



MINISTERS GET TOGETHER — Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, far right, meets with a few of the ministers and their wives of the Rocky Mountain Area on a recent tour to meet with U.S. field ministers. From left: Clint Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Engelbart, Mr. and Mrs. Randy Schreiber, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Dart. [Photo by Lyle Christopherson]

Mr. Dart meets with 30 in U.S. field ministry

PASADENA — Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, returned here Jan. 18 from a trans-continental trip on which he visited with six area coordinators in the United States field ministry, spoke to three churches and met with 30 ministers and many of their wives.

Mr. Dart met with area coordinators Norman Smith, Guy Engelbart, Dennis Pyle, Ed Smith, Elbert Atlas and Tony Hammer and made stops in Reno, Nev., Salt Lake City, Utah, and St. Louis, Mo., in addition to area coordinators' headquarters of Denver, Colo., Kansas City, Kan., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Dart said he felt the trip had been profitable. "I am pleased, as

always, with the quality of the men we have in the field ministry," Mr. Dart said. "They are really quite competent. You know they are, yet you are always impressed with it when you get together with them."

Pleasing Attitude

Mr. Dart said he was also pleased with the attitude shown by the ministry, especially its "loyalty and dedication to the Work."

He said that the topics discussed in his talks with ministers were similar from area to area. A list of topics discussed during his meetings included: manpower requirements, the general spiritual condition of the Church, personnel problems, local-

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A Personal Letter

from

Dennis Lee Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from warm and sunny Pasadena. Looking at the national weather reports over network television news and in the newspapers, we can commiserate with thousands of you brethren who are experiencing record-breaking winter weather, the worst in the history of U.S. Weather Bureau records in many parts of the United States.

Though most of us knew it was coming, it is still rigorous and difficult, and the foreknowledge does not make the onslaught of blizzard conditions, subzero temperatures,

lack of fuel, closed businesses and schools any more pleasant. [See article, this page.] From those of us in areas not so severely affected by the current winter conditions, to all of you who are huddled around your home fires (if you have any) with a pair of longjohns and an extra sweater on, *hang in there*, for, even though it may take another month or two, it will soon be *spring*.

Acute Suffering

On that note, as I was saying in the late 1960s on into the early 1970s, (See PERSONAL, page 2)

save money on hall rentals. "Ministers will have to begin looking for new halls," he said. "This may impact almost all of our Michigan churches."

Jan. 27 Mr. Smith received word from a school official advising him that he would have to cancel one of the Cincinnati churches that meets in a school because of fuel shortages. "They want to save as much fuel as possible so it can be used for school," he said.

Sitting on a Powder Keg

"Forty years ago last Monday, Jan. 24, 1937, was known as Black Monday," Mr. Smith said. That year big snows and blizzards were followed by warm, moist rain that thawed snow quickly. He said such was the possibility this spring and that officials in Ohio have already created a flood-control team.

"We're sitting on a powder keg," he said. "All of that snow and ice is sitting here just waiting to be thawed."

Mid-Atlantic Seaboard Area coord-

Following the activities in Milwaukee, Mr. Rader said, Mr. Armstrong will make stops in Bonn, Geneva and Paris that had been previously scheduled but delayed because of Mr. Armstrong's ankle injury.

"From Europe we will fly to South Africa to pick up that portion of the schedule that Mr. Armstrong missed last time," Mr. Rader said. "He will be speaking in Cape Town, Johannesburg and Kimberley, South Africa."

Mr. Rader said other stops would include Windhoek, Namibia (South-West Africa), and Salisbury, Rhodesia. He said Mr. Armstrong will spend the first half of the Days of Unleavened Bread in South Africa and the remainder of the Festival in Israel. He said Mr. Armstrong should be back in Pasadena by the middle of April.

Tucson Visit

Mr. Armstrong paid a surprise visit to the Tucson, Ariz., church the Sabbath of Jan. 15, according to Larry Neff, pastor there.

"Mr. Armstrong spoke to 279 members here," Mr. Neff said. "It was his first time to ever speak here, and we were particularly pleased that Mr. Armstrong took the opportunity to speak at one of our smaller churches."

Mr. Neff said Mr. Armstrong spoke on the need for the Work's publications and ministers to emphasize the coming World Tomorrow rather than continually concentrating on a "gloom and doom" message. In his opening remarks Mr. Armstrong told the brethren that, while he was at dinner the evening before speaking to the congregation, his Tucson hotel room had been burgled.

Stolen from Mr. Armstrong's (See TUCSON, page 16)

Members riding out record cold wave

BIG SANDY — One of the United States' most severe winters in a century has left many Americans stranded, shivering and generally inconvenienced — with even a few deaths from freezing reported — throughout the eastern two thirds of the nation.

How has this winter affected members of the Church?

The *Worldwide News* contacted area coordinators of the United States field ministry whose regions include the hardest-hit areas and found canceled church services and socials, general church attendance down, some unemployment and at least one enterprising Church member riding a snowmobile to work.

The United States is providing an interesting study in contrasts this winter, since the region west of the Rocky Mountains is experiencing a moderate winter with much of the rest of the nation more akin to a Deepfreeze. Temperatures in Southern California have repeatedly climbed into the high 70s and low 80s (mid-20s Celsius), and Rocky Moun-

tain Area coordinator Guy Engelbart said Denver, Colo., is having a mild winter with snowfall only 30 percent of normal.

But the northeastern quadrant of America is another story. Coordinators report that church attendance is off from "about 10 percent" to more than 50 percent, but that, overall, there seems to be no widespread major problems other than inconvenience and discomfort.

However, several report that if severe weather continues there may be more serious problems.

Battening Down the Hatches

As members across the United States battened down the hatches for the latest arctic air mass to push its way across the nation, on Jan. 29, the National Weather Service issued a 30-day forecast that promised colder-than-normal temperatures east of the Rockies. Governors of some states called for the lowering of thermostats on home-heating units, the closing of public schools and the canceling of public meetings, while

weathermen predicted things will "get worse before they get better."

Coordinator Edward Smith of the Great Lakes Area, which includes Michigan, Ohio and most of Indiana, said temperatures had dipped to minus 24 degrees (minus 31 degrees Celsius) in recent weeks. "For 72 hours the temperature never rose above zero [minus 18 degrees Celsius]," Mr. Smith said. "In the first 15 days of January we had more snow than we usually get for a whole year. The weather has impacted travel, heating — everything. Our schools have been closed from seven to 10 days. Everything is in a tizzy."

Mr. Smith said a potential problem facing members, not only in the Great Lakes Area but elsewhere, is the consideration of school officials of making up lost school days by holding classes on the Sabbath.

Should classes be held on Saturdays, Church members could have another problem, since many congregations hold services in public-school facilities. Mr. Smith said many areas use schools to help

ordinator Burk McNair, whose area includes Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia, said the most critical conditions existed in Pennsylvania. He said Chuck Zimmerman, pastor of the Altoona and Indiana, Pa., churches, reported eight- to 10-foot snowdrifts, closed roads and members unable to get to work. Services at the Indiana church had to be canceled because of a lack of fuel.

Mr. McNair said Mr. Zimmerman told him the local area was experiencing frozen sewers, closed schools and libraries and closed roads because of the inability to get fuel to snowplows and a lack of salt for roads.

Mr. McNair said other ministers had been forced to cancel services because of fuel shortages or inclement weather. He said Roy Demarest, pastor of the Harrisburg, Pa., church, said his attendance was running "100 below normal," and other pastors, such as David Johnson,

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Students reach young and old

Serving disadvantaged

By Roger Fakhoury
PASADENA — Ambassador Outreach is an organization of Ambassador students dedicated to serving the disadvantaged and needy in the community and the Church.

The program began in December, 1975. Since then its efforts have enabled 200 Ambassador students to visit and entertain young and old.

"Last year we had over 80 entertainment performances in local convalescent homes and juveniles detention centers," said Dennis Keefe, director of Outreach. "This year we hope to surpass 200."

Outreach is working in cooperation with the dean of students' office and the student council.

Biblical Principles

"Society seems to neglect its elderly and disadvantaged," commented Student Body President John Stryker. "It sort of sends them out to pasture."

"So many times we talk about biblical principles such as visiting the elderly and helping those less blessed than ourselves. Outreach is an effective tool for Ambassador College in helping those who need help and bring a light to the community."

The present divisions of Outreach:



REACHING OUT — Tom Toman, 22, an Ambassador freshman from Albuquerque, N.M., extends a friendly hand while meeting members of a convalescent home in Pasadena. Left: Graduate students Steve Hart of Gibsonburg, Ohio, and junior Jean Severson, 20, of Verona, Wis., sing. [Photos by Choo Sian Ong]

Entertainment. Outreach provides entertainment of all types — musical, acting and speaking — to various groups.

Convalescent-home visiting. This area is in cooperation with a county social-service organization. People in this division visit, usually

in groups of two, those in convalescent homes.

Church program. This area, not yet fully developed, will work chiefly in providing Church needs. It will provide rides to Bible studies and services for those who lack transportation or otherwise may not be able to attend.

Big Brother, Big Sister

As an additional part of this pro-

gram, a new division has been formed, entitled Big Brother, Big Sister, Mr. Keefe says. The division involves Ambassador students who regularly visit children in the church area who are fatherless or motherless.

It is hoped that by spending time with Ambassador students the youngsters will learn the importance of relating to an older brother or sister.

"The response to our appeals for volunteer help has been remarkable," said Mr. Keefe. "Approximately one in three students is now working with Outreach, and we expect the figure to grow."

The purpose of Outreach is in its name. Anyone with ideas, suggestions or comments may address them to: Ambassador Outreach, Dean of Students' Office, 300 W. Green, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.



ENTERTAINMENT TOO — Above: Members of the Outreach group perform for 100 members of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church. Below: Ambassador students Kris Pore, 19, of Ashland, Ohio, left, and Melissa Robinson, 34, of Los Angeles, Calif., talk to residents of a convalescent home. [Photos by Choo Sian Ong and Rick Stodola]



Fight inflation while you shop

By Anne Hayes

FAIRVIEW Heights, Ill. — Compare grocery ads and shop as seldom as possible.

These are Gloria Anderson's guidelines for cutting the family grocery bill and fighting continuing inflation.

Mrs. Anderson, of 30 Howard Drive, Belleville, recently presented a program on shopping and meal

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planning at St. Clair Square.

She also has given the same program to the Belleville Worldwide Church of God Women's Club, of which she is a member.

Calls on Experience

The program was done originally as a women's-club project, Mrs. Anderson says.

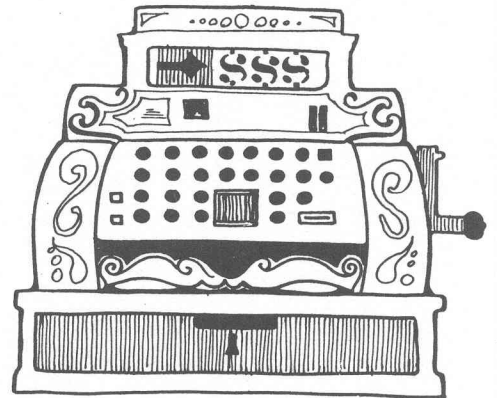
"We find out who does what best and have them teach the rest of us," she says.

Mrs. Anderson prepared her presentation based on her experience of shopping and cooking as the second-oldest child in a family of 12 and later as mother of seven children.

She is married to Jack, a retired production manager for *Look* magazine. Their children range in age from 8 to 25.

St. Clair Square officials "discovered" Mrs. Anderson when she told about the women's-club activities on the radio program *Breakfast at the Square*. The program is aired the first and third Thursdays each month on WIBV. Representatives of different clubs appear each time.

"If anyone knows how to save money and plan meals, it is a woman



with a large family and a small food budget," she says.

Save \$20

Mrs. Anderson says it is possible to save as much as \$20 per week on groceries by following her shopping method.

"Regardless of the size of your budget, it's just unwise to spend money unnecessarily when you can feed your family well for less by using a little careful planning," she says.

Mrs. Anderson suggests comparing prices on grocery items at three or four stores near home. Buy the foods which are on sale, and plan meal menus around those items, she says.

Mrs. Anderson says she saves money by driving to several stores despite the extra gasoline it takes.

"Be sure the price really is a bargain and then stock up," Mrs. Anderson says.

Stocking Up

One "real bargain" is four cans of

canned goods, such as green beans and corn, for \$1. Shoppers should stock up enough for one to two months, she says.

Mrs. Anderson says she never buys fruits in the grocery because prices are too high. Instead, she purchases those products at one of Belleville's several fruit markets.

Bread costs can be cut by buying day-old bread, usually costing 89 cents for about three loaves, she says. Wednesdays are bargain days when shoppers can get four or five loaves for \$1, she adds.

Another of Mrs. Anderson's tips is to buy whole milk, then stretch it by mixing it half and half with powdered milk.

Mrs. Anderson stocks up on eggs when they are on sale. She finds they can be kept well for about six weeks.

Eggs also can be cracked, put in a bowl and frozen she says.

Chicken always is a good buy, Mrs. Anderson says, if it is bought whole and cut up at home. Beef also

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'Quit' not in her vocabulary

Running six to 15 miles daily pays off in marathon record

By Wiley Greene
BIG SANDY — Dragging herself out of bed at 5:30 a.m. after only four hours of sleep, sophomore Ambassador student Karen Kilpatrick, 21, pulls on a pair of red AC sweats, stretches and faces the chilling early-morning air. After having jogged three to five miles she is ready for another rigorous day of work and classes.

Even though not every day begins with this early running schedule, Karen's training, ranging from six to 15 miles a day, paid off Dec. 12 as she set a new Ambassador women's marathon record with a time of 3 hours 31 minutes 16 seconds for the 26 miles 385 yards. Karen broke the previous record she had set by 26 minutes.

Karen is the second in a family of four girls and feels it was "sort of nice not having any brothers, because I got to do many things that my brothers would have gotten to do."

She was born in El Paso, Tex., the

adventures, among the most notable is her participation in the adventure organization Outward Bound. Outward Bound is like a Marine boot camp in which everything must be done as a group in order to complete the assigned projects successfully, she says. Extensive training concentrating on hiking and backpacking is a part of the overall program.

Karen's mother was in one of the first groups of women allowed to go. "When she came back I could see a really big change, so I decided I wanted to go too." Karen applied and was accepted.

Before her acceptance Karen concluded she would have to somehow overcome her fear of heights, since the program she was about to face would call for climbing along high ledges and peaks. She decided on a two-story building, not just to climb along, however, but to jump off of.

Her first jump was successful, with no casualties. She wasn't quite so lucky, though, on her second jump. "It was dark outside, and I must have been on a weak ledge," she describes. "Anyway, I fell and hit a tree, consequently breaking my back."

Since she had already been accepted to Outward Bound, she decided not to say anything about the injury. She was put in a brace that she was to remain in for a month and a half, but "refused to keep it on" past two weeks.

"I ran the day I got home from the hospital," Karen says. But her back did bother her later, and, since it never healed properly, she injured it several more times.

Outward Bound consisted of innumerable adventures, including cliff climbing, rappel and white-water canoeing, but one of the most important features as far as Karen was con-



WOMAN RUNNER — Karen Kilpatrick is paced by AC sophomore Mark Garwood as a motorcyclist follows in the last few miles of the seventh annual Ambassador College marathon Dec. 12. Karen, the only woman who ran, placed 11th among the 21 runners with a time of 3 hours 31 minutes 16 seconds for the 26-mile course. She broke her previous record by 26 minutes. (Photo by Joan Tookikian)

cerned was a three-day solo trip into a wilderness.

"It was a time for us to reflect on what we had learned and ask ourselves how we could apply it. We were encouraged to fast and were only given one package of cocoa and a cup of raisins and peanuts. I didn't eat anything.

"The whole thing, not just the fast, was really a mental test given physically. We learned that by putting our mind over our body we could totally surpass what we thought were our physical limits."

Skated to Work

Of course Karen didn't spend all her time before college climbing mountains or shooting rapids; she held down several jobs as well. After graduating from high school she worked as an insurance underwriter.

LOST BIBLE BOOKS

BY TAMMY MILLER

When these 37 books of the Bible were placed on a shelf, they got lost. Can you find them? Look for them standing up and lying down on the "shelves" (in this puzzle none is leaning). Circle the found books in the puzzle and check the names off the list. When you have found all 37, see if you can place them in the order found in the Bible. ("Jude" is in bold type to get you started.)

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daughter of Lester and Patricia Kilpatrick, and moved numerous times before her family settled in Grifton, N.C. Before finishing high school she worked summers in tobacco fields. "By my senior year I was so sick of the tobacco fields I got another job working as a maid instead," she says.

Hard physical work such as this, for a low wage, taught her the "necessity of acquiring a good education."

In 1973 she graduated from Ayden-Grifton High School, where she had been fairly active in sports. Karen recalls, "Mom stuck us sisters in a lot of competitive swimming meets."

Karen was on the swimming team until she was about 12 years old, but then, since she had become interested in basketball, she began to compete in it instead. Later she made the women's varsity basketball team.

Outward Bound

Of her many accomplishments and

"To get to work I roller-skated about two miles to and from town," she says. "I had no other way of getting to work unless I walked or cycled."

Karen also attended a year and a half of night school, studying carpentry. She had previously helped her father build their two-story house. "It was a family effort, and it left me with a number of useful skills."

Karen has continued her active life since she began attending college here in the fall of 1975. She has been especially active in several sports, namely cycling, but also track and cross-country.

Her attitude toward competition she feels she owes to her mother, who feels a person should "try everything, and, whatever you do, do a good job. Don't do a second-rate job."

Karen did not run track last spring, even though she had a 6-minute 20-second average mile for the 24-hour relay and took first place in the Ambassador College Women's Cross-Country Invitational.

"She says, 'I've always run to relieve pressure, but I had to run after track practice to relieve the tension that the practice had caused.'"

Before this year's marathon she was training six to eight miles a day during "easy weeks" and 12 to 15 miles during harder weeks. As was mentioned, this training did pay off when Karen smashed the women's Ambassador marathon record.

Cross-Country Bicycling

After cross-country season last year Karen became a member of the cycling team and went on the coast-to-coast bike trip last summer. About this trip she states: "It was hard physically, but it was worth it. In things I have done such as this, like the marathon or 24-hour relay, a lot of people ask me the question, 'Didn't you ever want to quit?'"

"Quit" should never be allowed in your vocabulary or else you'll never finish. That is one of the nicest things about such hard physical tasks. You quickly learn that in order to succeed you need God's help.

"The friends I've made on the cycling team have been the biggest source of help and encouragement in my life."

Karen expresses as well her feelings toward Larry Haworth of the college physical-education faculty, the cycling coach. "I owe so much to Mr. Haworth. No matter how many times you might let him down he'll never let you down. He's a powerful leader."

Besides her physical activities, Karen does take time off to study. Since she only requires about four

hours of sleep a night, and usually no more than an hour and a half at a stretch, she spends a lot of that time reading and studying.

"I'm tired," she says, "but when I'm tired I run in order to wake up and I find myself more alert. I don't like to sleep."

Karen seems to have an extremely positive attitude toward life, which has obviously been a carryover from sports. As for her future, she has no set physical goals other than "changing and improving myself enough so I can be of some use helping other people."

60 attend first service held in Accra

ACCRA, Ghana — Church members met in formal Sabbath services here Dec. 25 for the first meeting of the new Accra church, with Black African Work director Harold Jackson flying in from his office in Brick-et Wood, England, for the occasion.

Members met in the auditorium of the National Museum here, according to Church member Solomon Ayitey of Accra.

"It was a historic day for the brethren who are scattered all over southern Ghana, some of whom had been praying for this occasion for over 10 years," Mr. Ayitey said. "There were 60 people [present] from within a radius of 103 miles of Accra."

Mr. Ayitey said attendance should increase in the future since some people who would have come to the inaugural service did not hear about it in time because of "slow delivery of mail" from Brick-et Wood.

"A unique fact and an indication of the possible trend for the future was the presence of about 25 new faces in the congregation," Mr. Ayitey said.

Abner D. Washington, pastor here, said the first service was "a happy day for me." He announced that a church was to begin in Kumasi, 169 miles north of here, Jan. 8 for members in northern Ghana with two services a month.

In his closing remarks Mr. Jackson said he was "very grateful to God for the attendance, and I will tell the brethren at Brick-et Wood how blessed we are in having a church here and at an absolutely unbelievable price."

After services, Mr. Ayitey said, new and old members spent an hour getting acquainted.

Hope exists for victims with MS

By John Howard

BLOOMFIELD, N.B. — The list of diseases and their effects is mind boggling. It would take a mountain of paper to catalog them, but one in particular, although seldom fatal, can be devastating to its victims: young men and women in the prime of life. That disease is multiple sclerosis.

MS is a complex enigma. The cause or cure is not known, but much progress is being made in solving the puzzle.

Its effects vary. For some it means rapid and total disability, for others an inconvenience. But for most the distress is between the two extremes. Weak arms, weak legs, poor hearing, loss of vision, double vision, lack of bladder or bowel control and chronic fatigue are just a few of the symptoms of MS.

Perhaps the best device to illustrate how MS reaps its grim harvest is a simple analogy.

Picture a telephone switchboard that serves a complex building, and compare it to the central nervous system of a human being. Suppose a fire should occur that destroys the insula-

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tion on the wires in the switchboard. The result would be chaos. There would be signals going to the wrong phones, garbled voices over many phones simultaneously and, in short, total confusion.

MS is like having a fire destroy the insulation on nerves. This destruction causes the signals from the brain to be short-circuited, thereby causing many confusing reactions in the body. For example, suppose that a signal is sent by the brain for a leg to move forward. If the signal is short-circuited the leg might move backward, sideways or not at all. The same can be said of any of the signals from the brain, whether to the eyes, ears, arms or bladder. If any of these signals is interrupted, many strange reactions can occur.

Welfare Existence

Physical disability, however, is not the primary problem caused by MS, or for that matter any disease. The main problem is hopelessness. Utter despair for the future, because all many can see is increasing disability, divorce and a welfare existence.

Does it have to be this way? Does a handicapped person have no hope? Can anything be done to avoid defeat?

The answer to the first question is no; to the second the answer is, yes, there is hope; the answer to the third is a resounding yes, because much can be done to prevent defeat.

But it will take effort and discipline on the part of the patient, and love from family and friends.

Too often the help given by others turns out to be a hindrance. To treat the patient as a helpless baby only increases helplessness. Caring for those we love is natural, especially if illness is involved, but emotion can blind us to the fact that the patient is still human and has human needs: a need to be self-reliant, a need to be loved (not coddled), a need to show love, and above all, the need to be useful and productive.

The fact of the illness has to be recognized and accepted, but not used as an excuse to avoid life's responsibilities. Therefore it is necessary to guard against pity, or self-

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THE BIG HUNT

Grandpa pushed back his chair from the table and turned to Jim Wilson. "As soon as this good supper that Grandma fixed us settles a little, we'll go hunting."

Jim gave a happy cheer. "That's great! Am I old enough now?"

"You sure are. But you'll have to walk on my left and keep a little behind me. I have to know right where you are all the time. Can you do that?"

"I sure can. What are we going to hunt for?"

"Raccoons."

Major raised his head from his dish of dog food in the corner of the kitchen. Raccoon hunting was one of his favorite sports! He finished the last bite and padded over to the broom closet where Grandpa kept his shotgun and rifle, his tail wagging.

"But I thought you and Major cleared all the coons out of the corncrib last spring," Jim said, puzzled. "Have some come back?"

Asking for a Tussle

"One wandered over here from Browns' timber, I think. I saw his footprints down by the creek."

"They're so cute with their little mask faces," Grandma said as she scraped plates at the sink.

"Now, let's not get sentimental," said Grandpa. "Any animal that raids my corn in a crib is asking for a tussle."

"Major will track him down for you," Jim assured. "Won't you, Major?"

"Wooff!" Major pawed at the broom closet, anxious to start.

The dark, wintry evening was nippy with cold wind as they set out for the timber. A full moon had risen earlier, but now a cloud bank obscured its light. Grandpa led the way down the lane that sloped toward the timber, and Jim kept close behind him and to his left. Major ran from side to side down the fence rows, his nose to the damp ground, panting with joy. The hours-old scent of rabbit was everywhere, but nothing fresh came to his nostrils.

As they drew near the dense woods an owl began a mournful lament. "WHOOOOO-ooooo?"

Grandpa chuckled. "That bird reminds me of how I sound when I get in a bad attitude."

Jim stayed close to Grandpa's tall shape in the darkness as they began to walk among the oaks. Grandpa clicked on his flashlight, trying to follow Major's zigzag path.

"Go on, Major! Get 'em, boy!" called Jim, and Major plunged into underbrush and came out on the bank above Seven Mile Creek. Bounding over the edge, he went down

the sloping bank to where wide, dark water gurgled. There he caught the fresh scent of raccoon. He gave a happy yodel and followed the trail beside the stream and up the bank.

Faster he trotted as the scent grew stronger. Plunging through gooseberry bushes, he kept going, hot on the trail, covering the ground in great leaps.

"Major — wait!" Jim called. Major slowed a bit, but all his instincts pulled him onward. The scent ended at a huge oak tree. Around and



Artwork by Barry Knuth, 10, of Mechanicsville, Va.

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

around the tree he went. The animal had gone up it. Stretching on hind legs, Major clawed the trunk and screamed for Jim to come. He could see a furry animal in the crotch of the tree, 10 feet up.

Nonstop Barking

Grandpa and Jim came puffing up. "Here, Jim, take my flashlight and shine it on that coon up there," Grandpa said. "I'll draw a bead on him."

Major kept up his racket, barking nonstop and yodeling now and then for punctuation.

Two red eyes glared in the light that Jim lashed upward. "Be quiet, Major," Jim ordered. "You're scaring that poor little coon to death. Grandpa, isn't he cute? He's only half grown. Look at him."

"I see him." Click! Grandpa raised the long barrel of the shotgun. "Hold the light steady."

"Grandpa, he doesn't have a chance."

"He's not supposed to have a chance."

"But he's in your timber all alone. If his family lived here, he'd have holed up with them. He won't bother your corn, Grandpa, he just wanted a

drink of water. Please let him off this time."

"Well, now, I suppose I could." The gun lowered.

"You're a great sport, Grandpa." Jim snapped a leash on Major's collar, and the beagle knew the game was over. He gave a final

"Wooff!" and trotted between Jim and Grandpa as they started through the woods to go back to the house. They strolled along in no hurry, and Major's breathing came easier.

"Not a word of this to Grandma," warned Grandpa as they followed the circle of light his flashlight made on the winter ground. "She'll think we're getting soft."

"Jim! Hold onto Major and hit the ground! Fast!"

Jim dropped to his hands and knees and flattened out on his stomach. "What is it?"

"Stay down!"

BLAM! Grandpa's gun went off with a shrieker.

Jim heard the scream of the cat — a wild, hideous sound that made him shiver. Thump! Something hit the ground and ran. A thrashing sound began in the weeds along the cornfield fence, and Jim raised his head. Grandpa was galloping along the fence. BLAM! His gun went off again. He turned and came back, puffing and excited.

"You can get up, Jim. Hold onto Major!"

Jim scrambled up, Major's leash tight in his fingers. "Grandpa, why'd you shoot at the Mattsons' cat?"

Mincemeat Out of Major

"It wasn't Mattsons' cat. It's a lynx. A bobcat. I haven't seen one in this part of the country for 25 years. I'd just as soon see a lion. Come on. I've got to get my rifle and call the neighbors and the game warden and round up that critter before he kills some sheep or calves or dogs."

"Dogs?" Jim held more tightly to the leash.

"Yes. He could make mincemeat out of Major with those teeth and claws. Good thing you hung onto him."

They hurried to the house and Grandpa rushed to the telephone to spread the news. Major begged to go with Grandpa as he went to the door with his rifle, but he shook his head. "No, you can't go this time. You're too small. And too valuable."

The night was long for Major as he listened to the sounds outside. Cars roared past the house, and a pickup truck with barking dogs pulled into the driveway. Later it went out again. Then silence.

Grandpa came in at daybreak, stood his rifle in the closet and announced to Grandma that he was hungry.

"Did you get the bobcat?" Jim asked, tromping down the stairs in his pajamas. Grandma was already at the stove, cooking beef sausage and waffles.

"Nope." Grandpa sat down and pulled off one boot. "But he's gone out of the country. He's following the river, I guess. I doubt if he'll be troubling us again."

Jim removed his other boot and let it drop to the floor. "Jenny, give Major a pat of that beef sausage and a waffle with extra butter on it. If he hadn't spotted that bobcat in the tree we'd be short a lamb or calf this morning."

"It'll be a pleasure," responded Grandma. "That dog is worth a million dollars."

"Yep," said Grandpa. "After taxes, of course," he added, and he winked at the beagle.

Major looked up at Grandpa, winked both brown eyes and smiled.

Member's anecdote turns up in biography

Winston Churchill slept here

By Geoffrey Neilson
 DURBAN, South Africa — When war correspondent Winston Churchill was captured by the Boers (South Africans of Dutch descent) in 1899, 73-year-old Durban member Kay Clegg was not even born. Nevertheless, she tells an intriguing anecdote that found its way into Randolph Churchill's biography of his famous father.

Miss Clegg's grandfather, Robert E. Clegg, was stationmaster of Estcourt, in the South African province of Natal, where the British railroad was located during the Boer War. At the time Ladysmith was besieged, Estcourt became a refugee camp for British farmers' wives and their families.

"One day Winston Churchill arrived at the Estcourt station as a war correspondent," Miss Clegg explains. "He couldn't find accommodation so my grandfather gave him permission to sleep in a tent in his backyard. There was so little accommodation that even my mother and her family were in the refugee camp."

"In the evenings Churchill used to tell the young railway men around the camp fire — and in the bar — of his experiences in Egypt and India. These tales were often so fantastic that my father and his friends used to laugh and accuse Churchill of exaggerating in order to impress them."

Startling Prediction

Then one night Churchill made a startling prediction, relates Miss Clegg. "Mark my words," he said. "I shall be prime minister of England before I'm finished."

"The only response was more laughter," Miss Clegg says.

"Boer forces had penetrated down to Colenso at the time — halfway between Ladysmith and Estcourt. One day a British armored train was sent on a reconnaissance trip in order to get as close to Colenso as possible. My father, George Clegg, was a member of the train's crew."

In his book *My Early Life* Winston Churchill recounts being asked by the commander of the operation, a Capt. Haldane, to travel on the armored train, which he did, in his capacity as war correspondent.

Halfway to Colenso the British train, carrying fusiliers from Dublin, the Durban light infantry, railwaymen and a naval gun, sighted the Boers — and decided to return to Estcourt.

The Boers opened fire on the retreating train. By placing an obstruction on the tracks they also succeeded in derailing the three front freight cars.

Under constant artillery fire from the Boers, the civilian Churchill organized the partial removal of the derailed cars, enabling the engine, tender and more than 40 men to escape. As the Boers descended from the hills around, Churchill left the engine, which contained many wounded and was now 300 yards ahead of the British infantry. His purpose was to bring Capt. Haldane and his men forward. Instead Churchill was confronted by the Boers and captured, on Nov. 15, 1899.

Churchill Did It

"Over 40 years passed," Miss Clegg remembers, "and World War II cast its ominous shadow over the world, when one night my father was reading the newspaper headlines and suddenly exclaimed: 'He's done it!'"

"Who?" I inquired, "has done what?"

"Winston Churchill has become prime minister!" my father answered excitedly.

"And this," says Miss Clegg, "was the first time that I ever heard anything

about the preceding events, which my father then explained to me."

Another 23 years passed and Miss Clegg, in 1963, saw an advertisement in the *Natal Mercury* asking for letters, documents or other information about Sir Winston's life in South Africa to be forwarded to his son Randolph in England.

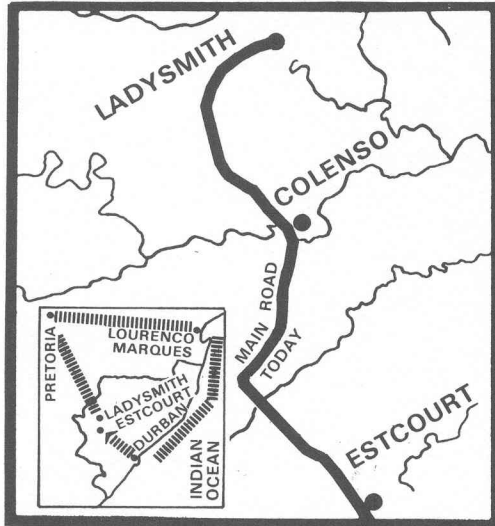
Miss Clegg responded to the advertisement, and her letter appears in the first volume of *Winston S. Churchill (Youth 1874-1900)*, by Randolph Churchill.

"Perhaps your father, who has led such a full life," she wrote, "has forgotten this little event, but my father, who died at age 77, in 1951,

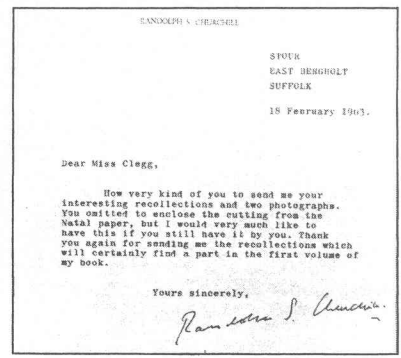
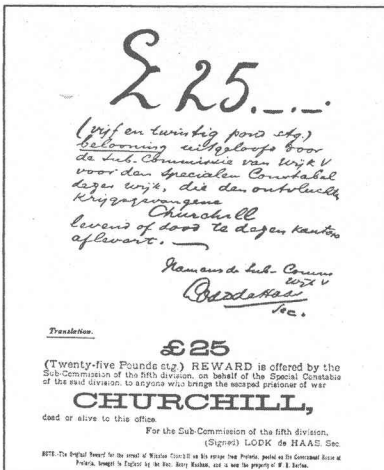
did not forget it, and I shall not forget it, for I am very proud to know that my grandfather and my father knew your father, who became such a wonderful leader of men in Britain's darkest hour."

Randolph Churchill cites two other accounts of the young Winston's assertion that he would one day be prime minister, alongside Miss Clegg's.

"If these records of Churchill expressing this audacious opinion to three people in three years, in three different continents, are correct," he concludes, "it is legitimate to suppose that he must have expressed it to a score of others."



CHURCHILL'S TRAVELS — The map shows Estcourt, Colenso and Ladysmith as linked by a main road today. The train Winston Churchill was riding derailed halfway between Estcourt and Colenso. Ladysmith is about 30 miles (50 kilometers) from Estcourt as the crow flies. (The thin, crooked lines are rivers.) The map inset depicts Churchill's travels from Durban just before his capture and his return there via Lourenco Marques. When Churchill returned to Durban he was popularly hailed as a hero. His speech to the people on that occasion is commemorated by a stone monument, above. [Map and photo by Geoffrey Neilson]



MISS GREGG'S PART — A notice published by the Boers, left, offered a reward, dead or alive, for the escaped Winston Churchill. Kay Clegg, center, received the letter reproduced at right from Randolph Churchill after she had written him about his father's life in South Africa. [Photo by Geoffrey Neilson]

Compare and shop as seldom as possible

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 is a good buy now, though it is best to buy a half or whole side and freeze it. Turkey often is a bargain. Mrs. Anderson says. She suggests buying two or three, which should last the year, when they are on sale, and freezing them.

When it comes to hamburger, Mrs. Anderson says, don't skimp on the quality. Buy a good grade of hamburger, she says, because the cheaper grades "fry down and you haven't saved."

Shoppers never should pay full price for soft drinks, soaps, flour or sugar, she says, because they always are on sale at some area store.

And mayonnaise, oil, shortening, ketchup and similar items are on sale often enough so shoppers can stock up even to last between sales, she says.

Be Sure of Bargains
 Another rule: "No nonfood items should be bought in the grocery unless you're sure it is a bargain," Mrs. Anderson says.

Hamburger casseroles, stews, soups and chicken are all good money-saving meals, she says.

Today "Lifestyle" offers a recipe for Mrs. Anderson's hamburger casserole, which she says "my kids love better than anything else." Another

using leftover chicken comes from a brochure distributed during the program.

Two Recipes
Hamburger casserole: 1 can vegetarian beans; hamburger; onions to taste; brown sugar to taste.
 Brown hamburger and onions together. Add vegetarian beans. Add brown sugar. Heat thoroughly. Ready in 10 minutes.
Chicken burgers: 2 tablespoons butter or margarine; 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion; ¼ cup chopped green pepper; 3 tablespoons flour; 1 cup chicken broth; 1 eight-ounce can tomato sauce; 1½ tea-

spoons salt; 1 tablespoon prepared horseradish; 1 tablespoon prepared mustard; 2 cups diced, cooked chicken; 4 hamburger buns.
 Heat butter in skillet. Add onion and green pepper. Cook until tender but not brown.
 Blend in flour. Gradually add broth and tomato sauce. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened.
 Add salt, horseradish, mustard and chicken. Heat to serving temperature.
 While mixture is heating, toast hamburger buns. Butter and toast lightly.
 Spoon chicken mixture over toasted buns.

Financial aid is available

Can you afford to go to college?

By Roger Fakhoury
 PASADENA — With rising prices and inflation the way it is, can people still afford to go to college? Many have gone through the sobering experience of counting the cost of higher education, but the directors of financial aids for the two Ambassador campuses say Ambassador is one of the most inexpensive private schools in America.

The directors — Melton McNeely here in Pasadena and Jim Kissee of the Big Sandy campus — estimate room, board and tuition at either Ambassador Campus for the 1977-78 school year at \$2,300 to \$2,800 for the two semesters.

However, that sum need not frighten a potential Ambassador student, the directors say, because there are several ways for AC students to pay for their college education.

"Higher education and financial aid have always gone hand in hand," Mr. McNeely says. "In fact, many reports state that no student in America has ever paid the full cost of higher education."

A recent article by the Associated Press illustrates the situation. According to the AP, David Busse, financial-aid adviser at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., thinks many middle-class parents fail to realize their sons and daughters may be eligible for a number of programs that could pay their way through college.

Growing Practice

"The main problem has been misinformation," he says. "The publicity has led people in the middle-income bracket to think they can't get loans" and that aid is available only for the most needy students.

Mr. Busse is calling attention to what he calls a growing practice of colleges to publicize the availability of state and federal assistance, ranging from loans and outright grants to work-related programs.

He cites the example of a Wisconsin family with a gross income of \$28,000 and three of its four children in college. It is receiving \$2,500 annually in grants and loans.

Mr. Busse says that, in many states, it is simply a matter of filling out an application.

Then an agency or college reviews the data and reports what might be available for the schools the applicant is interested in.

He says an applicant might even qualify for more assistance for a private college (such as Ambassador, for example) than for a less-expensive state university.

"There is no magic formula," Mr. Busse says. "There are a lot of factors: the size of the family, a sudden financial need such as a medical expense, the price of the institution."

He also cites the example of a family with one student in college having an annual income of \$17,500 and discovering it was eligible for \$3,350 for a second child who wanted to enroll in a college at an estimated annual expense of \$5,500.

Even some families earning more than \$30,000 have qualified, he says.

Most students, he advises, arrange funding through a combination of grants and loans from state, federal and campus sources.

Parents Pay Taxes

At present, on both Ambassador campuses, more than 75 percent of the American students and 98 percent of those from other countries are already benefiting in some way from the financial-aid programs, says Big Sandy financial-aids director Kissee,

who is also director of student employment on the Texas campus.

"Many students enter Ambassador College with a feeling that it is wrong to accept financial aid," he says. "In my opinion it is not wrong. Most parents pay taxes, and financial aids are made available from taxes. It's the government's way of encouraging postsecondary education."

Mr. Kissee says the "financial-aid community" classifies monetary aid to students as "self-help" or "gift aid."

"Self-help consists of programs in which the student is directly active,"



he says. "Gift aid consists of programs that come to the student with direct involvement."

Self-help programs include part-time employment, summer jobs, personal savings, federal and local loans, earned scholarships and college-sponsored work programs.

Gift aid includes grants (Basic Educational Opportunity Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, gifts from states and grants for special talent), contributions from parents and gifts from other relatives and friends.

"In general, self-help and gift aid are combined in a package form to fit the funds available and the needs of the students," Mr. Kissee says. "So all students should seek all they can to provide for their education. Many programs are available, sponsored by the federal government, by states, by localities, by businesses, by organizations, by individuals, by associations and by other private sources."

What's Available

Nine areas of aid are available to Ambassador students, according to Mr. McNeely and Mr. Kissee. They are as follows:

Please send me an Ambassador College General Catalog for:

PASADENA BIG SANDY (You may check both.)

Please send me an application for admission.

PASADENA BIG SANDY (Check first choice of campus.)

NAME.....AGE.....SEX.....

ADDRESS.....

CITY/STATE/ZIP.....

COUNTRY.....PHONE (.....)

Clip coupon and mail to: Admissions Office, Ambassador College, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A., or Admissions Office, Ambassador College, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A., as soon as possible.



• **Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG).** Awards are based on the student and the individual families' resources. Grants under this government program range from \$200 to \$1,400. More than 200 students received these awards during the 1976-77 school year at Pasadena, the amounts received averaging \$1,100 per student.

• **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG).** This grant is for students of exceptional financial need who without assistance would be unable to continue their education. The awards range from \$200 to \$1,500 a year.

• **National Direct Student Loan (NDSL).** Repayment on this loan begins nine months after the student graduates or otherwise leaves school. The interest rate is 3 percent on the unpaid balance. An application is required for this loan, which is based on need.

• **Ambassador College student-activity grants-in-aid.** These are sponsored by the departments concerned with athletics, broadcasting (Pasadena only), music, publications and student leadership (the student deals' offices). Applications should



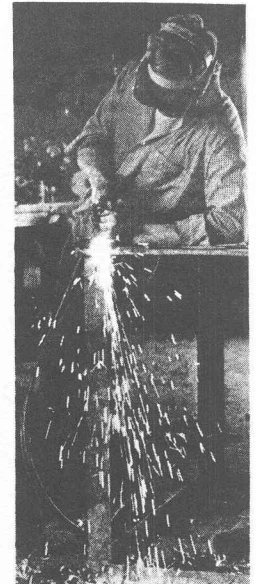
be made directly to the applicable department.

• **Federally Insured Student Loan (FISL).** Students may borrow up to \$2,500 a year from participating banks. The interest rate is 7 percent, with no repayment until nine months after graduation. In addition, most borrowers qualify for interest benefits provided by the federal government until nine months after graduation.

• **California State Scholarships (Pasadena only).** Applicants must be residents of California. Scholarships, which usually pay full tuition, are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and potential and financial need.

• **Ambassador College scholarships and grants.** Limited funds are available for U.S. and international students based on need, leadership qualities, academic achievement and student potential.

• **College Work Study (CWS) program.** The CWS provides jobs for students who have financial need and who must earn a part of their educational expenses. This program is



HELP AVAILABLE — Many avenues of financial help are open to Ambassador College students of both campuses. Left: Larry Branam, business manager on the Big Sandy campus, offers his services to a registering student. Far left and above: Ambassador students Kathy Braden and John Tibbs, at their on-campus places of employment, defray part of their college expenses through an Ambassador work program. Below: Big Sandy financial-aids director Jim Kissee assists Ramona Karels in looking over information about the federally sponsored Basic Educational Opportunity Grant. (Photos by Tom Hanson and John Wright)

funded 80 percent by the government. The hourly salary will be at least \$2.50.

• **Ambassador College institutional employment or work program.** Part-time employment opportunities are available on campus. Wages vary from a minimum of \$2.50 to \$4.86 an hour.

Off-Campus Work

In addition, students in Pasadena who do not qualify for financial aid can receive assistance in finding work off campus. Currently, says Mr. McNeely, there is a "fairly high" demand for AC students.

The Financial Aids Office on each campus urges students applying for college to request application forms for financial assistance as soon as possible.

Write: Ambassador College, Financial Aids Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A., or Ambassador College, Financial Aids Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

Or fill out and mail the coupon accompanying this article.

The who of YOU

PASADENA — YOU will be two years old in April. In the 21 months since its birth, in April, 1975, Youth Opportunities United, the Church's organization for 12- to 19-year-olds, has sponsored national basketball, volleyball, track-and-field and cheerleading tournaments, contests in photography, writing and "talent" and, on an international level, a conference of 310 young people from around the world. That's not to mention YOU's yearly Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn. (SEP predates YOU, but the youth program now sponsors the summer camp.)

YOU, a scattered group of 6,000 Church youths — most of them in the United States, though the program is getting off the ground in several other countries — is directed by Jim Thornhill, who, since being named to the post, has acquired a staff of seven people who work out of an office on the Ambassador College campus here.

The staff doesn't really end with the director and his immediate assistants, of course. A coordinator heads each of the eight YOU regions in this country, and in each church area in which YOU is active a local coordinator, appointed by the pastor, and other interested Church members work with the YOU president and other youth officers and members of the program.

The other countries YOU is getting started in — including Australia, Belgium, Canada, England, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa and West Germany — have, or will have, their own directors to spearhead and coordinate.

The eight staffers here, though, are the only ones working directly for YOU who are on the Work's payroll. Six are full time; two are Ambassador students who work for YOU part time.

In the Beginning

Mike Blackwell, one of two associate directors, talked about the history of the program. Though the need for a Church youth organization had long been felt by Garner Ted Armstrong, it all really began to catch on with a basketball tournament in March, 1975, Mr. Blackwell said.

"We had four regional tournaments before the national in Pasadena," he said, which was staged "just to see what would happen, to see what the interest would be" in a nationwide (and later worldwide) organized series of activities for young people in the Church.

At that tournament "we had something like a national [youth] program in mind about two years down the pipe," Mr. Blackwell said. But "during the basketball-



tournament finals we had a meeting with the ministers and the coaches of the various areas who came out, and they emphasized the need for getting something going on a national basis immediately."

Mr. Blackwell at that time worked

for C. Wayne Cole, then director of church administration, so he took the matter up with Mr. Cole and with Mr. Thornhill, an assistant to Mr. Armstrong. By then it was early April, 1975.

"We went to Wayne and to Jim," Mr. Blackwell said, "and they came over for a second meeting, and then we had a second meeting for everybody. The need was voiced so strongly at that meeting that following the meeting Wayne Cole and Jim went to GTA, and that evening the youth organization was announced, although it wasn't actually named YOU until a couple, two or three, months later."

Mr. Armstrong named Mr. Thornhill to direct YOU and Ron Dick and Mr. Blackwell to assist as associate directors. These three men still hold the same positions, and a fourth, Mark Ashland, has been named assistant YOU director.

Who's Who

In all, Mr. Thornhill said, including himself only eight people make up the paid staff. (For a profile of Mr. Thornhill, see the accompanying article.)

Ron Dick, 30, an associate director of YOU, comes from a family deeply involved with the Work for many years. His father, Ray, is manager and housing representative for the Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Feast of Tabernacles site. His brother Bob is pastor of the church in Columbus, Ohio, and another brother, Randy, is a personal assistant to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Dick is a 1969 graduate of the now-closed Brickett Wood, England, campus of Ambassador. Born in Caldwell, Idaho, he is married to the former Linda Faire of Seattle, Wash.

After college Mr. Dick taught at the Church-sponsored Imperial High School in Pasadena until it closed, in 1974, then transferred to the dean of students' office at Ambassador for a year.

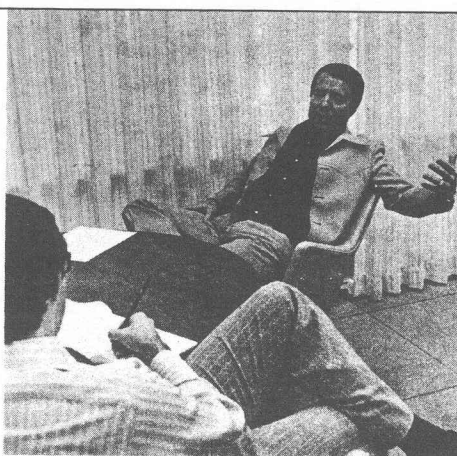
Mr. Dick, who has "always worked with young people" and who has attended SEP in Minnesota every year since 1963 (his sophomore year in high school), now heads north each summer to help run the camp.

Mr. Dick and his wife have two daughters, Jenny, 3½, and Julee, 6½.

YOU's other associate director, Mr. Blackwell, is a 31-year-old native of Kilgore, Tex., about 25 miles southeast of Ambassador's Big Sandy campus. Mr. Blackwell graduated from Imperial in Big Sandy in 1964 and from Ambassador, Pasadena, in 1968.

He met his wife, the former Carol Howie, at Ambassador. They have two children, Jonathan, 5, and Rebecca, 5 months.

Mr. Blackwell's brother Dean is an evangelist and faculty member at



YOU DIRECTOR — YOU director Jim Thornhill is interviewed in YOU's offices by *Worldwide News* managing editor John Robinson. (Photos by Klaus Rothe)



Director longtime friend, aide of GTA

PASADENA — "The first time I met Mr. Ted Armstrong was following a pickup basketball game on a Sunday afternoon shortly after I was hired by Ambassador College in August of 1963," explained Jim Thornhill, longtime friend and aide of Garner Ted Armstrong and director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), in discussing his background in the Work.

Mr. Thornhill, 39, who has served as YOU director since the program's inception, said he was nervous about that first meeting with Mr. Armstrong but found him personable.

"He invited me by his house for a beer after the basketball game," Mr. Thornhill said. "As we were sitting around his house I picked up a ukulele that was lying there and began to play it. We found we both liked so many of the same things. It just seemed like from the day we met there has been a strong friendship."

Mr. Thornhill, who lives near the campus here with his wife, Darlene, daughter, Trinite "Trin," 16, and son, Alan, 10, has served in several responsibilities in the Work. Mr. Thornhill, who once herded sheep for four months and worked a stint as

a rodeo clown, was originally hired as a swimming instructor by the college's Physical Education Department.

No Swimming Pool

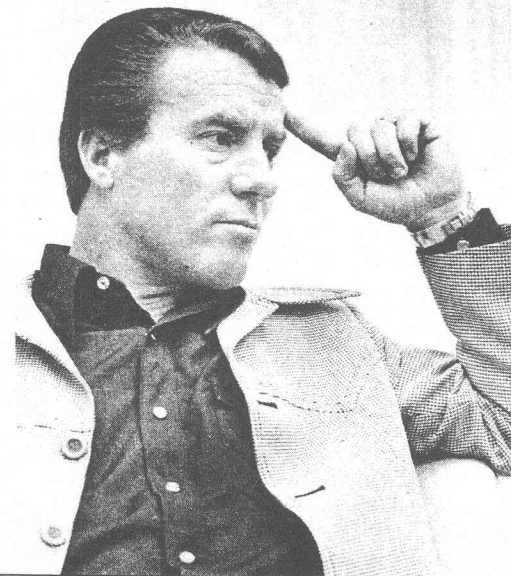
"I was actually hired eight months before we had a swimming pool," he said, explaining that the gymnasium and natatorium here were still under construction at the time.

His next job with the Work also came as a result of his experiences. "Around 1965 Mr. Ted Armstrong began videotaping his radio broadcasts in anticipation of making telecasts."

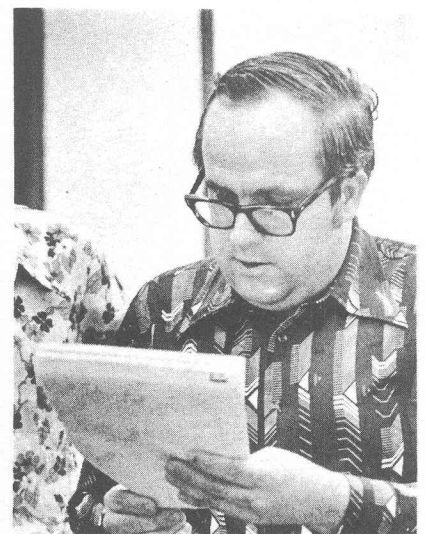
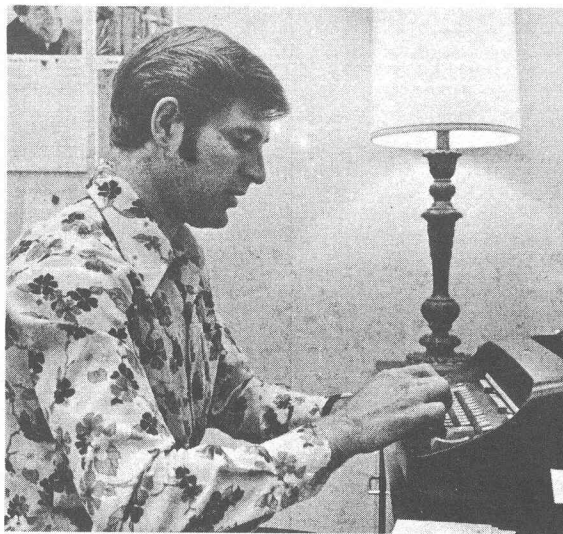
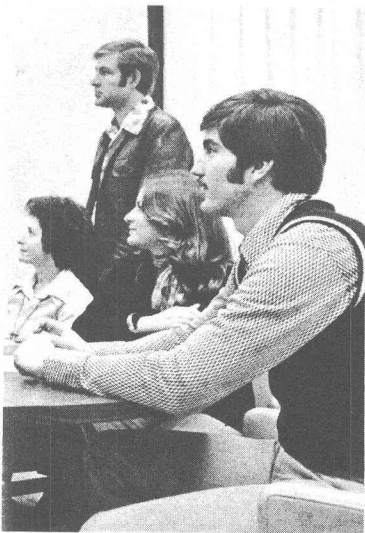
For the four years before joining the college's physical-education program, Mr. Thornhill had worked for electronics firms in and around Baldwin Park, Calif. It was also during this period that he first heard *The World Tomorrow* broadcast, which led to his baptism in August, 1960.

At first he served as floor director for the Television Production Department while continuing to work as a swimming instructor. "Mr. Armstrong would occasionally ask me to accompany him on a trip. This, cou-

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Big Sandy, and his brother Tom is pastor of the Harrison, Ark., church.

Mark Ashland, the 22-year-old assistant director of YOU, is a 1976 graduate of Ambassador, Pasadena, who majored in psychology. Mr. Ashland, originally from Ames, Iowa, coordinates sports, such as basketball, volleyball and track and field events, for YOU and is now helping make plans for this year's Summer Educational Program.

He has spent six summers at Orr, including five on the water-ski crew and one as a counselor. Recently married, Mr. Ashland said he loves "working with teenagers."

To SEP via Photography

Jeanne E. Kloster, born in Yakima, Wash., in 1925, is office manager for the YOU-sponsored SEP. Mrs. Kloster, who has two sons and five daughters whose ages range from 17 to 27, came to Pasadena in 1964 to teach at Imperial, eventually becoming the school's audio-visual coordinator.

She once worked with a family business called Kloster's Camera Shop, and she first attended SEP in 1964 as a photographer. (Several of her more recent photographs have appeared in SEP coverage in *The Worldwide News*.)

Mrs. Kloster, whose nonphotographic interests include golf, snow skiing, swimming and "whatever the kids are doing," began working with SEP after Imperial closed and now coordinates business affairs of the summer program.

She holds a bachelor's degree from Seattle University and a master's in education from California State at Los Angeles.

Secretary Kimberly McCullough, 22, completes the list of six YOU employees who are full time in the Work. Miss McCullough, whose father is Leslie McCullough, evangelist and director of the International Division, describes herself as having "brown hair and brown eyes"; she's 5 feet 6, "and I have a charming sense of humor."

"I love clothes," she said, "the Cowboys, Texas, ice cream and Starsky — of *Starsky and Hutch*. My favorite colors are brown, blue and burgundy, and my favorite sport is sunbathing."

Miss McCullough, who has worked for YOU for a year, lived in Big Sandy for much of her life. "I attended Imperial for 12 years and worked at SEP for three summers," she said. She attended two years of Ambassador College at Big Sandy before moving to Pasadena to work full time and "join my family."

Miss McCullough, who likes to travel and who "very much" admires television newswoman Barbara Walters, in addition to her secretarial duties helps organize YOU sports tournaments and helped plan

WHO'S WHO — Jim Thornhill, above left, outlines plans for a YOU activity to his staff. The two associate directors of YOU are Ron Dick, above center, and Mike Blackwell, above right. (Photos by Klaus Rothe)

the recent international youth conference at Big Sandy.

The Part-Time Staff

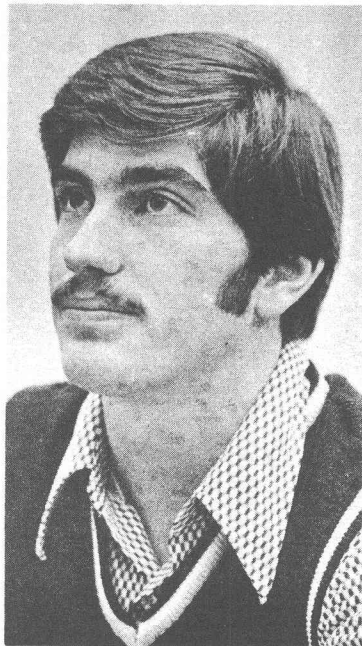
Besides the six full-time employees are two part-time staffers who are also Ambassador College students, Beth Quillen and Michelle Rasmussen.

Miss Quillen, 21, was born in Pueblo, Colo., and spent six years in Des Moines, Iowa, just before coming to Pasadena, where her parents now also live.

She is a senior psychology major, her interests include sports and travel, and her job at YOU is "keeping up the computer mailing lists and membership files."

Michelle Rasmussen, the other part-time employee, is an Ambassador sophomore who "plans on going into public relations."

Miss Rasmussen, who likes "working with people," has lived in Pasadena 13 years and attended Imperial from first grade until it closed. "I do secretarial work for YOU as well as work with travel arrangements and YOU projects," she said.



YOU WHO — Completing the staff are Mark Ashland, above left; Jeanne Kloster, above right; Kimberly McCullough, below left; Beth Quillen, below center; and Michelle Rasmussen, below right. (Photos by Klaus Rothe)



BABIES

ACCRA, Ghana — Esther Akua, third daughter, fifth child of John and Rebecca Ponku, Jan. 5, 5:15 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces.

BLACKHEATH, Australia — Matthew Owen, first son, first child of Grant and Margaret (Peterson) Sheard, Dec. 11, 7:41 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Jennifer Lynn, third daughter, fourth child of Ron and Myra Philbrock, Dec. 20, 10:34 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Andrew Charles, second son, third child of Charles and Myra Andrade, Dec. 16, 12:02 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Amy Lynn, first daughter, first child of Earl and Roberta (Cordell) Kline, Jan. 7, 7:52 a.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces.

ERIE, Pa. — Gabriel Allen, first son, first child of Gill and Diane Pier, Dec. 12, 11:46 p.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces.

EUGENE, Ore. — Laura Jean, third daughter, third child of Lester and Linda Babb, Dec. 21, 5:07 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Edward Joseph, second son, second child of Forrest and Joanne Heiser, Jan. 2, 7 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces.

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Derrick Kelvin Joseph, first son, first child of Robert and Janette Agelias Bean, Oct. 23, 3:02 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces.

EDINBURGH, Scotland — Samantha Jane, second daughter, fourth child of David and Sheila Sheridan, Dec. 21, 1:10 a.m., 5 pounds 11 1/2 ounces.

ESTEVAN, Sask. — Arlean Kay, first daughter, second child of Ken and Colleen (Matthews) Frank, Jan. 8, 3:40 p.m., 9 pounds 9 ounces.

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Clint Anton, sixth son, eighth child of Charles and Cathy Wallace, Nov. 29, 10 a.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Alfred Kevin, first son, third child of Bill and Linda Powell, Dec. 19, 8:56 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Adam Stephen, second son, third child of Ed and Cheryl Graunke, Jan. 6, 1:47 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce.

PASADENA, Calif. — Elizabeth Rachael, first daughter, first child of Richard and Deb (Dezzo) Beebe, Jan. 8, 5:47 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces.

PERTH, Australia — Caroline Fey, first daughter, fourth child of John and Barbara Taylor, Dec. 26, 5:20 a.m., 5 pounds 7 ounces.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Denise Leah, first daughter, first child of Richard and Merrilee Mize, Dec. 16, 6:05 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Theodore Robert, second son, fourth child of Harold and Jeannette (Estep) Haskins, Dec. 25, 12:42 a.m., 10 pounds.

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. — James Andrew, second son, sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. William Wall, Jan. 3, 3:45 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.

REGINA, Sask. — Beverly Jane, first daughter, first child of Lloyd and Helen Teetaert, Jan. 14, 3:45 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces.

ROANOKE, Va. — Peler Aaron, second son, second child of Don and Diane Goddard, Dec. 31, 10:20 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces.

ROME, Ga. — Laura Tennifer, second daughter, second child of Michael and Shirley Johnson, Nov. 17, 8:26 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Stephanie Gail, first daughter, second child of Lloyd and Doris Ann James, Jan. 3, 6:45 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces.

SAINT JOHN, N.B. — David Paul, second son, second child of Kinn and Paul Kneebone, Dec. 7, 8:22 p.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Jennifer Diane, first daughter, first child of Ronald and Marcia (Small) Carroll, Dec. 9, 6:48 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Travis Eugene, first son,

first child of Jeff and Vickie Decker, Dec. 21, 10:17 p.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces.

SEATTLE, Wash. — Kenneth Eugene, second son, second child of Don and Cathy (Slack) Jackson, Dec. 4, 8:05 a.m., 9 pounds.

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Blade Wayne, first son, first child of Nolan and Karon (Wolcott) Davis, Oct. 31, 9:47 a.m., 2 pounds 2 1/2 ounces.

TORONTO, Ont. — Jo-Anne Louise, daughter of Joyce and Benjamin Gerald, Dec. 5, 9:53 a.m., 7 pounds 13 1/2 ounces.

TORONTO, Ont. — Robin Adrienne, second daughter, third child of Ernest and Candice Ens, Jan. 2, 9 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces.

TULSA, Okla. — Jennifer Danielle, second daughter, second child of Dan and Pat Harris, Sept. 24, 5:51 p.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces.

WINNIPEG, Man. — Janica Lynn, second daughter, third child of Nestor and Kerry Guspodaruk, Dec. 20, 12:36 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces.

WONDONGA, Australia — Benjamin John, first son, third child of Robert and Shirley Hodgkinson, Jan. 7, 3:40 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.

Ich moechte sehr mit Maedchen und Jungen, die etwa 16 bis 25 Jahre alt sind (mehr oder weniger) korrespondieren. Besonders moechte ich mit Maedchen und Jungen, die in den Alpenländern wohnen, ein Briefwechsel anfangen (Oesterreich, die Schweiz, oder Sueddeutschland). Alle aus Europa sind aber willkommen, mir zu schreiben. Ich genieesse Musik hoeren und spielen, und ich habe beinahe alles im Freien gern. Wir koennen ueber fast alles schreiben, und Du kannst mir entweder auf deutsch oder auf englisch schreiben. Hier ist meine Adresse: Dan Birks, Rt. 1, Box 115A, Charlo, Mont., 9924, U.S.A.

Char and Mike Benson, where are you now? It's time for my semiannual report, but I don't have your current address. Robert Dunham, 1935 Yosemite, Birmingham, Mich., 48008.

Colin Sutcliffe, where art thou? Somewhere in Australia? Please let me have your new address. I saw the good news in W.N. Regards to all. From Sarraff, Fred and Olive Ward.

Hello, I'm Gary, 18. Would like to write teens in Worldwide Church of God. Gary Olmstead, 1315 Calera St., Vista, Calif., 92083.

Hi, I'm 17 1/2. Would like to hear from teens 16 to 19, especially around St. Louis and Big Sandy. We may attend the Feast at Big Sandy or Ozark this year. Sheila Olmstead, 1721 Eldred Lane, Vista, Calif., 92083.

Young Englishman, 22, visiting California, would like to keep Passover, Unleavened Bread and Pentecost with family or single people same age-group. Anywhere in California considered. Pen friends worldwide also welcome. All answers: Steven Thomas, 14 Westland Rd., Leeds 11, Yorkshire, England.

I am 11 and would like boys or girls 11 to 13 to write. I like horseback riding, roller skating, bowling, swimming. Lynette Rogers, 2573 Merriman Rd., Medford, Ore., 97501.

Male, 35, interested in God's truth, bicycling, archery, hiking, good music, would like pen pals 19 to 30. Verlon Burch, Rt. 1, Box 350, Franklin, N.C., 28734.

Brothers, farmers, wish to write English- or German-speaking ladies 20 to 40, interests: farm life, music, nature. Elmer and Irvn Schlegel, Rt. 1, Ayton, Ont., N0G 1C0, Canada.

Would like to play chess by mail. Don Lebeau, N. Eighth St., Sturgis, S.D., 57785.

Would like to write anyone, any age, from Austria, Switzerland, Germany who speaks English. I'm 25. I enjoy reading, cooking, gardening, letters. Mrs. Allen H. Weber, 5805 Emerson N., Minneapolis, Minn., 55430, U.S.A.

I'm a girl, 18. Would like to correspond with persons (male or female) who write only Fortkner shorthand. Hobbies: fishing, knitting, reading, writing short stories. Leah Jose, Waterworks Rd., Castries, St. Lucia, West Indies.

Wife single female, 24, wishes to write anyone from any country interested in anything you've got to write about, music, dry art. Will answer all. Audrey M. Dennill, 3 St. Christopher Court, 8 Garden St., Rosettenville, 2091, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Floyd and Charlene from Charlene, Nev., I have lost your address. Please write Rose Negrin, 1452 W. 224th St., Torrance, Calif., 90501.

Brian Farrell: Monday morning, sitting in the sun! Hoping and wishing for the mail to come! Tuesday never got a word, mmm! Wednesday, Thursday, and no sign. Drink a half bottle of iodine! Friday, we're in me! I'm gonna hang my body from the highest tree! Why don't you write me? (Paul Simon) Roger and Kathy Miles, Box 1162, Lake Wales, Fla., 33853.

I am 13. Would like pen pals 13 to 15. I like all sports. Lisa Rogers, 2573 Merriman Rd., Medford, Ore., 97501.

Am a member of the Church, 39, single. Would like to hear from fellows or ladies 20 to 30. Hobbies: oil painting, nature, hiking, farming, many others. Am handicapped, but get around very well. Miss Dorothy M. Hildebrand, Rt. 2, Weibsburg, N.Y., 14894.

Member, 32, skilled craftsman, wishes to write ladies. Vincent Schneider, 4783 Rock Spring Rd., Rt. 6, Ravenna, Ohio, 44268.

PERSONALS

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PEN PALS

I am 22, single, would like to hear from other singles around my age. Hobbies: tropical plants, gardening, foreign cooking, writing poetry. Suzanne Springston, 1500 Lillian Rd., Stow, Ohio, 44224.

Divorced Caucasian, 38, mother of boy, 9, baptized January, 1975, seeking pen pals. Main interests: Church, family, reading, knitting, communicating, music. Activities: swimming, skating, dancing, many sports, outdoors, nature. Janet Dupras, 371 11th St. E., No. 9, Cornwall, Ont., K6H 2Y8, Canada.

Would like to write teens who live in Bermuda and will attend the Feast there, or those who live elsewhere but will attend Feast in Bermuda. Paul Farrow, Rt. 2, Box 102A, Hillsboro, Tenn., 37342.

I'm a girl, 12, and would like to hear from a girl or boy 12 to 14 outside of U.S. Hobbies: guitar, softball, volleyball, swimming. Kendall Thomas, Rt. 3, Box 296, Omaha, Neb., 68123.

Immigrated to Canada 1949. Am member of the Vancouver, B.C., church. Would very much like to write members of the Edinburgh, Scotland, church. K.A. Robertson, 6845 Brooks St., Vancouver, B.C., V5S 3J6, Canada.

Young family desires information on living conditions and jobs conditions in Albuquerque, N.M. Husband is experienced apartment troubleshooter and maintenance man. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murphy, 6226 NW 23rd, Apt. 6, Oklahoma City, Okla., 73127.

Would like to hear from the lady who was so depressed and unhappy if she would like to write to me. Ruby Vincent, 122 S. College St., Lincoln, Ill., 62656.

Member, 36, divorced, white, would like to write members anywhere, any age, who are fond of children. I have seven. Veronica MacEwan, 19 Scott Rd., Pinelton, 3600, Natal, South Africa.

Guess Dichl ich bin ein Junge, 19 Jahre alt, und

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Singing scriptures

My family loves music, and the children's tastes are, of course, a little different from ours. However, we can join together and also encourage our spiritual growth by using Scripture to supply the lyrics when we sing and play favorite tunes.

For example, Proverbs 3:1-7 we have fitted to the tune "Sailed on the Old John B." This is a simple tune but one which my 11-year-old son plays very well on the guitar with his dad, developing both musical talent and knowledge of God's Word. The old sea shanty "Bound for South Australia" has helped me to fix the advice in Philippians 4:8 and 9 in my mind, and the tune "Blowing in the Wind" now always echoes in my thoughts "Let not your heart be troubled," from John 14.

(Mrs.) Mary Benton
Norfolk, England

Smart but now she's Dummer. Now, that name I never did forget.

Whatever method you choose to remember a name, don't forget the children.

Jan Fagerstedt
Banning, Calif.

Father knows

A Dublin, Ireland, Church member, recently given the opportunity to give his first sermonette, drew the retort from his young daughter, "Oh, you know all about God too?"

Henry Cooper
Dublin, Ireland

Fine honeymoon

The happy day drew near. All the plans had been made and final

My wife, Fiona, and I arrived at 4 o'clock on Friday afternoon with 4 1/2 hours to spare before the welcoming service began. Finding the hotel was easy, but that is where our troubles started.

The hotel was nothing like the brochure had advertised. It was cold, dirty and unsuitable for a young couple on their honeymoon. We set off in search of another hotel, spending hours walking and driving the streets of Edinburgh. Eventually we found one.

During the first Holy Day I began to catch a cold. On Sunday I could hardly walk about. Monday my temperature rose. By Wednesday morning we called for a doctor, who diagnosed my symptoms as a strep throat which had gone to muscular and rheumatic fever. Only rest would cure it, he said.

By now I had missed two social evenings, and I was going to miss the rest of the Feast because I was confined to the hotel. Fortunately two Church members were staying in the same hotel and were a great help, escorting Fiona to services and taping the sermons for me.

Having survived two troubles, I soon discovered the best way to come. On Wednesday afternoon Fiona decided to do some shopping, but she returned within 10 minutes with the news that our car had been stolen. We informed the police, and half an hour later

Hope for MS victims

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...pity, for self-pity is the opium of the handicapped.

There is every reason for hope, because a great deal can be done to make MS less distressing.

A positive attribute of MS: It can in many cases "retreat" for weeks, months or years, especially in the early stages. In addition, the proper exercise and diet can be helpful in alleviating the effects of the disease. But the best medicine is a hopeful attitude.

Moreover MS does not seem to affect the mental powers of most, so there is great potential for developing our minds to offset the loss of physical abilities. The opportunities for furthering education in the United States and Canada are many.

Productive or Pitiable?

The key is motivation! Do we want to be useful to ourselves and others, or do we want others to feel sorry for us? Each of us has to decide which it will be. Of course, many are severely disabled and will need much care from others, but they can help make caring for them more pleasant by being truly cheerful and positive.

Sounds simple, doesn't it? Well, it is simple, but it will not be easy. Nothing worthwhile and lasting is,

but in our case there is plenty of assistance. Think of the many wonderful people giving of their time and money to help us. Can we do less? The least we the victims can do is to help others to help us to help ourselves.

A good place to begin is to join the local MS group. If there isn't one try to start a chapter by getting in touch with the national Multiple Sclerosis Society.

There is an evil under the sun, said King Solomon, and there certainly are many evils, especially in the context of Solomon's meaning.

For instance, the "good" are scoffed at, and the "bad" are praised. The football player is paid tens of thousands of dollars, while the altruist has to beg for handouts. In other words, the situation in many cases is upside down.

There is, however, an evil under the sun that is more far-reaching and tragic than a professional athlete being overpaid. That is the horrendous impact of disease upon individuals and society.

Let's get involved in encouraging one another and assisting those more seriously affected than we. We can try to root out those deeply ingrained images that society as a whole has about the handicapped, because the images need to be replaced with fact.

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Remember the children

How many children in your congregation do you know? How can you remember their names? Here are a few suggestions:

Get to know the children. They feel welcomed and delighted if you remember to speak to them by name. Some of them, even the shy ones, will eventually come to you to say hello. They know that you are interested enough in them to remember their names.

One way to help yourself remember is to practice by glancing at kids now and then and saying their names to yourself. Later see if you can visualize each face and remember the name.

Another way is to write each child's name in an address book along with his parents' names.

I have heard that association is the best secret for remembering names. Such as Mark Spitz, swimming; Billie Jean King, tennis. I guess this works for some people, but after I met our neighbors, the Angus family, I introduced them as the Herefords!

A few years ago I had an acquaintance named Smart who married a Dummer. She was

arrangements checked. A wet-weather plan was made but was not needed; Sept. 26 was a beautiful day. The ceremony soon passed and the reception began.

Instead of leaving to some faraway place, we had decided to come back to the cottage where we were going to live while working with my father on the farm. We wanted to come home and get the house organized before we left to honeymoon and attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The journey up to Edinburgh was pleasant and trouble-free.

Richard Peacock
Bricklet Wood, England

Local church news wrap-up

32 Teams

AMARILLO, Tex. — The church here was host to combined Sabbath services and a basketball tournament Dec. 25 and 26 at the Activities Center of West Texas State University in Canyon, Tex., near here. Brethren from 10 churches in a five-state area converged for the event. Churches from Amarillo and Dallas, Tex.; Liberal and Wichita, Kan.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Oklahoma City, Ada and Lawton, Okla.; and Denver and Colorado Springs, Colo., put together 32 teams for the tournament.

Jeff Booth, pastor here, commended the Amarillo brethren for opening their homes and was happy to see so many members assembled together. Sabbath attendance was over 500.

The basketball tournament began Saturday night. The thriller was in the men's division with the finals pitting Amarillo against Wichita. At the final buzzer Wichita narrowly won 91-90. High scorers were Danny Bolin with 48 and VanLanduyt with 24 of Amarillo, and Jack Sowder with 29 and C. Jones with 26 for Wichita.

In YOU A-team action it was Amarillo over Oklahoma City 70-44. High scorers were Ricky Bolin 34 and Mike Dufur 14 for Amarillo, and D. Moody 20, and Tim Hulet 11 for Oklahoma City.

In YOU B-team action Albuquerque defeated Oklahoma City 78-23. Russell Ward of Albuquerque had 30 points and Allen Owens of Oklahoma City had 9 points.

Amarillo defeated Wichita 19-9 in the preteen final with Tod Dufur scoring 10 and Darrell Wertz scoring 7.

The most-valuable-player awards in the YOU division went to Ricky Bolin of Amarillo, first place, and Rod Eddings of Denver, second place. In the men's division Jack Sowder of Wichita won first place and Dan Bolin of Amarillo won second place.

In YOU volleyball finals it was Amarillo over Wichita, and, in the women's division, Oklahoma City over Denver. Most-valuable-player awards went jointly to the YOU and women's divisions. First-place winner was Mrs. Mishnick of Oklahoma City, with Nicki Bolin of Amarillo the second-place winner.

A teen dance was also held Saturday night. *Darrell Sehorn.*

Low Gear

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Christmas holidays caused church services here to grind into low gear. The avalanche of Alaskans winging to the "lower 48" and Hawaii swept along local elders Al Tunseth and Dick Eckman and their families to a ministerial seminar in Pasadena.

This left Alaska pastor Bill Gordon with three services to contend with. Since the three elders were sharing the biweekly Fairbanks services, a 400-mile jet trip north of Anchorage, the services there were canceled.

Mr. Gordon was in Anchorage, and the AAI (lovingly known as wobble-a-aye), a local commuter plane service ordinarily taken every weekend to the Kenai, was closed Dec. 25 for the holiday. Mr. Gordon would have had to face a four-hour drive through some of Alaska's more turbulent mountain areas to reach Kenai, so services there were canceled for one Sabbath.

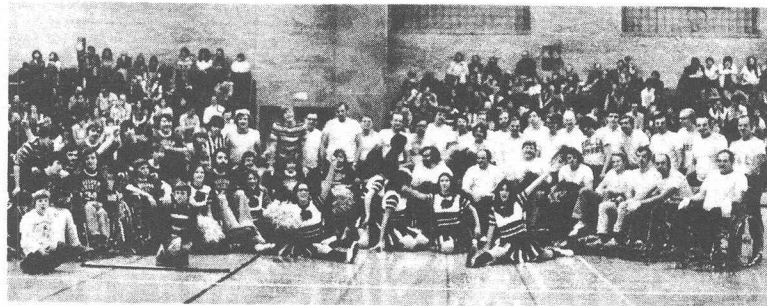
The commuter aircraft did manage to run Jan. 1, so Mr. Gordon was able to hold services in both Anchorage and Kenai. *Mike Pickett.*

Two Hours of Falling

APPLETON, Wis. — The youth group here had its second two-day outing Dec. 18 and 19. They attended the all-star championship



FOOTBALL ON WHEELS — Above: The Buffalo Spokesman Club Turkeys wheel around the floor in a game of football against the Silver Wheels, a group of handicapped individuals. Below: The two teams and their fans pose for a group picture. (See "Turkeys vs. Silver Wheels," this page.) [Photo by Bob Rodke]



basketball game Saturday night and watched the Wausau Lumberjacks win 61-49. Afterwards teens gathered for supper at McDonald's.

After spending the night with friends they enjoyed two hours of falling and bumping into others while skating at the Ice Arena. The outing, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moerhing, ended at 1 p.m. after a meal at Burger Chef. *Shari Skinner.*

Children's Party

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — For several weeks children here had looked forward to a children's party scheduled for Dec. 29. Despite snow the previous night 63 people attended the party in the Emerald Mound Grange, a rural building with two floors, a kitchen and a stage.

Welcoming the children into the gaily decorated hall, three ladies in costumes assigned a name tag and party hat to each child. Beginning at 10 a.m. the activities incorporated games, educational movies, cartoons and a sing-along. Popcorn and small bags of candy were provided for each child as well as a tasty lunch. Toys were awarded as prizes to all.

The women staged a comedy show with the aid of a clown, "oriental rabbit," Raggedy Ann and Andy, soloist Flossie Mae, two dancing "bowlegged chickens" and an adult dressed as a little girl who performed a miniballet.

The party was sponsored by the Women's Club here with Jenny Keidel and Frances Sykes, presidents of the two chapters, coordinating the function. *Mary Anne Burns.*

Turkeys vs. Silver Wheels

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A Lackawanna, N.Y., high-school gymnasium was the scene Dec. 11 for an unusual game of football between the Silver Wheels and the Buffalo Spokesman Club Turkeys.

The Silver Wheels are a group of

handicapped individuals, ages 11 to 27, who play football in wheelchairs. Their opponents are not handicapped, but must also play the game in wheelchairs. The game is played indoors on a regulation-size basketball court with specifically modified National Football League rules. A tackle is made by simply stopping the forward motion of the wheelchair of the ball carrier.

Patrick Rowe, founder of the Silver Wheels, organized the team to "raise the consciousness of the general public as to the potentialities that a handicapped person possesses, if he is given the chance to compete on an active social level with people who are not handicapped."

The Turkeys entered the action wearing white T-shirts with identifying names, such as Head Turkey for Ed Kowalczak, club president. The Silver Wheels lost no time in showing their opponents that they were there to play and win, and surprised them by scoring a touchdown in the beginning of the first quarter.

Two touchdowns were scored by the Turkeys, one by Dave "Perky Turkey" Grogan, and the other by Terry Matte, but the final score, 50-12, revealed the Silver Wheels the better players.

Also participating in the event were Spokesman member Tom Seretick as announcer, John Thompson, who helped with the refereeing and the Buffalo cheerleaders.

The only injury in the game was suffered by a wheelchair, which was promptly carried off the floor on a stretcher, to the amusement of the 300 fans.

The club members decided to donate the proceeds made from the game, over \$400, to the Silver Wheels' football team. They use the money donated to them to support charities for muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis, the United Way and others.

The game was given extensive advertising on the radio, in newspapers and by posters put up all over this area. A segment of the game was televised for the local 11 p.m. news that same evening.

Pastor Daniel Bierer was later contacted by the Silver Wheels, who said that the enthusiasm of the brethren had made this game one of their best. Associate pastor Larry Woodridge saw it as the beginning of the club doing things that will let its light shine. *Bobbie Tonucci.*

Concertina Performance

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — With the temperature outside hovering at 10 degrees Howard Johnson's banquet room served as the setting for the semiformal dance and buffet supper for members here Jan. 1.

Taking advantage of the Ambassador College semester break, the group Horizon featuring Big Sandy students Marty Yale, Tim Collins, Mark Henson, Vern Parks and Bob Whitacre, was invited to provide music for the evening. From Nat "King" Cole to Chicago, there was music for all ages.

During the intermission entertainment was provided by pastor John Cafourek on the concertina and Jerry Archer on guitar. *Barbara Harrison.*

Children's Checkout Center

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — December proved to be an exciting month for the children here. The reason? The grand opening of the Children's Checkout Center.

The Children's Checkout Center, formulated by Maxine Bauter and Barb Sanders, is a children's library. Hours were spent in Bible bookstores finding suitable material for the children. The library contains approximately 100 books, all colorful, well illustrated and easy to read. The children check out the books before ser-

VICES begin and return them afterwards. This not only gives them something to do during services, but also reaches them in another way, at their own level of understanding. All material in the library is biblical.

A contest was held to name the library. The winner, Stephen Sanders, submitted Children's Checkout Center and was awarded a Bible. The runners-up were Marika Schnell and Sara Baillie and were each given a pin and poster. *Maxine Bauter.*

For the Cause

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — "What a great piece of artwork..." boomed the voice of teen auctioneer Tim Johnson, holding a cake high for all to see. An auction of baked goods and a cakewalk led the way for the boys' basketball team to reach its destination of Amarillo, Tex., for the annual tournament. The auction ruled the halftime of a game here between the boys' and men's teams Dec. 10.

Members here contributed a vast amount of surprises for bidders. Food goodies stacked the tables on the stage of the Gorman Junior High School gym, with highest bidders going home with unusual shapes and sizes of cakes and cookies. Punch sold at 10 cents a cup, later falling to depression prices of 5 cents a cup. With stomachs full and glasses empty, members settled down to find \$125 raised for the cause. The cakewalk was a snap for Carl Barber, winner of four cakes.

The game between the boys' team, the Bullets, and the men's team, the Pussycats, was a surprise, as the Bullets lost, 41-37.

Arriving in Amarillo Dec. 25 the Bullets fired up steam to play the Amarillo team, but were defeated by a 33-point margin, 53-20. The task of another game had the Bullets uptight. The Lawton, Okla., team took control of the shots in the next game and defeated them 79-35.

A meeting of the Colorado Springs and Walsenburg Women's Club convened Jan. 2 at Broadmarket Square.

Dr. Clint Zimmerman, guest speaker and pastor here, was introduced by Betty Ramsey, vice president. Dr. Zimmerman posed the question, "What is fulfillment for women?" He discussed the equal-rights movement and pointed out that women have always worked, such as Deborah, Ruth, Dorcas, the woman of Proverbs 31 and pioneer women, who worked with their mates. Then the question was asked, "Were they fulfilled?" The conclusive evidence was that a woman is fulfilled only when she has Christ in her life, when she is led by God's Holy Spirit.

During a short break light refreshments were served, after which President Susan Peterson called the meeting to order. Sue Vandegriff, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes and gave the treasury report. The cake sale last month produced \$118.85. *Joni Sipes and Tommie Joe Stewart.*

Send in the Clowns

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — The church here held a talent show, costume contest and social at the Veterans' Hall Dec. 26. The evening began with a covered-dish meal, after which everyone settled down to enjoy the talent show, consisting of singing, dancing, instrumental music and comedy. Showstoppers were Mike Bean, with his impersonation of Elvis Presley, and the Cornfield County Washerwomen, a spin-off from *Hee Haw*.

Prizes were given for best costumes. Participants in the costume contest and social at the Veterans' Hall Dec. 26. The evening began with a covered-dish meal, after which everyone settled down to enjoy the talent show, consisting of singing, dancing, instrumental music and comedy. Showstoppers were Mike Bean, with his impersonation of Elvis Presley, and the Cornfield County Washerwomen, a spin-off from *Hee Haw*.

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for the family with the best costumes went to the Ken Farrows, who were all dressed as clowns. The prize for the best individual costume went to Lisa Broyles, dressed as Peter Pan. Then the tables were moved back and all enjoyed Appalachian square dancing called by Ken Farrow. *Arlen Bryant.*

Nibbled Cheese

DURANGO, Colo. — A box social, with bids from \$7 to \$24, was held here after Sabbath services Dec. 25, with Bill Tomlinson as auctioneer.

Norman King was the high bidder on the mystery surprise package, which turned out to be Ed Reed, whose son Nathan was the only person crying when Daddy burst out of the box. Orpha Day and her granddaughters, Marie, Karla and Kim, walked off with the prizes for the best-decorated lunch boxes. The decorated boxes included a carousel, a train, doghouses, a baby carriage, a picnic basket complete with mice and nibbled cheese, a toy soldier, dolls and a poker table.

The auction netted \$332.25 for the social fund, from which a sound system will be purchased for the meeting hall.

After consuming the contents of the boxes Mac Elhaney of the Albuquerque church shared his slides of his trips from Rome to Israel. *Sandra Homer.*

One-Day Sale

EDMONTON, Alta. — A craft and bake sale was held at Capilano shopping mall by the ladies of the South and East churches here Dec. 16.

Baked goods, crafts, quilts, toys, white-elephant items and second-hand jewelry were sold from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. by volunteers serving at the stall. Most of the items were donated by members of both congregations.

The one-day sale, coordinated by Doris Cooke, raised over \$700 for the lecture fund. *Dawn Day.*

Week's Rest

FAIRMONT, Minn. — Twenty-seven members here bowled for several hours Dec. 25, then spent Sunday and Monday with the chiropractor and horse liniments.

After a week's rest the brethren enjoyed a potluck meal Jan. 1. Bob Hoops, pastor of the Minneapolis, Minn., churches, was a surprise guest. *John Cox.*



SUNSHINE SINGERS — A preteen singing group from the Big Sandy, Tex., church performs special music for the Lufkin, Tex., church Dec. 18. (See "Preteen Singers," this page.) [Photo by E.W. Stewart]

Texas Fruit

FARGO, N.D. — The truckload of Texas oranges and grapefruit arrived on schedule, and the second annual fruit sale was under way. Once again the church's activity fund was replenished by the December sale of 1,938 cases of Texas fruit.

The entire congregation participated in the event supervised by Kirk McDonald, deacon.

The first social of the season here was Dec. 18 at the Moorhead State University ballroom located just across the state line in Moorhead, Minn.

The featured event was a talent show put on by the members, followed by a full evening of activities, with games for the children, card games for adults, chess and dancing for those who so desired. *Earl D. Jackson.*

Braille Hymnals

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Improving one's appearance and self-image, the key to becoming a more attractive and interesting person, was the topic of the Women's Club meeting here Dec. 14. The guest speaker was a local beautician.

The women examined two braille hymnals the club had purchased for blind members. Plans were made for fruit baskets to be given to ladies unable to attend services. *Vicki Swihart.*

Clay Pigeons

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Brethren here gathered for an action-packed weekend Dec. 25 and 26 at Star Hall.

Saturday evening a YOU style show was held with "Winter Wonderland" as the theme. Nine girls modeled the dresses they had made as Brenda Woodbury narrated. Dennis Woodbury and Cletis Chandler



TURKEY SHOOT — Twelve marksmen from the Grand Junction, Colo., church vie for a turkey Dec. 26 by shooting at clay pigeons. Ron Eiseman took the prize turkey home at the end of the match after hitting the most clay pigeons. (See "Clay Pigeons," this page.) [Photo by Everett Martin]

served as escorts. Three cash prizes were awarded and a small gift was given to each contestant. First place went to Debbie Herrera for her floor-length formal dress, second place to Kathy Lyon and third place to Carol Baxter.

Two short films on the life of Johnny Tremaine were shown, while YOU members served popcorn and punch.

A social was held the following day, with children's games, card games and music. Outdoors 10 marksmen and two markswomen participated in a turkey shoot organized by pastor Ledru Woodbury. Ron Eiseman connected with the most clay pigeons to win the turkey. *Sally Lyon.*

Three-Tiered Cake

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The church here held its annual formal dance at the Sheraton Motor Inn Jan. 1. Associate pastor Britton Taylor mentioned that the man who had been bartender for the church's two previous formal dances requested to serve the group again this year.

Baby-sitting was provided in a separate room by young couples without children so parents could be free for the evening. Movies and snacks made the evening complete for the children.

A high point was the cutting of a traditional, three-tiered cake baked by Esther Brown. *Shirley Cox.*

Winter Camp-Out

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — About 150 brethren here traveled north of Battle Creek, Mich., for a weekend camp-out Dec. 18. Elkhart, Ind., and Grand Rapids, Mich., brethren were also invited. Sabbath services were held at 2:30 p.m. A meal was served at 5:30, followed by movies for the teens and tots. The adults gathered in the dining room for card games and fellowship. Later the teenagers had a sock hop and a sing-along.

The boys' dorm had the usual pillow throwing, running around and wrestling until the early hours, but the girls were not to be outdone in noise this year.

Breakfast was at 8:30, followed by sledding, ice skating, football in the snow, card playing and walking in the woods. A noon meal was served before the journey home. The weather was almost perfect. *Lewis Olsen.*

Jumble Sale

KEMPTON PARK, South Africa — The ladies of the East Rand church arranged a cake sale and jumbled sale Dec. 3 in aid of SEP. The cake sale was held at the Pick and Pay store here. The stall was set up by 8:30 a.m., but before the ladies had finished setting up some of the cakes were already snapped up by buyers.

That afternoon a jumble sale, mostly old clothing, was held at Sally Kleinwort's house.

The Johannsburg, East Rand and Fretoria churches arranged a combined cricket match at the Cyrilidene Sports Club Dec. 5. The teams con-

sisted of a married team and a singles' team. The marrieds won, despite a valiant effort by Mark Naude of the singles' team, who scored 111 runs. They won by one inning and eight wickets. *Poppie and Louis Venter.*

Malaysian Farewells

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The church here gave a farewell picnic at the Lake Garden in honor of members Judy Chang and Mak Chew Yeng. The girls will be flying to Pasadena to attend Ambassador College.

In a specially composed song, "Judy, Judy, Judy," the brethren sang of her "very generous heart" and of being "a funny superstar." Judy was requested to smile at married ladies, wave good-bye to married men, shake hands with single boys and hug single girls. She was given a cast-iron-framed tile trivet depicting places in San Francisco, Calif., and a batik T-shirt, which she tried on.

Dennis Luker, former regional director of Australia, and his wife and two children stopped here Dec. 19 on their way back to headquarters.

They were welcomed by several brethren at the airport and driven to the Equatorial Hotel, where about 70 brethren had gathered for the afternoon Bible study.

After the Bible study the Lukers were given some farewell gifts of pewter. *Peter Chan.*

Organized Meeting

LAWTON, Okla. — The first meeting of the Women's Club here was held Dec. 19 at the Elk's Lodge with about 35 attending. A luncheon was served.

Programs for future meetings were discussed, followed by a table-topics session led by Pat Dobson, wife of pastor Joe Dobson. The theme for the first meeting was "Organization," with Mr. Dobson as guest speaker.

Officers for the club are Ethel Register, president; Ethelene Whitehead, hostess; Judy Burt, treasurer; and Sherry Havens, secretary. *Sherry Havens.*

Forgotten Briefcase

LONDON, Ky. — How does a congregation surprise a pastor with a dinner and a gift in appreciation for more than three years of service? Though it takes some planning, it can be done.

First, let his wife in on part of the secret, then plan the meal, make announcements to the congregation while he is visiting a Sabbath-school session, and see to it that after services on the big day he and his wife are taken out to dinner at an establishment that has recently burned down without him knowing it.

Now what? Go back to the meeting



JUDY, JUDY, JUDY — Judy Chang of the Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, church displays a good-bye cake that was made for her and Mak Chew, another girl in the church there. The two girls were given a farewell picnic before they left to attend Ambassador College in Pasadena. (See "Malaysian Farewells," this page.) [Photo by Chen Pee Wah]

hall to gather up a forgotten briefcase and be met at the door by more than 200 brethren singing. "For he's a Jolly Good Fellow."

This was the experience of Mel and Barbara Dahlgren Dec. 18 as they returned to the American Legion Hall here to see the congregation gathered around decorated tables groaning with food prepared by the ladies. In the center of the main table was a cake decorated with letters spelling out the many activities the Dahlgrens have been involved in during the past three years here.

Before the meal the Dahlgrens were presented with three pieces of luggage, gifts from the congregation.

Mr. Dahlgren, pastor here, is also YOU coordinator for the churches attending the Feast of Tabernacles in Hampton, Va. *Bob Gilliland Sr.*

Preteen Singers

LUFKIN, Tex. — Many things made Dec. 18 a special Sabbath for the church here, which had a record attendance. For the sermonette Fran O'Neil gave a farewell message. The O'Neils have been in the Lufkin area while Mr. O'Neil was completing his master's degree in sociology at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Tex.

The Sunshine Singers, a preteen singing group from Big Sandy, Tex., provided special music. The group, accompanied on the piano by director Murdock Gibbs, performed "A Bright Hello" and "Isn't It True?" Mr. Gibbs composed and arranged the second number.

Following the main message, "Today's Pressures on the Family Unit," Ben Whitfield, pastor here, invited the singing group, sponsors and guests to a buffet. The dinner had been prepared by the members for the occasion. *Martha Massey.*

Common-Sense Advice

MANCHESTER, England — At a meeting of the Spokesman Club here Dec. 8 President Alan Stattan introduced Inspector Edwards, senior crime-prevention officer from the Manchester police force, who addressed the 50 members and guests about "Crime, It Can Be Prevented."

After showing a film portraying the shock and outrage of burglary and the senseless destruction of personal property by vandals, Inspector Edwards traced the history of the police force, first started as a crime-prevention force. He then discussed present-day figures for crime and gave practical, common-sense advice on ways to protect houses, cars and personal property.

The meeting was presided over by pastor Barry Bourne. *Derrick Hardwick.*

Jousting and Dueling

MELBOURNE, Australia — About 50 young people attended a four-day camp Dec. 24 to 28 in the not-to-be-found-on-the-map area of Reefton, about 60 miles northeast of here. The site belongs to a suburban technical school and has comfortable chalets, a sports hall, toilet-shower block, dining and dancing room and a billiard room. The use of the facilities was obtained through Mike Bundy, member, who is a camping instructor at the school.

The group ate, slept, talked, shouted, hymned-along and sang-along. Sabbath services were held on the banks of the Yarra. The group went on two hikes, held two dances, and participated in ridiculous water sports including kayak races, swimming, egg and spoon, kayak jousting and dueling on a suspended log. One of the land sports was getting a team of six over a pole 7 feet high. Record time was 18 seconds. *Leon Lyell.*

Turkey Shooters Fry Fish

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The church (See WRAP-UP, page 14)

Wrap-up

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here held its first turkey shoot Dec. 5 with 80 members gathered at Gene Forester's farm in Parkin, Ark., for the event, followed by a fish fry.

Five turkeys, 10 trophies and 47 ribbons were awarded to winners in categories including shotgun, pistol, rifle, BB gun and bench rest. The entry fee in all categories was \$1. There was also a category for women, which included all women and girls who won or lost in any of the other categories.

Extreme safety precautions were observed to prevent any mishaps. Staggered ranges for different age groups were used, with all targets being judged equally. After the overall winners were determined ribbons were awarded in each age group permitting every child to receive a



SHOOTING COMPETITION — Alex Shore, left, awaits his turn as Walter Pearson, center, supervises Richie Hunt who is preparing to compete in the BB-gun competition at the Memphis, Tenn., church's first turkey shoot. (See "Turkey Shooter's Fish Fry," page 13.) [Photo by Richard Hunt]

least one ribbon. Eighteen women competed with some winning ribbons over men.

Those winning turkeys were Jim Yeager, Jim Minton, John Emerson, Jean Tindell and Paul Pearson, in the shotgun, pistol, rifle, women's and BB-gun categories, respectively.

Trophy winners were Gene Forester, second place, and pastor Ron McNeil, third place, in shotgun; George Griffin and Ron McNeil in pistol; Mervyn Burns and Sherman Tindell in rifle; Nancy Martin and Linda Griffin in women's competition; and Sammy Shirey and Alex Shore in BB gun.

Ribbon winners for the children were Sammy Shirey, Richie Hunt, Brian and Mark McNeil, ages 8 and under; Paul Pearson, Chris Hailey, Susan Forester, John Hayley and Nathan Forester, ages 9 to 11; Daniel Shore, Steven Tindell, Robert Hayley, Teresa Forester and Tracy Rhodnizer, age 12; Alex Shore, Philip Young, Grant Garner, Tina Hunt and Ruth Davis, ages 13 to 16.

A special most-competitive award was given to Chris Hailey for entering the most events. Archery and bench rest were on an experimental basis and no prizes were awarded for them.

A fish fry topped off the afternoon, with Gene Forester and Zula Smith serving as chefs. *Roy Shirey*.

Home Wreckers

MOOSOMIN, Sask. — Seven church families here met at a member's home Dec. 9 in zero-degree weather to tear down an old house to raise money for the campaign fund.

The day was finished off with a turkey supper followed by chorale

practice with director Neil Earle, pastor of the Brandon and Moosomin churches. *Joy Hoffman*.

8 and Under

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Some 60 children of the church here were treated to a *Sesame Street* party held for them by the Nashville Women's Club at the Metro Center Dec. 29.

The children, aged 8 and under, played games, with prizes being awarded. Directing the activity were Sue Rutledge, Pat Fox and Ellen Smith. Cookies and punch were served following the games, with Paula Wood and Tacilla Spiro assisting.

The women's Club held a breakfast meeting at the Hyatt Regency here Jan. 9. *Everett Corbin*.

Winter Fayre

NOTTINGHAM, England — Braving the first snow of the year the old cattle truck lurched down narrow

were Dave Gilbert and Linda Einkorn. *Donna Coenen*.

Garden Party

PORTLAND, Ore. — YOU teens from Idaho, Oregon and Washington enjoyed an evening of dancing to the music of the Shady Oak dance band Jan. 1. The theme was "Garden Party," with fir trees, fountains and stars for decorations. The following day was the northwestern YOU basketball tournament.

Ten record albums were given away as door prizes to those with lucky ticket numbers. A dance contest was also held with members of the band as judges. The winners were Shirley and Harvey Marshel, a brother and sister team from Portland, each receiving \$15 in exchange for a performance in front of the 500 teens and adults.

Three huge cakes with "YOU, the Greatest Northwest Dance, 1977" written on them topped off a table of refreshments.

The evening ended with a blasting snowball fight.

A group of cheerleaders from out of town unintentionally became lost while trying to find their temporary home for the evening. But with the help of a police escort they eventually found it.

The practice basketball tournament began at 9 a.m. Sunday morning with teams from Portland, Salem and Eugene, Ore.; Boise, Idaho; and Seattle. Sedro-Wooley and Tacoma A and B teams. In the final game Seattle struggled past Salem to win by 1 point in the tense final seconds of the game. *Donna Holcomb*.

Wine and Cheese

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Thirty-four men and women gathered at the church's meeting hall Dec. 16 to hear a presentation by a representative of the Almaden Wine Company. As each wine was introduced glasses were passed for sampling along with several cheeses. Hot coffee and homemade desserts were served after the demonstration.

In vino veritas (in wine there is truth!) The Women's Club here sponsored the tasting party. *Jean Volatile*.

Flying Snow

RENO, Nev. — The snow was flying. No, it wasn't snowing, but the brethren from here and the Sacramento, Calif., church were having a friendly snowball fight at Alpine Meadows at Lake Tahoe in California.

The gala weekend began Jan. 8 with a potluck dinner, followed by a basketball game at O'Brien Middle School in Stead, Nev. Sacramento defeated Reno 86-24. A dance followed the game.

Members here opened their homes Saturday night to accommodate guests from Sacramento.

On Sunday the snow party began at 10 a.m. with members arriving with warm clothes, inner tubes and sleds. Sack lunches were made up and sold by the Reno YOU members.

Visiting from headquarters, Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration, and Steve Martin, Western Area coordinator and assistant to Mr. Dart, delivered the sermons Jan. 8. *Carol Snyder*.

Up and Away

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Pre-teens here along with a few teenagers enjoyed airplane rides Dec. 19 with the husband of a member as pilot. Some of the 30 children were a bit cautious before leaving from Albert-Whitted Airport in downtown St. Petersburg, but returned thrilled at having been on their first flight. The pilot helped by easing the minds of the cautious ones. *S. Carell*.

Muscles Discovered

SALEM, Ore. — The Skate Palace here almost burst at the seams

as 200 skaters and observers of all ages met for a church social Dec. 25.

Judy and Mary Parker, daughters of Richard Parker, pastor here, were among the younger skaters while Henry Nelson, a long-time member, showed some smooth skating. Several *Sesame Street* personalities were present, much to the delight of the younger skaters.

After two hours of fun and spills the party broke up and many went home to nurse some newly discovered muscles. *Howard Bruce*.

Court of Honor

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Boy Scout Troop 284, composed of boys from the congregation here, held its court of honor Dec. 21.

A court of honor is held every three months, at which time the scouts receive the awards they have earned during that time. Troop 284 holds a contest in which each scout strives to earn as many merit badges as he can in the three-month period. The boy earning the most merit badges receives a \$5 prize from the scoutmaster's own pocket. The December winner was junior assistant scoutmaster Ted Harris.

The flag ceremony was conducted by senior patrol leader Nelson Witt. An original skit directed by Ted Harris depicted the troop's progress during its two years of existence.

Scoutmaster Dave Woodhurst presented 10 merit badges and one skill award. In addition Vince McGuire, Nelson Witt, Ted Harris and Willy Carden earned their Star Rank Progress Awards. *Willy Carden*.

Churches Reunite

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Sixteen years of Sabbath meetings in Craftsmen Hall came to a close at a farewell potluck dinner and movie held following services Jan. 1, with members from both San Diego and Escondido, Calif., congregations taking part.

After five years' separation the two churches were reunited as one congregation Jan. 8 at the Scottish Rite Memorial Center.

At the final services in Craftsmen Hall local elder Paul Ivicevic read a letter written to the congregation in Spanish by Frank Pelayo, who has been janitor at the hall for 14 of those 16 years. Mr. Ivicevic first read the letter in Spanish then translated it into English. Mr. Pelayo, who was well-liked by the entire congregation, especially the children, expressed his regrets at their leaving. Gifts were later presented to Mr. Pelayo and C.D. Cunningham, hall manager, with whom there also was a warm relationship.

A three-tiered cake was prepared for the occasion by Mrs. George Dean. During the movie intermission baked goods were auctioned off by Glen Bechthold and Paul Smith for the benefit of the Escondido YOU club.

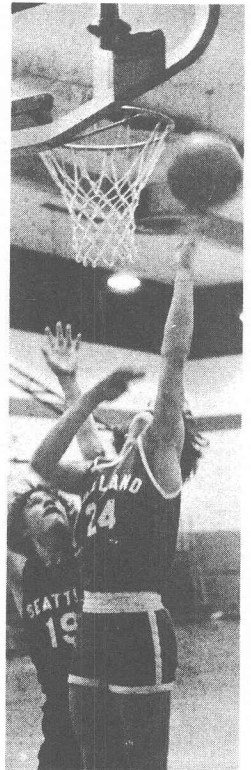
The San Diego congregation will observe its 25th anniversary the first Sabbath in September, 1977. It was the sixth church raised up in this era of God's Work, with seven persons attending the first meeting in Darley Hall in 1952. Two of the first seven, Etta Hohman and Harry Frahm, still attend services here. *Susan Karoska*.

Waltz and Polka

TUCSON, Ariz. — The senior members of the church here sponsored a potluck supper and dance Jan. 8 at the Town & Country Estates in honor of Harry and Jane Reynolds, who were married recently.

A roasted turkey was furnished by the Reynolds for the occasion. Mrs. Reynolds was given an orchid corsage and Mr. Reynolds a carnation boutonniere.

Mr. Reynolds, a member for 24 years, is of English descent and was the third generation of his family to be born on a plantation in Jamaica.



YOU ACTION — A Portland, Ore., player attempts a lay-up as a Seattle, Wash., opponent tries to block him at the northwestern YOU basketball tournament held Jan. 2. (See "Garden Party," this page.) [Photo by Mark Holcomb]

He has nine sisters.

Bob Carman narrated color slides of the Holy Land he took while on a tour of the Middle East last spring. Mrs. Reynolds assisted in the narration.

Walt Gillingham was emcee for the evening. The group enjoyed dancing to waltz and polka music. *Ruth VanBlair*.

Movie Showcase

TUPELO, Miss. — A showcase of movies was shown at an all-day social here Dec. 26 at the American Legion Hall. Members enjoyed card and board games and treated themselves to hamburgers, corn dogs and desserts prepared by the YOU chapter. Chefs were Deborah, Brenda and Mary Fulmer, Jan Johnson, Melisha Montgomery, Shannon and Jill Jackson and Vickie Walden, with supervisory help from Peggy Fulmer and Francis Gillentine.

After refreshments everyone settled back to watch films. YOU coordinator Larry Gillentine ran the projector, while young and old alike enjoyed Walt Disney's *Casey at the Bat*, *Nature's Half Acre*, *Bear Country*, *Angel and Big Joe* and a movie on basketball. *Randy Williams*.

Dance Contests

WINNIPEG, Man. — The North church here gathered Dec. 19 for a potluck dinner, followed by dancing. Members brought food and some brought friends. Prizes were awarded to several couples in dance contests. Games were supplied for the younger children. *Karyl Johnson*.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 4

To find the first letter of each word, use the letters printed after each word in the following list as a guide. For example, the horizontal row of letters beginning with G on the left and the vertical row beginning with O on top intersect at the J in Jude. Acts AN, Amos GO, Chronicles AB, Daniel NA, Deuteronomy KA, Ecclesiastes EN, Esther DI, Exodus HA, Ezekiel LK, Ezra BA, Genesis AA, Habakkuk OE, Haggai NI, Hosea FL, Isaiah FA, James JU, Jeremiah PM, Job ED, Joel PM, John DJ, Jonah CB, Joshua EJ, Jude GE, Judges EJ, Kings AO, Leviticus MI, Luke OD, Mark IK, Micah BI, Nahum JF, Obadiah PA, Proverbs HB, Psalms ID, Romans KO, Ruth BG, Samuel EO, Solomon CH. (To find their proper order in the Bible, check any Bible table of contents.)

Friends from the day they met

Longtime friend, aide of GTA

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pled with television and my physical-education responsibilities, created some conflicts. Somewhere around 1967 I was transferred from phys ed into the Television Department."

In 1968 Mr. Thornhill became an assistant to Ronald Dart, director of the then Foreign Educational Service, now the International Division. He held the post for one year before becoming a personal assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong in 1969.

Mr. Thornhill said his job as assistant to Mr. Armstrong involved "doing whatever needed to be done" and said he was a type of "good man Friday. There was no way he [Mr. Armstrong] could do a lot of his personal errands and keep up with his responsibilities."

Wardrobe Maintenance

One of his jobs was to help Mr. Armstrong maintain his wardrobe during the days he was making daily television programs. "He would tape as many as four 30-minute telecasts in one day. You can imagine the

amount of clothes he went through. His shirt and jacket would be soaked with perspiration at the end of each program. He had to have three dozen shirts, all the same special shade of blue which was compatible with the television lights."

Since Mr. Armstrong had to wear a different jacket with each taping, he ended up with 14 coats to insure that there was time to get them back from the cleaner's during peak taping times. Mr. Thornhill did much of the purchasing of the clothes and coordinating the wardrobe with the different studio sets. He chuckled as he reminisced about his joking with Mr. Armstrong about what kind of nut the clerk at the clothing store must have thought he was.

"What kind of nut would buy 14 jackets and only one pair of slacks," he laughed, explaining that, since Mr. Armstrong was almost always seated behind a desk when on camera, he wasn't concerned about matching slacks.

Other Responsibilities

He said other duties included

hand-carrying Mr. Armstrong's articles to press, making travel arrangements and hotel bookings and seeing to it that things like a tape recorder, batteries, typewriter, coffee pot and other essentials made it on the plane. "Dan Spencer's [pilot on the Work's fan-jet Falcon] and my goal is for Mr. Armstrong to be able to get into his car and drive off as soon as we arrive at our destination without having to be encumbered with a lot of details," he said.

A large portion of Mr. Thornhill's time is now spent with YOU. His longtime relationship with Mr. Armstrong, coupled with his previous involvement with the Summer Educational Program, made him a logical person to head the youth organization, which began in 1975.

Since 1964 he has spent every summer except one working with the waterskiing program at the Orr, Minn., campus of SEP. Mr. Thornhill, an excellent slalom and trick skier, said his snow-skiing background plus personal instruction from former world-champion skier Chuck Sterns enabled him to develop his abilities.



FIT FOR YOU — YOU director Jim Thornhill displays a T-shirt design under consideration for use by YOU. (Photo by Klaus Rothe)

SEP applications now being accepted

PASADENA — The Youth Opportunities United office here is accepting applications for this year's YOU Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn., a spokesman for the office announced.

SEP applicants must be 12 years old by September, 1977, to be eligible for admission. Students who have graduated from high school or are older than 18 are not eligible. Because of the strenuous outdoor activity involved, mentally retarded or physically handicapped persons may not be admitted.

The tuition charge for either of this summer's two three-week sessions is \$225, which includes food, lodging, an accident-insurance policy, the use of equipment and SEP-issued clothing. Detailed information will be sent to each applicant with his or her acceptance notification. Tuition is due and payable upon acceptance, and this year for the first time applicants or their parents may use BankAmericard or Master Charge.

Applicants are usually Americans or Canadians, but the camp is open to citizens of any country, the spokesman said.

Dates Set

The YOU office announced the dates for the two sessions as follows:

- Session I: Students arrive Sunday and Monday, June 12 and 13. The session begins Tuesday, June 14, and ends Tuesday, July 5, with students returning home Wednesday, July 6.

- Session II: Students arrive Sunday and Monday, July 17 and 18. The session begins Tuesday, July 19, and ends Tuesday, Aug. 9, with students returning home Wednesday, Aug. 10.

Those wishing to attend either session of SEP should complete the application form accompanying this article and mail it, with any other correspondence, to: YOU Summer Educational Program, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123. YOU's telephone number is (213) 577-5720.

Last-minute cancellations are discouraged because they deprive other young people the opportunity to attend camp.

SEP 'Workers'

This year SEP will admit 28

"workers," high-school students who will become part of the camp's staff. Those applying as workers should also fill out and mail the SEP application form, plus include a letter giving applicant's qualifications for

the job. The number of openings for workers this year is limited.

First preference for the 28 openings will be given to students who have attended SEP before.

Applicants for workers' positions should state whether or not they can attend SEP on a paying basis if they are not accepted as workers.

SEP workers, who this year for the first time will be housed in dor-

mitories with the other campers instead of separate workers' dorms, will not be paid salaries; they will receive a bonus at the end of camp based on how well they carried out their responsibilities.

APPLICATION FOR Summer Educational Program

300 W. GREEN ST., PASADENA, CALIFORNIA 91123

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. HAVE YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN FILL IN THIS FORM COMPLETELY.
2. ATTACH A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF YOURSELF.
3. SEND THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO THE ADDRESS NOTED ABOVE ALONG WITH A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$3 FOR PROCESSING.

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CHURCH AREA			MINISTER			
HOW MANY S.E.P. SESSIONS HAS APPLICANT APPLIED FOR?			HOW MANY S.E.P. SESSIONS HAS APPLICANT ACTUALLY ATTENDED?			LAST YEAR ATTENDED
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INDICATE HOW TUITION WILL BE PAID:

- CASH/CHECK/MONEY ORDER
- BANKAMERICARD
- MASTER CHARGE
- SPONSOR PLAN SOMEONE WHOM I KNOW (ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL) WILL PAY THE TUITION

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- CHURCH ASSISTANCE PLAN THIS PERSON IS ELIGIBLE FOR CHURCH ASSISTANCE

AMOUNT NEEDED: \$ _____ PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____

- CHECK SESSION APPLICANT WANTS TO ATTEND:
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SIGNATURES OF PARENTS/GUARDIANS

FATHER/GUARDIAN	DATE	MOTHER/GUARDIAN	DATE
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eral church services had been canceled because of the weather. He said Dan Bieker, pastor of the Buffalo

The Tennessee Valley Area coordinator, Tony Hammer, reported "church attendance down 15 per-

with him" that enabled a minister to mention personally things that would be difficult to discuss in the setting of

[prospective members]."

Then the Darts left for St. Louis and arrived late that afternoon.

of cuff links and a large amount of cash. Mr. Rader said Mr. Arm-

Ambassador addresses 'PT' readers

By Peter G. Nathan

NAIROBI, Kenya — Getachew Mekasha, Ethiopian ambassador to Egypt and former ambassador to India, spoke here twice the weekend of Jan. 8 while in this country for an Ambassador International Cultural Foundation function.

Osamu Gotoh, acting as master of ceremonies, on Jan. 8 introduced Mr. Mekasha to readers of *The Plain Truth* during the first of two lectures by Robert Fahey, director of the African Work. Introducing the ambassador, Mr. Gotoh explained that Kenya holds a "special place" for Ambassador Mekasha. He was the first Ethiopian ambassador to Kenya, appointed in 1963.

Mr. Mekasha addressed the 250 people in attendance for 10 minutes, explaining that "humility" is a vital lesson he has learned from the Bible. The priesthood of the Coptic Church was the ambassador's intended vocation. Circumstances changed and he became a diplomat, but he has retained an interest in the Bible.

Not knowing that the diplomat was planning to attend the Saturday lecture, Mr. Fahey had prepared a strong sermon about the Sabbath. Changing his subject at the last min-

ute, he spoke on how man is alienated from God and God's plan to reconcile mankind.

The next afternoon Mr. Fahey gave the sermon he had prepared about the Sabbath, showing that not only does the Bible teach Sabbath observance, but even the "church fathers" and commentators agree on this. On each occasion about 250 people attended.

Mr. Armstrong Honored

Sunday evening the Kenyan minister of foreign affairs played host at a dinner in honor of Herbert W. Armstrong and the AICF. (Mr. Armstrong, of course, was not in attendance, having had to cut short his recent travels in this part of the world after an ankle injury.) Present were some 350 people, including most ambassadors to Kenya, including the U.S. envoy, and several cabinet ministers, educators and businessmen. Special guests were Ambassador Mekasha and the Japanese Diet members traveling in Africa in conjunction with the AICF (*The Worldwide News*, Jan. 3).

Mr. Gotoh spoke briefly on behalf of the AICF and introduced the ambassador and Japanese guests to the



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gathering. Ambassador Mekasha then recalled his contact with Kenya and explained his meeting with Mr. Armstrong in India while he was serving as Ethiopia's ambassador to that country.

Contact is personal

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church bank accounts, ministerial moonlighting, funeral and wedding ceremonies, alcoholism, ministers' wives working, how to maintain unity in the Church and the ministry, fund raising, ministerial expense, fleet cars, repatriation of disaffected members, baptisms and the quality of prospective members.

Northeast Area coordinator Elbert Atlas described Mr. Dart's visit to his area as "tremendous." He said Mr. Dart's visit gave field ministers in his area "invaluable personal contact with headquarters."

Guy Engelbart, Rocky Mountain Area coordinator, said Mr. Dart's visit to Denver enabled the ministers to "establish a rapport" with Mr. Dart that would have been impossible through any other means. "And it gave Mr. Dart a chance to get to know some of the men he had not known in the past."

He said, overall, Mr. Dart's visit had been "very profitable" and he hoped Mr. Dart would be able to continue making such trips. Tennessee Valley Area coordinator Tony Hammer, who had lunch in Nashville with Mr. Dart, said the meeting provided a "more personal hour or two with him" that enabled a minister to mention personally things that would be difficult to discuss in the setting of a conference.

Trip's Beginning

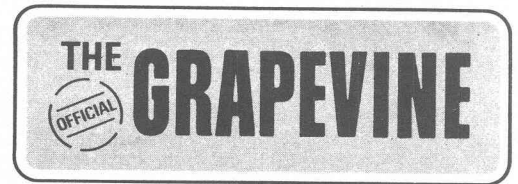
Mr. Dart began his trip Jan. 8 when he and Steve Martin, coordinator of the Western Area, gave split sermons at the Reno, Nev., church. Mr. Dart said that he spent several days relaxing in the mountains near Lake Tahoe, a large natural lake on the California-Nevada border, before beginning the next leg of his trip.

While in the Lake Tahoe area he met for five hours with Northwest coordinator Norman Smith.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, Mr. Dart was met by the Work's Big Sandy-based Cessna Citation, which he used for the majority of the remainder of his stops. Mr. Dart, who was accompanied by his wife on the entirety of the trip, made his first stop in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he visited for 2½ hours with Charles Groce and his wife. Later that afternoon they flew to Denver, Colo., headquarters for the Rocky Mountain Area.

"We arrived in Denver about 5:15 that afternoon, spent 3½ hours, including dinner, with Guy and Penny Engelbart, Clint Zimmerman, Kerry and Penny Daniels, Randy and Kay Schreiber," Mr. Dart said.

Mr. Dart said the next morning he



BIG SANDY — Two Ambassador College faculty members, David Wainwright and Mark Kaplan, will move to the Pasadena campus to take up positions in the Foreign Language Department there.

Dr. Wainwright, who teaches theology classes here, will work as associate professor of French at Pasadena. He transferred to the Big Sandy campus last fall from Bricklet Wood, England, where he taught classes in French, on the now-closed Ambassador campus there after 1960, served as registrar from 1965 to 1972 and dean of faculty from 1972 until the college's closing in 1974. Dr. Wainwright was pastor of the North London churches when he transferred to Big Sandy.

Mr. Kaplan, instructor in Hebrew, will work in the Foreign Language Department, but his duties have not been determined.

"Dr. Michael Germano [dean of faculty at Pasadena] would like me to help organize a complete program of Hebrew or Jewish studies," said Mr. Kaplan, who had a major part in the Hebrew program at Big Sandy.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, and two staffers of the Work's office here, David Hulme and Peter Nathan, will travel to Rhodesia Feb. 2 to arrange for Herbert W. Armstrong's visit there in March and to see Rhodesian radio and television officials. The three men will also investigate prospects of

and his wife spent several more hours over breakfast with the Englebarts and left for Kansas City, Kan. "There we spent 3½ hours with Dennis and Joye Pyle, Russell and Phyllis Duke, Bryan and Bobbie Hoyt and the Bob Spences. We had a very meaty discussion there, a lengthy discussion of tithing, and Bryan Hoyt made a strong plea for an improved and expanded Correspondence Course, citing it as a major force of development for PMs [prospective members]."

Then the Darts left for St. Louis and arrived later that afternoon, Jan. 13. "That evening we spent about 3½ hours with Jack and Ruth Ann Pyle, Wayne and Cheryl Freeman, Wil and Pat Malone and Jim Servidio. We discussed the same general list of topics that we had met everywhere else. The next morning I spent an hour and a half with the Jack Pyles, and we left St. Louis actually a little late, departing for Cincinnati about 2 in the afternoon."

On to Cincinnati

The evening of Jan. 14, Mr. Dart said, he spent three hours with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lohr, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Welly and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Barnes.

The Sabbath of Jan. 15 Mr. Dart spoke at two services in Cincinnati. "I actually intended to go to Pittsburgh, but weather did not permit it."

Mr. Dart left Jan. 16 for Newark, N.J., and a dinner with Mr. Atlas, the Keith Thomases, the James Lichtensteins, the Robert Braggs, the Richard Frankels, the Lloyd Briggies, the Tom Steinbacks, the Oswald Engelbarts, the Thomas Oakleys, the David Packs, the Leslie Schmedes and the Edward Faulks.

Jan. 17 Mr. Dart flew from Newark to Big Sandy, making a stop in Nashville, Tenn., where he spent an hour and a half with Tony Hammer.

direct-mail projects and other promotional opportunities for the Work in this part of the world.

Bryan Mathie, business manager for the office, will go to Swaziland Feb. 1 to confer with the secretary to King Sobhuza II. He will also investigate ways to increase circulation of *The Plain Truth* in the country.

Jan. 26 saw the start of a three-day ministerial conference in Johannesburg as ministers and wives converged from all over South Africa and Rhodesia.

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MONTREAL, Que. — Evangelist C. Wayne Cole, director of the Canadian Work, paid a surprise visit to Montreal the weekend of Jan. 15 to meet with ministers and their wives from the Ottawa, Ont., and Montreal English and French congregations and announce the appointment of a new associate pastor for the English church.

In a sermon Jan. 15 to the 300-member congregation Mr. Cole announced the ordination of Henry Sturcke, former *Plain Truth* correspondent stationed in Brussels, Belgium, and Washington, D.C., who will move here from his home in Herndon, Va.

That evening the Coles met informally with the ministers at the home of Carn Catherwood, area coordinator for Quebec and the maritime provinces. Discussed were plans for Garner Ted Armstrong's new five-minute broadcast and proposed campaigns in eastern Canada.

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room were a briefcase containing valuable papers, three watches, a set of cuff links and a large amount of cash. Mr. Rader said Mr. Armstrong's briefcase had contained his passport and, "most important of all, several manuscripts which Mr. Armstrong had in varying stages of completion for *The Plain Truth* magazine."

He said the stolen watches were "very dear" to Mr. Armstrong, one of which was an irreplaceable 25-year-old timepiece, another was "15 or 16" years old, and the third was one that was "only recently purchased," which Mr. Armstrong was particularly fond of because he found it easy to read.

Got Lucky

Also stolen was \$5,000 in cash. "Mr. Armstrong had just departed from Los Angeles in contemplation of staying away a considerable period of time and had taken an appropriate amount of expense money for five or six weeks," Mr. Rader said. "The burglar just got lucky."

Mr. Rader said he was thankful Mr. Armstrong was out of his room when the burglary occurred. He said the incident drove home the point that "what we've been teaching and preaching around the world is true. There's no safety in hotels, there's no safety in homes, there's no safety in a quiet neighborhood, there's no safety in eating in a restaurant. You never know where violence may strike next. That is the moral of the story."

Record cold wave hits

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Clarksburg, Pa., Jim Peoples, Charlestown, W. Va., and Bill Moore, Bluefield, W. Va., all reported attendance decreases of 45 to 50 percent in recent weeks.

Mr. McNair also said that Britt Taylor, pastor of the Hagerstown, Md., church, reported some members with no fuel whatsoever. "Britt said some of the members were having to burn wood to keep warm," Mr. McNair said.

In churches in his area farther south, Mr. McNair said, areas such as Greensboro, N.C., and Richmond, Va., and the Charlotte area, where he is located, were generally experiencing "moderate" effects from the cold.

Elbert Atlas, area coordinator for New York and the New England states, said attendance was down somewhat in his area, but he did not know how much. He noted that several church services had been canceled because of the weather. He said Dan Bierer, pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., church, was in the most affected city in his area.

Mr. Bierer reported wind gusts of up to 60 miles an hour at the time the *WN* contacted him, Friday, Jan. 29. He canceled Sabbath services Jan. 30 for the 450-strong Buffalo church as the area continued in the grips of record-making cold weather.

Travel on the Sabbath would have been especially treacherous for Buffalo members since the majority of them live in rural areas, Mr. Bierer said. Six members had already been stranded Jan. 29 when they reported for work and found they were unable to return home on the clogged roads.

Another member, separated from his family, spent the night in Mr. Bierer's home Jan. 29. Mr. Bierer himself had been unable to leave his house in two days when contacted by the *WN*. His assistant, Larry Woodridge, was even more cut off, since he lives on an island whose accesses are closed.

According to Mr. Bierer, many plants have been temporarily closed, affecting members who work in them. Some members, he said, have had gas bills totaling \$160 a month.

Nothing Like It

"Nothing like this has happened in anybody's memory," said Mr. Bierer. Snow accumulation has al-

ready reached nearly three times the normal season total, and today there have been 33 consecutive days with temperatures below zero, he said. Forecasters predict another month of much the same for the area.

North of Mr. Bierer, in Canada, Gary Antion, coordinator for the Toronto (Ont.) Area, said that, although winter conditions are not generally as harsh in the Canadian cities of Toronto, Windsor, Hamilton, St. Catharines and Kitchener as in some U.S. cold spots, some 1,000 Church members in those cities spent Jan. 29 in their homes.

Toronto East and Central churches met as usual, but high winds and blowing snow restricted travel for five Canadian churches in Mr. Antion's area. He estimated this is the coldest Canadian winter in about five years. National fuel supplies are adequate, he said, with enough left over for export to the United States.

The Tennessee Valley Area coordinator, Tony Hammer, reported "church attendance down 15 percent throughout the area" because of the cold weather, which members in his area aren't as used to as are members farther north. "We're far enough south here that we're not equipped for hard weather," he said.

Though no church services have had to be canceled so far, Mr. Hammer said it has been "very difficult to travel" and ministers' and other members' "activities have been hampered and curtailed."

Utility Bills Up

Mr. Hammer said members' utility bills that are normally \$75 are "up to \$135." By February "if it's still this bad things will really be tough," he said.

From Milwaukee, Wis., Carl McNair, coordinator of the Upper Midwest Area, reported that for "35 days in a row it has never got above freezing" and "some members are on the verge of being laid off [their jobs] due to plant shutdowns because of the energy shortage," but no one has yet lost his job.

Though the weather is "just miserable," Mr. McNair said, Church members in his area have been "blessed overall." Adversity "draws people together. That's the hallmark of the situation. When people find people in trouble, they help."