

Mrs. Charles Hunting 1922-1974

BRICKET WOOD — Mrs. Charles Hunting, wife of the vice president of financial affairs in England and the Middle East, died here Jan. 18 after a prolonged illness. Quoted below is a Telex from Mr. Hunting to college campuses and overseas offices:

Mrs. Veryle Hunting died peacefully at 9 a. m. Friday morning. Please express our grateful thanks to all for the loving concern shown to her in the prayers, flowers, letters and cards sent by so many.

We are very grateful that [our son] Chris [and his wife] Denise and baby were able to be here [from Pasadena]. It was a tremendous encouragement to Mrs. Hunting.

We are requesting that no flowers be sent as she was honored by so many beautiful flowers from all over the world when she could enjoy them.

The day of her death was the same as the day of her birth — Jan. 18, 1922 [and] 1974.

All our thanks,
Charles F. Hunting and Family



MRS. CHARLES HUNTING

A Personal Letter from

Samuel Ted Armstrong

Greetings. We were all very shocked and saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. Charles Hunting Friday morning, Jan. 18, in Bricket Wood.

I have continually expressed the love and concern all of us have felt for Mrs. Hunting and, I believe, informed all of you of my father's special trip to England during her serious illness. Right up to the last moment Mr. Hunting was really expecting Veryle to be completely healed. Even following her death Mr. Hunting did not lose faith or hope — knowing and understanding that all things truly do work together for good, and that our very limited human understanding will be made complete in the Kingdom of God.

I talked to Mr. Hunting Friday morning, within only an hour or so of receiving the news in Pasadena (it was then midafternoon in England). He wanted me to reassure all of you Church brethren that while he has been right there to share the suffering and the pain of his wife for all of these weeks and months — contin-

ually praying for her and encouraging her — he is not discouraged or feeling as if God in some way renege on His promises. Rather, he is going on with the same degree of dedication and faith as always.

He told me especially to encourage the brethren and to help avoid any feelings of doubt or disappointment — and I was personally encouraged by Mr. Hunting's attitude and spirit.

I suggested to Mr. Hunting that he may wish to take his two unmarried children, Paul and Sidni (following the simple graveside service for Mrs. Hunting), and come over to the United States or travel elsewhere to give Mr. Hunting and his children a complete change of environment for a time.

I am personally very thankful for all of the concern expressed by many at headquarters and, indirectly, from many of you in the field — even including large numbers of those who never met or knew Veryle Hunting.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is due
(See PERSONAL, page 7)

Break activities center at Pasadena

By Clyde Kilough

PASADENA — Crystal-clear skies, a rarity in the Los Angeles environs, and shirt-sleeve weather greeted two busloads of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, students as they rolled onto the headquarters campus here Monday, Jan. 14, for the annual semester-break activities.

Each year a contingent of 70-plus students from the Texas campus makes the trek to Pasadena, mainly for the Pasadena Invitational Basketball Tournament but also for tours, sight-seeing, visiting old friends and

having, for many, a first-time opportunity to see the headquarters operations of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God.

This year was no different, and at 7 o'clock sharp Saturday night, Jan. 12, the two buses left Big Sandy, bound for the end of the first leg of the journey: Tucson, Ariz.

Just in Time

After breakfast in El Paso, Tex., the group arrived in the desert city of Tucson — one of the newest sites in the United States for the Feast of

Tabernacles — around 1 p.m., just in time for the Super Bowl on TV (America's professional-football-championship game).

The next day the trip continued very smoothly, and the students arrived in Pasadena at 4 p.m., an hour ahead of schedule.

The highlight of the break, of course, was the basketball tournament, which began Wednesday night, Jan. 16, with Big Sandy's upperclass team pitted against the Pasadena underclass.

Basketball, however, was only one of many activities on the docket. Also scheduled:

- A tour of Universal Studios, in Burbank, Calif., the largest TV and movie studios in the world, where many well-known films have been produced.

- A trip to Busch Gardens, an elaborate park owned and operated by a brewing company, Anheuser-Busch.

- A professional basketball game between the Los Angeles (Calif.) Lakers and the Cleveland (Ohio) Cavaliers.

- The Sunkist Invitational Track and Field Meet, one of the top indoor track meets in the nation.

Probably the most popular events
(See ACTIVITIES, page 7)

Division heads report '74 budget projections

PASADENA — "Overall, the 1974 budget is a no-growth plan, except in areas that are either income- or member-producing," said Mr. Frank Brown, business manager, here Dec. 31. "Most of the service and support areas have been pared to the bone despite increased operating costs."

Some of the operations and activities will be cut back only one year, Mr. Brown continued. And hopefully, he said, they will be restored in 1975.

"Academic activities have taken a large slice of the reductions, as have the international areas," he stated. "I will have to say, though, that no matter how hard it has been for us personally in the Business Office, we have received complete cooperation from all divisions and departments. We are certainly most grateful to all . . . who are division and department heads for the fine spirit . . . shown under sometimes difficult and trying circumstances."

Some of the cutbacks that must be initiated in 1974, Mr. Brown said, will be "somewhat painful, especially in this period of runaway inflation. It was necessary, for instance, to cut out all merit increases and bonuses for all employees, but retaining, hopefully, a wage-scale adjustment in July."

Travel and "professional development" have been heavily curtailed, he said, as have the number, quantity and class of mailings from the Mailing Department here.

"In this area alone," Mr. Brown commented, "we have sustained a 22 percent increase in postal rates. Various other cuts of an operational nature will also have to be made and will be implemented by the division heads. We have tried to minimize reductions in such areas as personal appearances, media and church administration."

But, Mr. Brown stated, "the time has never been better for this Work to really take hold. Many of the programs that were initiated in the last quarter of 1973, such as the broadened circulation and new format of *The Good News*, increased personal appearances, and more timely and topical TV, need a certain period in which to bear fruit. Hopefully, the first half of 1974 will give us enough experience and return in order to bet-

(See BUDGET, page 6)



OFFICIAL WELCOME — Pasadena Student Body President Doug Horchak steps onto a Big Sandy bus and greets Big Sandy Senior Class President Clyde Kilough and the other Big Sandy students as the bus rolls onto campus. (Photo by Ken Treybig)

Campaigns very effective for reaching people, states director

By Rex Sexton

PASADENA — "Even though people may not become baptized now, they will know in the times ahead that they heard the true Gospel," stated Mr. Al Portune, personal-appearance director, during the recent Seattle, Wash., campaign.

During that campaign he and Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong outlined the purposes and fruits being borne by the many recent campaigns in major cities across the United States and

Canada and other major nations around the world.

"This year the number of campaigns held has been astounding," continued Mr. Portune. "Not only have we had campaigns with Mr. Armstrong, but other key evangelists have been holding campaigns in many major cities."

"Mr. Hill held campaigns in Australia and New Zealand after the Feast and also held a campaign in Honolulu on his return trip home."

Mr. Portune said that "after each

campaign there are follow-up Bible studies for those who want to come. These have added tremendously and have given those who had personal Bible questions an opportunity to ask and hear the answers . . . openly."

"These usually begin a few days after the campaign and continue weekly as long as there is the need. Most of the initial Bible studies have produced from 40 to 100 potential members who showed interest in finding out more about this Work and this way of life."

Effect on People

"The most important aspect of the campaigns is the overall effect they will have on the people who come to listen," Mr. Portune continued.

"The day is coming when people will press to hear the Gospel. Things are now beginning to wind down across the nation. Still, people have football, basketball and all sorts of leisure activities, but when the ship starts to sink, people will be looking for an anchor to hold onto."

He said, "There will come a time when we will be sought out — not just accused or persecuted."

"If only one person came to hear each campaign it would be worth it. These campaigns are a personal and direct type of evangelism, and in that sense they are more effective than print or broadcasting media."

Mr. Portune then spoke of how the evangelists feel about doing campaigns:

"All the evangelists who have
(See CAMPAIGNS, page 5)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Magnifying the news

I have been meaning to write ever since I first got your paper. I think it is the most wonderful thing that ever happened to the brethren.

The letters I read in the *WN* for the most part prove this. But some time ago a man writing in and complained about the small printing. I know it is small and often I have to use a magnifying glass. But this is necessary to print it this small or it would not be done. And if it becomes necessary to print it smaller I will get a better glass and read it just the same.

I also find your little bits of information, such as "Two-Year-Old Prefers Cigars to Sweets," very interesting.

Don Blenkin
Fort St. John, B.C.

Thanks for your support. The body type in the *WN* is Times Roman nine-point. (Seventy-two points equals one inch; hence nine-point type is one-eighth inch tall.) Our typesetting equipment can set type in 16 sizes, from six-point to 48-point (most headlines in the *WN* are 24 to 36 points). Our selection of nine-point type was somewhat arbitrary, though we felt it was the largest type which was compatible with our column width.

Most newspapers are set in eight- to 10-point type.

East German growth

Either you are trying to flatter the East German government by the report on "East German growth" in Vol. I, No. 12, or else you are misinformed about the actual atmosphere there. If the latter is so, please, for the truth's sake, get a report from those who really know — namely the ministers who serve that area, Mr. Frank Schnee and Mr. John Karlson.

I was born in East Germany and very recently my wife and I spent two weeks there with three aunts. We talked with many relatives and friends [and] spent one Sabbath in the home of a WCG family, besides getting acquainted with a few government officials. With all these people we had very serious and frank discussions.

If you so desire, I would like to write an informative account of the "plain truth" as it happened to us. I realize that the *WN* is not a paper to refute or establish one account above another, but in this situation I cannot keep still . . .

Name withheld
Indiana

We'd be happy to receive an article from you!

Now, cut that out

Would it be possible to put the birth announcement in an enclosure in the *Worldwide News*? I hate to cut up my papers.

Mrs. Lewis Woodward
Williamsburg, N.M.

Perhaps you could clip someone else's. Some people discard their papers once they've read them. Enclosures are not practical for our publication.

Poems in print

Seeing my poems in print in the *Worldwide News* gives me a nice warm feeling, like fixing a good meal and sitting back to watch it being eaten — and hopefully enjoyed. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to serve.

I devour every page of the *Worldwide News*. It is such a wonderful bond for our "family" to keep in touch with one another.

Hopefully, I will have other poems in the future worthy of publication. The joy of waiting comes with the sharing thereof . . .

Thelma Evelyn Jones
Chehalis, Wash.

First crack for new people

It was mentioned that 200 people were turned away from the Seattle, Wash., campaign and that 700 to 800 attending were Church members.

Couldn't you devise a system whereby no new people will be turned away, because Church members occupy seats that new people should have first crack at occupying? I'm sure members would be willing to give up their seats for people attending for the first time.

Al Pagano
Islip, N.Y.

Would-be farmer meets cow

Maybe I have lost my sense of humor or am too conservative (I'm only 31), but are you so short of copy you need articles like this? (See *News*, Nov. 12.) I thought this was all made up, but a check of the post-code book reveals a *Zillmere* in Queensland.

On the positive side, would it be possible to track down Mr. Don Abraham and family, who went to Pasadena for a year. I am sure there are many in Australia who love this family and would appreciate news of or from them.

Also, thank you for a tremendous paper.

Name withheld
New South Wales, Australia

Mr. Abraham and his family are alive and well, living in South Pasadena and attending classes at Ambassador College. He says hello to everyone in Australia and says his address is 300 Mockingbird Lane, Apt. H, South Pasadena, Calif., 91300.

Hard to believe

Thank you for the issue full of news on the Feast. I wasn't able to go to the Feast but have some really great notes of a member to go through, so that, coupled with all your information, makes it hard to believe I missed it at all.

The newspaper brought the Feast very vividly to life . . . so thank you for the inspiration.

Mrs. Wendy Culf
North Vancouver, B.C.

Good news sells

Here is the \$2 I owe on my subscription to *The Worldwide News*. I plan to renew my subscription when it is due. Whoever it was that said "Good news won't sell newspapers" was very wrong! Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Melvin Williams
Evert, Iowa

Local libraries

In response to all those who request the two volumes of Dr. Hoech's *Compendium* and other books [in the "Personals" section]: This situation . . . could be solved by having a small library in each church area. In many areas around the country they do have such libraries and they work out very fine.

That way many who do have books could share with those who don't. With a certain time limit set on the books, all could have a chance to read all the material. Books lost or destroyed could be maintained by a penalty charged on overdue books or donations . . .

Nancy Hotz
Moab, Utah

Red-haired survey

I would like to express my thanks for the assistance given to me by members of the Worldwide Church of God concerning my survey [in the "Personals" section] of red- or ginger-haired people among us.

Mrs. C. Martin
Garden City, England

Puzzles solved

I very much enjoy the crossword puzzles and word scans in *The Worldwide News*. Me and my brothers and sisters like to do them. Thank you so much for taking the time and space to put them in . . .

Love is *The Worldwide News*.
Dustan Weis
Spencer, Wis.

Never too late

I would like to submit this reply to Mr. Rolf G. Varga of Salisbury, Rhodesia, and to all the Rolf G. Vargas — for there are probably many within the reaches of the wonderful *Worldwide News* (he was in the letters to the editor, Nov. 26 issue).

Because you receive this *Worldwide News* weeks and sometimes months after many of the events talked about have come and gone, strengthen, not weaken, your responsibilities! Almost without exception, every piece of information in God's newspaper — in all its varied areas, needs deep and urgent prayer, as a support . . . after it has happened . . .

That doesn't change its importance . . . Could it be a provision from God to insure that some of His people don't forget the seriousness of continued prayer? Maybe we could all learn. Maybe God's paper reaches everyone at the right time . . .

Dodee McKinnon
Armstrong, B.C.

The *WN* is now being airfreighted to England and South Africa, and service should improve dramatically.

Eat rabbit food

In answer to the aged person's article in October's *WN* ("Letters," Oct. 1), please put this in big print so the person who was aged 50 years can see and read it. He or she needs to eat rabbit food, raw carrots, celery, lettuce, onions, radishes, cabbage and bell peppers. I am an old woman 77 years old; I read all the fine print without glasses, thanks to the rabbit food I eat each day.

Myrtle House
Nolensville, Tenn.

Music for Holy Days

A while back someone suggested the Ambassador Chorale could record some musical inspiration. While noticing all the music designed to inspire people for this world's holidays, I thought, "Why not have music designed specifically for God's Holy Days?" If it were recorded, then we would have some good music for the Holy Day seasons . . .

I'm really looking forward to the day when you can turn the radio on and hear music admonishing people everywhere to keep God's Holy Days. Of course, I know this won't happen until the World Tomorrow unless there is a drastic change. We probably wouldn't even live through it if something that drastic happened anyway . . .

Keep up the good work — and add my



PASADENA — The Church Administration Division has announced the transfers which took place in the field ministry during the month of January. They are as follows:

Mr. George Affeldt — College to Michigan City, Ind.

Mr. David Bierer — College to Albany, N.Y.

Mr. Don Prunkard — College to Sioux Falls, S.D.

Mr. Larry Salyer — Houston, Tex. to Big Sandy, Tex.

Mr. Dick Shuta — Sioux falls, S.D. to college.

Mr. Don Waterhouse — College to Houston, Tex.

PASADENA — "Even though it may not seem so to some of you in areas where radio or TV coverage is lacking," Media Division director Norman Smith said here recently, "we are aware of these gaps and certainly would like to fill them. Just as we must do, we are asking you to



MR. NORMAN SMITH

hang in there and keep enthusiastic about what is being accomplished, looking forward to the time when we can increase coverage in your area. "We appreciate your patience and trust it will continue."

PASADENA — Mr. Steve Martin, assistant to International Division director Leslie McCullough, reports that Mr. McCullough is planning to tour the Australian office in February of this year and will be holding a conference of all the ministers in Australia. Also, Mr. Graemme Marshall

letter to those who are waiting for the opportunity to purchase some good inspirational music.

Richard Grass
Bluffton, Ind.

European trip

We were thrilled when we read about brethren from Spain attending the Feast of Tabernacles in France.

This summer we spent two Sabbaths in Spain, overlooking the beautiful Mediterranean Sea . . . At the time we wondered if there were any brethren in the country or if our family of three were the only ones keeping the Sabbath in Spain.

When we were in Barcelona for a day of sight-seeing we looked for the Spanish *Plain Truth* at the magazine stands but did not find any.

We would like to hear more of our Spanish brethren in the pages of *The Worldwide News* . . .

While visiting London we were able to take the train out to Bricket Wood. While waiting for the train we found a fresh stack of *Plain Truths*. Our tour of Ambassador College was very refreshing.

This was a trip of a lifetime for us and a very wonderful third-tithe year blessing.

Mr.-Mrs. Gary M. Avey
Chico, Calif.

Anne, Joseph and Tanji

When I came home for lunch today and

found that the new *Worldwide News* had arrived, I couldn't wait to start reading! I was really happy to read the letter from Anne Borden, announcing her marriage to Joseph Oliva this weekend! When the article was written up about Anne in the May 28 issue, I really did relate to it. It was almost like reading about myself and how I had been! God is so merciful to call us out of this world and give us so much grace! I prayed for Anne and Tanji but never heard more about them until today. Thank you for sharing this good news about Anne, Joseph and Tanji!

Buffie Haars
Escondido, Calif.

On-the-spot TV

First I want to thank you for the OUTSTANDING job you people have been doing in recent weeks on *The Worldwide News*. I believe it is the most helpful way that has come along in recent years.

In recent days I have been watching the on-the-spot TV programs made in the Los Angeles area. It has been a thrill to watch them every morning and at the same time read about them being produced in the recent issue, Dec. 24. I hope and pray you will have more news about the TV programs. In the future I would enjoy reading about new programs being produced, if this is possible.

Michael D. Sporer
Bellevue, Wash.

Bringing us closer

I'd like to express my thanks for the *WN* and the opportunity I have in being able to share news and happenings with everyone in God's Church. This is an excellent medium for bringing us all closer together, so please keep up the good work.

Graeme McChesney
Auckland, New Zealand

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Giving one child a normal life is worth all the trouble and time

By David McKee
 LOS ANGELES, Calif. — At 1393½ Eagle Vista Drive lives a pretty little girl named Stacia Price. Stacia is much like any blond-haired 3½-year-old girl — with a small exception: She cannot yet walk.

Yet, though most children do begin to walk at about one year of age, she is not alone in her plight. In fact, there are an estimated 25,000 children born every year in the United States who face (in varying degrees) the same problem that Stacia must face. All are victims of cerebral palsy, a condition arising from brain damage which occurs before, during or shortly after birth.

Stacia, the daughter of Ambassador College, Pasadena, senior Curtis Price and his wife Terry, was born two months prematurely. As a result her lungs were underdeveloped, starving her brain of the necessary supply of oxygen. Some of her brain cells died, consequently robbing Stacia of the ability to walk normally.

But there is hope for this little girl. She has been started on a special program which — in the course of time and with the help of an institution in Philadelphia, Pa., 80 volunteers and two very dedicated parents — could enable her to walk normally.

The Institution

It wasn't until Stacia was 16 months old that her parents found what they had long suspected to be true. Sharp mentally, their daughter had been slow developing in the area of physical mobility. They had thought that it might have just been a matter of her coming around slowly because of her premature birth.

Finding out finally that this was not the case and that it was brain damage, the Prices entered Stacia in a program of physical therapy. When it came time, however, for the next steps in the treatment — braces and muscle surgery — they decided this difficult and only partially successful method of dealing with palsy was not the route they wanted their daughter to take.

They wanted Stacia to be able to grow up and walk and carry on a normal life, something more than

this program could promise.

Then they heard of an institution in Philadelphia, the Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential. Also known as the Doman-Delacato Institute (after the doctors who founded it), this institution treats a small percentage of the world's brain-handicapped persons, like Stacia.



Instead of employing surgery and braces and working on the result of the problem, the idea there is to work on the cause of the problem: the brain itself.

The Program

It was eight months between the time the Prices asked for an appointment at the institute and when they were finally able to get that appointment.

Then, from Nov. 12 through 15 of 1973, they were in Philadelphia as Stacia underwent extensive tests from which a program for her could be designed.

Her parents, meanwhile, spent many hours in classes at the institute, learning about the brain, injuries to the brain and, most important, their part in helping Stacia learn to walk.

Price remarked that "while we were at the institute we saw children from Israel, Italy, Japan, Germany and several other countries" — all of them there because of the hope of a

normal life this unique institution offers children who otherwise might only look forward to a handicapped existence.

One such child was brought in handicapped and taught to walk within eight months. There are many such successes.

Stacia and her parents returned from Philadelphia with a new program of hope. For the past weeks since her return, Stacia — along with the help of nearly 80 volunteers (including Ambassador College students and local Church members), and her parents — has been working and progressing in that program.

Seven days a week, eight hours a day she has been cheerfully doing various series of exercises, including:

- Breathing into a mask to develop her lungs.
- Moving hand over hand along an overhead ladder.
- Being swung by her heels, arms and legs to develop space consciousness and balance.
- Patterning.

Patterning involves putting Stacia through the actual motions of walking and moving her head, arms and legs in proper synchronization. In this way a portion of her brain is being trained to perform in place of the portion damaged at birth which would have controlled the walking function.

Is It Worth It?

All of this is a long and tedious process, even with the innovations of Stacia's volunteer helpers. Based on the experiences of other children who have been helped by this type of program, it should take about two years for the goals to be reached and Stacia to be able to walk.

Is it worth all the time and trouble to give one child a normal life? Apparently a lot of people think so.

Those in the Pasadena and Los Angeles area who would like to volunteer some hours of their time to help Stacia can call Rudy Dykstra at (213) 796-7470 during the day. Dykstra and his wife Lee Jo are seniors at Ambassador who have spent many hours organizing the effort.



PATTERNING — Above: Stacia looks up from a number of arms as her mother and volunteers move her arms, legs and head in synchronization. This process hopefully will help Stacia learn to walk. From left to right are Mrs. Terry Price, Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. Lily Kenny. Below: Stacia wears a mask to help her develop her lung capacity. Mrs. Williams helps Stacia put together a puzzle. (Photos by David McKee)



PLANNING FOR AUSTRALIAN CAMPAIGN — With a campaign coming up for Mr. Ted Armstrong in Sydney, Australia, this coming May, members of the Australian office, along with key people in Pasadena, had a chance to meet recently to plan for the event. Going over a brochure on Sydney's new opera house — where the campaign will be held — are, from left to right, Mr. Gene Hughes, business manager of the Australian office; Mr. George Karlov, public-relations adviser for the Australian office; Mr. Peter Young, a public-relations adviser for the Work; and Mr. Dennis Luker, director of the Australian Work. Many of the discussions centered on prepublishing for the upcoming campaign and ways to use the campaign for the best advantage of the Australian Work. It is hoped that the campaign will attract favorable publicity for the Work on the island continent.

District premier conference held in eastern Canada

By Sam Kneller
 Montreal Local Elder

MONTREAL, Que. — Inaugurations have something special about them, and the inaugural conference of the newest district in Canada was in every respect true to format.

The Eastern District had its first conference, in Montreal, Dec. 2 to 4, with Mr. Dean Wilson, director of the Canadian Work, present.

Mr. Carn Catherwood (pastor of Montreal A.M. and P.M.), the district superintendent, along with the other ministers, assistants and their wives, brought the total attendance to 26.

The district comprises Quebec, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and a small part of eastern Ontario and upstate New York.

At present it has eight churches, including three just recently begun at Cornwall and Kingston, Ont., and Trois-Rivieres, Que.

Mr. Wilson opened the conference with an inspiring talk about growth of the Work worldwide and especially in Canada.

The theme of the conference revolved around unity in the ministry with regard to serving the brethren and those God is calling into His Church.

Minister now stationed in Southeast Asia full time

By Reginald Wright
Sydney Office Staffer

SYDNEY, Australia — Dec. 23 marked the beginning of a new era for God's Work in Southeast Asia. Mr. Guy Ames, a preaching elder; his wife Helen; and their two children, Karolyn and Gilroy, boarded a jumbo jet bound for Singapore and their new assignment: raising up church congregations in Southeast Asia and establishing a Singapore office.

Beginning early this year Mr. Ames will begin biweekly Sabbath services and Bible studies in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and Singapore, where most of the 67 Southeast Asian members and their families are located.

In addition, Mr. Ames will begin working with the 181 prospective members currently waiting for visits from a minister.

No Culture Shock

Moving from a western to an oriental environment will be no culture shock for the Ameses; they spent several years in the Philippines serving God's people there.

In 1963, after completing 3½ years at Ambassador College in Pasadena, Mr. Ames was sent to Manila as office manager and for the next two years gained valuable experience in supervising and developing the Work in that country.

At the Feast of Tabernacles, 1964, he married the former Miss Helen Beecher of Melbourne, Australia.

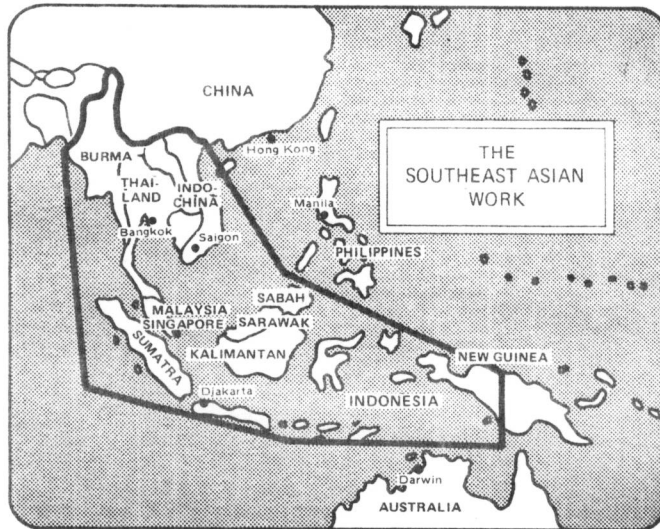
The following year he was ordained a local elder and returned to Pasadena to complete his college education.

Mr. Ames graduated in 1966 and for the next two years served at headquarters as an elder and assistant to Mr. John Wilson, Mailing Department head.

November, 1968, saw the Ameses winging their way back to the Philippines to help Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Docken carry the increasing work load in that area.

But the social unrest and riots there forced the Ameses to leave the Philippines in February, 1970, for Australia.

Mr. Ames then served in the Syd-



MINISTER NOW IN SOUTHEAST ASIA — The outline on the above map shows the vast area of Southeast Asia, which for the first time has a resident minister and office. Pictured at the right of the map are Mr. and

neyn office as assistant circulation manager for Australia, Southeast Asia and the Philippines until about 18 months ago, when he moved with his family to South Australia to pastor the Adelaide church.

At the Feast of Tabernacles, 1973, Mr. Ames was raised in rank to preaching elder. His work experience and training, of course, make him well suited for his new assignment as pastor of the Southeast Asian area.

"Selamat Datang"

Selamat datang (a Malay expression of welcome) will soon become a familiar greeting to Mr. Ames as he travels throughout the huge area now under his jurisdiction — from the northern tip of Burma down through Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, the West Malay Peninsula and Singapore across to the East Malay states and the island of Borneo and into the many islands of Indonesia —

a total of some 1.25 million square miles, with a teeming population of about 200 million people.

Mr. Ames will be spending most of his time visiting in Singapore and Malaysia; the majority of the Southeast Asian people God is calling at this time are located in these two areas.

But he also looks forward to a challenging and extremely interesting trip into Burma. There are one member and 38 prospectives in that country — devoted people who are striving to obey and serve God under extremely adverse conditions.

How It Began

The first *Plain Truth* magazines were mailed into Southeast Asia as early as the late '50s as the result of ads run in the Southeast Asian English edition of *Reader's Digest*. Some few people saw these ads and wrote for subscriptions.

Since that time we have not advertised in this area except for Radio HSAAA, Bangkok, which carried the broadcast for a number of years with little result.

Yet the English *Plain Truth* subscription list today is over 40,000 copies and growing. Since those initial ads ran in *Reader's Digest* well over 10 years ago, the main source for new subscriptions has been by word of mouth or by a potential subscriber seeing a friend's copy.

First Tour

In Southeast Asia — a patchwork of countries crisscrossed with many religions (Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism, Confucianism and various Christian denominations) — it sometimes takes real courage and determination to step out and obey God.

It may mean standing completely alone without the support and encouragement of other true Christians or facing severe opposition and persecution from strongly anti-Christian family members, relatives and friends.

It could mean the loss of a job because of the Sabbath, when employment opportunities are few and the labor force plentiful.

Yet as early as 1962 a small group of people had been writing to the Sydney office, requesting visits from a true minister of Jesus Christ.

Mr. C. Wayne Cole, at that time the regional director of God's Work for Australia, New Zealand and Southeast Asia, recognized the deep sincerity in these letters and undertook the first visiting-baptizing tour

Mrs. Yong Chin-gee and daughter Li-nyuk of Segamat, Malaysia. Mr. Yong was baptized on the first Southeast Asian tour, conducted by Mr. Wayne Cole in 1962. [Map by Mike Hale; photo by Reginald Wright]

into Southeast Asia, in December of that year.

Of the small group met by Mr. Cole on this first tour, three Indian and two Chinese people were baptized — Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Kurup, Mrs. Kiran Jonas, Mr. Yong Ching-gee and Mr. Lim Kuan-peng. God had begun to call out a people from among the Gentile nations of Southeast Asia.

Five years were to pass before another tour through Southeast Asia could be organized by God's ministers, but God continued to work with a small number of scattered individuals. A tour in 1967 yielded 11 more precious lives; 1968: another four members; 1969: 10; 1971: seven; 1972: eight; and in 1973, 22 members were added to the Body of Jesus Christ, making a total of 67 Southeast Asian members.

Mini-Feast

Sept. 7, 1971, Mr. Cole wrote a letter to the Southeast Asian members. Following is a portion of that letter:

"Here is exciting news! Another milestone for the Worldwide Church of God. And this big step forward directly affects our members in South East Asia. For the first time ever, as far as we know, the Feast of Tabernacles will be observed by a Holy Convocation in Malaysia! Because of several factors we must limit the meetings to the last two days of the Feast and the Last Great Day . . .

But this will give many of you an opportunity to attend the Feast of Tabernacles for the first time and learn what it means to rejoice before the Eternal in a place where He shall place His name . . . Meetings will be held in one of the small conference halls of the Federal Hotel in Kuala Lumpur . . . Mr. Reg. Platt, Pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, Church, will be in charge of the meetings . . . It is a thrilling first time — it is up to YOU to make it a success by your fervent prayers and actual presence . . ."

And 54 of our Southeast Asian brethren responded to Mr. Cole's letter and observed a mini-Feast of Tabernacles in Malaysia for the first time ever in this era of God's Work.

The following year, 1972, a full Festival of Tabernacles was held, under the direction of Mr. Leroy Cole, preaching elder in charge of the Perth, Western Australia, church. Seventy-nine attended!

At the 1973 Feast further growth was evident as 111 brethren gathered

under the direction of Mr. John Halford, preaching elder, for eight days jam-packed with instruction, fellowship and other activities.

Deep Gratitude

From the many letters received at the Sydney office from our Southeast Asian brethren, it is overwhelmingly evident they are truly grateful to God and His Work for providing them with a resident minister.

For many years their only contact with the Work has been by letter and the occasional baptizing tour conducted through their area. After patiently waiting for so long they are now looking forward eagerly to regular instruction and guidance from God's Work, personal counsel with God's minister, and fellowship with each other.

Humans often miss parallel

"I'd Rather Be a Human"
By Sharon L. Stevens

See the peacock fan his tail
And strut for all to see;
I wouldn't want to be a bird
And be as vain as he.
I'd rather be a human
And fuss an hour on my hair;
And miss (because I'm human)
The parallel that's there.

See the donkey sitting down
In the middle of the road;
I wouldn't want to be like he
And not do what I'm told.
I'd rather be a human
Hearing sermons. Wouldn't you?
Agreeing with each detail
What the other guy should do.

See the independent cat
Who disdains to give;
I wouldn't want to be like she
What a selfish way to live.
I rather be a human
Making new friends . . . well, not yet;
(I'm so busy with the old friends)
I'll do it first chance I get.

See the wretched animals
Who can't say, "Menu, please!"
And order instant this and that
Nourishment replaced by ease.
I'd rather be a human
Than make my diet grass;
And overlook (because I'm human)
That I'd make a perfect ———.



AMES FAMILY — Moving from a western to an oriental environment shouldn't be a major culture shock for the Ameses; they spent several years working in the Philippines. A family portrait, above, shows Mr. and Mrs. Ames and children Karolyn and Gilroy. [Photo by Phil Weir]

Church represented in Puerto Rico, native-born minister returns home

By David McKee

PASADENA — Some 17 years ago in New York City a man, a native of Puerto Rico working and studying in the United States for a short time, was handed a copy of the booklet *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.

"That hooked me," he says. "Hooked" on the Church of God in 1956. Mr. Pablo Gonzalez has come a ways since then. He has been the voice of *The World Tomorrow* on radio in Spanish and an integral part of the Spanish Department for some years.

Now he is leaving Pasadena and traveling to the 3,500-square-mile territory where he spent the greater part of his life, Puerto Rico.

There he will minister to 12 baptized members of the Worldwide Church of God, as well as 11 potential members, and 4,000 others who receive *La Pura Verdad* (*The Plain Truth* in Spanish) and other Ambassador College literature.

This recent decision to send a local elder to Puerto Rico was the culmination of weeks of consideration and should prove to be a major breakthrough for the International Division of God's Work, according to the Spanish Department.

For though the Work in the Spanish language has grown steadily, with requests for *La Pura Verdad* and other literature coming into Pasadena at a good clip, the Church itself has not kept pace as it might, due to the absence of representation in Spanish-speaking countries.

In moving to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mr. Gonzalez will be serving one of the areas where the Work is having its greatest impact and will have access by plane to another such area — Colombia — as often as time and finances permit. (There are 12 baptized members, nearly 100 potential members and over 40,000 on the mailing list of *La Pura Verdad* in that South American country.)

In a very real sense Mr. Gonzalez will be going home when he moves with his wife and two daughters to Puerto Rico. It was there that he was born and grew up. He lived, studied and worked there — in printing and advertising — all of his life until 1956, when circumstances brought him to New York.

His stay there was a brief two

years, however, after which he returned to Puerto Rico with his first Ambassador College booklet and some knowledge of God's truth.

In 1962 the late Dr. Benjamin Rea (head of the Spanish Work, which was located in Bricklet Wood at that time) finally baptized Mr. Gonzalez, who had then been waiting for a few years.

Shortly before that Mr. Gonzalez had begun helping with the translation of the *Correspondence Course* into the Spanish language. He had learned English as a second language in school and had increased his fluency in the language by proofread-

ing English material in connection with his work in printing and advertising.

Corresponding with Dr. Rea from Puerto Rico, Mr. Gonzalez helped with the Spanish edition of the *Correspondence Course* until Dr. Rea died in 1967.

The Spanish Department was then moved to Big Sandy, under the direction of Dr. Charles Dorothy. At that time Mr. Gonzalez was hired to work full time for the department, and he and his family moved to Texas. A portion of this job was the Spanish radio broadcast, which Dr. Rea had done until his death.

In 1972 the Spanish Department, including Mr. Gonzalez, moved to Pasadena. Now he is on his way back to his original home.

Because of this move and other considerations the 15-minute Spanish radio broadcast is suspended for the time being. The growth of the Spanish Work will now be more dependent upon advertising and word of mouth.

La Pura Verdad and other Ambassador College literature have been spread very effectively in Spanish-speaking countries by word of mouth, a trait of close-knit Latin American communities, says the department.

Establishment of Church representation in Puerto Rico, on the other hand, should have a very positive effect on the growth of the Work and the Church.



MR. PABLO GONZALEZ



NATIVE OF PUERTO RICO RETURNS HOME — Having lived, studied and worked in Puerto Rico for most of his life, Mr. Pablo Gonzalez and family are returning home to be the Work's representatives there. Members of his family pictured are Mrs. Gonzalez and daughters Millie, 11, left, and Arlene, 7.

Campaigns well worth it

(Continued from page 1) held campaigns know what I mean when I say that the speaker loses himself in the sermon on these campaigns. I can personally recall from my campaign in Portland (Ore.) that it seemed as if the speaker wasn't really me. Other evangelists have commented the same thing after their campaigns.

He stressed that "one of the main aspects of the campaigns is that they take teamwork and unity. Everything we do from deciding on the city — which comes from a study of analysis and *Plain Truth* circulation — to advertising and ushering takes a lot of teamwork. It is a team effort and an effort of unity."

Mr. Portune then thanked the Church members in the areas where campaigns had been held.

Pitching In

"The Church members are most important of all," he continued. "They pitch in and contribute with bake sales, garage sales and a great deal of enthusiasm. They also help out with literature displays and handing out brochures."

"All of us feel as Paul did when he so many times expressed gratitude for Church members who showed love toward his evangelism."

Mr. Portune then spoke on the impact of the recent campaigns.

"The campaigns really have a

much stronger impact than ever before, due to the urgency of world conditions," he observed. "When we look around the world there is no unity because the philosophy of the world is one of get and lust for self. Everyone, it seems, wants something for himself."

"When you analyze what these campaigns are for it comes down to giving," Mr. Portune went on. "If just one person can change his life from one of get to one of give, then it is worth it."

"When we come to a city we come to give them something; we come to give them life. We are going to be persecuted for that by newswriters and others, but it makes no difference," Mr. Portune continued.

He then spoke about the most recent of Mr. Ted Armstrong's campaigns, which was held in Seattle:

"The Seattle campaign is a good example of how God watches over these campaigns. We came into an area that had been a hotbed of persecution for many years — and had one antagonistic article in the paper during the campaign itself — but everything went off smoothly and we had

capacity crowds. We really feel that God took care of us."

Two by Two

"The last thing that will ever be completely cut is personal evangelism through campaigns," stated Mr. Armstrong during his Bakersfield, Calif., campaign. "In fact, there may come a time when we will have to send men out two by two, as Jesus sent His disciples, or possibly a man and his wife, into the cities of the world. In that case we will depend on God to provide for them, and we will cover as many cities as we can. But Christ said that we will not have gone over all the cities of Israel when the end comes."

"The main thrust this year is to have a substantial number of campaigns and get as many people involved as possible," Mr. Portune added. "The fruits themselves are already evident."

As Mr. Armstrong has put it: "I have to confess that when I'm doing these campaigns I'm at my happiest — wrapped up, completely enmeshed in performing the very commission I was called of God to do."



VISITING MEMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL DIVISION HOSTED — Mr. Frank Schnee (standing) explains the finer points of German wines to his audience. From left to right are Mr. Bob Fahey, Mr. Graemme Marshall, Mrs. Walter Dickinson and Mr. Steve Martin. See article at right.

International staff members hosted

PASADENA — A dinner and German-wine tasting for visiting staff members of the International Division was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Martin Sunday evening, Jan. 6.

Mr. Martin is assistant to Mr. Leslie McCullough, head of the division.

Among those attending were Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and Regional Directors Dennis Luker, Australia; Dean Wilson, Canada; Graemme Marshall, New Zealand; Frank Schnee, Germany; Clarence Bass, the Caribbean area; and Bob Fahey, South Africa.

After dinner Mr. Schnee sponsored what he called a "German-wine tasting." The wines were from Riesling grapes grown in the Rheingau area near Wiesbaden,

Germany. "These very fine wines were given to us by the manager of the hall which we used for Passover services in Germany," Mr. Schnee said.

Mr. Schnee had the guests sample small portions of several wines — each of a finer quality than the previous one.

"The last one I served was a *Trockenbeerenauslese*. It is a very rare wine which very few people ever have the privilege to taste."

Others attending were Mr. Selmer Hegvold (whose daughter is Mrs. Martin), pastor of the Glenwood Heights, Ill., church; Mr. Frank Brown, business manager; Mr. Walter Dickinson, assistant to Mr. McCullough; Mr. John Robinson, managing editor of *The Worldwide News*; and their wives.

Big Sandy team wins tourney trophy in highlight of college activities

By Dave Molnar

PASADENA — One of the highlights of Ambassador College's activities is the annual Pasadena Invitational Basketball Tournament.

Each January the upperclass and underclass teams from Big Sandy travel to Pasadena during the break between semesters to engage in some intercampus basketball competition.

The tournament is a finale to the intramural basketball season held at each campus.

Halftime entertainment this year was provided by the Ambassador College Band from Pasadena, along with a cheering squad from both campuses. And Pasadena's drill team, the Royalettes, performed some exciting numbers for the crowd.

Mr. Ted Armstrong was on hand to announce the games.

Big Sandy underclass vs. Pasadena upperclass — The opening game of the tournament, Wednesday night, Jan. 16, was a hard-fought struggle, with the Big Sandy team coming out on top, 97-87.

Coached by Jim Petty, the Pasadena team exhibited a balanced scoring attack, placing five men in double figures, with junior Chuck Daniels scoring 21 points.

This attack was just not enough to offset the hustle and spirited team play of the Texas squad. Big Sandy was led by Jim Capps with 26 points, Les Mooneyham with 19 points and Curtis Borman with 22 points.

More important, Borman hauled down a whopping 31 rebounds to break the back of the Californians.

Overall, Coach Larry Haworth's Big Sandy squad outrebounded Pasadena 76-45.

Both teams shot 43 percent, but Big Sandy hit three more field goals and four more foul shots than did the Pasadena team.

Big Sandy upperclass vs. Pasadena underclass — From its opening moments, the outcome of this game, also played Wednesday night, was hardly in doubt; the Big Sandy upperclass routed the Pasadena underclass 115-73.

Big Sandy, coached by Kermit Nelson, jumped to an early lead and at the 10-minute mark held a 20-9 advantage.

Behind the shooting of senior Ken Nelson and junior Jim Vaughn, the Big Sandy team methodically built a 49-27 halftime lead.

Nelson and Vaughn led the scoring attack for the evening, with 25 points apiece, although juniors Rich Scherf and Jim Torrance also hit the double figures.

High scorers for Pasadena were sophomore Mark Ashland with 25 and freshman Gary Hanway with 16.

Pasadena upperclass vs. Pasadena underclass — In a consolation game, the two Pasadena teams faced one another Thursday night, Jan. 17, and the upperclass slipped by the underclass by a score of 63-55.

The underdog underclass team, coached by Will Derrick, put up a good struggle in the first half and led 24-21 at halftime.

But the upperclass came out of the locker room the second half and immediately went to work. With the shooting of Willie Higgins, Bob Pindroh and Chuck Daniels, the upperclass grabbed the lead.

Higgins and Pindroh led the upperclass scoring with 15 points apiece, while Daniels hooped 14.

For the underclass, Derek Hanway scored 17 points and pulled 24 rebounds, while Mark Ashland contributed 15 points.

Actually, neither team played up to its potential and both had a cold night on the floor.

Big Sandy upperclass vs. Big Sandy underclass — Because of their victories the previous night, the two Texas teams squared off for the championship game Thursday night, Jan. 17.

It was a hard-fought battle all the way, but finally Coach Nelson's bigger upperclass powerhouse emerged victorious, 91-74.

The opening tip-off and early tempo of the game were controlled by the upperclassmen, who jumped to a quick 10-4 lead.

Then the momentum switched as underclassman Gary Mooneyham ripped off nine straight points.

At the half the upperclassmen regained the lead by two, 46-44.

The underclass was plagued by

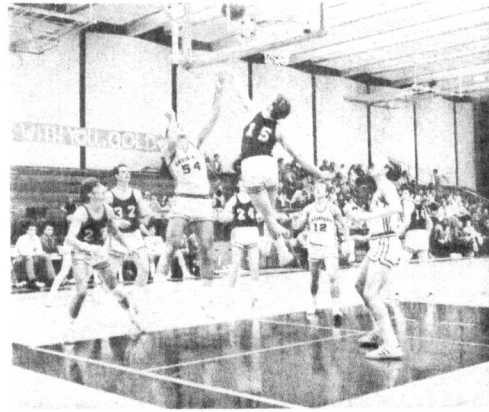
foul trouble; Curtis Borman fouled out with 15 minutes left in the game, and Jim Capps played the entire second half with four fouls.

The loss of Borman, the big rebounder for the underclass, took its toll in the second half. Rich Scherf and Jim Vaughn dominated the rebounding and scoring for the older team.

Aided by Ken Nelson's 13 assists, Scherf scored 35 points and garnered 25 rebounds, while Vaughn hooped 22 points and gathered 15 rebounds.

Vaughn also shot a blistering 69 percent from the field.

For the underclass, Mooneyham popped 24 points and Jim Capps tipped in 20 more to lead the team.



BASKETBALL ACTION — All pictures appearing on this page were taken during the first night of the annual Pasadena Invitational Basketball Tournament. Above right: Big Sandy freshman Ray Willingham (No. 44) and Pasadena junior Chuck Daniels (No. 25) both have problems hanging onto a rebound. Above: Big Sandy junior Jim Vaughn (No. 54) shoots over Pasadena sophomore Geoffrey Berg (No. 15) as players on both teams position themselves for a rebound. Below: Pasadena senior Ron Washington (No. 42) gets a shot off, despite the efforts of Big Sandy sophomore Mark Thomas (No. 14). [Photos by Ken Treybig and Dave Molnar]



Budget

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ter plan the second half. We in the Business Office are looking forward to a good year for the Work in 1974."

Pasadena

In the area of academics, on the Pasadena campus Dr. Michael Germano, dean of faculty, said that "during 1973 the campus absorbed a 35 percent budgetary reduction. For 1974 we have been asked to reduce an additional 24 percent."

As a result, Dr. Germano said, academic operations, exclusive of some special projects such as the Dig in Jerusalem, will be less than half of what they were a year ago.

"For the most part," he continued, "we have attempted to make reductions in areas other than regular instruction."

He listed some of the changes as follows:

- Suspending *The Portfolio* (Pasadena) for one calendar year.
- Discontinuing the faculty-dining program.
- Requiring only two years of physical education, with a plan to implement a totally voluntary program later.
- Limiting use of clerical pools.
- Foregoing capital expenditures.
- Placing the Student Center departments (including the cafeteria) on a self-supporting basis.
- Eliminating merit increases.
- Placing all on the teaching faculty on 41-week contracts beginning with the fall term.
- Eliminating all but essential travel.
- Discontinuing summer foreign-language programs.

"By careful reexamination of programming," he said, "the latest reductions have not seriously altered the instruction program of the college. Therefore, the campus has not lessened the intensity of its efforts in seeking initial regional accreditation or recognized candidacy."

"While budgetary cutbacks do not make the job easier, the staff has attempted to maximize the productivity of funding."

Media Division

According to Mr. Norman Smith, head of the Media Division, the budget for media "shows a 23 percent reduction in funds available for production of the television program from the previously submitted operating budget."

"Even after this extensive cutback in funds for producing the program, we are still going to have to reduce the present level of TV air time by 14 percent to meet the requested '74 budget figures. This will require austerity and frugality on the part of the production crew and no doubt will hinder the program and its effectiveness to reach new people, establish ratings and maintain its reputation in the eyes of TV-station managers."

Mr. Smith said his division will "hang in there" and do the best it can, hoping the new approach of more current programming and the intensity with which Mr. Ted Armstrong is able to devote himself to current subjects "will continue to maintain and build an audience for the television program."

Big Sandy

The outlook for the Big Sandy campus was explained in a recent interview with Mr. Ronald Dart, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus.

"While we have undergone a general belt-tightening, we will not be curtailing any of the vital programs of the college," he stated.

Commenting on how the overall cutbacks affected the Big Sandy budget, Mr. Dart explained:

"There was no radical surgery done on the campus, although we did have to spend some time studying what areas were of more importance and had the ability to pay for itself."

"We are continuing our plans to increase our enrollment of the student body, since most of the money has already been provided for it, and the income from the additional students will supply the remaining funds for the program."

"We plan to have 600 students on campus next fall, but we will just have to wait and see if finances will allow us to continue expansion in the coming years."

A Personal Letter
from

James Ted Armstrong

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to arrive in England prior to the time you will be reading this paper, and while I do not know the details at this moment, it is quite possible he will be there for the graveside service.

Mr. Armstrong's Trip

I would like to give you excerpts of a fairly lengthy Telex from my father which came yesterday, Jan. 18:

"Dear Ted: Now in flight from Ethiopia to Cairo. I had an exceedingly fine meeting with Emperor Haile Selassie yesterday afternoon, which enabled us to move our schedule one more day forward.

"I delivered, in brief, the First Commission message to the emperor in person. He agreed we must do all we can toward solution of the big problems now but if humanity will not change that only supernatural intervention will work.

"I told him bluntly of the imminent establishment of the Kingdom of God on this earth.

"As we gain experience in this new dimension of delivering the First Commission, I am coming directly to the point more and more and announcing the imminency of God's Kingdom bluntly on my second or third meeting with world leaders. Of course, this is impossible on the very first meeting because of many matters of international political protocol.

"On this present trip we have found many additional doors opening and have cultivated and made telling progress toward delivery of the vital message . . ."

Then followed a number of procedural matters, including responses to questions I had asked and some overseas broadcasting and budgetary matters. He concluded his lengthy Telex by saying:

"I am now more convinced than ever we are on the only route to accomplishing the First Commission in God's Work, and every trip seems to be more successful toward the ultimate accomplishment of that commission than any preceding trip.

But it takes a certain amount of cultivating and developing before the final result.

"I hope we may get the job done in three more years possibly, or even two — if I can be granted life and energy. The favor I am being given everywhere is a real miracle.

"My gratification at the way you are grasping the overall situation and the top-level executive and administrative job in keeping the home fires burning is vital to give me freedom to apply myself completely to this major commission and getting all phases of it accomplished within the time we are allowed. Words cannot express my gratitude that you are being given wisdom, and I keep praying for much more.

"With much love, confidence and gratitude, Dad."

I have Mr. Armstrong's schedule superposed on my annual plotting board in the television workroom, where I am continually apprised of his whereabouts. Through the medium of the telephone-cable Telexes, I am able to be in almost daily close contact with him.

From time to time in this "Personal," if Mr. Armstrong is out of the country I will keep all of you brethren completely informed of his meetings with heads of state and perhaps include even some personal segments from time to time.

January Off to Good Start

I was very pleased to learn that the increase in contributions for the first 2 1/2 weeks of January soared to 33.5 percent, which is an unusually good figure, considering the energy crisis, at least some joblessness among Church members, and a traditional low January income.

However, that figure may be a little deceptive, since it includes contributions only and not all other sources of income — including property, student tuitions, etc.

When considering the total as opposed to the same period of time for the preceding year, then all income stands at a 7.8 percent increase, or a 2.8 percent increase above our highest budget expectations.

Mail has been up too!

The total mail count for Jan. 1 to 18 was 86,113 — a 24.4 percent increase over the same period in the

preceding January.

The most outstanding category in that week's mail was from the latest promotional letter to our regulars, which has so far given us 35,522 responses.

In our *Plain Truth* renewal program we now have a whopping 45.9 percent response from all subscribers eligible for renewal, or a total of 613,636! The first-response mail (letters requesting literature from new people for the very first time) for that week was 27,629!

Looking back over 1973, there are some interesting facts concerning the total volume of the Work.

Four Million Pieces of Literature

In 1973 we mailed out over four million pieces of literature from Pasadena.

This doesn't include over a million and a half pieces of literature sent overseas and other general mailings such as direct mail, coworker letters, member letters, etc., which are not counted as pieces of literature sent out.

We mailed out 20.6 million *Plain Truth* magazines to the United States and Canada; we added 630,000 records to our files; we processed 290,000 changes of address and 40,000 name changes; we mailed out about two million renewal letters and processed 600,000 responses, with returns still coming in.

It will be some time before we have a complete analysis of all activities for 1973.

Reports from overseas and foreign-language offices are all equally encouraging, with Canada reporting that 1973 was purely a vintage year for the Work there. They had a 71.3 percent increase in volume of mail over the previous year!

Financially, the Work in Canada experienced a 32.5 percent increase over 1972, and all the indicators are for an excellent year there in 1974.

Whether from Johannesburg, Rhodesia, Mexico City, New Zealand, Geneva, Dusseldorf or Bonn or any other foreign offices, the reports for 1973 were all equally inspiring and encouraging.

At headquarters during 1973 the Pasadena postal center mailed over four million pieces of literature, which is more than double that of 1972 (this is exclusive of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* magazines)! Of these, a total of 3,569,767 were booklets, and in a list of the top 20 pieces of literature mailed during 1973 the *After Death, Then What?* booklet towered above all others, with 634,866 copies sent out as compared to 273,422 for the closest

Activities

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on the agenda, however, were a sing-along with Mr. Ted Armstrong and the all-day trips to Disneyland, in nearby Anaheim, Calif., and to a snow-line party in the mountains a couple hours away from Pasadena.

Several feet of snow fell just prior to the break, getting the mountains in prime condition for everything from skiing to snowball fights.

Those were only the group functions, though, and many took individual trips around the city and some even traveled as far away as San Francisco.

As one student commented: "There's so much to do in this area the break would have to last a year to take it all in."

Arizona Is Grand

The Big Sandy students will be leaving Thursday morning, Jan. 24, at 5 o'clock to head back to Texas via the Grand Canyon. They will spend Thursday night through Saturday night at the Grand Canyon, a fantastic natural wonder in northern Arizona, and they should arrive back home some time Sunday evening, Jan. 27.

competitor, *Is Sex Sin?*

The top eight on the list of the top 20 were *Read the Book, The Real Jesus, Why Were You Born?*, *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, Ending Your Financial Worries and Is This the End Time?*

So though it seems we always must be tried and tested by the emotional shocks of the death of dearly loved friends in God's Work, or the personal trials and problems of others, God's Work does continue to surge forward. And all of the most accurate indicators are that the Work is poised now for a really great leap ahead in the calendar year of 1974.

High-Level Bible Studies

We have been doing extensive television during the last week, and we had two more of our wide-scale ministerial meetings here at headquarters. During these we have been able to roll up our sleeves and get our Bibles and reference books out, with different ones of us going to the board and delving very deeply into very profitable Bible studies.

It has been a wonderful experience for so many of us in the ministry to get back into a definite classroom atmosphere and technically wade through many areas of doctrine. This information will be given to all of our field ministers as we formalize and correctly write and edit material we are gathering and send it to them in the *Bulletin* or the upcoming ministerial journal.

These meetings are not for the purpose of discovering some "new doctrines" so much as thoroughly sorting out and reappraising every scrap and shred of written or spoken material in the entire history of God's Work for this age. Then, as material is reclarified and updated as is necessary, we can press forward in newer and greater Biblical understanding so that we can, in fact, all "speak the same thing."

Having these meetings at least once and sometimes twice a week — plus doing several television programs during the middle of the week, plus continuing all of the other executive responsibilities and my heavy writing load (of which this is a part) — keeps me very much occupied, I can assure you.

55 Start at Midterm

Mr. Ronald Dart, who is here because of the semester break, joined me in the Bible study last night, at which time I gave the headquarters church in Pasadena much of the information I am containing in this "Personal."

Mr. Dart, who is deputy chancellor at Big Sandy, also gave many comments concerning the Big Sandy campus and good news of about 55 young people who are going to be able to begin an Ambassador College education at midterm in Big Sandy!

Mr. Dart and other members of the Big Sandy faculty will be returning to the Big Sandy campus in a matter of days to begin the second semester over there.

The next few weeks will see me very thoroughly engrossed in television, with the demand to complete about 80 more TV programs between now and early April so that our annual scheduling will be complete.

After that time we will be doing various "undated" television programs to prepare for the following year and hopefully accumulate some top interview programs with leaders both here and abroad.

St. Louis Next

By the time most of you read this, I will be in the midst of our St. Louis, Mo., campaign. I will need to do television all through the week up to and including Thursday, then fly over to St. Louis on Friday morning for our first-night's campaign, returning as soon as possible thereafter to Pasadena for another week's heavy television schedule.

We are very much looking forward

to the next few campaigns, including one which will take me all the way to Sydney, Australia, where our Australian personnel feel there will be a great deal of response and a packed house every single night for the campaign in the new Sydney opera house.

Meanwhile, I know all you brethren are really keeping up with the campaigns, which I feel are one of the most vital activities in God's Work at this time and are in desperate need of your continued prayers and concern.

Campaigns Group Effort

I want, on behalf of Mr. Al Portune, Mr. Sherwin McMichael and all of the people working in our Personal Appearance Department, to tell you how deeply and thoroughly we appreciate the warm and loving cooperation we are receiving from the brethren of local churches through the procedure of all of the dozens of details and planning and preparation for one of these campaigns.

It means that right on down to the youngest person in a local-church family we are all able to really dig in and share in the experience of being used in God's hands to call "little ones" to His truth and to see them begin a totally new way of life!

I have to realize that the "fruit" of the campaigns is not the result of my efforts alone!

When we see 80, 150 or 200 or more eager people beginning to come to Bible studies and requesting baptism and coming to church following one of these campaigns, we are seeing the fruit that is produced by all of those in that area (plus all the rest of us, no matter how widely spread, who are really concerned and praying about that campaign!).

Perhaps by the next "Personal" Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong will be back, and he may wish to write something to you. But if not, I will keep you as fully informed as possible, and by that time we will be able to be appraising the results of the upcoming campaign in St. Louis.

Meanwhile, no matter what the personal disappointments and sorrows we may have to share from time to time, I believe we are all maturing in God's Holy Spirit to the point where we can literally "suffer when one member of the Body suffers" or rejoice when a member rejoices.

In Jesus' name,

Garner Ted Armstrong

P.S.: I've just received a lengthy Telex from my father concerning some exciting news on his latest trip. However, since all of the copy for this issue has already been finalized and the paper will be mailed to you within a very short time, I will save the full details until next time.

Now you know

PASADENA — Three more personal-appearance campaigns were recently conducted, wrapping up the campaign schedule for 1973, says Mr. Albert Portune, campaign director.

At the Seattle, Wash., personal appearance, Dec. 14, 15 and 16, the attendance for the three nights was 3,000, 3,700 and 3,300, all approximate figures. Eighty-three attended the first follow-up Bible study.

On Dec. 15 and 16 in Kansas City, Mo., 1,101 and 946 attended the two-night campaign. A follow-up Bible study was scheduled, but a severe-storm warning all but canceled the initial study.

At a two-night campaign in Pittsburgh, Pa., 1,208 and 751 attended Dec. 16 and 17, and 19 attended the first study.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong, speaking recently at headquarters Sabbath services, and Mr. Ted Armstrong, speaking at a combined Sabbath service in Chicago, Ill., emphasized the special importance and emphasis they feel God is placing on the campaign effort of His Church.



CONTEMPLATIVE — Mrs. Ronald Dart, wife of Big Sandy's deputy chancellor, was caught in the photographer's lens during one of the annual games played for the Pasadena-Big Sandy basketball tournament held in Pasadena last week. The tournament is one of the highlights of the college year and is attended by many visiting students from the Big Sandy campus. (Photo by Ken Treybig)



MERIT BADGES AWARDED — Sunday, Jan. 6, Pasadena Boy Scout Troop 60 convened to award merit badges, accept three new scouts and award the rank of tenderfoot — the first scouting rank — to seven members of the troop. Tenderfeet pictured above are, left to right, Phil Greenwood, Stuart Huse, Arthur Lee, Steve Affeldt, Jeff Robinson, Curtis Jennings and Bruce Anderson. Mr. George Affeldt, a preaching elder who worked from 1964 until recently with Pasadena youth groups, stands in the middle. After this photo was taken, he and his family moved to Michigan City, Ind., where he now pastors the church there. Mr. Affeldt holds a plaque and photo album of Troop 60 activities presented to him during the ceremonies by the troop and the local Cub Scout pack in appreciation of his efforts in helping found the groups. (Photo by David McKee)

HI-LITES

FROM IMPERIAL SCHOOLS AND TEEN-AGERS AROUND THE WORLD

Outstanding achievements recognized by Worldwide Achievement Program

By Albert J. Portune Jr.
National Youth Coordinator
PASADENA — The Worldwide Achievement Program is happy to recognize the following youngsters for their efforts in their respective fields.

If you would like to seek recognition for your achievements, send all pertinent information to Worldwide Achievement Program, 300 West Green Street, Pasadena, Calif., 91123. Refer to the article on page 12 of the Nov. 26 issue of *The Worldwide News* for requirements.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — Active in a number of areas, Chris Karstens, 16, has earned the recognition of the Worldwide Achievement Program.

Chris Karstens, 16, of Hutchinson, Minn., is a junior in high school and has earned the Achievement Award by her many extracurricular activities.

She is an active 4-H Club member and is acting vice president in the club. She has won state-fair trips for three years in a row for exhibiting championship sheep. She has received trophies, pins and certificates for outstanding and notable progress

in the sheep-project area. Being vice president of 4-H, she has been active in many areas, such as the Share the Fun Show, press revue, home-economics projects, junior leadership, indoor and outdoor gardening, and many more.

Besides playing the clarinet in the band, Chris works in other school organizations, such as Future Homemakers of America, Girls' Athletic Association, gymnastics and choir and is a part-time library assistant.

Her most recent area of recognition is for an outstanding youth during Youth Appreciation Week this past November. She was recognized for her part in her Positive Pure Culture group, a recently developed group being tried in school for the first time this school year. All members of the group were recognized for service in the community by beginning a youth center named "The Open Door" for all the local youth.

Kathi Williams of Amarillo, Tex., was working for the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Expanded Nutritional Agency for Better Health.

She had asked the agency about a recipe. Shortly thereafter they called her back, asking her if she would like to teach basic nutrition and cooking to younger girls.

An interview was set up at her home and she was accepted for the job, even though she was only 14 years of age.

Her class consisted of six girls, between the ages of 5 and 10. Meeting in the summer, the class usually took place during midmorning.

After the session was over in this particular field, Kathi was able to get more teaching experience by giving the same girls instruction in ballet and hula.

The government provided all the food and information, and she made up her own outline each week from

this. She made a variety of things with the girls, such as cookies, casseroles and various other dishes.

"After nine very enjoyable and inspiring weeks," said Kathi, "their work paid off. I had the girls over to my house for an assembly. The head of the department came and presented awards to the girls and myself. Each girl brought something she had prepared in class.

"After the assembly I was asked by the head of the agency to write a summary to send in to Washington to help settle this pilot project and also to teach an advanced course in the same thing . . . next summer."

15-year-old faced tough road but now lives life to full

By Ryan Watkins

BRICKET WOOD — Twenty-year-old John McLean of Ipswich, Australia, plays goalie for the second-year college soccer team.

Yet shortly before McLean came to college he fell the unfortunate victim of a crippling disease affecting the bones of his arms and legs.

At age 15 McLean was the last child remaining at home. His sister Lexie and brother Peter were at Ambassador here. Inspired by Peter's brilliance at sports, McLean also strove in this direction to strengthen his college application. He even coached a hockey team.

Early in 1969 he developed a sore leg. The pain persisted and walking became difficult. McLean requested anointing and went for a medical diagnosis. An X ray of his right shin bone confirmed the indications of a dreaded disease of the skeletal system, osteomyelitis.

The doctor suspected it was the result of an infected hockey injury to his shin.

Never Walk Again

"It was quite a mouthful," McLean related, "to be told I would never walk again. And I was 15 and wanted to come to college."

It gradually got worse and then spread to his left leg. McLean didn't know it then, but he later learned that in order to spread to the other leg it had to travel via the bloodstream, affecting the whole body and becoming potentially fatal.

"It really makes a mess of you," he commented.

Finally it spread to both arms. McLean requested anointing once again. The local church prayed for him.

"It was very painful. I couldn't really describe it. It takes a tremendous, continual wear off you. And I was stuck in bed in this cage."

"The pain was so severe I couldn't think or read or do anything much of the time," he continued. "At times I'd watch football [soccer] or a musical on television, but I gave up watching football because it got me down. A lot of time I was meditating.

And believe me, talk about praying without ceasing! But the pain was so constant that in a sense it exhausted me mentally."

McLean tried taking sedatives so he could get some sleep, but they made no difference, so he forgot

about them.

McLean couldn't even shower. "I was sponged," he said. "Everything I did I had to do in that bed."

He longed for outdoor activity: "Oh, the surf! Just to go for a surf!"

Many Visitors

Many Church members came to visit him, however, which made a great deal of difference in his attitude.

"Often I wouldn't feel all that much like talking to them, but just the fact they'd come so bright, cheery, positive and concerned — it was very encouraging. That's what I needed, although I was convinced I'd get better. Encouragement is necessary."

Some brought McLean food and fruit and even a tape recorder so he could listen to music.

About that time the pain in his arms eased, and then in his legs too, so he got a wheelchair.

"Well, I got pushed around a bit. I could move myself around in bed a lot better. So I had another X ray. They came with a stretcher and took me away in an ambulance. The bone was completely whole; there was no sign of osteomyelitis, although the bone was soft and porous from prolonged disease."

But the 8½ months in bed had taken its toll.

"All my muscles had atrophied. I was in wretched condition. I looked like a concentration-camp victim."

Learning to Walk

"A physiotherapist in the Church helped me a lot. My first exercise consisted of curling my toes. With his help I started some strengthening exercises. I had to learn to walk again. It's hard to put into words; it's an experience you have to live through. They'd take me down into the water and I'd kick to strengthen my knees. I had the weirdest feeling the first time I stood up. I felt like I was 10 feet tall, but there was no strength in my legs."

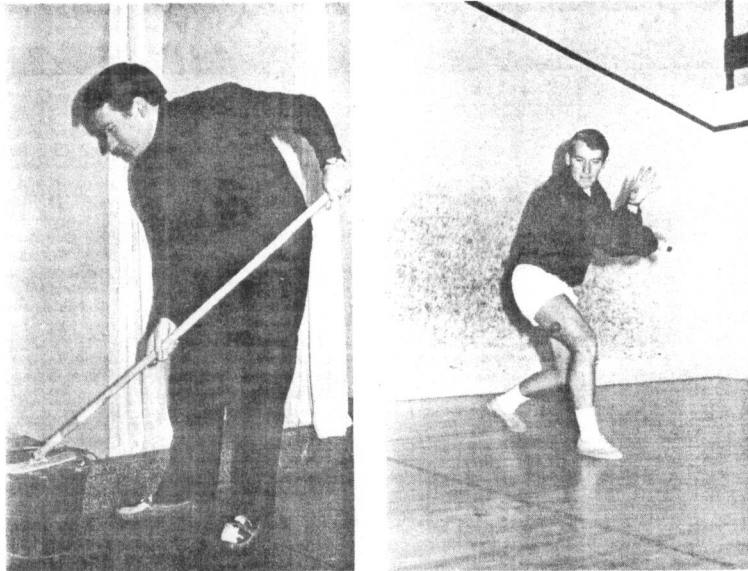
In time they lifted McLean up against a windowsill and he eased onto his feet. He strengthened himself a bit and then started to get around on crutches. Learning to walk was a long and painful process.

"Then one time I fell over and tore

(See STRUGGLE, page 9)



BACK IN ACTION — Once told that he would never walk again, John McLean of Ipswich, Australia, today enjoys life again after being a victim of osteomyelitis. Here he is playing goalie for the second-year team on the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College. (Photo by Tom Deininger)



WORKING AND PLAYING AGAIN — John McLean, currently a full-time second-year student at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, now leads an active life after battling a serious disease affecting his skeletal system. McLean does janitor work for employment, left photo, and plays squash, right photo. (Photos by Tom Deininger)

Struggle

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the ligaments and cartilage in my knee. I spent eight hours on the floor because I couldn't be moved. I was in agony. They rolled me onto a mattress, where I stayed for another 12 hours. Then they put me and the mattress in bed — back in bed again."

Eventually McLean recovered from his knee injury. He resumed his progress in learning to walk and got around much better.

Back to School

"I went back to school because I wanted to come to college. I used to go to school only two days a week, and even then my ankles would be swollen at the end of each day. I couldn't walk normally. I was very stiff, like a tin soldier with locked knees and ankles."

McLean now regrets that he went back to school so soon.

"I wasn't sufficiently recovered. Time and time again I'd do strenuous exercises, then I'd be in bed a few

days recovering. This not only stopped my progress but debilitated me further by causing other problems, which is dumb, looking back now. It was a result of a lack of understanding the process of rehabilitation."

Graduation

When McLean graduated he received a scholarship to go to a university. His teachers urged him to pursue a degree in law.

But he wanted to earn some money to go to Ambassador, so after shopping around for a job he found a position as a trainee health inspector, working for six or seven months in food inspection and environmental sanitation.

In reply to McLean's college applications, he was requested to have a further medical examination as a follow-up on his former disease.

Once again the results showed no sign of osteomyelitis.

Then he received an acceptance letter from Bricket Wood, where he is currently a full-time second-year student.

"It was a tough road back — often

frustrating and painful — learning how to walk and rebuilding my total health. But if I'd handled it right, by taking steps in rehabilitation in the proper time and not rushing it, I would have made better progress. Now I'm working closely with the Physical Education Department . . .

"I remember the first time I put down my crutches to walk. I had this warm feeling. And the first shower, it was so beautiful! I had the same feeling when I played squash and football for the first time. I really enjoyed it. It's very satisfying to live life to the full again."

Student riding in police car says patrol deserves respect

By Rich Linton

PASADENA — Recently I had the opportunity to ride in the back seat of an on-duty California Highway Patrol (CHP) car.

The experience proved to be more than just instructive. It gave me an insight into and furthered a respect for one law-enforcement agency and in particular for the officers who comprise it.

The calm confidence of the two officers I rode with was expressed in a friendly courteousness. They kept the entire evening's conversation on a first-name basis. I didn't even learn Bob's and Walt's last names until I was just about to leave.

Although both were poised throughout the evening, it wasn't because their job was a safe, easy one. The potential for danger on their job really hit me when they told me to run if something should happen. (The CHP has no regular program for observers riding in the back seat. I had to sign a statement of release — in case of injury or death.)

Careful Approach

The two officers said that they had never personally been in a shooting confrontation. Perhaps one of the reasons for this was the careful way they approach a car after stopping it.

As one officer approaches the car the other walks to the side of the car opposite the steering wheel. He opens the door, to be used as a shield just in case.

The other officer uses a flashlight (at night) and looks at the back seat before he comes to the driver.

The tact he uses here must definitely hinder many potentially explosive situations. The officer treats the driver with respect as a human being and

as a citizen of the United States.

Being in an organization that needs the respect of citizens in order to function properly, CHP officers give a generous dose of that respect to the people they deal with.

Perhaps the most impressive quality of the officers I met was their decision-making ability. The need for the ability to make an accurate, lightning-fast decision is a top priority for a member of the highway patrol. Instance after instance I was impressed with the speed with which the officers were able to detect an auto malfunction or legal infraction.

Forced Arrest

The incident that epitomized their decision-making ability occurred when they were forced to arrest a man. When they pulled the car over because of certain signs that might be indicative of drunk driving, I thought for sure they had made a mistake.

They asked the driver to get out and gave him several tests for balance. I thought that they would have to let him go; he seemed to pass the tests pretty well.

When they put him under arrest, I was really surprised, but I didn't say anything, of course, at the time.

After taking him to the police station, they gave the suspect the choice of three tests. He chose to take the breath test.

In California the reading of alcoholic content in the blood at which a person is judged to be legally drunk is 0.1 percent. This suspect's reading was 0.21 percent — over twice as much as legally permitted. But I could never have told by just physical appearances.

Drunk drivers are a major source of automobile accidents and fatalities. The highway patrol is on constant lookout for such drivers because of the harm they cause.

My impression of the CHP was capped off by a talk that CHP State Commissioner Walter Pudinski gave to the Ambassador student body in an assembly (see the Dec. 24 issue, page 3). Pudinski not only exhibited much stage presence but a trait that is too often lacking in people, that of bigness of mind. He was willing to admit that the police in general had not always done the best job they were capable of. But they were open-mindedly trying to correct what mistakes had been made and were continuing to do the best job they could.

I for one have no trouble respecting an organization that is represented by men such as Pudinski.

And if Bob and Walt are representative of the typical officer, then indeed the California Highway Patrol is one organization that deserves respect.

Now you know

By Norman A. Smith
Director, Media Division

PASADENA — Here's some good news about our TV-program ratings. KERO in Bakersfield, Calif., reports that 14,000 homes listen to Mr. Ted Armstrong Sunday evening at 5:30, while only 4,000 homes are tuned in to the other two stations.

We are competing against a movie (long established in that market) and a local interview show.

KTBC at 11 a.m. Sunday in Austin, Tex., was our top-rated station, according to a rating system devised by our Marketing Division. Their cost per response for November was \$2.16, excluding production costs.

Last year's rating book showed we had 52 percent of the Austin audience at this hour, and I would suspect we have even more of the audience by now.

WORD SEARCH

BY KENT HENDERSON

Fifty-two Old and New Testament names can be read forward, up, down and diagonally in this puzzle. They are always in a straight line, and they never skip any letters. Letters may be used more than once, and names overlap.

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| Bartholomew | Ham | Lazarus | Samuel |
| Benjamin | Isaac | Lot | Sarah |
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| Daniel | Jacob | Mark | Seth |
| David | James | Mary | Solomon |
| Deborah | Jeremiah | Matthew | Stephen |

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S.A.A.C. offers new program

By Geoffrey Varnham

BRICKET WOOD — In December the arts-and-crafts section of the Social and Activities Club (S.A.A.C.) here opened up its newly expanded club room. At very little cost S.A.A.C. is now able to offer a club room with facilities for wood-working instruction, basketwork, sculpture, casting in plastic, art classes, stone polishing, model making, picture framing, carving, candle making, rug making, enameling and the making of jewelry.

The rules of the club limit attendance to single people and families. Children are not allowed without at least one parent. This helps bring the family together, involving all its members in different projects of mutual interest.

The club is open three evenings a week — Monday to Wednesday — from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The understanding is that parents enroll for a particular hobby or craft, providing their own equipment and materials but using the club-room facilities to make the project.

If they run into any difficulties there is an expert there who can sort out their problems.

In one section a warm home atmo-

sphere has been created, where women and children can partake in needlework and rug and jewelry making — sitting around a cottage fireside and able to work and socialize with one another.

The other sections of the club room offer equally congenial surroundings for club members to work together.

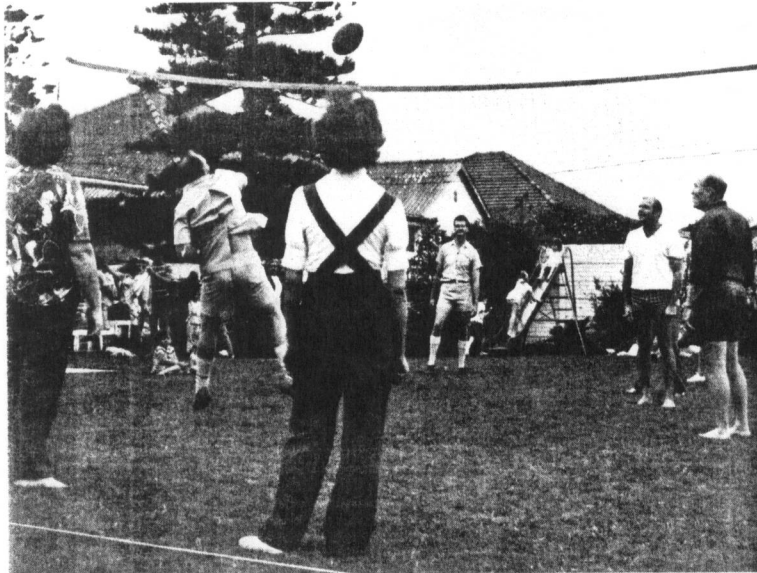
S.A.A.C. hopes many more will come along and try their hand at a new craft. Sixty attended the first week and now 75 have enrolled, with many nonmembers turning up too.

Now you know

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (UPI) — Mrs. Clara Bartels, who turned 100 recently, became a United States citizen only one week before she reached the century mark.

It's not that Mrs. Bartels is a stranger. She came to the United States from the Netherlands in 1881, when she was eight years old.

At the naturalization ceremony, she explained to U.S. Judge Noel P. Fox she was a bit tardy about becoming a citizen because "I never thought about it. I always thought I was one."



SOUTH AFRICAN PICNIC — Members of the church in Durban, South Africa, enjoy a picnic at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerrie de Vries. After apparently getting hold of the wrong kind of ball for this game of volleyball, Dave Brunsond throws it to the opposing team. (Photo by George Meeker)

Local church news wrap-up

Bright Faces

DURBAN, South Africa — Picnics in the Durban church always start a week ahead of the due date. The one at Mr. and Mrs. Gerrie de Vries' home Sunday, Dec. 9, was no different.

Don't imagine that the spirit of South Africa's holiday capital gripped the 180 brethren present and induced them to have a week-long vacation. Nothing of the sort. The week before was no picnic.

A group of sturdy volunteers had valiantly hacked a path through the verdant foliage leading from the de Vrieses' back garden down to the beach, 200 feet below. Their hard work prepared for the enjoyment of others the following Sunday.

The morning of the 9th was overcast. Prophesying this the day before, local minister Don Botha encouraged everyone to come anyway. So despite the weather, attendance was high.

By afternoon the sun was still obscured by gray clouds. In sharp contrast were the bright faces of those enjoying volleyball, quoits, soccer, fun in the pool, touch rugby on the beach or lunch — or just relaxing.

Around 3 p.m. rain began to fall. Undaunted, many lingered on — huddled in the garage around a table of goodies, while others fellowshiped on the back porch — until finally only Mr. and Mrs. de Vries remained, happy that once again they had provided the Durban church with its favorite picnic grounds. *Geoffrey Neilson.*

No Chigger Problem

ALEXANDRIA, La. — Saturday night, Dec. 8, 53 members of the church here attended a wiener roast at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oakes, near Pollock, La. The Oakeses live in a rather heavily wooded area, so their place is the ideal setting for such an event.

Music seems to be a passion for members of the Alexandria church. During the evening a sing-along was held, the singing led mostly by H.L. Triplett, a local member, who also played the guitar.

Accordion solos were featured by Randall Trahan, and other musicians were Bill Oakes on the harmonica and Bill McLaren on the guitar.

A previous outing at the same location in late summer was plagued by chiggers, but there was no insect

problem this time; temperatures were in the 30s. Because of the cold, the huge fire was useful not only for roasting wieners but served as a very welcome source of heat for everyone present. *Bill McLaren.*

New Cleveland Era

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The Sabbath of Dec. 15 marked the beginning of a new era in God's Work in Cleveland when the Cleveland East church met for the first time. Regional Director Edward Smith of the Cincinnati (Ohio) Region was guest speaker at both services.

The first service of the original Church of God congregation in Cleveland was on March 25, 1967.

During his remarks Mr. Smith said there are presently 35 churches in the Cincinnati Region, with the strong possibility of 40 churches within the next year.

He projected that 1974 could pose some difficult problems on all levels and aspects of society. For many people the current crisis could focus attention on the end time, which could result in greater growth for God's Church. *John McGe.*

Tired of Knife, Fork

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The announcement read: "Tired of the same old knife and fork? Come for chopsticks lessons at the ladies' luncheon, to be held at Kali Kai . . ."

Each month the ladies of the Cincinnati East church meet for a luncheon, which is held at a different restaurant each month, with a different lady making the reservations. The luncheon theme for December was Chinese.

Mrs. Luella Glover made the reservations for the luncheon at a local restaurant, Kali Kai. She obtained a menu, a pair of chopsticks and a paper parasol, which she attractively arranged and posted on the bulletin board. This gave the ladies an idea of the selection of food available, the prices and an extra incentive to attend the luncheon.

A sheet of paper was posted along with this display for the ladies to sign, thus enabling Mrs. Glover to have an idea of the approximate number of reservations to make for the luncheon.

These events afford the ladies an opportunity once a month to have a refreshing and stimulating change of pace and to enjoy a few hours of good

food and fellowship. serving and cooking tips were exchanged.

The aim of the luncheon was the much-needed fellowship and the opportunity to serve the brethren.

The gathering proved to be very beneficial for the women and children alike, and all are looking forward to more of the same in the future.

All those present for the luncheon, besides the guests, were members of the Lake Charles congregation, pastored by Mr. Harold Rhodes. *Pauline Earl.*

Tourney Invitation

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — The Philadelphia and Allentown-Bethlehem, Pa., churches were recently involved in an exciting basketball game here.

Despite the cold, snowy weather, the two teams were on hand for a Saturday-night game in which the Philly team took an early 22-7 lead.

It looked like the older, more experienced team would wrap it up, but Allentown had other ideas and tied it at 32 all.

From then on, though, Philly took over. Led by Tony Marandola (32 points), Steve Marandola (28 points) and Jim Domiano (20 points), they won 107-74.

Philly would like to play all churches in their area, and they're in hopes that a tournament can be held in their area similar to the one in Chicago (*The Worldwide News*, Jan. 7). Anyone interested in playing, contact Tony Marandola, 19 Hargrove Lane, Willingboro, N.J., 08046, phone (609) 877-5942. *Steve Marandola.*

Dozen Cousins

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The church here held its fourth annual family night Sunday, Dec. 9.

The evening started with family games, including racing while hammering nails, passing Lifesavers on toothpicks, and passing marbles on plastic spoons.

There were a round of musical chairs for the preteens and a peanut toss for the toddlers.

Arts and crafts were displayed as an added attraction. *Afghans, wire*

figures, paintings, sketches and woodwork were some of the many displays.

The main attraction for the evening was the talent show and skit. For the talent show the Dozen Cousins sang "Top of the World," the Agents sang "Teach Your Children," Clifton Kipe told tall tales about his Uncle Joe and cousin Marcel, and the Gingham sang "Everybody Get Together" and "The Nickel Song."

The last act was a family band, the Lollipop Five, and it played "Windy."

The Agents played a few numbers for intermission while the stage was set for the skit.

The skit, "Detective Fats," drew gales of laughter from the audience. Ma and Pa Belly (Mr. and Mrs. John Bricker) found their son, Eddy Belly (Ed Hoover), dead on the living-room floor. They called on Detective Fats (Dave Barnes) to solve the case.

As Detective Fats and his gang (Davis Grove, Wilbur Thompson and Don Cox) investigated, the plot thickened. There was even a murder suspect.

But the story ended and Eddy Belly was found to be only temporarily unconscious from overstuffing himself as a pizza-eating contest.

Also present were his opponent, Birdlegs (Little John Bricker) and the Big Bird (Ben Bricker), whom they planned to make stew out of.

After the skit the Agents played dance numbers. Some didn't really know what they were dancing; they were just having a good time. *Coleen Kay Kesseker.*

Malone & Elligsen

PEORIA, Ill. — "Welcome Aboard" was the sign that greeted everyone at the social here Dec. 8.

The entire hall was decorated with small wharves and fishnet and depicted a dock and paddleboat.

It reminded one of a steamboat cruise down the ol' Mississippi.

Refreshments were abundant throughout the evening; all the ladies brought special cookies and candy.

Music was provided by a five-piece band from the music department at Quincy College, Quincy, Ill.

Entertainment was at its best. Mr. Jerry Rigden, a deacon from the Maccomb, Ill., church, emceed. The acts included a piano duet with Mrs. Ben Leonard and Mrs. Barry Brown at the ivories playing the theme from *The Apartment*.

Then came the real treat everyone had been waiting for: Mr. Roger Malone, minister of the Peoria and Maccomb churches, played his banjo. He was accompanied by his wife Anita on the piano and Dan Burge on the bass guitar. They played some favorite ragtime tunes.

More excitement came when Philip Elligsen, the choir director, joined in with a tuba. It was so good that the team of Malone & Elligsen will be going on tour. The next performance will be held in Maccomb. *John Foster.*

Sober Thoughts

BEREA, Ohio — A special showing to the Cleveland, Ohio, congregation of last year's New Orleans, La., campaign, featuring Mr. Ted Armstrong speaking on "the end time," evoked sober thoughts during Bible study Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Berea High School here.

The study opened with the answering of questions by Mr. Ron Lohr and Mr. Arnold Clausen before the 58-minute presentation started.

Mr. Armstrong gave a graphic portrayal of the events and persons involved in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in the closing days of World War II and showed that there were persons on both sides with names, hopes and feelings. He proved the necessity for divine intervention. *John McGe.*



MASQUERADE DANCE — The Washington, D.C., church's annual masquerade dance, held Dec. 24, was invaded by a martian and an American Indian, who supposedly rode in on a fragment of the comet Kohoutek. Out of all the costumes, the martian's drew the most comments. Underneath it all, the two masqueraders were Amy Parsons and John Shirm of the Harrisburg, Pa., church.

BABIES

ABBOTSFORD, B.C. — Michael Cary Potts, son and second child of Onyle and Sara Potts, Nov. 13, 3:11 p.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, 21 1/2 inches.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Angela Ruth Mayer, daughter and third child of Ralph and Joyce Mayer, Dec. 5, 2:25 a.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, 20 inches.

A 14-year-old would like to have a pen pal in the age group of 14 to 18. I like writing letters, stamp collecting, swimming and roller skating and volleyball and other sports. Write to Bob Whipple, 2311 Du Pont Street, Oxnard, Calif., 93030.

I am a disabled American veteran. I was baptized in 1963 by Mr. Harold Jackson. I am 27 and attend the Methodist church. I spent 4 1/2 years in the U.S. V.A. hospital. I would like to receive letters from anyone. Please write soon. Sam Haymon Jr., P.O. Box 229, Wood, Wis., 53193.

Aone, Grandinheim, 2761 S.W. Third Court, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 33312.

PERSONALS

Send your personal notes and cards to: PERSONALS, "The Worldwide News," Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

PEN PALS

I am 10 years old and I would like a pen pal, boy or girl. I live on a farm and I am interested in electronics, camping and reading. Phillip McCullum, Rt. 2, Stuttgart, Ark., 72158.

WEDDINGS

RECENT CHURCH WEDDINGS — Several men in the Detroit, Mich., area have recently renounced their bachelor days. Some of the couples recently wed in that church area are pictured above. From left to right are



Ethel Pearlina Williams and Ricky Dotsey; Denise Williams and Ralph Benman; Meryl Mayle and Dennis Thumm; and Sandra Anderson and John Lloyd. (Photos by Rondal C. Mullins)

WEDDINGS

ATHEENS, Ohio — Mary Lynn White of Athens and Ben Grabell Jr. of Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 16 at the home of the bride's parents.



CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME! — Big Sandy senior Ken Nelson, one of over 70 Big Sandy students who traveled to the Pasadena campus from Big Sandy for semester-break activities, seems well bedded down on the bus making the 1,500-mile trek last week. Annually numerous students from the Texas campus make the trip to the sister campus during the semester break. One of the highlights of the college year occurs in Pasadena during the break, the annual Pasadena Invitational Basketball Tournament, in which two Big Sandy teams and two Pasadena teams compete for the championship trophy (see article on page 6). For many of the Big Sandy students this is a first opportunity to see the headquarters operation of Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God. For more details, see article on page 1. [Photo by Ken Treybig]

Press gets the welcome news: British PT survives crisis

BRICKET WOOD — In mid-December the British Work was suddenly hit by the introduction of a three-day work week. In the last two weeks of the month 800,000 *Plain Truths* had to be published, with only five working days allowed. Beginning with the new calendar year, the campus' allocated three work days were Thursday, Friday and Saturday — another blow to

God's Work. To further complicate matters, paper suppliers were unable to meet the college's requirements.

Jewish Appeals

Immediately appeals went up from Jewish firms, caught in the same dilemma. The government was sympathetic but stood firm, but the problem was that nobody really wanted to work on Saturday.

CINCINNATI — With the fires at home rapidly nomenclature, a fire in Finland had given us another problem. A fire was in the mill which supplies the paper, preventing it from filling the order.

Paper is extremely scarce, so finding suitable alternative supplies would be very difficult.

Miraculously, all this has worked together to enable *The Plain Truth* to go out.

The first break came when the Press appealed its allocated days. A government official discovered that by fortunate wording of the regulation the campus was exempt from restrictions. The law limits only industrial concerns to a three-day week. But the college is not registered as an industrial firm; it is registered as a charity. Hence the restrictions do not apply.

This was welcome news indeed to weary workers hastily preparing for the crisis.

Full Steam Ahead

Next, paper suppliers informed the Press that they could now meet the order in full. They could even give an additional supply to bolster the badly depleted stocks. (Because of the three-day work week other printers had canceled their orders.)

Churches share same minister, plan all-day services every other week

By Dave Havir

PASADENA — Though caught in the grip of an energy crisis which has reduced the nationwide speed limit to 55 miles per hour, Mr. Robert Hoops, pastor of the Hardin, Mont., and Rapid City, S.D., churches, has discovered a way to tangle with the distances which separate the brethren in this area of the country.

The Hardin church, which was raised up last June, used to meet each Sabbath morning at 8:30. Having to drive approximately 275 miles, Mr. Hoops found that he needed to leave shortly after services to be able to arrive for the Rapid City church services at 3:30 in the afternoon.

This was already a tight schedule, without the help of the energy crisis.

Impossible Speed Limit

As Mr. Les Stocker of the Church Administration Division here commented:

"Leaving immediately after services, Mr. Hoops was able to make it to Rapid City for the 3:30 services. But now with the 55-mile-per-hour limit it's an impossibility."

To solve the problem the two churches adopted a plan of alternate all-day Sabbath services. Instead of meeting every week, the two churches planned to have an all-day meeting on every other Sabbath.

Hardin began the plan Saturday, Jan. 12, with a regular church service at 10 o'clock, followed by a picnic lunch at noon.

Then, in the afternoon, Mr. Hoops conducted a Bible study with an open forum for questions. (He is presently planning to mix a variety of projects — such as *The World Tomorrow* telecast, slide shows, etc. — into the afternoon activities.)

"The idea of using the building all

day has already been done in other places," explained Mr. Stocker. "But more areas may have to adopt similar programs because of the energy crisis and the costs of traveling long distances."

This plan has helped to cut down the gas mileage of the brethren of the two churches. And it has cut down Mr. Hoops' Sabbath mileage by half, allowing him to spend more time with the people on the Sabbath.

No Need to Rush Off

"Now, I don't have to be rushing off somewhere after services," explained Mr. Hoops. "I can enjoy some fellowship with the people. We

now have the opportunity to spend some time with each other."

The plan does have two natural drawbacks which must be recognized. The churches do lose the continuity of an every-week service. (Yet, the all-day service can be very advantageous to a minister who is delivering a two-part sermon.)

The other disadvantage is that if a member because of sickness or some other reason misses a Sabbath service, he will be missing church for nearly a month.

But on the other hand, if a person gets sick on an off week, he won't be missing church at all.



GOLDEN DAY — Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Howel Laird of Leesville, La., share some cake after 50 years of marriage at a party thrown in the couple's honor recently. More anniversaries are listed below. [Photo by Judy Oakes]

Anniversaries

LUFKIN, Tex. — Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Smith of the church here celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

Dec. 7. They have been members of God's Church since 1958.

The Lufkin brethren gave the Smiths a beautiful lamp.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have four children, 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

GLADEWATER, Tex. — Mr. and Mrs. James D. Bald marked their 40th wedding anniversary here Dec. 31.

The Balds have spent their past 23 years as members of the Worldwide Church of God. They started attending church in Pasadena when Sabbath services were held in the main room of the old Library Building on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bald were ordained deacon and deaconess on Pentecost of 1960.

After Mr. Bald's retirement in 1966 as president of a meat-cutters' union in Southern California, the Balds moved to Texas. In Texas he served in meat cutting and packaging for Ambassador College, Big Sandy, before his retirement in 1972.

The Balds' only child, John, and his family live in Columbus, Ohio, where he pastors the Columbus churches.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES BALD

THIRD THOUGHTS

By Basil Wolverton



BASIL WOLVERTON

"Oh-h-h! My husband is up there leading the choir with one of his garters dragging!"

Obituaries

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — In — a table William Albert Larson, a member of a massive coronary. until Mr. Larson was a member of church here and was a faithful servant and an inspiration to all who knew him. By profession he was an airplane pilot and mechanic.

Mr. Larson is survived by his wife Jane and a son, both of Sioux Falls, and a daughter from Massachusetts.

BRAHAM, Minn. — Mrs. Ralph (Blanche) Williams of the Minneapolis (Minn.) North church died here Dec. 25 as a result of acute pancreatitis.

She died on the seventh anniversary of her baptism into God's Church.

She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother and friend.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLE ON PAGE 9
To find the first letter of each name, use the two letters printed after each name in the following list as a guide. For example, the horizontal row of letters beginning with the P on the left and the vertical row beginning with the L on top intersect at the A in Aaron: Aaron PL, Abel AF, Abraham BJ, Adam DP, Amos DH, Andrew HA, Barabbas AK, Bartholomew CB, Benjamin PB, Cain IA, Daniel PM, David PE, Deborah OF, DeLilah IM, EA AD or HI or HL, Elisha EH, Esau BK, Eve NM or PO, Ezekiel AG, Gideon PG, Ham U, Isaac EJ, Isaiah AB, Jacob EA, James KJ, Jeremiah JD, Jesus FI, Job NA, Joel FH, John ID, Jonah KI, Joseph JF, Joshua KI, Lazarus GJ, Lot NP, Luke EP, Mark AJ, Mary AJ, Matthew JG, Moses HP, Noah PD, Paul ON, Peter KP, Ruth BO, Salome JK, Sampson MA, Samuel JP, Sarah LL, Saul HO, Seth MD, Solomon PF, Stephen JF.