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'Vital thrust' continues with St. Louis campaign

By Rex Sexton

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — "I think it was the most dynamic campaign that we have had so far," stated Mr. Al Portune, campaign director, about the personal appearance of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong held here Jan. 25, 26 and 27.

"Mr. Ted Armstrong was in it more, and I feel that he is warming up to his message more and more each campaign," Mr. Portune added.

The campaign was held in the Kiel Auditorium in downtown St. Louis. The auditorium has a capacity of 3,500 and was nearly full for each of the three appearances.

"On the first night Mr. Armstrong spoke on the Kingdom of God and Jesus Christ as the answer; on the second he spoke on demonism and exorcism, a subject that has really been in the limelight lately due to a recent movie released that deals with demonism," said Mr. Portune.

On the final night Mr. Armstrong talked about World War II Nazi death camps and the horrors of war. He

gave a very stern warning to the people of America to repent of national sins or the same will happen to them.

"Each campaign the messages seem to get more vital and more direct," Mr. Portune commented. "I think God is working in the organization and in the campaigns themselves toward some kind of a climax. I think that's obvious, because things seem to be building up more and more."

"I think that we can be confident in the fruit that God is showing in these campaigns—that He's in it and that He's making it a vital thrust of His Work at this time."

The local Worldwide Church of God chorale from this church area provided the music for the campaign. Bronson James, a senior this year at Ambassador College in Pasadena, was soloist.

"This is the first time that a local choir has been used for Mr. Armstrong's campaigns, and they did a very successful job," commented Louis Winant, organizational manager for the campaigns.



ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN — Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong spoke before an audience of some 3,500 people on three successive evenings, Jan. 25, 26 and 27. (More pictorial coverage appears on page 16.) [Photo by Klaus Rothe]

The Huntings thank Church for concern

By David R. Ord
Assistant to Mr. Hunting

BRICKET WOOD — It was with great sadness that the Church of God learned of the death of Verylle Hunting, wife of Mr. Charles Hunting, vice president of financial affairs in Europe and the Middle East, on Jan. 18. She was born on the same date, Jan. 18, in 1922.

Thousands worldwide had been praying for Mrs. Hunting. She greatly appreciated the concern and prayers of so many of God's people. Even though God permitted Mrs. Hunting to die, He did hear the many prayers that were offered on her behalf. After Mr. Hunting anointed his wife for the pain less than a week before she died—at a time when the pain in this type of illness normally becomes unbearable—God removed all pain from her. Even though exhausted because she had not been able to get proper sleep, Mrs. Hunting was able to die peacefully.

The family is extremely grateful for God's intervention in this way.

Mrs. Hunting had been in bed for some 4½ months prior to her death. During this time she received many cards and flowers from all over the world. The Huntings wish to express their deep appreciation for all the concern which people have shown.

A brief committal service was held on Jan. 20, at which only members of the family and one or two very close personal friends were present. Dr. Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor of the Bricket Wood campus, officiated. Mrs. Hunting had expressed that she did not wish to burden God's people with a funeral service in the event of her death. And because she received so many very beautiful flowers while she was able to enjoy them, there were no flowers at the burial.

Mrs. Hunting was buried on the campus here. Her body rests alongside the graves of Dr. Benjamin Rea, director of the Spanish Word and voice of *The World Tomorrow* in Spanish until his death in 1965; Mrs. Howard Silcox, a deaconess and wife of the head gardener, who died in 1969; and Mr. Leo Bogdanchik, who was the director of music for this campus until his death in 1970.

The day following the burial Mr. Herbert Armstrong arrived in Bricket Wood. Mr. Hunting was able to talk with him briefly before leaving for a rest in Africa, taking with him his son Paul and daughter Sidi.

After spending a week in Mombasa, Kenya, where they were able to catch up on some sunshine and swimming, they left for a two-day safari in Tanzania. They will also be stopping off at Nairobi and Rome briefly before returning to Bricket Wood, where Mr. Hunting will continue in his duties in God's Work.

The Huntings are in good spirits, and Mr. Hunting has already communicated that he is looking forward enthusiastically to returning to work.

Mr. Hunting and all the family can be assured that thousands of God's people here in Britain will long remember the fine example of warmth, love and service set by Mrs. Charles Hunting.

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear Brethren in Christ:

Greetings from Big Sandy. My wife and two of my sons and I arrived in Big Sandy last night, Thursday, Jan. 31, for our very first visit for any length of time to the Ambassador College campus here since orientation activities at the beginning of the college year.

We were here for one day during the Feast of Tabernacles and on a

brief, one-night whirlwind trip which I had to take a few months ago, but basically I have been unable to spend time on the Ambassador College campus at Big Sandy due to increasing responsibilities at headquarters.

However, with 57 new students arriving at midterm and many important meetings to conduct here relevant to our Ambassador College building program and other matters, I

was able to come over for at least a brief weekend, since Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong would be taking the Sabbath services at Pasadena.

Doctrinal Discussions

By the time you read this, most of you will have received my father's letter with an accompanying letter from me concerning our in-depth doctrinal meetings at headquarters

during the past weeks and months.

The letters are fully explanatory, and I will not comment further concerning the doctrinal discussions we have been concentrating on—but I wanted to go a little further in discussing with all of you what I feel is a paramount point that must be considered.

First, I believe some enemies of (See PERSONAL, page 15)

January admissions a college first

BIG SANDY — "For the first time in Ambassador history a January admission program has been instituted for accepting additional freshmen," commented Big Sandy Dean of Students Ronald Kelly here Jan. 31. "Fifty-seven new freshmen were notified by telephone during the past several weeks of their acceptance for the spring semester, beginning Jan. 28."

In Big Sandy's plan to allow as many students as possible to have the opportunity of attending Ambassador College, 57 young people from across the United States were admitted to college for the spring semester of the present school year.

In previous years there were two major factors that discouraged the midyear admittances:

- The number of bed spaces available in January was not sufficient to accept more than a small number of students.

- The classes at college were arranged to continue from the end of one semester into the beginning of the second semester.

Student Finances

This year, however, the availability of beds for the second semester was somewhat higher, due to a number of reasons, the foremost of

which was student financial considerations. Approximately half of the beds available in January were as a result of students dropping college for financial reasons.

Other spaces were made available because of the following reasons:

- Students transferred to other colleges.

- Some dropped college to be married.

- There were a few who could not maintain a sufficient grade-point average to remain in college.

- A handful were dismissed for personal disciplinary reasons.

Also, the classes this year have been arranged to form a definite break at the end of the semester. A distinct beginning point, therefore, could be arranged to start the classes during the second semester.

For example, the freshman Bible class this past semester completely finished the study of the life of Christ by thoroughly examining the four gospels with the aid of the book, *Harmony of the Gospels*.

Now the class will study church history in the second semester.

"Making each semester in all Ambassador College classes more of a separate entity allowed us the opportunity to accept a class which (See COLLEGE, page 16)



REGISTRATION — Freshman Carla Davison receives some academic counsel from Dr. Donald Deakins, Big Sandy dean of faculty, during registration. Fifty-seven new freshmen were admitted to college for the spring semester. [Photo by Scott Moss]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Food for thought

I would like to express how much I enjoy the church paper. This last paper, dated Jan. 7, 1974, I enjoyed immensely. I especially enjoyed all the letters to the editor.

Each one is so different and they give one something — good food for thought and for meditation. I enjoy the whole paper and look forward to receiving it.

Mrs. Matilda M. Philbin
Seattle, Wash.

Letters from the Armstrongs

Thank you so much for *The Worldwide News*. We really do enjoy it. We can't wait to receive each new issue. We really do thank all of you for a wonderful paper. It couldn't be better as far as I'm concerned. The letters from Mr. Ted Armstrong really make us feel closer to headquarters and more a part of God's Work.

It is great to know where Mr. Herbert Armstrong is and where he is headed. We can pray much more effectively for his success and safety.

Mrs. Fred King
Broussard, La.

Being a part

The Worldwide News is thoroughly enjoyed by our family. Learning about the events taking place and about the people in God's Work is more inspiring than I can say. Our three children especially like to hear the miracles God has performed in the lives of His people. The newspaper has really given us a feeling of being part of the Worldwide Church of God. Thank you so much for everything, Mr. Armstrong!

Mr.-Mrs. Richard Wyborny
Rudd, Iowa

Just one word

I just finished reading *The Worldwide News*, our newspaper, and I want to say just one word, "TERRIFIC," and thank you. This paper is improving with every issue.

The few who don't like our newspaper are in the minority, but the majority pray for its continued success and publication. I want to thank all of you, and I do mean all of you.

Mrs. Howard T. McMahon
Milwaukee, Wis.

Fulfilling a command

I want to express my appreciation along with all the brethren for the high quality of *The Worldwide News*. It is well balanced to suit the needs and interests of the brethren all over the world. John 15:12 commands us to love one another, and I believe *The Worldwide News* is aiding greatly in fulfilling that command.

Name withheld
Illinois

Backbone of the Work

I'd like to share with the readers of the *WN* an item I found in my 4-H Club *Monthly Reminders* from Auburn University [Auburn, Ala.], "Are You a Backbone?"

"Every organization is made up of all kinds of bones . . . There are wishbones, who spend all their time wishing that somebody else would do the work. There are jawbones, who do all the talking but very little else. Next come the knucklebones, who knock everything that somebody else tries to do. Finally, and fortunately, there are the backbones, who get under the load and do all the work. In which 'bone' category do you fit?"

This made me examine my own attitude more closely, and I hope it will serve as a prod for others. There probably aren't many wishbones, jawbones or knucklebones in this Work, but think of the greater things God can do in His Work if we are all backbones.

Thanks again for serving the brethren with *The Worldwide News*. It makes us fully realize just how worldwide the Work is!

Barbara W. Becknell
Andalusia, Ala.

Mr. Armstrong's itinerary

I read the "Personal" of Mr. Ted Armstrong in the last issue of this fine publication (Jan. 7), and while meditating on the tremendous amount of traveling Mr. Herbert Armstrong was undertaking I could not picture in my mind's eye the full scope of his journey. The thought then occurred to me: How wonderful it would be if a small map of the world could be inset along with his travel itinerary traced on it

with a mileage insert between stops. This way we could not only know of his travels but would be able to comprehend the tremendous strain being placed on him as he goes about God's Work, fulfilling the commission of preaching the Gospel to all nations. This idea is based on the old adage of one picture being worth a thousand words.

Donald F. Moore
San Antonio, Tex.

Thanks for the suggestion. We'll check with Mr. Armstrong and try to do it next trip.

South African on Ireland

Thank you very much for our own newspaper. While paging through the older ones, I came across the article, "Steady Growth in Ireland Continues in Spite of Strife and Persecution," in the June 25, 1973, issue, page 13.

After reading it for the second time, I realized how blessed we as members of God's Church in the Republic of South Africa are.

We can be grateful to our Creator for the increase of members in Ireland, especially when the religious pressures there are taken into consideration.

We are all looking forward to the time when the whole world will be peaceful and happy! I am looking forward to receiving more of *The Worldwide News*.

Coen. C. Klopper
Jagersfontein, South Africa

Comedy writers

Some of God's people are the best comedy writers I ever read, and the paper grows dearer to me every issue.

Please keep inserting poetry and articles like "And Man Said," "Let It Be . . ." in the Dec. 24 paper. Vivian Pettyjohn's puzzles are so great, so inventive, so fun. She must be some kind of genius — and I for one am so glad she likes to invent puzzles because we like to work them. So thanks to Mrs. Pettyjohn.

Another thing I wanted to mention was in reference to Mrs. Gerrie Brown's letter [Dec. 24] 1 Corinthians 13 describes love as kind, patient, looking for the best in each other, etc. We're all still human — and so we all have shortcomings and sometimes bad attitudes. And we're all struggling to overcome our carnal natures — a real battle sometimes. I myself have been guilty of judging when Christ plainly said "judge not!"

Maybe with a little more "esteeming others better than ourselves" we could overlook each other's faults and concentrate on that great big beam that blocks our own vision. Then we'd be too busy to even look for the little speck in somebody else's eye.

As far as I know, God didn't put me in charge of changing anyone but myself — except whatever help I can give through prayer and application of 1 Corinthians 13 and other similar scriptures.

Yes, I think we certainly can be kind and loving in helping one another.

Mrs. Nancy L. Gunnels
McMinnville, Tenn.

Husbands and wives

. . . I really enjoyed the two parts on the ten commandments for wives and husbands [Dec. 10]. I believe that if each one would put this into practice there wouldn't be an unhappy marriage. I will cut this out, put it on my cupboard door, read it time and time again. I want to try and put it into practice, with God's help . . .

Mrs. Otto Lennick
Bismarck, N.D.

What form?

I would like to receive *The Worldwide News*. On page 2 [of each issue] at bottom, last column right, of the paper, it says: "Please send Form 3579." But I do not have this form.

Please advise me as to how I may be put on the list to receive this paper, as I very much desire to receive it.

Rose V. Peters
Downs, Kan.

Form 3579 is a Postal Service form used to track down undelivered copies; it doesn't concern you as a subscriber. We have added your name to the mailing list.

Pen pals

It is so wonderful to read everything in your newspaper from cover to cover! I wish to thank you for your service of the "pen-pal" column as well. It helps us who live in the country or remote areas to be able to fellowship with brethren in other lands and learn more about their life-styles, rather than just living like an

island to itself. We can grow in brotherly love only if we have communications with one another. Your newspaper helps bind us all one to another, which edifies the Church . . .

Mrs. Wayne Sage
Topeka, Kan.

Every word

This letter has been put off for too long. It must now be written. I thoroughly enjoy every word of the *WN*. The "Personal" is superb. I miss the "Bookshelf."

Having first attended services in Atlanta, Ga., then in Pasadena and now in Toronto, Canada, it is wonderful to read and hear about the brethren all over the world. It certainly helps to bring us all much closer and gives us ammunition for prayer.

We arrived home early this morning and waiting for us was our latest magazine. I was overwhelmed and delighted when you asked for articles from our teenagers. The outcome was far more than I had anticipated ["Hi-Lites," Oct. 1]. Each has a tremendous lesson for us. The articles brought tears to my eyes. I hope I can learn the vital lesson in each. Thank you, Cathy, Pam and Karen.

Thanks go out also to Mr. [Colin] Adair, who used to be a minister in our area. Thank you for the fine article on the brethren in the Philippines [Oct. 1]. By the way, I also enjoy the crossword puzzles, etc. Thank you again for a very fine

newspaper (all of it).

Mrs. Warren Scheifele
West Hill, Ont.

Compulsive letter writer

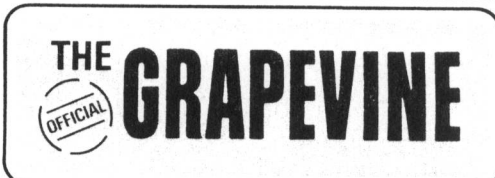
My mailman is in awe of me. It's all your fault! But then, how could you know what you started — with the *WN*? Have always been a compulsive letter writer and now the entire business is compounded. Have to keep a file for letters from the states and foreign countries, plus a monthly list of incoming and outgoing mail. The residuals cannot be measured. One becomes involved in the most personal way with brethren. A face-to-face confrontation would never release such intimate and emotional revelations. Besides (it's your turn to cry a lot), I get advance news of many activities before you publish them. . . .

As far as brethren whose letters yearn "to do" big deeds in the Work, refer them to the current article in the *GN* by Dr. Robert Kuhn. On target! . . .

P.S.: Okay, fellas and gals, whatever happened to that big spread you promised about New York? We're still here! Sylvania Westrate
Jamaica, N.Y.

Ministerial list continued

We did read the list of ministers and where they now are ministering in God's Work. We are surprised to see how many have been in our area. We did miss Mr.



PASADENA — The International Division reports that Colin Cato, presently a ministerial trainee visiting here from the Dusseldorf, Germany, office, is being transferred to Lindau, a southern German city near the Austrian and Swiss borders, to serve there.

The division also reports the beginning of two churches in West Germany on a monthly basis. Churches are to begin in Stuttgart and Hannover.

PASADENA — Dr. Yashuichi Awakawa, a Japanese painter, poet and professor emeritus, lectured before a literature class at Ambassador College here Wednesday, Jan. 30.

He was introduced to the class by Mr. Herbert Armstrong.

Dr. Awakawa is presently on a government-sponsored tour of major United States universities and colleges, including the University of California, Berkeley; Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.; the University of California, Los Angeles; Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.; Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.; and Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

He and his wife spent a few days as guests here in the home of Mr. Stanley Rader, Ambassador College's legal counsel.

PASADENA — The Personal Appearance Department reports an attendance of 1,086 in Raleigh, N.C., Sunday night, Jan. 27, the first night of the campaign there. Six hundred sixty of those attending were nonmembers.

Mr. David John Hill, director of the Marketing Division, took the campaign, and Mr. Randall Kobernat, the local pastor, emceed the second night.

Attendance was 665 — 360 of whom were nonmembers.

BIG SANDY — Mr. Les Stocker, assistant to Mr. David Antion in the Church Administration Division, returned to Pasadena last Wednesday after interviewing a number of Big Sandy senior students who are interested in the field ministry. Pasadena seniors have already been interviewed.

Mr. Stocker arrived here Thurs-

day, Jan. 24. In the following days he interviewed each senior man interested in the field, getting an idea of his feelings, thoughts and ideas.

The Church Administration Division hopes to hire 28 ministerial trainees from the two U.S. campuses for the United States this coming June.

In addition, the International Divi-



MR. LES STOCKER

sion plans to hire 20 trainees for Canada.

In an interview here Mr. Stocker said:

"We are not deciding who we hire and who we don't hire in this kind of interview. The real evaluation and recommendation comes from the . . . faculty. We're just trying to get familiar with and get to know some of the fellows that they're recommending."

BIG SANDY — Deputy Chancellor Ron Dart Wednesday, Jan. 30 instituted the "deputy chancellor's coffee break" on the campus here, an occasional hour set aside to serve doughnuts and coffee to any students and faculty members who desire to come in and engage in a few minutes of informal conversation and visiting.

Mr. Dart announced the new coffee break during a recent student forum, explaining that it would provide a chance to come and go at will and get together and talk over things with him without having to make a formal appointment.

He also pointed out that many college and university deans have the same arrangement.

Bruce Gore . . .

Of course we always look forward to news of the campaigns and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's trips abroad. We feel a much closer relationship to our brethren abroad. We feel that this *News* helps us to have a more personal relationship in our daily prayers to God for His Work.

Mrs. Velva Martin
Albion, Ind.

We regret the accidental omission of Mr. Bruce Gore from the ministerial list. He is a preaching elder in the Macon and Valdosta, Ga., churches.

DOWN WITH RYE CRISPI!

There's got to be more to good eating during the Days of Unleavened Bread than rye crisp and matzos. Right? So help us prove it. Share your favorite leavenless culinary masterpiece — be it unleavened jelly rolls or five-layer chocolate torte. Send it to:

RECIPES
"The Worldwide News"
Box 111
Big Sandy, Tex., 75755

We'll publish those which look the most promising in the March 18 issue of *The Worldwide News*. Limit: One recipe per family. Contributions to this feature should be postmarked no later than Friday, Feb. 22. P.S.: Be sure to include your name and address so our readers will know who to praise — or blame.

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STEBUEN — Pictured above are two pieces of Steuben crystal on Mr. Herbert Armstrong's desk in his office in the Hall of Administration on the Pasadena campus. In the left photo is "The Orb and the Eagle" and in the right photo is "The Pillar of the Griffins." (Photos by David McKee)

Steuben crystal makes a quality gift

By Frances Anater

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Objects of Steuben crystal are frequently used as gifts to world leaders because of the crystal's high quality. Mr. Herbert Armstrong often presents objects of Steuben crystal to the world figures he frequently meets.

From James S. Plaut's book, *Steuben Glass, a Monograph* (1972, Dover Publications, New York), we can trace the history of the Steuben Glass Co. from its somewhat inauspicious beginning to its present prestigious position as an acknowledged leader in the world of distinctive glassmaking.

The volume is richly illustrated with some 80 full-page photographs, ranging in subject from a whimsical knob-nosed hippopotamus to a space-age piece, "Mountains of the Moon."

According to the author's account, Steuben Glass Works was founded in 1903 by Frederick Carder, an English glassmaker. The company was then located in Steuben County, N.Y., near the Pennsylvania border. Today it is headquartered in New York City.

The company's original goal was to produce art glass in a variety of shapes and colors.

Corning Bought Steuben

When Corning Glass Works needed more furnaces to produce

Local elder wins dairy award

By Olin Hatton

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Glen Keeley, a local elder in the church here, has just proved how clean a dairy can be.

He is a dairy farmer and has won the "Super Milk Quality" award for southwestern Michigan and a part of northern Indiana.

The award requires a very low bacterial count, and Mr. Keeley's overall count was less than 5,000. State requirements allow a count of 100,000, and the rejection point is 300,000. Mr. Keeley's fractional bacterial count was due to overall cleanliness.

The award is not based on bacterial count. The overall facilities must be extra clean. This includes the cattle, barnyard, milk pails, milking machines and everything else connected with a dairy operation.

wartime technical glass in 1918, it bought Steuben. Upon returning to peacetime production, the Steuben division of Corning Glass Works was formed, and a wide variety of objects was turned out for a generalized market. This endeavor proved not impressively successful.

Arthur Houghton, a great-grandson of the founder of Corning, proposed a revamping of Steuben with himself as its head and Corning continuing as the parent company.

His plan was to specialize in design, to tone down past trends toward traditional ornateness, and to perfect a colorless yet brilliant and transparent crystal.

Through the efforts of a staff of highly competent chemists and experienced artisans, these ideals were largely attained by the early 1930s.

Joining Houghton to form a historic triumvirate of the glassmaking

art were Sidney Waugh, a sculptor, and John Gates, an architect. From the creativity of these young men and their coworkers have evolved the art treasures in crystal which have made Steuben a name known the world around.

Poetry in Crystal

In 1963 Steuben commissioned several leading poets to compose lines for interpretation in crystal. This marriage of the arts proved to be one of the company's most popular exhibits and was preserved in the book, *Poetry in Crystal*.

Other artistic cooperations have been effected among known and not-so-known persons at home and abroad. As well, Steuben glass has played an on-going role in inter-cultural relations through exhibitions and ceremonial gifts to heads of state.

ATTENTION: PROSPECTIVE AMBASSADOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The College Board, which administers the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (S.A.T.), has recently announced the following additional Sunday administrations of the S.A.T.:

Test dates: April 21, June 23
Registration deadlines: Feb. 22, May 10

If you are applying to Ambassador College — Pasadena or Big Sandy — for the 1974-75 academic year and have not taken the S.A.T., you should register to take these tests at the earliest possible date.

Applicants to the Pasadena campus are also required to take the English Achievement Test, also administered by the College Board. The next Sunday test date for the English Achievement Test is May 5, 1974. The registration deadline for this test is March 16.

Ambassador College's identification numbers are 4010 for Pasadena, 6029 for Big Sandy.

Students who wish to register for a Sunday administration should follow the directions on page 5 of the College Board Admissions Training Program student bulletin, which is available from high-school counselors.

For registration forms and further information, write to: College Board, Box 592, Princeton, N.J., 08540, or College Board, Box 1025, Berkeley, Calif., 94701.

Scandinavian tour includes initial visit into Finland

By Bjarne Neilsen

BRICKET WOOD Senior

Another very successful visiting tour in Scandinavia has just come to an end. In the middle of January Mr. Stuart Powell and I traveled long distances in the snow-covered landscapes of Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland.

The tour began in Denmark with a Bible study in Nyborg. Mr. Powell, the minister in charge of the Scandinavian area, and Mr. Richard Sprotte, head of the Danish Work in the Scandinavian Department, spoke to the small group of people.

Following a few visits in Denmark, Mr. Powell and I went on to Oslo in Norway.

In both countries, due to the fuel crisis, we were unable to rent cars for driving on Sundays.

From Oslo we flew to Stockholm, Sweden, from where we traveled by train and rented car to go into the interior of Sweden, experiencing certain difficulties due to gasoline rationing.

After a flight to the island of Gotland we returned to Stockholm, where we held the second Bible study of the tour.

The fourth country we visited was Finland — the first time representatives of God's Work had visited this

beautiful country bordering the Soviet Union. We flew into Helsinki, Finland, only one day after the worst snowstorm in more than a year and experienced the snow-covered, icy roads themselves — both around the capital and also in Vaasa, further north.

There we had a very promising first visit with a young man who hopes to come to Ambassador College.

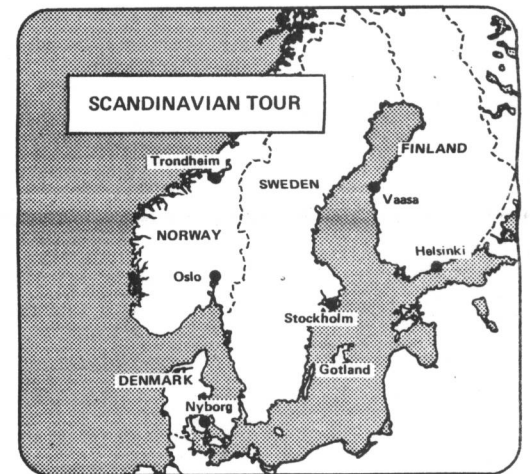
Next stop was Oslo, where the third Bible study was held.

The tour continued through Stavanger, on the west coast, and then further up north to Trondheim, for the last visits of the tour.

I flew home to England, and Mr. Powell stayed in Norway with Dietrik Zernichow, translator in the Scandinavian Department here, to search for a suitable site for the Feast of Tabernacles this autumn.

Plans are now finalized for the Spring Festival to be observed at Sundvollen, near Oslo, by 50 to 60 Scandinavian members and their families.

The Church in Scandinavia is growing rapidly. We have had two baptisms since the Feast and have several prospective members. Also, many new visit requests are coming in.



SCANDINAVIA — Map shows the places where Mr. Stuart Powell, the minister in charge of the Scandinavian area, traveled during his tour in the middle of January. The countries visited on his trip were Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland. (Artwork by Mike Hale)

Tour of Netherlands sparks more growth in Dutch Work

By Leo van Pelt

BRICKET WOOD Senior

BRICKET WOOD — The Dutch Work, now five years old, is experiencing steady growth, as was evidenced by a recently completed tour of the Netherlands. With 41,000 Dutch- and English-language *Plain Truths* being sent monthly to this small country, we now have 3,000 people on the *Correspondence Course*.

A number of these people had requested visits, so from Jan. 4 to 12 Dr. Roy McCarthy (a preaching elder here) and I left Bricket Wood for a planned 26 visits with prospective members.

Encouragement was quick to come. We left England knowing that Sunday driving was banned in the Netherlands and that fuel rationing would begin within a few days. We had arranged for visitors to see us at a hotel on Sunday via public transportation, but we still didn't know exactly how our fuel would

hold out during the week when the bulk of our visits were carried out.

We need not have worried. The newspaper headline on that first Sabbath morning read "Rationing Postponed Until Friday" (Jan. 11). The exact five days needed were given to us to carry out the job. So the tour began with a good chuckle and great encouragement.

Our schedule included nine new people not previously visited. The remainder were second and third visits, with one fourth visit to finish off the tally.

Out of those 26 visits, 21 were completed; 24 people in all were seen, and we spent an average of two hours per visit.

This tour was not the first, nor will it be the last. Dr. McCarthy, based in Bricket Wood, is also the pastor of the Utrecht, Netherlands, church and regularly visits his Dutch-speaking area every few months. This tour was truly inspiring; growth and change were very evident.

In a country of 650 million

Most-remote members live among populace of India

By Prince Azariah
Indian Member

BOMBAY, India — Recently a reader of *The Worldwide News* in a letter to the editor wondered who is the "most remote member of God's Church" ("Letters," Nov. 1).

The most remote member, I think, is not one who is geographically isolated but one who is isolated from other brethren. In this way, the 15-odd members in the large country of India are the most remote members on the earth.

In India the brethren are, of course, widely scattered. We get to see one another only at one period of the year, and that is during the Feast of Tabernacles.

Apart from that, contact is mainly through letters. We correspond with one another and with England. Our spiritual food comes in the form of *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, and, for some, *The Worldwide News*.

We gobble up the contents of every booklet we get.

Every night we tune in to *The World Tomorrow* radio program.

The office at Bricket Wood, England, is probably flooded with our letters asking for advice.

We yearn for the semiannual meetings with the ministers of God.

Yes, we get to meet the ministers only twice in a year. So you see why we are so isolated and remote.

The Indian way of life is very much different from the western way of living. We suddenly find that we have to make radical changes in virtually every stage of our life. In India this is very difficult, and in some cases the environment will oppose any such change very powerfully.

Indian society is basically a very protective society, and all through one's life one is dependent on the society for one's basic needs.

Westernization in the country is very superficial. One may dress very modern, talk with a western accent and be very western in his professional or academic life, but basically the home life of an Indian is the same as it was 5,000 years ago.

And I don't say that this is a very primitive way of living, because in some ways the ethics of Indian home life are something the western society can learn from. Morality is high and immorality comes basically when someone disobeys the ethics of the society and drifts away. One who does this is ostracized.

When professing Christianity came into the country, it was absorbed into the Hindu way of life; the Hindu religion is very tolerant and lets a person follow his god any way he likes. A Hindu converting to conventional Christianity may leave his home and follow his religion away from his society, but to survive he will eventually follow the Hindu life-style while professing the Christian religion.

The Test Commandment

Now, think of what happens when a person is really called of God and his eyes are opened to the truths of the Bible. The first thing one realizes is that in order to follow Christ he has to give up working on the Sabbath and Holy Days.

In India this is the test commandment, and this alone has been the cause of harassment for all the Indian Church members to date.

Students find that they must give up classes on the Sabbath. That may be possible, but to give up university examinations on Saturdays means that a student loses the year and must sit for the exam the next year — again on another Sabbath. So he fails the exam every year.

Irate fathers have turned their sons out of the house just for this reason.

Most companies and government offices in the country work on a six-day week with Sundays off. That means that one cannot get a job until one gets a five-day-week job.

In our country, jobs are very difficult to find and unemployment is very high. If a company advertises for 10 vacancies, as many as 5,000 people apply for the job, and then the ones selected may be the ones having influential friends or relatives in the company. Under these circumstances a person who asks for a Saturday off just won't get the job.

When a non-Christian decides to be baptized, he invariably finds persecution at home, and in some cases he will have to leave the home. This calls for his having to be economically independent of his parents, and for this one must go and find a job against overwhelming odds.

If he cannot get a job, he cannot leave home. Even if he gets a job, and he lives in the city, he may not be able to rent a room. It is very, very difficult nowadays to get housing accommodations in the cities.

With the rising food prices, it is very difficult to find a restaurant serving meals at reasonable rates. So the challenge: Do I obey God and in the bargain get thrown out of my house and fight for a job, shelter, food and other necessities, or do I relax and fall back into my protective society and enjoy the fruits of my father's labor?

This becomes all the more difficult a choice because if one loses his home he is viewed with great suspicion and everyone thinks he must have committed some severe transgression. So the person walks out of his home a social outcast.

Girls Suppressed

This can be terrifying if a girl decides to change her old ways and follow God's ways. Girls are tremendously suppressed in the Indian society anyway. Although many profess a free and modern attitude to life, and in many ways try to imitate western ideas, when it comes down to it, Indian girls are passive and let life happen to them.

Most marriages are arranged by the parents and invariably the girl does not know the boy she will marry until the wedding day. If a girl tries to give up her parents' religion, she stands the danger of being beaten by her parents. She will then not be permitted to have anything else to do with this new religion under the pain of being thrown out of the house.

For an Indian girl, being thrown out of the house is suicidal and unthinkable. She may get a job as a domestic servant — and if she has the primary qualifications she may hope for a job of a typist or secretary — but this may take months.

A single girl in the city is too much of a target of antisocial elements who are always on the lookout for opportunities to exploit her.

All this being so, a girl may feel she cannot break away from the way she was reared; she has too much to lose materially and socially.

This brings about another problem: If no girls come into the Church, who will the young men in the Church select for their mates? Believe me, for our country, where we take marriages for granted (the parents arrange them), it is a very insecure feeling to have to realize that you will have to reject whomever your parents present to you, and you have little chance to find an alternate suitable mate anyway.

Honoring Parents

When one thinks about all this, (See INDIA, page 5)



CAMPUS BARBER — Since 1971 Heinz Hoffman has been employed as the barber on the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College. Part of his story from the time he was part of the Hitler Youth to his job as barber at the college is recounted below.

Former Nazi now campus barber, recounts active and colorful life

By Thalia Martin

BRICKET WOOD — From the Hitler Youth to the Bricket Wood campus' barber shop, Heinz Hoffman has experienced a very active and colorful life.

Born in 1925 one of eight children, his home was East Prussia, then a part of Germany, now a part of the Soviet Union.

Hoffman is now the full-time barber on the English campus of Ambassador College.

As was expected of a young German in 1934, young Heinz joined the Hitler Youth at the age of 9. If he had not, the family would have been suspected of anti-German leanings.

For the next eight years he attended lectures and youth activities and planned recreation with others his age. During that time he applied for and was granted a three-year apprenticeship as a ladies' and men's hairdresser.

His career was cut short when he volunteered for the German army. It was a requirement to be in the *Reichsarbeitsdienst* (State Labor Service) one year before becoming an actual part of the army. This service was designed by Adolf Hitler to solve some of the labor problems of the country as well as provide an instant reserve of men.

Hoffman said: "Every country has problems of poor roads, and work forces are needed. We had spades and shovels rather than rifles."

Hoffman showed special interest in this part of his life, and I asked him why he had liked it so much.

"I was brought up from the cradle with discipline. With eight children, my father had to be on the ball to rule his own platoon. I liked discipline."

"I signed on for a 12-month career. Due to the urgency of the war, I received rank as a foreman after only four months."

As a foreman, Hoffman was taught by a company leader and then taught the new entrants. Meanwhile, the European powers were preparing for war.

A Lonely Time

Hoffman received his infantry training in the town of Siegen, Westphalia.

"As the troops were needed on the east front, older ones were pulled out of the training area in the south of France and new infantry moved in to continue training. We were now

equipped with rifles and settled into a summer in the Rhone Valley in the south of France near the city of Vienne. It was a lonely time there."

Hoffman inserted a thought here that has influenced his whole life:

"I had a very fine family. We would eat together always, hold hands around the table for prayer and a song. I have felt the influence of my father. He was a strong man. My father started off small in the factory, worked himself up to an executive position."

In September of 1943 he finished training and was sent to the Channel Islands.

The first nine months were spent on the Isle of Sark, which is about seven miles long and five miles wide.

"My job was to stand guard every single night in two-hours-on-and-two-hours-off shifts. It was a real mental strain, with the wind howling and rabbits running around."

First Excitement

The last three months were spent in a harbor section where "we had our first and last real excitement."

Hoffman was watching a rock front. Just as he was relieved from duty and started back to camp, "the sky lit up as five loud blasts went off very near me. I went to the sergeant and we dashed around the harbor to see what was happening. I was only 18 years old and caught up in the excitement . . ."

"We later found out that the blasts were mines set by the British. Two dead soldiers were found; others escaped."

Apparently, the bombs were set and then triggered by British commandos — victims of their own booby trap.

The next stint was on the Isle of Guernsey, another Channel island, where Hoffman was in charge of some of the fortifications. He worked specifically with an instrument called a light speaker, as well as flame throwers and 10-millimeter guns.

A light speaker is run on a battery and uses light to transmit from one speaker to another.

He continued the series of events: "When the invasion of France started, we were cut off from supplies. We went on rations, which means we had starvation diet."

Hoffman weighed 168 pounds when he went into the Channel Islands and only 112 pounds when he

left.

This was brought about by a steady diet of "nettle soup" — nettles, water and only 10 pounds of whatever meat they could find to feed over 260 men.

"Just to get extra food we would wade out into the sea, turn over rocks, get the mussels out."

"By the end of this rationing we were running the whole thing through a meat mincer and spreading it on a block of bread we got once a day."

Prisoner of War

"When Germany capitulated I became a POW in England for three years. I had a good time; we were filled up with porridge and cream."

Thus ended the wartime career of Heinz Hoffman.

In 1946 he met an English girl who became his wife in 1950, Margarete Pauline Mulliner.

A daughter, Anita, arrived not long afterwards.

The little family began listening to *The World Tomorrow* on Radio Luxembourg in 1959.

Two years later Hoffman began working at the Ambassador College Press.

"It was a glorified duplicator at this time," he commented.

In 1962 he was transferred to the Transport Department.

Since 1971 Hoffman has been employed as the barber on the Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador College.



HITLER YOUTH — This picture was taken during Heinz Hoffman's early years in the Hitler Youth.

World War II resistance movement

Danish proofreader for college recalls war incidents in Norway

By Brian Duffield
BRICKET WOOD — Christian von Zernichow was born on his father's rubber plantation in what is now Malaysia. When he was only one year old, his family left Southeast Asia and returned to Norway on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Today Christian von Zernichow works in the Scandinavian Department at the Ambassador College campus here.

But before Zernichow came to England he spent some very interesting years in Norway.

Having been active in the Norwegian resistance movement during Germany's occupation of Norway in World War II, Zernichow recalls some of the interesting incidents of this explosive time.

He mentioned that the Norwegian government and people had naively refused to believe Germany was really intending to attack Norway. Even after the Swedish military attacks to Berlin presented the Norwegian government with plans, including dates, of the German invasion, they refused to act.

However, once invasion did come, the local people valiantly used what meager arms they had until it was futile to continue resistance.

Just as the German troops were surrounding Oslo, the king, the crown prince and the Storting (Norwegian parliament) were able to slip through the German lines and escape. Eventually they arrived in London and ruled in exile for the remainder of the occupation.

Zernichow recalls how 98 percent of the Norwegian people remained loyal to this government, a tribute to their strong patriotism.

Like many of the people in occupied nations, Zernichow was a member of the organized resistance movement.

He was in charge of five groups of 10 men each. He knew the names and phone numbers of the leaders of each group, but for maximum safety no one person knew how to contact Zernichow. The leaders knew the first two digits of his telephone number, and another member from each group knew the remaining ones. In that way, no one was able to endanger the whole operation if he were interrogated.

One of the functions of these groups was to guide British aircraft into prearranged locations to parachute troops and supplies into Norway. Shining small lights into the night sky, the teams were constantly in danger of being taken by German troops and never had more than 20 minutes to clear all the supplies from the pickup zone.

It was on one of these sorties that Zernichow received a bullet wound in his wrist from a faulty German pistol. A wound such as this could not be treated openly, since the German orders were that anybody having anything whatsoever to do with weapons was to be shot. However, Norwegian doctors were able to attend to it without their German supervisors discovering the wound's real cause.

But the injury he had sustained meant that Zernichow could no longer take part in the physical pickup of parachuted goods. Instead, he was given the job of determining the numbers and other details of German troops quartered in schools and other temporary barracks in Oslo.

Periodically, maps showing these details were handed to another contact and passed from man to man until they came to London, where British intelligence put them to valuable use.

After having been on this assign-

ment for some nine months, Zernichow one day passed the latest maps to his contact and departed — only to discover later that this man was arrested and detained only 20 minutes after their meeting.

Although the captured man did not reveal any names to his captors, eventually two other of Zernichow's subordinates were caught.

Had the Gestapo known that each man had a part of his telephone number, they would have been able to capture Zernichow too without difficulty.

Obviously it was no longer safe for him to stay at home with his wife and children. But he was instructed not to leave Norway, because it was essential that his job still be done.

As a result he spent the last year of the war moving from friend to friend and among relatives — always trying to avoid staying with people who were close friends.

A strict procedure had to be followed any time he attempted to see his wife. First a phone call. If she answered with any words other than "Oh, it's you," then Zernichow would know that there was some

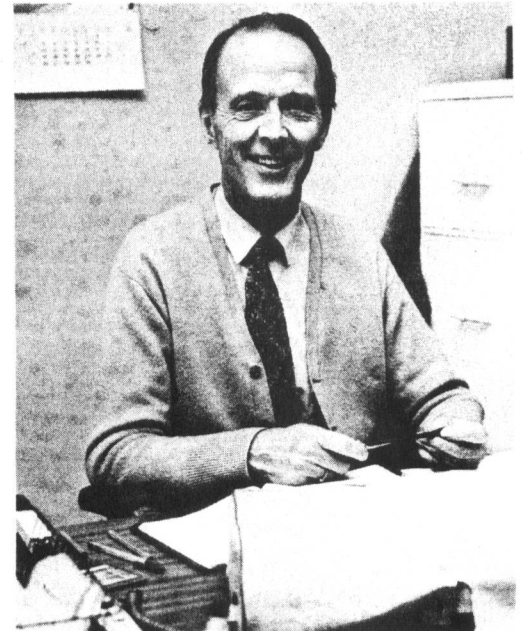
reason it was unsafe for him to visit home.

Then, as he approached the house, he would check to make sure that the curtain was drawn across a certain window. If someone were in the house, it would be quite natural for his wife to move to open a curtain. Thus he would know whether it was safe to enter.

After the end of the war Zernichow continued with his profession as an engineer. He was introduced to Ambassador College via *The World Tomorrow* broadcast over Radio Luxembourg in 1954, but it wasn't until 1970 that he finally came to England to stay.

His main work here involves proofreading the Danish translations of Ambassador College publications; Danish is widely spoken in Norway and Sweden. It is necessary for Zernichow to insure that any part of an article which may be misunderstood is made clear to those in Sweden and Norway.

With a growing list of *Plain Truth* subscribers in Scandinavia, Zernichow sees his work load constantly growing.



NORWEGIAN RECOUNTS YEARS — Christian von Zernichow, an employee of the Scandinavian Department in Bricket Wood, recalls some of his years in the Norwegian resistance movement.

'Ministerial best' not easy in flood and mud

By John A. Halford
Australian Preaching Elder
SYDNEY, Australia — A minister's life is never dull.

Friday, Jan. 4, I was minding my own business at home when the phone rang. It was Mr. Colin Jackson, pastor of the church in Mackay, North Queensland, Australia.

"Hey, John, can you help me out?" he asked.

Joe Tyler and Susie Hensley, two local members, were due to be married in a couple of days, and there was no one to marry them.

Mr. Jackson, a newly ordained preaching elder, had not yet received his official government permission to solemnize marriages. Since Mackay is about 1,200 miles north of Sydney, I asked an obvious question:

"Why don't you ask Mark Cardona, pastor of the Brisbane church? He is 600 miles closer than I am."

But Mr. Cardona, a recent arrival from the United States, had not received official permission either. I was the closest available man.

The brethren in Mackay had contributed to raise the airfare for someone to fly from Sydney to perform the wedding ceremony, so of course I agreed to go.

Worst Floods in 30 Years

"There is one thing you should know," said Mr. Jackson before hanging up. "The wedding is to be 200 miles west of here, in Clermont, and the area is suffering the worst floods for 30 years."

I had read about the serious flooding in the outback areas, but going there — well, that was a different matter.

The papers were carrying stories of towns and villages cut off and travelers stranded for days on lonely roads. Still, a wedding is a pretty important occasion, and we did not want to have to postpone it. So late Monday evening, Jan. 7, I flew to Mackay.

Mackay, situated in the tropics, was hot and humid. Flooding was rampant throughout the area, and the town was virtually cut off by road. More rain was forecast.

However, the next morning the weather was bright and clear. "The best day we have had for weeks," a local resident said.

Mr. Jackson checked with the po-

lice and an auto club and determined that the road to Clermont was indeed open.

"Very wet, but passable at the moment," was the way they put it.

Remembering the lesson of a message to Garcia, and how the Apostle Paul had survived a night and a day in the deep, we decided to try to get through.

The first 20 miles were not too bad. There was a good paved road, and, although the rivers and creeks were running high, the bridges were all intact. We made good time, although, ominously, we passed very little traffic coming toward us.

Slithering Along

After about two hours of driving, the paved surface gave way to a rough road. To say we drove this section would be an exaggeration. For several miles we slid, slithered, gouged and plowed our way through inches-deep mud, potholes and deep wheel ruts.

Several creeks and small rivers cross this section of road, at fords rather than bridges. The water was up and flowing swiftly, but it was safe to cross.

However, this section would be something to watch on the return journey. If we were to get trapped there between two rivers, we would have to stay until the floods abated.

After an exciting 4½-hour drive, we arrived at the homestead where Joe's and Susie's wedding was to take place. That is, I arrived. With one mile to go, and within sight of the house, the car became helplessly bogged in a small lake of muddy water. We decided that I would try to get through to the house while Mr. Jackson stayed with the car.

I climbed out of the window and onto the hood and made a prodigious leap for dry land. Narrowly missing it, I walked the remaining mile to the house through the sodden fields.

Ministerial Best

One does not feel at one's ministerial best arriving at a member's house on foot, soaked to the knees in mud and followed by a herd of curious cows.

"Hello, folks," I said. "I have come to marry Joe and Susie. May we borrow your tractor?"

While efforts were made to pull Mr. Jackson out of the mire, preparations got under way for the wedding.

Everyone was delighted to see us; they had half expected to have to call it off.

Most of the guests had not arrived, and no one was quite sure where the groom was. He arrived shortly, having spent the night in his car next to a flooded river, waiting for it to go down sufficiently for him to cross.

Then two guests arrived, closely followed by the best man, covered in mud.

Better Get On With It

"There's a storm brewing," someone quipped. "You had better get on with it or you'll never get out."

Since it is quite possible to get stranded for up to a week in that country, getting on with it seemed a good idea.

The necessary quorum for a wedding was now present — bride, groom, minister, best man and two witnesses — so we quickly organized the service.

My coat and tie were still in our car, so it would have to be a very informal wedding.

God rewarded our efforts. During the short service the sun came out bright and a cool breeze sprang up. All went well, and Joe Tyler and Susie Hensley were married as scheduled.

After the service there was no time for celebration. A storm certainly was brewing. Even half an inch of rain could quickly produce flash floods, which could strand us at the homestead — or worse, miles from anywhere in the bush.

So we churned our way back through the mud as big clouds built up on three sides. We needed desperately to get beyond the stretch of unpaved road. Once that was behind us, we could be fairly certain of getting back to Mackay.

One, two, three rivers were forded. Then, with only one major river still to cross, the storm broke.

For 10 minutes the rain came down in an unbroken sheet. The dirt-road surface became a quagmire; the pot-holes turned into lakes; the wheel ruts became creeks; the creeks became fast-flowing rivers.

We hesitated to think what the

river had become.

The Engine Stopped

Miraculously, the ford was still passable. We slithered down the bank and gingerly headed the car into the water. A quarter of the way across . . . halfway . . . nearly there . . . and then the engine stopped!

We prayed. After several attempts, it sputtered back to life.

Slowly, the car pulled itself out of the water and ground its way up the other bank.

A few minutes and that river would have flooded and we would have been stuck for the night, or longer.

After blindly negotiating four or five more miles of rapidly deteriorating dirt surface, we regained the paved road to Mackay.

Well, we made it back home safely, satisfied that it was mission accomplished. Joe and Susie were married.

I flew home to Sydney in the comfort and security of a DC9.

Like I said, a minister's life is never dull.

India

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one realizes that it seems that next to keeping the Sabbath, the next test commandment is having to honor your parents. It seems that to listen to God, you have to disobey your parents at every stage. This too is a very demoralizing task.

The brethren in the West are indeed blessed. They do not have to face these special problems in the same way Indians do.

But we here have to work against seemingly insurmountable oppression, and we, who need the maximum counseling, advice and comforting, can get only the least of it because ministers have to cover half the world to come and see us. And this they can do only semiannually.

In virtually every facet of our lives we must trust in God that the next step will not bring us to face further troubles.

Truly we are isolated and remote. It sounds unbelievable, but in a country of 650 million people, 15 people are quite possibly the most remote members in the Church of God.

Executive interview

Seeing college students succeed is dean's greatest sense of satisfaction

By Dave Molnar

PASADENA — "I suppose the greatest sense of satisfaction that I get from my job is seeing the college students progress — to become more adult and have their lives changed through conversion."

The preceding statement was made by the dean of students of Ambassador College, Pasadena, Mr. Charles Oehlman.

As the dean of students, Mr. Oehlman naturally is in the position to help change the lives of students.

"It's a good feeling to know that perhaps you have played at least a small part in some of these changes," he said.

Mr. Oehlman's job as the dean of students has been a sort of fountain of youth; he is 39 years old, but most people think he looks much younger than that.

"I think a lot of it has to do with being around the younger people, who think younger," he commented, "as well as being involved in student activities where you get plenty of exercise."

Fanaticism

Mr. Oehlman is a native Californian and has lived there all of his life. He attended Compton Junior College, in Compton, Calif., and California State University, at Long Beach, and graduated from the University of Redlands, in Redlands, Calif., where he majored in psychology and minored in sociology.

While still a college student in 1956 he married the former Janice Quint.

Even though he resided in Southern California, it was not until 1960 that he and his wife heard of Ambassador College, through *The World Tomorrow* broadcast.

"I listened to it a little bit at that time, but I wasn't all that interested because I thought, frankly, that Mr. Armstrong was a little bit fanatical. As I looked at it at that time, it was a lot of shouting and raving.

"It didn't really have that much of an effect upon me initially, except for a few things of a more practical nature that would appeal to a carnal mind, like the observance of Christmas. It was more of a monetary thing where I knew that I could save money by not observing Christmas."

It was not until 1962 that certain things began to register in his mind.

"The big things which became the pivotal point that provided me a springboard to the truth were the Sabbath and the Holy Days, because those were the two things to which I objected most strongly when I first heard Mr. Armstrong."

Mr. Oehlman's first reaction to these doctrines was one of ridicule.

"How can we know that the Sabbath is on the seventh day? I thought, 'and how can we know to keep these Holy Days?' I made fun of them, actually.

"As it turns out, the very things that I ridiculed were the ones that God turned and rubbed my nose in. These are the things that caused me to study into more of the truth."

After more study he and his wife came to the realization that these things weren't so ridiculous after all, and they were baptized in 1962.

In the spring of 1962 he graduated from the University of Redlands with a degree in psychology. Since he and his wife were newly baptized, they began to attend church that year, in Long Beach, Calif.

At this time Mr. Oehlman was in what he calls his "first love," and he immediately decided to attend Ambassador College to "get every bit of

truth that I could get my hands on."

Rejected Three Times

In 1962 Mr. Oehlman made his first application to Ambassador College.

"I was turned down that first year," he chuckled. "The next year I applied again and I was turned down again."

"Finally, the third year [1964], I applied for one last time. Mr. [David Jon] Hill [now head of the Marketing Division] was the pastor in Long Beach at the time. He told me, 'Charlie, don't call us; we'll call you. We know your address, and if we want you we know where to get you.'"

By 1966 Mr. Oehlman had a job working for the Los Angeles (Calif.) Board of Education, and he was just getting settled into his home. He also had been ordained a deacon in the Long Beach church.

"I was just getting settled. I was happy and felt that I had a pretty good future ahead of me."

Just as things seemed to be going pretty good, he got a call at his office from Mr. Hill.

"At first I wondered what I had done wrong that he was calling me at the office. But he was calling to ask me if I wanted to come to college for the 1966 fall semester. The answer was obvious — that I did."

So in the fall of 1966 Charles Oehlman enrolled in Ambassador College. Just before he came to college he was ordained as a local elder, so he came to college as a married, ordained man.

Kooks

While in college he initially continued his duties as an elder and



DEAN OF STUDENTS — Mr. Charles Oehlman is shown in his office on the Pasadena campus. In 1962 Mr. Oehlman made his first application to Ambassador College but was rejected then and the following two years. Finally, in 1966, he made it. Now he is the college's dean of students. [Photo by Dave Molnar]

worked on the visiting program in the Long Beach area.

"Those were the years when an ordained man came to college and continued to work on the visiting program while still taking a full load of college classes. It just became too much."

To make things easier, he was transferred into the Visiting Office at the campus.

"It was my privilege to handle a lot of the kooks that came around," he commented.

In this job he met all kinds of people — a girl who claimed the United States government was testing secret weapons on her; a man who wanted to sell his perpetual-motion machine to the college; a 50-year-old woman who claimed that "Mr. Ted told me on the radio to come out here and get some schoolin'," and a whole slew claiming to be one of the two witnesses.

"When I finally met the third witness, I told him he was mathematically eliminated because I had met the first two already."

During his college career he headed up the tour-guide program for the Pasadena campus and began working in the dean of students' office, counseling students. This worked out very nicely for him.

"I had always wanted to go into education anyway. I enjoyed the college environment and thoroughly enjoyed being with college students and working directly with them."

As it turned out, Mr. Oehlman was appointed to the office of dean of students during the summer of 1973 and now enjoys his job very much.

What does a dean of students do?

"Obviously, it involves a great deal of counseling with students," he said. "Not great, earthshaking counseling sessions, but just general problems that the average young person will come up with, or questions that they will have."

He also works very closely with the student-body officers, club presidents and resident assistants, besides teaching three classes — Basic Speech, Principles of Living, and Family Relations.

Challenges

One of the biggest challenges of Mr. Oehlman's job is just to find the time to do everything that he would like to do.

"Dealing with students is similar to dealing with my own children. When you know that you've got a right principle to present to a student, you wish with everything that they would see it so they don't hurt themselves. I guess this will be an eternal

challenge for all of us in the Church and college — that we help others to see and understand these things.

"A lot of these lessons, though, are only going to come with maturity — along with the right teaching and guidance. If someone would have come up to me when I was 18 or 19 and beat me across the bridge of the nose with a four-by-four and said this or that is the right way to do it, I probably wouldn't have listened to him. It was only through time, experience and additional maturity that I was finally able to see some of the common principles of living."

He continued: "It's gratifying to me to see these young people who come to college change over the course of their four years here. I remember one fellow in particular. When I met him at the faculty reception I said to myself, 'He'll never even last through his freshman year.' He was high-strung and nervous, and



EXECUTIVE INTERVIEW — In this edition of *The Worldwide News*, Mr. Charles Oehlman, Pasadena dean of students, relates some of his experiences. [Photo by Dave Molnar]

I didn't think that he would make it. Now he's graduated and in the Work, doing a great job."

For Charles Oehlman, life has been very gratifying. He enjoys the life he's leading and is very happy with the opportunities presented by his job.

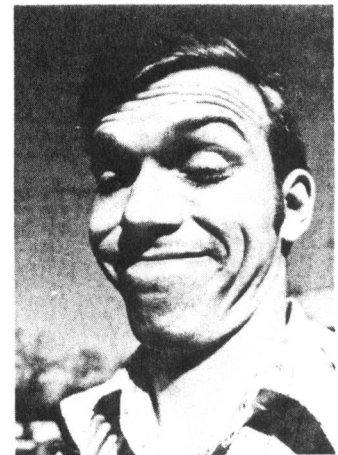
"I've been blessed many, many times over the past years since being

in the Church and here at the college," he said.

Three of these blessings are his children — Marc, 16, Sharon, 12, and Ruth, 8 — all of whom are students at Imperial Schools.

Mr. Oehlman enjoys a gratifying job, fine family and happy life in general. Not bad for a three-time reject of Ambassador College.

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U.S. CHURCH AREAS, PASTORS AND ATTENDANCE*

*Attendance figures listed below are for the highest Sabbath-service attendance for the month of November

REGIONAL DIRECTORS — Atlanta, Carl McNair; Big Sandy, Walter Sharp; Chicago, George Kemnitz; Cincinnati, Edward Smith; Kansas City, Dennis Pyle; Pasadena, Burk McNair; Portland, Paul Flatt; Washington, Ken Westby.

ALABAMA — Birmingham, 537, Robert Dick; Gadsden, 244, Bill Nettles; Geneva, 139, Larry Smith; Huntsville, 247, Bill Nettles; Mobile, 251, Larry Smith; Montgomery, 140, Robert Dick.

ALASKA — Anchorage, 133, Bill Gordon; Kenai, 52, Bill Gordon.

ARIZONA — Phoenix A.M., 347, Bill Rapp; Phoenix P.M., 367, Vernon Hargrove; Tucson, 235, Tom Turk.

ARKANSAS — Fayetteville, 285, Allen Bullock; Fort Smith, 235, Allen Bullock; Jonesboro, 226, Bill Jacobs; Little Rock, 602, Bill Cowan Jr.

CALIFORNIA — Bakersfield, 162, Wayne Shiflet; Escondido, 148, James Friddle; Fairfield, 215, Charles Scott; Fontana, 376, Darryl Henson; Fresno, 322, Wayne Shiflet; Glendora, 254, Ken Swisher; Long Beach, 208, Hal Baird; Modesto, 280, James Doak; Monterey, 191, Rick Gipe; Norwalk A.M., 203, John Ritenbaugh; Norwalk P.M., 243, John Ritenbaugh; Oakland, 424, John Hammer; Pasadena A.M., 1,215, Herbert Armstrong; Pasadena P.M., 1,040, Herbert Armstrong; Pasadena Imperial A.M., 569, Herbert Armstrong; Pasadena Imperial P.M., 895, Herbert Armstrong; Sacramento, 583, Bryce Clark; San Diego, 365, James Friddle; San Francisco, 237, Dave Orban; San Jose A.M., 230, Wayne Dunlap; San Jose P.M., 260, Wayne Dunlap; San Luis Obispo, 68, Al Kersha; San Marino A.M., 279, Elmer McElroy; San Marino P.M., 224, Elmer McElroy; Santa Ana, 299, Bob League; Santa Barbara, 230, Al Kersha; Santa Monica, 294, Fred Coulter; Santa Rosa, 160, Charles Scott; Torrance, 238, Fred Coulter.

COLORADO — Denver, 626, Guy Engelbart; Grand Junction, 80, Ledru Woodbury; Greeley, 167, James Jenkins; Pueblo, 216, Guy Engelbart.

CONNECTICUT — Bridgeport, 206, Jim Rosenthal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA — Washington North, 415, Glenn Purdy; Washington South, Glenn Purdy.

FLORIDA — Fort Lauderdale, 294, Fred Kellers; Gainesville, 120, Oliver Batte; Jacksonville, 235, Oliver Batte; Melbourne, 189, Dave Odor; Lakeland, 416, Roger Foster; Miami, 254, Fred Kellers; Orlando, 284, Dave Odor; St. Petersburg, 310, Roger Foster; Tampa, Roger Foster.

GEORGIA — Atlanta, 553, Ray Wooten; Athens, 161, Ray Wooten; Cartersville, 199, Ray Wooten; Macon, 191, Bruce Gore; Valdosta, 156, Bruce Gore.

HAWAII — Honolulu, 118, Tom Blackwell.

IDAHO — Boise, 249, Terry Swagerty; Pocatello, 90, Carl Koellner; Twin Falls, 40, Terry Swagerty.

ILLINOIS — Champaign, 195, Robert Persky; Chicago Northwest, 382, Dan Fricke; Chicago South, 328, Selmer Hegvold; Chicago Southside, 364, Carlos Perkins; Chicago Southwest, 337, Carl Gustafson; Macomb, 100, Roger Malone; Peoria, 327, Roger Malone; Rockford, 196, Dan Fricke.

INDIANA — Elkhart, 290, Charles Groce; Evansville, 332, Roy Demarest; Fort Wayne, 297, Charles Groce; Indianapolis North, 252, Don Lawson; Indianapolis South, 274, Don Lawson; Lafayette, 194, Robert Persky; Michigan City, 185, Selmer Hegvold; Muncie, 199, Don Lawson.

IOWA — Des Moines, 243, Bill Quillen; Iowa City, 174, Bill Quillen; Waterloo, 190, Karl Beyersdorfer.

KANSAS — Hays, 127, Jack Pakozdi; Kansas City South, 373, Robert Spence; Liberal, 92, Jeff Booth; Salina, 100, Jack Pakozdi; Topeka, 229, Darryll Watson; Wichita, 553, Bill Winner.

KENTUCKY — Bowling Green, 141, Roy Demarest; Lexington, 296, Kelly Barfield; London, 164, Kelly Barfield; Louisville, 283, Ray Meyer; Paducah, 217, Earl Roemer; Pikeville, 129, Kelly Barfield.

LOUISIANA — Alexandria, 119, Dick Thompson; Baton Rouge, 175, Dick Thompson; Lake Charles, 202, Harold Rhodes; Monroe, 268, Jeff McGowan; New Orleans, 556, Bob Boyce; Shreveport, 352, William Bradford.

MARYLAND — Annapolis, 144, Carl Fowler; Baltimore A.M., 328, Vincent Panella; Baltimore P.M., 257, Vincent Panella; Hagerstown, 274, Glenn Purdy.

MASSACHUSETTS — Boston, 221, Rowlen Tucker; Springfield, 221, Milo Wilcox.

MICHIGAN — Detroit East, 480, Elbert Atlas; Detroit West, 364, Bruce Vance; Flint, 402, Doug Taylor; Gaylord, 119, Felix Heimberg; Grand Rapids, 280, John Cheetham; Kalamazoo, 233, Ken Williams; Midland, 200, Felix Heimberg.

MINNESOTA — Duluth 255, Otto Lochner; Grand Rapids, 129, Otto Lochner; Minneapolis North, 293, Robert Jones; Minneapolis West, 375, Judd Kirk; Rochester, 213, Karl Beyersdorfer; St. Paul, 454, Robert Jones.

MISSISSIPPI — Hattiesburg, 186, Ron Wallen; Jackson, 246, Jeff McGowan; Meridian, 100, Ron Wallen; Tupelo, 220, Jack Pyle.

MISSOURI — Cape Girardeau, 290, Earl Roemer; Columbia, 306, George

Meeker; Joplin, 300, Les McCole; Kansas City East, 296, Fred Davis; Kansas City North, 404, Robert Spence; Lake of the Ozarks, 279, George Meeker; Rolla, 137, Robert Bertuzzi; St. Joseph, 236, Darryll Watson; St. Louis East, 348, Robert Bertuzzi; St. Louis North, 506, Robert Bertuzzi; St. Louis South, 360, Robert Bertuzzi; Springfield, 440, Les McCole.

MONTANA — Missoula, 82, Rand Millich; Great Falls, 64, Rand Millich; Hardin, 64, Robert Hoops.

NEBRASKA — Grand Island, 211, Mike Weber; North Platte, 121, Mike Weber; Omaha, 359, Keith Hoyt.

NEVADA — Las Vegas, 123, Dennis Adams; Reno, 184, Tracey Rogers.

NEW HAMPSHIRE — Concord, 258, Dan Rogers.

NEW JERSEY — Newark, 549, Mike Swagerty.

NEW MEXICO — Albuquerque, 216, Jeff Barnes; Farmington, 69, Jeff Barnes; Las Cruces, 134, Keith Walden; Roswell, 77, Jim Malone.

NEW YORK — Albany, 143, David Bierer; Brooklyn-Queens, 429, Keith Thomas; Buffalo, 406, Dan Bierer; Long Island, 256, Keith Thomas; Manhattan, 280, Keith Thomas; Rochester, 214, Don Samples; Syracuse, 154, Don Samples.

NORTH CAROLINA — Asheville, 205, Hugh Wilson; Charlotte, 567, Don Smith; Fayetteville, 286, Randy Kobernat; Greensboro, 465, Lambert Greer; Lenoir, 259, Hugh Wilson; Raleigh, 281, Randy Kobernat.

NORTH DAKOTA — Bismarck, 192, Wayne Luginbill; Fargo, 293, Wayne Luginbill.

OHIO — Akron A.M., 313, Robert Steep; Akron P.M., 388, Robert Steep; Cincinnati East, 307, Don Hooser; Cincinnati North, 287, Jim Reyer; Cincinnati South, 254, Ray Meyer; Cincinnati West, 363, Jim Reyer; Cleveland East, Ron Lohr; Cleveland West, 564, Ron Lohr; Columbus A.M., 271, John Bald; Columbus P.M., 372, John Bald; Dayton A.M., 364, Jim Chapman; Dayton P.M., 355, Jim Chapman; Findlay, 234, Mike Hechel; Portsmouth, 180, Don Hooser; Toledo, 471, Mike Hechel; Youngstown, 415, Eugene Noel.

OKLAHOMA — Ada, 175, James Lee; Lawton, 161, James Lee; Oklahoma City, 456, Robert McKibben; Ponca City, 110, James Redus; Tulsa, 475, James Redus.

OREGON — Eugene A.M., 326, Al Dennis; Eugene P.M., 258, Al Dennis; Klamath Falls, 45, Cecil Battles; Medford, 290, Cecil Battles; Portland North, 350, Don Wineinger; Portland South, 548, Ray Pyle; Salem, 418, Bob Peoples.

PENNSYLVANIA — Allentown, 254, Ivan Sell; Erie, 251, Joe Mills; Harris-

burg, 320, Paul Zapf; Johnstown, 184, Bryan Hoyt; Lancaster, 264, Paul Zapf; Mount Pocono, 273, Richard Wiedenhoff; Philadelphia A.M., 359, James Lichtenstein; Philadelphia P.M., 261, James Lichtenstein; Pittsburgh A.M., 389, John Pruner; Pittsburgh P.M., 371, John Pruner; Uniontown, 236, Ron McNeil.

RHODE ISLAND — Providence, 236, Rowlen Tucker.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Columbia, 301, Joel Lillengreen; Greenville, 291, Don Smith; Walterboro, 172, Joel Lillengreen.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Rapid City, 158, Robert Hoops; Sioux Falls, 231, Don Prunkard; Watertown, 97, Don Prunkard.

TENNESSEE — Chattanooga, 341, Harold Lester; Cookeville, 130, Bill Swanson; Kingsport, 258, Lyle Welty; Knoxville, 340, Harold Lester; Memphis, 427, Jack Pyle; Nashville East, 377, Bill Swanson; Nashville West, 192, Bill Swanson.

TEXAS — Abilene, 71, John Strain; Amarillo, 248, Jeff Booth; Austin, 231, Larry Neff; Big Sandy A.M., 552, Larry Salyer; Big Sandy P.M., 1,074, Ron Dart; Corpus Christi, 183, Dale Haynes; Dallas North, 477, James Kunz; Dallas South, 451, James Kunz; Fort Worth A.M., 275, Mark Salyer; Fort Worth P.M., 218, Mark Salyer; Harlingen, 75, Dale Haynes; Houston East, 389, Don Waterhouse; Houston North, 333, Harold Rhodes; Houston West, 329, Edwin Marrs; Longview, 197, Jerold Aust; Lubbock, 152, Jim Malone; Lufkin, 115, Jerold Aust; Odessa, 162, Jim Malone; San Antonio A.M., 272, Roy Holladay; San Antonio P.M., 372, Roy Holladay; Texarkana, 192, William Bradford; Waco, 178, Larry Neff.

UTAH — Salt Lake City, 265, Carl Koellner.

VERMONT — Montpelier, 83, Dan Rogers.

VIRGINIA — Newport News, 205, Tom Williams; Richmond, 446, Tom Williams; Roanoke, 144, Wayne Phillips.

WASHINGTON — Olympia, 243, Richard Aitkins; Pasco, 130, Gene Bailey; Seattle A.M., 406, Fred Brogaard; Seattle P.M., 461, Fred Brogaard; Spokane, 442, Gene Bailey; Tacoma, 430, Richard Aitkins.

WEST VIRGINIA — Bluefield, 210, Lyle Welty; Charleston, 311, Nelson Haas; Clarksburg, 166, Frank McCrady III; Parkersburg, 204, Nelson Haas; Wheeling, 445, Ron McNeil.

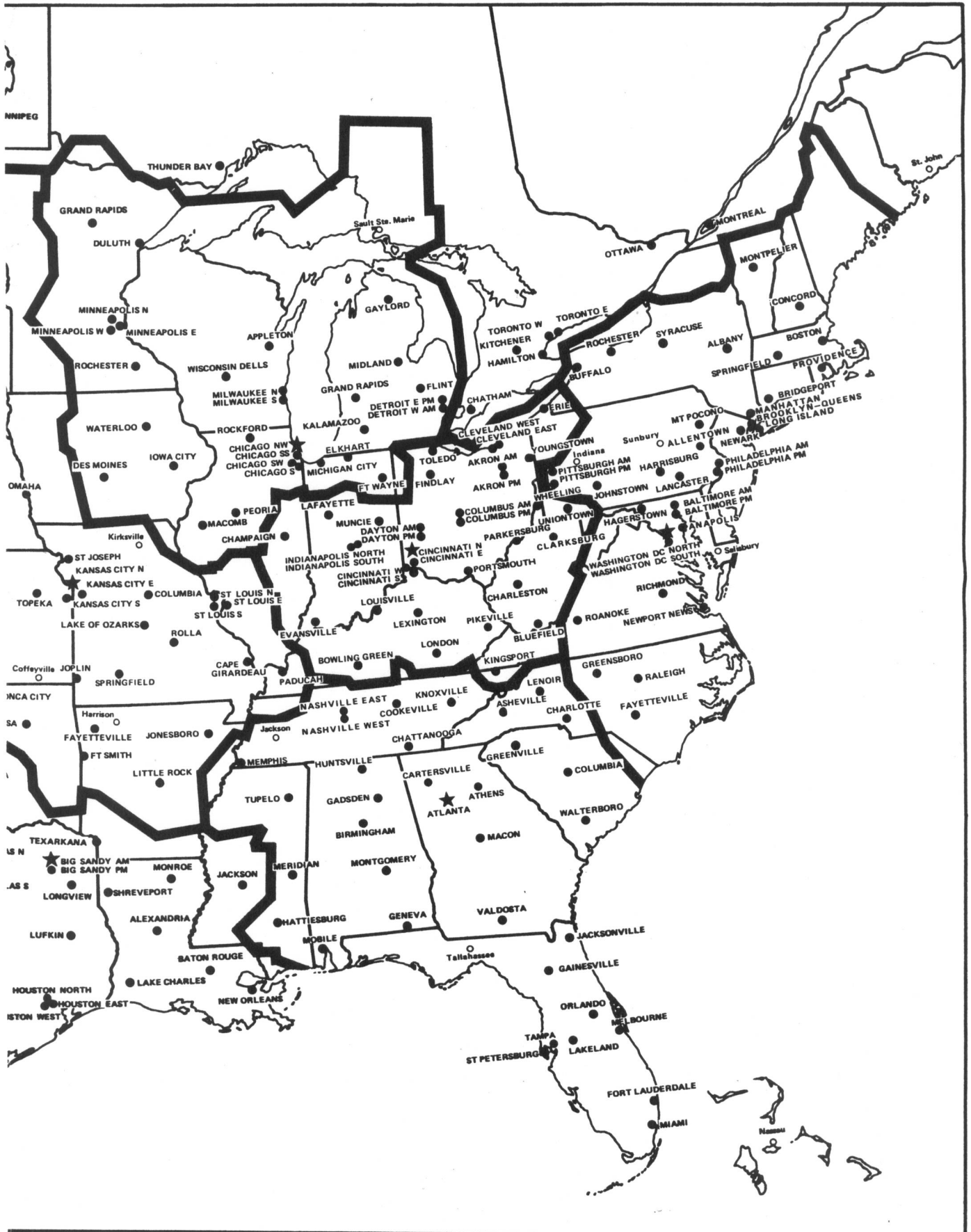
WISCONSIN — Appleton, 305, Jess Ernest; Milwaukee North, 389, Richard Kilbury; Milwaukee South, 424, Richard Kilbury; Wisconsin Dells, 262, Bill Freeland.

WYOMING — Wheatland, 168, James Jenkins.

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College growth explains accreditation needs

By Donald E. Deakins
Big Sandy Dean of Faculty
BIG SANDY — Many have asked why Ambassador College is seeking accreditation.

The answer to this question is simple. Accreditation now seems essential to the fulfilling of the goals and purposes of Ambassador College.

This was not so at the beginning,



DR. DONALD DEAKINS

when Ambassador College was founded, in 1947, at Pasadena. The college bulletin for the 1952-53 term stated:

"The purpose is to provide a school in the field of higher education for training a God-called ministry for the Church of God according to the highest spiritual, intellectual and cultural standards of advanced scholarship for the preaching and publishing of the very gospel of Jesus, taught as a witness to all nations; and to provide pastors for the local Churches of God."

In May of 1960, rejoicing in the success of the Pasadena campus, Mr. Armstrong wrote:

"Certainly there has never been a college like it on earth in our time — although now we are creating one like it, of the same cultural tone and character, in England, and planning another later for Texas."

Two and one-half years later, physical-plant facilities in Pasadena were being outgrown. The need for a third Ambassador College campus was evident as Mr. Armstrong wrote in his coworker letter of Dec. 17, 1962:

One of Four

"This past summer and fall we were able to accept but one out of four students who applied for admission. Three out of every four had to be told we had no room. We can't stop the GROWTH of the great Work of God. We feel we ought not take over 550 students on the Pasadena campus, and already we have almost that many."

"Therefore, a new and third college has become a necessity. Yet we are able to accept only about 65 students at the new Texas campus this first year."

The Ambassador College campus at Big Sandy officially opened its doors on Sept. 1, 1964. In the orientation assembly, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong encouraged every student to accept the opportunity to help pioneer a new college. He stressed that Ambassador College at Big Sandy is not a "branch" college but a full-fledged liberal-arts college.

Mr. Herbert Armstrong explained that Ambassador College is accomplishing what most other colleges almost entirely neglect: the building of character.

In the next eight years a total of 390 students fulfilled the requirements of the degree of bachelor of arts and were graduated.

By Aug. 1, 1972, 284 — 73 percent — of the 390 Ambassador graduates of the Big Sandy campus were

either employed or were wives of employees of Ambassador College or the Worldwide Church of God.

Seventy-eight of the 243 male graduates, or 23 percent, became ordained ministers or ministerial assistants. Certainly Ambassador College, Big Sandy, has been fulfilling its purpose.

Employed Elsewhere

A preliminary study of 1973 Big Sandy graduates indicates that 54 percent became employees or wives of employees of the Work. However, only 18 out of 45, or 40 percent, of the male graduates were hired by Ambassador College or the Worldwide Church of God.

Many more were qualified, but financial considerations limited the number of Ambassador College graduates the Work could hire.

Thus more of our graduates than ever before were seeking employment elsewhere.

Many Ambassador College graduates discovered that an accredited college degree is almost a must if they are to obtain higher professional degrees in other colleges or universities.

Another need for the Ambassador

College here to become accredited became apparent in January of 1973, when Mr. Ted Armstrong expressed the desire to give all qualified teenagers in God's Church a two-year Ambassador College training program in an environment which is conducive to the development of Christian character.

In having to select so narrowly for college in the past, we missed a lot of very talented people who very much desired to obtain an Ambassador education.

It is Mr. Armstrong's hope that many of the two-year graduates will return to the local-church areas to seek employment in the community and become pillars in the Church. By teaching them the truth of God, we will be training them to be useful members of society and a light to this world.

The two-year program will make the Ambassador College experience available to more young people.

It will also aid them in deciding what future careers they are best suited for, without committing themselves to a full four-year program.

Still Four Years

Although Ambassador College at

Big Sandy will continue to be a four-year school, the number of students entering the junior and senior years will be small in comparison with the number entering their freshman year.

This means that many will graduate at the end of two years with an associate-of-arts degree.

This degree needs to be an accredited degree to be accepted by other colleges and universities, as well as prospective employers.

If the preceding goals are to be fulfilled, we must expand our student body. However, we realize that students do not normally come to Ambassador College for technical training. They come here to learn God's way of life.

This we are qualified to teach them. They will continue to build character on the same Biblical foundations that we have always taught.

But we also realize that our young people must be equipped with the academic knowledge and the mental skills necessary for success in this world's society. An accredited program, properly recognized by the world, will help us fulfill this goal.

Ambassador graduates can be living examples of the success that comes from learning to follow the way of life that produces fruits of happiness, both physically and spiritually.

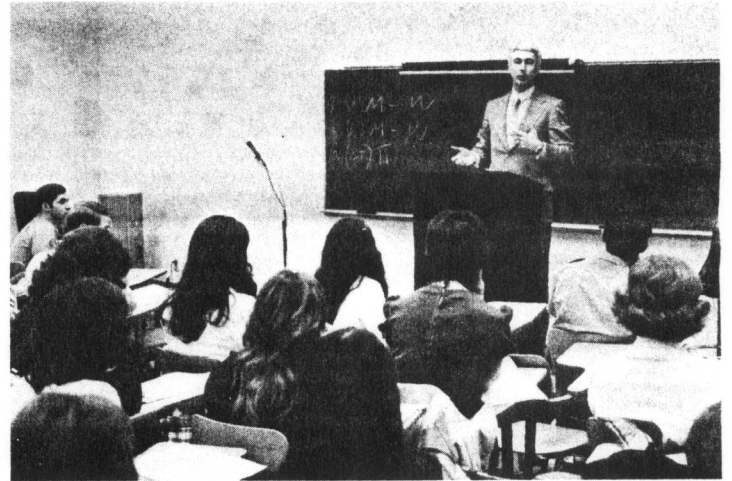
Accreditation will help in other ways as well. Being accredited will make possible veterans' benefits to a number of our students.

It also makes us eligible for various kinds of educational loans and grants — should we decide to apply for them.

In addition, we will be able to receive academic discounts for some of the equipment we use at the college, such as IBM equipment.

Many of us on the faculty at Big Sandy have been pleased to learn the standards required of us by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Ga., are in no way harmful to us. These standards of accreditation represent no more than what Ambassador College should be.

Even if we are not accredited by the Southern Association, we ought to fulfill all of their standards to insure that we are providing the best education possible for our students.



Texas campus welcomes new students

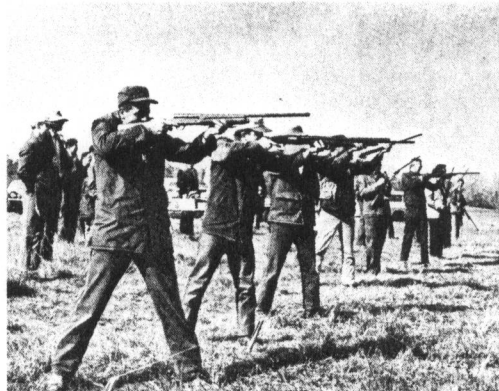


NEW FRESHMEN ARRIVE — The beginning of the spring semester at Big Sandy marked the first time Ambassador College has been able to accept a group of students for the spring semester. In all, 57 new freshmen were welcomed by Mr. Ronald Kelly, Big Sandy dean of students, in an orientation assembly Jan. 27 (see above picture). Other pictures, taken before the assembly and later during registration (counterclockwise, beginning upper left): Senior Bruce Voyce welcomes freshman David Freyman; freshman Lloyd Garrett Jr. fills out registration papers; Mr. Alan Heath of the journalism faculty advises freshman Clem Blakney, while Associate Dean of Faculty Don Ward, in the background, fields questions from freshman Lois Trotter. For details, see story on page 1. [Photos by Scott Moss]





LOCAL-CHURCH HAPPENINGS — Some people will use any excuse to have a party. This one, pictured at left, is a "truck-warming" party (see article below). Pictured at right is a gathering of over 200 Hattiesburg and



Meridian, Miss., members for a turkey shoot and other activities. Space did not allow us to report further on this event in this edition of the paper.

Local church news wrap-up

Midland Meeting

MIDLAND, Mich. — Ladies traveled as far as 150 miles for the entertaining January meeting of the Midland Women's Activity Program, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Tennant near beautiful Lake Huron.

The topic of the meeting was etiquette — showing how to be a "more gracious hostess and a more welcomed guest."

The formal and informal table settings were arranged by Mrs. Connie Heimberg.

The luncheon consisted of a large variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres and punch made by the ladies.

Everyone enjoyed the meeting, and a comment was expressed that the same type of meeting could be given in the evening for those who could not attend in the daytime. *Irene Burke.*

Hardy Pioneers

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — First, it was the usual monthly Bible study.

Then came the monthly Sabbath service.

Next, thanks to the L.S. Woodburys, who came out from Pasadena this past summer, the church had twice-a-month services with its own resident minister.

After the '73 Feast, weekly services were instituted, followed quickly by a lively 17-member Spokesman's Club.

Only five Church families live here. The remaining 75 or so brethren live anywhere from 50 to 200 miles away.

Almost every week icy roads, snow four feet deep or more, and temperatures 50 below zero or colder make the trip to Sabbath services a real adventure.

However, Coloradans are still a hardy, pioneer-type people, so services and club are well attended.

Weekly Bible studies are now held each Sunday in a different major town, making it easier for the brethren in each part of the church area to have more exposure to Bible teachings and Christian fellowship. *Lester Zimmermann.*

Music of the Merri-Tones

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — The Holiday Inn here was the location of the combined Appleton and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., winter formal Saturday night, Jan. 12.

Fifty-six couples danced to the music of the Merri-Tones.

The dance was considered a tremendous success as the tired but happy couples returned to their homes, some as far as 100 miles away. *Gordon Schmidt.*

Day in Court

ORANGEBURG, S.C. — It was an exciting day of basketball for all

who came as Columbia and Walterboro, S.C., churches clashed in friendly rivalry Jan. 13 here.

Spectators and participants were treated to six action-packed games. All ages and both sexes had their day in court (basketball court, that is).

Youngsters got their first taste of organized competition while old diehards proved they still had what it takes to engage in invigorating recreation.

"I had a member of my family on every one of the teams," remarked one father from Walterboro.

The special divisions were ladies, men, young men and teenagers, girls and boys.

The closest scores were between the men (Columbia 33, Walterboro 35), the young men (Columbia 47, Walterboro 43) and the boys (Columbia 17, Walterboro 18).

The refreshment booth, manned and planned by the Columbia teenagers and young people, provided a special treat for those who were in attendance. *Bill Cherry.*

Dull Saws

ELKHART, Ind. — The fabulous Konecny Lodge at a Girl Scout camp in the Bristol Hills was the setting for the campout of the Junior Girl Scouts from the Elkhart Church of God Dec. 29 to 31.

The girls had spent weeks preparing for their outing and therefore were able to serve some very interesting and nutritious meals. They really had a fine time playing and working together.

When they were not busy cooking and cleaning up, the girls enjoyed some quiet games, as well as tumbling and romping in the snow. The only thing dull was the saws.

In spite of the dull saws, the scouts managed to cut enough wood for a nice fire in the fireplace, and one evening they roasted marshmallows.

The highlight of the occasion was making taffy that didn't turn out to be taffy. *Mildred Skinner.*

Nine Neophytes

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Jan. 5 Boy Scout Troop 86, sponsored by the Worldwide Church of God, received its charter.

The troop committee is made up of Bill Freeland, pastor and committee chairman; Richard Steele, institutional representative; and Gordon Schmidt, committee member.

Scoutmaster Jim Wylie is very capable and qualified, having had previous experience with scouts before becoming a member of the Church.

Wylie will be assisted by three assistant scoutmasters: John Torgerson, Jerome Schneider and Tom Resler.

The troop consists of Perry Weis, senior patrol leader; Richard Lange, assistant senior patrol leader; Dale

Booth, scribe; Andrew Schneider, quartermaster; Terry Sandmire, librarian; Timothy Schmidt, patrol leader; Dustan Weis, assistant patrol leader; and Earyl Brabender and Richard Schmidt, members.

The troop is made up of nine members so far, but more members are anticipated as spring arrives and the troop is challenged by roughing it in the great outdoors. *Gordon Schmidt.*

Warming a Truck

RAPID CITY, S.D. — What kind of party?

Well, when local trucker Leo Backhaus bought a new conventional Peterbilt tractor, some of the eligible decided it was a proper excuse for a party — a truck-warming party, that is.

On the evening of Dec. 31 Backhaus herded his new diesel down to the Lute Stiver Ranch, near Oral, S.D., 60 miles south of here.

He announced his arrival with a few toots on the air horn and by spotlighting the living-room window.

Backhaus immediately found his way to the dinner table, where the festivities began with a hearty meal prepared by Mrs. Stiver and daughters Gaye and Lark.

The main course, a full hind quarter of venison, was provided by Marshall Stiver, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stiver, a young man noted for his hunting ability.

The meal was followed by a card game in which all 11 present participated. Throughout the evening they were subjected to jokes by Backhaus and rancher Rex Norman (his leg is in a cast, and as lame as his jokes are they should be too).

The truck? It stayed comfortable parked beside a snowdrift in minus-20-degree weather. *Douglas A. Johannsen.*

More Than an Auction

SEATTLE, Wash. — Where would you go to purchase tennis lessons, a Shetland pony, concrete planter boxes, a shoe shine, a cook book, a medical checkup, gutters for your home, an ice-cream cone, an acoustic ceiling, a berry pie or a tire for your car — all under one roof?

If you guessed some massive new kind of shopping center, you are close.

All of these items and many more were available at the annual Seattle "More-Than-an-Auction" held Dec. 9. A more complete name for the event might be the "Annual Rummage Sale-Auction-Bake Sale-Slave Market-Movie Theater-Ice Cream Parlor-Shoe Shine Stand-Recipe Exchange-Paper Drive and Fair, Complete With Snack Bar."

Each of these elements was an important part of the effort to raise money for Mr. Ted Armstrong's Se-

attle campaign, which took place one week later. And the event did live up to its specific-purpose statement. After all expenses were paid, the net proceeds were a whopping \$3,318.26!

Of course, all by itself an auction is an exciting event — a real attraction for speculators and big spenders. As speculators one would have to list the eight-year-old boys who were seen bidding on electric shavers, and as big spenders those who bought such items as a gallon of honey for \$16, a box of cabbage seeds for \$8 or a child's wagon for \$17.

For those fans of rummage sales there was a period of time during which customers could rummage through smaller items. But unlike most such sales, the price tags were left blank for bids written in by the buyer-to-be.

And unlike most retail stores, an altered price tag was very acceptable as long as the alteration was to a higher price. All prices were fixed and sales finalized by a noon deadline.

The more normal auction took place in the afternoon and was conducted by auctioneer Arnold Anderson, a member of the church here.

During this auction several members sold not only their handicrafts, canned fruits, vegetables, white elephants, etc., but in some cases themselves; those with skills put a day's labor or a specific service up for bid. Not exactly slave trading, but a kind of servitude to be sure.

Meanwhile, over the crowd a voice hawked the services of several shoe-shine boys who, upon close inspection, turned out to be the Seattle-area ministers: Messrs. Fred Brogaard, Harry Sleder, Jerry Finlan and Chuck Geringer.

From the vantage point of the elevated chair at the shoe-shine stand one could see the smiles on the faces

of those coming out of the movie provided for the children.

In another corner a band of money changers was selling baked goods and other samples of the kitchen arts (not to be confused with the popcorn and ice-cream vendors).

A recipe exchange in the form of a cook book, for which members had submitted favorite recipes and then purchased for \$1 each, also took place.

In the parking lot the teenagers collected bundles of old newspapers, which, when finally totaled, amounted to 10,280 pounds of recyclable paper.

Altogether this event added up to a full day of complete fun and fund raising. Many left with full cars, if not so full wallets. *Jay Gearon.*

Jed and Zeke

RENFRO VALLEY, Ky. — Jed: "What's that noise?"

Zeke: "Sounds like a fiddle and a washboard."

Jed: "Do I hear feet clicking on the floor?"

Zeke: "I think I hear a square dance."

Jed: "Come on, boy, I think we're missing all the fun!"

The boys are right, folks. The Lexington and London, Ky., churches were the ones creating this country hoedown on Dec. 30.

Although Jed and Zeke never showed up, we're sure they didn't get lost, because everyone knows where Renfro Valley is. The Renfro Valley Barn is where the brethren of the two churches convened for an old-time social, a square dance.

The master of ceremonies was Dan Brockman. Live music was provided, along with singing, instrumentals and short skits. All had an atmosphere of country-and-western culture.

A guest, Bill Cannon of Cincinnati, Ohio, who is an excellent singer, was there with his electric guitar to spice up the music.

Mr. Kelly Barfield, pastor of the Lexington, London and Pikeville, Ky., churches, contributed to the entertainment by playing "John Henry" on his harmonica.

Mr. Barfield's assistant, Mr. Melvin Dahlgren, played the guitar to accompany his wife in singing, which everyone enjoyed.

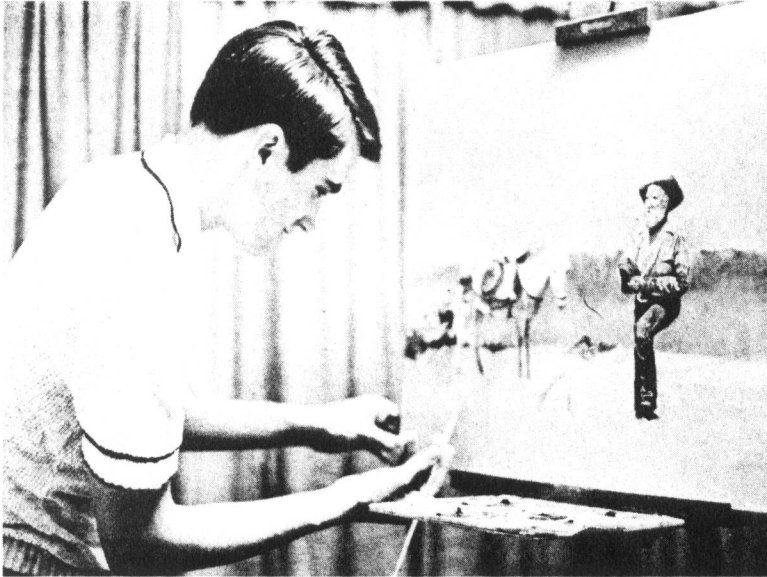
Another activity which took place was an auction, which will help in financing future activities. Bob Tackett was auctioneer. Brethren brought good, usable items which were no longer needed at home, as well as baked goods.

Somewhere among all the entertainment, excitement and fun, everyone took time out for a delicious potluck meal.

Jed and Zeke sure missed a lot of fun. *Paula Cummins.*



NOW, THIS IS SERVICE! — Seattle, Wash., church local elder Harry Sleder, left, shines shoes with a broad smile (at no extra charge) for Lloyd Beyer. It was all part of an effort of the Seattle church to raise money for a personal-appearance campaign in that city. See article on this page. [Photo by Mark Flavin]



PICTURING THE WEST — Steve Wineinger spent a large part of the past year reconstructing the American Old West on canvas. As a rule, Steve spends time at libraries researching the details of his subjects before he begins painting. Then he translates his findings into lifelike oil and watercolor paintings. (Photo by Jerry Gentry)

HI-LITES

FROM IMPERIAL SCHOOLS AND TEENAGERS AROUND THE WORLD

German-speaking teenagers travel to Austrian Alps for winter camp

By Gary Hopkins
German Office Staffer

DUSSELDORF, West Germany — During the week of Dec. 30 through Jan. 4, 20 German-speaking teenagers learned how much fun God's way is — no matter what the season — in their first winter camp. Located in the summer- and winter-resort area *Salzkammergut* in the Austrian Alps, the village of Mondsee accommodated the young people in one of its clean and modern youth hostels alongside its colorful old village of traditional Austrian character.

The surrounding snow-covered alpine countryside provided the complete setting for winter sports. Only 15 miles away was Salzburg, the birthplace of Mozart, with its attractive and interesting Old City. We couldn't have wished for a more ideal location for our camp.

After the success of the German-

language summer camp, Mr. Frank Schnee, director of the German Work, wanted to give the growing number of teenagers in the German churches more opportunities for wholesome learning experiences and good, clean fun, since many cannot take advantage of the Summer Educational Program in England. (In Germany it has already been shown that the camp helps many of these teenagers choose to stay with God's Church when they just as easily could have chosen to leave.)

Austrian Assistance

Helmut Levsen, Ambassador graduate and Mailing Department head in the German office here, was assigned the planning and overall responsibility of the week-long camp. In making arrangements he had the assistance of an Austrian member who lives very near Mondsee.

During the camp week Levsen was

aided by his wife Cornelia, Miss Connie Hoffman, Mrs. Christel Wilson and me in the activities and counseling.

In addition, we had the friendly cooperation of the youth-hostel manager and his wife, who couldn't seem to do enough for us — whether in providing wonderful meals or just helpful information.

Our daily schedule included a "quiet time" after breakfast and a little free time after lunch and dinner.

However, a merit system with such categories as helpfulness, consideration, ideas and respect inspired everyone to find ways to help and to serve in their free time, whether washing cars, decorating bedrooms or sweeping the dining-room floor. The continual harmony and cheerful, smiling faces were the obvious fruits of learning the giving and serving way of life. At the end of camp they all wanted to stay for more.

Morning activities included an orientation lecture, hikes, a visit to Salzburg, sledding competition, a cable-car ride to the top of Mt. Zwoelferhorn and classes in hair care and dress for the girls and mountaineering for the boys.

Proud Displays

Afternoons were just as full, with handicraft classes which resulted in many attractive and proudly displayed memories of camp, ice skating (a first for many) and a snowball fight (the biggest ever on Mt. Zwoelferhorn, I'm sure).

Evenings brought us together for a slide show, games, *Kegeln* (or European bowling) and a good old-fashioned hayride, complete with a sing-along and fireworks and hot chocolate afterwards.

A surprise highlight was the popular opera, *Barber of Seville*, performed by the humorous and fascinatingly lifelike puppets of the Salzburg Marionette Theater.



FUN IN THE ALPS — Twenty German-speaking teenagers visited the snow-covered Austrian Alps from Dec. 30 through Jan. 4 for a number of fun-filled activities. Here, one of the teens gives a sledding demonstration, which preceded the exciting team events. (Photo by Christel Wilson)

Teen translates Old West into oil, watercolor paintings

By Jerry Gentry

Steve Wineinger is an exceptional 18-year-old, and not in the ordinary sense of the word.

Steve's forte is a generous measure of curiosity for what the Old West was really like (not the West portrayed on TV) coupled with a special ability to translate his findings into lifelike oil and watercolor paintings.

And for a large part of the past year Steve has been "going to work, ideally eight hours a day," reconstructing the Wild West on canvas.

What to do after graduating from high school confronted Steve, as it inevitably does every graduate. His ideal: "I wanted to get a job that I could make into a career."

Putting this ideal into action for Steve meant some sacrifice and a great deal of determination. His choice of becoming an artist was not a quick or hasty decision. He began developing his artistic talents way back in the first grade.

Later, in grade school, art was a required subject. Back then Steve was always drawing, and in the seventh grade his work was exhibited at a show called the Indianapolis 500 Festival. There Steve won a ribbon.

Good Head for Business

Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Wineinger of Vancouver, Wash. (Mr. Wineinger pastors the Portland North church in Oregon), is a thin, easygoing 6-footer with a good head for business.

Recently he took a job thinning trees for the U.S. Forest Service; the work is hard and the pay is not exceptional. He lives in a trailer near the spectacular Washington seacoast.

For Steve this experience is an opportunity to live close to the mountains, forests and seacoast — subjects he is presently translating onto canvas.

His job of cutting trees is also providing money for a commercial art course by correspondence which

Steve wants to take.

It was not until January of 1973 that Steve again took up painting seriously and began looking for ways to market his paintings. He has now completed some 20 oils and an equal number of watercolors.

"It seems like the market is flooded now, so those who make it most really be good," Steve says.

He wants to begin by staging individual shows, then set up a studio and later branch out into bronze statues.

The True Old West

Seeking the true story about the Old West has led to some interesting discoveries for Steve:

"Every stagecoach was hand built. Hostile Indian attackers cared little for the contents of the coach, but especially wanted the lead horses. These were some of the finest animals available."

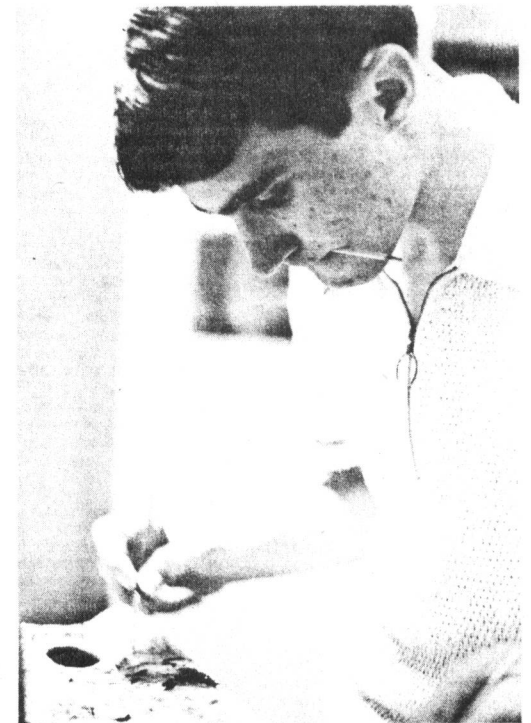
As a rule Steve spends time at libraries researching the details of his subjects before he begins painting. He endeavors to make his paintings lifelike and authentic in every detail.

"Another discovery was that the best gunman was usually hired as sheriff, regardless of the fact that he may have been a pretty wild character himself," says Steve. "He was the best and fastest shot when it came to fighting off others. This was especially useful since the guns were heavy and bulky, and holsters were made to hold the gun, not draw it."

Steve speaks with great admiration about such artists as Frederic Remington and Charles Russell, who tried to portray the West as it really was. From paintings by these artists, and from books, Steve learns about the Wild West and transforms his findings into lifelike paintings.

Steve also likes landscapes and murals and hopes "to get into animals what they really do in the wilds."

He has helped raise a fledgling peregrine falcon, which was eventually freed into the wilds.



AN ARTIST — Steve Wineinger drew a lot when he was in grade school. But it wasn't until January of 1973 that he again began to take painting seriously. Steve has now completed some 20 oils and an equal number of watercolors. (Photo by Jerry Gentry)



ATOP A STAGECOACH — Big Sandy sophomores Jolinda Jenkins, left, and Jennifer Agee sit atop a stagecoach at Universal Studios in California, where television shows and movies are filmed. Those Big Sandy students who had the opportunity to visit the Pasadena campus during the January midyear break also traveled to a number of other places of interest, including this tour of Universal Studios. (Photo by Dave Molnar)

Preteens, teens learn from tours

By Carolyn Sue Ferdig
OAKLAND, Calif. — During the public schools' Christmas vacation, the preteens in this church area had the opportunity to tour several places of interest.

Under the direction of Mr. David Johnson and Mr. Fred Bailey — ministers in this area — the preteens, 72 strong, along with some parents, came from all around the area to converge on the Oakland Museum.

Next they toured the "Candles by D'Lar" factory in Berkeley. There they learned the history of candles and actually saw candles of many different sizes, shapes and colors being made for market.

The children were especially pleased to take turns making their own candles in the long, old-fashioned method, so they actually experienced the art of candle making as well as having a souvenir to take

home. Each was also presented with a small scented candle by D'Lar as a memento.

As if this weren't enough for 72 energetic, wide-eyed children and their exhausted parents, they were taken to an ice-cream manufacturer to see how ice cream is made on a mass scale.

The finale of this jam-packed day was their choice of flavors in one- or two-scoop ice-cream cones.

Not Outdone

Not to be outdone, the Oakland teenagers have been having their own excursions, interests and social functions.

A great deal of planning and preparation went into a formal dance for teens and eligibles, called the Snow Ball. Decorations were abundant and apropos with Styrofoam snowmen

and snowballs. Oakland had its own band and soloist, a fine addition to the evening.

And the teens even presented a first-rate talent show.

One week later the Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley, Calif., was the center of interest for teens and adults alike. There were many different and unusual experiments to contemplate and many computer-type games and even a very rare mineral collection to consider.

Next, and last, on their agenda was a personal tour of Oakland's police station. This was very informative for those who have never been in a police station — nor ever expect to be.

Police Lineup

First they were taken to the lineup room, where it was explained how people are picked out for the lineup and why.

They also were taken through the crime lab, where they learned a little about that phase of police work. There was also a very interesting display on drugs.

The teens had a greater respect for the duties of the policemen as a result of this tour and were greatly appreciative for the chance to attend.

If pyramid were built today it could take 80 to 200 years

By Geoffrey Neilson

DURBAN, South Africa — Bids recently submitted for the largest building project ever considered in Africa — and possibly the world — varied between proposed completion dates of 80 and 200 years from now and in cost between \$150 million and \$720 million.

The mammoth construction work, which engineers throughout South Africa were asked to bid on, was none other than a duplicate of Egypt's ancient Great Pyramid at Giza.

Though no such project is actually planned, the implications of such an undertaking are interesting. If a modern pyramid of this size were to be built, 2.3 million stone blocks weighing from 2½ to 30 tons apiece would be needed. The building would cover over 13 acres and tower 480 feet.

It has been calculated that St.

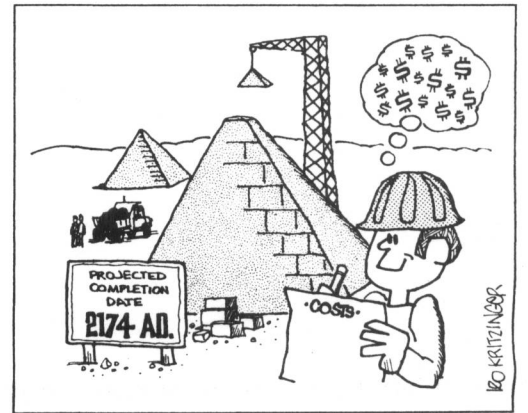
pose fewer technical problems than the Standard Bank Building in Johannesburg, "but it would be a very monotonous contract to work on." "I wouldn't tender for [bid on] it," was the first reaction of Ron Thomassen, also of Sanlam.

When asked to reconsider the matter, he quoted a contract price of \$720 million and a completion date of December, 2173 — almost 200 years from now.

How do these end-time estimates compare with the actual time required and methods employed by Cheops, or Khufu, to build the original Great Pyramid?

"The question of how the Pyramid was built has not received a wholly satisfactory answer," according to *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

"The most plausible answer," it continues, under the article "Pyramid," "is that the Egyptians, who lacked tackle and pulleys for lifting



Peter's at Rome, the cathedrals of Florence and Milan, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral in London could all fit inside this area.

Could Take 630 Years

Some engineers estimate that if they could position 10 blocks a day it would take as long as 630 years to lay all the blocks.

However, by using two giant overhead traveling gantries the contractors could place one block every 15 minutes. Working 10 hours a day, seven days a week, the pyramid would be completed in 80 years. This was the lowest bid received.

Gert van Zyl, contract manager for Sanlam — a large financing institution here — said the pyramid would

heavy weights, employed a sloping embankment of brick and earth, which was increased in height and in length as the Pyramid rose, and on which the stone blocks were hauled by means of sledges, rollers and levers.

100,000 Men

"According to Herodotus the road for the conveyance of building material from the river to the plateau on which the Pyramid stands took 10 years to construct, while the Pyramid itself took another 20 years and demanded the labour of 100,000 men."

Furthermore, as Dr. Herman L. Hoeh of Ambassador College has pointed out, the historian Herodotus states that in those 20 years the people employed worked only during the three months each year when the Nile overflowed, and they would have been otherwise idle. Actual construction time of the Great Pyramid, therefore, was only 60 working months, or five working years!

Do the 80- to 200-year estimates for the same job imply that South African building techniques are hopelessly out of date?

Cynics would answer yes, but the Standard Bank Building, the new airport terminal at Jan Smuts International, the impressive Carlton Centre (housing the Ambassador College Agency) — all in Johannesburg — and other projects around the country hardly testify to a lack of imagination or ability in the construction-engineering field in this country.

A more appropriate question seems to be, Has modern man progressed beyond the capacity of engineers living in the time of the construction of the ancient architectural wonder that sits opposite Cairo?

Evolutionists answer with a unanimous yes, but the Great Pyramid at Giza seems to prove otherwise.

Mother discovers signs of eye trouble in children

The following article is an excerpt from a letter written to The Worldwide News by the mother of a preschooler.

By Lucille Gray
SAN PABLO, Calif. — My little girl, who is five years old, needs to wear glasses. I have had several people ask me how I learned her eyes were bad when she is so young. Perhaps my experience would help others.

I noticed that Barbara always sat close to the television when she watched it. She put her head close to her books when coloring, and her eyes got tired soon when she read.

I wanted to get her eyes checked before she started school, but my husband's insurance didn't cover children under six years old, and the cost for a private examination would be quite a bit.

Free Eye Test

Last spring I saw a public-service announcement on television about an eye test for preschoolers. I sent for one (they are free) and found that one of Barbara's eyes did test bad.

Assured that it wasn't just an over-anxious mamma's opinion, I took Barbara to an optometrist. At first he thought I was anxious over nothing, but by the end of the examination he

was telling Barbara what a smart mommy she has.

So now Barbara has her glasses and realizes how much she needs them. She also enjoys the compliments she receives on her glasses.

Signs of Trouble

According to the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, some signs of eye trouble in children are (1) crossed eyes, (2) red-rimmed, encrusted or swollen eyelids, (3) inflamed or watery eyes, (4) recurring sties.

A child may complain of (1) eyes itching, burning or feeling scratchy, (2) not seeing well, (3) dizziness, headaches or nausea following close eye work (4) blurred or double vision.

A child may (1) rub eyes excessively, (2) cover one eye, tilt head or thrust head forward, (3) have difficulty in reading or work requiring close use of eyes, (4) blink more than usual, (5) stumble over small objects, (6) hold books close to eyes, (7) be unable to see distant things clearly, (8) squint or frown.

This preschooler's eye test may be had by visiting the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, 79 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., 10016.

WORD JUGGLE

BY FELIX ORTIZ

Unscramble the five juggled words below and place one letter in each square to the right to form five Biblical words.

GGNNAVTHKIIS

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Now arrange the letters in the bolder squares above to form the surprise answer to the question:

WHO WAS THE PROPHET UPON SHIGIONOTH?

PRINT THE SURPRISE ANSWER HERE:

ANSWERS APPEAR ON PAGE 16

BABIES

ADA, Okla. — Michal M. Haines, son and fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Pat E. Haines, Jan. 10, 1973 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Paul Joseph Deming, son and sixth child of John and Rosie Marie Deming, Jan. 10, 12:55 p.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, 20 1/2 inches.

Street, La Verne, Calif., 91750. My name is Donna Hanley and I would like to have a pen pal. My hobbies are painting and drawing and horseback riding and skating. My address is 304 Lambeth Circle, Rt. 2, Ellenwood, Ga., 30049.

ATTENTION

It has come to the attention of the staff that a number of members and their children who have submitted pen-pal notices and other personals have received less than desirable responses from non-members who have somehow gotten hold of a copy of the paper.

While the vast majority of the response and interaction these notices have generated has been profitable, unifying and gratifying, a few nonmembers have seized these addresses offered in good faith to further their own personal ends. Consequently, some have received crass and suggestive letters, while others have gotten accusing and ax-grinding mail.

We are indeed sorry that some have stooped to such means. Please understand that some of these situations cannot be avoided as God's Work becomes more known worldwide. We also ask that you forward any inappropriate letters or responses to The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

Thank you for your understanding and help.

PERSONALS

PEN PALS

Midwest U.S. teenagers! I am a 15-year-old girl. I would like to write to any teenager in the Midwest. Besides English I read and write in French and German. I enjoy most sports, especially horseback riding and hockey. My name is Gabrielle Hoff. My address: 47 Delhi Street, Lidcombe, 2141, N.S.W., Australia.

MISCELLANEOUS

I have copies of The Plain Truth from 1961 and The God News from 1962. These are bound copies, two years per volume. Would anyone want them for the cost of the binding? I also have TW and old CC course. Gene Payne, 1809 South Gordon, Wichita, Kan., 67213.

THIRD THOUGHTS By Basil Wolverton. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man's face with a large nose and a speech bubble that says 'I'm going to have the best pear-shaped tones in the church choir even if I have to give up my adenoids and tonsils!'.

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

(Continued from page 1)

the Worldwide Church of God or detractors do not really WANT to hear that through, honest, candid, open and objective "Bible studies" are being conducted at headquarters involving the entirety of the top-level ministry.

It is far more suitable for the purposes of would-be detractors in leading off portions of the flock for themselves to be able to maintain the posture that headquarters "refuses" to look into doctrinal matters — and I can well imagine that, even though the word is definitely out that in-depth doctrinal meetings have been conducted with as many as possible present (usually about 20 or so), this will not, in fact, represent "good news" to those detractors who have urged such doctrinal meetings be conducted.

It becomes a case of "hanged if you do and hanged if you don't."

If there had been a seeming reluctance to go into questionable doctrinal matters, it is to the advantage of detractors to point to this and scream loudly of the unwillingness to change! However, if thorough doctrinal research is conducted — and some changes may have to be made — it will be to the advantage of those same persons to loudly scream about how wrong we were all along!

What Does the Bible Say?

The one cardinal point we have to consider is always the Word of God.

What does the Bible say? Throughout the more than 40-year history of this end-time Work of God, there have been MANY major doctrinal points discussed. Some of the most important points concerning even the very nature of man (the spirit of man) were not revealed to God's ministers until the '60s.

Though Mr. Armstrong earlier saw church government in a completely different configuration from the way God later revealed it, God's headquarters ministers were led into completely new and startling truth concerning church government on into the mid-'50s and early '60s. This new understanding naturally transcended and replaced older concepts my father had held back in the mid and late '30s!

To underline this point, it has come to my attention that several detractors have deliberately obtained copies of an ancient 1939 "bulletin" which my father wrote to a tiny handful of members in Oregon concerning his earlier approach to church government. That article was written in the configuration of a tiny Oregon church which was indulging in voting — pulling names secretly written on pieces of paper out of a hat — to assign various ministerial ranks and responsibilities, and church refusal to study into and accept new doctrine.

Naturally, my father's article met this problem head-on.

It was not until many years later as this end-time phase of God's Work began to grow into a fairly large organization that there became more and more of an obvious awareness of the need for God's pattern of organization structure!

The early pioneer ministers of this phase of God's Work, together with Mr. Armstrong, were led into NEW TRUTH in the early and mid-'50s in the matter of church government.

Naturally, this new truth, hitherto unseen and not understood from the pages of God's Word, superseded earlier conceptions which were not the entire truth.

So it must be in God's true Church.

Must Grow in Knowledge

One of the major proofs we are the

very Work and the Church of God on this earth is the fact that we, as individuals, must continually "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

If we as individuals must grow in grace as well as knowledge of the Bible and the mind of God, then so must the entire Church. After all, the Church is merely made up of all of us as individuals. If each individual is growing, then the collective Church is also growing!

Those who would allege that an article written (when I was nine years of age) in a completely different configuration for completely different reasons with somewhat limited understanding in some way "proves" that Mr. Armstrong was guilty of deliberately twisting the Bible to suit his own purposes at different times in history are not only foolish but woefully misinformed as well.

I go into this at some length simply because I KNOW what is the mood and attitude of the entirety of God's Church and of the ministry. I know that we are somewhere in the high 90s of percentage points completely dedicated and totally loyal to God's Work — and to the Word of God.

However, I also know that there are a few "old soreheads" here and there among us. Some of these soreheads would allege headquarters dishonesty, unwillingness to look into doctrine, and other bizarre accusations, in order to further their own devious purposes.

Our twin letters to all of you brethren explain the matter in an official way.

However, for this "Personal," I wanted to express myself concerning some of these matters, since I have had word that one or two people have deliberately retyped and are reprinting and recirculating (in direct violation of federal copyright laws) the previously mentioned article my father wrote back in 1939! There are those whose hatred for the Work of God and the fruit being borne in and through that Work is so great they will stoop to lies, lawbreaking and any other means to discredit, defame and injure.

While I am on this subject, it calls to mind our "Personals" column in *The Worldwide News*.

"Personals" Column

Mr. John Robinson, managing editor of the paper, has brought to my attention that from time to time those who wish to obtain names and addresses of some of you brethren will resort to getting those addresses out of the "pen pals" and other sections of the "Personals" column. They in turn send religious tracts or publications or invite some of you to religious meetings or attempt to begin personal correspondence with some members to further their own pur-

poses.

I hope all of you will realize that if you do send in a personal your name and address are going to be read by literally thousands of other people — mostly members, but not always. We have not adopted a "hard line" with regard to who reads or receives *The Worldwide News*. It is a newspaper, not an official "gospel publication" of the Worldwide Church of God.

As such, we have adopted a freer, more open policy, even allowing the newspaper to continue to go to the homes of those who have either been disestablished or have voluntarily dropped out of fellowship with God's Church.

We do not feel we should use this paper as a weapon! As long as those people remain interested in reading about the lives of those in God's Church, we can only hope and pray that the continued contact in a warm and human way will in some way help them make a wise decision and go see a minister about returning to the Body of Jesus Christ.

But I must mention that from time to time some few of our brethren have received suggestive or cross letters and have been somewhat bewildered. This is not our intent or design — and we can only say we are sorry that some do stoop to these practices. We feel we would rather continue the "Personals" column and run the risk of some few problems arising than simply taking the easy way out and canceling this feature, which seems to be so interesting to so many.

Apparently, many of the letters are being written to our brethren from nonsubscribers who either borrow a member's copy or in some way obtain a copy for furthering their own purposes.

News — Not Doctrine!

As an aside, yet perhaps relevant to the same matter: If you see a picture in the newspaper of a Church member or college student whose dress, hair or appearance is somewhat less than "ideal," please do not assume for one moment that any such appearance is the "official pattern" or the "official life-style" that is thoroughly approved and recommended by the Worldwide Church of God!

As a newspaper, we are dealing in the reporting and disseminating of news of all our brethren. That news could even contain news which might include some human errors, failings and mistakes. Remember, the lives of each and every one of us are ALL less than ideal!

We receive a few comments from time to time from some who become incensed if they see a picture in the newspaper — or read of the personal life of a member — which seems to be contrary to some teaching they have received. Again I remind you of

our repeated editorial policy we have stated in these pages since the inception of the newspaper that this is not an official "gospel publication" for the purpose of disseminating DOCTRINE — it is a newspaper.

The purpose of this paper is not to teach, exhort or inspire directly (though we do hope and pray that looking at all that is happening in the Work will prove inspirational) but is to "inform." If that information includes human failings and less than ideal styles in some individuals' lives, then that is simply the way things are — but not the way things necessarily should be.

St. Louis Campaign

I just completed the St. Louis campaign last weekend. Though we did not have the turn-away crowds we have had when obtaining smaller auditoriums in somewhat larger cities, I believe it was nonetheless very successful.

We were very pleased to be able to utilize the St. Louis church choir and to hear the inspirational singing of Bronson James, a senior on the Pasadena campus, for the campaign. I wanted to try one campaign with local-church music and see what the psychological differences would be by foregoing the use of our Ambassador College combined band and chorale.

We are still considering this, and I have had some in-depth talks with both Mr. Ron Dart and Mr. Albert Portune, and it may be that I can see my way clear to yet use the band and chorale in some future campaigns — though sparingly. We have had to cut back because of financial considerations, but it has also affected college morale to a certain extent.

We have to realize that this direct personal involvement by the college is also important! And the church choirs are utilized in any campaign that comes to their area with all of our other speakers. I have been given to understand by the St. Louis ministry that 83 persons attended our very first follow-up Bible study, and this is a very fine harvest.

TV and Mail

I recently had some important meetings with Mr. Norman Smith concerning our television coverage. Many of the local pastors have let us know that you Church brethren who live in some of the big cities desperately want television in your areas.

As we are able, through canceling out those stations which produce little or no response and using that money to place the telecast where the response will be found, we hope to increase our television coverage in areas where more and more of you brethren live.

I am sure, however, you are very well aware of the monumental difficulties in such an enormously complex task and the obvious financial burden.

Mail for the month of January has been very fine, with a whopping 27.3 percent increase in income over the preceding January as I write this.

This is by far the best January we have had in many years in God's Work, and I believe this is a positive indication of the exuberance, enthusiasm and dedication of all of you brethren, who, after all, form the very backbone and muscle of this Work of God! I know that we are all equally enthused and excited about Mr. Armstrong's very important contacts with world leaders and his increasing power and directness in preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God directly to premiers, presidents, kings and emperors!

Certainly there are obvious parallels between this and what God's prophets of old did in going to kings and leaders of whole governments directly!

Mr. Hunting

By the way, Mr. Charles Hunting,

who left England for a few weeks following the death of his beloved wife Verlye, took both of his children remaining at home — Paul and Sidni — and went to East Africa. By the time you read this they will have returned to their home on the Bricklet Wood campus, and I hope all of you will be remembering Mr. Hunting in your prayers — as I know you have been.

I talked to Mr. Hunting only a few hours after the death of his wife, and, as I reported to you in my last "Personal," he actually wanted me to encourage you and was concerned that some few brethren may have been deeply disappointed or have allowed their faith to be in some way shaken because God allowed Mrs. Hunting to die.

Mr. Hunting does not feel that way and is a strong and dedicated servant of Jesus Christ and a minister of God. He knows there is a purpose beyond our human understanding for all things and intends to continue to drive himself to do God's Work in every way he possibly can.

Even before I am able to contact Mr. Hunting personally, I will pass on to you that Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is going to request that Mr. Hunting accompany him to Saigon for Mr. Armstrong's three-night campaign and subsequent large outdoor public appearance there. Mr. Hunting will be able to get the feel of that area and discuss with Mr. Armstrong on the site whether Mr. Armstrong would want him to remain in Saigon for any follow-up meetings or Bible studies.

If such a thing were to develop, it could prove to be an important new chapter in Mr. Hunting's life.

Thank you, Cape Girardeau, St. Louis

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to tell the Cape Girardeau, Mo., brethren how excited and thrilled my wife and I were over the beautiful presents they gave us during the St. Louis campaign — and to thank very sincerely all of the St. Louis brethren, who worked so very hard to make the campaign a success and who sent us a lovely bouquet of carnations and a beautiful basket of fruit with a warm and friendly note to welcome us to St. Louis.

The lovely antique pieces the Cape Girardeau brethren obtained for us were simply fantastic. Thank you very much!

We were both very pleased and inspired by the enthusiastic help from all of the St. Louis congregations, which served in every conceivable capacity.

I feel the St. Louis campaign was certainly one of the highlights of our lives, and I do sincerely hope and pray that God's Holy Spirit will bear much fruit there. Certainly, those 83 new people who attended the first Bible study are precious lives in God's sight, and, as I have said in the past, if only one person were to come to hear, then that one person is still worth all of our collective effort!

Until next time, keep praying for the Work, for my father and me, and for each other!

In Jesus Christ's service,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Family planners fretting over baby forecasts

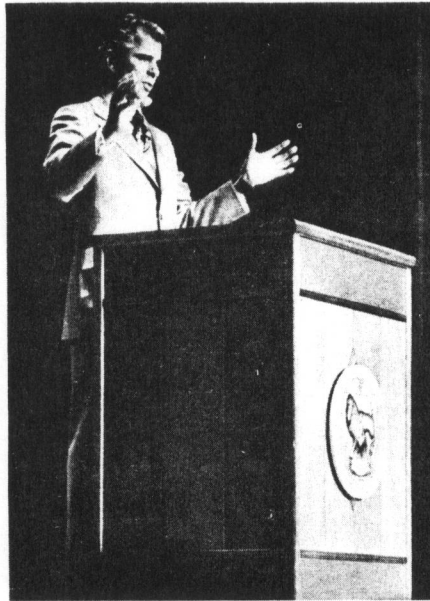
LONDON (UPI) — The Family Planning Association is worried that Britain's three-day work week and early shutdown of television may cause a boom in another area: pregnancy.

"Hundreds will be at home an extra two days a week with their wives," Sybil Clayton of the organization said. "There is little else to do with the children at school."

But the short work week may save some marriages, she speculated.



ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN — Just prior to Mr. Armstrong's appearance in St. Louis' Kiel Auditorium, this man got a chance to go over some literature about the campaign and the Work. (Photo by Klaus Rothe)



Niagara Falls named new site to accommodate '74 Feast

By Bill Braden
BIG SANDY — Niagara Falls, N.Y., has been approved as the newest site for the Feast of Tabernacles. According to Mr. Bill McDowell, Festival director, Mr. Ted Armstrong on Jan. 23 made the final decision to add the site.

Mr. McDowell and two members of his staff had flown to Niagara Falls in December to look over the area as a potential site. After their tour and meeting with convention officials, they tentatively reserved the new International Convention Center, pending final approval by Mr. Armstrong.

According to a Festival Department spokesman, the selection of Niagara Falls was the culmination of efforts to secure an additional Festival site in the eastern United States to relieve the pressure on other sites and take care of the annual growth in Church membership.

The department had hoped to find a new location somewhere between

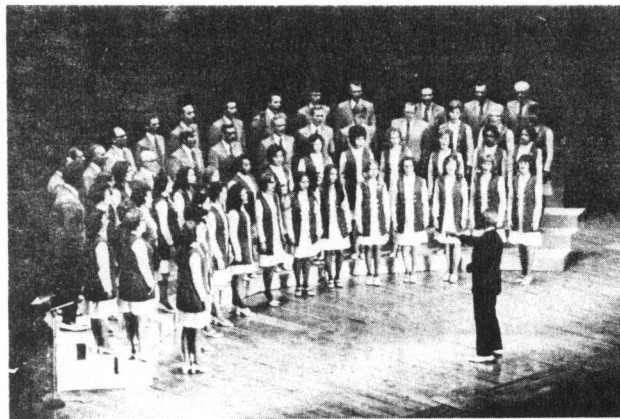
Pennsylvania and Georgia, but every convention center contacted was already booked up.

Although this new site is far north of where original plans called for, it will adequately serve the Fall Festival requirements for 1974. Festival region boundary lines will be redrawn and the existing Festival areas shifted farther south and west.

The Niagara Falls site will be of special benefit to the Canadian brethren from Ontario and Quebec, who last year traveled to Mount Pocono, Pa., for the Feast of Tabernacles. It is closer for them than Mount Pocono, and part of the site is on Canadian soil.

Niagara Falls is available for 1974, but it will not be available in 1975. The International Convention Center has been booked by other conventions at least through 1976. It is becoming increasingly difficult to book convention centers without signing them up at least two years in advance.

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Juggled words: thanksgiving, long-suffering kindness, Abraham, Ezekiel. Answer to question: Habakkuk.



ST. LOUIS CAMPAIGN — In Mr. Ted Armstrong's latest campaign, he spoke before a St. Louis, Mo., audience of some 3,500 for each of three successive evenings, Jan. 25, 26 and 27. Mr. Albert J. Portune, top left, campaign director, was emcee for the event. St. Louis' own chorale, above, provided the music, under the direction of St. Louis local elder Mr. Wilbur Malone. It was the first time that a local choir had been used for one of Mr. Armstrong's campaigns. At right, one of the St. Louis-area teenagers, Tammy Boewer, hands out programs at the beginning of the last night of the campaign. [Photos by Klaus Rothe]



Obituaries

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — William Edgell, 81, of the Minneapolis West church died here Jan. 15, resulting from the effects of a stroke suffered 2½ years ago.

He had been a member of God's Church since 1965.

Mr. Edgell is survived by his wife Alice, sons Noel and Dale — also members — and another son Glen, all of Minneapolis.

MONROE, Wash. — Mrs. Edith Tesarik died here Nov. 27, two weeks after she was severely burned in her home when her clothing caught fire. She was 84.

Mrs. Tesarik had many friends in the Church from California, Oregon, Washington and Canada who may not yet have heard of her death.

Anniversaries

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Mr. and Mrs. William Hart were honored by their children with a 50th-anniversary party Dec. 26 at the American Legion Hall here.

Attending the party were their 10 children, sons- and daughters-in-law, 37 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The Harts attend the St. Louis South church, where they have been members for 11 years.

College

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could begin the second semester at a designated spot," explained Mr. Kelly. "Then they will be able to pick up the classes they missed in the first semester of next year."

Full Summer

In addition, the Big Sandy campus will offer a full summer session this coming summer. Many first-semester courses will be available during this summer session, allowing students who arrived in January to complete the majority of their requirements for their freshman year during this period of time.

"The college feels excited and elated about having a new enrollment this January," concluded Mr. Kelly. "It gives many more of those who attend services in the Worldwide Church of God and who are interested in Ambassador College's educational system and way of life an opportunity to have exposure to one another and to the campus environment which has been established."

Bricket Wood reports substantial growth for 1973

By Melvin Rhodes

BRICKET WOOD — The year 1973 was one of substantial growth in the Mailing Department here, which processes British and European mail. It received 318,590 letters and cards, which is a 73 percent increase over 1972.

Several factors are responsible for this encouraging growth, but the main one has been increased newsstand distribution. The year began with 160,000 copies of *The Plain Truth* distributed in this manner and ended with 227,000.

Copies sent to public libraries increased to 16,700 by December. During the year response cards from newsstand and library distribution reached 109,420, compared with 44,350 the previous year.

Bricket Wood's Circulation Department also helped with growth in '73. Experiments with *Plain Truth* insert cards, booklet inserts and computerized letters proved very successful, with over 57,000 responses processed.

33 Percent Response

Renewal activity resulted in a 33 percent response after 150,000 renewal cards were sent out.

Donation mail was marginally up over 1972. The department averaged

1,000 letters each week, compared with 960 the previous year.

Excluding newsstand responses, 11,000 new subscribers were added to the mailing list of *The Plain Truth*, while only 900 canceled.

The *Correspondence Course* added about 70 students a week — a total of 3,556 for the year.

Bricket Wood's Mail Processing Center also deals with literature requests from the West Indies, Black Africa and India, where similar encouraging growth was reported.

A 60 percent increase in mail was recorded from Africa, with 26,859 new subscribers added to the mailing list of *The Plain Truth*. This was all in spite of cutting back the magazine by sending it to Africa only every other month.

Six hundred thirty-seven new students were added to the *Correspondence Course* — an increase of 14 percent over 1972.

More Visit Requests

An interesting development throughout the year was the remarkable increase in visit requests. The Mailing Department received hundreds of such requests in the three months since the last tour ended. Mr. Harold Jackson, director of the Black African Work, already has 180 peo-

ple scheduled to see him on his next tour, which will begin in March.

By the end of the year Black Africa was receiving 62,000 magazines per issue. Ghana and Nigeria received the highest circulation — 23,500 and 29,000 respectively.

Our Indian section saw a total mail count of 68,420 letters — an increase of 18 percent over 1972. This is despite the magazine being sent out only in alternate months.

The number of *Correspondence Course* students rose sharply, by 51 percent to 2,074.



BRICKET WOOD WEDDINGS — Marriage season, 1974, opened in Bricket Wood Jan. 6 when graduates George Henderson and Sue Ann Whetson, left photo, were married in the college's music hall. They are now at home in Birmingham, where he assists Mr. Derek Seaman. One week later saw the wedding of David Silcox and Nancy Thornton, right photo. They are at home in Bricket Wood, where he works for Imperial School and the new Editorial Department. [Photos by Kerry Gubb]