

Mr. Armstrong in England, preaches to 1,000 brethren

BIG SANDY — Herbert W. Armstrong spoke to 1,000 brethren in the gymnasium of the former Ambassador College campus at Bricket Wood, England, May 28, according to Frank Brown, director of the Work in Britain.

Mr. Brown, commenting during a transatlantic telephone call June 3, said Mr. Armstrong arrived in En-

gland May 27 and left for Paris May 29. "Mr. Armstrong was in excellent spirits during his visit here," Mr. Brown said. "The Sabbath was a beautiful day and the campus this time of year is really gorgeous, with

the Japanese gardens in full bloom."

Mr. Armstrong spoke to an overflow crowd for almost two hours, giving the same sermon he had given on the Feast of Pentecost in Pasadena, "We didn't have a sermonette," Mr. Brown said. "So following a few local announcements Mr. Armstrong was introduced for the remainder of the service. He preached like a 39-year-old man. He was very powerful. The sermon was very inspiring, uplifting and very encouraging."

Mr. Armstrong also expressed appreciation for the membership's response to the special offering of April 30. "He was very pleased with the offering," Mr. Brown said.

The evening of May 28 Mr. Armstrong, his wife and her son, Richard, had dinner with the Browns, the Robin Joneses, Paul Suckling and Francis Bergin. Mr. Jones and Mr. Suckling are ministers, and Mr. Bergin is business manager for the Work in Britain.



FRANK BROWN



PACKING UP — The worldly possessions of some 250 Big Sandy students are being boxed up to be shipped to the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College to prepare for the merger of the two student bodies on the California campus this fall. [Photo by Scott Moss]

AICF, YOU help raise \$54,000

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — The Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and Youth Opportunities United teamed up May 28 and 29 with the Red Cross and Marlow Tackett, a local businessman, to sponsor a "radiothon" and concert of country-and-western and rock music to benefit victims of the floods that ravaged eastern Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia April 4 and 5.

Members of the Pikeville YOU chapters, along with members of the Pikeville congregation, manned telephones as listeners called in to pledge donations that eventually amounted to \$54,000.

The site of the concert and radio marathon was Marlow's Country Palace, owned by Mr. Tackett. Making most of the music, which went out over several stations linked on a

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Work announces 60 ordinations

PASADENA — In announcements here and at the Work's office in Burleigh Heads, Australia, 60 men have been named who were recently or will soon be ordained or raised in ministerial rank.

In Pasadena Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration for the United States, announced the names of 56 new preaching elders and local elders, and in Australia regional director Dean Wilson released the

names of one new preaching elder and three local elders.

The men and their church areas are as follows:

Preaching elders: Roger Abels, Chicago, Ill.; Greg Albrecht, Pasadena; Bruce Anderson, Columbus, Ohio; David Carley, Ada, Okla.; Art Dyer, Watertown, S.D.; Dave Fiedler, Liberal, Kan.

Mike Hanisko, Milwaukee, Wis.; Rod McQueen, Brisbane, Australia;

Steve Moody, Bowling Green, Ky.; Robert Oberlander, Pasadena; David Pack, Nanuet, N.Y.; George Panterleeff, Fayetteville, Ark.; Britt Taylor, Hagerstown, Md.; Earl Williams, Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich.

Local elders: John Amos, Phoenix, Ariz.; James Averett, Greensboro, N.C.; Donald Bailey, Medford, Ore.; John Bailey, Davenport, Iowa; Harvey Lee Bauman, Lenoir, N.C.; Richard Baumgartner, Missoula, Mont.

William Beebe, Austin, Tex.; Alfred Buchanan, Belleville, Ill.; Hollis Crofts, Greensboro, N.C.; Merle Cunningham, Dallas, Tex.; Edward Denker Jr., Colorado Springs, Colo.; Roy Dove, San Angelo, Tex.

Robert Druen, Macomb, Ill.; Robley Evans, Cleveland, Ohio; Louis Fakhoury, Santa Ana, Calif.; Bob Fergen, Rapid City, S.D.; Carl Fields, Toledo, Ohio; William Granke, Las Vegas, Nev.

Bronson James, Pasadena; Mor-dakhat Joseph, Los Angeles, Calif.; Duane Ledy, Midland, Mich.; Robert Lehmkuhl, Des Moines, Iowa; Jay Mayfield, Corpus Christi, Tex.; John McLean, Bathurst and Blackheath, Australia; Ken MacLeod, Perth, Australia; James Mitchell, Hattiesburg, Miss.

David Metzel, Cleveland, Ohio; Larry Miller, Kansas City, Mo.; Joe Morris, Fairfield, Calif.; Hubert Neill, St. Joseph, Mo.; Roy Thomas Newell Sr., Abilene, Tex.; David Ogwyn, Shreveport, La.

Dennis Pelley, Des Moines, Iowa; Robert Porter, Portland, Ore.; Lloyd Register, Lawton, Okla.; John Reid, Garden Grove, Calif.; Donald Russell, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Daniel Salcedo, Garden Grove, Calif.

Larry Shamus, San Jose, Calif.; Carroll Short, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Orest Solyma, Hobart, Australia; Randy Stiver, Great Falls, Mont.; Ken Treybig, Houston, Tex.; Don Turk, Garden Grove, Calif.; Law-

rence Walton, Palo Alto, Calif.; Herschel Watts, St. Louis, Mo.

Australian director Wilson also reported that one of the new Australian local elders is being transferred in conjunction with his ordination. John McLean is moving from Sydney to pastor the Bathurst and Blackheath churches.

Mr. Dart sees field pastors

BIG SANDY — Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, traveled here from Fort Smith, Ark., on the last leg of a trip designed, he said, to "keep the field ministry in tune with headquarters and to keep headquarters in tune with the field ministry." Mr. Dart's travels took him to meetings with church pastors in five states.

This trip, which followed a format similar to a transcontinental trip he took last January that netted meetings with six area coordinators and 30 other ministers from California to New Jersey, included stops in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas.

"The purpose of the trip," Mr. Dart said, "was to get better acquainted with the people we don't really know in the field and get a better understanding of field problems and needs so headquarters can respond more effectively. On each of these trips I've made, I try to answer questions about policy, plans for the future and any other questions a local pastor or his wife may raise.

"I'm basically trying to keep the field ministry in tune with headquarters and to keep headquarters in tune with the field ministry."

The vice president said such "personal interaction" is impossible in "big, giant meetings," hence the (See MR. DART, page 16)

Commitment to professional development

37 men receive certification

By Les Stocker
PASADENA — Certificates of the ministry were awarded to 37 candidates during a ceremony in Ambassador's student center May 17. The men were the first to complete the college's Certificate of the Ministry Program.

Theology Department Chairman George Geis described the course of study as a "graduate-level, or fifth-year, program designed to meet the professional needs of the Worldwide Church of God ministry. It is the first step toward a master's degree and will be applicable to what is normally a three-year program."

Dr. Geis said plans for the full master's regimen in ministerial studies will take some five years to develop. The current certificate recipients will be able to apply their work toward that eventual degree.

The ceremony, a luncheon, was attended by 103 people, including the candidates, faculty members and spouses. Michael Germano, vice president for academic affairs, said he appreciated the candidates' "diligent involvement" in professional development.

Speaking to the group in the main address was Ronald Dart, director of (See 37 MINISTERS, page 8)



CERTIFIED MINISTER — Maceo Hampton, left, receives congratulations from Garner Ted Armstrong in a graduation ceremony to honor 37 men who completed Ambassador College's Certificate of the Ministry Program.

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel Led Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings! I suppose "thank you" is almost trite in this case, because the words don't really convey the way I feel about the fantastic outpouring of response from you brethren during our recent cash-flow crunch.

Not only did you come through with a fine offering on our special Sabbath, but you followed it up with a record-breaking offering on Pentecost!

We sailed through our cash-flow problem as a result of your immediate response, and our business manager, Mr. Ray Wright, has been able to take to the bank a completely balanced budget for the next fiscal year. We also hope we will be able to place some funds back into our dwindled reserves over the course of the fiscal year.

Meantime, I was able to avoid taking a single penny out of our media budget and am able to go right ahead with the planned development of the

college in Pasadena, including the rapid completion of additional dormitory spaces to house the hundreds of incoming freshmen this autumn, as well as the several hundred transfer students from Big Sandy.

To those who have visited Pasadena, you will perhaps remember the "faculty-row" homes along South Orange Grove and Del Mar.

Homes converted

These have all been vacated now and are rapidly being converted into student use by bringing them up to standards so they meet certain codes (for instance, fire laws might require an exterior staircase or other considerations). Homes which were formerly single-family dwellings can be adapted by taking out the kitchen facilities and putting in bunks, free-standing wardrobes, study desks and up to 20 or more chairs in each home.

Though we will be a little short, with perhaps in the neighborhood of

100 students having to live off campus in apartments, which they can share, we are right on target on our schedule of dorm preparation.

Probably by the time you read this we will have received the final decision of the full Western Association of Schools and Colleges committee on accreditation.

I am to appear, along with Dr. Mike Germano and Dr. Robert Kuhn, in San Francisco for a meeting with top members of the board on June 12 to receive their final decision.

Summer activities under way

Meanwhile, all the activities of summer are well under way, with the opening of our first Summer Educational Program session right around the corner. Plans are also under way for as much use as possible for our facilities on campus in Big Sandy.

Unfortunately, because of an almost wholesale transfer of student labor from the Big Sandy to the Pasadena campus (brought about by the need for a number of job openings to be filled in Pasadena during the summer), we were very short-handed on the Big Sandy campus, so Mr. Guy Carnes, who will assume directorship of the programs at Big Sandy on Aug. 1, had to inform a number of pastors of local churches that scheduled YOU recreational field trips on the Big Sandy campus had to

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong

I have never enjoyed a *Worldwide News* edition as much as the April 25, 1977, copy I received telling about a worry taken away from, I suppose, many of us. Now that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has the support of a wife, which is the way the Designer of man created it, I have to speculate that: Is it not possible he can accomplish more?

I enjoyed this edition even more than my first introduction to the *WN* more than four years ago. After reading it I now believe he [Mr. Armstrong] is 39 going on and on to, among other things, 38.

Ron M. Daniels
Elliot Lake, Ont.

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I enjoyed the copy of *Worldwide News* you sent me [April 25] covering Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's marriage to Ramona Martin. May God grant them a long and happy life together.

M. Madie Czykowski
Reno, Nev.

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Congratulations to you on your [Herbert W. Armstrong's] marriage. It was a big surprise to me, but I am really happy for you. . . . Tell your loving wife hello for me, and I pray for you two to be very happy.

Mittie Weaver
Citronelle, Ala.

Just wanted to let you know how much I enjoy my favorite newspaper — *The Worldwide News*. The inspiring articles written by men of understanding of world events is greatly appreciated. A special thanks for the beautifully put letter "Mr. Armstrong's Wedding" (May 9). It truly was the next-best thing to being there.

Mrs. Mae Steckel
Columbia, S.C.

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Fontana conspiracy

I would like to thank you and your staff for the fine *Worldwide News*. The paper is informative and covers all the news that the brethren are interested in.

However, it seems there is a conspiracy against the Fontana [Calif.] church. When you ran the "manpower list" last year, our pastor, Mr. Bob Smith, was not listed; when the article on "local elder seminar" was printed, our "local elder in attendance," Mr. Jim Russell, was not mentioned; we have sent in articles on church fairs, church dances and church variety shows and to date there has been no mention in "Church Wrap-Up" of Fontana.

Thanks again for the articles. Every section is thoroughly enjoyed and each word read.

Billy Pierce
Riverside, Calif.

When an article written for "Wrap-Up" doesn't make it into print, it's probably because it didn't arrive at the *WN* office within one month of the event being reported. As to the list and other article Mr. Pierce mentioned, we try to accurately reprint the information we receive

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America the immoral preacher

By Gene H. Hogberg
News editor, "The Plain Truth"
PASADENA — Along the way toward the "end of this age" are certain prophetic milestones. America's bicentennial, in 1976, could prove to be one of them.

Many in God's Church, of course, had looked for big things to happen in 1972, or perhaps 1975. But God, it seems, intended for America to fully experience 200 years of freedom and national blessings before events would turn decidedly for the worst.

Perhaps what I read about quite some time ago is true after all, that the life cycle of a democracy is roughly 200 years. That's the approximate time it takes for a people living under such a system to pass from the birth of the nation through periods of adolescence, dynamic growth and peak national power and pride, then over the hill, first into gradual then rapid decline, finally to end up on the scrap heap of history.

Certainly no thinking person today can deny that America is in the midst of an accelerating moral nose dive. Internally the nation is sick, suffering from a multitude of ills, any one of which is terminal.

Yet externally the new administration in power is pursuing policies — under the vague umbrella, embarrassingly enough, of a new moralism — that can only lead to absolute disaster and complete estrangement from allies and friends.

A recent edition of *U.S. News & World Report* had as its feature article: "America — Moral Policeman of the World."

Of course, "morality" in the foreign-policy context is basically limited to the issues of human rights, freedom of political expression (dissent), freedom from oppression. But the United States bases its moral position in foreign policy on its own concepts of liberty, freedom and the "American way of life." The problem now is there's precious little of old-fashioned morality left on the home front.

Gay rights

Let any one doubt this, I refer you to the current *Newsweek* magazine (June 6) and its cover story, "Battle Over Gay Rights." It tells of the new militancy on the part

of America's 20 million homosexuals to challenge laws that discriminate against their "human rights." It also tells of the courageous battle being waged against this encroaching moral rot by an outstanding woman, entertainer Anita Bryant (the Florida Orange Juice Sunshine Girl). Armed with knowledge of the Bible and prayer, she is challenging laws that would grant gays more legal rights in Dade County (the Miami area), Fla.

I can't help but believe Miss Bryant is right when, as *Newsweek* reported, she speculates that the drought in California just might be "God's punishment on the Golden State for passing liberal antidiscrimination laws."

Our unprecedented dry spell, I might add, might also have something to do with the fact that, of San Francisco's 700,000 residents, 100,000 are reported to be homosexuals, and that the San Francisco school board two weeks ago voted to include information on homosexuals' life-styles in its family-life courses.

Also the fact that, as reported in a revolting series of articles in the *Los Angeles Times* last week, Hollywood has become one of the vilest pornography and homosexual centers in the nation. Because of all the crime these vices engender, Hollywood has become a highly dangerous section of Los Angeles whose crime rate has leaped past every other part of the city, including south-central L.A.

Also that Southern California has become the center of America's sickest and most perversion wave, "kiddie porn." According to a United Press International dispatch received in our News Bureau here:

"There are up to 30,000 children and teenagers who pose for pornography in the Los Angeles area, a police official told a congressional subcommittee.

"The pornography industry makes about \$100 million in California and \$1 billion in the United States as a whole, Assistant Police Chief Daryl Gates testified to a House subcommittee on education and labor investigating child pornography.

"Rep. Robert K. Dornan, R-Calif. [a California Republican], appeared as a witness to denounce

the Los Angeles area, his home, as the center of the U.S. pornography industry.

"This county [Los Angeles] is perverting this nation with the vilest material that's ever been seen by man," he said. "This county leads the nation in distribution of pornography, . . . bestiality, sadism, masochism, bondage and discipline and child pornography.

"Sodom and Gomorrah did not have close-angle lenses, color photography and motion pictures . . ."

I might add that such depravity is not limited to the United States. Many nations in Western Europe have also turned their liberties into licentiousness. The current edition of West Germany's *Der Spiegel* features an article on kiddie porn, but exploits the very issue itself by displaying a nude subteenage girl right on the cover.

On and on the sickening picture unfolds. Other moral issues: the easing of penalties for marijuana and other drugs, the abortion epidemic, the soaring number of teenage pregnancies, the rapid increase in the "living-together" life-style.

Yet this is the nation that wants to preach morality to the world.

What a laugh! Say what one may about South Africa and Rhodesia, I never saw one piece of pornography, openly displayed at least, in any bookstore I went into. Jan Smuts Airport in Johannesburg is free of smut (no pun intended).

And I never noticed any pornography anywhere in the Soviet Union when I was there in 1974, either.

A moral foreign policy

How right Ronald Reagan was when he said, a few months back:

"It would be well to make sure our own house is in order before we fly off to other lands to attempt to dictate policies to them."

Nevertheless, charging off into the murky fields of foreign affairs go the State Department's new breed of moralists and highly selective (the enemy is always on the right) "human-rights" specialists.

No wonder the United States is making so many judgmental blunders in its foreign policy, such as growing ties with Cuba, high-level

talks with Vietnam, the handing over of the Panama Canal to an outright-illegal dictator (Washington hasn't complained about the lack of human rights in Panama) and an absolutely catastrophic, self-deceived policy toward southern Africa.

America is floundering; it has lost its way within and without. I'm reminded of a passage in the classic textbook on international relations *Politics Among Nations*, by Hans J. Morgenthau:

"Diplomacy, one might say, is the brains of national power, as national morale is its soul. If its vision is blurred, its judgment defective, and its determination feeble, all the advantages of geographical location, of self-sufficiency in food, raw materials, and industrial production, of military preparedness, of size and quality of population will in the long run avail a nation little. . . . It is likely to squander the natural assets by activating them incompletely, haltingly, and wastefully for the nation's international objectives."

Through nearly three decades of self-indulgent living, America has squandered almost all of its God-given national blessings. It has exhausted its physical capital through billions of dollars of foreign aid, and now it is on the verge of moral bankruptcy as well.

No link between morality at home and a strong position in the world at large? Ridiculous. The two factors are practically one and the same.

God I'm sure, would now have something to say to our "moral" leaders.

First to the politicians: "Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom . . ." (Isaiah 1:10).

Then to the religious leaders: "The prophets . . . strengthen also the hands of the evildoers. . . . They are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah."

The enemy within

How can a Sodom, worse yet a Sodom that preaches a moral message, possibly be a match for the Soviet Union on the ideological front? Pitifully weak economically, the communist world is nevertheless motivated by an ideology, albeit a totally atheistic one, that provides its followers with a sense of political purpose and moral direction.

Listen to what George F. Kennan,

former U.S. ambassador to the Soviet Union, says in the May, 1977, issue of *Military Review*:

"Poor old West: succumbing feebly, day by day, to its own decadence, sliding into debility on the slime of its own self-indulgent permissiveness: its drugs, its crime, its pornography, its pampering of the youth, its addiction to its bodily comforts, its rampant materialism and consumerism — and then trembling before the menace of the wicked Russians, all pictured as supermen, 8 feet tall, their internal problems all essentially solved, and with nothing else now to think about except how to bring [about] damage and destruction. . . . This persistent externalization of the sense of danger — this persistent exaggeration of the threat from without and blindness to the threat from within: this is the symptom of some deep failure to come to terms with reality — and with one's self."

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YOU RIDERS — Sir Bruce Small, mayor of Gold Coast, Australia, center, stands with YOU cyclists in front of a refrigerated van that accompanied them on their 700-mile trip. Forty-eight Queensland members of YOU took part in the 11-day tour through southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales to call attention to the problem of drug abuse. [Photo by Peter Skinner]

YOU cyclists take to the road to fight drug-abuse problem

By Wendy Tuck

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Forty-eight members of Youth Opportunities United groups in Queensland, Australia, recently completed an unusual bicycle marathon to highlight the problem of increasing drug abuse.

The weary cyclists returned to the Gold Coast May 11 after cycling 11 days and covering 1,100 kilometers (700 miles) through southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales.

The ride attracted wide attention in the local press.

Gold Coast mayor and state parliamentarian Sir Bruce Small, 81, rode the final leg of the marathon with the YOU cyclists. The mayor, who also led the cavalcade out of the Gold Coast May 1, welcomed back the cyclists at a short civic reception at a shopping center.

'Struck a blow'

Sir Bruce congratulated the young cyclists (whose ages ranged from 13 upwards) on a tremendous effort and stated that they had "struck a blow for the future of youth in Australia."

The event, the first major project organized by YOU in this country, was planned to give YOU members a challenge and something to do during the May school holidays and also to show that young people can enjoy life and achieve something worthwhile without drugs.

The marathon also brought into focus the problem of drug abuse in the community. Proceeds received from sponsors went to the Gold Coast Drug Referral Centre and the Brisbane Drug Haven. During the civic reception Mark Cardona, Brisbane pastor and organizer of the ride, presented Sir Bruce with \$3,000 raised before and during the marathon for the drug centers.

In various places along the route "people threw money out of car windows as they drove past the cavalcade," said Mr. Cardona.

Their trip took them north from the Gold Coast to Brisbane and Gympie, west to Kingaroy, Dalby, Toowoomba and Warwick, south into New South Wales to Lismore and back along the coast to the Gold Coast.

The cyclists endured everything from mountains to valleys and from sunshine to rain.

"We struck strong headwinds coming into Toowoomba which slowed us down and rode through a day's rain near Warwick," Mr. Cardona said. "Otherwise the weather was great for cycling."

Camped in tents

They camped in tents in roadside paddocks and cow pastures and on school grounds. The cyclists rode from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. most days and averaged about 80 miles per day for nine full days of riding to finish the ride on time. This worked out at an average of 12 miles an hour for the whole trip.

The pre-ride training had ensured the success of the trip. To qualify, each participant had to successfully ride 100 miles in one day. This was to ensure everyone could handle the pace and the distance. However, having to cycle 80 miles day after day is another matter.

According to Mr. Cardona, some riders had difficulty "settling down" the first three days. "Those were the hardest days, but from there on everyone got in the swing of it and we made good time."

The cavalcade of cyclists and support vehicles created a great deal of interest along the route and received press, radio and television coverage. At major centers along the way civic welcomes had been organized.

At Kingaroy the local council supplied afternoon tea for the entire group. The chairman of the Kingaroy Shire Council in welcoming the riders said that he and the people of his shire admired the young cyclists for giving up their time and energy to raise funds for a worthy cause. He said Australia would be a better place "if more young people were of the caliber of the cyclists and had their wholesome approach to life."

Letter carriers

The cyclists acted as personal couriers, carrying a letter of greeting from Sir Bruce to all the mayors and chairmen of major centers along the route. They also brought back replies from these civic leaders and pre-



SPOKESMEN — Mark Cardona, left, above, organizer of the ride, stands with Sir Bruce Small, center, mayor of the Gold Coast, and David Noller, Australian YOU director, before the marathon began May 1. Left photo: Debbie Sanders leads a girls' cycling pack. [Photos by Peter Skinner]

could never have given the cyclists the necessary meals to keep their energy up."

Other vehicles carrying camping and kitchen equipment also went along to provide backup and support. The crew of 10 "did a great job the entire trip," said Alex Scott, deacon in the Brisbane church and crew leader.

Special honor

Before the ride got under way, three of the girls were given a special honor: the bouquet of the week. It's an honor given to the news makers of the week by the local government.

The Queensland minister for local government and highways, Russ Hinze, gave the honor to three 15-year-old Gold Coast girls: Jean Schultz of Burleigh Heads, Jennie Strudwick of Burleigh Park and Sherryn Welch of Miami, all members of the Gold Coast YOU club.

"We've heard a great deal in recent times about what the use and abuse of drugs is doing to our young people in particular," said Mr. Hinze. "And it's fitting that the May ride against drug abuse should be by a group of public-spirited teenagers."

Mr. Cardona said that, if the distance covered by each rider were laid end to end, the total would more than reach around the world, more than

30,000 miles.

'Nothing else to do'

Rosemary Sawyer, 14, secretary of the Brisbane YOU club, said she went on the ride because she "had nothing else to do in the holidays."

"The ride was real good," said Andre Kuil, 15, of Gympie. "It was a challenge to make it to the end." He enjoyed the scenery and making new friends.

Russell Scott, 17, of Kalangur said he went on the ride because he wanted a challenge and enjoyed cycling. "I wanted to quit the first couple of days, but from there on out I felt fine," he said.

"Perseverance" was the biggest lesson learned from the ride, according to Mr. Cardona.

Several of the riders interviewed after their return said they would tackle a similar ride again, but not before next year.

The ride was a "tremendous success," said David Noller, director of YOU in Australia.

"Mark Cardona and his crew did a great job planning and organizing the marathon," he said. "It got YOU off to a flying start here in Australia."

"The young cyclists were a credit to YOU and they have set a high standard of performance and achievement which will be difficult to match in the future."

MAJOR'S ROOTS

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Jim Wilson held a dish towel in his hand as he and his dog, Major, answered a knock at the back door. It was his friend, Scott Rollins.

"Hi, Scott, come on in," invited Jim. Major's tail wagged a greeting as he recognized the familiar scent.

"Hi, Jim. I brought my hatchet over. You said we'd finish working on digging up the stump in your backyard after supper."

"I forgot we're having our family night tonight."

"What's family night?" Scott asked. "It's something new. On Wednesday nights we do family things together. I'm helping with the dishes so we can get started sooner. Tonight we're going to play roots."

"What's roots?"
"It's talking about relatives, and I don't want to miss it."

Scott'll stay

Jim's mother came to the door, wiping her hands on a towel. "Scott, you're very welcome to stay and join in our activity if you'd like."

"Thanks, Mrs. Wilson. I'll stay." When the kitchen was in order, Jim, Scott and Mrs. Wilson went into the dining room, where Mr. Wilson and Susie were arranging books and a large sheet of white poster paper on the table.

"Scott's joining us this evening," announced Mrs. Wilson.
"Good for you," greeted Mr. Wilson. "Let's all sit down."

As they seated themselves around the table, Major came to the doorway, settled on his tummy and yawned.

Mr. Wilson held up the wide poster. Earlier he had drawn an outline of a large tree with a trunk and many branches. There were straight lines on the branches that were connected with the lines above and below.

"We're going to trace our family ancestry. I'll let Mother have a red pen to write in names of her side of the family, and I'll use blue. To begin with, Susie, you and Jim write your names with this green pen at the bottom of the trunk on the very center line."

"I'm older. I should write first," protested Jim.

Smiling, Mr. Wilson shook his head. "Whatever happened to good manners? Don't gentlemen let ladies go first any more?"

"Yes, sir," Jim said, sitting down.

Wales tale

That was the beginning of a lively hour of discussion and questions. Mrs. Wilson opened a very old family Bible and referred to it as she copied names in red. "I'm going to write down birth-places too," she announced. "I want you to notice something about my Grandfather Evans." She pointed. "He came to America across the ocean. He was born in Wales."

"Where's Wales?" Susie asked.
"Wales," corrected Jim. "I'll get my globe."

"That's a good idea," Mr. Wilson said.

Jim left the room and reappeared with a large globe, a Feast gift one year. "The kids at school say we all come from monkeys, but I can tell them my grandfather came from whales," he said with a grin.

The children moved closer as Mrs. Wilson pointed her finger. "Here's Wales."

"Is Wales in Scotland?" asked Scott.

"No, Wales is beside England. Scotland, England and Wales are in what is called the British Isles."

"Do you know the difference between a Scotsman and a canoe?" asked Scott.

"Those kinds of jokes can be cruel," cautioned Mrs. Wilson.

"A canoe tips."
"I'm sure there are many Scotsmen more generous than we," broke in Mr. Wilson. "Let's let Mother finish her genealogy."

"I'm going to leave the globe turned right where it is," went on Mrs. Wilson, "because the rest of my ancestors of whom I have a record came from England."

Irish blood

When she had gone back as far as the old family Bible would give information, it was Mr. Wilson's turn with his blue pen. As he began to fill in the lines on his side of the tree he referred often to a sheet of paper with notes he had made Sunday when he had talked long distance to Grandma Wilson.

When he came to his great-grandparents he turned from the poster with a smile. "I think I have a surprise for you. See this name? My great-grandfather's name was Bryan. One generation before that the name was O'Brien."

"Does that mean you have Irish blood?" asked Mrs. Wilson.

"Yes, a tiny bit," said Mr. Wilson. "I guess that's why I like it when you buy a green dress."

"I like green too," Susie piped up.

Mrs. Wilson gave Susie a hug.

"She's our little colleen."
"Jim," said Mr. Wilson, "will you show Susie where Ireland is on the globe?" He helped Jim find it.

"Dad, are the people in Ireland one of the lost tribes?" Jim asked.

"I think we'll find they are," replied Mr. Wilson. He cleared his throat and smiled at Scott. "We'll talk more about that some other time. Scott is getting bored with our family talk."

"Oh, no, sir, I'm not," replied Scott. "I wish my mom and dad would do this."

"I think they would if you'd ask them."

Mrs. Wilson went to get lemonade from the kitchen and passed glasses around with a bowl of nuts.

"What about Major's family?" asked Susie when they had finished their lemonade.

Beagle beginnings

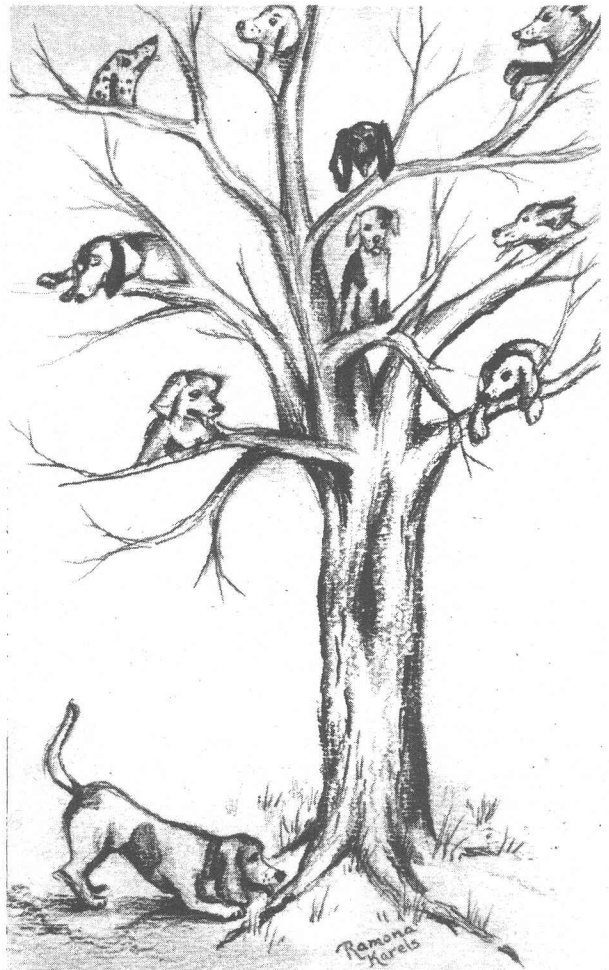
Jim shook his head. "He didn't come with any papers. He's not pedigreed."

"Jim means that he's not registered with the American Kennel Club," explained Mr. Wilson. "His litter wasn't registered, but he's from good beagle stock just the same."

Susie went to the doorway, knelt and stroked Major's glossy back. "Poor Major. He doesn't know who his grandpa is. He doesn't have any roots."

"He doesn't want to know who his grandpa is," said Jim. "Dogs don't care." He turned to his father. "What if we didn't know who our grandparents were? How would we find our place in the World Tomorrow?"

"God keeps very good records," ex-



plained Mr. Wilson. "Everyone who is born is recorded in His Book of Life. So, if we don't know our ancestors now, we will in the World Tomorrow. It'll all be straightened out then."

He turned to Scott. "Is it time for you to be going home?"

Scott rose from his chair. "Yes. Thanks for everything."

Jim went to the back door with Scott to say good-bye. He let Major out into the fenced-in backyard and returned to the dining room.

"I hope," his father was saying, "from now on you won't get so bored when we read some of the genealogies in the Bible. Our heavenly Father is very interested in all His family members, just as we are."

They began to put away their books and the globe. Mr. Wilson mounted the poster in the recreation room in the basement as a permanent addition to their art collection.

When they had gathered in the dining room Susie said, "Next time I want to go to the greenhouse and look at the pretty flowers."

"That's a fine idea," agreed Father, "but it's Jim's turn to choose. Do you have anything in mind, Jim?"

"If it's not raining I'd like to go to Wilderness Park and hike around until dark."

"I'll fix a picnic hamper so we can go

early," Mrs. Wilson offered.

Grotesque twist

Jim heard a scratching at the back door and a small bark that let him know Major was ready to come back into the house. Hurrying to the door, he opened it wide and Major bounded in. He gripped something in his mouth that was black and grotesquely twisted. Major raced into the dining room and Susie began to scream.

"Oh! A snake, Daddy! Snake!"
Startled, Jim watched as his father took charge. "Stay back, Susie, and be calm. Jim, tell your dog to sit and drop what he has."

"Major, sit!" Jim called, and Major stopped running in a circle. He sat on his haunches.

"Drop it, Major!"
Lowering his head, Major opened his mouth and the black thing fell to the floor.

Mr. Wilson stepped closer. He threw back his head and laughed. "It's not a snake. It's a tree root from our backyard." He lifted the apple-tree root for all to see. "It looks like Major found his roots. That's a very bad pun, Major."

Mrs. Wilson shook her head. "It's so corny, but he's made his point."

Jim gave his dog a big hug. "You're my dog. You can share my roots."

Major wagged his tail, blinked both brown eyes and smiled.

Local church news wrap-up

Pot party

AMARILLO, Tex. — The Women's Club here was host for a meeting concerning cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) April 18. It was the final meeting of the season. The film *Prescription For Life* was shown, followed by a question-and-answer session. Gary Hedgecoke, CPR instructor for the American Heart Association, conducted the meeting.

The club began the year with a "pot party" on the care of houseplants. Other meetings were about powder-puff mechanics, crime and rape prevention, plaster crafts and a theater night followed by a champagne party. *Kathie Fitzgerald.*

Marco polo

ATHENS, Ga. — The YOU chapter here held its first swimming party of the season April 23 at Gainesville (Ga.) Junior College. About 30 teens and 10 adults took in the night's activities. The teens gathered at Bob Howington's home for a cook-out of hot dogs and hamburgers before going swimming.

The college sports an Olympic-sized heated pool. Although many swimmers enjoyed showing their proficiency at high diving and speed swimming, others enjoyed the simple pleasures of "chicken fighting" and "Marco polo," a zany version of water polo created by Mark Carroll. The most-memorable moment was the annual dunking of "ye olde coordinator," Doug McCoy, with the "dunkee" taking several "dunkers" down with him. After three hours of water fun, the teens returned home. *Darla Wilson.*

Volunteer security men

BRICKET WOOD, England — A social evening was provided for the volunteer security men and their wives or dates at the former campus of Ambassador College here May 1. The volunteer crew has manned a security rota system on Friday nights and Saturdays to protect the campus and nearby press building since the college closed in June, 1974. The rota involves two-man crews doing four- and five-hour shifts in order to allow the regular security staff to rest on the Sabbath.

The social began at 4 p.m. in the international lounge with the film *That's Entertainment*. Then the party moved to the dining hall for a fried-chicken dinner prepared by Chris Hunting, with a few helpers.

Frank Brown, director of the British Work, expressed his appreciation to the men and their wives. Paul Suckling, pastor of the church here, also voiced his gratitude before introducing the entertainment.

Kevin Ford played a piano solo, Robin and Diane Stowe performed a ballad, Sueann Henderson sang several popular numbers and Neil Jackson did a comedy skit. *Bill Allan.*

Costume social

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — The YOU here sponsored a costume social for the congregation April 23.

President David McCormick was emcee, with YOU members performing skits. Anita Backfish, Mary Broach and Patty Hoffman showed how not to shop for groceries; Carolyn and Ruth Broach gave a demonstration about commercials; David and Brad McCormick performed Abbott and Costello's "Who's on First?"; Nancy "Raggedy Ann" Miles sang a solo; and the Verble family presented several renditions.

Bob Groves as Abraham Lincoln received first prize for most-original costume. The John Cafourek family won the prize for best-costumed family. *Barbara Harrison.*

Oil paintings

DETROIT, Mich. — A treasury of talent was uncovered here in the Detroit East church April 30, with the advent of an arts and crafts show.

Members were asked to present something they had created, either from a hobby or their vocation.

On display were oil paintings, ceramics, needle crafts, homemade baked goods and creations of metal and wood.

The show was preceded by a dinner of pizza and salad, thanks to the culinary talents of some of the congregation headed by Peter Meldrum. *Jim Davis.*

Winter social in April

ERIE, Pa. — Due to a severe winter, brethren here held their winter formal social April 23. Dan and Peggy Good planned the event.

A buy-your-own-drink bar was set up with Tony Martinelli and Jim Schoonover as bartenders. Dancing was to tapes of music by Glenn Miller, Harry James, the Dorsey Brothers and others, manned by Sabastian Laspada.

The scenery, made by the Goods, included a rock garden surrounded by tall pines and a small creek with fish in it running under a walk-over bridge. Potted tulips were later sold to the dancers.

The women danced a Jewish folk dance. The broom and snowball dances got everyone onto the dance floor. A cake waltz with three cakes baked and donated by Thelma Jones was won by Gill and Diana Pier, first, Dan and Peggy Good, second, and Don Wiess and Betty Miller, third.

During intermission the chorale, directed by Ed Owens, presented a concert.

Great Lakes Area coordinator Ed Smith also attended and was presented a gift from the brethren. *Mary Graves.*

Rules bent

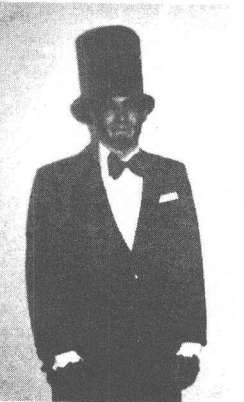
EXETER, England — England's Southwest brethren held their first picnic here May 7 at the King George V playing fields.

With blankets spread, balls rolling and kites flying, everyone from 2 to 50 settled down to the task of devouring the wholesome Devonshire food. Then swings, roundabouts and climbing frames were put to use while others played French cricket.

The youngsters, aided by one adult, challenged the older children, including the women of the 30-to-50 age-group, to a game of football, with the rules sometimes being bent a little. The elders won 5-2. Undaunted, the youngsters again challenged the other team to a game of cricket and lost again, having 17 runs all out and the elders having 20 runs, declared after only one out. Third time lucky, the youngsters once again challenged their opponents to tip and run and won 12-8. *Francis Cann.*

Carolina championships

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The men's basketball team here won its



HONEST ABE — Cape Girardeau member Bob Groves displays his winning costume. (See "Costume Social," this page.)

fourth straight Carolina championship at Hunter Huss High School in Gastonia, N.C., April 17 by edging Charlotte, N.C., 57-56.

Greensboro got a first-round bye and outlasted Asheville, N.C., 56-50 in semifinal action. In other play-off action, Columbia, S.C., fell to both Greenville, S.C., 81-62, and Asheville, 44-43. Charlotte won over Lenoir, N.C., and outscored Greenville, 68-60. Columbia won the consolation title by rolling over Lenoir, 67-44.

Lenoir's talented ladies defeated Columbia 33-29 to win their first Carolina championship. Columbia made the finals by turning back Greenville, 25-9. *Henry Stroy.*

Next best thing

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The Greenville and Asheville, N.C., Spokesman clubs held their final meeting of the year at the Cabin in the Pines Restaurant in Brevard, N.C., April 23.

Speakers were Ronnie Pool, Wade Nanney, Larry Fisher and Loren Dikeman. The Greenville president was Frank Hindman and Asheville's was Marshall Dillard.

John Jacques, in graduating from the club, called Spokesman Club the next best thing to attending Ambassador College. *Allen McIntosh.*

Businessmen's luncheon

HAMILTON, Bermuda — Cecil Pulley, a recent Ambassador College graduate, and Roland Sampson, pastor here, represented Ambassador College Agency at the monthly meeting of the American Businessmen's Luncheon Group at the Princess Hotel May 16.

The luncheon was organized by the U.S. consul general of Bermuda, Richard Rand, following a tradition begun by his predecessors.

Time magazine's White House correspondent, Stanley Cloud, was the keynote speaker. He has been with *Time* since 1968. Mr. Cloud spoke on President Jimmy Carter's first 100 days in office and the recent NATO summit.

Mr. Sampson and Mr. Pulley met several of the guests, including Peter Lloyd, acting governor of Bermuda; Premier Jack Sharpe; and John Swan, minister of immigration and labor. *Roland D. Sampson.*

Calisthenic trail

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Twenty-five "50-Plusers" held their first meeting of this year April 24 at Morrison Towers, with Charles At...strong conducting the meeting.

Three films, *Cry of the Marsh, Africa (East and West)* and *Colonial Williamsburg*, were shown by Shirley Togans, followed by bingo. The winners included Betty Wharton, Clifford Harden and Dan Charles.

Valle Rich provided the meeting place and Mrs. Tom Selzer, Lynda Shaffer and Donna Klucker served refreshments.

The group is planning a chartered bus trip to Washington, D.C. The ladies of the church held a craft and bake sale at a shopping center in nearby Lancaster May 6. Although the women were completely drenched by a sudden rainstorm that ended the sale abruptly two hours early, they made \$295 to donate to God's Work.

Thirty pretrens met at Lancaster Community Park May 15 for a day of fun and hiking. Of the three trails, the Calisthenic Trail was the one the youngsters enjoyed the most.

After a picnic lunch the children enjoyed whiffle ball, volleyball and a tug-of-war, which the girls won three out of four. *Mrs. Vernon E. Hurley, Margorie Misher and Joel and Liz Duttera.*

Spaghetti feast

KENAI, Alaska — The brethren here received a special treat after Sabbath services May 14. The newly chartered YOU group paid for, cooked and served a candlelight spaghetti feast for the congregation.

Empty serving dishes were quickly replaced by full steaming ones from the kitchen of the meeting hall, where Lisa and Carey Ellington prepared the sauce and YOU President Graydon Drown helped cook the noodles. All the rest of the group worked together preparing and serving salad, French bread, orange juice, coffee and ice cream. *David Shaules.*

Pushup contest

KINGSTON, Ont. — Brethren of the Kingston and Smiths Falls churches enjoyed a night of diverse and challenging activity May 7. The ladies prepared a supper, then all viewed slides of Switzerland and Arizona, as well as the three Ambassador College campuses. Afterwards, members, friends and children participated in a myriad of games that ranged from Scrabble to Steeplechase.

A highlight was the one-minute pushup contest between Mark McAlpine of Kingston and Jim Pattermore of Smiths Falls, with the winner receiving a blue and silver trophy. The brethren pledged cents per pushup, with the proceeds helping purchase uniforms for the newly formed baseball team. Jim was the winner, doing 67 pushups to Mark's 57.

Another contest under way for several weeks was choosing a name for the baseball team. The winning name, chosen from the entries, was the Rideau Kingsmiths, a combination of Kingston and Smiths Falls. The recipient of the \$5 prize was Shirley MacMillan of Smiths Falls.

The evening ended on a musical note with some Western renditions on guitar by Gerald Clancy and his son, Eldon, who also sang.

Terry Johnson, minister for both churches, suggested that since the next day was Mother's Day, it would be nice for the mothers to be served breakfast in bed. *Joyce Sherwood.*

Hot dogs sacrificed

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — With temperatures approaching 90 degrees in the flatlands, 14 members of the church here fled to the coolness of Cades Cove in the Great Smoky Mountain National Park for a hike and picnic May 15.

The group hiked five miles to and from Abram's Falls, one of the beauty spots in the Smokies.

At the Cades Cove picnic area, as the adults set up the potluck meal, some of the "children" (one in his 30s) waded in a nearby stream and caught salamanders, tiny fish and other water creatures.

Hot dogs were cooked over an open fire, though some of them appeared to have been sacrificed. *Andy Thomas.*

Newsstand spin-off

LEXINGTON, Ky. — The pilot program for *Plain Truth* newsstand distribution was set up here last August. The spin-off has opened doors in many areas. Meetings with leading men at the University of Kentucky here and Morehead (Ky.) State University led to requests for the booklets on venereal disease, drugs and alcohol and requests to bring AICF activities to the area.

AICF seminars on marital maturity by Art Mocarow and parent-child relations by Chris French were held here May 1. Carol Wiggington, head of Social Services in Lexington, arranged for extensive media coverage prior to the seminars.

An article in an edition of "Successful Living," an AICF publication, was written by Professor Maxie Maultsby of the University of Kentucky who came in contact with the organization through the *Plain Truth* distribution. *Gerry Russell.*

Disc jockeys

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The annual spring dance for the teens here was May 14 in nearby Gallatin. The dance consisted of modern music provided by two disc jockeys from

WMAK radio here. The affair was chaperoned by a number of adults, including Sue Rutledge, who was instrumental in securing the services of the disc jockeys.

The Church of God missed bowling league here held an awards banquet May 15 at Heritage House Smorgasbord in Hermitage, Tenn., following a 42-game schedule. Games had been played on Sunday and Tuesday nights at Hendersonville Bowl in Hendersonville, Tenn.

Trophies were presented to Larry Hunt, men's high, 184 average, and Patsy Covington, women's high, 137 average. Team awards went to Second Time Around (Harold and Suzi Langley and Henry and Patsy Covington), first place; Alley Katz (Larry Hunt, Sue Rutledge and Luke and Sue Bozarth), second; and Double Trouble (Charles and Cathy Sutherland and Jim and Annie Way), third. Other individual achievement awards were presented. *Everett Corbin.*

Rare disco release

NEW ORLEANS, La. — As the sun went down April 30, New Orleans became the site of a special disco dance for the church's teens and young adults.

The sound system, lights and music were provided by Dave Ripp of the Dayton, Ohio, church. Mr. Ripp, who designed and built the sound equipment, played the top 40 hits and a rare disco release not available to the public.

A high point of the evening was a dance contest with a \$10 cash prize going to the winners. The three judges selected 10 couples as semifinalists before choosing the winning team. *Cindy Flowers McLendon.*

Fashion favorites

NORFOLK, Va. — The Women's Club here held its annual men's night April 24 at Ft. Monroe Officers' Club in Hampton, Va. The women held a regular meeting, starting off with the welcoming of guests. More than 70 adults attended.

A final report was given on old *PT* and *GW* magazines that the club had sent to Georgetown, Guyana, South America. The club was able to collect and mail more than 700 magazines.

The meeting was recessed for a smorgasbord dinner. Then a fashion show was put on by 12 members, who modeled outfits they had made.

The women also prepared an arts and crafts table to display handmade projects.

Prizes were awarded to Maude Shaw and Verna Alston, who were chosen as the favorites from the fashion show, and Sandra Belanga and Sue Mercer, favorites from the arts and crafts display. *Barbara D. Pollak.*

Coffee and biscuits

NORTHAMPTON, England — Joyce Suckling welcomed ladies to her home with glasses of sherry for the inaugural meeting of the Ladies' Club here April 27.

The format and purpose of the club was discussed and Mrs. Suckling gave a get-to-know-you talk. Margaret Mitchell conducted table topics. Main speaker was Arthur Suckling, who spoke on the role of women in God's Church.

The evening concluded with coffee and biscuits. *Margaret Harradine.*

Steamboat roast

PASADENA — The Ambassadors, a bowling league of the Pasadena and Glendale churches, concluded winter-league activities with a banquet and awarding of trophies May 5 at the Ambassador College student center.

Chef Eugenio Api was a central figure as he carved his speciality, a "steamboat" roast.

The first-place team was Jesse Amarel Sr., Marie Allworth, Bob Anderson, Lynn Haupt and Jesse Amarel Jr. Placing second was the team of Larry Young, Jon Hicks, Marie Young, Ray Young and Al Scheck.

The high-game trophies were awarded to Al Scheck and Marie Allworth. Other awards were given for high series and most improved for (See LOCAL CHURCH, page 12)



REMOTE MALAYSIANS — Minister John Halford and Malaysian member Mary Lew, above, review the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course as it is translated into Chinese. Right: Mr. Halford, Burmese local elder Saw Lay Bey after his ordination. [Photos by Brian Hose]



Remote brethren eager to play part

By John A. Halford
Area Coordinator, Southeast Asia
BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — I have just returned from a six-week baptizing and visiting tour of Southeast Asia. I think many brethren worldwide will be interested in developments in this remote part of the world. In a tour lasting six weeks, covering nearly 15,000 miles and involving counseling dozens of people, there is so much of interest to tell. In this report I can only hit the highlights.

I left Australia with Sydney deacon Brian Hose on the last day of the Australian ministerial conference. We flew directly to Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, where after a few hours' sleep we caught a local flight to Kota Baru, on the Malay-Thai border. We had promised to be in K.B., as it is called (Malaysians always refer to their main towns by the initials), in time to conduct the long-scheduled wedding of Teo Poh Oon and Choo Swee Choo. After a quick change and shower at our hotel, we arrived just in time at the Teo home, where the wedding was to take place.

The Teo family is nearly all Church members, but most of the guests were not. They viewed our ceremony with frank curiosity. In a traditional Chinese wedding there is no ceremony involving the public exchanging of vows. Rather, there is a long series of complex and carefully orchestrated rituals to be carried out. Our brief wedding service must have seemed rather strange and informal to many of the older guests.

Another custom that takes a bit of getting used to is that the bride must maintain a doleful expression and downcast eyes all through the celebrations. To somebody used to the radiantly happy Western brides, this is a bit unnerving. The first time I encountered it I felt that the poor girl had had second thoughts and nearly postponed the ceremony for a further counseling session. We live and learn.

Swee Choo managed to remain suitably suppressed on what was for

her a long-awaited and happy occasion.

No supermarket rush

Later that day Brian and I went to visit Mr. and Mrs. New Eng Tong, who run a small store in a village about 10 miles from K.B. They welcomed us warmly, and we spent a pleasant few hours watching the casual coming and going of Malay village life. There is none of the supermarket rush in Mrs. New's store. People drift in and spend half an hour haggling over the price of a piece of cloth or the week's provisions. But, in spite of the seemingly casual pace, Mr. and Mrs. New are kept busy with the store and a poultry business they have started. Mr. New is also a schoolteacher.

The big iron gate of their store is rarely closed. But they told me that no matter how busy they are on Friday at sunset the gate is shut. In fact, just to make matters quite clear, the News have painted in big, indelible letters on the gate "Hari Sabtu-di tutup." In Malay that means "On Saturdays We're Closed."

Incidentally, Mr. New asked if I would request brethren to pray for the health of his little son, Louie. Louie is critically ill with a serious blood-and-liver disease. Doctors can do nothing for him; the condition is incurable. The boy suffers much discomfort. An operation would help temporarily, but he would die in two years. The News are trusting God.

From K.B. we flew across Malaysia to Penang. After visiting members and prospective members on this beautiful island state, we rented a car for the drive south. Driving in Asia is an experience quite unlike downcast eyes all through the celebrations. To someone used to the driving conditions of the West, Asian drivers seem bent on suicide.

One particular experience I will never forget. We were following a logging truck. Brian pulled out to overtake but noticed another logging truck approaching in the oncoming lane. He tried to pull back, but the car following us had accelerated and oc-

cupied our space. A third truck came up behind us, making it impossible to drop back. We had no option but to accelerate and try to squeeze in front of the logging truck before the oncoming truck reached us. As we did this, the car behind the truck decided to overtake on the other side, meeting us in front.

somehow everyone made it without mishap, and nobody except us poor westerners seemed unduly upset. Fortunately Brian Hose used to be a rally driver. I left the driving to him.

3,000 characters

We spent a few days visiting the members who live in the northern half of Malaysia. We were also able to visit and counsel with many pro-

spective members and college students before returning to Kuala Lumpur (or K.L.). While in K.L. we celebrated a small but encouraging first for the Work in Southeast Asia. In recent months we have had several requests for literature from people who speak and read Chinese.

Some of these include relatives of members who want to understand more of our beliefs. Unfortunately, it is not simply a case of telling them. The Chinese language is actually a collection of several major and literally hundreds of minor dialects. Many young Chinese today have only had English educations and are unable to speak adequately in any Chinese dialect. In a few sad cases, children end up speaking a completely different language from their

parents and can only communicate in basic terms. To explain philosophical or religious concepts is out of the question.

At first glance, the Chinese written language only complicates things further. Imagine an alphabet of 3,000 characters that must be memorized before a person is considered fully literate. But there is a hidden advantage in the Chinese language. Each word, or picturegram, means the same thing no matter what language is spoken. An analogy of this is our Western numerals. Whether you pronounce the character 9 as "nine" or "neuf" or "sembilan," it means the same thing. Chinese characters operate the same way. So, no matter what dialect a Chinese speaks, he can always understand in his own language what any other Chinese has written down. So an effective way of explaining our beliefs and doctrines to Chinese who do not speak English is through their written language.

Chinese literature

Some months ago we received permission from Les McCullough, director of the International Division, to begin an unofficial translation of the AC Correspondence Course and basic literature into Chinese. The few members of the Church who are proficient in written Chinese are working on the project. While in K.L. I was able to look over a first draft of lesson 1. It is quite a difficult job to convey exactly the right shade of meaning into Chinese, and the Chinese Bible is not a particularly accurate translation. But it can be done, and the members have made a start.

After a few days in Kuala Lumpur we flew the 300 miles down to the island city-state of Singapore, where we have about 17 members. It is a young church; in fact, at the moment there is not a married couple among the members, although several have unconverted mates. In spite of this, they are an enthusiastic, close and dedicated group of people. We held

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CLOSED SATURDAYS — Mr. and Mrs. New Eng Tong and their children stand in front of the gate to their store 10 miles from Kuala Lumpur. The writing on the gate says, in Malaysian, "On Saturdays We're Closed." [Photo by Brian Hose]



NEW MEMBERS — Minister John Halford, left photo, counsels residents of an Indian settlement in Bahau, Malaysia, just before baptizing them. Above: Mr. Halford stands with the new Indian members after the baptismal ceremony. [Photos by Brian Hose]

Minister travels 15,000 miles

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the Passover at Clement Lim's home. Members from the southern-Malaysian city of Johore Bharu (yes, that's right, J.B.) came over for the occasion, and 29 people took the Passover. The Night to Be Much Remembered was also celebrated at Mr. Lim's home, and the Holy Day was kept at a nearby hotel.

After a few days with our members in Singapore, we (reluctantly) hired another car, this time to drive up the southern part of Malaysia and back to Kuala Lumpur. On this leg of the trip we met several unforgettable people. Grace Latimer is an elderly and dignified Indian lady. In spite of being widowed since 1959, she has managed to provide all of her nine children with top-grade education. She has faced many traumas and difficulties in her long life. Many of her relatives were tortured and killed during the Japanese occupation.

Although brought up with a knowledge of the Bible, only during the last few years Mrs. Latimer had come to understand the true meaning of repentance and baptism. It had been her dearest wish to be baptized, but because she had misunderstood a minor point of our doctrine she felt she could never qualify and so had never asked.

During our talk she plucked up the courage to discuss the subject. Imagine her relief and joy when we told her that there was no reason on earth why she should not be baptized and become a member of the Church.

We baptized her later the same evening at the local beach. Personally, I would have rather found somewhere more private, but the members assured me that in the more secluded spots the crocodiles were a bit dangerous.

Back to drawing board

Another day we will not forget in a hurry was the afternoon spent at David Isaac's home, in the little town of Bahau. I had met David once before, during the Feast of Tabernacles last year. We had discussed baptism at that time, but David had felt he was

not quite ready. We had corresponded several times in the intervening months, and David had assured me that he did indeed now want to be baptized.

It took us a little while to find his home, as most people in rural Malaysia do not speak English. I know enough Malay to ask directions, but unfortunately not enough to understand the answers. David has a small three-room cottage in the Indian section of Bahau. He lives in this little house with his wife, children, mother, sisters and brothers and their children. In all, about 23 people share the tiny dwelling.

As we talked to David and his friend, Pallany, the other members of the family began to filter into the room. They sat on the floor and began to pay close attention. Since I knew for a fact that David and Pallany were the only ones who understood English, I wondered why the others were interested.

David was ready for baptism. After we had finished our discussion, I said, casually, "Let's hope that in the future other members of your family will also want to be baptized."

"But, Mr. Halford," he replied, "they want to be baptized today."

This explained the great interest in our talk. It was back to the drawing board.

Since the other family members spoke only Tamil, David had to interpret. Conversation was laborious, but it began to emerge that this family was indeed sincere in wanting to be baptized. They had abandoned their previous religious beliefs and were trying to follow the Commandments. They were observing the Days of Unleavened Bread, and, more important, they knew why they were observing them.

Most of all, they wanted their sins forgiven so they could receive the Holy Spirit. In all, we counseled seven more members of the family and found that they were also ready to be baptized. All were relatives of David, except for one young woman. Her case was heartrending.

She had been a neighbor of the Isaacs when her husband was sentenced to a long jail term. This tragedy left her destitute, and she would have been put in the position of having literally to give away her young children for them to survive. David and his family came to the rescue and took her in, in spite of the overcrowded conditions of his tiny home. The young lady had studied with the family and had come to believe as they did, and she was baptized with them. David's income is limited, and he could ill afford four more mouths to feed, but he was managing somehow. I told him that from now on the Church would help support this lady and her children with third tithes.

Please remember this family from time to time. They are eager to learn and to grow. Because of their background and limited opportunities, some of them are illiterate. Other Tamil-speaking Malaysian brethren are helping to shoulder the burden of teaching and helping these new members.

We spent a few more days visiting the members in southern Malaysia and arrived back in Kuala Lumpur April 7. On that evening my wife joined us, having flown from Australia. We held the last day of Unleavened Bread in the Federal Hotel in K.L. and were pleased and surprised when 93 people came. The K.L. members are an exceptionally warm and friendly group.

Keeping the Sabbath

Our members do face quite severe trials from time to time. Most jobs insist on a 5½-day week, and newer members often spend several months out of work until they can find suitable employment. Since most Southeast Asian countries do not have unemployment relief, this can be a real test of faith. One young man told me that in a previous job his boss was going to give him special favor and allow him Saturday mornings off. This so incensed some of his workmates that they waylaid him on the way home and literally tortured him.

A sharp knife or spike was driven through his upper leg, and he still suffers the effects to this day.

Fortunately such extreme cases are rare. Most people in Malaysia's multiracial, multireligious society try to be tolerant. But the 5½-day week is mandatory for many jobs and professions. Younger members living at home experience problems with diet, since traditional Chinese cuisine relies heavily on pork and seafood.

A high spot of the last day in K.L. was the ordination of Yong Chin Gee as a deacon. Mr. Yong has been a member for nearly 14 years; C. Wayne Cole baptized him back in 1963. He has the distinction of being the first member to be baptized in Malaysia.

His fine wife, Yuet Sian, was the first Chinese girl to be baptized. All the members of the Church were overjoyed at the ordination, as this was a first for Malaysia.

After a few days with the Malaysian brethren, we returned to Singapore. The next morning we caught the once-a-week flight to Rangoon, capital of the Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma.

Burma is one of the more remote countries of the world. Well off the tourist's beaten track, few foreigners have visited there since Burma became independent in 1948. It is a land of pagodas, huge rivers, vast teak forests, untapped mineral wealth, poverty, backwardness — and 45 members of the Worldwide Church of God. Ever since independence, Burma has pursued a strongly independent foreign and economic policy. This has been successful in that the country is free of some of the worst aspects of Western- and Eastern-bloc culture.

However, it has become one of the world's poorest nations, although potentially it is one of the richest. There is almost a total lack of consumer goods, and all equipment seems terribly dilapidated and old-fashioned. In many ways Burma is about 50 years behind the other Asian countries. But it is a fascinating and

strangely beautiful country and has a staggering potential if the economy can be gotten into shape.

Unobtainable basics

Our members in Burma are extremely poor. By our standards they have literally nothing except their homes and the clothes they stand up in. Those who live in the remoter areas often go short of clothing and food, and they suffer much sickness. Many of the basics that you and I take for granted are simply unobtainable, even if they could be afforded.

But, in spite of grinding poverty, I have never heard one word of complaint from our Burmese members. On the contrary, they radiate joy and gratitude at being called to be a part of God's Church. They constantly express their loyalty and dedication to Mr. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. GTA and are anxious to do their part.

On the second day of our visit, Saw Lay Beh, the leader of our group there, was ordained as a local elder. Saw Lay Beh is a retired school-teacher and has proven to be an outstanding leader to our people in Burma. He is deeply loyal to the Work, his country and God. Since foreigners are only permitted to visit Burma as tourists, the burden of the Work in Burma has fallen on Saw Lay Beh's shoulders.

He has only a small house and a couple of acres of land, plus his government pension amounting to \$7 a month. Most of the tithes and offerings of the Burmese members must be earmarked to assist the widows and those who are absolutely destitute, so Saw Lay Beh tries to operate largely at his own expense. In spite of these severe limitations, he has traveled many thousands of miles in the last couple of years, helping visit and encourage the members in the far-flung areas of the Union of Burma. He has also translated the Correspondence Course into the local language for the benefit of the members who cannot understand English.

On the same day Saw Lay Beh was ordained, one of the members, Por Loo Koo, became ill with malaria. Saw Lay Beh came and asked me for an anointed cloth. "No," I said. "Now you are an elder; you can" (See MINISTER, page 14)

WHAT'S NEW FOR FAMILY NIGHT?

How was your latest family night?

Did you try something creative, unusual or just plain fun?

How about letting the *WN* know how you're putting 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.

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

37 ministers receive awards

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pastoral administration. He said the awarding of the 37 certificates was evidence of the Church's commitment to professional development of the ministry.

Gamer Ted Armstrong took part in presenting the certificates and made concluding remarks.

The invocation was by Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division.

Ministers in Pasadena on sabbatical and recent graduates of Ambassador were among the men completing this first year of the program.

Tom Turk, who graduated from Ambassador in 1969 and spent seven years as a minister in Arizona

churches, said:

"The program was a success, and I'm glad I was involved at the first. I thought a sabbatical was supposed to be a type of rest, a time for broadening experiences and a time for the ministry."

"It wasn't."

"The Certificate of the Ministry Program required a lot of work, but it was certainly a change of pace. New horizons have been opened to me in biblical understanding and counseling skills. I now feel better equipped and more capable of helping those with severe personal problems. I also feel much better equipped in the areas of human development. I have more avenues opened through reading materials and other sources of

information."

Mitchell Kimbrough, who isn't a minister but is a recent AC graduate, talked about another side of the learning experience. He said the program is "necessary for the Church in general and good for me personally. We examined beliefs we have held for a long time at a level deeper than in undergraduate school. Doing so helped me firm up my own understanding and beliefs. My understanding as a Christian was deepened."

The men studied biblical languages and the Hebrew prophets, attended seminars in Old and New Testament studies and took classes in marriage and family counseling, crisis-intervention counseling, human development and other sub-

jects.

Those who received certificates are as follows:

Kelly H. Barfield, Allan Barr, Roman Borek, Durrell Brown, Trevor Chery, James Dalziel, William Dixon, Charles Fleming, Anthony Garside.

Bruce Gore, Alastair Gunn, Nelson Haas, Maceo Hampton, Raphael Jansen, Roland Jurisch, Mitchell Kimbrough, Randall Kobernat, Dennis Luker.

Herbert Magoon, Stanley Martin, Pieter Michielsens, Rand Millich, Owen Murphy, Royston Page, Alexander Peck, Rodney Reinchuck, Stephen Richards Jr.

Camilo Reyes, Clifford Riley, Willard Roelofs, Earl Roemer, William Sidney, Michael Swagerty, Thomas Turk, Braden Veller, Darryl Watson, James Well.

AICF, YOU help raise \$54,000

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special network, was You, a band headed by YOU member Haz Hall and other musicians from Pikeville.

The show started at midnight on May 28, a Saturday night, kicked off by a local recording artist, Gary Stewart, who came home from Nashville, Tenn., for the event.

"As the show started the doors were closed," said Gerry Russell, director of newsstand distribution of *The Plain Truth* for the U.S. Southeast and one of the radioathon organizers, "with over 1,200 people jamming the hall, the largest crowd Marlow's Country Palace has ever had."

Hundreds more were outside, waiting to get in.

Few cents to \$1,000

"Pledges and donations ranging from a few cents to one of \$1,000 were all gratefully received," Mr. Russell said. "In all, a total of approximately \$11,000 was collected in pledges and donations by the end of the show. But this total rose to \$54,000 when donations from the local coal companies had been received."

Besides Haz Hall and You, other singers and musicians played and sang into the early Sunday-morning hours and beyond. There were Marlow Tackett and his Southern Comfort Band, along with the Silver Dol-



FLOOD OF CALLS — Pikeville, Ky., YOU members, above, man telephones during a YOU- and AICF-sponsored marathon radio broadcast that raised \$54,000 for victims of April's floods in the U.S. Southeast. Right: Haz Hall sings for the radioathon's cause, backed up by You, his band. [Photos by Hoyt Mullins]

lar Band and Jeani, a disc jockey and singer from station WOYB in Fort Wayne, Ind. Pikeville Church member Hoyt Mullins, busy taking pictures, laid his camera down for a while to accompany some of the music groups on his washboard.

As radio listeners heard the music and the encouragement to help flood victims over WLSI, Pikeville, WECL, Elkhorn City, WPRT, Pres-

tonsburg, WDOC, Prestonsburg, WSIP, Paintsville (and "many other stations," said Mr. Russell), YOU members Kathy Mullins, Clarissa Cowan, Debbie Hall, Randy Wright and Teresa Wells manned phones under the direction of Red Cross officials and AICF coordinators.

The marathon broadcast lasted from midnight Saturday night until 9 o'clock Sunday night, with only a

2½-hour break early Sunday morning.

Interviews too

The script included an interview for 45 minutes with Mr. Russell, "explaining the goals and purposes of AICF, YOU and the Church."

Band members Haz Hall, Harley Cannon and Chuck Eades also had short interviews.

"A number of other stars" took part in the show, Mr. Russell said later. "These included Nashville recording stars Ronnie Sessions, Little David Wilkins and the Jimmy Dee show. Golden-record holder and 1968 comedian of the year Elmer Fudpucker also performed."

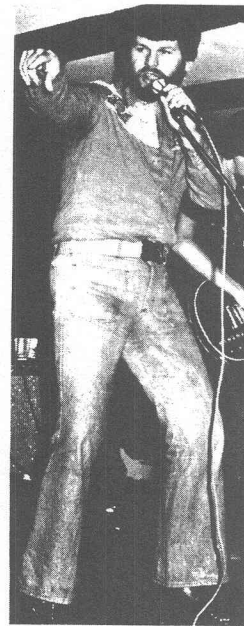
All donated their time, and businesses donated items auctioned to listeners over the air.

"As the show rolled on, the phones kept ringing with our YOU members answering the phones and making a tremendous impression on all who came in contact with them."

The Pikeville YOU chapter, besides its time, donated \$200 cash for the cause.

"The concert and radioathon was a tremendous success," concluded Mr. Russell, "especially in regards to enhancing the standing of AICF and the church in the area, thanks to the outstanding example set by the You band and the local YOU members who helped man the phones, and all the Church members who participated in the weekend's activities."

As a result of the marathon effort, Pike County Judge Wayne T. Rutherford was moved to declare that Haz Hall and his band, all the members of the YOU chapter and the whole Pikeville congregation of the Church are honorary judges of Pike County.



No gears, he recalls

By Geoff Robertson

BRISBANE, Australia — Twenty-eight years ago, three exhausted teenagers sluggishly pushed their heavy fixed-wheeled bicycles into Brisbane after a tiresome 10-day cycling trip from Mackay.

One of these adventurers, Hugh Robertson, 45, is the present local Youth Opportunities United coordinator for the Brisbane area.

No gears, no brakes, no refrigerated vans, no police escorts were there to make things easier during the 650-mile marathon.

Each of the youths carried a haversack containing only one change of clothing, a blanket and a ground sheet, the latter to make sleeping out a little more comfortable, although searching for railway sidings or empty carriages in which to spend the night was preferable.

The Bruce Highway, then mostly a dirt road dwindling on occasions to two sandy car tracks, was marred by many tidal creeks and rocky gullies that played havoc with the tires.

Now, almost three decades later, Mr. Robertson still looks back with satisfaction on his experience and similarly trusts that all those involved in the recent 650-mile ride around southeast Queensland and northern New South Wales will also have something outstanding to remember in years to come.



RAMBLIN' RON AND PEDDLIN' PETE — Melbourne, Australia, members Ron "Ramblin' Ron" McGregor, left, and Peter "Peddlin' Pete" Thomas meet the mayor of Gympie, Australia, May 3 on their nine-month trip around the country via bicycle. Since starting Feb. 21 they have survived thousands of hills, rock-falls and the elements as they carry 40 pounds of equipment on their 9,000-mile journey. The cyclists have met hundreds of well-wishing Church members along the route. At the time of this photograph, the peddlers were heading north to Townsville, from where they planned to strike out across the arid outback of Australia to Broome. From Broome they will peddle to Perth, on the west coast, and nearby Albany for the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles.

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

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be canceled. This was because we did not have the personnel to conduct such programs as swimming, horse-back riding, sports and games.

Nevertheless, the three scheduled basketball camps will be under way, as we have related previously, and there will be a good deal of activity on the Big Sandy campus, most especially in the Festival area, as we near the fall season.

Clarification on AICF

Let me clear up a little confusion over the local chapters of the AICF, if I may.

In our many budgetary reductions, I had earlier given instructions that local-chapter activities funded by headquarters were to be canceled.

In a lengthy discussion of all such activities with Mr. Art Mokarow, I was informed that in some instances local-chapter activities are paying for themselves. However, as a precautionary measure, even in the event such activities do pay for themselves, I wanted it made clear to all involved that I felt that, if they felt such activities were both time-consuming and were draining away energy and financial resources (meaning that such programs were "self-supporting" only because they were underwritten basically by a majority from within the Church) this is not necessarily being cost-effective.

By no means did I mean to imply a summary dismissal of every activity connected with the AICF where local chapters are concerned.

On the other hand, I must very carefully appraise information coming from all quarters, both pro and con. Some pastors feel activities are overdone in some areas (and I recall a very definite reaction on the part of a large number of readers through *The Worldwide News* along this line regarding church socials, Spokesman clubs, fund-raising drives, AICF chapters and the like). But we still want to evaluate the more positive information from those who are really turned on to the program.

I merely do not want our brethren to so diffuse their efforts that we appear to be running off in about 14 directions at the same time and saddle ourselves with dozens of different activities and responsibilities so that we are unable to do justice to those few which should perhaps retain priority.

Weight off shoulders

It was like a great weight being lifted off my shoulders to finally send off the last several chapters of my book to the publisher!

Though I do not have any definite information on when the book will become available in bookstores, I assume it will be sometime after the Feast, probably around October or November.

We have had one of the most terrible smog alerts in Southern California of recent times. All playground activities were halted, and many industries are being required to shut down a certain percentage of their emissions. This has been brought about by a decrease in the burning of natural gas for industry and an increase in the burning of liquid fuel oils, which pours additional tons of sulfur dioxide and hydrocarbons into the air.

These, when trapped by a temperature inversion in the Los Angeles Basin (by the overflowing of cool ocean air during the evening and then the gradual "cooking" of these compounds in the air the following day), can form new and more dangerous compounds and bring about serious consequences.

Currently I am sitting here writing to you with my left eye fallen almost

totally shut, which is probably a result of rubbing it too much during some time out of doors in the smog the other day. Visibility was reduced, it seemed, to only a quarter or half mile or so, the view of the mountains was totally obliterated, of course, and we had several days of such smog alerts. So I can imagine just about anywhere in the country would have been a little more pleasant place to be.

My father is currently on another extended overseas trip, which you will be receiving details on soon; I understand he is to visit some capitals behind the iron curtain in Eastern Europe.

With love, in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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from other departments of the Work, but sometimes we, or they, do slip up. We certainly are not out to get Fontana, so don't give up.

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Extra study

Would ... like to thank you for *The Worldwide News*, and special thanks to the [Jack] Baileys for the Bible crossword puzzles [April 11 and 25]. I have enjoyed them, as well as getting in extra Bible study.

Mrs. Luther McGee
Ashland, Kan.

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GTA, Mr. Hogberg, news, views

I've long felt the need to write to say thank you for the *WN* — it has grown to be a most important link.

I find delight and interest in reading: GTA's personal letter, about the brethren in faraway places, about the growth of churches, about the happenings amongst us around the world.

The attention to detail to telling the little things, for example: GTA about his emotions and utterances as he performed the marriage ceremony for his father, and the response from those present! It's wonderful to be part of it all.

The new column by Gene Hogberg is of tremendous interest. I read it avidly. That bit about the King of the South — in his article titled "Middle East in Prophecy," written in 1957, Mr. Armstrong named Ethiopia. More news and views on that, please?

Rosalie Lamprecht
Irene, South Africa

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I was very pleased with the 4-25-77

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.

Worldwide News.

- Points of interest for me:
- 1. Panama Canal [Gene Hogberg's column].
- 2. References to healings.
- 3. Craft information.
- 4. List of people in need of prayer and/or letters.

Merrill Sammis
Sturford, Conn.

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Definitely garbage

I wrote to the Chicago Church brethren (via the *WN*) in order to have a place to stay while I could attend a service seminar in that area. Unfortunately I still haven't any replies, but instead I received some of that unwanted "junk" in the form of booklets and articles I neither asked for nor was interested in. The so-called "Biblical Research" they espouse was definitely Satan's garbage!!

Gene and Esther Hedgepeth
Drums, Pa.

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Poppies not profitable

I would like to sincerely thank you. THANK YOU! But these two words alone can not really convey the heartfelt appreciation for having sent me the *WN* ... during my recent trip to Thailand. There are no Church members there at all. But I did have some Bible studies there with a Buddhist monk whom I met there on my last trip to Thailand in 1969. He is quite a special friend. I managed to leave him an Amplified Bible (he has a hard time understanding his King James Version) and a copy of the January, '77, *Plain Truth*.

While in Thailand, I managed to meet with the director of the King's Project (partially funded by AICF). Our meeting took place in the northern part of Thailand at a popular resort city known as Chiang Mai. The King's Project involves rehabilitating the Hill Tribe people of which there are approximately 500,000. The majority of these people grow poppies for a meager and poor living. It is from these poppies that raw opium is made and shipped to refining laboratories around the world. Of course, these activities are illegal.

The goal of the King's Project, and it is still just a research project, is to develop ways and means for the Hill Tribes to profitably raise cash crops, such as tea, coffee and vegetables, and to develop markets for these items. Contrary to popular opinion, these Hill Tribe people do not make much money in raising poppies. It is far more to their benefit to raise cash crops. But introducing the methods by which this can be done requires overcoming a host of superstitions and religious taboos. These people are extremely ignorant in the ways of the modern world.

There are currently 10 to 12 tribes that are being helped by the King's Project. This involves 500 to 800 people. As you

can imagine, there is still quite a bit of work to be done and it may be that it will not begin to have an impact on them for a good number of years to come. Perhaps it will become one of our projects in the Millennium.

I wish there were some way that I could tell all of the brethren to keep these people in their prayers. I trust that the AICF will continue to fund this project so that at least some of these people will come to realize their worth and their ultimate goal in life.

Robert L. Forest
Waverly, N.Y.

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Gas check

On our way home from Bible study Friday night my wife and I were talking about the special offering to be taken up the next day [April 30]. We were concerned about where we were going to get the extra money. You see, besides our daughter graduating in May and a wedding in June, we are in our third-third year. So with a very tight budget there was no extra money. There was no question of not giving an offering; we just didn't know what obligation we were going to eliminate for the money.

The next morning as I was drinking my coffee and studying, I filled out my special offering envelope — all but the amount — and left it open on the table. After I finished my prayer and Bible study I went to pick up the mail and received the letter from Mr. GTA along with my other mail. I came home and my wife and I read the letter and talked about the immediate need, then my wife said, "Why don't you open your gas-check envelope?" (a small monthly royalty check usually ranging from \$10 to \$15). When I opened it I found this note inside: "The enclosed royalty check includes 2 1/2 years' back pay in royalty adjustments." We couldn't believe our eyes, this was so totally unexpected. We just looked at each other in amazement, then tremendous joy, as we realized our prayers had been answered — we had our special offering!

When we told [daughter] Joy what had happened she was so excited and said, "You ought to tell somebody about this." So the best way to share our blessing with all of you is a letter to the *WN*.

The Chesley Tiptons
Big Sandy, Tex.

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Difference to him

The new policy of not printing addresses in the "Personals" is a good one, but how about at least printing the state the person lives in, since that makes a difference to me if I am trying to decide to answer a "Pen Pals" ad.

Harold L. Willis
Platteville, Wis.

We hesitate to add any information to that supplied by the writer of a personal, because for various reasons he may prefer not to have his state of residence mentioned. However, writers of pen-pal requests and other persons using the new remailing system are welcome to include the names of their state, city or country when writing their ads.

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An idea is born (again)

I just have to say something about the "Babies" column. You really need to revise the format of the individual announcements.

This is not meant to be harshly critical, but, frankly, whoever devised this method of wording had no experience in preparing material for reader interest and reader comprehension — it is not easy reading, but requires "wading" through. And of all types of news, this should not be so.

The area named first is fine — we know somebody in Spokane so we read it: But from then on it is a muddle. The child's given name is utterly meaningless by itself — you should place the family name with it right there. If the child were grown and had made its name in the world, "John David" or "Cynthia Ann" would be meaningless. After we spot the area, what are we next interested in? We want to know who had the baby. That is the next point of reader interest. We have had to pass over the given name of the child (meaningless at this point), wade past the sequential position this new baby has in the family (what family — who?) to find out who had the baby.

Then the ridiculous rigamarole: "third son, seventh child." I am not retarded, but it is far too much trouble to stop and figure it out — at all, much less here. As yet I don't even know who had a baby,

and I'm supposed to muddle through all of this!

It really is sequentially poor and too complicated. Reader interest is more like this:

1. Area: "Spokane — I know some people there."
2. Who had the baby? "John and Mary Smith." "Wonderful! I heard they were expecting."
3. What sex? "So they finally got a little girl."
4. When was it born? "March 18. It's a month old — I must send congratulations."
5. What did it weigh? How long was it? "Ten pounds, 20 inches long — a big baby."
6. Let's see, how many do they have now? "This makes five — four boys, one girl."
7. What did they name it? "Cynthia Ann — how sweet."

If no one else has ever pointed this out by now, I'm really surprised. It has been a real nuisance to me to have to read these announcements the way they are, and I've wanted to comment many times.

Please consider more professional writing of this column.

(Mrs.) Gerrie Brown
Denver, Colo.

The arrival of your letter at the WN office inspired the birth of a new format for the "Babies" column. A couple of WN staffers put their heads together and conceived a new way of listing the information that includes some of the fruits of your labor, but also a few ideas of our own (we trust we haven't doctored up your brainchild too much). It would have been a little premature to include the new creation in this issue, since the column had already been set to type the old way, but we're expecting a new birth-announcement coupon (on page 10 of this issue) to help us get the infant program on its feet by the next issue. When your next WN is delivered, watch for the spanking-new format.

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The talk of the show

We have a portable radio we listen to as we work on WSMB, New Orleans. There is a talk show on from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Subjects of local, state, national and world interest come into discussion.

Recently [singer] Anita Bryant's fight against homosexuality has been under discussion. She is to appear on the Summer Pop Concert in June. There is a move to try and stop her from appearing by the "gay" group.

At the same time the Boy Scout leaders are on trial for child molesting.

Feelings are very strong.

Someone sent the emcee a copy of *The Modern Romans* [published by the Work]. He mentioned the downfall of Rome was parallel to what we are experiencing.

Calls started coming in asking where they could get copies of the book. Soon a gentleman called in and gave the address and at the same time mentioned your [Garner Ted Armstrong's] dad's name. He advised that the literature was free to anyone that requested it.

Keith Rush, the emcee, was threatened that his advertisers would be picketed if he did not stop supporting Anita Bryant's stand against homosexuals.

In a matter of minutes his sponsors started calling, affirming their support of his stand. One of them had heard the remarks about "the Work," and read one of your "Garner Ted Armstrong Speaks Out" columns.

Another caller called in recommending another of our booklets, *Is Sex Sin?*

We have been earnestly praying over the crisis in the Church's finances and felt we, the Church, had at least three hours' free air time on show as show were so delighted we felt we had to share it with you.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Ashworth
Harahan, La.

WHERE TO WRITE

Letters to the editor, with the writer's name and address, should be sent to: *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Names will be withheld on request, but unsigned letters are not considered for publication.

BABIES

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Dawn Luana, first daughter, second child of Duane and Phyllis Urbank, March 17, 10:38 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Ryan Nicholas, first son, first child of Gary and Linda Wise, May 25, 12:44 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces.

BRainerd, Minn. — Aron and Matthew Allen (twins), second and third sons, second and third children of Clint and Autumn (Vasey) Linn, March 29, 2:05 a.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce and 7 pounds 10½ ounces.

CARDIFF, Wales — Caroline Jane, first daughter, second child of Robert and Margaret Harrison, April 20, 3:28 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces.

CARMARTHEN, Wales — Amber Lee, second daughter, second child of Jonathan and Judy Bowles, May 15, 7 a.m., 8 pounds.

DEVONPORT, Australia — Mark-Paul, first son, first child of Kerry and Anne Gubb, May 3, 1 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces.

DULUTH, Minn. — Kevin Alan, second son, second child of Dennis and Sandi Dalkki, April 22, 10:23 a.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

FINDLAY, Ohio — Christopher Todd, second son, second child of Dennis and Karen (Fuesse) Dietl, May 11, 4:40 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces.

GENEVA, Switzerland — Gwensal Josias Willem, first son, first child of Yvonne and Johannes van Gulik, May 18, 2:55 p.m., 3 kilograms 410 grams.

GOLD COAST, Australia — Barbara Jean, first daughter, first child of David and Karen Noller, April 29, 11:40 a.m., 6 pounds 12½ ounces.

GREELEY, Colo. — Traci Elizabeth, first daughter, first child of Ted and Donna (Graves) Johnston, April 20, 4:31 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces.

HARTFORD, Conn. — Thomas Robert, second son, third child of Paul and Paula Finch, May 7, 9:30 a.m., 8 pounds 1½ ounces.

KELOWNA, B.C. — Jonathan Brent, first son, fourth child of Lynwood and Evelyn Murphy, April 23, 9 p.m., 8 pounds ½ ounce.

LAFFAYETTE, Ind. — Jason Eric, second son, second child of Geoff and Dorothy (McMillan) Jones, April 5, 3:48 p.m., 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — April Ann, first daughter, first child of Brad and Carol (Shamus) Ackerman, 7:23 p.m. (no date given), 8 pounds 7 ounces.

LONGVIEW, Tex. — Laura Lea, first daughter, second child of David and Lillie (Neff) Weeks, April 30, 4:48 p.m., 7 pounds 1½ ounces.

MANHATTAN, N.Y. — Elizabeth, second daughter, third child of Angel and Flavio Fernandez, April 26, 6:50 a.m., 8 pounds 1½ ounces.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Valerie Joanne, first daughter, first child of Joanne and Kerry Yelk, March 30, 8:41 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Leigh-Anne, first daughter, first child of Rick and Angela Beam, May 10, 12:17 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces.

MONTREAL, Que. — Christopher Edward, first son, first child of Edward and Ferrona (Kuzyk) Calka, May 22, 5:18 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces.

MONTREAL, Que. — Tania-Marie, first daughter, second child of Armand and Maris Geinias, April 5, 3:11 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jonathan Carl, third son, third child of Bill and Anita (Smith) Burgess, April 12, 1 a.m., 8½ pounds.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Sander Ace, first son, third child of Larry and Julie Baldwin, May 2, 6:40 a.m., 9 pounds.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Kimberly Shannon, third daughter, fourth child of Fred and Beverly Davis, March 29, 1:33 a.m., 4 pounds 15 ounces.

PORTLAND, Ore. — David Roy, second son, second child of Rodney and Karen Engeman, May 2, 1 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Christopher Alan, first son, second child of Richard and Barbara (Walko) Schumann, May 7, 11:52 a.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Jason Robert, first son, second child of Gilbert J. and Nancy E. Bourget, April 30, 9:50 p.m., 7 pounds.

SALEM, Ore. — Christina Laneah, fourth daughter, fourth child of Leonard and Mary Ackler, April 17, 12:51 a.m., 7 pounds 15½ ounces.

SALEM, Ore. — Laura Ann, first daughter, first child of Darrrel and Katherine (Stores) Foster, March 30, 8:06 a.m., 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Jared Sterling, first son, fourth child of Jerry and Ruth Hammons, April 26, 7:46 a.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces.

SMITH'S FALLS, Ont. — Wendy Anita, first daughter, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Theo Helmus, May 4, 4:40 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces.

SYDNEY, Australia — Linden Jennifer Mary, first daughter, first child of Geoff and Dorothy (McMillan) Jones, April 5, 3:48 p.m., 7 pounds 4½ ounces.

TOOWOOMBA, Australia — Daniel Giles, first son, second child of Rod and Shyne King, April 3, 10 p.m., 8 pounds 13½ ounces.

TULSA, Okla. — Matthew Steve Andrews, second son, third child of Stephen and Miriam

Andrews, April 25, 8 a.m., 11 pounds 9 ounces.

WHEATLAND, Wyo. — Amber Jade, first daughter, first child of Jake and Karen (Weber) Sinner, April 24, 5:24 a.m., 8 pounds.

WHEATLAND, Wyo. — Brent Martin, first son, second child of Gary and Diana (Annis) Weber, May 9, 11:15 p.m., 8 pounds.

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Charity Joy, first daughter, first child of Roger and Doris Walter, May 20, 9:17 a.m., 4½ pounds.

YORKTON, Sask. — Dara Simone, first daughter, second child of Paul and Jan Linehan, May 1, 1:30 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.

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PEN PALS

Hi I'm a girl, almost 14. Would love to write guys and girls 13 to 18. Will attend Ozarks. Would like to write anyone attending there. Interests: horseback riding, music (the Bee Gees, Paul McCartney, Wings, etc.), travel, baseball, hockey, fishing, Susan Faw, M101.

Scottish male co-worker, 30, seeks to write female co-workers or members. Interests: religion, movie photography, reading, sport, music. Thomas Wilson Jr., M102.

Widow would like to hear from Christian men in 60s, from Michigan, West. If there are any, it's very hard to meet a Sabbath keeper. Ruth Gregory, M103.

Would like to write people of WCG living in San Angelo, Tex., area. Virgil H. Klute, M104.

Attention tall girls in Pacific Northwest and British Columbia. I'm a 6-10-3 single member, 28, who would like to hear from you. Travel, poetry, music. Prefer age 35 or more. Ralph Maier, M106.

Single male co-worker would like to hear from single ladies 25 to 35 in Temple-Beaton, Tex., area. Also other members. O.E. Swogger, M107.

Single Caucasian male, 28, a member, would like to write young ladies. Interests: religion, politics, health and nutrition, many other subjects. Ken Nagale, M108.

Single man, 28½, would like to write young single women involved in his Church. Interests: most sports, camping, pop music, country music (Canadian or American). Rod Lawrence, M109.

My children enjoy a 35-mm. slide show for a family-night activity. Help me make it educational, informative with Project Around the World With a Slide. Send me one or more slides with a writeup about each (Topics: places, interesting scenery, animals, flowers, typical people from a certain area working, living, traditional dress, food, etc.) The slide collection will be lent free of charge to other interested brethren in South Africa who may also send slides. Mr. J. G. Marais, M110.

Single member would like to hear from singles, widows or widowers, in the 30-and-over age-group. Do farm work and take interest in everything but sports. Miss Marjorie Stevens, M111.

Co-worker, divorced white female, 40, would like to write mature men. Interests: dancing, fishing, camping, cooking, music. D. Ray Kennedy, M112.

Hi I would like to hear from girls or boys around my age, 12. Interests: 4-6 inch softball, basketball, baseball, other things. Will try to answer all. Tammy Boone, M113.

Nonmember, male, 23, wishes to write a single female same age who wants to be a pen pal. Interests: music, the media, miscellaneous. Sgt. Tom Collings, M114.

I'm going to Squaw Valley and would love to hear from other singles going there too. I'm white, 24, love music, country. Christina, M115.

I am in God's Church and would like to hear from members living in Mauritius. Interests: God's way of life, cooking, gardening, meeting people. Tell me about your church area, interests, family life. Will try to answer all. Miss Meena Govender, M116.

Male co-worker, single, 56, multitudes world traveler, seeks correspondence and friendship with females, similar experience preferred. Interests: international travel, religion, philosophy, business management, others. George Van Glen, M117.

This little lady is in good health. Her main interest is pleasing God and enjoying life abundantly. She hopes to hear soon from all you single men who have mutual interests and who are young at heart, physically fit, and have never been married. She'll be 65 on this year at the Ozarks. Nancy Moore, M118.

Single white member, 32, would like to write to ladies. Some interests: gardening, skating, reading, fixing things. Vincent C. Schneider, M119.

Hi, you guys! Single female, 33 (who looks younger), would like to hear from you if you're between 30 and 40 and attend at St. Pete. Let's get acquainted! Helen, M121.

Anyone out there who wants a pen pal of 50 years, a family man with hobbies such as camping, hiking, collecting stamps, matchbook covers? I like to write and receive. Can write English or Dutch. Mr. Willem Heykoop, M122.

Female German nonmember, 26, married, desires correspondence with *WN* readers, any age, sex, color, ethnic origins. Various hobbies and interests. Elke Proetz, M123.

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To help defray the costs of remailing, the *WN* asks that those who can afford it enclose a U.S. postage stamp. Non-U.S. readers need not include stamps.

When answering a personal using the mailing-code system, do not include on the outside of the envelope the name of the person you are writing. Your letter must be addressed directly to the *WN*, and the mailing code must be in the lower left-hand corner.

Married member, 20, wishes to hear from anyone 15 to 60. I like to grow house plants, have tropical fish, would like anyone to help me learn to quilt. Does someone have an easy pattern to start with? Like love stories, animals, children, etc. Please write; I'll try to answer all. Vickie Turner, M123.

I would like to find out if I have any relatives or old friends in the Worldwide Church of God. My parents are Oscar and Lovarna Fischer of Oklahoma City, Lovarna Linn, M124.

Cheryl McClaskin, 9, would like to hear from boys and girls 7 to 12. Write M125. Likes horseback riding, farming, drawing, dancing, running in races. Loves horses and animals; loves to read books.

Paul McClaskin, 11, would like to hear from boys and girls 11 to 14. Write M125. Likes drawing, camping, carpentry.

Crystal McClaskin, 8, would like to hear from boys and girls 5 to 10. Write M125. Likes playing games, pictures of monkeys, likes animals, tap dancing, singing, skating, swimming, likes candy, reading books.

Jeff Kinne, how are you doing? I heard that you are in the Washington, D.C., area. Please let me know how you're doing. Wes Behntander, M127.

Attention West German brethren: An ancestor of

mine came over in 1850 from Heilsbronn, Germany. I would appreciate any help in finding a reliable genealogical society or agency or any other help in an attempt to track ancestors back. If you have any information helpful to me, please send it to Wesley Behntander, M127.

Single man, 40, wishes lady pen pals, especially those going to Jekyll, Eddy Alvey, M128.

Brickett Wood class of 1975, where are you? What are you doing, and how is life treating you? Let's keep in touch! Val and I would sure like to hear from any of you and will do our best to answer, even if we haven't in the past. Please drop a line to Dan and Val (Wood) Deininger, M129.

June (Russell) Johnston, who left Mount Vernon, Ohio, in 1950: Please write and send your address. Ed Kaser, 304 Pine St., Mount Vernon, Ohio, 43050.

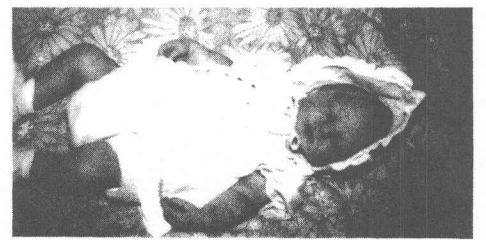
Would like female pen pals all ages from all countries, especially European countries and Japan. Interests: God's people around the world, how to make a better home for my family, and child rearing. Hobbies: Japan Bunke embroidery, quilting, organic gardening, growing flowers and house plants, crocheting, all kinds of crafts. I am married, with two preschool children. Betty Lynch, M130.

Would like to get acquainted with anyone going to the Feast in the Bahamas. Dale Brander, M130.

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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 David Gail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Damon of Russellville, Ark. If you would like to submit a photograph of your child for our column, 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 return of your photo. Submission limited to members of the Worldwide Church of God who are subscribers. Please enclose your *WN* label.

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LUNCHEON — Ambassador College food-service director Eugenio Api talks with nutrition advocate Gloria Swanson.

Lunch with Gloria Swanson supports college's program

By Ingrid Helge
PASADENA — The dining hall in the student center at Ambassador College took on an elegant atmosphere May 19 for a "Luncheon With Gloria Swanson," sponsored by the Ambassador Cultural Alliance, a women's group that supports the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation in this area.

Three hundred eighty-eight people saw and heard Miss Swanson, an actress and commissioner of youth and physical fitness for New York City, and her husband, author William Duffy (writer of *Sugar Blues*).

The guests partook of a gourmet meal whose menu had been recommended by Miss Swanson and Mr. Duffy, then heard lectures on health and nutrition from the couple.

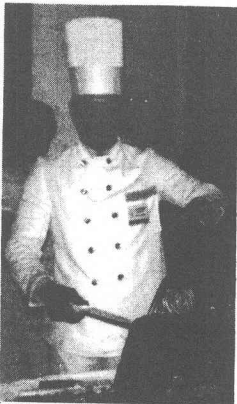
Then came a question-and-answer session and the viewing of nutrition

exhibits and demonstrations. The luncheon was successful in several ways, organizers say. The alliance raised needed funds for the college's continuing-education program, the college received favorable publicity, and many saw and experienced the surroundings of the campus for the first time.

The Ambassador Cultural Alliance was formed two years ago by Ann Elliott, wife of Jack Elliott, former superintendent of buildings and grounds for the campus here.

When the Elliotts moved to Texas several months ago, Bob Haworth, who works with public relations for the college, began coordinating the alliance. Members meet monthly to hear speakers on subjects related to culture and humanitarianism and to come up with ways to support the AICF.

Local church news wrap-up



ROAST — Chef Eugenio Api carves up his specialty for a Pasadena bowling-league banquet. (See "Steamboat Roast," page 5.)

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both men and women and a Dutchman 200 game by John Heskett.

The summer league is continuing at Jewel City Lanes in Glendale. *Victor Johnson.*

Dusk to dawn

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The YOU group here rented a YMCA building from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. for an all-night activity April 23.

In order to raise funds for this, the teens sold candy bars in March. The YOU coordinators worked hard to provide a wild and memorable time for them.

Volleyball and basketball were good openers and shortly afterward many were attracted to the pool. Others enjoyed tennis, a trampoline, handball and listening to records. A physical-fitness room with exercise bikes, weights and a sauna was also available.

A midnight snack of roast-beef hoagies was followed by *High Noon*, the late, late movie. *Sharon Sarfert.*

Wine-tasting party

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The Spokesman Club here held a wine-tasting party with wives in attendance May 9.

Five speakers gave speeches pertaining to the history, making and tasting of wines and the varieties of France, Italy, Germany and California. After the speeches the group tasted several wines, while the host commented on each one.

This was also a farewell party for Marc Masterson, minister here, and his wife, who will be moving to Florida. *Roy Daniels.*

Tips on massages

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. — A beauty and makeup session of the Women's Club here was May 14. Barbara Bynum, professional instructor on beauty aids, demonstrated with the help of two models the latest cosmetic aids and gave tips on massages. The models were Judy Reynolds and Linda Arnold.

Hostess for the evening was Mae Estes. *Linda Arnold.*

Trash and treasures

PORTLAND, Ore. — After collecting trash and treasures donated from the attics and garages of members here, Portland North's women's speech club, the Ad Libbers, held a big spring sale May 1 and 2 at the Vancouver, Wash., PUD building to help send children to Northwest Summer Camp. The sale was so successful that the club can send six children to camp and still have money left over to send to the Work.

Chrystal Allworth, chairman of the sale, presented a souvenir plaque declaring "Bald Is Beautiful" to Richard Duncan, the club's director. After the laughter died down, the club presented Mrs. Allworth a surprise ap-

preciation gift for providing leadership and organization for the sale, which netted \$800 in two days. *Lauralee Reinhart.*

Card of appreciation

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. — The Spokesman Club here held its last meeting of the season May 1 in Kansas City, Mo., with about 56 members, wives, dates and guests attending.

After a social hour, the meeting began with Wayne Jahnke presiding. Table topics were led by John Turner; club director Richard Prince read the poem "Don't."

High-school graduates receiving gifts and recognition were Patricia Shumate, Linda Crouch and Tamara Lohman. A card of appreciation signed by the club members was given to Mr. Prince.

Toastmaster Clifford Crouch introduced the five speakers: Art Atkins, Elwyn Osterkamp, Harry Brown, Francis Kilgore and John Sloan. Mr. Prince gave the overall evaluation.

Dancing followed the meeting. *Clarence Hansen.*

Theater matinee

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Women's Club here met May 4 at the Showboat Dinner Theatre in Largo, Fla., for a buffet lunch and a matinee theatrical performance.

The afternoon began with cocktails, followed by the meal. At 1:30 p.m. *The Sound of Music* began, starring Aniko Farrell Palmer and Bill Wallis. The women had choice seats for the performance.

Hostess for the meeting was Roberta Lashua. *Roberta Lashua.*

Dough art

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — An all-out effort by members here has netted a substantial sum for the Work.

A rummage sale in Escondido May 15, coupled with a combined rummage and bake sale the following day in nearby Vista, accumulated a profit of \$1,059. Added to this were the proceeds from a bake sale in Chula Vista of \$146, bringing the total donation to \$1,205.

Jacque Smith arranged for the Chula Vista event and Nancy Sass had charge of the north county fund-raising program.

The first Women's clubs (South) men's night was May 15 in Chula

Vista. The Spokesman Club members who attended felt that the women did an excellent job and that their icebreakers excel those given by the men.

Suzanne Miller presided as hostess and Jacque Smith conducted table topics, with questions relating to relationships of men and women. Two demonstrations were given, one by Helen Barkdoll on dough art and the other by Marge Sloan, assisted by Skip Miller, on making artificial flowers. Icebreakers were by Irma Whaley and Beverly Butler.

Hors d'oeuvres and wine were served during the course of the program. *Susan Karoska.*

Perennial accumulations

SANTA ANA, Calif. — The brethren here found a profitable solution to their perennial accumulations of usable but unwanted items.

A section of a supermarket parking lot across from a huge shopping mall was procured for a gigantic rummage sale May 1. From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. eager bargain hunters poured in. For those in an eating or nibbling mood, there were delectable baked goods, (for a price, of course) prepared by the women.

Sponsored and organized by the Women's Club, the sale is the main fund-raiser for the church's needs for the year. Due to the many items donated and the support of the congregation, the sale netted about \$900. *Jean Updegraff.*

Minnesota cycle trip

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — A police escort led 25 cyclists wearing orange crash helmets from here the morning of April 25 as they started on a five-day cycling tour of the Minnesota countryside, camping along the way.

The 263-mile round trip was the result of two months of planning by Mary Juraneck of the church here. Jim Bosech, a senior at Lincoln High School in Sioux Falls, asked Mary to set up the bike trip to be offered as a minicourse for the school.

The 16 boys and eight girls, all students of Lincoln High, moved along in four packs, with Mary riding point and rover.

On the second night the cyclists camped at the farm home of the Armen Jensens, members here, who provided a hot meal, sponge baths and dancing music.

After lunch the next day the group cycled to the home of the O.K. Skorseths, members, who were their hosts for the evening.

Mary's planning paid off as everything went right on schedule, with not even a flat tire. KELO radio kept the families and the public posted on the group's progress with daily reports. Jill Peterson, member here, helped Mary plan the route.

Mary participated in the national Bikecentennial last summer. Larry Haworth, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, athletic instructor, sent her information for organizing the Minnesota trip. She has plans for a summer cycling club for the Sioux Falls youth. *Nadine VanLaecken.*

Sports banquet

TACOMA, Wash. — The YOU group here recaptured the high points of the year's sports activities in the second annual sports banquet May 8. Emcee was Gil Goethals, Northwest coordinator.

Elsie Pate, chaperon, gave a panoramic view of the volleyball team, who won the national championship. Sharon Streitt, coach, gave a few statistics; Shelly Goethals made the most points in any game series with 27 and Lynn Larson and Theresa and Julie Goethals were selected to be on the national all-star team.

Coach Paul Pellele of the B basketball team praised the team for working together and winning so many games, in the city league as well as YOU competition. He cited the example of sophomore Don Goethals, who played every game but started to excel after hearing coach John Wooden of UCLA speak on his pyramid to success. With record highs in rebounds, steals, free throws, turnovers and fouls, Don was chosen as the most-valuable player of the B team.

Ron Goethals, coach of the varsity basketball team, told of the team winning 36 district games during a three-year span without a loss. They finished fourth in the city league, first in the YOU district league and fourth in the national tournament. Steve Fix was named most-improved player and Jeff Hermanson the most-valuable player. Rick Larson holds the record for most rebounds with 197 this year.

Coordinator Terry Graves spoke about the "stats" keepers — Linda Jo and Leane Proulx, Brenda

Waldon and Carol Graves — whose jobs were created by Gil Goethals to involve more kids in sports.

Cheerleader Theresa Goethals gave a bird's-eye view of the last three years and her satisfaction with the Tacoma squad.

Pastor Dick Aitkins concluded the evening. *Nancy Goethals.*

Cornish expedition

TRURO, England — Members of the church here gathered May 1 at Kerrow Farm, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ogden, located on the rugged north Cornish coast.

The group, augmented by a few friends and relations and numbering about 35, set off for a seven-mile expedition along the cliffs and up and down the bays and coves.

Half the group strode out to cover as much ground as possible. The other half, led by Alan Tilmouth and Joe Ogden Jr., felt the need to investigate the strange sounds emanating from The Tinner's Arms, a pub. The sounds were made by a Welsh rugby team celebrating a victory and working their way back home to Wales. Refreshed, the hikers caught up with the others.

Soon came another emergency, with Roger Akhurst announcing that he had lost his glasses. Joe Ogden Sr., Mr. Tilmouth, minister John Jewell and Roger puffed and panted their way back for a mile or two, scouring the ground as they went. Roger found his glasses on a rock, though the others don't know how he did it without his glasses.

The hike ended at the Ogdens' farm with a big spread of food and homemade wines. *Joe Ogden Jr.*

Homemade bread

VISALIA, Calif. — The women of the church here conducted a bake sale May 6 in front of the Gemco store.

Bertie Box coordinated the sale. The wide selection of homemade cakes, pies, cookies and breads offered to the public brought in \$180. *Sharyl Justice.*

Seven events

WASHINGTON, D.C. — During the past two months the AICF chapter here has sponsored seven events in the metropolitan area.

Daniel Peacock presented a color slide program, "Sights and Sounds From Modern Japan," based on his experiences there, at two retirement and nursing facilities in Maryland.

In March, Ken Peake directed the (See WRAP-UP, page 13)

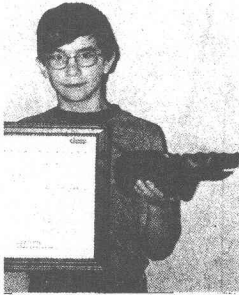


SAN DIEGO WOMEN — San Diego Women's Club member Helen Barkdoll, above, demonstrates dough art. Right: Men's-night hostess Suzanne Miller and her husband, Skip, enjoy the festivities. (See "Dough Art," this page.) (Photos by Susan Karoska)



Youths receive recognition

ACME, Pa. — Barry J. Stahl, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stahl of the Uniontown, Pa., church, won second prize in the fifth national sculpturing contest sponsored by Stanley Tools of New Britain, Conn. Barry, an eighth-grade student at



BARRY STAHL

Hurst Junior High, won the prize in the second division, for grades seven through nine. He received a certificate and \$75 for his wood sculpture, titled *Hippo*.

Starting with a piece of scrap pinewood, Barry cut a rough outline on a bandsaw. He rounded the edges off with a file, then put on the finishing touches with other tools his father had taught him to use.

Last year Barry was third-place winner in a national photography contest sponsored by YOU.

Barry has two younger brothers and a younger sister. His grandparents, Leon and Jean Shreves, also attend church at Uniontown.

ADGER, Ala. — Vicki Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H.

Harmon of the Birmingham (A.M.), Ala., church, received an award for "scholastic excellence" from the University of Alabama Alumni Association May 12 for ranking scholastically in the top 5 percent of all Jefferson County, Ala., high-



VICKIE HARMON

school juniors.

Vicki was also selected as the favorite by her classmates at Oak Grove High School and was Girls' State representative from Oak Grove High.

She is a member of the school's yearbook staff and a member of the National Honor Society.

DALLAS, Tex. — Cathy Wallace, 17, a junior at Skyline High School here, has been recommended to receive recognition by having her biography published in *Who's Who Among American High School Students for 1976-77*.

Recognition in *Who's Who* is reserved for junior and senior high-school students who have demonstrated leadership or achievements in

academics, athletics, extracurricular activities or community service. The honor is considered one of the highest a high-school student can receive.

Cathy was also installed as a member of the National Honor Society Feb. 22. She will study American



CATHY WALLACE

government in summer school and graduate in July.

Cathy plans to attend Ambassador College.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Velma Holley and attends the Dallas A.M. church with her mother.

BIG SANDY — Lisa Roe, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Roe of the church here, was named Miss Fashion '77 April 18 in a Future Homemakers of America style show at the high school here.

Lisa modeled a three-piece orange ensemble she had made (gauchos, vest and coordinated plaid blouse) to win the highest award of the show.

The title of Miss Fashion is given each year to a homemaking student for the best-constructed and best-modeled garment. Fifty-three students entered this year.

Lisa has been sewing since age 11 and makes most of her clothes. She is vice president of the FHA, is active in YOU and was a member of the national-champion Big Sandy YOU cheerleading squad.

Lisa's award marked only the third time a high-school freshman had won the award in 27 years.



LISA ROE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Colleen Adams, 15, a sophomore at Southwestern High School in Hanover, Ind., was made a member of the Harvey Wiley Chapter of the National Honor Society May 17.

To become a member of the society, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average and exhibit superior leadership, character, scholarship and service.



COLLEEN ADAMS

Colleen, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Adams, and her brother, Conan, attend church here.

RAPID CITY, S.D. — David Fergen, 17, a senior at Stevens High School here, won the regional DECCA competition at Aberdeen, S.D., March 27 through 29.

DECCA (Distributive Educational Clubs of America) is a course pertaining to all aspects of retailing. Dave participated in the petroleum



DAVID FERGEN

division, which deals with sales of petroleum-related products. He had gained actual experience two years earlier at age 15 while working in a gas station (*The Worldwide News*, Sept. 1, 1975).

Dave also was a member of the Rapid City Stars YOU basketball team that played in finals competition in Big Sandy this spring.

BARTON, Md. — Susan Metz, who attends church at Uniontown, Pa., and Hagerstown, Md., was named salutatorian of her 1977 graduating class at Valley High School, Lonaconing, Md.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and



SUSAN METZ

Mrs. Samuel Metz.

She is a member of the National Honor Society, president of a girls' sports club, a member of Future Homemakers of America and the student council, and a student representative to the Principal's Advisory Committee.

Susan is an active member of Youth Opportunities United (the Church's youth program) and plans to attend Ambassador College.

'How Was Yor Born?' and more

PASADENA — Richard Rice, director of mail processing, reports his department has accumulated some unusual requests from listeners to the Work's television and radio broadcasts and readers of its literature.

A man requested the article "How You Can Be a Bride With the Power of God."

A letter arrived here addressed to *The Plain Troop*. It was from a representative of the Salvation Army.)

A package containing what had once been frozen food arrived "after being in the postal system for about a week," Mr. Rice says.

A *Plain Truth* subscriber requested that a gift subscription to the magazine be sent to "Heinrik Chickenkisser" at the State Department in Washington, D.C.

Another subscriber asked the Mail Processing Department to change his subscription number so it would contain no 6s.

One writer's unusual request was as follows: "Will you please kindly answer me in the magazine or by mail soon if this quotation is in the Bible, 'Every dog has his day'? I seem to have read it many times during the 1950s and have seemed to have discussed it with some people and have shown it. Now I can't find it at all and have read the Bible completely through again and have not found it. Perhaps I read over it or just imagined I read it in the Bible, as some years I did not study or read very much on the subject. I would most appreciate this clarification."

A letter arrived with the address: "Garner Ted Armstrong, 800-423-4444, Pasadena, California."

Another listener addressed his envelope: "Mr. Armstrong of Pasadena, California. The one who broadcasts the word of God on the Radio. I can't remember his first two names . . ."

A listener requested "Oh, Hell Lazarus's Soul and the rest of the pamphlets."

- Some other titles requested:
- 7 Laws to Raid in Hell.
 - 7 Laws of Radium Sickness.
 - The Rear of Children.
 - How Was Yor Born?
 - Baran Again.
 - Where Are Edner and Elita?

- Who Will Rule the Spouse?
- Your Marriage Can Be Hairy.

And, finally, here is what Mr. Rice calls the "letter of the week":

"Will you please settle an argument. I am for sex and others are against it. So please send me the booklet *Sex Is Sin and Sex Is Pure*. I don't like to hear anyone say sex is dirty. I think it is beautiful.

"I'm 65 and I enjoy sex very much."



WASHINGTON YOU — The Washington, D.C., YOU choir presents a medley of songs at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Rockville, Md. (See "Seven Events," page 12.)

Wrap-up

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church's YOU choir in a medley of songs at the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Rockville, Md.

In April Isaac Cummings organized and directed an AICF variety show for the Leewood Nursing Home in Springfield, Va. The show included a barbershop quartet, vocal solo, instrumental solos, dancing and a sing-along.

On April 17, a worldwide day of remembrance for the Jews lost in World War II, Richard Frankel, former manager of the Jerusalem office, presented a color slide program of modern Jerusalem at the Hebrew Home for the Aged.

The chapter sponsored a locally produced seminar, "Crossroads for Women," a day-long workshop directed toward the needs and aspira-

tions of women. It was given by Bequita Morse and Peggy Berman, instructors in adult education.

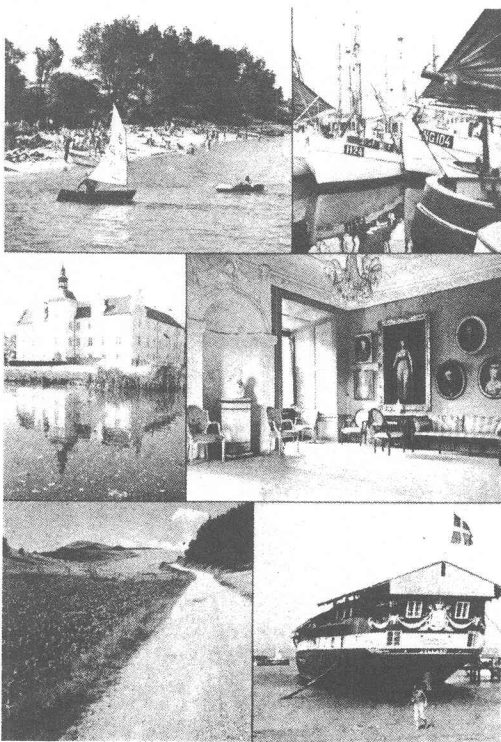
The chapter is also helping to underwrite the Fairfax County Choral Society's performance of Bach's *Mass in B Minor*. Daniel Peacock.

Tree-planting day

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Thirty-four members here planted 4,500 trees under the supervision of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) May 1.

The trees were planted on privately owned property. The landowner had contracted with the DNR to supply and plant the trees. The DNR worked with Peter Baldwin, member here, to coordinate the project.

The main purpose of the effort was to earn money for the church's activity account, but it also helped the low-quality land become more productive. This is the second year that the Dells church has planted trees for the DNR. John Torgerson.



Picturesque Feast site

Transfers welcome in Denmark

OSLO, Norway — As many as 100 transfers from other countries are welcome to come to Denmark for the Feast of Tabernacles this fall, said Stuart M. Powell, regional director for the Scandinavian Work, at his office here May 18.

The Feast in Denmark will take place at Boennerup Strand, near Glesborg, Denmark, at the Hotel Kattegat.

The hotel is "almost new," Mr. Powell said, and is "located at Boennerup Strand, which means beach, near Graena and Aarhus, in Jutland, Denmark. It is a very easy place to travel to and is set in a picturesque area of Danish woods and farmland. Right alongside the hotel is a beautiful beach and small fishing harbor.

"The hotel offers apartments rather than rooms. They are fully furnished in typical modern-Danish

decor, and members will have the choice of eating all their meals in the hotel restaurant or preparing some in their own very comfortable apartments."

Feast services this year will be entirely in English, the director said, with simultaneous translation into Norwegian and Danish.

"We are expecting between 140 and 180 to attend," Mr. Powell commented, "although there is room for more if the full number of transfers is reached.

"So again we are expecting to enjoy the very close, warm, family, group atmosphere which visiting members have commented on so enthusiastically in previous years."

The hotel itself boasts two swimming pools, a sauna, a solarium, an exercise room and children's playgrounds.

Easy to reach

"Boennerup Strand is easy to reach from Copenhagen," Mr. Powell said, "since the airport for Aarhus is not far away. Visitors from Britain can also travel by boat from Harwich or Newcastle to the Port of Esbjerg and then drive across Jutland to reach Boennerup Strand, which is just to the north and east of Aarhus."

The cost of observing the Feast in Scandinavia this year will be "less than any previous year," the director commented. "This is because the

hotel has fully equipped apartments which can hold up to six, or in some cases eight, persons. Since we pay the hotel a fixed price for each apartment, a family or group of friends sharing can appreciably reduce the cost.

"This will work out at something between 125 and 730 Danish kroner [\$20 to \$118] per person for the eight days, depending on how many a member may wish to share with, or if they would prefer the whole apartment to themselves."

First for Denmark

For the past three years the Scandinavian Feast has been observed in Norway; this year will be the first for Denmark. "We look forward to welcoming with traditional Scandinavian hospitality all the members of God's Church in Finland, Sweden, Denmark and Norway, as well as our visitors from overseas," Mr. Powell said. "Velkommen til Danmark!"

Those wishing to transfer from America should fill out and send the application blanks they have already received to the Festival Office, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755. The Big Sandy office will process the application and forward the information to Mr. Powell.

Non-U.S. members should contact the Work's office serving the region in which they live for information on transferring to Denmark.

DANISH FEAST —

This year's Danish Feast is to be held at Boennerup Strand, Denmark. The area boasts many attractions, left.

Minister visits remote brethren

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anoit him." And I showed him what to do.

The next morning the members came to the hotel all smiles. "It was indeed a miracle," said Saw Lay Beh. "As soon as I anointed Por Loo Koo he began to get better, yet only a few minutes before he was delirious."

"Well, what did you expect?" we told him. "After all, you are a minister."

Naturally musical

The Burmese members presented me with a cassette tape of a concert they had held while observing the Feast last year. The tape had been made under great difficulties, since their village has no electricity and batteries are very expensive. They had no musical instruments but were able to borrow three homemade guitars. Saw Lay Beh apologized profusely for the poor quality of the tape, since their one tape recorder is getting old. But they had done their best.

A few days later we were able to play the tape in a member's home in Kuala Lumpur. To put it mildly, it was absolutely beautiful, by any standard. The Burmese seem to be a naturally musical people; their voices blended and harmonized like a trained choir. Many of the numbers consisted of hymns from our hymn book translated into the Karen language, the native tongue of the members in southern Burma.

It was a moving experience to hear our well-known hymns being sung in a strange tongue and realize that the recording was made in a bamboo hut in one of the most remote and inaccessible parts of the earth.

Although we only had five days to spend in Burma, we decided to travel the 450 miles north to Mandalay, Burma's second city. There we hoped to meet Herbert Zam Heyi and Thomas Hoe, two of the leaders of the Church in northern Burma. Our flight was delayed several hours in Rangoon, and we lost a complete day getting to Mandalay. We were afraid that we would miss out on meeting

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Zam Heyi. We did meet them, but only barely. They had waited in vain at the airport and had finally left an hour or so before we arrived. They had been told that the flight had been canceled.

The next morning we waited for them at the hotel. After a while I decided I had better go to the airport to confirm our return flight to Rangoon.

Just as I was leaving the airport, I ran into Herbert. He and Thomas had gone to the airport early. They were waiting for us to arrive on the flight that we were scheduled to leave on, later that day. It was a close thing, but we were able to spend several hours together, catching up on the news from our members in northern

Burma before flying back to Rangoon.

Reluctant good-byes

Next day we reluctantly said good-bye to our Burmese friends and flew to Bangkok, Thailand. While in Mandalay, my wife and I had contracted food poisoning and were feeling far from well, so we appreciated a couple of days' rest. We were scheduled to meet a couple of interested prospective members in Thailand, but they did not come. As far as I know, there are still no baptized members of the Church in Thailand.

The last two weeks of our trip took us to the East Malaysian states of Sarawak and Sabah, on the island of

Borneo. There are not many members of the Church in these states at the moment, although there is considerable interest in the PT.

Sarawak and Sabah are places of contrast. The towns are modern and progressive, but the interior is still mainly impenetrable jungle. Most of our members in Sabah and Sarawak are Chinese. However, there are a few Dayaks, the native tribe of Borneo.

Alan Daniel, a young school-teacher, was baptized a couple of years ago. We were pleased to find that his charming wife, Rose, was also wanting to be baptized this time. Alan and Rose Daniel teach school in a native longhouse village deep in the interior jungles. To reach home they have to travel for several hours by bus and then walk for about three hours through the jungle. Alan and Rose are the first Dayak couple to become members of God's Church. It's not so long ago that the Dayaks were headhunters!

After a week or so in Sarawak and Sabah, we returned to Singapore. We had intended to stop over for a day or two in Brunei, a small independent oil-producing country sandwiched

between Sarawak and Sabah, but we had no definite appointments there. And, since I was still suffering some side effects from the food poisoning, we decided to return a couple of days early. We flew back to Singapore and returned to Australia two days later.

All together, we were able to baptize 25 new members throughout the region and to counsel many more prospective members.

The Southeast Asian Work is still small, but it is growing steadily. We found the members of the Church to be strong and growing. Even the most scattered and remote members showed real interest in the Work and were eager to play their part. Life isn't always easy for them and they must face trials and difficulties different from the ones we face in the so-called developed world.

But one thing is obvious. Whenever you visit Church members, whether in the depths of a teeming Asian city or on the edge of a primeval jungle, the spirit, attitude, goals and interests are the same. The members in Southeast Asia remember you. They ask you to remember them.



BURMESE LEADERS — Members Herbert Zam Heyi, left, and Thomas Hoe are leaders of the Church in northern Burma visited by a minister and deacon on a 15,000-mile tour of Southeast Asia. (Photo by John Halford)

He makes good catch

PARSIPPANY, N.J. — Church member and shortwave-radio listener Ronald Robinson last Jan. 6 made what is called, in shortwave lingo, a good catch.

Mr. Robinson, who listens to a 30-year-old Hallicrafter's Model S-40 receiver, picked up Radio Israel at 2230 Greenwich mean time on a frequency of 9815 kHz. It is not unusual to receive this station, since its radio transmitters broadcast with 300,000 watts of power.

Mr. Robinson mailed Radio Israel the usual report, listing time, frequency, program information and how well the station was received. Once this is done, a listener waits for the station to verify his report.

When Mr. Robinson sent in his report he also enclosed a letter stating that he is a member of the Worldwide Church of God and asked if the station were familiar with Ambassador College and the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation's pro-

gram in Israel.

He also asked if station personnel were familiar with the work Herbert W. Armstrong has done in Israel.

The station was well aware of Mr. Armstrong and the Work. It selected and read Mr. Robinson's entire letter and answered all his questions on the air Jan. 20.

The announcer stated: "We are well acquainted with the work and projects sponsored worldwide by Ambassador College and the cultural foundation you mention. Your president, Mr. Armstrong, is very involved with the continuing work of archaeological excavation around the western and southern walls of the Temple, in the Old City of Jerusalem."

"Groups of students from Ambassador College come to Jerusalem every year to take part in the dig, take courses at the Hebrew University and get to know the country in the course of their summer semester spent here."

Attending since 1926

Longtime member recalls how it was in the beginning

By Roger Fakhoury

PASADENA — To say that Chloe Schippert has attended Sabbath services for a long time is a terrific understatement.

"With the exception of Mr. Herbert Armstrong, I have been in God's Church longer than anyone else today," says Mrs. Schippert, 77.

In January, 1936, the late Arch Schippert and his wife, Chloe, became part of the hardy crowd of 12 that included Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong as the only members of the then Radio Church of God.

"There were only 12 people at our first Passover service" in Oregon, she says. "Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong had been observing them alone previously.

"By our standards today, many of the early Church members were not converted yet. Several refused to drink wine and were allowed to drink grape juice for the Passover. I think most people today would be surprised to see how lenient he was in the beginning. As his understanding increased, however, he began to change."

In 1939 the Church witnessed a dramatic rise in attendance.

"That year Mr. Armstrong invited the public by radio to our Feast of Tabernacles services. We had a huge crowd, or so we thought at the time. I figured that we had almost 80 people attending.

"I recall Mr. Armstrong telling us

that someday we will have so many people at the Feast sites that you will have problems talking to your friends. That man had great vision."

Finest example

"I just wish that everyone could have the opportunity to work as closely with Mr. Armstrong as I have. He was more like a father to us than a minister. He was the finest example we could have. I recall a time when he called a Friday-night Bible study during a blizzard. My husband and I went to find only one other person there. He preached that night with the same intensity and fervor as he had always done.

"As I was leaving I told Mr. Armstrong how sorry we were that we had come. If we hadn't, I thought, he would not have held the study.

"But he said not to be sorry. 'If there had been only one person here, we would have held a study,' he told me. 'Who knows?' he continued. 'One day these Bible studies might lead into a college.' I never forgot that statement, and I don't think I ever will."

That isn't the only thing Chloe Schippert intends to remember. She maintains a backlog of incidents that, to her, without a doubt indicate God's presence in her life.

"I can remember a time when we ran out of flour. We had no money then, but I wasn't worried. I just prayed.

"Later that afternoon a neighbor brought over a dozen eggs for our family. Just before he left he asked us if we had a need for a 100-pound sack of flour. I just knew that God was going to provide us with our needs. And He did.

Middle of no place

"Another time I ran out of potatoes. Nowadays it doesn't sound so bad, but at that time potatoes were our staple product. Later that afternoon we went for a drive into town. On the way I spotted a large sack resting on top of the hill. After stopping the car we saw that it was a 100-pound sack of potatoes. Just think of it. In the middle of no place with no one around.

"It's all been so interesting," concludes Mrs. Schippert. "I just feel so blessed to be a part of this Church for so long."

"I feel that believing in God's existence is the key to receiving His blessings. Many people say they believe in God but don't act like it. I have found that if you believe and trust in Him He will come through for you every time. You can bet on it."

FOR A LONG TIME — Chloe Schippert talks about her first Passover, in 1936 with only 12 people attending.



Athlete lifts championship title

By Kenneth Weeden

RALEIGH, N.C. — For two years in a row John Holladay, 22-year-old son of a member here, has won first-place trophies in the Amateur Athletic Union's Collegiate Powerlifting Championship.

A junior at North Carolina State University, John is a member of N.C. State's weight-lifting team and won his latest trophy at the AAU's collegiate nationals, held March 25 and 26 at Oklahoma State University.

In addition to winning first in the 220-pound class, Holladay was named the outstanding lifter in the heavy division, which covers five weight classes. This award goes to one lifter out of these classes who has the highest total score in relation to his body weight and to previous records for his weight class. He was among 60 competitors in the heavy division at Oklahoma State.

The power-lifting competition consists of three events: the squat, bench press and dead lift. In the squat John withstood 630 pounds, while pressing 450 in the bench press and hoisting 605 in the dead lift. (The latter consists of lifting a set of weights up to waist level.)

Fortunately friendly

At 5 feet 10 inches, Holladay is a bulging 220 pounds. Fortunately, however, he is friendly.

"I really enjoy lifting weights," said Holladay, who started lifting "seriously" when he was in the eighth grade.

"It's a way of relaxing, you know. It relieves my tensions and helps me stay in shape."

After competing in meets for 3½ years, he has won numerous trophies in state, regional and national competition and holds two AAU collegiate records.

At the AAU's collegiate cham-

pionship competition last year, at the University of Ohio, his 640 pounds in the squat and his total score of 1,690 pounds for all three events became records that remain unbroken.

Don Harris, chairman of the North

Carolina AAU Powerlifting Association, is a former collegiate lifter and works with N.C. State's AAU team.

Harris said Holladay is "probably the finest lifter ever to come out of North Carolina. I think he has the ability to win the Senior Nationals, if

he decides to pursue it."

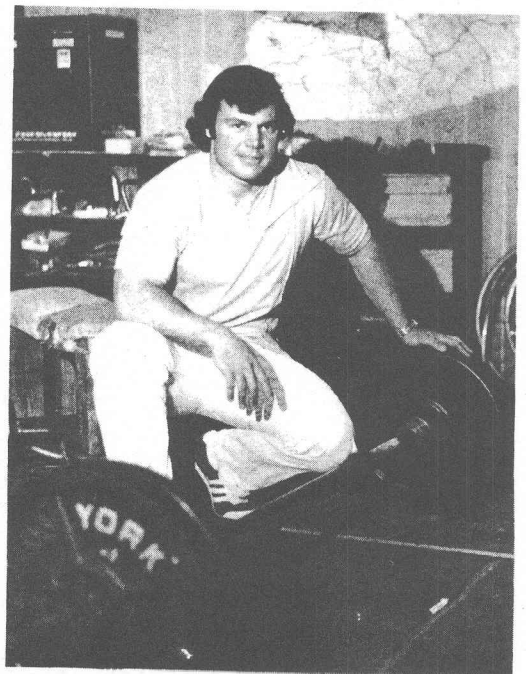
The Senior Nationals are considered the top amateur meet, with the winner usually going on to win the world championship, according to Harris.

In addition to Holladay's weight-lifting prowess, Harris thinks the lifter is "probably the finest person you'd ever want to meet anywhere."

Holladay is a math-education major and expects to finish college in 1978.

He looks forward to next year's competition, which will be his last as a college student, but he's uncertain about competition beyond his college days.

He attends church here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Holladay. Mrs. Holladay is a member.



THE RESULTS OF HIS EFFORTS — John Holladay, an AAU collegiate weight-lifting champion, displays several of his trophies, left. Above: The lifter sits in front of 450 pounds of Olympic weights. (Photos by James Stewart Jr.)

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Bob Fahey**, director of the Work in Africa, will hold a press conference here June 9 to publicize **Herbert W. Armstrong's** involvement with the Black Tennis Foundation. The decision to hold the conference came after Mr. Fahey met with international tennis promoter **Owen Williams**, cochairman with **Arthur Ashe** of the South African-based foundation.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A co-worker of the Church has been named temporary director for television production of the Rhodesian Broadcasting Corp. after a reshuffling in the corporation's management led to the resignation of the board of directors.

The former board of directors had been responsible for canceling the airing of *The World Tomorrow* on radio and the *Garner Ted Armstrong* program on television.

The new director is **Val Lunn**, a co-worker for six years and well acquainted with the Work in southern Africa.

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BRICKET WOOD, England — There is nothing new to report on the potential sale of the former Ambassador College campus here, according to **Frank Brown**, director of the Work in Britain.

The campus, which closed in 1974, has been for sale for 2½ years.

"We have people coming out all the time to look at the property," he said. "We have a couple of things working, but we just haven't had the right buyer come along yet."

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PASADENA — Ambassador College has been recognized by the American Red Cross for donating the most blood per student among 68 colleges and universities in two California counties.

The award, a plaque, noted Ambassador as having the "highest-percentage participation" among 68 schools participating in the blood program in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

About 43 percent of Ambassador's students donated 290 pints of blood in two drives during the last school year.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — A group of people living in the British Solomon Islands called the Remnant Church of God has been "seeking contact" with the Worldwide Church of God "for some time," said **Rod Matthews**, director of campaigns for Australia, June 2.

The director of the Australian Work, **Dean Wilson**, is planning to visit the islands, east of New Guinea, to make contact with the church, whose members "acknowledge that we are the true Church and want to be baptized and taught how to organize services there," Mr. Matthews said.

A radio station in the islands began broadcasting *The World Tomorrow* in May.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — *The Plain Truth* and other of the Work's publications will be advertised throughout Asia via full-page ads in *Asia* magazine, announced **Dean Wilson**, director of the Australian Work, and **John Halford**,

area coordinator for Southeast Asia.

The ads will also appear in Asian editions of *Time* and *Newsweek*.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Halford plan to travel to Hong Kong in August to conduct a "trial open Bible study" for *Plain Truth* subscribers. The studies are to gauge the interest in God's Work in the British colony and could be the beginning of regular studies there.

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BIG SANDY — Ambassador College, Big Sandy, has been awarded the "all-sports" trophy by the National Little College Athletic Association (NLCAA), announced athletic director **Kermit Nelson**.

To win the annual trophy, Big Sandy athletes earned more points in national competition than any of the other 75 colleges in the association, placing first in cross-country, second in track and ranking "highly" in golf. These scores were tabulated after being entered by mail in the Ohio-based association's competition.

Big Sandy also competed in basketball, baseball and soccer.

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BIG SANDY — *The Ambassador* magazine, a quarterly publication produced by Ambassador journalism students here, was awarded the rating of All-American by the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) for *The Ambassador's* fall and winter editions of 1976. The magazine was cited for excellence in editing, photography and layout, giving "a very professional look" to the magazine, according to the criticism of the ACP. The All-American status is the highest rating awarded by the association.

The Portfolio, the weekly student newspaper of AC, Big Sandy, was awarded a first-class rating, the second-highest rating given by the association. The ACP commended the editors for putting together "a well-organized package" that is "100 percent readable."

The ACP, based in Minneapolis, Minn., evaluates and rates more than 2,000 college publications, including yearbooks, magazines and newspapers, each year.



HEADING OUT — Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, and Mrs. Dart stand beside the Cessna 182 they used for a five-state tour to visit church pastors. (Photo by John Robinson)

Mr. Dart visits field pastors

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need for one-on-one discussion.

"I also try wherever I go to update the ministry of Mr. Herbert Armstrong's worldwide activities and stress the importance of his commission. Recently I have been particularly stressing the need to pray for Mr. Armstrong's safety and success as he takes the Gospel to the world.

"Also, I try to reiterate Mr. Armstrong's admonition to the men that we need to have a praying ministry."

Mr. Dart first arrived here May 27 with **Garner Ted Armstrong** from Pasadena aboard the Work's Cessna Citation jet. Mr. Armstrong spoke here the Sabbath of May 28 before returning to Pasadena the next day. Mr. Dart spoke to the Fort Worth, Tex., congregation the same day and, according to plan, did not return to California with Mr. Armstrong.

Big Sandy meetings

Mr. Dart spent May 29 and 30 here in meetings with Big Sandy-based personnel, including **Sherwin McMichael**, coordinator of the Church's Southwest Area, **Ronald Kelly**, vice president for Ambassador College, Big Sandy, **Dr. Donald Ward**, dean of faculty, and ministers **Dale Schurter** and **Ben**

Whitfield.

Mr. Dart said he was reviewing current needs of the U.S. field ministry in light of the merger of the two Ambassador campuses.

He announced that Mr. Whitfield, now pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches, who had been slated to begin working for the Texas Ambassador campus, will take a year's leave of absence to pursue further education and gain counseling experience at the Community Counseling Center in Rawlins, Wyo.

Mr. Whitfield said he will work at the center while pursuing studies leading to a Utah state license for family, marriage and child counseling. He will assist as a "noncareer minister" for the next year and, according to Mr. Dart, return to the full-time ministry in 1978.

On the road

Mr. Dart and his wife, **Allie**, left here May 31 for Baton Rouge, La., the first stop in the series of visits with church pastors.

Mr. Dart used to use the then-Big Sandy-based Citation for such trips, but the jet has been transferred to Pasadena to replace the Falcon jet, which is to be sold (*The Worldwide News*, May 23). On this trip he used a Cessna 182, a single-engine, four-place plane owned by the Work.

Mr. Dart, who has had a private pilot's license since 1973 and who recently completed his instrument rating, flew the plane himself.

He feels his flight training is turning out to be an effective tool in his job.

"On this trip, for example, it was cheaper to take the 182 than it would have been to fly commercial," he said, noting that it would have been impossible to "cover the same area in the same amount of time using commercial flights."

Mrs. Dart said she doesn't mind flying with her husband, but she does get nervous when "he banks the plane to the right. I feel like I'm going to fall out. I don't get that feeling when I'm in a low-wing plane, but with the high wing I can see the ground too well."

She pays close attention when they're near busy airports. "I help look for planes. I call that being alert, not being nervous."

Does she have confidence in her husband's flying?

"Yes, I do. Since he completed his instrument rating I have even more. It has really helped him.

"But I still don't like it when we go into the clouds. I don't mind going into clouds when I'm sitting in the

back seat, but when I can see them hitting the windshield it bothers me a little bit."

Never enjoyed a visit more

The Darts spent almost three hours in Baton Rouge with pastor **Karl Beyersdorfer** and his wife. Mr. Beyersdorfer said he appreciated the visit.

"I've never enjoyed a visit with the man in charge of the ministry more than Mr. Dart's visit here," Mr. Beyersdorfer said. "He was friendly, open, congenial. He really showed a grasp of the problems of the men in the field."

Later the same day the Darts flew to New Orleans, where they met with **James Chapman**, pastor at New Orleans East, and **Hugh Wilson**, pastor of the New Orleans West church, and their wives.

"Jim Servidio also got together with us," Mr. Dart said. "He was in the area looking for housing prior to moving there."

The next morning, June 1, Mr. Dart had breakfast with Mr. Chapman and Mr. Servidio.

From New Orleans the Darts flew to Tupelo, Miss., where they met with **Roger West**, pastor of the local church, and **Levon Jackson**, a local elder, and their wives.

Next stop was Memphis, Tenn., and dinner with pastor **Ron McNeil** and his wife.

Memphis meeting

The next morning Mr. Dart had breakfast with Mr. McNeil and Mr. and Mrs. **Ted Phillips**. The Phillips had driven from Jackson, Tenn., where he serves as pastor.

From Memphis the couple flew to Mr. Dart's hometown, **Harrison, Ark.**, where he and his wife spent the evening with pastor **Tom Blackwell** and Mrs. Blackwell. The next morning, June 3, the Darts continued to Fort Smith, where they remained for the Sabbath.

"I spent some time that afternoon making calls back to Pasadena and taking care of other business as well as preparing a sermon for the Sabbath," Mr. Dart said. "That evening we had dinner with the **Ivan Sells** and the **George Panteleeffs**." Mr. Sell is the pastor at Fort Smith, and Mr. Panteleeff is a local elder there.

Mr. Dart gave the sermon on the Sabbath, and the next day, June 5, after more talks with Mr. Sell, returned to Big Sandy with his wife.

After what he called "tying up loose ends in Big Sandy," Mr. and Mrs. Dart planned to return to Pasadena June 6 or 7 on a commercial flight.



ALL SET — Mr. Dart and his wife prepare to depart from the Big Sandy airstrip. Mr. Dart has been a licensed pilot since 1973. (Photo by John Robinson)