



CHANCELLOR PRESENTED AWARD — Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, center, receives the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Second Class, from Chief of Protocol Kenjiro Chikaraishi. The award is the highest honor bestowed upon a non-Japanese citizen. At right is Mr. Stanley Rader, chief legal counsel for Ambassador College. [Official Japanese-government photo]

Japan honors Mr. Armstrong

by STUART POWELL
and DAVID SILCOX

BRICKET WOOD — On his recent visit to Tokyo, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, chancellor of the three Ambassador College campuses, was presented by the Japanese government one of the highest decorations that can be awarded to a non-Japanese citizen, the Order of the Sacred Treasure, Second Class.

The Plain Truth hits new mark in March issue

by JIM E. LEA

PASADENA — The March, 1973, issue was the first issue of *The Plain Truth* ever to have a circulation of over three million. Now the circulation has reached almost 3.18 million.

The Plain Truth hasn't always been a full-color magazine with a worldwide circulation. Starting in February, 1934, the first few *Plain Truths* were produced on a mimeograph machine and mailed to some 250 people.

In January, 1960, the circulation was about 210,000 copies.

The circulation didn't pass the one-million mark until the July, 1967, issue.

It zoomed past the two-million mark by August, 1969, but a stringent renewal program diminished the circulation by several hundred thousand.

However, it didn't take long for new subscribers again to boost the circulation.

By the end of 1972, more than one million *Plain Truths* were being mailed worldwide, outside the United States. News-

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The medal has only been awarded to three British citizens in the last 25 years. They included Lady Baden-Powell and historian Arnold Toynbee.

Its equivalent in the United Kingdom would be Knight Commander of the British Empire.

The Order of the Sacred Treasure is awarded to men or women who have rendered distinguished services in the promotion of relations with Japan.

Chancellor Armstrong's award and the citation, signed by Emperor Hirohito and Prime Minister Tanaka of Japan, was presented by Japanese Chief of Protocol Kenjiro Chikaraishi at a private ceremony in Tokyo.

The citation reads as follows:

"In recognition of the outstanding contribution you have rendered to the cause of friendship and promotion of mutual understanding between the United States and Japan as the President of Ambassador College and also through publication activities in which you took a leading role, His Majesty the Emperor has been pleased to confer upon you the Order of the Sacred Treasure."

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied by Ambassador's chief legal counsel, Mr. Stanley Rader, and Professor Osamu Gotoh, head of oriental studies at Ambassador College, Pasadena. Also attending were Diet member Kazuo Shionoya and Vice Minister Bunsei Sato.

The Order of the Sacred Treasure, or Order of the Mirror, as it is sometimes called, was founded in 1888 by Emperor Meiji.

This emperor was the principal architect in tearing Japan away from a strictly internal,

self-looking policy and introducing fier and her culture to the outside world, particularly Europe. This era in Japanese history.

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A Personal Letter from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Greetings from Vancouver!

It's Sunday morning, May 27, following two hectic days of sermons, press conferences, etc., and with one more night remaining it's good to write to all of you once again.

Here's what has been happening:

We left Pasadena Thursday morning at 10 o'clock with a full load on the Falcon, including Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hunting, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans, Mr. Jim Thornhill and crew.

(I am very pleased Mr. and Mrs. Hunting are along with me on this trip. We've been having a chance to talk as well as to prepare Mr. Hunting for his upcoming campaign in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.)

Campaign Report

Last weekend, as most of you know, we were in Winnipeg, where we had very fine crowds — almost capacity Friday night, capacity Saturday night, and overflow Sunday night. (That's progress.)

My sermon was especially strong on Sunday night — so much so that the entire audience, as well as myself, had the

Canadian campaigns climax personal-appearance season

by KEN TREYBIG

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — "I feel this is one of the most deeply rewarding endeavors we have ever undertaken — not just for me but also for the college students and local church members," said Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in reference to the personal appearances after speaking to an over-capacity crowd Saturday night, May 26, at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre here.

The following night, Sunday, was the group's 32nd appearance in 11 different cities since August, 1972, and brought this year's season to an end before another capacity crowd of over 2,800 in Vancouver.

Mr. Armstrong continued, "Not only are we reaching the public, but I feel these appearances are an incalculable blessing to local church members in that it gives them a real part in something that is happening."

"It's very inspiring to a member to sit in an audience and hear the things he believes expounded from the stage and to realize the guy sitting next to him is unconverted."

"It makes a person ask him-

self how he would be reacting if he were not a member, and it gives him an inspiring boost spiritually."

"I also feel this is one of the most rewarding endeavors dollar-wise. In many instances we would pay a lot more per person just to get a copy of *The Plain Truth* in his hands."

The band and singers from Pasadena and Big Sandy left their respective campuses for this last set of appearances in the early-morning hours of Thursday, May 17, and arrived at the Winnipeg Inn in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, by 5 p.m., when Mr. Armstrong joined the group.

The performances Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18 to 20, were in the Manitoba Centennial Centre near downtown Winnipeg and drew over 2,000 people each night. Peak attendance came on Sunday with over 2,400.

The group took a riverboat tour of the Red River in Winnipeg Monday and visited Lower Fort Garry, one of the early centers of the Hudson Bay Company in Canada.

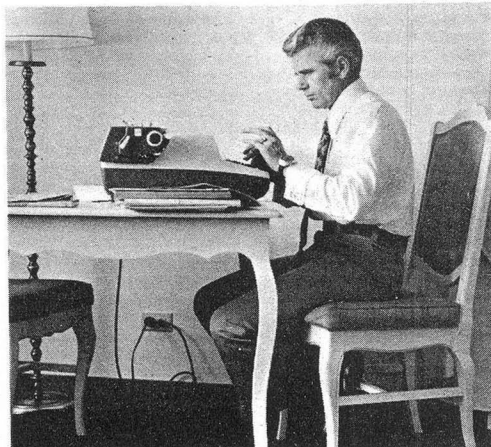
The next day was spent in flying the 1,200 miles to Vancouver and getting settled in a Holiday Inn within walking distance of the theater.

Wednesday the group took a ferry across the straits to Vancouver Island and visited the world-famous gardens on that island, a 30-acre expanse of floral beauty.

The group then went on to Victoria, where the parliament of British Columbia meets.

Some of the areas visited were the government building, which was completed in 1898, and the

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PUTTING THOUGHTS ON PAPER — Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong types out a few notes in preparation for one of his addresses at the personal appearances in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. [Photo by Lyle Christopherson]

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

This is mainly a note of enthusiastic appreciation for your (I guess I should say our) GREAT church newspaper!

The article on Garner Ted's TV broadcasts was really wonderful. It makes him seem more like a person to me!

Judy Holmes
Brainerd, Minn.

Dear Editor:

I was so happy to read Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's personal letter in the April 30 issue of *The Worldwide News*. I think the idea of a junior college was great.

I know many teen-agers and young people, including myself, who want so much to attend A.C. but couldn't because A.C. facilities were not large enough.

I'm glad now that all of us who are qualified will be able to experience God's way of living.

Miss Joni Borghese
Saddle Brook, N.J.

Dear Editor:

I would like to make a few suggestions as to features that I would like to see included in the newspaper.

It would be very interesting to have a section on economics and finances on a worldwide basis. I feel all brethren should have knowledge about such things as the balance of payments, the dollar vs. other currencies, as well as gold, etc. Reports on the labor market, perhaps showing where jobs might be available.

Maybe a feature story in each issue on a world leader...

A letters-to-the-editor column. A section devoted to organic gardening...

A picture story of the Bible by Mr. [Basil] Wolfertson...

Mr.-Mrs. James M. Gore
Boise, Idaho

Help! We agree with you, but we don't have space for everything. Don't forget, we still have a Plain Truth.

And don't forget about newspapers, magazines, TV news and personal reading. Our first goal is to convey news of God's Work. Other items we will work in as time and space permit.

Thanks for your enthusiasm and ideas - especially the one about letters to the editor.

Dear Editor:

The Worldwide News far surpassed even what I was expecting.

I was so excited after seeing it I had to sit down immediately and write this letter so that you would

Attention, Mr. Average Church Member!

Did you ever wonder how you could have an active part in contributing to "The Worldwide News"?

The material in the "Letters to the Editor" section of the paper is written and supplied by you - each individual member of our readership who takes a few minutes of his time to jot down his feelings about the church paper.

Since your comments help the staff to measure the pulse of the readership, we encourage you to let your feelings be known. We can only make improvements if we know what you're thinking.

Your comments are vitally important. As we strive continually to improve the paper, we'd love to hear from you!

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know how much it is appreciated.

I hope it will not be discontinued. It certainly is what we all needed to help us feel closer to what is happening in the Work. It will be a great prayer guide.

Mrs. Monica B. Beck
Renton, Wash.

Dear Editor:

This letter is in response to your recent article [by Dave Havir] in the May 14 issue of *The Worldwide News*. This article was about the good contributions women make to us.

However, the cons on this subject were neglected.

Just as the female bee is the only one who stings and the female mosquito is the only one who bites, the female human is less than desirable. Have you ever wondered why they

use the pronoun *she* in describing battleships and hurricanes?

Let me tell you a few of the female's many terrible qualities.

1. Who creates all the food you hate but eat just to be polite? Answer: WOMEN.

2. Who do you blow all your money on for dates and gifts? Answer: WOMEN.

3. Who persuades you to go to a dance or dinner when you never really wanted to go? Answer: WOMEN.

4. Who gets on the telephone and has to be disconnected before they will hang up? Answer: WOMEN.

5. Who else would type your homework and then later you find out you got an "F" because of five typographical errors? Answer: WOMEN.

6. Who else could fix your pants and forget to sew the rear seam and

you don't find out until you take them off? Answer: WOMEN.

7. Who else would get mad because you forgot to open the door for her? Answer: WOMEN.

8. Who else could spend two hours in front of the mirror, three hours at the beauty parlor and one hour at the dressmaker's and still not be satisfied? Answer: WOMEN.

In closing, I would just like for you to remember that sugar is bad for your health.

John Abrell
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Abrell:

Thank you very much for taking the time to read the article in the May 14 issue of *The Worldwide News* (page 17) about a different look at women.

Although sugar, used in excessive amounts, is bad for your health, please notice Volume 21 of *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, page 531:

"The requirements for sugar in the diet of virtually all people have been better met as a result of constant increases in production... allowing it to become established as one of the more economical sources of nourishment for the human body."

In spite of their occasional idiosyncrasies, women are a very important part of a happy life.

Sugar provides a degree of sweetness that is highly valuable for improving the palatability of other foods, and - to take our analogy one step further - the palatability of life itself.

Sweet dreams!

Dave Havir

Dear Editor:

My name is Firrey Allen Taylor, and I am 14 years old.

I live in Houston, Tex., and attend the Houston P.M. church.

In April, the teen-agers received an opportunity to go to Big Sandy, Tex., for the tournament with other teen-agers in the district.

The fun started when we left Houston. On the way we stopped and had brunch in Lufkin, Tex. Even though the day was full of rain, we had a safe trip.

Mr. Chris French led us through two great losses. (We lost to Imperial School and Little Rock, Ark.)

To boost our morale, Mr. French carried us to El Chico's to eat out. The college also put on a square dance for us.

The real fun came in meeting other teen-agers from other areas...

Firrey Taylor
Houston, Tex.

Dear Editor:

Reading "Imperial Hosts Basketball Tourney for Teen-Agers" in the April 30, 1973, issue, and noting the scores, I would like to make the following comments.

1. Imperial slaughtered all the teams they played, and, of course, there are reasons. The Imperial team lives in the area and is able to practice much more, and, of course, has professional coaching.

Wouldn't it have been nice to match the teams? A few Imperial players to each of the visiting teams, keeping the score close?

2. We have gone to church outings where there are games, but only the "professionals" really get to play. Some people just don't have the coordination, or the skill, or even knowledge of the game. They come out for a good time and get on an unevenly matched team and, of course, lose.

To lose, of course, is no disgrace, but to lose continually takes all the fun out of the game.

3. When I was a boy my dad taught me to be for the "underdogs," to help him in any way we can. Games are made for fun and recreation, and I know that we should do our best to win, but winning is not as important as everyone having a good time, and also learning and growing.

4. When we went to church in Manchester [Conn.], Mr. [Reginald] Platt had an outing one Sunday - Connecticut and Rhode Island vs. Maine and Massachusetts.

The score was, as I remember, 17-0 in the last of the second.

Several members of the team were switched around, the really good pitcher from Massachusetts slowed

down, and soon the score was nearly even.

It was, as it ended, a really close game. Everyone got to play, and everyone had a wonderful time.

Now, if the score had ended 94-5, I'm sure that the losing team wouldn't want to play again.

Mr. [Gerald] Waterhouse made a statement in one of his visits about golf: You compete against yourself. This can also be true in team play, but the teams should be balanced so each has a chance to win.

I know that Imperial must have some not-so-good players, and when the score was so far out of line... they could have been sent in [and] really enjoyed the fun of playing also - till the other team caught up.

This would make the good players play even harder, and the not-so-good players would get a chance to learn to play better.

Jacob F.S. Koontz
Plant City, Fla.

Editor's note: The following article was written by Coach Charles R. Black of Imperial Schools, Big Sandy, regarding the preceding comments concerning the Imperial Invitational Basketball Tournament during the Spring Festival.

by CHARLES R. BLACK

As the coach of the Imperial team that "slaughtered" the other teams in the recent Imperial basketball tournament, it falls my responsibility to clarify some apprehensions that readers might

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FROM The Bookshelf

by GARY ALEXANDER

O Jerusalem, by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1972, 670 pages, \$10 (or less in paperback or book clubs).

Exodus, by Leon Uris, 1960, multiple editions.

From the Ends of the Earth: The People of Israel, by Howard Morley Sachar, Delta Paperback, \$2.45, 500 pages, 1964.

May 14, 1973, marked the silver wedding anniversary of the Jewish state, Israel, and its hostile helpmate, the dozen nations of the Arab world.

It hasn't been what you would call a model marriage. In fact, even their honeymoon was on the rocks, ending in a hasty 30-day armed truce less than a month after marriage.

Since then, there have been two major divorce trials (in 1956 and 1967), each one inconclusive, and they still coexist in the hostile armed truce which marred their earliest courtship, dating and honeymoon days of 1947 and 1948.

Why do they stick it out?

This basically unanswerable question is endlessly dissected by hundreds of scholars in literally thousands of publications. The three books listed above are, respectively, the most recent, the most famous and the most underrated of all these books.

The 25th anniversary of Israel's national existence passed this month. It would do each of us good to pick up one of the above books and relive that nation's birth pang, the 1948 War of Liberation.

O Jerusalem, researched and written by two experienced free-lance journalists, gives the broad factual screenplay of the 33-week Battle for Jerusalem, much like watching a 10-hour movie of the entire epic drama.

Packed with significant trivia gleaned from over 800 interviews and nearly as many published sources, Collins and Lapierre will keep your eyes riveted to their pages to find out who wins (forgetting momentarily that these aren't just news reports, they're history).

The stars of this movie-in-print are David Ben-Gurion, Golda Meir, John Glubb Pasha, King Abdullah and a cast of thousands.

Exodus is the fictional treatment of a David Ben-Gurion-type person, Ari Ben-Canaan.

To summarize the plot of this book is like saying *War and Peace* is about Russia, so I won't attempt a synopsis. For those who haven't yet read a Leon Uris book, suffice it to say that there is an exciting new world awaiting you when you begin page 1 of any of his lapel-grabbing narratives (*Mila 18*, *Armageddon*, *Topaz* and *QB VII* followed *Exodus*, progressively deteriorating, in my opinion).

From the Ends of the Earth returns to the dry arena of truth - or is it so dry after all?

Focusing on 12 extended examples of the immigrants to the new land of Israel, Professor Sachar plunges you into a very real and very emotional day-to-day narrative that - like the previous two books - could cause a lost weekend of reading involvement.

All 12 stories are true and fully researched, but they are told in such a disarmingly personal manner that both emotions and intellect are captured immediately.

Reading all three of these books might be too much of a good thing, but picking any one of the three for a week's reading escape is highly recommended.

Each book will give you a gut-level vista of the human drama upcoming when millions (instead of just thousands) of men will once again fight in Jerusalem, die in Jerusalem, migrate to Jerusalem "from the ends of the earth," and begin to rebuild a new state in Jerusalem.

Each year Orthodox Jews close their seder with this Passover plea: "Next year in Jerusalem."

We can echo these words and add "Thy Kingdom come" in hopes that the 25-year-old physical marriage of Jewish and Arab nations in the Holy Land can soon be replaced by a spiritual marriage.

Only then will Jerusalem live up to its Hebrew meaning, "City of Peace."

Currently, the city recalls Jesus Christ's words on the eve of His crucifixion: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou which killest..."



JUNIOR-COLLEGE RESEARCH — On May 15, representatives of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, met with staff members of The School of the Ozarks. The college, located at Point Lookout, Mo., is a fully accredited four-year school which has been founded on many of the same principles as Ambassador. It has a mandatory student work program, provides "Christian education for youth . . ." and was a junior college at one time. The administrators of The School of the Ozarks were very helpful, and the Ambassador personnel felt they gained much valuable information in preparation for Big Sandy's expanded enrollment. (Photo by John Robinson)

Junior-college concept opens doors to more students at Big Sandy

by DAVE HAVIR

BIG SANDY — "I was so happy to hear that Ambassador is beginning a new junior college," commented a letter from an enthusiastic young person interested in coming to college in Big Sandy this coming fall.

"I need to learn the living laws, values and principles that can only be found in Ambassador, because it is God's college. There is nowhere else on the face of the earth where you can learn these things. I desire this special training that only Ambassador can offer so that I can learn to be a real help and a service to God's Work and God's people.

"This is a golden opportunity, and I dare not let it slip by me or fail at least to TRY to get in!"

This is only one of the numerous letters which have been arriving on campus since the announcement of the new junior-college concept in Big Sandy.

People are excited about it! Many young people are expressing an eager joy and an abundant hope that they too can be a part in the expanding educational program which will be opened to hundreds of more young people.

Goals and Purposes

We're trying to make the Ambassador College experience available to more people," explained Big Sandy Deputy Chancellor Ronald Dart. "Not all these young people would be used in the Work, but oftentimes, in having to select so narrowly for college, we're missing a lot of very talented young people who could perform a valuable service in the Work."

The junior-college concept furnishes the children of church members with at least a two-year training program in an environment which is conducive to the development of Christian character.

By teaching them the truth of

God, we would be training them to be useful members of society and for the Church itself.

Efforts to offer more young people the opportunity to attend college were made in 1960 when a second campus was started, at Brickett Wood, England.

In 1964 we found ourselves pioneering still another campus, in Big Sandy.

"But even with three small college campuses," explained Big Sandy Dean of Students Ronald Kelly, "we are getting far more applications than we can begin to handle. The whole concept of expanding Ambassador College in Texas will bring a much larger number of incoming students, where we will have the bed space, professors and classrooms available to many more who desire this kind of an education."

A Four-Year School

Although Ambassador College, Big Sandy, will continue to be a four-year school, the number of students entering the junior and senior years will be small in comparison to the first two classes.

"A person in no way hurts his chances of a senior-college education by coming to Big Sandy," explained Mr. Dart. "In fact, his chances are enhanced, because as more beds are being made available, more students will have a chance to prove themselves.

"The cutoff following the sophomore year will not be based on an arbitrary number. It's going to be based upon standards — standards we would normally expect Ambassador juniors and seniors to be meeting.

"Any sophomore who meets those standards will continue his education as an upperclassman of Ambassador College."

"At the end of two years a substantial number of them will graduate from Ambassador College and we hope thereby to grant a degree as a junior college

would," said Mr. Kelly. "Technically, we are not starting a junior college. A junior college means only two years (with no juniors and seniors on campus).

"So we are talking more about an expanded student body granting an associate-of-arts degree to those who don't continue to a third or a fourth year of Ambassador."

Who will continue in the curriculum at Ambassador?

Those who go on to the third and fourth years will primarily be students who have potential for Worldwide Church of God employment.

"They will be students who may possibly have a job in areas in our endeavor which preach the Gospel to the world," said Mr. Kelly.

After Two Years, What Then?

"There will obviously be many students who will not be headed for full-time occupation in the Work," continued Mr. Kelly. "Out of several hundred students, we are going to have diversities of interests."

If a student desires an occupation in a field that Ambassador cannot provide courses for, then he can transfer to a college which will prepare him for that field.

Mr. Kelly cited a junior-college format as being a great way to help young people decide what future they would desire to seek:

"Most young people of age 18 are not confident of what they want to be. A junior college allows a student to obtain basic background educational courses which allow him to travel in several different directions when he is more mature and able to make a decision about his profession.

"We hope to fill that void in a different way from other junior colleges, because we're primarily providing what we think is the

proper Christian environment for education.

"The reason a person comes to Ambassador is because of the philosophy of life which we can impart to him. We will have the same Biblical foundation that we have always given students.

"But if, after two years, the student wants to become a teacher, a scientist or go into some other area which we cannot offer, then he can transfer his credits to another institution and continue his education in the field of the occupation of his choice."

And if he has no interest in continuing his education beyond that point, he can terminate with a degree in a successful program.

Going back to a local church area, these young people could be an inspiration to others. They will be living examples of success that comes from learning to follow a way of life that produces fruits of happiness.

"They would be contributing to the Work as a pillar in a local church area after they return from college," explained Mr. Dart.

70 Percent Student Employment

With increased enrollment next year, this will be the first year that Ambassador, Big Sandy, will not be able to provide total student employment.

As Dr. Wilmer Parrish, personnel director, described the situation:

"There are going to be more potential employees than we've ever had before on campus. We will be able to offer approximately 350 to 375 student jobs this coming year, which means we can't possibly hire every stu-

dent.

"Therefore, receiving and retaining jobs will be more competitive than it has been in the past. This enables the department heads to be a little more selective in the type of employees he will get, but it also gives the students a little better chance to request where they would like to work."

"A student can show where his skills lie and where he would be interested in working," added Mr. Kelly. "They will take their skills where they know they are marketable. But if that job is not available, then they will take their place at the back of another line."

Here is a helpful hint to some of the incoming students. Because there will be more than 100 students who will not have student employment on campus, financial stability will be one of the key factors in the acceptance of a student.

As Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong mentioned in his personal letter in the April 30 issue of *The Worldwide News*:

"Believe me, fellows and girls, the applicant who says he can PAY HIS OWN WAY will have a FAR greater chance of being accepted than one who says he cannot."

(Prospective college students should also read Mr. Armstrong's article on rising college costs which begins on the front page of the May 14 issue.)

Should I Wait a Year?

"There will be some applicants who will be advised to take an extra year to work to get on top of their economics before they start Ambassador," concurred Mr. Dart. "Anyone fol-

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ATTENTION, PROSPECTIVE AMBASSADOR STUDENTS

The deadline for completing applications for the 1973-74 school year at all three college campuses is rapidly drawing near. This announcement is to remind all potential Ambassador students that their applications should be in the mail as soon as possible.

All students who have not yet requested applications should immediately write the registrar at the campus they most desire to attend for their freshman year.

Remember, the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) is required before an application may be processed. If you have not yet taken the SAT, please contact your local high-school or college counselor and make immediate arrangements for this.

In addition, a full-face passport-style photo should be taken if you do not already have such photos available. A graduation portrait is ideal for your application — although any full-face photo would be adequate.

Under normal circumstances, no applications received after July 1 can be considered for the 1973-74 school year.

There will be some students who will apply to either the Pasadena campus or the Brickett Wood campus but will not be accepted because of limited space or certain academic weaknesses.

The applications of those students will be sent to the Texas campus or reviewed by a member of the Texas Admissions Committee for possible entrance into the junior college. In such a case, a letter will be sent to you from the registrar of the Pasadena campus notifying you that the junior college will be considering the application.

Ambassador College
Directors of Admission

Ex-hippie finds peace and love, but not in dropout commune life

by JERRY GENTRY

POJOAQUE, N.M. — The past six or seven years, Anne Borden has lived and worked variously as college student, key-punch operator, establishment dropout, commune member, pot smoker, acid dropper and speed shooter — all before coming into God's Church.

Today, Anne's life has changed dramatically. Even though her life may be a little less flamboyant, measured by standards of a risky counter-culture life-style, it is a lot happier today than ever before.

In fact, Anne has found answers in the Bible that both she and her former friends once sought from drugs and commu-

munes, always eager for a meal and place to sleep.

Most of these young dropouts from the straight society found few roots even in the newly formed communal life-style.

It was hard work. Many just couldn't hack the self-discipline necessary to milk goats, tend vegetable gardens, serve in the free clinic or change diapers in the day school.

The transient hippies simply came and went, while the dedicated few continued to perform the lion's share of all the work.

The Family was originally composed of about three dozen members who all fled the city rat race to carve out a more "natural" life-style for them-

selves in the verdant hills near Taos.

All members were theoretically equal in status, and all owned equally in the business operation, which included some farm land, a free clinic for medical treatment and a general store which sold natural foods and other products.

The idea was to build a modern utopia. Its implementation, however, proved ultimately far less than the paradise its founders were out to create.

The scheme fell victim to basic human weaknesses and pitfalls which have also doomed other utopian attempts by man.

The commune leader began lying to fellow commune members. Disenchanted members began falling away.

While the commune thrived, "open marriage" was the thing. Sex was considered cool and groovy and the more you shared it around the better. Commune life was certainly not for prudes or abstainers.

One big problem with this open-marriage concept is that VD spread through the commune like wildfire, even with free medical treatment available from the local clinic.

Try as they might, commune members could not stamp out VD, because they were treating the effect (gonorrhea and syphilis), rather than the cause (abolishing the sexual free-for-all).

The society was really doomed from its inception — a

AT HOME IN NEW MEXICO — LEFT: Nathan Borden, 4, shows one of the goats in his small herd to the two daughters of *News* correspondent Jerry Gentry. In addition to caring for the goats, Nathan helps tend a half dozen chickens and a prolific garden plot. BELOW: Anne and Nathan inspect their poodle after giving it a trimming. Many of the beliefs Anne held about how one's life should be lived were basically right, but not until she came into the Church did she find what she was looking for. (Photos by Jerry Gentry)



nal living. Her desire in the past was no less than the desire common to all people everywhere — to find a way to peace, love and the good life now, along with hope for a better tomorrow.

Anne experienced firsthand the hippie counter-culture life. She first joined during the mid-'60s, at age 23, when she abruptly quit her part-time key-punch job and ended her premed biology major at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

She shared hippie ideals in desiring to live peacefully and harmoniously with other human beings, as well as with the earth itself. She became a charter member of The Family, a prominent commune established near Taos, N.M., during the mid-'60s.

Coming months brought trials and hardships to the commune, however. Not the least of these hardships was other hippies.

In fact, thousands of transient hippies flowed through the Taos area and in and out of com-



CHANGE IN LIFE-STYLE — For Anne Borden, life has changed dramatically since coming into the Church of God after trying hippie communes for several years. [Photo by Jerry Gentry]

noble dream of peace, harmony and brotherly love washed up on the rocks of human imperfection, and the "biological control factor" (VD) was suffered from breaking God's Seventh Commandment.

In reality, communal life was less an open marriage of love than a neatly planned experiment with a predetermined outcome in self-destruction. (This is not to say that many of their ideals were wrong. Peace and harmony among humans are noble causes, attainable only through keeping God's laws.)

Anne Borden left the commune life-style totally just two years ago when she began to learn about Biblical laws.

Even though she had read dozens of books, from Gestalt theory to goat keeping, during her days in the commune, the Bible had remained one book simply beyond understanding.

Many ideals and practices adopted by The Family were ultimately traceable back to the Bible.

But they were usually taken from books about the Bible, not the Bible itself.

When Church of God members Jim and Joan Coleman of Albuquerque challenged Anne to read Leviticus 11, which plainly says which meats are clean to eat, Anne was shocked.

She and her fellow commune members had assumed that "thou shalt not kill" meant animals, too! Consequently, they were vegetarians.

Of course, one truth led to another, eventually leading up to the Feast of Tabernacles, 1971, when Anne spent nearly two weeks as caretaker of the Coleman's house.

Anne was not yet baptized and did not attend the Feast that year. So when the Colemans departed for the Feast and left Anne in charge of their house and property, she had stacks of back issues of *The Plain Truth*, *Tomorrow's World*, booklets and other literature to devour.

She was baptized a few weeks after the Feast.

Today, two years later, Anne and her tough four-year-old son Nathan (whom she calls Tangi) live in Albuquerque.

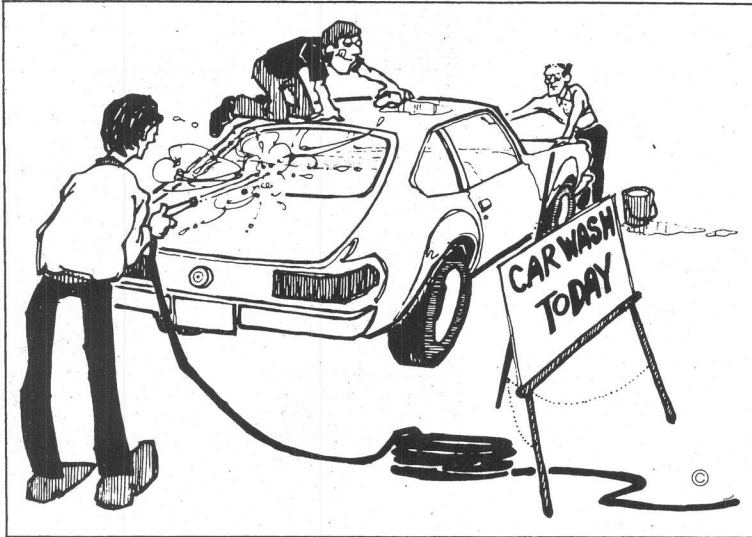
Obedience to God's spiritual and physical laws have given new direction to a once uncertain, idealistic, albeit sincere, search for truth.

Today a small goat herd, half a dozen chickens and garden plots which produce abundant vegetables — coupled with lots of hard work and the desire to mold into the pattern set down by the Eternal — have given Anne a solid foundation for coping with life now and new hope for the future.

What does Anne desire now most of all?

"An ex-hippie man with maybe a couple of kids of his own who need a mother, and who is tough enough to handle me and be a father to Tangi."

Tough, converted ex-hippie, where are you? This may be your match!



Volunteer fund-raising projects stimulate involvement in Work

by RICHARD RICE

PASADENA — The members of the Church have always been eager to become more personally involved in the Work. And many have done just that during the last year through volunteer church projects.

Members and teen-agers have spontaneously engaged in almost every type of activity to raise contributions. Projects include garage sales, bake sales, cutting

accomplished.

It enabled the Ambassador College Press to buy enough paper and ink to print 90,239 additional *Plain Truth* magazines or 235,562 additional copies of the *Correspondence Course*.

Since each magazine is read by an average of four people, 360,956 individuals read those 90,239 magazines.

But remember, these figures span only three months! When

are giving thousands of new individuals exposure to the truth of God.

Did you know that our ancient ancestors showed a similar attitude when they were given the opportunity to help build the Tabernacle in the wilderness?

God had given the Israelites detailed instructions for the Tabernacle and its furnishings (Exodus 25-30). Craftsmen had even been chosen to do the work (Exodus 31).

But God had not supplied the materials needed for construction.

In Exodus 35, God outlined a two-part plan to fulfill that need:

- God asked all who were of a willing heart to make direct contributions (Exodus 35:5-9). In this regard we today donate our tithes and offerings.

- God also asked the Israelites to donate their time in helping to construct the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:10-19). They were to use their talents and abilities to produce what was needed for His Work at that time.

This did not require individuals taking money from their own pockets but something they con-



pulpwood or firewood, mowing lawns, tilling gardens, washing cars, selling quilts, ironing, making and selling dresses, picking fruit, cleaning houses, baby-sitting, selling old furniture, etc.

The money contributed to the Work from this effort is no small sum.

During the three-month period of December, 1972, through February, 1973, local congregations earned and sent to headquarters \$4,746.59.

From the aspect of printing, here's what that \$4,746.59 has

we consider an entire year, the Work has received enough money from these projects (\$18,986.36) to buy paper for 360,956 magazines and has enabled nearly a million new people to read *The Plain Truth* for the first time (942,238 to be exact!).

In other words, those seemingly indispensable items you may have contributed to the church garage sale (a rusty old bicycle, aging appliances, dishes, stack of warped records, jewelry, cameras, used clothing, pictures)

Unusual Passover service held inside prison walls

Editor's note: The following is an account from Mr. Judd Kirk and Mr. Steve Nutzman, ministers in the Detroit, Mich., area, of a very interesting and very unusual baptism and Passover service that recently took place in the Detroit West church.

by JUDD KIRK
and STEVE NUTZMAN

DETROIT, Mich. — Our first visit with Jack Walker was last fall, right before the Feast of Tabernacles.

Jack seemed to be a strong prospective member, yet one factor set him apart from other PMs. Jack has been a prisoner at Jackson State Prison for almost six years!

It was quite an experience to talk to him about why he was

tributed by working on specific areas or aspects of the Tabernacle.

In principle, in going above and beyond the call of duty, many in the Church are doing the same thing today.

We at headquarters want to thank all of you very much for your splendid efforts through the months. God is aware of the extra sacrifice and dedication you have given for His Work and is well pleased.

Women raise money for Work

HOUSTON, Tex. — Ladies in the Houston, Tex., churches recently held bake and art sales at three shopping centers in the area as a special fund-raising campaign to send money to the brethren in the Philippines.

"This is something done when there is a special need," stated Mrs. Glenda Machin, a member in the area. A similar sale was held a few years ago when there was a financial crisis in the Work.

The sales, organized by Mrs. Gary Barron, a former commercial artist, were held over a period of three weeks in various sections of Houston so more ladies could participate.

According to Mrs. Machin, the proceeds have not been totaled, but the first sale brought in "well over \$100."

there, how he got interested in the truth (he first heard Mr. Armstrong on the radio in the late '30s; then a fellow prisoner reintroduced him to the truth in 1968), and it was obvious to see that he sincerely was sorry for the crime he had committed and now wanted to live according to God's laws.

On subsequent visits, we answered his many questions about church doctrines and baptism. There was no doubt about it, Jack was ready for baptism.

But would it be possible to baptize him while in prison?

Other prisoners could be sprinkled into a Protestant church by the prison chaplain, but would one of God's ministers be allowed to immerse him completely into a tank of water inside the prison walls?

We wrote a letter to the prison chaplain explaining the situation, asking him to take into consideration Mr. Walker's extreme sincerity and the importance of the matter.

Thankfully, the chaplain wrote back saying Jack could be baptized the very next Sabbath! This was extremely encouraging for us all and certainly an answer to prayer.

That Sabbath the chaplain helped out tremendously as he made all the necessary arrangements for the baptism.

Jack was baptized in an old bathtub (filled with cold water, much to his surprise) located in the laundry room of the psychiatric ward!

So, as strange a situation as it was, God honored this baptism and Jack found himself overjoyed with the thought of having the heavy burden of his earthly crime and sins forgiven.

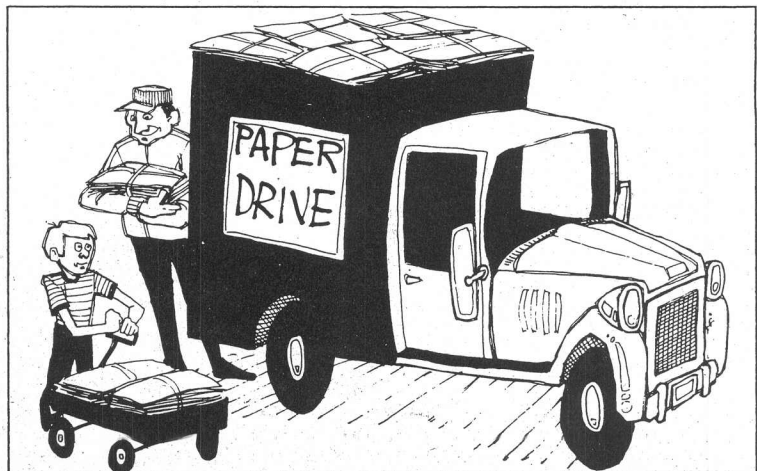
Jack realized, of course, he was still a ward of the state and as such would continue serving his prison term for years to come.

He has mentioned, though, there is the possibility his sentence could be reduced, and in a year or two he could be released.

We certainly pray this will be the case.

Before leaving the prison, we

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Executive interview

Pioneer student outlines his life since arrival at Ambassador

by DAVID SILCOX

BRICKET WOOD — In the 25 years since Ambassador College was founded in 1947, there have been many dramatic and startling changes.

The pioneer students of the first three or four years of Ambassador College have been privileged to see the college and Work grow from the tiniest of beginnings to the worldwide, vibrant organization of today.

One of those early pioneers was Dr. Roderick C. Meredith, who was recently appointed dep-

Meredith worked on a farm in Kansas and then on a harvest crew in Oklahoma.

It was after returning from one of these summer jobs that one of his best friends was killed in a tragic wrestling accident.

This incident, together with what he had already heard on the broadcast, really made him ask questions about life and the purpose for living.

So in the fall of 1949 Dr. Meredith entered Ambassador College and became a member of a student body that comprised

representative.

The next summer Dr. Meredith, this time with Mr. Burk McNair, conducted another nationwide tour, even going into Canada.

After graduation, what were Dr. Meredith's first responsibilities?

"I began for a period of about one month to visit brethren and prospective members in the San Diego, Calif., area and raised up the San Diego church. This was in September, 1952.

"It was the first church started by an Ambassador College graduate. I'm proud of that distinction.

"Then, following the Feast of Tabernacles that fall, I was sent to Portland, Ore., to pastor the church there. I remained there approximately four months, and in that time I also raised up the Tacoma church in Washington."

On Dec. 20, 1952, Dr. Meredith was ordained as one of the first five ministers in this era of the Church of God. Dr. Herman Hoeh, Mr. Raymond Cole, Mr. Dick Armstrong, Dr. C. Paul Meredith and he were ordained as evangelists.

In February, 1953, Dr. Meredith returned to Pasadena to teach classes and attend graduate school.

"That year I taught Freshman Bible only, together with taking graduate work and helping edit *The Plain Truth*.

"I also helped write and edit *The Good News* magazine and was pastor of the San Diego church."

Dr. Meredith describes the summer of 1954 as "one of the big events of my life."

He came to England with Mr. Dick Armstrong for about four months and helped to read mail that had come in as a result of the broadcast on Radio Luxembourg, and to get ideas about where the office would be and how the British Work could be handled.

Mr. Dick Armstrong and Dr. Meredith also participated as ushers and counselors for the



THE MEREDITHS — Pictured above is Dr. Meredith, seated with his wife and daughter Rebecca, 5. Standing behind them, left to right, are Jimmy, 12, Elizabeth, 16, and Michael, 15. [Photo by Kerry Gubb]

uty chancellor of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood.

Dr. Meredith and his family are no strangers either to Ambassador College or the Churches of God in Great Britain. He was responsible for raising up many of the churches in the British Isles, and in 1960 he helped in the opening of the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College.

Recently Dr. Meredith took time from his busy schedule to grant a special interview to *The Worldwide News* in which he outlined his personal life and responsibilities since becoming a student at Ambassador College.

Dr. Meredith, the eldest of three children, was born in Joplin, Mo., in 1930, and lived there for the first 19 years of his life. This included his high-school days and one year of junior college.

He first heard *The World Tomorrow* broadcast during the winter of 1944 and 1945 on XEG, one of the large Mexican radio stations.

He remembers his uncle, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, "aroused my interest in the broadcast, and we used to hear it in his apartment over my grandmother's garage."

During summer vacation, Dr.

12 people — 11 men and one girl.

What were some of the work opportunities in the early years of the college?

"I worked on the buildings and grounds mainly. We even did lumberjack work, felling trees and sawing timber in the lower grounds at the original library building and student dormitory, Mayfair.

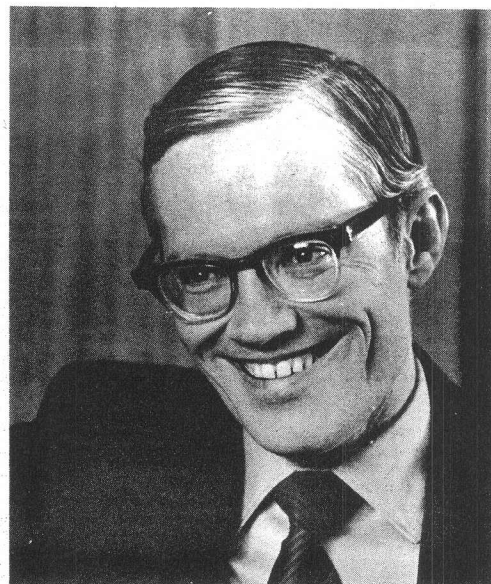
"Other jobs included working on roads and sanding off old paint and generally making the campus more beautiful.

"During the first summer I went to the state of Oregon and worked as a lumberjack, felling and bucking timber. I had the opportunity to get to know, and even work for briefly, some of the men mentioned in Mr. Armstrong's autobiography.

"I also attended some of the Sardis meetings up there, to see what the Sardis church was like."

In the summer of 1951, Dr. Meredith, together with Mr. Raymond McNair, conducted a 10½-week nationwide baptizing tour.

They visited and baptized radio listeners who had written in, asking to be seen by a college



NEW DEPUTY CHANCELLOR — Dr. Roderick Meredith, new deputy chancellor in Bricket Wood, flashes a warm smile in a recent interview. [Photo by Kerry Gubb]

one-night campaign meetings held by Mr. Herbert Armstrong in Belfast, London, Glasgow and Manchester.

Back in Pasadena, he began dating a college student named Margie McNair (Mr. Raymond McNair's sister), and in the fall of 1955 they were married.

In the summer of 1956 Mr. Meredith helped Mr. Dick Armstrong in conducting a small evangelistic campaign for magazine readers and radio listeners in Fresno, Calif., and then a few weeks later came to England to pastor the London church.

He stayed in England seven months, during which time he conducted some small evangelistic campaigns in London and then returned to Pasadena.

It was while they were in London that the Merediths' first child, Elizabeth, was born.

In Pasadena Dr. Meredith resumed his teaching and editorial work for *The Plain Truth*, as well as conducting an evangelistic campaign in San Antonio, Tex.

The Merediths' second child, Michael, was born in 1958.

In 1960 Dr. Meredith again

returned to Britain, for a further seven months, during which time he conducted evangelistic meetings for radio listeners in Bristol, Birmingham and Manchester and raised up the three churches in those cities.

In the autumn of 1960 Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, opened its doors for the first time.

In that initial semester Dr. Meredith taught Church History, Epistles of Paul, and Advanced Public Speaking.

In November of that year Jimmy, the Merediths' second son, was born.

In December, 1960, together with Mr. Raymond McNair, Dr. Meredith conducted the first-ever baptizing tour to Africa, where they baptized 24 people in Rhodesia and South Africa.

On Jan. 4, 1961, Dr. Meredith returned to Pasadena. Soon he was appointed to another major post in the Work, that of superintendent of the field ministry in the United States.

This responsibility involved many trips to church areas throughout the United States, as well as meetings, discussions and, since Dr. Meredith was a vice president, policy decisions of the Church and college.

He held this position until the summer of 1972, when he was appointed as deputy chancellor in Pasadena.

Then Dr. Meredith received the news of his appointment as deputy chancellor in Bricket Wood and after a short preview visit in March arrived with his family to take up this new appointment on Tuesday, April 3, 1973.

What does Dr. Meredith see as the most important aspect of his job as deputy chancellor in Bricket Wood?

"To continue building the unity and sense of dedication fostered by Mr. McNair during his tenure as deputy chancellor and to spur the academic excellence of the college in preparing students for the Work as new opportunities in the total Work unfold."



RECOUNTING PAST EXPERIENCES — Gesturing to make his point clear, Dr. Meredith explains his background and life in the Church of God. [Photo by Kerry Gubb]

Canada releases campaign reports from Toronto

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The following is an update on the aftermath of the campaign held by Mr. Ron Dart in Toronto April 21 and 22.

As of May 7, there have been 26 calls from those who attended, plus two letters. Most were interested in the Work and in coming to the follow-up study.

Thirteen showed up for the first one, which was combined with our regular one, so many brethren were there as well.

Several new prospective members recently visited said they would have come to the campaigns had they known about it in advance and if it had not been on a holiday weekend.

Five or six new people attended the Sabbath services. Some were reluctant to give their names to us, so we don't know for sure how many came from the campaign or from the ad in the newspaper.

We placed business cards of Mr. Harry Walker and Mr. Gary Antion in the hands of approximately 1,500 new people. This was done through having our cards stapled into the programs.

This means they have access to us when they choose, so calls will probably trickle in for some time in the future.

The following letters were received as a result of the campaign:

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you how much I appreciated the invitation to see Mr. Ronald L. Dart at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel on the 21st and 22nd of April.

I was very pleased to meet the Church of God people in person. And I enjoyed the stimulating speech on world problems by Mr. Dart.

This also gave me the opportunity to meet people of similar interest here. And should the need arise to use the services offered here, I have no excuse.

F.E. Hamilton
Toronto, Ontario

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

... I must tell you about Mr. Ronald Dart's visit to Toronto and what happened to me.

I was astonished to see all those people at the meeting who had come from far and wide to hear Mr. Dart speak. I always felt so alone, thinking you only sent out literature, such as *The Plain Truth*, but now I've managed to locate your church here in Toronto and will also attend Bible-study sessions to help me fully understand to read my Bible.

Suddenly life is much more meaningful, and I feel I am going to make a lot of friends who share my religious beliefs.

Mr. Dart was an excellent speaker and I feel sure that if there were any nonbelievers in his audience he has really given them something to think about.

Marie T. Green
Scarborough, Ontario

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

... On Sunday, April 22, I attended the public rally at the Four Seasons Sheraton Hotel featuring Mr. Ronald Dart.

I found his lecture well done and telling like it is in the world without using any gimmicks.

I have attended various "evangelistic crusades" in the past, but I must say that Mr. Ronald Dart's lecture is the best I ever heard.

Willem Leegsma
Malton, Ontario



BACK FROM OVERSEAS — Mr. Dibar Apartian, head of the French Department, is shown above after recently returning from a visit to the French-speaking churches during the Days of Unleavened Bread. [Photo by Art Allender]

French Department director reports progress overseas

by MARC A. FLYNN

PASADENA — Mr. Dibar Apartian, director of the French Department, recently returned to Pasadena after he spent the Feast of Unleavened Bread overseas.

He brought good news of progress in the French churches and the French Work with him.

The first half of the Feast he spent in Geneva, where 107 brethren attended services on the first Holy Day.

It was the first time the Passover was observed in five French-speaking cities: Geneva, Montreal, Brussels, Fort-de-France and Paris.

During his stay at Geneva, Mr. Apartian went to Praz-sur-Arly, the site of the French Feast of Tabernacles, nestled cozily in the French Alps.

While there, he made the necessary arrangements for the 1973 French Feast, which an estimated 650 will attend.

In 1972, 60 brethren from Quebec, Canada, attended the Feast in France, but this year the French-speaking people in Quebec will have their own Feast site, where approximately 250 persons will attend.

While Mr. Apartian was in Geneva, he decided that Mr.

Colin Wilkins, manager of the Geneva office, would return to Pasadena in August for a year to take classes and work more closely with Mr. Apartian.

In his absence, Mr. Bernard Andrist will direct the affairs in the French office.

This shift in manpower will call for the occasional aid of Mr.

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Spanish head finds church in jungles of Guatemala

by MARIO SEIGLIE

PASADENA — After being baked in the scorching sun of the Guatemalan jungle for several days, Dr. Charles V. Dorothy, director of the Spanish Department, emerged glowing like Stanley, the famous African explorer.

For he too had found his Dr. Livingston. In this case it was a congregation of the Church of God, Seventh Day, founded in the late 1920s.

The excursion began when their local minister, Gamaliel Galdamez, asked Dr. Dorothy to assist in the services of the Spring Festival for the 60-member congregation.



JUNGLE EXPERIENCES — Dr. Charles Dorothy, head of the Spanish Department, recently returned from the jungles of Guatemala with glowing reports of the brethren down there. [Photo by Art Allender]

Baptizing prisoner

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wanted to see if there was any way at all for Jack to take the Passover by himself, which was just eight days away.

This presented quite a problem for several reasons.

First, no alcohol is permitted in the prison (not even in minute amounts) and no gifts (including unleavened bread) can be given to the prisoners except during the Christmas season.

So when we asked the chaplain about the Passover, we hoped somehow they would approve Jack taking the Passover by himself, if prison rules allowed it, that is.

His reply astounded us both. He said Jack *could not* take the Passover by himself. But if one of us wanted to come out and take it with him, then that would be fine with the prison and himself!

This really bowled us over as we never expected to be allowed actually to come out and take the full Passover service with him!

But this door was dramatically opened to us, and all the prison guards proved to be very helpful in arranging a private room for us and taking care of the necessary security procedures the evening of the Passover.

It was a tremendously moving experience to be with Jack the

night of the Passover.

We found ourselves in an office room with a guard waiting outside the door (for security reasons) surrounded by thousands of prisoners in countless prison cells.

Yet, even in this type of circumstance, we were able to partake of the Passover in privacy and with much feeling.

Carefully, the tissue paper was removed from the unleavened bread and wine poured from a pill bottle into paper cups. A nearby drinking fountain supplied ample water to fill a wash basin the guards allowed to be taken into the room.

During the service we realized how thankful we could be for what this ceremony pictured, and to understand that someday all those in the prison cells could come to realize the meaning of the Passover for themselves.

Afterwards, Jack couldn't get over the fact that tens of thousands of brethren around the world were observing this same Passover and how he longed to be with them someday, under much better circumstances.

We're certainly praying that proper legal action can be taken soon in order that Jack can be set free, as it is less than ideal, to say the least, to be a Christian while in prison.

Because of his unusual circumstances, Jack deeply realizes that God has opened his mind to the truth and forgiven him of his earthly and spiritual crimes. Jack now looks very thankfully to his future in the Work and in the Millennium.

What an encouragement for those of us who are really free on this earth to see this man's very optimistic and positive attitude in spite of his seemingly difficult situation.

Yet, how many of us would tend to get discouraged if faced with his problems?

For instance, he has no privacy during the day, and if he is going to pray on his knees, he must wait until "lights out" to do so.

Also, could you and I face the future and continue to grow, knowing that it might be years before we set foot outside the prison walls as a free man?

Yet, he must continue to keep his record spotless if he is to have parole possibilities in the future.

This means living an orderly, disciplined and productive life, day after day after day.

So Jack now finds himself a Christian behind prison bars. Instead of focusing on his plight and problems, though, he continually counts his blessings (of being a begotten son of God, of having good health, of realizing that thousands around the world are paving the way for Christ's return, and of contributing his part in the Work).

He just doesn't let his difficulties blind him of his God-given blessings.

Jack has been a definite inspiration to those of us in the Detroit churches, and his life has made us realize even more that God can call anyone on this earth, no matter where he is or what his circumstances may be.

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Satellite-tracking station earns recognition

English-campus facilities highlighted in local paper

by CHARLES OWEN

BRICKET WOOD — From national magazines and newspapers to internationally recognized encyclopedias, Ambassador College's satellite station on our Bricket Wood campus is regularly in the public eye.

Recently it was featured in a double-page center spread in the leading county newspaper, the *Herts Advertiser*.

So favorable and encouraging is the publicity the station is bringing the college in Britain that we thought it well worthwhile reprinting in *The Worldwide News* articles from the two-page spread from the *Herts Advertiser*.

Apart from unsolicited publicity, the college also gains the weekly credits of several British newspapers which receive our free Satellite Picture Service, and our satellite pictures have been credited in three textbooks on geography and weather, including the *Children's Encyclopaedia Britannica* (Volume 11).

Articles on the station in various magazines have brought many inquiries about our techniques from as far afield as Australia, Malaysia, Switzerland and the United States.

Leading colleges and universities have received free pictures and technical advice upon request.

Telephone inquiries from insurance agencies, the police, travel agents and even solicitors are received from time to time —

all seeking our help when the weather has a direct bearing on their activities.

The college station has been featured on British television and, strange as it may seem, for two successive summers has had its pictures and forecasts transmitted to Milan, Italy, from the offices of the *London Times* to be published in a leading Italian magazine, *L'Europeo*. (Any mistakes in the forecast must surely have been due to translation error!)

The most recent chapter in the success story is that the college has developed a simple but effective picture receiver for the latest type of weather satellite.

This receiver puts the college station ahead in the satellite-picture world and has prompted two leading firms to solicit the help of the college in developing the system. This explains the main headline of the features reprinted here from the *Herts Advertiser*.

But why do we have a satellite station at Ambassador College in the first place? How did it all start and why has it been so successful?

The seed was sown in the spring of 1967 when Dr. Ernest Martin and Mr. John Portune visited a world congress on weather held in Geneva and saw a commercial satellite station in operation.

Dr. Martin, with his keen interest in meteorology, found the pictures from space fascinating



and saw their advantages as a teaching tool for his meteorology class at Bricket Wood. Mr. Portune, with his background in electronics, saw that the basic principles were simple and straightforward.

Several months later, and after only a couple of setbacks, a police-car radio was converted to receive the satellite signals.

A few more weeks of consistent work saw the completion of the station and the start of a snowball of interest.

First the local newspaper, the *Herts Advertiser*, used the satellite pictures, then one newspaper after another caught on until the pictures were featured in several publications with a total circula-

AT THE CONTROLS — Sitting at a bank of the ham radio equipment in the satellite laboratory, Mr. Charles Owen chats with a ham in sun-drenched Australia. Because of the effectiveness of the college's satellite station, the weather reports compiled are used by many local sources, such as the police, newspapers and magazines. [Photo courtesy *Herts Advertiser*]

tion of over 1.5 million.

After the initial newspaper publicity, magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, television and film studios followed in the quest for weather pictures.

Perhaps the most-often-asked question about our station is why have we been so successful? Why are we the only ones to publish weekly satellite pictures in the British national press?

Others certainly have much more technical ability. But the answer does not necessarily lie in

technical ability alone, rather in the application of certain principles which pay off in every sphere of life.

For instance, once the project was embarked upon we tried to do it well and to the best of our ability in spite of difficulties and initial setbacks.

This attitude maintained our interest and has kept us in the fore of the satellite world.

Consideration for the general public led us to put a map outline on the satellite picture, and this brings it to life. Without this outline the pictures mean little or nothing to the layman because much of the land is often obscured by cloud cover.

Also, the Ambassador College concept of giving and serving resulted in our providing a free, reliable public service which several editors have appreciated. This type of service is difficult to compete with and it has paid off because we have already been given equipment worth thousands of pounds.

So since its humble beginnings, the satellite station has gone from success to success, and the beneficial publicity it has brought all three campuses of the college more than repays the time, effort and finance put into developing it. It has proved to be one more very worthwhile project embarked upon by the college.

DIPLOMATS VIEW FACILITIES — Some of the world's top diplomats, who tour the campus with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, have shown great interest in the college's satellite station. Don Chandonnet gives a simple rundown on the equipment and its function to (left to right) Nasser Nashashibi, Egyptian diplomat; Kameleddin Rifaat, Egypt's ambassador to the United Kingdom; Mr. Armstrong; and Adli Muhtadi, college staff member. [Ambassador College photo]



From the Herts Advertiser

Ambassador College uses satellite-tracking station

by THE HERTS ADVERTISER
BRICKET WOOD — Earthgazing takes up a lot of time at a college near St. Albans, where you'd think all eyes would be trained the opposite way. Ambassador College, a sprawling and lavishly equipped annex of an American liberal-arts institution built on 200 tree-lined acres in Bricket Wood, is financed by "the Church of God."

Tucked away behind plush dormitories that are home for 250 students for four years at a

time is a sophisticated and highly developed satellite-tracking station.

Lecturers and a handful of students have developed the station, complete with satellite-tracking aeriels, until it is not out of the ordinary for experts from international industry to ask them for advice.

This week we look at part of the little-known college that is behind the worldwide distribution of the religious magazine *The Plain Truth*.

Campus do-it-yourself station provides weather reports

by THE HERTS ADVERTISER
BRICKET WOOD — Charles Owen's office has a satellite-tracking station in one corner. He made it three years ago out of bits he got from here and there.

It's so good that experts from international research units come and ask him for advice. Which is quite pleasing for the man who started off in weather satellite tracking with an old police radio.

Owen's home-made station and his research into meteorology take up much of his time in Ambassador College. Bricket Wood, where he lectures in physical science.

Charles Owen is a Glasgow University graduate. He says he joined Ambassador because he felt his education was not rounded enough.

When he graduated in 1970 he stayed on and took over the satellite-station part of the college.

What started out as a classroom project now commands respect from the biggest satellite trackers, and the results are fed to newspapers and authorities throughout the world.

Every day, Owen and his team of young technicians — Canadians Don Chandonnet and Leo Van Pelt — beam in on one of the "public" satellites sent up by American and Russian scientists.

Don Chandonnet is 22 and was a TV repairman in California before he joined the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College three years ago.

In his second year he transferred to Bricket Wood, where he will be graduating this June.

Leo Van Pelt is 21. He comes from Toronto, Canada, and has spent three years at the Bricket Wood campus.

"I love it here," he said.

He says he would like to get a job in management after graduating in June, 1974.

The tiny tracking station's giant aerial swings round and locks on the satellite as it warbles through the sky 900 miles up.

Back come black-and-white snaps of the weather around St. Albans — roughly 1,700 miles around St. Albans, taking in

Norway and a large chunk of southern Europe and northern Africa.

The results are so good that newspapers all over the country regularly print the pictures of the weather untouched.

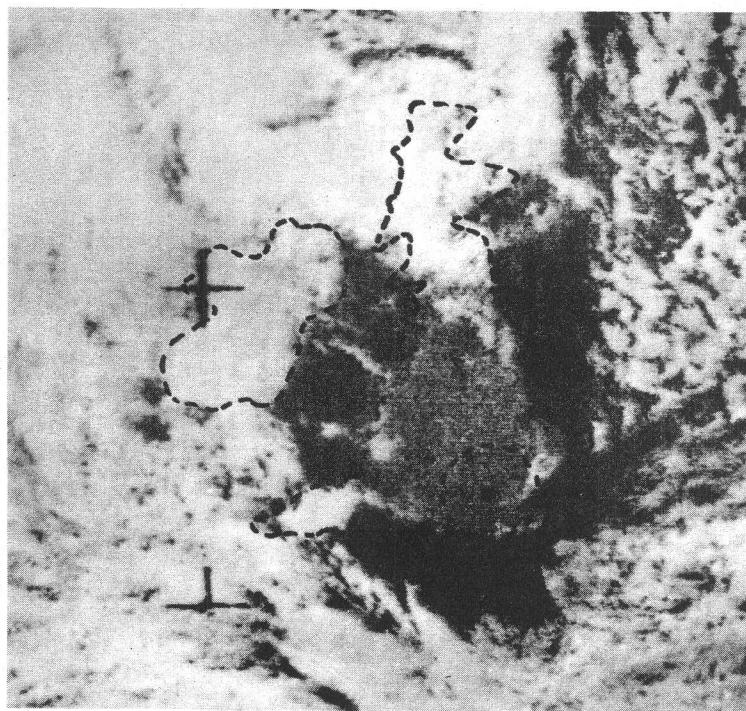
The first-ever publication of an Ambassador College weather report appeared in the *Herts Advertiser* on July 17, 1969.

Now the *Guardian* devotes space each week to the aerial photos, and yachtsmen depend on the ones published in *Yachting and Boating* magazine to plan their weekend out.

With the introduction of new supersatellites to replace the fast-fading old ones, techniques are having to be revolutionized.

Mr. Owen, Don and Leo have been spending late nights working on the new system, and their progress has been so great that representatives of two of Britain's leading electronics combines have been in consultation with them.

Yet the tracking setup is still unbelievably simple, right down to the modified police-radio receiver used for deciphering the radio waves into aerial pictures.



BRICKET WOOD FROM THE AIR — This aerial picture, taken by a satellite from approximately 900 miles in the air, was received by the giant aerial of Bricket Wood's tracking station and sent back to Ambassador College's receiver. These black-and-white snaps of the weather nearly 1,700 miles around St. Albans, England, are useful to local newspapers. To the north are the Highlands of Scotland, where the clouds are beginning to sweep thickly across from coast to coast. [Ambassador College photo]

Satellite trackers help to prevent burglar suspect from going to jail

by THE HERTS ADVERTISER
BRICKET WOOD — "The moon may mean the difference between my client going free and going to jail," explained the desperate solicitor on the telephone to Charles Owen. "Can you help?"

What's the moon got to do with going to jail?

"He maintained that the burglaries that his client was accused of doing would be impossible without moonlight since

they were done in an area he didn't know well and where the street lights went off at night," said Mr. Owen.

Gave Evidence

"We gave evidence of whether the nights involved were light or not. I never did hear how his client got on."

Satellite tracking and weather watching aren't the only jobs they do down at the Ambassador setup.

All sorts of people ring up to find out whether Christmas will be white, or whether Sunday will be sunny, or whether wash-day will be windy.

Mr. Owen said, "In the past the police have rung up to find out our predictions on the weather — for road warnings, I think.

"That's the whole point of our work. Unlike many satellite monitors that are just for the benefit of a few scientists, our findings go right out to the public. That's what the satellites were sent up for in the first place.

Infrared Solutions

Darkness doesn't pose any problems for the Ambassador College weathermen since they went infrared.

The new infrared pictures that satellites orbiting the earth bounce down to the little station "see" cloud coverage by night.

The infrared cameras in the latest satellites are able to "see" heat and cold. Cloud cover around the globe shows up "cold," whereas clear areas of the earth's surface show up "warm."

The satellite's cameras pick up these differences in temperature, and the college's Mufax facsimile machine, which prints out the photographs, has been modified to receive the infrared transmissions.

Bits that are cold — sea, rivers, clouds and cool areas of land — show up as being light. Other parts that are warm, including hot parts of Europe, show as dark pieces.



CHECKING THE SENSORS — Four Ambassador College students watch as Mr. Charles Owen, physical-science faculty, checks one of the open-air sensors that help to forecast the weather. Starting from scratch, the idea began after the head of the Ambassador Science Department visited an international conference on weather that was held in Switzerland in 1967. Beginning as a class project, the Ambassador tracking station now rates loftily in the opinions of leading meteorological authorities. [Photo courtesy Herts Advertiser]

52 graduates receive field assignments

Toward the end of every school year at Ambassador College, one of the more anticipated events is the announcement of which men will be sent to the field as ministerial trainees.

After anywhere from 16 to 20 years of schooling, these gradu-

ating seniors must take their place of service in society and put into living effect the culmination of their education, especially the theological training received at Ambassador.

This year 52 graduates from the three campuses, in Pasadena,

Bricket Wood and Big Sandy, are being sent all around the world, from Africa to Australia and from Europe to North America.

Along with commencement and assignments comes, for many, engagements and marriages in the weeks and months

following graduation.

Since young people are not generally encouraged to marry while pursuing their education at Ambassador, many of the ministerial trainees will be either newlyweds or engaged to be married when arriving in their assigned

church areas.

Following is a list of 19 ministerial trainees and their wives or fiancées from Pasadena and Big Sandy.

The Bricket Wood assignments were listed in the May (See TRAINEES, page 11).



CRAIG BACHELLER, LINDA WILSON
PITTSBURGH, PA.



FRED BAILEY, DIANE YOH0
OAKLAND, CALIF.



TOM ECKER, SUSAN REEL
TORONTO, ONTARIO



MR. AND MRS. DAVE FIELDER
TOPEKA, KAN.



KEN FRANK, COLLEEN MATTHEWS
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



ARNOLD HAMPTON, WILMA MOORE
BALTIMORE, MD.



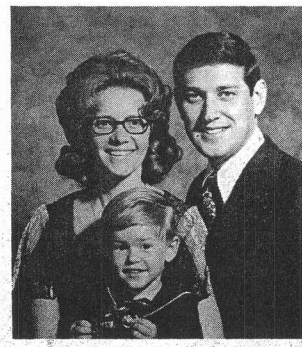
DOUG JOHNSON, JANEL KAPITY
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



GREG JOHNSON, KATHY KRAUTER
EDMONTON, ALBERTA



MIKE KNEEBONE, SAJONNA WARFEL
PRINCE ALBERT, SASKATCHEWAN



PHILIP KNIGHT AND FAMILY
WASHINGTON, D.C.



CECIL MARANVILLE AND FAMILY
OTTAWA, ONTARIO



DARRIS McNEELY, DEBRA DETWILE
CHARLOTTE, N.C.



JOE TKACH, JILL HOCKWALD
FORT WAYNE, IND.



BRISCOE ELLETT, DONNA REECK
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.



KEN GIESE, KATHY PRUNTY
ATLANTA, GA.



LARRY GREIDER, BONNIE SMITH
TORONTO, ONTARIO

JIM SERVIDIO, JUDY BISHOP
EUGENE, ORE.NORM STRAYER, KAY O'BEIRN
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIALARRY VAN ZANT, KATHY ENGEL
HAMILTON, ONTARIOMR. AND MRS. WILL WOOSTER
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

French

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Etienne Bourdin and Mr. Bernard Audion from Paris, of Mr. Jean Aviolat from Switzerland, and perhaps of ministers from Bricket Wood to fulfill the needs of the churches at Geneva (weekly services), Lyons (monthly services) and Brussels (bimonthly services).

The second half of the Feast of Unleavened Bread was spent in the Paris Region. On Sabbath, April 21, 1973, Mr. Apartian ordained Mr. Audoin as local elder and Philippe Sandron as deacon.

There were 244 in attendance on the last Holy Day, when Mr. Apartian spoke.

April 24, the Tuesday morning after the Feast, found Mr. Apartian in the air on his way to Canada.

In Montreal, he decided on the Quebec Feast site with Mr. Cam Catherwood, local pastor.

During discussions on advertising for French publications, Mr. Apartian learned that newsstand distribution of *La Pure Vérité* in Montreal had brought in excellent results and that if present success trends continue, the list of subscribers to *La Pure Vérité* should reach 100,000 for Quebec alone within a year or two.

On Wednesday, April 25, Mr. Apartian conducted a Bible study for 172 French-speaking brethren in Montreal.

In Montreal, there are two services every Sabbath; the French-speaking brethren meet in the morning and the English-speaking brethren in the afternoon.

Presently working in French Canada as ministers are Mr. Cam Catherwood and Mr. Keith Brittain, with Sam Kneller and Gus Ragland working as ministerial assistants.

Friday, April 27, found Mr. Apartian in Fort-de-France, Martinique. That Sabbath, an enthusiastic group of 166 brethren

met for services, both in the morning and afternoon, and for Bible study after services.

Radio is helping us become more and more well known in Martinique. Since most of the population (which is Catholic) listens to the radio on Sunday mornings, it is hoped that Mr. Apartian's broadcast, *Le Monde à Venir*, will be aired on Radio Martinique at this time.

Overall, the French Work is progressing well. The Work in Martinique is becoming self-supporting, and the same holds true for the French Work as a whole. Except for radio and publication costs, it is completely self-supporting.

Spanish

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which the villagers had poured in express anticipation of their coming.

At the end of their stay, which lasted nearly a week, Dr. Dorothy, impressed with the humility expressed by the people, felt that these are, or soon will be, our people. It appears that we have a second church in Central America.

After a warm farewell, they left the destitute village, headed for a three-day visit to San Salvador, the capital of El Salvador.

In contrast with the church in La Maquina, the congregation there of 10 members and 15 prospectives meets in the posh presidential suite of a fine downtown hotel.

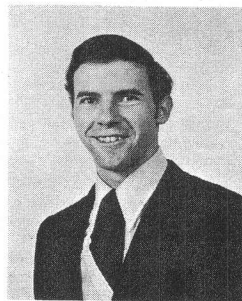
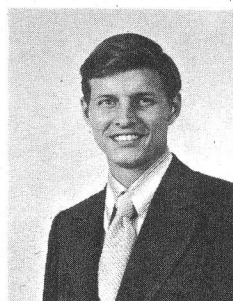
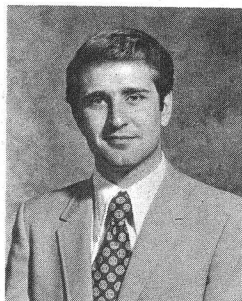
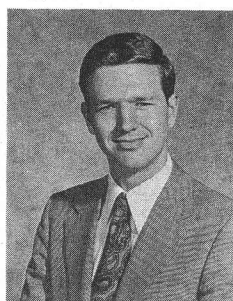
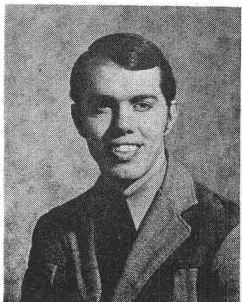
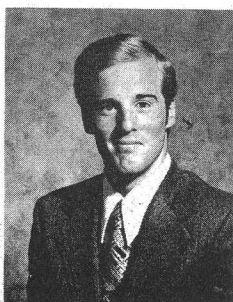
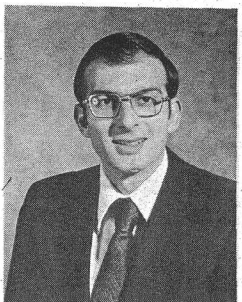
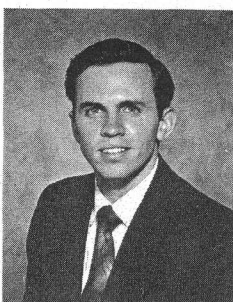
Mr. Enrique Ruiz first visited it two years ago as another Church of God, Seventh Day, and found the people anxious to follow the teachings of the Worldwide Church of God.

He continued communicating with them, eventually baptizing some.

As a result of Dr. Dorothy's visit, 10 new prospectives were added to the church.

He commented that this group was further developed than the one in La Maquina in that they had more baptized members, longer contact with the regional church in Mexico City and headquarters, and the fact that God is calling middle-class people through *La Pura Verdad* (the Spanish edition of *The Plain Truth*).

Arriving at last in Pasadena on April 24, Dr. Dorothy began to recuperate from the arduous trip, but he feels that this is not the last time he will see the varied cultures of Central America.

RANDY STIDHAM
SPRINGFIELD, MO.DAVE TREYBIG
CLEVELAND, OHIORANDY DICK
CHICAGO, ILL.DAN HALL
SAN MARINO, CALIF.LARRY HOLBROOKS
CINCINNATI, OHIOPAUL KIEFFER
DUESSELDORF, GERMANYJOHN MOSKEL
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.BOB SCOTT
PARIS, FRANCE

Trainees

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edition of *The Worldwide News*.

From Pasadena are Craig Bacheller and Linda Wilson, Fred Bailey and Diane Yoho, Randy Dick and Suzie Wilson, Tom Ecker and Susan Reel, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Fielder, Ken Frank and Colleen Matthews, Dan Hall, Arnold Hampton and Wilma Moore, Larry Holbrooks, Doug Johnson and Janel Kapity, Greg Johnson and Kathy Krauter, Paul Kieffer, Mike Kneebone and Sajonna Warfel, Philip Knight and family, Cecil Maranville and family, Darris McNeely and Debora Detwiler, John Moskel, Bob Scott, Joe Tkach, Jr., and Jill Hockwald.

From Big Sandy are Briscoe Ellett and Donna Reeck, Ken Giese and Kathy Prunty, Larry Greider and Bonnie Smith, Jim Servidio and Judy Bishop, Randy Stidham, Norm Strayer and Kay O'Beirn, Dave Treybig, Larry Van Zant and Kathy Engel, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wooster.

Not pictured but scheduled for field assignments are Jim Peoples to Halifax, Nova Scotia, Pat Glynn and Kamie Zimmerman to Kitchener, Ontario, Mike Boozie and Susan Johnson to Houston, Tex., and Terry Mattson and Jeannette Nordstrom to Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Japanese cars pass U.S. tests

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Two Japanese auto manufacturers told the government their cars can meet 1975 U.S. pollution standards — which U.S. manufacturers claim cannot be done with American cars.

Spokesmen for Japan's Honda Motor Co. and the manufacturers of the Mazda rotary-engine automobile made the announcement Monday, March 19, at hearings held by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

EPA had ordered auto makers to reduce carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions by 90 percent of 1970 levels. General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and American Motors claim they cannot do it.

Robert Smoot, a spokesman for Honda, said that company's system of heat recirculation to reduce pollution "can be mass produced by any automobile manufacturer."

Americans deny this, saying it won't work on their big cars.

Now you know

REDLANDS, Calif. (UPI) — When Kenneth Agerskov rode his motorcycle into a pothole on a deserted mountain trail and broke his leg, help was close at hand — his son, Greg.

Greg put a splint on his father's leg, built a fire and walked four miles to report his father's plight to a forest ranger, according to Agerskov.

Greg is six years old.

Barbados— hub of Caribbean Work and island Festival site

by JOHN ROBINSON

Before 1971, Barbados was little more to me than a tiny speck of ink on a map of the world. I knew we had a church there, that most of the members were black and that they spoke English — but that was about all I knew.

When I heard in late summer of that year that I would be joining Mr. Clarence Bass, the local minister on the island, in conducting the Feast of Tabernacles there, I was ecstatic. My wife Alice and I felt it was an opportunity of a lifetime.

Alice, our two-month-old son and I (we left our daughter, who is older, in the States) touched down at Barbados' Seawall Airport about 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 3. There to meet us was Mr. Bass.

As he ushered us over to his Toyota with its steering wheel on the right side and proceeded to drive us down the "wrong" side of the road, we knew we were in Barbados!

Mr. Bass drove us to our hotel, and as we wound our way through the acres of sugarcane we got our first look at the easternmost West Indian island. It was beautiful.

The Island

In fact, one of the best descriptions of the island I came across was in, of all places, the telephone directory. It may sound a little commercial, but it is quite accurate. Let me quote from it:

"For its relatively small size [21 miles long and 14 miles wide] Barbados offers infinite scenic variety. Rolling hills covered with lush, green fields of sugarcane and dotted with gracious old plantation houses, cottages, peaceful towns and villages are spanned by a tidy 600-mile network of roads.

"Along fashionable St. James Coast stretches the incredible blue expanse of the Caribbean with its gently rising swells and balmy temperatures day and night.

"Lovely white-sand beaches along the eastern, windward shores spread before a bracing surf of the Atlantic . . .

"There's sun, rum, calypso beat, a quaint British atmosphere, hospitable people, historical sites and picturesque scenery."

On the way to the hotel Mr. Bass took us by the Festival site, which is located on the windward (east) side of the island.

Services were to be held at the Crane Beach Hotel, which is on a solid-rock bluff rising abruptly out of a narrow band of pearly white beach.

A few hundred yards to sea, gentle breakers trip over a coral reef, sending breathtakingly beautiful turquoise water to lap at the snowy sands.

That evening we returned to greet 400 brethren from 16 dif-

ferent countries. Approximately one half of the brethren were from Barbados and most of the remainder were from nearby islands.

However, we did have one lady from England, a man from Canada, several from South America and a number from the United States.

Those from South America and Caribbean islands other than Barbados do not have weekly Sabbath services, so for them the Festival provided an extra-special time for drinking in of God's way.

Greatest Feast Yet

That Feast in Barbados was one of the most fantastic Feasts I have ever attended. God really took care of His people during the eight-day period.

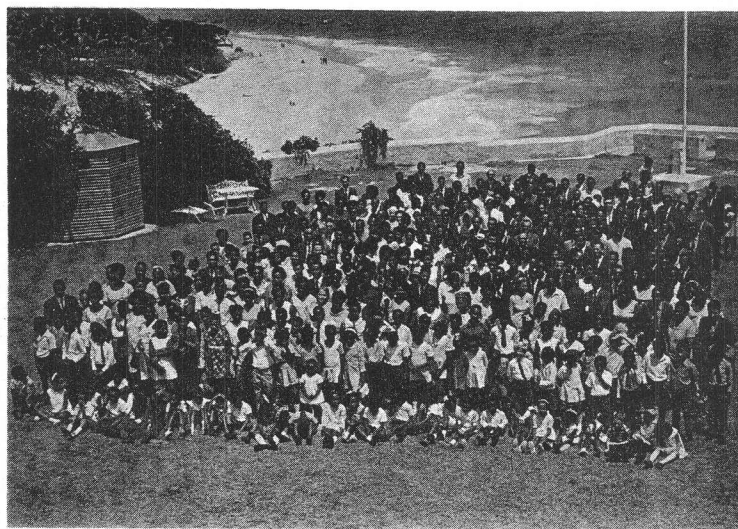
Sunny days and balmy nights prevailed throughout the period. The only hint of bad weather occurred one morning when it stormed a little and a boat ride had to be postponed.

Otherwise, the weather was perfect.

To my knowledge, we had no undue sickness and not a single accident to mar the Festival.

Services were scheduled in the same manner as in the United States — morning services every day and afternoon meetings on the Sabbaths.

On the free afternoons the



GROUP SHOT — Brethren who attended the 1971 Barbados Feast site pose here for a group shot. The meeting hall for services was immediately to the left. Note the pearly sand and palms in the background. [Photo by John Robinson]

brethren had ample opportunity to go on a bus tour of the island, go horseback riding, take a boat cruise or just soak up the sun.

Thursday evening we had "Family Night," which featured an excellent array of talent made up of representatives from all over the islands.

Then, Friday afternoon during the Feast (after the aforementioned postponement), about 75 of us climbed aboard the *Jolly Roger* for a two-hour cruise around the leeward side of Barbados.

But the most rewarding part of the Festival for Alice and me was getting to know the brethren.

God's people in the Caribbean area are as warm and responsive a group as you will ever encounter. They are most hospitable and exhibit an attitude of real service.

It was a very moving and inspirational privilege to be able to serve them during the Feast. In some ways I think they possess more of a certain spark of zeal than do most of our congregations in the continental U.S.A.

Alice and I left Barbados for the United States with many rich and inspirational memories of a people filled with God's spirit and exceedingly desirous of serving Him in any way they could.

Little did we know that within six months after our departure from the tiny island that Mr. Bass and the brethren would go through a great deal of trauma . . .

But first a little bit of history about the Work in Barbados.

History of the Work in Barbados

The church was founded in Barbados in 1968. Mr. Bass later recorded the event. Allow him to tell it in his own words:

"The time was Saturday, Feb. 3, 1968. The occasion was the founding of the Barbados church by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong himself.

"The meeting hall was a time-worn secondary school: the Washington High School, Strathclyde, St. Michael. The floor was clean only because some of the members were so glad to have a church that they had scrubbed it. The walls bore the marks of many a child's perplexity at some math problem long forgotten.

"The lectern was improvised from an upended crate. It seemed as though it would collapse at any moment as Mr. Armstrong leaned forward to make a point to the 111 persons present. Somehow it didn't.

"On that occasion only 10 persons present actually knew the melody to 'O Give Thanks to God,' the first Worldwide Church of God hymn ever sung in Barbados: Mr. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Apartian, five others in

Mr. Armstrong's party, my wife and myself.

"To make matters worse, there was no pianist. Nevertheless, we made a joyful noise."

From the foundations laid in 1968, the Work in Barbados grew steadily. When I was there in the fall of 1971 I was particularly struck with the magnitude and scope of the Work in the Caribbean.

For example, the Barbados church averaged 210 in weekly attendance, with 117 baptized members.

In February of 1968 there had been only 26 baptized members. This is an excellent response when you consider that the island population is only 250,000. Few other parts of the world have such a high ratio of members to population.

And the nearby islands of Trinidad and Tobago had 55 baptized members. A church could have been started in Trinidad at that time had there been a way for someone to pastor it. Mr. Bass wanted to have regular church services, but governmental travel regulations restrict frequent regular business trips into Trinidad from the other islands.

In addition to Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, at that time there were brethren in Antigua (five), Bermuda (24), Dominica (eight), French Guiana (one), Guyana (nine), Jamaica (13), Grenada (10), Puerto Rico (seven), St. Kitts (two), St. Lucia (17), St. Vincent (one) and St. Thomas (two).

(If you are like most people, you may have to look one or two of those places up on a map!)

World's Longest Church Circuit

At that time, Mr. Bass was also conducting three outlying Bible studies — a monthly study on St. Lucia and quarterly studies on Jamaica and Bermuda.

That may sound rather routine at first until you stop to consider Jamaica is 1,200 miles from Barbados, and Bermuda is 1,600 miles from Barbados.

And if that isn't enough, consider Mr. Bass was visiting mem-



"JOLLY ROGER" BOAT RIDE — God's people who attended the Barbados site in 1971 took an afternoon boat ride around the island. Mr. Bass and Mr. Nieto stand together at far right. [Photo by John Robinson]

bers and prospectives all the way from Bermuda to the South American nation of Guyana — a distance of 2,200 miles!

That's like Los Angeles to Chicago. I am sure Mr. Bass must have had the longest circuit of any minister in the Work.

The future of God's Work in the Caribbean seemed so firmly planted as we left the island that I found it shocking when I learned what was happening — just a few months later.

First of all, Mr. Bass' ministerial assistant, Mr. Kingsley Mather, failed to get a renewal on his work permit on the island.

He was forced to leave the island shortly after the Feast of Tabernacles.

Then Mr. Bass' work permit came up for renewal. His renewal was denied as well.

Mr. Bass Tells the Story

Let Mr. Bass narrate again:

"With the denial of my application for the extension of my work permit, the church in Barbados was left without a resident pastor. It was unthinkable that we would not make some kind of effort to serve the people whom God had called in Barbados.

"But frankly we did not know just what we could do about it.

"After a short period of time, during which no meetings were held, it was decided that Mr. Carlos Nieto, one of the two deacons in the church, should conduct Sabbath services.

"I worked with Mr. Nieto via telephone and letter, providing him with guidance and sermon notes.

"I received tape recordings of the services. By these means we



MR. CARLOS NIETO

were able to serve to some extent the spiritual needs of the brethren.

"Mr. Nieto began these meetings from Saturday, June 10, 1972. And until now the church in Barbados meets every other week for Sabbath services.

"It was determined that since Mr. Nieto was not employed by the Church of God that meetings were limited to once every two weeks.

"The terms of my leaving Barbados required that I remain outside of the country for at least one year. I could not even return as a tourist.

"Therefore, we applied for permission for Mr. Abner Washington to go to Barbados and conduct the 1972 Feast of Tabernacles. We fully expected permission to be granted. But it wasn't.

"When we finally discovered Mr. Washington would not be able to come, it was too late to cancel the Feast. There was no way to notify the overseas brethren before they actually left for Barbados.

"Therefore, we decided that Mr. Nieto, assisted by Mr. Lennox Deyalsingh, from Trinidad, would have to speak at the Feast.

"Actually, they were to be the only speakers! They used some notes that I had supplied, their own preparation and much prayer, I am sure, in order to speak to the 360 brethren who kept the Feast in Barbados.

"There was some disappointment at first when it was learned that the brethren would not be able to have a minister come from the United States.

"However, everything worked out all right. Many said later that it was the best Feast they had kept, realizing, perhaps, that it is God who blesses His people at the Feast and that it is to Him we must look.

"It was shortly after this that we learned that we had misunderstood the application of the laws governing ministers and work permits. When we realized that ministers could visit the island and that they were not prohibited from addressing private meetings, Mr. [Ron] Dart decided to ask Mr. Charles Hunting to stop in Barbados when he was traveling to London from Pasadena for the Ministerial Con-

ference.

"There were not many dry eyes in the audience as Mr. Charles Hunting ordained Mr. Nieto to the office of local elder on Jan. 27, 1973. It was an occasion on which I very much wanted to be present, but my 'exile' from Barbados prevented it.

"My wife and I miss our brethren in Barbados very much and we hope to spend the Feast of Pentecost there; my one-year absence will have expired.

"When we left Barbados on Monday, May 15, 1972, we went to Jamaica, where we spent a few days with my wife's parents. "We left Jamaica on May 19 and spent the Sabbath in Miami, and on Sunday flew to Los Angeles in time to keep Pentecost at headquarters.

"We remained in Pasadena to confer with Mr. Dart until after graduation, leaving Pasadena about the middle of June.

"In June we took a combination vacation and drive across the United States to Miami, arriving there on the Fourth of July.

"Miami is now the base from which we visit the islands of the Caribbean, using a system similar to that of the 'circuit preacher.' We visit the various islands to counsel people for baptism. Whenever possible we hold a Bible study, preferably on the Sabbath."

Conclusion

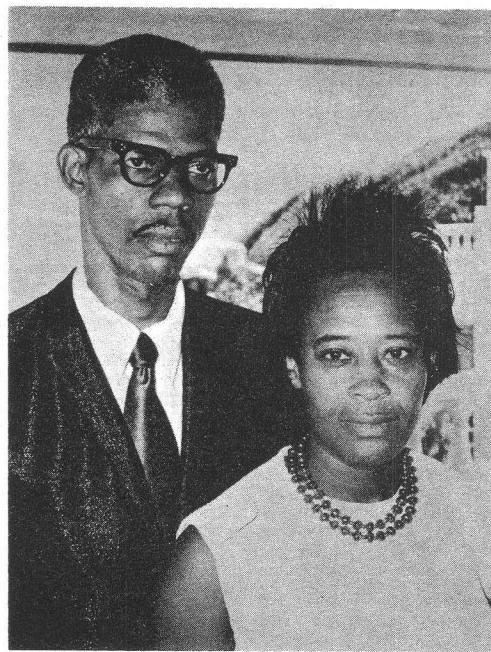
That about brings you up to date on the recent history of God's Work in Barbados. I have been very interested in keeping up with what has been taking place in Barbados since my visit, particularly through my friendship with Mr. Bass.

I think one of the most rewarding aspects of traveling to a faraway place like Barbados, or wherever it might be, is the sense of reality it gives you.

I know in my case, before we went to the islands, even though I read about them, heard people talk about them and had seen pictures of them, in some ways they were very unreal to me.

Now they are very real. When I think of Barbados I associate names and faces, experiences and pleasant memories.

I remember people with smiling faces, easy manners and an



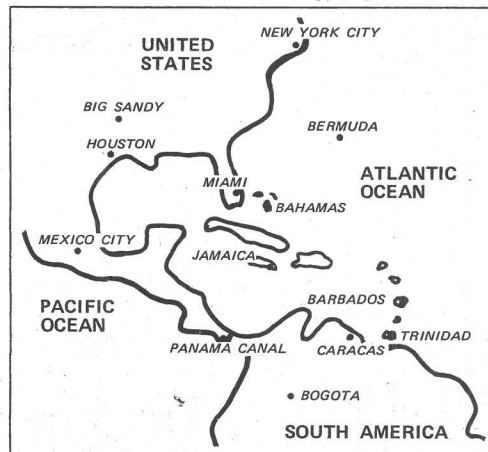
CLARENCE BASSES — Our apologies to Mrs. Bass. The wind always blows on Barbados and a gust just caught her hair! [Photo by John Robinson]

utter absence of bigotry.

My wife and I would probably have to rank our trip to Barbados as one of the greatest highlights of our lives.

But there is more to the Ca-

ribbean than just Barbados and Trinidad. Consequently, Mr. Bass has written an article detailing recent events in the Work in other areas. Be sure to read his accompanying article.



God's Work in Bermuda, Caribbean surveyed

by CLARENCE S. BASS

MIAMI, Fla. — The Bahama Islands have been the location of a Bible study since early 1966.

Until August, 1972, the responsibility for the Nassau, Bahamas, Bible study had been that of the pastor of the South Florida churches (Miami and Fort Lauderdale).

As the Nassau Bible study continued to grow slowly, it became apparent that there should be someone in Nassau to counsel and help the brethren. Therefore, in August, 1972, the Foreign Educational Service assumed responsibility for the Nassau study, and subsequently has been able to employ Mr. Kingsley Mather as a ministerial assistant.

When Mr. Mather's work per-

mit was denied by the Barbados government, he returned to his home in Harbour Island, Bahamas.

Accepting employment by the Worldwide Church of God again, he took up residence in Nassau in December, 1972.

Since that time, the members there have expressed warm enthusiasm for Mr. and Mrs. Mather.

Mr. Mather visits the brethren, makes arrangements for social activities and serves in other ways of encouragement to the members in Nassau.

The time of the Bible study has been shifted to the second Sabbath of each month instead of the second Sunday.

We have about 37 members in the Bahamas, most of whom live

on the island of New Providence, where Nassau is located.

Bermuda sits lonely, like a gem, in the midst of the Atlantic Ocean, about 800 miles due east of Charleston, S.C.

As a British colony it naturally is grouped with the Caribbean islands which are or have been British colonies.

The Work of God has had a presence in Bermuda since December, 1970, when quarterly Bible studies were started. Some members were already baptized before 1970.

But to be baptized, they had gone to New York City or some other American city where we have a church — even as far as London.

When we left Barbados, these studies had to be suspended.

Since then, though, they have been resumed and are now conducted by Mr. Sebrion B. Wesley, from Washington, D.C.

There are more than 30 baptized members on this tiny 22-square-mile island. When compared to its population of about 50,000, that is a very high ratio of members to population.

Jamaica, the largest of the former British West Indies, is about 600 miles south of Miami, Fla., just below Cuba. We go there monthly to conduct a Sabbath Bible study for about 35 to 40 persons, 18 of whom are already baptized.

We do not have the growth in Jamaica that its two million population would indicate.

There are several apparent reasons. Among these reasons is the

fact that we have never had a good time for the broadcast.

First it was 4:45 a.m., and then midnight. Lately, for some reason, the station is now not playing the broadcast at all.

Since last May there have been six persons baptized. Some, who were students at the University of the West Indies, near Kingston, have moved away, further reducing the number of members in Jamaica.

Now there are about four persons waiting to be baptized.

St. Lucia, about 120 miles west of Barbados, perhaps has suffered more as a result of our leaving Barbados than any other island. Whereas there had been a monthly Bible study for about 60 persons, since our departure

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HI-LITES

FROM IMPERIAL SCHOOLS AND TEEN-AGERS AROUND THE WORLD

Summertime vacation months offer many valuable educational events

Editor's note: Mrs. Sedliack graduated in 1955 and was Dr. Roderick Meredith's first secretary. Mr. Sedliack is Good News associate editor and Correspondence Course managing editor.
by MRS. RICHARD SEDLIACK
PASADENA — Vacation's here again! What will I do with my three sons for three whole months?

Their father is away working all day — except for weekends. And besides, we live in the city.

Perhaps hundreds of mothers in God's Church are facing this same problem. And it can become a real problem — if we let it.

Or any one of us can make this summer-vacation time for our children the most profitable, educational, memorable and fun summer ever.

But it does take effort. It takes planning.

My boys are 14, 11 and 8. In past summers I have enrolled

them in swimming classes in a local high school which teaches according to Red Cross standards. This gives them a lot of exercise.

I also take them to the local library, where I supervise what types of books they check out to read.

Then there are music and art lessons. The 14-year-old now plays music that my friends and I used to play in college recitals when we were in Ambassador years ago.

Summertime art classes have also been profitable. Because of these classes, my oldest son had the opportunity to meet an astronaut last summer and talk to him at length about his trip around the moon. Richard Jr. had given him a very fine painting.

Also, children who make low grades can be given help either from parents or private tutors, if possible, and bring their grades

up tremendously the next year.

A child who hasn't before will like school if he begins to do well and make good grades. Children really do want to please their parents and teachers.

Some of my friends who have daughters have given them sewing lessons, and they have taught them about canning, cooking, knitting, crocheting and house-keeping. Summertime is the time when you can spend extra time with your daughter to help prepare her to become a better wife and mother.

Children can also be taught how to plant a garden and raise vegetables — if you have a spot of ground big enough.

And those mothers fortunate enough to live on farms can have their children help with the farm animals — and raising baby chicks can be such fun too!

But mothers who live in the city have other challenges. Why not take time out just simply to take the children all around the local area — as if you were from some foreign nation, or at least from some other state. Make a vacation of seeing the sites tourists would want to see. Many areas have zoos, museums, horse-back riding, skating, bowling, etc.

If we mothers use our imagination and take a look at what our own individual circumstances and environment have to offer, then summer need not be something to look forward to only with extreme dread — something we wish would quickly pass so we could get the children back to school again in the fall.

This summer's vacation can be a time to look forward to with anticipation — and something we can look back on with a sense of satisfaction and happiness.

Tournament

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have acquired about the recent tournament.

True, Imperial had the best team and there should not have been any question about that. Imperial has done well this year in game competition.

Also, they won the college B League championship undefeated. This is one of the best teams Imperial has produced, and I think the team should be commended for this achievement.

Hosting a tournament for church teams in the Big Sandy area was conceived out of the desire of promoting interesting sports activities among the youth in this area. A trip to Big Sandy to participate in a three-day tournament would serve as a spark plug. It was envisioned that the Imperial Invitational could become an annual occurrence.

The tournament was quite successful overall. I'm sure all the kids thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities and experience, even though they may have lost.

Each of the teams should have gained some perspective about basketball and tournament play, not to mention the experience and social aspects of the visit.

What might have been overlooked regarding the so-called slaughter was that much attempt was made to hold the score down. Our substitutes did play almost equal time.

Our intentions were not to annihilate the teams to our glory. As their coach, I worked to keep the score respectable. It was difficult to tell a team to do the opposite of what it had been taught to do all year — such as play loose defense, take long shots, and not play "too hard."

Imperial won the tournament, and we have no apologies to make. In the process, we hope that each team has profited from this experience, and we hope that it has helped create interest in sports, basketball in particular.

We also hope that youth will be encouraged to take part in their schools' athletic and physical-education programs.

Sports have much to offer the youth of all church areas.

Now, regarding some specific statements:

No, it would not have been better to equalize the teams by placing a few Imperial players on each visiting team.

In the first place, this would have defeated the entire purpose of the tournament.

Second, this would have prevented participation of the same number of regular players on those teams. The purpose of the tournament was to provide opportunity for participation and to produce a true winner.

An outing or recreational activity should not be confused with a tournament. The objectives of church outings and recreational activities are more social in nature. Activities of this nature should be organized according to skill and age levels.

If only the "professional" players get to play, then this is an organizational problem and could simply be solved by providing more activities so all those

desiring to participate can do so.

Regarding favoring the underdog, people naturally tend to relate to the underdog; they want to see the big guy knocked off, regardless of skill or principle.

What is more important in taking sides is to consider team discipline, skills, sportsmanship and character. Automatically taking the side of the underdog involves partiality and discrimination and indiscretion, all of which are outgrowths of human nature.

Games are made for fun and recreation! True.

But is that all?

I hope not! There should be much more to sports than just fun and recreation.

However, these also play an important part. No activity should be organized to the point that fun is eliminated.

But we should not overlook other important elements, such as sports skill, strength, coordination, emotional stability, decision making — just to mention a few of the components of fitness and training.

I also question the validity of the statement that winning is not as important as everyone having a "good time" and learning and growing.

An attitude of winning involves a quest for excellence. There is no greater Christian principle than that of winning, conquering, excelling and enduring.

Winning is important and involves a determination and willingness to sacrifice.

Just having a good time relates mainly to the social aspect. Strictly social activities should be evaluated in an entirely different perspective.

When activities are organized, such as church outings, etc., with the social aspect as the chief objective, then every effort should be made to equalize the competition.

However, if the winning spirit is eliminated from the activity, I doubt that even the social objectives will be achieved.

Competition in itself is not wrong. Competition is the backbone — the very foundation — of sports participation.

Competition is what supplies the will and determination to participate, to compete, to vie for victory.

Competition is what develops keen senses, high skills and a pursuit of excellence.

Just as steel whets steel, competition sharpens the skills and talents of those participating.

Winning is not a jewel to be found at any cost, just as competition should not be pursued with a base frame of mind. Competition should be directed by guidelines of honesty, fair play, respect and diligence.

True athletes have mutual respect for each other, as well as respect for the game and its rules.

Now you know

by UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

The word assassin, originally hashhashin, derives from the use of the drug hashish to inspire members of a band of professional killers in the Middle East at the time of the Crusades.

Milwaukee Youth Group sponsors third Parents' Day

by DAVID A. KROLL
YOUTH-GROUP COORDINATOR

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — The following greeting welcomed the parents of our teen-agers to a gathering we called Parents' Day No. 3, held May 6:

Dear Guests:

The teens in Milwaukee A.M. and Milwaukee P.M. churches assemble every other month to have a day of activities that would not be possible if it weren't for the youth group.

We (your teen-agers) need this youth group because of the limited activities that we can participate in at our schools.

We feel very fortunate to have a teen club here in Milwaukee, because many other areas in these United States are not able to have one.

Parents' Day, 1973, is being presented because we want you to know how much we enjoy being involved in the Worldwide Church of God. Many hours of hard work have gone into this day so that you will enjoy yourself.

So please feel welcome, and have a nice day!

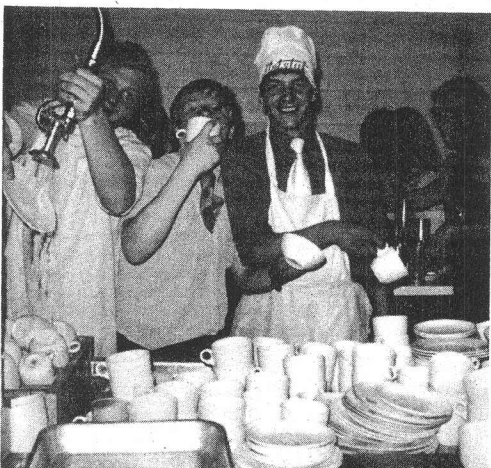
Sincerely,
The Milwaukee Youth Group

parents and show them by various presentations just how much they appreciate being in the Church of God and having the additional blessing of a youth organization.

Entertainment was also on the agenda as the MYG presented a variety show which included an original play written by club members.

Dancing to live music capped off this very successful activity.

We sincerely hope that all church areas can eventually have organized youth-group activities. We have found here in Milwaukee that such activities are highly rewarding.



PARENTS' DAY — Teen-agers in the Milwaukee, Wis., youth group — Bob Ehler, Tom Espland and Duke Spangler — work the dishwasher as the group labors to restore order to the kitchen.

It all began in the spring of 1969 when the teen-agers of the Milwaukee A.M. and P.M. churches planned and organized what has become known as the Milwaukee Youth Group.

Now, after four years of many diversified and exciting activities, the MYG continues to set the pace for wholesome, enjoyable and productive involvement by teen-agers in the Milwaukee churches.

This involvement can be no better exemplified than by Parents' Day. This activity offered our teen-agers the opportunity to plan, prepare and serve a banquet-style dinner to their



THE FINAL HANDOFF — Junior Don Smith, right, stretches and grimaces as he hands the baton to teammate John Anderson for the final leg of the mile relay, the final race of the 1973 Field Day at Big Sandy. No one caught the juniors in this race — or in the final class-point tally — as they easily captured Field Day honors. [Photo by Pete Leschak]

Juniors capture Texas Field Day

by GERRY GHEARING

BIG SANDY — Behind several top individual performances, the Big Sandy juniors swept to an impressive victory Tuesday, May 15, for their second Field Day victory in succession.

The freshman class put together a tremendous team effort in capturing second place with 72 points, 20 points in back of the juniors.

The seniors did not seem as sharp as last year, but they gave the meet the top male individual performer in Mike Long, who scored a total of 16½ of his team's 59½ points.

And finally, the sophomore class got together with some fine individual efforts by Rich Scherf and Carol Heath, with both capturing two first places and several places in other events.

The rest of the class did their share too to help give the sopho-

57 points in the competition.

All considered, there were some great individual and team efforts throughout the two-day meet.

The top overall performer has to be junior Judy Amos. Judy placed in eight events, including three firsts and three seconds. She alone accounted for 26½ of the junior total of 92 points.

Judy also set an all-time record in the 880-yard run on the first day of competition.

Mike Long, senior, totaled 16½ points in the men's events, placing him first among the male scorers. His three individual first-place finishes were in some of the most grueling events, the 440, 880 and mile runs.

Several other performers turned in exceptional efforts. Probably the biggest surprise of the competition was junior Kenya Archer's win in the women's mile.

Leading from the beginning, Kenya had the crowd on its feet.

During her four-lap ordeal, careful comments from the crowd warned: "Slow down, Kenya, you're going too fast!" or, "Don't burn out!"

But she held tenaciously to her first-lap pace and went on to break the all-time women's record with a 5:51.8 time.

Marilyn McGee added substantially to the freshman-class total with her 19 points. Among her three individual wins in the 50-, 100- and 220-yard dashes, she tied a Big Sandy record with a 6.5-second time in the preliminaries of the women's 50.

John Anderson and Clyde Kilough scored high for the juniors. Anderson totaled 13½ points in six events and Kilough won both the long jump and pole vault for 10 points.

Rich Scherf and Carol Heath led the sophomores to a respectable finish.

Scherf took two firsts in events he was not anticipated to do well in. He won both the shot put and the discus.

Carol, who was expected to win the high jump, did not disappoint anyone. Not only did she win the high jump, but she set a new record in doing so.

However, in addition she placed high in two events which were relatively new to her. In fact, she won the long jump and took second place in the 220-yard dash.

And again Carol's performance was not disappointing, because she set her second record of Field Day in the long jump with a leap of 14 feet, 11½ inches.

The final events of the two-day competition were the tug-of-wars.

In the women's tug-of-war, the senior women pulled their way to triumph, and in the men's tug-of-war the juniors were the victors for the third year in succession.

And next year. Next year the new Grasstex track should be completed and will perhaps inspire competitors to new heights and speeds.

The competition should be very tough, with the senior class graduating, other classes shifting somewhat and new talent in next year's freshman class coming in.

SPORTS

1973 FIELD DAY RESULTS MEN'S EVENTS

440-YARD RELAY		2nd Leonard Holladay, Sr. . . 141'8"
1st Freshmen 47.3		3rd Thad Russell, So. . . 138'6"
2nd Juniors 47.6		4th Louis Long, Jr. . . 138'4"
3rd Sophomores 48.1		
4th Seniors 48.2		
ONE-MILE RUN		POLE VAULT
1st Mike Long, Sr. 4:40.8		1st Clyde Kilough, Jr. . . . 10'6"
2nd Dave Sutton, Fr. . . . 4:41.1		2nd Steve Durham, So. . . . 9'6"
3rd Bruce Wasdin, Sr. . . . 4:43.9		3rd Guy Swenson, Fr. . . . 9'6"
4th Wayne Jones, So. . . . 4:47.2		4th Gerry Ghearing, Jr. . . . 9'0"
DISTANCE MEDLEY (NEW EVENT)		TWO-MILE RUN
1st Juniors 11:38.2		1st Jim Park, Sr. 10:24.9
2nd Freshmen 11:39.3		2nd Tom Heap, Sr. 10:24.9
3rd Seniors 11:45.7		3rd Wayne Jones, So. . . . 10:37.9
4th Sophomores 11:47.9		4th Terry Feeney, Jr. . . . 10:41.6
SHOT PUT		440-YARD DASH
1st Richard Scherf, So. . . . 40'0"		1st Mike Long, Sr. 53.4
2nd Thad Russell, So. . . . 37'4"		2nd Curtis Borman, Fr. . . . 54.1
3rd John Reedy, Jr. 37'2"		3rd Don Smith, Jr. 54.6
4th Gary Giles, Sr. 37'1"		4th Gene Griffin, Jr. . . . 55.0
LONG JUMP		100-YARD DASH
1st Clyde Kilough, Jr. . . . 20'3 1/2"		1st Les Mooneyham, Fr. . . . 10.6
2nd John Anderson, Jr. . . . 19'9"		2nd Leif Anderson, Jr. . . . 10.7
3rd Steve Durham, So. . . . 19'0"		3rd John Anderson, Jr. . . . 10.7
4th Doug McCoy, Sr. . . . 18'9 1/2"		4th Steve Durham, So. . . . 10.7
HIGH JUMP		ONE-MILE RELAY
1st Dyle Koch, Fr. 5'10"		1st Juniors 3:38.5
2nd Jim Share, Fr. 5'6"		2nd Seniors 3:41.2
3rd Mark Thomas, Fr. . . . 5'6"		3rd Freshmen 3:41.8
4th Richard Scherf, So. . . . 5'6"		
DISCUS		220-YARD DASH
1st Richard Scherf, So. . . . 124'2"		1st John Anderson, Jr. . . . 23.9
2nd Gary Giles, Sr. 114'7 1/2"		2nd Curtis Borman, Fr. . . . 24.6
3rd Joe Cochran, Fr. . . . 113'10"		3rd Tim O'Connor, Fr. . . . 24.6
4th Dyle Koch, Fr. 113'1"		4th Don Smith, Jr. 24.6
JAVELIN		880-YARD RUN
1st Dave Perry, Sr. 143'5"		1st Mike Long, Sr. 2:06.6
		2nd Dave Sutton, Fr. . . . 2:06.9
		3rd Arlon Tomes, Jr. . . . 2:08.1
		4th Larry Moluf, Fr. . . . 2:15.3

1973 FIELD DAY RESULTS WOMEN'S EVENTS

220-YARD RELAY		50-YARD DASH
1st Freshmen 29.4		1st Marilyn McGee, Fr. . . . *6.8
2nd Seniors 30.6		2nd Judy Amos, Jr. 7.0
3rd Juniors 30.6		3rd Diane Hoffer, So. . . . 7.0
		4th Suzie Wilson, Sr. . . . 7.1
100-YARD DASH		*Tied Big Sandy record in preliminaries with 6.5.
1st Marilyn McGee, Fr. . . . 12.7		440-YARD DASH
2nd Judy Amos, Jr. 13.3		1st Judy Amos, Jr. 69.0
3rd Suzie Wilson, Sr. . . . 13.7		2nd Kenya Archer, Jr. . . . 69.2
4th Diane Hoffer, So. . . . 13.7		3rd Carol Heath, So. . . . 71.2
880-YARD RUN		4th Karen Martz, So. . . . 71.3
1st Judy Amos, Jr. *2:39.7		
2nd Kenya Archer, Jr. . . . 2:40.7		440-YARD RELAY
3rd Karen Martz, So. . . . 2:47.5		1st Sophomores 58.4
4th Melanie Metzner, Sr. . . 2:51.1		2nd Freshmen 1:00.3
*New all-time record.		3rd Seniors 1:00.7
220-YARD DASH		4th Juniors 1:01.0
1st Marilyn McGee, Fr. . . . 28.7		SHOT PUT
2nd Carol Heath, So. . . . 29.0		1st Judy Amos, Jr. 30'0"
3rd Suzie Wilson, Sr. . . . 30.4		2nd Dottie Strnad, Jr. . . . 27'1"
4th Melanie Metzner, Sr. . . 33.3		3rd Jennifer Agee, Fr. . . . 26'4"
		4th Joan Combs, So. . . . 25'4"
LONG JUMP		
1st Carol Heath, So. . . . 14'11 1/2"		HIGH JUMP
2nd Carol Bauer, Sr. . . . 12'7 1/2"		1st Carol Heath, So. 4'7"
3rd Dottie Strnad, Jr. . . . 12'5 3/4"		2nd Dottie Strnad, Jr. . . . 4'3"
4th Judy Amos, Jr. 12'5 3/4"		3rd Marilyn McGee, Fr. . . . 4'2"
		4th Ronnie Workman, Sr. . . 3'10"
		4th Judy Amos, Jr. 3'10"
SOFTBALL THROW		
1st Jean Mischick, Sr. . . . 155'4"		ONE-MILE RUN
2nd Joan Combs, So. . . . 136'5"		1st Kenya Archer, Jr. . . . *5:51.8
3rd Dottie Strnad, Jr. . . . 133'9"		2nd Judy Amos, Jr. 6:00.4
4th Trish Willhoite, Fr. . . . 133'6"		3rd Linda Banning, Fr. . . . 6:25.0
		4th Evelyn Wilson, Fr. . . . 6:25.1
		*New all-time record.
TUG-OF-WAR		
1st Women Seniors		
1st Men Juniors		

FINAL CLASS TOTALS

Juniors	92.5
Freshmen	72.0
Seniors	59.5
Sophomores	57.0

Field Day events annual tradition at Ambassador

by DAVE MCKEE

Among a myriad of Ambassador College traditions, Field Day must surely be one of the oldest. Its beginnings date back to 1954 and its history includes a three-campus competition in Bricket Wood, England, in 1970.

In its earlier years, Field Day "was more of a carnival day, including floats and wheelbarrow races," according to Mr. Jim Petty, director of the Physical Education Department in Pasadena.

Now Field Day continues as an annual intramural competition between the senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes on each of the three Ambassador College campuses.

It consists, for the most part, of track and field events with a few other miscellaneous events, such as a women's softball throw and a tug-of-war, included.

It is the highlight of the year's intramural competition, involving the entire student body, with a great number of students actually competing.



UP AND OVER — With room to spare, sophomore Carol Heath clears the crossbar in the high-jump event. Carol, with practically no training in jumping techniques, developed her own form in leaping to an all-time Ambassador College record of 4 feet, 7 inches. [Photo by Pete Leschak]



"AMBASSADOR COLLEGE PRESENTS . . ." — Art Gilmore has announced for *The World Tomorrow* broadcast since he first did the opening and closing in 1958. Now his work for the college consists of narrating one-minute spot commercials for the telecasts. (Photo by Dennis Neill)

Humorous hints help men to bask in bachelorhood

Editor's note: Gleason Parker is a bachelor in the Austin, Tex., church.

by GLEASON E. PARKER

At the onset, let us reaffirm the established fact that it is not good for man to be alone.

However, sometimes, due to situations, locale, time and/or chance, the male of the species may find himself in the position of being forced to maintain a "bachelor profile."

So, given that this is a less-than-desirable eventuality, let us consider some of the important aspects and ramifications of this life-style.

One of the main keys in maintaining this profile is to keep it low key. There must not be too much concentration on the obvious problem.

The candidate for mastery of bachelorhood must keep a busy schedule — reducing exigencies to the basics.

From time to time, such a basic existence will allow the candidate to concentrate on a few basic scriptures which can bring inspiring moments of anticipation (Proverbs 18:22, Ecclesiastes 4:9-11, et al).

In addition to the extra time that can be devoted to Bible study by not having to deal with women, there is also more time to study vital statistics. The average experienced bachelor in the Church can quote to you — extemporaneously or even impromptu if necessary — the year-to-date increase (in girls) for his particular area.

Now, what about solutions? Areas are extant where the ratio of boy to girl and vice versa is somewhat less than conducive to the dating game.

Often, long-range communication systems must be instituted

to place one area in contact with another. This method of getting to know someone is hampered, however, by two critical factors:

- A lack of money and/or time.
- A lack of understanding on the part of the communicatee.

Let us consider the first factor. If the phone method of communication is used, expenses can be exorbitant, even surpassing your food and/or rent bill.

This may or may not be acceptable, depending, of course, on where your priorities lie.

Letter writing may be a wise alternative if your schedule permits.

Under the second factor, you will find that some girls just do not like a total stranger calling them up and inquiring into their availability and capability.

It is best to limit your communication network to those with whom you have had some casual acquaintance.

Having concentrated on some of the inherent problems and having examined some less-than-balanced solutions to those problems associated with bachelorhood, I would be unwise to end on a negative note.

Actually, just the opposite is the case. For, when viewed with the proper perspective, there is not a more exciting time. Truly, getting there is half the fun in a bachelor's trip toward marriage. No other time in his life will be more intriguing and exciting.

You will surely not pass this way again.

Hopefully, you can see that the point of this whole article is that a little humor is a wonderful anointing for the condition of bacheloritis!

Now, what was that area code?

Radio announcer discusses his job and ties with Ambassador College

by ROBERT CURRY

PASADENA — "Ambassador College presents Garner Ted Armstrong, bringing you the plain truth about today's world news and the prophecies of the World Tomorrow."

The booming voice belongs to announcer Art Gilmore, who has announced for *The World Tomorrow* since 1958.

After hearing that voice for so many years, you probably have formed a mental picture of what he might be like. Now you can see for yourself.

In a recent interview, Gilmore discussed his life, his announcing career, his relationship with Ambassador College and his ideas on how a person can develop a better speaking voice.

Relaxed and conversational from the start, Gilmore told how he developed his voice through music.

"My mother was very talented musically," he said. "She went to the New England Conservatory. She played organ and piano and sang in churches."

"Consequently, I took piano too."

"But I was more interested in playing football."

"I did take voice lessons, however, and I was pretty serious about voice. I sang at funerals, weddings and functions of all kinds in high school and college."

Gilmore credits singing as a major factor in his voice development.

"If anybody asks me how to be a better announcer, I tell him to learn to sing, even if he can't carry a tune in a bucket," he said. "The very exercise of running up and down the scales gives a flexibility to the voice that nothing but singing can give."

Despite the fact that he had a good voice at age 18, Gilmore did not at first consider a career in speaking or singing. Influenced by his father, a businessman, he took business administration in college.

Unhappy with that, he switched to the insurance business during four years of the Depression.

He was equally dissatisfied with insurance.

Radio was just coming into its own and seemed appealing. So Gilmore, who had enjoyed being a ham radio operator, went down to a local radio station and offered his services — free, or for whatever the station wanted to pay.

He wound up doing a half-hour program each day, five days a week.

"I just did a portion of it. It was a women's program, sponsored by a ready-to-wear outfit for women. I sang, read poetry, and a lot of other stuff."

That was in 1934.

Later he operated a radio station for Washington State College (now Washington State University). He was paid 35 cents per hour for singing, interviewing professors and giving farm news for a noncommercial farm

station.

In July of 1936, after working 11 months for CBS-owned station KOL in Seattle, he headed for California "with \$40 and an old Ford."

In 10 days or so, he got a job with station KFVB. The WB stands for Warner Brothers, which owned the station.

"In those days," Gilmore said, "the critical part of an audition for an announcer's job was whether he could glibly pronounce the names of long-hair composers. Because of my musical background, I breezed through."

In the 37 years since 1936, Gilmore has breezed through hundreds of announcing assignments.

His credits include 16 years with *The Red Skelton Show*, a few seasons with *Amos 'n' Andy*, 16 years with a radio drama entitled *Dr. Christian*, and a nine-year stint as the announcer for *Red Ryder* (a typical shoot-'em-up western).

Today his voice can be heard in many radio and television programs and commercials.

He first met Mr. Herbert Armstrong while working on the staff at CBS in 1936.

He did a few openers for broadcasts for Mr. Armstrong at that time.

It was 1958 when he did the

first *World Tomorrow* opening and closing.

From that time on, he has worked for Ambassador College on a regular basis.

Last year Gilmore did 12 or 13 telecasts in which he narrated the entire half hour on such subjects as the energy crisis and pollution.

Now his work for the college consists of narrating one-minute spot commercials for the telecasts.

Asked if he has announced for other religious organizations, he responded that he has.

"I always figured that if I do something good for God, I couldn't be faulted for that."

He has announced or read for the Catholic Overseas Relief Fund, the Seventh-day Adventists, and Jewish organizations.

Currently he announces Kathryn Kuhlman's television program.

What does he think of the telecast and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong?

"I'm very fascinated, a big fan of Garner Ted Armstrong," he said. "He's an absolute spellbinder. Once you start listening to him, you can't turn him off."

Not a member of the Church of God, Gilmore is nevertheless pleased to work with the college people because of their friendliness.

"The fruits of your religion are very good," he said.

Many may be surprised to know that Gilmore was included in the first Ambassador College catalog as an instructor, although he did not teach a class.

Mr. Armstrong had asked him to be a teacher. He had taught at the University of Southern California for three or four years, and he had written a book on announcing entitled *Television and Radio Announcing*.

But there were only four students at Ambassador after first year, and nobody wanted to take radio.

Gilmore and his wife live in Sherman Oaks, Calif., from where he commutes 16 miles to do his TV spots.

At 61, Gilmore's favorite hobby is flying, with "playing at golf" a close second.

Theme music of broadcast untitled, not sold

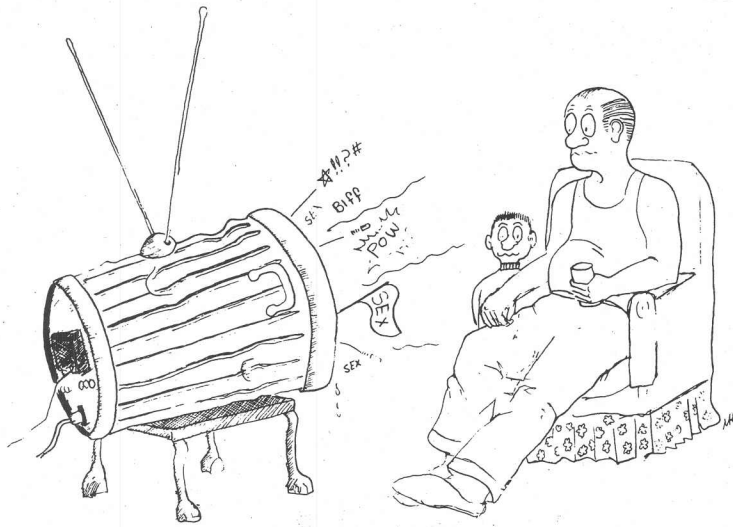
PASADENA — In addition to wondering who does the announcing for *The World Tomorrow*, several have asked about the background music for the program.

The closing theme music was written by W. Loose and is used under a license from the Capitol Records Library in Hollywood, Calif.

We selected this particular score from *Capitol Themes*, a large album of themes used mainly by radio and television programs as opening and closing music. This music has no title and is not sold in music stores.

SUMMER TV SPECIALS

BEAUMONT, TEX. — KFDM, channel 6, 7:30 p.m., June 5; 8 p.m., June 6; 7 p.m., June 7.
 SHREVEPORT, LA. — KTAL, channel 6, 9 p.m., June 5, 6, 7.
 MOBILE, ALA. — WALA, channel 10, 9 p.m., June 6, 7, 8.
 HUNTSVILLE, ALA. — WAAY, channel 31, 9 p.m., June 12, 13, 14.
 GREENVILLE, S.C. — WLOS, channel 13, 10 p.m., June 13, 14, 15.
 GREENVILLE, N.C. — WITN, channel 7, 10 p.m., June 19, 20, 21.
 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — WSOC, channel 8, 10 p.m., June 19, 20, 21.
 RICHMOND, VA. — WTVR, channel 6, 10 p.m., July 2, 3, 4.
 ROANOKE, VA. — WLVA, channel 13, 10 p.m., July 3, 4, 5.
 ALBANY, N.Y. — WTEN, channel 10, 8 p.m., July 11, 12, 13.
 JACKSONVILLE, FLA. — WJKS, channel 17, 7 p.m., July 17, 18, 19.
 DAVENPORT, IOWA — WHBF, channel 4, 9 p.m., July 24, 25, 26.
 PEORIA, ILL. — WRUA, channel 19, 9 p.m., July 24, 25, 26.
 KEARNEY-LINCOLN, NEB. — KHOL, channel 13, 7 p.m., Aug. 5; 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
 HAYES CENTER, NEB. — KPHL, channel 6, 7 p.m., Aug. 5; 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
 ALBION, NEB. — KHOL, channel 8, 7 p.m., Aug. 5; 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
 SUPERIOR, NEB. — KHTL, channel 4, 7 p.m., Aug. 5; 6:30 p.m., Aug. 7.
 DULUTH, MINN. — WIDO, channel 10, 9 p.m., Aug. 7, 8, 9.
 HIBBING, MINN. — WIRT, channel 13, 9 p.m., Aug. 7, 8, 9.
 KANSAS CITY, MO. — WDAF, channel 4, 9 p.m., Aug. 7, 8, 9.
 SYRACUSE, N.Y. — WNYs, channel 9, 10 p.m., Aug. 7, 8, 9.
 SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — KELO, channel 11, 8 p.m., Aug. 13; 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14; 8 p.m., Aug. 15.
 RELIANCE, S.D. — KPLO, channel 6, 8 p.m., Aug. 13; 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14; 8 p.m., Aug. 15.
 FLORENCE, S.D. — KDLO, channel 3, 8 p.m., Aug. 13; 7:30 p.m., Aug. 14; 8 p.m., Aug. 15.
 TULSA, OKLA. — KTUL, channel 8, 9 p.m., Aug. 14, 15, 16.
 CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA — KCRG, channel 9, 9 p.m., Aug. 21, 22, 23.
 ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — KOB, channel 4, 9 p.m., Aug. 28, 29, 30.
 FRESNO, CALIF. — KFNS, channel 30, 10 p.m., Aug. 28, 29, 30.
 SHREVEPORT, LA. — KTAL, channel 6, 9 p.m., Aug. 28, 29, 30.



Permissive attitudes encourage flourishing sale of pornography

by AMBASSADOR COLLEGE RESEARCH STAFF

Whether it's movies or TV, today's latest public lure is pornography.

In our sex-saturated society, more and more the public is clamoring for raw sex. If it isn't the dirtiest picture ever, some even return to the box office and want their money back!

In movie houses on the East and West Coast, audiences have recently shouted, "Take it off!" after some shocking sex scenes.

Movie producers in the U.S., as well as in Europe, realize that huge profits can be made with pornographic films. Today's permissiveness and new-morality trends mean sex is big business.

President's Commission

The President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography cited reports that the business of sex (books, films, massage parlors, topless clubs and prostitution) runs between \$500 million and \$2.5 billion a year.

Since many of the operations are secret, the precise size of these operations is not known.

An example of how people are enticed is pretty 22-year-old Vivienne.

She started in the call-girl life about seven months ago and now averages 3,000 to 5,000 tax-free dollars a month hustling on the West Coast.

Inspired by Jane Fonda's performance as a high-priced call girl in X-rated *Klute*, she estimates that thousands of girls got turned on to tricking after seeing that movie.

What is even more amazing than the old business of hustling is that today's sex movies (often raw pornography) are being labeled "educational" and "therapeutic." Amazing, but this is what a UCLA psychiatrist said at a hearing over a controversial film.

Silent Majority

Why is this?

The silent-majority public standard for entertainment is not what most people think it is.

It has degenerated from wholesome film-fare and the traditional family-type movies.

Box-office evidence is that people want sex — any and all kinds of sex.

Today the sex shows not only thrive in New York (labeled by many as the nation's Sodom or Gomorrah), but even in small midwestern towns.

In Chicago, Mayor Richard J. Daley ordered an obscene movie closed, but a U.S. district judge promptly ordered it to be opened the next day.

During the past year or two, the spread of commercial sex from our coastlines to the interior has been rapid and wide.

In Iowa, for example, dozens of hard-core porno theaters are operating not only in Des Moines but in many of the small towns whose populations are under 1,000.

A Worldwide Trend

The U.S. is not the only country with a booming pornography business. In Great (?) Britain, for example, in 1971, officials seized 1.5 million porno books and films, and that, they said, was only the merest tip of the iceberg.

Recent rulings on censorship show how Britain is going down and being run over by the pornography boom.

In other areas of Europe, bans on obscene films have been lifted and movies showing sodomy scenes are now permitted.

An Italian court said, "Sodomy was dealt with in the Bible," and therefore implied reality. (Read Genesis 19 to see how God dealt with Sodom.)

Some of the other reasons cited for lifting bans in Europe were that people should be allowed to decide for themselves on the "artistic merits" of films and movies.

TV Trends

Not only are non-movie goers exempt from today's rampant puritan pornography, television is bolder than ever!

Themes on TV increasingly

feature homosexuality, adultery, etc. Predictions are that viewers will soon see it all in their own living rooms on TV.

A recent issue of *TV Guide* said, "Startled viewers have seen explicitly sexy movies... Full frontal nudity has turned up on stations of the Public Broadcasting System and seems no more than a year or two away in commercial programming. Topics such as lesbianism are freely discussed on talk shows..."

In addition to perverted sex on the screen, it can now be heard on sex-oriented radio shows and in sexually arousing popular rock-and-roll music.

Parents should recognize the eroticism in music and in love scenes on TV and be forewarned of trends.

Current radio and TV (the mass taste makers of society) are filled with improper sex-oriented themes and double entendres, expressions capable of two interpretations.

Readers of *The Worldwide News* need to be aware of degrading trends in today's society.

Also, conversely, realize that God and His Word are not prudish about this all-pervasive subject.

As Mr. Gamer Ted Armstrong in the new booklet *Is Sex Sin?* said: "It's time some godly common sense was applied to the subject of sex to place it in proper perspective."

Ministerial moves

Ministers change areas in manpower transfers

With over 500 ministers in the Church of God around the world, there are continual moves and changes in location which often make it difficult to keep track of who is where and at what time.

In fact, it was because there are so many ministers and so many transfers taking place that it became impossible a few years ago to keep members continually informed on the current location of everyone.

Now, however, with the availability of a new vehicle for news — the church newspaper — it is

possible to keep you informed of those changes.

Therefore, in addition to a complete list which will be printed twice a year to help you keep your manpower listing up to date, *The Worldwide News* will periodically publish the latest transfers of ministers and ministerial trainees.

Although a complete ministerial list will be printed semi-annually, we encourage you to stay currently informed by noting and making all the changes on your original manpower listing published in the April 30 edition of *The Worldwide News*.

MANPOWER TRANSFERS, SUMMER, 1973

Dennis Adams	from Columbia, Mo., to Las Vegas, Nev.
Dick Aitkins	from Fort Worth, Tex., to Tacoma, Wash.
Jerry Aust	from Hattiesburg, Miss., to Longview, Tex.
O.K. Batte	from Gadsden, Ala., to Atlanta, Ga.
Cecil Battles	from attending college to Medford, Ore.
Robert Bragg	from Dayton, Ohio, to attend college
Barry Chase	from Youngstown, Ohio, to Dallas, Tex.
John Cheetham	from attending college to Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dennis Diehl*	from Minneapolis, Minn., to Chicago, Ill.
Oswald Engelbart	from Dallas, Tex., to attend college
Dan Fricke	from Tacoma, Wash., to La Grange, Ill.
James Friddle	from Milwaukee, Wis., to San Diego, Calif.
Garvin Greene	from Fort Worth, Tex., to Indianapolis, Ind.
Lambert Greer	from Kingsport, Tenn., to Greensboro, N.C.
Michael Hechel	from Medford, Ore., to Toledo, Ohio
Darryl-Henson	from Fontana, Calif., to attend college
Robert Hoops	from attending college to Rapid City, S.D.
Bill Jahns	from St. Louis (S), Mo., to St. Petersburg, Fla.
Ray Jantzen	from Denver, Colo., to Glendale, Calif.
James Jenkins	from Kansas City (N&S), Mo., to Fort Collins, Colo.
Robert Jenness	from Cincinnati (N&W), Ohio, to Big Sandy, Tex.
Fred Kellers	from Boston, Mass., to Jacksonville, Fla.
Richard Kilbury	from San Diego, Calif., to Milwaukee, Wis.
James Kunz	from attending college to Dallas, Tex.
Bobby League	from attending college to San Marino, Calif.
Jim Lee	from Dallas, Tex., to Ada, Okla.
Roger Malone	from attending college to Peoria, Ill.
Ken Martin	from Toledo, Ohio, to attend college
Bob McKibben	from Covington, Ky., to Oklahoma City, Okla.
Dave Mills	from Jacksonville, Fla., to attend college
John Mitchell	from Peoria, Ill., to Shreveport, La.
Eugene Noel	from attending college to Youngstown, Ohio
Dave Orban	from San Francisco, Calif., to Fontana, Calif.
Ted Phillips	from Atlanta, Ga., to Gadsden, Ala.
Wayne Phillips	from Greensboro, N.C., to Chicago, Ill.
Dick Rand	from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Columbia, Mo.
James Reyer	from attending college to Cincinnati (N&W), Ohio
Mark Salyer	from Wichita Falls, Tex., to Fort Worth, Tex.
Roland Sampson	from Houston, Tex., to Kansas City (N&S), Mo.
Greg Sargent	from Denver, Colo., to Pasadena, Calif.
Carlton Smith	from La Grange, Ill., to attend college
Jack Smock	from Indianapolis, Ind., to St. Joseph, Mo.
Ken Smylie	from Greensboro, N.C., to Norwalk (A.M.), Calif.
John Strain	from Houston, Tex., to Fort Worth, Tex.
Joe Tkach, Sr.	from San Marino, Calif., to Pasadena, Calif.
Rowlen Tucker	from Sacramento, Calif., to Boston, Mass.
Ron Wallen	from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Meridian, Miss.
Don Waterhouse	from Chicago, Ill., to attend college
Gene Watkins	from Pasadena, Calif., to Dayton, Ohio
Lyle Welty	from Columbus, Ohio, to Kingsport, Tenn.
Wade Whitmer*	from Kansas City (E), Mo., to Dallas, Tex.
Milo Wilcox	from Rapid City, S.D., to Springfield, Mass.
Don Wineinger	from Oklahoma City, Okla., to Portland (S), Ore.
Gerald Witte	from Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend college

*Ministerial assistant

Articles on news and world affairs presented in "The Worldwide News" are intended to keep you abreast of some of the major events and trends in the world.

Space and other limiting factors, of course, do not permit us to explore every subject in detail. The news information presented in "The Worldwide News" is also not intended to be your only source of news, by any means.

The Ambassador College News Bureau recommends that church members fulfilling their own individual responsibility to "watch and pray" obtain the best daily newspaper possible in their area and read at least one weekly news magazine, or more, as time, interest and finances permit.

Gene Hogberg, News Bureau

Deep breathing brings downfall

LONDON (UPI) — Comet player Charlie Silcock gave his all in a celebration solo — including his pants.

At a party celebrating his band's victory in the National Brass Band Championship, the 62-year-old musician inhaled deeply to blast out the final note of "Bless This House." Down went his pants.

"Next time he plays in public, I'll make sure he wears suspenders," said his wife Margaret.

Churchwide songwriting contest sponsored by Big Sandy campus

by DAVE MOLNAR

How would you like to have a song that *you've* composed be published, performed in public, or even used in the personal-appearance campaigns?

If that doesn't grab you, how about a \$25 cash prize, your picture and song in the church paper and a winner's plaque?

If the thought of such possibilities stirs any interest in your creative blood, you'll want to enter the first churchwide songwriting contest to be sponsored by the Ambassador College Music Department in Big Sandy.

College

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lowing this course, however, should keep in contact with us for advice in preparing for the next school year.

"The student who comes to us in a financially sound condition is better off while he is here and better off after he leaves, because he'll have fewer worries about debt — during college and after."

The college provides financial counseling for the students, but each person must be responsible for his financial situation. The economic picture is one of the main considerations that students need to consider.

The projected college cost for next year at Big Sandy is slightly over \$1,500. (First-semester room, board and linen: \$557.44. Tuition of 15 class hours at \$16 per hour: \$240. P.E. fee: \$16. Envy cost: \$10. Total: \$823.44. Second-semester room, board and linen: \$467.60. Tuition: \$240. P.E. fee: \$16. Total: \$723.60.)

After allowing for sundry items and basic materials, the Business Office recommends that prospective students come with approximately \$1,750.

Who Should Apply?

Who should apply to the expanded college this fall?

Probably you!

According to Dr. Lynn Torrance, registrar, the Admissions Committee is looking for "normal, balanced, happy people who get along with other young people."

With plans to increase the enrollment by 100 beds every year, many more of the young people in the Church will be able to attend.

"It all depends on the individual," remarked Mr. Dart. "There is no harm done in applying. One of the main things that the Admissions Committee looks for in an individual is personal desire. How bad does a person want it? What kind of sacrifices is he going to make to get in?"

"If a guy is fervently seeking to get in, his chances are much stronger."

"Those young people who want to come to Ambassador because they are interested in what this college has to offer should apply in the coming years as Ambassador College continues to open her doors to as many of you as possible."

Plans are already being made for the winners.

No, there won't be any two-week, all-expense-paid vacations for two to Hawaii, but there will be, among other things, plaques and trophies awarded to the top writers. Winners in each category will win a \$25 cash prize. The first-, second- and third-place winners in each category will receive plaques.

In addition, all winners will have their pictures and songs published in *The Worldwide News*.

There are also possibilities that some of the songs could be used as part of the Festival Talent Show, published and made available to the Church, or maybe even made into a record.

And, of course, the possibility exists that the songs might be used in the campaigns.

These ideas are only conjectures at this point, understand, but could very well become a reality.

The contest will be patterned after the successful college songwriting contests which have been held on the Big Sandy campus for the past three years.

Last year's contest proved to be very fruitful. One half of the fun show for the Feast in Big Sandy was made entirely of songs written for the contest. A recording was made of several of the winning numbers, and two of the tunes are now being used in the campaigns.

"Seeing that we have such talent in the college, we wonder how much talent exists in the entire Church," stated Dr. Eugene Walter, head of the Music Department in Big Sandy.

Writing a song is not as hard as you might think. All you have to do to enter is write the melody line and words.

In the college contests, songs have been written on many subjects. The scope of subject mat-

ter is unlimited and in the past has included everything from classes to chickens and broccoli to bugs.

If a song in its skeletal stage seems to have some potential, a band arrangement will be written in Big Sandy under the direction of Mr. Gary Briggs, music faculty.

Full arrangements by the composers are welcomed also.

"I have been very encouraged by the songs that the students have written here," Mr. Briggs stated. "Many have never written a song before in their lives and have found it difficult to get started. Once they have started, though, they have found it to be enjoyable and fulfilling to hear the final product."

The contest will be divided into three separate categories with three winners in each class:

- Precollege, ages 1 to 18.
- Adult beginners, 18 and up.
- Adult advanced, 18 and up.

Those with only surface knowledge of music should register under the beginners' category. Those with a musical background should register under the advanced category.

If a composer with obvious training registers in the wrong category, he will be readjusted to the right class.

Each song submitted will be personally evaluated by a committee from the music faculty and returned with a critique. The decisions of the judges will be final.

Dr. Walter is already excited about the prospects of the contest.

"Today more people are writing their own music than ever before," he commented. "I think we can do as well as anybody. There's no reason why we can't write more of our own music — music that is uplifting and inspiring, yet with a contemporary sound."



NOVICE COMPOSER — Big Sandy sophomore Mickey Daniels, whose song "What Is Joy?" is played in the campaigns, sings at a recent performance of the Ambassador Pop Voice group at a Gladewater, Tex., high school. [Photo by Ken Treybig]

SONGWRITING CONTEST RULES

1. Music and words must be original.
2. There is no special theme around which the songs must center. They can be either secular or religious. Songs that are preachy or religiously sentimental are not desired. This does not mean that protest songs are taboo. Protest songs can be done purposefully and tastefully as long as they are not grinding an ax.
3. Songs written may be in any popular or classical style. There is no restriction as far as subject or theme. Songs may be secular or religious in nature.
4. Songs can be any length, but generally they should be about 24 to 40 measures, with at least two verses. This rule is intended only as a guideline, and any reasonable variation will be acceptable.
5. Songs should be in a normal singing range — about an octave to an octave and a half.
6. Music should be written on standard music paper in the treble clef. The melody line may be a single line without harmony parts. (Harmony parts are not required but may be included if the composer wishes to add them.) Chord symbols (although not required) should be included above the staff when used. Words must be neatly printed beneath the proper notes.
7. To protect your song, write the words "all rights reserved" on the bottom of the paper. If we wish to use any song, we will contact the composer concerning how to handle the copyright.
8. Two people may work on a song together.
9. Contestants may enter as many songs as they wish.
10. A brief explanation of your musical training and background must be included along with your song.
11. Prizes will be awarded at a date to be announced later.
12. Entries must be postmarked by July 1, 1973. Foreign entries must be postmarked by July 15, 1973.
13. The music will be judged by the Ambassador College Music Department of Big Sandy, with winners to be announced in late August. The decisions of that department are final. Songs will be judged on the basis of originality, singability, lyrics and melody.
14. Send all entries to:

Songwriting Contest
Ambassador College
Big Sandy, Texas 75755

Coed meets with success in first songwriting attempt

by DAVE MOLNAR

BIG SANDY — Ambassador sophomore Mickey Daniels has only written one song in her entire life. The name of that song is "What Is Joy?" and it is currently one of the feature songs being used in the personal-appearance campaigns.

Mickey wrote the song partly to enter it in the Ambassador College Songwriting Contest on the Big Sandy campus, but mostly because of a class assignment.

"I took Beginning Songwriting from Mr. Gary Briggs [Ambassador College, Big Sandy, music faculty], and he assigned us to write a song."

"So I came up with an idea, barely got some notes stuck to it and handed it in."

"Then Mr. Briggs fixed it up."

The way Mickey sees it, she is a very unlikely candidate to win a songwriting contest, because of her lack of musical experience.

"I did a little singing in choral groups," she explained, "and took a little instrumental instruction."

But, she said, "I'm just not inclined when it comes to playing."

Her song, "What Is Joy?" is a

song about friendship.

"The assignment was to write a song about Ambassador College," she said. "When I think of Ambassador College I think of my friends."

Mickey is one of the singers in the personal appearances and has the thrill of hearing her own song performed by a full band and chorale. She never dreamed that it would go this far.

"I didn't even expect it to win. I didn't really know what I was doing. I just wrote the words, put down what I felt, and then a number of people helped me with the melody."

Chief among these people is Mr. Briggs. He took Mickey's one-line melody with words, added a transitional passage to the song and then made a full band and chorale arrangement for it.

Mickey is very excited about the way it turned out.

"I can't believe that it sounds so good!" she exclaimed.

Mickey never knew she had a songwriting talent till she tried her hand at it.

Who knows, maybe you'll produce a winner, too. You'll never know till you try.

Bermuda

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we have been able to visit St. Lucia only once.

However, Mr. Abner Washington conducted a Bible study there during the recent Days of Unleavened Bread.

Since last May there has been one baptism.

Hopefully, we will be able to visit St. Lucia again when we go to Barbados for the Feast of Pentecost.

The total number of members there now is 17.

None of the West Indies can rival Dominica (pronounced, Dom-uh-NI-kuh) for ruggedness. It is the largest of the windward islands.

In Dominica we have 11 members, and about five persons waiting to be baptized. Hopefully, returning from Barbados, after Pentecost, we will again visit Dominica.

We also have members scattered throughout the other Caribbean islands and even on the continent of South America. We have 12 members in Guyana, one in Surinam (Dutch Guiana), one in French Guiana, five in Venezuela, 14 in Grenada, two in St. Vincent, three in Antigua, three in the Virgin Islands and two in St. Kitts.

There are more than 300 English-speaking members in and around the Caribbean.

There are also members in Martinique and Guadeloupe, both French islands.

There is a church in Fort-de-France, Martinique. The minister there is Mr. Gilbert Carboneil. But because of the difficulty of crossing the language barrier, there is very little contact between these two linguistic groups in God's Church in the Caribbean.

There is a saying that it is an ill wind that blows no good. And, believe it or not, I can see some good that has come out of our having to leave Barbados.

- It gave me the opportunity to catch up with some of the backlog of visit requests from scattered places around the Caribbean.

- We still have a church meeting in Barbados.

- Many small groups of God's people in the Caribbean have been able to meet together occasionally on the Sabbath.

You see, the Caribbean is a very religious area. Often our members may be taunted by neighbors: "You don't have a church to attend!" or "If you don't keep Sunday, why are you going to a meeting on a Sunday?" (This refers to one of our Bible studies.)

So the chance for an occasional Sabbath meeting is to our members like a breath of clear mountain air on a smoggy day in L.A. When I was in Barbados, this was not possible, because I had to conduct services there. So without the addition of any manpower we were able to reach a few more of God's people a little more often.

Manpower is what is needed in every aspect of God's Work. It has never really had all the manpower it felt it needed.

For example, if we had the available ministers, we could

start the following churches and Bible studies in the Caribbean. We could have weekly Sabbath services in Nassau, Bermuda, Barbados and Trinidad, and could have monthly or even bi-weekly Bible studies in places like St. Lucia, Grenada, Tobago, Jamaica, or Puerto Rico.

Later we could probably begin regular meetings in Guyana. *Plain Truth* circulation and listener and reader response from the Caribbean indicate that these congregations are possibilities.

But we cannot send imaginary ministers to pastor potential churches and Bible studies. A man on paper cannot counsel or anoint one of God's people in these remote areas. We have to have the flesh-and-blood, spirited, adequately prepared men.

However, getting these men is difficult. The governments of almost all of the territories listed have strict regulations regarding foreigners living and working in their countries.

In many cases, foreigners cannot even enter some of these countries on a regularly recurring basis.

So not only must our ministers be adequately trained for service in the Caribbean, they must be citizens of the countries they are to serve.

Presently we have at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood two students from two of the countries mentioned before: Barbados and Guyana.

When one begins to try to solve the problem of manpower for the Caribbean and many other remote areas of God's Work, he is led naturally to consider a statement made by Jesus Christ:

"The harvest is so great, and the workers are so few. So pray to the one in charge of the harvesting, and ask him to recruit more workers for his harvest fields" (Matthew 9:37, 38, *The Living Bible*).

Canadian campaign

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largest Canadian museum west of Toronto, the 71-year-old British Columbia Provincial Museum.

Thursday was spent in rehearsing and getting sound, staging and lighting set up in the theater.

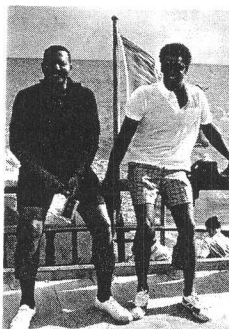
On the opening night in Vancouver, Friday, May 25, Mr. Armstrong spoke to a capacity crowd of 2,800 about the real Jesus Christ, showing how the traditional ideas people have of Christ as a homeless, destitute hippie with long hair and effeminate looks is not Biblical at all.

His subject Saturday night was sex and what the Bible really says about it.

Sunday night he spoke about whether this really is the time of the end.

Each night there were turn-away crowds. On Saturday night the doors of the auditorium were actually locked before the start of the show because all the seats were full and British Columbia fire laws prohibit allowing people to sit in the lobby if all the permanent seats are occupied.

In speaking about audience response, Mr. Armstrong said:



CRUISING ALONG — Mr. Sonny Lightbourne, left, and Mr. Randy Richardson, two brethren from the island of Bermuda, take a boat ride around the island during the 1971 Feast of Tabernacles. (Photo by John Robinson)

Foreign Educational director files report on Pacific trip

by LESLIE L. McCULLOUGH
PASADENA — Greetings to all of you from Dennis Luker and Gene Hughes in Australia, Graeme Marshall in New Zealand and Tom Blackwell in Hawaii. My wife and I just returned from a three-week trip to those areas.

A Bible study we had in New Zealand impressed me with the tremendous variety of questions that the people asked about the Work worldwide — what is going on at headquarters, what is going on in the Spanish Work, West Indies, West Germany, East Germany, the Philippines, etc. Everyone in New Zealand wanted to know what was going on in the Work in other areas.

Although there are some minor problems, things are in good shape in New Zealand. We had about 300 at the church service on the Sabbath. The people had come from as far away as about

Circulation

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stand distribution accounts for 200,000 copies.

Plain Truth circulation will probably be held around three million because of budgetary considerations, but it could shoot up to four or five million almost overnight when *The World Tomorrow* telecast becomes even better known in U.S. cities.

The Plain Truth has not only experienced great change in circulation but also has undergone a number of layout changes.

The July, 1972, issue became the first issue ever to be typeset by a phototypesetting method. (Previously it was with hot lead.) In February, 1973, *The Plain*

Truth came out in a larger, easier-to-read typeface called Times Roman.

Another major first came to pass with the March, 1973, issue. In this edition, the Dutch, French and German *Plain Truths* all had essentially the same layouts, articles, photographs, contents and cover photo.

Until this edition, the foreign-language editions were printing translations of the English-language articles two and three months after they had appeared in the English-language edition.

The Plain Truth, beginning with the June, 1973, issue, is being cut back to 40 pages until the end of 1973 for budgetary reasons, but the high quality of the magazine will continue.

350 miles, which meant that they spent about eight hours driving to be able to get there.

There are so few outside visitors that if anyone comes through, visiting brethren are called from as far as the south island to let them know there is going to be a special visitor.

We have two radio stations broadcasting in Auckland. One is called Radio 1 and the other is called Radio Hauraki. We will possibly cancel one because the responses are equal, and one station covers most of the north island.

New Zealand just began news-stand distribution of *The Plain Truth*. Everyone in the office has been pressed into service as far as any special work that comes along, and all help put the special stickers on the magazines that say they are free. Everyone in the office was diligently pasting stickers on the magazines while we were there.

Brethren in New Zealand are lonesome to hear things from here — very eager for anyone who is going to be traveling to the south part of the Pacific.

From New Zealand we flew to Sydney and spent 10 days in the Australia area.

I was very impressed by Australia. It is quite similar to the U.S. in its overall impression.

While there we went up to the Gulf Coast and looked at a possible new office site.

It is all wide-open countryside, farm area, so the people are just about like the rural people you will find anywhere in the U.S. — very energetic, very strong and positive. They have very definite opinions about everything.

It is quite different from some of the areas you visit where people are somewhat hesitant about expressing themselves and saying what they think.

Things are going along quite well in Australia. We have begun a three-minute capsule broadcast that Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong has been making for the Australia area. In reality, they are writing the script down there. It sounds quite different to be there and have an Australian announcer come on and introduce the broadcast.

Mr. Armstrong on these broadcasts reports statistics from Sydney and from other areas in Australia. The broadcasts are specifically designed for Australia. Mr. Armstrong does 10 to 15 of these capsule broadcasts at one time in the radio studio. The response from them has been very encouraging.

Up to this point the broadcasts have been going about four weeks and the mail response has been good. So far it has been one of our least-expensive ways of producing response. People seem very interested and respond well to that brief broadcast. Australians aren't openly religious, and our program sounds more like a news broadcast.

Our Sydney office is hopeful that these programs are going to be the means of getting a great deal of our literature to the Australian people.

The Australian staff has recommended moving the Sydney office to the Gulf Coast for many reasons, so we visited the Gulf Coast to see the possible office site. It is about 55 miles south of Brisbane in an area which is the Southern California of Australia — even though it is really in the North. They grow bananas, pineapples and semi-tropical fruit in this particular area, and much of Australia's agricultural production comes from that area.

Mr. Luker had just come back from Manila and Singapore, where he was for the Days of Unleavened Bread, and reported that everything is going well in the Philippines. We have 50 church members in the immediate area, plus about 150 that are asking for counseling.

So there is a question about whether or not we need to send a man into the Singapore area to be working there. We really need a man to live there who can take care of the local church area and can be there for the Feast.

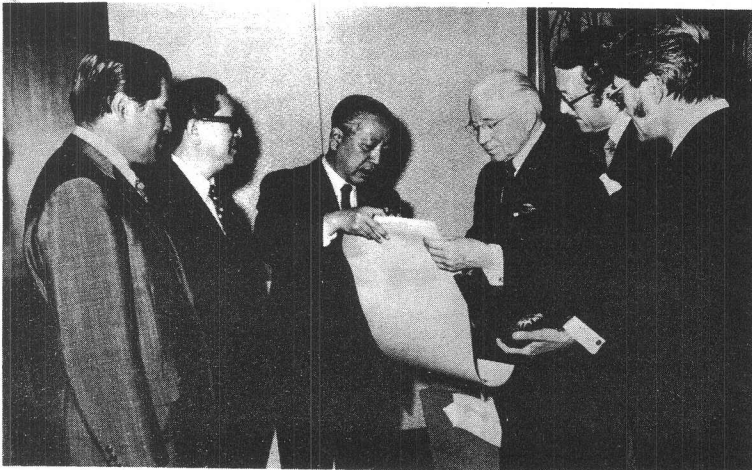
In some of those areas the seams are on the verge of bursting. It looks like it is going to be very necessary to have an office in that area in the very near future. We hope to find the right man and we will be discussing it further.

Colleagues learn sign language

GOTEBORG, Sweden (UPI)

Port authorities hired two deaf girls to operate machines and their 10 colleagues promptly took sign-language lessons.

"To write notes to the girls took too much time," said Mrs. Maj Britt Wretling, the foreman. "Besides, we felt isolated when we did not understand what they said to each other."



PROCLAMATION PRESENTED — Chief of Protocol Kenjiro Chikaraishi reads the citation awarding the honor to Mr. Herbert Armstrong. It was signed by Emperor Hirohito and Prime Minister Tanaka. [Official Japanese government photo]

Mr. Armstrong honored

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ry was begun in 1868 and was called "The Restoration."

Before the Meiji era, Japan had orders of merit and court ranks as rewards for those who rendered distinguished services to the country.

In 1875 the decoration and bestowal of medals was instituted, introducing the European concept of granting medals into the traditional Japanese system of orders of merit.

The first decorations of the modern era in Japan were made in Paris in 1867 to Napoleon III and other government leaders. This particular award was known as the Order of the Rising Sun.

The next order to be instituted was that of the Sacred Treasure. The medal was introduced in 1888, the year of the founding of the Japanese Privy Council, and marked the cementing of Japan's links with the outside world.

All orders are made of sterling silver and have a cloisonné finish, except for the Seventh and Eighth Class orders.

Cloisonné is an enamel in which the colors of the pattern are kept apart by thin outline plates.

The candidate for the award of the Order of the Sacred Treasure is usually recommended by a high-ranking official.

Permission must then be obtained from the foreign office of the country of the candidate (in the case of the United States it would be the State Department), and then the citation is prepared and signed with the red seal of the emperor himself and countersigned, usually by the prime minister.

The award is then presented together with a tiny replica which can be worn in a button-hole.

The decoration is usually worn at official banquets or state occasions in Japan.

While in Tokyo, Chancellor Armstrong jointly hosted a dinner at the Hotel Okura with Prince Mikasa, brother of Emperor Hirohito, to celebrate the resumption of the archaeological excavation to be undertaken this summer at Tel Zeror in Israel.

This project is being jointly undertaken by Ambassador College and leading Japanese archaeologists, with assistance of the government of Israel.

It is in addition to the well-established archaeological dig already jointly undertaken by Hebrew University and Ambassador College at the site of King David's Temple in Jerusalem.

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I didn't respond to the comment but just went right on giving Winnipeg a powerful witness.

By the way, there is a situation developing in San Antonio regarding the energy crisis. Our staff just checked with San Antonio officials, and they report that the Coastal States Gas Co., which supplies natural gas to power San Antonio's electricity generators, has drastically curtailed the flow of gas because of its inability to deliver the amount that had been contracted for.

Rather than risk cutting back electric service to businesses and residences, the city is using fuel oil to power the generators. The more-expensive fuel oil is also in short supply, and a crisis of sizable proportions could develop within the next few weeks.

This must sound pretty familiar to those who attended the campaigns there. You might almost think that some of those people have begun to wonder if there indeed had been a prophet among them.

After Winnipeg, I was back in Pasadena Monday afternoon, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. I met my father at his home immediately upon his return from his very profitable and exciting trip, where we updated one another on recent events.

As I've stated on so many occasions, I don't think any of us can really envision the enormous future results of Mr. Armstrong's extraordinary meetings and honors at the very highest echelons of world governments.

His recent high citation in Japan (discussed in the accompanying article) is an excellent example of how God is leading Mr. Armstrong to lead us in accomplishing this great and worldwide commission.

Varied Receptions

Back here in Vancouver, we have had excellent crowds. The audiences have been very warm and responsive — and it seemed to be significantly younger in makeup than the audiences we had last weekend in Winnipeg.

On the somewhat negative side, we probably had some of the worst examples of yellow journalism in the newspaper articles appearing here. The press conferences were more like trials, the reporters more like prosecuting attorneys. I actually was made to feel on trial for my life. (I know I have to expect it, but I don't have to like it.)

Anyway, I guess it is a sign we're really doing our job.

Back to the positive, the weather has been fantastic, brilliantly clear with broken clouds.

The enthusiastic cooperation and excitement from all the church brethren are a continuous inspiration and much-needed source of encouragement to me.

After experiencing the vicious attacks of the world, I take much comfort and all the more appreciate the warm support and total dedication of God's Church. Everyone here in the Vancouver-area churches was completely enthralled about the many new things we are all doing in the Work — so much so that I was forced to talk about one hour in an open question-and-answer session in church services.

Sorry about that, Mr. Huntling. (He had a very fine sermon.)

Good News for Teens

One area of particular interest to me at this time — and something, frankly, I have been concerned about for years — is the teen-agers and young adults of God's Church.

I think in the process of "getting the Work done" and looking toward the Kingdom of God — which are, of course, our primary responsibilities and goals in life — we have tended to neglect

and misunderstand our kids.

We should realize that our children are our greatest resource — both for the Work and the Church in this age and certainly for the future.

Our children and our teenagers just cannot yet look only to the Kingdom. They need more immediate goals — more ideals suited to them now.

Remember, our commission is, in *Malachi 4:6*, to "turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the children to their fathers . . ."

I have had some good meetings this week with Mr. Antion and others regarding our teenagers. I've also talked to many students at college and conducted a special forum on the subject.

As a result, I have decided to appoint Mr. Al Portune, Jr., as national youth coordinator (neither Al nor I are particularly fond of titles; it's the job we're both excited about).

Al is absolutely and ideally suited for this responsibility. He has had much experience in the field ministry and at headquarters.

But more important, Al likes teen-agers. Young people are very much attracted to him, as his whole approach and personality radiate something that teens can really relate to.

In short, he knows where it's at.

Al is one of the finest all-around athletes at Ambassador College — a good basketball player, the best racketball player, etc. He is thoroughly interested in all aspects of athletics, outdoor sports, student activities, etc.

Al is extremely excited about his new job and will be in touch with many of you in the future.

Won't go into details now, but I do want to assure you that this is NOT a "big-brother" organization designed to extend headquarters' control over the local areas. Al will serve as the head of a center for resources, information, suggestions and aid — and that is all.

The local churches themselves will be in full control of their local youth programs — and will not have to "check with Al" before organizing a hike, picnic, baseball game, basketball tournament, swimming party, or before making money on a local activity.

I'll let future articles in *The Worldwide News*, including forthcoming articles by Al himself, explain the operation of his office as it develops.

He will be working on a close basis with Mr. Antion in church administration — and with the regional directors, with local pastors, and most important with individual teen-age leaders in each area — to organize and help coordinate many different types of programs for youth.

Al's a real fine man — let's all try to help him help us.

Well, that's all for now. Be praying for the success of this varied and ever-active Work being carried on these last days.

Especially remember Mr. Armstrong.

With love,
in Jesus' name,
Gamer Ted Armstrong

NEW BABIES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Robert and Paula Clark announce the birth of Eric Keith, their first child, Feb. 24. Eric was born at 12:12 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds and was 20 inches long at birth.

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — It's a boy for George and Jorita Populio. Aaron, their fourth child, was born March 15 at 2:35 a.m. and weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mr. and Mrs. James L. Manning announce the birth of Timothy Craig, their second child, on April 15. Timothy was born at 3:05 p.m., weighed 7 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Donald and Rosemarie Kommer happily announce the birth of Christina Margo April 30. She was born at 3:42 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long at birth. The Kommers now have three children.

PASADENA, Calif. — Jerry and Debbie Webb announce the birth of their second child, Jerry Wayne, who was born May 2 at 8 a.m., weighing 9 pounds, 2 ounces. Jerry Wayne was 22 inches long at birth.

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Mr. and Mrs. James D. McCain proudly announce the birth of a son, Micah Jon. Their fourth child, he was born May 4 at 11:18 a.m. and weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 22 1/2 inches long at birth.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — It's another boy for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clouthier. Paul Anthony was born May 9 at 1:09 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces at birth. Paul, who was 20 inches long at birth, brings to three the number of the Clouthiers' children — all boys.

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Jim and Cheryl Howell announce the birth of a daughter, Kristina, on May 10. Kristina weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces at birth and was 21 1/2 inches long. She was born at 1 p.m. and is the Howells' first child.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Larry and Maryetta Patchen announce the birth of Jason Lee on May 11 at 11:45 a.m. Jason, their third child, was 19 1/2 inches long at birth and weighed 8 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces.

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn. — Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Higgins announce the birth of a son, Erin Patrick, on April 24 at 1:21 p.m. Erin, their first child, weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Daryl and Wanda Harrison proudly announce the birth of their first child, Jason Russell, on April 20 at 4:40 p.m. Jason weighed 7 pounds and was 19 inches long at birth.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dale Busby proudly announce the birth of a son, Joseph Bryan, on April 1 at 8:15 a.m. Joseph, their second child, weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

NEWARK, N.J. — Clarence and Marilyn Neumann are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Victoria, on May 12 at 11:07 a.m. Elizabeth was 19 inches long and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces at birth.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — It's a boy for Thomas and Barbara Phillee. Paul Thomas, their first child, was born April 30 at 8:10 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces and was 22 inches long at birth.

PASADENA, Calif. — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers announce the birth of their first child, Nathan Charles, on April 20 at 12:47 p.m. Nathan was 20 1/2 inches long and weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces at birth.

HOUSTON, Tex. — John and Marsha Perry are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jonathan Michael, on May 3. Jonathan weighed 8 pounds and was 20 1/4 inches long at birth.

ORLANDO, Fla. — Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Mills announce the birth of their third child, Titus Ulysses, who was born May 12, 1973, at 2:20 a.m., weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Titus was 21 inches long at birth.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Ambassador, Big Sandy, graduates Dennis and Allison Roberts are the proud parents of their first child, Mark Jason. Mark was born at 2:11 p.m. on May 6. He was 20 inches long at birth and weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

DALLAS, Tex. — Mr. and Mrs. Cebren E. Shaw happily announce the birth of their daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, on May 13 at 1:39 a.m. Rachel, their first child, weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — It's a girl for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Stocher. Their first child, Meredith Kimberly, was born May 14 at 2:24 a.m. She was 20 1/2 inches long at birth and weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

AUSTIN, Tex. — Richard Nicholas Osborn is the firstborn of Nick and Cathy Osborn. Richard was born March 8 at 5:04 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches long at birth.

BUFFALO, N.Y. — David E. and Linda Harris now have three children. The latest is Tamara Lee, who was born May 7 at 1:44 a.m. She weighed 9 pounds at birth and was 21 inches long.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Charles and Kathy Bell are happy to announce the birth of Jennifer Kathleen, their first-born. Jennifer was born at 7:15 p.m. April 9. She weighed 9 pounds and was 18 inches long at birth.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Donald and Marva Meidinger now have five children. Their fifth is Rebecca Jane, who was born May 18 at 5 p.m. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. She was 19 inches long at birth.