

Service to brethren to keynote Festival

BIG SANDY — "Service to the brethren" is the goal of the Festival Office for this year's Feast of Tabernacles, setting the theme for the expected 80,500 people who will attend at 19 sites in the United States and

Canada and thousands of other Church members at another approximately 45 sites around the world.

The goal of the Festival Office was voiced by Sherwin McMichael, director of the Feast operations, who

commented further.

"The idea is to provide information that will be of service to every member family," Mr. McMichael said.

Part of the service is taking the

form of a "Festival brochure," which will be "individually tailored to the site it represents," Mr. McMichael said.

The brochure, to be distributed free, bears a resemblance to a publication produced by the Work that was part of the Festival scene in this country in years past. It is to be distributed at 10 sites and will contain "helpful advertising" of restaurants and recreational facilities in each area. The advertisements are those the Festival Office feels will be of

benefit to members, as well as articles and other material. (See box, this page.)

Traveling Ministers

Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong will speak before members at all 10 major U.S. Festival locations (the former will also appear at the Pasadena site). Herbert Armstrong will begin his tour in Mount Pocono, Pa., ending in Tucson, Ariz., and Garner Ted Armstrong will start in (See **SERVICE**, page 6)

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

BIG SANDY — The Festival Office here has announced the publishing of a "Festival brochure" to serve 10 U.S. Feast sites this year: Big Sandy, Hampton, Jekyll Island, Lake of the Ozarks, Mount Pocono, St. Petersburg, Spokane, Squaw Valley and Tucson.

The format of the publication includes articles, activity calendars, budget charts, lists of places to see, restaurant guides, motel lists and maps.

A somewhat similar brochure was produced by the Work for several years in the past, but this is the first for a new layout-and-editorial staff.

Sherwin McMichael, director of the Festival Office and executive editor of the brochure, said the project is part of the Church's "service-to-the-brethren" theme for this year's Feast.

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A Personal Letter from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS! This will be the last issue of the *WN* just before the Feast of Tabernacles, and probably within a very few days after you read this I will be seeing you in person at the Feast, at least at all the Feast sites in the United States save Pasadena, Alaska and Hawaii.

As my thoughts turn to the significance of these days of the Feast of Tabernacles, portraying the *Kingdom of God* on this earth, I am struck once again by the dramatic events occurring all over this earth and the need of God's people to be stirred and shaken out of lethargy and apathy at a time of deadly seriousness in world conditions!

If you think back over the past few years and review the incredible series of governments toppling, of political assassinations and kidnappings and of chaos at the very top levels in government after government around the world, the overthrow through scandals or by other means of the governments of the United States, Brit-

ain, West Germany, Japan and many, many other countries; if you think of the death within the last few years of those remaining figures who were so prominent on the world scene during and just after World War II; if you consider the present conditions inside the world's most populous nation, Red China; if you think of the astonishing announcement that the Soviet Union has achieved more than equality with the United States in strategic missile capability but has apparently succeeded in so protecting her civilian populace that she is now well ahead of the United States in strategic missile superiority, including the massive buildup of conventional arms and the tremendous growth of the worldwide power of the Soviet navy; if you think of the huge, unbelievably massive earthquakes which have been striking this world here and there, just as Jesus prophesied in Matthew 24, including GIGANTIC earthquakes striking Nicaragua, Peru, Ecuador, China, the Philippines (See **PERSONAL**, page 7)

100,000 'PT's' a month possible for Ohio stores

PASADENA — The staff of *The Plain Truth*, beginning in October and November, has plans to distribute copies of the magazine in 190 supermarkets and other stores in southern Ohio, which could "probably handle a total of about 100,000 magazines a month," reported Gordon Muir, assistant circulation manager of the publication. Sept. 21.

"We have also been offered high-class distribution through all nine newsstands at Atlanta [Ga.] Airport, which is the second-busiest passenger terminal in the world."

This distribution is part of the new program for nonmail dissemination of *The Plain Truth* in the United States, which began this month in South Dakota, Iowa and Kentucky (*The Worldwide News*, Sept. 13).

"The term 'newsstand circulation' in the United States is really a misnomer, as there are few newsstands similar to those in Europe and other areas," Dr. Muir said. "The type of circulation that is now being attempt-

ed with *The Plain Truth* in the States would be more aptly described as a store or supermarket distribution."

The new program is based largely on experience gained from newsstand propagation of the publication in England for the last five years.

Besides distributing at the airport in Atlanta, other airport outlets are expected to open up in Houston, Tex., and Boston, Mass.

Side by Side

"After the Feast, in October, and beginning in November at airports in Houston and the Delta terminal in Boston, we expect the program to get under way," Dr. Muir commented. "We are using this method to supplement the purely supermarket distribution, but we will be doing both, side by side."

Giving away the magazines at airport terminals has its advantages, Dr. Muir reported. "We would expect to handle 20,000 a month [at Atlanta], with copies going on planes that

would travel over all the U.S. We would expect to pick up a considerable number of mail subscriptions from this outlet."

In supermarkets, display stands offering *The Plain Truth* are being positioned "generally in the area between the checkout counter and the main exits," allowing "maximum exposure of adequate display space," he said.

In Lexington, Ky., where the program was piloted, Gerry Russell, a businessman and a member of the Church who heads up the program there, reported:

"As of this date there are now 40 stores in the area that have *PT* newsstand displays. The response to the newsstand program in this area has been amazing."

"From all the other stores in the area the reports have been the same, that the magazines have been going (See **'PT' DISPLAYS**, page 2)

LAST ISSUE

This issue of the *WN* is the last to be published before the Feast of Tabernacles. The next issue will be Monday, Oct. 25.

U.S. area coordinators at AC for conference

By John Zahody

PASADENA — Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, held meetings with United States area coordinators here Sept. 13 to 15, the first major conference of its kind since Mr. Dart assumed his present post last March.

According to Steve Martin, coordinator for the Church's Western Area, the topics at the meeting included public Bible lectures, the Church welfare fund, Spokesman and women's clubs, a Sabbath program for youths of the Church and planning for the ministry.

Robert Kuhn, special assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong, presented a progress report on the program of distributing *The Plain Truth* via magazine stands in supermarkets and other outlets.

A business report was made by Ray Wright, assistant vice president for financial affairs.

Representing Youth Opportunities

United (YOU), the Church's organization for people 12 to 19, was its director, Jim Thornhill.

Mr. Dart reported that his office is considering setting aside certain times of the year for various functions of the ministry, and this was discussed in the meetings.

"We've set up specific times of the year for discussing ordinations, new churches, manpower requirements, etc.," he commented. "In the future, virtually all ordinations will take place in the autumn Holy Day season and virtually all transfers during the summer."

Mr. Martin commented: "It was a very successful conference. The session on planning for the future was especially fruitful. All of the area coordinators were encouraged by these meetings. We feel that this is a very good way to communicate and plan for the future."

Plans are to have the conferences twice a year, in February and August, Mr. Martin said.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Great race

In the great race to spread information the *WN* wins, with the "Church grapevine" running a poor second. All the money I have "donated" to the *WN* "paid for itself" in the Aug. 16 issue in the reporting of the sudden recovery of Mrs. Robert Collins of Birmingham, Ala., from her decade-spanning illness. Many people had prayed many years for her healing and restoration. A beautiful blessing to see the answers to those prayers brought to us on page 3 of the Vol. IV, No. 17, *WN*. "The grapevine" didn't get the good news to me until the following Wednesday. So, whether the news is good or bad, here's hoping you can always stay at least four days ahead of the rumor mill. Keep up the good work.

Enoch Anderson
Alcoa, Tenn.

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Report from Rhodesia

We are fairly isolated here, a very small village, and as we have no entertainment except a get-together at our club once a week (with nonmembers! I am the only member here), and also we are unable to go for picnics due to security measures, we do find it very quiet and even dull at times. It is then that I really appreciate *The Worldwide News*.

We can go to town only once a month, as petrol is rationed, so some pen pals will really be very interesting as the only thing we can look forward to is our mail days three times a week, and one feels a bit down if you receive no letters.

We usually go to town on a Friday morning, and stay till either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning. If we have to return Saturday I usually go to services with the blacks in the morning, as we have separate services. Otherwise I can go with the European congregation.

My husband is not a member but he takes me to go to services whenever we can get in to Bulawayo.

Many thanks again for a fabulous newspaper.

Mrs. M. Groenewald
Tjotjolo, Rhodesia

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Personal result

Some time ago, an article [in the March 1 "miscellaneous" Personals section] was written about my fight against an affliction, chronic depression, which has kept me more or less an invalid for many years. As a result of this article in *The Worldwide News*, I received an abundance of letters and cards, assuring me of prayers, offers of help, and wishes of return to good health. To you who wrote, dear people, I send my love and heartfelt gratitude. I had given up hope, but now I'm beginning to see a ray of light through the darkness. You care about me enough to pray to God on my behalf. For you who wrote to me of some of your problems and experiences, I pray too. The Church of God here, members and ministers, are wonderful to me. I feel sure I will pull through. Thank you all. God bless you and keep you.

Mrs. Myra Isaac
Betws, Wales

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'Wrap' rapped

We love the newspaper except for local-church news, which is lengthy and poorly written in many respects. It doesn't matter to us who served cookies at the ladies' tea, for instance. Could you "get tough" with this section and strictly limit the number of words in each article submitted? This would upgrade that section of the paper to the excellent level of the rest of the newspaper.

Mrs. Joel Robinson
Cambridge, Ohio

The *WN* editors would be interested in hearing what other readers think about "Local Church News Wrap-Up."

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I would like to submit the enclosed article for the "Wrap-Up" section of *The Worldwide News*.

I would like to also add that I enjoy the newspaper very much. The only suggestion that I have is that I would personally like to see more of the personal-interview-type articles.

Joyce Stepp
Hendersonville, N.C.

'PT' displays getting 'amazing' response

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like hotcakes. Less than two weeks ago 30,000 *PT*s were delivered to my home, which is the local depot, yet I now have only 8,000, and there's still nearly three weeks to go before the October issue will be delivered."

Roland Tucker, pastor at Lexington, thinks the "great thing" about this type of program is "the involvement of the Church members," who as a result "feel more a part of the Work."

Top-Bracket Readers

Dr. Muir talked more about the potential of the airport outlets:

"By opening up distribution in high-class outlets such as airport terminals — Lexington and Louisville [Ky.] terminals are already handling the magazine — we can be confident of reaching the top-bracket readership. Once such broad-based distribution was established, we can be sure that anything major we said in the magazine could be nationally known within months by a high percentage of the reading public. It would also constitute mass dissemination of the radio and television log."

Dr. Muir, like Mr. Tucker, sees the distribution program as an avenue for increased involvement in the Work by Church members:

"As far as the physical distribution is concerned, this can be efficiently and simply handled by the Church members in each area. It gives an opportunity for interested volunteers to become intimately involved in the Work and means that we would be the most represented publication in the country.

"What other magazine could boast a team of volunteer representatives eager to look after its distribution nationwide?"

He said the only feasible way for the program to succeed is through Church-member volunteers:

"In a country the size of the United States, this is probably the only realistic way for the program to be efficiently developed and expanded throughout the country on a



AIRPORT DISPLAY — Four Church members look over a *PT* display at a Lexington airport, one of 40 locations in the Lexington area. (Photo by Les Booth)

continuing basis. It would keep costs to a minimum and would mean that we were utilizing the skills and resources of some of our leading members in the best possible way."

'Saying Something'

Dr. Muir pointed out that increased distribution of *The Plain Truth* doesn't necessarily mean more co-workers, more members or more money for the Work:

"It's not just a question of the response that you get back; it's a question of the hundreds of thousands of magazines that you have out there each month saying something to readers who never respond."

"I think that what we are trying to

do measures up fairly well to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's three-part definition of what this Work is all about, if I may summarize what he has been saying recently in the Auditorium.

"We are not here primarily to get ourselves saved, the first thing he says. The second thing he says: We are not here to convert people — to get response. And the third thing he says: We are here to get out an announcement which we know a majority of people are not going to pay attention to at this time.

"I think if we look at the distribution that way — and I regret that some people don't see it that way — then we are building a means of getting out an announcement that is a

very, very large door indeed."

Dr. Muir feels this type of distribution is the wave of the future:

"The potential of this type of distribution across the States is enormous. Within a relatively short period, *The Plain Truth* could be made the highest-circulation magazine in the country, bar none."

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Applicants to Ambassador College are urged to take the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) as early as possible to facilitate a quick decision on your application. Following are the SAT Sunday test dates for 1976-77:

NOV. 7
DEC. 5
JAN. 23
MARCH 27
MAY 8
JUNE 5

Registration forms must be submitted to the College Board, Princeton, N.J., five or six weeks prior to the test date. (The Ambassador College identification number for Pasadena is 4010, for Big Sandy 6029.) SAT information and registration materials may be obtained from your high-school or college counselor or by writing to: College Board ATP, Box 592, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

See your local Ambassador College representative (minister) for a "clergyman's certificate" for permission to take the SAT on Sunday rather than Saturday.



SUPERMARKET DISPLAY — Church member Debbie Booth, with son Aaron, takes advantage of the *Plain Truth* display at a Lexington supermarket. This particular store reportedly distributes a steady 1,000 *PT*s a week. (Photo by Les Booth)

Crayon creations cap coloring contest

By Sherry L. Marsh
BIG SANDY — What can 995 children and 995 boxes of crayons create?

At *The Worldwide News'* office the result was 995 entries to the latest *WN* coloring contest, announced in the July 5 issue, and three perplexed judges faced with choosing only six winners from the lot.

Apparently, the outdoor scene showing father and son watching a deer, created by artist Sheila Dennis (also the *WN's* director of composition) inspired many young artists to get out their Crayolas and go to work.

Mrs. Dennis says her goal was to design a picture that people would want to color. "It is very pleasing to me to see my plain outline drawing filled with colors of every variety and combination," she says.

Judging the entries were Mike Hale, former *WN* artist and employee of the Festival Department; Mrs. Dennis; and Mrs. Ellis Stewart, a teacher's aide at Big Sandy Elementary School. The three say completely colored drawings with a realistic approach to color caught their eyes first.

In determining the final winners in each age-group, the judges looked for a variety of color combinations, imagination, neatness and technique.

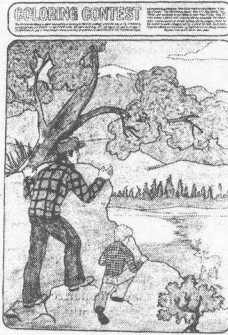
Secluded in the managing editor's office for more than two hours, the three judges finally selected a winner in each of the six age-groups after a

preliminary judging that had narrowed each category to about 30 entries. Each winner will receive a check for \$25 and a certificate.

Mrs. Dennis says she was pleased with the winners and those who received honorable mention.

"To all those children who participated in the contest, we thank you for your diligent effort," she comments. "It was certainly appreciated."

Although all the winning entries will not be printed (the black-and-white format doesn't do justice to color drawings), the winners and those who received honorable mention are listed in the box on this page.



THE JUDGES: — Mrs. Ellis Stewart, left in the above photo, along with Mike Hale and Sheila Dennis, look over some of the 995 entries in the coloring contest. Jeann Beier, whose entry is shown at left, was the winner in the 9-year-olds' category. [Photo by Tom Hanson]

Musical group reaches out to youth

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Lexington church's band — You — has not only made its mark as a top-class band in the church, but its members have been letting their light shine in their community too.

This summer they played in parks and talked to groups of teens about crime, vandalism and drugs. The aims of the band — named after Youth Opportunities United (YOU) — are to reach teens through music and plant the seeds of proper recreation and living in minds of young adults.

"We are trying to be low key," says Haz Hall, lead vocalist for You. "You have to treat these kids like adults and give them the facts. They are sharp, but most people try to overwork them."

"We're trying on a different plane. We're not preaching to them, but we're all adults and have made mistakes, and we don't want these kids to make as many."

You, which includes Rick Baker,

Gerard Monahan, Haz Hall, Harley Cannon and Chuck Eades, hopes to set an example of good works as outlined by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and put the Church in a better light in their area.

When the band began working with the Parks and Recreation and Social Services departments, the agencies were skeptical about what the band wanted to do. They couldn't see why they were giving their time and energy to help local teens, "because nobody does anything for free."

Now community leaders are beginning to see that You is genuinely concerned about teens, and the service the group is performing is an asset to the community.

The band started a teen club Sept. 8 with only 20 in attendance the first night. But the second night 75 came, and representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department who were

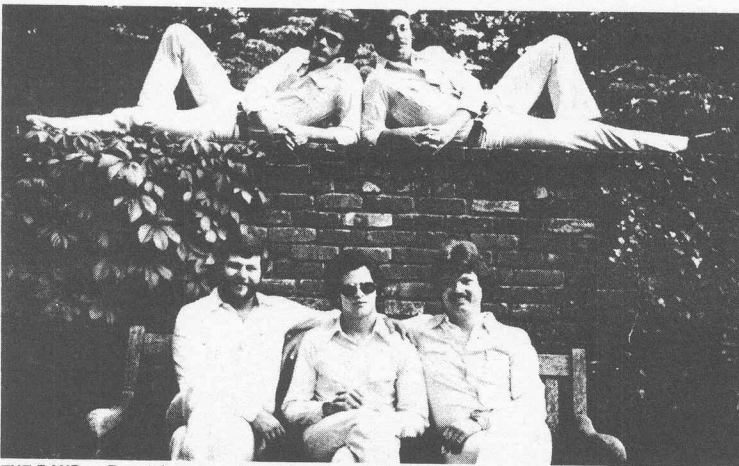
there to evaluate were favorably impressed. The band hopes to continue the club weekly.

Band members say they've seen many problems that the teens have, such as drugs and vandalism. It's not uncommon for kids of 12 and 13 to be "shooting heroin," they say, and this applies to teens from all walks of life.

One of the main reasons they see for the teens' problems is a lack of stability in family life and parents who don't express an interest in what their children are doing.

The goal of You is not only to make people happy with their music, but also help youths have a deeper respect for law and order.

The band will soon be bound for Hampton, Va., where, at the request of Festival YOU coordinator Mel Dahlgren, it will perform at a YOU teen dance. The musicians will also play for an adult dance and at a YOU youth center three afternoons during the Feast.



THE BAND — From left, top row: Rick Baker, Gerard Monahan, Haz Hall, Harley Cannon and Chuck Eades make up the music group from Lexington, Ky., that dedicates itself to reaching teens.

COLORING-CONTEST WINNERS

Listed here are the winners in the six categories of the coloring contest, as well as those the judges felt should receive honorable mention. Also listed are the winners' parents' names and church areas.

THE WINNERS

- 4 AND UNDER:** Aaron Armstrong, Glenn Allen, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 5-YEAR-OLDS:** Kirk Talbott, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Talbott, Dallas, Tex.
- 6-YEAR-OLDS:** Tara Cameron, James Cameron, Burnaby, B.C.
- 7-YEAR-OLDS:** Christina Pulleyblank, Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Pulleyblank, Edmonton, Alta.
- 8-YEAR-OLDS:** Elmer Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller, Pasadena, Calif.
- 9-YEAR-OLDS:** Jeann Beier, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Beier, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

HONORABLE MENTION

- 4 YEARS AND UNDER:** Jennifer Fink, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fink, Salt Lake City, Utah; Tricia Heimberg, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Heimberg, Fort Worth, Tex.; Anita Tuit, Mr. and Mrs. John Tuit, Union, N.J.; Heather Henderson, Mrs. Scott Henderson, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; Marc DeBerry, Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeBerry, Kansas City, Mo.; Sharon Long, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Long, Allentown, Pa.; Jennifer Coe, Mrs. Daniel Coe, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; Jill Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tucker, Columbus, Ohio.; Janet Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Simpson, Belfast, Northern Ireland; Ian Wachowicz, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Wachowicz, Calgary, Alta.
- 5-YEAR-OLDS:** Jean Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cleveland, Peoria, Ill.; Romana Dewey, Mr. and Mrs. George Dewey, Flint, Mich.; Joey Handley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Handley, Washington, D.C.; Mitzi Neumann, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Neumann, Glendora, Calif.; Mark Malatesta, Collette Kisselmann, Miami, Fla.; John Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Roberts, Pikeville, Ky.; Todd Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nelson, Reno, Nev.; Monica Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Sacramento, Calif.; Scott Wall, Robert Wall, Texarkana, Tex.; Chad Demarest, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Demarest, Harrisburg, Pa.
- 6-YEAR-OLDS:** Nathan Hays, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hays, Kansas City, Mo.; Kimberly Gerlach, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gerlach, Pasadena, Calif.; David Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Turnbull, Fayetteville, Ark.; Richard Long, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Long, Allentown, Pa.; Lori Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones, Indianapolis, Ind.; Alyssa Orban, Mr. and Mrs. David Orban, Knoxville, Tenn.; Trenton Finklee, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Finklee, Columbia, S.C.; Kara McAlister, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle McAlister, Dallas, Tex.; Debbie Elias, Mr. and Mrs. John Elias, Prince George, B.C.; Jason Morris, Mrs. Evelyn Morris, Hamilton, Ont.; David Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ricks, San Antonio, Tex.; Maree Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kirk, Regina, Sask.
- 7-YEAR-OLDS:** Tobe Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Johnson, Little Rock, Ark.; Tarra Pullis, Mr. and Mrs. Durward Pullis, Sioux Falls, S.D.; Susan Nickerson, Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Nickerson, Houston, Tex.; Robin Ackler, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ackler, Salem, Ore.; Michael Brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Brothers, Gaylord, Mich.; Laurie McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Roger McKinney, New Orleans, La.; Karen Engelbart, Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Engelbart, Mount Pocono, Pa.; Jason Coffman, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Coffman, St. Joseph, Mo.; David Netherland, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Netherland, Lawton, Okla.; Jonathan Reineccius, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Reineccius, Visalia, Calif.; Jonathan Lerette, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lerette, Flint, Mich.; Kelly Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barnes, Salem, Ore.
- 8-YEAR-OLDS:** Tim Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Columbia, Mo.; Angela Nichols, Mrs. Barbara Nichols, Nashville, Tenn.; Lisa Summers, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Summers, Carthage, Mo.; Coleen Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Melby Boyer, Erie, Pa.; Robert Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cook, Spokane, Wash.; Cheri Gelauda, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gelauda, Detroit, Mich.; Daran Corey, N. James Corey, Frederickton, N.B.; Cindy Gehman, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gehman, Wheatland, Wyo.; Sonya Long, Rafti Long, Tucson, Ariz.; Michele Bollmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bollmeyer, Austin, Tex.
- 9-YEAR-OLDS:** Christine Buharowski, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Buharowski, Washington, D.C.; Audra Prestone, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Prestone, Abbotstford, B.C.; Michael Bailey, Connie Bailey, Altoona, Pa.; Rita Preuss, Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Preuss III, Austin, Tex.; Scott Talbott, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Talbott, Dallas, Tex.; Molly Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Loy Carson, Monroe, La.; Roberto Battistone, Mrs. Irene Battistone, St. Catharines, Ont.; Patrick Dileman, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dileman, Asheville, N.C.; Holly Spahr, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spahr, Clarksburg, W.Va.; Malva Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller, Pasadena, Calif.; Sandra Lennick, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lennick, Bismark, N.D.; Lisa Wenger, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wenger, Big Sandy, Tex.

Interest grows in Latin America

By Keith D. Speaks

PASADENA — Since March two ministers have conducted Bible lectures for readers of the Spanish *Plain Truth* in four Latin American cities.

The lectures — by Robert Flores and Pablo Gonzalez — were in Mexico City; San Salvador, El Salvador; Bogota, Colombia; and Caracas, Venezuela. Correspondence Course students and graduates from these cities and their environs were invited by letter.

Mr. Flores had the Mexico City lectures March 23, 25 and 30 and April 1 in the Hotel Playa Vista Hermosa in the heart of the 12 million-resident metropolis. Attendance for those evenings was 147, 121, 100 and 105, respectively, and in all 203 people who had never had any personal contact with the Church's ministers or congregations attended the meetings. (Twenty to 32 members attended each time.)

Sixteen of these people attended services at a later date, while 54 indicated that they desired to attend future lectures.

Meetings in Colombia

Mr. Gonzalez held the next two series of lectures in South America. The Hotel Continental in Bogota was the site for three meetings, on April 11, 17 and 18, in which 148, 180 and 120 attended (of whom 13, 10 and 16 were members). Mr. Gonzalez said attendance was down on the 18th

because of national elections.

A total of 137 of those who attended had their first contact with the Church or with Mr. Gonzalez, and 120 wished to attend any future lectures. Mr. Gonzalez reported that 35 to 40 new people are now attending Sabbath services as a direct result of the lectures, nearly doubling the regular attendance in Bogota.

Mr. Gonzalez also presented Bible lectures in Caracas on May 29 and 30 in the Caracas Hilton. Only 342 invitations were sent, but attendance for the two afternoons was 49 and 45.

An account by Mauricio Perez, a Bogota member who accompanied and helped Mr. Gonzalez, depicts the second lecture:

"Something incredible happened at the second meeting! It began at 2 p.m. as planned; at 3:30 the meeting was to end, after which coffee and refreshments were to be served. But the people didn't leave — they sat down and waited for more, attentive and listening.

"At 5:15 Mr. Gonzalez ended the meeting but the people didn't leave until 6:30 — we almost had to throw them out!

"Later 11 or 12 were visited and 90 percent talked about baptism. We returned very happy and full of enthusiasm for our activities in Bogota!"

Problems in San Salvador

The last of the Bible lectures took

place in San Salvador, in Central America, June 27 and 29 and July 1 and 3 in the Hotel Alameda. Mr. Flores spoke to groups of 97, 101, 86 and 106 people (with 23, 21, 21 and 34 members appearing at the four meetings).

Several unexpected problems were encountered before and during the meetings.

First, the dates and place had already been announced by letter when the man in charge of the meeting hall canceled the reservations.

Then Herbert Cisneros, the local elder for the San Salvador congregation, had to search the city for an alternate place.

He was turned down several times before securing a room in the Hotel Alameda.

The Spanish Department here then sent another letter announcing the change of location. There was enough time, thankfully, to offset any confusion as to where the lectures would be held.

Constant rain during the days of the meetings had made transportation, especially from outside the city, difficult and dangerous. Also, one of the Bible lectures was held on a national holiday, when many were out of town.

Nonetheless, 155 people had their first personal contact with the Church via these meetings. About 40 people requested to be informed about later lectures, and 43 have attended Sabbath services.

Subjects Covered

Both Mr. Flores and Mr. Gonzalez



BIBLE LECTURE — Robert Flores addresses 100 newcomers to the Church in Mexico City, Mexico. (Photo by Eduardo Crepinsek)

spoke about world conditions, prophecy, the importance of the Bible in a person's daily life, how to understand that book, Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God.

At each meeting displays offered the gamut of Spanish-language publications. Refreshments were served at most meetings, encouraging many to stay afterward to chat and ask questions.

Commenting on the Bible studies, Walter Dickinson, director of the Spanish Department, said:

"The success of these Bible lectures clearly indicates that this method of reaching new people will enable us to quickly draw together a

group of people for our ministers to work with when entering a new area. The indications are that it will enable new churches to be raised up in less than half the time we had previously anticipated."

The Bible studies have stimulated interest in doctrines and Sabbath services, as witnessed by increased attendance and by many letters received in Pasadena expressing thanks and admiration for the presentations.

Mr. Dickinson concluded, "It has been a continuous source of inspiration to those connected with the Spanish Work to see the evidence of God's blessing as we try to understand where He is working and then to harvest the abundant crop He is providing."

Many memories

Member marks milestone

By Dorothy Stilborn

MOOSOMIN, Sask. — Gertrude Harrison marked the 100th milestone of her life June 24 with an afternoon of visiting and reminiscing with a few old friends from Moosomin over afternoon tea at the home of her nephew, local elder Guy Stilborn, where she has made her home since 1959, the year she was baptized.

On the Sabbath of June 26 more than 40 brethren called for lunch to greet her after church. They, plus some of her Yorkton friends, had sent her a bouquet of red roses to congratulate her on her centennial. She also received roses from the Brandon church, with which Moosomin is now affiliated.

Mrs. Harrison realized her ambition to attend church again, after an absence of a year, the Sabbath of July 10 and hopes to repeat this periodically as she feels able.

Mrs. Harrison maintains a zest for living and still likes to match wits with her great-nephews when they visit her, namely Howard, Stuart, Ross and David Stilborn, sons of

Guy and Dorothy Stilborn, all working in Regina and attending church there.

She also has two great-nieces, both married and living in Regina and members of that congregation, Rita Stilborn Fenk and Helen Stilborn Teetaert, and one great-great-niece, Cheryl Fenk. Her only other relative in Canada is another nephew, Eric Stilborn, who attends church in Moosomin.

Mrs. Harrison's key interest in life remains the Church. She receives the tapes for the blind from Pasadena, and the weekly services at Moosomin have been taped for her for a year.

Though sometimes she feels "too tired" even to listen to tapes, most of the time she likes to keep tuned in to world news on radio.

Last year was the first Feast of Tabernacles she had missed since her first Feast, camping at Big Sandy with the Stilborn family in 1961.

This year's travel only entails a 140-mile jaunt to Regina, Sask., so she plans to go, though she may not attend all of the services.



A CENTURY OF LIFE — Gertrude Harrison marked her 100th year of life June 24 with friends, an afternoon tea and a bouquet of red roses.



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Here comes the fudge

Stephanie Rowe of Crest, Calif., member of the San Diego church, won a second-place ribbon for her fudge recipe at the Del Mar Fair. Her recipe:

Melt 1 cube butter and 10 large marshmallows in the top of a double boiler.

Boil 2 cups white sugar and ¾ can of milk 6 minutes, stirring constantly.

Stir these two mixtures together, then add 1½ cups of chocolate chips and 1 cup nuts.

Pour into buttered pan and place in freezer 15 minutes for quick set.

Susan Karoska
San Diego, Calif.

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Helping your neighborhood

Today's computerized society has helped create the frustrated feeling that we are all just a bunch of numbers. We often feel no one is listening.

But women who work at home have an opportunity to communicate with the people in their neighborhoods on a personal level.

Do you try to keep your relationships with your neighbors purely "business," or do you find it stimulating to step over the

leaves you're taking for a chat?

Your chat may give you new insights into their concerns in life, their interests, hobbies and occupations. You might find how many have similar interests to yours — and find yourselves able to trade and share many talents.

Unless you make time to talk to your neighbors in a casual way, you'll never find out what their needs are. Some neighbors may seem reticent unless you can think of some little thing they can do for you. This is giving them the attitude of giving, and it makes anyone feel good. It also fosters openness and cooperation.

If you are home most of the day, especially if you have young children, you have a great chance to get to know your neighbors. In fact, your children can be your in with them. Take the stroller down the block often, and at different times of the day. Or intercept them while doing some gardening in the front yard, with children in the playpen, etc. The front porch, if you have one, is another place you can share yourself with the world at the same time you're doing some reading.

Many women seem to be discouraged because they feel "kept at home" rather than that they have an important, multifaceted

opportunity. A "keeper at home" is looked down upon. But, once she has been accepted as a fine, dependable woman who's ready to help in any practical way she can, her services will be used. Ladies don't have to be on the highway to be a Good Samaritan.

Here are a few ideas for starters:

- Did a neighbor just have a baby? She could probably use help with routine morning chores, dishes, tidying. Or just a rest while you look after any older children for an hour or two.

- What about the little old lady down the street? She'd appreciate a brief visit since she probably doesn't get out to see other people very often.

- Is someone bedridden? You might combine her grocery shopping list with your own, or prepare extra for a better-than-hamburgers meal.

If you've helped someone out, one of the finest things you can hear that person say is "God bless you!"

And He probably will — with more opportunities to help.

Arline Connelly
Pasadena, Calif.

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First days

As a project to entertain and also begin to teach our young son about God, I'm putting together a book called *The First Seven Days*.

I'm finding pictures, to be pasted on cardboard or paper, in gardening catalogs, old issues of *The Plain Truth* and other magazines.

I thought this idea might be a good one for older children who would enjoy collecting and putting together the books for younger children.

Mrs. Joanne Hafer
Montrose, Colo.

Local church news wrap-up

Mall Booths

AKRON, Ohio — This summer the Akron churches experimented with distributing *Plain Truth* magazines and Church literature at shopping malls here.

Using the free community service booths during shows at the indoor malls, the church distributed several hundred *Plain Truth* copies.

One volunteer said, "People really want the booklets," adding, "98 percent of those that stop take something."

Roughly two thirds of the people who stopped to talk with members manning the booths in three two-person shifts a day had no previous contact with the Church or its mass-media efforts.

The thing people who are familiar with Garner Ted Armstrong or the *Plain Truth* comment about is the fact that they didn't know a church was involved.

The type of booth given the church, however, varied from situation to situation. In one place the church might get an enclosed booth, in the next place all that might be available would be an end of a counter. *Bill Meyer.*

New Banning Church

BANNING, Calif. — The official beginning of the church here was Aug. 28 with 128 people in attendance, of whom 92 were adults. Minister Bob Smith recounted the history of the establishment of the Church of God.

On the first "trial" Sabbath service here, April 19, 1975, Dr. Charles Dorothy of Pasadena presented the sermon. In October, 1975, three Sabbath meetings were held to further test the feasibility of establishing a permanent church. The official decision to establish it was made in July.

Following services, a picnic social was held at a member's home. *Suzanne Plaza.*

Brains Strained

BENDIGO, Australia — Fifty-four members and friends and neighbors here contributed \$51 at the first fund-raising Quiz Night Aug. 22.

Six teams strained their brains to answer 100 questions posed by co-compères Bob Regazzoli, local elder, and Ballarat member Alan Laughlin on subjects ranging from cooking, current affairs, music and sports to religion, geography and science.

Excitement ran high as progressive scores flashed on the screen throughout the contest.

The prize-winning team was the Calathumpians, led by Larry Adair, closely followed by Colin McKenzie's Lost Ten Tribes and Ken Slade's Whipsticks.

While the quiz was in progress, Mr. and Mrs. Mal McDonald of the Ballarat church were hosts to the children in a nearby hall for a special party, organized by John Sherwood. *Errol Kreymborg.*

Georgia Journey

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Twenty-seven YOU members and four adults began gathering in a shopping-center parking lot here at 5 a.m. Aug. 29 to meet a bus and head for Six Flags Over Georgia, an amusement park in Atlanta, Ga.

Friends from some of the Georgia churches who were also there added to the enjoyment.

Eight of the 16 girls who made the trip had spent the previous night at the home of coordinators Roger and Lucy Lewis.

Mike and Nita Allums contributed to the success of the outing. *Lucy Lewis.*

Culinary High

BRainerd, Minn. — The an-



nual summer picnic here took place Aug. 22 at Lum Park near Brainerd with more than 45 people attending.

Activities began at 11:30 a.m. with softball, volleyball and swimming for the energetic and horse-shoes, Frisbee throwing and fellowship for the not so energetic.

A series of contests and races was held for the youngsters with prizes of candy for all who participated. Winners were Tommy Holmes and Shauna Fryxell, relay race; Cindy Stade and Tommy Holmes, three-legged race; Tracy Stade and Robbie Sawyer, wheelbarrow race; Deanna Fryxell, first, and Paul Tompson, second, crawling contest for those under 5 years; and Wayne Tompson, crawling contest for those over 5 years and the crab walk.

Activities hit a culinary high with a potluck picnic at 3 p.m. *Steven MacDonald.*

Holiday Fete

BRICKET WOOD, England — Following the successful Midsummer Fete, the church here was host to a Bank Holiday Fete Aug. 29. About 700 brethren from nearby churches converged on the grounds for the occasion, which had required six weeks of planning by an organizing committee.

Picnic facilities were available for those who had brought their own food or chose to take advantage of the food and refreshments served by YOU members.

A public-address system played fairground music and kept all informed of events, in addition to a souvenir program listing an array of stalls and activities.

The stalls included coconut shies, football-through-the-tire, dart throwing, pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey, hoopla, nail driving and balloon bursting. Especially popular were a heraldry stall, manned by heraldry enthusiast Max Martin, which enabled people to trace their family trees back through the ages, and a Church-literature display.

Other activities were tennis, cricket, a wheelbarrow race and a five-to-a-side interchurch soccer tournament. The tournament was narrowly won by the Bricket Wood team, which beat the Northampton side 1-0 in the final. Others enjoyed putting, boating, clay-pigeon shooting and swimming in the heated pool.

The *Mississippi Queen*, a paddle steamer, chugged around the lake all afternoon, with queues of people waiting their turn to ride. The paddle steamer was the branchchild of Bill Stratton, who labored long and hard to get it shipshape for the big day.

Children enjoyed merry-go-rounds, swings, a trampoline and candy floss.

There were various competitions throughout the day, with prizes presented by Frank Brown, director of the British Work. Winners included Geoff Sole, adult art; Katherine Peake, photography; and Ann Nadim, cake baking. In the children's art competition Merissa Campbell and Valerie Clapp won prizes, and some home produce was auctioned off under the hammer of Keith Watts.

The evening began with dancing to Duncan Maclean's band. An entertainment session followed with David Finlay and Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson each singing and Howard Silcox delivering a poetry recital. Heather McCarthy treated the group to two light operatic songs while accompanying herself on the piano. The dance climaxed with Quest, a church group, who played and sang modern songs.

Mr. Brown commented: "I thought there was a good cross section of activities for people of all ages. Everything was well laid out and extremely well organized." *Bill Allan and George Campbell.*

Crime Lecture

BULAWAYO, Rhodesia — The increasing incidence of crime in Rhodesia's African townships has been a cause of concern for the Spokesman Club here. The club, comprised of more than 95 percent African members, heard a representative of the British South Africa Police address the club Aug. 14 in the boardroom of the plush Southern Sun Hotel here.

The officer warned all members to be careful, stating that it was their responsibility as good citizens to prevent crime.

Following the lecture, questions ranging from pickpockets at bus terminals and burglaries in the home to violent attacks on women in the streets reflected the high incidence of crime and its personal effects on the everyday life of the members.

Caucasian members were struck by the extent that crime affects their black brethren.

At the close of the meeting, director and local elder Ron Stoddart thanked the policeman for coming. After expressing interest in the aims and goals of the club to President Melvin Rhodes, the officer was invited to the club's ladies' night. *Melvin Rhodes.*

Elderly Citizens' Luncheon

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia

— The Ladies' Auxiliary here was luncheon host to 18 elderly folk from two nursing homes July 27. Three ladies chauffeured here to view the new office complex here and drove along the seashore en route to the new home of regional director Dennis Luker, where the ladies served a home-cooked meal.

One of the guests gave a recitation of her own composition, "A Quiet Holiday on the Farm," and another lady led a sing-along.

As the guests left, all were given boxes of homemade cookies and photos of themselves taken by Mrs. Luker as mementos of a happy day. *Margaret Higgins.*

Foothill Camp-Out

CALGARY, Alta. — Ninety-two members from the churches in this area enjoyed a three-day camp-out in the rugged foothills west of here July 31 to Aug. 2.

Heavy rains made access to the campsite difficult, but the group felt the effort had been worth it.

Outdoor Sabbath services consisted of a question-and-answer session and singing hymns to guitar accompaniment.

The movie *Snowball Express* provided entertainment for all the evening.

Garry Poffenroth and Ernie Vonhollen, along with their assistants, cooked breakfast for everyone Sunday and Monday mornings.

All enjoyed volleyball, games and a fireside sing-along. *Jim B. Peterson.*

Bald Knob Train Trip

CLARKSBURG, W. Va. — Teens and their parents here went on an all-day outing Aug. 22. The first stop was the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, W. Va., where a member is employed. This observatory has large radio telescopes that eavesdrop on the universe.

The second stop was at the Cass Scenic Railroad. The group rode an old-time logging train powered by two original Shay steam locomotives to the top of Bald Knob, elevation 2,390 feet, second-highest point in West Virginia. One of the engines was powered by coal and the other by oil. The round trip lasted 4½ hours and included a picnic lunch on top of Bald Knob. *Kawanna Cain.*

Missouri Fair Booth

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Under the supervision of pastor Richard Rand, the church here maintained a Garner Ted Armstrong booth at the Missouri State Fair Aug. 20 to 29. More than



HOLIDAY FETE — Left: Members gather for a cake auction at the Bank Holiday Fete of the Bricket Wood church Aug. 29. Above: The winners of the wheelbarrow race wheel their way to the finish line. (See "Holiday Fete," this page.) (Photos by Philip Stevens)

300,000 people attended the fair.

During the Cole County Fair in Jefferson City, Mo., the church had sponsored a similar booth. After a suggestion to have one at the Missouri State Fair, Bruce Rice, member here, contacted fair officials July 27 about obtaining a booth. He was told that there was none left. Two days later Mr. Rice was astounded to receive a letter from the fair office with a contract for a booth at the 1976 fair.

The next obstacle was to raise more than \$200 to cover costs. Payment was due Aug. 2, which left the church with four days to raise the money. That Sabbath Mr. Rand spoke about the booth and asked for contributions to help cover costs. A hasty garage sale netted \$100, which, when put with contributions, gave a total of about \$400, almost double the amount needed.

Before running out of literature halfway through the fair, more than 1,100 *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines were distributed, along with about 250 booklets. In addition, 244 people completed request cards for booklets and *Plain Truth* subscriptions. *Bruce Rice and Ed Blythe.*

Skills Sharpened

DALLAS, Tex. — Boy Scout Troop 1212 enjoyed a week-long camp-out in the mountains of New Mexico 25 miles south of Cloudcroft beginning July 25.

The scouts camped at an 8,000-foot altitude and sharpened their skills of camping, cooking, hiking and observing nature.

Also on the trip were Bill Hale, father of one of the scouts, and James Kunz, pastor here, and his wife.

The scouts taking part in the camp-out were Lon Kennebeck, Dale Wilson, Steve Wilson, David Petrapek, Jeff Hale, Mark Clark, Trevor DaLee, John Niemeyer and John Mitchell. *John D. Peterson Jr.*

Outdoor Services

EUGENE, Ore. — The church here camped out Aug. 20 to 22 at Clark Creek Organizational Campground.

Some set up tents, while others took advantage of dormitorylike structures that are part of the campground.

Dave Albert, pastor, conducted a Bible study-sermon service on the Sabbath, with members forming a half circle under the trees. *Michele Thompson.*

Fairbanks Services

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — The first (See WRAP-UP, page 8)

Service to keynote '76 Festival

(Continued from page 1) Spokane, Wash., finishing in Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

Seven other ministers have been designated "traveling speakers" and will speak at most U.S. locations.

Ambassador College students will carry the theme of service to the brethren to seven Festival locations, according to Mr. McMichael. The annual student Feast show produced by Pasadena and Squaw Valley, Calif., and Spokane. Big Sandy's show will travel to Mount Pocono, Pa., Wisconsin Dells, Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., and Big Sandy.

The Festival Office is also sponsoring country-western singing star Buck Owens, who will perform at Tucson, Big Sandy, St. Petersburg,

Fla., and Hampton, Va. (The *Worldwide News*, Sept. 13).

Mr. McMichael wanted to remind Feastgoers in the United States about the "family Festival protection" program, which covers those attending the United States sites in case of accidents.

"Anyone having an accident claim at the Feast," he said, "must pick up a claim form at the business office at the Festival site, fill it out and send it in."

Claim forms were mailed to American heads of households, but a sufficient number of copies will also be available at Feast-site business offices.

International Festival

The Festival will be observed in

the United States at Big Sandy; Girdwood, Alaska; Hampton (a new site this year); Lahaina, Hawaii; Jekyll Island, Ga.; Lake of the Ozarks; Mount Pocono; Pasadena; St. Petersburg; Spokane; Squaw Valley; Tucson; and Wisconsin Dells.

In Canada, brethren will attend the Feast at Calgary, Alta.; Charlottetown, P.E.I.; Montreal, Que.; Ottawa, Ont.; Penticton, B.C.; and Regina, Sask.

A few of the many other sites around the world include locations in Australia, Barbados, Bermuda, Chile, England, France, Ghana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malaysia, Martinique, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Rhodesia, Scotland, South Africa, Trinidad and

West Germany.

The traveling speakers at the American sites and where they will be:

Gary Antion: Mount Pocono and Canadian sites.

Ronald Dart: Lahaina, Pasadena, Tucson and Big Sandy.

David Jon Hill: Spokane and Squaw Valley.

Les McCullough: Squaw Valley, Spokane and Canadian sites.

Sherwin McMichael: Big Sandy, Lake of the Ozarks and Hampton.

Art Mokarow: Squaw Valley, Wisconsin Dells, Hampton and St. Petersburg.

Richard Pinelli: Spokane and Canadian sites.

Brochure

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formation that will be of service to every member family, and each brochure is individually tailored to the site it represents."

Mr. McMichael said working on the publication was "like producing the *PT* for a year. It was a tremendous amount of work. The staff sold and created ads for each site. I'm very happy with the brochure. It can be improved, but I'm very pleased."

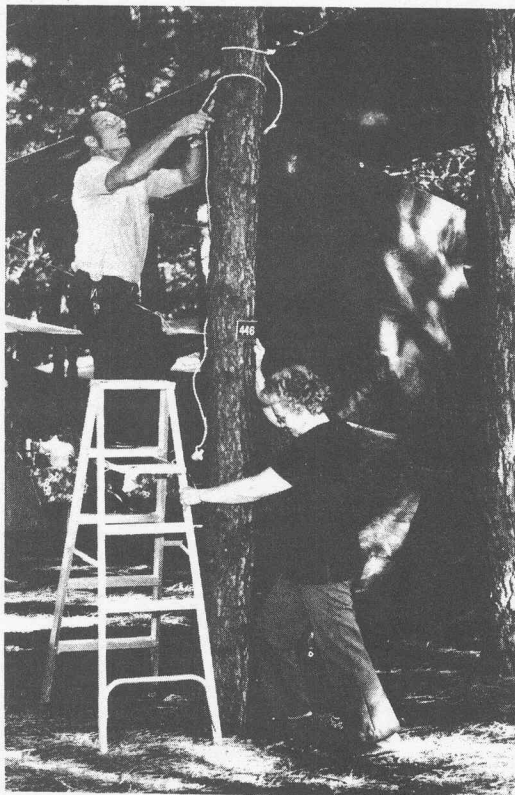
Managing editor Terry Warren solicited suggestions for next year's brochure from the brethren.

"We want feedback," he said. "We want this thing to be a working tool for the people, and, if we have feedback, then it's more meaningful to them. I would like to encourage the brethren to let us know what their ideas and suggestions are so we can improve it next year. This is a tool to help the Church."

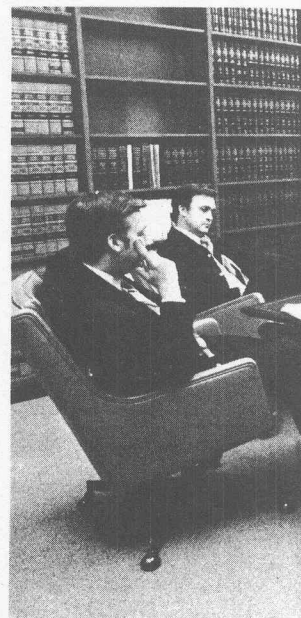
The staff is already getting ready for next year's publication. "Next year we hope to have more articles," Mr. Warren said. "Next year we want to make this thing twice as nice."



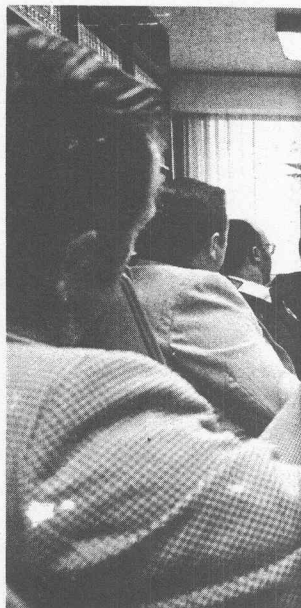
FEAST TIME — Squaw Valley Feastgoers of 1975 enjoy the facilities of Blyth Arena, one of 13 sites where the Feast will be observed in the United States. (Photo by Warren Watson)



BREAK OUT THE TENT, STEAK — Two Big Sandy Feastgoers, left photo, put the final touches on their campsite in preparation for the 1974 Feast, while the camper above rewards himself with a juicy steak. (Photos by Scott Moss)

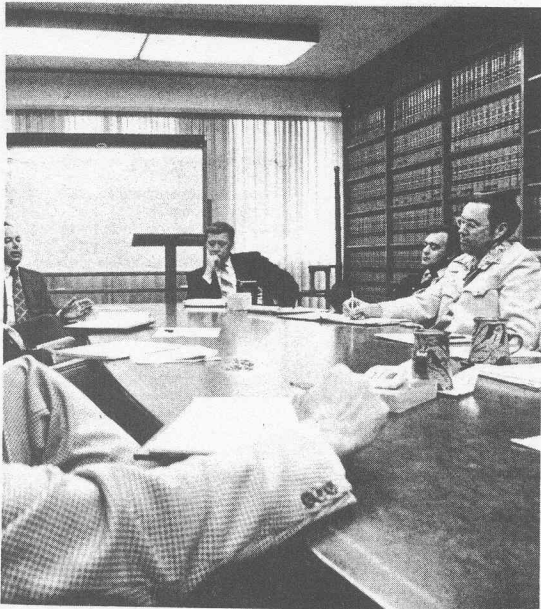


AREA COORDINATORS MEET — meetings with United States area Church welfare fund, Spokesman and the ministry. (See article, page 1.)





Ronald Dart, left in picture above and center below, holds one of several ordinarators in Pasadena Sept. 13 to 15. Topics included Bible lectures, the women's clubs, a Sabbath program for youths of the Church and plans for Photos by Ken Evans]



— Attention Photographers —

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A Personal Letter from

James Ted Armstrong

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and Turkey recently; if you think of the many other "natural disasters," a terrible earthquake in northern Italy, a series of earthquakes that drove many frightened citizens completely out of their villages never to return; if you consider the incredible droughts which have been gripping northwestern Europe, Britain (the worst in over 50 years!), Canada and much of the United States; when you think of the increasing racial disturbances in southern Africa and of the recent conflict between Libya and Egypt; when you think of *all of these things* and many, many more events — how can you fail but come to the conclusion that we are truly living in the "close of an age," a time just prior to the return of Jesus Christ?

World Cries for Leaders

As never before the populace of this world are crying out for true leadership.

The American people, pollsters agree, are floundering in search of a true leader. Meanwhile, in the present personality contest of the two chosen candidates of the two major parties, the average American voter seems to be so turned off, according to recent polls, that up toward 70 million registered voters will NOT go to the polls this November, simply because the choices represented do not appeal to them sufficiently to stir them to leave their homes and go to a polling place!

Paradoxically, even as Christ revealed in the 25th chapter of the book of Matthew, it is right at the precise time when the world enters its most traumatic moments leading toward the great tribulation and the day of the Lord when many in God's Church are prophesied to fall asleep!

As never before we need to be ALERT to world conditions, WATCHING world news and developments (Luke 21:36) and understanding the true significance of the days in which we live!

Facing that Time

The droughts Jesus spoke of are here and will no doubt grow worse. The famines are already here, striking massive segments of the human race (Asia, Southeast Asia, the Sub-Sahara, many parts of Africa and much of the so-called "third world"), GREAT EARTHQUAKES are striking "divers places," as Jesus predicted, all of which means we are facing that time when great religious upheavals are yet to begin.

Recent allegations of "miracles" seem to indicate at least a partial fulfillment of some of the "signs" Jesus said would occur which would "deceive many." For example, in one case in Italy it was stated that the dried blood of a martyr had "liquefied on schedule"! The people of Naples recently celebrated with fireworks and cries of "St. Januarius has done the miracle," claiming that the congealed blood of the saint, contained in two glass vials, had liquefied following one hour of prayers. The story goes that last May, even after eight days of prayers and vigils when the blood had failed to "liquefy," northeastern Italy's Friuli region was devastated by a major earthquake that killed nearly 1,000 persons!

Therefore, the people of that portion of Italy apparently believe that the liquefaction of the blood is a "great sign" that they will be PROTECTED from disasters of such magnitude!

As you look around this world at all of these and many other remarkable events, you are sobered with the realization that we are, in fact, living in those moments spoken of by Jesus

in Matthew 24 and Luke 21.

Urgent Times

As we journey to the Feast this year, let's all attend the services with a heightened awareness of the vast significance of the events all around us and the urgency of the times in which we live! We cannot allow ourselves to slip into sleepy apathy, drowsily believing we "have plenty of time" for our own personal and material pursuits, looking toward another 10, 15, 20 or more years of living in "this world"! Such assumptions would be disastrous to our Christian development and growth and would allow us, instead of awakening with new zeal and determination to carry out God's Work and finish the great commission He has given us, to descend into a religious torpor and be among those to whom Jesus must say upon His return, "I counsel you to buy of Me gold tried in the fire"!

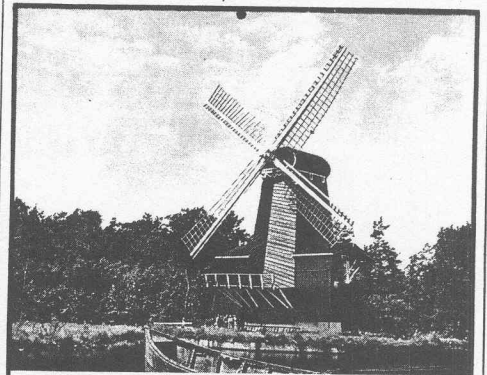
I hope all of you brethren will be extremely careful in your planning

prior to the Feast and think very soberly of the fact that tens of thousands of us will be traveling perhaps collectively hundreds upon hundreds of thousands of miles. Without God's divine protection the chances of accident are constantly with us. I hope you will collectively think of maintaining your own personal health and that of your children during the Feast, that you will intensify rather than let up on your private prayers and that you will be praying for your other brethren around the world as we gather together, collectively, from the islands of the South Pacific to the maritimes in Canada and from Australia to France, from South America to Britain, from Alaska to New Zealand and over all parts of the United States and Canada and in many, many other countries.

I hope you have a meaningful and deeply rewarding Feast of Tabernacles!

Your brother in Christ,
Gamer Ted Armstrong

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Wrap-up

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regular Sabbath service to be held here was Aug. 28. Forty-four persons enjoyed watching *Ambassador for World Peace*, a movie concerning Herbert W. Armstrong's travels, before the sermon by Bill Gordon, pastor of the Anchorage and Kenai churches.

Mr. Gordon will be assisted in the biweekly services by local elder Aldon Tunseth of Anchorage. Dennis Gentleman led songs, accompanied on the piano by Dominic Bernardo. *Dennis M. Gentleman.*

Scotch and Water

FAIRMONT, Minn. — Bill Jahns, St. Paul, Minn., pastor, visited here Aug. 28. Five minutes into his sermon, Mr. Jahns spotted a note saying "scotch and water" by the water glasses. Finding no need for more water, since his sermon was about Noah and the Ark, Mr. Jahns held the church's interest with worldwide physical and biblical proof of the Noachian flood.

Robert Schreiber had given a sermonelette on the navel, a contemplative subject. *John Cox.*

Baking Contest

FINDLAY, Ohio — The church's first annual picnic here began at 1 a.m. Aug. 22 as pastor Dennis Diehl and George Kuhlman camped out in a park pavilion at Van Buren State Park to insure a good picnic area.

The day's activities began with a baking contest. The winners were Theresa Holcomb, cakes; Edith Koppes, raised breads; Diane Orlemann, quick breads; Margaret Miller, pies; and Juanita Boyer, cookies.

Other activities included a nail-driving contest, a tug-of-war, a water-balloon toss, volleyball and games for children and senior citizens. *Linda Boyer.*

Stage Presentation

FONTANA, Calif. — The Fontana, Glendora and Norwalk churches met for combined Sabbath services, potluck and a stage presentation Aug. 21.

Following services, the meal was held in the meeting hall's dining facility for the majority of the brethren, while others took their picnic lunches to a nearby park.

That evening the New Horizon Singers presented their bicentennial program, *The Voice of Freedom*, narrated by Wayne D... and directed by Dan Salcedo. The two-part presentation included visual aids, choreography, solos and singing by the Norwalk Junior Choir. *Suzanne Plaza.*

Raffled Quilt

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Teenagers here sponsored a picnic for the church at McMillen Park July 25. The teens handled the recreational activities, decorations, food and clean-up.

A few of the activities were a gunnysack race, a water-balloon toss, a three-legged race and a toddlers' footrace. Prizes were awarded in every category.

A quilt made by the girls in the teen club was raffled off. *Connie Reed.*

Cornfield Gleaned

GENEVA, Ala. — Sixteen young people of the church here gleaned a cornfield near Kinston, Ala., Sept. 6.

Assistant pastor Rick Beam and Frances Hall helped the volunteers pick up corn for farmer Carl Malloy, who needed to salvage the ears from the damp ground before the return of wet weather. The youth workers in turn earned 50 percent of the corn's sale price for YOU funds.

Deaconess Johnie Stephens and



MINISTER WELCOMED — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhodes cut their welcome cake, baked by Mrs. Ron Patterson, at a picnic held in their honor by the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches Aug. 29. Donated hamburgers were cooked by the teens, with members bringing side dishes. Baseball, basketball, swimming and fellowship rounded out the event. [Photo by Bernard Armstrong]

Dotte Schneider fed the harvest crew at noon at Mrs. Stephens' home.

The volunteers were Daisy, Roddie and Nelson Graham, Jackie and Allen Gaffney, Josie Tyson, Cathy and Louise Turley, Terry Phillips, Amy Schneider, Roger and Terry Everritt, Sidney Smith and Mike, Tony and Gary Brinkmeier.

Even though rains returned the middle of the afternoon, Mr. Beam said he was satisfied with the results: "The kids displayed a very cooperative attitude and had a good time in spite of the hard work." *W.L. Schneider.*

Backyard Raccoon

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Preteens and chaperons piled into cars after Sabbath services Aug. 15 and invaded Mr. and Mrs. Joel Duttera's backyard for a camp-out.

Next day they played kickball and participated in swimming and track and field events. Fees were awarded to winners according to age-groups: Wendy Martz and Mark Duttera, 6 and 7 years; Cliff Demarest and Tina Drayton, 8 to 10; Stephen Duttera and Lori Martz, 11 and 12.

A pet raccoon also joined in on the day's fun. *Lori Martz.*

Barn Dance

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The young people of the church here were hosts for a barn dance Aug. 21. Bowls of punch, bales of hay and some mountain-dew music greeted the young and not so young. This is how one cowpoke saw it:

"The folks they came from miles around, just horsebackin' along, to where the action could be found. From Jo'burg, Pretoria and Benoni, for the barn hop at Stirrup City.

"The late August wind was a blowin' when finally things got goin'. And we must admit in the art of square dancing the younger folk are adept.

"To name all those there present would take a page at least. The wanted! The unwanted, the strong and the weak? Shady characters and all, it was a feast!

"Sheriff Leo, the long-haired, always in command, his judgment never impaired by the lawless and armed.

"For example, some bowler-

hatted stranger, alias Mark the Butcher, who tried in vain to put the saloon in danger.

"Then there was Big Ed Pearce, a smooth dresser, looking, oh, so fierce in imitation leather.

"What of mean-mouth Ron and his southern belle, soon to marry, we do hear tell?

"Not to mention, fresh from Texas County Jail, Mike and mate, complete with ball and chain.

"Who eyed the preacher, Dave, having trouble with his milk in between sermonizing smooth as silk.

"Over in the corner the widows mighty, Jordaan and Gernicke, full of fun and sprightly, kept checking the door so as to protect their drinks from slippery Fred Schorr?

"A stranger sight was yet to come, for in all of history not a single 'Injun' had entered Stirrup City.

"Now there were five right here at the ball, Dave and Sue and Karen, the Andersons, filled the hall.

"It is now widely rumored that news has leaked out of this affair to Wild Bill in the South, who plans his revenge, so they say, later, at the FOT." *Dan P. Greyling.*

Bicentennial Spokesmen

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — The Spokesman Club here held its annual theme evening, this year's theme revolving around the American bicentennial celebrations, Aug. 8.

Full marks to the organizers who used red, white and blue streamers, the Stars and Stripes and hand-drawn posters of the wild West, Disneyland and the landing on the moon to create atmosphere.

The menu, which would have done any five-star hotel proud: corn on the cob, Waldorf salad, southern-fried chicken, vegetables, pecan pie and ice cream.

Four of the five speeches dealt with American history from 1763 to 1840: "Events Leading Up to the War of Independence," by Tony Levy; "Abraham Lincoln," by Graham Gill; "Louisiana and Other Purchases," by Rod Ridley; and "Samuel Colt," by Arle Wentenaar.

The fifth speech was given by a former Ambassador College student, Bob Vischer, on two aspects of American life that impressed him while he was in the United States.

Both directors Dave Hulme and

club President Doug Gray praised the men for their efforts to make the evening successful.

The club was honored by the presence of Andre van Belkum, assistant pastor of the Johannesburg church, and Peter Nathan, pastor of the East Rand church. *A. Levy.*

Pesky No-See-Ums

KENAI, Alaska — Four loads of energetic 5- to 12-year-olds converged at Capt. Cook Park for an end-of-summer party Aug. 25.

Under the leadership of former schoolteacher Irene Hegwer, a full day of activities took place. Lifeguard Diane McVeda supervised swimming in the chilly, sparkling lake. The group then moved to the picnic area, devoured sack lunches and beachcombed along Cook Inlet. Treasures included shells, rocks and wiggly baby shrimp.

Pesky no-see-ums, tiny Alaskan biting midges, failed to discourage the Red Bug and White Sock teams as they got into action.

Games included junior-Olympic races, three-legged races, a peanut hunt, farmer-in-the-dell, a relay race and water-balloon toss. Kathy Cox provided special name tags and colorfully wrapped prizes for contestants.

A cook-it-yourself supper of roasted hot dogs topped off the day. Assisting Mrs. Hegwer were Dorothy Denison, Jan Johnson, Susi Kizer and Linda Shaules. *Linda Shaules.*

Peaceful Invasion

MAIDSTONE, England — Pevensey Bay, Sussex, witnessed a peaceful invasion Aug. 27 when, armed with tents and stoves and all the other essentials for camping out, the more stalwart members of the Brighton, Maidstone and Orpington churches advanced onto a field lent by a farmer for the weekend.

Next day the Sabbath service, a question-and-answer session, was conducted by Michael Bousfield, pastor.

Members enjoyed two sing-alongs conducted by George Holden that evening and Sunday.

The group broke camp Aug. 30. *George D. Holden.*

Thunderous Ending

MONROE, La. — The church here held its annual picnic Aug. 15 at Forsythe Park.

Activities suited everyone's interests, with sack and relay races and pin, pass and kick competition for the children, and badminton, volleyball, table tennis, horseshoes and

even a golf-driving exhibition for the adults.

Food was in abundance, with fried chicken reigning supreme. Juicy, ripe watermelons and homemade ice cream were also available, but, because of a sudden afternoon thunder-shower, the picnic ended prematurely. *Shirley Rogers.*

Men Bake Cakes

NEW ORLEANS, La. — The combined East and West churches here enjoyed a picnic and softball tournament Aug. 22.

Softball teams came from Jackson, Hattiesburg and Meridian, Miss.; Mobile, Ala.; and Baton Rouge, La. Jackson went home with first place after winning over Mobile, which placed second. Baton Rouge placed third.

The YOU members earned money by selling soft drinks and running game booths. Hot lunches were also sold.

The day ended with an auction of donated goods and cakes baked by the men in a cake-baking contest. *Donna Webber.*

Fly-Up Ceremony

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Women's Club here is sponsoring Bluebird and Camp Fire Girl groups for the young girls in the Oakland church.

The girls had a fly-up ceremony Aug. 15, in which the girls "flew up" to a higher group with opportunities to reach higher achievement. They received patches, ties and beads as awards for their achievements. The girls participated in a bicentennial event in addition to field trips, swimming, helping out at home and other projects.

Coordinator Martha Cocherell, assisted by Rita Spears, had the fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade girls, or Camp Fire Girls. Pat Vail, assisted by Joyce Schmitt and Jane Halsted, had the second- and third-grade girls, the Bluebirds. Lucille Gray, assisted by Faye Langlais, had the first-grade girls, also Bluebirds.

The women have put together a handbook for the girls, with importance placed on the Holy Days.

After a short vacation the girls will continue their meetings after the Feast of Tabernacles. *Phyllis G. Rose.*

Free Picnic

OAKLAND, Calif. — The church here met at Joaquin Miller Park for a picnic Aug. 22. It was more exciting than usual because rain threatened in the early morning hours, a rare thing (See WRAP-UP, page 9)



PARTING GIFT — Bill Beebe, choir director for the Austin, Tex., church, presents a gift to Nick and Cathy Osborn at a going-away party held for them Aug. 22. Mr. Osborn, who was the church's pianist, will attend the University of Michigan to work on his doctorate in music and psychology. He hopes to return to Texas and resume teaching after graduation. [Photo by Bernard Armstrong]

Wrap-up

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for California in August. Because of this the park ranger decided to refund the group's money, since the picnic was considered to be rained out. However, everyone hung around and had a beautiful day and picnic, free of charge.

Many games were available for all ages, including volleyball, horseshoes and balloon games for the youngsters.

Music was furnished by Herb Goehring with his banjo and fiddle tunes, accompanied by Leo English on his guitar, with several guitar and vocal pieces performed by Phyllis Rose.

Deacon Wayne Altom contributed to the success of the picnic with his time and effort. *Phyllis G. Rose.*

Volunteer Painters

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Six men from the A.M. and P.M. churches here painted the home of Gene Brinkman, member, Aug. 22. Mr. Brinkman has been physically handicapped almost six years because of an industrial accident and is unable to move without crutches or a wheelchair.

The volunteers gave the outside of his home two coats of paint in seven hours and enjoyed a hearty lunch prepared for them.

Mr. Brinkman thanked the members for their aid and says he has the most beautiful house in the neighborhood. *E.A. Brinkman.*

Floating Campers

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — Not to be daunted by weather conditions, hardy members of the church here braved the rain and enjoyed a weekend of camping at nearby West Lake.

Some camping in tents were found floating the first morning, but the weather did improve the next day. Many tried waterskiing, competed in canoe races and participated in volleyball and archery.

Everyone listened in anticipation for the sound of the dinner gong, ready with voracious appetites to devour meals prepared by the women and teenagers.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Arndt conducted a sing-along in the glow of flashlights as the wet wood failed to fuel a cheerful fire.

All headed home on Monday. *Margie Schapansky.*

Fish Fry

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Boys' and Girls' clubs here met Aug. 22 on Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jinnett's property on the Eno River in Durham County.

Activities included a fish fry, games and instruction in fire building, compass reading and archery. *Harold Jones.*

'Grand Ole Opry'

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Another country-western jamboree was held here Aug. 28.

The program followed the format of the *Grand Ole Opry*. Bill Swanson, minister, served as emcee, imitating Ernest Tubbs, Hank Snow, Jimmy "Colorado Troubadour" Cox and Rex Allen.

Members filled in the remainder of the show, being introduced as special performers in one or more of the four shows.

The teen club increased its treasury by selling popcorn and cold drinks.

Several members of the Grand Island, Neb., church traveled 400 miles to attend the event. *Doug Johannsen.*

Over-50 Gathering

RESEDA, Calif. — A picturesque bougainvillea-covered cottage nestled in the hills of the Pacific

Palisades less than a mile from the Pacific was the setting of a patio-served chicken-chow-mein luncheon given by Jim and Esther Foster, deacon and deaconess, here Aug. 29.

The gathering was to have been for the over-50 group, but some brethren who weren't quite 50 were included, so Mrs. Foster called it the Over-50-and-Thereabouts Club.

The day included fellowship, good food, a walk to the beach and several games of horseshoes.

A toast was given to John and Elsa Carter, who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary the next day.

Others who attended the gathering were Bob Cloninger, pastor, his wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Ouvrier and three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Glaski, Mr. and Mrs. Grivus Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Slighter, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Kennedy, John Hatter, Zola Miller, Zola Duerr, Marjorie Cousins, Joyce Kerr, Mildred McFarlane, Mary Rodrigues, Dorline Gaddy and Salee Toms. *Sallee Toms.*

Fill-Fulling Party

ROSWELL, N.M. — The church here had a surprise party for minister Brent Curtis. Everyone brought a gift or groceries for the Curtises' new home in Lubbock, Tex.

The housewarming was held at Johnniebob Griffith's home here Aug. 22 with 102 attending. Mrs. Griffith organized the party.

Brethren enjoyed kiddie games, volleyball, horseshoes, a little singing and a lot of fellowship. Everyone had all the homemade ice cream he could eat. It was a "fill-fulfilling" party on that score.

At the Sabbath service here Aug. 28, recognition was given to the youths.

Clifford Coffelt, son of Jerry and Monet Coffelt of Ruidoso, N.M., was one of the bicentennial bike riders who rode more than 4,000 miles from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean. He spoke about it during services, of the weariness of the miles, the problems of weather and breakdowns, of the team spirit and the care and help of Church members along the way.

Marcy Armstrong, daughter of Bernie and Martha Armstrong of Rogers, N.M., played a piano solo, the theme from *Romeo and Juliet*, for a musical.

Then Natalie Sevener read a poem, *Hare and Hound*, that she and three of her friends had written to commemorate an experience at the SEP in Orr, Minn., when they became lost and were found by a search party. *Tom Batho.*

Twin Cities Melodrama

ST. PAUL, Minn. — About 200 people turned out to see the melodrama *She Was Only a Farmer's Daughter* Aug. 22. The melodrama and potluck supper were sponsored by the new ACTION (Adults Combined to Increase Opportunities Now) group of the St. Paul and Minneapolis West and North churches.

Members of the cast, representing all three churches, were Denise Nuneele (heroine), Jean Cline, Bonnie Knudsen, Gary Haider (hero), Mike Klotz (villain), Gary Pedersen, Linda Haider and Pam Workman (daughter), with Richard Alvarez as manager of the group.

Because comedian Bob Hope couldn't come, his brother Jasper "No Hope" Wells came to open the program.

Those who missed the play will have another chance to see it before the Feast of Tabernacles.

The play was an enthusiastic kick-off for members here, who will operate a *Garner Ted Armstrong* information booth at the Minnesota State Fair Aug. 26 to Sept. 6. *Gary Hanson.*

Wilderness Survival

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah —

Camp Steiner Boy Scout Camp, the highest in the United States, was the setting Aug. 9 to 14 for Boy Scout Troop 284, sponsored by the church here.

Summer camp had finally arrived after a summer of dreaming about it. Reality came to senior patrol leader Nelson Witt, patrol leader Ted Harris, assistant patrol leader Vince McGuire, patrol leader Mike Rigby, Beau Carden, Willy Carden, Scott Harris, Walt McGuire Jr., Kevin Powers and Kevin Rigby.

Troop members spent the week working on merit badges. Two required badges were in environmental science and wilderness survival. Badges were also earned in archery, fish and wildlife management and mammals. A total of 31 merit badges were earned by the troop.

Scoutmaster Walt McGuire, who spent the entire week at Camp Steiner with the boys, reported that the group placed third in the contest for best all-around troop. Mike Rigby, leader of the Moose Patrol, led the way with a first-place finish in a rifle-shooting contest.

Roger Ludwig, Jerry Rigby and David Woodhurst, assistant scoutmaster, helped with the transportation for the scouts. *David Woodhurst.*

Comedy of Errors

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — With joy and laughter prevalent, fellowship was the keynote at the teen camp-out here Aug. 19 to 22.

As trial followed trial, it was reminiscent of Shakespeare's play, *A Comedy of Errors*. But all agreed it was the best activity of the summer.

Many learned to water-ski, some had swimming lessons and some went backpacking for two days. *Travis Grimes.*

Sterling Winery

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — The exclusive Sterling Vineyard Winery was the site of an evening of wining, dining and dancing for brethren of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa churches Aug. 15. A ride on the only triangular aerial tramway in North America brought each couple up to the three-year-old winery in the Napa wine country.

Jim Anneberg, architect and member, designed a tasting room for the festivities.

A tour of the winery showed facilities for making up to 90,000 cases per year of premium wines. As a mark of distinction, President Gerald Ford served Sterling's Chenin Blanc to Queen Elizabeth of Britain at a state dinner at the White House this summer.

The group then enjoyed a catered prime-rib meal, enhanced by four choice wines, in the Dunawael Room of the main winery.

After dinner the entire hilltop of Sterling's, with its spectacular view, was thrown open to the brethren, who delighted in the mild evening and waning moon. *Paul W. Paynter.*

Farewell Picnic

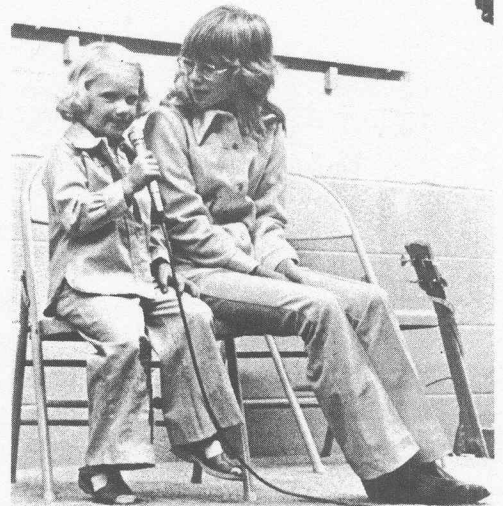
SASKATOON, Sask. — The church here held a farewell picnic at Leisureland for Mr. and Mrs. James Wells and their family. Mr. Wells, who has pastored this area for seven years, will be attending Ambassador College for a year.

Dennis Van Deventer, on behalf of the church, presented a wristwatch to Mr. Wells and a dinner ring to Mrs. Wells. *Audrey Trischuk.*

Texoma Softball Tournament

SHERMAN, Tex. — The church here was host for the first annual Texoma Softball Tournament Aug. 29 in Durant, Okla. Six churches from three states were represented at the all-day outing: Oklahoma City and Ada, Okla.; Fort Smith, Ark.; and Fort Worth, Big Sandy and Sherman, Tex.

Trophies were presented by Sher-



PERFORMING SISTERS — Bonnie Pawlowski, right, performs with the aid of her sister Sally at a country-western jamboree Aug. 28 in Rapid City, S.D. (See "Grand Ole Opry," this page.) [Photo by Doug Johannsen]

man pastor Gerald Witte and John Williams, Sherman softball manager, to Big Sandy, first place, Oklahoma City, second, and Fort Worth, third.

Members of the Ladies' Club here manned a concession stand. *Kay Curd.*

Mud Creek Tug-of-War

TORONTO, Ont. — Petticoat Creek Park in Pickering, Ont., a scenic conservation area with a natural sandy beach, 30-foot bluffs and a 1½-acre wading pool, was the site of the Toronto East church's annual picnic Aug. 22.

The day began with a continental-style breakfast at 9:30 a.m. The church's public-address system filled the park as a scavenger hunt, baseball and children's games busied everyone. Many of the children won ribbons and prizes.

Mixed baseball, canoeing, swimming, wading and a country-fair shooting gallery burned off energy regained from lunchtime refreshments.

The younger set displayed creative prowess at the Kamp Kraft Korner, with free Popsicles to cool off with afterwards.

The finale was a mud-creek tug-of-war, six heavyweights vs. 12 of the ladies. In a best-of-three contest, the heavyweights licked the mud in the first and second heats and declared the women winners.

A good-natured display of revenge left picnic organizer Henry Wilson lying in the slimy mud, microphone and all, to the horror of the soundmen and the pleasure of onlookers. *Lynne Wilson.*

Country Music

WICHITA, Kan. — The annual picnic here was held Aug. 22 at Camp Hyde, southwest of here.

After a potluck lunch, activities included horseback riding, swimming, fishing, canoeing, horseshoes, softball and volleyball.

Then Bob Wildt, Larry Keller and Gary Carrington formed a band and sang country music. Pastor Jerold Aust also sang several songs. *Cathy Joyner.*

Best Socks

WINNIPEG, Man. — The three churches here sponsored a sock hop Aug. 22 at Miles McDonnell School. A prize was awarded for the best socks.

A barbecue was held Aug. 24 in Kildonan Park for families involved

in the scouting program. *C.M. Finch.*

Sheep Shot

WOOSTER, Ohio — Ray Meyer, pastor of the two Akron churches, got plenty wet Aug. 29 at a church picnic at the Charles Knowlton farm here. He and others manned a "sheep-dip tank" where contestants threw balls at a mechanical target.

If the ball hit the target, in went the person perched above the tank.

The picnic, attended by 329 members, featured a minicarnival, an archery shoot, organized games, a potluck dinner, a hayride and a barn dance.

A bake sale at the picnic netted \$134.80, which was sent as a donation to the Work. *Bill Meyer.*

Cruising Down the River

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The Allegheny River ranks as one of the most beautiful in the eastern United States. Aug. 15 and 16 found Boy Scout Troop 49 of Youngstown on its third annual canoe trip down this challenging river.

This year again the scouts invited other teens and parents to join them, and a total of 33 boys, girls, moms and dads rode the rapids of the river without a mishap or overturned canoe.

The Allegheny is famous for its curvilinear flow, touching every point of the compass and the wild and rugged banks and bluffs that rise above it as high as 300 feet.

The canoeists spent two evenings camping along these shores as they completed the 40-mile trip.

After three years and 150 miles on the Allegheny, the scouts are planning a week-long adventure next year, perhaps in Upstate New York. *Eugene Noel.*

Fair Booth

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The church here sponsored a booth at the Lawrence County (Pa.) Farm Show Aug. 17 to 21. Held near New Castle, Pa., this annual fair drew 61,000 people, of whom 95 signed up for *The Plain Truth* and various booklets.

Assisting in transportation, setup and manning of the booth were Trudi Bodo, Dorothy Christman, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Melzer, Don Kite, Harry Witte, Don Nesbitt, Al Pink and Cliff Redanz. Ralph Orr, assistant pastor, coordinated arrangements for the event.

Eugene Noel, pastor, stated that he "was very satisfied with the results accomplished at this small county fair." *Cifford A. Redanz.*

Scrap-pile project profitable

By Bob Gilliland Sr.
LONDON, Ky. — To paraphrase an old saying: Build a better ducking machine and the world will beat a path to your door.

A better ducking machine? For lack of a better name, that's what we are going to call it. But, for this story to make sense, we are going to have to backtrack a little.

One or two of the men who served in *Garner Ted Armstrong* booths at county fairs had noticed how the crowds gathered around the ducking machine.

Simply stated, here's how it works: The victim is seated over a tank of water while someone throws a baseball at a bull's-eye in the center of a target. When the bull's-eye is hit — you guessed it — the victim gets ducked, rather suddenly.

Are the balls free to anyone with the inclination to duck someone? No, hard cash is required before the fun begins, and what a money raiser this proves to be.

Homer Hudson, a deacon here, in charge of plans for a fair to be held by the congregation, thought it would be a great idea to have such an attraction. But how to get one was the question.

Did you ever look for ducking machines in the yellow pages? Or walk into a hardware store and ask for the lowest price on one?

Ask Carl

There is a better way. Mr. Hudson's way was to ask Carl Kinnaird.

Did Mr. Kinnaird have one on his farm?

Yes, believe it or not, he did. That statement requires a little explaining. Anyone who has farmed has acquired a scrap pile, and that's where it was.

When the device was described to him, Mr. Kinnaird formed a mental picture of what it would look like, then began to visualize where he would get the various pieces.

How about that old horse-drawn mower? That seat would be just right.

Where to get a target? Remember the turkey shoot? That target is just the thing. Cut a hole in the center, a little larger than a baseball, put a trigger behind it to trip the seat, and that's taken care of.

Water tank? We've got it. Ladder to get out? Plenty of rod and flat stock for that.

Backstop? Piece of canvas. Now get out the welding rods, the cutting torch and the hacksaw, and let's get to work.

The thinking process recorded here took a short time; the actual construction took about a week.

Ducked Not Once

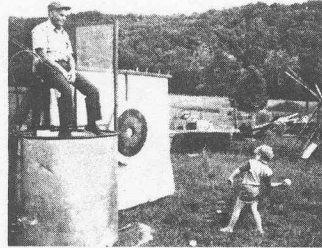
Did it work? Ask the busy ball throwers, or, better still, ask Mel Dahlgren, minister here, or Gene Guffey, a Kentucky state patrolman. Both men were ducked not once, but many times. In fact, Mr. Dahlgren stayed under so long that folks thought he was really buried in the water.

Mr. Kinnaird got his skill from running a farm and a sawmill. If you're like him, when something breaks down while you're several miles from the nearest town (Crao Orchard, in this case), you fix it yourself or it just doesn't get fixed. And, if you can't buy it, you build it.

Carl and Frances Kinnaird have been in God's Church for about two years, have attended one Feast of Tabernacles and look forward to this year at Hampton, Va. They have five children, four of whom are married. Their youngest son was with them until this summer, but he is now away from home much of the time working for the telephone company. They keep busy with farm duties, and Carl also cuts and saws lumber from his own property and custom-saws for his neighbors.

The machine was such a success

that Carl is storing it at his farm for future use by the London church and is now going over in his mind some of the other carnival amusements that he's seen.



HOT SEAT — A brave soul tempts fate and the skills of a pint-size pitcher by sitting on the hot seat of Carl Kinnaird's contraption.

How about that one with the upright scale with a bell at the top, rung (sometimes) by a weight sent up by a lever struck by a heavy wooden maul? How many swains have impressed their girl friends with that one?

Other ideas are germinating in that fertile brain. Let's hope the scrap pile doesn't give out before the ideas do.

Obituaries

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — John Bertrand Purnell, 68, a member of the church here six years, died Sept. 10.

Mr. Purnell is survived by his wife Nancy; they had been married 35 years.

Mr. Purnell had led a colorful life in aviation, as a test pilot, crop duster, flight instructor and pilot for executive aircraft. He had first flown solo in 1921, when he was 13.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Marvin S. Ewing, 72, died Sept. 6 after a long illness.

Mr. Ewing was a longtime member who had moved here from Los Angeles. He attended the Kansas City South church, which meets at Olathe, Kan.

KERRVILLE, Tex. — Bennie Bruns, 69, died Sept. 1 at his home here after a sudden illness.

Survivors include his wife Caroline M., a member; three daughters, Mary Nell Kemper of Round Rock, Tex., Sarah Beth Baker of Duncanville, Tex., and Karen Marie Bruns of Corpus Christi, Tex.; a son, Harvey Allen, of Mission, Tex.; five sisters; one brother; and seven grandchildren.

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand — Mary Jane Hamill, 88, died July 4. She had been a member for less than a year.

Mrs. Hamill is survived by three sons and a daughter, Margaret Steen, a member here.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jill Renee Senkbeil, infant daughter of Al and Pat (Basham) Senkbeil, died Sept. 4. She was born three months premature and lived 24 days.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Anthony Danese, 49, a member of the Philadelphia A.M. church, died Aug. 29 of respiratory failure.

Mr. Danese had been a member since 1967. He is survived by his wife and two children.

WHANGAREI, New Zealand — Esther Birt, 36, died Aug. 25 after several years of ill health. A longtime member, Mrs. Birt is survived by her husband Bill and six children: Darcy, Tracy, Daron, Melissa, Tyson and Nathan.

Scottish girl recovers

GLASGOW, Scotland — Ruth Jeffrey, 10, daughter of Church members Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jeffrey, has recovered after being hit by a car Aug. 4.

Ruth's father had been in his home here preparing a speech for Spokesman Club when he heard a knock on the door.

"Leaving my material to answer it," he said later, "two or three youngsters stood there and stated, 'Mr. Jeffrey, your girl Ruth is under a bus.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey hurried to the road in front of their house.

"With a shout to my wife I was off, speaking to the Creator all the way," Mr. Jeffrey said. "After all, Ruthie was seeing her grandfather to the bus . . ."

"On reaching the main road I saw a crowd of the usual sightseers and a little bundle covered, a yellow blanket lying on the central reservation. I feared the worst but hoped for the

best . . .

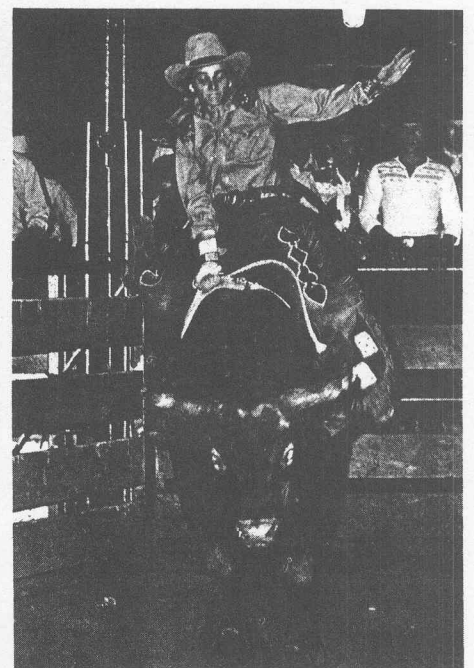
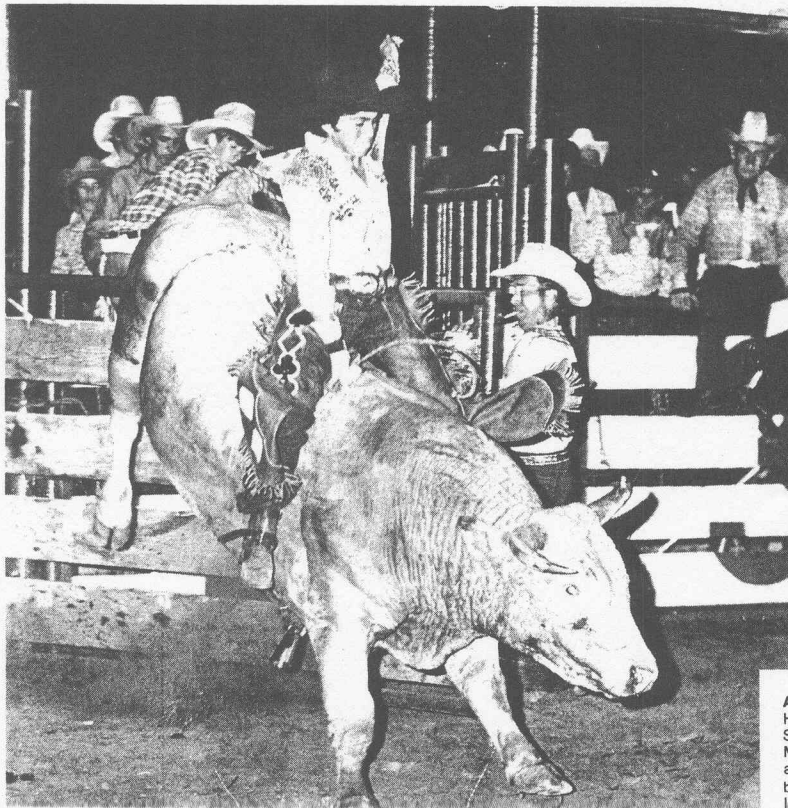
"She hadn't been hit by the bus, but an overtaking taxicab."

An ambulance was summoned and transported Ruth and her parents to a hospital.

"Our pastor, Allan Brooks, was at the hospital within minutes of our arrival, straight from his place of employment, where he duly anointed Ruthie.

"X rays showed no broken bones, but did show severe bruising to the back of the head, her back and legs. And the hospital, according to regulation, would keep her in overnight for observation. We hardly slept that night till we could see her home safely again.

"The message was clear to us: Don't forget to give God the praise. As the Psalm says, He is our refuge and our strength. He must have given us refuge of some sort to be able to keep our cool when those kids first mentioned she was 'under the bus.'"



A LOT OF BEEF — Two brothers, Terry and Kenneth Westrope of Hazlehurst, Miss., strive for national honors in the 1976 National High School Rodeo Finals in Sulphur, La. Terry, above, placed first in the Mississippi state finals in bull riding and Kenneth, left, third in bull riding and fourth in saddle bronc riding. In the nationals Kenneth placed third in bull riding with a score of 176 on three rides. Both are juniors at Hazlehurst High School and attend the Jackson, Miss., church.

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

BRICKET WOOD, England — The office of the Worldwide Church of God here released the names of six men who were ordained recently.

Hugh Carton, serving the Belfast, Northern Ireland, church, was ordained a local elder, and **Norman Guy**, from the same church area, was ordained a deacon.

In the Bristol, England, church, **John Shotliff** and **Robert Harrison** were ordained local elders.

And in Nottingham, England, **Robert Divine** was made a local elder and **Arthur Cliff** a deacon.

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PASADENA — A three-screen, rear-projection slide show will provide the backdrop for country-western singer **Buck Owens'** show, which will play at Feast sites in Tuc-

son, Ariz.; Big Sandy; St. Petersburg, Fla.; and Hampton, Va.

A relatively new medium in the field of live entertainment, the visual aid has also been used in **Garner Ted Armstrong's** personal appearances.

The presentation involves three 9-by-12-foot screens and six 1,200-watt projectors. The screens will provide a backdrop for **Buck Owens** and **Mr. Armstrong** (who will also appear in the show) of outdoor and human-interest scenes.

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PASADENA — The booklet *Alcoholism: a Worldwide Curse* has drawn "rave reviews" from some quarters, according to **Brian Knowles**, *Good News* managing editor and director of the Booklet



PAUL GRAUNKE

Department.

One admirer, **Dr. Hal Marley**, who **Mr. Knowles** says heads the alcohol-rehabilitation program for the U.S. State Department, recently visited the author of the booklet, **Paul Graunke**, in Pasadena.

According to **Mr. Knowles**, **Dr. Marley** was "very complimentary of the booklet and said that the author was so perceptive and understanding

of the problems of the alcoholic that he asked if he was one himself.

"I've checked and Paul is clean," said **Mr. Knowles**.

Favorable reviews have also been received on the new drug booklet *The Dilemma of Drugs*, which is also written by **Mr. Graunke**.

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PASADENA — A "youth conference" sponsored by Youth Opportunities United (YOU) is planned for **Big Sandy** the last week in December, announced **YOU** director **Jim Thornhill**. The meetings will be open to one **YOU** member from each church area in the United States and Canada. England and Europe will also have four representatives at the conference, **Mr. Thornhill** said.

During the four days of the conference, sessions will be held on sports and Christianity, youth crime, alcoholism and drug abuse, youth leadership and problems facing young people as part of the Worldwide Church of God.

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PASADENA — **John R. Schroeder**, assistant managing editor of *The Good News* magazine, will soon move to Britain, according to **Brian Knowles**, the magazine's managing editor.

Along with his regular *GN* and booklet editorial responsibilities, **Mr. Schroeder** will edit an eight-

BIG SANDY — **Budde Marino**, advertising manager for the Personal Appearance Department, headquartered here, and publisher of this year's Festival brochure (see page 1), and his family have been released from a hospital after being injured in a one-car accident Aug. 15.

Mr. Marino, his wife **Jean** and their children, **Tracie**, 11, **Laura**, 8, **Mark**, 7, and **Bonnie**, 10 months, were near Athens, Tex., when their car hit a truck wheel lying in the road and went out of control, hitting a concrete embankment and seriously injuring **Mr. Marino**, **Tracie** and **Bonnie**.

Mrs. Marino suffered cuts and bruises, and **Laura** and **Mark** escaped virtually unscathed, according to **Mr. Marino**. None of the **Marinos** had broken limbs or internal injuries, though every bone in **Mr. Marino's** and **Tracie's** faces was broken, and **Bonnie** was unconscious for 1½ days with a blood clot in her brain.

They are all out of the hospital now and recuperating rapidly. **Mr. Marino** expects to be able to return to work soon.

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BIG SANDY — Ambassador College students from both campuses will perform before Feastgoers during the Festival, the two groups covering seven of the 13 United States Feast sites.

Representing the Pasadena campus will be the Ambassador College Choral and Dance Theater, which will perform at the Feast sites: Spokane, Wash., Oct. 10; Squaw Valley, Calif., Oct. 12; and Pasadena, Oct. 13.

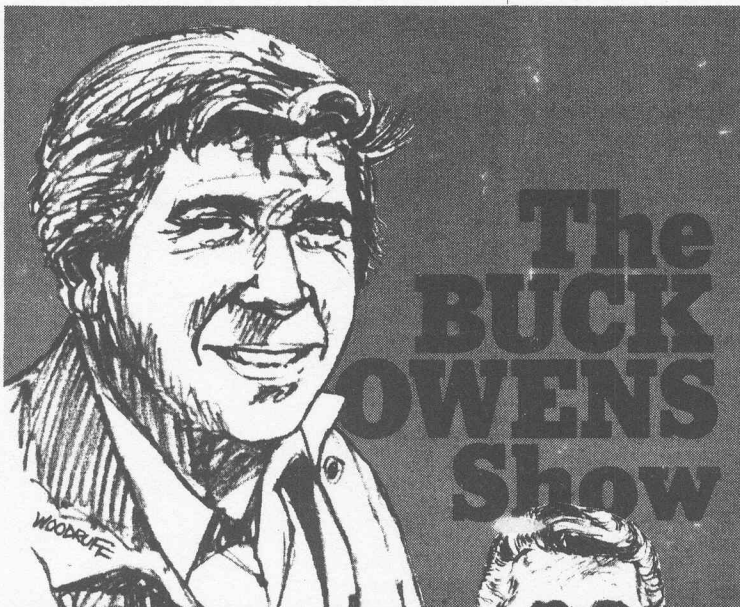
"A Musical Tribute to Show Business" will be the theme of the first half of the show, which has also been performed by the group in Los Angeles as part of the college's "Outreach Program."

The dance theater will perform choreographed interpretations of original compositions by **Jerry Long**, chairman of the Music Department, in the second half, entitled "Songs for Dancing."

For You and Me will be the show presented by the Ambassador College Band and New World Singers and Dancers from Big Sandy.

The first half of the show will be a potpourri of current popular tunes, humor and dancing. Numbers in the second half will consist of mostly original compositions by Ambassador students and alumni from the group's new album, *Sunset to Sunset*, which the group has performed as special music for Sabbath services.

The Big Sandy show will be in Mount Pocono Oct. 9, Wisconsin Dells Oct. 11, Lake of the Ozarks Oct. 13 and Big Sandy Oct. 14.



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- HAMPTON, VA.** The Hampton Coliseum, 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14

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page, black-and-white "mini-GN," as **Mr. Knowles** calls it, which is to be "stitched" into the German, Spanish, French and Dutch editions of *The Plain Truth*.

Copy for the insert will come exclusively from the parent English-language edition of the *GN*.

Supreme Court to hear Sabbath case Oct. 12

MOUNT VERNON, Ky. — The United States Supreme Court is scheduled to hear a case Oct. 12, during the Feast of Tabernacles, that could affect members of the Worldwide Church of God and other Sabbath keepers across the country. The court will decide whether a company may fire an employee for refusing to work on Saturday because of religious convictions.

The action involves **Paul Cummins**, a 43-year-old member of the London, Ky., church, who was fired from his job as a foreman at the Parker Seal Co.'s plant in Berea, Ky., in 1971 for refusing to work on the Sabbath, after having worked for the company for 12 years (*The Worldwide News*, March 29).

Within a month of his firing, **Mr. Cummins** filed a complaint with the

Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and later appealed to the federal court in Lexington, Ky., winning the case.

Parker Seal then appealed to the Supreme Court.

The company will try to show that accommodating a worker's religious beliefs would cause "undue hardship" to the company.

Mr. Cummins' wife, contacted at their home here Sept. 22, said that, although the case is to be heard Oct. 12, a decision may not be reached until sometime before January, 1977.

Mel Dahlgren, pastor of the London church, requested "prayers of all the brethren worldwide that God's will might be decided in this precedent-setting decision."