

Letters TO THE EDITOR

First letter

My husband and I have been members of God's Church for several years, and this is the first time I've ever written a letter of any kind to any of the mail-receiving departments. I just want to thank you for *The Worldwide News*. I've wanted to write for a long time, but today, after reading the "Personal" from Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, I was especially moved to write you. What a blessing to hear firsthand reports from him about such important matters as attacks on God's Church. I thank God for such frankness and openness with the brethren.

This paper, with such reassuring articles, is certainly a unifying factor for the entire Church. I look forward from paper to paper to read about our brethren around the world. How else would we know of the oneness of the Church "firsthand" if not by *The Worldwide News*?

I don't guess I've ever read a *Worldwide News* that I didn't laugh a little, cry a little or get spiritually rejuvenated a little. What a blessing! In these end times we all need all the closeness with one another possible. I can't think of a better way on a regular basis.

Mrs. Johnny (Judy) Bradford
Arlington, Tex.

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New-church news

I very much enjoy *The Worldwide News*. It helps to broaden my horizon as a woman and as a member of the Church of God. Thank you for all the work and workers.

I have noticed, however, that articles concerning the Columbus, Ind., church never as of yet have appeared in the "Church Wrap-Up" section of the paper. Since we are a fairly new church area, I thought perhaps you felt we were still a part of the Indianapolis church and therefore it was not necessary to publish our articles.

I am sure it would please our "teens," especially, to know they are mentioned in the *WN*, and their friends all over can know that they, too, are active and busy.

Judy Mills
Edinburg, Ind.

The editors apologize if they have inadvertently slighted the Columbus church. "Local Church News Wrap-Up" is one of the most popular features, judging from the constant stream of reports coming into the *WN's* office. It is the paper's policy to print all reports except those that were written long after the news events. To stay current, the *WN*

doesn't publish articles for "Wrap-Up" that are more than two months old when received. For more information on deadlines, see the announcement on page 7 of this issue.

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Better reporting

By using the [news]writing information given in the Dec. 22 issue of the *WN*, my local news reporting for an out-of-town newspaper has greatly improved. Thanks.

Mrs. Jean Wash
Laurel, Miss.

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Getting home

I have just received a lot of AC literature following this legal holiday's closing of the post boxes. Included were the *WN's* covering the HWA Jamaica campaign and the imminent prospect of similar campaigns in Trinidad and Barbados [Nov. 10 and 24]. Believe you me, this is really getting home! Mr. Herbert Armstrong has said that he does not expect us to cover every last tiny small-population nation on the earth with this program—and I believed these were small countries.

Stephen Huggins
Georgetown, St. Vincent

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Tale of the mail

Concerning the recent article in the *WN* ("Tale of the Mail: 2.1 Million Letters a Year") [Dec. 8]: Would you send me some of your indexed envelopes. I use about two a month.

Dean Hardester
Astoria, Ore.

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I just read the article in the *WN* about mail processing [Dec. 8]. It intrigued me as well as informed me about where [a] letter "goes" after arriving in Pasadena. Thanks.

Don Hudson
North Aurora, Ill.

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Different ally

We all really look forward to getting our *WN* and enjoy reading all the articles. I think we all like the articles about people who have a personal story to relate. I personally like Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's column and the work he is doing. I also like the personal stories

about our ministers and how they came into God's Church.

My 1 say that what we like the least is all the "party" info. We all think more educational-type "get-togethers" are what is needed, where people are learning something useful or helping others. The "costume balls" are not our alley, so to speak. (Well, to each his own, I guess.) Now you have lots of orchids and only one onion. Not so bad, huh?

Mrs. Maxine E. Field
Omaha, Neb.

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Recommended reading

After having read the article in the last *WN* [Dec. 8], I would like to recommend *Marijuana Today*. It is a study published in the spring of 1975 on the effects of marijuana on the human body and personality. It includes heretofore unpublished scientifically proven facts as well as case studies and makes for very interesting reading. It can be obtained by writing: The Myrin Institute, Inc., for Adult Education, 521 Park Ave., New York, N.Y., 10021.

Please print this. I used to smoke dope before I came into the Church and know from experience that this booklet is true.

Marikay Ross
Portland, Ore.

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The bulletin, registration forms and further information may be obtained from high-school or college counselors or by writing to: College Board, Box 1025, Berkeley, Calif., 94701.

The College Board also administers the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), which you should take if your native language is not English.

Court upholds Sabbath

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — A federal appeals court has found that TWA [Trans World Airlines] discriminated against an employee in refusing to permit him off from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, covering Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Arkansas, held last week that the employee, Larry Hardison, a member of the Worldwide Church of God, was entitled to have the period of his Sabbath off and reversed a contrary decision of a federal district court. According to Sidney Kwestel, president of COLPA [Commission on Law & Public Affairs, a Jewish legal-aid organization], because of the factual context this decision is one of the most important to have been rendered in the continuing effort to protect the rights of Observant Jews in employment. COLPA filed two *amicus curiae* briefs in the case, prepared by Howard Rhine, Nathan Lewin, Harvey Blitz and Dennis Rapps.

'Reasonable Accommodation'

The case arose when Mr. Hardison claimed that his dismissal from his job as a deliverer of parts to mechanics in a TWA plant in Missouri violated the Sabbath Observer provision of the Federal Civil Rights Act and the regulations of the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Both enactments, which were drafted by attorneys of COLPA, require employers to "make reasonable ac-

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This article, about Church member Larry Hardison, is reprinted here by permission from *The Jewish Press*, 338 Third Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11215, which claims to be the "largest independent Anglo-Jewish weekly in the world." The article, from the issue dated Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, ran under the headline "Landmark Ruling on Sabbath Rights."

Mr. Hardison, 31, who lived in Kansas City, Mo., at the time of his firing by TWA in 1969, now lives in Vancouver, Wash., where he attends college.

The court's decision on the right to observe the Sabbath was made in December, 1975.

accommodation to an employee's religious observance or practice" unless to do so would cause "undue hardship on the conduct of the employer's business."

Terming the appeals court's ruling as "highly significant and far-reaching for religious freedom," Mr. Kwestel cited a number of elements in the court's rulings which were addressed to the facts underlying the case. The court's opinion stated that TWA could not limit Hardison's right of transfer within the company as a condition of accommodation, that a company could not refuse to accommodate simply because a supervisor or other worker would be needed to cover for the Sabbath Observer, that speculation as to possible hardship is not a valid defense, that even if his position had to be left uncovered, "undue hardship" is not necessarily demonstrated thereby and that the duty to accommodate is not obviated simply because it would entail some cost or inconvenience to the employer. The court also went on to say that an employer may not justify a refusal to grant an employee his Sabbath day off simply on the ground that a union agreement requires that all job assignments be made on the basis of seniority.

Long-Held Concern

Mr. Kwestel made particular reference to the court's discussion of

the seniority point, stating that COLPA was "gratified" that the court fully appreciated a long-held concern of COLPA's, the rights of Observant Jews. The court, he said, stated the following:

If Saturday work inevitably falls to the employees with lowest seniority, one may well ask whether such seniority provisions would not effectively preclude TWA from ever hiring those Seventh-day Adventists, Orthodox Jews and members of the Worldwide Church of God whose religious convictions preclude work from sundown on Friday until sundown on Saturday. It is no answer to such a person, or to the statute itself, that if he compromises his religious beliefs for a time he may develop enough seniority to practice them again.

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Austrian becomes Australian after life in Hitler's Germany

By Douglas Chilcott

NORTH MOTTON, Australia — Klassek is a Czechoslovakian name. But it is not Czechoslovakia where Earnest Klassek comes from. Instead, it is in central Europe, in the German-speaking countries of Germany and Austria, where the story of Earnie's early life begins.

Earnie Klassek was born in northern Austria. His father, Karl Klassek, was never a really healthy man. But he worked hard and always got on well with the neighbors.

When Earnie was 18 months old, the family crossed the Austrian border into southern Germany. They were on the move much of the time, never staying in any one place for any great period of time.

In 1937 the family settled down in Berlin, where they stayed for four years. By that time Hitler's plans for turning Germany into a great war machine were in full swing. The dreaded Gestapo, under Heinrich Himmler, kept a close watch on the German public to make sure that no one stepped out of line.

What was life like under the Nazi regime?

"You had to keep your thoughts to yourself," Earnie later recalled. "The more you talked, the quicker you got into jail."

Bombers Common

In 1941, two years after the Second World War began, the Klasseks moved to Bamberg, a small city 60 kilometers north of Nuremberg. After 1942 the tide of war turned against Hitler. Allied bombers over the cities of Germany became a common sight. The Klasseks es-

With this article the writer took second place, and \$100, in the Worldwide News-Youth Opportunities United feature-writing contest announced in the July 21 WN.

Douglas Chilcott, 19, lives in North Motton, Australia, on the island of Tasmania. He has attended church for almost two years.

Mr. Chilcott recently graduated from Devonport Matriculation College, where he studied biology, history, art and geography. His main interests are history and current events, particularly European and Middle Eastern. He also likes to bush-walk, cycle, play chess and collect stamps.

For information on other winners, see The Worldwide News of Dec. 22.

aped the destruction from the Allied bombing that many of their neighbors suffered. But even so there were a few near misses.

As the Allied bombing increased in intensity, the German people sought the safety of the air-raid shelters or house cellars. It was no longer safe to stay above ground during the bombing raids.

For Hitler too things were becoming rough. By 1944 the German armies were retreating on all fronts. Hundreds of thousands died on the battlefields. To compensate for the heavy losses, new recruits were drafted into the army — old men and boys. With them went Earnie's father. At the end of the war Karl

Klassek was officially listed as missing, possibly killed in action or taken prisoner by the Russians, but no one really knows for sure.

In March, 1945, the Allied armies began pouring into Germany from all directions. Nothing the Germans could do could hold back the flood of Allied attacks. In April U.S. Army units reached Bamberg and occupied the city after a brief struggle.

For the first time the German people came to experience military invasion and defeat. The economy lay in almost complete ruin, and large areas of the country were devastated. Food in particular was very scarce. A flourishing black market sprang up in Germany with schnapps and American cigarettes being the chief forms of currency.

In 1948 the Klasseks moved back to Austria, where Earnie obtained a job as a tailor's apprentice. He later worked for a while in a British army depot which had once been used as a refugee camp.

Tired of the Dole

For some time Earnie had considered immigrating abroad, possibly to Canada, the U.S.A. or Australia. He had been unemployed for many months and was tired of being on the dole. These prosperous nations offered a better chance for permanent employment.

After much consideration, Earnie decided to migrate to Australia. Unfortunately, his trade as a tailor was of little help to him in gaining the approval of the immigration authorities. But one thing worked strongly in his favor: He could speak English. Ever since he had studied



AUSTRALIAN IMMIGRANT — Earnest Klassek, who immigrated to Australia after living in Germany during World War II, works outside his home near Burnie, Australia. [Photo by Douglas Chilcott]

this subject at school, Earnie had always felt that someday it would be useful to him. And now his chance had come. Earnie therefore had no trouble in gaining permission to enter the country.

In 1954 Earnie, along with hundreds of other migrants, set out from the Port of Bremerhaven on the long voyage to Australia. The ship arrived at Port Phillip Bay in Melbourne after about two months at sea, including a brief stopover at Colombo, Ceylon.

Novelty of 'Mucking'

For the first two weeks after arriving in Australia, Earnie stayed at a migrant camp at Bonegilla in Victoria. This camp had been used as army barracks during the Second World War. They were allowed to have as much food as they could eat, plus the novelty of "mucking around" with the native animals, all for just 10 shillings per week.

Earnie's first job was work in a Sydney substation as an off-sider for a fitter. He later worked for a few

months at Kurnell in Botany Bay on an oil-refinery-construction project.

In August, 1955, Earnie moved to Tasmania and bought a small farm at Elliot, a village eight miles south of Burnie. He worked very hard to clean up the farm, which had been badly neglected for several years.

Among other things, Earnie built his own lane into the property from the main road, cleared the large blackberry bushes, stumps and logs which had covered much of the farm, renovated the old house ready for moving in and built his own dam in a gully that ran through the farm!

In 1960 Earnie also began working on the Burnie waterside wharf in addition to his work on the farm. This provided much-needed income to support his growing family.

Turning Point

It was in 1964 when Earnie and Mrs. Donna Klassek came in contact with the Work. Earnie began by borrowing the latest issue of the *Plain Truth* each month. In 1965 they both became regular co-workers, but it was another four years before a minister, Robert Fahey, could reach them. They were then both baptized, in January, 1969.

In 1967 Earnie decided to move the family and set up house on a one-acre block of land on the outskirts of Burnie. The Elliot state school had just been closed and a large town would give the children a chance to receive the best possible education.

Earnie and the family have worked hard to improve their new homestead. Some improvements have been made and a garden has now been installed after the ground was heavily built up with compost. Earnie and the family have also built a small workshop together with some much-needed furniture.

At the moment, Earnie and Donna Klassek have five children: two boys and three girls. John, the oldest, is very interested in woodwork, copper beating and working with machinery. He also plays the violin.

Chritine is teaching herself to play the organ and is catching on fast. She also likes novel writing and sings occasionally when concerts are held at the high school.

Eric is in first-year high school and is doing very well. He also likes to "potter around" in the workshop.

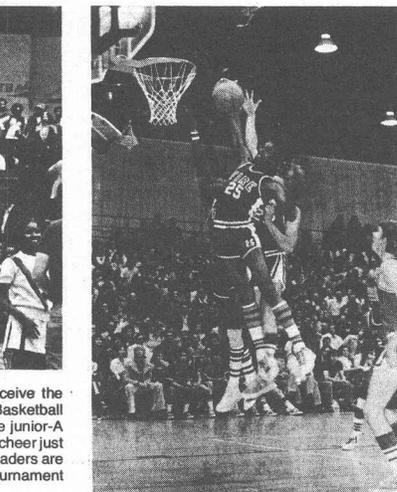
What about Helen? Well, she said she likes playing with dolls. But her parents have also encouraged her to try her hand at the gardening. Anneetta is only 3½ and has a long way to go.

Mrs. Klassek, commonly referred to by Earnie as "Mother," is doing a good job at looking after the domestic side of things.

And last but not least is Earnie. He is still working on the Burnie wharf and is due for his long service leave within a few months. He often takes the family out on hiking trips or back to the bush in Elliot. The one thing that he likes doing in his spare time is "mucking around with wood."



THE WINNERS — Clockwise from above: The Big Sandy Challengers receive the first-place trophy in the junior-A division of the 1975 Chicago Invitational Basketball Tournament, held Dec. 25 to 27. Tommy Walker pulls down a rebound in the junior-A championship game against Big Sandy; the Bowling Green, Ky., cheerleaders cheer just before they were announced the best of 45 squads; the Cincinnati (Ohio) Crusaders are presented a trophy for first place in volleyball competition by Carl Gustafson, tournament director. [Photos by Bob Elinson, Mike Hale and Will Vandermolen]



Church teens receive recognition

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Debbie Kay Wright, daughter of Reg Wright, an employee of the Work's office here, was recently awarded top honors at the annual award night at her high school. Nominated "Dux" of Miami State High School, Debbie topped the averages in ancient history, economics, English and chemistry. She also received a special certificate of merit, a leadership award and \$20.

Debbie, 18, had only attended the Miami school for two years. In early 1974 the Wright family moved from Sydney, New South Wales, when the Australian office and staff relocated

here, to southeast Queensland. Crossing the state line means added difficulties for high-school



DEBBIE WRIGHT

students, since the educational systems of New South Wales and Queensland are quite different.

Debbie's father says, "My daughter's success is due to her hard work and perseverance."

Next year Debbie plans to attend Queensland University. Her ambition is eventually to become a social worker and attend Ambassador College. Attending Ambassador College is a "dream," says Debbie, "but I am afraid finances rule that out for a while. Maybe in the future."

Teacher noted

GASTONIA, N.C. — Grier S. Yoder, a member and newly ordained deacon in the Charlotte, N.C., church, was awarded the 1976 Horace Hart Award of the Education Council of the Graphic Arts Industry Dec. 22.

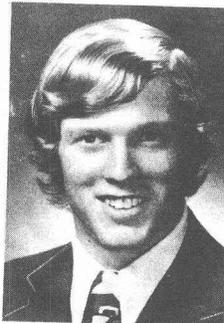
The annual award was presented by James R. McClintock, president of the council. It is awarded each year to a government employee for distinguished public service in the field of printing and publishing.

The award will be formally presented during the Education Council-Graphic Arts Technical Foundation Meetings in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 9.

Mr. Yoder is a graphic-arts teacher and chairman of the Vocational Education Department at Hunter Huss High School here.

Among American High School Students, 1975-76.

He attends the Denver church. Rich is captain of the Thornton varsity wrestling team and wrestles at 132 pounds. He is also on the gymnastics team, working the still



RICHARD HAMMEL

ings and parallel bars.

He won the medal for most physically fit student at his high school in the United States Marine Corps National Youth Physical Fitness Program.

Rich maintains a 3.5 grade-point average. He was nominated for the outstanding senior of 1976 of Thornton High.

SEATTLE, Wash. — Curt Lindsley, 15, and Keith Olson, 14, showed how drive, persistence and

ingenuity can pay off. They both qualified for a three-day, expense-paid trip to Disneyland in California for selling 60 or more new subscriptions to their local newspapers. Every extra subscription above 60 earned them \$1.

Curt topped all new carriers with a phenomenal 182 new subscribers to the four-times-weekly Renton Record-Chronicle. Keith sold 107

new subscriptions to the Kent News-Journal. Both papers are circulated widely to several medium-size suburbs outside Seattle by the Valley Publishing Co. of Kent, Wash.

Curt is a senior patrol leader for his Boy Scout troop. Curt and Keith both play on the church basketball team and are involved in Youth Opportunities United events.

Aussie escapes death

By David K. Noller

CAIRNS, Australia — Svend Madsen, 41, member of the Cairns church, miraculously escaped death in a mine shaft Nov. 24, only 43 hours after he was married.

The accident occurred in the Loloma Tin Mine, near Irvinebank, 80 miles from here, where Svend has worked as a miner for four years.

He was driving a mining scoop down a 2,500-foot shaft, which declines one foot every five feet, to pick up another load of ore when the brakes failed. The machine quickly picked up speed.

"I tried to slow it down with the gears, but the transmission seized up," recalled Mr. Madsen, "so I then attempted ramming the scoop into the walls of the shaft."

"But it was no use. We were already going too fast, and the shaft was too narrow to maneuver enough. The shaft is only 8 feet wide by 8 feet high, so I didn't dare jump off, as that risked being crushed against the walls."

Mr. Madsen clung desperately to the scoop as it accelerated and

hurtled out of control past the turnout into the shaft, which was being worked, and plunged full speed into an abandoned shaft.

"I remember thinking then that my time was up. I cried out, 'God, please help me,' a number of times."

Then it happened. The scoop smashed headlong into a rock ledge and ground to a halt. Two hundred feet farther and Mr. Madsen would have faced another horror; the shaft was completely flooded.

The ordeal left Mr. Madsen shaken, but unharmed. The scoop had hurtled 750 feet in a few minutes.

"I'm thankful to be alive," Mr. Madsen said. "I know it was a miracle I came out of that shaft to see daylight again."

Elizabeth, his wife, said she was grateful to have her husband above ground level again. And it was to remain that way for a while; Mr. and Mrs. Madsen left on an extended working holiday-vacation around Australia.

When asked if he would go underground again, Mr. Madsen said he would, "if he found the right job."

HONESTY AND HAPPINESS

"Susan, you certainly have been quiet since you got home from school," said Mrs. Gentry. "Is anything wrong?"

Susan stared at the dish of raisins in front of her. She hadn't even begun to eat her snack.

"Oh, Mama," she sighed, "I'm worried about Julie. I think she is in trouble."

"What makes you think that?" Mrs. Gentry asked her 8-year-old daughter as she put down the bowl of biscuit mix she was preparing for supper. She always gave Susan her full attention when she needed to talk to her.

"Well, she can't play after school today and her allowance has been stopped. All she would say was that someone in her family lied to her father about breaking his flashlight. All the children are being punished because the person who did it won't admit it. She is very unhappy."

"You know, Mama, she is so unhappy I almost think she is the one who is lying."

Unnecessary Misery

Mrs. Gentry brushed a light wisp of hair out of Susan's face as she said: "When a person breaks one of God's laws, unhappiness does result. And God has taught us that we are not to lie. By breaking that law, hasn't someone in Julie's family caused them all unnecessary misery?"

"Yes, and I am miserable too," said Susan. "Julie and I were going to roller-skate after school today." She frowned. "I miss her."

She pushed her snack away. "I'm not hungry, Mama. I think I will go outside, okay? Maybe I'll skate some anyway."

"That's fine, dear," Mrs. Gentry

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS By Kenda Turner



said. She watched Susan go out the back door.

Later that afternoon Susan came back in to help her mother finish preparing supper. As she was setting the plates around the table, she glanced at the clock over the refrigerator. It was almost time for her father to come home from work.

Screech of Tires

Suddenly Susan heard a loud screech of tires. She ran to the living-room window, and, as she looked out beyond the curtains, she gasped. Her father had stopped the car before getting all the way into the driveway. He had gotten out and was now looking under the front of the car.

What was he looking at? Susan's eyes widened. Her skates! She had left her roller skates in the driveway. And her father, not seeing them, had run over one with the car.

Oh, no, thought Susan. Oh, I made a big mistake. Daddy has told Joey and me to be sure we put our toys away. Uh-oh, what if one of the tires is punctured? What if the skate is broken beyond repair? What if . . . Susan's heart was pounding hard.

Her father returned to the car and pulled it up to the garage. He came into the house. Without the usual kiss for Mama, Joey and her, he said: "Everyone gather here in the kitchen. I have something to say."

Joey dashed in from his bedroom, where he had been playing with his Erector set. He looked surprised. Mama looked puzzled. Susan looked pale.

"Someone has disobeyed me and left toys in the driveway. Who is responsible?" Mr. Gentry looked at Joey and then at Susan.

Susan's mouth was dry. She could not seem to say anything.

"Joey?" Mr. Gentry was looking at his 6-year-old as if he suspected him.

Telling the Truth

Susan suddenly remembered Julie. She remembered how unhappy her friend was and how unhappy her family must be. And she remembered what Mama had said about why God does not want us to lie.

"It wasn't Joey, Daddy," Susan managed to say. "It was me." She hung her head down. "I am sorry I forgot."

Mr. Gentry sighed. He seemed to relax.

"Thank you, Susan, for telling me the truth," he said. "That is very important."

"Now, as for your neglect, see that it does not happen again. It is very dangerous to leave toys in the driveway. Luckily it did not damage the tire, and I think we can bend your skate back in shape. You will be more careful from now on, won't you?"

"Yes, Daddy," said Susan. Her

father patted her on the shoulder as he said: "We all make mistakes sometime. Let's learn from them." Then he smiled. "What's for supper?"

The Gentry family sat down and began to enjoy the meal. Susan couldn't help but wonder whether Julie's family was enjoying a meal too.

The next day, as Susan walked home from school with Julie, she noticed that her friend was still very quiet. Susan began talking, telling Julie about how she had made a mistake with her skates, how hard it was to face up to it and tell the truth, but how much better it was than to deal with the consequences of lying. And how forgiving her father had been when she had said she was sorry.

"Oh, Susan," said Julie, her voice choking. "It's all my ult. Daddy is upset with all of us, none of my sisters or my brother is talking to each other, and Mother is getting impatient with us all. I broke that flashlight but I can't seem to tell Daddy about it. Everything's such a mess." There were tears in Julie's eyes.

Time to Change

"Julie, I am so sorry," said Susan. "I know how you feel. I felt the same way last night. But there is still time to change it all. Go home and tell the truth. Everything will be better."

"I hope so," said Julie. Soon after, as Susan was finishing her snack, there was a knock on the front door. Julie was there, smiling.

"Everything's fine!" she said happily. "You were so right. Daddy was very happy that I learned to tell the truth, and he was not angry with me. He said I must save my allowance to pay for a new flashlight. But I am allowed to play after school."

"So what are we waiting for? Let's go skating!"

And the two girls skated together, laughing together. They were happy again.

Obituaries

TUCSON, Ariz. — Johnny Mack, 21, who attended services here, and two friends were killed in an explosion here Nov. 11.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and



JOHNNY MACK

Mrs. F.G. Mack of Tucson, and two sisters, Michelle of Tucson and Mrs. Marilyn Collins of Bisbee, Ariz.

Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Collins are members.

LAKE CHARLES, La. — Timmy Lee Vice, 17, died Dec. 30 from injuries he received in an automobile accident.

A senior at Midland High School, Timmy was to graduate in June.

He had attended the Church's Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn., in 1975; he had also applied for admission to Ambassador College.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Vice, members here. He is also survived by five brothers.

VICTORIA, Tex. — Annie Virginia Seiler, 73, died Dec. 29 at the home of her son here.

Mrs. Seiler moved to her son's home from Houston, Tex., in November after being ill for some time.

She is survived by two sons, Walter of Victoria and Russell of Seguin, Tex.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Seiler was baptized in July, 1958.

L'ANSE, Mich. — Carrie Rowe, 64, died Dec. 15 after a brief illness.

Mrs. Rowe is survived by a son William of Gwinn, Mich.; two foster daughters, Mrs. Nancy Osborn of Green Bay, Wis., and Mrs. Shirley Stevens of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Mrs. Lillian Lamo of Norway; a brother, Howard Dahl of Norway; six grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Rowe was baptized in 1956.

SHELBY, Ohio — Wesley Ernest Swinning, 66, died Dec. 24 after an extended illness.

Mr. Swinning, who was a member, is survived by his wife Bertha; two sons, Joseph G. of Mansfield, Ohio, and Larry L. of Shelby; one daughter, Mrs. Diane Rodney of Youngstown, Ohio; four sisters, Mrs. Marion Gibson and Mrs. Darlene Rader of Florida, Mrs. Polly Smith of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Frances Hanes of Columbus, Ohio; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

POSTMARK

The editors of *The Worldwide News* had a problem. It seems readers were frequently sending us material that didn't quite fit into existing departments of the newspaper. Some contributions weren't what you'd call news articles, didn't really fit the "Wrap-Up" section, weren't actually letters to the editor, not quite miscellaneous personals.

Since most of this mass of material didn't fit any existing niche, we've created a new niche, christened "Postmark."

We'll run it from time to time; it will be a haven for household tips, anecdotes, recipes, journalistic odds and ends that don't quite fit anywhere else.

If you'd like to contribute to this feature, write "Postmark," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. All we ask is that you keep it short.

(The *WN* doesn't necessarily endorse any material in "Postmark." Contributions are subject to condensation.)

Lawn power

Last April when it began to look like spring in Idaho, a 13-year-old boy's thoughts turned to wondering how he was going to be able to afford to go swimming at the local pool throughout the summer. Also, he was needing a different bicycle and a pair of French imported sport shoes all the kids are wearing.

He discussed it with his parents and his father suggested he take the old mower belonging to his parents and go mow lawns for people around town.

Soon Randy was mowing lawns every day and was able to get the bicycle, the shoes and all the swimming he wanted.

By August it became apparent Randy needed a new mower. After spending a whole day shopping and learning all they could about various kinds of mowers, Randy and his mother became convinced

of which was the best and most durable one in town, but it cost \$190.

Randy had the \$90, but still needed \$100, so he and his mother went to the bank to apply for a loan. They were all very nice at the bank and gave Randy the \$100 immediately. The loan was due to be paid in 60 days on Oct. 6.

Several people who had heard of the boy with the new mower called the house, contracting Randy to do their lawns. As a result, Sept. 12, 1975, was a memorable day for Randy. He was able to go to the bank and pay the loan off completely.

The man who had made out the loan for Randy was standing nearby and Randy's mother told him that Randy had just paid off the loan. He smiled and said, "If Randy keeps going like that he'll own this bank someday."

The man didn't know, of course, that Randy had also been able to send \$50 to the Work and had \$50 to take to the Feast of Tabernacles with him.

Mrs. Donald Rhuman
Payette, Idaho

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Seven-week double-up

By making deposits at eight-day intervals on a rotating basis, at the end of seven weeks you will have two paychecks to deposit instead

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MARCH 1976 PAYDAYS

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MARCH 1976 DEPOSITS

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APRIL 1976 PAYDAYS

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APRIL 1976 DEPOSITS

of one. The above chart shows you how to set up dates to fit your own situation and work this plan every seven weeks all year long. Save every seventh paycheck!

Thomas B. Tobin
Monticello, Ill.

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Sabbath is also for kids

You asked through the great *Worldwide News* for some ideas parents have for the benefit of children in the way of things to do on the Sabbath. So my few suggestions are:

1. Take the children to the local



playground where there are swings, slides, etc., properly supervised by interested teenagers or most preferably parents who will find it of benefit to actively participate or play ball a while with them.

2. Have a half-hour concert time. Prepare ahead to buy balloons, chewies or honeycombs. The individuals can be given a choice when it's their turn to be on stage to say news (what they did yesterday or last week if it's something that was a happy happening), sing a song or play a charade.

When all have had an opportunity to get up on stage and the "concert" is over, then the first to receive their chewies, balloon, or whatever the gift, is the one who proved to be the best behaved as a good audience (quiet and attentive while others had their turn). My family is five children from 4 years to 14 years, and this proves quite successful for us.

Also, a regular promise of a "can of Coke" or something that isn't the regular "you can have" when the children want it is a treat for Sabbath days.

Besides the concert time, when your turn comes up and you choose news, then read a few good news items from *The Worldwide News* and show photos on every page.

B.A. Holman
Three Springs, Australia

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Prisoner looks to future

I am presently serving a 10-to-20-year sentence for armed robbery at Jackson Prison (the state prison in southern Michigan). I have already served five years of this sentence. I could be released in a year or two.

I am a friend of Mr. [Jack] Walker, who is presently serving

time here. Mr. Walker is a member of the Worldwide Church of God. He was kind enough to allow me to read some of his literature. We have also had some lengthy discussions. He persuaded me to write this letter.

I have found that after five years in a place like this that you truly become a forgotten man. My family writes and visits when they can. I have seen many friends come and go. And many well-meaning people give empty promises. I was even engaged to be married in here. But I was turned down on a special parole, so she just stopped writing and visiting. I guess there is a great deal of truth in the old saying "Out of sight, out of mind."

I can only say that mail call is the loneliest hour of my day. Then I see Mr. Walker receiving mail from all over the world and from people who want to help.

I belong to the Episcopal Church. Each Wednesday Rev. Bronnell comes from downtown to conduct a service for me. I say me because I am the only one in the congregation. In fact, I have been the only one for the past four years.

There are two things that I am sure of. I will never return to prison. And after my release I will reach out a helping hand to others who are in the fix I was in. My two favorite sayings are "You reap what you sow" and "By helping others you help yourself."

I find it easy to laugh, and I have no fear of laughing at myself. I've lost everything and now I'm trying to pick up the pieces and start all over again. With God's help I will make it. I hope there is someone in the Worldwide Church of God that can show me the way.

Robert Kalkbrenner
Jackson, Mich.



WORK PROJECT — Gil Pier cuts wood during a project of the Erie, Pa., church. [Photo by Jan Legere]

Church members on fire to sell wood

By Jan Legere

ERIE, Pa. — A nippy winter morning in the picturesque Pennsylvania woods was the scene of a recent work project of the church here.

Chain saws buzzed in the crisp morning air. Men with axes, sledges and wedges could be heard spitting up logs.

Other workers, including women, teenagers and children, busily gathered and loaded white trucks delivered firewood to fill the orders of customers in this area.

This was the second scheduled woodcutting day for the Erie church. More are planned because of high demand for firewood. It's a way to have fun and fellowship in God's great outdoors and at the same time generate funds for public Bible lectures.

Anyone planning to organize a woodcutting project might find these

suggestions helpful:

- The woodlot contracted by the Erie church, for example, consisted of treetops that had been felled months earlier during logging operations.

- This makes for ideal firewood cutting because the wood has had time to season. (Green, or freshly cut, wood will not burn well.)

- Some treetops were of good size and produced short logs up to 15 or 20 inches in diameter.

- Chain-saw operators: Select two or three experienced men and assistants to work with them to clear brush, position logs for cutting and related chores.

- Axmen for splitting wood, and their assistants, should also be picked according to experience. Because only the larger logs need splitting, three good two-man ax teams should be able to keep up with the saws.

- Other volunteers can be assigned to work with the trucks to load at the woodlot and unload and stack at the delivery end.

- A hot potluck lunch arranged by wives makes for a mighty welcome lunch break at the woodlot.

- First aid should be available in the form of a well-prepared kit or trained person in the group (or both). Should the worst happen with a chain saw or ax, on-the-spot first aid could be extremely important.

- If the day is properly organized and the wood relatively easy to truck out, \$200 or more could be netted, figuring 10 cords (4 feet by 8 feet by 20 inches each) delivered at \$20 each, plus two cords to the lot owner as payment for his wood.

- One thing's for sure: Those cold winter days when the Erie church took to the woods will be warmly remembered.

A Personal Letter

from
Samuel L. Armstrong

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my delivery around the disappearance of the work ethic in the United States, with commentary on the strong competition and the broad postwar resurgence of such viable powers of today as West Germany and Japan, their capture of former American markets by outselling and undercutting American products, and the slowness of Detroit to capture the vision of the future of the smaller car clear back in the early '50s, when the true impact of today's massive trade wars should have been foreseen.

In the body of the speech I used the seven laws of success as my outline and concluded with a strong statement concerning contact with and guidance from Almighty God, even in our pursuit of success in the business world. The speech was met with enthusiastic response by all those assembled, and it was a pleasant surprise for me.

Broaden Scope of Appearances

I have wanted for some time to address civic groups and business associations or corporations if for no other reason than to broaden the scope of my personal appearances to include more than just evangelistic campaigns and radio or TV interviews.

As a note of interest, I recently received a letter from Charles P. Jones Jr., who is vice president and director of the National Association of Broadcasters' public-relations service, in which he mentioned the NAB is holding an annual convention attended by radio and television broadcasters from all parts of the country on March 22 and asked if I would give the invocation at their luncheon session. The luncheon will feature newscaster Paul Harvey as the guest speaker.

I have not yet replied to the letter, but I receive requests of this nature — plus a stream of requests from various social clubs, businessmen's organizations, civic groups and educational institutions from the

United States and Canada — throughout the year.

New Evangelist

By now I am sure most of you have read of Mr. Frank Brown's transfer to England to assume the directorship of the Work there. The British ministry and lay members alike are very enthusiastic over the appointment of Mr. Brown. This marks the first time in the history of God's Work in Britain for this age that a native British subject has headed the Work there.

While Mr. Brown has very deeply identified with the United States' customs and way of life (his wife, the former Sharon Roesler, hails from St. Louis), and particularly of course the Southern California weather, he is nevertheless eagerly looking forward to assuming his new responsibilities in England.

Mr. Les McCullough, director of the International Division, is particularly pleased to see Mr. Brown placed in the position of the director of the Work in Britain and wants him to assist in every way possible in conducting the affairs of the International Division in Europe.

As business manager, Mr. Brown occupied a position vacated by a former evangelist and, upon assuming his duties in England, will be occupying an office also vacated by a man of evangelist rank. At one time there were two evangelists on the Bricket Wood grounds. Consequently, I am happy to announce that I will be ordaining Mr. Brown an evangelist this coming Sabbath [Jan. 17] in Bricket Wood.

Bad With Good

I suppose there is always bad news mixed with the good.

God's headquarters ministry has been forced, very reluctantly, through events of these past few weeks to terminate and disfellowship two former ministers and one former employee and administrative assistant. The details concerning this will be found in an article on page 1 of this issue. (I also outlined many of the events which led up to these final decisions in my Dec. 22 "Personal.")

By the time you receive this your local pastors will have received a

very thick and special *Bulletin* which contains a complete documentation of the entire history of the developments of recent weeks. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have concerning such events.

Mr. Brown is taking with him to Britain a huge armload of papers (700 typewritten pages in all) representing the rough-draft transcripts of material collected in extensive doctrinal meetings which took place at headquarters as these men were given a full hearing.

I made it clear to the men that my earlier announced suspensions from the ministry did not include their being disfellowshipped from the Church, and I did not make any mention of suspension of salary; rather, the suspensions resulted directly from grave procedural errors of deliberately attempting to preach and teach doctrines (such as no obligation to observe the Sabbath, the annual Holy Days, tithing, etc.) to the lay membership of God's Church in Britain PRIOR to having given headquarters any remote inclination that such teaching was going on.

The suspensions came entirely as a result of these grave procedural errors, and, as I spelled out in letters to both men, had nothing whatsoever to do with the validity or invalidity of the doctrinal questions raised.

Dumbfounding Allegations

Subsequent events, including an article that appeared in the Los Angeles *Times* containing some dumbfounding allegations, finally forced the headquarters ministry to mark and disfellowship these men, even though I had personally striven with all my being to urge them to take leaves of absence in the hope that they could be turned from their course.

It is very deeply grievous to me personally to be forced into such actions, as I'm sure you can all understand. But the responsibility Christ has placed upon me leaves me no recourse, and I must be faithful to the biblical injunction. Your local pastors can give you any further information which may be required.

Doctrinal Statements Coming

As a part of our doctrinal meetings now being conducted at headquarters, I have had extensive meetings with the top members of the doctrinal-research team the last few days during which we were able to finalize statements to be issued to all of our ministry and the brethren concerning the administration of second and third tithes, the subject of healing and race relations.

As a matter of note, a letter from Mr. Herbert Armstrong appears in the latest *Bulletin* which outlines an exceptional case involving Sabbath observance concerning some of our black members in Zaire in Africa. All of your local pastors will have had an opportunity to digest or even to read this letter, if it is applicable, in Bible studies or Sabbath services by the time you receive this issue.

I have found to my surprise, partially resulting from the recent furor over allegations made by our enemies, that many had begun to assume all doctrinal meetings were suspended indefinitely.

This is simply not so and never was!

I had commissioned quite a long time ago a special doctrinal-research team to be engaged continually in formulating formal statements of doctrine concerning even those basic and fundamental doctrines we consider to be "the trunk of the tree" in God's Work, and the members of that team are continually at work on that project.

Doctrinal forums and meetings at various levels have continued perennially at headquarters, and there will be no abatement of doctrinal research, notwithstanding the allega-

tions of those who would like to posture that God's Church, especially its leadership, is close-minded over doctrinal questions or difficulties.

As I said in my letters to the two men who went out, such doctrinal research would continue "with or without" their active participation. (In fact, the latest doctrinal material to go to the ministers was actually delayed because of my having to deal with recent problems.)

More Money for Radio, TV

I have had some very important meetings with some of our top division heads at headquarters and may be able, as a result of in-depth studies now under way here, to announce yet additional economies for God's Work in the future which will result in the diversion of greater percentages of our income directly for the purchase of radio and television air times.

I am very enthusiastic about the excited response of our brethren and co-workers alike over the announcement, made many months ago, that I was stepping out on faith to purchase time on many additional radio and television stations (I hope you have noticed the radio and television log in the *Plain Truth* lately). We are continuing to enlarge on this program, finding that in spite of the fact that we had to step out on faith and sign contracts for radio and television time which required us to allocate moneys not previously budgeted, we are able, as the Work continues to grow, to find ways and means to divert higher proportions of the moneys received into this vital area of God's Work, reaching the general public with the Gospel of the Kingdom.

As each of these decisions is finalized, you know that I will keep you thoroughly informed in these pages.

Encouraging Note

Even though we have experienced a decline in income in the Work, I think it's tremendously encouraging to note that, believe it or not, the membership has actually been giving more. The decline has been in what we term the "donor" category. Donors are those who are marginally interested in the Work and are not sufficiently involved to become full-time co-workers.

So, even though the income is still showing a slight minus for the year to date, I want to impress upon every one of you brethren that you are DOING A MAGNIFICENT JOB and the actual statistics show that all of you are giving more proportionately than ever before.

That's about it for this time. Keep up the good work, and I'll be writing you again on my return from overseas.

Your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Ministers

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annual Holy Days, plus the doctrines of tithing, healing, the Old and New Covenants, universal reconciliation and others.

Mr. Hunting and Mr. Plache chose to voluntarily separate themselves from the Work, though Mr. Armstrong said "no formal resignation" had been received as of Jan. 12. However, the Jan. 13 issue of the Los Angeles *Times* carried an article by-lined by *Times* religion editor Russell Chandler that announced the resignations of Mr. Hunting, Mr. Plache and Mr. Ord and quoted the men as charging the Church with various problems. The article included an announcement of a Jan. 14 public meeting to be held by Mr. Plache to "explain issues involved in the resignations." (A written resignation was received from Mr. Plache by Mr. Armstrong Jan. 14.)

In a Jan. 13 memo to all church pastors, which was to be read in all churches, Mr. Armstrong disfellowshipped the three men:

"While we have striven to avoid it — it now becomes the clear duty of Christ's ministers at Headquarters to obey the biblical injunction to 'mark those who cause divisions,' or, as the *Living Bible* puts it: 'Stay away from those who cause divisions and are upsetting people's faith, teaching things about Christ that are contrary to what you have been taught.'"

"This is to officially state that Mr. Charles Hunting, Mr. Richard F. Plache, and Mr. David Ord are disfellowshipped from the Worldwide Church of God, and are specifically named as three men who are causing division, upsetting faith, and teaching things 'contrary to what you have been taught.'"

"While we pray they may be led to see the depth of their error, and may repent and be restored to fellowship and usefulness in God's Work, we must obey the clear commands of God's Word with regard to fellowship."

Mr. Armstrong Comments

In a statement for *The Worldwide News*, Mr. Armstrong stated:

"These two men, both of whom have been close personal friends, were considered by most of us at headquarters as very much on the 'right' of Church policy and doctrines — so much so I had found myself in conflict with their teachings and practices many times in the past — particularly over their former concern with restrictive teachings concerning hair lengths, styles, facial hair, dormitory rules, student dating, and other assorted trivia which to me seemed far 'right.' Now, suddenly, with no prior notice, I find both to be at the far extreme 'left' of Church doctrine and policy, which is a shocking change."

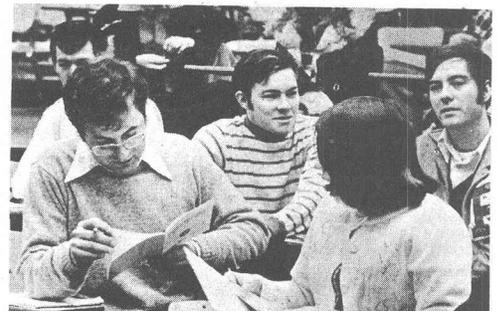


The first issue of a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) newspaper for YOU members is now being prepared for mailing in February. The paper is to include YOU events on local, regional, national and international levels. Articles about your local activities should be submitted to the YOU coordinator in your church area.

As yet, the paper doesn't have a name. The YOU staff would like you to name it. A cash prize of \$50 will be awarded for the winning name.

The contest is open to youths age 12 to 19 attending services of the Worldwide Church of God (except Ambassador College students). You may submit as many entries as you want. Entries will be judged on creativity and suitability and must be postmarked no later than Feb. 27. Send your entries today to:

Name the Paper Contest
YOU
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91123



JANUARY FRESHMEN — Mike Shymansky of Edmonton, Alta., left, looks over a schedule of classes with Steve Thompson of Hagerstown, Md., second from left, Kathy Woldt of El Paso, Tex., and Alan Campbell of Paragould, Ark., during orientation exercises Jan. 8 on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador. Classes for the new semester began Jan. 12 at both Pasadena and Big Sandy. [Photo by Tom Hanson]

Local church news wrap-up



LADIES' NIGHT — John Stone, left, gives a speech at the Syracuse, N.Y., Spokesman Club ladies' night. At right, members of the club and their guests have a laugh during the meeting. (See "Team Effort," this page.) [Photos by Edison W. Fry]



Team Effort

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Spokesman Club members here invited their belles in for a ladies' night recently. The bill of fare included prime rib, wine and conversation.

A topic session led by the club president, Carl Saporito, followed the meal. The questions set the stage for the second half, speeches by John Cady, John Stone and John Peterson.

Minister Donald Samples elaborated on the job, the team effort, of the Church and said that "we are all in this together." *Edison W. Fry.*

Pet Rock

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — The church here celebrated its 10th anniversary Dec. 14. The pioneer congregation came to this area from the Pittsburgh, Pa., and Akron, Ohio, churches in 1965. The church has since grown from the original 175 members to well over 500.

Ten Years of Building Friendship was the theme of the night's events, held Dec. 14 (though the actual anniversary was Dec. 7) at the Pointview Ballroom.

Music was provided by Gentle-

'WN' DEADLINES

To speed processing of your articles for "Local Church News Wrap-Up," address them to: "Wrap-Up," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

Deadlines for these articles are 14 days before the issue is printed (see deadline schedule list below).

All articles should be typed, double-spaced, and should include the writer's full name, address and telephone number on the article itself. To stay current, the *WN* cannot publish articles for "Wrap-Up" that are more than two months old when received.

In submitting articles, it is the writer's responsibility to verify dates and figures and spellings of names and places. Both first and last names of persons must be included.

DEADLINE	FOR ISSUE DATED
Feb. 2	Feb. 16
Feb. 16	March 1
March 1	March 15
March 15	March 29
March 29	April 12
April 12	April 26
April 26	May 10
May 10	May 24
May 24	June 7

man's Court, a professional combo that played waltzes, polkas and square dances.

Refreshments had been donated by some of the brethren, and Eugene Noel, pastor, provided venison.

During the entertainment the pioneer members were recognized, and deacons and the deaconess were given gold pens as tokens of appreciation.

Ten years ago Mr. Noel was ordained into the ministry at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jekyll Island, Ga., so he and his wife were also surprised with gifts from the church, including an electric can opener, an electric carving knife and a rod and reel.

Mr. Noel also surprised Jim Melzer with a "pet rock," and Mr. Melzer promised to do everything possible to give it a good home.

The oldest member of the Youngstown church was also honored: local elder Ralph "Gramps Grumps" Orr. When interviewed by Mr. Noel, Mr. Orr explained how he was introduced to the Work. It seems he was milking his cow Bessie when he put his foot into a puddle in which lay a live wire. When he came to, Herbert W. Armstrong was on the radio talking about a "crisis in agriculture." Bessie then sent for the *Plain Truth*.

Mr. Noel then introduced enceph Jim Cannon, who then introduced and directed a singing group.

Featured soloist was Diane Anzivino. The final number was a duet by George Batchelor and Anita Longbottom.

Accompanists were Cindy Jackson, Rae Longbottom and Gary Evans, organists, and Jerry Parks, guitarist. *Katy Hoskinson, Jim Cannon and Ralph Orr.*

Team With Promise

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Knoxville Chargers, the local City League division champions in basketball last year, have a promising team this year, which includes minister Dave Orban.

The Chargers played in an annual charity game Dec. 6 against a team called the WETE All-Stars. High scorer was member Murel Clayton, with 24 points.

The final score was 81-61 in favor of the Chargers. *Shirley Morgan.*

Jackson Teens Triumph

JACKSON, Miss. — The Jackson, Hattiesburg and Meridian, Miss., churches got together Dec. 14 for the Jackson and Hattiesburg-Meridian teams' first regional teen basketball game of the 1975-76 season.

Jackson's teen team jumped off to a 20-0 lead and maintained it throughout the game, with a final score of 56-35. Jackson's hustling defense and teamwork made the

difference. Allen Anding led Jackson with 16 points, while Hattiesburg-Meridian's Tom Dotson led all scorers with 20.

In a preliminary game Jackson's men had defeated Hattiesburg-Meridian's men 44-26.

Some Jackson teenagers operated a concession stand, with profits going to the youth-activity fund. *H.B. Wells.*

Middle of an Oreo

GREELEY, Colo. Most of the membership here, with families and several visitors, gathered at the Community Center Dec. 6 for the annual bake auction.

This affair is actually more than the name implies. The festivities started with a fine meal, this year a chili-and-taco supper, and ended with a Walt Disney movie.

The best, like the middle of an Oreo, was what was in between: the bake auction itself.

Everyone was challenged to demonstrate culinary prowess by submitting an entry in one or more of six categories: cake, pastry, pie, cookie, candy and pudding.

Only one man rose to the challenge this year, but he didn't make first or second place.

Winner of the grand prize was Mrs. Jim Griffin, with her cinnamon-pastry entry; runner-up was Mrs. Lewis Miller, with her cake.

Then all entries were auctioned. The top bid of \$28.75 won an orange cake baked by Mrs. Jim York, closely followed by a \$28 bid, for a fiesta cake by Mrs. Miller. *Robert G. Swope.*

Potluck Picnic

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Members met at the Lake Vista Community Center here Dec. 7 for a potluck picnic and outing.

The activities began with a basketball game between the adult men and teenagers. The men subdued the teens 54-40.

After the game picnickers gathered in the shade of pine and palm trees for lunch.

Afterwards members played horseshoes and volleyball, while children enjoyed themselves on swings, slides and climbers. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The Truth About Capt. Smith

WATERLOO, Iowa — The Four-some, a music group, played and pleased young and old at the Harvest Ball here Nov. 16.

The decorations and refreshments, presented by the Waterloo Women's Club, had been artfully and tastefully prepared.

Entertainment was provided by the harmonious Geyer sisters. Richard

Wyborny played two tunes on something called a fun machine, and the Mighty Iowa Art Players presented "The True (?) Story of Capt. John Smith."

Bartenders for the evening were Virgil Williams and Toby Damon. *Steve Kieler.*

Trimming and Firming

AMARILLO, Tex. — The Women's Club here has completed a six-week self-improvement course conducted by April Lawrence, owner and instructor of St. John's Modeling School here.

Mrs. Lawrence, with vast experience in the fashion and modeling industries, teaches similar courses at West Texas State University, Canyon; Texas State Technical Institute, Waco; and Amarillo College.

The course included instruction in proper posture and carriage, poise, grace and grooming. One of Mrs. Lawrence's assistants instructed in basic yoga exercises for trimming down and firming up.

During the six weeks, the ladies benefited from a hairdresser's demonstration and advice and training in manicures, pedicures, skin care, makeup, facials and the ins and outs of makeups and other accessories.

Mrs. Lawrence stressed the importance of positive thinking and personal awareness to help develop self-confidence.

Teenage girls took the course too and were given the opportunity to model clothing in a local shop's shows. *Linda Booth.*

Model Meeting

LONGVIEW, Tex. — Women of this church look forward to the first Tuesday of each month, when the new Women's Club meets.

Jerold Aust, pastor, launched the initial meeting recently by speaking on the goals of the club and club members' roles as women. He reviewed Proverbs 31 and commented on the life of Ruth.

A discussion followed on questions the women asked.

The second meeting was a model meeting, which the club has chosen to use as a pattern for future meetings. After an opening prayer, Mrs. Aust spoke on the life of Esther.

Then was a short business session. A monthly book review was given by Marilyn Canup on *The Real Maria*, an autobiography of Maria von Trapp, best known from the movie *The Sound of Music*. Coffee

and cookies were served during a break.

For the domestic portion of the meeting, Mrs. Canup, who is opening her own flower shop in Gladewater, Tex., demonstrated fresh-flower arranging.

At the next meeting the women plan to study the biblical Abigail and hear a program presented by a home decorator. *Carol Klotz.*

Breaking the Ice

MACOMB, Ill. — The Macomb Women's Club met in Stipes Hall at Western Illinois University here after Sabbath services Dec. 6. Ministerial trainee Stan McNeil was the only man present.

Table topics were the main event; those who broke the ice did an excellent job.

Fathers and husbands were required to baby-sit while the women attended the meeting. They played basketball and volleyball and swim. One father said he had so much fun he was ready to baby-sit again. *Evelyn Westcott.*

Montgomery Invitational

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The church here was host of basketball teams from four southeastern church areas in an invitational tournament at the Bellgrath Community Center Dec. 7.

The meet, according to coaches from two of the teams, was designed simply to give the teams a chance to play each other for practice. Seven teams participated: men's and teens' teams from three areas — Birmingham, Ala.; Atlanta, Ga.; and Tupelo, Miss. — and a teen team from Warner Robins, Ga.

The first of four games pitted the Birmingham men against the Atlanta men, a mild but longstanding rivalry. Birmingham won the contest 99-75, led by Pat Freeman, who pumped in 28 points.

The teens of Warner Robins, champs at last year's tournament at the St. Petersburg, Fla., Festival site, again showed their championship form by trouncing the Tupelo, Miss., teens 92-60 in the second game. Warner Robins took an early lead and never lost it.

In the third game the Birmingham teens beat the Atlanta teens 58-37.

Then, in the fourth and final game, Birmingham's men made the day 3-0 for Birmingham by beating the Tupelo men 99-70.

The basketball meet topped off a doubleheader of activities for the weekend here. The previous evening the teenagers and others had enjoyed a hayride at the home of member (See *WRAP-UP*, page 8)



TIP-OFF — Atlanta's Gordon Hannaway, No. 33, battles for a tip-off against Birmingham's Frank Ashley in a basketball tournament sponsored by the Montgomery, Ala., church Dec. 7. (See "Montgomery Invitational," this page.) [Photo by Mike Kelley]

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David Graves. More than 30 turned out, including pastor Paul Kurts and Mrs. Kurts and associate pastor Rick Beam.

After the hayride the group enjoyed hot dogs and roasted marshmallows. Then Mr. Beam and member Carl Ponder, a former professional musician, led the group in a sing-along. *Michael Kelley.*

Getting to the Church on Time

PLYMOUTH, England — The morning of the Sabbath of Dec. 13 was sharp and frosty, just the weather to get one moving briskly to get to the church meeting half a little earlier for choir practice.

This was a first for Plymouth, the formation of a choir, under the direction of Seth Cardew.

This was the day for the presentation of "The Lord's My Shepherd," to the melody of Crimond.

After the service the Spokesman Club met. In another Plymouth first, the Ladies' Club, directed by Mrs. John Jewell, had its opening meeting, and officers were appointed.

The children are taken care of in a group by the Ladies' Club on a rota basis, while the older ones are cared for by the Spokesman Club, also on a rota basis.

David Evans, in charge of young people's activities, is planning a dance and other indoor and outdoor events. *Francis Cann.*

Quick Switch

BURNABY, B.C. — It all started at 12:30 p.m. Nov. 30 with the loading of one car with food, decorations, records, four teenagers, two mothers and one good-natured father. The group started for the church hall, 17 miles away on roads covered with eight inches of snow.

They arrived to find that the hall had just been nicely decorated for the Christmas season and were asked if they could decorate around it.

The teenagers made a quick switch from bells to flowers and leis, a Hawaiian mural, nets with colorful fish and even a shark. The Christmas tree was hastily placed in a closet.

As more teens arrived, the decorations were completed. Then came the waiting for the record player that was in a car stranded in the snow.

Once the record player arrived, the dance was soon under way, with the instruction of Hawaiian dancing and the meaning of the movements explained by Anna Vahasalo.

Refreshments were served throughout the evening. Thanks to the weather the attendance was low, but the enthusiasm was high.

Games included the limbo, musical chairs, a surfboard game and a

banana game. The dance ended at 10 p.m., with teenagers staying behind to tidy up.

As the partygoers were leaving, they found 12 inches of fresh snow in the parking lot, just the place for a snowball fight. It started with boys against girls, but then minister Norm Strayer and assistant Richard Wilkinson joined in. *Kim Popham.*

Successful Sale

ALEXANDRIA, La. — The church here sponsored a bake sale Dec. 22 in front of Woolco's, a department store.

The sale was to raise money for public Bible lectures planned for this area. The amount raised was \$287.71.

The success of the sale was attributed to prayer; a publicity campaign launched by member Mrs. Don Hunter, who put posters in stores and ran ads on radio stations; the efforts of all the ladies in producing attractive items to be sold; and Mrs. Bill Griffin and Mrs. Randall Trahan, who worked throughout the day selling despite the cold, windy weather that included rain, sleet and snow. *Judy Oakes.*

Church No. 65

SARNIA, Ont. — Sarnia is now on the map.

Which map?

Take out a map of the Great Lakes and look at the southernmost tip of Lake Huron. There you will find Sarnia, across the border from Port Huron, Mich.

What's the big deal?

Sarnia is now the 65th church in Canada. On Dec. 6 Gary Antion, superintendent of the Ontario District, opened the new church, where attendance that day was 104.

An unusual feature of the church here is that the congregation is made of people from both Canada and the United States. Those living in and around Port Huron, across the St. Clair River, come to this church. Previously, they had gone to churches in Detroit and Flint, Mich.

Sarnia is now part of a two-church circuit pastored by Jack Kost. *Richard Forkun.*

Tied 36-5

PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand — More than 70 members and children met here recently for the Wellington and Palmerston North churches' picnic. Activities included softball, archery, shooting and games (with prizes) for the youngsters.

The main activity was a softball game in which Kerry Gubb's Palmerston North team trounced Wellington 36-5. Wellington team captain Lyall Johnston was later heard claiming "the score was quite even."

The next day Mr. Gubb, pastor at Palmerston North and New

Plymouth, traveled to New Plymouth to hold a similar church picnic. *Rex J. Morgan.*

Globular Gobbler

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — About 50 members here recently went on an outing organized by Auckland member Dennis Gordon, a Ph.D. in marine biology.

First stop was at Warkworth, 40 miles north of here, where the group looked through a satellite earth station. The 50 then drove to the Leigh Marine Laboratory, where Dr. Gordon works with a small team of researchers. He explained the laboratory workings in a tour.

At one stage everyone crowded around a long aquarium and stared as Dr. Gordon dropped a few crabs in with a grotesque-looking octopus. Eight quivering tentacles lunged furiously for the hapless crabs, which were soon smothered by the globular gobbler.

Dr. Gordon also showed the group around the nearby weather station and answered questions. Then were a barbecue-picnic lunch and a swim at Matheson Beach. *Rex J. Morgan.*

Woodcutting Spokesmen

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Twenty-two Columbus Spokesman Club members and seven guests met at the farm of Larry Brandt Dec. 28 for a woodcutting project to raise money.

The woods' edge sounded and looked like a huge beehive from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with chain saws buzzing, axes and sledges swinging and men running, cutting, splitting, carrying and stacking. The only break in the day was for chili cooked over an open fire and burned just enough to make it delicious.

Mr. Brandt, owner of the farm and woods and a nonmember, said: "I've never seen a more enthusiastic and hard-working bunch of men. For city boys they really buzzed up the wood."

The 29 men cut and split eight cords of wood; they sold six and gave Mr. Brandt two, netting the club treasury \$158. *Dennis Bennett.*

Two Weekends

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — The church here was busy with activities the weekends of Nov. 29 and Dec. 6.

The congregation was host of a teen dance Nov. 29 for 13 churches. To the sounds of Easy Street, a band from Holyoke, Mass., danced teens from Augusta, Maine; Montpelier, Vt.; Concord, N.H.; Providence, R.I.; Albany, N.Y.; Long Island, N.Y.; Newark, N.J.; Boston, Mass.; Hartford, Conn.; Bridgeport, Conn.; Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.; and Manhattan, N.Y.; along with Springfield teens.

On Dec. 6 Springfield was host for Youth Opportunities United teens from Buffalo, N.Y., and Concord for a basketball tournament. Then a



WINTER WONDERLAND — The St. Charles, La., church has a potluck dinner and dance Dec. 20 featuring Les Saints, a band from the New Orleans, La., church. Teenagers provided decorations, which included snowflakes, streamers, a forest and green and white streamers. Don Stevens supervised decoration of the hall. [Photo by Dean Nelson]

Springfield-Albany team played against a Hartford-Bridgeport squad, with Buffalo and Springfield-Albany the winners.

The next day was an "international dinner"; each family brought a meal representative of its nationality. German, French, Italian and Polish meals were served, among others. *Anne Marie Emerson.*

Red Schoolhouse, Blue Heaven

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — After the Sabbath here Dec. 20, tables were set up and a "goody auction" was held, with auctioneer Jim Lowhorn selling all the cookies, cakes and pies, the proceeds — more than \$200 — to go into the teen fund.

After the auction a potluck meal was served, and then a play, *The Little Red Schoolhouse*, was presented by a group of teens and preteens.

An outstanding performance was given by Brenda Roan, Lisa Whitteburg, Angie Barnes, Tony Knowles, Valerie Lowhorn, Sunny Tabor, Lee Franklin, Della Jared, Tony Ferguson, Paul Farrow, Vince Lowhorn, Johnny Gunnels and the only two adult players, Jim and Caroline Lowhorn.

The performers were made up by Peggy Jones, Debbie Lambert and Loretta Ferguson (who also prompted from the wings).

Beverly Roan and Angie Farrow introduced the play, and Tim Gunnels worked the lights.

The cast had not been able to hold a single all-cast rehearsal, yet it kept the audience laughing throughout the comedy.

After the play, tables were cleared away for square dancing to a five-piece band. During the rest break between dances, Audrey Tinkham, daughter of Barbara and David Tinkham, sang an impromptu "My Blue Heaven."

About 150 attended, including visitors from Knoxville, Nashville and Chattanooga, Tenn. *Nancy Gunnels.*

Busy as a Buzzer

PHOENIX, Ore. — In keeping with YOU programs being started in church areas, the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., churches have begun a girls' club — called the Busy Bees — for girls 11 and under. They got together for the first time in November and since then have made a name for themselves in the area.

In the recent public Bible studies held in Yreka, Calif., and Klamath Falls, the girls served refreshments. The Busy Bees had made them by themselves under the supervision of Betty Ritzinger and Ann Rogers. Each girl brought her ingredients and made up her batch of cookies.

It was all decided in a meeting beforehand with officers Katherine Ritzinger, president; Brenda Rogers, vice president; Mary Warren, secretary; and Colleen Canaday, treasurer; and all the other little buzzers busily

bestowing their blessings. *Karen Canaday.*

Women of Tomorrow

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The Dec. 7 meeting of The Women of Tomorrow's World (Palo Alto's women's club) was held in the recreation room of the Olive Garden Apartments. The San Jose church's women's club also was invited. Fifty-four women participated.

The meeting began with the reading of minutes and then a short business session, allowing plenty of time for the speakers.

Jan Brown arranged for the guest speakers, business consultants Betty Harold and Meredy Ender.

Questions were presented and answered during and after the presentation.

During a break a refreshment table provided baked desserts, punch and coffee. *Arvine Walton.*

28 Bowlers

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Twenty-eight teens from the East and West churches here showed their hand at bowling Dec. 28 at Donelson Bowl in Donelson, a suburb of Nashville, with good results reported.

It was an interesting and rewarding experience for all, but even more so for the few who had never bowled before.

The group was chaperoned by a number of adults, including preaching elder Fred Bailey and his wife, who also bowled.

The 28 bowlers were divided into seven teams as follows:

Team 1: Kevin Winfrey, Ann Puckett, Keith Ellithorpe, Vickie Hammer, Carol Maloney and Chuck Smith.

Team 2: Jan Hammer, Diana Bradford, Tywan Corbin, Glenn Ford, Brenda Gossman and Rudy Gossman.

Team 3: Lori Robbins, Sue Rudolph, Bob Walden and Kim Williams.

Team 4: Mike Williams, Debbie Smith, Ralph Smith and Angie Grett.

Team 5: John Bradford, Angela Milliner, Ed Mahony and Tom Nichol.

Team 6: Angela Hayes, Diane Bailey and Tyred Bailey.

Team 7: Steve Ford, Robin Corbin and Patricia Caudill.

Most teams played three games. *Everett Corbin.*

Spanish Spokesmen

PASADENA — As another innovation at headquarters, a Spanish-language Spokesman Club had its first meeting Nov. 11 in Ambassador Hall, on the Ambassador College campus.

Twenty members turned out for the initial meeting to hear club director Robert V. Flores, pastor of the Pasadena Spanish church, outline goals of the club. He also proposed

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SKI PARTY — Chery Dykas gets off to a good start at the Miami-Fort Lauderdale, Fla., teenagers' ski party Nov. 2. The event, held at Beer Can Island, near Miami, was supervised by ministerial trainee Chuck Daniels and featured three ski boats, for beginning, intermediate and skilled skiers. [Photo by John Paul Ireland]

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weekly meetings and named officers: Alberto Sousa, president; Gary Roberto, vice president; Victor Correa, secretary; Severiano Galindo, treasurer; and Fred Lopez, sergeant at arms.

The members represent nations such as Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela and the U.S. commonwealth of Puerto Rico. *Eduardo Crepinesk.*

Getting Behind YOU

KERNERSVILLE, N.C. — The Greensboro, N.C., Spokesman Club held a banquet here at the Paddison Library Building Dec. 24. Guests included wives of club members and the teenagers of the Greensboro church.

The meeting began under candlelight with each table decked with baskets of fruit, tossed salad and a turkey dinner.

James Duncan, president of the club, introduced ministerial trainee Phil Reid, who led table topics.

Toastmaster Marshall Emery introduced the speakers.

At the close of the evening, Bob League, director of the club and church pastor, had the teens introduce themselves. Mr. League then encouraged everyone to get behind the teens in the YOU programs. He said the basketball program offered by YOU is better than any high-school program and comparable to what many colleges offer. *Dan Hall.*

Medley From Younger Days

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — The church choir here started a new venture as 24 choir members, with conductor Joe Stevenson, visited an old people's home near here Dec. 6.

About 30 of the home's 51 residents made their way, or were assisted, into the dining room, where the choir had already assembled.

Included in the varied program was a medley of songs they recognized from their younger days. *John Murphy.*

New Club

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — A covered-dish luncheon was the beginning of the Indianapolis Women's Club in November. Don Lawson, pastor, gave the opening remarks. A discussion followed on what each woman would like to achieve through the club.

A goal for the club is participation for everyone. Anyone can have a secret pal even if she is unable to attend meetings.

A bazaar is planned to give each lady an opportunity to display her talent.

In December the club toured the offices of the FBI here. *Gwen DeShong.*

Chili Supper and Movie

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The church here gathered at Ben Davis Junior High School for a chili supper and movie Dec. 20.

The event had been planned by the social committee under the chairmanship of Robert Quakenbush. Proceeds were to go to the teen fund.

The teens had sponsored two bake sales that week and sold baked goods and homemade candy at the movie. They also conducted a white- elephant sale.

Proceeds for the week totaled \$400. *Gwen DeShong.*

Shouted Answers

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — A large greenhouse in a vineyard provided an unusual setting for a ladies' night to wind up the 1975 year for the Spokesman Club here. More than 100 people attended and enjoyed sitting under overhanging grapevines, sipping wines produced on the premises.

Club director Gary Harvey led a session of controversial table topics. Speakers had to shout their answers to be heard; the grapevine-covered ceiling muffled the sound.

Graduation certificates were awarded to nine senior club members by President Dave Opai.

Aromatic smoke wafting in through the door signaled that it was time for dinner, which featured steaks barbecued just outside the greenhouse. Then dancing rounded off the evening. *Rex J. Morgan.*

Known by Its Mangoes

TOWNSVILLE, Australia — The church here is becoming known by its fruits: a tropical delicacy.

In a recent fund-raising effort the brethren netted \$600 through the



MEMBERS AND MANGOES — Bill Muller, left, Townsville, Australia, member, samples a mango. Lloyd Bourke, right, harvests mangoes in a fund-raising project by members of the Townsville church. (See "Known by Its Mangoes," this page.) [Photos by David K. Noller]

picking and sale of mangoes to buyers in the states of Queensland and New South Wales.

The project was initiated Nov. 9 to raise funds for the local church and to finance the advertising of a public film evening in Townsville Nov. 11 featuring Garner Ted Armstrong's Portland, Ore., campaign of 1974.

Four hundred dollars was spent in advertising the film on radio, television and a newspaper to invite the public. But the advertising was aimed more directly at the radio audience Mr. Armstrong has built over the last decade through *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. *Plain Truth* readers in the area had previously been invited by letter.

Not counting members, 54 people attended the film and a number said they would like to attend church.

But the mango drive never finished there for members. Because of the demand for the fruit, the project was extended throughout the mango season, until Dec. 14.

It just so happened that Townsville was one of the few areas with mangoes this year, since the crop was a failure in other tropical regions. Even so, much of the fruit is left to the marauding flying foxes or allowed to fall to the ground to rot.

When members noticed a tree loaded with fruit, they asked the owner for permission to pick. Also, the Townsville City Council allowed the church to pick from mango trees in city parks. In this way enough trees were secured and the members obtained top-grade mangoes — free. *David K. Noller.*

Plan Your Week

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The Women's Club here met for a luncheon at the Howard Johnson Motel Dec. 7. Fifty women attended.

Table topics were by Shirley Morgan; Bea Allen gave a speech on "how to plan your week"; Jeanette Chance spoke on how mothers can help at elementary school. *Shirley Morgan.*

Mickey Mouse Social

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — Entertainment for a social called Mickey Mouse Night, at the local YWCA Nov. 8, was unusual in that, instead

of adults entertaining the youths, the youths entertained the adults.

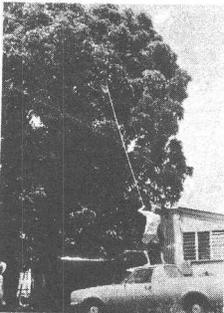
A fun show organized by Mr. and Mrs. Benny Faulkner Jr. began at 7:30, with the setting a Mickey Mouse clubhouse. A circus, with two panthers, two leopards, a lion and two clowns, featured several youthful entertainers.

Preceding the show had been a potluck meal.

A quilt was raffled off and won by James Spencer, a deacon; the proceeds went to a widows' fund. *Ann Odum and Cathy Taylor.*

Young Hosts

NASSAU, Bahamas — In an effort to promote interest among youths, the young people of the Nassau church were host of an



the regular meeting hall for an old-fashioned square dance after Sabbath services Dec. 13. The hall had been transformed by bales of hay, saddles, sacks of feed and wagon wheels, creating the atmosphere of a big barn.

The music was canned, but the caller a live one, George Gregg. He instructed the group in the basics and more intricate routines.

Another aspect of the evening was a cakewalk, a fund-raising project that proved to be profitable.

Valerie Branam and Olive Mulvaney won door prizes. *Olive Mulvaney.*

Cost-Reimbursement Sale

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Six teenagers, with the help of their mothers, held a bake-and-candy sale here Dec. 23 to raise funds for the second Alaskan Summer Educational Program, planned for this summer.

The six — Susan Kopy, Susan Kranich, Julie Emery and Marie, Anna and Judy Stephens — earned \$120.

This was a "cost-reimbursement sale," the labor only being donated. Items were priced double the initial cost.

Items most needed for the SEP are cooking facilities, showers and boys' and girls' dormitory tents for a larger number of campers. The sale is expected to help the camp achieve these goals. *Sandy Kranich and Alice Wegh.*

Specialty Number

BROOKINGS, S.D. — About 100 dancers and spectators came to the annual formal dance sponsored by the Watertown and Sioux Falls, S.D., churches recently.

The event was in the Staurouline Inn of the Guest House Motel. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chester of Watertown.

At halftime a program was presented: a piano duet by Mrs. Peter Saltzman and Mrs. David Larson, both of Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Clayton Melrose of Oakes, N.D., sang; a reading was given by Mrs. Harlan Spieker of Willow Lake, S.D.; and the Ries sisters of Freeman, S.D., sang a duet.

Art Dyer, pastor at Watertown, acted as master of ceremonies and played a specialty number on the drums.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hoffman of Marshall, Minn., were cochairmen

of the social event. *Frieda B. Tupper.*

Library Benefits

BIG SANDY — A benefit concert sponsored by the Friends of Big Sandy Public Library was presented Dec. 2 at the cafeteria of the public high school here.

The benefit, which was to raise funds for a library building, featured Ruth Walter, professor of music at Ambassador College, pianist; and Marty Ronish, Ambassador instructor in music, flutist.

The works of Telemann, Poulenc, Liszt, Brahms and Schubert that were played were described by Kathryn Ames, East Texas Symphony concertmaster (and a Church member), as "superb . . . almost two concerts in one."

Roy Mundt, Big Sandy member and president of the organization, said the goal is \$4,000 to \$5,000 to begin construction on the building. "At present, we have \$2,300 to \$2,600 in donations," he said.

"Also, on behalf of the Friends of the Library, I want to thank Mrs. Walter and Mrs. Ronish for their time and efforts." *Gary R. Ruxton.*

Trucks vs. Mud

PORTLAND, Ore. — Twenty-four boys and six fathers from the Portland North church visited the Gaston (Ore.) Fire Department Dec. 7.

Shouts of excitement and the blare of sirens and horns filled the air in the rural community of Gaston as the boys inspected and climbed all over two fire trucks, a tanker truck and a rescue vehicle.

The group saw a movie on home fire safety and ate lunch in the station.

That afternoon the boys took a hike up the muddy, slippery banks of rain-swollen Scoggins Creek. Some said they had never seen such big and wonderful mud puddles.

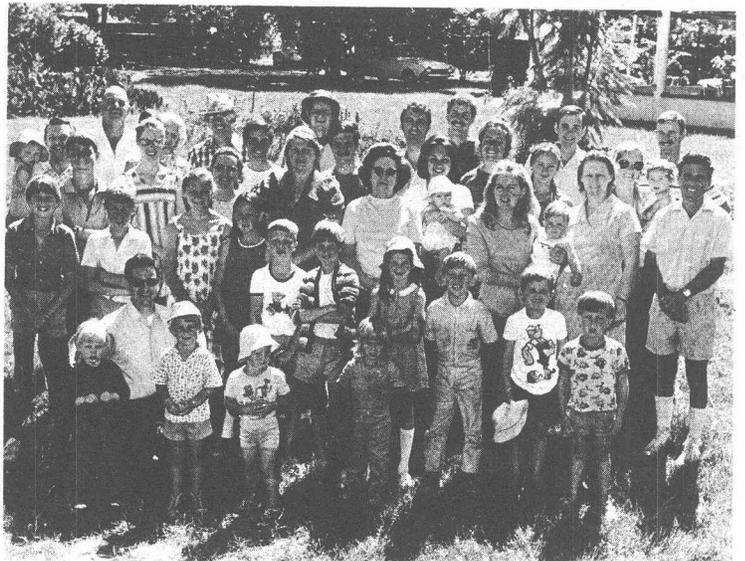
A drive around Scoggins Lake and across a dam finished the outing.

Some boys said they enjoyed the fire trucks the most, while others insisted the mud puddles were the most fun.

The trip had been arranged and was led by Mike Lewis, 35. *Paul Halley.*

Friday-Afternoon Sabbath

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Sabbath began for the Anchorage and (See WRAP-UP, page 10)



IN THE BUSH — These members of the Salisbury, Rhodesia, church enjoy an outing held Dec. 25 to 28 at Cricket Mine, 120 miles from Salisbury, where member Pat May mines for gold. As part of what they called a "supersocial," the members played games in a field, and children spent their time in races, shooting competition and swimming. Indoor games, sing-alongs and movies were also provided. [Photo by Rolf G. Varga]

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Kenai churches 2:42 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. The Fairbanks brethren began the Sabbath at 1:40 p.m. With such long Sabbath evenings in the winter, various activities are planned by Alaskan members centering around the family.

One family has an unusual and outgoing plan, one that is appreciated by those participating but generally unnoticed. Roger Lewis invites bachelors to his home for dinner.

The bachelors provide the groceries; Mrs. Lewis and daughters Robin and Heather prepare the dinner.

Menus have included leg of lamb and roast goose, complete with candlelight and chilled wine. *Stuart Aiken.*

Dueling Banjos

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio — After Sabbath services Dec. 13, the church here held a square-dance social and a potluck dinner in the church hall.

Several square-dance buffs from the Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio, churches swelled the ranks, and the crowd applauded long and loud at the antics of skits that included Kay Bloom as a Red Cross nurse who was trying to apply lifesaving measures to a patient, coached by her husband Ray.

Dixie Depoy broke everyone up when she appeared as a clown with a water pistol taking potshots at people in the audience.

Joe Brown and Mike McCorkle did a good job on "Dueling Banjos," and Herb Lewis gave a fine dissertation on pollution, backed up with a quartet singing "Home on the Range."

Some fancy stepping was demonstrated by several member couples. Local elder Ken Christopher debuted as a square-dance caller.

Even the small children had a good time; they were entertained in another room by Karen Ketterson.

The spirits of the evening were somewhat dampened by an accident; Mrs. Bloom slipped and fell and broke her wrist.

The evening was a success, however, and members hope to have many more square dances and socials. *Marion Dewey.*

Spirit of '76

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — In the spirit of 1776, the Birmingham churches, 550 members strong, met the night of Dec. 13 to participate in a fun-filled gala called Bicentennial Fair.

What could be more American than throwing baseballs, shooting basketballs and fishing?

For some, it was an old-fashioned cakewalk or a visit to the country store with its display of arts and crafts.

For the outdoorsman it was a shooting gallery and dart throw.

To others it was a time of balloons, hot dogs, cotton candy and prizes.

And no fair would be complete without a test of strength to ring the bell and impress the ladies.

Also featured was a display called "Americana in Arms," presented by Richard Vogan and Richard Hays.

Fair coordinator Dave Lowery and staff worked hard behind the scenes to make this event enjoyable. *Kenneth M. Martin.*

South Africans Confer

JOHANNESBURG — Leslie McCullough of Pasadena, director of the International Division, conducted a regional conference here Dec. 1 to 4 for personnel in the South African branch of God's Work. Along with 36 staffers and spouses, Mr. McCullough and his wife enjoyed four days of meetings interspersed with social activities.

Discussions concerned progress and plans for South Africa, news of the Work in other parts of the world and an exchange of ideas on personal responsibility and family relations.

The first meeting included a session for news and questions and income-and-expenditure reports. Income was running at an 11 percent increase, while expenditures were generally below budget. Later reports showed church growth; eight new churches were announced, four European and four non-European, making 18 in southern Africa.

The *Plain Truth* lecture schedule for 1976 was discussed; 36 lectures are planned in cities with more than 50,000 population. Those in charge of subscriber services explained *Plain Truth*, *Good News* and Correspondence Course growth and plans. The new magazine-format *PT* is to come out next year, and an advertising program offering major booklets is now under way to bring new people into contact with the Work until the *PT* itself with more impact can do the job.

Data processing is becoming more stabilized in the office here, greatly helping direct-mail and lecture-program planning.

An all-male fishing trip on the final day was cut short by unstable stomachs and unwilling fish. The ladies spent the day in the sun and surf.

The conference location, the Cabana Beach Hotel, is to be the main accommodations for the Feast of Tabernacles in 1976. *David Hulme.*

Days Gone By

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The church here had a social Dec. 20 that was reminiscent of days gone by. The western theme covered a variety of costumes such as cowboys, Indians, coolies, lumberjacks, miners, gamblers, dance-hall girls, a sheriff and everything else that helped settle the West.

The hall decorations also conformed to the theme. The stage had been decorated with a steer hide, wagon wheel and cornstalks. The centerpieces for the dining hall were pieces of old farm machinery, old whiskey jugs and antiques. One whole wall depicted a town of the old



TROOP FLAG — Scoutmaster Chuck MacLearnsberry displays the flag of Boy Scout Troop 2 of Seattle, Wash., which is now one year old. In its first year the troop had several outdoor activities and a community-service project in which troop members engraved identifying numbers on valuables in households to discourage theft. The troop earned a total of 120 skill awards and 40 merit badges in its first year. [Photo by Mark Flavin]

West. There was a schoolhouse, saloon, candy shop, jail, house of games and chance and a general store. Each was large enough to enter and make purchases in.

The evening began with a potluck dinner served by the men, who had set up the tables and arranged the food.

In a baking contest 14 men participated. The women were limited to cakes or pies, but the men could bake anything. In three categories the two top winners of each were auctioned off. The first-place winners were Paul Hidalgo, angel-food cake; Patty Guss, beer cake; and Mary Slabaugh, mince pie.

Second-place winners: Linda Marso, German-chocolate cake; Ruth Holly, chocolate pie; and Bill Parkinson, banana-nut cake.

The entertainment for the evening had been arranged and was presented by Joe Zapata and included John Campos on the accordion, Jose Zapata as a magician, Michelle LeVasseur at the piano, Peggy Decker on the violin, LaVerne LeVasseur doing a pantomime and playing the harmonica, and Frank Dickinson picking and singing.

The winners in four contests: minister Steve Nutzman, diapering; Frank Bilan, tie tying; Monica Dickinson, Indian dancing; and Glen Wallace, Judy Parker, Mat Jones and Camie Dillard, coloring.

During the social were two skits by two cowboys (Tom Collins and Frank Fisher), a dance-hall girl (Jackie Bilan) and a sheriff (Frank Bilan).

The costume winners were Frank and Jackie Bilan, first; Tricie Davis, second; and Paul Hidalgo, third. *Arvine Walton.*

White Elephants Sold

QUEENS, N.Y. — When Christmas rolls around, members of the Brooklyn-Queens church don't open presents; they pack old clothes, food and other items and head for their white-elfer sale.

The annual Dec. 25 event, which has become a Brooklyn-Queens tradition, has a threefold purpose:

- To give children something to do on the holiday.
- To provide a good excuse for fellowship and fun.
- To raise money for the local church (which, incidentally, is not threatened with default).

This year the sale-social, attended by 480 people, took place where members meet for services: Oliver Wendell Holmes School in Astoria, Queens. Although an absentminded custodian forgot to unlock the doors, he was finally summoned after chilled members waited in the cold more than an hour and a half. But,

when the doors finally swung open, things started to roll.

With its many lunchroom tables, the school is a natural for such a function. And, upon entering, people arranged tables to display jewelry, food and clothing for buyers to select from.

Part of the activities was a talent show. Among other acts, 3-year-old Nanette Swift performed a modern dance to "Skater's Waltz," which



PIONEERS — The Pioneers, the boys' club of the Greensboro, N.C., church, camped out Dec. 20 at Hanging Rock State Park. Members and the leaders are, kneeling, from left: Lisa Hege (honorary member), Bobby Stewart, Clay Gentry, Ken Gentry and Ray Hege. Standing, from left: Jerry Hege, Jay Andrews, Randy Hobbs and Ralph Smith. (See "Pioneer Camp," this page.) [Photo by Bill Butler]

was played on the piano by her 7-year-old sister Camille. Camille also played a selection from Beethoven's *Seventh Symphony*.

Brooklyn-Queens has an abundance of such high-caliber talent.

Then people returned to the lunchroom for more food and fun, along with dancing to music from the moving Metropolitan Combo.

Reflecting, it was a day no one would trade for sitting around a decorated tree. *Richard Calenius.*

Aviation Greats

DAYTON, Ohio — Four members of the church here attended enshrinement ceremonies at the Aviation Hall of Fame here Nov. 22.

The Aviation Hall of Fame was formed as a nonprofit Ohio corporation in 1962. In recognition of its importance to the aviation community and the nation, the U.S. Congress chartered it as a national organization in 1964.

Jim Chapman, minister here, and members Fred Dillahunt, Dale Dakin and Elmer Otto attended and met Gens. James Doolittle, George C. Kenny and George Goddard, astronaut Neil Armstrong, Sen. Barry Goldwater, newsmen Lowell Thomas and honorary chairman

Arthur Godfrey. Four aviation greats were enshrined on this occasion. *Elmer Otto.*

Chocolate Appetites

LONDON, Ont. — How would you like to see the Olympic Games in Montreal this summer? What about a day's skiing with instruction provided — all absolutely free?

These questions were put to the teenagers here recently. Now, after a few weeks' effort, they have more than \$1,000 and can now go ahead with these and other activities.

The teens accomplished this simply by appealing to one of the most basic desires of mankind: an appetite for chocolate. From a chocolate-candy factory they procured cases of chocolate candy made for door-to-door selling. Each bar sold for \$1, about one third of which was profit. No overhead was involved, and little organization was necessary.

On the label of each bar were the words: "Proceeds for the youth activities of the Worldwide Church of God." Many helped out with the fund raising, not only the teens; most sales, in fact, were made by those under age 12. *Richard Forkun.*

Pioneer Camp

GREENSBORO, N.C. — The Pioneers, a club for boys 11 to 18, camped out the night of Dec. 20 at nearby Hanging Rock State Park.

Jerry Hege, club leader, was assisted by Ralph Smith and Bill Butler.



BIRMINGHAM FAIR — Mrs. R.O. Bailey, left, minds the country store while Mrs. James Slusher drops by at the Birmingham, Ala., churches' Bicentennial Fair Dec. 13. (See "Spirit of '76," this page.) [Photo by Kenneth M. Martin]

Peanut-Banana Salad

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — First-through fourth-grade children met at the Robert Kranich residence Dec. 13 to try their hand at cooking a whole dinner for themselves.

They succeeded with a menu of pizza, peanut-banana salad, a train cake and hootenanny raspberry frappe. Each chef decorated his own train car with Lifesavers for wheels, licorice for smokestacks and peanuts and M&Ms for cargo.

While the pizzas were cooking, three young musicians entertained.

After the meal were games in the basement until parents picked up their young cooks. *Sandra Kranich.*

BABIES

AKRON, Ohio — Brian Lee Haymond, sixth son, seventh child of James and Evelyn Haymond, Dec. 24, 9:52 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces.
ANNISON, Ala. — Cynthia Dawn Daines, second daughter, third child of Ace and Geraldine Daines, Dec. 8, 9:55 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces.
AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Daniel John Warren, son of Warren and Deirdre (Carter) Hooper, Dec. 17, 12:50 a.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces.
BIG SANDY, Tex. — Jeffrey Scott Bruhn, third son, sixth child of Albert and Nancy Bruhn, Dec. 21, 11:21 p.m., 10 pounds 12 ounces.
BIG SANDY, Tex. — Brian David Pittman, first son, second child of Tom and Kathy Pittman, Dec. 31, 1:30 p.m., 10 pounds 5 ounces.
CHICAGO, Ill. — Jean Victoria Wiedenheit, second daughter, second child of Wilson and Vicki Wiedenheit, Jan. 3, 10:26 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces.
CHILLIWACK, B.C. — Carey Joseph Tolmie, third son, fourth child of Ken and Hilary Tolmie, Dec. 16, 2:21 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces.
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Robert Gene Ardis III, first son, first child of Gene and Jeanette Ardis, Dec. 17, 3:35 p.m., 11 pounds 13 ounces.
COLUMBIA, S.C. — Elvin Trellis Player, fourth son, eighth child of Trellis and Peggy Player, Dec. 31, 6:53 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces.
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jennifer Marie Olson, fourth daughter, fourth child of Lee and Anne Olson, Dec. 29, 6:24 p.m., 8 pounds.
DETROIT, Mich. — Brian Scott Och, second son, second child of Merry and Gary Och, Dec. 29, 9:55 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces.
DURBAN, South Africa — Mark Pillay, second son, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Reggie Pillay, Dec. 25, 10:05 a.m., 7 pounds.
EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Andrew Norman Lausted, first son, first child of Dennis and Kathy Lausted, Dec. 26, 8 pounds 10 ounces.
EVANSBURG, Ala. — Owen Blair Davis, second son, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Evelyn Davis, Dec. 23, 4:11 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces.
FARGO, N.D. — Kendra Dawn Haslerud, first daughter, second child of Wayne and Tania Haslerud, Dec. 24, 11:30 a.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.
FONTANA, Calif. — Holly Beth Ronan, first daughter, second child of Jim and Marybeth Ronan, Dec. 16, 3:27 p.m., 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.
GLENDALE, Calif. — Christina Ann Lewis, first daughter, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lewis, Dec. 20, 2 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces.
GREENVILLE, S.C. — Jason Daniel Jacques, first son, first child of Danny and Denise (Egler) Jacques, Dec. 20, 7:21 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces.
HARRISBURG, Pa. — David Warren Fowler Jr., first son, first child of Mr. and Mrs. David Warren Fowler, Nov. 23, 9:39 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces.
HARRISBURG, Pa. — Daniel Paul Vandermarck, first son, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Vandermarck, Oct. 29, 9:15 a.m., 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces.
HOUSTON, Tex. — Jared Cassidy Metzler, first son, first child of Robert and Linda Metzler, Dec. 24, 8:40 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces.
JONESBORO, Ark. — Marinda Jewelmya Hutchins, third daughter, fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Hutchins, Dec. 25, 5:31 p.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces.
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Matthew Allen Fry, first son, first child of Steve and Julie (Seavel) Fry, Dec. 25, 7 pounds.
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Melissa Gage Manning, first daughter, first child of George and Marcia (Shumate) Manning, Dec. 26, 2:40 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces.
KITCHENER, Ont. — Kamie Lorissa Mae Mantle, first daughter, second child of Bruce and Susan Mantle, Nov. 21, 6:30 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.
LANCASTER, England — Lynda Kay Tattersall, first daughter, first child of Alan and Kay (Boyce) Tattersall, Aug. 23, 12:45 a.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces.
LENOIR, N.C. — Jennifer Elaine Stamey, first daughter, first child of Arnold and Laura Stamey, Dec. 8, 8:17 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces.
LEXINGTON, S.C. — Melissa Jill Draway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Draway, Dec. 13, 12:33 p.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces.
LONG BEACH, Calif. — William John Buchan, first son, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Dan I. Buchan, Dec. 28, 7 pounds 6 ounces.
LONGVIEW, Tex. — Bradley Eugene Wilcox, second son, third child of Nancy and David Wilcox, Dec. 31, 2:24 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.
MIAMI, Fla. — Clifton George Bowman, first son, second child of George and Marie Bowman, Dec. 10, 7:46 a.m., 9 1/2 pounds.
MIDLAND, Mich. — Bradley Wayne Sims, first son, first child of Mr. and Mrs. David Sims, Nov. 22, 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces.
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — David Jon Wolff, third son, seventh child of Oscar and Betty Wolff, Dec. 17, 1:30 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Wend Michele Heun, first daughter, first child of Bob and Dortha (Mickelson) Heun, Dec. 16, 4:56 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Jeffrey James Witz, first son, first child of Jeffrey and Loraine Witz, Oct. 11, 1:38 p.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces.
MISSION, B.C. — Reayn Eddy Cook Faulhaber, second daughter, second child of Sharon M. (Cranford) and Arthur Marvin Faulhaber.
NEWCASLE, Australia — Richard Edwin Slack, third son, third child of Keith and Margaret Slack, Dec. 23, 3:56 a.m., 7 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.
OLYMPIA, Wash. — Nathan Clair Winder, eighth son, 10th child of Ralph and Startit Winder, Dec. 31, 8 pounds 10 ounces.
PASADENA, Calif. — Fredrick Wayne Geringer, second son, second child of Bob and Connie Geringer, Dec. 28, 2:13 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.
PASADENA, Calif. — Nicole Ann Grassmann, first daughter, second child of Ron and Cora (Dunlap) Grassmann, Dec. 29, 4:20 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.
PASADENA, Calif. — Erik Brandon Lundquist, first son, first child of Rick and Pat (Ray) Lundquist, Dec. 23, 11:12 a.m., 9 pounds.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Eric Mellon Hesson, third son, fourth child of Richard and Sandra Hesson, Oct. 12, 12:43 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces.
PLYMOUTH, England — John Daniel Hancock, second son, third child of Bryher and Christopher Hancock, Dec. 22, 7:35 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces.
RICHMOND, Va. — Christie Lynn Lisman, first daughter, first child of Ray and Kathy Lisman, Jan. 4, 7:52 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces.
ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. — Sara Joann Rixon, first daughter, second child of Robert and Olive Rixon, Oct. 11, 9 pounds 13 ounces.
SHERMAN, Tex. — Angela Jo Krist Mahl, first daughter, first child of John and Jackie (Hansen) Mahl, Dec. 17, 10:40 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.
SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Sarah Louise Herd, first daughter, second child of Thomas and Janet Herd, Nov. 24, 10:16 a.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.
SYDNEY, Australia — Sally Ann Williams, second daughter, second child of Brian and Val Williams, Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces.
VANCOUVER, B.C. — Carmel Zilla Poreen, first daughter, second child of Mel and Doreen Peacock, Dec. 2, 4:47 p.m., 9 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.
ZWERU, Liberia — Sehorh N. Barbey, second son, third child of Alfred S. and Lillian K. Barbey, Dec. 18, 12:10 p.m., 7 1/2 pounds.

PERSONALS

Send your personal, along with a WN mailing label with your address on it to "Personals," The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Your personal must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears on this page. We cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

PEN PALS

I would like to thank all ladies who helped fill my mailbox in the past and are most welcome to do so in the future (if any new ones!). Sorry I couldn't answer all. I am just starting life up at 40. Irvin Schlegel, Rt. 1, Aylton, Ont., N0G 1C0, Canada.
Thirteen years old. I like sports, especially hunting. Would like to hear from boy or girl. Colleyville, Kan., 67337.
I'd like to write guys and girls 14 to 20. I like to read and rock. Also anybody who plans to go to GEP this summer. Susan Earley, 3123 Washington St., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221. Will answer all.
Wendy Paul of De. Palines, Ill., and Dennis Hallingsford of Apolton-Wausau, Wis., please send me your full address so I can write. I met you at Chicago but forgot to get the address. Elizabeth B. Wright, 506 Liberty St., Walnut, Ill., 61376.
Chiropractic student interested in writing pen pal. Walden Petersen, 776 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, Minn., 55114.

Would like to hear from other members involved in mail order and/or gift-shop operators. Also members who read Mother Earth News magazine. Walter Stuart, Box 33207, Houston, Tex., 77033.

To you, Annie, a bouquet of roses, cheers and much more! This Jan. 23 means one year of our friendship. Billy, Thank you also, WV, for running this ad the first place!

Pat and Dennis Gruznicki, have lost track of you and have some of your mail. Would really enjoy hearing from you again. Kathy and Roger Wyles, Box 305, Indian Lake Estates, Fla., 33955.

Will brethren in area of Cottonwood or Clearville please write? Constance Gardner, 1221 E. Carol, Phoenix, Ariz., 85020.

Attention!! All those who wrote Sherri Means, please write back. Your addresses were ripped off. Robert McKinney, Michelle Holts, Doug Hickman, Diane W., Diane Jones, Sherrie Rudolph and Lon Tenold.

Co-worker, graduate student in mathematics, wishes to compare notes with member or co-worker who has done advanced work in pure mathematics (enough to know Zorn's lemma). I am also a linguist and I (Russian) speak Hebrew, a little of some other European languages and etymologies of English). 28 years old, seventh eighth white, one eighth Alaskan Indian and single. Henry Christoffers, 2915 Graduate College, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

Ladies 24 to 30, resident in the western or southern U.S.A., willing to correspond with Swiss bachelor, 31, member, working in international transport? Variety of interests, geography, history, travel, classical music. I'd love to tell you how we're faring in good old England! Why not drop me a line to Mr. H. Gerber, 16, Daleham Gardens, London, NW3, U.K.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore G. Phillips of Gadsden, Ala., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Marie to Mr. James Alan Callahan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas G. Callahan of Wellington, Ala. A wedding is planned.
Mr. and Mrs. Noel Edgell of Henderson, Minn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Libby to Joyce Aniline Laabs, also of Henderson. An outdoor country wedding is planned for June.
Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Strauss of Bulawayo, Rhodesia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Myra Ann to Mr. Steven Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ross of Boswell, Ind. The couple plan to be wed after their graduation from Ambassador College, Pasadena, in May.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strangeway of Winters, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lorraine to Mr. Ronald Watkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watkins of Lodi, Calif. The wedding will be in the early spring.
Rose Brooks and Tom Adams would like to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Rose is presently a junior at Big Sandy, Tex. A Big Sandy graduate. Rose is presently

employed in Oklahoma. They plan to marry in the summer of this year.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goodman are very pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter, Mrs. Joyce F. Carpenter, to Mr. Kenneth Wayne Treibig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Treibig. The couple will exchange vows on Feb. 22 and make their home in Longview, Tex.
WEDDINGS
Orla Stauffer and Rhonda Osborne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Osborne, were married Dec. 7 by Steve Martin, assistant director of the Foreign Trade Visitors Center, at the Stauffers now reside at 27475 Harwin, Blvd. No. 49, Hayward, Calif., 94545.
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Ben and Glenda Faulkner: Wishing you a very happy eighth anniversary Jan. 20. Love, Larry and Mary Alice.
Anthony: Happy sixth anniversary Jan. 15. Thank you for the best years of my life. With love, Corinne.
Honey: To the best wife in the world. Happy anniversary Dec. 27. It has been 23 wonderful, rewarding and growing years. I love you. Love, Ernie.
Marion and Louise Eicher: Happy anniversary March 8. Your friends from the Toledo church miss you.
Happy anniversary, Pat. Thank you for nine of the happiest years of my life. On Feb. 4. With all my love, Betty.
Mr. and Mrs. ORLA STAUFFER
Lydia Josephine Alvarez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Alvarez of San Diego, Calif., and Abel Barron Villarreal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Villarreal of San Antonio, Tex., were married Sept. 13 in Pasadena, Calif., by Dr. Charles Dorothy, Mr. Abelardo Villarreal, the groom's father, was best man, and Rory Alvarez was also best man. Mrs. Evangelina Roidan, the bride's grandmother, was matron of honor, and Wanda King was maid of honor. The couple is residing at 2258 W. California, Pasadena, Calif., 91105.
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LITERATURE

The Syracuse church is putting out a recipe-and-hardy-hips book. Please, members, send yours to Helen Wood, c/o 218 W. Noyes Blvd., Sherrill, N.Y., 13461.
Wanted: Complete Bible Story. Will pay all postage back. Donald Kinsell, 935 Broad St., Emmaus, Pa., 18049.
Help! We are desperate! We want to make copies of your pre-1956 Plain Truth magazines and pre-1962 Good News magazines. If you would like to help us complete our library write: Robert C. Belknap, 109 Waverly Place, New York, N.Y., 10011.
Wanted: A Critical History of the Sabbath and Sunday in the Christian Church, by A.H. Lewis, and A History of the Sabbath, by J.N. Andrews. Anyone with information, please write Ernest R. Davis, 1205 W. Clinton St., Goshen, Ind., 46526.

TRAVEL

My husband (not a member) and I wish to transfer to the Hawaii Feast site in October and would appreciate receiving any information or programs from members regarding the past Feast in Hawaii. Mr. and Mrs. Harry John, 21822 Stephens St., Clear Shores, Mich., 48090.
My teenage daughter and I are planning a short trip this summer to Parchment, Miss. We would like to hear from members in that area. Elton Murphy, 8468 Munson Rd., Portland, N.Y., 14789.

MISCELLANEOUS

I would like to request prayers for Mrs. Lizzy Mgwaba, a mother of six children, who has cancer. She has been in the past at a hospital. Her condition has improved after she was anointed by a minister. Mr. Dan Botha. She is still in need of letters and cards of encouragement. Address all mail to Mrs. Lizzy Mgwaba, c/o 2700, Kwa Mashu, Durban, 4360, Republic of South Africa, D. Fla.
A great big thank-you to all the brethren for their prayers, cards and phone calls while I am recovering from acute appendicitis. We want to especially thank those who are so unselfishly donating their time in cooking and housekeeping for our family. God has been so loving and merciful in safely bringing us through this ordeal. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Judy Van Lansdyk, Larry and daughters.

Anyone interested in canoe races during the early summer? We'd like to promote or sponsor canoe races, both single and double, on the Buffalo River in the Ozark Mountains during the Memorial Day weekend as part of the Little Rock church's annual float trip. A nominal fee would be charged for entry but would go for prizes and trophies. It is hoped there would be enough entries or entry fees to give a canoe as first prize for singles as well as doubles competition. We'd like to hear from those who might be interested, but those who enter should be experienced in canoeing, as at this time of year the water may be extremely swift. Also, we'd like to limit this to Church members or their immediate families. If you're interested, let us know; if you don't think you'd be able to enter, how about telling a friend who might be. For more information, contact Larry Smith, 3701 Dixon Rd., Little Rock, Ark., 72206.
Many thanks to the brethren who wrote to my mother, Fran Korut. She is now waiting for her resurrection at the promised day. May God bless you all for inspiring her last days. She truly loved God's Church! Zeki Korut.

I wish to send my sincere thanks to all who sent cards and letters of encouragement to my mother, Fran Korut during her recent illness. The Korut family also send their thanks. Mrs. Korut died Dec. 26. Mrs. J.L. Halstead, 1000 S.
Your earnest prayer will be ever so much appreciated for my mother, Mildred Randolph, a brave little lady. She is not a member, though a dear friend. She has been suffering with cancer and suffers excruciatingly with arthritis and atrophic ulcers. Can scarcely drag herself about yet remains cheerful and helpful. Please pray she will have her last at least one more day. Mrs. Gerrie Brown, 2367 S. Kanaku Way, No. 102, Denver, Colo., 80232.
Mr. Hamblin, Mr. Maloney, Albert Calame, Mrs. Meyer, Herb van Curen, Donald Brown, the lady called Yvonne from Toronto, Mr. Wayne Bailey,

Mr. Tarrant and your families, ministers and many others I met while in U.S.A. Thank you for your love and make bold mention of you all daily. Seth Casades, 1000 Birch Church, England.
To the Washington, D.C. church: Many thanks for the fabulous singles and dance that you sponsored Dec. 27. Everything was well planned and coordinated, and it was a pleasure to meet you from so many church areas. It was a memorable evening, and we of the Newark church would like to extend an invitation to attend the singles activity, Larry Freund.
I am begging and pleading for prayers of God's people that I may be healed. I have been anointed by God's ministers. I have faith God will heal me in due time. I was wounded on three occasions that I can't remember. The doctor is growing much worse. The problem is in my hips, knees, legs, hands and back. I can't stand or sit or work long at a time. Please pray that God will heal me well again to sit in church as well as walk and stand without too much pain. Hurshel Kidd, 112 Nelson St., Auburndale, Fla., 32823.
To all my loyal subjects of SEP 75: To the queen of the kitchen speaking. Write to me — or let me be signed. Lonely Karen Maron, 1122 Highway 1, Proctor, Minn., 55910.
I want to thank you very much for cards and prayers for Chroneta B. Montoya. She was completely healed. She is not in the Church. I would like the name of the minister of person that would like to mother in Ashland in Carlin, Nev. Her name is Charlene Slagowski, Rose Norgren, 3152 W. 224th St., Torrance, Calif., 90501.
Please ask for prayers for healing for Mr. James Walker, 1795 Bushland Rd., No. 4, Campbell, Calif., 95008. He is a member of Palo Alto church and is in need of your prayers as he is ill with cancer.
Many thanks to those who sent cards and letters regarding my 6-year-old son who has terminal cancer. He is not a member but has been a subscriber for a while. Nigel Goodisr, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.
Attention, Simmy Davis: Thank you for the line star. You are a very special friend. You couldn't put your address on the card so we didn't answer. Love, the Weats.
Please pray for my dad, Sydney Goodisr of Hewick, Scotland, who has terminal cancer. He is not a member but has been a subscriber for a while. Nigel Goodisr, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.
Owen Moen, I've lost your address. Please write or call me at (606) 253-1121. Dennis Hallingsford.
How can I thank you all for your concern and love in answering my ad for used stamps and cards in the October WN. Many thanks from my sick friends. I got a tremendous response. May God richly bless you for your love. But remember these are chronically ill people and continually need new supplies. Please let me know how to keep on sending me more stamps and cards. Mrs. Els Betherly, 2523 Hokins Rd., North Vancouver, B.C., V7J 3A6, Canada.
Single father of four preschoolers would like to hear from members who have information or experience with alternate education outside of the home. Please write to: Dennis Hallingsford, home, free schools, etc. Mike Berger, 2549 Lemick St., Vancouver, B.C., V6H 2V2, Canada.
Want to trade QSL cards? Will return mine same day I receive yours. Come on and help me boost my collection. Scott Coleman, Box 61, Dighton, Kan., 67838.
Would like to hear from gardeners interested in camping, hiking, gardening, fruit-tree grafting, raspberry plants, evergreen propagation, tree raising, etc. Log on to my bulletin board. Also would like ideas on how a campground manager might deal with campers who like to arrive or check out on the Sabbath. William R. Todd, Rt. 2, New Concord, Ohio, 43762.
Church members need a lady 35 to 55 with nursing experience to live in and care for wife, who has had her leg amputated and is now in a wheelchair. We live on the border of the Salt Lake City and Grand Junction, Colo., churches; we are about 150 miles from each other. The pastor of the Salt Lake City church is Mr. Charles George, (801) 293-3400. The pastor of the Grand Junction church is Ledri Woodbury, (303) 434-6098. I am a rancher; I need someone to care for my wife while I'm out raising beef. My investment is about 25 miles from Price, Utah. You can write or call me: George Tattersall, Box 104, East Carbon City, Utah, 84520. Phone: (801) 888-5202.

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We print personals only from WN subscribers and their dependents. And we cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

I'm undecided about whether to move to Oregon, New Mexico, Colorado or Canada. I'd like to find out all I can about the living conditions in each for a woman with two children. Also, is it necessary to know how to speak and read French to get employment in Canada? Donna Note, 1722 W. Ninth, Freeport, Tex., 77541.

Members would like to become better acquainted with brethren in Eugene, Ore., church. We live at 1284 Second St., Lebanon, Ore. Phone: 259-1423. We have five children. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gattin.

Please, all who possibly can, send cards and letters of encouragement to Mr. Herbert Tucker. He is confined to a wheelchair with arthritis and cannot attend Sabbath services. He would certainly appreciate being able to "followship" by mail. Also, we would appreciate your prayers for his recovery. Address mail to: Herbert W. Tucker, Apt. 125, Independence Apartments, 230 Parkman Rd., Greenville, S.C., 29607, or phone (704) 233-7014.

I am writing for a prayer request. My sister-in-law is in the hospital with cancer. Please send the membership to pray for her to be healed. Bessie (Henderson), 2408 Townsend St., Detroit, Mich., 48214.

Linda, hang in there. You'll make it! Hubba hubba! Donna Bean.

I am a young member who feels very old and discouraged. I have been sick for so many years with bladder, kidney and sinus problems. My weight has been bad, low blood sugar, constant fever and pain. Please pray that God will grant me good health so I can enjoy raising my son and caring for my family. Please send 12 letters and cards of good cheer. Marsha Harris, 12310 Miranda St., North Hollywood, Calif., 91607.

Attention! Big Sandy basketball teams, boys and girls: Thanks for a fantastic night of entertainment in December games at Houston. Walter Stuart, Houston, Tex.

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

BIG SANDY — Garner Ted Armstrong announced the appointment of new deans of faculty for the two Ambassador College campuses. Donald Carruthers was appointed dean for Pasadena, and Donald Ward was named to the position for the Big Sandy campus.

Michael Germano, the former dean of faculty in Pasadena, had been named executive vice president for the Pasadena campus when Mr. Armstrong was named president of Ambassador College (*The Worldwide News*, March 31, 1975). Dr. Germano had filled both positions until Dr. Carruthers' appointment.

Dr. Ward was appointed dean of faculty in Big Sandy following the resignation of Dr. Donald Deakins Jan. 12.

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PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong spoke before 200 businessmen Jan. 14 at a meeting of the Pasadena Rotary Club at the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel here.

Stanley Rader, vice president for financial affairs and planning, introduced Mr. Armstrong to the Rotarians.

Mr. Armstrong spoke about his visits with world leaders and expounded the principles of "give" and "get."

He commended the Rotarians for their motto: "Service to Others."

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PASADENA — Ray Wright has been named assistant vice president for financial affairs and controller of the Work. He will take over business



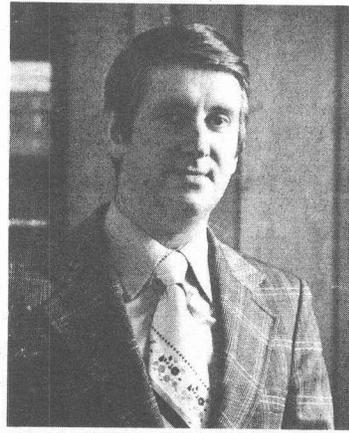
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responsibilities formerly handled by Frank Brown, who was recently appointed director of the British Work.

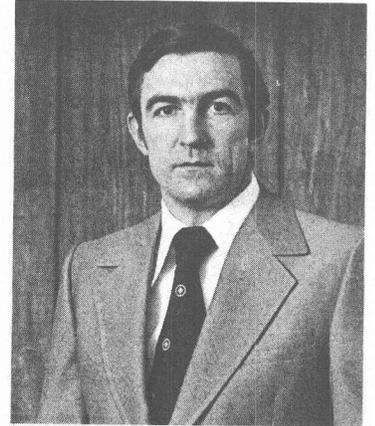
Mr. Wright had been an executive assistant to Mr. Brown for three years.

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BIG SANDY — Ronald Dart, executive vice president of Amba-



NEW APPOINTMENTS — Donald Carruthers, left, was recently appointed dean of faculty for Ambassador Pasadena campus. Donald Ward, right, was named to the same position on the Big Sandy campus. (See "Grapevine," this page.)



sador College here, returned to the campus Jan. 18 after a trip to Bricklet Wood, England, where he spent two weeks before the arrival of Frank Brown, new director of the British Work. (See article, page 1.)

Mr. Dart left for Bricklet Wood Jan. 4 to direct the Work's operations there during the interim.

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BIG SANDY — Sherwin McMichael, director of the Personal Appearance and Festival departments, moved here from Pasadena "during the week ending Jan. 10," according to Sumpter Reed of the

Festival Office here.

Garner Ted Armstrong had announced in the Nov. 24 *WN* that Mr. McMichael and the Public Appearance Department would move here. The Festival Office,

Jack McKinney, Paul Hunting, Deborah Baird and Ross Jutsum.

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BIG SANDY — Three of the four men's and women's varsity basketball teams of the two Ambassador campuses have begun this semester on a winning note.

The women's varsity at Pasadena began the 1976 schedule with a 55-54 victory over Westmont College of Santa Barbara, Calif. The team is in its first intercollegiate season and has 11 games scheduled.

The Ambassador Royals of Pasadena, the men's varsity team, now have a 6-8 won-loss record for the 1975-76 season through Jan. 16. They have 10 games remaining; their season ends Feb. 17.

The Royalettes, the women's team on the Big Sandy campus, also won their first game of 1976 by defeating Eastfield College of Mesquite, Tex., 64-50. The victory was their second straight and moved their record to 2-5.

Big Sandy's Ambassador Royals, the men's varsity, have gone over .500 for the first time this year with an 8-7 record. The Royals won their most recent game, on Jan. 17, 90-84 over Mountain View College of Dallas, Texas.

They have 14 games remaining on their regular schedule.



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which Mr. McMichael now heads, was already located in Big Sandy.

Both departments are now in the Festival Administration Building on the Ambassador campus here.

Personnel who are moving here from Pasadena to work in the two departments include Budde Marino,

AICF features Copland in concert



PASADENA — The Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra, under the direction of conductor Roger Wagner and guest conductor Aaron Copland, presented a "Bicentennial Concert" in the Ambassador Auditorium here Jan. 15.

Herbert W. Armstrong, who attended the concert, "felt that this was the type of concert which really brings out the full richness of the Auditorium," said Robert Kuhn, executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

The 125-member chorale began the program with "In the Beginning" and "Canticle of Freedom," written and directed by Mr. Copland.

Then was the world premiere of

"Missa Carminum" (Folk Song Mass), by Paul Chihara, a Japanese-American composer.

The second half of the concert featured a cantata called *Madrigals for the Space Age*, by Lalo Schifrin, and "Preamble (for a Solemn Occasion)," an interpretation of the preamble to the U.S. Constitution, by Mr. Copland. Both works were conducted by Mr. Wagner and narrated by actor James Stewart.

Following these, Mr. Copland directed a series he composed called *Old American Songs*.

"Aaron Copland is considered to be certainly the dean of all American composers at the present time and probably the best composer in American history," Dr. Kuhn said.

AICF CONCERT — Composer Aaron Copland, above, attends a reception after a concert in which he directed several of his own works in the Auditorium Jan. 15. Below: Roger Wagner leads the 125-member Los Angeles Master Chorale in the concert. (See related photos, page 1.) [Photos by John Robinson]



Tennis spreads Word

By Richard Taylor

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — "Hey, Fred," asked the lady, "what do you do for a living?"

"I'm a minister," answered Fred Boyce, pastor of the Jacksonville and Gainesville, Fla., churches, pausing to catch his breath during a match of Sunday-morning tennis. He then explained to the perplexed woman that one could sure enough be a minister and enjoy tennis on the first day of the week — if he kept the Sabbath.

Mr. Boyce has found that his enjoyment of this nearly universal sport affords more opportunities to spread the Gospel than you might imagine. Doctors, lawyers, businessmen and one ex-minister neighbor have volleyed with him on their apartment-complex courts. Several of them have been a little surprised but interested in knowing more about the life-style of their friendly neighbor. One conversation pursued the Sabbath question:

"Well, Fred, why do you keep Saturday for the Sabbath?" asked a friend.

"Because Jesus did," Mr. Boyce replied.

"Hey, Joe," the friend asked a former minister of another church,

"is that true?"

"Yes," came the honest, if reluctant, reply.

Nice guys don't always finish last. Sabbath keepers, either, as Mr. Boyce recently proved. On Dec. 14 he took first place in the Villa Del Rio Apartments Tennis Tournament and a fine trophy that is now displayed in the bedroom of his two proud little boys.

Evangelist

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Office here and in 1973 became business manager.

Mr. Brown is married to the former Sharon Roesler of St. Louis, Mo., whom he met during his senior year at Bricklet Wood. They were married after Mr. Brown's graduation in 1965 and now have two daughters, Rachel Ann, 8, and Elizabeth Clare, 7.

Mr. Brown's favorite pastimes are reading and playing bridge.

According to Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Brown's appointment "marks the first time in the history of God's Work in Britain for this age that a native British subject has headed the Work there."