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## A Personal Letter

from

*James Earl Armstrong*

Greetings, brethren! I am having to dictate this over long-distance telephone from my home after a busy day at headquarters.

About a week ago I had the opportunity to speak at Big Sandy before the largest incoming class in the history of Ambassador College!

While in Big Sandy I was able to spend some time with Mr. Bill McDowell, our Festival director, discussing plans for this year's Feast of Tabernacles — which, by the way, is looming on the horizon.

We went over and finalized the speaking schedule for all the United States and Canadian sites. I believe this is the earliest we have ever finalized the speaking schedule.

By doing so, we hope to give those

speaking before you brethren (an expected 96,000 people WORLDWIDE!) the needed time to prepare some well-thought-out, moving, inspirational, coordinated and dynamic messages at the Festival.

By the way, I'd like to remind you once again to be planning ahead for the Holy Day offerings which will be coming up over the next few weeks. God's Work can certainly use the shot in the arm that the offerings always bring.

As I mentioned in the recent letter regarding Holy Day offerings, I know God's Church to be the most sincere, dedicated, loyal, faithful, willing and lovable group of people on earth. I also know that if all of us — with our ministry leading the way and setting the example — will REDEDICATE ourselves as never before, we can see a newfound zeal, a burst of ENERGY and STRENGTH, an awakened faith and hope throughout the Church.

Personally, I have been tremendously uplifted and inspired by some of the recent breakthroughs and events taking place in the Work (despite what some few may have interpreted as a very negative indicator, i.e., low income, etc.). I feel some of the new things happening at headquarters are TREMENDOUS NEWS — GOOD NEWS!

As you may notice on the front page of our last issue, Mr. Albert J. Portune, a fellow evangelist and close personal friend, will now no longer have to be wrestling with the day-to-day tasks of the Business Office, which has been a very crushing burden.

Instead, Mr. Portune will now be free to devote himself to personal evangelism, directing and coordinating the campaigns of others WORLDWIDE and working directly with me and assisting in the administration of our global campaign plans.

I don't need to take a lot of time  
(See PERSONAL, page 5)

## Record crowds view campaigns in Minneapolis

PASADENA — The first U.S. campaign in the new series of personal appearances, in Minneapolis, Minn., was held the weekend of Sept. 8 and 9. It was the second campaign for Mr. Sherwin McMichael, director of personal appearances, who only a few years ago was the pastor of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis and St. Paul) churches.

Attendance at the Minneapolis Auditorium was highest so far of the campaigns, with 2,900 attending Saturday night and 1,850 Sunday night. A total of 3,000 persons from the general public attended the two nights. Eight hundred came Sunday night who had not come on Saturday night.

A special guest at the Minneapolis campaign was Mr. Albert J. Portune, who recently was given the worldwide responsibility of overseeing and coordinating the personal-appearance-campaign program. He is also scheduled to have several campaigns of his own.

Mr. Portune spoke to a combined church of 1,500 the Sabbath during the campaign. He related the excitement and reward of working with the personal appearances and explained the need of these campaigns worldwide for harvesting the fruit.

Mr. Albert Portune Jr. acted as emcee both nights at Minneapolis. It was his second time to participate in the campaigns in that capacity.

### Canadian Campaign

The same weekend saw Dr. Clint C. Zimmerman successfully complete his second campaign. It was held in the Physical Activities Building on the beautiful campus of the University of Waterloo in the twin-cities area of Kitchener and Waterloo, Ontario.

Attendance for both nights totaled 1,805 persons, with one half of those being non-church members. Church members came from as far away as Toronto, Hamilton, London and Windsor, Ontario.

The emcee for both evenings was Mr. Gary Antion, minister from Toronto; the Toronto church chorale provided the music.



PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS — President Suleiman Franjeh of Lebanon welcomes Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to Lebanon. Also pictured are Mrs. Franjeh; Mr. Adli Muhtadi, Ambassador College's director of Arab affairs; and Mr. Stanley Rader, the college's legal counsel. [Photo courtesy Lebanese government]

## Lebanon hosts Mr. Armstrong for week-long visit and talks

By David Silcox

BRICKET WOOD — Sunday, Sept. 9, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong left Bricket Wood for a week-long visit to Lebanon. While there he met many of the top dignitaries in the political, business and educational fields, and the highlight of the trip was a four-hour meeting with the president of Lebanon.

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied to Beirut by Dr. Lucien Dahdah, adviser to the president; Mrs. Beverly Gott, Mr. Armstrong's daughter; Mr. Adli Muhtadi, Ambassador College's director of Arab affairs; Mrs. Muhtadi; Mr. Stanley Rader, Ambassador's chief legal counsel; Mrs. Rader; Mr. Charles Hunting, vice president and evangelist in the Work; and Mrs. Hunting.

They were met at Beirut International Airport by the airport director

and taken to the VIP lounge.

Their arrival was extensively covered by the three Lebanese television stations, in the Arabic, French and English languages.

### First Appointment

Mr. Armstrong's first appointment was on Monday, Sept. 10, at the UNESCO compound in Beirut, where he met Edmond Rizk, the minister of education and national arts in Lebanon.

During the 45-minute visit, educational topics were discussed, and Mr. Armstrong announced that Arabic was to be introduced into Ambassador College's curriculum in Bricket Wood.

The meeting was very cordial, and the minister told Mr. Armstrong:

"The presence of men like you in the world is a proof of the existence of the Almighty God."

The meeting also received wide coverage in Arabic, French and English daily newspapers.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. Armstrong was a guest of Sheikh Najeeb Alauldeen for a tea party. Sheikh Alauldeen is chairman of the board and president of Middle East Airlines, the largest airline in the Middle East; the engagement was held at the airline's headquarters in Beirut.

The following day Mr. Armstrong was a guest aboard a yacht owned by a leading Beirut newspaper publisher for a 22-mile voyage along Lebanon's Mediterranean coast to the ancient city of Byblos.

Byblos is reputed to be the world's oldest inhabited city.

Mr. Armstrong toured the archaeological excavations and viewed the Egyptian, Phoenician, Assyrian, Roman, Greek and Crusader remains that have been unearthed.

Later Mr. Armstrong was guest of honor at a luncheon hosted by Dr. Dahdah in Byblos.

On Thursday Mr. Armstrong was able to visit two other famous Lebanese historical sites: the cities of Tyre and Sidon. Situated about 75

miles south of Beirut, these famous sites figure prominently in many Biblical prophecies.

### Highlight of Trip

On Friday came the highlight of the whole trip, Mr. Armstrong's meeting with the president of Lebanon. The visit took place at the president's summer residence at Ithen, a 2½-hour drive from Beirut and 7,500 feet up into the Lebanese Mountains.

President Suleiman Franjeh was born in 1910 at Zgharta and received his education at Antoura, near Beirut. He was first elected to the Lebanese parliament in 1960 and before becoming president held other important ministerial posts, including minister of agriculture in 1960 and 1961 and minister of the interior in 1968.

He assumed the presidency in August, 1970.

Mr. Armstrong was formally introduced to President Franjeh by Mr. Muhtadi. The meeting was very friendly and cordial, and the president explained how impressed he was by the achievements of Mr. Armstrong and Ambassador College.

After the formal meeting, Mr. (See LEBANON, page 5)

### NOTICE

This issue of the paper, Vol. 1, No. 13, is being printed and mailed to you early so that you will receive it before leaving for the Feast of Tabernacles. We elected to print a smaller edition because of heightened pre-Feast demands on our readers' time.

No. 14, normally scheduled for Oct. 14, will be printed Oct. 28 and will include coverage of this year's Feast.



VISITING THE CEDARS OF LEBANON — Dr. Lucien Dahdah, adviser to President Franjeh; Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong; Mr. Adli Muhtadi; and Mr. Stanley Rader visit Lebanon's famous national park known as The Cedars. [Photo courtesy Lebanese government]

# THE GRAPEVINE

OFFICIAL

PASADENA — Along the campaign trail, Mr. Dean Wilson reports a successful campaign in Sudbury, Ontario. The attendance for Mr. Wilson's Saturday-night performance Sept. 15 was 280 people, while 350 people were there Sunday night. (Of these 630, approximately 350 were new persons.)

Mr. Gary Antion, pastor of the Toronto church, acted as the emcee. Mr. Richard Wilding, pastor of the Calgary church, informed the Personal Appearance Department here that there are now 27 persons attending church in Calgary following Mr. Sherwin McMichael's campaign there on Aug. 25 and 26.

PASADENA — Mr. David Jon Hill, head of the Marketing Division, will be going to Australia for the 1973 Feast of Tabernacles and will be conducting campaigns following the Feast.

According to the Personal Appearance Department, plans and preparations are well under way for campaigns in Perth, Australia, on Oct. 20 and 21; Melbourne on Oct. 29 and 30; Auckland, New Zealand, on Nov. 9 and 10; and Honolulu, Hawaii, during the latter part of November.



MR. DALE SCHURTER

BIG SANDY — "It was a miraculous healing as far as I'm concerned," stated Mr. Dale Schurter, head of the Agriculture Department in Big Sandy. "I was bad-news sick."

Mr. Schurter was referring to a sudden illness that struck him Wednesday, Sept. 19, as he worked on his father's farm in Oklahoma. Around noon he began feeling bad and by 4 o'clock he was heaving, had a tremendous headache and stomach ache and was "so weak and shaking I couldn't even walk."

He was seriously ill through the night to the point he couldn't even move. He finally fell asleep, however, and woke up the next morning feeling a little weak but otherwise fine and even went back to work that afternoon.

BIG SANDY — Dan Tyler Moore, one of the foremost authorities on spy warfare and former chief of the Cairo, Egypt, branch of the OSS (World War II intelligence service) spoke before a special assembly at Ambassador College here Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Moore introduced his lecture by noting that we are now in the middle of the biggest spy war in history.

Drawing examples from all ages of history, Moore demonstrated how the decline and even eventual fall of

countless empires has not been due necessarily to the superior military might of opposing nations but the inability of the empire to understand



DAN TYLER MOORE

and cope with the tactical warfare used against it.

After explaining the theory behind the massive espionage framework that exists throughout the world, he went on to recount interesting experiences of his past as examples of the danger and intricacies involved in spy work.

BIG SANDY — Mr. Jim Gillen and his family will soon be moving to Big Sandy from Pasadena. Mr. Gillen, a long-time personal assistant to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, has a master's degree in English and will be teaching college courses on the Texas campus.

BRICKET WOOD — Dr. Lucien Dahdah, chairman of the new Lebanese Intra Bank and a close personal friend of President Suleiman Franjeh of Lebanon, recently visited the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College. The visit was in preparation for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's trip to Lebanon and his subsequent meeting with the president.

Discussing Lebanon, Dr. Dahdah noted that it is the only Western-style democracy in the Middle East. The reason for its relative success lies with the people.

Power in Lebanon is divided pro-



DR. LUCIEN DAHDAD

portionately among Christian and Muslim groups, insuring stability and progress. The president is a Roman Catholic, the prime minister is a Sunni Muslim, the speaker of the house is a Shia Muslim, and the deputy speaker is a member of the Greek Orthodox faith.

Power in the legislature is divided on a six-to-five ratio between Christian and Muslim groups.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Laws for employees

Enclosed is a photocopy of an article printed in *The Worldwide News* paper by Vivian Pettyjohn: "The Laws for Employees." I took a photocopy, as this one enclosed, and am having it printed in our company newspaper . . . for all employees to read throughout the plant. Believe me, I can't wait to see what the reaction will be.

Marvin T. Lord  
Wilmington, Del.

### "Bookshelf" missing

In past issues of *The Worldwide News*, I really enjoyed the "From the Bookshelf" column by Mr. Gary Alexander. The short biography and accompanying review in Vol. 1, No. 6, was especially inspiring and a challenge to try to emulate. However, the *WN* seems to have taken a step backwards in this regard because his column was missing from the Vol. 1, Nos. 7, 9 and 10, issues. I hope that his column will again reappear in each and every issue of your otherwise excellent newspaper.

Craig Marley  
Bramalea, Ontario

### Never wears glasses

Have just finished the Sept. 3 issue. Reading it didn't take long. I am 103 years old and have never worn glasses. Why didn't it take long? Because in this issue I did read much; the print was too small! What I did read aged me by 50 years. I was only 53 when I began. Trying to make out those dark pictures didn't help, either! I know you have lots to tell, but if it isn't read . . . ?

Guess I exaggerated the aging process. Actually, when I began to read I was 54.  
Anonymous

We have recently changed to a different type style (we can now print more copy in the same space), and we would be interested in hearing other readers' reactions to it.

### Incurable doodler

Question: Would it be possible for me to submit cartoons? I am an incurable doodler and have in the past had cartoons printed in the Akron area newspaper.

Keep up the good work. The issues I have seen so far are well done, very professional.

Mr.-Mrs. Charles E. Delamater  
Canton, Ohio

Please do. Make sure they are drawn with black ink. However, cartoons, pictures and other contributions cannot be returned.

### Day spoiler

Just a line to say the *News* is a day spoiler . . . Once you get it, you aren't satisfied until you've read almost everything it includes. Gone is time which you previously had other plans made for.

Seriously, thank you for the great paper. I certainly enjoyed the article on Dr. Hoeh and family, as it was very interesting to read about the other side of Dr. Hoeh's life.

Mrs. Ervino Kennebeck  
Clermont, Fla.

### South American writes

Greetings from South America! Come on, please smile, because I'm happy to write this letter to you. I am 21 years old and a member of the Worldwide Church of God. Sir, I would like to express some of my feelings on *The Worldwide News*.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of you for publishing such a newspaper. I greatly appreciate it. I suppose it is a great blessing to many of us. This is the kind of newspaper the Church really needed. It helps us to learn more about the Church and its varied activities.

Many of the articles are a real help and inspiration to me; e.g., the one on "Unusual Passover Service Held Inside Prison Walls" (May 28, 1973, issue on page 5).

I would like to see (if this is possible) more comments from people around the world on the page 2 "Letters to the Editor" column. I noticed in the May 28 issue most of the comments are from people inside the U.S. Please let us hear the feelings and views from members in Asia, Africa, Australia, the Caribbean and Latin America. After all, it is our newspaper — *The Worldwide News*. So, man, let's hear what those brethren in other parts of the world have to say, not only

those mostly from the U.S.

I think in this way the *News* would have more worldwide appeal. It will have more meaning and interest to those of us who are scattered and almost alone in the world . . .

Vickram Singh  
Corentyne, Berbice, Guyana

### Bad news

HELP! On May 7 we sent youse guys a dough for *De Worldwide News*. Den, when we did not get none, we sent youse de canceled check. And den we got 'tree newspapers at onc't. Den we didn't get no more . . . Hope I don't have to have de boys drop in on youse, see? T'anks. (P.S.: In dis case, no *News* is bad news.)  
Doyle W. Stine  
Bakersfield, Calif.

### Miracle of healing

I would like all of you to know about a miracle which our Father in His great mercy has granted us by the Work of Jesus Christ.

On June 25, my daughter and I were burned — she [had] first- and second-degree burns; I was burned [with] first-, second- and third-degree burns. The third-degree burns were on my right hand and arm and right foot and leg. I was told on arrival at the hospital that I would need skin grafting.

It was a shock to me to hear this and my first reaction was to say no to the doctor.

The same night, we were both anointed by Mr. [Carn] Catherwood. Three weeks passed and Diane improved considerably. There was no more danger for her.

In the meantime, the doctor was seeing me every couple of days and always said I needed skin grafting. The third Friday afternoon I was anointed for the second time by Mr. [Keith] Brittain so that the doctor would give me a little more time for healing. About three or four days later the doctor saw me again and said, "You have won your point. You won't need any skin grafting." Skin had begun to grow into the holes. Every morning I would wake up and there was a little more skin in the holes. The nurse and orderlies were amazed at the progress. I stayed in the hospital for 28 days.

I consider myself fortunate beyond words to be in the true God's Church and to have been anointed by His own ministers. There are no more holes and I don't even have scar tissue. After my skin has returned to its normal color, I will go and show them at the hospital what wonderful work our God does.

Thanks to the French and English brethren in Montreal and Ontario who prayed for us, and all the beautiful gifts, flowers, cards, letters, phone calls, etc. They are wonderful people.

Mrs. Jean Guy Larue  
Longueuil, Quebec

### Save the Falcon!

Just read the "Personal" letter from Garner Ted Armstrong — we just can't let him sell the Falcon!

I'm an elderly lady — but now and then make a little money by knitting. Enclosed is my check and hoping and praying there will be a million more who can and will be inspired to help in this time of crisis.

It is a thrill to read of the wonderful progress of God's Work all around the world. God bless all the efforts of His people around the world and see us through this time of testing and need.

Mrs. Daisy J. McIntosh  
Hartville, Mo.

### Not a lonely-hearts' club

The readers should understand that the personal section is not a "lonely-hearts' club." It is as much a part of becoming "one body" as is the fellowship at local services.

My son has received a number of responses to his request for a pen pal. It is important for young people to have close relationships with others their own age who are part of God's Church. Usually their only contact is on the Sabbath, because they are not yet teen-agers. This correspondence provides a "visit" to other areas and has helped our whole family to feel closer to families from all over.

Mrs. R. Gans  
Old Bridge, N.J.

### Unconverted mates

What a wonderful way for all of us to "speak often one to another" — through this *WN*! Thank you, everyone who has contributed to it. Now I guess it's my time to offer something that will perhaps be a help to others:

I especially appreciate all the tips from wives with unconverted mates, as I too

am in that position. Here's one I've "discovered" quite recently and find very helpful: Try applying Romans 13 to the husband-wife relationship. Verse 4 says "he is the minister of God to thee for good." If we were to think of our own husband as one of God's ministers (say, Mr. Armstrong), how much more careful would we be when we welcome him home, speak to him, act in his presence, etc.?

Also, we enjoy very much the Bible quizzes and puzzles. They are a great aid in encouraging our children to study the Bible . . . May the *WN* continue to be the great blessing it has been thus far!

Mrs. Linda Groves  
Drexel, Mo.

### Prisoner writes

At this moment I am figuring a way to raise at least twice the amount you're requesting for *The Worldwide News*. That way, someone else who is "up tight" financially can also subscribe to this new and refreshing publication.

Here in prison it is a real shocking eye-opener to be able to read how sincere, civilized people live in such chaotic times. Though I do not presently have the subscription price, please bring forwarding (immediately!!!!) my copies of *The Worldwide News*. Faces and smiles of people I have admired for years now become real and even more stimulating!

I faithfully promise not to "beat" you for the bill unless, of course, God sees fit to effect my early demise before I can send you the money.

Maybe I could send some hobbycraft and you might have someone willing to accept this bargain for only \$8. Such a deal I wouldn't give my own son. It's been nice talking to some people who really "keep the faith."

Randolph Lane  
Jackson, Miss.

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**CHURCH PICNIC** — Northern California's summer fog was late leaving this year, but high spirits, home-grown barbecued lamb and a tug-of-war in the sand, together with all the other fun, games and food, made a bright and sunny day of it Sept. 2 at the picnic of the churches from Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif. See story at right. [Photos by Stephen McKee]



## Office manager lays myth to rest, Filipinos not living in Stone Age

Several months ago the News staff wrote Mr. Colin Adair about a Philippine circulation matter.

In our letter, we confessed our ignorance about the socio-economic educational level of the country. There's an old saying that it's not a sin to be ignorant — only to stay that way!

Mr. Adair ended our ignorance in a hurry. We were so struck by his enthusiasm and the information he conveyed that we encouraged him to share this information with all the readers of the News.

By Colin Adair

**MANILA** — What is one step from the jungle and two steps from the Stone Age? The modern Filipino, according to many people in the West — including, unfortunately, some of God's people.

There seems to be a misconception among us that the Filipinos are barely educated, live mostly in nipa huts and eat only rice. I would like once and for all to lay this myth to rest.

The Manila church is composed of many highly educated people. How's this for a lineup:

In the congregation we have two qualified lawyers, two members who had almost completed their medical course when they entered the Church, one man working for the Philippine counterpart of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), one in the Special Services Department of Foreign Affairs, one man who until recently was employed in an overseas embassy (now returned), at least half a dozen qualified teachers, numerous members with degrees in business administration, three electronics and radio technicians, a qualified dentist, two veterinarians, at least three successful businessmen, and many others who slip my mind right now.

Being a young church, with the average age of members somewhere in the mid-20s, it has many students presently engaged in pursuing degrees in law, economics, architecture, civil engineering and education.

In the provinces we have other highly educated members, including another lawyer and a municipal judge.

The Filipino people in general are very education conscious. It is the goal of most children, even from a very young age, to graduate from high school and enter college for a successful career.

Such is the emphasis on education that parents often make great financial sacrifices in order to educate their family. And as older children

graduate and obtain jobs they are expected to help finance their younger brothers and sisters.

The government recognizes the importance of higher education. The largest slice of the national budget (35 percent) is spent in this field.

On recent lectures I gave to two universities, it was refreshing to observe the keen attention given me by the students and to listen to their searching questions afterwards.

Most of the new people coming along to church are quite young. Again this shows the keen interest of the youth in finding answers and educating themselves.

The Work of God in the Philippines is an English work. If the Filipinos were not an educated peo-

ple, how could we have grown so large? (By the way, most of the brethren speak not only English, but Tagalog, the national language, and their own dialect as well.)

Admittedly there are some brethren, especially in Mindanao, who are basically farmers and whose education is not high. Nevertheless, they are not primitive, as many in the West seem to believe. Rice is certainly their staple diet, but vegetables and fruit abound also, and fish is part of most Filipinos' daily intake.

So when you think of the Manila church and your Filipino brethren in this part of the world, think of them as they really are — friendly, enthusiastic and educated. One step from the jungle? By no means!

## Members prepare socials for Feast in Philippines

By Bien Macaraeg Jr.

**MANILA, Philippines** — Like all the brethren worldwide, the Philippine brethren are excitedly anticipating the arrival of the 1973 Feast of Tabernacles.

Foresighted preparation has been taking place in most of the Festival areas for some time now.

Here in the Philippines the necessary planning for the social side of the Feast has been in high gear for a number of months.

It began just after the Days of Unleavened Bread when the Festival Entertainment Committee in the Philippines rolled up its sleeves and focused much of its attention on preparing for the Festival socials and entertainment.

After a series of meetings the committee came up with five main evening social activities. They are an acquaintance-family night, a choral concert by the Manila church chorale, the Filipiniana show (a colorful slide show depicting the culture of the Philippines with lovely native songs, instrumental numbers and dances), a semiformal dance and a variety fun show.

Project managers for each activity were appointed and plans were immediately drawn up. Frequent meetings and contacts among the committee, project managers, technical men and others concerned were instituted for much-needed continuous coordination.

Massive Campaign

A massive campaign to recruit numbers and participants im-

mediately followed. Most of the participants were young, but all ages with promising talents were welcomed.

Because of the great number of entries to the three shows and the difficulty of scheduling rehearsals to avoid conflicts, a master schedule was drawn up by the committee which contained all schedules for individual, group, general and other rehearsals beginning months before and up to the Feast.

Considering the limited time, the schedules indeed were quite heavy.

The chorale practiced twice a week — Mondays and Thursdays (or Wednesdays when there was no Bible study) from 6:30 to 8:30 or up to 9:30 p.m.

The Filipiniana and the variety show scheduled individual-number rehearsals during the other evenings of the week when there was no Bible study, Spokesman's Club meetings or other more important activities.

Night Rehearsals

So most nights were taken up by rehearsals.

This had to be done to get the numbers ready for the general rehearsals, which started in August.

The schedules were concentrated and the rehearsals rigid, yet everyone is happy for the opportunity to serve.

There is the difficult side of it when we get down to business. But there is the light side of it too. It gives everyone a feeling of joy to be a part of a worthwhile undertaking where one's talents are developed, polished and put to good use.

## Local church news wrap-up

Cardonas Transferred

**MOBILE, Ala.** — Members of the Mobile and Geneva, Ala., congregations Saturday evening, Sept. 8, held a combined formal dinner and dance and going-away party for Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cardona, who are being transferred to Brisbane, Australia.

The affair was held in a ballroom of the Ramada Inn at Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Even though Mr. and Mrs. Cardona will not be leaving until mid-October, it was decided to combine the going-away party with the dance due to the upcoming activities of the Fall Festival.

In an unusual presentation of a skit copied from the television program *Let's Make a Deal*, the Cardonas were awarded the "big deal," which consisted of luggage, an attaché case for Mr. Cardona and a lovely gold-filled bracelet for Mrs. Cardona, as a gift of appreciation from the two churches. *Jan Park.*

Annual Golf Tournament

**ANGOLA, Ind.** — Early-morning fog still lingered in the low areas as golfing enthusiasts gathered at the clubhouse of Zollner Golf Course Sunday, Aug. 12, for the first annual golf tournament between the Toledo and Findlay, Ohio, churches and the South Bend and Fort Wayne, Ind., churches.

Tea-off time was 8:30 a.m., and the eager golfers patiently awaited their turns until all 21 participants had left tee No. 1 on their way around the long 6,386-yard, par-72 course.

The match was won by the Indiana group on a handicap score of 819 over Ohio's 878. They were awarded a trophy.

The hilly course, which was in excellent condition, is made challenging and interesting by several water hazards strategically placed and by several long holes, one a 610-yard, par-five dogleg.

Those enjoying the outing and fellowship were Al Luginbill, Henry Staffer, Darrel Waterman, Lee Bontrager, Bernard Smeenk, Neil Skinner, Neal Bontrager and Henry Bontrager from South Bend and Bob Borton, Willie Stephans and Don Poorman from Fort Wayne.

Players from the Toledo and Findlay areas were Richard Cox, David

## Bumper stickers herald verbiage

By Alex R. Lukes

**DENVER, Colo.** — Americans, whether you have a piston engine that says one thing or a Mazda engine that says something else, you might check your rear bumper for further discussion, because . . .

The bumper-sticker boom is here! Take me up on this: On your next leisurely drive through Anytown, U.S.A., make it a point to notice whether or not the car in front of you has a bumper sticker. If it does, great!

Next step: Yield to temptation and read it.

With such diversification as LEGALIZE BINGO — KEEP GRANDMA OFF THE STREETS TO HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS OR SMILE, YOU LIVE IN COLORADO AND IN THE END, MAN POLLUTED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH, there's no telling whether you'll let loose with a hearty guffaw, shake your head with a moaning sigh, brighten up with a spirited grin or quiet down with sobered understanding.

But know that, in a generation of rapid change, you've been hurtled through the space age, indexed through the computer age, and, finally, talked into the verbiage. Anyway, happy reading.

Cox, Frank Klett, Robert Hubbard, Joe Coucher, Gail Sanderson, John Vine, Ed Pendleton, Art Crigger and Bob Grunden. *Gail Sanderson.*

Lamb Barbecue

**DILLON BEACH, Calif.** — Sunday, Sept. 2, brought a record crowd from the Santa Rosa and Fairfield churches to the sandy shores of Dillon Beach for a day of picnic activities and lamb barbecuing.

Many played volleyball, horse-shoes and badminton, and a few ventured into the icy waters and jumped the waves.

When it was time to eat, picnic tables were spread with salads, vegetables and yummy desserts. The best-smelling part of the meal was the lamb that had been cut into chops and cooked over the open fire.

The fun ended with a campfire and a sing-along. *Carolyn Battle.*

Starlit Skies

**DENVER, Colo.** — Thirty-four young adults from the Denver and Greeley churches recently made good use of the 243-acre church property in Estes Park, Colo., at a fun-filled campout there Sept. 1 to 3.

Daytime activities included hiking, fishing, volleyball and plenty of good eating.

In the evenings the group gathered around the welcome warmth offered by a brightly burning campfire for a rousing sing-along under starlit skies.

Anxious moments peaked one late afternoon when sudden 60-mile-per-hour gusts of wind swooped down the face of nearby slopes and rushed through the campsite, collapsing and damaging several tents in their wake.

However, a little praying and a little rearranging soon brought order out of chaos, and by dusk the spirited clan was roasting marshmallows and laughing heartily.

All in all, the adventure-filled weekend proved quite rewarding for everyone in a setting which could offer nothing less than beauty and inspiration: the magnificent and breathtaking Rocky Mountains. *Alex R. Lukes.*

## Obituaries

**PASADENA** — Jim Watkins, 42, employed by the Ambassador Press in Pasadena, died Wednesday, Sept. 19.

He had been ill and unable to work for over three months.

Watkins is survived by his wife Frieda and daughters Cheryl Gooding, Nancy, a freshman at Big Sandy, and Jimmelynn.

The Watkinses were formerly from Denver, Colo.

**ROSEVILLE, Calif.** — On Sabbath morning, Aug. 4, Mrs. Agatha "Gaye" Walter, 67, a resident of Cotati, Calif., died in a convalescent hospital in Roseville. God freed her in this way from the suffering of her illness of the past year.

Mrs. Walter had had a long and fruitful life as wife, mother and restaurateur. Her last years before she died were devoted to the loving care of her invalid husband, who died several months before she.

Mrs. Walter was baptized in 1966 by Mr. Dennis G. Luker, who was at that time pastor of the San Francisco Bay Area churches. She attended the Worldwide Church of God at Santa Rosa near her home.

Funeral services were held at the Lambert Funeral Home in Roseville Aug. 8, followed by private burial services at Colma, Calif.

Mrs. Walter is survived by her son, Donovan Michaels, two granddaughters, a great-granddaughter and her brother.

## Executive interview

## Broadcast alarmed Mr. Smith until he sought new standards

By Dave Havir

PASADENA — "There was something about it that alarmed me," explained Mr. Norman Smith, vice president of the Media Division, describing the first time, while as a teen-ager in Burnt Prairie, Ill., that he ever heard Mr. Armstrong on the radio.

"My father was a radio buff in the early days of radio," continued Mr. Smith. "He was associated with a local distance-listening radio group and would usually buy the latest set. Back in those days there were very few radio stations, and many of those buffs were able to listen to Mr. Armstrong all the way from Eugene, Ore."

"My father claims that he used to listen to Mr. Armstrong from Eugene back in the 1930s. But it wasn't until 1946 that I first heard the broadcast."

Alarmed by the broadcast, Mr. Smith sought to live as if he had never even heard the message.

"I tried to put it out of my mind," he stated. "I really didn't know that much about it, but I did seem to realize that the world was in trouble. This was around the time of the first atomic bomb, and I remember walking around the property on the farm thinking about the future. I seriously thought that the world might come to an end in a few years."

After hearing people continuously talk about the bomb and the end of the world, the broadcast produced a natural fear within the teen-ager.

"So I stayed away from it," he admitted.

### Three Years Later

Graduating from high school when he was 16 years old, Mr. Smith was out of school for three years before he decided to go to college.

"My uncle and aunt got me interested in a college education," he explained. "So I had decided to go to a church-oriented college in Tennessee. I was quite interested in religion from the standpoint of the church I attended."

Then something happened to cause Mr. Smith to look into the college and the religion that he had been pursuing at that time.

"It was one little episode, yet it started me thinking," he explained. "We were at a church camp with young people who were supposedly Christians. Some fellows went out and turned another guy's bed upside down."

"I happened to see what they did, but that was no problem. It was only a joke."

"Later that evening, however, someone started investigating and interrogating, and those guys stood up and lied about it. They did not even seem to be trying to be Christian . . ."

"From that, I began to notice other ways in which these people did not meet the standards of a Christian."

It wasn't until this time in 1949 that Mr. Smith began to listen to the broadcast again. Without the fear which encompassed him when he had first heard the broadcast three years earlier, he began to listen quite intently during the winter of 1949 and 1950.

### Becoming Interested in the Ambassador Standard

Early in 1950 Mr. Smith was reading through an issue of *The Plain Truth* that had numerous pictures of the college campus in Pasadena. These pictures interested him greatly.

Listening to a program in which Mr. Armstrong interviewed three or four of the Ambassador students, Mr. Smith became more interested and wanted to attend this school with

the beautiful fountains and the happy people.

His decision to swing over to Ambassador College was made late in the summer of 1950, already after he had made his deposit to the other college. Making application to Ambassador, he heard very quickly of his acceptance.

"I was relieved when I was accepted," he said. "The standards and goals of the young people at the other college were not what I was seeking."

### Look to the Good Points

"Some people might have turned right around and gone back home because it was so small," explained Mr. Smith about his introduction to Ambassador College. "But to me it was interesting. The fact that we had our meals down in one corner of a little basement room and the girls came down to cook our meals for us was very interesting."

"Although I had assumed that there were going to be more students attending the college, it did not concern me that there were only two or three people in the classes — with the exception of approximately 10 or 12 in the freshman Bible class."

Mr. Smith was not one to be scared away. He was the type of young person who would look at the good points of a situation that confronted him instead of dwelling on the bad points.

As he admitted: "Anybody can find the bad points surrounding situations in life if he looks long enough and hard enough."

By looking past the frugal environment which surrounded the fledgling institution at that time, he examined the purposes and aims of the college and then decided if this was what he wanted.

### A New Experience

Practically everything during Mr. Smith's first year of college was new. The Feast of Tabernacles was certainly a memorable experience for him.

As the year progressed, Mr. Smith learned more and more about the way of life professed at the college.

"The main impetus for me becoming more interested in Mr. Armstrong was his discussions on prophecy," he remarked.

Mr. Smith continued to learn; he gave his first sermonette, at Belknap Springs, Ore., during the Feast of Tabernacles of his sophomore year.

After working on the gardening

crew and other handy jobs through his first year, Mr. Smith received a new job. After the Feast of his second year he began working in the radio studio with Mr. Dick Armstrong.

In the spring of 1953 Mr. Dick Armstrong went to England to take over the office there, so Mr. Smith was left to work in the radio studio.

Reflecting on his job during his years in Ambassador College, he stated:

"Throughout my college years my main interest was working. College was only my second interest. There was no question in my mind which came first."

"My main thrust was toward the work — which was getting the programs out. I had to be available to meet Mr. Armstrong's schedule and many a time he would pull me out of class to make a recording."

Mr. Smith did go on a baptizing tour in the summer of 1953 with Dr. Herman Hoeh, now executive editor of *The Plain Truth*. This opportunity was made possible when the decision was made to cancel all radio stations that summer except those which were on the air once a week. Once Mr. Smith prepared all the tapes in advance, he was free to participate in the 10,000-mile tour through many of the southern states.

Describing the value that he received from the tour, he said:

"Different people taught us many lessons about leading a Christian life despite facing great odds. In those early baptizing tours, we learned about as much as the people we visited and baptized."

### A Demanding Job

Earlier in 1953 — during the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy — Mr. Smith married the former Charlene Glover. Dr. Hoeh and his wife were married in the morning; the Smiths were wed in the afternoon of the same day.

"This was at the time when a wedding was a novelty," he explained, "so we held it at the Feast of Tabernacles when everybody could see it."

The Smiths finished their Ambassador education that year and remained in Pasadena after graduation, where he continued working in the radio studio.

During those years between 1954 and 1958, Mr. Smith spent many hours on his job. There were numerous times when he worked 70 to 80 hours a week.

He said, "At that time many de-



**THE SMITH FAMILY** — Pictured are, from left to right, Mrs. Smith; Kyle, 13, eighth-grader at Imperial; Debi, 19, sophomore at Ambassador, Pasadena; Kevan, 17, Imperial senior; and Mr. Smith. [Photo by Joe Clayton]

partments suffered from a shortage of workers. Yet the jobs still had to be done. If you wanted the job done, you had to do it — even if it meant staying up all night. We did whatever Mr. Armstrong wanted done — even if it meant working to 3 or 5 a.m."

Whenever Mr. Armstrong made the ABC Network program, it was just standing procedure that Mr. Smith worked all night long on it. It was just customary every week during that network year.

Prior to the Feast he also found himself going a couple of days without sleep, because he had to duplicate the programs Mr. Armstrong taped before leaving for the Feast.

"It was something you just had to plan for and then do," he added. "I was happy to do it."

### Expanding Responsibilities

Mr. Frank Inglima, presently the head of the Radio Production Department in Pasadena, came along in 1957 and provided Mr. Smith with additional help.

Mr. Smith continued to be in charge of the radio studio and also assumed directorship over Television Production when the Ambassador crews began to produce the program in 1967.

He became the vice president of broadcasting production in 1969. As the overseer of the media activities, he witnessed the developments and growth of the department.

"We started out in 1967 by running a camera on Mr. Armstrong while he was doing the radio program," he recalled. "We installed the black-and-white cameras over in the old radio studio — on the second floor of the library building. Although we had outside consultants to help us install the equipment, we operated it."

Starting out very small, the program was still on relatively few stations when the Ambassador crews started producing in color in 1968.

Around 1970, television began to add significantly to the mail count. In 1971 television added over 120,000 new people to the mailing list.

"The television program carried quite an impact for getting new people on the list," he explained. "Television has been a great contributing factor in keeping progress in the growth of income and members."

"When we use television, we have to look ahead to see if we can handle

the response of our audience. We must determine if our other departments can take care of the response, because television is such a powerful medium."

"We could even do more things for the program to bring in more letters. But that's not the sole purpose. Television and radio have a far greater purpose than just gathering letters. They also carry a message into people's minds day after day — to give them an education of information that they can't receive anywhere else."

### Growing Media Division

With the creation of the Marketing Division this summer, Mr. Smith will be aided in his very burdening responsibility. The Marketing Division will gather statistics and information from the Data Processing Center and will use these facts to recommend the allocations of money for acquiring radio and television times.

"This takes a tremendous load off me," explained the vice president of the Media Division. "This will take the statistical part from my schedule, which has become increasingly full-er."

Mr. Smith's responsibilities still include overseeing the production of radio and television programs and using the information provided by Marketing Research in making selections on the media purchases which are accomplished by the Worldwide Advertising Agency (of the church and college).

Speaking about the men who work for him, Mr. Smith noted: "We have been very blessed over the last number of years to have many valuable men to come along and to help us produce the program. These skilled people have mixed years of experience with a zeal and enthusiasm to produce a teamwork spirit that helps us to do much more than we were able to do in the past."

After many faithful years of service in the Media Division of our organization, Mr. Smith still proclaims a major goal of his division:

"We earnestly want to get the program on more radio and television stations. As we can acquire the funds and money, we will go on as many quality stations as we can. As we strive to use the media available to us with even more efficiency, we want to reach as many people as we possibly can."



**IN THE LIVING ROOM** — Mr. Norman Smith relaxes in his living room as he relates his background experiences for *The Worldwide News*. [Photo by Tom Maydeck]

# Personal

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rehashing what you can read in that article. Suffice it to say, Mr. Portune's appointment was a *mutually arrived-at decision* of my father, myself and Mr. Portune. It was at his own earnest suggestion, in heartfelt and prayerful thought and consideration.

It means Mr. Portune and I will be working more closely together than we have since the days when he was my very first executive assistant — and those never-to-be-forgotten days in 1958 when he was my emcee and soloist in the Springfield, Mo., campaign — the campaign during which my brother Dick was killed.

Al and I each know, deeply, what makes the other tick — and I welcome the opportunity to share with him our sermon ideas, plans, hopes, etc.

My father has just left Lebanon (the story is covered in an accompanying article) and recently arrived in Tokyo following a brief stopover in Bangkok, Thailand, where he spoke before a small but very important group of ambassadors and consular officials from countries all over Asia, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. He pulled no punches as he gave a powerful and blunt message about the Kingdom of God and the whole solution for global problems — the return of Jesus Christ to this earth.

Mr. Armstrong was very enthusiastic and encouraged over the opportunity to give such a plain-spoken and powerful message before people so high in government representing many countries and was eagerly looking forward to his upcoming talks in Tokyo with Prince Mikasa and other VIPs in a similar plain-spoken talk with many officials high in Japanese government and representatives of other governments invited by the Japanese.

I am looking forward to the greatest and the most enthusiastic Feast of Tabernacles in the history of God's Work, and my father and I are once again planning, God willing, to be at every Feast site and to visit with every one of you (at least for an hour and a half or so from the pulpit).

I am hoping that I can speak plainly and powerfully to all you brethren at the Feast of Tabernacles, though I seem to go from day to day with my voice painfully raw; often it goes out on me in the many crushing duties of radio and television as well as continual executive responsibilities and constant problem-solving and the like.

I want to thank all of you personally and especially those many individuals who have written me private, personal letters of encouragement and have shared their thoughts and their own personal and family thoughts and prayers with me in a generous gesture of support and comradeship. So many have let me know that their hearts and minds are really centered in God's Work.

Could I please take this opportunity to thank each of you who has so expressed yourself, even though I must be the world's worst person at getting around to taking the time to answer personal notes of encouragement and appreciation. I do read

### IMPORTANT

Student Festival concession stands at the Ozarks, Wisconsin Dells and Pocomo sites will not be provided this year.

Feast goers who were planning to buy food from the concession stands at these three sites should make other plans.

Concession stands will still be in operation at the Big Sandy site, however.

every one — including cards, announcements, and from time to time small tokens of appreciation in the form of gifts such as letter openers or other things for my wife and me.

I want to let all of you know that these are received, read and deeply appreciated.

I have just completed a lengthy letter to all of the ministers for the *Ministerial Bulletin* concerning the size and the quality of the upcoming Feast of Tabernacles. I sincerely expect that we are all going to know and feel that Jesus Christ is more pleased than ever before with this great Work that He is conducting, that we are all going to unitedly feel and know that God Almighty is moving as never before in His Work — and that the greatest harvest in the history of God's Work is just ahead.

I just completed two more television programs this afternoon and am now having to dictate the last portion of this "Personal" with a very raspy voice. Though my voice sounded, to me, very strained and gravelly even as I did TV, I was nevertheless inspired and encouraged to be able to produce two more television programs, which I believe will be of "Sunday quality" on the "real Jesus," which will be seen by millions of people.

I know that God's Church has gone through an enormous series of readjustments mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

I know that many of these traumatic occurrences — especially the cold shock of rumor and gossip — have taken a certain toll upon all of us.

I also know there is a very real Satan the devil and that he always seems to be especially busy just prior to either the Passover or the Feast of Tabernacles, when he knows God's people are going to be *together and united* — as never before.

I have seen this in many ways very recently, and I know many of you can look into your own personal lives and in your own environments of which you are aware and can say that you have seen the same thing.

I also know that it's God's will that we grow and overcome through all of these trials, no matter what the forces or powers arrayed against us.

In spite of all these difficulties, I know that God's people are going to rally in spirit and enthusiasm and rejoice together in true Christian fellowship in the coming Feast of Tabernacles as they have never be-

fore. I just know there will be an obvious and discernible spirit of well-being, of togetherness, of mutual love and affection that we have never seen before. We will be locking arms in doing an exciting and rewarding Work, knowing that there is such a feeling of satisfaction in seeing the face of a newly converted "little one" who comes up to meet us for the first time and says, "This is my very first Feast of Tabernacles," that it is impossible to describe it in words.

Personally, when I see the real fruit being borne — that is, the change in converted lives of human beings who have been living the wretched, heartbroken and futile lives of the average man on the street in the world — becoming really changed and converted and filled with the right kind of love and joy and peace, it is a fantastic reward and great reassurance that this truly is the Work of the Almighty God, and He and He only can produce such fruit in human lives.

I would like to caution all of you, if I may, to please be very, very CAREFUL on your journeys during the coming Holy Day season. We have been terribly shocked and saddened by recent tragedies, including the death of persons we have known personally and others for whom we have grieved but whom we did not know personally, who have either been killed or injured in God's Church even traveling to and from normal Sabbath Day services.

It seems that every Feast of Tabernacles we have to hear of some terrible tragedy involving the sickening injury or death of some of God's own people as they travel to the Feast.

I hope and pray no such accidents occur this year and that each of you reading this "Personal" will do your utmost to insure that you do not over-tax yourselves driving and that you at all times insure that your loved ones have their seat belts fastened and that you are operating a safe automobile in a safe fashion.

Personally, I am very grateful to the Eternal God for the opportunity to be able to be borne aloft on the wings of the Falcon, a super-sophisticated, special-avionics fan-jet aircraft which has dual back-up fail-safe systems, just like airliners, and which embodies every conceivable safety factor modern space-age technology can provide. But even so, I always



**EXPLAINING AMBASSADOR COLLEGE** — Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong discusses the aims and goals of Ambassador College with President Suleiman Franjeh of Lebanon and shows him certain college publications, including *The Envoy*. [Photo courtesy Lebanese government]

# Lebanon

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Armstrong and his party were invited to lunch with the president and his wife.

Of Mr. Armstrong, the president said:

"People who achieve meritorious deeds carry their old age with serenity."

The visit lasted four hours. Later the president insisted that Mr. Armstrong must go on a visit to The Cedars.

This famous resort area, about 9,000 feet up in the Lebanese Mountains, boasts a group of 400 of the famous Cedars of Lebanon. This group is almost all that remain of these famous cedars. Many were cut down by King Hiram because the wood was in such demand for the building of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. Those that remain are over 4,000 years old.

### Important Meeting

The following day an important meeting was arranged with the prime minister and minister of foreign affairs. This meeting had been postponed from the beginning of the week because the two ministers were attending the Conference of Non-Aligned Nations in Algiers.

The prime minister, Takiyeddine Solh, entertained Mr. Armstrong at his private residence, and the two men discussed politics and world affairs.

At the end of the meeting the prime minister told Mr. Armstrong: "People like you are like stars guiding navigators who are seeking the paths of true life and humanity."

This visit was immediately followed by a one-hour meeting with the minister of foreign affairs, Fouad Nafa'a. Once again world affairs were discussed, and Mr. Armstrong was also able to discuss some of the basic beliefs of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God.

The minister expressed his wish, and indeed promised, to visit Ambassador College as soon as possible.

At 9 o'clock on Saturday evening a farewell dinner in Mr. Armstrong's honor was held at the Casino du Liban. The dinner was attended by university presidents, professors, lecturers, politicians and journalists, and enabled Mr. Armstrong to meet many Lebanese dignitaries, including Charles Malek, one of the nation's leading politicians.

Although by Sunday the visit had officially ended, President Franjeh insisted that Mr. Armstrong visit the famous caves at Jeita. These semi-flooded caves can be toured by a 1,400-yard boat ride deep into the heart of the caverns.

Monday morning, Sept. 17, Mr. Armstrong prepared to leave Beirut for the Far East. President Franjeh had telephoned Dr. Dahdah, asking him to represent him at the airport and wish Mr. Armstrong a safe and pleasant trip. He expressed the hope that Mr. Armstrong would again visit Lebanon in the not-too-distant future.

# 'people'



## feast show/squaw valley

People is what it is about. Some new and different entertainment put together by some people who are excited about what they want to say to you. Through "People." (Proceeds go to the Ambassador College Student Body Fund.)

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I hope you all rejoice as I do at the absolutely magnificent new cover, content and total layout — I call it the "impact" — of *The Plain Truth* magazine last month with its cover on the Atlantic Alliance and the special articles on the United States of Europe!

When I envisioned the fact that this magnificent and beautiful magazine with its hard-hitting plain truth is read by more than 30 Rose Bowls (the big Pasadena granddaddy of the bowl games, seating upwards of 100,000 people), it really does thrill me — and yet I know that it may be read by perhaps more than double that number!

This is a GREAT Work of which we are a part, brethren, and I know you all rejoice as I do to have even the tiniest part in it. Personally, I can tell you there have been hundreds of times when I have wished I could trade places with any one of you and then my part could indeed be a quieter, more sedate and perhaps less involved activity.

It appears God has not so willed — and even though it is sometimes almost an inhuman task, my father and I are going to continue to plug away in God's Work as God gives us strength.

We hope to see you all at the Feast; please take good care of yourselves and let us really rejoice this fall as we never have before!

In Jesus' name,  
Garner Ted Armstrong

# HI-LITES

FROM IMPERIAL SCHOOLS AND TEEN-AGERS AROUND THE WORLD

Teen-Age Essay Contest

## Contest winners announced

By Al Portune Jr.

PASADENA — Aug. 31, 1973, was the deadline for entering the first annual Teen-Age Essay Contest (see July 9 issue). Approximately 100 teen-agers took pen in hand to record their thoughts on the subject: "An Adult I Admire — and Why."

Every entry was unique. I would like to extend thanks to each and every teen-ager who entered our contest. Even though there will only be three winners announced, I feel that virtually every essay is deserving of honorable mention.

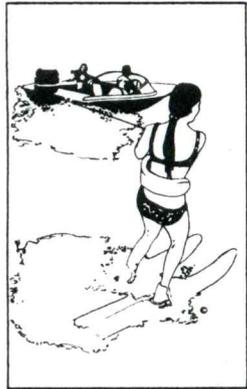
Needless to say, it has been very difficult for our panel to pick what we feel are the three best essays, but since those were the rules, we had to follow them.

Following are the names of the winners and their essays, published in their entirety, verbatim. Thank you very much for your enthusiastic support and response.

**First Place: \$50**  
By Cathy Koontz

PLANT CITY, Fla. — This summer I had the greatest gift God could ever bestow unto me as a teenager, and that was to go to S.E.P. The adult I most admire was my very own dorm counselor, Miss Tanya Tkach.

I admire Miss Tkach because of her total dedication to the dorm, and everything that involved it, including



us. Everything she did revolved around her desire to better the dorm.

I admire Miss Tkach because she brought our dorm together like a family. She did this by maintaining her sunny, optimistic outlook. Miss Tkach was always telling us how happy we made her and how glad she was to have us as her dorm. It took so little to make her proud of us.

I admire Miss Tkach because of her enthusiasm toward the whole camp. She never failed to show it, either. We loved our activities all the more because of her. Her joking and laughing made the classes so delightful we didn't even have to fake it. With Miss Tkach working right along with us, having a great time, how in the world could we ever grumble about C.I. [campus improvement]?

I admire Miss Tkach because she could put work and play in their proper perspectives. When the time came to work, she gathered all of us and assigned us to our various jobs. But the thing I liked about that was she always complimented us on a job well done. That made us strive to do our best on every job because she was

sure to notice it. That made me admire her all the more.

I admire Miss Tkach because she instilled in us the desire to improve on our dorm. She led us on to win the E flag twice in a row and place second and third the other two times.

I admire Miss Tkach and enjoy being in her company because she didn't think we, the girls in her dorm, were too young for her to share her life with. She shared with us happy times in skiing, as well as serious times. We had wonderful rap sessions. She would gather us around and talk on any given subject, including everyone in the conversation.

I admire Miss Tkach because she insisted that we share everything: our care packages sent from home, the things we got at the store in Orr, everything. She would usually set up a party and we would eat all the goodies then. It was great fun. She made sharing the most logical and fun thing to do.

I admire Miss Tkach mostly for her ability to make camp more fun for me than it otherwise would have been. She knew how to make camp fun for everyone and she certainly did just that. When it was time to go home, I cried and so did she. Our dorm was so close because of her. All I have now is sweet memories of camp, but I'll never forget the good times we had together. God bless you, Miss Tkach!

**Second Place: \$25**  
By Pam McIver

DALLAS, Tex. — My earliest memories start around six when my father left his family, leaving mom behind with four children and another on the way. She tried to give us all extra love even though she was burdened down with problems. We moved into a one bedroom duplex. It was there that I began school. I can still see the hurt and disappointment in my mother's eyes as she bundled me up in my coat on the cold winter days, and a raincoat pinned at my ankles to keep me dry as I walked to school. My mother was like every other parent wanting the best for her children. The frustration and disappointment came as the result of not having enough to give each of us. Five children demanded quite a bit of time, effort and most of all a feeling of being needed and wanted. School days brought with it all the childhood diseases, and more problems as each child caught them from me. But my mother withstood these trials and set her children a good example. Her mistakes have taught us to bear other persons' faults, to accept people for what they are, to change what we can, and to strive to live each day to the fullest. Mom had polio as a child. It left her with a short right leg. When dad left, mom had come to the brink of desperation. I can imagine the feeling only as that of a man facing a firing squad and breathing his last breath of air. She could find no place to work because of her infirmity, but she was determined not to quit. Fortunately, she had come to the knowledge of God's truth. She asked for help and received Third Tithes assistance as a Spiritual Widow. By the grace of God we were still able to stay together as a family, and my mother had a job at home where she was needed.

Because I was the eldest child, I

was entrusted with responsibility such as ironing, house cleaning, and changing diapers. With three in diapers it was a job. I weighed heavily with the responsibility of a young child, growing to be a woman quickly. Yet my mother always had a little bit of time to encourage me and to help me develop the will of persistence. My mother never discouraged an idea, but helped to expand it. She showed me hospitality with our guests, diligence to work with the



things I had. Her charm turned our home to just that, a home, not a house. I know now my mother is a strong woman. She can withstand trials. She has withstood an early marriage and divorce, and polio. Her battle is not yet won. She is now fighting for her life.

Upon being told last year she had

## Balanced exercise program provides activities for youth

By David Sandland

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The fourth law of radiant health states we should maintain a balanced exercise program. Here in the Vancouver churches our youth do just that — in regard to youth participation in various sporting activities sponsored by our two Vancouver churches, pastored by Mr. George Patrickson.

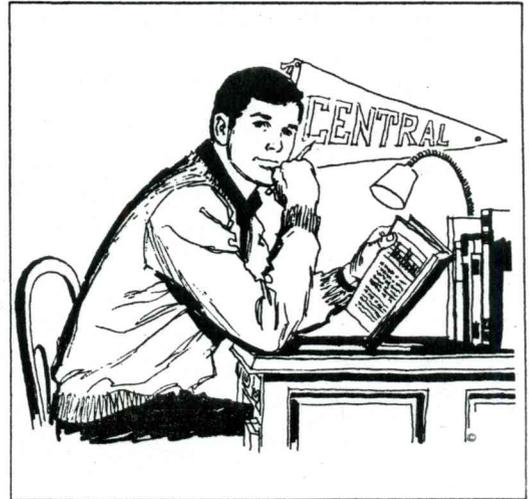
Participation is not just reserved for youth — as many others join in these sports programs — but emphasis is on youth and the young at heart.

All the following activities are available for our local teen-agers, including some activities for both male and female participants:

**Soccer** — At the moment, during the summer season, we are engaged in a program of baseball and soccer. Around 20 to 25 turn out every Wednesday evening for our soccer matches. Fun and good spirits generally prevail, with a little encouragement from the referee.

**Baseball** — Our other summer activity, baseball, draws a wider spectrum of participants, including Mr. Dean Wilson, whenever he can free himself from personal-appearance lectures or other engagements.

**Hockey** — Turning to a more Canadian sport, hockey is a popular year-round activity with many of our local youth and would-be youth. During hockey season (fall, winter



cancer, my mother promptly fought back with stamina and determination. She began to do things she had always wanted to do but could not afford or that she just could not do. We were given a car. She learned to drive with her left foot. There is a lovely painting in our living room she painted this last fall. Her talents as a seamstress are in full color as she sews quite a bit. By staying close to God and being strong spiritually, my mother is still going strong today. She feels great, and shows it in her zest for life. She is a hardy woman who goes to all the teen outings and she joins in just as if she were a teen-ager herself again.

Last year as I was baptized, my mother gave me a beautiful Oxford Bible. She instructed me at that time to stay close to God and to never give up the will to do right, to follow God, and to enjoy each day of life with zest, never with a downward appearance. She asked me to give praises to God for each day of my life, and especially for his calling.

My praises are never enough for God, I know that. If by some chance I do win this contest and my mother sees her story in print, she will know

that I can never praise her enough either. I acknowledge that God is supreme and that he is a miracle to each of us that are called. Only because I know this can I acknowledge the fact that he gave me a miracle . . . that miracle being my mother.

**Third Place: \$10**  
By Karen Schow

PUYALLUP, Wash. — There are a lot of "great grownups" in the Tacoma church, but the one I most admire is Mr. McFarland. He's the kind of person people like to talk to, to be with, and to have as a friend. His humorous and good natured disposition are always present in his attitude, and he's never selfish or mean. He's generous and kind, but most of all he cares. He cares about other people and their problems. When a person is down in the dumps and he sees that they are, Mr. McFarland will do anything he can to make



them happy and cheer them up. Of course, he has his problems too just like everyone else, but he doesn't dwell on them or let them show up in his attitude.

Mr. McFarland is a real inspiration to me because of the way he maintains a happy, positive outlook on life. This is true not only when things are going his way, but even in hard and difficult times. I have never heard him complain or moan and groan about a trial he is going through. He is quick to forgive and isn't the kind of person to carry a grudge against anybody. One time we were playing baseball and as I batted the ball to him, it hit him in the head and knocked him flat on his back. He got up shaking his head, but he wasn't mad at all!

It is easy to spot Mr. McFarland's family at church because of their cheerful and smiling faces — a good reflection of their dad's personality.

I'm especially thankful for Mr. McFarland and his family because they have helped me personally with my problems and trials. Happiness is — having a friend like Mr. Mac.

## Cop blows top

DALLAS, Tex. (UPI) — When a police officer spotted a runaway boy in northwest Dallas they took off after him.

The boy ran through a briar patch; so did the cop, who tore his pants. The boy turned into an alley; so did the cop, and his cap blew off.

The boy ran across a field; so did the cop, and his toupee came off. Overcome by laughter, the boy stopped and the policeman captured him.

A department spokesman said the police department will have to replace the toupee.





**JORDANIAN DIGNITARY** — Shukry Muhtadi, legal adviser to the Jordanian government for over 18 years, visited the Bricket Wood campus and gave an insight into Jordan's role in Middle Eastern affairs. [Photo by Brian Duffield]

## Visiting dignitary explains Jordan's role in Mideast

By Melvin Rhodes

**BRICKET WOOD** — Shukry Muhtadi, legal adviser to the Jordanian government for over 18 years and brother of Adli Muhtadi, Ambassador College's director of Arab affairs, recently visited the Bricket Wood campus and in an interview gave an insight into Jordan's role in Middle Eastern affairs.

Answering questions on the present Middle East situation, Muhtadi expressed the Jordanian government's desire to free the occupied territories of Israeli rule:

"It has always been the wish of people on both sides of Jordan that the kingdom is one of both banks. The king's declaration [of a two-region federal kingdom united by the crown] fits in with the desire of the peoples on both sides of the River Jordan."

Commenting on the position of the monarchy in Jordan, Muhtadi said that "Jordan is very fortunate indeed in having a king. The king is the best factor in establishing stability and security."

He pointed out that many of the Arab republics bordering on Jordan had great instability in government with rapid changes of rulers and frequent violent coups. Jordan has avoided this problem because the king was a great unifying and stabilizing factor.

Regarding Jordan's relationships with other countries, "Jordan is pro-Western but is open to good ideas no matter what their origin. It's not important who says a thing, but what is important is what the statement is."

On the subject of Arab unity, Muhtadi noted that under the constitution, Jordan is considered as a country forming part of the Arab world.

"Any disagreements amongst the Arab states are internal family affairs and will be resolved in time," he said.

Jordan now has good diplomatic relations with all Arab states except Tunisia.

Jordan is still a developing nation. "The differences between nations are not ethnic but are a difference in

the stage they've reached in developing," he said.

Talking about change in Jordan, he is convinced that "evolution is always better than revolution."

"You have to educate people gradually to accept new notions and new ideas. A change that comes that way stays. A change that is dictated doesn't work."

Completing the informative and friendly interview, Muhtadi expressed the hope that he had made Jordan's position clear in relation to its domestic and external affairs.

## German Plain Truth drive uses readers'-circle system

By Gary W. Hopkins

**DÜSSELDORF, West Germany** — Twenty-eight thousand German *Plain Truths* (*Klar und Wahr*) will be distributed to 168,000 people this October by using a unique system called "readers'-circles," whereby a number of top German magazines on various subjects are leased to customers at a reduced price.

A copy of *Klar und Wahr* is included without additional charge.

The same group of magazines is collected by readers'-circle personnel at the end of the first week and redistributed to other subscribers — who pay even less for the now week-old magazines.

Each week the cost is further reduced. In the sixth and final week of distribution the customers can keep them.

Every week throughout Germany and Austria a new group of magazines called "first sets" begins the six-week cycle. In all, the readers'-circle firms send out a total of 200,000 first sets each week, reaching five million readers!

This October the first test copies will be distributed through the readers' circles, with an eye on expanding to the full 200,000 in the future.

But that depends on the results of this test and whether the finances are available.

Each copy of *Klar und Wahr* in

# Two Manila office staff members visit conference about population

By Pedro R. Melendez  
Manila Office Staff

**MANILA, Philippines** — At the invitation of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, Mr. Colin Adair, director of the Manila office of God's Work, and I attended the commission's eighth biennial conference here recently.

The conference, held Sept. 6 to 8 at the Philamlife Auditorium here,

## Display booth offers literature at state fair

By Frieda B. Tupper

**CLARK, S.D.** — During South Dakota State Fair Week, Aug. 29 through Sept. 3, over 183,000 people were exposed to God's truth via television tapes, large signs and pictures of Ambassador College, a colorful display of our literature, and the winning smiles of the brethren who manned the booth for God's Work.

Of all these people, 611 people stopped at the display, with many asking for literature.

Many others watched Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on the tapes over a color-television set.

Aside from the native South Dakotans and people from other states, there were foreign visitors who asked that literature be sent them to their home countries of Japan, Sweden, Greece, the West Indies and Brazil.

Many signers were already getting *The Plain Truth* and were interested in receiving other booklets. Young people usually asked for *Modern Dating, Is Sex Sin?* and the marriage booklets.

The brethren worked in shifts, usually two couples together. It was a time of fellowshiping as well as serving the general public.

We hope that the people who stopped at the booth will respond to the literature when it reaches their homes in the near future.

had for its theme "Population Problems in the Second Development Decade."

The opening ceremonies of the three-day conference were highlighted by a speech of President Ferdinand Marcos (read on his behalf by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Carlos P. Romulo).

Marcos took an optimistic view that the Philippines has enough resources to sustain its projected population of 89 million by 2000 A.D.

He cited a social scientist who claims that the Philippines "has nothing to fear from even the prospect of a quadrupled population, provided that its vast natural resources are finally exploited and made industrially productive."

The president expressed confidence in the nation's "capacities for self-deliverance through modernization."

Other speeches by high government officials and distinguished local scholars echoed this sentiment. While some of them recognized the need to heed the warnings concerning the grim prospects of unchecked population growth and dwindling natural resources, their consensus was that modernization (or science)

is the answer.

### Hopes Pinned on Science

Hopes were pinned on science and technology to help check population growth and to develop natural resources to supply the demands of an increased population.

One cabinet official expressed concern about the recent onslaughts of typhoons, drought, crop diseases and pests.

Nevertheless, he hoped that modern technology could provide the solutions like typhoon dispersal, artificial rain making and pesticides.

Many of the major problems today (pollution as a concomitant to industrialization, trade wars resulting from international imbalance, failures of science to really solve man's gigantic and critical problems) were minimized or brushed aside at the conference.

We left the conference halfway, realizing more vividly how much man is blinding himself from the real dangers he faces in these end times.

Truly man needs to be awakened from reliance on science and technology as a false messiah. He needs to recognize and turn to the true Messiah for his deliverance.

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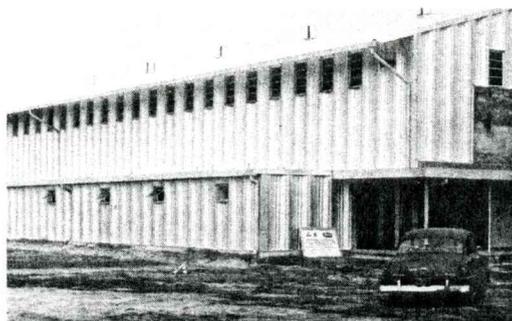
**BIG SANDY, October, 1960** — Seven thousand strong, God's people poured on the tabernacle grounds for eight full days. Deep in the East Texas woods the gleaming aluminum tabernacle itself jutted out in the afternoon sun to welcome new arrivals to the *greatest Feast of Tabernacles in this age!*

From that very first night, the Feast was in high gear! Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong set the stage for and theme of the Festival by defining the goal placed before us. The following sermons were spent in showing us how to attain that goal.

Time was set aside for other activities as well. The students were given a chance to blow off steam in the Fun Show. The Church was given special entertainment by the chorale, and for the first time the documentary film of the history of the Work was publicly shown. There were various picnics and other get-togethers during the week-long Festival — combining to make this truly the greatest Feast of Tabernacles in 1,800 years!

### Chorale Concert

Thundering applause filled God's



**GLEAMING ALUMINUM TABERNACLE** — Pictured is a glimpse of the aluminum tabernacle building used for Feast services from 1958 to 1963. Read "A Look at Yesteryear," which reviews the Feast of 1960 in Big Sandy. (The tabernacle building has since been remodeled to provide executive offices, dining halls, a gymnasium and other facilities for the campus in Big Sandy.) [Photo by Leo Du Bry]

huge tabernacle as the Ambassador College Chorale concluded their annual fall concert.

An ensemble of folk songs and classical music was presented as in previous years with a brand-new, scintillating addition — a South Sea island musical theme. The students donned leis and in brilliantly colored attire sang a medley of longcherished popular songs. With the ebbing strains of "Some Enchanted Evening," the chorale climaxed a well-balanced array of musical entertainment.

### Picnic for Negro Brethren

About 160 of our Negro brethren attended the gala "get-acquainted" picnic at the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Harold Jackson, elder in the Chicago church, organized the affair, which was held on the nearby ranch of Mr. Arcie Price.

During the afternoon's activities, Mr. Jackson spoke briefly about the growth of the Work this past year and outlined the way Negroes can best serve in the Church. Mr. Jackson drove home the realization of the tremendous need for qualified Negro men to help minister to the colored brethren.

Nearly five percent of the annual member growth of the Church is among the Negroes. There is every reason to believe this percentage will increase as churches are established in the heavily populated Negro areas and as the broadcast expands over a greater section of the South.

A full-hour-length movie showing a panoramic view of the Radio Church of God from infancy to its present worldwide scope was premiered before the huge Feast audience. The film was shown three different evenings during the Festival.

The documentary was produced on the Ambassador College campus. It will become part of the prospectus of God's Work which is a valuable tool in procuring radio stations for *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. [From the *Pasadena Portfolio*, Oct. 28, 1960.]