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Why the Work will skyrocket from now

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Just where are we in fulfilling of PROPHECY right now?

Why is this great Work of God going to simply skyrocket in power from now?

Let me give you a brief, quick, condensed summary of prophesied events, showing where we are right now and what is immediately ahead.

As you know, the one book of prophecy that ties all the prophecies together in point-of-time sequence is the book of Revelation.

Revelation means REVEALING — not concealing. Yet the book is primarily in symbols, but it is NOT the revelation of "St. John the Divine," as so many Bibles print over the beginning of the book, but the revelation of JESUS CHRIST. Christ is the One who REVEALS — opens its meaning. And He does most of that in Matthew 24 (also Mark 13 and Luke 21). The main theme of the book is the "DAY OF THE LORD," or, as translated in the King James Version in Revelation 1:10, "the Lord's day," which does not mean Sunday but the time prophesied in some 30 prophecies as the "Day of the Lord."

Angels before man

Get this brief background. Angels occupied this earth prior to man, ruling on a throne, administering the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. One of the superarchangels was LUCIFER, but he and his angels SINNED (II Peter 2:4, Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28), rejected the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God's government was based on His law of LOVE — kindness, concern, outgoing concern for the welfare of others — giving, helping, serving, sharing. Lucifer turned to THE WAY of "GET" — that is, vanity, lust and greed, envy and jealousy and hate, competition, strife, violence, rebellion against authority, resentment over real or fancied offenses against the self. This brought darkness, physical chaos, waste and decay to the earth (Genesis 1:2). God sent forth His Spirit and RENEWED THE FACE OF THE EARTH (Psalms 104:30) for the habitation of man (Genesis 1:26).

Without experiencing either WAY — God's way of LOVE or Lucifer's (now SATAN'S) way of "GET" — the first man, Adam, listened first to God explain the GOVERNMENT OF GOD (God's way) and then to Satan's arguments for rebellion and the SELF-centered way.

Adam rejected the KINGDOM OF GOD and God's GOVERNMENT over him, took to himself (with ease) the knowledge (deciding of the way of) GOOD and EVIL. Adam cut himself and his entire human family, which was to spring from him, off from God (I Corinthians 15:22) and all contact with God.

God's master plan

God mapped out His master plan — 6,000 years as the DAY OF MAN — man deciding for himself what is right and what is wrong — devising, setting up and operating man's OWN GOVERNMENT, RELIGION, EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, HIS ENTIRE SOCIETY — but always SATAN was still on his throne as the "god of this world" (II Corinthians 4:4), blinding the minds of man against God's ways (Ephesians 2:2).

Four thousand years after Adam, Christ came and:

a) Conquered Satan and qualified to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD on the earth.

b) Called and taught His disciples to be His apostles, proclaiming the

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A Personal Letter from Herbert W. Armstrong

TUCSON, Ariz. (Sunday, May 8) — Dear fellow ministers and brethren of God's Church:

I will have this published in both the ministerial *Bulletin* and in *The Worldwide News* so as to reach virtually all members and ministers in the Worldwide Church of God.

Brethren, my heart is filled to overflowing with gratitude and love to you for the overwhelming response in congratulations for my marriage of three weeks ago today, here in our new "away-from-home" home in Tucson, Ariz.

The cards and letters are not only congratulations, but show rejoicing in your hearts and your deep love for me, and now express that same respect and love for my lovely new bride, Ramona. I spent one whole day until I was tired mentally and physically and "eye tired" wading through whole large boxes of hundreds upon hundreds of congratulatory cards and letters. It seemed like every member of the

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Area coordinators meet to discuss ordinations

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. — Garner Ted Armstrong opened a two-day meeting of all area coordinators for the United States field ministry here at the Church-owned Lake of the Ozarks Festival site May 8.

According to Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, Mr. Armstrong spoke to the ministers for "about an hour and a half" before leaving for Pasadena via Tucson, Ariz., for a meeting with his father.

"Mr. Armstrong opened the session with general comments about the Work," Mr. Dart said. "He talked about the importance of a minister's example to the brethren and especially stressed the importance of prayer, fasting and staying close to God."

The principal purpose of the coordinators' meeting was to review ordination requests, "some of which have been pending for months," Mr. Dart said.

He said the Lake of the Ozarks site was chosen for the meeting because of its central location in the United States and because of the combined church services and dance held by Mr. Armstrong on May 7 (see related article, this page).

"I wanted all the area coordinators to have a chance to hear Mr. Armstrong preach and hear from him in the opening meeting," Mr. Dart said.

Day of fasting and prayer set for Church worldwide

PASADENA — Garner Ted Armstrong has designated May 21 as a day of fasting and prayer for the entirety of the Church of God.

Mr. Armstrong, writing in an April 27 letter to the membership, said, because of the "seriousness of this current [financial] situation, I am going to call upon all of you, worldwide, to join with my father and me and all of Christ's ministry in a day of worldwide fasting and prayer for the sake of God's Work, for the sake of His Church, for the sake of all of our individual families, and for our own sakes."

He also called on members for a "large special offering," which was taken up in most churches the Sabbath of April 30.

Herbert W. Armstrong sent a letter to all ministers April 28 that was to be read in all churches prior to the collection of the offering. The letter, which was sent as a Mailgram (similar to a telegram), stressed the need for members to respond to Garner Ted Armstrong's letter.

Expressed thanks

By May 9 an estimated 70 percent of the special offering had been tabulated. According to W. Jack Bicket, Accounting Department head, about $770,000 had been processed as of that day, and Mr. Bicket said he and his staff expected a final total of about $1 million, which is slightly more than the average Holy Day offering.

Garner Ted Armstrong said he was "very pleased" by the response of the brethren and expressed his thanks to the entirety of the Church for members' support.

He also said plans he outlined in his member letter to sell the Falcon jet, cut his salary by 15 percent and that of other executives by 10 percent, and sell the property in Orr, Minn., used for the Youth Opportunities United summer camp, are still being implemented.

Dan Spencer, who is in charge of selling the Falcon, said he currently has "four solid leads" and tentatively plans to show the jet to the first prospective buyer May 10 or 11. "Falcons are in demand right now, and I believe it will sell quickly," Mr. Spencer said. "There has been lots of interest in it."

Mr. Armstrong has already stopped using the Falcon and has reassigned the Work's Cessna Citation jet from Big Sandy, where it was used principally for the Festival operations, to Pasadena for his use. The Citation is 100 knots slower than the Falcon and carries half the number of passengers (it holds six passengers and two pilots), but Mr. Spencer said it is "significantly cheaper to operate."

Mr. Armstrong also announced that the executive salary reductions have already been implemented and will be reflected in the next payroll.

In regards to the sale of the Orr property, he said no prospective buyers have been contacted yet and that he plans to try to show the facilities to potential buyers during the summer when the camp is in operation and local climate is at an optimum.

Battle only half won

"Even though the excellent response to the special offering has eased our cash-flow problems, we still have to balance our 1977-78 budget," Mr. Armstrong said. "As I said in my member letter, the Work of God cannot and will not have an unbalanced budget. The task at hand now is to decide which are the most important programs for the Work."

Mr. Armstrong said he has instructed a number of areas to take a "hard look" at their budget requests. "I've asked Mr. Ronald Kelly, vice president for our Big Sandy campus, to prepare a five-year accreditation-impact study," Mr. Armstrong said. "It is essential that we appraise the long-range impact of our efforts for regional accreditation for the Texas campus, especially in light of our recent candidacy visit from the Southern Association."

An eight-man team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) spent April 26 to 29 on the Big Sandy campus. The team held a 1½-hour interview at the end of its visit with Vice President Kelly and Academic Dean Donald Ward.

Mr. Kelly said that, during the interview, each member "generally informed us of areas in which we need

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GTA speaks to 3,000 at Lake of the Ozarks

OSAGE BEACH, Mo. — Some 3,000 people, from church areas in at least 10 states, came to the Festival building here (the site of the Lake of the Ozarks Feast) to hear Garner Ted Armstrong speak in Sabbath services May 7.

James Redus, pastor here, said brethren from Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Indiana, Tennessee and Texas came to hear Mr. Armstrong, who spoke on the "life of Christ."

Mr. Armstrong, who directed the opening session of a meeting of U.S. area coordinators here the next day, also sang special music during services.

In the evening, beginning about 8:15, an estimated 2,000 of the brethren danced as Mr. Armstrong and backup musicians from Pasadena played for what local elder Francis Northrip of the Lake of the Ozarks church called the "biggest dance" he had ever seen.

The Feast building, which can accommodate up to 14,000 Feastgoers in the fall, became the site of "oodles and oodles of fellowship" for the brethren, Mr. Northrip said, as the singers and players performed "a lot of old songs, western songs, every kind of song" for the "2,000 to 2,500" people present.

The sermon and dance were the latest in a series of visits Mr. Armstrong has made to church areas across the country for which members and their families come from wide areas to hear him speak and attend an informal dance that evening.

Mr. Redus said his congregation and visitors from other areas "really appreciated" Mr. Armstrong's visit.

"We think it's really worthwhile that Ted could come out," he said. "The people really appreciated it. I think everyone would agree the long drive some of the brethren made was well worth it to be able to hear Mr. Armstrong speak and to attend the dance."

After kicking off the area coordinators' meeting the next day (see article, this page), Mr. Armstrong traveled to Tucson, Ariz., to confer with his father, Herbert W. Armstrong, and then went to Pasadena.

Letters
TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Armstrong's wedding

I want to personally thank the editor and staff of *The Worldwide News* for sharing the excitement and joy of Mr. Armstrong's wedding to his lovely bride, Ramona [*The Worldwide News,* April 25]. It was the next-best thing to being there.

I know that many, many people have written in to say how much they have enjoyed the newspaper in the short span of its existence. I wonder if you realize that it is actually the most diversified of ALL newspapers as far as its subject content! And as for being thoroughly read, doesn't everyone read EVERY word from cover to cover? I DO!! And every single article concerns me and each and every reader whose heart is in this Work.

I rejoice with those who are being blessed, and I pray and sorrow for those who are in need or beset with illness. The progress of the Work in getting the true Gospel to the world is of great concern to all of us. We rejoice in the accomplishments of our young people; in the marriages of our young adults and their desires to build Christian homes and families; in the accomplishments of our brothers and sisters in the business world; and in the overcoming of handicaps among our brethren.

The news coverage by men who understand the meaning of world events such as Mr. [Gene] Hogberg, Mr. [Stanley] Rader and others is of great help, I think, especially to we ladies who are sometimes overwhelmed by the complexity of the news and just how politics really bear upon certain events.

I feel when I read Mr. Garner Ted's "Personal" that he has taken time out from his busy schedule to write me a long, "newsy" letter to bring me up to date on the Work and share a part of himself with me. I'm sure most of the readership feel the same way.

To make a long story short, *The Worldwide News* is my favorite newspaper! Thanks again and keep up the good work. May God bless you.

Mrs. Olive Mulvaney
Theodore, Ala.

Letters on tithing

Wanted you to know how much I enjoyed the "tithe letters" [Feb. 28]. Especially the one from Mrs. Carrie M. Yetter, whose house was robbed — her response to the situation really tickled me.

Also very much enjoyed the article about Mr. Pat May, "It Was a Hard Life" [Feb. 28]. In fact, would like to hear more about him and his experiences if possible.

My children enjoy the "Major" stories — the two-part ones really hold their interest.

In the "Postmark" section there was a letter from Mrs. Marilyn Kirby about the lessons for children [Feb. 28]. I think that more of this kind of information and suggestions would be greatly appreciated by mothers of small children. Maybe there could even be a special section for it. Not all of us are talented in this area, and it would certainly help to hear and learn from those who are.

Mrs. Billie Wakeman
Humboldt, Iowa

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Especially the puzzle

Just a few words to let you know how much I enjoy our newspaper — *The Worldwide News.* I don't read it all — I skip the "Wrap-Up" section unless it pertains to places and people I know.

I especially enjoy the crossword puzzle on the Bible — I don't like the name puzzle as well as the question puzzles of places, people, etc. It teaches me things that probably I don't know offhand. I wish we had more of these such as was in the latest issue by Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Bailey [April 11].

I give my paper to a widow who cannot easily subscribe due to lack of money. Glad to do that — it's a good, clean paper — anyone can read it with a clear conscience. Our daily newspaper is full of bad news. I don't read it all — too depressing — and I'm powerless to change the events.

Mrs. Minerva Wilhite
Madison, Tenn.

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Some suggestions

I must really congratulate you on the *WN.* It's a fine Church of God newspaper. But I would like to see less U.S. news — especially in "Wrap-Up."

Instead I'd like to see such *GN* and *TW* [*Tomorrow's World*] articles as:

i) Test your Bible knowledge.
ii) Questions and answers.
iii) The Bible in a changing world.
iv) Science and archeology vs. the Bible?
v) What you can do.

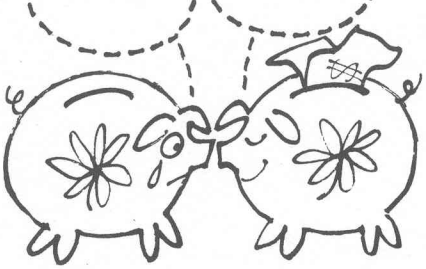
I would also like to see a special "Update/News of the Work" section with reports from our offices around the world — either as very short reports from each office each month, or a big write-up from one office each month.

Please keep up Mr. Gene Hogberg's news reports and the Bible crossword.

I must say that I agree with Mr. Ed-Layo Ogunlalaka of Ile-Ife, Nigeria, in the 14 March *WN:* The date of every issue of *WN* should begin on Sundays; New Moons as well as the Hebrew names of God's months should be included in the *WN.*

In concluding, I would like to appeal to all Church brethren worldwide to pray for God to open up radio and TV doors in Europe.

Craig White
Portsmouth, England



The Feast of Tabernacles will be here again in four months, so it's not too early to begin thinking about making the trip to Squaw Valley, Calif., Kenmare, Ireland, Big Sandy or wherever. Many of us could make better use of our Festival funds in enjoying the Feast if we would keep in mind a few money-saving travel tips already known about and practiced by some of our fellow Church members.

So they, and you, are invited to send us suggestions on saving money at the Feast — and on the way there and back. Tips, for instance, on economical meals while traveling, the right kind of motels to patronize, money-saving recreational ideas, you name it.

Send them in now and we'll try to get them in the *WN* in time to benefit you and other Feastgoers before you begin the annual journey. Mail them to: Tips, *The Worldwide News,* Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

Four sites in Britain open to Feast transfers

RADLETT, England — The Festival Office here has opened the four British Feast of Tabernacles sites to American, Canadian and other overseas brethren, announced Edward Smith of the office April 22.

Americans desiring to transfer should make application through the Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, then the Big Sandy office will forward the applications to the Radlett office. (Details of transfer procedures to the British and other sites were outlined in *The Worldwide News* of April 11.)

Mr. Smith said two of the four British sites are at Pontin's Holiday Villages, resort camps with accommodations in "self-catering chalets."

"All equipment for families up to seven or eight members is provided," he said, "including full furnishing, cooker, fridge, cutlery, bedding, carpeting, heaters, everything except food."

The two camps are at Southport, 15 miles north of Liverpool, on England's west coast, and Hemsby, eight miles north of Great Yarmouth, on the east coast. Full details are available directly from the Festival Office at Box 111, St. Albans, Herts, England.

Mr. Smith also described the other two British sites.

"We shall be returning to the town hall at Torquay, in Devon, southwest England," he said. "At Torquay members must secure accommodation in hotels or guest houses."

He said the Festival Office cannot secure travel or housing reservations for any overseas brethren, "but we will be happy to advise."

The fourth British site is the fishing resort of Kenmare, in County Kerry, in the Irish Republic. "This will be our third year at the resort," Mr. Smith said. "A travel firm in Dublin, Joe Walsh Tours, have arranged a package for all visitors: accommodation, food, travel costs, etc." Details are available through the Radlett office.

The office is planning on attendance at the sites as follows: Southport 1,500; Hemsby 1,200; Torquay 900; and Kenmare 400.

Mr. Smith said the office would "especially like to encourage overseas visitors to consider Southport and Kenmare in order to help us achieve our attendance figures."

Close to home

More trouble ahead for U.S.

By Gene H. Hogberg
News editor, 'The Plain Truth'

PASADENA — Following up my report in the last issue of *The Worldwide News,* it is interesting to note who Panama's dictator, Brig. Gen. Omar Torrijos, visited lately: none other than Libya's radical fanatic, Muamar Kaddafi.

Torrijos elicited Kaddafi's moral support, of course, in his struggle to remove U.S. control of the Canal Zone, but not much else, Kaddafi being a bit stingy with financial help for the nearly bankrupt Panama economy. (But another host, the emir of oil-rich Kuwait, chipped in about $13.5 million, apparently without the knowledge that Arabs, as a race, are not permitted to immigrate to Panama.)

In his own country, Torrijos is said to be hanging onto political power by a thread, having nearly been toppled from power in student-engineered riots after increases in the price of food staples. Unemployment in the tiny nation is 15 percent and rising, food is in short supply, and the government is financially dependent on the United States in two areas: on direct aid from Washington to meet government payrolls and on big New York banks that finance and refinance much of Panama's economy. According to one news source:

"The Panamanian politicians are totally corrupt and their main occupation — in addition to making speeches for the benefit of the New York *Times* — is to funnel all the money they can lay their hands on to their secret bank accounts in Switzerland and the U.S."

Blindly ahead

Yet, despite all this, the United States is pushing boldly (blindly) ahead to entrust to such thieving politicians what is perhaps the single most strategic piece of real estate on the face of the earth.

Little wonder that some more levelheaded people in Panama have quietly (out of fear of Torrijos' police) asked Washington to wait on the canal handover until they have a chance to oust Torrijos and once again install a legitimate government. But, then, even legitimate governments in Panama haven't proved to be much better.

Caribbean a Red Lake

Bad news comes in bunches, is an old proverb. And it's certainly true in relation to the whole range of U.S. policy in the Caribbean.

The Panama fiasco is serious enough, but the growing influence and prestige of Fidel Castro's Cuba is threatening to undercut whatever influence Washington has had among the nations and nations-to-be in the Caribbean Sea, once called "America's lake."

Gene Hogberg, news editor for The Plain Truth, *has spent the past two decades as a dedicated news watcher. Since 1958 he has served in the Work's News Bureau, reading, studying, collecting and collating news from around the world. He has traveled extensively in Europe, including Eastern Europe, and southern Africa, as well as the Middle East, Asia, India and elsewhere.*

The small emerging nations of the Caribbean are moving to the left, and the pace is accelerating. In the years since Castro introduced radical socialism to the area, eight former British and Dutch territories there have gained full independence. Six other island states expect independence within the next decade.

The new nations inherited multiparty systems of government, but left-wing politicians now either are in power in nearly all of the 14 countries, share it or are in powerful opposition.

Many of these leaders see the Cuban model of social and economic planning as a real alternative to American-style capitalist democracy, and as a way to solve, or at least contain, the enormous problems they nearly all share: poverty, overpopulation and unemployment.

Virtual communism has come to Guyana. Foreign business has been nationalized, and the country's 800,000 people have been mobilized along Marxist-Leninist lines. Says one observer: "Guyana will have moved into being a fairly orthodox communist country in four or five years."

Jamaica, which Prime Minister Michael Manley has promised to "bury in socialism," is taking the same road. Both Guyana and Jamaica have decided to seek membership in Comecon, the basically East European communist trade bloc. Leaders in the emerging island states of Dominica and St. Vincent also seem convinced that Marxism will be their best ideological course when they gain independence soon.

Cuban story

Nearly all leaders of the Caribbean nations (except Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago and the Bahamas) have gone gah-gah over the Cuban "success story." They overlook, of course, that Castro's revolution of Cuban society would have been impossible without the $2 million to $3 million a day in Soviet aid. What impresses them is the degree of "social control" — repression — that Castro orchestrates.

So pan-Castroism is the order of the day throughout the emerging Red Lake. In fact, top intelligence sources claim that Fidel's "Grand Design" calls for a Marxist axis running across the Caribbean from Guyana to Jamaica to Havana.

It's not a pretty picture for Washington. In danger of nationalization or government takeover are the approximately $6 billion worth of U.S. investments in the region.

One wonders if those in Washington who are calling for a Mr. Nice policy toward Cuba realize what is really going on. One last thing: There is now a rumor to the effect that, if the Cubans will only behave and pull their troops out of Angola (the Cuban victory there drew rave reviews throughout much of the Caribbean), Washington might show its "good faith" by giving up the military base at Guantanamo, which base, incidentally, protects the Windward Passage used by ships bound for the U.S. East Coast from the Panama Canal.

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Hitting hard in a pinch

He toils for six days, rests on the seventh

By Mike Gonring

SUN CITY, Ariz. — There seems to be no doubt that Dan Thomas can help the Milwaukee Brewers this season. The Brewers' concern is that he can do it only about five games a week.

Thomas, the rookie outfielder who was impressive when brought up at the end of last season, is a member of the Worldwide Church of God, whose members do not work on the Sabbath, which runs from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday.

In the eyes of the church, that constitutes a holy day, and it is roughly a 24-hour period. In the eyes of the Brewers, it means missing Friday-night and Saturday-afternoon games, and 40 of the team's 162 games will be played at those times.

Brewers wonder

The Brewers are wondering if they can keep Thomas on those grounds. He has been an outstanding hitter down here — a .450 average with 10 runs batted in — and the plan now is to platoon him as designated hitter with left handed Jamie Quirk.

But they won't be able to use him on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons. Thomas won't budge on that. Neither will the church.

General manager Jim Baumer talked to a church official in Pasadena, Calif., Tuesday night. "I told him Danny was a professional baseball player, and that the professional leagues play for six months," Baumer said.

"I told him that we play many of our games on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. He said, 'Well, he's just going to have to change his profession.' He was not the least bit understanding."

In Thomas' mind there is little to understand, but for his devotion to God.

Dan Thomas, 25, lives in Milwaukee, Wis., with his wife, Judy, and daughter, Renee, 3. Though not yet a member, Mr. Thomas regularly attends services.

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He was born into the church, but as he grew older he did not obey the Sabbath. "My father told me I didn't have to do it, that if I wanted to play ball I could. So I did."

But this winter Thomas went through periods of severe depression. He turned to the church to help. "I talked to the elders of the church and asked them for advice," he said.

"I asked them why I was so unhappy. I had everything I worked for. I made it to the major leagues. I proved I could hit major-league pitching.

"But I was unfulfilled, unhappy. They said I should make myself happy. That I should stop relying on other people to do it for me."

He and his wife wrote for the church's literature and liked it. They became members.

Traveling allowed

He has not suited up on a Saturday down here. He made the weekend trip to Palm Springs two weeks ago, but did not play until Sunday.

"I asked the elders if it was wrong to travel on the Sabbath Day," said Thomas. "They said no, that Jesus Christ Himself traveled. But you can do no work.

"I get paid to play this game," he said. "It's a job. Six days a week I'll work. On the seventh day I refuse to work. It's a commandment."

What if it would cost him a spot on the team? "I'm well aware of the consequences," he said. "I'm paid to play and I'll play every day except the holy day.

"To my way of thinking it's going to be a tough decision. Not on my part, no. On their part.

"But if I produce, who knows? I may drive in runs left and right, I may double my production. I'm very, very optimistic.

"They might have given up on my defense in the outfield, but I haven't. I need work and experience, and I'm just going to have to relax out there like I do at the plate, and tear them up."

Baumer doesn't know what to do. "What do you do when a guy's wearing out the ball like he is?" asked the general manager. "I don't know.

"I still hope it will work itself out. I do know we're not going to do anything to hurt our ball club."

The ball club won its fourth straight game here Wednesday, beating California 10-9. With the wind blowing out, the teams hit 11 home runs, with the Brewers' Gorman Thomas getting two of them.

The big shots were solo home runs in the eighth by Mike Hegan and new Brewer Steve Brye.

ROOKIE IS A HIT—Dan Thomas, right, joined the Milwaukee Brewers as a rookie outfielder at the end of last year's baseball season. He continues playing despite his refusal to play on Friday-night and Saturday games. [Photo by John Biever of the Milwaukee, Wis., *Journal*]

Sabbath keeper goes to bat for Brewers

By Lou Chapman

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Dan Thomas, who has the courage of his religious convictions, will become the first major-league player with a five-day work week.

The Milwaukee Brewer outfielder won peace of mind over the winter by joining the Worldwide Church of God. He must observe the Holy Day from Friday sunset to sunset Saturday, according to the tenets of the church.

This article, which originally ran under the headline "Thomas Gets Okay to Be Off Holy Days," is reprinted by permission from the Milwaukee Sentinel *of April 1.*

No club ordinarily could afford the luxury of keeping a player bound to these dictates, but Thomas has made such an impression on both field manager Alex Grammas and general manager Jim Baumer in spring training that they have decided to keep the designated hitter-outfielder.

Grammas wouldn't come right out with a flat admission Thursday, but he spelled it out when asked who would be his DH if the Yankees used a left-hander in their season opener at New York Thursday. He answered without hesitation, "Danny Thomas."

'Got to keep him'

Later, when pressed, Grammas acknowledged, "We've got to keep him. He's swinging the —— out of the bat.

"Danny's down to his playing weight of 204 pounds and he's running like he did when he was brought up last September."

Asked about the Holy Day aspect, Grammas explained via phone from Sun City, Ariz: "We can't worry about it now. We hope somewhere along the line something will be resolved.

"This spring he's just been playing hard. It seems like that's the only way Danny knows how to play. He's the favorite around here. The guys are crazy about him the way he goes after his job. He gives you the best he's got. When a man gives you that, there's nothing you can say to him except, 'Go get 'em.'

"He's not going to be cheated up there at the plate. If the ball is in the strike zone he can win it for you with one swing. He's dangerous."

Thomas will miss a total of 37 games during the regular season observing the Holy Day. Fortunately, the Brewers will play 10 Saturday-night games, and he will be available for those days.

Grammas explained, "We're going to start off platooning Danny with Jamie Quirk, but it doesn't have to end up that way. We're going to go with the hot hitter."

In the field

There will be times when Thomas also will start in the field. In that case, "if he plays, he'll be in left," said Grammas. "There's also the possibility he could play first base at times.

"Occasionally we're going to give Cecil Cooper a day off. And if that happens we've got three guys who can play first — Ken McMullen, Mike Hegan or Thomas.

"Dan played first base against San Diego the other day and did a good job."

Grammas also announced his batting orders in the Yankee opener against a right-hander or left-hander. If Catfish Hunter, for example, starts for New York, Von Joshua, playing center, will lead off. He'll be followed by Robin Yount, shortstop; Cooper, first base; Sal Bando, third base; Sixto Lezcano, right field; Don Money, second base; Quirk, DH; Jim Wohlford, left field; and Charlie Moore, catcher.

Against a left-hander, Wohlford will lead off, with Joshua hitting in his eighth spot. Thomas will be in Quirk's spot, with Money hitting in the seventh spot.

The Brewers also plan to go with just two catchers, with Larry Haney cast in the role of backup man and McMullen available in an emergency.

Anwar Sadat praises GTA report on Egypt

PASADENA — Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat called Garner Ted Armstrong's reporting of Egypt's role in the Middle East situation "objective and truthful" in a March 19 letter the president sent to Mr. Armstrong at his office here.

"It pleases me to extend to you profound appreciation for your one hour Special 'Egypt under Sadat,' which I watched lately and enjoyed it very much," Mr. Sadat wrote. "I, also, wish to state here that I enjoyed the two half-hour interviews with me and Mrs. Sadat, by your colleague Mr. Adli Muhtadi in Cairo. The way you have handled Egypt's problems, human hopes and legitimate aspirations is objective and truthful. Also, your commentaries showed how you grasped your subject in a short period of time during your visit last year with us."

As a result of Mr. Armstrong's trip to Egypt in March, 1976, for the interviews with the Egyptian president and first lady, Mr. Armstrong was invited to and attended a dinner sponsored by the Egyptian embassy in Washington, D.C., April 5, at which he again saw Mr. Sadat, along with U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale and officials of both governments (*The Worldwide News*, April 11).

In his letter Mr. Sadat said Mr. Armstrong's type of reporting "is the surest and most proper way to bring our two peoples together, and promote close co-operation between our two friendly countries for both their interest as well as for the interest of world peace and order."

Member labors to air telecast

By Edmond D. Macaraeg
Pastor, Davao City Church

DAVAO, Philippines — At a time when other congregations of the Church in this country are finding difficulty in locally funding *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast in their areas, the idea of sponsoring the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast might be considered farfetched.

But one Church member here didn't consider the idea too out of the question. He decided to put God's Work first and set out to use what talents he had to further it.

Inspired by the Davao City church, which recently began paying for *The World Tomorrow* on radio on a weekly basis, the member, Jorges Reyes, began to try to think of a way to get the television program on in this city. He began by taking stock of his resources.

Mr. and Mrs. Reyes, both active members, operate a refrigeration and air-conditioning business here. One of their customers is the studio of the city's IBC television network.

Exchange deal

From the beginning Fidelity Service Center (the Reyeses' firm) and IBC had participated in an "exchange deal." No money passed between them; Fidelity would regularly service the air-conditioning units of the TV station, making all repairs and doing maintenance work, and in turn the television station would advertise Mr. Reyes' business a specified number of times a day.

This arrangement had been in effect until shortly after the last Feast of Tabernacles, when Mr. Reyes decided not to continue advertising. He had his hands full with all the business he needed, and he wasn't prepared to expand. But he still continued to service the station's air conditioners.

When the church here got *The World Tomorrow* on radio, Mr. Reyes thought also of the telecast. Since his side of the exchange deal was not being used, he asked the station manager how much he would charge to sponsor a 30-minute program.

The price was 500 pesos ($80). Mr. Reyes tried to bargain it down, and after some haggling the manager said, "Look, why don't you just put it in your side of our exchange deal?" Which was exactly what Mr. Reyes was hoping he would say.

So they agreed that Mr. Reyes' labor was worth a 30-minute program every other week.

But, when the first program was telecast as agreed, Mr. Reyes decided the gap of a week before the next airing would be too long. So he began to think of a way to have the program put on a weekly basis.

He totally renovated the air-conditioning system of the studio and made other improvements, which pleased the manager because such was not called for in their agreement. Mr. Reyes also volunteered to take care of all other electrical jobs and maintenance of the studio lights.

When he got these additional jobs, he approached the manager again and asked if he had seen the telecast.

The manager had, and seemed to like it.

Mr. Reyes' sales talk

So, on sizing up the manager's mood, Mr. Reyes began his sales talk. He pointed out that the station's viewers would be looking for the program the next week and would surely be disappointed when they didn't find it on the manager's station.

Besides, Mr. Reyes said, the telecast is educational and informative, with no "religious Gospel singing" or "sanctimonious prayers." Therefore it has good audience appeal and the potential of making the station even more popular.

The manager bought the arguments, and the deal was made. The new contract reads: "DAVAO CITY, IBC TV-13, 4:30-5:00 P.M. every Sunday — Garner Ted Armstrong Television Program."

FIVE GENERATIONS — Three-month-old Benjamin Preston Hill, above, is the youngest of five living generations in the family of Audrey Hill, wife of evangelist David Jon Hill. Standing are Benjamin's father, Jonathan, and grandmother, Audrey. Seated are the infant's great-grandmother, Mildred, and great-great-grandfather, 92-year-old Joseph A. Seagle.

Family adds generation

SEQUIM, Wash. — Evangelist David Jon Hill and his wife, Audrey, became grandparents for the first time Feb. 26, 1977. The new grandson filled in five living generations.

Jonathan Preston Hill and Cynthia Ellen Hill, married in Pasadena March 28, 1976, are the happy parents. They live in Port Angeles, Wash., where Jonathan works as a buyer trainee for Swain's General Stores.

Benjamin Preston Hill is the new addition, weighing in at 8 pounds, with a length of 20 inches. A good-sized, healthy baby boy, he's a salute to diminutive Cindy, who is only 4 feet 11 herself.

Audrey's parents live in Seattle, where her mother, Mildred, represents the fourth in the direct five-generation line.

Audrey's grandfather, Joseph A. Seagle, 92, a pioneer of eastern Washington and a resident of Sequim for more than 20 years, is the proud great-great-grandfather. Joe lives with his wife, Francis Olson Seagle, on 10 acres where a large garden, cords of cut wood and carefully tended landscaping attest to an active novegenerian.

Jon and Audrey also live here, and all five generations are happy and healthy.

Ghana recognizes Church

By Solomon Ayitey

ACCRA, Ghana — The Worldwide Church of God has been officially recognized as a "registered, legal body" by the government of Ghana, announced Harold L. Jackson, director of the Work for black Africa, at Sabbath services here March 26.

News of the Church's registration, which is expected to greatly boost the progress of God's Work in this country, was greeted with applause from the 44 members and four children present as Mr. Jackson's words were translated into the Ghanaian language by Abner Washington, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi churches.

"Registration came at a beautiful moment, at the Passover, the period signifying the beginning of God's plan of salvation," Mr. Washington said.

Mr. Jackson also reported on other aspects of the Work in black Africa, telling of a growth rate that "looks promising for the future."

The director had flown in from England March 24 to witness the conclusion of the registration process the next day and to conduct Passover services, enabling Mr. and Mrs. Washington to fly to Nigeria for the services there.

On the Passover the director held services for the combined Ghanaian congregations that included one member who had traveled 448 miles to be here from Wa, at the upper tip of the country. Fifty-five people took the Passover, with Mr. Jackson assisted in the ceremony by Charles Akowuah, a Ghanaian deacon.

After Sabbath services the next day, some members gathered in members' houses for the Night to Be Much Remembered, while Mr. Jackson was the host at a banquet in Accra's Ambassador Hotel.

After Mr. Jackson and Mr. Akowuah spoke here April 3, on the first day of Unleavened Bread, members traveled to Kumasi for the last Holy Day, where the brethren welcomed Carl McNair, coordinator for the Upper Midwest Area of the United States, who delivered the sermon to the 48 people present.

Malaysians welcome transfers

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysian members of the Church would "warmly welcome" about 20 transfers from North America for the Feast of Tabernacles this year, said John Halford, an Australian minister and area coordinator for Southeast Asia.

Mr. Halford said an article in *The Worldwide News* of April 11, giving information released by the Festival Office at Big Sandy, gave the wrong impression when it said transfers are "not encouraged" for the Port Dickson, Malaysia, Festival site.

"Ouch. That looks terrible in print," Mr. Halford said. "What an unfriendly lot you must all think we are down here. Please let me set the record straight."

Far from discouraging, he said, "we would warmly welcome 20 or so of our North American brethren if they would like to join us for the Feast this year."

Mr. Halford talked of what Malaysia has to offer visitors from abroad.

"Well, first the country itself," he said. "It is probably one of the most beautiful countries on earth. In case you think I'm prejudiced, let me remind you that the producers of *South Pacific* chose a Malaysian offshore island to film the great film classic.

"Much of the country is still virgin jungle. Rubber plantations, palm-oil trees, tropical flowers and incredibly gorgeous butterflies abound. The weather is tropical, but not too hot. The towns and cities are quite modern, and not too big. In short, Malaysia is a progressive, modern nation that has not lost its Asian identity and customs. You'll love it."

The Port Dickson site overlooks the Strait of Malacca, one of the world's busy waterways. "Some of the largest ships afloat can be seen just a few miles offshore," Mr. Halford said. "Only a couple of hundred kilometers to the south is the busy city-state of Singapore.

"The historic old Port of Malacca is 40 minutes' drive from the Feast site.

"The local hotels are quite comfortable — perhaps not quite four-star, international standard — but air conditioned and clean."

The coordinator said costs during the Feast would probably be cheaper than those for the same services in America, except for the air fare, of course.

"But don't be on too much of a shoestring. The Malaysian government doesn't appreciate penniless foreign visitors; they are quite rightly tired of hippies."

Mr. Halford listed some disadvantages of the site that should be taken into consideration.

"I don't recommend the Malaysian Feast for the very elderly or those who can't take the heat. Our meeting hall isn't air conditioned. If you have to be very careful with your diet, our Feast isn't for you. The food is good and wholesome, but it is sort of Easterny Western food, if you see what I mean.

"If you want sophisticated entertainment, forget it. Port Dickson isn't exactly famous for its nightlife. Most of the Feast activities are of the homespun variety."

On the other hand, "if you are looking for something a bit different for the Feast this year, why not think about Malaysia? You'll have a ball, and you'll meet some Chinese and Indian brethren that I know you will never forget — and who will never forget you.

"So please ignore that bit about transfers not encouraged. If you'd like to come, please do. We'd love to have you."

Americans wishing to transfer to Port Dickson, or any other foreign site, should so state on the applications they have already received from the American Festival Office. The forms will then be forwarded to Mr. Halford, in care of the Australian office.

Applications should be sent to: Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

Non-U.S. members who wish to inquire about transferring should contact the Work's office in the region in which they live.

Britain hears broadcast by cassette-tape system

By John D. Stettaford

BRICKET WOOD, England — Britain hasn't heard *The World Tomorrow* on radio for 10 years, and the broadcast in Europe is aired at poor times. Yet, despite these difficulties, a growing number of European Church members listen to the broadcast each week. They manage it through a cassette-tape network.

Beginning in the late '60s tapes were supplied by a generous Californian member for the London church. When the London congregation separated into the North and South churches, the tapes had to be exchanged, forming the basis of a tape network that, beginning with just 10 cassettes and 10 listeners, today has in its inventory 400 programs and listeners in 10 British churches alone.

But last year came a crisis when the tape supply from America dried up. Edie Floyd (now Mrs. Williams) of Dallas, Tex., came to the rescue, sending tapes monitored from radio station KRLD.

But this year has seen a breakthrough that promises to increase the scope of the network.

Access to the master tapes received by the Work's radio studio here means new, high-quality, up-to-date tapes can be added to the network's stock. Even so, tapes left over from the '60s are still being played, though they are being withdrawn from circulation as quickly as possible.

The network, masterminded by North London member David Townson, has always been operated and financed by volunteers.

"Our biggest problem to date has been obtaining broadcast tapes on a regular basis — that and being able to afford blank cassettes, of course," he said. "Both of these problems now seem resolved, at least as long as Bricket Wood continues to receive broadcast tapes from Pasadena and we have access to them."

Although the network hasn't yet the means to cover all the British churches, tapes are also distributed to members in Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

The latest acquisition, says Mr. Townson, is some of the new-format five-minute broadcasts of Garner Ted Armstrong, which are already in circulation.

Tapes are transcribed from the master tapes onto 60-minute cassettes with the Work's British address substituted "in case someone unconnected with the Church somehow stumbles across a tape and wants to send for literature," Mr. Townson notes.

"Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong said on his last visit to Bricket Wood that he wished with all his heart that the broadcast could be heard daily in Britain. Whilst cassettes are no substitute for a witness broadcast, they are providing a growing number of Church brethren with a regular broadcast, and we are planning for further expansion as soon as possible."

Local church news wrap-up

Passing the Baton

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Spring Feast was a time of starts and finishes in Alaska, much like the excitement found at a track meet.

Bill Gordon, pastor of the Alaskan churches, arrived here seven years ago with Dan Fricke and observed the Passover with the brethren. He returned with his family and began to pastor the newly raised church that year on Pentecost. Seven years later, Earl Roemer and his wife, fresh from a sabbatical, took the pass after a long run by Mr. Gordon, who will be heading to Pasadena for his sabbatical. In seven years the number of Alaskan brethren has grown from about 70 to more than 300.

Mr. Roemer had expected to be joined in Anchorage by Mr. Gordon and the Kenai brethren for the first Holy Day April 3, but a fresh blanket of snow had closed the mountain passes and snowed in the Kenai people. Anchorage enjoyed the day with Mr. Roemer and Dick Eckman, local elder from Palmer. The families expecting visitors from out of town for the Night to Be Much Observed joined forces.

Mr. Roemer and his wife were able to drive to Kenai Monday night, where he held a Bible study and get-acquainted meeting before returning to Pasadena on Wednesday. The Roemers will return here with their family after Pentecost.

Meanwhile, the Fairbanks church celebrated its first Passover and Spring Festival, conducted by local elder Al Tunseth of Anchorage. Eighteen took the Passover. Mr. Tunseth held a Bible study, family lunch and sermon on the Holy Day. The services in Fairbanks eliminated an 800-mile round trip for the people there, who previously had to make the trek to Anchorage for Passover.

Twelve preschool children here took part in games, prizes and treats at a luncheon party April 19. Included on the menu were sandwiches made from commercial bread cut in the shapes of animals. Games included a big-game hunt of matching an animal cookie with a similar hidden cookie. *Mike Pickett and Alice Wegh.*

Youth Choir

ANNISTON, Ala. — The youth choir here, under the direction of Geraldine York, gave its first performance at Sabbath services March 19. The children, ages 8 through 13, were accompanied at the piano by Patty Pace.

That evening the singers and their families enjoyed a dinner in a private room at a restaurant. After dinner everyone enjoyed social activities that included some square-dancing instructions.

The choir members are Casandra Garrett, Dara Johnson, Jerry, Ronald and William Johnston, Jonathan Langley, Irma McClain, Laura and Mark Nelson, Kerry Pace, Michael Warren and Paula York. *Jerry York.*

Phone Invitations

BATON ROUGE, La. — Due to the efforts of Karl Beyersdorfer, pastor here, and Ambassador College graduate Dennis Houglam, Baton Rouge now has two distribution points for *Plain Truths,* each putting 30 to 40 magazines per day into the area.

Bob Albarado of Lafayette, La., reports that the site there is also putting out 30 to 40 magazines per day.

The Prince Murat, a luxury motel here, was the site of a minicampaign conducted by Gerald Waterhouse, evangelist and Abilene and San Angelo, Tex., pastor, March 26 and 27. Headquarters sent out 1,000 letters and members here made 500 personal phone invitations to area *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Mr. Waterhouse expounded God's plan for mankind to members and 119 visitors.

Mr. Beyersdorfer has received 14 requests for visits or asking to attend church. He commented that since Mr. Waterhouse's visit, "we've had 265 attending weekly services, whereas before our all-time high was 239." *Wilson Grice.*

Silver Ambassadors

BIG SANDY — The Silver Ambassadors, a newly organized senior-citizens' club of the church here, sponsored a plant and bake sale April 24 in the parking area of the First State Bank in Big Sandy.

The sale gave the members an opportunity to display their baking, gardening and home-canning talents. Proceeds from the sale will be used for trips, socials and other activities for the group.

The Silver Ambassadors hope to individually and collectively use the abilities and experiences they have to serve and inspire every age-group. Dr. Duke Galloway, president, said the members plan to "forget ourselves in service to others." *Thelma Van Orsdol.*

Culinary Talents

BOMBAY, India — Members here met in the home of the Kulasingams, deacon and deaconess, to observe the Passover April 1. The 21 members represented the largest group meeting in India. The country has 54 members.

The members in Bombay and the group in Hyderabad heard tapes of a sermon by Frank Brown, director of the British Work, on the Passover. The tapes were sent from Bricket Wood by Chris Hunting.

The Kulasingams organized a dinner for the Night to Be Much Observed with the aid of the brethren. The ladies displayed their culinary talents in a variety of dishes, while the single men brought fruit, wines and ice cream.

The next evening Dr. Sudhir Chandra, member here, and his wife, the former P. Dasson of the Malaysian church, who were married March 28, threw a party for all the members here. *M. Radhakrishna.*

Spunky Spouses

CASPER, Wyo. — The Spunky Spouses met April 16 in the home of Melisa Wilson. The meeting was opened with prayer by Kathelen Banyai. Topics were led by Jayne Fertig.

Mrs. Benyai gave a report on culture arts and the museums here and the types of art on display.

The program was given by Manuel "Manny" Pordo, a hairdresser, who spoke about hair care and gave a demonstration on the use of a blow dryer and curling iron. *Beverly Johnston.*

TROPHY WINNERS — The Toledo men's team came out the champions in its division at the Columbus invitational basketball tournament March 20. (See "Ohio Tournament," this page.) [Photo by Dennis Bennett]

Classical Plants

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Fifteen ladies of the Colorado Springs and Walsenburg congregations brought their sick plants for Linda Flickinger, horticulturist, to analyze and suggest proper treatment April 17. Discounting the theory of talking to and loving plants, she said that plants love soft classical music.

Refreshments were served by Kathy Whisler, Tracy Welsh and Judy Adam.

A previous club meeting had been conducted by Karen Fittje, Janet Thompson and Peggy Rohrig. Their discussions focused on the experiences of ladies in the working world and the importance of a woman having a marketable skill in case she might have to support her family. *Tommie Joe Stewart.*

Ohio Tournament

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The A.M. and P.M. churches here sponsored an invitational basketball tournament March 20. Teams taking part in the competition were from Columbus, Youngstown, Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tournament games were played in three categories: junior boys, senior boys and men's. Games were played in two adjacent gymnasiums.

Trophies were awarded to the Dayton junior boys, who defeated the Columbus junior boys, 27-17; the Youngstown senior boys, who won over the Cincinnati North and West team, 51-48; and the Toledo men's team, who defeated the Cleveland men's team, 65-51. *Dennis Bennett.*

NEW OFFICERS — New officers of the Detroit East YOU chapter are, from left, Mark McDonald, Greg Rodriguez, Craig Spencer, Laurie Priebe, Bob Wilmoth, Karen Stabe and Ron Arbuckle. The officers were announced at a teen Bible study by pastor Reinhold "Shorty" Fuessel and Detroit East YOU director Bob David.

Arguing Farmers

CONCORD, N.H. — The brethren here got a taste of the theater as they watched a talent show put on by members and their offspring. The show was preceded by a spaghetti dinner.

Announcer James Baldwin, local elder here, introduced the acts: Jane West played an Autoharp; Phil Bell and Lana Kangas sang and played guitars; Terry Piasceny, Waldo Tweedy and Don Bemis sang barbershop style; Dan Rogers, pastor here, sang and played a guitar, while his children, Chris and Christine, sang and acted; and Mike Limanni sang.

The church's cub scouts did a tumbling and balancing act and were interrupted by Gordon Low, who tried to get tiny Terry Piasceny Jr. to balance him. The opening act by Jim Haydn and Dave Sargent borrowed mirth from Laurel and Hardy. Mr. Low and Al Nelson were argung farmers, one from Down East (Maine) and the other from Vermont. *Bruce Elder.*

Once a Month

EUREKA, Calif. — Brethren here met April 16 for a Bible study, a pot-luck meal, three movies and, for the first time, singing, with 40 in attendance.

Marc Segall, Medford, Ore., local elder, gave the sermon and led the singing. Lisa Segall played the piano and helped with the meal.

The Segalls drive here from Medford once a month for a Sabbath Bible study.

The brethren also observed the first Passover service in this area April 1. *Kathleen Buck.*

YOU Tapes

FAIRMONT, Minn. — Forty Rochester and Fairmont young people journeyed to Albert Lea, Minn., for a day of fun and listening to YOU-conference tapes of Garner Ted Armstrong. New ideas were also discussed. *John Cox.*

Widows Honored

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Guys' and Gals' Club gave a semiformal dinner in honor of 16 widows of the church here April 23 in the home of Baxter Biggs. The widows were served filet-mignon dinners and later driven home after eating and fellowshipping.

The club members discussed plans for a going-away party for pastor Fred Kellers and family, who will be transferring from here to Little Rock, Ark. *Denise Jacques.*

Exotic Plants

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Ross Flynn of the Philadelphia, Pa., church filled in for Roy Demarest, pastor here, on the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 9. Mr. and Mrs. Demarest and their oldest son, Cliff, were in Big Sandy for the YOU national finals in basketball and cheerleading.

Mr. Flynn's sermon was about friendship.

The church's annual dinner dance was that evening at the Treadway Inn in nearby Lancaster. The tables were surrounded by exotic tropical plants and a water fountain. Music was provided by the Daybreaks. *Tom and Rosie Seltzer.*

Hawaiian Ordination

HONOLULU, Hawaii — Typically beautiful weather prevailed for the spring Holy Days here. On the first Holy Day, April 3, Oren Wilson was ordained deacon. Mr. Wilson will be serving the brethren on the island of Maui, where the second-largest group of Hawaiian brethren live.

Following services, the brethren enjoyed picnic lunches. *Steven E. Brightbill.*

Drawing to a Close

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The first season of the Ladies' Club here is drawing to a close, having been organized and put in motion by Mrs. Ken Williams, with the assistance of several members who have attended Ambassador College.

The original format, which called for guest speakers at every meeting, was soon changed to let the women become better acquainted. Ken Williams, pastor here, and Glen Keeley, local elder, have also attended the meetings. Fund-raising and volunteer projects are important objectives of the club. A bazaar in a shopping mall here has been planned for this fall.

The last meeting of the season was planned for May 7. A combined banquet for members of the club and members of the Spokesman Club and their spouses will be in June. *Mandy R. Evans.*

Trip In, Trip Out

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — The church here held an evening of entertainment called "Trip In, Trip Out" March 26, with a musical trip, a fashion trip and a fun trip.

The musical trip was presented by the church choir, directed by Hal Salmon and accompanied by Susan Fiedler. The program began with "It's a Grand Night for Singing," followed by three Negro spirituals, two folk tunes, a jazz number, "The Wind of Life," and ended on a light vein with an amusing song, "Pollution."

Next was the fashion trip, a fashion show of clothes handmade by some of the ladies. Ernstine Coward was the moderator, looking resplendent in a long black-and-white-print cotton dress with a turban of matching material.

Finally, the audience was entertained by the local church talent. Some of the high points were Jack Coward as "The Shadow"; a modern dance by Rhonda Carr and Melodie King; Hal Salmon and Inez Barlow in "The Bickersons"; and Brent Fiedler as three-legged "Jake the Peg." Four-year-old Steve King gave a rock concert and Lola Parham was Shirley Temple. Others participating were Mary Lou Wells, Sylvia, David and Ray King, Coy Wells, Sue Owen and Jonathon Loggans. Ed Smith was the announcer.

Ansel Payne handled the lights and audio equipment. *Barbara McNeese.*

Dance to Be Remembered

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The con-

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Why the Work will skyrocket from now

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ANNOUNCEMENT (good news — Gospel) of the KINGDOM OF GOD that was to come.

c) Proclaimed that announcement of good news to many thousands, of whom only 120 BELIEVED HIM (Acts 1:15).

d) Sacrificed His life in payment for our sins.

e) Was resurrected from the dead by God, making our resurrection possible.

f) Ascended to heaven to be our High Priest until He returns to earth to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD and to set up the KINGDOM OF GOD.

Where are we NOW?

In the very last days of the 6,000 years of the day of man, close to the Day of the Lord, when He shall supernaturally intervene and take over all governments on earth.

Now back to the book of Revelation:

BRIEFLY: God on His throne in heaven held the prophecy in the form of a rolled scroll, sealed with seven seals. Christ, ONLY, standing in front of the throne, is worthy to take the book, or the roll, open it and reveal the meaning of the prophecy! He takes the book. The first six seals are opened in chapter 6.

End of the age

Jesus had talked to His disciples about the Temple being torn down (timing — their time, then). And then also of the end of this world, or age (the DAY OF MAN), and of Christ's coming — the Day of the Lord.

The disciples asked WHEN?

He did not begin answering with the signs of His coming and the end of the world — day of man. He began in the order in which they asked — their day, in which the Temple would be torn down, and events from then. So first He warned them in THEIR DAY (though it has continued to now). "Take heed that no man deceive YOU" (Matthew 24:4), for the great false church and the deception engineered by Satan would start in their day. "For many shall come in my name . . ." (claiming to REPRESENT Christ as His true ministers going out in His name) . . . "saying I am Christ . . ." (that is, that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah) . . . "and shall deceive many."

That was the white horse. Christ's Second Coming, pictured in the 19th chapter of Revelation, shows Him on a white horse. These who are FALSE APOSTLES (II Corinthians 11:13-15) are actually Satan's ministers (verse 15), posing as the ministers of Christ.

How did they deceive? They grew in numbers and they persecuted God's Church, gained power to SUPPRESS the Gospel that Christ taught His apostles. They took the name of Christ, calling their false church "Christianity." Actually it was the old Babylonian mystery religion being revived.

License to disobey

They taught that their church was the KINGDOM — already here. The pope, as soon as the Roman bishops were called popes, had come IN PLACE OF CHRIST — taking over Christ's place. They took the true doctrine of grace, turning it into license to disobey and to break the law, saying that Christ did away with the law. Thus they destroyed the basic constitution, the laws, of the Kingdom of God. They blasphemed against the Holy Spirit, calling it a third person — the Trinity — thus doing away with the fact that we may be born again — born of God into the God Family. And that has come down to our time. True Christians were persecuted, and millions were martyred. The true Church went underground.

Next the red horse. Jesus (Matthew 24) said, next, wars and rumors of wars would culminate in our time in nation against nation.

Next famine. Followed by pestilences. The red horse of Revelation 6 signifies the wars, the black horse the famine, the pale horse the pestilences which follow famine. These would accelerate toward the end of the age as they have done and are continuing to do.

As I have said (and many more prophecies bear it out), the true Gospel that Jesus proclaimed was SUPPRESSED and false doctrines sent out instead. The whole world was deceived.

Now Jesus comes to the sign by which His people would know when the end of this world, the end of the day of man, is at hand and the time of the Day of the Lord is coming.

Verse 14 (after 1,900 years): "And this GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached *in all the world* for a witness unto all nations, and THEN (following that) the end shall come." Yes, the end of the day of man.

Inset chapters

Now, at this point we have to consider some inset chapters in Revelation. The 13th and the 17th, tying in with Daniel 2 and Daniel 7, show the rising up of the resurrection of the old "Holy Roman Empire" that is in process through the European Common Market. But those nations CANNOT get themselves together at the same time the Roman Catholic Church is having the greatest crisis in its history. Look at its history. When in a crisis it has never come, as God's true Church does, and dropped to its knees, gone to the God whose Church and Work it is, and asked Him to show the way and to pull them through. No, they have always resorted to POLITICAL and PHYSICAL means. The time is near for a pope (probably not the present one) to extend his good graces to the nations of Europe and bring them together — but only as a union of church and state so that everyone will be forced to become a Catholic. The church will rule.

I have now brought you to the point where we are now in prophecy. I am now fulfilling Revelation 10:10, 11, the Gospel going to kings to become a witness to all nations. This is one of the inset chapters of which there are several in the book. If you will follow through the next verses continuing in the 11th chapter, we come to THE TWO WITNESSES. The time is NEAR for their 3½-year ministry to start. You find these identified in Haggai and in Zechariah, chapters 1 through 4, also the fulfillment of Malachi 1:1-4 and many other prophecies. Very possibly the Great Tribulation which Jesus mentions in Matthew 24, later than I quoted, will end our present Work and bring in the Laodicean church. WE have a promise of protection during the Great Tribulation.

All the rest of the book of Revelation, including the fifth seal, which is the Great Tribulation (also described in Jeremiah 30), will quickly follow.

Today, as in Haggai 2:22, the thrones of nations are being thrown down at the rate of one a month.

Time is short

TIME IS SHORT. A small nuclear nation can now make the mistake of setting off a nuclear bomb against another small nation. There will be a quick retaliation, a third nuclear nation will enter, and Russia will not be silent but will get into it. Everyone knows the United States will not fire off the first nuclear weapon, but we would then be drawn into it, and in a matter of *HOURS* ALL HUMANITY WOULD BE WIPED OFF THE EARTH — *UNLESS* God Almighty intervenes with supernatural power at that point to save humanity alive.

The day of man will be over.

The Day of the Lord will be here.

Meanwhile, we may have one more year or 10 — no one knows how many — but I do know the time is short for us to finish the Work God has given us to do — and shorter than we think!

This catches God's Church OFF GUARD. We are in a serious crisis *SPIRITUALLY!* The time has come for us to *WAKE UP*. The time has come for us to get to OUR KNEES! The time has come for us to become a FERVENTLY PRAYING CHURCH. The time has come for fasting and prayer.

I started setting the example by fasting five full days a week ago, mixed with intense prayer.

I will go back to fasting and prayer personally again this coming week. This is an example for all of you ministers. I ask you to follow my example and to pray more earnestly than ever before in your life for the Work.

Special offering

We got the first indication of how the Work will skyrocket from here on by the special offering that Garner Ted requested. It may run over a million dollars — perhaps larger than any Holy Day offering.

I know that you brethren are all 100 percent back of this. I cannot thank you in words enough for that wonderful offering. I know your hearts are in it!

As we pray, let us confess not only our own sins and faults and laxities, but those of the whole Church, as Daniel prayed for the forgiveness of the sins of all Israel.

We have been leaning farther than most of us realize in interest in this world and in getting closer and closer to Satan while we warm a seat at church and still hope to make it into God's Kingdom.

Brethren, the time has come to *MAKE OUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE!*

From here on, the message going out powerfully to the world must emphasize the good news of the happy and peaceful World Tomorrow and much less that of the bad news of today's world.

We must preach more and think more about the RESURRECTION — now not far off. What will it be like then?

The entire emphasis in preaching the Gospel is to change from now.

Brethren, I say God is on His throne; He will fill us with the POWER. I say WE are going to CHANGE — the message is going to change — our hearts are going to change — and the whole Work is going to change — to skyrocket upwards. Let's put our whole minds and hearts into it!

A Personal Letter from Herbert W. Armstrong

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Church sent one. It was one of the greatest demonstrations of your love, concern, loyalty and affection for your Pastor General and God's Apostle that I have ever experienced.

And I shall never be able to thank God enough for selecting her and sending her to me and causing this very real and deep love that He has given to each of us for the other. God knew this help I needed to have by my side to accomplish His Work for the remainder of my life or for both of our lives, and He certainly chose and sent to me the loveliest and most lovable of the lovelies.

Hard at work

In a sense this has been our honeymoon in our own new home together — yet it has been one of the BUSIEST and HARDEST-WORKING three weeks in my life. The one room that is already completely furnished in the home is my study — or office. I have been hard at work on the typewriter and on the telephone with many of our top people in the offices at Pasadena with whom I have been in constant touch and in even other telephone conversations from other points of the world. I have had deeply affectionate congratulations from Teddy Kolleck, mayor of Jerusalem, and all of my friends over there, so apparently the news has spread around the world. Yet by no means have I been out of day-to-day contact with the Work.

A few days after the wedding I had a telephone call from my son, Garner Ted. "We're at the Tucson airport," he said. "May Shirl and I have lunch with you and Ramona at the Smuggler's Inn?" Ted was here again just this last Friday for an important conference Friday afternoon on his way to the special district meetings at Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and stopped off here on his return flight toward Pasadena this afternoon two hours ago.

My plane has been "down" for almost three weeks for its annual overhaul and should be in perfect shape now for another year's grind around the world.

Our next trip probably will be in the Eastern Europe — communist — countries behind the iron curtain. We have invitations to meet heads of government there, and I think this extremely important.

Important announcement

Garner Ted called me on the telephone yesterday just before he was to go to the platform to speak to some 3,000 or 4,000 members. He asked what I thought about making what we both now feel is a very important announcement. It is this:

Mr. Albert Portune is coming back with us. I insisted it was necessary that he talk with me at some length first. Though Garner Ted, Mr. Rader and one or two others had been discussing the matter with him for some time, there were some points of important doctrine in regard to the Great Commission that we believed he was not in harmony with, beside some personal matters that we need to get straightened out and in full harmony. We had three meetings here in my home in Tucson a week ago.

Friday night in my office here, in privacy, Mr. Portune bared his heart to me, explaining what his feelings and emotions had been prior to and leading up to the time of his resignation. On these he completely satisfied me that he is now ready to be received back. The next day, Sabbath a week ago yesterday, we had a morning Bible study and an afternoon Bible study about two hours each on points that I felt necessary that we be in complete harmony on. These little Bible studies were attended by Mrs. Portune, Mrs. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Rader and, I believe, Dr. and Mrs. Lochner.

As you know, Mr. Portune is one of the most effective and powerful speakers. Later, of course, we all hope and pray that Mr. Portune will once again be an effective man in God's Work.

My work now is primarily opening the doors where they have been closed to this message of Christ so that other powerful speakers may follow us and go into these countries with the Gospel. Once we have completed that new phase of the Work, as well as in the United States, Canada, Britain, Western Europe, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa, we shall have finished the Great Commission that God has laid on my shoulders.

We simply have not much time, although we do not know how much time we have. But God is ON HIS THRONE and will see that it GETS DONE in time, whether one more year or 10 or many more. I feel sure He will give me the vitality, the energy, the drive and the power to finish the Work, as well as Garner Ted, who is almost 40 years younger in calendar age — and there should be no question about his having enough good, active, dynamic years left to finish this Work. Stanley Rader is close to the same age as Ted, and many more of our top men developing all the time in experience, ability and power as speakers and writers are along the same age.

Just how much more time do we have — and what is the state of this Work at this point? I will try to answer that in another article in this same issue.

Vending units used for 'PT'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — New readers of *The Plain Truth* are learning about the magazine via a variation on the newsstand-distribution program, said Bob Mitchell, distribution coordinator for this area, April 17.

Mr. Mitchell credited Church member Glenn Redifer with discovering that *PT* copies could be given away using street-corner newspaper-vending units with the coin mechanism removed.

Mr. Redifer had consulted Vince Savickas, circulation manager for the Sacramento *Union*, "who suggested we use the same method of distribution that newspapers use," Mr. Mitchell said. "He agreed to sell to us for $15 each dispensing units that have the coin mechanism removed.

"These are all-weather units that are refurbished with new Plexiglas front covers."

Mr. Mitchell's distribution program includes five of these units "placed alongside major newspaper stands in prime traffic areas."

The system has met with success, he said, and is a "bonanza for distribution of *The Plain Truth* in this area."

Other church areas have contacted Mr. Mitchell about the system, which "has proven extremely worthwhile in locations we really want to be in and no retailer is willing to distribute *The Plain Truth* or none is available to do so."

MOVING?

Please do not send your changes of address to Big Sandy. U.S. changes of address for *The Worldwide News* are handled automatically with *Plain Truth* changes and should be mailed directly to: Worldwide Church of God, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

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A Personal Letter from Garner Ted Armstrong

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discussed the study we had begun only last summer with regard to consolidation of the two campuses.

I was very frank with them about the financial impact of operating a branch.

I took the vice president and provost for the Big Sandy campus, Ronald Kelly, totally into my confidence and told him exactly what was happening in the overall financial picture.

Those who misinterpret

I knew that, judging from experience, there would be those who would totally misinterpret the current financial crunch and would claim that, instead of having a *temporary* cash-flow problem, the Work was "going under!"

True to my apprehensions, some of our opposition immediately called a newspaper reporter in the Southern California area, alleging all sorts of utterly fallacious and nonsensical rumors, saying that the Work was bankrupt, the banks are foreclosing and all sorts of total nonsense!

Of course, college officials merely explained to the reporters that we were having a current cash-flow crisis, which we have had many times in the past, but all the right decisions were being made by the administration which would solve the problem, and God's Work was fully expected to go on bigger and greater than ever before. The reporters seemed to agree that — since even the United States as a nation, every major firm, corporate enterprise, association, business and private home in the country faces similar problems from time to time, including their own newspaper — this very likely was not "news."

I can now confidently report to all of you brethren that, resulting from the outpouring of your contributions on the special Sabbath offering given in response to my father's letter and mine, the immediate emergency cash-flow crunch is over. As is explained elsewhere, we must still balance the budgets, bringing the projected budgetary expenditures down inside and below projected income.

We are doing this, no matter what it costs, no matter what priorities need to be reassigned, no matter what sacrifices need to be made.

Getting the facts

I will take you completely into my confidence, as I always have, with regard to the ongoing study concerning the Big Sandy campus as it develops. The important thing at this point, to me, is that decisions, at any level in God's Work, whether institutional, financial or in areas of personnel, must be made in an atmosphere of caution, of possession of all the facts, of mutual trust and faith, with great courage in the face of every threat to courage and absent of fear or suspicion.

My father has always told me it is essential to "get all the facts" before making far-reaching and sweeping decisions. He and I have had very close personal talks recently, in which we have mutually reaffirmed our total dedication to these and other important principles.

I was very pleased to have him once again reaffirm his confidence and faith in me in the day-to-day management of the administrative aspects of the Work and told him as sincerely as I knew how that he would have my loyal and faithful support right down the line at all times!

Thus, as I study the situation in Big Sandy, I will report to you in every detail, just as I did concerning our, unfortunately, abortive study about the potential for the reopening of the Bricket Wood campus.

I would far rather run the risk of those unfortunate responses from people who "love a rumor" and have a desperate desire for wild tales, giant suspicions, frightened stories, suppositions, perhapses, "have you heard that?", "did you hear the latest?" and all other scare stories, rumors, half truths and exaggerations than I would to clam up, say nothing and let the vast majority of the loyal and faithful brethren in the Church be left in a state of complete wonderment about "what is going on." I will always seriously run the risk of allowing the rumormongers grist for their mill of false propaganda and take you brethren into my confidence, as will my father, no matter what it costs in terms of the "unofficial grapevine."

So what I am stating to you in this "Personal" is *official*.

Balancing the budget

What I am trying to do right now, brethren, is BALANCE THE BUDGET!

I am not "trying" to "close the Big Sandy campus." I am trying to again BALANCE THE BUDGET!

If I can project forward a balanced budget for two years, three years or five years, then the Big Sandy campus will remain intact and will not be closed! If, for any reason, it would appear that the basic and essential priorities of God's Work, meaning the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom as a witness to all the world, radio, television, *The Plain Truth* magazine and our newsstand campaigns and all other aspects of the Work which have to do with getting the Gospel out as a witness, were in any way threatened by the continuance of a branch campus, then no matter what it might mean to me personally and to the hundreds of other families personally, I would have to have the courage to make that final decision at that time, based upon those and only those criteria.

I do ask for your prayers.

Painful lessons

I am beginning to learn some painful lessons my father has had to learn many years before, clear back up in Oregon when I was quite young.

I am finding that some in the Work, based on emotional circumstances and certain pressures, take potshots at you for whatever reason.

I have been utterly dumbfounded to realize recently that, despite my efforts to totally immerse myself in doing God's Work, it hasn't been enough for some.

I can understand more fully and deeply than ever how my father must feel when he is virtually "spending himself" in his efforts to do God's Work, and yet there are those who can sit around and have the time on their hands to criticize and gripe.

Believe me, it gives me a greater measure of sympathy and understanding toward him and the burden he has to bear.

I am finding the position in which God has placed me is becoming increasingly lonesome. But I am prepared to bear that loneliness, because I am rewarded, as Jesus said I would be hundreds of times over, when I am able to stand in a pulpit as I did before thousands of you brethren in the Ozarks recently and see your deep emotional response and reaction to my words and my message.

This is growing lengthy, but during the present days, when God's Church is again weathering a crisis, girding our loins, locking arms and standing together and going on to meet the future in even greater faith, for some reason I felt like talking to you *really personally*.

Thanks for listening. Please pray for my father and me and for God's Work and for each other as we all join together in this forthcoming day of fasting and prayer.

With much love,
your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Fuel shortage cancels services

By Graemme Marshall
Area coordinator, Victoria

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two Melbourne congregations were forced to cancel Sabbath services April 30 as a result of a gasoline shortage after a two-week strike cut supplies to service stations, making this city of three million people virtually fuel-less.

Panic buying began, and soon supplies of "petrol" were exhausted. Lines formed 24 hours ahead of time to obtain $2 worth. Fights broke out among impatient drivers, and in one instance a handgun was pulled on a queue jumper. Gasoline brought into the city from other states sold at $1 to $3 a gallon. (The usual price averages 70 cents.)

Ministers and other Church members have not been unaffected. Sabbath attendance was down April 23 after the first week of the strike, and the following week's services in two of the three Melbourne churches were canceled.

The only progress made by the striking 500 union members as of this writing, April 28, has been to decide to extend the strike another seven days. That decision is causing mounting public resentment, because this extends the strike through a Monday-holiday weekend.

The government has talked of intervening, but has not acted.

Church activities have been canceled in the interest of conserving fuel for members to get to work and provide for their families. Ministers have been able to store some fuel for emergencies but are otherwise grounded at home.

How does a minister serve God's people without the use of an automobile?

Some members live nearby, but most live 30 to 40 kilometers (24 miles) away. That invention of interruption — the telephone — is now proving a blessing. Brian Orchard, Melbourne North's pastor, spent three hours one day going from service station to service station trying to find fuel.

On the brighter side, the enforced grounding allowed ministers time at home for paperwork and family life and to observe a populace held to ransom by a few.

Australians are seen out walking more and are more talkative. Yet, even with the shortage, Aussies still manage to worship their chief god: football. Some 92,000 people attended a game during the strike.

In all, the situation is a taste of things to come when anarchy could disrupt all major power and energy supplies at the same time. It brought home forcibly the need to trust our Provider and Protector in times ahead.

A story bantered about in Singapore told of a company receiving a shipment of match boxes without striking edges. The alarmed management wondered what to do with them until one bright spark suggested: "Send them to Australia. They'll strike on anything down there."

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development, thought and even new implementation. The purpose of the interview was not to hint at or indicate whether or not we're ready for candidacy."

Candidacy, the first step toward full accreditation, depends on the team's evaluation of the college in light of the SACS standards. These are with regards to the institution's purpose, organization and administration, educational program, finances, faculty, library, student-personnel services and physical plant.

Mr. Armstrong said there would obviously be increasing expenditures required as the Texas campus proceeded toward full accreditation. "I want to make sure we fully evaluate the full extent of financial resources which will be required to achieve full accreditation."

Department prepares students for agribusiness

AC sponsors third agriculture field day

BIG SANDY — The public learned about Ambassador College's agriculture program firsthand April 28 as the Agriculture Department here brought 250 East Texans up to date on AC's agriculture curriculum.

The occasion was the annual agriculture field day, sponsored for the third year by the department, headed by new chairman Dave Swaim.

Mr. Swaim talked about some changes in the field day.

"The field-day program this year had dual emphasis: our agribusiness-major program and East Texas agriculture, featuring dairying, pasture management and home gardening," he said.

East Texas operation

"We weren't able to bring in a whole program of out-of-state speakers this year," he continued. But Dick Raymond, a writer and lecturer and a "master gardener" for a concern called Garden Way Associates, did travel here from Charlotte, Vt., to tell folks about "down-to-earth vegetable gardening" and marketing home-grown produce.

Mr. Raymond has supervised the planting of a special demonstration garden on the campus here and has lectured and appeared on television in this area on behalf of AC agriculture.

Others who were part of the program included Joe Murphy of Fort Worth, Tex., a marketing expert, who talked on milk pricing and ag marketing; Shannon Carpenter of Sulphur Springs, Tex., a specialist for a milk producers' association, who spoke on dairy-herd classification; and Tommy Barker, a county extension agent, who gave tips on clover management.

Members of AC's faculty — Allen Stout, Zoell Colburn and Mr. Swaim — spoke about or gave demonstrations on gardening, the value of legumes in grazing programs, problems of raising clover and even composting and houseplants.

Other college personnel were involved, including AC's 60 agribusiness and agriculture students and Ronald Kelly, vice president and provost of the college, who welcomed the visitors.

"As always," Mr. Swaim said, "field day featured a tour of the college ranch, but this year attention was focused on our agribusiness-major program."

Department changes

The past several months have seen some changes in the department itself, including the closing of the college meat plant, brought about partially by budget cuts that also meant laying off four full-time department employees.

The alterations meant having to make the Ag Department primarily an "operation to support the academic program," Mr. Swaim said. But he believes focusing the department more on academics is more consistent with the college's goal of gaining accreditation and preparing students for careers in agribusiness.

"Almost all our effort is now focused on providing a top-quality program for preparing students for careers in agriculture," he said.

"We are developing programs in farm and ranch management, agricultural sales and services, horticulture management, agricultural research and agricultural journalism and public relations.

"Though we have retained a small herd of Angus cattle for educational purposes, we are totally out of the beef business. Our goal is to reorganize the production areas to closely support our academic program and serve as demonstration areas."

Aiming for balance

Mr. Swaim said his department is aiming for a "balance between the ideal and real."

The purpose of agriculture, he said, "is to produce quality people, which requires a healthful, beautiful and stable society. At the very least, the petrochemical dependency [in such areas as fertilizers and weed and pest control] we experience in today's agriculture does not appear to be leading to stability in the years ahead.

"Thus we are committed to exploring economically viable alternatives to petrochemicals.

"But we are also exploring what we feel is the probability that producers do not need to be strictly organic to be ecologically sound. It is the overuse and abuse of technology, rather than the technology itself, that generally presents great hazards."

The college offers a major in agribusiness and a minor in agriculture, and Mr. Swaim's department plans this fall to teach courses for a new environmental-management major administered by the Science Department.

Minister has fan

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Mrs. Jim McCune, a member of the church here, says Cathy, her 3-year-old daughter, is "very fond" of Edward Smith, an area coordinator and pastor of the Cincinnati churches. So when Mrs. McCune asked Cathy who created the earth, the toddler replied, "Mr. Smith did."

Local church news wrap-up

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gregation here celebrated two nights to be remembered this year, the Night to Be Much Observed on April 2 and a dance to be remembered a week later, on April 9. The dance featured the swinging music of the Tony Musco Band. The overflow crowd also enjoyed the food, fellowship and local church entertainment.

The church choir, under the direction of Delbert Detienne and accompanied by Patsy McCulley, sang three spirited songs. Bobby Shelton and Karen Jermakowicz, dressed as Raggedy Ann and Andy, put on an exhibition of clogging. Selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* were performed by Enoch Anderson, Wayne Williams, Vicky and Sandy Graham and Marcia Leslie.

Two calculators were given away as door prizes. Dance organizer John Shelton and his son did some picking and grinning on banjo and guitar as the crowd left for home. *John Bass.*

FINAL BOW — The casts of two comedy skits presented by the Oklahoma City Spokesman Club members and their wives take a final bow after their performance. They are from left, Bill Popp, Marilyn Reynolds, Kathy McNew, Mark Sadler, Gene Pearson, "Pat" Patton, Debbie Williams, Frank Williams, Leroy Rose, Denise Dobson, David Dobson and Leroy Brown. (See "Ladies-in-Waiting," this page.)

Hello, Good-bye

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — After the Sabbath service March 26 conducted by John Halford, Area Coordinator for Southeast Asia, and deacon Brian Hose, the brethren here traveled to the airport to welcome P. Dasson, member, nicknamed Queen Sheba, who flew in from Ipoh, 110 miles away. She was here on her way to India for her marriage to Dr. Sudhir Chandra, member, March 28.

The group posed for Mr. Hose's camera and, after many handshakes and a few kisses, P. Dasson continued her trip. *Peter Chan.*

Regional Competition

JACKSON, Miss. — YOU members from 13 churches assembled here March 19 and 20 for the South-Central Region basketball tournament and cheerleading competition.

Little Rock, Ark., defeated Longview, Tex., for the A-league championship. Big Sandy won over Meridian, Miss., to take the B-league title.

In the cheerleader competition, Big Sandy won first place, while Dallas, Tex., and Jackson took second and third places, respectively.

On the Sabbath, Ronald Kelly, evangelist and vice president of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, gave the sermon. Ron Dick, assistant YOU director, gave the sermonette. During the ball games Dean Blackwell, evangelist and Ambassador faculty member, and Mr. Kelly gave the play-by-play action.

Sunday morning Kermit Nelson, Ambassador athletic director, and Mr. Dick met with YOU coordinators from several church areas. *H.B. Wells.*

Bone-Jarring Trip

KENAI, Alaska — Many Anchorage brethren made a weekend migration to the Kenai area April 16.

Local elder Al Tunseth joined the parade down the rough road that has been decimated by winter. Several drivers looked longingly to the sky, wishing they could be flying to Kenai with Alaska pastor Bill Gordon instead of driving for nearly four hours on a bone-jarring road strewn with "bump" and "loose gravel" signs.

After Sabbath services Sherry Hart became the wife of Jesse Evans. After the wedding the bride was "kidnapped" for a while to add to the merryment.

The following day the over-the-hill Anchorage Jets played the Kenai Oilers, winning the basketball game 60-50. *Mike Pickett.*

Gone to the Dogs

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Men from the Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Russellville, Ark., churches met April 5 for an organizational meeting of Men United to Serve (MUTS).

This name was chosen from a group of 10 names submitted. The men have gone to the dogs for the club's name because they felt a mutt has many qualities in common with the goals of the club. A mutt is a mixture of breeds, affectionate, lovable, loyal and ready to serve his master.

Officers chosen are "Davy" Crockett, president; Jim Ussery, vice president; Frank Zahn, secretary-treasurer; and Earl McWhorter, sergeant at arms. *Frank Zahn.*

MOST-EFFECTIVE SPEAKERS — Lenox Cedeno, left, and Julien Jones shared the most-effective-speaker's award at a Spokesman Club seminar in Trinidad March 16. (See "Caribbean Survival," this page.)

Awards Banquet

LONGVIEW, Tex. — An awards banquet was held at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House here April 6 for the Longview Stars basketball team and cheerleaders. The team won second place in the regional play-offs in Jackson, Miss., losing to Little Rock, Ark., who won the national championship. The Stars also received the sportsmanship award in Jackson.

Mrs. Jack Elliott provided the April-flowers arrangement of azaleas, spirea and orchids for the head table. The Stars' trophies won during the past season were on display.

Ben Whitfield, pastor here, introduced Jim Petty, special guest, speaker and basketball coach at Ambassador College in Pasadena. The group presented him a gift of appreciation.

Gene Zhorne, YOU coordinator here, and Tim Alexander, basketball coach, spoke briefly before presenting individual trophies to the Stars: team captains Jeff Zhorne and Chris Klotz, Scott Zhorne and Don Nicholson, who were also both named to the regional all-tourney team, Mike Hammer, Steve Goff, Wade McCarty, Louis McCarty, Jerry Merritt and Zachary Klotz.

Cheerleaders Rebekah Baughman, Darlene Burrow, Angela Boyce and Jessica Klotz were also recognized. *Carol Klotz.*

Five Phases

LUFKIN, Tex. — A two-part seminar conducted here by Art Mokarow and Ken Coleman drew a crowd of 180. The seminar, "Achieving Marital Compatability and Marriage Communication," was at the Fredonia Inn in Nacogdoches, Tex., March 27. The event was promoted by the Longview and Lufkin leadership-training classes.

Mr. Coleman discussed how communications break down in marriage and how to effectively communicate at the family level.

Mr. Mokarow demonstrated how each marriage partner passes through five life-cycle phases and how each partner can be aware of and cope with his own and his mate's changing needs. *Walter A. Deptula.*

Tiny Folks

MINOT, N.D. — The brethren here held their first social March 19 after Sabbath services conducted by Dan Creed, pastor of the Bismarck and Minot churches.

After a cafeteria-style supper, entertainment was provided by several of the brethren.

Families from the Bismarck area also attended. The brethren enjoyed card games, volleyball, basketball and numerous games for the tiny folks. *Evelyn Kalamaha.*

McDonald's Bus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Women's Club here finalized plans for a church family day June 12 at its meeting April 10. The day's activities will include a potluck meal, pie sale, square dance, games for the elderly and a talent show for the children.

The ladies plan to serve coffee once a month following Sabbath services to encourage fellowship. The women discussed Rachel, this month's woman of the Bible.

More than 40 faces were temporarily added to the congregation here April 16, as teens and young singles from the London, Ky., church paid a surprise visit.

The group arrived Friday evening and visited Opryland Sunday. The Nashville teens hastily arranged a dance for the visiting young people Saturday night.

The teens traveled here on a refurbished bus provided by McDonald's. According to the London minister, McDonald's loans the bus to similar groups for trips. *Everett Corbin.*

Tasty Tidbits

NEW YORK — The Brooklyn-Queens church held its annual spring formal dinner dance April 10 at the Queens Terrace catering hall in Woodside, Queens, with 330 in attendance.

Cocktails started the evening at 5 p.m., when bars at both ends of the spacious room were opened. As the brethren sipped and talked, employees offered tasty tidbits. Later, a prime-rib dinner was served.

Members Roger Yulfo, Juan Quinones, Mervin Walton and Ron and Debbie Swift, along with Dave Nieves of the Manhattan church, combined to perform lively music for listening and dancing enjoyment. *Richard H. Calenius.*

Ladies-in-Waiting

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The audience of 250 sat mesmerized as magician Bill "Battymus" Popp cast his spells over the kingdom of Shillingshire in an event sponsored by the Spokesman Club here March 26.

Members and their wives put on dramatizations of two comedies. In "A Couple of Right-Smart Fellas," Gene Pearson and Dan Goodhead played a couple of Okie farmers outsmarting city slickers "Pat" Patton and Mark Sadler. In "Knights of the Square Table," Frank and Debbie Williams played King Haypenny and Queen Giddyvere, Ron Griffiths, Lee Brown and David Dobson were three knights, Denice Dobson, Kathy McNew and Marilyn Reynolds were ladies-in-waiting, Leroy Rose was a page and Bill Popp was a magician.

The plays were directed by President Ray Reynolds. Hans Wilkins was emcee. *Mark Sadler.*

Plumber Wins Plunger

OTTAWA, Ont. — Festivities for the Night to Be Much Observed began with a catered buffet meal prepared by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's chef for the brethren here.

After dinner, prizes were awarded for the funniest and most beautiful hats that the children had prepared during the week. Entertainment was provided by the children, who performed a play reenacting the exodus from Egypt. This was followed by several songs by the children's choir and two selections depicting the exodus performed by a folk trio.

Brethren from the Montreal, Cornwall, Pembroke and Smiths Falls churches gathered here for Ottawa's annual formal dinner and dance at Poppa Joe's Restaurant March 27.

After cocktails and a smorgasbord meal, everyone headed for the dance floor to work off dinner. Music was provided by a disc jockey.

The entertainment included a barbershop quartet. Door prizes were awarded, sometimes with hilarious results, as when a plumber won a plunger. *Gary S. King.*

Purpose is Awareness

PASCO, Wash. — Art Mokarow, director of the AICF Extension Center, held an all-day session with two seminars here April 10, with about 150 attending. The first was "Talent and Skill Development" and dealt with choosing a career and finding ways to discover and develop one's talents. The second seminar, "Achieving Marital Compatability," gave insight into the formula for a more successful marriage relationship.

For several weeks prior to the seminars, Gerald Flurry, pastor here, and Dennis Leap, librarian for Umatilla County Library and AICF representative, spoke at Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs about the seminars.

TEAM HONORED — Jim Petty, athletic director at Ambassador College, Pasadena, was speaker at a Longview, Tex., YOU basketball-awards banquet April 6. (See "Awards Banquet," this page.) [Photo by Chandler Klotz]

Mr. Mokarow commented that the AICF has sponsored between 75 and 100 seminars in the United States in the past year. He said that the purpose of them is "awareness," trying to make people more aware of what goes on in their lives and why.

After the seminars member Jim Cobb, food and beverage manager for the Red Lion Motor Inn, was host to Mr. Mokarow and 30 members for dinner and champagne in the presidential suite of the hotel. *Rex I. Sexton.*

Caribbean Survival

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad — At a special meeting of the Spokesman Club here March 16, club members presented "A Blueprint for Caribbean Survival."

The regular club format was retained, with each of the five speakers dealing with an aspect of the subject, presenting a plan he believes should be implemented to ensure Caribbean survival.

Speakers focused on the following areas: Denison Dwarkah, the value of banks and a solution to inflation; Abraham Blackman, the need for mechanization and a better attitude to farming; Julien Jones, the problem of the status value of certain jobs and the importance of leisure time; Selwyn Newton, the importance of institutions of family life and religious education; and Lenox Cedeno, the necessity of federation for collective bargaining.

Club director Gordon Harry said he

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was pleased with the special meeting. *Denison Dwarkah and Sohun Mikey.*

All Children's Hospital

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Women's Club here met at the All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg for a guided tour March 27.

J. Lloyd Horton, guide and director of development at the hospital, told of its history and showed a film, "Introducing All Children's," which presented the history, progress and accomplishments of the hospital.

After the film the ladies were taken to the wards and shown some of the equipment and the walls painted with cartoon characters. *Roberta Lashua.*

Holdovers Plus Two

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Annie Gardenhire and Connie Hill were selected as new members of the church's cheerleading squad at tryouts April 17.

They will join holdovers Jeri Dau, Barbara Sitner, Michelle Jacobi and Karen Hughes to form the six-member team. Vanessa Reeves was selected first alternate and Renee Salter second alternate.

Selections were based on a point system from the YOU manual, with Mr. and Mrs. James Friddle, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith and Donna Henry as judges. The team is coached by Mrs. Smith, a former high-school cheerleader. *Susan Karoska.*

Kite Fliers

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Junior YOU members, ages 5 through 11, had a kite-flying contest March 27 at Vasona Park. It was judged by four judges. The winners were Phillip Baggerly, Terri Tunnell, Chelsi and Meredith Kirk, Lynnell Tunnell, Suzie Cunningham, John Hergert and Rusty and Gary Smith.

Linda Smith and Florence Sorenson arranged the contest. *Terri Tunnell.*

Meeting With Mayor

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The Women's Club here met with Sioux Falls mayor Rick Knobe after lunch April 13. Jill Peterson was hostess and introduced Mr. Knobe.

Each club member had a question for the mayor. The questions covered water problems, city affairs, traffic, taxes and civic involvement. After the meeting the hostess presented the mayor a certificate of appreciation.

This was the last meeting of the season. The Women's Club banquet was planned for May 7. *Carol Reining.*

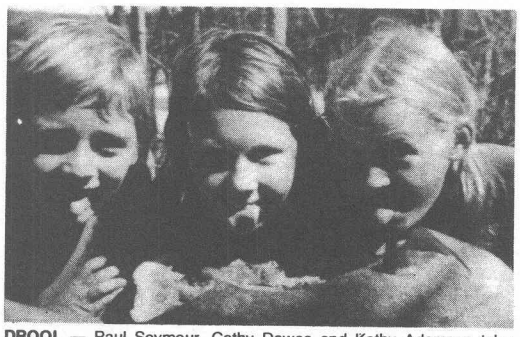
30 Cans Balanced

SYDNEY, Australia — Autumn sunshine, a green lagoon, foaming surf, white sand and a wooded glen provided a perfect setting for 60 brethren of the South Sydney church. The picnic was March 27 at Wattamolla in the Royal National Park, 30 miles south of here.

Pastor John Comino presided over a day of activities that included musical flags, water soccer (kicking a ball while it's floating in 18 inches of water), tug-of-war and a scavenger hunt.

Two heats of children scrambling in search of buried toys reduced a small area of beach into a battlefield. Surprising onlookers, an even larger area of beach was devastated as 20 adults labored for two-dozen buried cans of beer.

Mark Thackray established a new record by balancing 30 empty drink cans on one arm as a final event. Tummies full of free watermelon summoned up the last reserves of energy for the long walk back to the parking area. *Eric Seymour.*



DROOL — Paul Seymour, Cathy Dawes and Kathy Adamson take advantage of the free watermelon offered at the Sydney South church picnic March 27. (See "30 Cans Balanced," this page. [Photo by Jim Thomas]

Costume Party

VANCOUVER, B.C. — YOU members here rocked to Deep Purple and rolled to the Eagles with partners dressed as Dracula and a scarecrow. The teens here organized a costume party April 9 and invited teens from surrounding churches to come dressed in whatever their hearts desired.

To keep everybody on their feet, they had a dancing contest and good music. Prizes were given for the most interesting costumes. *Kerry Trimble.*

First Anniversary

VISALIA, Calif. — The church here observed its first anniversary April 3, with brethren from the Fresno and Bakersfield, Calif., churches also attending.

During morning services Ted Herlofson, department manager for ministerial services, gave the sermonette and Dan Orban, Bakersfield pastor, gave the sermon. Delfino Sandoval, associate pastor here, gave the sermonette and Raymond McNair, Pasadena evangelist, gave the sermon in the afternoon.

Eddie Garcia of Visalia and Deb Thomson of Bakersfield were ordained deacons during morning services.

Visalia, an offspring of the Fresno church, has 164 attending services. Don Billingsley is the pastor. *Sharyl Justice.*

Family Evening

WIMBLEDON, England — The church here held a family evening March 26, giving everyone, especially the children, an opportunity to use their energy and have fun at the same time.

The evening began with a variety of indoor games for children under the direction of "Uncle Don" Beard, with adults also participating.

A talent show followed, compered by Keith Stevenson. First was the song "Fernando," with guitar, organ and recorder. Next was "Send in the Clowns," a solo by Geoff Stilwell. "Annie Laurie" and "Skye Boat Song" followed, sung by Irene O'Neill, Rachel Martin, Angela Goovaerts, Sue Fenchel and Maureen Dawson and arranged by Julian Martin. Accompaniment was provided by Geoff Dally and Felix Dicum on mandolins, in addition to a guitar and organ.

Records provided background music for the remainder of the evening. *David Gomm.*

CELEBRATING — Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Jungs, members of the Glendale, Calif., congregation, celebrate their 57th anniversary March 5 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Horton.

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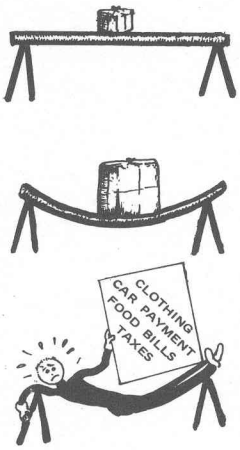
Stress and its cause

Responsibility causes stress, but what is responsibility? Responsibility is coming to the conclusion that it is your duty to do, say or think something, and, when you come to this conclusion, it puts a load on you.

What is stress? If we consider a steel beam, the stress is the force per unit of area. If we put too much of a load on the beam, it will bend. The overload of stress causes strain or deformation of the beam.



If the load is small, the beam will carry it with no problem. As the load is increased, the beam will bend, but will still have the ability to straighten out when the load is removed, up to a point. There is a point, determined by the strength of the beam, at which too much load will cause the beam to bend beyond its ability to straighten out.

Now think of yourself as a beam. We all have certain abilities with which to perform duties. These abilities can be related to the strength of the steel in the beam. They may appear in the form of time, energy, physical strength, mental capacity or physical resource. Our responsibilities can be related to the load on the beam. These may be such things as bills to pay, children to rear, educational advancement.

When a one-pound load is applied to a large steel beam, it hardly bends at all. When we have a duty that is well within our abilities, there is no problem; little stress results.

The problem comes when we accept as our duty something that requires a great amount of our abilities. If we accept a load that is too great for us, we need to increase our abilities to carry the load.

If we have a large financial load, we could perhaps get a second job. If we have a job that requires more talents, we could maybe go to school. Look at what is needed or called for and what is your ability.

When God opens our mind to see that it is our duty to obey His law, this puts a load on us, a load that is greater than we can bear because no man can keep God's law on his own power. To have the ability for this load we need to go to God in prayer. This is a constant need as we learn more and advance from trial to trial. If we try to do it on our own power, the load is too great and stress builds up.

Ray Young
La Habra, Calif.

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Simple decorating

Although decorating can involve a great deal more, here are a few simple guidelines:

• Organizing is half the work of decorating. Without a place for everything (even cardboard boxes under the bed or spray-painted and stacked in a corner), decorating will scarcely get off the ground. You must have a plan. This doesn't mean everything must be hidden. But, if things are in sight, whether hanging kitchen utensils, food containers, bathroom supplies, a collection or whatever, they should be obviously intended.

• Many advances have been made in the studies of personality and color. Today it is recognized that color is best chosen to suit personality rathen than for any other reason. While red may anger one person, it may prove uplifting to another. Blue may depress some, soothe others.

• A good color plan (only one of many) is to limit colors in a given room to three. One color will predominate, comprising about two thirds of all color; another color will comprise about a third of all color; the third color will be used here and there about the room in small amounts. All colors should be distributed to all parts of the room.

• Secondhand curtains, dishes and pictures can be the answer to the problems of decorating expense. Decide on your colors and basic ideas for a room and then search. Check local thrift stores and garage sales. Ask neighbors and friends.

• Today's decorating trend is eclectic, a mixture of old and new, foreign and native, highly imaginative ideas. Colors and personality draw the room into harmonious coordination.

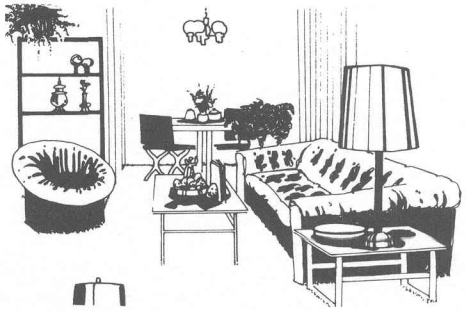
• Use your imagination! A curtain can be simply a painted shade or a fabric tacked onto a frame and hung over the window frame. A sofa can be a wooden bench with simply covered bed pillows for cushions. A bed is not unusual in an informal living room. It generally appears without a headboard, heavily laden with pillows, and serves as a lounge. A picture can be a pretty fabric in a frame or secured to a piece of plywood. Walls may be painted or covered with comic papers or road maps coated with varnish.

• Whenever feasible, furniture should be arranged so it is possible to walk through a room without having to pass between persons in conversation.

• Where space is limited, use one room to serve several purposes. A dining room may also serve as Dad's office and a playroom. Office supplies and toys may be stored out of sight when not in use in the buffet, china closet or piece of furniture brought in for that function. Old room definitions no longer apply.

• Essentially it's only possible to be wrong about your decorating if you or your family are unhappy with it! It is important to recognize yourselves as individuals and to take pride in your preferences. Your decorating should make a definite statement — even an exclamation!

Sharon Stahl
Huntington, Ind.



BABIES

ALHAMBRA, Calif. — Christina Jeanette, first daughter, first child of David and Karen Asato, April 15, 8:24 a.m., 7 pounds.

AMARILLO, Tex. — Michael Brandon, first son, second child of Mike and Janet (Rankin) Voss, April 5, 4:35 p.m., 7 pounds 12¾ ounces.

ATHENS, Ga. — Amanda Marie, first daughter, first child of Danny and Linda (Carroll) Clemmons, April 26, 3:02 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Jerry Dean Jr., first son, second child of Jerry and Betty Blevins, April 13, 4:06 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Heidi DeAnne, first daughter, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. Kottke, April 22, 5:35 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Andrew Jacob, third son, third child of Peter and Marie (Struck) Fisher, April 19, 11:47 p.m., 7 pounds 14¼ ounces.

BLUEFIELD, W.Va. — Alan Broderick, first son, first child of Roderick and Dorcas Taylor, April 8, 10:12 p.m., 6 pounds.

BRISBANE, Australia — Michelle Anne, second daughter, third child of Ron and Diane Osborne, April 15, 8 p.m., 7 pounds 14½ ounces.

CALGARY, Alta. — Collin David, second son, third child of David and Colombe Robinson, April 5, 11:11 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces.

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Benjamin Jay, first son, first child of Willard P. and Patricia A. Coyle, Feb. 25, 6:13 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces.

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Jeremy Keller, sixth son, sixth child of Paul and Cathi Nowlen, April 24, 3:15 a.m., 8 pounds.

DISDBURY, Alta. — Jesse John, first son, second child of John and Juanita Guenther, Jan. 14, 1 p.m., 8 pounds.

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man — Lisa Isobel, first daughter, second child of Graham and Pat Tarrant, March 11, 6:25 p.m., 7 pounds 6½ ounces.

GENEVA, Ala. — Erika Lorraine, first daughter, first child of Allen and Treasa Holmes, March 18, 7 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces.

GOLD COAST, Australia — Karen Evelyn, first daughter, second child of Mal and Pat Treadwell, April 12, 7:30 p.m., 7 pounds.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Brandy Leann, first daughter, second child of Dennis and Brenda Woodbury, March 30, 1:04 a.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces.

INDIANA, Pa. — Jonathan Reeves, third son, fifth child of Ed and Carol Dunn, Feb. 4, 1:10 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces.

KITCHENER, Ont. — Elena Emma, second son, third child of Kees and Ruby, April 22, 4:10 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

LAGOS, Nigeria — Chukwuemeka I., second son, third child of Mr. and Mrs. E. Chukwudi, April 4, 3 p.m., 7½ pounds.

LONG ISLAND, N.Y. — Amanda Marie, first daughter, first child of Matt and Fran Ferriso, April 23, 5:03 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Johanna Doreen, first daughter, first child of Jim and Rhonda Smoak, March 30, 3:26 p.m., 9 pounds 13½ ounces.

MACOMB, Ill. — Lyle Mark, first son, first child of Mark and Joanne Bannier, April 22, 1:05 p.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces.

MIDLAND, Mich. — Emmie Jane, first daughter, first child of Donald and Cathy Infante, Feb. 20, 1:48 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces.

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Joseph Paul, first son, first child of Jimmy and Nancy Droit, April 13, 10:12 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.

PAINTED POST, N.Y. — Ryan Douglas, first son, second child of Doug and Pat (Newman) Finnerty, March 9, 11:45 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Carrie Jolynne, first daughter, first child of Jay and Nancy Fields, March 28, 12:06 a.m., 8 pounds.

READING, England — Allister Dawson, second son, second child of Alex and Sue Cain, March 7, 5 p.m., 7 pounds. (This is a correction of a birth announcement that ran April 11.)

SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Peter Owen Lamb, second son, third child of Faxson and Tina Katiza, April 13, 1:40 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Alisa Marie, first daughter of Elaine (Teetaert) and Ray Corey, April 21, 5:29 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Weldon David, son of Sheila and Dennis Bockmie, March 13, 7:37 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Lee Austin, first son, first child of Dennis and Liz (Brownson) Roberts, April 19, 12:17 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — Christopher Lee, first son, first child of Ted and Vickie Sterling, April 4, 7:59 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces.

SYDNEY, Australia — Michael Geoffrey, first son, second child of Geoff and Lyn King, March 27, 6:40 p.m., 7 pounds 14½ ounces.

TORRANCE, Calif. — David Aaron, first son, first child of Art and Yvonne Braidic, April 7, 4:40 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Jeremy John, third son, third child of Sheila and Carl Voigtlander, March 7, 8:02 a.m., 8 pounds.

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PEN PALS

I am a young lady from the island called Tongatapu that is known as the Friendly Island, which is in the South Pacific. I'm a student nurse, brown skin with black hair. I'm now 20. Hobbies: looking after the patients, dancing, swimming, movies. I would love male or female pen pals, same age or more than I am. Will reply all. Falahola Telefoni, K141.

I am a single (D&R) Church member, 41, who would like to write members of similar interests. I am a paraprofessional teacher's aide in special education, part-time college student, a mother of two. Interests: all Church of God activities, education, reading, music, dancing, people who have a sense of humor and enjoy good conversation. Wilma Dick, K142.

Would any American brethren please help us to keep in touch with GTA and HWA, who don't appear on TV or radio over here, by sending us any taped or edited recordings of the dynamic duo? C. Dent, K143.

Hello, Dallas or Fort Worth area. I plan a visit to my son in Arlington soon; would appreciate hearing where and what time the church meets. Edith M. Wiblin, K101.

Marsha Lemke! Would love to hear from you. Melinda Chandler (Moss), K102.

Single Caucasian male, Church member, would like to write single members 25 to 31 of mixed Irish and Czech races from U.S. Interests: the Church, current events, gardening, history, cars. William Swaney, K103.

Would like to hear from single ladies 20 to 30, especially those in Fort Worth or Abilene areas. I am a teacher, 31. I like sports, outdoor activities, dancing, movies, travel. Bobby Trice, K104.

D&R member, 37, Italian Teamster truck driver by trade, working in New York area. Own a small farm in Crossville, Tenn. Interests: organic gardening, animal husbandry, country living, horticulture, physical health and fitness, affectionate family relationships, family, church activities, picnics, sports. Would like to write single women 26 to 36. Al Pagano, K105.

Howdy! I'm 25, male, looking for female pen pals around same age. Interests: drawing, painting, writing, current events, active sports, more. Harlan Simantel, K106.

Single man, 28½, would like to write younger single women in Canada or U.S.A. Interests: most sports, camping, pop music, poetry "in motion." Rod Lawrence, K107.

Hi! Would like to hear from brethren who plan to attend Feast in St. Petersburg. It would be fun to get to know a few people, since I've never attended the Feast alone. Please let me hear from you! Sheila Foster, K108.

Bonjour. Je m'appelle Harold. J'irai 16 ans dans le mois de mai. Je voudrais ecrire aux jeunes filles pres mon, age. J'etudie le francais dans le lycee et je voudrais correspondre en francais avec quelqu'un au Canada ou en France. Harold Coleman, K109.

Would like to hear from members engaged in all phases of the music business such as arrangers, copyists, sheet-music engravers, printers, publishers, recording engineers, record-pressing personnel, radio-program directors, deejays. Would especially like to hear from those talented enough to compose a piano-vocal score from a lead sheet. Collectors of 16-mm. movies, also write. J. Vestal, K110.

Bill and Nancy Pealson, please contact me. I have some important information for you! I haven't heard from you since Nancy's mother died, and you went to Kentucky over a year ago. John M. Manos Sr., K111.

Christian geologists interested in trading information regarding the correlation of the biblical physical records: My interests are physical evidences of long periods represented in the geologic column, and identifying instances in the fossil record of creation in which new "kinds" appear without ancestor. Bob Macdonald, K112.

The Pasadena Women's Club is beginning a project of gathering ideas from other women's clubs. Interested in collecting successful formats, methods for conducting business meetings, community projects, fund raising and socials that have worked well. Please send to Pasadena Women's Club, c/o Debbie Sakach, K113.

Hi! I am 11, almost 12. Would like boys or girls 11 to 14 to write. I like books, writing, music, drawing, math, sports, skating, swimming, camping, TV, stamps. I like to trace back ancestors also. Sharla Shamblin, K114.

Hi! Anyone plan to attend Ambassador College, Pasadena, please write. I'm 16, plan to go to AC this fall. Also, I'd like to hear from some students who are presently attending to tell me more about it, etc. Nancy Armitage, K115.

Would appreciate hearing from anyone who knew me in the past. Perhaps there might be relatives in the Church. My father was born in Richland County, S.C. My mother's maiden name was Stokes. She was born in Lee County (Bishopville). I was born in a small community in Lee County (Wysacky). I lived in Georgetown, S.C., for a while. Frances Neeley, K116.

Jewish male co-worker, 28, college student, seeks to write female co-workers, potential members, members. Interests: religion, psychology, movies, music, art, finance, business administration, others. Howard Mirenburg, K117.

D&R lady, 34, with daughter, 8, member of the Mobile church, would like to write male Church members 35 to 45 who like sports, music, dancing, flying, old movies. Arlene Lisenby, K118.

Hi! I'm 13 and would like to write anyone 13 to 15 who lives in England. Interests: photography, music (rock and ragtime), being outdoors. Chrysse Ahner, K119.

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ENGAGEMENTS

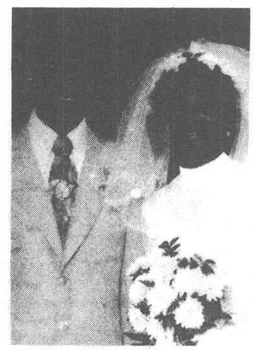
Mr. and Mrs. Homer H. Harris of Sylva, N.C., and Mr. and Mrs. John S. Newman of Sydney, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Robin Renee and Warren John. The wedding is to be June 26 in Sylva, N.C. Both Robin and Warren are seniors at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry W. Hettinger, Fort Wayne, Ind., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Diana Susan to Michael R. Lohr of Ontario, Canada. Graduate from Ambassador College, Pasadena, 1975. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Guches of Medford, Ore., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Bonnie Raé to James Michael Medina. The wedding is planned for Sept. 18, 1977.

WEDDINGS

Andrew A. Gurall and Joan C. Suskalo, Pittsburgh member, married on Jan. 29. Maid of honor was Wendy Suskalo, daughter. Best man was nephew of Mrs. Suskalo Robbie Szalankiewicz. The wedding was performed by Mr. Don Lawson, Pittsburgh minister.



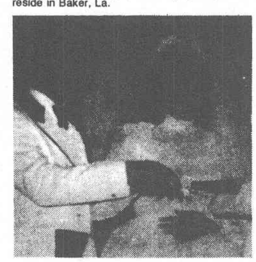
MR. AND MRS. A. GRIFFITH

Mr. Anthony Griffith and Miss Janet Stafford were united in marriage March 13 in Bridgetown, Barbados. Mr. Victor Simpson, our local elder, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Griffith reside at K125.

Pearl Wemmer married Paul Ward, and Pearl's sister, Ruthann, married Don Higbee in a double wedding March 10. Paul is the son of Louise Ward of Star, Idaho, and Paul Ward of California. Don is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B.E. Higbee of Sedro-Woolley, Wash. Pearl and Ruthann are the daughters of Mrs. Ruth A Wemmer of the Billings, Mont., church. The ceremony was performed by Niel Higbee.

Denise Anita Potter, formerly of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Steven Gordon Weinrich were united in marriage at a ceremony performed by San Diego pastor James Friddle April 16 in San Diego. Attendants were Mrs. Donna Henry, matron of honor, and David Weinrich, the bridegroom's brother. The couple will reside in San Diego.

On April 16 Baton Rouge, La., was the scene of the wedding of Bret Brumfield, son of Mrs. Jeanette Brumfield and the late Mr. Richard Brumfield, and Becky Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murphy. The happy couple will reside in Baker, La.



MR. AND MRS. LEE FAMILETTI

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Familetti are happy to announce the marriage of their son, Lee, to Melody Bollerud on March 27. Mr. George Kackos, Wisconsin Dells pastor, performed the ceremony. Melody is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bollerud of Beloit, Wis. The couple is residing in Hebron, Wis.

Marsha Ann Roberts and Thomas Allaine Harring III were married March 5 in Columbia, S.C. Marsha is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Roberts of Kershaw, S.C., and Tom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Harring Jr. of Scarsdale, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by Mr. John

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Ritenbaugh. The matron of honor was Mrs. Fran Baer, sister of the bride, and the best man was Tom's father. The couple now resides in Lexington, S.C.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy third anniversary May 26 to Rick and Cindy. May you have many more. Love, Mike, Debbie and Becky Boo.

To my sweetheart, Ann: Happy anniversary on June 14, 1977. Two years ago God gave me a wonderful gift: you. From all the gang. Bill, Lois, Karen, Donna and Carl.

To the sweetest mom on earth. We love you, Ann. From the Steel children. We wish you could have touched our lives from the beginning. It would have been a much more happy home life for us all. Your four loving stepchildren.

Happy ninth anniversary, Wendy and Doug Reis. May 4 marks the grand day. God willing, you'll have many, many more grand days together. With all our love, Don, Janine and Shannon.

To Alex and Marion Marshall: Congratulations on your 29th anniversary, May 5. Your children and grandchildren all wish you the best and happiest anniversary yet. Love, Wendy, Doug, Anita, Maxine and Trevor Reis; Debbie and Bill Monir; and Don, Janine and Shannon Kerr.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Mrs. Darline More, a nonmember, desperately needs prayers for complete healing and lifting of burdens. She is 30 years old with three small children, trying to hold down a job since her recent divorce. Now she is informed she has leukemia, causing a near-diabetic state, and almost constant drowsiness. This is in addition to a stomach ulcer. She reads the Bible, but feels rejected. An encouraging card or note would mean so much! Please send correspondence in care of Mrs. Gloria Wolf, 390 Walnut St., Newark, N.J ., 07105.

Prayers, cards, letters for Mr. Frank Rodridguez, c/o St. Terresa Rest Home, 21863 Vallejo St., Hayward, Calif., 94544. Mr. Rodridguez is not a member, but wishes to be one. He has been confined to a wheelchair for many years. He is on lesson No. 3 in the Correspondence Course.

Please pray for the healing of my right eye and persistent headache. Also ask God to help me to overcome compulsive eating, loneliness, depression and other emotional problems. God knows who I am.

I request prayers from the brethren for my healing. I have been experiencing seizures and blackouts the past two years. I'm afraid it's a brain tumor causing the problem, and they are gradually getting worse and occurring more frequently. Lucy Morgan Dick, Englevale, N.D., 58028.

Request prayer for complete healing for a deformity problem of the back, hip, knee that causes many problems. Also other ailments.

A drinking problem and the fear that my husband may be headed for severe spiritual problems have prompted me to request special prayers for him. Pray that I may grow and change to become a much better wife and mother. Our God will hear.

Member having deep financial and other problems. Please pray that God will give her wisdom and help to overcome them.

Pray for my total and complete repentance of all sin past and present. Also for help and grace in the many trials and difficulties I must face. Jerry Shuta.

Request prayers for my daughter Phyllis. We hope to know soon the seriousness of her illness. She doesn't complain and is an inspiration to everyone who she meets and has been to me all her life. Please ask God to heal her completely. She is a member of God's Church.

Brethren worldwide, please pray that God will heal a member of a debility which is worsening and causing other serious problems.

Brethren, please ask God to help my husband; he is an alcoholic. My children and I need your prayers. Living with this problem is not easy.

Mother of nine children requests prayers for healing of husband with bone cancer. Spreading to soft tissue. He is undergoing radiation, chemotherapy. Boy, 7, with Leggs-Perthes disease, has to wear brace and sleep in traction; many surgeries ahead. Girl, 8, with auditory hearing problems, possible complicated middle-ear surgery within next month. Colleen (Irvin) Weavill, 13149 Duckflat Rd. SE, Turner, Ore., 97392.

Brethren, please pray for my aunt and my friend, both with health problems. I also request prayer for a severe problem of my own. E.T.

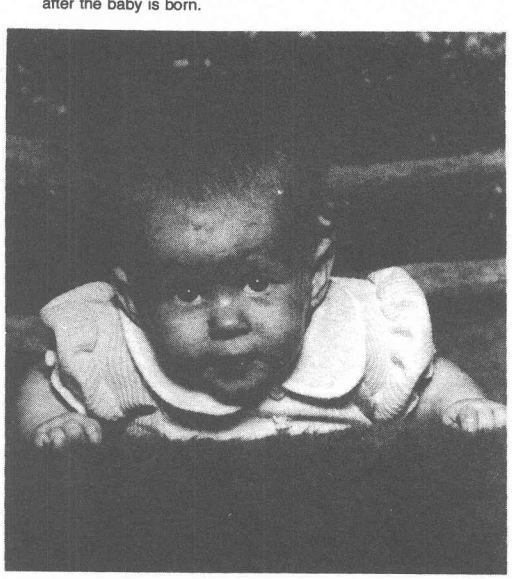
Prayer request for Harrod Bergmann. He had an operation to remove cancer. He is still being treated to make sure they got all of it. Please pray for his complete healing. If you would like to write him, his address is Rt. 1, Box 62D, Patton, Mo., 63662. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Murphy.

Dear brethren, I will be appearing before the parole board on July 7. I am asking that you remember me on that day in your prayers and ask that God's will for me be done. Thank you, and my love to all of you always. Bob Rioux, Box 968, Litchfield, Conn., 06759.

Prayer requested worldwide for a longtime member, Mrs. Arthur Michel, who has serious health problems and hasn't been able to attend services for around two years. She and her husband have been an inspiration and help to many in the St. Louis area. Cards, letters encouraged. Address: 435 Versailles, Florissant, Mo., 63031.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives! Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Janice Diane, daughter of Mac and Melodee Overton of St. Louis, Mo. If you would like to submit a photograph of your child for the coupon, just send a photo (black and white preferred) to: *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Please include the name of child, parents' names and address. Sorry, we cannot guarantee using or returning your photo. Submission limited to members of the Worldwide Church of God who are subscribers. Please enclose your *WN* label.

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Prayer for healing requested for father of member who is suffering from painful prostate gland. My father, nonmember, was healed before when Church member prayed for him and is looking forward for God's intervention this time. J.G. Davies, Pasadena.

Brethren, I'm urgently in need of God's help. Ill health and the constant stress of family problems are affecting me mentally and spiritually, almost to the point of breakdown. I do so want to grow and serve our God, His people, my own family, but cannot fully be of any value unless God intervenes. I will not give up.

Prayers requested for all the farmers and townspeople in the state of Iowa. April was a warm, dry month; the 30-day forecast is for much of the same. Prayers needed because several parts of Iowa are threatened with a third year of drought, and many deep wells in towns and in the country are going dry. Lenny Pope.

Brethren, please pray that God will change my husband's heart that we can move to another area of the country soon. He is a nonmember.

Brethren, please pray that God will heal a dearly beloved sister in Christ who has a problem which causes severe headaches, problems with her vision when she reads and other problems.

I'm counting on your prayers, cards, letters for my aunt, Jennie S. Afferi, 215 E. Palm, Apt. 202, Tampa, Fla., 33602. She's a nonmember, a widow, 68. She suffers from diabetes, vascular disease. Has lost one leg, unable to walk because of an ulcer on the bottom of the other foot. Cathy Allen.

SORRY!
We print personals only from *WN* subscribers and their dependents. And we cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

Brethren, I would like to request prayer, cards, letters for Mrs. Roberta Wilson, 1042 Woodland, Kansas City, Mo., 64106. Mrs. Wilson, nonmember, has been paralyzed from the neck down since an auto accident last October. She is now going to have to undergo surgery. She would appreciate encouragement. Amber Page.

Request prayers for my unconverted husband, who has a serious personal problem. God knows who he is and all about the problem.

Brethren in God's Church, please pray urgently that God will heal Sondra McCoy, a member. She suffers from a hernia which can't be removed because of a bad heart, and she is now plagued with severe headaches. She looks to God for strength to endure.

Brethren, please pray for the physical and emotional healing of Mrs. Theresa Faw of Kitchener church. She has been hospitalized for over a month and is needed at home. Cards, letters appreciated. Send to her at 30 Nelson St., Cambridge (P), N3H 1K1, Canada.

Prayer requested for Kenneth Cratslay, a prisoner in Attica, N.Y.

Congenital deformity of leg keeps my hip out of place and in pain. Please ask that God would not allow it to interfere with my work capacity or marriage in any way. I know many of you have hip maladjustments and know what it feels like. Todd Derstine, 169 S. St. John, No. 117, Pasadena, Calif., 91123.

Would the brethren please pray for "Grandma" Edna Frost of the Lakeland church. She may have to move from her home into a nursing home. Please pray for her health to improve and that she won't have to suffer loneliness in a nursing home.

Please pray that God will intervene in the healing of my sister Lorene, who has cancer. We are both members of God's true Church. We know God does heal according to faith. He does hear His people. Mrs. Alta Bean, 209 E. 35th St., Texarkana, Ark., 75501.

I would like brethren worldwide to pray for me. I am in trouble. I am a new member. Encouragement welcomed. Mrs. J. Rowe, 1311 E. Washington, Knox, Ind., 46534.

Request prayers of the brethren worldwide for little Daniel Hartman, 2 weeks old, who is paralyzed on one side and dehydrated. He is in intensive care. Please ask God to heal him and comfort his family. Cards and letters. Mrs. Eloise Walling (member), 1001 Erin St., Houston, Tex., 77009. Baby's address: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hartman, 814 Duff St., Houston, Tex., 77022.

FOLLOW-UP

Jim Dandy to the rescue. Just *dandy* is what all of you are who let me know that there are so many brethren who care. The love you showered me with while I was ill was so great I was overwhelmed. God's intervention was very much in evidence through it all. My recovery after I came from the hospital was so rapid the doctors say it is incredible. Will all of you who responded in any way, through prayers, cards, however, accept this *thank-you* from my heart. Because so many answered the call, it will be difficult to reply to each of you. To Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair, you surprised me and made me so happy. We in the Memphis church miss you. Ms. Georgia Kemp, 954½ Gooden Cove, Apt. 1, Clarksdale, Miss., 38614.

Thank you for all your letters, cards, prayer, in behalf of myself and my son, Charlesmason Ewing. His second trial on an open charge of murder ended today. The verdict was first-degree murder and carries a mandatory "natural-life sentence." It was a case of prejudice pure and simple. No evidence of malice was presented. His lawyer is preparing an appeal. We cannot say why God said no at this time. But our faith in Him has not decreased. My son is converted and is in good spirits and is ready for baptism. Please continue to pray for and with us. Lillian R. Huddleston.

Many thanks to all who prayed for my mother, Mildred Randolph, nonmember. She received cards, notes, letters from U.S. and other countries. God intervened marvelously. She received thousands of dollars' worth of free medical care, and God also honored prayer clothe on two occasions. She has a new hip and is free of pain and several lesser ailments. Mrs. Gerrie Brown.

This is a follow-up letter to my request for prayers for my mother, Mrs. Lillian R. Huddleston, and myself. Please, dear brethren, let it be known that God has chosen to allow me to go to prison for a while as I continue to grow in true character and learn to be a part of God's Work. Yesterday, April 21, the jury here in Jackson, Mich., found me falsely guilty of murder. I will be sentenced soon to life in prison. God doesn't make mistakes, so I accept His blessing with joy and love. The fact that my Father loves me is enough to allow me to go into the world's largest prison to be a part of His wonderful Work is truly an honor. Let us not lighten up in our prayers for each other. Charlesmason Ewing.

Michael Merida is greatly improved. He and his parents (all nonmembers) greatly appreciate the cards, letters. He will still be hospitalized for another three to four months, faces lots more surgery, therapy to learn to walk again. Please continue to show him your love and concern. He is in the Veterans Hospital, Columbia, Mo. Nedra Yee.

THANK-YOUS

Would like to thank all the members of God's Church who were so thoughtful to send cards, letters and money for my healing. Have tried to answer all. I do appreciate it very much. Mrs. H.S. Woodliff.

I want to thank all the brethren for their cards and letters due to the recent article that was done on the four of us here at Jackson Prison. And would the young lady from Newberg, Ore., please write again. Thanks for the beautiful, beautiful letter. Tom Stanton, K126.

A sincere thank-you to members of the Church for your prayers, concern for me requested by my sister, Mrs. Esther Jovich. I was under radiation treatment for cancer at the time. I finished the treatments and feel fine and really blessed for answered prayers. May God richly bless each of you. Mrs. James Thompson.

Eric and Elaine wish to thank all those whose prayers have helped bring about "our" miracle. Your love and concern gave us the confidence to continue over the years. Hoping for an early-July wedding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Women's Alliance of the AICF, Rockford, Ill., presents "Summer Brights for Days & Nights," a fashion show and champagne brunch for the Children's Development Center, June 1, 11 a.m. at Henrici's. Call (815) 962-3966 or 968-1324. Fashions by D.J. Stewart & Co.; furnishings by Thompson's; hair by Coiffures by Frank; flowers by King's Flowers & Crafts. Art exhibit.

Count 50 for Pentecost; count 57 for BASH. Des Moines Singles Club.

Singles 19 through 80: Plan to spend July 3, 1977, 6:30 p.m. with the Flint, Mich., Singles. Enjoy a semiformal dance at Walli's Supper Club. Overnight accommodations may be arranged. Please write or call Mr. Dan Riley, K139, (313) 235-7839, or Ms. Marie Bowman, K140, (313) 785-7138, for more information.

LITERATURE

PTs, GNs, TWs and *WNs* from '60s and '70s to give away. I ask only that you reimburse postage. D. Hardester, K127.

Would like to borrow Vol. I and II of *Compendium*. Will Xerox pages I wish to keep and return within a week. Also will pay all postage. John W. Born, K128.

Required: Bible Story Vols. 1, 4, 6. Postage reimbursed. Please write first. R. Mitchell, K129.

Have three spare copies of *A True History of the True Religion*, by Dugger and Dodd. Will swap for Vol. 2 of Dr. Hoeh's *Compendium*. Will also swap for November, '73, January to December, '74, March, '75, May, '76, January, '77, *GNs* and all *TWs* prior to May, '70. Willing to pay postage. Craig White, K130.

Would like to have back issues of *PT* before 1971 and any back issues of *GN* and *Tomorrow's World*. Also old Correspondence Course. Will pay all postage. Please write and tell me what you have available before sending to avoid duplication. John Hibbs, K131.

LOST & FOUND

Found: hand-crocheted afghan of multicolored designs on black background. It was left at the Terrill Junior High School in Scotch Plains, N.J., after the Jersey-hosted district basketball play-offs. If it's yours, please contact Marcia Briggie, K146.

TRAVEL

Pilots going to England from the U.S. to attend Feast, please write if interested in joining a "plane pool." Prefer multirated pilots and unmarried (for space reasons). Rodney Larson, K144.

Would appreciate hearing from anyone going to Feast at Wisconsin Dells this September from south-central Ohio (city of Portsmouth, on Ohio River). Need ride up and back; will buy gasoline. Can meet in Columbus, Cincinnati, Dayton or Toledo, or other nearby areas. Mrs. Margaret Reeg, K132.

Any guy like to travel all over the U.S. this summer, working as we go to pay for trip? I have car, want to camp along the trails we take. Especially want to see Colorado mountains. Will take planning to pull this dream adventure off, so write fast if interested. Robert, 26, K133.

Ambassador graduate interested in moving to a church area on West Coast. Desires information on job market, climate, people, culture, educational opportunities. Plan to settle down in this area as a ministerial candidate ASAP. Todd Derstine, K134.

Hello. I'm a young man of 30, member of the Tilburg (Dutch) church. This summer I'll work as a youth counselor in a summer camp — Brant Lake Camp, in the Adirondack Mountains in New York State — from the end of June till the end of August. Would like to come into contact with people living in the area; would also like to know if there are Sabbath services somewhere in this area (Brant Lake, N.Y., near Lake George) and if so where and how to get there. Ben Bruning, K135.

Anyone traveling from Big Sandy to Pasadena any time between now and September, having room for an extra box (stored articles) and a set of golf clubs, please contact Todd Derstine, K134.

MISCELLANEOUS

Greetings to all Winnipeg, Man., students at Big Sandy and Pasadena. Hurry back — we miss you! The gang at home.

I am a very active lady, member, 66. I live alone and don't like it. I have three bedrooms and would love to share two of them with a lady or a couple, members or co-workers. No cash rent. I live in a nice area in Tennessee five miles from where God's Church meets, and I drive. Mrs. Merna Hill, K136.

Anyone knowing whereabouts of Rachel Lee Stuart Cloer, age 39, last seen by mother, Myrtle Stuart, in Hickory, N.C., in 1959? Rachel has dark, almost black, eyes, black hair, dark complexion, a scar on her forehead. She might be working as a saleslady, beautician or waitress. Please write her mother at K137.

Person needed July and August to care for my children. I'm divorced and have three children 4 to 11 who need care at home while I work. Because of my income I cannot afford a baby-sitter. I can pay for bus fare to and from Colorado. Also will provide private bedroom and meals in my home, but cannot pay any salary. Write Larry G. Altergott, K138.

In response to the personal in April 11 *WN:* Greetings to all the Hinsdale church. We are enjoying the Lake of Ozarks and keeping busy; doing, seeing, helping, learning and relaxing. If "you all" are ever down our way, stop by and say hi. Angela and Joan G.

Obituaries

ATLANTA, Ga. — Mossie Cobb, 82, wife of the late William H. Cobb, a member of God's Church, died March 19 after a short illness.

Mrs. Cobb is survived by three daughters, Mary Atkins of Hopkinsville, Ky., Jane May of Ventura, Calif., and Anne McGee of Atlanta (with whom she spent her last years); six grandsons; and 10 great-grandchildren.

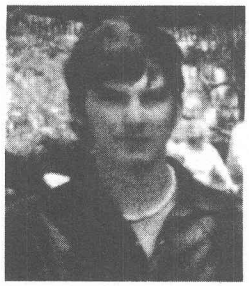
ATLANTA, Ga. — Alexandra Savage, 97, a longtime member, died last Nov. 24 after several months of illness.

Mrs. Savage is survived by her only daughter, Muriel Kennedy of 4059 Conway Valley Rd. NW, Atlanta, 30327.

ATLANTA, Ga. — Newton J. Scoggins, 96, died Feb. 2.

Mr. Scoggins, who was baptized in 1962, came to church each Sabbath until his health prevented his attendance.

BATON ROUGE, La. — Lucille Rogers, 69, a member of the Baton Rouge congregation, died April 19 after a brief illness.



BLAKE SANDERS

BUTTE, Mont. — Blake Tay Sanders, 15, died Jan. 23 from an accidental-gunshot wound.

Blake, a native of Ashdown, Ark., was the 1975 winner of the 100-yard dash and the 400-yard run for 13-year-old boys at the Feast of Tabernacles at Big Sandy.

He was the son of Ralph and June Sanders and brother of Mark, Michele and Donna. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crawford and Mrs. Douglas Sanders of Foreman, Ark.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Vance E. Piercy, 56, a co-worker, died April 15 of a massive heart attack.

Mr. Piercy is survived by his wife, Maxine, a member; a son, Dean, of Colorado Springs; three daughters, Linda McCann of Greeley, Colo., and Cindy Cleek and Debbie Clark, both of Colorado Springs; a brother; two sisters; four grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

DREXEL, Mo. — Edgar T. Groves, 37, died Feb. 18 at his home. He had been a member of God's Church since November, 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; five children, Nancy, 13, Julie, 12, Thomas, 9, Sara, 7, and Elena, 10 months; and a sister, Georgia Corbin. All attend church at Olathe, Kan.

DUENWEG, Mo. — Rayburn S. Miller, 38, a member of God's Church since March, 1969, died March 8 in a Columbia, Mo., hospital nine days after open heart surgery.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Eunice Ann; three daughters, Sherry, Terri and Ruth; and his father and mother, Ernest and Geneva Miller of Puxico, Mo.

LAKE LYNN, Pa. — Margaret E. Lyons, 78, died March 9 at her home here.

Mrs. Lyons, a lifelong resident of Lake Lynn, had been a member of God's Church for 15 years. Her husband, Ray E., who died in 1968, was also a member.

Surviving are two daughters, Evelyn Zabor of Melbourne, Fla., and Margaret A. Burbage of California; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Peter Nathan,** manager of *Plain Truth* circulation for southern Africa, will join **Robert Fahey,** director of the African Work, and **Harold Jackson,** director of the black-African Work, in London May 10 to discuss the budget for black Africa and the possibility of opening a mailing office in Ghana, Nigeria or Kenya.

In other news of God's Work in this part of the world:

Owen Willis, who was appointed minister for East Africa, will move to Nairobi, Kenya, in July.

Minister **David Hulme** has returned from a tour of the Indian Ocean islands of Reunion, Madagascar and Seychelles. On the visit he baptized the Church's first member on Madagascar and conducted a *PT* lecture on Seychelles, attended by 25 people. He also traveled to Mauritius to hold a Bible study for the 28 members who live on that island.

The Plain Truth has received an unexpected boost at South Africa's largest commercial and agricultural show, the Rand Show, here in Johannesburg. The South African Defense Force's stand exhibited the *PT* and recommended it as a pro-Western, anticommunist educational magazine.

"Since they were advertising our magazine, we asked their organizer if he would distribute the *PT* at their stand," said **Andre van Belkum** of the office here. "He said he would do it with pleasure. So now the *PT* is available to the thousands who visit the stand every day."

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PASADENA — The **George Shearing** Quintet performed May 5 in the Ambassador Auditorium. Pianist Shearing appeared with musicians playing bass, drums, guitar, vibraphone and percussion, along with a vocalist.

London-born Shearing, at home on the nightclub stand or concert stage, is recognized for his inventive, orchestrated jazz.

The performance was sponsored by the college in conjunction with its Department of Music and Art.

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PASADENA — Supersax, a Grammy Award-winning quintet of saxophone players from Los Angeles, played May 8 in the Ambassador Auditorium, backed up by the Ambassador-cosponsored Pasadena Community Orchestra.

Doug Masek, who teaches saxophone and directs the band at Ambassador, also appeared on saxophone as guest artist with the orchestra.

Supersax displays "awesome technique and maximum inspiration," said Dr. **R. Gerry Long,** director of the orchestra and chairman of Ambassador's Music Department. The orchestra is jointly sponsored by Ambassador and Pasadena City College and is made up of students and other nonprofessional musicians.

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PASADENA — Southern California's water shortage is affecting Ambassador College, so AC is taking steps to reduce its water consumption, said **Sam Dunlap,** landscaping director.

Even though the campus itself "is not facing drought problems," he said, the campus sprinkler systems have been adjusted to use 15 percent less water, and college personnel have been asked to reduce water usage by 10 percent.

Use of water for washing parking lots, walkways and driveways has been restricted.

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PASADENA — Singers **John Beaver** and **Gerald Bieritz** performed May 1 in the Fine Arts Recital Hall at Ambassador College.

Mr. Beaver, a tenor, is a member of Ambassador's English faculty, and Mr. Bieritz teaches vocal music and conducts the chorale for the college.

They sang works for tenor by Puccini, Leoncavallo, Tosti, Cardillo and Donandy and works for baritone by Haydn, Mozart, Schubert, Schumann and Brahms.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Transfers from the U.S. mainland and other countries are welcome to come to Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, for the Feast of Tabernacles, announced **Stan Bass,** director of the Work in the Caribbean, April 29.

Mr. Bass said Feast services will be conducted in English, with simultaneous Spanish translation.

"We who keep the Feast in small sites need all the overseas visitors we can get," the director said. "They give us leverage with the hotels in the region."

Americans wishing to transfer to Aguadilla should write the Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. Non-U.S. Feastgoers should contact the Work's office serving the region in which they live.

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SALISBURY, Rhodesia — The staff of the office of God's Work here moved from the Norwich Union Building to the Bude House May 2.

"Bude House is air conditioned — essential in Rhodesia — and new," said **Ron Stoddart,** office manager and pastor of the Salisbury churches, when making the announcement. Unlike the former location, "this building is unlikely to become scruffy, as the tenants are consulting advocates whose offices must give a good impression to their clients."

Mr. Stoddart took over his Rhodesian responsibilities when minister **Owen Willis** was transferred to Kenya.

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RADLETT, England — A *Plain Truth* lecture series is scheduled for Jersey, in the Channel Islands, announced the Work's office here April 22.

Two speakers from here, **Francis Bergin,** business manager, and **Robert Boraker,** a Bricket Wood minister, will share the six meetings.

The dates of the meetings were not announced.

HAD A GOOD FAMILY NIGHT?

Where were you last Tuesday night?

Or whatever evening you've set aside as your family's special time to be together (like some had been meaning to do even before Garner Ted Armstrong's March 10 sermon)?

How about letting the *WN* know how you and the wife and kids have put into effect the concept of weekly family get-togethers? Your ideas may turn up in print, along with the recommendations and suggestions of other readers, as parents get reacquainted with their children and kids rediscover a world without television.

Write us at: Family Night, *The Worldwide News,* Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

A Personal Letter from Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS!

I just returned to Pasadena from a meeting with my father in the study of his home in Tucson, where we had opportunity to discuss many important facets of God's Work.

I was en route back to Pasadena from my visit with all of you thousands of brethren who came to our Festival site at Lake of the Ozarks for our special Sabbath meeting of May 7 and our church social that same evening.

I called my father on the Sabbath just before going over to deliver the sermon and discussed with him my desire to announce in church services something which I felt would be received with genuine appreciation and enthusiasm by the brethren, to which he gave his consent.

Let me tell you in advance what it was.

Some weeks ago while shaving in the morning, the thought flashed in my mind that I should write a personal letter to a former beloved brother and fellow minister in God's Church who had been for some three years now in a disfellowshipped condition — not having attended church but having gone to work with his own hands in a small business — and with whom I had not had contact in those three years.

Earlier I had given permission (at his request) for him to have whatever limited social contact he desired with a number of our ministers or other personnel in Pasadena with whom he had been previously close.

I had viewed this as a positive sign that he was really experiencing a definite turnaround in his approach and recognized the human element of a person's desire for contact with those he really believed were of like mind.

The fact that he wanted to be with those in whom God's Spirit dwelt — and the fact that he had, as was reported to me over a period of several years, resisted the efforts of any number of dissident organizations that continually tried to recruit him for their own purposes and who tried to involve him in their attacks against the Work, or tried to pump him for information — I saw as very positive signs.

Thought popped into my head

I don't know why the thought popped into my head suddenly (or do I?), but I couldn't avoid asking Dr. Bob Kuhn, my personal aide and assistant, whether he had heard of him recently.

He reported that he had and gave me another encouraging report.

I sat down at my typewriter in Pasadena and wrote a letter in which I told the man that he had what I felt was a gift from God, the gift of moving and powerful preaching which had been used to inspire, encourage and move people to genuine repentance; I wrote that I was sorry such a gift had been lying unused, rusting, for such a period of time.

I made the suggestion that it may not be forever too late for that gift to yet be used once again in Christ's service.

While I was away writing on my book, facing the grinding schedule of meeting desperate deadlines, I received a telephone call, rather surprisingly, for my telephone number was known only to my wife and Dr. Kuhn. Expecting it to be one of the two of them, I picked up the receiver and, lo and behold, I heard a man say, "This is Al Portune."

Al and I had a very fine conversation, and I told him I would try to see to it that he had an opportunity to talk to my father, because I knew my father would definitely want to talk to him first before any move were made toward his returning to the Church of God.

My father overjoyed

My father was overjoyed at the news I took to him and immediately gave his permission for me to arrange as soon as possible for Mr. Portune's visit to his home in Tucson. Within less than a week the visit was arranged and Mr. Portune went to Tucson, as my father relates in his "Personal." While there Mr. Portune had an opportunity for a lengthy discussion with him on Friday and then two other lengthy discussions on the Sabbath.

My father related to me how happy he was about Mr. Portune's entire approach and attitude, and how he felt that his return to the Church was assured.

We both deeply rejoice over this news!

For a long time I have wanted to write to the brethren of the Church, and I had brought this into any number of sermons recently about the great difference between the "marking" of those who may have caused division and "branding" someone and totally "shunning" them!

I have heard tales of people who will actually cross the street to avoid seeing face to face a brother who has left the Church for one reason or another; or of even worse examples of people, who through a combination of fear and uncertainty, perhaps, shun an individual when such is not truly necessary according to the spirit and intent of God's law.

The many examples in God's Word of Jesus, who gave the parable of the prodigal son, of the leaving of the ninety and nine and going after the one, of the Good Samaritan and other such examples which show mercy, tenderness, forgiveness, compassion and love, rather than a harsh spirit of unforgiveness and unresiliency, all serve to illustrate the point.

If we are to pray even for our enemies, how much more for the beloved brethren and sisters who may have become disaffected for this or that reason, whom we recognize as so in need of God's Holy Spirit and His powerful influence in their lives?

Therefore, I was very happy to hear the outcome of the personal talks my father had with Mr. Portune and hope to talk to Al myself very soon now.

As I suggested to my father, I certainly hope that sometime in the future Al's gift of preaching can yet again be used in God's Church.

Hurdle ahead

However, I can speak from experience and I know that there is a "hurdle" our brother Al faces, and I want all of you brethren to help him and to help me so that he may overcome this hurdle.

I know you will, and let me relate what happened in the Ozarks to prove my point.

Toward the end of the sermon, in which I discussed our pioneering spirit, the fact that we are strangers and sojourners, "having no certain dwelling place," and gave many moving stories and analogies in Jesus' own personal life on this earth, I finally announced many of the points I have included in this "Personal" concerning Mr. Portune, but withheld his name until the last moment.

When I said, with a great deal of emotion at the very close of the sermon, that Mr. Portune would soon be back in the Church, there was a vast burst of spontaneous applause from all the thousands of brethren assembled there, and I saw hundreds of faces wet with tears.

This proved to be tremendously moving to me as well, to see the instantaneous response of people in God's Church at hearing the good news that a brother has repented and is coming back into God's fold!

I can't tell you the experience it was, almost like a Feast of Tabernacles, to see the emotion and to feel the response of God's people in that Sabbath service!

That included, by the way, all of the ministry, including the area coordinators who were there!

Though I do not wish to mention names here, I certainly hope and pray that all of you brethren, in this coming international day of fasting and prayer, will really intensify your prayers on the part of other beloved brethren who we hope and pray will be led by God's Spirit to follow Al Portune's example.

Coordinators' meeting

The next morning (this morning, now that I think about it), I met for about one hour with the area coordinators before having to depart for the airport and come back out to Tucson for a meeting with my father prior to returning to headquarters.

In meeting with all of the coordinators, I was moved to express to them my same feelings I am covering with you in this "Personal" and was inspired to see tears in their eyes and very deep agreement and appreciation for the attitudes I urged all of us to have: of greater measure of forgiveness, of understanding and compassion toward those in such situations, and to see to it that we always set a right example.

Of course, I had to go over all the details of the current financial condition, to tell them many of the changes which are being made and to explain them, and most expressly to go into the situation concerning the Big Sandy campus.

I will relate that portion of it to you here:

Obviously, though an emergency budget situation came along right at the moment of the accrediting team's visit to Big Sandy, it would have been the sheerest kind of folly to have instantly made a capricious change.

I went right ahead with the accreditation visit, though being terribly candid with the accrediting team with regard to the total financial underpinnings of the educational arms of the Church and the fact that it is only through the generosity of our constituency, the membership of the Church, that the Big Sandy annual allocation is continually sent. I also

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