dr. **R. Gerry Long**, chairman of the Music Department.

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PASADENA — May 2 was a day of fun in the sun for 300 Ambassador students at a beach party sponsored by the freshman class. Will Rogers State Beach, on the coast near Santa Monica, provided perfect weather as students swam, sunned, surfed and competed in volleyball and tugs-of-war.

Roger Fakhoury, freshman-class



TOURING — Big Sandy Ambassador seniors wander through ancient ruins in Mexico with the Pyramid of the Sun in the background. (See "Grapevine," this page.) [Photo by Scott Ashley]

president and party coordinator, commented: "Many freshmen devoted a lot of time to insure the overwhelming success that it was. I felt that it was an excellent way to wrap up the school year."

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PASADENA — Baritone **Herman Prey** presented **Franz Schubert's** *Die Winterreise* cycle April 27 in the Auditorium. Hailed as a foremost interpreter of the German *Lied*, Berlin-born Prey has performed in New York, Rome, London, Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Moscow and Tokyo.

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PASADENA — The Netherlands Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of **Szymon Goldberg**, presented a "bicentennial salute to the United States" May 4 in the Auditorium.

"Since its founding in 1955, the performances have grown with extraordinary rapidity," according to Mr. Goldberg.

The orchestra performed concerti of **Haydn**, **Handel** and **Schoenberg**.

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BIG SANDY — The Texas campus of Ambassador College was host of its second annual agricultural field day May 6. Guest speakers



GLORIA SWANSON

included actress and health-food advocate **Gloria Swanson** and Dr. **Leo Roy**, a medical doctor and



NEW STUDENT LEADERS — Big Sandy Ambassador College student officers for the 1976-77 school year were recently announced. Standing, from left, are Student Body President **Steve Schantz**, Student Body Vice President **Lloyd Garrett** and Senior Class President **Jeff Wahlen**. Seated are **Carol Allen**, overall women's-club president, left, and overall women's coordinator **Anne Wilcox**. [Photo by Scott Moss]

researcher from Toronto, Ont.

The field day was designed to encourage research in health and nutrition and inform farmers and ranchers of progress in these areas.

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PASADENA — The Boston Symphony Chamber Players performed selections from **Mozart**,

Beethoven and **Stravinsky** in the Auditorium May 5.

The Chamber Players, composed of musicians from the Boston Symphony Orchestra, received the Grammy for the year's outstanding chamber music.

The ensemble has been praised for its "rich and suave" tone by the *New York Times*.

Australia airs telecast for first time

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of the reach of the Australian Work, Mr. Halford said. Since Australia uses a system in taping and transmitting television broadcasts

that differs from the U.S. system, videotapes produced in America are incompatible with the Australian system, and the cost of transferring the taped programs to film has been

prohibitive.

"But recent technical breakthroughs have made possible a machine that transfers the American videotapes to the local system," Mr. Halford said. "There are only a few such machines existing in the world at the moment. One of them happens to be just 10 minutes' drive from the Pasadena campus."

Another breakthrough was timely. Only part of the cost for the Australian program will go for air time; the largest part is the local production cost: editing the program and altering the commercials so the program meets local regulations.

"Normally the Broadcasting Control Board insist that any commercial inserts must have at least 80 percent Australian-produced content," according to Mr. Halford. "In an unprecedented move, the Control Board has permitted the use of the programs as produced, providing all essential editing is done in Australia."

"This generous concession has saved the Work many thousands of dollars."

After seeing the first telecast, Australian regional director **Dennis Luker** said:

"It was absolutely terrific. Everything went well, and our media agents, Milwyn Associates, did a beautiful job of local editing. I am very pleased."

Once the first 13-week series is under way in Sydney, plans are to extend the programs to Melbourne and the other major cities of the country.