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### Mr. Armstrong to open largest HQ conference

ners were working feverishly to finalize last-minute conference details as of press time Jan. 1, two days before the opening of the largest ministerial conference ever convened by the Church, and one that is to mark Herbert W. Armstrong's first general appearance since he became ill 41/2 months ago.

As of Dec. 30, 958 people were registered for the conference, with a crowd of more than 1,000 expected to be on hand for the 85-year-old pastor general's opening remarks Jan. 4. The total includes wives. All church pastors worldwide, their wives and some associate pastors and some International Division office staffers are to come at Church expense. Any other elders able to pay their own way are free to attend.

Writer and television personality

#### 1977 REVIEWED

Another year has rolled around, and it's time again for our year-end wrap-up issue. You'll notice this special 24-page WN is really an issue within an issue. In the middle is a 16-page pullout section that wraps up the news of the Work in 1977 month by

Art Linkletter is slated to address the ministry during the plenary session Jan. 5. Ted Herlofson, conference coordinator, said Mr. Linkletter will speak on drug abuse by youths. He said Mr. Linkletter's presentation is in partial response to the interest ex-pressed by ministers on the subjects of marriage, family and drugs

Ministers began arriving several days before the conference; many wanted to be on hand for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade usually held Jan. I but delayed one day this year since the first of the year fell on a

Forty-eight ministers, wives and some children, representing those from Australia and New Zealand, arrived Dec. 28, according to Dean Wilson, regional director of the Australian Work. Mr. Wilson said the party traveled together and had saved about 50 percent over regular economy airline rates by taking advantage of group discounts. He said ministers who had relatives living in the United States brought their children so they could couple familial considerations with the conference trip.

On Dec. 21 Garner Ted Armstrong met in his office with Ronald Dart. vice president for pastoral administration, Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, and

Mr. Herlofson to solidify plans. Ministers will spend 24 hours in (See CONFERENCE, page 8)





CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES — Former Milwaukee Brewer professional baseball player Dan Thomas, left, addresses delegates to the second annual YOU international conference in Big Sandy, Tex. During the conference participants asked questions, right, of Garner Ted Armstrong. [Photos by Phil Edwards]

### 569 attend YOU conference

By Joe Pyle BIG SANDY, Tex. — Five hundred sixty-nine delegates 12 to 19 years old gathered from 50 states and 14 foreign countries for the second YOU international conference, held on the former Ambassador College campus Dec. 23 to 28.

The young people, two from each congregation within an established YOU chapter, attended six days of meetings and other activities, including presentations by Garner Ted

Armstrong, Donald Most ("Ralph" in the television series Happy Days). professional baseball player and Church member Dan Thomas and musician, singer and writer Tom Sul-

#### Countries represented

The delegates had come from America, Australia, Barbados, Ber-muda, Canada, England, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North-ern Ireland, the Philippines, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland and West Germany.

All eight regional YOU coordinators from the United States attended and conducted regional workshops with the delegates from their

Also 23 Ambassador College students had traveled by van from Pasadena to volunteer their services in helping lead the activities

Most delegates arrived Friday

Dec. 23, and attended a Bible study that night and brunch the next morn-

ing. Sabbath services included a sermonette by the pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., church, Dan Bierer, and a sermon by Garner Ted Armstrong on the problems youths have faced, past and present.

Sunday Mr. Armstrong conducted two rapid-fire question-and-answer sessions, fielding queries on topics ranging from prophecy to interracial

Subjects covered during the six days of meetings, and the lecturers, included:

Ambassador College, David Antion, director of college relations for AC; teen-adult relationships, George Geis, chairman of Ambassador's Theology Department; dating, Gil Goethals, a Tacoma, Wash., elder; Goethals, a Tacoma, Wash., elder, youth leadership, Carl Gustafson,

(See YOU CONFERENCE, page 8)

### Evangelists honored on 25th

PASADENA - Herman L. Hoeh and Roderick C. Meredith, two of the tirst evangelists ordained in the Church, were honored on the 25th anniversary of their ordination at a dinner held on the Ambassador College campus Dec. 20.

Garner Ted Armstrong presented each man with a silver plaque that read: "In recognition of faithful service as an ordained minister and commemorating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the rank of evangelist in the Worldwide Church of God. In deep appreciation, [signed] Herbert W. Armstrong, Garner Ted Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong, who made the presentation at a prime-rib dinner attended by 49 people in Ambassador Hall, one of the early campus build-ings, said he wished his father could have made the presentation.

Dr. Hoeh and Dr. Meredith were ordained Dec. 20, 1952, along with Richard David Armstrong, Raymond C. Cole and C. Paul Meredjth. Richard Armstrong, Garner Ted's elder brother, died in 1958 at age 29 from injuries received in an au tomobile accident, and C. Paul Meredith, first editor of the Work's Correspondence Course and uncle to Roderick, died in 1968. Mr. Cole has since disassociated himself from the Church.

#### Accept plaques

Dr. Hoeh, in accepting his plaque, honored the two evangelists who had died. "Both are deceased, and in a sense this [event] commemorates



EVANGELISTS HONORED - Evangelists Herman L. Hoeh, left, and Roderick C. Meredith, right, along with their wives, display plaques commemorating their 25 years as ordained ministers. [Photo by John

what role they had in a much shorter life in this Work.

Dr. Meredith thanked those who attended for their warmth and encouragement. He recalled the 1952 ordination ceremony, saying Herbert Arm-strong "laid hands on Dr. Hoeh as the very first one, which was fitting," since Dr. Hoeh "was the first male graduate [of Ambassador] and the first evangelist in God's Church in

He said Dr. Hoeh and Mr. Armstrong then turned and ordained Raymond Cole. Dr. Meredith said, We all wish Raymond could be

As each man was ordained, he joined in the next ordination. Following Mr. Cole were Richard Armstrong and C. Paul Meredith.

"Then last and least, which is fit-

(See EVANGELISTS, page 3)

New Feast site selected

## Savannah gets nod

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Savannah, Ga., will be a site for the next Feast of Tabernacles, replacing Jekyll Island, Ga., the Festival Office announced Dec 22

As many as 7,000 Feastgoers from the Mid-Atlantic states will be as-signed to the new Georgia site, about 80 miles up the coast from the old Jekyll Island location.

The Festival Office had announced Dec. 6 that the Jekyll site had been canceled because of limited convention and housing accommodations on the island.

-Festival director Sherwin McMichael said Savannah "has long been one of America's unsung urban oases" and underwent "extensive renovation and historic preservation" beginning in the 1950s. Festival services will take place in an "ul-tramodern \$10 million civic center" only a few blocks from "the nation's largest registered urban historic dis-

ct," the director said.
The city, with a metropolitan population of about 188,000, reportedly offers 1,100 historically significant buildings dating to the 1700s, a scenic waterfront walkway, numerous restaurants and an ocean beach area 11 miles from downtown. Many of the housing facilities for Church members will be close to the civic center and downtown historic district, Mr. McMichael said.



# A Personal Letter

Dear brethren in God's Church:

Greetings in Jesus' name! By the time you read this the ministerial conference will be well under way, perhaps even completed. These are days of furious activity here on the Ambas; sador College campus, with tens of thousands of campers, trailers, recreational vehicles and vehicles of every description descending upon Pasadena, and thousands of young people staking out sections of the parking area on the strips of grass next to the street along South Orange Grove and for miles down Colorado Boulevard in preparation for the Rose Parade on Jan. 2.

There is always a peculiar feeling of subdued madness about this time of the year. And, having lived right near the parade route for nearly 25 years, I have come to look forward to this time of year with a peculiar dread.

Hopefully, however, we will have a minimum of crime and violence associated with the massive crowds this year.

On the brighter side, of course, the glittering Rose Parade itself and the Rose Bowl game will be viewed by many millions of Americans and our armed forces overseas on national and international television hookups.

This year, for the very first time, Ambassador College will receive a tremendous amount of publicity in the preparade program aired over NBC. I am told that Tom Brokaw of the *Today* 

show will give a brief introduction and then the network will switch to its cameras in Pasadena for a combined live and pretaped preparade show beginning at 10 eastern time.

#### Goodyear blimp

Yesterday, as I finished doing a television program, I walked back down to the Hall of Administration to down to the Hati of Administration to see the big Goodyear blimp with its television cameras aboard coming down within only a few feet of the roofs of the Hall of Administration, Auditorium and student center, tak-ing agrial views of the camers the ing aerial views of the campus, the quadrangle and the festivities being videotaped for the preparade show.

I did not have an opportunity to stroll over to the quadrangle to watch the colorful bands, choral groups, ac the colorful bands, choral groups, ac-tors and others participating in the show being prepared for the network, but I was given a briefing by Mr. Les Stocker, who is associate director of college relations.

Les told me the director of the NBC show had earlier expressed some interest in stopping by the Ambassador Auditorium, where a group of Ambassador students was finishing a rehearsal preparatory to the group's presentation at the coronation of the rose queen, an e which precedes the parade by about two weeks.

Les said the director of the program was so entranced with the stu-dent performers that, instead of re-

(See PERSONAL page 3)

### Letters TO THE EDITOR

Another miracle
I was sharing with our 7-year-old son.
Paul, the story of the Hren family from
Colorado [Nov. 21]. When I finished Paul
said: "See, Mama, God did another miracle. He protected me from being burned yesterday too. God just does miracles all

yesternay 600-the time."

It is so good to be able to see God's intervention for His people.

Naomi Ferguson

Birmingham, Ala.

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Sausage can be hazardous
I read with trepidation the recent article
in "Postmark" (Nov. 7) about making

in "Postmark" (Nov. 7) about making sausage at home.

Enclosed is a memo to extension home economists a while back on this very type of recipe. Miss Dunn [the writer of the memo] is food specialist for the University of Wisconsin, Extension.

sity of Wisconsin. Extension.

Being a Church member and viewing things from God's point of view, I don't always share the specialist's concerns. But in this case I think people might be tempting God. I feel this is a risky recipe and would hate for anyone to experience a travered.

Eileen Booth Medford, Wis.

In the memo Mrs. Booth sent, written by Charlotta M. Dunn of the University of Wisconsin, Miss Dunn notes that a "recipe for making HAMBURGER SAUSAGE is

being widely circulated!'

She continues:
"We DO NOT RECOMMEND this

recipe.
"I. Mixture of small particles of ingre-"I. Mixture of small particles of Ingredients — possible contamination, and remixing of ingredients during refrigeration increases the hazard.
"2. Most spices carry relatively high levels of bacteria — possible contamina-

ion.
3. Low temperature used in the recipe "3. Low temperature used in the recipe and long cooking time provide ideal con-ditions for bacterial incubation and pos-sible development of toxins.

"4. In-point temperature is not suffi-cient to insure the safety of the product and in no way will deactivate toxins."

Plays from the Bible

Plays from the Bible
For family night: I'm surprised
this wasn't mentioned. Many children
like to act. Why not write simple plays
taken from the Bible? The whole family
can participate and have fun... An
example to get you started — Adam's
and Eve's first sin.
Mrs. Marilyn Braley
Houston Tex.

Houston, Tex

First thing
I wanted to thank Patsy Swanson for the Nov. 7 edition of The Worldwide News. It is an excellent help for remembering prayers first thing in the morning.

Lois Woods

Lois Woods Medford, Ore.

As it comes
. Words cannot explain how I really feel about the newspaper, WN. I first read the "Personal" and then "Letters to the Editor." From then on I read it as it comes. Louise Logan North Carrollton, Miss.

Correction

An error appeared in an article on page 1 of the Dec. 19 Worldwide News headlined "GTA to K.C. for Sermon, Social." The article correctly article Correctly.

Sermon, Social. The article Correctly stated Garner Ted Armstrong was in Kansas City. Kan., to speak at a special Subbath service Dec. 17 and a social that evening. But the account

incorrectly stated he was in town for the beginning of the Youth Oppor-tunities United national volleyball

tournament for girls.

Mr. Armstrong left Kansas City

the morning of Dec. 18, the day the volleyball competition started, and was not present for any of the tour-

# $\pmb{A}$ nervous Europe wonders about $\pmb{A}$ merica

PASADENA - What can we look for on the world scene in this new year?

The newspapers are full of cautiously optimistic predictions concern-ing a fairly good economic picture (for the United States), along with prospects of a settlement of sorts in the Middle East: But these bits and pieces of good news are more than balanced by many simmering na-tional and international problems. some of which may heat up to a rag-ing boil in 1978.

The common denominator of nearly all of these looming crises, as we have mentioned before, is the plummeting position and prestige of the United States. America's indeci-siveness, its myopia, is the single most important catalyzing factor on

the world scene.

It is the worsening American economy, and faulty remedies to cor-rect it, that is primarily responsible for the growing prospects of a free-world trade war; the foreign-policy directions of the new administration are responsible for generating doubts among allies in Asia, fears of the future among NATO partners in Europe, and the prospects of an Armageddon in Africa.

With this as a background, let's single out one critical area that will dominate the news in the months

#### Europe's fears

In recent columns I've discussed the pessimistic mood of the South Koreans, the Taiwanese, even the Japanese, regarding their relationships with the United States. Now the feeling of insecurity is spreading to Western Europe as well.

The NATO allies are very con-cerned over what they consider to be unwarranted American concessions to the Soviets in the SALT II talks. They fear the United States will agree to curb deployment of the cruise missile as well as agree to block transfer of its technology to the allies. Euro-pean NATO planners see the missile as a tactical necessity to offset Soviet buildup in Eastern Europe.

Hardly comforting to the Europeans are recent newspaper reports of a controversial Washington defense

memorandum, under which one third of the territory of West Germany. including Hamburg (Chancellor Schmidt's hometown) would be conceded to the communists from the start in the event of a full-scale attack

by Warsaw Pact forces.

Not only Hamburg but Munich according to a report in the Chicago would be sacrificed to Tribune, would be sacrificed to a Soviet blitzkrieg. The city lies east of mans, the industrial structure and population density of the Federal Republic least-west width 137.5 to 300 miles] prohibits any surrender of territory. About 30 percent of the population and 25 percent of the industrial capacity are located in the 100mile kilometer [62.5-mile] strip west of the Federal German border with the Warsaw Pact.

West Germany's highest-ranking

### **Norldwatch** BY GENE H. HOGBERG

the line formed by the Weser and Lech rivers, the line at which a com-munist attack should be stopped by the allied forces, the secret study says

#### Suspicion remains

Though high Carter-administration officials quickly and emphatically denied that any shift was planned in the North Atlantic alliance's forward-defense concept some suspicion about the United States' commitment remains. Newspapers in West Germany have beer papers in west Germany have been asking whether Germans still can feel secure under the NATO shield.

Many West Germans are aware that their country would be turned into a battlefield if a major conflict broke out in central Europe," writes columnist Alice Siegart in the ribune dispatch from Hamburg.
"Warsaw Pact forces, with their enormous tank and manpower superiority, probably would seize chunks of West German territory beenunks of West German territory be-fore American. British and German combat units could respond and rein-forcements could arrive by airlift from the U.S."

But to accept in advance the idea of a loss of territory, even if the memorandum in question proves to be only one of many options being explored by White House advisers. explored by White House advisers, must be considered as a psychological blunder. Such thinking, notes columnist Siegart, weakens the credibility of deterrence, which is largely psychological.

The Hamburg news magazine Der Spiegel adds: "If NATO and defense are to have any meaning for the Ger-

NATO officer, Gen. Franz-Josef Schulze, who commands U.S.-allied forces in central Europe, also warns against any departure from the cur-rent defense strategy.

#### Decoupled Europe?

At the recent NATO meeting in At the recent NATO meeting in-Brussels, U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown tried to allay Euro-pean fears, especially over the cruise-missile-limitation flap. He tried to paint a rosy picture of SALT II, but apparently he did not succeed. According to news columnists Evans and Novak: "The reality is that the Germans and British fear the treaty will be the first dangerous step to-ward 'decoupling' defense of the U.S. from the defense of Western Europe. One Western European defense expert last week strongly implied to Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's national security adviser, that the cruise missile limitation would actually result in 'decoupling.

would actually result in decoupling.

"The mere thought of decoupling." continue Evans and Novak, "gives the Europeans the shakes."

#### German missiles in Africa?

Perhaps the growing doubts of U.S. reliability for Europe's defense is behind one rather startling development, barely touched by the press, although we thought it would have rated a few headlines.

A Paris publication named Afrique-Asie seems to have broken the story. The Aug. 22 issue of To the Point International, a news magazine published in Belgium, fol-

lowed through with further details. A brief mention in *The Christian Science Monitor* appeared in mid-October.

Anyway, it appears that on March 26, 1976, President Mobutu of Zaire signed an agreement in Kinshasa with a private West German corpora-tion known as OTRAG (an abbreviauon known as OTRAG (an abbrevia-tion of its German name; which translates as the Orbital Transport Society), "leasing" an area of 145.000 square kilometers— roughly the size of Uganda, and comprising a tenth of Zuire's entire territory—to OTRAG (must) the sace territory — to OTRAG until the year 2000 as the site of a rocket base.

Under the agreement the Germans are authorized to build roads, barracks, launching sites, an airfield, laboratories and housing facilities for their engineers in the area, which is located in southeastern Zaire, south-

west of Lake Tanganyika.

The overhead airspace is restricted to OTRAG's planes and space vehi-cles, and the ground security is report-edly tight indeed. (All local and

fereign visitors are barred.)
According to one source, critical
of the Zaire-German deal, OTRAG is paying a fat \$25 million a year for its rocket site. OTRAG spokesmen scoff at this, but decline to state the true figure, merely describing the rent as "reasonable

#### Unlikely place

The big question: What is OTRAG up to? The official explanation is that OTRAG wants to launch rockets for such things as telecommunications, atmospheric observations and scientific experiments. But why in Zaire,

of all unlikely places?

An OTRAG spokesman told To the Point that this former Belgian colony's southeastern corner had been picked because it is underpopulated and has "optional atmospheric conditions," whatever those may be.

conditions," whatever those may be.
The West German government has
acknowledged the existence of the
OTRAG project but strenuously denies it is involved in anything to do
with military research.
But, let's face it, an underpopulated area one tenth the size of thevast former Belgian Congo might be

a tempting place to test a few cruise

#### nament. He returned to Pasadena that day, stopping at Tucson, Ariz., en route to meet with his father. The Worldwide News CIRCULATION: 32,50

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### A Personal Letter Le lundry

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maining only five minutes or so, he stayed for approximately an hour and a half and suggested expanding the program to feature some of our own

Ambassador College talent.

Of course it will be too late by the time you read these lines for any of you who were not tuned to NBC for the preparade activities, but I understand several times during the program, and of course during Tom Brokaw's introduction, the campus of Ambassador College here in Pasadena, Calif., and the student body will be mentioned.

#### Ministers arriving

Nearly all of the overseas ministers have already arrived. I know it will be a special thrill for our visitors from around the world to sit in our own Ambassador College stands for a prime view of the parade and later to watch the Rose Bowl football game and other national bowl games on television.

On the following day or two the

remainder of the United States and Canadian contingent of our ministry will be arriving on campus, or elsewhere in the Pasadena area, to stay in the homes of friends or relatives, or, as in the case of many couples, in nearby motels and hotels, before the beginning of the conference.

I plan to go over to Tucson to assist my father in returning to Pasadena for the first time since the serious illness that sidelined him back in August! When I visited him at his home in Tucson just the other day, stopping over on my return from the international YOU conference at Big Sandy I noticed he seemed to be able to wall even better than I had seen him be-fore. I am encouraged that, with help from some of the rest of us, he will be able to make it aboard the G-II, even if we have to assist him most of the way up the steps, and come to Pasadena for the board meeting on the afternoon of Jan. 3 and then his appearance before the assembled ministers in the Auditorium for the first general plenary session the next

#### Future course of Ambassador

As I have mentioned at least twice in these pages, we have been undergoing exhaustive studies concerning the future course of Ambassador College. I have been given one of the most definitive and informative studies ever compiled in the history of Ambassador College, and in meetings over the next weeks and months I am sure our future course will become clearer and clearer with regard to var-ious tactics in the continual search for improvements in our educational arm of the Church, Ambassador College.
As I have repeatedly stressed to

those involved in the studies, and to all of those close to me on the administrative level, I have had no intention whatsoever of abandoning Ambassador's quest for regional ac-

However, as I have expressed to you lay members, I have wanted to keep all options open, making no ir-revocable decisions that would close any back doors in the event certain governmental and/or educational agencies ruled in a manner we do not

expect.

I have explained to you, I believe, the current negotiations under way between our legal staff and HEW attorneys concerning the long-range use of the Vista del Arroyo properties. Such negotiations are currently still under way, and it is too early to com-ment on them at this time. You may be interested in excerpts

from an article appearing on the front page of the Dec. 31 Pasadena Star-News, the local newspaper;

" I want to reconfirm my fullest commitment that Ambassador will continue to strive toward regional ac-creditation, said [Garner Ted] Arm-

He noted as well his hope that the college will be able to reopen another

branch campus . . .

"We cherished the family concept of a very close faculty-student relationship, and hoped to avoid the difficulties created by massive size.

Ambassador College is a character-building institution, deficed to the precept that the Word of God is the precept that the Word of God is the foundation of knowledge; that education should be a 24-hour-a-day process of development for the whole personality, as well as mere development of the intellect. Small-sized campuses are essential to that con-cept, even if it means some redundancy of programs, 'said Armstrong

"The college has experienced some difficulty in assimilating 400 students from the Big Sandy campus after its closure last summer, Armstrong acknowledged.

"The Pasadena enrollment during the spring of 1977 was 830. By the autumn of 1977 there were 1,350 stu-

#### New advertising agency

Finally I had a very exciting talk with our representative from Ed Libov Associates of California, Inc., our new advertising agency. He will be working very closely with me and with our business manager. Mr. Ray Wright, as we undergo a transitional period of 90 days during which Ed Libov Associates will deal with those radio and television stations whose contracts with Worldwide Advertising Agency will lapse, and/or all radio and television stations not heretofore under contract with Worldwide.

Our new representative is very excited about the possibilities opening before us and has been enthusiasti-cally at work on obtaining some additional media outlets (as budget can provide). I am very hopeful that we vill be able to announce additional media improvements

Of course the primary objective behind my far-reaching studies in-volving the operation of the educa-tional arm of the Church, Ambassador College, had as its primary pur pose a complete reappraisal of our financial priorities relevant to that proportion of the Church's financial

support which was assigned to media (primarily radio and television, but including printed media) as distinct from the maintenance of physical plant, fixed costs and all other cost

This is nothing new, of course, for there has never been a single year. board meeting or a budget meeting in which all of those in God's Work have not continually striven to reappraise various goals and objectives, trying to do a more effective job in fulfilling the first and most important portion of the great commission God has given to

#### Half-hour daily radio

As soon as I possibly can, I hope to begin once again a full half-hour daily radio program, and have as my fondest hope that we can perhaps put together a small network by direct telephone line so that I can be on several radio stations simultaneously. LIVE, right from our own studios adjacent to my office on the Ambassador

College campus in Pasadena.

This will give me, at long last, the realization of the immediacy of world affairs and will provide a tremendous impetus to me personally, in knowing

that I can talk to an audience today about today's problems, and not be talking into a dead tape recorder for my remarks to be broadcast a week two weeks or even six weeks later!

As you can well understand, in the fast-moving pace of world events, particularly recent developments in the Middle East that are leading tothe Middle East that are leading to-ward major fulfillments of biblical prophecy, it becomes increasingly important in these latter days, if we are to perform as God's "watchman" in world events, that we have the immediacy of live, daily contact with the millions.

I hope all of you brethren will be

praying that this can be possible, and especially pray that God will give me especially pray that God will give me the additional strength and special in-spiration to once again tackle the task of daily half-hour radio (which I began doing over 20 years ago)! That's about it for now. Thank you

Inan's about it for now. I mank you for your continuing prayers on behalf of my father, who is making satisfactory, albeit slow, improvement. And most especially thank you for your prayers for the success of the current ministerial conference!

With love, in Jesus' name, Garner Ted Armstrong

# Evangelists honored on 25th anniversary

According to Dr. Meredith, "five to seven weeks later" brothers Mar-ion and Raymond McNair were also ordained. Raymond is now a senior pastor stationed at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo. Marion is no longer a Church member

(Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, said Dec. 23 Raymond McNair will be honored, probably during the ministerial conference, slated to begin Jan. 4.)

#### Telegrams sent

Steve Martin, Western Area coordinator, who organized the dinner before the presentations read tele-grams of congratulations to the two evangelists from Herbert Armstrong. evangelists from Herbert Armstrong, Frank Brown, regional director of the Work in Britain, Bob Fahey, regional director of the Work in Africa, Harold Jackson, director of the black-African Work, and Dean Wilson, regional diector of the Work in Austra-

Mr. Armstrong in concluding re-marks expressed regret because of

not at the dinner.

"It just makes me wish like everything," he said, "that some other people we know were here too..."

Mr. Armstrong thanked everyone heing there and added. "It is a "" all refor being there and added: "It is a great occasion. I hope you'll all remember it, cherish it and we can have other occasions like this for others of our number. And perhaps it can be the beginning of something that can grow into a greater feeling of unity and closeness in God's Holy Spirit in this

#### Longtime servants

Dr. Hoeh, 49, a senior editor of The Plain Truth and pastor of one of the Pasadena churches, is married to the former Isabell Flora Kunkel of Perryton, Tex. The Hoehs, who have four children, live about 17 miles from Church headquarters, in Sunland,

Dr. Hoeh has been a co-worker for more than 30 years. He received his A.B. degree in foreign languages in 1951 and an M.A. in theology in 1952 and then was awarded a Th.D. and Ph.D. for his work with Vol. I and II of his Compendium of World History. All degrees are from Ambassador

Truth and Good News articles over two decades and was Plain Truth managing editor 19 years. He also taught at Ambassador from 1951 to

1972 and served as dean of faculty for 17 years.
Dr. Meredith, 47, a senior pastor

and pastor of the Glendale, Calif,, church and a senioreditor of The Plain Truth, is the father of four children and lives in Pasadena. His wife of 20 years died in June, 1976, and this past

November he married Shyrel Ann Hensley of Bakersfield, Calif, He has been a *Plain Truth* editor since 1953 and served as superinten-dent of the United States ministry from 1961 to 1972. That year he became deputy chancellor of Ambas sador College, Pasadena. He served

pus of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, England, the next being reassigned to the United States in 1974.

He received his M.A. in theology in 1958 and his Th.D. in 1966, both from Ambassador



ANNIVERSARY DINNER — Garner Ted Armstrong, above left, visits with Dr. and Mrs. Roderick C. Meredith at a dinner honoring Dr. Meredith and Herman Hoeh on their 25th anniversary as evangelists. Below left: Steve Martin, organizer of the dinner, congratulates Dr. Hoeh, while, below right, Mr. Armstrong greets longtime member Gary Sefeak and his wife as they are casted at the dinner. (Dhote by Lohe Published). Sefcak and his wife as they are seated at the dinner. [Photos by John Robinson





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### Correspondence Course editor wants to teach all a lesson or 12

Marithillin.

By Klaus Rothe
PASADENA — If Richard Sedliacik could pass one lesson on to a
new or old student of the Bible, he would just as soon pass on 12 of them. The lessons would be called the Ambassador College Correspondence Course. They are produced by the Worldwide Church of God with Mr. Sed!iacik serving as managing

Working on the Correspondence Course has been a major part of Mr Sedliacik's life since 1958. It's prob ably safe to estimate that more than 750,000 people have been reached by the lessons he has had a big hand in preparing over the years.

And, through it all, "I've been happy in my work," he says.

#### The basics

Longtime students of the Correspondence Course may recall the 58-lesson version. Students these days get a condensed, 12-course version. In between these were several revisions, but, when everything is said and done, the lessons contained the basics of what Christianity is all

That's a quote from the man who personally put a lot of the lessons together from the published works of the Church, the Bible, of course, and his perceptions of what an interesting, even exciting, course should be.

A man with a craving for engineer-ing. Richard Sedliacik was an unlikely candidate to get himself in-volved in editing and producing one of the Work's publications.

Interested in mechanical things ever since he was able to hold a hammer and screwdriver in his hands as a small boy, Mr. Sedliacik found himself enrolled in a composition class at Ambassador College in Pasadena in 1958.

The course's instructor, Herman Hoeh (one of the editors of *The Plain* Truth), gave an assignment to the students to write a Bible correspondence course on a religious subject of their choosing. The students were to model their courses on the then fledgling Correspondence Course produced under the direction of the late Dr. C. Paul Meredith.

#### Late assignment

The day the assignment was due, the now managing editor of the course recalls sheepishly he hadn't even begun his paper. The then 26-year-old married student and father of one was granted a one-week extension. He flinches as he recalls that week, when he "slaved away to turn in his project.

Dr. Hoeh saw a talent for writing in his work and passed the paper on to the Correspondence Course Depart-ment with a recommendation that Mr. Sedliacik had a "natural Plain Truth writing style." Several months after Mr. Sedliacik turned in his late assignment, he was asked to come see and subsequently assist Dr. Meredith on a part-time basis with

Mr. Sedliacik's class project went on to become an actual lesson of the course titled "Why Water Bap-tism?" He is quick to point out that the lesson has been revised six or even times since.

With graduation from Ambas-sador College came an offer to con-tinue working on the Work's editorial staff. While it wasn't exactly fulal start. Write it wash t exactly fur-filling his desire to build and design mechanical things, he saw many parallels in his job with the Corre-spondence Course to engineering in that they both developed a concept On top of that was a strong convic-

would reach a great number of people with important information.

Dr. Meredith, an evangelist, guided the course until his death in 1969. Dr. Hoeh became interim director until 1970, when Mr. Sedliacik took over the reins. His 19 years of work on the course have included writing 18 lessons from scratch, composing many parts of the other lessons and editing almost all the lessons at least once. In one particularly good year some 8,000 to 10,000 people were being added to a Sunday lunch. In 1954 Richard read some literature mailed to him by the Work - the Passover booklet that "really made sense to me. Things started to click."

Soon he was on his way to attend-ing a Sabbath service in Chicago, where he expected thousands of people. It turned out that he was one of 17 pioneer Sabbath keepers in the Chicago church. The then Chicago pastor, Raymond McNair, started "working on me to attend Ambassador College

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the mailing list of the course. Today there are 55,000 students.

While Mr. Sedliacik is primarily interested in adding new students to the mailing list, he does encourage all past students to reenroll.

"There's a lot of good things in those lessons," he says. "Members are spending less and less time read-ing the Bible. We take it for granted we know it all."

#### 13 and he knew

Mr. Sedliacik, 43, was born in Chicago, the son of Czechoslovak immigrants who came to the United States in 1910. He is the youngest of six children who were spoken to in Slovak at home in Chicago's north-

When he was 13 he knew what he wanted to be. His life revolved around crystal radio sets, tube radios, televisions and a penchant for design-ing and assembling radio and TV test equipment.

A member of his high school's en-gineering club, he couldn't wait to graduate and work for the Motorola Corp., despite the encouragement of his high-school counselor to enroll in

college.

After being at Motorola for four years, working at designing and building two-way radio-production test equipment in the test-equipment laboratory, to this day he plugs Motorola products almost as much as the Correspondence Course. "I can't help it; they have a superior prod-

In the early '50s the Sedliaciks would listen to Herbert W. Armstrong on the radio as they sat around

It worked. Mr. Sedliacik came to Pasadena and Ambassador College in 1956, where he met and one year later married Elva Emily Russell, a 1955 graduate of Ambassador

#### In original chorale

Mrs. Sedliacik had been one of three women in her class of six Ambassador students in 1951. She was also a member of the original college chorale that appeared on television

chorale that appeared on television with Mr. Armstrong's telecast.

The couple lives in Pasadena with three sons: Richard, 18, Roderick, 15, and Joseph, 13. The house is shared by a gregarious talking parakeet that sometimes roosts on Mr. Sedliacik's glasses.

Mr. Sedliacik reveals that his wife has always been a help, expecially.

has always been a help, especially during the earlier years of his writing

She claims "everything he writes good." She also notes that her husband is good at doing his job "the way Mr. Armstrong would have it

has been rewarding in more ways than one. In 1968 he and his wife were given a trip to Europe and the Middle East as a token of the Work's appreciation. The journey included an excursion into his ancestral home of Czechoslovakia only three weeks after it was invaded by the Soviets He remembers every part of the trip down to the last detail and calls it 'the highlight of our lives.

Mr. Sedliacik confesses his work

An article on Czechoslovakia appeared in *The Plain Truth*, one of approximately two dozen *PT* and *Good News* articles written by him.



a publication he has worked with for 19 years. [Photo by Klaus

There is one other contribution he has made to the Work. What came to nas made to the Work. What came to him as an "aching desire to do something for the Work along engineering lines" resulted in a two-foot-diameter revolving globe of the world with flashing lights representing some of the main stations that broadcast Garner Ted Armstrong's redictions were the world distributed to the world as the state of the main stations that broadcast Garner Ted Armstrong's redictions were the world as the state of the world as the world radio program. To this day, when broadcasts are being made by Mr. Armstrong, the globe rotates, with hundreds of lights blinking in an impressive spectacle.

Technically the globe is the product of two satisfying years of what Mr. Sedliacik terms "the apex of my electrical and mechanical experience." Once the globe, which consumed 1,580 spare-time hours, was completed, "I was able to concentrate on editing matters. I got it out of

Something to dream

If Mr. Sedliacik ever has the time

map that would feature colored lights for television and radio coverage as it was occurring every minute on every station carrying Mr. Armstrong. Complicated electronic wizardry has always attracted him, but this project would be, he confesses, difficult be-cause of its complexities. Something to dream about.

and money, he has a plan to make a display not unlike the globe in the form of a large Mercator-projection

to dream about.

In the meantime he feels there's plenty to keep him busy. For the past seven years he has been functioning as the managing editor of several publications, including at one time the old Good News magazine. His most recent responsibility is to send out weekly the new Pastor's Report. now that The Bulletin (of which he was the managing editor) has been discontinued. The latest revision of the 12-lesson Correspondence Course isn't quite

finished, nor is the 100-question test that is to be sent out upon request after a Bible student has completed the set.
Possibly also in the offing are short

capsule courses. He proposes five to seven lessons on the Holy Days and Sabbath, three on Christian stewardship (on finances) and on subjects such as the seven laws of success and prophecy.

The current 12-lesson course may also get a preface lesson or two to give students a complete overall view of the Bible. There is also talk of reinstating testing and grading similar to the way they were conducted on the old 58-lesson course

#### Personal interest

"I've taken a personal interest in watching everything grow," says Mr. Sedliacik about the headquarters or Sedificity about the headquarters church and the college he has been working with for the past 22 years. "No one thought it would get this big. Our vision was limited; we couldn't grasp where it was going."

Mr. Sedliacik decided to keep a

record by taking before and after photographs of the grounds as he saw every building go up. Looking at what is here today, he concludes it wildly exceeded our imagination.



his wife, Elva, and three sons, Richard, center, Roderick and Joseph, kneeling. Right: Mr. Sedliacik inspects the globe he constructed for the Work. [Photos by Klaus Rothe]

# Local church news wrap-up

ALBANY, N.Y. - Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. marked a weekend of festivities for the Springfield, Mass., and Albany Church members and a few visitors from Babylon, Rochester and Rome, N.Y., and distant Toledo,

David Bierer, senior pastor here scheduled a combined Sabbath ser-vice for the two congregations at the Berkshire Hilton Inn in Pittsfield Mass

Guest speaker was Reginald Platt, senior pastor of the Boston church. Sabbath services were followed by an elegant buffet dinner and dancing, with music provided by Jim Hamblin of the Albany church. Hal Halvorson.

#### Ding-A-Ling Hour

AMARILLO, Tex. - The church here again sponsored its annual Thanksgiving costume party Nov. 19 for about 40 preteens, who arrived decked out in as many varieties of outfits as there were children.

Zach Shannon, disguised as Big Foot, won the first prize in the boys' category. Richard Maddy and Sean Parrish won notable mention Susan Brydon, costumed as a twirler, the main prize for the girls. Becky Lyles and Veronica Johnston were also nominated for their outstanding costumes.

Pete and Judy King arranged for the decorations and food. Sammy and Julia O'Dell, dressed as clowns, provided the entertainment, games

prizes.
The Amarillo Ding-A-Ling Hour Dec. 3 was both a talent and a comedy show. Emcee Perry Hoag made use of recordings to background some of the 30 acts in the program.

Both young and old performed in song, dance and skits and on musical instruments. A potluck dinner preceded the talent show. Sammy O'Dell.

#### First meeting

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Women's Club here got under way Nov. 19 at the home of pastor Earl

Carol Roemer, hostess, went over the handbook briefly, stating the goals and purposes of the club. Club officers are Patti Phears, president; Fern Ballard, vice president; Jimmie English, secretary; and Sharon Dillon, treasurer. Meetings will be the second

Sunday of each month.

Dee Tunseth, wife of local elder Al

Tunseth, conducted table topics. Mrs.

Roemer followed with a talk, "How to

Make the Most of Your Time."
Refreshments were served after the meeting. Twenty-seven ladies were in attendance. Jimmie English.

#### Life-saving lessons

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Her name is Annie and members and guests of the Ladies' Club here practiced car-diopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on her at the club's meeting Dec. 1. Annie is a life-size mannequin. The Annie is a life-size mannequin. The training course was given by two instructors from the Michigan Heart Association.

The Heimlich Maneuver, which is used on a person who is choking on food, was also demonstrated.

The Detroit and Ann Arbor combined Sabhat service De 3 was in

bined Sabbath service Dec. 3 was in Ypsilanti, Mich. A spaghetti dinner was followed by a "Winter Concert" presented by the Ann Arbor Women's

Pastor Bruce Vance, emcee, intro-duced the performers. They included pianists Dave Polosky and Kay Tribble, violist Kelly Smith, soprano Aimee Vance, pianist Tammy Smith, tenor Alfred Mosley, soprano Verna Campbell and baritone Barry Yoder. Carol Baker and Helen D Fen

#### Needlework Guild

BALTIMORE, Md. - Members here are participating for the second year in the Needlework Guild of Inc., a national charitable organization:

by brethren, more than double the number of items contributed last year. The items included those given to a nursing-home division, a hospital that cares for mistreated children, a center that cares for those who are helpless from mental and physical disabilities and a Meals on Wheels group.

Men as well as women and a number of nonmembers are par-ticipating in the program this year. While clothing and some household items are gathered for distribution, some things, such as underwear, hose and men's shirts, are purchased. Therefore, money is needed in addition to all the sewing, knitting and crocheting done by the women. The money also helps to buy supplies for those who can work but car tribute. Anita E. Jackson.

#### Ghost town

BANNING, Calif. — In the first coed outing of the fall schedule, 49 members of the Banning and Fontana Boys' and Girls' clubs, for children 7 to 12 years old, boarded a bus Dec. 11 and set out to spend the day visiting Calico, one of Southern California' historic ghost towns.

Codirectors Emmett and Sandy

Stokes and George and Pat Todd pre-pared the girls while Boys' Club codirectors Harry and Sharon Wiedenhaupt and Rich and Linda Roberts alerted the boys for an after-

noon of reflecting upon the Old West.
The Fontana and Banning Spokesman Club held its first ladies night Dec. 11 in nearby Yucaina. In addition to the 20 members and their

dates, 22 guests attended.

Topicmaster Rick Collins encouraged response from the ladies Toastmaster Dan Holman introduced speakers Dick Davis, Brice Crow and Mr. Stokes. Each speaker was rded a trophy for a job well done

Special guests were Ken and Bev-erly Swisher. Mr. Swisher is senior pastor in this area. Bob Smith.

#### Art projects

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — The rethren here enjoyed a "Winter brethren here enjoyed a "Winter Wonderland" social Dec. 4 featuring all kinds of music by the church band Special art was provided by Jeff Montague and Brenda Kramer.

Entertainment included some tap

dancing, several comedy acts by David Benzio and Bernard Balansky and guitar music by Eugene Miller. A children's choir performed, accompanied by Bob Ritenour on guitar.

Special art projects were made by the children and prizes were awarded. Jeff Montague.

### Electric piano

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — About 400 people here found the ultimate in family fun Nov. 12 when the Family Fun

Fair got under way.

A scurry of activity centered around 18 events. Even Frankenstein's monster could be found at Frankie's Fun House. The best-kept secret of the fair was the identity of the Phantom and the Brethren later discovered Truman Ferguson, fair chairman, and Mike Nichols, publicity chairman,

Mike Nichols, publicity chairman, behind the masks.

The brethren left behind almost \$800 at the fair. An electric piano was purchased with a portion of the, money. The piano will be used for a family signalogy in the property of the piano will be used for a family signalogy in the piano. sing-along in January and other activities. Truman Ferguso

#### The nan advisers

BIRMINGHAM, England - The Ladies' Club here is under the direc-torship of Joyce Suckling. A selection of guest speakers ranging from hair-care specialists to Samaritan advisers has been arranged for future meetings. The club welcomes ideas from other ladies' clubs. *Doris Beyliss*.

#### 'Golden Years Banquet'

BUFFALO, N.Y. -The Women's Club here sponsored a "Golden Years Banquet" for the senior brethren 65

#### 'WRAP' CUT

Writers of "Local Church News Wrap-Up" may notice their articles are a bit shorter than usual this time. "Wrap" writers, along with contributors of other material published in the are encouraged always to keep their articles as brief and to the point as possible, but this time the feature had to be edited more drastically than usual to make room for the year-end special that accompanies this issue. The 16-page summary of 1977 meant the regular issue could only be eight pages, half its normal size.

years of age and older in Depew, N.Y., on Nov. 13. About 40 elders sat down to a four-

ourse dinner of fruit shrub, cream of-carrot soup, chicken casserole and pie, all prepared and served by mem-bers of the club. The committee was chaired by Joan Guilmain, Bobbie Kowalczyk, Pat Nomn and Betty

Pomerhn.
After dinner, guests were entertained by teens Janine Biegalski, Kathy Langer, Beth Melchiore, Carl Mende and Denise and Steve Wood-ward, all YOU members, who performed a humorous skit called "First Date." Dennis Ray performed some

Added treats were small bottles of burgundy that guests were given to take home, along with pieces from the large sheet cake, decorated, prepared and donated by a member Robbie Tonucci.

#### Gibbous moon

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - The Cape Town North Spokesman Club visited the South African Astronomical Observatory Nov. 12, where they took a conducted tour of the facilities and heard a short history of the observatory followed by a slide show of galaxies and nebulas.

The club members attended a sym. phony concert presented by the municipal orchestra Nov. 20 in the Cape Town City Hall, in which works by Bizet, Schubert, Delius and Wagner were performed. The South club joined forces with

the North in a camp-out Nov. 26 and at Silverstroom Strand, about 30 miles north of here on the western seaboard. A barbecue, singing, mul-tifarious jokes and discussions preceded a game of tag on the beach at 2

a.m. under a gibbous moon.

Six hours later, club director and pastor Daniel Botha led the men on a beach walk of about eight miles, in terspersed by some gamboling in a deep rock pool along the coast. Henri

#### New officers

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. — The new officers for the 1977-78 year for the YOU group here are Richards, president; Aubrey Batson, and Lucretia Farley, secretary. The teens are planning a '50s dance and

The Ladies' Club here met Nov. 13 for a special meeting on "Rape Prevention." The guest speaker was Virginia Hopkins. attorney for legal aid for Monongalia County. She discussed rapists, their victims and ways to protect oneself. Lucretia Farley and Mary

#### First service since Feast

meeting for the brethren here since the Feast was Dec. 3. The congrega-tion usually meets once every four weeks, but, because the October meeting was scheduled for the Sab bath following the Feast, pastor Dave Magowan canceled it in favor of the Liverpool church, of which he is also

The November meeting was also canceled, but this time because of a visit by Frank Brown, director of the

Work in Britain, to Liverpool.

At the December meeting the brethren listened to a tape by Garner Ted Gentiles."

After the meeting closed, all 18 adults and six children moved across the Conway estuary to the home of member Joan Handforth, where the ladies prepared a hot-pot supper. Tony Strefford

#### Chili tradition

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.— Richard Hardy called a square dance Nov. 19 after a mouth-watering chili dinner prepared by Genie Ogwyn, wife of John Ogwyn, pastor of the Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Vic-toria, Tex., churches. Decorations were organized by Ar-nold Mendez and Lupe Gonzalez. At Sunset Ladders, and chiles marks

sunset, ladders, card tables, rustic wooden barrels and bales of hay began to appear, transforming the meeting hall.

children's entertainment and Jane Smith and Jan Mayfield put their practiced hands together to coordinate the

Donations were taken up for future church functions such as this. Attendance, a good yardstick of success. was overwhelming. Kent Henderson

DALLAS. Tex. — An estimated 1,000 people from the Dallas A.M. and P.M. and Fort Worth churches met for combined services in Euless. Tex., Dec. 3.

Sherwin McMichael. coordinator

for the Southwest Area and Festival director, delivered a sermon on "Spiritual Survival." Special music was sung by Roger Bryant Fort Worth member who is on the music faculty at Texas Christian University.

After services, local elder E.B.

vice president; Beth Teter, treasurer;

fund-raising activities.

### The Ladies' Club here met Nov. 13

CONWAY, Wales - The first

Armstrong entitled "Times of the Gentiles." Members also heard an update on the Work and a sermon on baptism by Mr. Magowan.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.

Aileen Soule masterminded the

Vance was host for a potluck supper



WINTRY BARBECUE - Eikhart, Ind., members brave the elements to sell barbecued chicken. (See "Cold Cash," this page.)

in his home for Fort Worth and Dallas elders and deacons. Scott Mos-

DAVENPORT, Iowa - The Women's Club here had a momen beginning Nov. 13 with Beth Watson

Topicmistress Karen Bailey broke the ice when she popped in wearing what looked like a would-be hiker's

Tamora Synhrett continued Mrs Bailey's trend, hiding her outfit under a bathrobe. She gave a book report on How to Dress for Success for Women by John T. Molloy, informing the women that she had thrown away all of what the author termed "nonsuccess clothing" and thus had nothing to wear.

After a break for refreshments, p tor Darryll Watson brought every-thing to a close with his lecture on how to be truly liberated women. Famora Syphren

#### Henry Ford Museum

DETROIT, Mich. — Eight girls from the Detroit West Preteen Girls Club went to the Henry Ford Museum Nov. 27. The museum is a replica of Independence Hall. The group saw products that belonged to famous and nonfamous people in the olden days. The museum has cars, trains, airplanes, a drugstore, a toy store a blacksmith shop, old paintings, rooms of rich homes and rooms of poor

The girls had lunch at the museum while they rested their feet. Lisa M

#### Cold cash

ELKHART. Ind. - Brethren here managed to brave freezing and snowy weather Nov. II to sell barbecued chicken prepared by the Port-a-Pit catering service from Wakarusa Ind

Customers, who managed to see the signs and smoke through the blinding snow, drove up and ordered their chicken halves. The brethren tried in vain to keep the money from being soaked and their hands from being frozen. About 270 chicken halves were sold. The rest, already prepared. were quick-frozen. Later, all the frozen chicken was sold. Duane Shotty.

#### Appletown, Ark

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Even though the weather was cold, the group known as the Salt and Pepper

Gang had another excursion Dec. 11.

Members of the gang are the William Bingamans. Jess Caldwells.

Edgar Chapmans. Don Thurmans. Raymond Saws, Leonard Wagners R.D. Watsons and three widows — Betty Caldwell, Mrs. Jones and Marian Wilson.

The destination was Appletown

Ark.. which features an old-time bar and bartender with free samples of applejack. a marshal and his girl friend, a piano player, a potbellied stove, gallons of cider, jars of apple butter, honey and sorghum and all kinds of apples.

A cake featured smoked-beef and turkey sandwiches and apple dump-lings a la mode.

Some went on to explore an old

battleground at Prairie Grove before returning home. Marian Wilson.

### Calories rolled off

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - The Ladies' Club here met Nov. 19, with a theme of "Art Andrew Wyeth Style." Pictures and art books of Andrew Wyeth and other artists were on display. Hostess Charlotte deBliecourt introduced Doris Ellis, who spoke on the beginning of American art to today's modern art. Mrs. Ellis also showed a film, The World of Ander-

The YOU members met Dec. 3 at the home of Harvey Wierenga, YOU coordinator, for a lasagna dinner. Afterwards, the group joined the church's young adults at a rollerskating rink to roll off the calories acquired from dinner. Joie Kroontje and Diane Miller.

#### Family-night carnival

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Breth-ren here gathered for a carnival at the

(See WRAP-UP, page 6)

### Wrap-up

YWCA Nov. 12. Homemade games were set up and manned by some of the families. Participation was by famgroups, with families receiving ints according to how well they played each of the games.

At the end of the evening, the three families with the most points were awarded prizes of home-baked goods. The Taylor family won first, the Ed wards family second and the King family third. The youngest member of the winning Taylor family was permitted to smash a specially prepared pie of whipped cream into the face of a good-natured Church member. Ann

#### New faces

HOUSTON, Tex. — Forty-five members of the Over-40 Club here attended a covered-dish dinner, followed by short films, at the Diamond Shamrock Clubhouse in Deer Park.

Tex., Dec. 3.

The film Pack Your Own Chute carried a message of how to overcome fears. You Can Surpass Yourself showed how perseverance pays off. The group also viewed an Ambasidor College film. Our National

reached the "special" age, joined the members. The evening was a joint ef-fort of B.J. Nelson, John Fischer, Leroy Neff and Harold Treybig. leanette Treybia

#### Volleyball in Kalamazoo

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The Northeast District of the Great Lakes Region held its district volleyball tour-nament here Nov. 13. Seven teams indicated initial interest, with five of

them finally making the tournament.

A newly formed Detroit West team took third place. Kalamazoo finished second and Toledo won the championship.

The Kalamazoo team was named for its sportsmanship. The all-tournament team consisted of Julie Pensyl of Detroit East: Sally Adams of Flint, Mich.: Helene Hampton of Detroit West: Donna Ramon and Nina Smith of Kalamazoo: and Valery Bobo and Chris Grunden of Toledo Ohio. Valery was named most valu-able player. Mark Kissell.

#### Masquerade party

KINGSPORT, Tenn. — Five church areas were represented in the district YOU girls' volleyball tournament held in Blountville, Tenn., Nov. 13. For the third straight year, the Kingsport girls took first place and the Cookeville, Tenn., team second.

Selected as all-tournament players were Debbie Wilson and Rita Bloomer of Kingsport: Valerie Low-horn of Cookeville: Donna Lom-bardo of Knoxville, Tenn.: Kathy Mullins of Pikeville, Ky.; and Angie Pais of Bluefield, W.Va. Debbie was chosen most valuable player.

The brethren here held a mas querade party Nov. 26, organized by Brent and Susan Fiedler.

Prizes were given for the best costumes. Susan Wilson as Wonder Woman received the first prize for those under 18. Mrs. C. Coffee's clown costume was voted the best for those over 18. Ray King as Franken stein received the prize for the most original costume. The life-of-the-party award went to Jack Coward.

Those who didn't masquerade were put in jail and the only way they could redeem themselves was to tell a joke, sing or do a dance. Though most prisoners were candidates for the Gong Show. Ansel Payne surprised everyone with his tap-dancing ability, hastily improvised for the occasion. Ellis Necessary and Barbara, McNeese.

#### Ethnic fare

KITCHENER, Ont. - The ch KITCHENEK, OR. — The church here took a trip around the world Nov. 26. Being a congregation full of various nationalities, each family brought its favorite recipe representing its land of ethnic origin. Each dish was labeled with its native name and the English

equivalent. Miniature flags flev alongside.

More than 40 dishes and 30 desserts

were assembled for the occasion.

Countries represented were England, Germany. Mexico. Denmark. Russia (the Ukraine), the Philippines. Greece. Holland and Italy. The dishes included shepherd's pie, banana blossoms, borscht and Dutch hutspot. Among the desserts were items such as strudel, botertaart and baklava

After the meal, everyone was welcomed home to Canada with a cup of homemade apple cider. Jane Van Pelt.

#### Slide shows

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Southeast Asian area coordinator John Halford spoke to the Malaysian church here Nov. 19. He will be going to Pasadena early in 1978 for his sabbatical after more than 10 years of

Field service.

Special music was provided by Peter Chan. Following services was a slide show of the 1977 Feast of Taber-

acles in the Philippines, presented by a member who attended it there. Several members and their wives, including deacon Joseph Moses and including deacon Joseph Moses and Yong Chin Gee, who was ordained a minister that day by Mr. Halford, at-tended a meeting that evening. A group of young men and three women, most of them members, spent

. 20 and 21 at the home of Mr. Mrs. Low Mong Chais, members. The event included an outdoor picnic near a former gold-mine pool-lake and many tasty and filling meals. Slides of the 1977 Malaysian Festival were shown, along with slides of the Lows recent world tour. The efforts of President Lau Siew Hock and secretary Chan Pee Wah contributed to the success of the activity. Mary Les

#### Church's 10th anniversary

LAKE CHARLES, La. - A por luck supper and dance were organized by member Walter Nelson Nov. 19 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Lake Charles church. Music ranging from Glenn Miller to the Star Wars theme provided a backdrop for all ages to rock or waltz with partners of their choice. The younger set also enjoyed the festivities, with some join-ing the adults on the dance floor and others watching films provided for

Dr. Charles Dorothy, who, with Paul Flatt, raised up the Lake Charles church, was unable to attend but con-veyed his love and regrets to the church in a telegram.

Harold Rhodes, the third pastor of the church here, attended along with his wife and delivered the sermon. A special surprise for the congregation was a tape from Garner Ted Arm-strong with his congratulations. Mike and Becky Hanshaw

#### Two women honored

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. -A surprise luncheon was held in the Festival administration building here for two members of the church -

Thelma Sharp and Irene Nance.

Both ladies have done much to bring music to the brethren. Mrs. Sharp has taught music for a number of years to many youngsters with the thought in mind that someday one of them might play for services. She has finally realized this in Monica Grimes Mrs. Nance has served the church for many years playing for services, though often she didn't feel well.

The luncheon was attended by 26 women. A welcome was given by Ruth Weinmeister, then Gladys Duke sang "I Believe." Open-faced sand-wiches, relishes, drinks and a decorated cake honoring the two women were served. Ruth Weinmeister.

#### Fashions modeled

LAUREL, Del. — It was "Fashions Aplenty," a Thanksgiving fashion show, at the Powellville (Md.) Fire Hall Nov. 20.

The day began with a buffet turkey luncheon. Entertainment was provided by Pat Glase, who sang and played the guitar.

Next, ladies modeled handmade

garments. Models from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania participated. Vivian Isola, a profes-



JUNIOR CHORUS — The Long Beach (Calif.) Junior Chorus gave its premiere performance Nov. 16. (See "Junior Chorus Premiere," this page.

onal model from the Philadelphia church, was the commentator. show preparing the models for their debut on the runway. A disco dance ended the day, with

records provided by the dancers

The chairman of the fashion show was Ann Hampton. Ruth Denham was chairman of the food committee. The men serving on the setup committee were chairman George Walker, Bob Carey, Bobby Culp, Barry Frank, Dan Hitchens, Jim Isdell, Martin Rutter and Carlton Smith, Acting as special assistant to the models and right-hand man to the commentator was John Isola. Elaine Walker.

#### 'Powder-Puff Mechanics'

LAWTON, Okla. - The Women's Club's first meeting for this season was Nov. 13. Officers were appointed at the luncheon session. Guest speaker was Joe Dobson, pastor here. who spoke about the reasons for hava club

ing a club.

The second meeting was Dec. 4. A "Powder-Puff Mechanics" lecture

was given by Lloyd Register. Club officers are Millie Linville. president: Ethelene Whitehead, vice president: Lois Netherland, secre-tary: Chic Alexander, treasurer; and Ercelene Bailey, hostess. Because Lois Netherland is moving, Arla Berggren took her place as secretary. Lisa Moods

#### Peg leg plus two

LONDON, England - The North London church held a winter social Nov. 26, organized by Graeme

The children had their own entertainment, overseen by Major Sanford, Hans Gerber and Colin Page. They watched cartoons and Born Free while their parents danced to the music of

During the interval, parents and children were reunited for the live entertainment, organized by Martin Rvan, Phillip Zamitt gave a rendering of Jake, the peg with three legs, moving all three in complete coordination.

Others giving entertainment were Molly Holter, Neil Jackson, Dave Pinnington and Peter James. Winston Henry was compere. Cakes made by the women of the

Ladies' Club were auctioned off by Gordon Brown assisted by Jan Gadsdon. Paul McGowan started the bidding for the first cake, finally getting his cake and eating it too.

The women also put on a rogues' gallery, displaying recent photos of members in candid shots. Brethren voted for the best photo by dropping oins in containers under the photos All the money collected from the cake auction and the rogues' gallery goes to the Ladies' Club fund.

The decor of the hall was designed by Molly Holter, Joan Esom and others, with a "Tomorrow" theme. The ground crew was led by Dennis Payne. George McGowan and Jane

#### Junior Chorus premiere

LONG BEACH, Calif. - The LONG BEACH, Calif. — The Junior Chorus here gave a premiere performance to the Friends of the Lakewood Library Nov. 16. The chorus of boys and girls ranging in ages from 9 to 13 has been having rehearsals at the community room of the Isophonia Library signs. May of this Iacoboni Library since May of this

Director George Breidenthal is a graduate of California State Univer-

sity at Long Beach and has studied chorale and conducting with Dr. Frank Pooler.

The performance included sacred songs and songs from Carousel. Fid-dler on the Roof, Godspell and a duet from Bach's "Wedding Contata No. Soloists included Julie Williams. Alfred Castaneda and Alyson and Lisa Taylor. The pianist was Wendy Bjurstrom and the flutist Creighton Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Atkinson

#### Attendance record

MINOT, N.D. - Brethren here set an attendance record of 82 at Sabbath services Nov. 7. After services, a hayride was held

at the Surgay Kalamaha Farm, about 20 miles southeast of here, with about 55 to 60 in attendance. After a four-mile ride, a lunch of chili dogs, potato chips and beverages was served. At a sing-along around the camp fire, everyone was given a chance to show off his talent, or lack of it, in the vocal department.

Back at Kalamaha Farm, hot apple

cider and coffee were served before everyone dispersed. Lowell Knowlen Jr.

MONTREAL, Que. - After several months of planning and discussion here in the French church, Quebec Jeunesse, a program for the youth in French Canadian churches in affiliation with the Quebec YOU, has put together a program entitled "VA," which is the abbreviation of "Vers l'Autrui," or "Towards Others." The program's main objective is to entertain elderly citizens in the Montreal region.

VA has several troupes of singers

putting on small productions in conva lescent homes across the city. The project will eventually be expanded to include all French churches in the province. The program's membership includes brethren of all ages. Gind

#### Fashion tips and trends

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Fifty-two ladies here met Nov. 27 for the Women's Club's second meeting of the season, which featured a fashion theme. Guest speaker was Bea Bishop, a fashion buyer for Marie Leavall Specialty Shop in Dallas, Tex. She was introduced by Lyn Little following a round of topics presented by Betty Brown.

Miss Bishop explained the difference between couture and ready-towear clothing, discussed trends in fashion and gave tips on choosing a

wardrobe. Jim Servidio was guest evaluator He encouraged the ladies to dress smartly, to first develop inner beauty and then let clothing reflect one's

Character.
The afternoon ended with much discussion and refreshments. Judy

#### Northeast '

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — A festive Thanksgiving weekend for brethren here began Nov. 19 when members gathered at the Airport Holiday Inn for Sabbath services. Representatives from nine church areas in the Northeast swelled the attendance to 423.

Pastor Dave Pack introduced the first guest speaker, Dexter Faulkner, who is assistant managing editor of the PT. Elegants, a variety dance band from New York City, supplied special music. Elbert Atlas, Northeast Area coordinator, introduced

Brian Knowles, managing editor of the PT. for the sermon

The Rochester brethren opened their homes to those staying for the YOU Thanksgiving Ball that evening. Music was supplied by the Elegants for the formal affair, attended by 122 teens. Also attending were Mr. Atlas, four pastors and six YOU area coor-

dinators and their wives.

On Sunday morning, teens and adults from Buffalo, Syracuse, Binghampton, Painted Post and Rochester, N.Y. journeyed to Brockport State College, where teams partici-pated in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading competition. Jake Han-

#### YOU dance

ROME, Ga. - The YOU group here held a dance Dec. 3. The evening began with a light meal of hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks. Then dancing began, with music provided by Mary

and Terry McKinney.

About 35 teens attended, including visitors from Birmingham, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn. Caren Crane

#### Prime location

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - The young adults and marrieds here enjoyed a "haydown" Dec. 3. Members from the Gainesville, Lakeland and

from the Gainesville, Lakeland and Tampa, Fla., churches also attended. Twenty-six people, equipped with bundles of coats and blankets, piled into a hay-filled wagon at Sunshine Riding Stables. The hour-long ride was filled with singing and storytelling. A bonfire and hot dogs awated the hay-stuffed riders.

The church here held a gigantic ward sale advertised as having "ex-

vard sale, advertised as having erything imaginable," on 66th Street North here Dec. 4. Public participa-tion ran extremely high, with an average of 25 people in the yard all day.

This prime location resulted be-cause earlier in the year a Church member had helped the owner free his truck after it became stuck. Jean Pifer and Lavene L. Vorel.

#### Israeli music festival

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Members here enjoyed an evening of Israeli musical talent Nov. 21 in the Laurie Auditorium of Trinity University.

The program consisted of 11 Israelis presenting Jewish folk and contemporary music by song, dance and instrument. This area to the contemporary music by song, dance and instrument. instrument. This same troupe has per formed in the annual Israeli Chasidio Music Festival, sponsored by the president of Israel, and will be performing before other groups here in

The local congregation, along with other churches in the area, were cited during intermission for sponsoring the presentation and working for greater understanding among the ethnic groups in San Antonio. M.C. Jennings.

#### Soccer victories

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — San Diego's pre-YOU soccer team, the Cosmos, won its third game in a row Dec. 4, defeating the Pasadena Imperial team
4-1. Previous victories were 5-0 over
Long Beach in the season's opener
and 7-2 against Fontana.

Two goals were scored by Brent Davis and two by Michael Gilbert, while San Diego goalie Bobby Cleary held the opponents to a single score His backup defensive players. Tom Flick, Marty Gordon and Phillip Hel-muth, afforded him ample support. Glenn Kessel and Jim Cleary have

(See WRAP-UP, page 7)

### **Babies**

BARLOW, Larry and Louise (Lay), of Duncan, Okla., boy, Christopher Ryan, Dec. 6, 5:05 p.m., 7 counds 8 punces, first child.

## Wrap-up

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both scored in previous games. Jim Butler is coach

San Diego's B Team lost a squeaker to Pasadena Imperial, 4-3. Susan Karoska.

#### Alcohol Action Week

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Brethren here joined the efforts of the National Council on Alcoholism of Sonoma County to ensure the success of Al-coholism Action Week, Nov. 14 to 20.

More than 25 families volunteered to distribute for the council several thousand copies of Alcoholism — a Worldwide Curse throughout the county. The booklets were donated

by the Worldwide Church of God.

Dale Hampton, pastor and alcoholism specialist from Pasadena, was guest speaker on The Bill Randall Show on radio KPLS here Nov. 14. Ed Mauzey, pastor here, served as a panelist along with other community representatives addressing "Al-coholism — a Family Disease."

Barbara George, executive director

of the Sonoma County council, expressed the council's gratitude for the cooperation, dedication and concern that the brethren displayed. Bill Lund.

#### Cabers, bagpines and rolling pins

SYDNEY, Australia - Take a few hundred Scotsmen to Blackheath in the Blue Mountains near here, add cabers, bagpipes, dancing girls and rolling pins and stir in a few dozen

Church members.
This happened Nov. 20 when that canny Scot, Russ Couston (local elder in the North Sydney church), or-ganized a family barbecue at the first Highland Games in the Blue Moun-

In the fun run of 12 kilometers, two members placed — athletic champion Keith Canard came in second in the overall run and Wilf Higgins, father of

AC student John Higgins, came in second in the veteran class. Following the run and barbecue or-ganized at the Church's Festival grounds, the group moved to the local sports ground to watch and partici-pate in the games. West Sydney pas-tor Alan Dean attempted to loss the caber, while the fair maidens tried their hands at tossing the rolling pin. Robert Burnett

#### Tough competition

WALTERBORO, S.C. - The YOU chapter here met in nearby Orangeburg for a bowling party Nov. 30. Coordinator Tommie Grant discovered that the competition was tough as several members came up with high

as several members came up with night scores.

After bowling, most members traveled to Frank and Ella Frye's home for a camp-out. The Fryes had a hayride and hot-dog roast planned to keep everyone busy until all energy was exhausted (especially their own)

Next morning everyone enjoyed breakfast, then went off to a nearby school for basketball practice. Frank

#### Hoary heads honored

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The young served the old here Nov. 19. A five-course dinner served by the young people at minister Gary Harvey's home was a great occasion for the older members of the congregation. Young waiters in bow ties served, while chefs Peter Mills and Dagmer Kreuzer worked hard in the

After the feast was over. Dave Schutz and Denis Riseborough pre-sented some charades and led a sing-along. Then, right on schedule, the young chauffeurs drove the VIPs home again. Ron Walter.

CHERRY, Bill and Debbie (Smith), of Columbia, S.C., girl, Melissa Diane, Oct. 29, 1 p.m., 8 pounds, now 3 girls.

POGELSON, Dale and Vicky (Paisley) of Phoenix, Ariz., boy, Brent Robert, Dec. 9, 1 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

NAIDOO, Sylvester and Beatrice, of Durban, South Africa, girl. Naleena, Sept. 2, 3:20 p.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls,

PARKER, Richard and Sally (Barkdoll), of Salem, Ore., boy, Robert Vernon, Dec. 7, 6:10 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

TALBERT, Richard and Flora (Smart), of Anderson, Ind., boy, Eli Nelson, Nov. 29, 3:10 a.m., 7 pounds 11 gunces, now 4 boys, 3 girls. TEETAERT. Ken and Josette, of Regina, Sask, boy, Wayne Andrew, Dec. 16, 4:20 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

WERST, Jim and Lucy (Vaughn), of Salem. Ore. boy. Matthew Aaron. Dec. 5, 3:19 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

WILLIAMSON, Bing and Brenda (Caudill), of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Brandi Nichole, Nov. 22, 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

### Personals

Send your personal, along with a WN mailing label with your address on it, to "Personals," The Worldwide News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Your personal must follow the your personal must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears on this page. We cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

#### PEN PALS

and would like boys or girls to write. Enjoy roller-skating. Andrea Weavill. A101.

I am 34, female, white, divorced, would like to write males 32 to 38. I like music, reading, dancing, swimming, A102.

Female Church member in mid-40s would like to write male Church members 40 to 55. Varied interests, especially God's Word, JoAnne, A103.

To my friends, especially Jenny Parker of New York: I can't find your address. Please write. And anyone else 16 to 80 who loves writing, music, guitar harmonicas, bicycles, accordions, male or female. Jim Halvorson, Australia. A104.

Special greetings to the tall, fair-haired man with handsome sandy-colored seeing-eye dog who at-lended the 77 Feast at Wisconsin Delts, Please write, A117.

Single male, 20. interested in music, swimming nature, natural foods, country living, goat raising the Bible, will answer fetters addressed to me from male or female, irrespective of age, nationality color, Alfredo Book, Philippines, A105.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace (Bill) Settle formally of Coral Gables. Fla., where are you? Please write Helen Wade, A106.

A special person, male, 33 single parent (boy), interested in warm, sensitive friends, entertaining, sociology of our Church, living a natural path in the city, requests letters from special female readers, H.F., A107.

AC graduates. Pasadena. 73. contemptating moving to Oregon. Washington or tasho in spring of 78.
We would like write for birtherin and old classifies in those states concerning employment. costs of string. Will seek employment in public admiration. social work or business. Ken and Cathy Emerson. A108.

Tracy Hyde of Birmingham, where are you? Sargent Bugs of Izmir is concerned, A109.

Cheerful Canadian, middle-aged lady, would like to write males 40 to 55, Interests; cooking, reading, travel. Will answer all, A110.

Hi. Bro, Jim, where are you? Please write. I love to hear from the brethren in God's Church. I also wish to thank all the many brethren who have written to me. Mrs. Edna Frost. Rt. 2. Box 73. Zephyrhils, Fla. 33599.

Wish to write females 23 to 31, single, who have never been married, members of the Church Please enclose a postage stamp. Tony W. Buie A111.

Single middle-aged mate Church member desires to write white female Church members, or soon to the write white female Church members, or soon to physically who "gorify God in their bodies," lexences jog etc. Javanelyo ago

Pat Martin, where are you? Are you still in Baltimore or have you moved? Arthur Petersen. A113.

Please write to me. I am 4½ and like to have pen pals. Mommy will write what I want her to write in my letters. David, my brother: is 2½ and likes to get mail also. We like to play outside and do a lot of things. We like other children a lot. Karen, Texas, A114.

Ann and Jennie<sup>\*</sup> from Canada, Rick and Bill who you met in St. Pete would like to hear from you. Please contact Bill, A115.

D&R female, 41, member, would like male pen pall 40 to 50. Interests: dancing, swimming, water skiing, camping, sewing, being with God's people much Bible study. A116.

Joyeuse dame desire correspondre avec homme entre cinquante et soixante-cinq ans. Excellente cuisniere, habille en artisanat, aime le plein-air. A126.

#### **ENGAGEMENTS**

#### WEDDINGS

of Edmonton, Canada, and Barry ane, Wash, were married Sept. 18 in



MR. AND MRS. ED GRAHAM



MR. AND MRS. FRANK PEARCY

Nov 26 Linda Marjorie Marsh of Winds came the bride of Frank Dale Pearcy ch. Matron of honor was Beatrice Upcott a in was Bill Morhovich. The couple will



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LIEBOLD



MR. AND MRS. ROSS BEATH

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#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations, Jasper and Marcella Wells, on your 30th wedding anniversary, Jan. 9.

Happy anniversary to Mom and Dad on your 23rd anniversary, Dec. 10. Love, your kids: Kathy, Mike, Randy, Tina and David.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis, on your 47th anniversary. Wilbur, Gail, Brent and Bryan Lewis and all the rest, I'm sure!

#### SPECIAL REQUESTS

Dear brethren, this is urgent! Please unite in prayer for one of God's special children. Mrs. Jasper H. Wells. She has just been informed she has cancer and desperately needs God's intervention to heal her. She is uplifting and inspiring us with her great attitude to rely on God insitead of treatments.

A baptized member of the Cincinnati East church is unable to get to church or anywhere else due to bad back and other aliments. She needs your prayers, cards, letters. She is Mrs. N. Katherne West, A118.

Another member at Cincinnati East is a man, 84 years old and baptized in 1977, who is unable to attend church or anything else. He needs your prayers, cards, letters, He is George Howe, A119.

My mother, who is not in the Church, has recently been smitten with arthritis. She is 74 and has always been active but is now in considerable pain in he been active but is now in considerable pain in he recently always and the same and the same and the same arthritish and the same arthritish

My father, Mr. Patrick Delaney, is dying in hospital. He is not old, only 59. Patrick Delaney, Dublin Ireland.

I wrote before for prayers for Loretta Cochran, 3 years old, 9320 Isis Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90045. Doctors want to do open-heart surgery. The hole in her heart appears to be enlarged. She is my niece. Rose Norgran.

Please pray for Mrs. Ina Lain, who has termina cancer. She needs our help, Send cards, letters to her at 4914 S. Bowle St., Amaritio, Tex., 79110.

Iwantto ask for your prayers for Mr. George Contos of the Long Island church. He has a severe heart problem is bosing his sight. He has had open-heart surgery, but his condition is not improved. He has been put on an

Request prayers for damaged vertebrae of the neck and related nerve problems from early childhood accident and also pockets in the colon causing toxicity. Also request prayers and fasting for Herbert W. Armstrong, T. Steckiein, 12050 Wintergardens Dr., Lakeside, Calif. 32040.

Request prayers for Bill Rapp, senior pastor Phoenix, Ariž, church, for cancer recovery.

lam a Negro. in good standings my church, attend church regularly, am very sincere. I love God and his Work and am sincere in my seniore to God. I pray constantly in all sincerity, and mean to hold fast and endure to the end warning and assing Jesus Christ to live his life through me daily. I am determined to endure to the end attend the Northchurch. Kansas City. Mrs. Drucila W. Fleming, age 88. A124.

Please pray for healing of Ralph W. Hood, a member who has a serious nervous condition not able work since last April. Cards appreciated, to be set to 3909 fron Horse Way, Louisville, Ky., 40272.

Please continue to pray tor William Tominsoon. Rt. 1. McRae. Ark. 72102. He is unable to get out much now as he gets so short of breath from the empry sema. It gets discouraging at times. Please ask God to merchuly heal him. and please send him cards. notes of encouragement.

Mrs. Tennie Mae Bailey is still unable to attend services because of dizziness and her blood dis-ease. Please ask our Father to intervene for her so

she will not become discouraged. She also would appreciate cards to encourage her. Her address: Box 404, Beebe, Ark., 72102.

Please ask God to help all of us breithren who, weight problem. Unless you've had one, it is it understand how trying it is and how much stated how trying it is and how much stated how the said had been so that a det. I think we look at oven memorers sometimes with a little self-inghteour instead of trying to understand what a problem

My husband and I have been trying for three years to have a baby with no luck. We want so much to share our lives with a child, so we would deeply appreciate if you would remember us in your grayers. S.E.C.

#### FOLLOW-UP

Battle over but having many real peace conferences with God's help. We are all happy. Write Mary Ann Baine, 2076 Trinity Dr., Atwater, Calif., 95301.

Benefit and the second of the

Thanks for remembering Alicia Rosas. 35. in you prayers. She was the daughter of Lupe Parra. She passed away last Thursday, Mrs. Parra stili needs our prayers and notes of encouragement. Rose Norgen, 1452W, 224th St., Apt. 2, Torrance. Carl. 90501.

#### **THANK-YOUS**

Belated thank-you to Jeff and Judy George and Brenda, Carolyn and George, the Ricks family and brethren, all of Boise, Idaho. Thanks a milton for all you did for me while I was with you summer of 76. I do think of you all with many happy memones. George McGowan.

To all the brethren around the world, a sincere thanks for the love and friendship shown to us in our travels. You have all made our trip fantastic and memorable. David and Carol Yin. New Zealand.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Attention instrumentalists: A transposition of it Worldwide Church of God hymnal for B-flat instruents such as trumpet or clarinet is now available. The book includes the soprano, alto and sometime enor lines, but not the words. It is suitable for use to the continuous con The book includes the soprano, alto and somet tenor lines, but not the words. It is suitable for us a brass or woodwind ensemble that would acc pany the hymnis at Sabbath services. Three do is asked to cover the cost of duplicating, loose binding and postage. Russ Edwards, A122

#### TRAVEL

I would like to write anyone interested in and experienced in world travel. Backpackers, hikers in U.S.A. included. Walter Stuart. A120.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Curtis, best wishes in your new directions. Kathy and Roger Wiles.

Gerald and Theresa, where are you? Joyce, A121

Needed: information from the following areas: Syra-cuse, N.Y., Kansas City, Mo., Jeffersonville, Ind. My husband, and I are both members and would ap-preciate any help you can give us. Please write if you live in or near these areas. Mrs. Bob Rosenwinkle A123.

### **Obituaries**

ENUGU, Nigeria — Chinwe Obi. ½-year-old daughter of A.C. Obi, died lov. 5 after a brief illness. Mr. Obi's address: 46 Adelabu St.,

Uwani, Enugu, Nigeria.

LODGEPOLE, Neb. - Ralph S. Gen

try, a longtime member of God's Church, died Dec. 9 after an illness of many years.

Mr. Gentry had been baptized in 1956 and attended the North Platte, Neb., church. Survivors include his wife. Edna also

Survivors include his wife, Edna, also a member; a son, Gerald, of Lodgepole; two daughters, Betty Cole of De Soto, Kan., and Judy McGowan, wife of Jeff McGowan, pastor of the Boise, Idaho, and Ontario, Ore., churches; and seven grandchildren.

MOUNT POCONO, Pa. — Applina Griffiths, a member of God's Church since 1968, died Dec. 2 in a hospital after

illness. Born in Scranton, Pa., she was a member of the Mount Pocono congrega-

Surviving are an aunt, Mrs. Veronica Kowalski of Scranton, and several

NEW ORLEANS, La. - Gennie Abbott Willie, 29, died after a brief illness Nov. 9. Mrs. Willie had been a member

Nov. 9. Mis. wille had been a member of God's Church for two years.

Surviving are her husband, Joe, a long-time member, and two children, Joey, 8, time member, and two children, Joey, 8, and Pam, 6.
Mr. Willie's address: Rt. 1, Box 99D, Folsom, La., 70437.

SALEM, Ore. — Ruth Allison, 75, a

SALEM, Ore. — Ruth Allison, 75, a member of God's Church for 21 years, died Dec. 1.

Mrs. Allison is survived by her husband, George, two sons, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

SALEM, Ore. —Mary C. Evans, 87, a member of God's Church for 17 years, died in her sleep Dec. 2.
Mrs. Evans, who was known affectionately as "Grandma" and "Mom" to

hundreds of Ambassador College stu-

dents, ministers and other Church mem bers, had attended the Long Beach, Calif., congregation from its beginning until she moved to Oregon in January. 1970

1970.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law. Ted and Dessie Sanders, mem-bers here, with whom she lived: a grand-daughter and her husband. Elizabeth frene and Albert D. Wübben of the Port-land (Ore.) P.M. church; one son and three daughters in California; 24 grand-children; 55 great-grand-children; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

TABOR CITY, N.C. — Avery Piver, 43, died Nov. 18 in a hospital after a short

Mr. Piver had been a member of God's Church since 1972, attending at Fay-etteville, N.C.

He is survived by his wife, Daris, two sons, Brent and Cephas, both of the home, and a daughter, Belinda, of Tyler,

YELLVILLE, Ark. — Etta Houghton Janes, 88, the only member of God's Church in Yellville, died July 7.

Mrs. Janes, a native of Michigan, had spent her last 32 years in Marion County. She was a teacher by profession, hav-ing taught in Colorado, Florida and Ar-

She had met her husband, William, in

Colorado, marrying him in 1923. He died in Arkansas in 1955.

Mrs. Janes was active in community Mrs. Janes was active in community services. She had been an extension homemaker for 30 years, a 4-H Club leader for 20 years; a member of the local fair board for 10; and a member of the Tuesday Ladies' Quilting Club for nine years.

After her retirement she continued treaching turkers these discounts of the continued treaching turkers these editions that

After her retirement she continued teaching, tutoring those needing additional help, without remuneration. She gave free voice and piano instruction to anyone seriously integested in learning, regardless of age.

She transposed and wrote arrangements for quartets and led community sing-alongs. At the time of her death she was a teacher in the government's Right to Read program. to Read program.



PASADENA CHAMPS — The Pasadena players in the Youth Opportunities United national girls' volleyball tournament, which took place in Overland Park, Kan., play one of the teams they beat on the road to their 1977 championship. The Pasadenans (in vertical stripes), representing the headquarters Auditorium A.M. church, beat out the Big Sandy, Tex., girls in the final tournament game. [Photos by Ron Dick]

# Pasadena takes volleyball title

team from Pasadena edged out the Big Sandy, Tex., girls for the nation-al Youth Opportunities United vol-

leyball tournament Dec. 19.
Eight teams that had won regional YOU volleyball competition gathered for YOU's annual national

girls' finals, held this year at Johnson County Community College Dec. 18 and 19.

The Pasadena team, representing the Auditorium A.M. congregation, managed to edge out Big Sandy by winning the championship match in two straight games, 15-9 and 15-5.

the other six teams in the competition vere, in alphabetical order: Chicago, III. (Hinsdale); Eugene, Ore.; Lakeland, Fla.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Wichita, Kan.; and Youngstown, Youngstown placed third in the contest, right behind Big Sandy.

Eight players were named to the all-tournament team: Amy Allen and all-tournament team: Amy Allen and Donna Schmidt, Big Sandy: Danielle Glover, Eugene; Karen Ellis, Hins-dale: Connie Schuetz, Pasadena; Edith Gloe, Sioux Falls; and Marchi Roberts, Youngstown. The most valuable player for the 1977 YOU girls' volleyball tourna-ment: Pam Hampton of the national-chamnion. Pasadena team

champion Pasadena team.

### Conference

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plenary (fully attended) meetings: eight three-hour sessions. Morning sessions are set for Jan. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11, and afternoon sessions Jan. 9

There will also be 14 hours available for attending seminars and lecture sessions, plus an open house the morning of Jan. 9 for ministers to tour Worldwide Church of God and

Ambassador College facilities.

A spokesman for the Ministerial Services Department said all but 73 ministers are to be housed by local Church members. The 73 are booked in area motels and hotels

Mr. Herlofson estimated the Church will save \$80,000 to \$90,000, thanks to the members housing visiting ministers and their

"We hardly expected to house as many ministers as we did," Mr. Her-lofson said. "Had the members not responded the way they did, it would have been impossible to arrange the

### Heart problem prompts flight to Texas hospital

By Martha Scott HOUSTON, Tex. — A trip to the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston brings mixed emotions. Seeing children from infants to teenagers waiting and expecting healing or death can be a sobering experience. Our trip there was to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baumgaertel, who had flown from West Germany Oct. 9 with their 1-year-old daughter, Rebecca, who came here because of a serious heart defect.

#### All they could

Walter and Brigitte Baumgaertel, members of the Stuttgart church, wanted to do all they could for their little daughter. They had had her anointed, but the child became weaker and was unable to eat but a bite or two at a time. What at first had been only a heart murmur was now extremely serious. About three months ago while out for a walk, Rebecca turned blue, prompting the Baumgaertels' eventual trip to America in search of the best medical care they could find for Rebecca.

Mr. Baumgaertel had talked to friends in Germany who had told him about Dr. Denton Cooley and the Texas Children's hospital.

The Baumgaertels sought help from the German Red Cross, which provided Rebecca and her parents. along with her doctor, a special flight from Germany to Texas

The flight, including two stops, took 18 hours. Rebecca was on oxygen and used the plane's whole supply before the flight ended.

Walter and Brigitte had been warned their daughter might not sur-vive the trip, but they believed God would take care of the child He had



HEART PATIENT — One-yearold Rebecca Baumgaertel was flown from Germany to Texas for heart surgery.

given them.

Doctors at the hospital ran tests on the girl that revealed mitral stenosis genetical, a narrowing of a valve of the heart, and Dr. Cooley scheduled an operation for Dec. 16, warning the Baumgaertels of the gravity of the

#### Recovering faster

The operation started at 9:30 a.m.: by 11:30 Rebecca was out of surgery and doing well. In two days she was in her own room, recovering faster than expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Baumgaertel say

they can't adequately express their appreciation for the response from a prayer request for Rebecca they had placed in The Worldwide News of

The Baumgaertels' address: Wolfsweg 48, 7071 Alfdorf-Adelstetten, West Germany.

# 'PT' makes inroads at airports

PASADENA — The Plain Truth has been "approved for display" in airport newsstands in 14 more U.S. cities, announced Gordon Muir, a representative of Quest magazine who also is involved in Plain Truth distribution. distribution.

This doesn't mean the PT will go on display immediately at the air-ports, because, said Dr. Muir, "we are moving ahead slowly with these opportunities in order to stay within the constraints of the newsstand

Thus, of the 17 airports that became available last August and were reported in *The Worldwide News* of Aug. 15, "we have only so far become established in two. We hope to be picking up all our remaining air-ports a few at a time, beginning with the February issue."

Dr. Muir said that, when the latest Dr. Muir said that, when the latest 17 units become operational, The Plain Truth will be on display at "nearly 45" American airports. The negotiation for the latest group of displays was made by local elder Bill Starling of Tampa, Fla. "Bill has been acting as a partitime Ower representative for some

time Quest representative for some time in his area." Dr. Muir said, "and it was in this capacity—as well as being a PT rep—that he was able to negotiate on behalf of the PT. This is just one more example of the direct benefits derived by the PT from the existence of Quest magazine."

The negotiations with the latest airport-newsstand chain, Aero Enterprises, Inc., of Miami, Fla., started several months ago in the

Quest office in New York City.
"There we asked the Quest newsstand consultant to line up a fu-ture meeting on behalf of the PT with the owner of the Aero newsstand group," Dr. Muir said. "This was done by telephone. A formal written proposal followed from the Quest Circulation Department, and then a final face-to-face meeting was conducted by Bill Starling to clinch the deal and hammer out the details."

The airports are in Canton, Ohio; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Fairbanks, Alaska; Fort Lauderdale, Fairbanks, Aiska, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Green Bay, Wis.; Greensboro, N.C.; Kansas City, Mo.; Miami, Fla.; Nashville, Tenn.; Orlando, Fla.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; and Waterloo, Iowa.

### YOU conference

(Continued from page 1) pastor of the Chicago (III.) Southeast and West churches; alcoholism and drugs, Dale Hampton, an associate pastor of one of the Pasadena churches; believing in yourself, Donald Most; career services, Robert Oberlander, director of career services at Ambassador; making strengths of your weaknesses, Tom Sullivan; and sports and Christianity, Dan Thomas.

#### Three groups

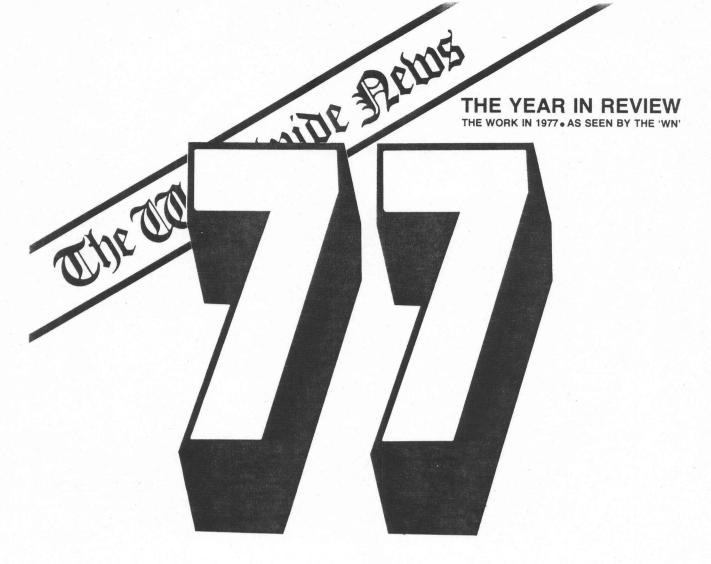
The delegates were divided into three groups and attended workshops presented by international YOU di-rector Jim Thornhill and Randy Dick, an assistant to Mr. Armstrong, on the YOU code of conduct; YOU associate director Mark Ashland on local chapters; and ministers Dan Bierer and Gil Goethals on attitudes in sports.

Other activities: a get-acquainted dance Saturday night, a games-and-movie night and a semi-formal dance to the music of Mr. Armstrong and other musicians.

Mr. Thornhill summed up the conference by saying its them encouraged young people to "strive for excellence" and "be proud to be different.

He encouraged the delegates to convey the ideas and hopes they re-ceived at the meetings to their friends and fellow YOU members back

Mr. Thornhill concluded the conference by asking the YOU members to "remember each other's problems and pray for them."



300 youths attend conference

Members riding out record cold wave

'Quest/77' in the mail

Mr. Armstrong leaves Rumania in nick of time

Herbert W. Armstrong marries

Texas campus to merge with Pasadena

Accreditation denied Ambassador

Pastor general sidelined
Worldwide family observes the Feast
GTA tours Pacific

Everyone sees the news a little bit differently.
The highlight of an issue to one reader
may escape unnoticed by another. But any way
you look at it the year was an active one, filled
with milestones and momentous occasions.

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presents its look at 1977 in this special issue.

### **NEWSMAKERS**



















Robert Ellsworth, the AICF employee who wasshotwhen he walked in on a holdup in progress in Pasadena. 9. Gelachew Mekasha, the former Ethiopian ambassador to Egypt who joined the faculty of Ambassador College to teach international relations.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong shortly after their wedding in April. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Garner Ted Armstrong in Australia during a visitto churches in New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines.

3. Sylvester Washington of the champion Little Rock Rockets, named most valuable player of the YOU national basketball tournament. 4. Stan Bass, regional director for the Caribbean, who saw continued media growth in his area. 5. Church member Dan Thomas, who chose to keep the Sabbath even though he played professional baseball for the Milwaukee Brewers. 6. James Stark, named business manager of Ambassador College.

 Trinidadian lawyer Lennox-Deyalsingh, who, in the absence of a minister, conducts biweekly Sabbath services on Trinidad.

## **NEWSMAKERS**



The Ambassador College Chorale assembling in the Auditorium before its tour of the American West. 2. Australian regional director Dean Wilson, here on the plane with Garmer Ted Armstrong during Mr. Armstrong's tour of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.

3. Plain Truth news editor Gene Hogberg, who in 1977 began writing columns for the WM. 4. Artists concept showing how various magazines might spotlight the new President. 5. Carl McNair, who along with other area coordinators came to Pasadena for meetings with Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

6. Robert Taylor, 17, who won a four-year scholarship to AC for winning the YOU national talent contest: 7. Major the beagle, who, according to an account in the WM, visited Ambassador College. 8. Cam Catherwood, the new director of French-speaking churches outside North America, who moved from Canada to Belgium.

9. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dart in the plane that took them to visit church pastors across parts of America. 10. Former Israeli foreign minister Abba Eban, who spoke in the Auditorium. 11. International YOU director Jim Thornhill displaying the official T-shirt.

### **NEWSMAKERS**



























 Weight lifter Dave Shaw, a member of one of the Pasadena churches, pressing on toward the Olympics. 2. Stanley Rader, who was awarded Japan's Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure for aiding U.S.-Japanese cultural exchanges. 3. Celist Metislav Rostropovich, who performed in AICF concerts in Milwaukee, Wis., and Pasadena.

4. Evangelist Leslie McCullough, who traveled to Trinidad in October on one of his many stops in his duties as international Division director. 5. Ron and Norva Kelly being honored at a going-away party in Texas, just before transferring from Big Sandy to a new home and responsibility at AC, Pasadena. 6. Yong Chin Gee, after becoming the first Chinese to be ordained a minister. 7. Toluta't u Haragenat, the first Tongan, and the first South Pacific Polynesian, to become a part of the ministry.

 Entertainer Gene Kelly taping a networktelevision special in the Auditorium in December.
 Bing and Kathryn Crosby during the March taping of Bing's 50th-anniversary Auditorium special.

10. Roderick Meredith, who took a wife and observed his 25th anniversary as an evangelist in 1977. 11. Home-run king Hank Aaron telling, listeners in the Auditorium to "set your sights just a little high." 12. Five-star Gen. Omar Bradley addressing Ambassador students. 13. Former CIA chief William Colby, who lectured in the Auditorium.



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### **JANUARY**

The Jan. 3 issue kicked off our 1977 publication year. That first issue was a special produced by the staff, 24 pages in all: eight pages of the regular issue wrapped around a 16-page year-end special. The issue, liberally sprinkled with pictures, summarized articles from all 25 of the 1976 editions. In our regular editions for January we restrict on Harbary W. Amstrancia planed

In our regular editions for January we reported on Herbert W. Armstrong's planned
trip to Milwaukee, Wis., to attend an Ambassador International Cultural Foundation concert. Mr. Armstrong also paid a surprise visit
to the Tucson. Ariz., church the Sabbath of
Jan. 15. He spoke to 279 members there that
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Sabbath, after his hotel room had been burgled the preceding evening. Fortunately Mr. Armstrong was out of the room when the burglary occurred.

Cold weather was also in the news in January, and the WN spotlighted members who were shivering through one of the coldest winters in the United States' history for residents of the Northeast. During the worst of the winter some church services and socials were canceled, general church attendance was down, and some unemployment resulted. The weather in Charlotte, N.C., was cold on Jan. 15, but not too cold for Garner Ted Armstrong to speak at a special Sabbath Ted Armstrong to speak at a special Sabbath

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service for more than 2,000 brethren from five states.

Members in the western part of the United States, on the other hand, had an unusually mild winter and a dramatic absence of snow that contributed to drought conditions later in the year.
Youth Opportunities United (YOU) gained

Youth Opportunities United (YOU) gained front-page headlines as more than 300 delegates, 12 to 19 years of age, traveled to the then Texas campus of Ambassador College. Youths came from 49 U.S. states and six Youths campus of Ambassauor Conege-Youths came from 49 U.S. states and six foreign countries for what was billed as the first international youth conference of YOU. The YOU members represented their chapters back home and participated in a six-day con-ference that included four days of workshops and seminars and listening to a dist of speak-ers headed by Garner Ted Armstrong, Olym-pic gymnast and television sports commen-tator Cathy Rigby, Olympic decathlon champion Bill Toomey, Olympic triple-jump silver medalist James Butts, jiwenile-court judge Joe Sorrentino, drug- and alcohol-abuse expert Scott Marshall and Chicago, Ill., minister Carl Gustafson.

minister Carl Gustafson.

A few days earlier a Tacoma, Wash., girls' team had taken first place in the second annual YOU girls' volleyball tournament, also

at Big Sandy.

The Worldwide News also devoted a two-page spread to "the who of YOU." The feature, which ran Jan. 31, spotlighted all full-time and part-time staff members of YOU.

During the YOU conference two meetings of area coordinators for the U.S. field ministry were held, also at Big Sandy. Nine of 11 coordinators attended the meetings, conducted by Garner Ted Armstrong and Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

Mr. Dart also made a transcontinental trip on which he visited six area coordinators in

on which he visited six area coordinators in the United States field ministry, spoke to three churches and met with 30 ministers and

three churches and met with 30 ministers and many of their wives.

And from Dec. 26, 1976, to Jan. 5 of this year a conference for 40 local elders not on the Work's payroll and their wives took place. in Pasadena.

in Pasadena.

In International Division news, Dean Wilson, the then newly appointed regional director of the Australian Work, left Jan. 15 for his new assignment. Ray Kosanke, former regional director for The Plain Truth stationed in Brussels, Belgium, and more recently employed by the International Division, moved from Brussels to Pasadena to December an assignant to Legle 1. McCliffonds. become an assistant to Leslie L. McCullough, director of the division.



RAY KOSANKE



JACK MARTIN



ELBERT ATLAS



JIM THORNHILL



FROZEN BIRDS — Students on the then-open Texas campus of Ambassador College, above, eye a swan sculpture covered with licicles. The four faces at left made news in January. Clockwise from top left: Ray Kosanke of the International Division moved from Brussels to Pasadena to become an assistant to division director Leslie McCullough: Quest magazine's operations director. Jack Martin, announced subscribers to the new publication would receive their first copies in February: YOU director Jim Thornhill told of plans for the annual Summer Educational Program; Elbert Atlas, area coordinator for the U.S. Northeast, was ordained to the ministerial rank of pastor.



GTA'S MEETINGS — Garner Ted Armstrong met with ministers and youths, the WN reported in January. He talks with U.S. area coordinators in Pasadena, above, and, along with YOU director Jim Thomhill, right, addresses delegates to a youth conference in Big Sandy, Tex.



### **FEBRUARY**

Herbert W. Armstrong flew to Milwaukee, Wis., where he spoke to a combined church group of 2,000 on the Sabbath of Feb. 5, and stayed for the Mistislav Rostropovich concert on Feb. 8, sponsored by the Milwaukee chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural

Foundation.

Mr. Armstrong praised the success of the Mr. Armstrong praised the success of the Soviet-born cellist's concert and complimented the efforts of the local AICF chapter, which sponsored the performance, saying its efforts "made a tremendous impression" on the com-

munity.

Mr. Armstrong returned briefly to Pasadena before leaving Feb. 12 for a trip to Europe and Africa but ended up interrupting his schedule for an "enforced rest" at a clinic in Bucharest, Rumania, His "Personal" in the Feb. 28 issue of the WN began by saying he was spending "two or three weeks at the Otopeni Clinic, famous all

over Europe, recharging tired batteries."
As Mr. Armstrong was headed for Europe, his son was conducting a campaign in Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12 and 13, speaking to campaign

crowds of 2,518 and 2,458. While there he opened a three-day conference of Canadian ministers before heading back to Pasadena.

Later in the month he headed east again for a church-area visit, this time in the snow-covered, rolling hills of eastern Pennsylvania to meet with brethren in the Lancaster and Harris-

And from down under, Australian Work di-rector Dean Wilson reported the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast could be seen in all Aus-tralian capital cities 52 weeks a year. Starting Feb. 6 the half-hour telecast became a regular feature on Sunday programing on Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart stations.

In other southern-hemisphere action, we re-ported on summer youth programs in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

February also saw the mailing of Vol. I, No. 1, of *Quest*/77, the bimonthly magazine published by the AICF.

Some 30,000 students from grades one



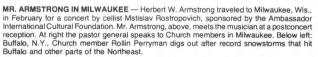
through eight from Los Angeles-area public and private schools saw the play *Heidi* in twice-daily performances Jan. 19 to Feb. 4. The production was sponsored by Ambassador College and took place in the Ambassador Au-

The WN devoted two full pages to letters

from members in England, Australia, Canada and America who gave vivid accounts of the blessings they had received from tithing. The letters had been solicited by the WN in late 1976 for use in *The Worldwide News* as well as potential use in *The Plain Truth* for future articles on tithing in that publication.

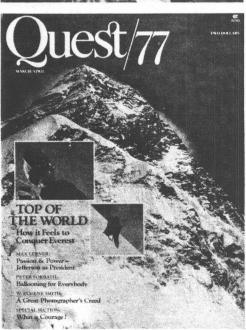
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"QUEST" IN THE MAIL — Almost two years after Herbert W. Armstrong's announcement that a magazine would be produced by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, the first copies of birnonthly Quest!77, above, were in the mail in February, Left: Gordon Muir, then assistant circulation manager for The Plain Truth magazine, conducts a meeting for coordinators of a program to distribute the publication by newsstand in the United States.



Herbert W. Armstrong, who had been "re-charging tired batteries" at a clinic in Rumania, left there earlier than planned and less than two days before a massive earthquake shook Bucharest. He had planned to remain in Rumania until March 9 but instead flew to London March 3 to speak at the Bricket Wood church the Sabbath of March 5, thereby totally escaping the quake. escaping the quake.
From England Mr. Armstrong resumed his
original schedule, arriving March 10 in Johan-

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nesburg to begin a 4½-week, jam-packed schedule in southern Africa. The trip was the third time in less than a year Mr. Armstrong had traveled to southern Africa. Included in his trip was an address to the Turnhalle, the constitutional conference of Namibia (South-West Africa), in Windhoek, the capital city. And a week later he spoke before the parliament of the newly independent Transkei in Umtata, the capital city. capital city.

As Mr. Armstrong was arriving in South

### **MARCH**

Africa, his son was speaking to 2,220 people March 10 in Seattle, Wash. The group, which represented 10 church areas, heard Mr. Armrepresented 10 church areas, heard Mr. Arm-strong speak on the "importance of family to-gethemess," a sermon that was taped and sent to all church congregations worldwide. In the sermon Mr. Armstrong called on members to establish a "family night" in their weekly schedules as "a spiritual obligation." In the Ambassador Auditorium, entertainer Bing Crmyly taped, a Operation of the Ambassador Auditorium, entertainer

In the Ambassador Auditorium, entertainer Bing Crosby taped a 90-minute television-network special March 3, but the event was overshadowed by near tragedy as the crooner fell into the orchestra pit at the conclusion of the taping. Mr. Crosby had just made his closing remarks at the end of the three-hour videotaping session of the pmeram that commemorated remarks at the end of the three-hour videotaping session of the program that commemorated his 50th anniversary in show business when he turned to walk off the stage and accidentally stepped into the lowered pit. He eventually recovered completely from the fall.

Area coordinators of the United States field inisity met Feb. 28 to March 3 with Ronald Dart in a series of "shirt-sleeve, working sessions" to determine ministerial manpower needs.

And later in the month ministers and their wives from across Australia participated in four

days of ministerial meetings at Burleigh Heads. Seventy-seven men and their wives were on hand for meetings conducted by Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division. In Ambassador College news, an evaluation team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) of San Francisco. Calif., visited Ambassador College, Pasadena, March 21 to 23 to review the school's progress. March 21 to 23 to review the school's progress toward accreditation.

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The March 14 issue inaugurated a column by Gene Hogberg, news editor for The Plain Truth. The WN asked Mr. Hogberg to prepare regular, informal articles for the paper, reflecting his insights into world conditions from his vantage point as a veteran news analyst and member of the Church. The column was later dubbed "Newswatch" and is now a regular feature

Two Church members on Fiji, Epele and Two Church members on Fiji, Epele and Sofi Kanaimawi, had the unusual opportunity to help prepare their area for a visit from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, escorting them throughout their visit. Just before the Queen departed, she took Mr. Kanaimawai aside and bestowed uron him the medal of the Poyal Visit stowed upon him the medal of the Royal Vic-torian Order in appreciation for the unusual effort that had gone into organizing that part of her tour.





QUEEN HONORS MEMBER — Britain's Queen Elizabeth, right, receives a bouquet from Alisi, the daughter of members Epele and Sofi Kanaimawi, on the island of Fiji. The Queen honored Mr. Kanaimawi, a commissioner for the Northern Division of Fiji, for preparing his area for the visit by the royal couple. Behind the Queen are Mr. Kanaimawi, Prince Philip and Mrs. Kanaimawi. Above: Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, meets with U.S. area coordinators to plan for manpower needs of the ministry.

SIGNS BOOKLET — Herbert W. Armstrong, above left, autographs *The Plain Truth About Christmas* for the mayor of Pretoria, South Africa, during Mr. Armstrong's March trip to southern Africa. Above: Mr. and Mrs. Bing Crosby sing during the entertainer's TV special taped in the Auditorium March 3. In the inset picture is Gene Hogberg, director of the Work's News Bureau, who March 14 wrote his first of a continuing series of articles for the *WW*.



### **APRIL**

Topping the news in April was the marriage of Herbert W. Armstrong to Ramona Martin. The pastor general and his bride were wed in Tucson, Ariz., April 17 in a ceremony performed by Mr. Armstrong's son, Garner Ted. The new Mrs. Herbert Armstrong was first employed by the Work in 1962, a short time after she was baptized, and held various responsibilities in Pasadena over the years. She had served as a member of Mr.

sponsibilities in Pasadena over the years. She had served as a member of Mr. Armstrong's traveling team since his campaign in 1974 in the Philippines. During his travels Mr. Armstrong "gradually got to know her." he said. "and discovered a woman of talents and abilities far superior to what I had realized."

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The ceremony ended 10 years of widowerhood for Mr. Armstrong. His first wife, Loma, had died almost exactly 10 years before, in April, 1967.

News of the wedding dominated the April 25

News of the wedding dominated the April 25 WN: the coverage included a two-page photographic layout and a "Personal" from the bridegroom to WN readers.
Also prominent in the two April issues was Mr. Armstrong's latest trip to southern Africa, on which he met with government leaders in Swaziland and the Transkei, including King Sobhuza II of Swaziland. In South Africa Mr.

Armstrong met and talked with civic officials

and delivered speeches before service clubs.

In April the WN reported on Church members who were protected from floods that hit eastern Kentucky and tornadoes in Birmingham. Ala.

In Big Sandy. Tex., on what was then an Ambassador campus, a basketball team from Little Rock, Ark., and a cheerleading squad from Big Sandy captured first places in national

from Big Sandy captured first places in national Youth Opportunities United competition.

The paper's new policy of not printing addresses in pen-pai requests and other personals (unless requested specifically to do so) began with the April 25 issue. The procedure was billed as a "policy to minimize surprise mail." (The Circulation Department reports the remailing procedure is apparently working well to reduce the amount of unwanted mail patrons of the personals section were receiving.)

Church members, like about everybody else

Church members, like about everybody else, are constantly on the move, it seems, and God's ministers are no exception. In April the Wo told of 62 ministers who were soon to pull up roots and move from one church area to another, or to or from the certificate-of-the-ministry (sabbatical) program at Pasadena.

And Garner Ted Armstrong, in his "Person-

als," told of his visits to Detroit, Mich., Cin-





cinnati, Ohio, and Lakeland, Fla., to speak to, and with, the brethren in those areas. In Cincinnati he kept the Night to Be Much Remem-bered with the brethren there, after having observed the Passover in Detroit. He was in Lake-land for the last day of Unleavened Bread. Between the Detroit and Lakeland visits Mr.

Armstrong was in Washington, D.C., at the invitation of the Egyptian embassy for a dinner held by Egyptian President and Mrs. Anwar Sadat. The invitation had come as a result of Mr. Armstrong's interviews with Mr. Sadat for

the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast.
At the same function Mr. Armstrong also met U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, Sec-

met U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, sec-retary of State Cyrus Vance, Sen Hubert Humphrey and other government officials. Readers learned April 25 about a Church member and his family who fled lid Amin's terror-stricken Uganda, making it successfully into Kenya to take up a new life. The member, Eldad Opio, sent *The Worldwide News* the account and a photograph of his family after his

MR. ARMSTRONG MARRIES — Herbert W. Armstrong wed the former Ramona Martin April 17. At right, Garner Ted Armstrong congratulates his father and his bride after the ceremony in Tucson, Ariz. Below right: The Armstrongs cut their wedding cake.







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The May issues of *The Worldwide News* reported the merger of the two Ambassador College campuses, budget studies affecting areas of the Work and a day of prayer and fasting for members of God's Church around the world.

The two stories were not unrelated. The Work had been having budget difficulties, and

the decision to merge the campuses was made because of "financial considerations," said Garner Ted Armstrong; the same number of students could be educated on one campus less

students could be educated on one campus less expensively than on two.

About the fast 'day, Mr. Armstrong wrote in a letter to members quoted in the WN, that, because of the ''seriousness of this current

[financial] situation, I am going to call upon all of you, worldwide, to join with my father and me and all of Christ's ministry in a day of worldwide fasting and prayer for the sake of God's Work, for the sake of His Church, for the sake of all of our individual families, and for our own sakes." He also called on members for a "large spe-

cial offering" to be taken up, which turned out to be just that. The WN reported that as of May 20 donations as a result of the announcement

had almost reached the \$1.3 million mark.
Related articles in May told of plans to accommodate the influx of Texas students excommodate the influx of Texas students ex-pected to arrive in Pasadena before the school year in the fall and emphasized Mr. Arm-strong's desire for a merger of the student bodies, "and not a cancellation" of the Texas

The May 23 issue contained a two-page his-

tory of the Big Sandy campus.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote two articles in May, with both appearing May 9. One was a "Personal" in which he commented on his gratitude to the Church brethren who had del-

uged him with cards and letters of congratula itions after his April marriage: the other was a "quick, condensed summary of prophesied events, showing where we are right now and

quick, condensed sufminary or propinesses vents, showing where we are right now and what is immediately ahead."

In May Gamer Ted Armstrong traveled to Osage Beach, Mo., for a two-day meeting of U.S. area coordinators to review ordination requests, "some of which have been pending for months," as Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, said at the time.

On the same trip Mr. Armstrong attended a social for church areas in 10 states at Osage Beach, at which 3,000 people showed up.

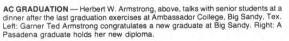
Also in May, the Wr reported 212 students graduation involving both campuses. Both Armstrongs attended both commencement ceremonies, in California and Texus, and Garner Ted Armstrong spoke at each service.

In another report, Egyptian President Anwar

In another report, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat called Garner Ted Armstrong's television analysis of the Middle East situation "objective and truthful" in a letter the president sent Mr. Armstrong.

















### JUNE

The June issues reported that Herbert W. Armstrong traveled to England and spoke to 1,000 of the brethren at Bricket Wood; Ambassador, Pasadena, was gearing up for a record 1,100 enrollment (which turned out to be a onservative estimate; the number later rose to 1.330); the Church's Summer Educational program at Orr, Minn., began its 15th year. In other developments, Ambassador College awarded 37 certificates of the ministry to as

awarded 37 certificates of the ministry to as many men, the first to complete the program. Theology Department Chairman George Geis described the course as a "graduate-level, or fifth-year, program designed to meet the professional needs of the Worldwide Church of God ministry. It is the first step toward a master's degree and will be applicable to what is normally a three-year program."

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In June came coverage of a trip made by Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, to visit field ministers on their home ground. He flew, piloting the Work's Cessna 182 propeller aircraft, to Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas, visiting ministers and their families.

An Ambassador International Cultural

Foundation chapter made the news when AICF members in Pikeville, Ky., and the local young people from Youth Opportunities United teamed up with the Red Cross and local citizens to sponsor a "radioathon" and concert to benefit victims of floods that had hit eastern Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia in April. Members of the Church and YOU manned telephones, and listeners to a radio station broad-casting the proceedings called in to pledge docasting the proceedings called in to pledge docasting the more of the Church and YOU manned telephones.

phones, and listeners to a radio station broad-casting the proceedings called in to pledge do-nations that eventually topped \$54,000.

On the international scene, Leslie McCul-lough, director of the International Division, named a new regional director for French-speaking churches outside of North America.

Carm Catherwood assumed his new respon-sibilities after moving from Montreal, Que., Canada, to Belgium

Canada, to Belgium.

In Australia 48 members of YOU groups in In Australia 48 members of YOU groups in that country completed a bicycle marathon to point out the problem of drug abuse. Money raised by the 11-day, 1,100-kilometer project went to agencies dealing with the drug problem.

lem.
In the June 6 issue appeared a 2½-page layout that would prove to be one of the paper's



strongest mail pullers to date. The story was stold by John Halford, area coordinator for Southeast Asia, who, from his home base at Burleigh Heads, Australia, described a sixweek tour of Southeast Asia on which he visited people in Malaysia, Singapore, Burma, Thailand, Borneo and Brunei. On the 15,000-mile tour, which Mr. Halford made with Sydney deacon Brian Hose, 25 people were baptized

into God's Church

And the Supreme Court of the United States, in a landmark ruling in the case of Church member Larry Hardison, ruled that companies are not required to give employees certain days off because of religious beliefs when such an action would conflict with a union seniority system or result in preferential treatment for the employee.







Herbert W. Armstrong wrote two articles for the WN in July, "Just What Is Our Mission?", in which he explained to readers the real story of man and why "the Work," now a worldwide operation, exists; and "why Many Don't Un-derstand Pentecost," which included the back-ground essential to full understanding of Pente-cost and all the festivals.

cost and all the festivals.

Meanwhile, writing in early July from the Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn.

Garner Ted Armstrong was disappointed that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges denied Ambassador's bid for accreditation, but he went on to report the changes being implemented as recommended by the accreditation committee. One of the changes was the appointment of Dr. James Stark as business manager for Ambassador College in a move to separate the college accounting procedures from those of the Church.

July was a busy month for YOU activities. We reported on six days of basketball for 63 YOU boys during a Youth Opportunities United-sponsored basketball camp conducted in Big Sandy. Tex. by Bill Sharman, general manager of the Los Angeles Lakers pro basketball team. Mr. Sharman traveled on to Orr. Minn., to hold a second basketball camp July 10 to 15 on the SEP grounds. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 7-foot-2-inch superstar of the Lakers, assisted Mr. Sharman at the camp in Orr. At the same time the Northeast Region took first place in the national YOU track-and-field meet at Big Sandy by 1 point July 12 and 13. About 200 young athletes representing the eight YOU regions of the United States, plus a team of 10 from Canada, competed in the two-day meet.

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Also we reported in July on the conference for ministers and other key personnel from Brit-ain, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Scandinavia directed by evangelists Leslie McCullough and Frank Brown.

Mr. McCullough, director of the Interna-tional Division, flew from London to Johan-nesburg. South Africa, to conduct a three-day conference for ministers involved in the Work

in Africa. Virtually all the men serving Africa attended, about 45 ministers, and their wives.

Mr. McCullough spent July 7 to 10 in Rhodesia, his first visit to the country, and spoke on the Subbath to 125 people.

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Other ministers on the go were Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, who took a flying 12-day trip to visit field ministers in the eastern United States, and evangelist Dibar Apartian, who held five French-language campaigns on three islands in the French West Indies.

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Ronald Kelly, former vice president and provost of Ambassador College. Big Sandy, was honored at a cocktail party there July 14 by employees of the college. Mr. Kelly, now vice president for student affairs for Ambassador, Pasadena, after the merger of the two institutions, transferred to Pasadena around Aug. 1.

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The 1977-78 concert series for the Ambas-sador Auditorium was announced in the Wb by the Ambassador International Cultural Founda-tion in July. Included were appearances by tenor Luciano Pavarotti, cellist Mstislav Ros-tropovich and lutenist Julian Bream. The series began in October and will run through May.









CONFERENCE — Ministers, office staffers and spouses of the African Work; above, meet in Johannesburg for an all-Africa conference. Right: African Work director Robert Fahey addresses conference decreases conference. dresses conference del-

JULY SPORTS - Lak-JULY SPORTS — Lak-ers general manager Bill Sharman, left in above-left photo, watches a YOU game in Big Sandy with AC athletic director Jim Petty. Above and far left: YOU members take part in the annual track-and-field finals at Big Sandy. Below: Dr. James Stark was named Sandy. Below: Dr. James Stark was named business manager of Ambassador College.



### **AUGUST**

Headlining the news in August, if not for the whole year, was Herbert W. Armstrong's illness. The congestive heart failure that sidelined the 85-year-old pastor general was the first major illness he had ever suffered.

Garner Ted Armstrong immediately canceled his entire schedule and rushed to his father's Tucson. Ariz., home, remaining in Tucson until his condition stabilized.

The younger Armstrong, dictating his "Personal" from his father's study, noted that his father had been able to take small amounts of solid food for the first time in a week, "Over

father had been able to take small amounts of solid food for the first time in a week. "Over the last two to three days [Aug. 26 to 28] his condition has remarkably stabilized. His condition has remarkably stabilized. His pulse now seems to be regular and strong."

Mr. Armstrong had just returned Aug. 8 from an around-the-world trip that included stops in Japan. Hong Kong and Israel and a two-night evangelistic campaign in Liberia. Camer Ted Armstrong said his father had "really driven himself" during the trip. typing for much of the 11½-hour return flight to the Unit-d States from West Africa, even though suffered states from the suffered sta ed States from West Africa, even though suffer-ing from what seemed to be intestinal flu, which he had contacted in Abidjan, Ivory

Coast. Mr. Armstrong's condition was diagnosed by two Tucson physicians as congestive heart failure

heart failure.

"That shows what kind of man my father is." Mr. Armstrong said. "He arrived back here with several manuscripts which he'd typed on the trip. I couldn't ist and type for that length of time. My back couldn't stand it."

After the announcement of Mr. Armstrong's illness to the Church, hundreds of telephone calls, cards and letters poured into headquarters. The Work's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) toll-free telephone lines were kept busy as at least 100 calls a day were received from people concerned about Mr. Armstrong's illness. illness.

Garner Ted Armstrong spent much of his time in Tucson during the latter part of the month near his father. He mentioned in his "Personal" the sale of the Falcon during August, his forthcoming trip to Australia and the completion of "Operation Shoehorn," the wholesale transfer of Big Sandy students to the

Pasadena campus.

The merger of the two campuses became a reality Aug. 22 as the combined student body

crowded onto the Pasadena grounds for the first day of classes Aug. 22. By Aug. 24 the total enrollment stood at 1,330, with some still regis-

On the international scene Robert Fahey On the International scene Robert Fahey, regional director of the Work in Africa, and Peter Nathan, operations manager for Africa, left Aug. 3 for a two- to three-week tour of East and West Africa. The trip included a follow-up campaign in Nairobi, Kenya, Aug. 6 and 7 given by Mr. Fahey.

Other news in August included outdoor ministerial meetings conducted by Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration; SEP sessions coming to a close; the Television Production Department's new season; and how the floods in Pennsylvania and the blackout in New York City affected brethren in those areas.

Also in August Garner Ted Armstrong announced that the editorial and production of-fices of the WN would transfer to Pasadena. By mid-August the WN's offices were relocated in the Office Facilities Building, owned by the Work and located two blocks east of the cam-pus in Pasadena.







MINISTERS MEET — U.S. pastors from the Midwest, above, meet on an island in Big Pine Lake in Ontario with Ronald Dart, above left, vice president for pastoral administration. Left: Students crowd the Hall of Administration in Pasadena during orientation week as AC begins its 31st year. Below center: YOU members camp at SEP, Orr, Minn. Below right: Church member Patricia Miller and her husband, Ray, stand in front of their flood-destroyed house in New Florence, Pa.













Because of the Feast of Tabernacles, we pub-Because of the Feast of Tabernacles, we published only one issue in September, on the 12th. The forthcoming Festival was becoming of predominant interest, with an estimated 77,000 expected to attend in the United States. We featured a reproduction of the 1977 Festival brochure, Festival '77, on the front page. It was speculated that even though Herbert

### **SEPTEMBER**

W. Armstrong's health was steadily improving W. Armstrong's health was steadily improving he would not be able to deliver a sermon at the Feast. Mr. Armstrong had not missed speaking at a Feast of Tabernacles since God revealed the truth of the Holy Days to him and his

vealed the truth of the Frost Valga-wife. Sherwin McMichael, Festival director, flew from his home at Big Sandy, Tex., Sept. 4 to Tucson to rearrange the speaking schedule to cover for the expected absence of the pastor

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Meanwhile, Gamer Ted Armstrong spoke to 566 members Sept. 3 in San Diego, Calif., and that evening performed at a dinner-dance for 445 to mark the 25th anniversary of the church there. After dinner James Friddle, pastor, presented a rosewood scroll to Mr. Armstrong that bore the signature of each member of the congregation.

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Later, on Sept. 8, Mr. Armstrong met briefly with former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban after Mr. Eban had addressed a full house in the Ambassador Auditorium on the Middle Eastern situation. Mr. Armstrong described Mr. Eban's speech as "one of the most mean-

ingful, significant and eloquent speeches de-livered in the Auditorium."

Mr. Armstrong, encouraged at his father's steady improvement, was able to honor the commitment he had made some months previously to speak at a combined special Sabbath service in Concord, N.-H. He immediately upon his return planned to do at least two more television and five or 10 more five-minute radio programs to take him through the Feast and at programs to take him through the Feast and at least a week or two after.

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Church members along the coast near Corpus Christi, Tex., breathed sighs of relief as Anita, the Gulf of Mexico's first hurricane of the 1977 season, changed its path to hit a thinly populated area in northern Mexico. Services on the Sabbath came off as usual, and a picnic for the Victoria church took place the next day. In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., tenor Jan Peerce sang in a performance that raised \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society. The concert, sponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, was attended by Wilkes-Barre Mayor Walter W. Lisman, who declared the day of the performance AICF Day in his city.

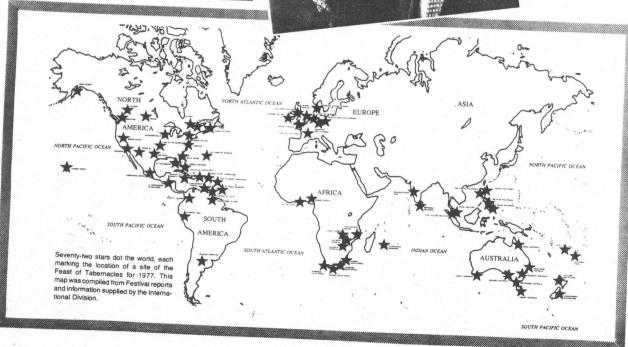
The Worldwide Church of God in Bricket Wood, England, went all out to help nearby St. Albans celebrate its centennial as a city, the 100th anniversary of the granting of St. Albans' city charter. Frank Brown, director of the British Work, reported the occasion was to be one of "fun and funds," and by the end of the festivities 3,000 pounds — about \$5,200 — had been raised to aid the various causes. The fete was held on the former campus of Ambassador College in England. The Worldwide Church of God in Bricket sador College in England.

In the Sept. 23 issue we also reported on In the Sept. 23 issue we also reported on Australian and Asian regional director Dean Wilson's and his wife's first visit to Southeast Asia since going to Australia. The Wilsons were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Halfrad

Carl McNair, coordinator for the U.S. Upper Carl McNair, coordinator for the U.S. Upper Midwest Area, was host of a retreation an island in Big Pine Lake in Ontario for the area's 13 pastors. Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, held five two-hour meetings for the men. We featured the ministerial retreat in a pictorial essay.



ABBA EBAN — Garner Ted Armstrong and former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban, left photo, meet after the Israeli spoke in the Ambassador Auditorium on in the Ambassador Auditorium on the Middle East situation. Far left: Evangelist Roderick Meredith and two longtime members of the San Diego church prepare to cut the cake at a celebration of the San Diego church's 25th anniversary. Below: Members observed the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles at 72 sites



### **OCTOBER**

With the Feast of Tabernacles still in prog-ress, reports from around the world began streaming into *The Worldwide News*' offices, enabling the *WN* to report, as far as could be determined, on every Festival site around the world

Our tabulation showed the Feast of Tabernacles had been held at 72 sites in 38 countries and

Adding to the individual reports, 81 pictures Adding to the individual reports. 81 pictures illustrated the largest Church gathering of the year, which in 1977 took on a family theme. A banner headline read "Worldwide Family Observes the Feast," and Gamer Ted Armstrong noted a trend of God's people being more aware than before of their need to draw closer together are family.

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Herbert W. Armstrong, who missed the first Feast of Tabermacles, because of his heart condition, since he had begun observing it, had proceedings at the Tucson, Ariz., site piped into his home via a telephone hookup.

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Despite a good deal of weight loss, Mr. Armstrong's color and general appearance were improving, relayed his son in his WN "Personal." He also said his father was being

consulted on every major decision of the Work. The Feast proved to be the most rigorous schedule in the younger Armstrong's experience. After 11 sermons and five family-night shows in eight days, he came down with a sore throat, stuffed sinuses and a dizzy head two days after the Feast. Mr. Armstrong returned rested to Pasadena after his annual hunting experience in Colorada and the fillustration. cursion in Colorado with fellow ministers and

other friends.

As usual, October brought a bumper crop of ordinations to the ministry. In the United States 24 men were ordained as local elders, while nine

men were ordained as local elders, while nime men took on added responsibilities in Australia. In other news of growth in the Work, we reported the director in Australia, Dean Wij-son, as saying there are "very few areas in Australia where someone would be unable to hear Garner Ted Armstrong weekly if he wanted to."

In an effort to blanket Australia with Mr. In an effort to blanket Australia with Mr. Armstrong's TV and radio broadcasts, the Australian office projected it would soon spend 50

percent of its budget on media.

In a continuing story, we updated our readers on progress toward the accreditation of Ambas-



sador College. Implementation based on the recommendations from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges was well under way, pointing toward a fall, 1978, visit by the association.

In other news, an AICF employee, Bob Ellsworth, was shot in the chest in Pasadena by a gunman who was robbing an establishment. The .32-caliber slug did not enter the chest



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cavity, nowever, and Mr. Ellsworth lett the hospital the day after he was shot.

Worldwide News readers' response to a request for family-night ideas resulted in two pages full of suggestions and personal documentation of fathers, mothers, sons and caughters in the larger family of the Worldwide Church of God making a sincere effort to keep the family together.





November was another full month for Garner November was another full month for Gamer Ted Armstrong. His schedule included a three-day meeting with U.S. and Canadian area coordinators, a speech before 800 educators and sermons with brethren in Idaho before heading overseas on a trip to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines.

Stanley Rader also faced a full slate of ac-

tivities, notably a meeting with Japan's Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda. Mr. Rader was in Japan to fill in for Herbert W. Armstrong and maintain the Work's contacts in that part of the world. His agenda included meeting officials high in the Japanese government and an address before 30 members of the Diet.

One outcome of the trip was the announce-

### **NOVEMBER**

ment of a three-day AICF-sponsored political symposium to take place in Japan in late 1978. Plans were also being laid for Herbert W. Armstrong to resume his travels with a trip to Japan in the late spring of 1978, should his health

Gamer Ted Armstrong's meeting with area coordinators in early November was designed among other things to prepare for the January. 1978, conference in Pasadena for pastors worldwide. One decision to come out of the control of the pastors was to discounter The Rulein a worldwide. One decision to come out of the meetings was to discontinue *The Bulletin*, a publication sent to ministers and other key personnel for seven years. On recommendation of the area coordinators, a new publication produced almost overnight called *Pastor's Report* began to be sent out in an effort to speedily provide pastors of churches with top-level information. formation.

Mr. Armstrong was especially pleased to report of his address before 800 educators of the Idaho school system in Boise. His talk on education was received with a standing ovation.

Two days later Mr. Armstrong spoke before

743 Church members from Idaho and surrounding states in Boise on the Sabbath.

The next Sabbath he spoke to Hawaiian brethren in Honolulu, the first stop of his long-awaited trip to Australasia.

The WN also reported on the AICF, which held a cocktail party in honor of Britain's Prince Charles, who was visiting Los Angeles on a tour of the United States.

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In other news the legal firm that serves as general counsel for the Church contacted several local and national publications, puting them on notice that false and unlawful information was being spread about the Church and college. The notification came in the wake of newspaper articles that contained broad, sweeping allegations.

One of our two November issues also contained a feature story on how 33 ministers uprooted their families to relocate in Pasadena for a sabbatical year of studies. The men are part of a ministerial-education program aimed at better equipping the ministry to serve their congrega-



### **DECEMBER**

Garner Ted Armstrong returned to Pasadena in December after a trip to New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. His activities included speaking before 6,000 people.

In New Zealand, a country Mr. Armstrong had not visited before, he was presented with a ceremonial greenstone mere, a clublike Maori weapon and symbol of leadership. The gesture was meant to convey symbolically the feeling the members have toward Mr. Armstrong and his father as they lead God's people.

Mr. Armstrong devoted much of his "Personal" column to the trip, reflecting on the warmth and hospitality extended his party.

He had been back from his nearly three-week trip only a week when he once again took to the skies, this time for an appearance at special Sabbath services in Kansas City, Kan. More than 2,300 people attended the services. Later Mr. Armstrong, backed up by musicians, sang at a Kansas City church social.

In December many brethren received Mr. Armstrong's just-published book, *The Real Jesus*. Each Church-member family that re-

quested the book would be mailed a copy free of charge. The 280-page work, which portrays a Jesus dramatically different from the Jesus depicted by most Christian religions, was also scheduled to go on sale in bookstores across America.

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Meanwhile the latest news from Tucson was that Herbert W. Armstrong "was steadily holding his own" and was being encouraged to increase the length of his walks to build up his strength gradually. The younger Mr. Armstrong announced his father planned to travel from his Tucson home to Pasadena in January, 1978, to conduct a meeting of the board of trustees of the Church and conduct at least a portion of the opening session of the January ministerial conference.

In other developments as the year drew to a close was the okay by the U.S. government's Department of Health, Education and Welfare for Ambassador to take possession of the Vista del Arroyo Hotel property, a 24-building complex on 12½ acres one block west of the college. Some technicalities remained in the aquisition, however, and are yet to be resolved.



From Japan came the news that Stanley Rader was awarded the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese government in a ceremony in Tokyo.

In other December happenings was an announcement by the Festival Office in Big Sandy that the Jekyll Island, Ga., Feast site, which had been used since 1963, was not to be a site in '78.

Caribbean

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We also announced this year's winner of the annual YOU talent contest. Robert Taylor, a 17-year-old from Glendora, Calif., won a four-year scholarship to AC for his performance on the guitar.

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Our final issue in December also contained a story of actor, singer and dancer Gene Kelly's TV taping in the Auditorium.





GTA ON PACIFIC TOUR — In December Garner Ted Armstrong returned to headquarters in Pasadena after a long-awaited trip to New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. He is greeted on arrival in Australia by Dean Wilson, left, director of the Work in Australia. Mr. Armstrong is presented with a mere, above, a symbol of leadership, by the New Zealand brethren during the trip.





MONTH OF MEDIA — Singer, dancer and film star Gene Kelly, above, tapes a TV special in the Ambassador Auditorium in December. Garner Ted Armstrong's new book, *The Real Jesus*, right, made news in December as it was scheduled to hit bookstores nationwide. YOU also made the news when Robert Taylor, left, won the national talent contest, held in Pasadena.

