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Church of God Receives More Mail Than President Kennedy

The Mail-Receiving Department never knows what to expect in the way of letters! Praises of men such as ex-Governor Goodwin Knight may be received—or the vituperative venom of fanatics such as George Lincoln Rockwell, Nazi Party leader in the United States.

Seven thousand letters a week flow into Mail Receiving! Since the time when Mrs. Armstrong handled all the mail herself, over ten years ago, there has been phenomenal growth in the department and the amount of mail received.

Spokesman Club Milestone

March 23, 1963 marked another milestone in the growth of The Corpus Christi Spokesman Club. It was an occasion for us to be doubly happy. Our wives were present and we had the installation of new officers.

We wish to mention here that the officers we have had for the past year have earned the respect of all our members and are to be commended for their faithfulness and loyalty.

We met in our usual meeting room at the Tally-Ho Motel and after the usual procedures of business and Table
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Mr. Hammer with newly Installed Officers

In 1952, Mrs. Armstrong, Freia Frid-dle, Bobby Jo Carter, and Mrs. Her-man Olsen were the entire staff. In 1953, Mr. Dean Blackwell became the manager of the department, and another future minister, Mr. George Meeker, joined the staff.

Mail-Receiving Mushrooms

In 1955 the department had a total of seven employees. That year Mr. Le-roy Neff, the present head of the Mail Receiving Department; Mr. John Wil-son, the assistant head of the Mail Re-ceiving Department, and Mr. Hugh Mauck, the present Office Manager, joined the staff.

Many of God's ministers have work-ed for Mail Receiving while they at-tended college. This includes men such as Messrs. Bill McDowell, Ron Kelly, Hal Baird, Charles Hunting, and Dean Wilson.

Three-Fold Operation

Today no longer a small operation, the department has FIFTY-SEVEN employees, working in three depart-mental sections. The Mail-Opening section, headed by Mr. Bob Seelig, handles
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Ladies' Night At The El Tropicano

The San Antonio Spokesman Club had the very best for their wives and lady guests, on the night of March 7. It was Ladies' Night.

We met in the Coronado Room of the El Tropicano Motor Hotel, a very beautiful and well-decorated room. The word Coronado comes from the Spanish meaning crown. This is very significant, since the reward of a Christian is to receive a crown of life and rulership.

The hotel waiters set a very colorful table and served a thick, tender steak dinner fit for a king. We had a fruit cocktail as an appetizer and were served pie for dessert.

After enjoying most of the meal, Mr. Robert Flores, the president, opened the Club meeting and the program was underway. The ladies witnessed first-



hand how the Spokesman Club helps the men develop in personality and character and also how local Church and Club needs are handled.

During recess as the tables were be-ing cleared, we enjoyed the opportunity for fellowship. Then the speech pro-gram took place.

After this, Mr. Jennings gave us a geography lesson on Denmark, a new
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EDITORIAL

Make the Most of What You Have

By Jack Burton

God calls the weak of this world. Most of us do not have great abilities. Some don't have much education and because of this some of us may wonder how we can be of any service to God or to His Work and we tend to develop an attitude of hopelessness.

What we need to realize is the things of God start the smallest and grow to the largest. God can use us if we will start with what we have and do something with it.

When Christ started to feed five thousand people with only five loaves and two fishes, He didn't sit down with His head in His hands and hopelessly give up! He started with what he had! Then God caused it to grow.

When some of the men started in The Spokesman Club there was only one way we could go and that was up, because we were practically on the bottom already. Some of us didn't have much personality, or speaking ability or voice, or much education. But we started with what we had and God has caused it to grow.

No matter how helpless we may feel we all have something to give. For one thing we can all give a smile. A smile is priceless yet it costs nothing, and it can do wonders to help others to be happy. We can all give friendliness; we can

all give of our time to help and serve others. We can give prayers for the Work of God and for His ministers. We all have the knowledge of God's truth, but knowledge is of no value unless it is put into practice and used to help others.

Just remember that God looks on the heart, so don't hide your talent as the slothful servant did in the parable of the talents—Matt. 25:25. If you do, what you have will be taken away from you. If we make the most of what we have God will cause it to grow.

Recent Blessings In Local Church

It seems that many times some of us become callous and take our blessings for granted, even in God's Church.

Let's take stock of some of the miracles that our heavenly Father has performed just recently in the Corpus Christi area.

First of all, the time came when a hall had to be acquired for the Bible studies. Every door seemed to be closed, then God intervened on our behalf. The Crystal Room in the Nueces Hotel was remodeled and made available to us every Tuesday night.

Sicknesses of every kind and unusual description have come upon various ones, but God has stepped in every time

before they could develop into anything severe. Many have been healed of sore eyes, sore throats, flu and other diseases.

A few of the men have been—and some still are—unemployed, but God has not forsaken them. One individual looked for a job for a month and then one day he received a call from his former foreman, whose wife had given him a very good recommendation to a man who was looking for someone with his qualifications, and the job was just given to him.

Others, who are still unemployed, are having their needs provided.

Yes, all we have to do is seek God and draw near unto Him and He will keep His promises to heal us and provide for us. What a **Great and Merciful Father** we do have!

RUMORS

Don't believe a rumor till you prove it is right.

Gossip when repeated grows distorted overnight.

And something said quite pleasantly sound spiteful when retold.

Get your facts first-hand before the interest runs cold.

HOW TO DO IT

WATER SAVERS

By Michael Jennings

Pay for what you USE not what you LOSE. This can be good advice as we see the price of water go up and up as well as see our precious water reserves go down and down. The following are some points that can help you save money and water.

Inside Use

1. Don't let your faucets drip, up to 450 gallons of water can drip out of one faucet over a thirty day period. Replace the washer.
2. Check flush ball in water cabinet of your bathroom, an old flush ball will not sit tightly on valve seat and water will seep through without you knowing it.
3. When showering wet down, soap up and then rinse off, you can waste a tremendous amount of water by leaving the spigot run during a shower.

Outside Use

1. Don't waste water when you sprinkle your lawn. Water one time a week. Place an open coffee can halfway between your sprinkler and the edge of waterspray when the can has one inch of water in bottom the water will have soaked down about four to six inches. Too much water will drown roots, too little will allow grass to wither.
2. Water your lawn from 5:00 a.m. to around 9:00 A. M., by doing this water will soak in and sun will not evaporate all the water. If you sprinkle at night fungi breeds on the wet grass.
3. Water your trees at the drip line (limit of limbs) to about a depth of about two inches.

In using water like this you can use what you need without waste.



— MILESTONE —

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Topics we had the installation of officers.

Our new officers are: Sergeant-Arms, Mr. Bud Sanders; Treasurer, Mr. Bob Thompson; Secretary, Mr. Bill Seelig; Vice-President, Mr. Jack Burton; President, Mr. Leonard Kirkpatrick. Each man promised to carry out the responsibility of his office with the same faithfulness and loyalty as his predecessor.

After our speaking session and overall evaluation the meeting was adjourned. Another mark in the growth has been seen by the evidence given forth by all our members. May God give us grace to continue.

LOOK AT THIS!

We have run across some absolutely astounding statistics that show exactly why you are tired. And brother, it's no wonder you're tired! Here are the facts:

The population of the country is 160 million, but there are over 62 million over 60 years of age, which leaves 98 million to do the work. People under the age of 21 years total 54 million, which leaves 44 million to do the work.

Then, there are 21 million who are employed by the government, and that leaves 23 million to do the work. 10 million are in the Armed Forces — which leaves 13 million to do the work. Deduct 12,800,000, the number in the State and City offices, and that leaves 200,000 to do the work.

There are 126,000 who are in hospitals, insane asylums, etc., so that leaves 74,000 to do the work.

But 62,000 of these are bums or vagrants who refuse to work, so that leaves 12,000 to do the job.

Now it may interest you to know that there are 11,998 people in jail, so that leaves just two people to carry this load. That's you and me, brother, and I'm getting tired of doing everything myself.

Church Picnic Tremendous Success

On March 3 at approximately 1:00 P. M. people began to arrive at Welder Park near Sinton, where a picnic for the Corpus Christi Church was to be held. Soon a lively volleyball game was in full swing, and what was lacking in skill was made up for by enthusiasm.

When enough men had arrived to form two baseball teams, the action moved to the baseball diamond. The men really put their hearts into the game, and were encouraged by a cheering section made up of some of the ladies of the church. There would be sore muscles tomorrow, but also a great deal of joy derived from the healthful exercise and fellowship.

An amusing sidelight to the picnic occurred before the game began when a jackrabbit ran across the diamond and some of the teenage boys gave chase. Needless to say, the rabbit got away!

While the baseball game was in progress, some of the women visited with one another in the picnic area, and still others played "42".

The children enjoyed playing on the swings, slides, see-saws and merry-go-round.

Near five o'clock, our cooks, Mr. Leonard Kirkpatrick and Mr. Tom Hardeman told us the barbecued chicken would soon be ready. The ladies began to arrange many delicious, healthful foods on the picnic tables.



While this was being done, most of the men and older boys with a few women and girls gathered around. Mr. Romike for an old-fashioned song fest.

When everything was ready, God's blessing was asked on the food, and then, our appetites whetted by the afternoon's activities, we really enjoyed a delicious meal!

The meal was soon over and it was suggested we have sack races, something we have not previously tried at any of our local church picnics. After the hilarious outcome of these races, we

will probably make this a part of our future picnics! Don't enter a sack race unless you are prepared to lose your dignity momentarily.

After the races, some began to leave, but a few hardy souls still had enough energy for a final volleyball game!

One of the most frequent comments overheard concerning the picnic was: "This was the best picnic we have ever had!"

Count Your Blessings

One morning as I stood on a street corner waiting for a bus and watching the people go by, this thought came into my mind. Suppose a pollster came by and said to me, "I am taking a poll for a magazine. Are you thankful for anything this morning?"

"Oh, there are many things I am thankful for today."

"But, I only want five."

What would I say? I think I would put these five first.

1. God has offered me the opportunity to become a member of his family and to rule with Christ.
2. God has placed me where there is a local church and a minister.
3. God has given me the opportunity to observe the Sabbath.
4. I have been given the knowledge of His complete plan of salvation and the privilege of attending all the Holy-days.

5. And how could I get along without the broadcasts and the Ambassador Colleges?

"Mr. Pollster, there are dozens of other things I would like to mention, but I know you have to hurry on. Thank you for stopping."

— LADIES' NIGHT —

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kind of assignment for the instruction period.

At the climax of the overall evaluation, Mr. Hammer emphasized it had been a tremendous meeting.

After the meeting we were served refreshments while movie equipment was set up for the showing of two films. The first was on life in Russia. Then we had some entertainment by Mr. Fuessel, who played his accordion. The last movie was on the **World's Five Great Religions**.

The night of March 7 will be long remembered as the finest Ladies' Night ever held by the San Antonio Spokesman Club.

Feminine Features

EXTRA-CRISP WAFFLES

- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 4 teaspoons Royal Baking Powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 3 egg yolks
- 1¾ cup milk
- 1/3 cup Mazola corn oil
- 3 egg whites.

Heat waffle baker according to manufacturers directions. Mix and sift flour, baking powder, and salt. Beat egg yolks until light. Combine with milk. Add milk mixtures slowly to dry ingredients, stirring until batter is smooth. Add Mazola oil. Beat egg whites stiff, but not dry; fold in. Makes 6 to 8 waffles.

Mrs. Robert Flores

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If any liquid containing alcohol is accidentally spilled on your varnished furniture a white spot will appear. Immediately pour a little linseed oil over the area. The linseed oil will mix with the liquid and the spot will disappear. Wet a rag with kerosene oil and wipe everything off. Wet another rag with kerosene oil and go over the surface again. Dry and polish with a flannel rag. Even a little wax might be sued in polishing the entire area.

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QUICK WAY TO SERVE PANCAKES TO A CROWD

Pancake batter may be poured into a jelly-roll pan and baked in a hot (425 degrees) oven for 15 minutes or so until baked through and lightly browned on top. Cut into squares, remove with a pancake turner and serve hot to a crowd with blackstrap molasses or syrup.

DID YOU KNOW?

In Argentine, where there have been 200 anti-Semitic attacks during the past two years there are two major groups of neo-Nazis composed of young terrorist. (Average age in one group: 17.) They have regular military drills and exercises.

Once apparently conquered, syphilis is staging a gigantic comeback. There are 20,000 new cases and 4,000 deaths reported each year. Only one-fourth as many cases of disease and/or death due

to smallpox or malaria would probably have caused virtual panic in this country.

Referring to the recent Ecumenical Council, a retired Archbishop of Bombay said, "A general council is a football match at which all the players are bishops."

Also from the Ambassador College Weekly News Report comes more eye opening news.

General Curtis E. LeMay, Air Force chief of staff stated, "I don't think the nuclear weapon is the ultimate weapon man will ever devise. And I don't think the one that replaces it will be the ultimate either."

"The United States has stockpiled enough nuclear explosives to overkill the Soviet Union at least 25 times," so says physicist Ralph E. Iapp.

The prime minister of Jamaica charged: "The Common Market's Treaty of Rome appears to be like a surgeon's knife thrust into the body of the Commonwealth, cutting off one member from another, dividing one friend from another."

Let's continue to watch world news with an open mind.

— MAIL —

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the letters first. Here the letters are opened, counted, and stamped.

The Mail Reading Section, headed by Mr. Gary Sefcak, takes the letters from there. The readers under Mr. Sefcak read the letters, mark requests for literature, and direct the letters on to such places as the Correspondence Course, Letter Answering and Co-Worker Departments.

After the letters are processed by the readers, they are sent to the Tabulation section headed by Mr. Ray Dick. This section records the number of letter responses to each radio station.

Fantastic Potential

The potential for growth in the Mail-Receiving Department is staggering.

THINK!

In 1955 about four hundred letters was considered a good day's mail. Now the average day brings about two thousand five hundred letters. In 1972 a potential of over TWENTY THOUSAND letters per day could deluge the office!

In 1955 seven men read the mail. Today fifty-seven are employed. By 1972 the number may jump, to a possible THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN!

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Dear Boys and Girls:

The answers to last month's puzzles are as follows:

Answers to the Match Game:
2. G, 3. I, 4. J, 5. B, 6. C, 7. F, 8. E, 9. H, 10. D.

The Scrambled Names were:

1. Ezra, 2. David, 3. Mark, 4. Joshua, 5. Japheth, 6. Samuel, 7. Abel, 8. John.

Hezekiah was the one whose life was lengthened in answer to prayer.

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Who made the following statements?

The answers are found below the questions, but they are mixed up. So, be careful.

1. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice . . ."

2. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

3. "Great peace have they that love thy law; and nothing shall offend them."

4. "Repent, and be baptized everyone of you."

5. "But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice."

6. "Ye shall not surely die"

7. "Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint."

8. "Shall I crucify your King?"

9. "I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

10. "All the words which the Lord hath said will we do."

11. "Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is God's throne—"

12. "I served thee 14 years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle and thou has changed my wages ten times."

13. "There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets."

14. "A wise son hears his father's instructions."

The answers in jumbled form: A. God, B. The Serpent, C. Adam, D. Jacob, E. Esau, F. Moses, G. The people of Israel, H. David, I. Solomon, J. Daniel, K. Jesus, L. Pilate, M. Peter N. Paul.

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Answer this riddle.

Who can raise things without lifting them?