

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel Lee Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from Orr, Minn.! In only a couple of hours I will be speaking for the first time on the Sabbath before the full SEP camp just as it comes to its conclusion! The first group of about 360 campers will be sadly on their way home within the next few days, after a fantastically exciting three weeks at our beautiful summer camp up here in Orr.

On Sunday, July 10, a week from tomorrow, general manager and former coach of the Los Angeles Lakers Bill Sharman will arrive with his staff to conduct a five-day basketball camp here at which Kareem Abdul-Jabbar is slated to appear for at least one day.

The week following that the second session of SEP begins.

Having the opportunity to be here on a couple of occasions during the summer really deepens my resolve evermore of the great value this program is to the hundreds upon hundreds of Church young people from all over! We have never seen a more zealous group of young people; we have never had, taken as a whole, a better staff than this year!

We have all been shaking our heads in amazement at the fact that most of our problems have been little ones (with the exception of the measles scare early in the first camp) and have been very pleased at how

smoothly everything has gone.

Aside from the usual rash of minor incidents, such as scrapes, cuts and bruises, we have had no serious accidents of any kind, and of course we are all very thankful for that.

Accreditation decision

I suppose the biggest news, which to many will be disappointing, is that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges voted (by a very narrow margin, we believe) to deny regional accreditation to Ambassador College for the present.

Some of the major points that were brought up were those involving the interweaving of the Church and the college.

I have had many lengthy discussions with my father following this action and have instituted many new procedures which we feel will continue the process of further development of Ambassador College along lines fully acceptable to the accrediting commission.

Perhaps I can explain it in reverse so many of you brethren who have visited the campus can understand.

Often, when brethren or co-workers come to the college campus, they are coming to what they feel is the headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God. It is almost as if, when one walks on the Ambassador College campus, one may look around and wonder,

"But where is the Church?"

Actually, since my father, as pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God, and myself, as executive vice president of the Church, occupy offices on the fourth floor of the Hall of Administration (yet my father is also chairman of the board of Ambassador College and I am the college's president), we both wear two hats in relationship to the Church and the college.

Further, since the Ambassador College Auditorium is also the major structure in the world so far as a Sabbath assembly is concerned, many people look to it as the "headquarters church."

This is where the confusion begins. I have said for well more than a decade that Ambassador College would ultimately be better served (and I have spoken very candidly of this both to the Western and the Southern associations) if we had a worldwide Church headquarters in one location and the educational arm of the Church — Ambassador College — in a separate location.

Contiguous but separate

Years ago, foreseeing this eventuality, my father hoped to build a high-rise Church headquarters building, contiguous to but distinctly separate from the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena.

Because of the current financial strain on the Work to accomplish all of our most essential activities and yet avoid any more serious cash-flow crunches, we feel we cannot take on any additional debt-retirement programs brought about by major construction at this time. Otherwise we could solve this problem by the design and construction of a separate Church headquarters building somewhere near

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TO THE EDITOR

Watching world news

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your [Gene Hogberg's] regular contributions to *The Plain Truth* and *The Worldwide News*. I look forward to reviewing your articles. Many members of our South Edmonton congregation who discuss your articles with me join me in this expression of thanks. May God continue to assist you in this important aspect of the Work.

Wesley E. Randall
Edmonton, Alta.

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Articles on second page of *Worldwide News* by Gene H. Hogberg are very enlightening. Please keep them coming in each issue.

Mr. and Mrs. David Frank
Stanton, Calif.

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I... must comment on Mr. Hogberg's article in the *PT* and *WN* about U.S. foreign policy [June 6], especially as it concerns Africa and the new emphasis on human rights by the Carter administration. I support President Carter's declarations on human rights, and I hope South Africa and Rhodesia can become multiracial democracies and that further bloodshed in that part of the world can be avoided. While we in the U.S. certainly do have our problems, I do not think it is wrong for us to reaffirm the political ideals that we historically have stood for. It shows in these dangerous times what we as a nation are for. Anticomunism is not good enough — we must reaffirm our pro-democracy position. Vice President Mondale seemed to remind South Africa Prime Minister Vorster of this in Geneva recently. Mr. Vorster has long cried about communism in southern Africa and how his country is firmly anticommunist, but now even he must realize that to postpone movement toward majority rule in southern Africa will only bring closer the communism that he hates. The riots in Soweto last year and the guerrilla instruction in Rhodesia plus the Cuban incursions elsewhere have made even the most antimajority-rule whites realize that to perpetuate the status quo will do no one any good.

Norman R. Garrison
Tucson, Ariz.

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I'd like to thank you for your privacy-keeping personals section. Many must have feared writing a personal because they didn't want their address to be used by the unscrupulous. Now you've solved the problem and eradicated the fears.

The other thing is Mr. Gene Hogberg's world-news column. This keeps the brethren up to date on world trends fulfilling Bible prophecy better than can the *PT*, because it has to be put together several months in advance, whereas the *WN* does not. As a result, the things that happen (during the month, at least) are reported to us faster. I'm also glad for the blunt, un-equivocal style Mr. Hogberg uses to write his articles, without a euphemism. He must be one of the last, if not the last, reporters who write unbiasedly.

Barry Dixon
Bakersfield, Calif.

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First, what a privilege it would be to talk with Mrs. Chloe Schippert [June 6]. It would be grand to listen to her tell of the beginning, especially since I am one of the newest of the new members (May 15, 1977).

Second is the article by Gene Hogberg, "America the Immoral Preacher." We in the East have had a very dry spring with many unexpected frosts, the latest being June 7. In the Bible one can read that God shut up the heavens on more than one occasion because of His people's sins.

Mary C. Harris
Penfield, Pa.

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We feel that we must write you concerning the recent addition to *The Worldwide News* of Mr. Gene Hogberg's column of world news.

He has an understanding of and an ability to relate the panorama of world events in a manner that has enabled us to comprehend them more deeply than ever before.

It is a fine service and tool to God's people, whom He has commanded to

"watch" what's developing all around us.

We hope that this column can long continue as a regular feature of the paper. Thank you for it and the *WN* in general. Clifford A. and Jane L. Redanz
New Wilmington, Pa.

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Your Church-member-directed articles are great, such as outstanding "hit 'em as you see it" Gene Hogberg articles.

Earl Eaton
Linden, N.J.

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Mr. Halford's travels

Wish to comment on Mr. [John] Halford's article in June 6, 1977, *WN*. It was very inspiring and I was delighted to see the picture of Mr. Zam Heyi and Mr. Hoe. I have been much interested in them and Mr. Saw Lay Beh's family ever since the article concerning them appeared in *The Good News* of January-March of 1973. And that article was just as inspiring and brought tears again to my eyes as I reread it. I am interested in knowing if Mr. Saw Lay Beh's son was ever able to enroll at an Ambassador College?

And then there was a man in the nation of Mozambique whose first name was Ephraim who met with our ministers under great hardships. If possible would like to hear more about him and any other brethren in that country. We do remember them all when we read about them and will continue to do so.

Mary B. Stein
Columbus, Ohio

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I just had to express my gratitude to you for the article on Malaysia [June 6]. It was awesome, in that it made me realize how much we take for granted.

I'm so deeply ashamed of all of us who murmur and gripe here in the land God has blessed because of His promise to Abraham.

To think of these precious jewels set in Malaysia. These people who love God so much and are so thankful. They are the blessed ones. What beautiful character they show, what love. I will pray harder for them, but also for us who are asleep

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U.S. policy clouds Asia's future

By Gene H. Hogberg
News editor, "The Plain Truth"

PASADENA — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, setting the stage for his coming trip to Peking, said June 29 that the Carter administration is committed to establishing normal diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China, thus signaling the end of Washington's once-close ties to the Nationalist Chinese government on Taiwan.

The United States has gradually moved in the direction of a full relationship with the Communist Chinese ever since Richard Nixon's surprise visit to Peking in 1972. But up until now Washington has refrained from stating its intentions so openly.

'Swap of allegiance'

Taiwan's reaction to the Vance policy statement, which was emphasized by President Carter in his news conference the next morning, was predictably negative. What kind of relationship will remain between the United States and Taiwan after the "swap of allegiance" is made is uncertain. The United States is still committed, under the terms of a 1954 treaty, to guarantee militarily the independence of the Taiwan government. Will this now be scrapped? In his announcement Vance said that the United States places importance on the "peaceful settlement of the Taiwan question by the Chinese themselves."

However, it is extremely doubtful whether the two Chinas could ever peacefully settle their differences. Ever since the victory of Mao's forces on the mainland in 1949, and the fleeing of Chiang Kai-shek's government to its island fortress, the two Chinas have developed diametrically opposite societies. On the mainland the Communists have perfected the world's largest and most doctrinaire totalitarian society, based on classical Marxist-Leninism as in-

terpreted, of course, by the thought of Mao Tse-tung. Across the Formosa Strait, the Nationalists, on the other hand, have constructed a booming capitalist society, rivaling the Japanese for the title of Asia's economic miracle. The Nationalists, in addition to evolving a Western-style economy, have also become the repository of Chinese culture, having rescued in their exodus, 28 years ago, much of the art and other treasures of China's past.

No way to reunite

On the mainland, again by contrast, the Red zealots, in their drive to create the "new communist man," have destroyed many links to China's heritage.

There is simply no way the two Chinas can now ever peacefully become reunited. They are as different as night and day; 28 years of accusations and recriminations flying across (literally, at times, in propaganda balloons) the Formosa Strait have created such a climate of ill will and mutual abhorrence that only war and total victory of one side over the other will solve the deep-rooted dispute.

The Nationalists, not without some logic, accuse the United States of being a turncoat on the recognition issue. How, they ask, can Washington abandon a free-world partner and embrace — especially now with the Carter administration's emphasis on human rights — the bosom of a regime that has perhaps been history's most flagrant abuser of human rights and dignity?

Last week I heard Taiwan's ambassador to the United States speak on this subject in Los Angeles. If the human-rights issue, James Shen asked, really is central to U.S. foreign policy, as the new administration claims, then how can Mr. Carter (as well as his predecessor) overlook that anywhere between 32 and 62 million Chinese have been "liquidated" on the mainland since the

Communists consolidated their power through successive waves of purges, "cultural revolutions" and other Marxist-Maoist purification drives since then? A hard question to answer, but, then, "human rights" really is a selective policy after all, and newly perceived U.S. national interests take precedence.

Fair-weather Japan

Mr. Shen, despite his otherwise diplomatic demeanor, also leveled a frontal blow at the Japanese government when he remarked that Tokyo "went off on a cocked hat" when it abruptly switched its diplomatic ties from Taipei to Taiwan in 1972, in the aftermath of the Nixon trip.

Even though Japanese businessmen were present in the Biltmore Hotel audience, the blunt Mr. Shen added that "Japan is a fair-weather friend, not to be trusted."

Interesting currents of change are beginning to course through Asia. What the outcome will be no one can see right now. But one thing is certain: If the United States follows through on its new policy directions, such as recognizing Peking and pulling ground troops out of South Korea, we could see much more uncertainty and instability in the Pacific.

Up until now the United States has acted as the hub of the free Asian wheel, a nation the others could trust. With America changing tune, the Japanese, South Koreans, Taiwanese and Filipinos could repeat old rivalries and suspicions, which are always just below the surface anyway.

To assess firsthand the changing conditions in this vital part of the world, Keith Stump, one of my News Bureau assistants, and I will leave shortly for a three-week, six-nation tour of Asia. We hope to report to *Worldwide News* readers on our findings while traveling and again on our return.

Correction

Eugenio Api, a cook employed by the Ambassador College Food Service in Pasadena, was incorrectly identified as the college's food-service director in the June 6 *WN*. The same article, titled "Lunch With Gloria Swanson Supports College's Program," was incorrectly edited to read that Miss Swanson "recommended" the menu. This is incorrect; the menu was planned by the Ambassador Cultural Alliance.

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Why many don't understand Pentecost

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Do you realize thousands of WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD members assembled on the Day of Pentecost who did not *really understand* what this Holy Day really *MEANS*? Test yourself. Read this article and see if YOU do.

WE SIMPLY CAN'T understand WHY we observe the Day of Pentecost just by reading the scriptures that apply specifically to that day — or apply specifically to all of God's Festivals, for that matter.

You may read these specific scriptures alone and learn that you are COMMANDED to keep them. Actually that's what Mrs. Loma Armstrong and I did. Do you realize that we kept all these Holy Days *alone*, by ourselves, while the Church of God members we then knew and fellowshiped with (Sardis era; Revelation 3:1-6) "mocked us to scorn"?

'Laughed to scorn'

It was history repeating itself. King Hezekiah of Judah had discovered these days ought to be kept — after both Israel and Judah had ceased observing them for a long time. The Temple, at Jerusalem, through disuse had been filled with filth. Hezekiah had the Temple cleansed. He sent out proclamations to keep the Feasts of God. Judah did.

Hezekiah sent messengers up into Israel, the northern kingdom, from city to city in Ephraim and Manasseh, to teach them God's Holy Days must be kept. But "they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them" (II Chronicles 30:1-10).

I had learned in my intensive, almost night-and-day study of the Sabbath question that we are commanded also to keep the seven annual Holy Days.

I DID NOT KNOW WHY! I knew only that God said "DO IT!" My wife and I did — alone! For seven years!

Parent Philadelphia church kept them

It was not until God used me in raising up the first and parent church of this "Philadelphia era" (Revelation 3:7-13) that they joined with us in keeping these days. At first we kept only the seven annual Sabbaths. It was yet another seven years before God revealed to me THE REAL MEANING OF THESE DAYS — and that we should keep the entire Feast of Tabernacles — seven days plus the final eighth day, a Holy Day.

For 14 years we kept these *annual* days holy BECAUSE WE SAW THAT GOD COMMANDED IT. We wanted to obey!

In due time God revealed to me, and I to the Church, WHY! And even then many in the Church refused to keep more than the Holy Days!

And I feel many observing these Festivals today do it because the Church does but do not fully understand WHY — the REAL MEANING and God's PURPOSE in commanding them.

I think of the millions observing Christmas, New Year's, Easter, etc. — days that have NO REAL MEANING. God's days have MEANING, and this MEANING God wants us to understand. That's why they are repeated yearly.

You need to understand what *went before*. Again I repeat: It's like tuning in on a movie in the last 10 or 15 minutes of it. Not having seen what went before — what led up to it — WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT — you can't understand what you see — you are CONFUSED — it's MEANINGLESS!

Angels first

At this point I deem it necessary to repeat a VERY BRIEF condensation of the material beginning on page 1. But read it here, to have it fresh in mind.

Few know it, but God placed angels on earth long before He created the first man and woman. They were spirit beings, composed of spirit — not matter. This earth was

to be their PROVING GROUND.

We need to understand that CHARACTER, either good or bad, *cannot* be instantly created by fiat. It must be developed by experience over a space of TIME. So God created angels with MINDS that could have knowledge, could THINK, reason, come to conclusions, make decisions. God told them of HIS GOVERNMENT which He set over them. To achieve God's PURPOSE — eventually to finish the creation of the entire UNIVERSE — it was necessary that they all pull together, in harmony and unity. His GOVERNMENT WAS THE WAY to provide that — and also the WAY to develop in them holy, righteous and perfect CHARACTER!

God set a superarchangel, the cherub LUCIFER, on the throne of the earth over the angels — probably a third of all the angels. *Even the creation of the angels was not complete until CHARACTER, good or evil, had been SET in them.* That required their thinking, reasoning and final decisions as to whether they would choose GOD'S way, which for brevity I call "GIVE," or the evil way, of "GET."

God's GOVERNMENT is based-on His LAW — the way of "GIVE." It is the way of LOVE. It is GIVING first of all a return of the LOVE of GOD which God gives His creatures — giving it in obedience, reverence, worship, walking in fellowship with God, in a close contact with God.

But Lucifer led the angels into the opposite way of "GET." This is the way of vanity, lust and greed, jealousy, envy, competition, strife, violence, destruction, resentment and bitterness and rebellion against God and His authority over them.

The angels SINNED (II Peter 2:4). They SET their character as EVIL. Lucifer is disqualified to administer the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, but his jurisdiction was the entire earth, and God would not remove him TILL a Successor QUALIFIED to RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD on earth, and also had been INDUCTED INTO OFFICE.

God to reproduce Himself!

This left God (Hebrew *Elohim*, including GOD and THE WORD, who also was God and later became Jesus Christ — John 1:1-14). The uniplural god (*Elohim*) was the ONLY being who could be relied upon *never* to violate the law of GOD'S GOVERNMENT — for it is IMPOSSIBLE for God to sin.

Now came the MOST STUPENDOUS, AWESOME PROJECT OF ALL!

God would REPRODUCE HIMSELF! He would do this through creating MAN in His own image, but out of matter. Spirit cannot be changed. But matter could be *changed* from the "GET" way to the "GIVE" way. This required repentance to be granted by God, and the human repenting, and with God's help CHANGING to GOD'S character. After this, mortal man could, by a resurrection, be changed to SPIRIT composition, with holy, righteous, perfect CHARACTER, made then IMPOSSIBLE ever to sin — born a child of GOD! WHAT A FANTASTIC, AWESOME PROJECT!

Angelic sin had wrought great devastation to the earth (Genesis 1:2 — Hebrew *tohu* and *bohu*, really mean-

ing waste, empty, decay), and I think it is indicated this same state of waste and decay occurred simultaneously to all planets in the universe, since they were LUCIFER'S potential jurisdiction.

So in six days God RENEWED (Psalm 104:30) the face of the earth for occupation by MAN.

The earth was formed of MATTER. God formed MAN of the dust of the ground. WHY? Because, as explained above, matter is subject to CHANGE — spirit is NOT. Once a spirit being is CREATED, he is immortal — changeless — can never be changed. Lucifer's and his angels' creation was not completed until THEY made their decision, choosing which CHARACTER they would set in them, good or evil. They chose evil and can NEVER CHANGE.

LUCIFER'S name was changed to SATAN the DEVIL. The angels that sinned became DEMONS.

But now, once again, in renewing its face God made the earth BEAUTIFUL. He created fish life, bird life, animal life — each after its own KIND — then said, "Let us [not ME] make MAN in our image, after our likeness . . ." In other words, after the GOD kind — GOD WAS REPRODUCING HIMSELF.

That meant ultimately to produce beings LIKE HIM, actually BORN OF HIM — in HIS FAMILY, and He, GOD, was to become the FATHER of the divine FAMILY, each born of Him, becoming one of HIS CHILDREN.

For the formation of CHARACTER, man must have MIND — capability — as had the angels, to KNOW, to THINK, to REASON, to COME TO CONCLUSIONS, to MAKE CHOICES AND DECISIONS.

To give mortal human MAN this MIND power, God put a human spirit in every man which imparts INTELLECT to the human brain. A number of animals have BRAINS of larger or smaller size — otherwise approximately equal to human brain — EXCEPT they lack spirit to impart powers of INTELLECT.

But this human spirit does NOT SEE — the BRAIN sees through the eyes. The BRAIN hears through the ears. Knowledge may be stored in the human spirit, working as a COMPUTER to supply instant recall for THINKING. But the spirit is NOT the MAN — only something ADDED to him. It is capable of receiving and storing knowledge only through the human BRAIN and therefore is CONFINED to PHYSICAL KNOWLEDGE ONLY. The spirit does NOT impart human LIFE. The LIFE resides in the BLOOD, and is oxidized and keeps the man alive by breathing AIR — the "BREATH OF LIFE."

BUT — one of the WONDERS of the mighty GOD — this human spirit was made to NEED ANOTHER SPIRIT TO JOIN WITH IT — the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. This is the very LIFE of God — immortal, divine God life. Once a man receives God's HOLY SPIRIT as God's GIFT, he is BEGOTTEN (not yet born) as a CHILD OF GOD. He becomes an HEIR — not yet an inheritor — of God.

But God's HOLY SPIRIT, imparted to man, joins with his human spirit. ("The Spirit [God's] itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" [Romans 8:16].) The HOLY SPIRIT adds power to comprehend — to UNDERSTAND

— spiritual knowledge and spiritual principles, which carnal man with ONLY the human spirit cannot know.

"For what MAN knoweth the things of a man [unknown to animals], save [by] the spirit of man which is in him? *even so* the things of God knoweth no man, but [by] the Spirit of God" (I Corinthians 2:11).

The Holy Spirit imparts spiritual UNDERSTANDING, the LOVE of God, the FAITH of Christ and POWER to overcome.

In the Garden of Eden were two trees. One was the "tree of life," which symbolized the Holy Spirit. Adam NEEDED this Spirit, beside the human spirit already created in him. God offered it freely. But Adam had to make a CHOICE. Also in the midst of the garden was the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To take of it was to REJECT GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT — GOD LIFE, God's divine LOVE to fulfill God's law, spiritual knowledge of good and evil — deciding FOR THEMSELVES what is right and what is wrong — whereas GOD'S LAW defines that — and the tree of LIFE also symbolized GOD'S LAW and GOD'S GOVERNMENT, which Satan had rejected.

In effect, Adam said to God, after being instructed by Him and tempted and misled by Satan, "I choose to go MY OWN WAY — to DECIDE FOR MYSELF what is right and what is wrong. I want to be free to DO AS I PLEASE — not bound by and obedient to your LAW. I WANT TO RULE MYSELF — I reject YOU as ruler over me."

As the fountainhead of the entire human family, he thereby CUT ALL HUMANITY OFF FROM GOD — CUT HUMANITY OFF from access to the HOLY Spirit and any contact with GOD.

God then sentenced him and the human family to 6,000 years of being CUT OFF from contact with God. God adopted a 6,000-year "hands-off" policy toward human affairs.

In effect, God said, "Go, form your OWN governments, your OWN religions, your OWN forms of education, knowledge, production, your OWN society and civilization."

Adam probably did not realize it, and MAN, since, has NOT realized it, BUT SATAN has been subtly working in the minds of all humanity, swaying humanity HIS WAY — "the way of 'GET'" (Ephesians 2:2; II Corinthians 4:13).

But — after the 6,000-year trial, TO PROVE that the way of "GET" leads only to unhappiness, discontent, sorrow, pain and suffering, disease and frustration and DEATH — God's MASTER PLAN called for 1,000 years of the RULE of THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD and the establishment of the KINGDOM OF GOD.

God reserved the prerogative of intervening at any time He deemed necessary for His ultimate PURPOSE — to REPRODUCE HIMSELF and HIS PERFECT, HOLY, RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER in humans, changed FROM the "GET" to the "GIVE" way and finally made immortal.

Where the Holy Days come in

Now, HERE'S where the annual HOLY DAYS and FESTIVALS picture to GOD'S people annually GOD'S MASTER PLAN for working out HIS PURPOSE here below!

Up to this point I have given you the BACKGROUND without which you

simply CANNOT fully understand the annual Festivals. So here, in order, are God's HOLY FESTIVALS!

(I)

THE PASSOVER. This first Festival is NOT a Holy Day or annual Sabbath, but a Festival nevertheless. It reminds us annually that Christ died for our sins — for ALL have sinned — and His death paid our penalty in our stead. Jesus was God as well as MAN. God was His only Father. He was begotten in the womb of Mary, not by a male human, but by God the Father through the Holy Spirit. Thus He was able, even though tempted like all other humans — actually far worse — for He had to meet Satan head on in spiritual combat, to overcome Satan and QUALIFY to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD ON THIS EARTH. Until He had qualified, the assurance of the KINGDOM OF GOD to replace Satan's invisible rule over mankind could not be announced.

At this point it might be well to explain HOW Satan has ruled MAN. He did not say to Eve, through whom he caused Adam to sin, "Choose MY government, based on 'GET' instead of God's government based on 'GIVE.'" He led her, and through her Adam, to believe they were simply setting out on THEIR OWN, deciding for themselves what is right and what is wrong, actually setting up their own human rule. So man has actually believed ever since. He has been deceived. He does not know Satan is his real ruler.

HOW Satan sways man

Satan is subtle. He DECEIVES. A deceived person *does not know he is deceived* — that he is wrong. He thinks he is RIGHT! Satan has DECEIVED THE WHOLE WORLD (Revelation 12:9).

HOW?

Satan is a SPIRIT being. He is the prince of the POWER of the AIR (Ephesians 2:2). I told you about the human spirit in every human. When God wanted to communicate with Cyrus, king of Persia, to move him to send out a proclamation to move a contingent of captive Jews back to Jerusalem to build the second Temple, "the ETERNAL stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom . . ." (Ezra 1:1), saying God had charged him to have this Temple built. God moved Cyrus through Cyrus' human spirit to do His will.

Likewise, Satan, a powerful spirit being next to God in power, and prince of the power of the air, is the SPIRIT "that now worketh in the children of disobedience" — that is, all humanity. I could not have understood that until I myself began BROADCASTING by radio and television. Every human spirit is TUNED IN ON HIS WAVELENGTH. He does not broadcast in words or music or pictures. You hear no sound. He broadcasts in ATTITUDES — attitudes of vanity, lust and greed, envy and jealousy, the spirit of competition, strife, bitterness and anger, hatred, violence, rebellion against GOD.

Thus he is the god of this world, who has been able to have "blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ . . . should shine unto them" (II Corinthians 4:4). Yes, he is the god of this world's many religions. They know not the TRUE GOD.

So has Satan continued to RULE THE WORLD, still on the throne of the earth where God placed him when his name was LUCIFER. It is so cleverly done man thinks he is ruling himself.

Christ in the Bible is called the "SECOND ADAM." Where the first (See PENTECOST, page 7)

Members parade 'Plain Truth' after floating over obstacles

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — A float promoting *The Plain Truth* was part of a parade seen by 75,000 people who lined the streets of Belfast May 14. "Civic pride" was the theme for the parade, called the Lord Mayor's Show. *The Plain Truth's* float's message: "Civic Pride Begins at Home."

Church members had labored to construct the float. Using a 30-foot flatbed trailer, they constructed a display showing the contrast between an unhappy, unstable home and a happy, close-knit family.

Seesaw seen

"Planning and building of the float turned out to be a seesaw of unexpected events indicating a powerful influence was against it from the start," said Morris McCabe, one of the members who helped build it. "Yet all worked out well in the end, which proved God wanted it to be in the show."

Mr. McCabe said one of the workers "was miraculously saved from possible death when a ton of wood fell on him at work. Fortunately he fell between two piles of window frames, which saved him from being crushed."

Another worker "got a steel splinter in his eye, which put him out of action for the vital last few days when we were putting it all together. "Our two painters had bombs ex-

ploded in their place of work. One, being only 20 yards away, was thrown backwards.

"The member helping transport material suddenly had a recurrence of an illness, which badly handicapped him, and the father of the local pastor, Mr. D. [David] Bedford, died two days before the show."

Other key workers had their problems as well, Mr. McCabe said. "In fact, just about everyone involved in the preparation had some abnormal, extraordinary event occur in their life during those three or four weeks.

"A general strike hit the whole province, causing widespread disruption resulting in discrimination and death, and it looked like the show would be postponed. It actually ended on the morning of the show, giving all a feeling of relief and an air of festivity."

But, in spite of the spate of problems, preparations for the show went on, and "the finishing touches were still being added as the float was being driven away."

Right person and time

Things didn't always go badly; the weather was cooperative, and replacement workers turned up when others could not continue.

"It was really remarkable how the right person turned up for the job at the right time," Mr. McCabe said.

"God also led us to a local firm

that supplied cab, trailer and driver free of charge, saving the church nearly 100 pounds."

Robin Morrow, the public-relations officer for the Belfast church's project, feels he made "many valuable contacts with business and civic leaders" because of the float.

Belfast members didn't win a prize this year in the float competition, but were "in the judging till the final round," Mr. McCabe said.

"Overall the project proved a worthwhile venture, one which, perhaps, other church areas could undertake, and certainly one which the Northern Ireland churches are already thinking about for 1978."



A HAPPY FAMILY — This scene is part of the float that helped advertise *The Plain Truth* magazine in a parade in Belfast. [Photo by Allan J. McCullough]



THE DIFFERENCE — This float, constructed by members of the Belfast, Northern Ireland, church, shows the difference between an unhappy home and a happy one. Free *Plain Truth* magazines were available from a rack mounted on the float. [Photo by Allan J. McCullough]

Member provides flowers

It's spring all year

By Charles Dickey

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — Spring's over, but, thanks to Eunella McCoy, in the hall used for Sabbath services by the Chattanooga church its spring all over again each Sabbath.

Miss McCoy, 68, has been a member of the Church since 1961. There were no churches close enough for her to attend in those first years, so she had to be content to go to the Feast of Tabernacles each year. But when members began meeting at Knoxville she made the trip from her home in Cleveland, Tenn.

Then, when services began here, she was glad to accept the responsibility of providing flower arrangements from the garden in her front yard.

She still graces the lectern with her flowers and the congregation with her smiles and friendly personality.



EUNELLA MCCOY

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Help stamps out

As a money-raising project, collecting stamps is quite time-consuming and not terribly lucrative. Therefore, we recommend that anyone considering such a project check with a stamp collector or stamp club before proceeding. They can explain which stamps are most "collectible."

Although in our fund-raising project we received more than 12,000 stamps, 75 percent of our funds were raised from commemorative stamps (the U.S. bicentennial, Olympics, etc.). Most noncommemorative stamps, regardless of country of origin, are valued by the pound. It is obvious that it takes many stamps to make a pound.

We found that it is not profitable to collect stamps from such a small group of people.

The main point learned: Get advice from an authority in your area.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Weber
Blueberry Creek, B.C.

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'My Little House'

Here's a poem I wrote that might be appropriate for children:

My body is a little house
I'm building every day.
I eat what's good and do what's
right

And make it strong that way.

My eyes are shiny windows
bright,

So many things they see,
So I must only look at good,
Then good my house will be.

My mouth's the bright red exit
door,

The place where words come
out.

I'll try to keep them sweet and
kind

And never, ever pout.

Ann Grant
St. Petersburg, Fla.

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Changed convictions

Concerning the recent article on convicts in God's Church [March 28]: I was never very sympathetic toward prisoners,

especially having once been the victim of a crime. Once I tried to correspond with a male convict in God's Church, but I found it impossible to write him cheerful letters while feeling as I did towards criminals — and that's exactly what I called convicts. I made no allowance for those innocently incarcerated, or for those who had repented and become converted. I stopped writing.

Well, I recently read several books on "famous" convicts, and a book entitled *Women in Prison*. While I still firmly believe in punishment for crime, I feel that there is such a thing as overpunishment. I still firmly feel that the gallows has its place, but Christ did, after all, set an example of mercy by commuting a death sentence.

Many of the regulations under which convicts live are actually counterproductive to their rehabilitation. My thinking along these lines has changed enough in these three years since I was myself victimized that I am now going to try working as a volunteer with Probation and Parole. I start training tonight. Wish me luck! I do have one question: Are there any incarcerated women in God's Work!

(Miss) Jan M. Skipper
Harrisburg, Pa.

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Deacon 119, Squeaky fore

As happens periodically over the face of the earth, the wind tries with all its might to see how much trouble it can cause. It certainly changed Squeaky the

Squirrel's life. It seems he was peacefully living his life in his own private home: a 3-foot-diameter snarl of branches halfway up a 60-foot fir tree adjacent to the local golf course and very near the home of deacon Bill McWilliams.

On May 17, sometime during the night, the wind finally pushed Squeaky's home down, making for a rather unhappy squirrel.

It seems that, as Mr. McWilliams cut through Squeaky's home in disposing of the tree, he discovered a personal squirrel fortune: 119 golf balls. Well, Squeaky, your loss has been another's gain. Maybe, since you couldn't eat those golf balls you lost anyway, you might coax Mr. McWilliams to trade you bread for them; he loves golf balls.

David Shaules
Soldotna, Alaska

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Updating the outdated

About a year ago the Portland East church decided to upgrade its outdated library. Voluntary contributions of \$1 a month were asked from each family that could afford it.

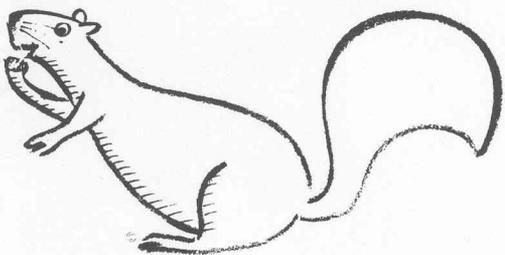
Jim Haeffele, the minister, selected new books on a variety of subjects: marriage, child rearing, Bible helps (dictionaries, concordances, commentaries), sex education for adults and children, books on health and others.

Tapes on pertinent topics were purchased, as well as books written by men and women in the Church.

The revitalized library pool immediately renewed interest in good old-fashioned reading. At a low cost the project serves as an added attraction in keeping God's weekly Sabbath.

Why not start a library pool in your own congregation?

Harlan H. Simantal
Phoenix, Ariz.



Local church news wrap-up



SWIM AND DIVING MEET — YOU regional winners flash their medals at the conclusion of a regional swimming and diving meet in Amarillo, Tex. (See "\$100 Jackpot," this page.)

\$100 jackpot

AMARILLO, Tex. — The first annual YOU regional swimming and diving meet was held here May 29. YOU representatives from Oklahoma City, Lawton and Tulsa, Okla.; Wichita, Kan.; and Amarillo competed in 34 swimming events and five diving events.

Wichita, with 22 participants, by far the largest team, won 17 of 34 swimming events, dominating and winning the contest. Amarillo won seven events, while Oklahoma City and Tulsa each had five victories.

Kurt May of Wichita won the 25-yard freestyle, the 25-yard backstroke, the 25-yard breaststroke and the 50-yard breaststroke in the boys' 12-to-15-year-old category. Denise Taylor of Oklahoma City achieved first place in the 25-yard freestyle, the 50-yard freestyle, the 100-yard freestyle and the 50-yard butterfly in the girls' 12-to-15-year-old category.

Carla and Lanita McAvoy of Amarillo won the majority of the races in the 16-to-19-year-old category for girls. David and Doug Foster of Tulsa and Kurt Schellenger of Wichita were all winners in the boys' division for the same ages. Other swimmers of notable mention were Kathy Allen, Julie Garden, Jeff Garden, David Fisher and Jeff Schellenger, all of Wichita, Lisa Taylor of Oklahoma City and Leigh Ann Lowery and Jeff and Matt King of Amarillo.

The five participants in the diving competition were Blake Willison and Cathy Woodbridge of Wichita, Bryan Rader of Lawton and Leigh Ann Lowery and Lanita McAvoy of Amarillo.

Bill Edwards, deacon here, suggested early in March that the Amarillo church increase its bus fund by using the principle of the parable of the talents. For investments, \$5 bills were passed out to adults and youths wishing to participate.

A wide range of projects were commenced: garage sales, crafts, sewing and needlework, cake sales, refreshment stands and auto repair. Several families held a pool tournament and a bingo party for the brethren. One member used his \$5 to go bowling and came home with the \$100 jackpot. Another netted \$200 with needlework projects.

Out of the \$635 handed out, \$2,371.29 has been collected, with more to come. The present increase is more than 400 percent. *Mr. and Mrs. Sam O'Dell.*

Old ball park

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A steady light wind and intermittent sunshine added to the enjoyment as brethren here met at an old ball park May 29.

While the older "kids" and some of the YOU young people pitted their wits against the opposing pitchers, the younger set tried its skill at kite flying. *Jerry Shadwick.*

Graduation certificates

ANNISTON, Ala. — Graduation night for the Anniston and Gadsden

and promoter of the arts from Longview, Tex., and one of the judges, presented the award plaques to the winners. Murdock Gibbs, talent coordinator here, commented that the teens have been putting more effort into preparing for the contest.

The judges were Dr. Elias; Dottie (Hunt) Kleebe, director and founder of Dottie Hunt's School of Dance and Twirl in Longview; Earl La Rue, director of the Wiley College choir in Marshall, Tex.; James Snowden, director of the Longview Symphony Orchestra; Margaret Crowe, playwright, author, florist and Social Security officer; Brad Holmes, project manager for the Tysen House in Tyler, Tex.; Gary Gibbons, KROZ radio announcer; and Mrs. E.D. Dillard, former president of the Gladewater (Tex.) Music Club. *Tina Dennis.*

Teens hoses down

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The YOU chapter here had a work project June 5, earning \$80. The teens cleaned the homes and yards of John and Dee Coggins and Roger and Lucy Lewis. When the work was done, everyone got squirted with the hose. *Laura Lovell.*

Repeat performances

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Waverly Inn in nearby Cheshire was the setting May 29 for the annual semiformal dinner dance for the Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn., churches.

Music for listening and dancing was provided by Mickey Del's band, as couples danced to modern tunes and favorites of yesteryear. Applause filled the ballroom as a number was played in honor of Dawn Nettleton and David Wilda when their forthcoming marriage was announced.

Entertainment during the band's performance was some repeat performances from a recent talent show.

All joined in singing "God Bless America." The evening concluded with everyone singing, clapping and dancing to "When the Saints Go Marching In."

This was the last dinner dance with pastor Jim Rosenthal and his wife Dianne before their return to Ambassador College for a year's sabbatical. *Wilma Wilson.*

Memorial BASH

DES MOINES, Iowa — The third annual Memorial Day Weekend BASH (Beckoning All Singles Here) was attended by about 150 singles from 10 midwestern states, with one person each from Tennessee, North Carolina and California.

The activities began with a Sabbath sermon about true beauty by Jim Reyer, senior pastor here. Saturday evening the singles had a meal in Jester Park, northwest of Des Moines, followed by square dancing that night in the Jester Barn and an overnight camp-out in the park.

Sunday morning brought whole-wheat and buckwheat pancakes for breakfast, followed by an educational hike, volleyball, canoeing and more.

A delectable dinner Sunday evening at the Holiday Inn's Top of the

Tower preceded a semiformal ball, where a Wisconsin church band, The Generation Gap, gave its final performance before disbanding.

Many BASH participants stayed overnight at the Ramada Inn before returning home Monday. *Harlan Brown.*

One-night stand

DICKSON, Tenn. — Members here enjoyed the one-night stand of the Cafe Internationale (the Dickson UAW hall) June 5. The family night was sponsored by the YOU chapter, with fun and entertainment for all ages.

The Cafe opened with a meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries and drinks, followed by the floor show, 25 minutes of music by a band composed of Tom Ashley, Douglas Poole, John Wilson, David Stinson and Butch Richards.

Then the teens put on a talent show with skits depicting musical life from the Charleston of the '20s to the bus stop of the '70s. Mrs. Joe Lango sang "The Way We Were," setting the theme for the show. Other performers were Cherie and Kevin Lango, Gail and Blaine Winfrey, Robin Pace and Tim Reinagel, with Ken Lango as emcee.

A film, *Buster Keaton and the Keystone Cops*, was especially enjoyed by the children. Then everyone participated in a cakewalk. Twelve people won the cakes, donated by the Ladies' Club. After the door prizes were awarded, the evening's activities concluded with the showing of two *Little Rascals* films. *Karl Reinagel.*

59th meeting

EDINBURGH, Scotland — The Spokesman Club here, directed by minister Hamish Dougal, organized a ladies' night June 1, the 32nd meeting of the present session and the 59th meeting since the club began Nov. 18, 1915. The location was the Howden Park Center in Livingston. Forty-eight members and guests attended, including Mark Ellis, pastor of the Scottish churches, and his wife and several guests from the Strathclyde area.

President Alan Wilson called on sergeant-at-arms Ernie Winchester to extend a hearty welcome to all the guests. Secretary George Meston read the minutes of the 31st meeting.

Seven nonpolitical questions were presented by topicmaster Roddy McArthur.

Then followed a buffet meal, prepared by several of the members and ladies.

Mr. McArthur was also toastmaster. The speakers included David Sheridan, who showed some of the wonders of the human ear; Douglas Strong, who confessed the perils of impulsive buying; and Bill Anderson, who presented "Degrees of Humor."

The director announced the club officers for the next session. They included Mr. Winchester, president; Mr. Sheridan, secretary; Mr. McArthur, treasurer; Mr. Strong, sergeant at arms. *George E. Meston.*

Boa constrictor

EDISON, N.J. — The brethren here raised money for the Work June 5 at a house-painting party. Bonnie Strub heard one of her friends mentioning how much she and her husband wanted the outside of their house painted this summer. After rounding up the volunteers, a member negotiated with the couple, making the two an offer they couldn't refuse.

The 25 volunteers went to work at 9 a.m., getting to know each other better while they painted. Lunch was prepared and served by two of the women. A visit from the friendly resident boa constrictor topped off the day.

The painters netted \$760 and presented it to pastor Richard Frankel, who sent it to headquarters. More house-painting parties are being planned.

The Edison and Nanuet churches were hosts for the YOU district track-and-field meet in Scotch Plains, N.J., June 5. The meet was attended by YOU members from churches in Philadelphia, Allentown and Mount Pocono, Pa.; Long Island, Manhattan and Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y.; and Edison and Nanuet.

The competition was in both girls' and boys' junior and senior divisions. The teens competed for individual awards as well as team awards.

The Philadelphia team and the Long Island and Manhattan team tied for first place with 142 points. The Nanuet and Edison team placed third with 73 points, the Allentown and Mount Pocono team placed fourth with 70 points and the Brooklyn-Queens team was fifth with 69 points.

The winning teams will share the trophy, each having it six months. *Al Legg.*

Basketball and megaphone

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The first annual basketball banquet of the YOU chapter here was May 28, a grand finale of the 1976-77 season for the teens, their families and guests.

David Fentress, coordinator of the YOU activities and coach of the Evansville Eagles, awarded each basketball player a trophy. The five cheerleaders were given trophies by Carol Brooks, sponsor.

In their speeches, Wendell Benningfield, Mike Duncan and Charlotte Jarboe, three of the teens, shared their personal views on the benefits of the YOU program. Ron Reedy, pastor, spoke of the importance of teamwork and moral values in daily life.

The speeches and awards portion was prefaced by a social hour, with about 75 partaking of the potluck meal. Nancy Miller had baked a cake for the occasion and decorated it with a basketball and a megaphone.

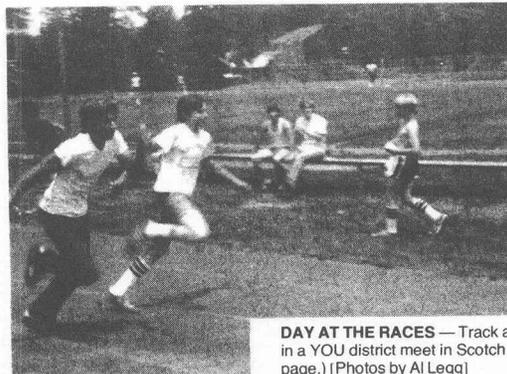
Donald Glover, father of two of the cheerleaders, showed his five-minute film of the cheering squad and the ball team in action at the district tournaments. Trophies and medals won and snapshots of the games were on display.

Dancing concluded the evening's activities. *Dorothy Niekamp.*

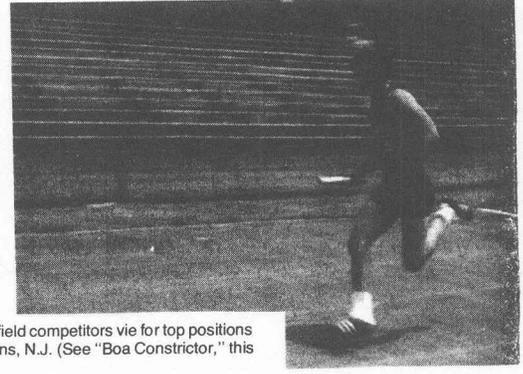
Pink Ping-Pong ball

FAIRMONT, Minn. — The brethren here were waiting for pastor Richard Shuta, who was late in arriving June 4 because his airplane was

(See LOCAL CHURCH, page 12)



DAY AT THE RACES — Track and field competitors vie for top positions in a YOU district meet in Scotch plains, N.J. (See "Boa Constrictor," this page.) [Photos by Al Legg]



Youths receive recognition

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Oliver Keith Baker during his junior year in high school was accepted to attend Louisiana Tech University, Rustin, La. This was but one of many honors



KEITH BAKER

bestowed upon the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver W. Baker of Memphis.

Because of academic excellence, Keith won a scholarship to Louisiana Tech to study physics during the summer of 1976. He was one of only 40 students selected nationwide. The same summer Keith was chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*.

During his senior year in high school Keith was a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee, editor of the school newspaper, vice president of the Key Club and a member of the National Honor Society. He also played football for his school.

Keith was recently elected Teenager of the Week to represent his school. He also received the Most Valuable Staffer Award for outstanding contributions during the school year, an award presented by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, a newspaper.

Keith graduated in May from Messick High School here. He was awarded a National Merit Scholarship for four years and has been accepted by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he plans to major in physics and minor in mathematics.

Keith is active in church activities. He is vice president of his YOU chapter and plays on the church basketball team.

Keith is one of nine children. A sister attends Ambassador College.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — Emily Siddall, a lower-elementary student and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Siddall, received a certificate of honorable mention May 22 in the field of poetry during awards pre-



EMILY SIDDALL

sentations of the Huntsville Literary Associations' annual Young Writers' Contest.

Emily was one of only 32 winners from more than 1,800 entries submitted by students in 95 public

schools in Huntsville and Scottsboro and Madison and Jackson counties.

Emily was honored with an additional award when her school, Whitesburg Elementary, presented her a plaque for "loyalty, cooperation and dependability."

JEFFERSONVILLE, N.Y. — Vicki Kasper, 17-year-old daughter of Anna Kasper, a member of the Mount Pocono, Pa., church, was awarded a scholarship certificate for maintaining a cumulative grade average of 90 for the school year.

All honor students were treated to a luncheon and a day of fun at a local resort hotel.

Vicki was also awarded third place in the Catskill Art Society's exhibition recently for her drawing in pastels.

She plans to enter Ambassador College this fall.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — Billy Wahlen, 10-year-old son of Mrs. Carol Bishop, received the Cub



BILLY WAHLEN

Scout Arrow of Light award May 17. The Arrow of Light is the highest award a cub scout can earn.

Along with the honor, Billy was presented badges for accomplishments in four areas: travel, scholarship, nature and athletics.

He attends the Kansas City East church with his parents.

SYL VESTER, W.Va. — Harry Wayne Riddle Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Riddle, members of the Charleston, W.Va., church, on the last day of the school term was



HARRY RIDDLER JR.

awarded a certificate for being the "Best Well-Mannered Student in the Fifth Grade" of the Whitesville, W.Va., school.

The certificate was signed by his teacher, Mrs. Donna Bailey, and principal C.W. Hoffman.

Throughout the year Harry's teacher had made comments on his good behavior. On his report card she had written: "Harry is a good boy. He is so well mannered. I really enjoyed having him in class. It's nice having parents so in-

terested."

Harry's parents were "pleased to have our son receive this award, because it proves the Bible principals we teach him really pay off."

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Suzanne Meidinger, 14, was named salutatorian of her eighth-grade graduating class at Orangedale



SUZANNE MEIDINGER

Elementary School. She delivered a speech at graduation exercises and was awarded a plaque and certificate.

Suzanne achieved the honor by having the second-highest grade-point average of all eighth-graders.

Suzanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meidinger, members here. She is a member of YOU and hopes to attend Ambassador College.

TECUMSEH, Neb. — Kim Meister, 17, was named valedictorian of the 1977 graduating class of Tecumseh High School.

Kim was president of her media club, vice president of Y Teens, secretary of her chapter of the National



KIM MEISTER

Honor Society and secretary of her senior class.

She also was a member of the yearbook staff and Girls' T-Club and lettered three years in volleyball and a year in basketball.

Kim was selected to receive a four-year regents' scholarship from the University of Nebraska, which goes to the top 100 students in the state as determined by the American College Test. However, she has decided instead to attend Ambassador College this fall.

Kim attends church with her mother, Ruby Meister, in Omaha.

AUSTIN, Tex. — Mary Ann Arldt, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin A. Arldt of the church here, was elected valedictorian of her eighth-grade class of the Paige (Tex.) Independent School District.

Mary achieved a grade average of 97. She was presented with a certificate for the achievement.

NORFOLK, Ark. — Martin E. Blair, 10, a fourth-grade student in a combined class of advanced fourth- and fifth-graders at Norfolk School, has been awarded a certificate of achievement in art. One of his pictures was based on the Ambassador seal.

Martin is the son of Charles and Karen Blair, who attend church at Harrison, Ark.



STARS — Dirty Dick Dean (Rod Dean), left, and the Loco Kid (Leon Lyell) relax after filming. Lucky Lorraine (Lorraine Alter), right, plays a coy



heroine in a western spoof produced by the Melbourne Film Club. (Photos by Paul Hasankolli)

Members' first film is a real shoot-out

By Leon J. Lyell
MELBOURNE, Australia — The Melbourne Film Club's first motion picture has just completed its premier run. A western spoof of 12 minutes titled *Slaughter at Dixon's Creek*, it has been seen in all Melbourne congregations of the Church.

Part of its reputed success, no doubt, is that the antihero of the film, Dirty Dick Dean, is the pastor at Melbourne South, Rod Dean. This may be part of the reason the film left them rolling in the aisles

when it was shown at the Australian ministerial conference earlier this year in Burleigh Heads.

The production is the brainchild of producer, director, scriptwriter and head cameraman Paul Hasankolli, a member here, and involved about 20 young people all day one Sunday.

Filmed on location at the churches' Bushwalking Club site, at rural Yarra Glen, the set is as convincing as any western's. Depicting the eternal triangle, the plot in-

volves the seductive Lucky Lorraine (Lorraine Alter), whose love-at-first-sight romance with the un-gainly good guy, the Loco Kid (your reporter, Leon Lyell), is interrupted by the appearance of her old boy friend, the malevolent Dirty Dick Dean.

Terror bursts upon the barroom. With nearly everyone dead and Dick and Loco out of bullets, there is only one solution: a shoot-out next day on Main Street.

Deciding on the ending was dif-

ficult for the director, who didn't want to follow precedent but at the same time didn't want to show evil victorious. In the tense culmination of the walk down Main Street:

- The Loco Kid shoots himself in the foot.

- Dirty Dick raises his gun and grimaces.

- Lucky Lorraine races out to protect her pained hero.

If there is a lesson in the film it is that it doesn't pay to be mean. It also doesn't pay to be stupid.

Pentecost: what it really means

(Continued from page 3)
 Adam fell before Satan's subtlety, the second Adam chose the "GIVE" way and conquered Satan, qualifying to RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

Just a few words at this point of events between the first and second Adam. God must have revealed some truth and His PURPOSE and PLAN to a few, from the time of Adam and Eve. Abel was called righteous by Jesus. Enoch walked with God. Noah was perfect, not only in his generations (ancestry), but in obedience to God. God spoke direct to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and blessed whatever Joseph did.

Then God intervened in this world's affairs by miraculously leading the slave descendants of Abraham out of Egypt. And God began revealing His truth in WRITING through Moses, who wrote the first five books of the Bible. And here we find the first record of the annual Holy Day Festivals. Yet we must put Leviticus 23 and the other sparse notices of the Festivals with other scriptures, as I am here doing, to perfectly UNDERSTAND THEM and their REAL MEANING.

God called Israel, NOT for spiritual salvation, but as a carnal people of THIS WORLD, to whom He could reveal certain knowledge and laws, and test their willingness to obey — to demonstrate that, WITHOUT the Holy Spirit, the natural mind of man is wholly carnal (physical, material, fleshly).

God gave His Holy Spirit ONLY to the prophets of His own choosing for the purpose of doing GOD'S WORK as assigned to them.

The Passover commemorates the Passover night in Egypt, when the death angel flew over Egypt, killing the firstborn in every house where the BLOOD (lamb's) was not on the side posts and upper doorpost of the houses. The Israelites killed and ate roast lamb that night — a type of the crucifixion of Christ, called the Lamb of God.

Therefore the MEANING of Passover is to remind us yearly of Christ's death in payment of the penalty of our sins. But Christ's DEATH does not save us, by imparting ETERNAL LIFE. It merely RECONCILES US TO GOD. Those so reconciled are no longer CUT OFF from God. Through Christ they have been restored to CONTACT with God, who has eternal life to GIVE. Read Romans 5:8-10. We are finally SAVED by HIS RESURRECTION, not His death. The "blood of Christ" is the START toward eternal life, not the completion of it.

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Now we come to the SECOND Festival — the SEVEN DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD. Remember, the first step is coming to Christ and ac-

cepting His shed blood as payment for our sins.

But Jesus said plainly, "NO MAN CAN COME TO ME, EXCEPT THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME DRAW HIM" (John 6:44). THE WORLD IS CUT OFF FROM GOD. The only way to reestablish contact with God (the Father) is through CHRIST. And except the FATHER DRAW HIM, by means of His Holy Spirit, NO MAN CAN COME TO CHRIST.

Jesus selected and directly called His disciples. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you" (John 15:16). Jesus said.

ONLY THOSE SPECIALLY CHOSEN (predestinated) BY THE FATHER could, in the day of Jesus and the apostles, come to Christ. So it has been through this Church age; GOD IS NOT TRYING, NOW, to get the world saved. Rather, we are STILL in the 6,000-year time when MAN IS CUT OFF FROM GOD. And GOD IS DRAWING TO CHRIST ONLY THOSE PREDESTINATED (CHOSEN) BY GOD!

IT WAS GOD'S PURPOSE THAT MAN should write the lesson in human experience, that the "GET" way leads only to unhappiness, discontent, suffering, frustration, destruction — and DEATH! Man has written that lesson in human anguish, but HAS NOT YET LEARNED IT! God is going to PROVE, once and for all time, that only HIS WAY and HIS GOVERNMENT can produce PEACE and HAPPINESS and things GOOD!

Now, for those predestinated and CALLED, and DRAWN to Christ by the Father, the Feast of Unleavened Bread pictures PUTTING SIN OUT OF OUR LIVES. Leaven puffs up, as does vanity and sin. It is a type of sin — not wrong in itself, but putting all leaven out of our dwellings for seven days pictures putting the "GET" way out of our lives — turning from "GET" to "GIVE." This is the BEGINNING OF BUILDING INTO OUR LIVES HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, PERFECT GODLY CHARACTER.

Seven is the number that denotes COMPLETENESS. So it means complete change.

Also, it begins the 15th day of God's sacred year, first month, NISAN, the anniversary of the day the Israelites started out of Egypt BY NIGHT. Egypt also is a type of SIN.

The first of these days and the seventh are annual HOLY Sabbaths.

(III)

The THIRD annual Festival is PENTECOST, so called because of its use in Acts 2:1. It means "count 50." This one Feast God leaves it to us to COUNT for ourselves, beginning WITH the morning after the Sabbath during the Festival of Unleavened Bread. Forty-five years ago I checked with every translation into English of the Bible, and every translation of that time said count 50 FROM the Sunday following the

weekly Sabbath during the seven-day Festival. Two or three years ago we discovered — and I forced men on the committee that translated the RSV to admit that it is a misleading translation to those who speak only English and are not familiar with Hebrew usage — that it should be translated "on" or "beginning on."

Originally this Feast was called Feast of Firstfruits, because it portrayed the very FIRST spiritual harvest of God's begotten children.

All seven Festivals were based on the annual MATERIAL harvest in the "Holy Land." There were the two harvests yearly — the first the early grain harvest, early summer; the main harvest being the fall harvest, with four Festivals coming in the seventh month of the sacred calendar. Thus, the annual Festivals use the MATERIAL harvest to picture the SPIRITUAL.

FIRST group to receive Holy Spirit

REMEMBER, Adam cut mankind off from God. Man must have CONTACT WITH GOD THE FATHER to receive the Holy Spirit. The "tree of life" in the Garden of Eden meant God freely offered Adam — and his children, which form humanity — the Holy Spirit, but Adam had to make a CHOICE between that and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The tree of life represented God's Holy Spirit and the "GIVE" way of life. The other tree represented Satan's "GET" way of life. Adam chose, for the human race, the "GET" way. Then God drove man (representing humanity) FROM the Garden of Eden, "lest he . . . take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever" (Genesis 3:22-24).

True, God Himself gave Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the prophets His Spirit for SPECIAL PURPOSES and to enable them to do the WORK He assigned to them — of His own choosing.

Otherwise none can come to the Father but through CHRIST. And Jesus said plainly, "NO MAN CAN COME TO ME, EXCEPT THE FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME DRAW HIM" (John 6:44).

It is PLAIN, then, that spiritual salvation was CLOSED to all humanity, except those I have mentioned, until after Christ's ascension to heaven.

Jesus had said to His disciples on the eve of His crucifixion, "But now I go my way to him that sent me . . . It is expedient for YOU that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter [Holy Spirit] will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you" (John 16:5-7).

It was on the Day of Pentecost, 50 days after Passover week, that the Holy Spirit CAME and entered into those of the CHURCH — numbering 120. It was the FIRST TIME there was any spiritual GROUP salvation. It

was the day the CHURCH OF GOD was begotten. Three thousand more were ADDED. These were those God had CALLED — had been predestinated to be called THEN and not in the Millennium, when EVERYBODY LIVING will be called.

On that day Peter, now inspired by the Holy Spirit, said, "For the PROMISE [of the Holy Spirit] is unto you, and to your children . . . even as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). And in verse 47, "And THE LORD added to the church daily such as should be saved." The apostles did not go out soliciting converts — God CALLED them — it was GOD and not the apostles who ADDED to the Church.

A day or two later 2,000 more were added. Then for a very short while the Church membership MULTIPLIED. But soon the persecution SCATTERED the converts, and the growth apparently diminished. Soon the true Gospel was SUPPRESSED. It's possible the Church membership is the LARGEST today it has ever been. For THE PURPOSE of the Church is:

1) To stand back of the apostles in prayers, tithes and offerings in getting the GOSPEL ANNOUNCED to the WORLD — and it's a BIGGER WORLD to be reached today.

2) To DEVELOP HOLY, RIGHTEOUS AND PERFECT CHARACTER in those CALLED and to sit with Christ on His throne when He comes to rule the world and to be given power to RULE the WORLD.

So REALIZE THIS! Pentecost is to remind us every year that we (the Church) are only the FIRST small harvest of God's calling people for salvation OUT OF A WORLD WHOLLY, except for us, CUT OFF FROM GOD, AND HAS BEEN SINCE ADAM! THE WORLD as a whole is still CUT OFF!

We are those who have been PREDESTINATED to be called NOW!

We have been called to receive the HOLY SPIRIT. WHAT IS the Holy Spirit? It is that second Spirit man needs to go with the human spirit in every human. It is the impregnation of GOD LIFE, which makes us HIS CHILD NOW, even though only begotten and not yet BORN — an HEIR, not yet an INHERITOR — begotten into the GOD FAMILY.

It is the Spirit of UNDERSTANDING, imparting to the physical brain SPIRITUAL INTELLECT, ability to comprehend SPIRITUAL knowledge. It is the LOVE of God placed within us — divine LOVE. It is the FAITH OF CHRIST, the same FAITH with which Jesus performed His miracles, now given to us — placed within us. It is also spiritual POWER to overcome. The spiritual POWER to help us turn from and resist the "GET" way and turn to the "GIVE" way.

It is the POWER by which we may develop the HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, PERFECT CHARACTER, which is GOD'S

PURPOSE for having PUT humanity on the earth — that GOD MAY THUS REPRODUCE HIMSELF!

(IV)

First of the AUTUMN Festivals is the FEAST OF TRUMPETS, on the first day of the seventh month, sacred calendar. This represents the COMING OF CHRIST IN SUPREME ALMIGHTY POWER AND GLORY to set up the KINGDOM OF GOD, to RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

(V)

The fifth Festival is another one-day HOLY DAY — the FAST DAY — picturing the putting away of SATAN, since his Successor has not only QUALIFIED (more than 1,900 years ago), but now IS INDUCTED INTO OFFICE. AT LAST the world is rid of Satan — at ONE with God.

(VI)

On the 15th day of the seventh month begins the FEAST OF TABERNACLES — the MILLENNIUM — the time of the physical FALL HARVEST in Jerusalem and environs and the time when ALL THEN LIVING SHALL BE CALLED and given the chance to repent, believe and receive salvation. This Feast lasts SEVEN DAYS, with the first day an annual Sabbath.

(VII)

This is followed, the very next day, by a HOLY DAY, picturing the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT — the time when ALL who ever lived and were not CALLED shall be RESURRECTED MORTAL, just as they were — human flesh and blood. They will be able to see and KNOW the results of the 6,000 years of the "GET" way of man, cut off from God, as well as the 1,000 years of the "GIVE" way under Christ. They will every one be "CALLED" — given opportunity to REPENT and BELIEVE and receive the Holy Spirit and eternal life in the KINGDOM OF GOD!

That concludes the Festivals of God. They vividly picture His MASTER PLAN. All that remains will be the resurrection of those that WERE CALLED but, like Lucifer, rejected the call and the KINGDOM OF GOD! They shall go into the LAKE OF FIRE — the second death for each — to become ashes under the soles of our feet and all memory of them blotted from our minds.

On beyond this, we, the GOD FAMILY, BILLIONS of us, all of us possessing HOLY, RIGHTEOUS AND PERFECT CHARACTER, all of us UNABLE TO SIN, shall then go on and COMPLETE the BEAUTIFICATION AND CREATION OF THE ENTIRE VAST UNIVERSE, constantly looking forward in joyous anticipation and ecstasy to still GREATER and more marvelous and awesome things to do throughout the whole endless UNIVERSE — always looking back on supreme and glorious accomplishments that only an ALMIGHTY GOD could do!

And THAT is the awesome human POTENTIAL!

MORE than one Person). It is a plural name, like "family" or "group" or "church." In John 1:14 it is stated that "the word" was, much later than in verse 1, made flesh — became Jesus Christ, born of a human mother, therefore HUMAN but sired by GOD — therefore also GOD. He was the "ONLY-begotten" — therefore the only human so sired by God.

The earth was created PERFECT, including many properties such as gravity, inertia, force, energy, all the elements known by the sciences of physics and chemistry, with which much could be done.

The earth was first populated by angels — probably a third of all the millions of angels who shouted for joy at its creation (Job 38:4-7). There is reason to believe that the entire (See JUST WHAT, page 15)

Just what is our mission?

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 are coming to believe."

No one willing to know

And that authority is no less than the Bible — which almost NOBODY knows, primarily because almost no one is willing to know. As adman Bruce Barton said, it is "the Book that NOBODY knows."

But you COULD prove it true, accurate and positively AUTHORITY — and the ONLY explanation of our world that makes sense! Read on, and tell me of ANYTHING ELSE that makes any sense at all!

The real beginning is not Genesis 1:1 — the first words in the Bible.

The real beginning is found in John 1:1-4, in the NEW Testament.

"In the beginning" — perhaps trillions times trillions of years ago, in actual fact longer ago than your mind can conceive — "was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." It is speaking of two supernatural, almighty Personages. Not humans. Not composed of matter — for there was NO MATTER then. There was nothing but endless SPACE and these two supreme Beings, composed of Spirit, who had ALWAYS existed. "Always" is longer ago than your mind can conceive! So I suggest we do not try to conceive that — for there are some

things we simply are compelled to accept which our human minds are too limited to conceive — yet which we MUST accept, for there is no alternative.

I can have space here to give you merely the briefest outline or summary. Because to explain what I want you to know in any detail would take a book as large as Wells' Outline of History. But many of these details have appeared in other articles within the past three years.

These Two Superbeings possessed supreme minds and unlimited POWER to design, plan, produce, create whatever They in their supreme wisdom chose.

How long must They have devoted to THINKING and PLANNING before They actually began creating and producing?

They were of ONE MIND — that is, perfect AGREEMENT. God was supreme — over the WORD — in authority.

First the angels

First They designed and created angels — composed of SPIRIT. There was NO MATTER in existence as yet. But now there were angels, beside "the word" and God!

Next in the Bible we come to Genesis 1:1 and Elohim (Hebrew, meaning ONE God consisting of

A Personal Letter

from

Gamer Ted Armstrong

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the campus in Pasadena.

Of course what I had hoped long ago was that perhaps at some time in the future the educational arm of the Church could be conducted on our Big Sandy campus, where we have almost unlimited space without the setback, height-requirement and various other building-code restrictions required by big urban-planning agencies, where we would be free to expand, design, fulfill our own integral master-plan specifications according to our own designs and build a college campus that would be exactly suitable to our needs.

We would be utterly unfettered by any space-requirement limitations, could allow the campus to grow as large or keep it as small as we wished and of course could provide the kind of an education and environmental setting that would be far more conducive to wholesome, constructive character building than is the immediate environment of a sprawling megalopolis such as the Los Angeles-Hollywood-Pasadena complex.

The Vista the answer?

Obviously this was not to be, at least for the immediate present or the immediately foreseeable future. Our very large expenditure for the physical plant in Pasadena has ruled it otherwise. So, when it appeared the Vista del Arroyo property might come our way, it looked as if God had made this decision for us. Here was a magnificent building, sitting there vacant for a large number of years as if beckoning to Ambassador College. It led some of us to speculate that God had in His own mind intended the college to move into this facility all along.

Thus, when I asked more than one year ago for a study to be made as to the possibility of the consolidation of the two undergraduate, coeducational liberal-arts institutions on one campus, our study was aimed only toward the absorption of the Big Sandy undergraduate institution on the Pasadena campus.

Subsequent to the merger of the two campuses, I have asked our officials on both campuses to provide me with a study going the other direction, so that we may have other information based on 1977 dollars as to what would be the financial impact if, within the next two to five years or even farther into the future, we were to finally effect such a transition as I have outlined, namely, retaining the Pasadena campus as the headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God and the headquarters of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and operating the graduate school of theology, the school of business and, we hope at some time in the future, a school of law.

Only a study

We would, in fact, be Ambassador University on two campuses, with full four-year, coeducational, liberal-arts courses taught on the Big Sandy campus. Mind you, this is only a study, only a projection, only a question about "what if?" It reflects no serious intent on anyone's part and will be simply put into the files upon its completion for future evaluation should any such exigencies arise.

Concurrent with this, I have also asked the same personnel to study the potential for the operation of a one-year senior-high boarding school on the Big Sandy campus; a three-year full high school as a boarding school; a college prep school; or a two-year junior college.

In other words, I want to leave no stone unturned in thinking of ways and means for the full utilization of

the large commitment to physical plant and grounds on the Big Sandy campus and to avoid, at all costs, allowing those fine facilities to gradually run downhill and to fall into disrepair and disuse.

Once again I dare to take all of you brethren fully into my confidence with regard to these highly speculative studies, preferring to do so to stifle various rumors that tend to get started.

Back to accreditation

But back to accreditation. The major concerns of the commission are those which are the most obvious even to a Church member visiting Ambassador College for the first time. That is, it is very difficult to tell where the college begins and the Church leaves off, or where the Church begins and the college leaves off.

Some moves we are wanting to make are, therefore:

1. To set up, if it proves both desirable and necessary, a totally separate college accounting system with a separate college financial officer to further complete the process of the separation of the two entities.

2. To continue the process of the moving of all Church-related activities (such as editorial and the newsgathering service) from the Hall of Administration on the college campus to an interim solution (before the erection of a separate headquarters Church building) of taking up office spaces in the Office Facilities Complex opposite the freeway from the campus.

3. To conduct a search for qualified longtime lay members of the Church who are loyal, dedicated and competent people who can become members of the board of trustees, thus reflecting a higher representation from the lay membership of the Worldwide Church of God on the college board.

There are any number of other lesser recommendations, having nothing directly to do with governance or the composition of the board which the commission also gave us, but the ones which are most important are those I have stated.

Acting in good faith

It is my earnest and sincere desire that we can show the commission we are acting in all good faith and proceeding with caution and discretion to bring about the fullest compliance with all those requirements of the commission which will lead us to regional accreditation, it is hoped, in the spring of 1978.

It is my hope and that of the full administration and faculty that we can show the commission that we have been functioning along these lines more closely to the requirements of the commission for a full six months by the time we request our next in-depth visit.

We were very pleased with the warm and cordial reception we were given, and most especially pleased that the leading members of the commission went out of their way to point out the amicable and cordial relationships between themselves and Ambassador College, mentioning on several occasions how thankful they were that ours is not an "adversary relationship" but a mutual desire on the part of all parties to see Ambassador College become what it truly should be, what it wants to be and what it hopes to be.

Psyched myself down

As I told many people near me in the past few months, I was "psychoing myself down" with regard to accreditation, since I knew that some eleventh-hour changes — such as the addition of a large number of new board members, the basic composition of the board, the faculty handbook, the consolidation of the two undergraduate programs and other matters — might have served to indicate a certain disequilibrium which

might influence some members of the commission adversely.

In short, I didn't want my hopes to be so high that I responded emotionally and descended into a feeling of gloom if accreditation were denied.

I have explained repeatedly that it is a process, that it is a learning and constructive process and that it is an ongoing process.

New radio programs

I have been making new radio programs as fast as I can and was very pleased to receive a report on how well the mail is coming in, resulting from our new five-minute radio programs. I was very inspired by seeing the charts on mail go right out the top as a result of some of the new programs I have been making on the family, dating, Soviet rearmament and other subjects.

Also, I have been using some of our old-time, standard booklets for the Sunday programs and recently completed a full half-hour program, wading through the entire booklet *Where Are Enoch and Elijah?* and advertising it very heavily.

There is really GOOD NEWS coming from Mr. Richard Rice, director of subscriber services and our mail-processing area, who informed me and my father that we are experiencing an unusual upturn in prospective members!

Mr. Steve Martin, coordinator for the Church's Western Area, was telling me very enthusiastically that any number of our Southern California ministers have reported large upturns in the number of prospective members!

Of course, this is a sign of well-

being and of healthful growth which we are all very happy over!

Meanwhile as I know I told you in the past, we will be entering a period of "peaks and valleys" in our financial picture and, with another great round of thanksgiving for the outpouring of support you brethren have given us, let me urge you to KEEP IT UP, most especially through the latter summer months! Our indicators of the past have always tended to show that when our brethren's minds turn toward vacation and travel, with a general slowdown in business and commerce as a whole, the income for the Work always tends to slide into a severe "valley" and we find another cash-flow difficulty. I certainly hope we can all lock arms and prevent this from happening this year and not have to undergo a serious slump in the months of July and August just before the Feast!

Sad news

All of us were very saddened to hear of the death of Dick Dickerson after a prolonged bout with cancer [see article, page 15]. His death was a deep emotional blow to his wife and three children and, of course, all the families and friends involved.

As I have said publicly out of the pulpit so many times recently, there is no more detestable disease than cancer, and it always seems to strike so suddenly, in both sexes and at all ages!

Mr. Benny Sharp, with whom I fly the Cessna Citation, was telling me the other day that just two short years ago he and Dick Dickerson won the Big Sandy racketball tournament together! So here is a young and vital

man, occupying an important faculty responsibility on the Big Sandy campus and seemingly in the peak of good health, in only a matter of months told by physicians that he has cancer.

I'm sure that all of you brethren will remember his loved ones and his family in your prayers.

New addition for 'WN'

My father has been wanting for some time to have a vehicle whereby he can write special articles of a spiritual and/or corrective nature directly to the Church and has mentioned MANY times his desire to reinstitute *The Good News* magazine.

However, in lengthy talks between my father and me, and with others concerned, we have determined that it is simply impossible to create another slick magazine at this time for that purpose, so my father has given approval for the creation of a supplement within the pages of *The Worldwide News* which would give him a vehicle whereby he can fulfill this desire for writing special articles of a biblical and spiritual nature to the brethren only, such as you see included even in this issue.

Shortly you will see a separate supplement, probably every other issue, included in these pages. We hope all of you brethren will find time to read the articles and get a great deal of good from them.

I will also be trying to write articles of a spiritual and uplifting nature to you brethren in these pages as often as my other duties permit. We will be working out the details over the next weeks, and I'll keep you posted.

With much love in Jesus' name,
Gamer Ted Armstrong



HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU — SEP campers in Orr, Minn., say hello. The first camp session ends July 5 and the second begins July 19, with more than 300 campers signed up for each session. Beginning July 10 Bill Sharman, general manager of the Los Angeles Lakers basketball team, will conduct a five-day basketball clinic on the Orr campus for YOU boys in the northern United States. [Photos by Ron Dick]



Thomas' beliefs spur demotion to minors

By Bill Dwyer
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — In a Journal story Friday [May 20] about the Milwaukee Brewers sending Dan Thomas to the minor

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DAN THOMAS

leagues, there was a revealing quote from general manager Jim Baumer: "As a general rule, it's not healthy to treat one player differently than the other 24."

The quote was revealing because it probably got at the main thinking behind the demotion of a player who was batting .271 and who was at worst a No. 5 hitter in the Brewers' order.

The newspaper story of Thomas' demotion also told of how Thomas was easily moved to the farm club because he had options left — that is, in order to be recalled by the Brewers he didn't have to pass through waivers and risk the chance of being picked up by another team, whereas all the other Brewer players in the running for possible demotion had to go through waivers.

The story also quoted Brewer officials on the pressing need to make room on the roster for pitchers, because current pitchers Bill Travers, Gary Beare and Barry Cort are injured.

It seems quite clear, however, that the main reason for the move, no matter what the Brewers care to stress, was Thomas' unusual religious situation. Thomas, you'll recall, refuses to play games on Friday nights or Saturday afternoons because of his religion.

Ecumenical but irked

No matter how tolerant and ecumenical Brewer management wants to be with this situation, they are irked by having a player sit out two days a week.

It is a problem in many areas. Many of the other players, most of whom joked about the situation at first and most of whom like Thomas personally and respect his religious beliefs, are accepting the situation less and less.

Some of the pitchers have made casual statements about not wanting to pitch on Friday or Saturday any more because Thomas won't be around to help out with his big bat. And there are reports that some of the players have, only semijokingly, asked for 25 percent raises, reasoning that they are available to play seven days a week and Thomas is getting paid his full salary for five days.

Another potential problem area is the reaction of other teams to the Brewers' handling of Thomas. Major-league baseball is like all other pro sports in that it fears the lack of uniformity; it quakes at the thought of somebody trying something new, being different or getting away with something, thereby opening the door for others to be nonconformists. The pros just dread nonconformity.

So, on that basis alone, Thomas was on shaky ground with his stand from the start, challenging the baseball status quo every weekend. But then the final straw for the Brewers occurred when he recently informed management that he would also have to miss the doubleheader in Boston Sunday and miss a week in September because of special holidays in his religion. That, more than any easy-option

deals or possibilities for quick recall, was the end of the line — at least temporarily — for the Brewers.

Handy situation

The injuries to the three pitchers did put the Brewers in a bind, but that situation also presented the Brewers with a handy vehicle to get rid of a big problem. And that injury situation may have been over-emphasized, anyway, since Beare has been named as the starting pitcher for Sunday's first game in Boston.

No matter how hard you try to rationalize, the demotion of a player with hitting skills like Thomas' has its tough to explain.

So let's assume that there is more to the situation than the public is being told — something that often is justified. And let's assume that the Brewer management will do what President Bud Selig says they hope to do; that is, bring Thomas back when Milwaukee has a completely healthy roster and doesn't have the numbers problem it does now.

It may be that the Brewers expected Thomas to back off his religious stand long ago. It may be that they tried to communicate to him by playing him on a regular basis, then tried to communicate to him by putting him on the bench on some of his active days.

And it may be that this demotion to Spokane is their final attempt at communication.

As idealistic as it may sound, let's hope that things work out so that the Brewers can bring Thomas back and both management and players become big enough to handle the situation unselfishly. It just seems to me that although pro sports is so traditional and ritualistic — almost to the point of being sterile — there ought to be some room for a nonconformist like Dan Thomas.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

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with riches and I don't know it. Thank you from my heart for the *WN*. It is the life's blood of God's Church. I know without it I would be so much less able to be used by God to pray for the work and the precious members God has called.

God bless Mr. [John] Halford. What tremendous experience for him as a minister of God.

Pat Summers
Moopark, Calif.

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'Wrap-Up' and more

I know of no other publication that gives so much pleasure to subscribers. It is the only periodical which is completely read on the date received, in this house. All of the articles, news items and "Wrap-Up" section are thoroughly enjoyed. I, for one, am so glad the "Local Church News Wrap-Up" was retained. It is interesting to note that brethren in other locations are so active and socially involved in God's Work. So far as I'm concerned, the paper is just fine as it is.

Mary Kimball
Canyon Lake, Tex.

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The *WN* is terrific. I have only one derogatory remark. It seems as if the "Wrap-Up" gets bigger in every issue. Maybe we could use a little less of that. But enough of bad things; you are doing a terrific job.

Richard V. Ferguson
Cope, S.C.

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Personal preference

I wish there was space enough to put the widows' and widowers' "pictures in" with their requests for correspondence. I have been a widow for almost 14 years, and it is getting a little bit lonely. The brethren are so scattered, it's very hard to find a true Christian. We could use some more help in that way.

Mrs. Grace Mann
Shreveport, La.

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Could prayer requests be printed in larger print? Perhaps the "Wrap-Up" could be put in smaller print to make room for special requests in LARGER print.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Slagowski
Carlin, Nev.

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More congratulations

May I include a very belated congratulation to Mr. Armstrong and best wishes to Ramona on the occasion of their

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their areas: John Elliott, British Columbia; Mark Flynn, Montreal (French); Mr. Greider, Toronto; Clyde Kilough, Manitoba; Alan Redmond, Alberta; David Sheridan, the maritime provinces; Henry Sturcke, Montreal (English); and Dennis Van Deventer, Saskatchewan.

"Nominees from the three regional Canadian track-and-field meets will be sent to the [U.S.] nationals in Big Sandy, Tex., July 13 and 14," Mr. Greider said. "The two selected to represent the Toronto Region will be 16-year-old Debbie Dupius from Windsor, Ont., and 18-year-old Scott Peterson from the Toronto West church."

"Both teens had outstanding performances and displayed excellent sportsmanship during the meet."

"Peterson and Dupius will join with others in Canada to represent Canadian YOU at the Big Sandy meet."

YOU's first major membership drive in the country is set for just before the Feast of Tabernacles.

Other national events are to include national photography and "talent" contests.

"Regional and local activities will make up the bulk of the YOU program in Canada," Mr. Greider said.

April, 1977, marriage?

I guess you could call me the caboose, but you know what I Corinthians 1:26, 27 has to say.

Mildred B. Kelly
Pasadena, Calif.

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Congratulations to the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong, and we were all elated at the pictures and articles about the wedding in *The Worldwide News*, our first copy, so now would like to subscribe to the paper.

Mrs. Hugo T. Hansen
Freeport, Fla.

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Faraway places

The *WN* is the greatest!

It is a "lifeline" for our spiritual family!

It teaches us sympathy, compassion and understanding for the ministers as well as for each of the laymen. We can

well appreciate and depend on Mr. [Gene] Hogberg to keep us abreast of foreign affairs. He is fantastic!

(Mrs.) Jonnie Phillips
Irving, Tex.

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Sabbath growth

May I make a suggestion concerning our children and young adults (teens) growing in spiritual knowledge on the Sabbath.

Could not our little ones capture God's purpose in creation and learn valuable lessons in growing up by converting *The Bible Stories* into cartoon form?

Also, wouldn't our young adults gain more from a rap session in a back room (concerning their future in the World Tomorrow) than passing notes, whispering or just daydreaming?

Please, let's do something now and not just talk about it!

Hilda Saranga
Pascagoula, Miss.

Mr. Dart sees pastors

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few commercial from Los Angeles June 15 to Memphis, Tenn., where he rented a small single-engine aircraft that they used to cover the next 2,000 miles of their trip. (Mr. Dart is a private pilot with an instrument rating.)

Prechapter meeting

Mr. Dart and his wife flew to Lexington, Ky., June 16 to attend an Ambassador International Cultural Foundation "prechapter meeting." After the meeting he met with Art Mocarow, who had conducted the meeting and who works with the foundation, as well as ministers Rowlen Tucker and Darris McNeely.

The couple met June 17 with the Tuckers before continuing to Morristown, N.J., and a dinner with the Richard Frankels. Mr. Frankel serves the Edison, N.J., and Nanuet, N.Y., churches.

"On the Sabbath of June 18 I spoke to 630 brethren in a combined service of the Edison and Nanuet churches," Mr. Dart said. "I gave a sermon centered around I Corinthians 12 in which I stressed the need for all members to be involved in the Work."

The next day Mr. Dart had "preliminary meetings with Elbert Atlas," coordinator of the Northeast Area, preparatory to meetings with other ministers in the area. He also met that day with David Bierer, pastor of the Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., congregations, and Harry Schaefer, associate pastor of the same churches.

On June 20 Mr. Dart met with ministers Robert Bragg, Oswald Engelbart, Mr. Frankel, James Lichtenstein, Edward Faulk, Lloyd Briggie, Thomas Steinback, Leslie Schmedes, Keith Thomas and Mr. Atlas. Later the same day Mr. Dart and his wife flew to Dulles Airport, near Washington, D.C., for a meeting conducted by Mid-Atlantic Area coordinator Burk McNair. Attending were the Larry Salyers, the Ray Lis-mans, the Curtis Mays, the Arnold Hamptons, the Dave Odors, the Roy Demarests and Britt Taylor. That evening the Darts had dinner with the McNairs and Salyers.

Catching up

Mr. Dart spent much of June 21 resting and catching up on telephone calls after a breakfast with the McNairs and Salyers.

On June 22 the Darts flew to Roanoke, Va., and met with the John Strains before flying to Knoxville, Tenn., where they had dinner with church pastor David Orban and local elder Joe Taylor.

Then it was on to Nashville June 23, where they visited Tennessee Valley Area coordinator Tony Hammer and Fred Bailey, who serves the Nashville church, and their wives. The Darts stayed overnight in the Hammer home.

The Darts returned June 24 to Memphis, where they returned their rented plane. The next day, the Sabbath of June 25, Mr. Dart spoke to the Memphis brethren on "Christian warfare."

The couple returned June 26 to Los Angeles on a commercial flight.



PASADENA — Evangelist Dibar Apartian left here June 28 for a trip to the French West Indies to hold five

French-language campaigns on three islands.

Mr. Apartian's schedule: Port-au-Prince, Haiti, June 29 and 30; Fort-de-France, Martinique, July 5; Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe, July 5; and Basse-Terre, Guadeloupe, July 6.

Mr. Apartian expects to return to his office here July 8.

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PASADENA — Rogers and Hammerstein's 1944 musical, *Oklahoma!*, is playing at the Ambassador Auditorium, presented by the college Music Department as part of the annual Pasadena Arts Festival.

The six performances began July 2 and will end July 10.

The production features guest artists in starring roles, supported by the college chorale, chamber orchestra and dance theater.



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PERSONALS

(Continued from page 10)

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Jepson of Southington, Conn., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Linda to John Dubry of Pasadena, Calif. A Sept. 11 wedding is planned for Connecticut.

WEDDINGS

Mr. Terry Feargrieve of Essex, England, and Milca Youis St. Clair Dechezeaux of Rose Hill, Mauritius, were united in marriage in Rose Hill April 12. Now the couple is residing at Ilford, Essex, England.

Virginia Kaye Burkey and Phillip Wayne Kinnaid were united in marriage May 28 at London, Ky. Mel Dahlgren, local pastor, performed the ceremony. Carl Kinnaid, the groom's father, acted as best man. Regina Armstrong was matron of honor. The happy couple will be living at P153.



MR. AND MRS. E. CAMPBELL JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Shannon Lucas are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Shabene to Edward Campbell Jr. of San Antonio, Tex. The ceremony was performed April 24 by Mr. Robert Spence.

MR. AND MRS. B. KEITH PAYNE

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dickinson are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Anne Marie to George G. Freeman Sept. 19, Mr. E.H. Schaefer of the Springfield church performed the ceremony. Miss Eileen Emerson was maid of honor. Mr. Joe Magiaz was best man. The couple now resides in Eastampton.

Marvin W. Kippen of Toledo and Mary L. Huston, formerly of Las Vegas, Neb., and Albuquerque churches, were united in marriage May 27 in Toledo. Michael Hechel performed the ceremony. The couple's nine children were witnesses. They will make their home at 503 Torrington, Toledo, Ohio, 43615.

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Emerson would like to announce the marriage of their daughter Marie to George G. Freeman Sept. 19, Mr. E.H. Schaefer of the Springfield church performed the ceremony. Miss Eileen Emerson was maid of honor. Mr. Joe Magiaz was best man. The couple now resides in Eastampton.

Janice Weiner and Dennis Hallingstad were united in marriage at the Wisconsin Dells Festival Site Administration Building June 5. Janice is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Weiner of Berlin, Wis., and Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Verdeil Hallingstad of Sparta, Wis. Karen Melum was the maid of honor, and Mark Kimble was the best man. Mr. George Kackos, pastor of the Wisconsin Dells church, performed the ceremony. The couple will be living in Sparta.

The children of Loren Edelbach and Ellen McIver announce the marriage of their parents on June 1. Mr. Jim Lee officiated at the wedding. The exchange of vows took place with Mrs. Margie Nelson and Mr. Mike Kennebek as witnesses for the bride and groom. The 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Edelbach would like to extend their special congratulations to their wonderful parents, who will reside in Maple Grove, Minn.

ANNIVERSARIES

To my beloved husband, Dennis Houglum: Thank you for a most wonderful and fulfilling first year of marriage July 11. You are the most loving, kind, thoughtful and tender man of steel and heart in the whole world. I love you with all my love and soul. Your "Passat", Debbie.

Happy wedding anniversary, Richard and Judy Shufal! Many blessings upon your newborn baby and your next assignment. From Jerry, one of the family.

Happy third anniversary (July 20), Danny, you and me and you, that's the way it'll always be. I love you. With lots of love, your wife, Denise.

Happy fifth anniversary July 23, Richard and Virginia, I'm sure the next five years will be as good. Who knows, maybe Mark will have a little sister by then. Hat Love, Danny, Denise and Jason.

A special anniversary wish to Mom and Dad Lamore, Happy 28th. We love you, Jeff, Monica, Aissa and Maggie.



MR. AND MRS. LYVON EDGAR

Happy 30th anniversary. Mom and Dad (Mr. and Mrs. Lyvon Edgar). We love you very much. Thank you for loving us. Love, Danny, Denise, Jason, Raymond, Diane, Paul, Richard, Virginia and Mark.

SPECIAL REQUESTS

This is a request for members of God's Church to pray for me. Last Dec. 15 I was seriously injured on my job, the injuries relating to my neck and spine. I now suffer almost constant pain. I am simply unable to work, but my insurance company has halted all my benefits. I am a member of the Jackson, Tenn., church. James A. Boyd, Rt. 1, Finger, Tenn., 38534.

Would appreciate prayers and concern for Arnold Gregson, a member who has chronic emphysema and other health problems. He lives alone at 69 1/2 Duke St., St. Stephen, N.B., Canada.

I would like to request prayers for Mr. O.P. Varnum's healing. He has gone back east for treatments for his back injuries. Mrs. Varnum, 403 Hilltop Ave., Box 55, Converse, Tex., 78109.

Please pray for my husband, who has a drinking problem. My family and I need your prayers also. It is not easy living with this problem.

Please pray for my brother-in-law, Otis Goss, nonmember, who has rheumatoid arthritis. He suffers terribly; he believes in prayer. Mrs. Orville Spore.

Would appreciate prayers from my brethren worldwide that my mother, a nonmember, will soon recover from the loss of her husband a year ago.

I am asking for prayer for my son, a nonmember, 45. He had appeared successful in life, but now he has quit his job and has taken to drinking. He has had a major operation for cancer. He is now divorced. He has changed jobs three times in a year. He needs a whole different attitude and peace of mind and a job that will be steady.

Brethren, please pray fervently for that God will give me the strength to overcome a problem that I've had for some time. So that health and family problems will be solved.

Please pray for an answer to a question: how (and how not) to introduce friends of mine to *The Plain Truth*. I know we are not to "convert" others, but so many of my friends need help only God can give. P155.

Please pray that I can find a reasonably cheap but pleasant apartment/room to live in. My lease is up soon and I need to find less-expensive quarters.

My little niece, Mary Frances McKee, came out of the coma. Her mother is doing just fine, just suffering a broken arm in the car wreck. Please keep praying. Rufus McKee.

Please pray for my sister, Barbara Woods, who has cancer. She has one son (Darren), who is 13. Please send cards and letters. Ask God to please heal her. Her address: 1084 Bermuda Dr., Marion, Ohio, 43302.

Please ask God to strengthen a sister in Christ spiritually to overcome her problems at home. She is a new member.

Please pray for my daughter. She is in a state of lethargy.

Brethren worldwide, please pray for Raymond, who has had multiple sclerosis for 13 years and is now in hospital with kidney problems. He is in not in the Church but is in great need of your prayers.

Please include Fern Arledge of Dallas in your prayers. She has suffered from stress and its many complications for a long time and is unable to attend services. Cards and letters would encourage her, even though she may not be able to read them all. Her address: 10132 Kilmeray, Dallas, Tex., 75218.

Request prayer for the healing of my mother, Mrs. Eula Carrell, who attends church at Evansville, Ind. She has a ruptured disk and arthritis in her back and is in constant pain. Her only doctor is our heavenly Father, Louise VanGundy.

Member must undergo heart surgery June 29. Prayer requested for complete healing. Cards would show my nonmember family God's Church really cares. R.H. Bowers, P132.

Mrs. Theresa Smith, who had surgery for a spinal fusion, would appreciate prayers, cards, letters. Her address: 219 Centanni Rd., Kenner, La., 70022, Hazel Poole.

Prayers requested for improvement in my health and final condition. Have recently suffered a bout with bone and skin cancer, also suffer from rheumatoid arthritis. As a member of God's Church, I ask that you please pray for my complete healing, that I may find suitable employment and will be able both to start attending services again soon and go to the Feast this fall. Walter Cook.

Requesting special prayers for Mrs. Ling Suah Ing of Sibei, Sarawak, who the doctor has recently discovered of having cancer of the uterus.

FOLLOW-UP

I would like to thank the students of Ambassador, Pasadena, and the brethren around the world for their cards, letters, prayers for my paralyzed left foot. I now have some feeling in it but am in constant pain. Please continue the prayers. I would like to arise every card personally but to budget it is impossible. Some asked if surgery would help. It won't. Helen Dyer, 300 Dunster Dr., No. 6, Campbell, Calif., 95008.

My prayer request was run April 25. I still need more prayers. I suffer pain with rheumatoid arthritis. I have decided not to have an operation. I am asking you heavenly Father to heal a weary heart doing good to medicine. I know I can be healed, and will be healed. Mrs. Joan

Morris, Western Cliff Rd., North Tamborine, Queensland, 4272, Australia.

My brethren, thank you so much for your prayers, also the lovely cards and letters. I will answer them all. Surely God is answering. I am beginning to feel an improvement. It's like being given a new life. Please continue to pray for complete healing. Mrs. T. Castleman, 66 Newlands Ave., Bononi, 1500, Transvaal, South Africa.

I'm very much better and impressed with how responsive God's people are with compassion and understanding toward others expressed so beautifully. Thank you, everyone, who wrote to me. I'm hopeful of answering a few more yet but received so many that I cannot answer all at this time. Mrs. J.R. Holman.

THANK-YOUs

The Hattiesburg YHO chapter wishes to extend a warm thanks to the Ladies' Club for the delicious dinner given in honor of the 1977 graduates.

Thank you, Mary Galbraith, Ray Becker and all those in the Long Beach church for the get-well prayers and encouragement. God bless you all. Pat Summers.

Thank you, my dear mother-in-law, Dorothy Summers, for the love, cards, prayers, encouragement to me. I wish all daughters could have mothers like you. God bless you. With all my love. Pat.

LITERATURE

Wanted: lesson 37 of the first Bible Correspondence Course. Mrs. J.G. Hardy, P133.

Couple with three young children desires complete set of *Bible Story*. We will gladly pay all postage. Don and Judy, P116.

Would appreciate if someone could send me a spare copy of the 1976 U.S. Feast brochure. Kristian Kristiansen, P135.

Wanted: copies of articles disproving the theory of evolution appearing in print before 1970. Also did Correspondence Course. Will reimburse for copying and postage. Contact me first. Michael J. Grifone, P136.

TRAVEL

Connecticut Yankee transplanted to Upstate New York three years ago plans to celebrate Feast in Hampton, Va., with newwed Church friend and daughter in camper. Would appreciate maps of Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, campground brochures of the Hampton area and letters from brethren in the area. Thanks to all who answer; we'll look forward to meeting you at the 1977 Feast. Ollie Dubreuil, P149.

Hello to any of you brethren young or old. If you are thinking of vacationing in Central America, please drop me a few lines. Maybe we can get together Water of Caribbean is beautiful, fishing is good, roads poor. If you want info, write for more. Walter Stuart, P122.

Enthusiastic young Chinese-New Zealand couple traveling Europe, London, August and September. Before going to Feast in Tucson, U.S.A., traveling via New York, New Orleans, Houston, Tucson, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, San Francisco. Would love to hear from members for contacts, if possible accompanied, but not necessary. David and Carol Yin, P138.

Will attend college at AC this fall. Need a ride from Tucson. Susan Edwards, 1220 N. Forgeus Ave., Tucson, Ariz., 85716.

Australian bachelor, 32, participating in Atlanta-Newcastle (U.K.) Friendship Force exchange exercise class in family members. We are willing to share farm work, double house or anything that will be a help to us both. If you have any information along these lines that could help, please contact us. C.R. Brown, P140.

Plan to fly to AC, Pasadena, for fall semester at La Guardia Airport, New York City. Would like to hear from members who have same plans. Vicki Kasper, P141.

Our sister in Christ, Mrs. Rose Chapman, 84 and nearly blind, needs a sister who will drive her to the Mount Pocono Feast services and restaurants and then drive her to collect dust for eight days. She will be driven to Mount Pocono and back home by another family. She is very capable of taking care of herself and a wonderful cook and baker. She lives alone. She would like very much a woman companion and escort for the eight days. Send information to P142.

Plan to move to Kansas City late August. Am member, 20, would like to write other members that area about jobs, places to live, etc. Greatly appreciate all letters, for this would let me get to know some of you in advance. If you want to help a young damsel in distress, please write me. Cathy Koonitz, P143.

My son, Mike, 12, would appreciate a ride to the second session of SEF. Will be glad to share expenses. Albert L. "Buddy" Parton, P144.

Member of Columbia, S.C., church plans to visit son in Childersburg, Ala., Feasts Center in Childersburg, Ala., the first of August. Need contact with members in that area for Sabbath services. Write to: Robert L. Katherin, Philips, 823 E. Main, No. 110, Lexington, S.C., 29072.

MISCELLANEOUS

West German brethren: Anyone having a variation of my last name, Behlmeider, possibly Behlmeider, being of the Church, please write relative. Please contact Wesley Behlmeider, P146.

Kathryn Morgan, please contact Bill Brazill about your records. We've lost your address.

Jeff Kinney, where are you? I heard you are in the Washington, D.C., area. Contact Wesley Behlmeider, P146.

Ham-radio friends! Do you have equipment you have relegated to the shelf to collect dust? If so, we could use make good use of it up here. Doesn't matter what kind, old or new, working or not, your donation would be greatly appreciated, and we will be glad to pay shipping. Send to: ARS WB7DCR, P152.

Crystal Schellenger!! Where are you? Please write to Yvonne! Congrats on the new niece! Yvonne Rowe, P147.

Would anyone in New Jersey or New York know of a man or woman who is interested in helping handicapped people? My daughter has cerebral palsy. Would like to locate such a person to

Obituaries

BANDERA, Tex. — Emma Mullins, 92, died May 30 in her sleep.

Mrs. Mullins, who had been baptized in 1964, attended the church at San Antonio, Tex.

She is survived by three daughters and a son. One daughter, Mrs. Felix Blaschke, is a member of the San Antonio church.

BIG SANDY — Dick Dickerson, 34, a member of God's Church since 1966 and director of the Ambassador College Data Processing Center here, died June 29 of cancer (see article, page 15).

Mr. Dickerson, a native of San Antonio, Tex., is survived by his wife, Karen, and three children.

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Irene Rucker, 85, died June 2 from pulmonary complications.

Miss Rucker, a native of Lynchburg, Va., had been a member of God's Church since 1960. She had lived here about seven years.

CENTER, Colo. — Orville A. Williamson, 76, a member of God's Church since 1953, died June 12 in an Alamosa, Colo., hospital after a short illness.



ORVILLE WILLIAMSON

Mr. Williamson, a native of Ness City, Kan., had also lived in Leoti, Kan. He had lived here since 1938.

He is survived by his wife, Nina, whom he married in 1924; and two brothers, Earl of Arizona and Harry of Granby, Colo.

CHICAGO, Ill. — Ethel Williams, 52, died May 21 of cancer after a long illness.

Mrs. Williams had been a Church member about seven years.

She is survived by her husband, Roy, who attends the Chicago Southside congregation.

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — Longtime Church member Harry Kananatilleke died June 1 in a hospital of kidney failure.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Gladden N. Skinner, a longtime member of the Church, died in a hospital June 10 of cancer.

Mr. Skinner, a veteran of World War II, is survived by his wife, Vivian; a daughter, Mrs. Michael (Ross) Moss of Columbus, Ohio; his brother, Frank Sr. of Elkhart, Ind.; four brothers, Percy of Rothbury, Mich., Larry of Arvada, Colo., Neil of Elkhart, Ind., and Frank Jr. of Canon City, Colo.; six sisters, Mrs. Guy (Nedra) Benham of Fremont, Mich., Mrs. Aletha Ryberg of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mrs. Roy (Lila) Kidder of Chelsea, Mich., Mrs. Olin (Carol) Hatton of Kalamazoo, Mrs. Esther Van Natt of Kalamazoo and Mrs. Roger (Ruth) Koster of Shelby, Mich.; and three grandchildren.

Mr. Skinner's daughter, his father, two brothers and his six sisters are members of the Church.

HEBER SPRINGS, Ark. — Eva Leona Lackey, 81, died June 6.

Mrs. Lackey had been a member of God's Church since 1951.

MANCHESTER, England — Annie "Auntie Annie" Green, 89, died in a

engage her services while I attend the Feast at the Poconos, Mrs. Myra Rivera, P148.

Ron Hiebert, congratulations on your engagement. May this be the beginning of a beautiful life for you and your wife-to-be. Your old college buddy, Lois (Mayes) D'Alessandro, P146.

Nancy (Davison) Lyons: Congratulations on the birth of your little one. I know this comes a bit late, but you know I always did have a trouble being on time. I think of you often. Please write and let me know how you are doing. Lois (Mayes) D'Alessandro, P150.

Would like to hear from those with the names Ascock, Johnson, Johnston, Hill, Wilkinson, Register, Garrison, Davy, Elam, Adams, Mapp, Coffman, Lindsay. I am interested in genealogy as a hobby. Elizabeth Davis, P151.

hospital June 8 after a short illness. Born in 1888, Mrs. Green was extremely knowledgeable of the Bible and had been a member of God's Church since the early 1960s.

PADUCAH, Ky. — David Earl Devine, 12, died June 5 of Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

David is survived by his parents, John and Ina Devine, and three brothers, Ronnie, 14, Gilbert, 10, and Eddie, 7.

David's uncle, Raymond Culp, is a deacon in the church here.

PADUCAH, Ky. — Melba Cummins Scowden, 54, died May 27 after a three-year struggle with lung cancer.

Mrs. Scowden is survived by her husband, Ralph; a son, Ralph Jr.; and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Cummins.

Mrs. Scowden, before moving here, had attended church for 10 years in Sacramento, Calif.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Howard C. Jeffries died March 8.

PLEASANT HILL, Mo. — Bruce Gregg, 17, died May 15 when he was struck by a car on a Kansas highway while



BRUCE GREGG

traveling to the home of a friend to spend the night.

Bruce is survived by his mother, Carolyn; and two brothers, Dennis R., 21, of Independence, Mo., and Gary A., 19, of the home here.

Bruce's father was the late Ollie Pat Gregg.

RESEDA, Calif. — Margaret Louise Buninga, 62, died May 18 after a long illness.

Mrs. Buninga, better known as Peg, was baptized March 16, 1977, but had never attended services because of her illness.

Survivors include her husband, two sons, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

SHREVEPORT, La. — Harlan Gene Colgin, a member of the church here, died March 13 in a hospital in Vivian, La.

Mr. Colgin, who had been a member of God's Church since 1966, had been bedridden with polio since the early 1950s and had attended the Feast of Tabernacles and Sabbath services for years, along with roommate and fellow polio victim Bill Neely, on a stretcher.

Surviving Mr. Colgin are his mother, Delia Colgin of Oil City, La.; two brothers, Hoy Jr. and Hugh Donald of Bossier City, La.; and nieces and nephews.

Mr. Colgin, along with Mr. Neely, was featured in articles in *The Worldwide News* Feb. 2, 1976, and May 14, 1973.

SHREVEPORT, La. — Kittie Poole Harris, 71, a member of the church here and a resident of Haughton, La., died after a short illness.

Mrs. Harris was a native of Rustin, La., but had lived in Haughton five years.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Frank W. Hayslip and Mrs. James R. Cunningham, both of Shreveport, and Mrs. D.E. Davis of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, Prenties F. Poole of Corpus Christi, Tex., and Sam A. Poole of Shreveport; a sister, Mrs. Murie Blair of Shreveport; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

TRUCKEE, Calif. — Charlie Lenis Bennett, 51, died June 3 in an accident at the lumber mill at which he was employed here.

Mr. Bennett is survived by his wife, Beulah Mae of Truckee, a member; three sons, Darrel Wayne of Boise, Idaho, Harland Eugene of Kings Beach, Calif., and Jimmy Don of Boise; two daughters, Judy Fletcher of Carson City, Nev., and Brandy Jewell Bennett of Truckee; four brothers; three sisters; and nine grandchildren.

Local church news wrap-up

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delayed. Jerry Falcker rose to the occasion, switching from songleader to joke teller. He entertained the congregation with a seven-minute story about a little girl who wanted nothing but a "pink Ping-Pong ball." *John Cox.*

Paper snake

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Delicious food, friendly conversation and plenty of dancing were the fare for the annual Ladies' Club Hawaiian luau and dance June 4. Leis were given to everyone.

Door prizes were awarded, plus gifts for the first couple on the dance floor and the couple who danced the least. A drawing was made for the booby prize, which gave a big surprise to its recipient when a paper snake jumped out of the little box. A newly engaged couple were later surprised by a similar gift. *Vicki Swihart.*

Nature study

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Members here participated in a three-day camping trip Memorial weekend, May 28 to 30.

More than 75 members spent the weekend in tents and campers at the Falcon Group Camp in Cleveland National Forest near Lake Elsinore, Calif.

Featured were a Bible study on the Sabbath about hospitality and a variety of camping activities that included hiking, a nature study, motorcycle riding, games and singing. *Gordon Hendee.*

Graduation barbecue

HALIFAX, N.S. — A completely different finale was chosen this year by the men of the Spokesman Club here. Instead of the customary formal dinner dance, an informal format was chosen for the club's sixth graduation May 29.

The meeting was at Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Abbott's home on the banks of Porter's Lake. After the meeting, certificates were bestowed on this year's graduates, Wallace Shears and Dale Elliott.

A barbecued-steak dinner was prepared by chef Ray Ruttan and his hard-working crew. The rest of the afternoon was spent boating and canoeing on the lake. *Harlean Botha.*

Butterscotch pudding

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — The Ladies' Club here sponsored a dinner May 28 for the YOU members, honoring six high-school and junior-college graduates.

Under each graduate's place card was a New English Bible, a gift from the Ladies' Club. Following the dinner, the teens listened to a tape of a talk given by Cathy Rigby, a former Olympic gymnast, at the national YOU conference at Big Sandy in December.

The YOU chapter enjoyed its first summer outing June 4 and 5. A talent show Saturday night in the YWCA began the outing, with refreshments and the talent furnished by YOU members.

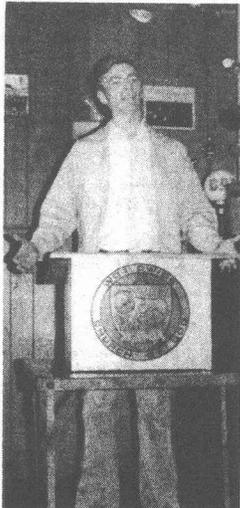
All the girls spent the night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Faulkner, members here, while the boys used the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, local YOU coordinators.

Sunday morning brought volleyball practice for the girls at the Faulkners' home and basketball practice for the boys at the YWCA. Then it was track practice at the nearby Blair High School for the seven teens who qualified to attend the upcoming regional track meet in Houston, Tex.

After eating a lunch of hot dogs, baked beans, Coke and butterscotch pudding, the 15 teens ended the outing with an afternoon of relaxation in the Taylors' swimming pool. *Ann Odom.*

Track-and-field events

JACKSON, Miss. — About 300 people from six churches assembled here at Bailey Junior High School May 15 to watch 49 track-and-field



SPEECH — Chris Starkey, Halifax, N.S., Spokesman Club president, makes a point during graduation ceremonies. (See "Graduation Barbecue," this page.)

events at a YOU District 52 (south-central region) track meet.

Ken Courtney, local elder and YOU district coordinator, and Frank Parsons, local elder, planned the day's events.

The Jackson youths won first place with a whopping 427 points, while Birmingham, Ala., and New Orleans, La., won second and third places, respectively. Hattiesburg, Miss., Monroe, La., and Meridian, Miss., finished fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Ann Odom of Hattiesburg and Pam Burson, Ken Westrope and James Cook, all of Jackson, racked up the most points during the day for their respective divisions.

Mr. Parsons, winning coach, said he greatly appreciated the way the youths gave it all they had and the way everyone else helped to make it a successful day.

Bob Peoples, pastor here, announced each track event. Jim Chapman, senior pastor from New Orleans, presented the awards. A YOU concession stand was set up by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taylor, deacon and deaconess from Hattiesburg. *H.B. Wells.*

Tacky party

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A tacky party in Bill and Polly Keese's backyard was May 29, with no best bib and tucker for the 22 members of the Kansas City chorale.

The men sported such attire as shirts worn inside out, shoes that didn't match worn on the wrong feet, funny little hats and wild wigs. For the women it was exaggerated makeup,

bloomers, slips showing, straps hanging and yards of gaudy hair ribbons.

Prizes were given to the tackiest woman, Crystal West, and the tackiest man, Rod Keese. Other prize winners were Franklin Ballou and Dorothy Wilson for catching water balloons and Gladys Ballou for carrying the most marshmallows on a spoon.

Most of the games were team efforts. The Tennessee Wig Walk consisted of moving from point A to point B while balancing a tennis ball on a book and carrying an empty beer bottle between the feet.

Upon arrival at the party, each person was issued 10 clothespins and a warning that he would lose a clothespin to whomever caught him crossing his legs throughout the afternoon. After much scrambling, Sandy Roberts wound up with the most clothespins.

After feasting on charcoal-grilled hamburgers and a potluck supper, the group sat around singing songs, accompanied on guitars by Darryl Danner, Robert Shumate and Otis Danner and on harmonicas by Bill Keese and Randy Moots. *Sandy Roberts.*

Rafting river rapids

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — More than 100 adults and children here participated in a raft trip down the Hiwassee River June 5.

Trip organizer Tim Stewart had instructed the group to meet at Adams Float Service in Reliance, Tenn., at 9:30 a.m., from where they were transported by trucks over a bumpy, dusty road to the starting point up the river.

The first stretch of water was fairly calm, but it didn't take long for some excitement to start. Bailing buckets went into immediate action as everyone tried to get everyone else wet. The floaters attacked each other or ganged up on those that looked dry. A raft that was seemingly under constant attack was captained by pastor Dave Orban.

Mr. Stewart had warned the floaters about getting stuck on rocks going through the rapids. One raft got hung up at least 20 times during the three-hour trip.

Afterwards, all went to a shaded picnic area, where Nellie McFalls had prepared a lunch of roast beef, corn on the cob and fresh tomatoes. *Andy Thomas.*

Compatible cheeses

LAKELAND, Fla. — Members of the church here were invited by the Women's Club to attend the club's last social meeting of the year June 4, a wine-and-cheese-tasting party.

The large assortment of wine, cheese, bread and fruit was displayed on long V-shaped tables decorated with red-and-white-checked tablecloths, candelabra and flowers.

Weldon Wallick spoke about each wine and its compatible cheeses.

Ron Peterson played organ music for listening and dancing. *Audrey Mitchell.*

Graduation dinner

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — The

Spokesman Club graduation dinner here May 23 was held in Fort Macleod, Alta.

Dancing followed the dinner, with music provided by Evert Vandenberg. Speeches were given on the history of the Fort Macleod area.

Cecil Maranville presented the graduation certificates to George Bohus, Larry Madge, Duane Malm, Lloyd Malm, Brian Phillips, Roy Swanson, Paul Tuck, Evert Vandenberg, Dennis Van Sluys and Peter VanWaardhuizen.

The wives and dates of the members also attended the dinner. *Jan Peterson.*

Scathing comments

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Tears and laughter, fun and sadness were all part of the day when the ladies here gave a surprise farewell coffee May 25 in honor of Cathy Roberts, wife of pastor Bill Roberts. The Robertses will be moving in July to Pasadena for a year's sabbatical.

The coffee was at the home of Charles and Judy Huffman, with about 50 women attending. Two hours of playing Bunco was followed by the awarding of several prizes.

Ron Parker designed and donated a large decorated cake for dessert. Mrs. Roberts was presented a beige negligee by the ladies.

Coordinators for the party were Doris Parker and Darlene Thornton.

Members of the Spokesman Club also said good-bye to Mr. Roberts, club director. "Roasting is the only proper way of giving him a real send-off," insisted the club president.

The roast was June 13 at the Tommy Lancaster Restaurant in Clarksville, Ind., with 30 members and their wives attending.

The evening began with cocktails and dinner. While the members roasted Mr. Roberts, he was busily engaged in writing scathing comments to be used in his evaluation of the evening. However, the president found it necessary to cancel the evaluation due to a severe time shortage and other hasty considerations. *Dee Dee Morgan.*

12 events

MACOMB, Ill. — About 150 people attended the church's first track-and-field meet here at the Western Illinois University track June 5.

Twelve events were held for small fry, preteens, teens, men and women. Those winning first place in more than one event were Connie Lawson, Tim Duffield, Paul Lawson, Liz Smith, Bob Druien, Gerri Watt, Roger Schmidgall, Ron White, Barb Madsen and Brenda Royer. About 65 people won a first-, second- or third-place ribbon.

The meet provided increased interest in fitness, gave goals and motivation and enabled those attending to know each other better. *Mary Kerr.*

Summer splash

MERIDIAN, Miss. — The YOU members here started the summer with a splash, sponsoring a picnic and beach party at Lake Okattibee May 29.

The activities consisted of swimming, skiing and boating. A picnic of sandwiches, soft drinks and cake followed.

The YOU members sponsored a car wash June 10 to raise funds for activities. *Michael LaBelle.*

Speech contest

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — An extemporaneous teen speech contest was held here June 12 in conjunction with the YOU district talent show for Northwest District members.

Each speech was limited to six minutes. Contestants could choose from two themes: "What YOU Means to Me" or "What 'True Values' Means to Me."

Oma Baker, Chris Beam, Mary Loffer and Carl McNair were judges for the event. The speakers were

evaluated on content and delivery. All the speakers came home winners because there were only three of them: Melvin Morris of Chicago won first place, Richard Lange of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., finished second and Adrienne Morris of Milwaukee placed third. All received certificates. *Chris Beam.*

Teen talent

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Eighteen teens from three states competed here June 4 in the Northwest District YOU talent contest. Entries included solos on the piano, guitar, organ and drums, as well as variety, recital and vocal selections.

Jim Reyer, North Central Region YOU director, presented awards to the first-, second- and third-place winners in both the junior and senior divisions.

Winners in the junior division were Cory Erickson of Burnsville, Minn., first place; Aaron Root of St. Paul, Minn., second; and Donna LeVoi of Minneapolis and ReNea Wernli of Newton, Iowa, tying for third.

In the senior division, Tom Henderson of Bondurant, Iowa, was awarded first place; Rena Roy of Ogden, Iowa, second; and Rhonda Reyer of Ankeny, Iowa, third.

The first-place winner in the junior division and the first- and second-place winners in the senior division will advance to the Festival competition. *Mary Burke.*

Grass skirts

MOBILE, Ala. — The meeting hall here became an exotic island paradise, complete with tiki hut, for the annual spring luau June 11. The YOU chapter used the setting for the tryouts of the regional talent contest.

The evening began with teriyaki steak and chicken served by YOU girls dressed in grass skirts. Music was provided by ZYOUS, a lively six-piece group from Mobile.

Judging the talent contest were Chuck and Kay Schwartz and Mike McKee, a drama instructor, all from the University of South Alabama, and Lucy Maisei from the University of Alabama. Freddy Moore of Mobile was emcee.

First place was given to Audrey Thode of New Orleans, La., who sang two of her own compositions. Second was won by pianist Matt Featherstone of Montgomery, Ala. Singer Valerie Brannum of Mobile won third.

Others participating were Patricia Jones of New Orleans; Grena Grimes, Teresa and Lynne Cloud, Lisa Musgrove, Odessa and Elsie Ladner, Patty Odom and Ann Odom of Hattiesburg, Miss.; Cindy Carson of Houston, Tex.; Debby Scott and Randy King of Baton Rouge, La.; Jimmy Marion of Mobile; Rhody Graham of Geneva, Ala.; and Laura Diaz of Meridian, Miss.

The door prize was won by Harry Bodin of Mobile. The colorful costumes were judged by the ministers and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wallen of Hattiesburg, Mr. and Mrs. Karl Beyersdorfer of Baton Rouge and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith of Mobile. Judged best was the Harry Bodin family, featuring look-alike costumes.

Mary Foreman of Mobile, accompanied by the band, sang limbo lyrics as participants tried to squeeze under a limbo stick. The event was won by supple David Weaver.

The next day all the young people went to Gulf Shores, Ala., for a beach party. *Olive N. Mulvaney.*

12-string guitar

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Brethren here were hosts for a YOU talent contest June 4. The contest was in the Carl Albert High School auditorium before a crowd of about 200 spectators.

First place in the senior division went to Gaylene Strickland of Oklahoma City. Gaylene sang John Denver's "Annie's Song" and accompanied herself on a 12-string guitar. Mark Beyer of Wichita, Kan., captured second place by playing "Rondo" by Mozart on the French horn.

In the junior division Lisa Kline and Shelly Stockton



DISPENSING THE WORD — The Chico, Calif., church purchased 26 discarded newspaper-vending machines and, with the help of six ingenious members, converted them into 26 like-new dispensers for *The Plain Truth* magazine.



GREEN THUMBS — Mikey Mungal and Allan Richardson share awards at a St. Augustine, Trinidad, Spokesman Club seminar on backyard gardening. (See "Backyard Gardening," this page.)

Wrap-up

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City took the first-place honors with a variety comedy act.

Other district contestants were Bekah Seward and Lyn Walker of Lawton, Okla., and Kathy Woodbridge and Bill Anthony of Wichita.

The winners will compete in the Big Sandy Festival competition. *David Dobson.*

Hidden talent

OMAHA, Neb. — A talent show, patterned after TV's *Gong Show*, refreshments and a raffle combined to make a fun-filled and profitable evening for brethren here June 2.

Senior member Lulu Stowell's contribution of a handmade crazy quilt for the raffle inspired others to donate additional gifts for the drawing. Proceeds were designated for YOU projects.

Pastor Arthur Docken was happy to discover hidden talent during the variety show. The show ended with a tie between pianist Connie Otto and youthful singer Mike Bone, but emcee Kirt Frantzen, in a difficult decision, presented the check for first prize to Mike.

The YOU members presented gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore in appreciation for their many years of service to the youths of the church here. Because of a heavy personal work load and other responsibilities, Mr. Moore passed the YOU leadership torch on to Paul and Mary Thompson, who have been active in youth activities for some time. *Evelyn Nelsen.*

Sunburned participants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A district track-and-field meet was held here May 29 at the American River College.

About 100 junior and senior boys and girls participated in six hours of grueling competition. Teens from the Bakersfield, Fairfield, Fresno, Modesto and Sacramento, Calif., and Reno, Nev., churches competed.

The team trophy for total points was presented to the Fresno team, who accrued 154 points. The outstanding-participant trophies were presented to Greg Stainthorpe of Fresno with 19½ points and Diana Brown of Reno with 16 points.

The Reno team was awarded a trophy for most points per team member. Ribbons for first, second and third places were distributed to winning participants.

The district talent show was held after the track events, with Debbie Townsend of Fresno winning the senior division and Laura Lynn Holuma of Modesto winning the junior. Both will be representing the district in the competition at Squaw Valley during the Fall Feast.

A YOU sock hop followed the talent show, where the sunburned participants and spectators used up the rest of their energies dancing until 10 p.m., when parents and chaperons finally called a halt. *Julie Taylor.*

Backyard gardening

ST. AUGUSTINE, Trinidad —

The Spokesman Club here held a seminar about backyard gardening May 11. Abraham Blackman, a member employed in the agricultural advisory field, coordinated the program.

Topics presented included the needs of plants, land preparation, seedling production, pot and trough culture and systems of cropping, such as crop rotation and intercropping, pest and disease control and weed control and mulching.

Mr. Blackman also presented a film that stressed many of the points made during the seminar.

Club director Gordon Harry said he was pleased and urged club members to become involved in backyard gardening. *Mikey Mungal.*

Chapter helps Pygmies

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A personal appearance by Jean-Pierre Hallet sponsored by the Minnesota Ambassador Cultural Foundation raised enough money to ensure the survival of 1,600 Pygmies for another year. About 1,000 people attended the lecture and film May 18 at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium here.

Articles have appeared in AICF and Church publications about Mr. Hallet's struggle to save the Efe Pygmies of northeastern Zaire from extinction.

At an awards banquet attended by 295 people May 16 at the Decathlon Club, the Minnesota chapter presented Mr. Hallet with a plaque honoring him as "Humanitarian of the Decade." He was also given messages of commendation from Sen. Hubert Humphrey, Gov. Rudy Perpich, Minneapolis Mayor Charles Stenvig and St. Paul Mayor George Latimer.

Local media coverage for Mr. Hallet was arranged by Bob Kadow, reaching an estimated 2.4 million people.

Mr. Hallet raised additional funds during his stay here with lectures at two high schools, an elementary school, a college and a women's club.

Jerry Gageby and Mary Root obtained contributions for the Pygmies from the 3M and UniVac corporations and a commitment from the Jaycees for continuing support of the Pygmy fund.

The International Institute has asked Mr. Hallet to take part in its 1979 Festival of Nations, which is held every three years at the St. Paul Civic Center and draws about 50,000 people. *Karen Ziminski.*

Pool party

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Women's Club here met at the Coquina Key club house for the last meeting of the year May 29.

The guest speaker was pastor Bob Jones, who spoke on Proverbs 31. After his explanation of the chapter, verse by verse, he asked the women questions, wanting to get more ideas of how Proverbs 31 applies to women in today's society.

Mr. Jones thanked Monica Koerner, coordinator, and the other officers for the year.

The Lake Vista Pool Complex here was the setting for the church's first pool party of the summer season June 12. To complement the swimming activities was a poolside hamburger

cookout, complete with baked beans, fruit salad, chips and beverages. *Roberta Lashua and Lavene L. Vorel.*

Newsstand distribution

SALEM, Ore. — The brethren here began a *Plain Truth* distribution program recently.

Richard Parker, pastor, put Bob Thomas in charge. He started out by placing 450 copies a month in several locations, such as doctors' offices, public buildings and shopping centers. Now more than 1,200 copies are being distributed. At this time another 400 to 800 copies would be needed to meet all demands.

Darrell and Kathy Foster placed a *Plain Truth* newsstand at the Lancaster Mall, Salem's largest shopping center, where many copies were picked up.

Also involved in the program are Dan and Vi Barnes, John Siebert, Earl and Chris Culp, Bill Ruttenutter, Roy and Sue Miller, Art Hans, Howard Bruce and Bill Bruce. *Howard and Dorothy Bruce.*

Roller coaster

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The young marrieds here had a get-together at Marriott's Great America theme park in Santa Clara, Calif., May 29.

Graced by bright sunshine and cool breezes, the intrepid troop faced the challenge of the heart-stopping, knuckle-cracking roller coaster called "Turn of the Century," whirled about on the "Wizzard's Wizzer," gulped down great-tasting five-cent root beer and enjoyed lively and entertaining shows performed by talented young people. *Fred Crow.*

Photo contest

SASKATOON, Sask. — The brethren here enjoyed a hobby day June 5,



PYGMY FUND BENEFIT — Robert Hoops, left, presents Jean-Pierre Hallet with a humanitarian award from Minnesota chapter members. (See "Chapter Helps Pygmies," this page.) [Photo by Carl Montgomery]

sponsored and organized by the recently formed photography club.

Many hobbies and skills, such as taxidermy, diamond willow carvings, a military regalia collection, various models, oil paintings and fudge decorations, were on display.

The photo club had previously planned to have the hobby day in conjunction with its photo contest. The winners and other entries were also displayed, with George Manning being taken three fourths of the first places and Dan Hope the other one fourth.

The photo club also presented three short slide shows. *Dan Hope.*

Shelacked pet rocks

TULSA, Okla. — The Women's Club here presented its first arts-and-crafts show June 12, with the com-

pleted efforts of the brethren.

Exhibitions included paintings, macramé, china and jewelry painting, sewing, decoupage, wood carving, ceramics and cooking.

Each category was judged by local business people. Ribbons were awarded to the best entries. Special awards were presented to those chosen "Best of Show." First place went to Pearl McCurtis for her cathedral-window-stitch quilt, second to Jeanette McMurray for her oil Indian portrait and third to Phillip Britton for his wood carving of ducks in flight.

The children's division was categorized into three groups by age and was judged accordingly.

Spectators could also purchase some entries, ranging from canned beans, green beans, homemade bread and jellies to hand-painted thimbles and shelacked pet rocks. *Mrs. Willard Dunn.*

Doll cake

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — The theme of the Women's Club meeting May 15 was a fashion show, with the ladies modeling garments they had sewed.

Husbands were invited to attend for the first time to introduce them to the club. Cohostess Linda Sprowl invited the men to participate in the table-topics session.

The decor was a display of old and new fashions. Jane Summy was chairman of the seven-member decorating committee.

Mary Ann Wagner, head of the refreshment committee, worked with 11 ladies to serve a snack. Wilma Hardesty baked and decorated a doll cake bearing out the fashion theme of the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson, club director and adviser, appointed officers: Hazel Worch, president; Wilma Hardesty, vice president; Bessie Fritz, treasurer; and Hazel Miller, hall director.

The June meeting was planned with the Clarksburg, W. Va., Women's Club, with a gynecologist as guest speaker and Karen Tokarcik as hostess. *Hazel Worch.*

Imported band

WASHINGTON — Winners in the YOU track meet here June 5 qualified to compete in the Northeast regional meet in State College, Pa., June 26.

As last year, Hagerstown, Md., scored the most team points, 134½, besting 10 churches on a rainy Sunday at Woodward Senior High School in Rockville, Md. The Norfolk, Va., and Washington teams tied for second with 69½ points.

Individual trophy winners were Lorraine Perry of Washington, junior girls' category; Lynette Keseciker of Hagerstown, senior girls'; Greg Cox of Hagerstown, Dee Mercer of Norfolk and Lawrence Perry of Washington, junior boys'; a three-way tie; and Donell Sutton of Norfolk, senior boys'.

Doug Horchak, YOU coordinator here, commented that records were set in about half of the events.

The day before, June 4, Sabbath services were held in the Sheraton Inn International Conference Center in Reston, Va. That night the You band imported from Lexington, Ky., played for the teen dance. *Robert Curry.*



"PT" IN FLORIDA — The *Plain Truth* newsstand program is continuing to be seen in more and more places in the United States, such as at this rack in a St. Petersburg, Fla., newsstand. It is the first time the program has appeared on Florida's Gulf coast. Bill Starling is the area representative for *Plain Truth* newsstand distribution. [Photo by Lavene L. Vorel]

FOR THE BEST 'WRAP' AROUND

Since "Local Church News Wrap-Up" is such a great way for you to let others know what's happening in your area, here are a few helpful suggestions in telling your story. You can use this as a checklist whenever you are reporter for a big happening in your area.

1. Include your complete name, address and phone number on the article itself (not just on the envelope or accompanying letter).
2. Include date and location of the event in the article.
3. Give complete, accurately spelled names of all people mentioned.
4. Label pictures. Identify people in the photo, tell what's happening and give the photographer's name.
5. Write in the third person; use *he, she, they*, not *we* or *I*.
6. Type article or print legibly. Always use double-space.
7. Remember our one-month deadline. Any story covering an event more than one month old when we receive it will not be printed.
8. Be creative, but brief. Remember you're not only telling about your activity, but you're giving suggestions to others for theirs.

YOU campers bounce the week away

By Sherry L. Marsh
BIG SANDY — Six days of basketballs bouncing all around you.

That's what 63 YOU boys went through June 19 to 24 during a Youth, Opportunities United-sponsored basketball camp for Church youths conducted here by Bill Sharman, general manager of the Los Angeles Lakers pro basketball team.

David Beebe, 15, who attends church in Austin, Tex., admits he got his fill of the sport while at the clinic. "At night all I can hear is boing, boing, boing," he said.

Assisted by Dan Yocum, head coach at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., Jim Petty of Pasadena, Ambassador's athletic director, and 10 coaches from Texas colleges and high schools, Mr. Sharman instructed the campers in the fundamentals of basketball. Each camper participated in full-court games each day as well as practice

drills to sharpen the new skills they were learning.

Calvin Murphy, a basketball player for the Houston (Tex.) Rockets, also spoke to the boys, on dribbling and ball handling, the third day of the camp.

Three regions

Coming from three YOU regions (Southeast, South Central and Mountain), about 30 of the boys had been given scholarships by YOU to come here.

Mr. Sharman was pleased with the way the camp went. "We hope to keep coming back each year," he said. He enjoys working with the younger basketball players. "It's fun to watch them as they progress through their careers."

Dan Yocum was impressed with the YOU boys. "We have some very fine lads here," he said. "I've worked many, many camps before, and these are the most polite kids, all very respectful of their coaches and fellow campers."

Larry Sorrells of New London, Tex., head basketball coach at West Rusk High School there, thinks the camp is "a good thing" for budding athletes. Ken Tate, YOU coordinator and basketball coach for the Harrison, Ark., church, was also one of the coaches for the camp and brought

YOU member Wayne Holmes, 18, from Harrison down for the clinic.

"I think it's a big benefit," Mr. Tate said. "I've watched Wayne improve already. There's so many things you're able to go over in the short period of time that you're here." He said the clinic also helped him in gaining practical experience in dealing with the boys.

Most of all, though, the campers benefited from the camp.

Mike Taylor, 18, of Nashville, Tenn., came to the camp so he could learn the basics and "pass it on to the younger ones back home."

Raynard Eddings, 15, of Denver, Colo., said playing on a team made up of boys with varied backgrounds in basketball is good because "you have to learn to work with the skills they each have."

Camp casualty

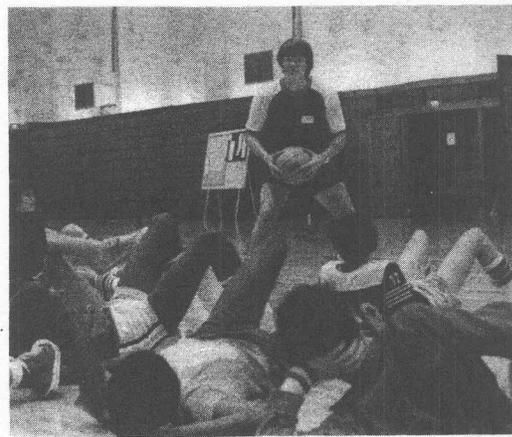
Even a basketball camp can have casualties, as there was the fourth day of the camp when 17-year-old Rand McMillian of Atlanta, Ga., broke his left arm while trying to dunk the ball and lost his balance. In spite of his mishap, he attended the last days of the clinic as an observer.

At the end of the week, awards were given to the two best players on each of the 10 teams and to the star of the camp, Roylin Bond, 16, of

Macon, Ga. Roylin also won the award for the highest number of successful free throws in competition. He practices his skills three hours a day on an asphalt court near his home and has played on his church's YOU team for three years.

Two more camps are to be con-

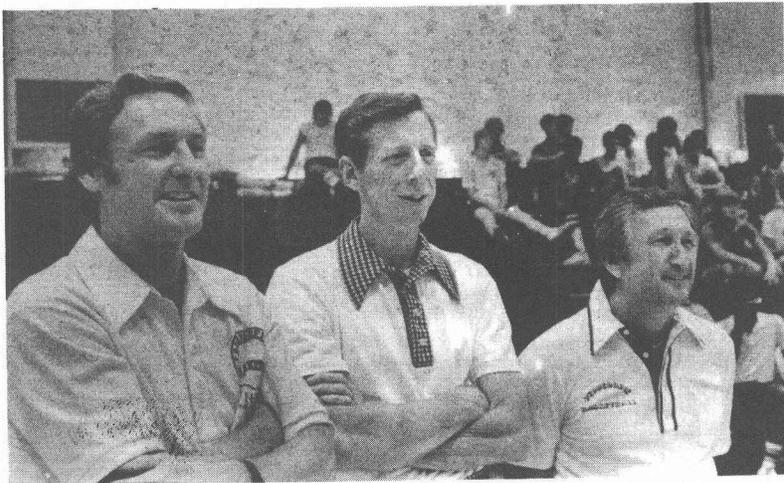
ducted by Mr. Sharman, one in Orr, Minn., July 10 to 15, and the other in Pasadena, Aug. 7 to 12. A one-day clinic is also planned by YOU for July 3 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to be conducted by Dan Yocum and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, a player for the Lakers.



HUSTLE — Campers learn some fundamental skills from their coach in a morning session. [Photo by Sherry L. Marsh]



TIME OUT — Clockwise from above: A coach lectures his team on game strategy; players go up to prevent a score during a game; camp coach Bill Sharman, left, Jim Petty, center and Dan Yocum watch a game; Roylin Bond of Macon, Ga., who set the camp's free-throw record, releases the ball for another completed free shot. [Photos by Sherry L. Marsh and John Wright]



Just what is our mission?

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PHYSICAL UNIVERSE was created at the same time as our earth — including our sun and surrounding planets, our galaxy, of which our solar system is only a small part, and unknown other galaxies, with countless planets like our earth, but of varying sizes.

The angels shouted for joy because it was to be their habitation. The Hebrew in Genesis 1:1 implies a perfect creation — as stated in Genesis 1:31. Yet it, in a sense, was not yet perfected or completed, because it contained many physical properties which God expected the angels to utilize in improving, adding much to it, making it more beautiful. In other words, the angels were put here to develop the earth — as if to go on and COMPLETE its creation by utilizing the properties and elements it contained.

Character not instantly created

At this point one VITAL fact needs to be explained. It is IMPOSSIBLE to create beings possessing perfect CHARACTER instantaneously by fiat. God created the angels with minds, of somewhat lesser capacity than His, yet probably superior to the natural mind of MAN.

To accomplish the PURPOSE for which they were put here, it was necessary that they work TOGETHER in perfect HARMONY. God had already designed and laid before them His MASTER PLAN for what they were expected to accomplish on earth.

But one NECESSARY ingredient was GOVERNMENT over them — the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God's government, like ALL government, is based on a basic constitution — with BASIC LAWS. God's GOVERNMENT was A WAY OF LIFE. That way was defined and administered by HIS LAWS — and God's spiritual LAW is simply a BASIC WAY OF LIFE, the way that produces PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY. It is the way of COOPERATION, all working together in HARMONY, all pulling together, carrying out the MASTER PLAN given them.

This WAY OF LIFE that is GOD'S LAW — the BASIS of HIS GOVERNMENT — is also THE WAY of perfect, righteous, holy CHARACTER.

And perfect, righteous and holy CHARACTER — as stated above — CANNOT be automatically created or instilled in any created being all at once by fiat. That would make the created being like a machine with no mind to guide its direction or performance — like an automaton. That simply could not BE character. Character — either good or bad — must be DEVELOPED, with the one in whom it is being developed having MIND to think, reason, make decisions, take choices.

Perfect, righteous and holy CHARACTER must come FROM GOD — for He, alone, possesses it. Yet it must come by the CHOICE, DESIRE, EFFORT of the one in whom it is instilled.

So what happened? God created angel beings with MINDS, capable of powers of thought, reasoning, decision making, making choices, plus their own determined effort to resist every alternative WAY and to actively seek GOD'S WAY, or God's perfect, righteous and holy CHARACTER.

So God revealed to them HIS WAY — HIS LAWS, upon which GOD'S GOVERNMENT WAS BASED. The angels had POWER to think, reason and decide to accept or reject that WAY and in rejecting follow a WAY of their own.

To administer this GOVERNMENT OF GOD, the ETERNAL SET on the THRONE OF THE EARTH a *superarchangel* — a cherub — of greater mind and powers than ordinary angels — powers so GREAT that they were next under the supernatural

powers of God Himself.

As long as the angels were ruled by the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — submissive to it — this earth was FILLED with PEACE, HAPPINESS, JOY and productive accomplishment.

Chose opposite way

BUT probably they were influenced and led by the archangel LUCIFER on the throne. Lucifer, after thinking, reasoning, weighing comparative results and consequences, CHOSE THE VERY OPPOSITE WAY OF LIFE — vanity instead of humility, obedience, praise and worship of God; lust and greed, the way of GET (instead of LOVE, which is outgoing — not incoming), the way of envy and jealousy — of competition, leading to strife, violence and DESTRUCTION, the way of REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY.

Thus this superegg LUCIFER rejected the GOVERNMENT OF GOD. This disqualified him as earth's RULER.

But, remember, God the CREATOR (*Elohim* — more than one Person — and at THAT TIME consisting of the WORD and GOD, in perfect harmony, but with God superior and supreme in authority) is IN POWER over all His creation.

Lucifer had defied this SUPREME POWER. Perhaps he reasoned that, although God, being his CREATOR, was superior to *him*, yet, by marshaling ALL HIS ANGELS (one third of all angels created) all together in an attacking MILITARY FORCE, they could unilaterally overpower God. They swooped in the first aggressor invasion up to heaven to thrust God off the THRONE OF THE UNIVERSE.

But of course God's POWER is supreme, and they were cast back down to earth — Lucifer now DISQUALIFIED and his name changed to SATAN the DEVIL, and the angels now DEMONS.

Supreme crisis

This brought a SUPREME CRISIS in the universe!

The VERY FACT that character (good or evil) can be formed in one only as a result of the reasoning and decision of that one left God with this crisis problem: God (*Elohim* — ONE God consisting of MORE than one Person) to create more angels ran the risk of a repetition of the earthwide debacle that Lucifer produced.

Actually what has never been revealed to the world (yet is plainly stated in the Bible) is that the awesome POTENTIAL of Lucifer and the angels was to finish this creation and beautifying of ALL THE MYRIADS OF PLANETS IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE! To accomplish this SUPREME, ultimate PURPOSE of God required millions of such spirit beings that could be absolutely *relied upon NEVER* to deviate from the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — or God's WAY of peace, harmony, obedience.

Lucifer's rebellion left GOD as the ONLY Being who would NEVER deviate from THE WAY — and the ONLY WAY — that could accomplish the grand and awesome PURPOSE.

At that time only the TWO Personages constituted GOD. It was *like* being the GOD FAMILY. So in effect God must have said, "We, alone, are left now as the ONLY Ones that can be *unilaterally relied upon* to proceed with the grand UNIVERSE project of COMPLETING THE CREATION. And THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH OF US."

God decided to REPRODUCE HIMSELF!

At this point, REMEMBER, the angels' CREATION could not be completed UNTIL their CHARACTER, good or evil, had been instilled within them, and *that* by THEIR OWN FREEDOM OF THOUGHT and DECISION.

But remember this VITAL FACT: SPIRIT does NOT CHANGE. SPIRIT is

eternally the same. Once their creation was COMPLETED by their own volition and freedom of thought, they were COMPLETED SPIRIT BEINGS. They can NEVER CHANGE. They are immortal. They must remain in existence as Satan and demons FOREVER.

Foresaw the possibility

We may be sure that God definitely FORESAW the possibility of the angels sinning (II Peter 2:4) and therefore had originally, even before the creation of MATTER — the PHYSICAL UNIVERSE — worked out what airplane designers today call a "fail-safe plan," an alternative to take over if an original system fails.

THAT IS WHY GOD CREATED MATTER. Matter is lesser than spirit — but matter not only contains numerous properties capable of fantastic, unbelievable development, but C A N change. In fact, matter is constantly CHANGING.

And so now, as we read in Psalm 104:30: "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth."

So in six days GOD RENEWED the face of the earth — FOR MAN!

Great physical damage had been wreaked on the earth, caused by the angelic rebellion.

And NOT ONLY to the earth. Remember, this earth was only the PROVING GROUND for the angels. Had they utilized the properties in the matter of the earth as God designed and assigned to them, they would then have been sent to other planets — Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Venus — and the planets of other systems surrounding other suns in our galaxy, and utilized the properties in matter there to complete the beautifying and whatever other PURPOSES God had

preplanned to be done to COMPLETE the creation of these planets until the ENTIRE LIMITLESS UNIVERSE was COMPLETED!

But what did they do to this earth? They polluted the waters, the soil and the air. (And, getting ahead of ourselves, what has MANDONE to the earth since it was turned over to MAN?)

But the sin of the angels did much more than that. A proper translation of Genesis 1:2 shows that after original creation — at which the angels SHOUTED FOR JOY (Job 38:1-7) — the earth had become ("was" then) in a state of decay, chaos, waste and empty, and ocean waters covered the entire surface. Light had been turned to take over if an original system fails. Satan continues today to turn the light of God's TRUTH into the darkness of error, fables (accepted in higher education as fact) and confusion.

Now God was ready to REPRODUCE HIMSELF by creating MAN "in His own image and likeness" — form and shape — to give MAN a MIND like God's and the angels', only slightly inferior and able (without God's Spirit) to comprehend PHYSICAL knowledge — things he could see, hear, smell, taste or feel.

If man, a free moral agent, as were the angels, rebelled also against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, man could be CHANGED, as *matter can change*. And God had worked out a plan of redemption so that sinning MAN could be forgiven, receive God's Spirit and go on acquiring, at his own volition with God's help, a holy, righteous, perfect CHARACTER, *overcoming* Satan and his ways.

Then, through Christ, such man could be reconciled to GOD, brought into direct CONTACT with God, given God's Holy Spirit — "GOD life").

Big Sandy faculty member dies

BIG SANDY — A faculty member on the Ambassador College campus here, who also served as manager of the college's Computer Services Department, has lost a long battle with cancer.

Richard Edwin Dickerson, 34, who taught at the college for nine years, died June 29 in a nearby hospital. Mr. Dickerson is survived by his wife, Karen, and three daughters, Elizabeth, 9, Amy, 7, and Kari Lynn, 4. He is also survived by his father, Edwin, of New Braunfels, Tex., and two brothers, Charles, pastor of the Midland, Tex., church and John, of Lone Jack, Mo.

Mr. Dickerson worked in Computer Services since the department's inception, originally assisting Benjamin Chapman, the department's first head. When Mr. Chapman was transferred to Pasadena in 1973, Mr. Dickerson assumed full responsibility for the department.

He was also known to many Church members through his role as business manager at Festival sites, including those at Salt Lake City, Utah, Penticton, B.C., and Jekyll Island, Ga., from 1971 to 1975.

Texas native

Mr. Dickerson was born in August, 1942, at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex. Since his father was in the Air Force, his family traveled extensively during his youth. They lived in cities as far removed as London, England, and Roswell, N.M.; the longest he lived in one house while growing up was three years.

Mr. Dickerson graduated from American High School in St. John's, Nfld. He was president of the student

body and valedictorian of his graduating class.

After graduation he was interested in chemical engineering, so he attended the University of Nebraska at Omaha for 2½ years. Then he entered Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos for one semester and ended up at the University of Texas in Austin. He received a bachelor-of-arts degree in mathematics and computer science from the University of Texas. While at the Austin campus, he also worked in the computer center.

England and Canada

The Dickerson family had listened to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast even when they lived in England and Canada and eventually began attend-



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and, ultimately by a resurrection made possible by CHRIST, CHANGED from mortal to IMMORTAL. And, being made immortal — then composed of SPIRIT, begotten and born of GOD — he would enter the GOD FAMILY. God would have reproduced Himself!

Man's awesome potential

Man's true, fantastic, seemingly IMPOSSIBLE, AWESOME potential is then, in the GOD FAMILY, to go on and complete the GRAND PURPOSE OF GOD — complete the planets of the UNIVERSE — creating more and more planets, solar systems, galaxies, time without end!

BUT MAN chose to reject the GOVERNMENT OF GOD — MAN cut himself off from contact with God. And God adopted a 7,000-year MASTER PLAN in which the first 6,000 years God kept hands off, allowing man to be swayed by Satan — establishing HIS OWN governments, HIS OWN religions, HIS OWN systems of education, commerce and industry and his own SOCIETY — going the way of SATAN: vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition and strife and violence, rebellion against authority.

This ends PART I. Part II, next issue, will give you the heretofore untold and unrevealed story of MAN — to what extent GOD has intervened and the beginning of the seventh thousand years, beginning in our generation, when the government of GOD will be restored. Satan will be removed and bound, and we shall have WORLD PEACE, HAPPINESS and JOY with ABUNDANCE FOR ALL.

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ing the Worldwide Church of God in San Antonio.

In 1966 Mr. Dickerson entered Ambassador College, Big Sandy, and was baptized the same year.

He and his wife, the former Karen Roufs, both came to Big Sandy in 1965. Karen had been born and reared in Minneapolis, Minn. She attended St. Cloud State College in Minnesota for two years before transferring here.

The Dickersons were married the summer of 1967, before their senior year.

Mr. Dickerson earned his second bachelor-of-arts degree in theology, and his wife continued attending classes full time for one semester, graduating finally in 1975.

Mrs. Dickerson's brother, Robert, is pastor of the Brainerd and Grand Rapids, Minn., churches.

Developed computer major

Mr. Dickerson, who was fond of hunting, fishing and backpacking, received his master's degree in computer science from East Texas State University in 1975 and had headed the Computer Science Department the past two years. He also held the certificate in data processing (CDP). During his teaching career Mr. Dickerson had taught many of the courses offered by the college in computer science and was largely responsible for developing the computer-science major on the Texas campus and Big Sandy's computerized registration system.

Evangelist Ronald Kelly officiated at Mr. Dickerson's funeral and burial July 1 in Gladewater, Tex.

Mrs. Dickerson's address: Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

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