

## Mr. Armstrong meets Vorster, talks to South African readers

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Herbert W. Armstrong wound up his third week in South Africa with a visit with Prime Minister B. John Vorster in his office here in the country's legislative capital on part of an agenda that so far has included *Plain Truth* lectures in three cities and speeches before civic clubs, as well as Holy Day services on Pentecost, June 6, for 800 brethren from all over South Africa.

Mr. Armstrong met Prime Minister Vorster June 14 in his office in the House of Parliament here.

"Mr. Armstrong was very impressed with Mr. Vorster as a strong leader and resolute," commented Bob Fahey, the Work's regional director for this country.

The prime minister and Mr. Armstrong had planned to talk only 10 minutes, but the meeting "lasted a half an hour," Mr. Fahey commented. "The prime minister spoke of the total bias that South Africa faces. Although there are some things that are not as yet right, South Africa has been working very hard over a long period of time to make changes, and no credit has been given for the changes made."

Stanley Rader, the Work's vice president for financial affairs, who is with Mr. Armstrong on his latest overseas trip, was also at the meeting with the prime minister and asked him about the situation in South Africa and Angola.

### Going It Alone

Mr. Fahey said Mr. Vorster commented to Mr. Rader that the "communists made an experiment in Angola. They wanted to see how far they could push the West in Africa. Now they know the answer to that question," the prime minister said. "So do we. If war becomes inevitable we would be grateful for whatever help

we receive from overseas. But we are making our plans based on the fact that we would have to go it alone. We know that in the ultimate end we will have only ourselves to rely upon..."

Mr. Armstrong had arrived in this country May 26 and had met South African President Nicolaas Diederichs, the head of state, June 2 (*The Worldwide News*, June 7).

Mr. Fahey said the riots in the Johannesburg suburb of Soweto that have been making headlines around the world lately have "not affected Mr. Armstrong's trip in any way other than to show the need for the Kingdom of God is urgent. These riots have been up to now totally confined to the black areas and look like they will remain so. Of all of our members that we have been able to check of both black and white, none so far have been affected."

He said black Church members in some of the stricken areas "have been unable to be contacted because of the lack of phones in their areas, but, from all we can gather, only those who are engaged in the rioting and in the center of the conflict have been harmed in any way."

### Mr. Armstrong's Agenda

Mr. Armstrong was here June 6 for Pentecost services for members from all over the republic. "We had nearly 800 people present for this all-day service," Mr. Fahey said. "Mr. Armstrong spoke on the fact that most people are not called in this age."

The next week Mr. Armstrong addressed readers of *The Plain Truth* in three lectures, in Durban, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, as part of a schedule that Mr. Fahey said Mr. Armstrong "has been very pleased with... He said everything about this trip gets better and better."

The Sabbath of June 5, the day (See MR. ARMSTRONG, page 8)

## Trainees cut in budget realignment

**By John Robinson**  
PASADENA — Thirty-five ministerial trainees, representing all unordained employees of the Church serving in U.S. congregations, have been terminated effective Aug. 1 in a move to "realign the budget" within the Pastoral Administration Division of the Work.

According to Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, the decision was a "difficult one" that was made only after "much discussion" with Garner Ted Armstrong, the area coordinators and others. He said the men are being given 40 to 60 days' notice and are permitted half their normal work time until Aug. 1 to seek other employment.

Mr. Dart stressed that the across-the-board cut does not "represent failure" on the part of the trainees.

"Whenever you discuss terminations some tend to equate the layoffs with our washing our hands of the

individuals," Mr. Dart said. "We're not; we still want these men involved in the ministry. Mr. Armstrong said he hopes many of the men will stay on in the areas in which they have been serving, providing they can find adequate jobs, and continue to help and contribute as time permits. To use Mr. Armstrong's phrase, we don't want to diminish their opportunities."

Mr. Dart, writing to the ministry in the June 15 *Bulletin*, said, if the trainees were giving sermons while on the payroll, "they should continue giving sermons. If, for any reason, their speaking opportunities are diminished, it is the responsibility of the pastor to explain to the man why."

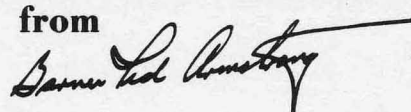
Continuing in *The Bulletin*, Mr. Dart said:

"It's our hope that the young men we are letting go will consider this a challenge rather than a penalty and realize that they have the opportunity

to win the same kind of reward the apostle Paul was after by making his service to God's people 'without charge.'"

"One of the greatest feelings the (See TRAINEES, page 10)

## A Personal Letter from



Dear brethren in Christ:  
Greetings from northern Minnesota! I am here for a few days for the opening of the first session of our YOU Summer Educational Program (where both of my younger sons are employed as members of the ski crews) and will be speaking to the combined group of campers and staff on the Sabbath, followed by a trip to Minneapolis for a churchwide social there on Sunday night.

Mr. Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration, will be in Minneapolis over the Sabbath for special combined services and will continue back to Pasadena with me on Monday morning.

In my last "Personal" I mentioned that I'd be televising another sermon in the Auditorium. I preached the sermon, which was indeed televised, the Sabbath of June 5 on the subject of "why God hides Himself" and showed the many proofs available to physical human beings that there is in fact not only a spirit world, but that there are countless, unseen laws by which we live and that these forces and living laws are just as real as anything we can come to know. The TV crew may have gotten enough material for two radio programs and possibly two half-hour television broadcasts or one hour-long special.

The next morning, Sunday, June 6, I flew to Portland, Ore., for Pentecost afternoon services with members of the Portland, Salem and Eugene churches. There was a crowd of just under 2,000 brethren, who were very warm and friendly. The enthusiasm generated by the recent conference was still very obvious in the ministry there.

By the way, I've received many, many fine comments from those who attended the conference. The comments, whether written or oral, have been warm and glowing and reflect feelings of satisfaction and appreciation. It truly was, as I may have said (See PERSONAL, page 10)

## Chairman credits two with concept of AICF

**By Herbert W. Armstrong**  
JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — I have found the many hundreds of members in South Africa already familiar with the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and are enthusiastic about it. They feel this is a big step forward in God's Work and want to be solidly behind it.

This leads me to want to express my personal appreciation and gratitude to the two men whose enthusiastic, diligent and tireless energies have been primarily responsible for bringing the AICF into being and developing it into its great success. They are Stanley R. Rader and Robert L. Kuhn.

Although they give me full credit as founder of the foundation, I would like you to know they are the ones who came up with the idea and whose diligent, almost night-and-day, efforts launched and developed this important phase of the Work. About all I have contributed to it was to approve the idea and each step in its launching

and development. When they sought my approval or rejection I would say: "Okay, great, go right ahead." They did all the work of masterminding it and directing its development and then they tried to give me all the credit.

"Well," said Mr. Rader, "you gave us the inspiration." And I reply, if so, then I am grateful to have had that much to do with it. I'm inspired for what it has done for the Work and I know God is well pleased.

Not enough credit has been given to these two men so staunchly and loyally behind Garner Ted and me. We both love them beyond words and they certainly have our unqualified and implicit confidence, and I want credit to go where credit is due.

Our Work is in God's eyes the most important activity in 1,900 years. God has raised up and is tremendously using these men. Pray for them constantly as well as Garner Ted and me.

## Mrs. Roderick Meredith 1936-1976

PASADENA — Margie Helen Meredith, wife of evangelist Dr. Roderick C. Meredith, died here June 16 of cancer following an extended illness.

Mrs. Meredith, 40, the former Margie McNair, was married to Dr. Meredith for 20 years and had been a member of God's Church since 1953. She entered Ambassador College in 1953, marrying Dr. Meredith two years later, and completed her degree in 1962. She was one of eight children, six of whom are members of the Church, three serving as ministers: Raymond McNair, evangelist; Burk McNair, area coordinator; and Carl McNair, area coordinator.

She was the mother of two sons and two daughters ranging in age from 8 to 19.

Her family said she died peacefully at home at 5 a.m. and had experienced very little suffering the last few weeks of her life.

Funeral services were scheduled for June 21 at Mountain View Cemetery. Dr. Herman L. Hoeh was to officiate.

After her death Dr. Meredith paid tribute to her as an "invaluable" (See MRS. RODERICK MEREDITH, page 8)



MRS. RODERICK MEREDITH

## Letters

TO THE EDITOR

### Wouldn't trade

... This last issue with all the pastors, area coordinators and church ministers I wouldn't trade for anything. It's going to help me to pray for them personally.

Hilda Saranga  
Pascaougla, Miss.

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### Continuing education

We wish to express our very deepest thanks to Mr. Donald Ward and all those involved in bringing the CEP [continuing-education program] program to fruition [see article, page 3]. It's just like attending the Feast. We're going home loaded with spiritual food, new friendships and renewed friendships.

The campus grounds are beautiful and inspiring, the students smiling and so very helpful — what a lovely atmosphere to be educated in.

CEP is truly a gratifying and wonderful experience — one we're very thankful we were given the opportunity to have.

Burdens are being lifted due to the new knowledge and understanding we are receiving. We are learning things here at CEP that are helping us to change and improve our family relations and way of living.

We hate to see this session come to an end. We are really enjoying "continuing our education."

Three cheers for CEP. May this year's program be the first of many more to come. We'll be back next year!  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hendrickson  
Tacoma, Wash.

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### Caution against offense

I am concerned about the increasing number of negative comments in the *WN*. It looks like this tool which was designed to unite and strengthen the Body is being used by some to judge and condemn others. So let's hope this does not become just another negative comment about negative comments!

Sure, we don't all agree on whether or not a Christian should demand his rights concerning a job and Sabbath — or on what determines leavened or unleavened bread — or on whether or not normally sane people should use CB radios, etc., etc. But just because we don't agree on various physical things, do we have the right to judge another's conscience toward his God? (Romans 14, especially verse 17).

I know that the Bible instructs us to tell our brother when we see him overtaken in a fault (Matthew 18:15-17 and Galatians 6:1), but that it should be done "in the spirit of meekness." The first part of Matthew 18 cautions us against offending others; and how about Matthew 5:23?

Linda Groves  
Drexel, Mo.

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### These things happen

For your info... several of our Church members have received "junk" mail, apparently from ads in the *WN*. I have explained to these members that it is sad that sometimes things like this can happen even in the *WN* but that the overall good the *WN* is doing for the Church brethren as a whole far outweighs any "bad." We really do appreciate all of your efforts as the *WN* staff in making this publication the success it is! Thanks a lot!

Joel Lillgreen  
Chico and Sacramento pastor  
Sacramento, Calif.

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### Proper interpretation

First of all, I'd like to give a BRAVO to Barbara McNeese for her letter to the editor in the May 24 issue. I was on the verge of writing a similar letter a few months ago but never did get around to it.

We really enjoy reading the *WN*, and look forward to receiving every new issue. But as the old adage goes — there's always room for improvement, and if you will permit, I'd like to present some (hopefully) constructive criticism.

Since the "cutting down" of an article (for "Local News Wrap-Up") has happened to both Mrs. McNeese and myself, I am sure that it's happened to others as well and that we are not alone in our predicament.

We too are in a church area where relatively few activities take place, and where I feel a bit of a longer article is not out of place. The article for "Local News Wrap-Up" from our church area [March

29] (Salzburg, Austria) was not only drastically reduced, but also received equally drastic changes in meaning.

You wrote that the church had only existed for two years, where the original article stated that they had only not had a social in the past two years. The church has been there for nearly a decade. Then, according to you, the church has been without a minister, which was not the case, he merely wasn't located in the area. And so the story goes on.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to reevaluate the "cut-down" staff and give them a few tips on proper interpretation?

Then another point — I have repeatedly seen more than one lengthy article for the same church area — in one and the same issue. If you are looking for ways to "cut down" — how about limiting the number of articles per church area? Say to one a month? That way events of minor interest to other readers will automatically fall out.

How about writing names with only the first initial? Instead of writing out the entire first name. To the person whose name is written there — it's interesting, but I feel that to most readers the endlessly long lists of names are a bit boring. Wouldn't a closer description of the activity be more interesting? Especially to a church area that wants to conduct the same sort of activity.

And how about giving the overseas churches less of the "cut-down" treatment — I'm sure you receive relatively few articles from them!

Thanks for listening. I hope you really did find the criticism "constructive."

Keep up the good work!!!  
Cornelia Levsen  
Freilassing, West Germany

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## Membership gets boost

BRICKET WOOD, England — For the third successive year, evangelistic campaigns have been conducted in British and Irish cities as a means of boosting Church membership. For the spring series of *Plain Truth* lectures, 14 populous cities were the settings for small but effective lectures by ministers to audiences of *Plain Truth* readers.

As this first 1976 series drew to an end in early June, campaign coordinator David Stirk expressed satisfaction at the results. Though audiences overall were small, attendances at several sites remained constant.

A new subject-matter format was followed in the lectures, with the emphasis on good news.

"We continue to learn as we go along," observed Mr. Stirk at a Bible study here.

In many cities, Aberdeen and Manchester, for example, almost the same numbers attended the fifth meetings of the series as were at the opening nights. They in turn were invited to services, and new Bible-study groups began as a result.

Growth in the British churches is beginning to pick up after a plateau of several months. It is hoped that these campaign programs, together with the present newsstand program, will begin to reap a harvest.

It is 10 years since British members could hear *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. The chief means of reaching people remains *The Plain Truth*.

The *PT* lecture series began in June, 1974, when about 10 cities (beginning with Birmingham, England) were reached.

In 1975 lectures were held in 90 cities, and 800 persons were added to the membership.

For 1976, though it is yet early, results are encouraging. More lectures are planned for the end of this year or spring of next year.

## Auditorium featured at exhibition

By John Halford

SYDNEY, Australia — The Building Information Center here recently featured the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena in an exhibition of notable architectural achievements from around the world.

The Auditorium was one of only two North American buildings featured; the other was the Astrodome, in Houston, Tex.

The exhibit noted famous structures from many countries, including the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris, the stadium built for the Munich Olympics in Germany and the new Liverpool, England, cathedral.

The exhibition catalog described the Auditorium as "without peer in all North America in quality of material, craftsmanship and design [and] surpassing in size and grandeur any educational institution in the English speaking world."

## AC offers advanced theology

PASADENA — The Theology Department of Ambassador College here will offer a special program for graduates and ministers beginning with the fall, 1976, semester.

According to department chairman George Geis, this new "certificate-of-ministry program" will normally be open to alumni of Ambassador College (either campus) and ordained ministers of the Worldwide Church of God and can provide further professional education for the ministry.

### Three Areas

The 230 units offered will be in three areas: professional studies, biblical studies, and historic and systematic theology.

Professional studies are instruction and seminars in the basics of pastoral work, such as counseling, preaching and church administration.

Biblical studies encompass biblical records and their literary, historic and linguistic environment.

Historic and systematic theology examines the theological questions with emphasis on how the Church has answered them.

Regardless of the electives and emphasis chosen, a new class (covering two semesters) called *Doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God* will be required.

### 20 on Sabbatical

Mr. Geis expects 20 ministers to be here next fall on sabbatical. How many other Ambassador College graduates will join them remains to

### From Bricket Wood

## Former dean transfers

BRICKET WOOD, England — Beginning with the fall semester, the dean of faculty of the former Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College will join the faculty of the Big Sandy campus. Plans call for Dr. David Wainwright to lecture in a class on Church doctrines and teach a survey class in the appreciation of the arts.

Originally educated at Oxford University, from which he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees, he enrolled at Ambassador College, Pasadena, in 1959, serving as class president in his freshman year.

He transferred here in 1960 to lecture in English and French on the

been seen.

Mr. Geis commented: "The main purpose of the program is to directly serve the needs of the Church. It gives opportunity for recent graduates to enrich their capacities in serving the Church. For experienced

### In Germany

## 'PT' lectures continue

BONN — Continuing the series of *Plain Truth* lectures originally launched at the Duesseldorf Hilton in September, 1974, a series of three-night lectures was held in Graz, Austria, Bern and Basel Switzerland, and Mannheim, West Germany, in May.

These recent lectures were aimed at letting *Plain Truth* readers in new areas hear from God's ministers and meet members of the Church. Up to now, *Plain Truth* lectures had been held in Duesseldorf, West Berlin, Hamburg, Hanover, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Munich (all in West Germany), Vienna, Austria and Zurich, Switzerland. With these four additional public appearances God's Word has brought the chance for personal contact to a majority of German-speaking readers.

Because Frank Schneec, regional director of the German-language Work and previous speaker at the lectures here, was in Pasadena for the ministerial conference at the time, local elder Victor Root (who pastors the Hamburg, Hanover and Berlin churches) filled in for him in Graz,

ministers this program will provide direction and relevance to their sabbatical year."

Course listings and applications for admission are available from the Ambassador College Admissions Office, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

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# Continuing-ed program offers members education, vacation

By Scott Moss

**BIG SANDY** — "We've been wanting to go to the college for a long time," commented Roy Irby, a 28-year-old salesman from Waco, Tex., here with his wife for Ambassador's new continuing-education program, "for years, I think, in both of our cases."

The program, planned for each summer in a series of two-week sessions for any Church member worldwide, attracted more than 50 students of all ages from 13 states and Canada in its first session, May 31 to June 11.

The continuing-education series is designed to let students combine a vacation at Ambassador College, Big Sandy, with college-level classes.

"We've been saving up money for a vacation, and we just decided we would take it out here," said one of the teenage students, Ramee Enlow, 16, here with her family from Vidalia, La.

The classes offered in the pilot program included agriculture, animal care, family finances, family living, horsemanship, journalism, leadership training, photography and theology and consisted of "10 contract hours of participation in an organized experience under responsible sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction," according to Dr. Donald Ward, dean of faculty at Ambassador and program coordinator.

Each student, at the end of the two weeks, received one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for each class successfully completed. These units are not transferable college credit hours but are part of an academic program to encourage further education that is recognized throughout the

United States, according to Dr. Ward.

Material offered in the classes of necessity was condensed. "I've never seen so much packed into two weeks," said one student, Pat Lowery, a 54-year-old widow from Newman, Ga. Mrs. Lowery, who was enrolled in the Bible class, photography and horsemanship, said:

"The Bible course will help with my Bible study, and I have a horse at home that I hope I can ride when I get back home. I don't know if I've learned enough to get a job [in photography], but I thought I'd check into it."

### Full Schedule

While many commented on their lack of time apart from classes, others took full advantage of the facilities offered by the college, which include racketball, canoeing, basketball, camping, fishing and swimming. Mrs. Irby commented on time spent out of class with her husband:

"We study together and stay together. Just to be together is one of the best things we're enjoying about this. This is our vacation."

Some evening seminars were in addition to the regular daytime classes. "They [the instructors] give you extra evening sessions and talk to you privately and just do everything they can to give you the education that they have to give you," said Dick Wamser, 32, a blind piano tuner from Cleveland, Ohio.

Most students lived on campus during the two weeks, getting to know regular Ambassador students. "I like the international flavor that the campus has now," one student said. Another said, "The college students

are just as friendly as they can be."

### Cost of the Program

The cost varied according to travel expenses and the number of courses each person enrolled in. The tab for living on campus was \$25 for two weeks' student housing, \$10 per camping space and \$15 per class taken.

Meal tickets cost \$40 for 12 days. Gerald Estep, a 37-year-old bachelor from Sparta, Mo., who was enrolled in every class offered except photography ("It interfered with the leadership-training-class time slot"), estimated his expenses to be about \$300, including books and travel.

Mr. Wamser figured "most of \$500" would cover his stay. "It's cheap at twice the price," he said.

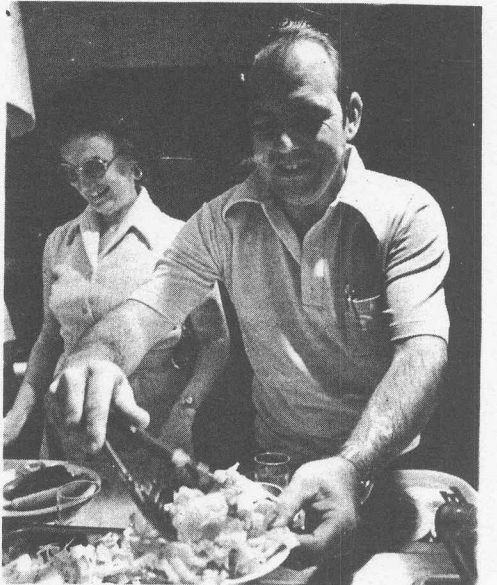
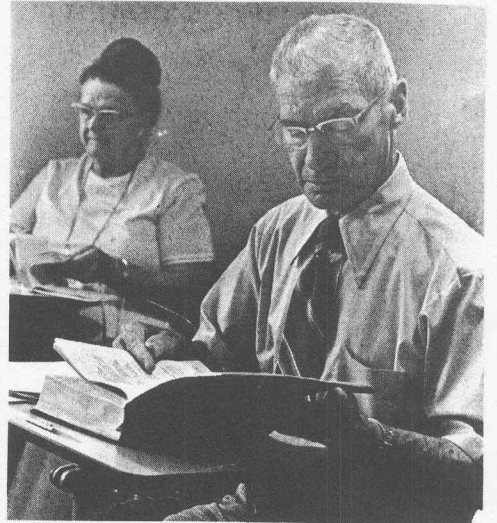
Mrs. Lowery said, "I hope to get back home with . . . \$150 [spent]."

When asked her impression of the continuing-education program, Wilma Lathrop, a 42-year-old cosmetologist and accountant from Sheldon, Mo., said:

"I think the program is fantastic. I wish more people would be able to come. We're gaining an insight into the college and where our tithes and offerings go and really getting behind it more solidly than we have before."

Another student, Jeannie Geer, 29, a Waco, Tex., housewife, said:

"I've been trying to get to Ambassador College ever since I found out about God's Church and the Work and everything, and this is my first real opportunity. I think the program is terrific. It's something that we've been needing because there are a lot of people like myself who wanted to come and yet they can't come for a full term or even for six weeks. This offers a lot of information that we wouldn't get otherwise."



**CONTINUING-ED SCENES** — Clockwise from top: Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dellinger of Gladewater, Tex., study their Bibles during theology class; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart of Carthage, Mo., go through the college's lunch line; cycling through the college camgrounds on bikes they brought with them, the Robert Hendricks from Tacoma, Wash., line up for the camera (from left are Roy, Mrs. Hendrickson, Tim, Kenny, Judy and Mr. Hendrickson); Mrs. Shirley Threewitt of West Dundee, Ill., readies a bridle for one of the college steeds in horsemanship class; Ambassador faculty member Dean Blackwell lectures in an extra evening session of the theology class. [Photos by John Wright]



# Youths receive recognition

**MINDEN, La.** — Rhonda Jean Sandell and Marilyn Kay Sandell, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Autry Sandell of Minden and the Shreveport, La., church, were honored at the end of the 1975-76 school year.

Rhonda graduated 10th in a class of 244 with a grade average of 4.2. She also was honored in *Who's Who in Business and Spanish* and was a member of the Spanish club. She was library-club vice president and was voted the outstanding student librarian. She was a teacher's aide and chairman of the Tom Watts Foundation. She is a member of the National Honor Society.

Rhonda received a scholarship from the Webster Parish Secretarial



**RHONDA SANDELL**

Association and a \$2,100 grant from Northeast State University, Monroe, La., where she plans to major in business education.

Rhonda will be employed at a bank here for the summer.

Marilyn, who will enter her junior year, was elected to the National Honor Society and is a member of the Future Teachers of America and the Spanish club's executive council and is a teacher's aide and librarian.

She will work this summer for the U.S. Forest Service.

Marilyn hopes to attend Ambassador College.

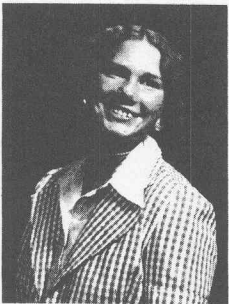
**OMAHA, Neb.** — Scott Hoefker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Hoefker, was chosen to represent Marrs Junior High School at a Rotary Club Honor Roll Luncheon May 12.

Out of 100 boys eligible in the eighth-grade class, five were so honored. Selection was based on leadership, character, scholarship and appearance.

The five boys will have their names engraved on a brass plaque to be permanently displayed in the school's main office.

**PADUCAH, Ky.** — Dee Ann Seats, 17, daughter of Mrs. Olivet Seats, a member here, graduated from Paducah Tilghman High School May 25.

Dee Ann had a grade-point average of 2.44 on a three-point scale, is ranked 25th out of a class of 352 and was an honor graduate at a scholastic-awards



**DEE ANN SEATS**

program May 4.

She is student-teaching slow learners in an advanced-psychology class and assisting in a kindergarten class for 5-year-olds.

Dee Ann plans to attend Murray (Ky.) State University this summer with a major in social work and a minor in psychology.

**SAN ANGELO, Tex.** — In an essay contest in Robert Lee (Tex.) Independent School District, taking first and second places were Teresa Phillips and Debbie Ransom.

Teresa and Debbie attend the San Angelo church. They are active in school activities and are on the honor roll.

The essays followed a bicentennial theme. Teresa took the gold medal for first place, and Debbie took the silver for second.

**OMAHA, Neb.** — Jill McClane, 17, a May 16 graduate of Nebraska City High School, received the Oteo-Johnson-Richardson Counties Legal Secretaries' Scholarship and was named an alternate for the board-of-trustees scholarship to Peru State College.

Jill is enrolled at Nettleton Commercial Extension School of Commerce here in a legal-secretary program. She will begin college in July.

Jill has attended church for 11 years with her twin sister Joni and her mother, Mrs. Letha McClane.

**DERIDDER, La.** — Will Holliday, 15, a ninth grader at Rosepine School, was honored April 24 as a result of his efforts in the Southwest Louisiana Scholastic Rally.

The rally, which involved selected students from all southwestern-Louisiana high schools, is an annual event that recognizes students who excel in a particular subject.

Will represented his class in the subject of algebra. He placed first



**WILL HOLLIDAY**

and was awarded a gold medal.

He attends the Alexandria, La., church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will H. Holliday.

**MERIDIAN, Idaho** — Bruce Baker was presented the "Editor's Award as the Most Valuable Staff Member" at the annual Meridian High School Yearbook Staff Banquet May 17.

Bruce's duties as head photographer ranged from coordinating photographers and picture assignments to running picture-printing activities. He will resume his position next year as a senior.

Bruce is a member of the Meridian Future Farmers of America and the senior patrol leader in his Boy Scout troop. He attends the Boise, Idaho, church.

**BLUEFIELD, W. Va.** — Two members of one family were honored at their schools during the 1975-76 school year.

Rhonda Wolford, a sophomore at Tazewell (Va.) School, won two ribbons in the school's art fair May 6: a blue ribbon for a charcoal drawing and a red one for a watercolor painting.

Rhonda's brother, Clyde Jr., was inducted into the National Honor Society May 11 at Graham Junior High School here, where he was a junior. He also took first place in his school's math contest May 13 and received a trophy at the end of the year.

Rhonda and Clyde Jr. are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wolford, members of the Bluefield church.

**TULSA, Okla.** — Rachel Hinman, a fourth grader and youngest



**RACHEL HINMAN**

member of the Lincoln Elementary School Chess Club here, won the first-place trophy for having the highest rating among 16 players.

Ten members were in the sixth grade, and three each were in the fifth and fourth grades.

Since Lincoln was the first elementary school in Tulsa to have a chess club, the players competed against several junior-high clubs. Each game, whether a win, loss or draw, contributed to each player's rating.

Rachel is the daughter of Tulsa Church member Sandra Hinman and plans to take her chess board to Big Sandy this fall for the Feast of Tabernacles.

**BONAPARTE, Iowa** — Ray Rex, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Rex, was the winner of the annual civic-orator contest at Harmony Junior High School, Farmington, Iowa, April 29.

Eleven final contestants were chosen from 118 members of the seventh- and eighth-grade classes. The topic for the speeches was "Our American Heritage."

Ray is a seventh grader and attends church at Iowa City.

**KING, Ont.** — Scott Peterson of King City Secondary School has earned distinction by achieving the 11th-highest score among 3,500 Ontario students who entered the recent 1976 high-school mathematics contest.

The contest is sponsored across North America by the Mathematical Association of America, the Society of Actuaries and the Canada Life Insurance Association.

In Ontario 377 schools participated and conducted an 80-minute written examination.

As a result of placing in the province's top 50, Scott, a 17-year-old 12th-grade student, was invited to participate in the Canadian Mathematical Olympiad May 6.

Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Peterson, members of the Toronto West church, where Mr. Peterson is a deacon.

**DAYTONA BEACH, Fla.** — William Rojas, 16, won third place in the engineering category during an unprecedented second consecutive trip to the International Science Fair in Denver, Colo., May 10 to 14. He was also the first-place winner in the Florida State Science Fair for two straight years.

William's entry was a central processing unit that required 600 hour to design, build and test. The unit is

that element of a computer system that analyzes the information fed into it. It was designed to perform advanced mathematical calculations with a minimal amount of programming.

Although he did not place in the judging last year in Oklahoma City, William, along with eight other students, was awarded a free trip by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to the July, 1975, Apollo-Soyuz space mission's launch at Cape Kennedy. His entry in that judging was an arithmetic logic unit, a less-complex forerunner of this year's entry.

William, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Rojas of Daytona Beach, won a special NASA award, \$125, and a trip to Washington, D.C., for himself and his science teacher. The fair draws more than 400 students from the United States and around the world. William was one of 13 students attending from Florida.



**JO-ANNE DOUGLAS**

**SYDNEY, Australia** — Jo-Anne Douglas, 12, received the top

academic award on "Speech Night" at Old Guildford Primary School here.

Named "Dux of the School," Jo-Anne was awarded a bursary totaling \$100.

She was also house captain during the school year and a member of the school's B netball team.

Jo-Anne has since moved to the Newcastle area with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Douglas, and two sisters and attends church there.

**PADUCAH, Ky.** — Donna Pierson, on graduating from Union County High School in Morganfield, Ky., was recognized as an honor student, ranking 12th in a class of 310 with a grade-point average of 3.789.

Donna is a member of the National Honor Society and received two business-shorthand awards, a business-filing award and a Kentucky Vocational Education certificate.

She plans to attend Ambassador College, Pasadena, this fall.

**VIENNA, Mo.** — Ray Luechtfeld, a ninth grader at Maries R-1 School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Luechtfeld of the Rolla, Mo., church, placed fifth in the annual Speak Up for America Essay Contest, sponsored by the Plumbing Industry Council. His essay was about U.S. history and the moral responsibilities that keep America great.

About 3,500 entries came from 16 counties.

Ray and his parents attended a banquet May 12 at Stan Musial and Biggies Restaurant in St. Louis, honoring the top 50 winners. Noel Picard of the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club presented the fifth-place award of \$125 and a citizenship award to Ray at the banquet.

## TRIPLE BIBLE BLOCKS

BY VIVIAN PETTIJOHN

As in any crossword puzzle, place words in the blanks based on the definitions below. See if you can fill the squares in all three blocks without looking up the scriptures referred to. If you do need help, use your Bible (King James Version). If you try hard you may be the best Bible-block builder on your block.

### ACROSS

- 1 Thou preparest a \_\_\_ before me (Psalm 23:5).
- 4 Let us \_\_\_ before the Lord our maker (Psalm 95:6).
- 5 He is not here: for he is \_\_\_, as he said (Matthew 28:6).
- 6 The \_\_\_ women as mothers (I Timothy 5:2).
- 8 Whether he have \_\_\_ a son (Exodus 21:31).
- 9 \_\_\_ ye in at the strait gate (Matthew 7:13).
- 10 And then shall he ... gather together his \_\_\_ from the four winds (Mark 13:27).
- 12 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, \_\_\_ your ways and your doings (Jeremiah 7:3).
- 13 And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, UPHARSIN (Daniel 5:25).

### DOWN

- 1 So with the borrower, as with the \_\_\_ of usury (Isaiah 24:2).
- 2 \_\_\_: for they shall inherit the earth (four words) (Matthew 5:5).
- 3 By him the children of Israel sent a present unto \_\_\_ the king of Moab (Judges 3:15).
- 6 And the fourth beast was like a flying \_\_\_ (Revelation 4:7).
- 7 The horse and his \_\_\_ hath he thrown into the sea (Exodus 15:1).
- 10 Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will \_\_\_ thee (Psalm 118:28).
- 11 King of Elam, and \_\_\_ king of nations (Genesis 14:1).

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## Couple makes secluded island home, learns to live off the land and water

By Paulette S. Jameson

DAUFUSKIE ISLAND, S.C. — "You really have to get along to live here," R. Lancy "Bob" Burn commented as he directed a tour of his and his wife Emily's home. The Burns, members of the Walterboro, S.C., church, who will have been married two years in December, live on a 28-foot sailboat at Daufuskie Island.

(When the weather gets too cold, they sleep in an old, remodeled school bus on 20 acres they own on the island.)

Not only do the Burns have to get along well with each other to live in such small quarters, they must be compatible to live at Daufuskie at all. Southwest of Hilton Head Island, S.C., the island can be reached only by boat. It takes a half hour by small motorboat to reach the closest city, Savannah, Ga.

### Trees and Swamps

Daufuskie is 5½ miles long and 2½ miles wide. The population is about 100 people: 12 Caucasians, the rest Negroes. Most of the land is covered with trees and swamps.

There is no way to make a living on the island, so the residents are mostly the old and the very young. While parents are on the mainland earning a living, the children live on Daufuskie with grandparents.

A two-room schoolhouse (with a young husband-wife teaching team) provides education for about 30 children up to the seventh grade. After the seventh grade the students go to Beaufort, S.C., an hour's ride by boat.

Besides the schoolhouse, the island' attractions are the graveyard, the Union Baptist Church and the old lighthouse. Services are held in the church when the people can get a minister to come over from the mainland. The lighthouse is no longer used, and is kept locked. Daufuskie does have a post office; mail comes every day but Wednesday and Sunday.

### Bloody History

Daufuskie Island has not always been as it is today. It is thought that the English first settled the land. The island is known to have a bloody history, but no accurate book has been written on it.

After the Emancipation Proclamation in the late 1800s, the slaves on the island were all given two acres of land here, with which to start farming. In the 1930s the population had reached the 700s.

Arthur Ashley Burn, Bob's grandfather, came to the island as lighthouse keeper in 1913. He chose to

stay on after he finished his duties, later selling his house, the original lighthouse, for \$6,000. (The asking price for the structure is now \$62,000.)

Bob's father, Lancy Burn, likewise preferred to make his home on Daufuskie, though he, his wife and children spent intervening years on the mainland.

After serving three years in the Army, and working as a civilian in Vietnam five years, Bob Burn also returned to the States to make his home on Daufuskie.

### Hate or Love

Most people think living on an isolated island would be romantic. But do they have a true picture of what it's really like?

"You either hate Daufuskie or you love it," remarks Emily Burn. "There's no in-between." (Emily was a regular visitor to

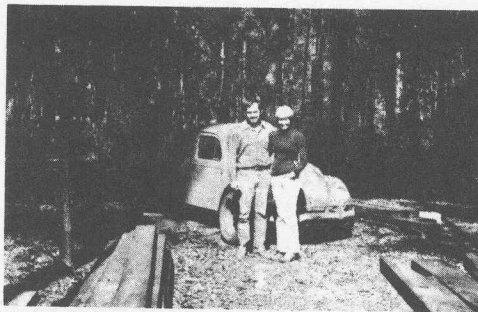
dock his boat when he goes into the city, then he must pay to do so each time at a public marina.

There is apparently not much to do on the island once you've hiked through the woods, driven around in circles on the main (dirt) road, gone to the beach and fished or hunted. The average person today would get bored with month after month and year after year of that type of recreational facilities.

### Work and Time

But the Burns enjoy Daufuskie and being away from the rat race. Taking time off from their job as fishermen this year, they are building their own house, which is costing them almost nothing but their work and time.

Bob designed the three-story A-frame to be compatible with materials he has picked up, which include the salvage from an old house he bought for \$160, planks from the



**ISLAND HOME** — Bob and Emily Burn pose on their property on Daufuskie Island. Mr. Burn's grandfather came to the island in 1913 as the island's lighthouse keeper. His son and grandson have both made the island their home. (Photo by Allen Palmer)

Daufuskie Island for 10 years when Bob's parents operated a small motel for tourists.)

Most of the islanders gave up their isolation and moved to the mainland gradually over the years. A few of their small, abandoned houses remain scattered across the island, left either to burn or collapse with age.

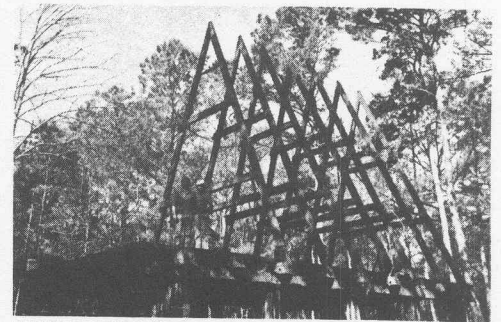
Anyone moving here now must consider the cost of bringing over a trailer house or building supplies for a house. Either way, the cost for the barge — needed for transporting — is \$1,800.

Since there are no shopping malls or big supermarkets on Daufuskie (only recently did the island get a small store that handles staples, some meats and frozen vegetables), it is necessary to go into Savannah for almost all shopping needs.

If a person doesn't have a friend living on the waterfront where he can

deck of an old barge and beams he's found washed up on the shorelines after they'd drifted down the Savannah River.

The first floor is 35 by 40 feet, giving them 1,400 square feet of living space. The house is supported by 15 12-by-12-inch beams that go five feet into the ground, leaving seven feet of space between the ground and the first floor. Bob plans to use this space under the house for a wood-



**FUTURE LIVING QUARTERS** — Bob and Emily Burn, members of the Walterboro, S.C., church, stand on the first floor of the three-story A-frame house they are building. Mr. Burn is constructing the house from materials he has found on the island, including beams washed up on the shore and planks from the deck of an old barge. (Photo by Allen Palmer) carving shop.

The Burns intend to put a tin roof on their house. They will not wire their home for electricity, though it's been available on the island since 1952.

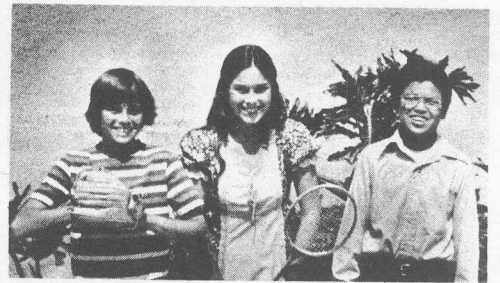
Bob, 37, and Emily, who will be 35 in September, eat mostly vegetables and little meat besides fish, since they have no refrigeration on their boat or bus. The vegetables come from their garden, and what they don't eat Emily cans.

Bob has 10 bee colonies, with 30,000 to 80,000 bees in a colony (depending on the time of year), so they have honey. They also are trying to grow wheat and oats.

They had to put up a fence to protect their garden from cows. Cattle are free to roam the island at will, because of a free-range law. The residents just own the cows; they don't milk them or butcher them. Owning cattle is a status symbol that dates back to the black people's days in Africa, the Burns say.

There is no crime on the island, so no one locks his doors.

Daufuskie Island offers a totally different life-style from most parts of the United States today. In modern society, with its noise, pollution and traffic, it is a delightful change to spend some time on Daufuskie Island with Bob and Emily Burn.



**ALL SET TO GO** — Dominic Damore, left, Germaine Damore, center, and Fred Valenzuela are this year's winners of scholarships to the Church's Summer Educational Program, Orr, Minn., given by the Glendora, Calif., church's Women's Club. Club members and their families raised the funds to send the three to Orr this summer. Activities included two rummage-and-bake sales. Lucille Robbins is chairman of the scholarship committee of the year-old club.

## He didn't get a fish tale this time

By John Halford

SINGAPORE — "Where shall we eat?"

I had spent a busy morning answering questions and discussing the Work with some of our Singapore members. We had not seen each other for several months, so there was much to talk about. But now it was lunchtime.

Singapore has many hundreds of restaurants, including many specialty eating places, so it was no easy choice.

"I know where we can take Mr. Halford," said Terence Tay. "It's a real specialty house."

"What's the specialty?" I asked suspiciously.

"Hoo-tow."

"Which is . . .?"

"Fish heads!"

### Feeble Joke

Everyone laughed uproariously. Personally, I thought it was rather a feeble joke, but, not wishing to be rude, I joined in.

We piled into Terence's car and drove downtown, deep into the heart of Singapore's traditional Chinatown.

We found the specialty restaurant on a back street. It was small,



a real delicacy, much renowned for its flavor. The meat from the head is the sweetest and most succulent of the whole fish, he claimed.

I was willing to take his word for it, but my friends urged me to try it for myself.

"Are you sure it's not unclean?" I asked, hopefully.

### Once Had Fins

No luck; the head had scales. And presumably, although it is hard to tell with a fish head, it once had fins.

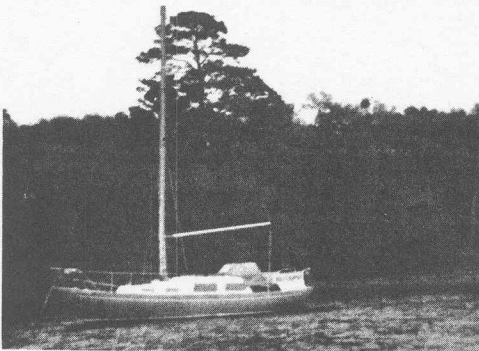
"In Australia they give fish heads to cats," I explained, trying to sound superior.

But it was obvious that this disclosure had done nothing to raise anybody's opinion of my country.

With all avenues of escape blocked, I took courage and began my lunch.

What did it taste like? Don't tell anyone I said this, but it wasn't too bad. Quite good, in fact. The meat is more succulent, and comes with a delicious blend of sauces and herbs that characterizes good Chinese food.

If you are ever in Singapore I think you will enjoy hoo-tow, if you can just forget it is a fish head.



**FLOATING HOME** — This 28-foot sailboat, off the coast of Daufuskie Island, near Savannah, Ga., is home for Bob and Emily Burn. During colder weather the couple retreats to a remodeled school bus on the island. (Photo by Ronald K. Jameson)

## Worker unhurt in tower explosion

By Gerald Weston  
MIDLAND, Mich. — "If God hadn't intervened I wouldn't be alive."

These are the words of Gerald Odell, member of the church here, who escaped serious injury from a dust explosion at the Michigan Farm Bureau's grain elevator at Zilwaukee Jan. 22.

The elevator tower where the mishap took place was a mass of reinforced concrete 225 feet in the air. The structure was used as a holding, cleaning and distributing area for grain and beans before final storage in 36 accompanying bins.

On the day of the accident 17 men were working in or around the elevator loading navy beans. Mr. Odell was working in the tower.

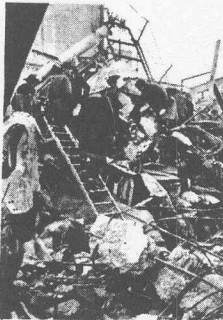
### Dust Levels Ripe

Shortly after 11 a.m. dust levels and other atmospheric conditions within the tower apparently became ripe for an explosion. (One expert estimated the explosive power of a pound of organic dust at equal to 100 pounds of dynamite.)

All that was needed at that moment was a spark, provided by a welding torch on the fifth level. The dust ignited and the tower exploded like a giant firecracker.

One passerby said he saw a ball of fire shoot 60 feet above the top of the tower. Another witness said the whole structure appeared engulfed by flames. Someone else commented that the top of the tower simply disintegrated.

When the smoke had cleared, huge



**SEARCH IN THE RUBBLE** — Construction workers look among the wreckage for survivors. [Photo courtesy Saginaw, Mich., News]

chunks of reinforced concrete had been scattered about, giant metal doors had been blown off their mountings, walls had crumbled and injured and dead bodies lay everywhere.

Several hours later in a hospital bed Mr. Odell said:

"God had to have intervened or I wouldn't be here. I had just come down from the fifth level where the welding was being done to the fourth. I just stepped off the man lift and entered the room when it happened."

### Falling dust

Mr. Odell had noticed dust falling from an overhead storage bin but "didn't think too much of it. But then only a second or so later a ball of fire burst into the room through the man-lift doors. I turned to run, but only took one step when I was knocked to the floor.

"When I picked myself up the room was full of smoke and the huge sliding metal doors were gone. After convincing myself I was all there I staggered over to the spot where the doors once were to look out and get some breathable air. One hundred feet below me everything was in shambles. I just stood there dazed

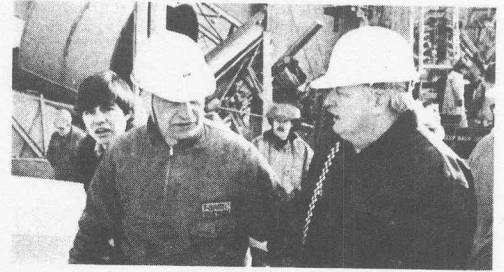
wondering why I hadn't been blown out with the doors. It would have been death for sure."

Rescue work began almost immediately by nearby construction workers, but it was more than an hour before a ladder truck from the fire department began work on rescuing Mr. Odell.

Of the 17 men, five died, 10 were injured and two (who were in the basement) escaped injury. One of the dead was Mr. Odell's brother Bruce.

Mr. Odell was one of two to survive the upper stories of the tower and the only one to walk away. The other survivor is a subscriber to *The Plain Truth*.

**LEAVES UNHARMED** — Gerald Odell, left, walks away unharmed from the explosion of the grain tower. Five men died and 10 were injured in the explosion. One of the men killed was Mr. Odell's brother Bruce. [Photo courtesy Saginaw, Mich., News]



## FIREWORKS ON THE FOURTH

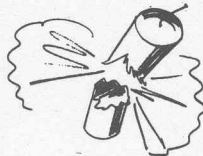
STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
By Shirley King Johnson

Bang! Pop!

All morning on the Fourth of July, firecrackers exploded up and down the block. Major squirmed in under a hedge and covered his ears with his paws. He dreaded all loud noises, so the Fourth of July was a trial for him.

Tobedyougo, the cat — or Toby, as the Wilsons called him for short — did not stay at home. He shot up over the fence the moment the fireworks started and streaked like a black shadow to a quiet senior citizen's backyard.

Jim had not purchased many firecrackers because he knew Major hated them. But this was the important bicentennial year of his country's birth and he had to have a few. And they would be banned after Independence Day, July 4, so this would be his last chance to set them off.



"Hi, Jim!" Steve Fenn came around the side of the Wilsons' house carrying a soda-pop bottle with three bottle rockets in it.

A classmate of Jim's, Steve was short and stocky, his hair the color of straw.

"Hi, Steve. We're going to make ice cream when my folks and Susie get home from a friend's house. Do you want to stay and help us eat it?"

### Uncle With Connections

"Thanks, but we're going to the lake in about an hour. I came over to shoot these last bottle rockets with you. You said you don't have any."

"No, I don't. It's illegal to shoot them in our town. Where'd you get them?"

"My uncle gave them to me. He has connections."

Setting the bottle in the middle of the backyard, he took out all the rockets but one. He struck a match. "Stand back."

"Wait a minute," said Jim. "Major doesn't like loud noise."

"It'll only pop. Stand back." The flame ignited the fuse.

"I wish you wouldn't light it, Steve . . ."

Bang! Whiz-z-z. Major saw the rocket shoot up over the hedge and come down in a flaming arc onto the neighbor's roof.

"That was neat, wasn't it?" boasted Steve. He settled another rocket into place in the bottle.

"Aim it another direction," urged Jim. "You're going to set Mrs. Andrews' roof on fire."

"Naw, it won't."

"Don't shoot any more, Steve. Please."

Pop! Whiz-z-z.

Major winced and crawled farther under the hedge. Then he heard a tapping sound on the window glass of the house next door. Backing out, he saw Mrs. Andrews had raised her bedroom window. "Boys!" Jim and Steve turned. "Will you please go over to the park to shoot those things off? You'll set my roof afire."

"Yes'm," replied Jimmy. "I'm sorry. Steve won't shoot any more."

### It's a Free Country

"Thank you." The window closed again.

Steve pulled a sack from a packet. "I guess these smoke bombs won't make any noise."

"But the smoke will make it hard for Mrs. Andrews to breathe."

"What do I care? It's a free country. And it's the Fourth of July."

"Haven't you heard that we're supposed to love our neighbors?"

Steve had not. Major trotted upwind and covered his nose with both paws as two smoke bombs sent billows of blue smoke rising in clouds between the two houses.

When the breeze had blown it away, Major smelled a new scent. Wood burning. He trotted to the fence that separated the Wilsons' backyard from Mrs. Andrews' small garden and patio. Smoke curled from her long stack of fireplace wood.

"Woof! Warr-woof!" Jim came over. "What is it, boy?"

"Woof! Woof!"

Jim saw the smoke. Flames licked around a chunk of wood in the center of the pile.

"Grab our garden hose, Steve! I'll turn on the water."

Steve tried to unwind the hose from its place by the garage but he soon had it hopelessly tangled.

"Here, let me have it." Jim grabbed the nozzle from Steve's hands, untangled the hose and rushed to the fence with it. "You call the fire department in our house. Quick!" He swung the water full force toward the woodpile.

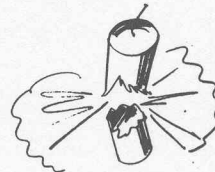
### Flames Could Spread

"It's only a pile of wood," protested Steve.

"It'll spread to her house." Jim saw Mrs. Andrews open her window again. "Mrs. Andrews, call the fire department, will you? Your wood's on fire."

She looked startled. "Right away!" The window banged shut.

By the time the fire truck arrived, Jim had the fire out. The fireman in charge took out a pad to write on and Jim told him how Major had noticed the smoke.



"What started it?" asked the fireman.

"I guess one of the bottle rockets my friend shot off landed in her woodpile."

"You realize that bottle rockets are illegal, don't you?"

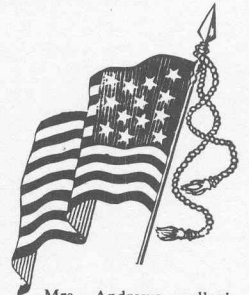
"Yes, sir."

"Are your parents home?"

"No, sir. But I didn't shoot the rockets. My friend Steve did." He looked around for Steve. "Steve?"

But Steve had left the scene.

"I'm afraid I can't accept your story," said the fireman.



Mrs. Andrews walked quickly over to the fence. She had been surveying the small damage. "You're barking up the wrong tree," she told the fireman. "I saw that young whippersnapper friend of Jim's take off a-running. He's the one that set off the rockets. If it hadn't been for Jim my whole supply of wood for next winter would be up in smoke."

The fireman asked for Steve's full name and address and said he'd have a word with him. Soon the big fire truck roared away.

"I'll help you stack your wood again," Jim told Mrs. Andrews.

### Nickel's Worth of Ladyfingers

"Thank you. You're a fine boy. We'll wait till tomorrow when it's dried out. Meanwhile, have you got any of those little tiny ladyfingers left?"

"Susie has lots of them." "Could I have just one? When I was a little girl I used to buy a nickel's worth of ladyfingers every Fourth and they'd last the whole day. I'd like to light one now just for old time's sake."

"Yes'm." Jim got a small red firecracker for her and handed her his punk.

Major did not wince when she touched it to the fuse, for he knew the tiny ones did not make much of a noise. But Mrs. Andrews squinted her eyes almost shut and stiffened after she tossed it into the air.

WOP. Mrs. Andrews opened her eyes. "Thank you, Jim."

Turning, she waved a hand toward the new 50-starred flag that fluttered gently from its staff on the Wilsons' porch. "Happy birthday, America. You're a grand country."

"Warf!" agreed Major, and he smiled.

## Members work together to sponsor Bible lectures

By Kenneth Frank Estevan Elder

ESTEVAN, Sask. — Recently members here rolled up their sleeves and lent their backs to the task — literally. They're raising money for Bible lectures and film presentations of Garner Ted Armstrong's personal appearances.

Estevan is one of the youngest churches in Canada's Regina District, which stretches from southern Alberta to Thunder Bay, Ont.

Being young means being small by comparison in this case as well. About 70 people of this church are scattered over 300 miles of Saskatchewan, North Dakota and Montana wheat and cattle-ranching prairie.

The international flavor adds a challenging quality to the church area's fund-raising projects.

The first idea to raise money was a bake sale. But how can so few scattered so far earn enough to make it worthwhile?

This made some wonder if it would even work at all. Failure could be devastating.

But they decided to put faith to the test and do what they could, leaving it to God because this project was for

His Work in their local communities. The money raised wasn't to be spent on our social gatherings, but to build new interest in local and outlying Bible studies. It had to work; they couldn't afford to lose.

### One Big Sale

The members decided to have one combined bake sale, in Williston, N.D., instead of two separate sales (one in the United States and one in Canada). Two smaller efforts would not be as profitable as one combined effort, they felt.

To take Canadian baked goods across the border, the church had to obtain permission from the Food and Drug Administration in Minneapolis, Minn. The FDA's stipulation was that the food be "fit for human consumption," which gave members a good chuckle.

The sale went great. Among 12 women who baked for it (six Americans and six Canadians) Estevan earned \$145, which averages \$12 per woman. Several buyers commented this was the best selection of home-baked goods they had seen in years.

The next idea also seemed



**FAMILY AFFAIR** — The Gross family was part of a group from the Estevan, Sask., church that gathered rocks to help raise money for the sale. Together the two projects brought in \$563.

impractical for the size of the church. But faith profited the first time, so the members gave it another go.

### Elbow Grease Needed

Gary Swanson, a member, had 30 acres of new breakage on his farm that needed rocks picked. Most of the big ones could be removed mechanically, but the smaller ones needed elbow grease to do the job.

So one Sunday morning in April, 18 of the brethren, everybody from children to the more mature, spent eight hours bending over and picking up rocks and loading them on flatbed trucks. It was hard, manual labor but everyone knew it was for a good cause and enjoyed it.

No one was injured either, which

eased my mind as their minister. Some others, unable to help pick, manned the chuck wagon back at the farmhouse. And did we eat?

We did more that day than Gary expected. In fact, we finished all 30 acres. So he paid us more than originally agreed.

To him our work was worth \$418 for our lecture fund. Not bad for a labor of love.

Incidentally, this was done when most of the brethren needed to work on their own farms and homes. God blessed their sacrifice.

These two projects emphasized the lesson Jesus taught about the mustard seed. No matter how small, if the hearts of the people are in the Work, a project will prosper and grow.

## Couple busy in retirement

By Bob Gilliland Sr.

LONDON, Ky. — Warm, friendly and outgoing are the words that best describe Sheridan and Lissie Mink of nearby Mount Vernon, Ky. Married 51 years ago, they have 12 children and 51 grandchildren.

Not the kind who just vegetate or die on the vine after retirement, the Minks have each found ways to occupy their leisure time.

Says Mr. Mink, "About 2½ years ago I wanted a miniature spinning wheel, and, since no one else would make it for me, I decided to try it myself."

He succeeded so well with this project that he tried some more ideas. He has carved ducks, birds and fish, with never a drawing to help; his memory of familiar things is all he needs.

Like the sculptor working in stone, he just cuts away the part of the wood that "doesn't look like an elephant," and what is left is the elephant.

He has sold some of his work but enjoys just keeping most of it and displaying it in his home for the benefit of his many friends.

As he states, "I enjoy whittling. It gets things off my mind."

Mrs. Mink also has a hobby: She quilts, a pursuit she never seemed to have enough time for when the family was growing up. She says, "Quilting calms my nerves."

## Bonny, bonny summer camp

### SEP begins year three

By Edward Smith

BRICKET WOOD, England — Under director Paul Suckling and assistants Andrew and David Silcox, the British chapter of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) is preparing for another Summer Educational Program (SEP) in lake and mountain country of west-central Scotland.

The Loch Lomond campsite, now in its third year of use, is already being prepared for the 200 youngsters who will descend upon it in July for the 1976 SEP.

Maintenance engineers and a

pioneer crew were already on site in late May, overhauling and whipping the grounds back into shape for the camp.

The needs of YOU in Britain continue to be met by a dedicated staff of volunteers and counselors.

The last major YOU activity was after the Days of Unleavened Bread when 100 teens enjoyed eight days of recreation on Ambassador College's property here. They made use of former student dormitories and were free to use all the college's sports facilities.

## Member boxes his way to Olympic competition

By Beryl Pilkington

LAUNCESTON, Australia — Australia's boxing team at the Olympic Games in Montreal, Que., Canada, in July of this year will include an athlete from Australia's island state of Tasmania who is a member of the Worldwide Church of God.

Wayne Devlin, 32, is known locally as "the good guy of boxing" because he doesn't go in for the aggressive knockout version of the sport, preferring to rely on skill and speed to help him win points.

Amateur boxing is similar to fencing; points can be scored without necessarily hurting the opponent.

Mr. Devlin was captain of the Australian boxing team at the 1972 Olympics in Munich, West Germany where he made the quarterfinals in the welterweight division. He wasn't able to compete any further because of a severe case of influenza.

At first Mr. Devlin, a member of the Launceston church, had decided to retire from competition, but he later changed his mind.

Mr. Devlin, now classified as a light middleweight, is something of an oddity because most Tasmanian athletes with any potential leave the state for the mainland long before they reach Olympian standards. Tasmania lacks facilities, trainers and competition.

Training calls for the self-imposition and personal motivation

of the highest order and the prodding and mental psyching up of other athletes and a trainer or coach.

Lacking all of these, and lacking proper training facilities, Mr. Devlin has kept in shape by training in a shed in his father's garden with only the most basic equipment.

He is one of four boxers, the other three non-Tasmanians, chosen to represent Australia at the Olympics.

Mr. Devlin is the third Tasmanian to box at the Olympics. The others were Ron Gower (1952) and Gerald Freeman (1960).

## Ordinations announced

By Edward Smith

BRICKET WOOD, England — The Church Administration Department here has released the names of ministers in the British churches who were ordained during the past two months.

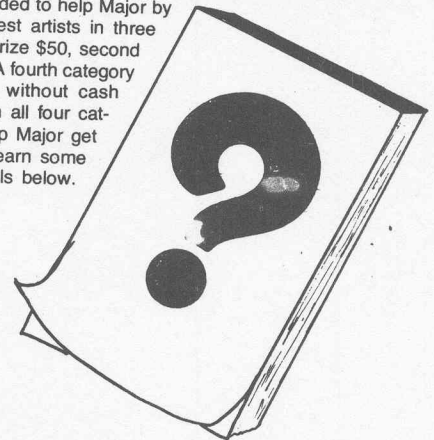
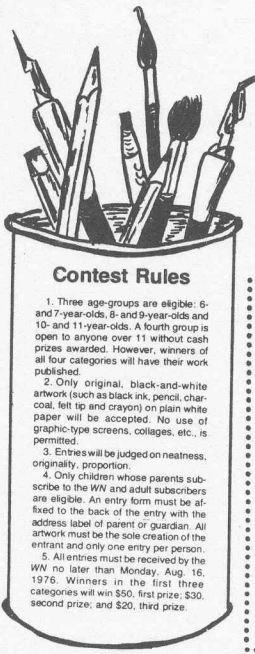
Raised to preaching elder were Barry Bourne, David House, Bruce Kent, Peter Shenton and Arthur Suckling.

Ordained deacon were Michael Barlow, Winston Bothwell and Keith Watts.

Ordained deaconess were Lena Phillips and Deirdre Watts.

## CAN YOU DRAW MAJOR?

Major, the beagle in Shirley King Johnson's "Stories for Young Readers," wants his picture drawn so everyone can regularly see him in *The Worldwide News*. The WW has decided to help Major by offering cash prizes to the best artists in three categories listed below: first prize \$50, second prize \$30 and third prize \$20. A fourth category is open to anyone over 11 without cash prizes, but the best entries in all four categories will be published. Help Major get his picture into the WW and earn some money too. See contest details below.



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# Mr. Armstrong in South Africa

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before Pentecost, Mr. Armstrong addressed the combined Cape Town congregations, and June 7, the day after the Holy Day, he addressed community leaders in Edenvale, a Johannesburg suburb, including Edenvale's mayor (see article, page 9).

The next day, June 8, Mr. Armstrong was off to Durban for a press conference, followed that same afternoon by a speech before a Rotary Club.

"The next morning [June 9]," Mr. Fahey explained, "we met Paramount Chief Kaizer Mantanzima at his hotel near Jan Smuts Airport. Chief Mantanzima is the leader of a country soon to become independent, on Oct. 26. He gave a very thorough rundown on his country's claim to independence, dating back before Queen Victoria's time."

Mr. Armstrong spent all day in Johannesburg June 10 writing.

The South African Zionist Federation in Johannesburg honored Mr. Armstrong with a luncheon June 11. "He spoke very briefly about the problems in the world today and mentioned that a desperate solution was coming," Mr. Fahey explained. "Many of the Jews were looking for a Messiah and Mr. Armstrong said that he could tell them that a Messiah was coming in our generation."

## First 'PT' Lecture

Mr. Armstrong's first *Plain Truth* lecture while in this country was the next day, June 12, in Durban. "The hall holds 700 people and we wondered what kind of an attendance we would have," Mr. Fahey commented. "It was an overflow. Nine hundred forty-four, of whom 310 were members or their families, jam-packed the hall. An additional hall was booked to take some of the overflow, but many had to stand around the edges of the hall."

"Mr. Armstrong gave an overview

of the plan of God going back to when the angels inhabited the earth, continuing through Adam and his rejection of God's way and his acceptance of Satan's way, on to Christ qualifying to replace Satan and announcing the Kingdom of God, which would be Christ returning to the earth, putting down all rule and authority and becoming King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

The next morning Mr. Armstrong and his party flew to Cape Town to prepare for another *Plain Truth* lecture that evening.

"Again we had an overflow crowd," according to Mr. Fahey. "In a hall that holds 800 we managed to squash in 1,204 people. An additional hall of 200 was booked to hold some of the overflow but they didn't quite fit. Mr. Armstrong spoke on a similar subject to Durban. Later he said, 'See what I mean? Everything about this trip gets better and better.'"

## Project for AICF

June 14, the day of Mr. Armstrong's visit with Prime Minister Vorster, he also had a luncheon with the minister of education and sport, Dr. Piet Kooimhof. "The discussion revolved around a possible project for the AICF [Ambassador International Cultural Foundation] to become involved with in South Africa. The minister recommended that we consider black sport as a project. The minister asked me to keep in touch with him, and Mr. Rader has asked me to prepare a list of possible projects for AICF that are a contribution to southern Africa and match our resources. The list is to be completed by January, 1977."

That afternoon Mr. Armstrong, along with Mr. Rader and Mr. Fahey, also met Israel's ambassador to South Africa.

"We discussed the many contacts between our organization and Israel," Mr. Fahey explained.

Also that evening Mr. Armstrong

spoke to the South African Zionist Federation of Cape Town and had dinner with the federation's president, Izzy Wolman. "The AICF and Worldwide Church of God are very welcome among the Jewish community of Cape Town," Mr. Fahey reported.

The next morning, June 15, Mr. Armstrong and his party flew to Port Elizabeth, which Mr. Fahey described as "the automobile capital of South Africa."

## Change in Plans

Solly Rubin, a former mayor of the city, present head of the Zionist Federation there, district governor for the local Lions Club and a businessman, "had heard Mr. Armstrong was coming to South Africa and had prevailed upon him to come to Port Elizabeth, which was not included in our schedule," Mr. Fahey said.

"Solly got out every leader in the whole community: automobile, service clubs, governmental agents, from the mayor, to the fire chief, to the

police chief, to every other individual of any note in the city. Knowing what Mr. Rubin had planned, I also had sent a letter to *PT* subscribers in the area to join the meeting."

"Again we filled the hall, even though many readers had not yet had time to receive their letter. But in all the front rows were the leaders of the Port Elizabeth community. And the bill for the entire affair was paid for by Lions International."

Mr. Armstrong flew the next morning, June 16, from Port Elizabeth to Windhoek, South-West Africa, for a luncheon in his honor that had been arranged by the South Africa Foundation for the leaders of the "constitutional community" of South-West Africa, a southern-African territory governed by South Africa.

"The leaders of each racial group and ethnic group [of South-West Africa] are trying to hammer out a constitution in much the same way the Americans had to hammer out one years before," Mr. Fahey said. "Mr. Rader was called upon to give an

impromptu speech and pointed out the similarities between the constitutional committee in South-West Africa and our own founding fathers in America 200 years before. . . . He wished them success in doing the same in South-West Africa. After that we had a press conference with the newspapers of South-West Africa."

## Everyone's Heard of 'PT'

Mr. Fahey noted that, during Mr. Armstrong's travels in southern Africa, "everywhere we went we met *Plain Truth* readers. One of the newspaper reporters in South-West Africa had been a *PT* reader for many years."

"One of the clerks in the prime minister's office nudged me and told me to tell Mr. Armstrong that he very much supported his work and was a reader of the *PT*."

"The state president himself [Nicolaas Diederichs] said that he was a reader of the *PT* magazine."

"Throughout the republic, in every walk of life, from the top governmental official to the lowest cleaning staff, we are meeting readers of *The Plain Truth* magazine. When they see Mr. Armstrong they want him to know that they read it and wish him well."

# AC helps hurl Stones to record

PASADENA—Dwight Stones got "that world-record feeling" while working out on the Ambassador College track in Pasadena last week before

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he went to Philadelphia to high-jump 7 feet 7 inches in the NCAA [National Collegiate Athletic Association] finals.

Having something to do with Stones' record, in addition to Pasadena chiropractor Dr. Leroy Perry Jr., who helped Stones conquer injury, was Ambassador weight-lifting expert Harry Snieder.

Also a factor in the world-record leap was the Ambassador track facility, where Stones put the finishing touches on his record try that succeeded.

"Stones jumped 7 3/4 on our track last week before he went to Philadelphia," explained Snieder. "Our facility is a tartan and Astroturf combination, just like the one in Franklin Field. After Dwight did 7 3/4 here and just missed 7 5/8 in his last workout, he remarked he would have set the world record that day if he had competition with officials present. He said our facility was fast like it had to be for a record, and he went to Philadelphia knowing he would experience the same thing there. He was so confident, I knew he would do it in Philadelphia. It was no surprise to me when I picked up the *Star-News* Sunday morning and saw the picture and story of his world mark."

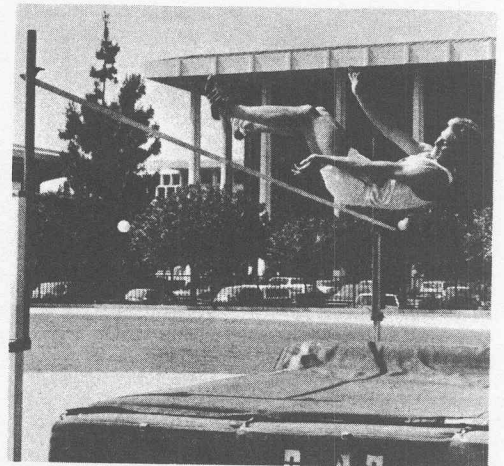
Snieder, who verifies Stones' remarks that Pasadena doctor Perry was most important in conditioning the high-jumping star, said his [Snieder's] role was one of helping Dwight develop his body power through carefully selected weight exercises.

"Stones improved his body power by working with weights in our Ambassador gym," explained Snieder. "He worked on the step-up and the clean and jerk. This gave him more zoom in his vertical jump."

Snieder pointed out that Stones' exercises were not the muscle-tightening type that would slow him down, but, to the contrary, exercises that improved his "quick power."

Keith Erickson of the Phoenix Suns and Latvian javelin star Janis Donins were among the many athletes who have found the Ambassador sports facility helpful to their training.

"Our program is geared to helping world-class athletes to better things," concluded Snieder.



**RECORD BREAKER** — Dwight Stones, above, who broke the world's high-jump record in Philadelphia this month, works out on the Ambassador College track just before the record jump. Below: Dr. Leroy Perry Jr., left, and Harry Snieder, weight trainer at AC, had helped prepare Mr. Stones for his jump. [Photos courtesy Pasadena Star-News]



# Mrs. Roderick Meredith

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able part of my ministry from 1955 on. Margie was always a tremendous help to me. I've always been more serious and down the line whereas Margie was bubbly and enthusiastic. But I just have to say God's will be done. God knows what's best and He in His mercy and wisdom knows things we don't know."

In the days following her death, many people around the headquarters area lamented her loss and recalled stories of her warmth and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Robert Kuhn, wife of the assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong, said Mrs. Meredith was the first friend she had had in the Work. "Although I wasn't a Church member, and even antagonistic at the time, she befriended me and devoted much time and effort to helping me in every possible way," Mrs. Kuhn said. "She certainly was one of the most vivacious and upbeat persons I have ever known, and I feel as though I have lost a real sister."

Dr. Meredith said he feels his wife had directly helped and encouraged hundreds of people in many parts of the world. "She was always warm and friendly and loving. She always liked all kinds of people and related to all kinds of people. She was a wonderful example of service, enthusiasm, loyalty and steadfastness through all sorts of trials and tests."

Mrs. Benjamin Chapman, wife of the associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church, recalled her as a "fantastic person and a real homebody." Mrs. Chapman, a long-time friend, said she would work

long hours canning and putting up fruits and vegetables. "She was always entertaining and serving others."

Dr. Meredith said he was "very grateful" that his wife had had so little suffering, especially the last 10 days of her life. "She had quite a bit of pain with her back off and on, but it wasn't awful. She'd had the back problem for the last three months. It was indeed a back problem, though the root of the problem with the back was the cancer."

"She had hurt her back very seriously March 10. The McNair family has a tendency toward back problems, so we didn't directly associate it with her condition."

He said she had begun to have considerable pain shortly before and following her diagnosis at Huntington Memorial Hospital in early June, at which time she and her family learned of the extreme seriousness of her condition.

"But on Pentecost — and I remember specifically noting that it was on Pentecost — the pain stopped totally. I think God's people were praying for her by the thousands by Pentecost, and the pain just left. The last 10 days of her life she didn't, as far as we know, have any severe pain."

Mrs. Meredith is survived by her husband; two daughters, Elizabeth Helen, 19, and Rebecca Anne, 8; two sons, Michael Rea, 17, and James Paul, 15; five brothers, the three previously mentioned and Archie of Texas and Marion of Florida; and two sisters; Peggy Batteredon of Arkansas and Vivian Parsons of Missouri.





**PIETERMARITZBURG TO DURBAN** — John Bartholomew, right, and Ian Simons take on a rapid the first day of the Pietermaritzburg-to-Durban canoe marathon. (See article at right.)

*Between Mr. Armstrong and president*

## Director reports on meeting

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Following is a report by Bob Fahey, director of the Work in this country, giving his impressions of a meeting between Herbert W. Armstrong and South Africa's President Nicolaas Diederichs June 2 (*The Worldwide News*, June 7).

Mr. Armstrong explained to Dr. Diederichs something of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College, outlining the educational goals of the College and some details of the Church for which it was established. He told him of the hundred thousand *Plain Truth* circulation in southern Africa, and finished up his remarks by showing our many diversified activities that required the establishment of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF).

Mr. [Stanley] Rader gave a view of the foundation and mentioned that one of Mr. Armstrong's purposes of the trip was to prepare the groundwork for a possible sister organization in southern Africa.

Dr. Diederichs listened intently and when Mr. Rader was finished said that he was pleased to hear of the activities in which Mr. Armstrong is engaged, but that he was already familiar with them to a certain extent, since he had been a reader of *The Plain Truth* magazine for many years!

He mentioned that he had originally been a subscriber to *Die Reine Wahrheit* [the German *Plain Truth*, more recently called *Klar und Wahr*], and recently he switched over to the English *Plain Truth*. Dr. Diederichs, by the way, speaks English, Afrikaans, German and one of the black-African languages.

Mr. Rader mentioned the movie *Paper Tiger*, which the AICF has used to raise funds for crippled children and which so far has raised \$1 million. Coincidentally, another movie is being prepared for the same purpose and has as its backdrop South Africa and Rhodesia. It is hoped that the movie will portray an objective and factual account of southern Africa.

Dr. Diederichs said that when we look around the world today, filled with poverty, illiteracy and the mountain of human suffering, you wonder what progress mankind has really made. Mankind now has advanced technology, unbelievable conveniences, such as the automobile and all the electrical gadgets, to make his life happier, but it seems that mankind on the whole is less happy and further from real contentment.

Dr. Diederichs mentioned that South Africa needs a message of hope. "Our faith is strong," said Dr. Diederichs. "We have our weaknesses; we have our shortcomings. But we believe that if we do our duty toward God and toward our fellow-

man we have nothing to fear."

It was extremely moving to me to see Mr. Herbert Armstrong and the state president of South Africa talking in such a way. They are both very much aware of the problems facing

mankind. One has a message of hope; the other knows how desperately it is needed. At that moment I wished the whole Worldwide Church of God could have been in that room and experienced what I was experiencing.

## Mr. Armstrong meets mayor, Edenvale community leaders

EDENVALE, South Africa — After Herbert W. Armstrong's June 7 meeting with the mayor of this Johannesburg suburb (see article, page 1), Bob Fahey, the Work's regional director for South Africa, who was with Mr. Armstrong, filed the following report:

I have just attended a tea in honor of Mr. Armstrong given by the mayor and mayress of Edenvale, a major suburb of Johannesburg. Mayor Te-respolsky, a reader of *The Plain Truth*, heard that Mr. Armstrong was coming to South Africa and wanted him to speak before the leading people of the area.

### Need for Peace

Mr. Armstrong, he hoped, would focus the minds of the leading citizens of the community on the desperate need for world peace.

So the mayor invited all his counselors, including the town clerk, the chairman of the finance committee, leaders of Rotary and Lions clubs and even governmental and military officials who live here, to come to meet Mr. Armstrong and hear him speak.

They ended up getting a very strong dose of the Gospel!

The mayor had arranged the function and had his own chauffeur drive Mr. Armstrong in the mayoral car to the reception. Mr. Stanley Rader [the Work's vice president for financial affairs] and I accompanied him.

When we arrived, the mayor met us and welcomed us to Edenvale. He talked with Mr. Armstrong for a time and introduced him to various citizens while tea and coffee were served and snacks passed around. Although there were many large easy chairs around, everyone was standing and talking while the coffee was being served. They never got a chance to sit down!

Mr. Armstrong mentioned that he had met the state president, Dr. [Nicolaas] Diederichs, and other leaders in Cape Town the week before (*The Worldwide News*, June 7). Then he began to talk about the technological developments in his lifetime. He told the joke about how his dad had called him to the window to show him a horseless carriage and sure enough there was a horseless carriage outside; it was being drawn by a mule! This

relaxed everyone, and I really believe that they almost forgot that they were still standing up!

But as he got into his subject of the problems man is facing today, his concern about world conditions and clear, God-given authority were apparent. He covered many subjects and yet tied them all together beautifully. He talked about evolution and showed how he was forced into a study of it and chopped down the trunk of the tree on that subject. This led to a few comments on the human mind, which can search for knowledge, and how it differs from the animal brain. He mentioned that there had to be a spiritual content or man wouldn't have the reasoning power he has. But science does not acknowledge anything spiritual and therefore can't explain the difference about the human mind and animal brain.

This in turn led easily into a brief discussion of the human relationship in marriage and how the trend today is away from morality. Under the heading of new morality, gross immorality is being practiced, which is breaking up families.

Then he mentioned man's capacity to destroy himself from the face of the earth. He got very strong here, mentioning that mankind is now able to commit cosmicide!

God, he said, who created man and gave him a human intellect, will not permit mankind to destroy himself. He will intervene. "You are betting your life that God will not let it happen, because if He doesn't you won't have your life; someone will take it from you!"

### Not a Crusade

He then mentioned that he is not in South Africa on a soul-saving crusade.

Mr. Armstrong asked the group, "What do you suppose God's mind is on right now? Converting mankind? Not so."

He told them the answer is restoring the government of God to this earth!

He stated, "You don't have to believe a thing I say! It's only my responsibility to tell you God's message. What you do with it is your responsibility."

As Mr. Armstrong finished on this very powerful note he was given a round of applause and a thanks from the mayor before he departed.

## South Africans paddle their own canoe

By Ian Simons

### South African Member

WELKOM, South Africa — The Pietermaritzburg-to-Durban canoe marathon is an annual event held in the Natal province of South Africa over a grueling 110-mile course. Divided into three legs of a day each, canoeists start in Pietermaritzburg, on the Umzinduzi River (hence the name "Duzi" marathon, as it is popularly called) and enter the Umgeni River the second day.

The drop in altitude from Pietermaritzburg to Durban is 2,500 feet. Spread over only 110 miles, this makes for an exciting race with many rapids. Some portions of the river are not navigable for various reasons, so sometimes it is quicker to portage.

The race requires stamina and the ability to handle a canoe in rough water. John Bartholomew, pastor of the Durban church, and I decided to enter the 1976 canoe marathon, though Mr. Bartholomew had not done any competitive canoeing for 10 years or more and I was a relative beginner.

### Melee of Capsizes

At the start the single kayaks left 20 minutes before the doubles, but the start still developed into a melee with capsizes among both singles and doubles within the first few yards. Fortunately, we stayed in our canoe, since we had started well behind in the field.

The first day, with some tricky rapids, was exhilarating. We shot many rapids that others had chosen to portage around and many times found ourselves bashing our way through the foam with people coming out of their canoes all around us, some fighting to save their canoes from disaster, others sadly observing the pieces that remained.

We felt that we had indeed been blessed by the Eternal to finish the race with only a minimum of damage to our canoe. In fact, we went through some rapids on the first day that took us completely by surprise, both when we landed up in them and when we seemed to be miraculously delivered.

### Headed for Rough Water

At the overnight camp after the first day's paddling it began to rain. It rained all afternoon and the rest of the night, raising the level of the river several feet. The Umgeni, which we were due to enter on the second day, was also full. It's a bigger river with bigger rapids, and I could see that we were heading for some rough water. Some novices, fearing conditions, pulled out on the second day, but Mr. Bartholomew and I donned our life jackets and crash hats and pressed on.

The rapids did turn out to be a lot bigger, as expected, and no doubt contributed to our capsizes that day. Capsizing is all part of the game in canoeing; even the eventual winners took a spill at least once during the race.

Our first capsizе happened on a mean-looking rapid halfway through the second leg. When we approached it we noticed that most of the competitors were getting out and portaging around it, so we hesitated before deciding to shoot it. But someone in a single canoe slid past us into the boiling water, so we decided to follow suit.

As the speed of the water began to increase, the canoe began to slue sideways, so we quickly straightened her out. (One of the golden rules of shooting rapids is to keep the canoe straight; if you don't, you can wrap it around a rock and put yourself out of the race.)

We found ourselves bearing down

on a large stopper wave, probably several feet high. A stopper is so named because it does just that: It stops you dead when you hit it. This time we didn't have the speed to break through decisively, so it held us for a while and tilted us to the side.

### Wet Waterloo

We were able to right ourselves again just in time to meet the next wave, but this one proved to be our Waterloo. It dunked us well and truly. The current was strong and we had quite a battle hanging onto our kayak and paddles. I lost my paddle, and, after I thought we had the canoe safely at the side of the river, I ran down the bank to try to retrieve it.

Fortunately, a young picinin (local jargon for a small black boy) was bathing in the water nearby and retrieved it for me just before it entered another rapid. In the meantime the canoe had somehow wrested itself from Mr. Bartholomew's grip and had taken off down the river again. One of the competitors happened to be emptying his canoe at the side of the river. When he saw our riderless canoe coming down the river he jumped in and swam it out for us.

### Uphill Mud

Outstanding about the third day was the Burma Road portage, which will always remain indelibly etched on my mind. This portage entails a climb of about 1,000 feet that is not only steep but on this occasion extremely muddy. The mud had been churned up by the feet of many competitors who had gone before us and was so slippery that our progress was considerably hampered. It was the most frustrating part of the race to me, but I was not sorry that I did the portage because I heard later that 10 canoes had broken up on the rapids because the owners had decided to shoot the rapids instead of doing the Burma Road portage.

After Burma Road there were few rapids to negotiate; the rest of the trip was relatively easy. But we found the water quite turbulent because the river was so full. At one spot only a few miles from the end of the race the river splits up into channels separated by banks of reeds. We were passing down one of these channels when we noticed a whirlpool at the point where the channel twists back into the mainstream of the river. It was no mean whirlpool, probably measuring 20 to 30 feet across, but we were able to pass it at a spot where the water was not too turbulent.

Mr. Bartholomew had done well enough to gain fourth place in the doubles many years before, but this time we managed 47th place in the doubles and 90th overall. But we had finished well up in the field of 420 starters of whom only 281 finished the race. I recommend canoeing to those who enjoy adventure.

## Member on TV quiz

BRICKET WOOD, England — Edward Smith, a member of the Bricket Wood church, recently appeared on a nationally televised religious quiz program.

On the weekly Sunday-night series *Sunday Quiz*, contestants are asked questions on the world's religions, modern religious affairs, religious personalities and films, places of worship, music, doctrines, religious artifacts and the Bible.

Produced by Yorkshire television but seen throughout the British Isles, the show reportedly draws audiences of seven to 10 million viewers.

## A Personal Letter from *David L. Armstrong*

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before, "the best conference ever" in many important respects.

### More Stations

I recently met with Henry Cornwall of Worldwide Advertising and was able to go over more new radio and television availabilities. While contracts may not be absolutely final in every case, we should be reaching an additional audience in the following areas:

WHLN, Harlan, Ky., 1410 kHz, 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday;  
WENT, Gloversville, N.Y., 1340 kHz, 7 p.m. Monday through Friday;  
WBUK, Portage, Mich., 1560 kHz, 8 p.m. Monday through Friday;  
KVOW, Riverton, Wyo., 1450 kHz, 7:05 p.m. Monday through Friday;  
KWJJ, Portland, Ore., 1080 kHz, 9:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:30 p.m. Sunday; KHSL, Chico, Calif., 1290 kHz, 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; KHSL-TV, Chico, Calif., channel 12, 10:30 a.m. Sunday; WLIL, Lenoir City, Tenn., 730 kHz, 8 a.m. Monday through Friday; WRDI, Hammonont, N.J., 1580 kHz, 10 p.m. Monday through Friday; and KLCL, Lake Charles, La., 1470 kHz, 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.

I hope those of you brethren in these areas will make every effort to catch the broadcasts as often as you can.

### Big Sandy Visit

Speaking of radio broadcasts, before coming to Orr I was able to spend some time on the Big Sandy campus, during which time I was able to make two radio programs per day and have already had the tapes delivered to the Pasadena radio studio for dubbing and distribution.

While in Big Sandy I also gave final approval for our plans for the remodeling of our field house there, to provide for a full wood floor with one main college-size basketball court and three crosscourts, plus new bleachers, the refinishing of the ceiling and the installation of both air conditioning and heating, as well as the building of an entirely new stage and acoustical shell.

By utilizing our line of credit from our Pasadena lending institutions, we are able to proceed with this much-needed remodeling without impacting the monthly outgo from the Work. Since next season will begin a more intensive concert series on the Big Sandy campus, to include quite a number of world-renowned artists appearing under the auspices of the AICF concert series, we are particularly pleased that a more attractive and comfortable interior can be provided in what has been a very crude and unfinished "field house."

### New Entry

Our new entrance to the Big Sandy campus is also rapidly nearing completion and will feature a four-lane entryway from U.S. Highway 80 leading directly to the fountain in front of the field house-dining hall complex. It will feature a visitors' center at the entrance and beautiful plantings in the divider along the entry road, plus a very dignified sign identifying the college.

Also, I spent some time with Mr. Sherwin McMichael on Festival schedules and programs.

The more I research into the entire setting of the land of Palestine during the day Jesus walked its streets and highways as a human being, the more enthusiastically I become over the project I have begun on the writing of a book about "the real Jesus." I cannot honestly appraise what appeal such a book will have to the general public, since most people are utterly irreligious and there have been so many books of a sensational nature alleging

everything conceivable concerning the life and times of Jesus Christ. Many may assume this is only one more "religious" book not unlike all the others.

### Book to Be Different

But it will be different in every respect.

I doubt very much if one person out of 10,000 understands that the area in which Jesus grew up was more than 10 times as populous as it presently is, that it was heavily cultivated, thickly wooded and festooned with more than 200 cities in the area of Galilee alone, each with the minimum population of 15,000.

But the eyewitness accounts that are available, not only concerning the land and its fertility, but also the beauty and architectural magnificence of many of the public and private edifices of the time, will prove to be interesting and exciting reading for anyone.

As I have said in sermons for so many years, a careful reading of the Bible would show anyone that Jesus owned at least one and possibly two or more homes and that one of them was a fairly substantial structure of at least two stories, according to the manner of the homes of the more well to do of that period, which could have included a large central patio with pools and fountains, colonnaded atrium with sleeping quarters and large central meeting rooms, including: very large upper room with balustraded rooftop.

There is a great deal said in the Bible about the conditions during that period which most people casually glance over and never really comprehend. Even Jesus' statement concerning those who were "on the housetops" who were not to come down to take anything out of their houses illustrates the fact that the homes in those days, in Jerusalem in particular, were two or more stories high and contained large, flat rooftops with balustrades sufficiently high enough and supported according to building codes of the time to prevent infants or others from toppling down and featured stairways leading onto the street from the roofs.

The housetops of the day were

common meeting places much like the porches of the southeastern rural areas of the United States today, where people would meet to escape the heat of the day. Perhaps Jesus' comment concerning that which they heard whispered in the ear would be "shouted from the housetops" is also instructive. At any rate, when people really learn of the architectural magnificence of many of the cities in which Jesus lived and worked, of the verdant lushness of the rich agricultural areas, of the wide variety of foods grown, plus other interesting items concerning commerce and trade, travel, taxes, education, the conditions of government, as well as religion, I think it will prove to be an eye-opener to many.

At any rate, the more I research it the more I am becoming enthusiastic about the project, and I hope I can complete it in less than one year.

### Prayers Needed

As you will have perhaps already read elsewhere in these pages, deep tragedy struck the Roderick C. Meredith family last Wednesday, June 16, when Mrs. Meredith died following a struggle against cancer. It was extremely saddening to hear of the untimely death of Margie Meredith, in the very prime of life, after a long and tiring bout with the disease. (Please read the article on page 1.)

I was in Big Sandy when I learned of her death and immediately called Rod. I had earlier asked all in the Church to pray for Mrs. Meredith, and in extensive comments on Pentecost in Portland had asked nearly 2,000 brethren there to remember her in their prayers, so I am sure many thousands of you were concerned and praying over her condition, and I am sure Dr. Meredith appreciates the concern and support so many of you have shown.

Let's not forget that your continued prayers are needed as he faces the new challenges ahead, especially that of caring for and assuming full responsibility for his children still at home. Please remember him and his family.

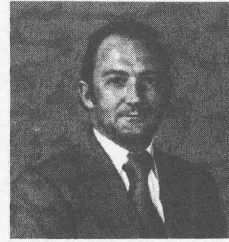
Until next time . . .  
Your brother in Christ,  
Gamer Ted Armstrong

## THE GRAPEVINE

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translators for U.S. congregations for Sabbath services where needed.

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BRICKET WOOD, England — Paul Suckling, just back from a semester's training at Ambassador,



PAUL SUCKLING

Pasadena, has been named director of the Church Administration Department here.

Mr. Suckling will also direct Youth Opportunities United in Britain and the Summer Educational Program in Scotland and will be director of Festival administration.

He will also serve as assistant pastor of the Bricket Wood church under regional director and pastor Frank Brown.

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HOUSTON, Tex. — Only one member has reported extensive damage to his home from floods that hit Houston June 15. Ronald Harrell of the Houston North church found three feet of water in his home when he returned from work late that day. His wife and two children had had to be evacuated by boat from their house while Mr. Harrell was still at work.

Edwin Marrs, pastor at Houston West, reported most members fared well in the storm. The water began to go down the next day, which was basically a "mop-up day," he said.

# U.S. trainees cut in budget realignment

(Continued from page 1)

ministerial trainees will have to fight is the feeling of rejection that naturally follows in this circumstance. To all of them I say that we still want and desire their services in the ministry every bit as much as we ever did. But we simply cannot afford to pay them for the time being."

### Ordinations Planned

Mr. Dart said some of the men terminated will be ordained local elders beginning in the "next few weeks. These ordinations will be taking place as soon as we receive the recommendations from the area coordinators and discuss their recommendations with Mr. Ted Armstrong."

He said the ordinations reinforce his comments that the terminations should not be interpreted as "failure" on the part of the trainees. The principal reason for the terminations, according to Mr. Dart, is "budgetary. In preparing my budget for the fiscal year [July 1, 1976, to June 30, 1977] I found that we in pastoral administration were in the process of requesting \$1 million more than we spent this past year."

He attributed the increase (which took into consideration the savings from the trainee terminations) to rising costs.

"Not only do we have to cope with the rising costs of gasoline, communications, auto repairs — they're skyrocketing — and hall rentals, but we have to cope with the problems of

growth: new churches, additional lease cars and so forth. On top of all that we try to provide periodic cost-of-living raises for those on the payroll."

He said some cost-of-living raises will come in the fiscal year and some "compensation for changes in responsibilities."

### Supporting Media Objectives

Mr. Dart also said he felt the need to prepare the budget to allow for growth in the Church and the institution of any new programs Garner Ted Armstrong may want to start. "I also want to make sure we do our part in the ministry in keeping expenditures down to support the Work's stated objectives of going full steam ahead in radio and television.

"While terminating the trainees obviously had many undesirable aspects, it seemed better than the alternative: terminating ordained ministers. We are going to be very slow to terminate an ordained man."

Mr. Dart also noted that the trainees were generally younger and "more flexible" than most others in the ministry. "Most are under 30 and have small families — if they have children at all — and should be better able to adjust."

### Harmonious With Development

The decision to terminate the trainees was also harmonious with a ministerial-development program in-

troductory at the May ministerial conference here. During the conference Mr. Dart said his division would depart from the previous policy of the Church of hiring men full time in the ministry immediately after graduation from college. He said the Church would begin to move in favor of hiring Ambassador graduates who had established themselves in congregations and worked for several years, gaining experience.

"These men would have many opportunities to serve and work with the local minister over those years and would then enter the full-time ministry around age 30. We feel they would be more mature and more effective at that point."

### Trainees Comment

The *Worldwide News* obtained telephone interviews with ministerial trainees shortly after the men had received notice they were being laid off.

Mike Henley, who for a year has served the Warner Robins and Columbus, Ga., churches, said: "I'm going to go ahead and work and remain in the same area. I want to continue to lend a hand . . . do as much as I can. I hope to continue to be a good part of the Work here."

Mr. Henley, a 1975 graduate of the Big Sandy Ambassador campus, was offered a job with an insurance company the day after he heard of his termination.

David Molnar, a trainee in the Columbus, Ohio, church since his graduation from Big Sandy in 1975,

More rain was predicted for June 16 but didn't come.

"We were blessed that way," Mr. Marrs said. "The ground can't take too much more rain."

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PASADENA — An interesting advertisement appeared in the June 15 *Bulletin*, with ad copy reading: "Opportunity! Fabulous climate — water sports — romantic setting — beautiful beaches. Small congregation of warm, friendly people in need of church pastor. Choose your own hours. Partial salary and car. Interesting challenges. LIVE IN HAWAII!"

Leslie L. McCullough, International Division director (whose responsibilities also include Hawaii), explained in his column in the publication that he is looking for a part-time minister to serve in the island state to replace the present pastor, Tom Blackwell, who is being reassigned to the mainland.

He said the congregation of about 100 people does not justify a full-time minister. Mr. Blackwell had been operating his own carpentry-contracting business in addition to his part-time ministerial duties.

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PASADENA — Summer classes have begun at both the college here and in Big Sandy, with enrollments of 155 and 80, respectively, according to the Registrar's Office on each campus. The first of two five-week sessions here began June 1, with 83 men and 72 women attending, and Big Sandy's classes started June 14, with 30 men and 50 women.

The first session here will end July 2, and Big Sandy's single six-week agenda is slated to end July 23. The second session here, which will run from July 12 to Aug. 13, has "unlimited openings available," according to the Registrar's Office here. Courses offered are to include lower-level classes in English, math, biology, theology and business.

Classes under way at Big Sandy include four theology courses and sessions in agriculture, art, aviation, business administration, home economics and psychology.

also plans to stay in the area and hopes to be rehired.

"We're settled in here now and we really enjoy the area," he said. "We love the people and this is my church area."

Mr. Molnar has several job leads but as of this writing nothing definite. "I personally hope to be rehired at some future time because this is the type of thing I've trained for for the last six to seven years," he said. "Although we were all disappointed with the decision, we know this is God's Work and this will work out for the best."

### 'We'll Make It'

Roger Ludwig, a 1975 graduate of Ambassador, Pasadena, and a trainee in the Pittsburgh, Pa., church area for a year, is "canceling all the bills, buying a pickup truck and packing up and going to Colorado to just try to make some stakes out there," he said.

"I really hate to leave all the friends we've made. It's kind of scary. This is the first time I've really been seriously unemployed. But we'll make it."

He added: "I feel if I am rehired I will make a much more effective helper for the people. Half the people we've talked to have been laid off for some period of their life. This time I go through some of the same experiences . . . I'll find out if what I've been telling them really works in my life. So I'm just giving my own sermons to myself as I go out there."



# Local church news wrap-up

## Track and Field

AKRON, Ohio — Some 130 young men and women from six congregations ran, jumped and heaved in the YOU Western District track-and-field meet here May 23 at the Akron University track.

Taking first place was the Youngstown church, followed by Columbus, Wheeling, Akron, Erie and Cleveland, in that order.

Winners and alternates from the district will compete against other district winners at the YOU Washington Region track-and-field meet in State College, Pa., June 27.

Men and women in junior and senior categories competed for seven hours in the event, sponsored by the two Akron churches.

Winners at the State College meet will compete in a national meet to be held in Big Sandy July 28 and 29. *Ray Nickolson.*

## Covered Dishes

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — About 120 adults and children of this church area attended a covered-dish dinner here May 8 at the United Steelworkers Union Hall in Bethlehem, Pa.

The meal was followed by a sock hop for young and old.

Members here are looking forward to a summer picnic June 20. *Robert Bragg.*

## Skates Race

ALTOONA, Pa. — The Altoona and Indiana, Pa., churches combined for a roller-skating party May 2 that featured races for men, women and children.

Winners were James Hubler Jr. (men's category), Pearl Keith (women's), Ray Hichcock (boys 14 and under) and Renee Hichcock (girls 13 and under).

A roller horse race between the men and boys was won by the boys: Ray Hichcock and John Keith. A similar women's and girls' race was



**DANCE TRIBUTE** — Delta-Fem Wisdom, member of the Big Sandy church, presented her classic-ballet students in a recital saluting the bicentennial June 2. Highlighting the program was a tribute to the bicentennial that included "Salute to Lady of Liberty," "Our Priceless Heritage" and "The Nations in Dance." All choreography was by Miss Wisdom. Six of the 39 dancers, from left, are Rachel Pierce, Beth Crumpler, Kim Fields, Rebecca Baugher, Gina Briggs and Sheila Gentry. (Photo by Phil Edwards)

the company he works for, Montgomery Ward, obtained the flag on display. It had been flown over the White House May 12 and was accompanied by an official letter on White House stationery stating that the flag was for the use of the Worldwide Church of God.

Two bicentennial bouquets that had been designed by Ann Sorentino were won in a drawing by Theresa From and Ann Karpowycz.

Peter Ochs of the Milwaukee church and several other professional musicians played dance music. *Shirley Karpowycz.*

## Volkswagen Squeeze

BLUEFIELD, W. Va. — The first annual field day and picnic of the church here was May 23 at Glenwood Park, near Princeton, W. Va.



**PREMIER PERFORMANCE** — The Baton Rouge, La., Children's Choir gave its first performance May 22 before the congregation. Members of the choir are, from left, Lisa Grice, Tanya Rivers, Sharla Albarado and Laura Grice. Isaiah Morrison is the director.

won by the women: Sheri Popovich and Anna Grace Lohr.

Ed Hoover and Kevin Hubler were clowns. *Naomi Myers.*

## White House Flag

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Colorful lights, decorations, fellowship, food and music highlighted a May 16 bicentennial social here.

"Kobelles Professional Magic Show" had members asking, "How does he do it?" Both performers, members here, made interesting illusions. The Pitchpipers, a barbershop choral group, sang patriotic songs.

Prizes for the most appropriate costumes went to Melissa Alexander, baby division; Christina Karpowycz, Jill Stocker and Trina Sullivan, ages 6 to 19; Mille Kepley, women; and William Unger, men.

Mr. Unger, emcee, explained how Harold Stocker, through the help of

Field events were for all ages, and ribbons were awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners.

Besides the main events, novelty events were also held: a balloon toss, a Volkswagen squeeze, a tug-of-war and sack races.

After a potluck meal Howard Porter auctioned desserts, clearing \$80 for the social fund. *Tom Wiseman.*

## Bricket Wood's Fete

BRICKET WOOD, England — June 20 was the red-letter day for the great summer church social, picnic and fete on the former Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador. Members from the London, Guildford, Maidstone, Luton and Northampton churches converged on the grounds, along with Bricket Wood members, to share in a packed day of fun, sports and recreation.

Preparations had been in hand for

weeks, mainly supervised by Spokesman Club members. Among the plethora of activities were several types of ball games, swimming, sailing, putting, golf, model-aircraft displays, mystery hayrides, cake sales and refreshments provided by lady members.

Midsummer on the college grounds is always breathtaking, with the floral displays their most beautiful. Members from all over Britain have the opportunity to rejoice in a peaceful setting and share in fellowship and fun. *Edward Smith.*

## The Art of Conversation

BRISTOL, England — Men's and women's clubs here combined for the first time May 12 with husband-and-wife team Barry and Caroline Davies leading a successful table-topics session.

This was followed by six speeches by both men and women, each woman covering a different aspect of "developing the art of conversation."

Evaluations were by men's-club director John Shottliff and women's-club director Bruce Kent. The evening ended with a request for ideas for next season's clubs. *Janet Kent.*

## SWF Hums Along

CHICAGO, Ill. — Southlake Women's Forum (SWF), serving the church area south of Lake Michigan, is humming along. Its March 14 kick-off meeting brought 44 women together to discuss goals and interests and to hear tips on home entertaining. They also drew names for "secret pals."

At the April 25 meeting a professional gave insights into the art of using makeup, and last month, on May 23, SWF offered craft workshops in macrame, crocheting and toile painting.

Meanwhile, at Sabbath services, SWF has its own table and bulletin board. *Sandy Salzer.*

## The Men in Their Lives

COLUMBUS, Ind. — The women's club of this church area, New Horizons, met at the Ponderosa Steak House for a men's appreciation night May 22. The club members honored the men in their lives for baby-sitting and driving them to the meetings.

After a meal Liz Nielander gave a summary speech on what the women had accomplished during the year: They had bought flowers for the sick and helped provide for a newborn baby, among other activities.

The first game was to see how well the husbands could diaper baby dolls, the best job being done by a nonfather, Tim Turner.

Dan Turner gave a speech on how he was all for women's lib, and Mr. and Mrs. John Burton won a shoe-tying contest.

Other contests included balloon blowing and banana eating, the latter won by Lovetta Kelsch.

A door prize of \$10 was won by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Olmstead. *Nena Jones.*

## Moose Treat Pack

CONCORD, N.H. — Cub Scout Pack 441 marched in the Memorial Day parade May 31.

After a month-long contest the winner, Chris Shaw, chose to carry the new pack flag. David Kangas, second place, carried the U.S. flag.

After the parade everyone who marched was treated by the Royal Order of the Moose to soft drinks, chips and hamburgers. Later Pack 441 enjoyed ice-cream cones to fight the heat. *Gary and Margie Jacques.*

## End of the Year

DETROIT, Mich. — May 23 may have marked a first for end-of-year club activities anywhere when Reinhold Fuessel, pastor at Detroit East and director of the Alumni, Spokesman and Ladies' clubs, was host of a dinner-dance and Spokesman Club graduation in Birmingham, Mich.

The 107 who attended were treated to a prime-rib dinner.

There was only one speech; Randy D'Allessandro, Spokesman president, spoke on being a pillar in the Church.

Six men received graduation certificates: Tom Fletcher, Peter Molnar, Gail Arbuckle, Don Forsythe,

Lary Larson and Jerry Meadows. *James L. Davis.*

## Spokesmen Win Out

DETROIT, Mich. — The Spokesman Club of Detroit East decided to go ahead with its second annual outdoor meeting May 11 at Helmich Park in Warren, a Detroit suburb.

Members overcame the distractions of a nearby women's golf-instruction class, a group of model rocketeers, a noisy motorcycle and a few raindrops. Club director Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel commented, "Well, we won out, but just barely." *Lary L. Larson.*

## Fashions and Tea

ELKHART, Ind. — The Ladies' Club here held its first fashion show and tea at the elegant Four-Arts Club May 11.

During the modeling of the many fashions, the guests partook of punch, canapes and hors d'oeuvres that had been prepared by the hostess and cohostess, Betty Miller and Mildred Skinner.

The church's widows were guests of honor and received floral centerpieces (made by Dorothy Hosterman) to take home.

Sewing and modeling awards were won by Janet Farmer, first in the teens' category, and Brenda Emmerth, first in the ladies' division. Dawn Hosterman won second for the teens, and Joan Green and Mildred Skinner took second for the ladies.

Dorothy Farmer and Dorothy Hosterman took first in ladies' modeling; Ellen Skinner was the first-place teen modeler.

Preteens and tots received storybooks, with honorable mention going to Lauri and Becky Green for their modeling. *Mildred Skinner.*

## Blessings of America

FINDLAY, Ohio — Dennis Diehl, pastor of the church here, spoke May 12 before 54 members of the Fremont, Ohio, chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an organization whose members have worked in the Bell System for 18 years or longer. Mary Whiting, a member of the Findlay church and a member of the club, had arranged for Mr. Diehl to speak.

After Mr. Diehl's sermonette-type speech, on the blessings of America, club members' response was favorable.

The club recently purchased subscriptions to *Human Potential* magazine for the public library, police department, sheriff's department, hospital and county home for the aged. *Mary Whiting.*

## Club Sponsors Speakers

FRESNO, Calif. — At the regular meeting of the Fresno Women's Club May 18, Grace Fries, an interior designer with Garrett Colonial Manor, which features Thomasville furniture, was guest speaker.

Meeting every third week, the club has heard speakers covering a variety of subjects.

The speaker April 27 was Evelyn Harford of San Pedro, formerly with (See WRAP-UP, page 13)



**FIELD DAY** — The Bluefield church held its first annual field day and picnic May 23. Prizes were awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners. (See "Volkswagen Squeeze," this page.)

# Wrap-up

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Loretta Young Modeling Studios, who lectured on poise, personality and fashion.

"Although we are just getting started and this is all new to many of us, we feel that we are really making progress," said Marcella Barron, club president.

The club was formed last March 9 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hubbard, when Don Billingsley, pastor here and at Visalia, appointed officers and set the club's format. The vice president is Sharon Gary of Fresno, secretary is Debbie Tenty of Kerman, and Sandy O'Malley of Kerman is treasurer. *Montez Myers.*

## Bicentennial Boost

FRESNO, Calif. — The U.S. bicentennial got a boost May 22 when the Fresno and Visalia churches met for an authentic costume ball. Members came dressed as founding fathers on up to the most modern dress.

Treated to a stage production depicting the early days of radio, the audience saw a skit that included excerpts from Jack Benny's old radio show and culminated in a rendition of the announcement of *The World Tomorrow* broadcast.

The combined choir of the two churches sang "America" under the direction of Gary Stainthorpe, member here. The Visalia Children's Choir sang "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Ten Feet Off the Ground." The singing group had been formed and is guided by Linda Daniels and Debbie Townsend.



**PREPARING FOR JOURNEY** — Ten adventurers from the Greensboro church set out on a 14-mile canoe trip May 16. (See "Conquering Two Rivers," this page.) (Photo by Bill Butler)

In the man-and-wife category in costume competition, first-place was shared by Mr. and Mrs. Fess Townsend and Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Garcia, all of Visalia. Doug Hill, Fresno member, received the adult-male prize for the unique costume, a tin man, and Leslie Macagno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Macagno, Fresno members, received the prize for being the best-dressed female.

In a coloring contest, prizes were awarded to Robin Chavez, Kristy Chavez, David Van Wert, Becky Van Wert, Jonathan Reineccius and Jody Lawson.

The Ralph Dunn family and Pete and Debbie Tenty, all members here, had put the program together and made it a success. *Clyde Hubbard.*

## 5H Club Visits Zoo

GREENSBORO, N.C. — While the pastor was on his way to the ministerial conference in Pasadena, 40 of his members went to the Ashboro Zoo, where May 16 members of the 5H Club (50 years of age and older) enjoyed a visit and picnic.

A 20-page brochure was also distributed to those present describing the services for older adults available from the City of Greensboro. *Henry R. John.*

## Conquering Two Rivers

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Ten adventurers from this church area,

led by Garvin Ducker and Terry Tucker, attempted a 14-mile canoe trip on the Ararat and Yadkin rivers, near Pilot Mountain, May 16. The rivers were swollen with rain that had fallen the two previous days.

The 5½-hour journey began at 11:30 a.m. After fighting the rapids for an hour, the canoeists stopped for lunch: sandwiches, snacks and beer. Later, after a rough battle with boulders, the canoe of Bill Butler and Ralph Smith began leaking badly. An emergency stop was made and a hole the size of a 50-cent piece was repaired.

Soon thereafter the Ducker canoe struck a boulder in midstream and capsized. Mr. Ducker was soaked from the waist down but otherwise unharmed.

After these incidents the group proceeded safely to a rendezvous on the Yadkin River, arriving there shortly after 5 p.m. *Bill Butler.*

## Pictures Draw New Members

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Kansas City East's Spokesman Club capped off the year with a ladies' dinner meeting at the Bonanza Steak House in Independence, Mo., May 12.

The regular format was followed, with five assigned speakers.

During the year an innovation had been added: Club members drew pictures of aspects of the meetings to be displayed each Sabbath where the congregation meets.

Club President Shannon Lucas felt that 10 new members were added as a result of the drawings.

After the ladies' meeting, club director Terry Mattson was presented with the drawings as a memento. The club also presented him with a set of

bookends. *Bill Lisle.*

## Teen Weekend

KINGSTON, Ont. — Fourteen teenagers from the Kingston and Smiths Falls, Ont., churches had a fun-filled weekend at the home of minister Terry Johnson May 8 and 9.

The teens enjoyed an evening beginning with homemade pizza, charades and other games and refreshments. The activities ended with bowling and lunch the second day. *Carolyn Gosse.*

## House Warmed

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — The members of the church here presented Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schreiber with a house plant as a housewarming gift for their new home May 22.

Mr. Schreiber is pastor of the Klamath Falls and Medford, Ore., churches. *L. Schreiber.*

## Children's Programs

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — This church's Youth Instructional Program (YIP) is off to a playful start. Under the direction of Bonnie Anton and Gwen Chaillaux, and with the help of teenagers using hand puppets, the children were taken for a visit to the Garden of Eden.

Narrated by a lion, a resident of the garden (puppeteer Sharon Bunch), the program showed the children the



**"SKATE-THE-BLIND"** — These members of the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation were hosts of an outing for the blind members of a group called Milwaukee Metro Blind Outdoor Leisure Development and their families. (See "AICF Treats BOLD," this page.)

wicked serpent (Jarrel Burgess) tempting a lovely, although gullible, Eve. They watched as Eve (Wendy Blackerby) shared the forbidden fruit, in this case a sour lemon, with Adam (Ken Cowan). They heard the voice of God (Brent Morgan) pronounce punishment upon them for their disobedience. John Burgess and his drums provided thunder and lightning.

The play, called *The Serpent and the Fruit*, was written by Sharon Bunch.

The 50 children participating in the YIP are given classroom instruction, individual work and memory projects, parent-child activities and their own choir. On Pentecost, June 6, the choir sang "Everything Is Beautiful" for special music. *Dee Dee Morgan and Vivian Whitmore.*

## Year's Work Pays Off

MEDFORD, Ore. — The culmination of a year of hard work resulted in a profit of \$531 for the members of the Medford and Klamath Falls churches at the second annual arts-and-crafts sale, May 6 and 20.

Men and women donated time and material to furnish an array of quilts, afghans, bedroom slippers, plants, planters, pot holders and baked goods. The money will go for public Bible lectures and fair booths and a donation to headquarters.

Betty Ritzinger coordinated the project. *I. Schreiber.*

## Food for Appreciation

MEDFORD, Ore. — The parklike yard at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stitt was the setting for the year-end meeting of the Spokesman Club as 50 people enjoyed the meeting and a picnic.

Trophies were awarded to Tim Rhay and Dick Stitt for their speeches and Fred Short for his evaluation.

Each woman guest brought her own food creation as an expression of appreciation for the growth of each club member during the past year. *I. Schreiber.*

## AICF Treats BOLD

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The members of the Greater Milwaukee Chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) were hosts May 16 of sightless members of a group called Milwaukee Metro BOLD (Blind Outdoor Leisure Development) and their families for a "Skate-the-Blind" outing at Waukesha Skateland.

BOLD is an organization primarily subsidized by Lions International.

Irv Bostwick, president of BOLD, addressed the groups afterwards, expressing appreciation to Joseph R. Himden, president of the AICF chapter, owners of the skating rink and owners of a restaurant that treated BOLD members to a meal. *Joseph R. Himden.*

## Aerial Demonstrations

MONROE, La. — Forty-three

young people from the church here drove to Shreveport, La., for a social and sock hop with about 50 young people from that church area May 1.

Refreshments and games were provided by Shreveport youths in the Brighton Manor Apartments Club Room, after which the Monroe teens accepted the hospitality of several of the Shreveport brethren who had invited them to stay overnight.

Everyone was up early the next day for ice skating at a local rink, followed by lunch at McDonald's.

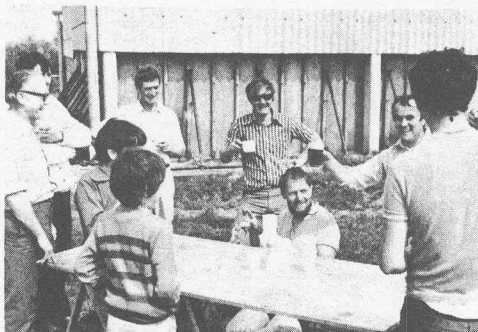
Then it was off to Barksdale Air Force Base for the annual open house, where aircraft were on display and where the teens saw several aerial demonstrations. *Jim Lord.*

## Going Away to Washington

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A going-away party May 22 at the home of Tywan and Robin Corbin was attended by 22 teenagers from the church here to say good-bye to Bobby and Brenda Walden of Murfreesboro.

Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walden, are moving to Washington and will probably attend the Tacoma, Wash., church.

A cake baked for the occasion read: "We're going to miss you, Bob, Brenda."



**FIRST PICNIC** — Dave Widdecombe of the Plymouth church, top, clowns as he cooks for the church's May 9 picnic. Others who attended, above, played volleyball and other games and enjoyed a barbecue. Money raised at the picnic from games and the sale of food will go for a display trailer to advertise Church literature at county shows. (See "Picnic at Plymouth," this page.) (Photo by John Jewell)

Bobby was a member of the teen basketball team.

Another gathering had been held, the previous Sunday, at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith, Milton, Tenn. Eight families gathered to honor the Waldens before their departure.

Although it rained intermittently until late in the day, the teens enjoyed basketball and volleyball, along with some of the adults, in the barn loft, along with some ducking in a nearby stream. *Everett Corbin.*

## Battery-Operated Piano

PALO ALTO, Calif. — One hundred twelve members of the

church here convened for a camp-out at Big Basin Campgrounds in the Santa Cruz Mountains the weekend of May 21 to 23.

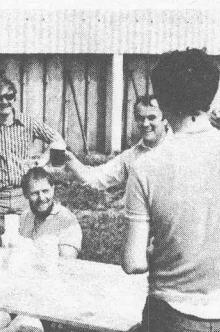
Saturday noon, under blue sky and tall redwood trees, minister Steve Nutzman delivered the sermon, and Jay Brown, a deacon, the sermonette. LaVerne Lavasseur furnished music for the hymns on her battery-operated piano. For special music the youth choir (ages 4 to 16) sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

That evening was a potluck dinner and sing-along around a huge fire, and Sunday turned out to be a day for hiking, games and more companionship. *Mrs. Arvine C. Walton.*

## Picnic at Plymouth

PLYMOUTH, England — The church here held its first, much-talked-of, picnic May 9 for more than 50 people of all ages and sizes as they gathered at Higher Fursdon Farm, Bratton Clovelly. Races, games, food and riding were the order of the day.

The children's games included egg-and-noon, sack, three-legged and wheelbarrow races. Prizes were awarded on a point system; the winner was Shaun Widdecombe, 7. In second place was Susan Widdecombe, 11, and third was shared by Joy Sanders, 10, and Mary Cann, 11.



The ladies played the men in volleyball. The men won, even though each male player had one hand tied behind his back.

A tug-of-war was featured for the children and men. Then came a football match in which the contest between V. Carne's and C. Hancock's teams had to be stopped when Mr. Carne twisted his ankle while his side was winning 3-2. John Terrett was the referee.

Next was a barbecue. Beefburgers were cooked in the open by John Jewell, pastor here, and sold for 10 pence (about 20 cents) apiece. Many other refreshments were sold, and a

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"bring and buy," mainly for clothes was organized by the Ladies' Club, under Mrs. Jewell.

The money raised will go for club funds and for a mobile-display caravan (trailer house) that will advertise Church literature at county shows.

About 23 pounds (\$45) was raised. While all the events were going on, several bicyclists were riding around the seven-acre field. *Frances Cann.*

### Daughters of the Promise

**RAPID CITY, S.C.** — The ladies' club for this area met for the first time May 8. Several topics were discussed, including the goals and purposes for the club, how members can benefit each other and how to help members' children enjoy more fully the Sabbath through supervised studies and games.

After several suggestions for a name, Daughters of the Promise was unanimously chosen. *Alberta Awana.*

### Hike Into the Sierras

**RENO, Nev.** — C.D. Blakney, a deacon here, organized the teens and young adults for a 10-mile round-trip hike high into the Sierras May 16.

After lunch at Price Lake, the hikers then went to Rock Lake, where many swam in the cold water. A special guest, Chuck Dickerson, a minister from Texas, was on hand. *Steve Ladnier.*

### The Family

**RESEDA, Calif.** — In the absence of minister Robert Clonninger, who is touring Israel with four other members, local elder John Ouverier acted as director of the Philadelphia Club's next-to-last meeting of the year, May 20.

The theme for the night's program was "The Family," with Sharon Durlin acting as hostess and Carrie Steffen as topic mistress.

Speakers included Richard Harry, Sallee Toms and Bruce Loper.

A test on the book of James was given before the meeting was adjourned. *Sallee Toms.*

### Comic Styles

**ST. JOSEPH, Mo.** — The Women's Opportunity Club had its annual spring dinner May 22 at the YWCA, attended by 68 adults.

The program included a Sweet Adeline group singing, followed by the guest speakers, Barbara Smothers and Mrs. Larry Miller of the Kansas City church area. Both serve as presidents of clubs in their area.

A comic style show presented by club members led to the big event, the presentation of officers for the



**HANDICRAFTS-AND-BAKE SALE** — The Winnipeg South church raised money to finance fair booths at exhibitions this summer by selling baked goods, macramé, sewing, crocheting and other handicrafts. (See "12 Staff Sale," this page.)

coming year. Pat Kalin will be president, Diane Wineinger vice president, Carol Lang secretary and Darlene West treasurer.

Mrs. Richard Prince, club coordinator, was given a purse as an appreciation gift, and retiring President Vicky Geisburt was presented a fruit arrangement.

Guests for the evening included Jody Wells, who graduated from high school this year. *Jackie Ristau.*

### Picnic and Tour

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — Members of the church here enjoyed an "over-40" outing May 16. Activities began with a potluck lunch under shade trees at Lake Vista Park.

After lunch the group toured colorful Sunken Gardens, a major attraction in the city, and had an enjoyable afternoon viewing the flowers, birds and animals in the gardens. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

### First Table Topics

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — The new Woman's Club had its third meeting May 20, headed by Vice President Sandy Nolan. The ladies had their first experience with table topics and seemed to enjoy it.

The latter part of the program was a cosmetic demonstration by Vicky Bailey of the Lakeland, Fla., area. Six of the women volunteered to be models; the rest enjoyed watching the application and picked up pointers on highlighting.

The meeting was in the home of Sally Atchley, hostess for the evening. Pat Harrison was cohostess.

Barbara Dodson, Alma Zaun and Genie Howell made up the refreshment committee. *Wanda Smith.*

### First Resort

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — An excellent turnout attended the first combined San Diego and Escondido churches' teen clubs' outing of the

summer season May 30 at a public resort, Elfin Forest Lake, in a remote area outside Escondido.

Because of the crowded holiday activities at the resort, the teens, their sponsors and guests were afforded a private spot outside the park.

Three Escondido girls cooked a tasty meal: Christina Davis, Karen Shoquist and Jackie Stockwell.

In addition to ball games, the group enjoyed horseback riding, canoeing, paddleboat rides and a hayride.

Tom Ivcevic, coordinator of the Escondido Teen Club, and Duffy Davis had arranged for the outing. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ivcevic of San Diego attended as the local-club sponsors. *Susan Karoska.*

### Spring Fancy

**SPOKANE, Wash.** — The Red Lion Motor Inn ballroom was the scene of the annual spring social May 16 as close to 170 members and their mates enjoyed an evening of dining, dancing and entertainment.

"Spring Fancy" was the theme for the semi-formal occasion, with a cocktail hour before the meal of Cornish game hen, followed by dancing to a four-piece professional combo called Sidestreut.

Special entertainment included the bicentennial music of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Carman and Gene Palm, a ragtime piano number by Don Henry, a violin solo by Mary Jo Rydholm (accompanied by Jenny Inman), a guitar duet by Steve Wineinger and Dan Jager, a reading of "My Mother-in-Law" by Rick Stafford and a guitar solo and song by Bill Thornton.

Emcee for the evening was Mr. Stafford, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. John Raschke and Mr. and Mrs. Thornton. *Verne Enos.*

### The Two to Beat

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** — "Promise us there'll be a next year for the same weekend!"

The promise was for the second annual New Horizons Weekend and Syracuse Invitational Track and Field Meet.

Last June more than 100 young adults from two countries and three U.S. states participated in the New Horizons Weekend.

The second annual event will begin with Sabbath services July 31. Then an expected 200 participants (ages 16 to 40) will enjoy a buffet dinner and later dance to the modern sounds of a live band.

More than 35 churches in all have been invited. All participants will vie Aug. 1 for outstanding-athlete trophies. Last year's winners, Lucinda Marsch of Erie, Pa., and Joe Piscitello of the Long Island church in New York, will probably be the ones to beat again.

Any interested individual may obtain more information from Joe Horchak, Box 303, Liverpool, N.Y.,

13088, (315) 622-2881, or Charles Denny, 324 Longbranch Rd., Syracuse, N.Y., 13209, (315) 452-9140. *Joe Horchak.*

### Children Together

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** — The church here has many active children who meet after Sabbath services to enjoy being together while an adult reads stories to them. Variations have included songs sung with guitar accompaniment and a small packet of seeds being given to each child.

The sessions usually last a half hour to 45 minutes and have helped the children to be contented while the parents fellowship. *Mary A. Fry.*

### Northwest Camp

**TACOMA, Wash.** — Plans are in high gear to handle 160 teenagers at a two-week outing on Tanglewood Island beginning Aug. 1. The island, only a third of a mile long, is a former boys' camp in Puget Sound, accessible only by boat. Last year 125 young people spent 13 fun-filled days there. This year's camp will last 15 days and accommodate more people.

Outdoor facilities are available for boating, canoeing, waterskiing, swimming, pool, water polo, basketball, volleyball, baseball, tennis, track, fishing, archery, survival camping, gymnastics, cheerleading and hiking.



**SINGERS DEBUT** — The youth choir of the St. Paul, Minn., church made its debut May 15 with "Blest and Happy Is the Man." The group is directed by Marvin Root, with Diane Kubic accompanying.

Applications are coming in from Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Spokane, Boise, Portland, Eugene, California and Canada.

The Northwest Summer Camp was not set up to compete with the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP). It has succeeded in providing a regional camp for those young people who can't attend the SEP.

Gil Goethals, regional YOU director, who organizes and directs the camp, says it has succeeded mainly because of the help of parents and older teenagers.

Elsie Pate, deaconess here, plans the food and supervises the kitchen for 7,000 meals, assisted by Lois Bieber, Nancy Spencer, Lynn Proulx and eight older teens.

The camp is open to people 10 to 15 years old. Anyone interested in more information may write Gil Goethals, 3404 344th St., Auburn, Wash., 98002. *Barry Palmer.*

### Chest Guessed

**TAMPA, Fla.** — "How much money in the treasure chest?" was the first question asked as guests arrived at the Gasparilla Ballroom for the Buccaneer's Ball April 24. Bottles of champagne were awarded to Cecil Cleveland and Ed Witthaus of the St. Petersburg, Fla., church for the two closest guesses.

Guests danced to the music of Dee and the Jays, a group featuring a Tampa couple, Tony and Dee McCorkle.

"Long John" Quade called for a break in the dancing and conducted a

"wild treasure hunt" in which everyone took a sealed envelope at the door and opened it to find part of a 32-part puzzle. The winner was the first person to complete the riddle and read it off correctly, after matching all 32 parts. Cherie Zipper of Lakeland, Fla., was the winner, winning the contents of the treasure chest. *Marilynn Rice.*

### New Club Format

**VANCOUVER, B.C.** — The final meeting of the North Vancouver and Vancouver Spokesman clubs was May 31 at the Canyon Gardens Dine and Dance in North Vancouver, B.C.

A deluxe smorgasbord was followed by short speeches from the two club presidents, Al Neighbour and Stan Newsom, and a topic session by Rick Blazeka, who asked certain men what changes they would make if they were chosen to be the next president.

This year's clubs had followed a new format, combining graduate and undergraduate speakers. Stimulating topics had generated good response, and the new format was both challenging and rewarding. Two speeches were given, by club members Glen Thomson and Norm Aichison, about the goals of the club.

After the speeches Walter Johnson and George Lee, the directors,

awarded certificates of merit to seven graduates.

The meeting was followed by dancing, with music provided by the church band. *Lorna Lukinuk.*

### Ad Libbers Adjourn

**VANCOUVER, Wash.** — The Ad Libbers, Portland (Ore.) North's women's speech club, have finished their daytime meetings for the season. Most club members have successfully completed their No. 3 ("Crystal Clear") speech.

To close the final meeting, Charlotte Timmins, president, thanked the other officers — Alice Hasenzahl, secretary; Vi Cook, sergeant at arms; and Bernice Hurford, treasurer — for working to make the club a success.

Mrs. Timmons concluded by thanking Richard Duncan, director, for his critique and encouragement.

The Ad Libbers then adjourned to the Swain Restaurant for a luncheon. *Lauralee Reinhart.*

### 12 Staff Sale

**WINNIPEG, Man.** — Winnipeg South held a handicrafts-and-bake sale May 20 with 12 volunteers staffing a display area at the modern Grant Park Plaza concourse.

Two tables had been spread with breads, pies and cakes. Two other tables had been draped with macramé, sewing, crocheting and flowers made from colored feathers.

Money raised from the sale will finance fair booths at exhibitions in Manitoba and neighboring states this summer. *C.M. Finch.*



**OUTDOOR MEETING** — Detroit East Spokesman Club members brave 50-degree weather for their outdoor meeting May 11, led by director Rheinhold Fuessel, left. (See "Spokesmen Win Out," page 12.) Photo by Lary L. Larson



## THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

PASADENA—Garner Ted Armstrong received a letter of appreciation from Dixie College, St. George, Utah, as a result of the baccalaureate service he conducted there May 28 (*The Worldwide News*, June 7).

Dan C. Watson, commencement chairman for the school, wrote: "Let me join the many who have expressed such positive reactions to your stirring address at our Baccalaureate services on May 28. We have received numerous favorable comments, all in praise for the manner in which you treated your subject, 'Where Are You Going?'"

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PASADENA—*The Bulletin*, the Work's publication for ministers and other key administrative personnel, will be published monthly from now on rather than every other week.

According to managing editor Richard Sedlitz, the change came as a result of recommendations of various ministerial and headquarters executive personnel. He said, however, that each issue will "probably be a little fatter" and that the format (8½ by 11 inches) will remain the same.

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PASADENA—More than 200 new students, from all over the United States and a dozen other countries, have already been accepted at Ambassador College here for the fall semester.

According to the Admissions Office, there are still openings on this campus, and applications will be sent out up to the July 15 deadline.

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PASADENA—Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division, conducted services on Pentecost and on the preceding Sabbath in Vancouver, B.C., before flying to England, where he headed a conference for all ministers stationed in the British Isles.

Mr. McCullough said the conference, held June 9 and 10, was to "go over doctrinal papers covered during

the main conference held here." Most of the British ministers were not able to attend the headquarters conference.

Mr. McCullough conducted "business meetings" with Frank Brown, regional director for the Work in Britain, June 11. He spoke to the Bricket Wood congregation the Sabbath of June 12 before returning here the next day.

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PASADENA—The Educational Service for the Blind, under the direction of Hugh Mauck, has expanded to include a service for the deaf and other physically handicapped people.

The expansion brings with it a new name for the department: Educational Services for the Handicapped. It will provide sign-language interpreters at some U.S. Feast sites this fall, and Mr. Mauck is now scouting the Church for proficient interpreters.

"Some of our ministers speak at a very rapid clip, well above average in some cases," Mr. Mauck said, "so



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our interpreters will have to be above average as well. If you have that skill, or know someone who does who would want to do this for us, please write immediately."

The address: Educational Services for the Handicapped, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Mr. Mauck is also looking for (See *GRAPEVINE*, page 10)

## Ministerial program paves way for career, noncareer ministry

By John Robinson

PASADENA—A "ministerial career-development program," introduced during the May ministerial conference here, which differentiates between the "career minister" (one paid a full salary by the Church) and a "noncareer minister" (nonsalaried), now provides a vehicle for a minister's transition from one to the other.

Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, who discussed the program's concepts with the ministers during the conference, credited Art Mocarow, director of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation Extension Center, and his staff with organizing and developing the program.

According to Mr. Mocarow, "a paycheck from the Work does not determine whether or not a man is serving."

He said the program offers concrete steps for a full-time minister to retrain for a career other than the ministry, support himself and still serve in a ministerial capacity.

"Some ministers may find they have needs for interests in addition to a pastorate," he said. "If so, they can become noncareer ministers, continuing to serve and remaining in the ministry."

Mr. Mocarow said the Church would help such an individual establish himself in a new job and would continue to afford him all educational benefits provided by the Work for his continued development within the ministry, such as summer schools, seminars and conferences.

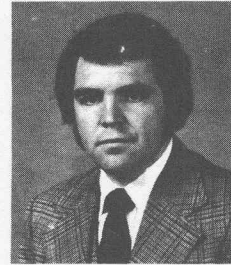
He also said the noncareer category applies to certain local elders and others who may never have been paid by the Church. "The program also provides for those with careers outside the Work who have exceptional desire and ability to move into the full-time ministry."

According to Mark Salyer, pastor of the Chicago (Ill.) South church, as a result of the new program he has decided to go off the Work's payroll.

"I'm very happy that just recently headquarters has proposed a new program for ministerial training and they're actually allowing the ministers to decide if they want to be in the ministry," Mr. Salyer said. "This is

something that was not even asked years ago, and therefore I've been in the ministry for several years doing what I considered to be a good job.

"However, I'm happy now to be able to stay in the ministry with a respectable role as an elder but to go into some other field of work in order to earn my living. I certainly ap-



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preciate the efforts headquarters is making and would like to assure everyone that I'm not leaving the ministry but strictly leaving the payroll of the Worldwide Church of God for the sake of working on my own and to see what it is like to be in the business world and still supporting the Church in every way and even acting as an elder whenever called upon."

Mr. Salyer said he will continue to serve in Chicago until August, then will "probably" move to Fort Worth, Tex., "establishing myself there in business."

"One thing I do want to emphasize: It'll be more like a reserve ministry. At least—this term has not been used by headquarters—I consider myself on reserve and certainly usable in the future if needed to be called upon to help in any way, even pastoring a church if I could continue working on my own and still work with the ministry. That's a possibility yet in the future."

## Members' homes flood in Idaho dam tragedy

BLACKFOOT, Idaho—Massive flooding, the result of a controversial new dam bursting on the Teton River about 80 miles north of here, has caused an estimated \$2 billion worth of damage to the area and extensive property damage to at least two Church members' homes, according to Darryl Henson, pastor here and at Twin Falls. No injuries or deaths of members were reported.

"The water got about five feet deep in Steve Wingert's house," Mr. Henson said. "So they lost virtually everything they had in it. And the mobile home Manuel Mansanarez was living in was damaged considerably. The water got up into it and soaked most of their goods, furniture and whatnot."

The dam broke just before midday June 5 and took until June 7 to reach Firth, where the Wingerts lived, and Blackfoot, about 10 mi farther south, where about 10 Church

members live, including the Mansanarez family.

The Wingerts have three children—the oldest is 5—and the Mansanarez family has five children from ages 9 to 19, said Mr. Henson, and are staying with other members. "One of the ministers in Kansas City phoned and said that they were raising money to send out. I don't know how much they'll raise, but we appreciate the effort."

"And Guy Engelbart [coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Area] called and said that the Denver people were going to try and get some things together and send up here."

Mr. Henson phoned local authorities to see if mobilizing Church members would help in the flood effort, "but the Mormons already had everything pretty well set up and they really didn't call on us," he said. "But our members just pitched in individually to help wherever they could. The teenagers pitched in and helped a great deal with the flood effort, sandbagging and taking care of people's homes and whatnot, which I was very pleased to see."

Water had risen around several other members' homes but hadn't got in to do much damage, Mr. Henson said.

## GTA speaks in Portland

By Larry J. Walker

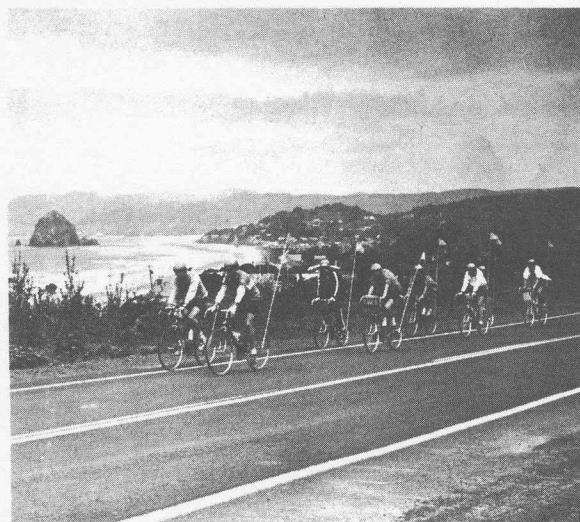
PORTLAND, Ore.—Gamer Ted Armstrong was here to speak to a combined group of 1,800 brethren from Eugene, Salem and the three Portland churches for Pentecost, June 6.

Also attending were several participants in the coast-to-coast bicycle tour that later departed from nearby Astoria, Ore., June 9. Tour director Larry Haworth of Big Sandy outlined plans for the trip during the morning service.

The morning sermon was delivered by Dave Albert, pastor at Eugene. Mr. Armstrong spoke in the afternoon, then was host of a dance and entertainment program that night attended by several hundred brethren.



**ROLL 'EM OUT**—A cyclist with the Ambassador College-sponsored coast-to-coast bicentennial bicycle trip, left photo, ceremonially dips her rear bike wheel into the Pacific Ocean near Astoria, Ore., as the 4,300-mile trip officially began June 8. After an evening cookout prepared by Portland Church members and teens, the group camped at Fort Stevens State



Park, setting out the next morning, right photo, for Tillamook, Ore., where the 90 cyclists toured a cheese factory. Each day they hope to pedal 80 miles, camping overnight except on weekends, when they plan to stay with Church members. Their goal is to dip their front wheels in the Atlantic Aug. 13 in Yorktown, Va.