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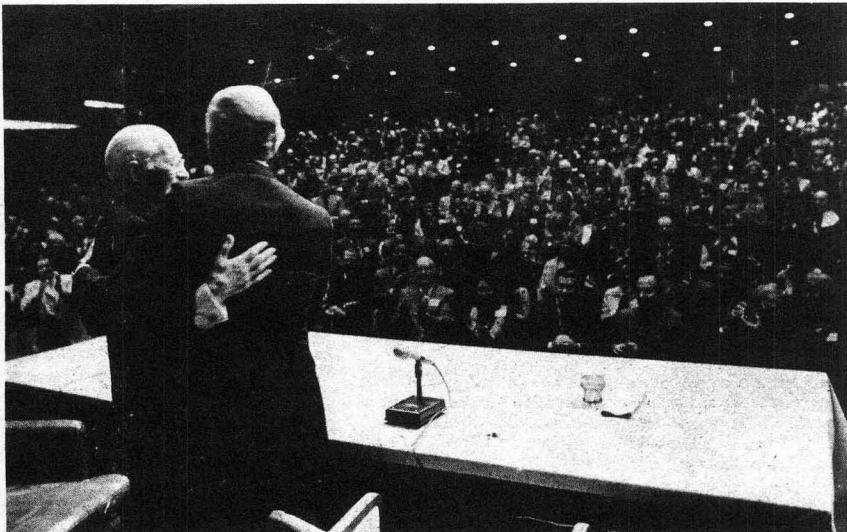
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"WELL, GREETINGS, EVERYBODY" — Herbert W. Armstrong, left, greets the more than 1,000 ministers and their wives from around the world as they gather in the Ambassador Auditorium to hear the 85-year-old pastor general open the largest meeting of ministers ever convened by the Worldwide Church of God. At right, Mr. Armstrong embraces his son while ministers give him a standing ovation. The Jan. 4 appearance of Mr. Armstrong is his first general appearance since being sidelined by illness last August. [Photos by Ken Evans and Klaus Rothe]

Mr. Armstrong back, greets ministers

PASADENA — Herbert W. Armstrong received a standing ovation Jan. 4 from those attending the opening session of the 1978 ministerial conference as he and his son walked onstage in the Ambassador Auditorium to open the largest meeting of ministers ever conducted by the Worldwide Church of God.

As ministers and their wives from around the world stood applauding, the two men hugged each other. Moments later the senior Mr. Armstrong opened the first session of the eight-day conference with his family,

A complete transcript of Herbert W. Armstrong's opening remarks at the 1978 conference appears on page 3 of this issue.

iar, "Well, greetings, everybody."

He told the more than 1,000 ministers and wives he was there to "give account" of the condition of his health and to assure them of his "extraordinary progress" toward com-

plete recovery.

He spoke for about 20 minutes before having his son conduct the remainder of the session, though he remained onstage, occasionally commenting, for another hour before leaving. He told the ministers he "just had to be with" them and that he would be with them "either in person or in spirit throughout the remainder of this conference."

Stanley Rader, vice president for financial affairs, also spoke during the opening session, for about nine minutes, during which he called for

unity and a spirit of cooperation within the Work.

Mr. Armstrong returned to his Tucson, Ariz., home Jan. 4 aboard the Church's Grumman Gulfstream II jet. Garner Ted said he and his father stayed in telephone contact during the remainder of the conference and that he would again visit his father after the conference.

GTA conducts most sessions

Garner Ted Armstrong conducted five of the remainder six plenary sessions, which also took place in the Auditorium and were open to all attending the conference and to selected unordained Ambassador College and Church staffers.

There were two plenary sessions the first day of the conference, Jan. 4, and one each of the remaining days, except on the Sabbath of Jan. 7. The sessions usually lasted 2½ to three hours each.

Others involved in the plenary ses-

sions included Art Linkletter, author and television personality; Robert Kuhn, assistant to Garner Ted Armstrong, and Ronald Dart, vice presi-

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TIME BUYER — Dick Janik tells ministers of plans to place the broadcasts on the best stations. [Photo by Roland Rees]

Media agent tells plans

PASADENA — Thirteen people will be assigned full time to buy radio and television time for the Work's broadcasts in the United States beginning March 31, a representative of a media-time-buying firm told ministers here Jan. 9.

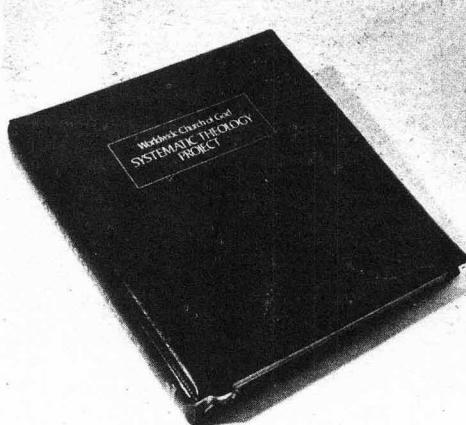
Dick Janik, a partner of Ed Libov Associates, Inc., the Work's new agent for broadcasting time, said his company will "be your agency of record effective March 31. However, in the meantime we are preparing plans for what we are going to launch ministers here Jan. 9."

His company has offices in New York, Chicago and Los Angeles, employs about 150 people and handles accounts worth \$800 million annually.

The large volume of business his firm does, he said, is significant because it is with "that strength of those dollars that we go to radio and television stations."

The company is "assigning 13 people full time to the account. Seven of these people are what we call flying ambassadors. All they do

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CHURCH'S DOCTRINES — Ministers were given this loose-leaf notebook containing the results of the Systematic Theology Project, which is a compilation of many of the Church's doctrines. [Photo by Roland Rees]

A Personal Letter

from
Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS! As you will read throughout this issue, we have just completed the largest international ministerial conference in our history. And, though I know we as a Church are given to superlatives and even hypersuperlatives, I am nevertheless sure that everyone thought this was the finest conference ever!

One of the most dramatic moments was of course the opening of the conference, when my father was able to walk out onto the platform with me, receive a tearful, enthusiastic, standing ovation from all the assembled pastors and their wives and take the first part of the opening session, both with extemporaneous remarks and material from a prepared script.

My father had been wrestling with an intestinal problem and did not wish to tire himself by remaining throughout the first session, so, after having been on the platform for nearly an hour, he decided to go to his home and listen to the remainder over the intercom system.

Feeling it was not necessary for him to take several other plenary sessions and unduly tire himself, he decided to return to his home in Tucson to continue his recuperative process.

Of course we were in telephone contact with him several times during the conference, and I expect to be visiting him in a very few days.

I was particularly thankful that several of our leading men from overseas and an area coordinator or two were able to stop by and visit Mr. Armstrong at his home in Tucson following the conference.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

11 years since

After reading the letter titled "I'm Sorry" in the Dec. 5 issue, I couldn't hold back my tears, and it has been 11 years since our last tragedy. Oh, how true and beautifully put. I too know the feeling, having lost not one but two beautiful girls two years apart.

God bless you, Wende Bassett, wherever you are!

Vera R. Plowde
Deer Park, N.Y.

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Major has last word

Correction:
The final word of the story "Major Is Missing" was omitted when it appeared in *The Worldwide News* Dec. 19.

So, young readers, please get out your pencils and write "WOORE!" in quotes and capitals at the bottom of the last column.

Major had a final last word — of joy.
Shirley King Johnson
Lincoln, Neb.

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Seminar question

The article headlined "Alcoholism a Disease" (WN, Nov. 21, page 16) covered a church service and Sabbath seminar conducted by Worldwide Church of God (WCG) minister Dale Hampton on the subject of alcoholism.

If the report accurately reflects Mr. Hampton's approach, it contains some very disturbing ideas.

The central point of the article — highlighted by the headline — appears to be the third last paragraph: "Mr. Hampton emphasized that alcoholism is a disease and that as such it is not related to willpower or character; the alcoholic cannot control the disease."

The Bible has a lot to say about excessive use of alcohol ("alcoholism" being merely a modern term for regular excessive use), and all of it seems to run contrary to the idea that it is a "disease . . . not related to willpower or character."

For example, Galatians 5:21 and Romans 13:13 give the distinct impression that God sees excessive use of alcohol — intermittent or habitual — in the same light as He sees adultery, lust, hatred and idolatry. So, if we are going to accept the view that alcoholism is a disease "not related to willpower or character," then — to be consistent — we must see hatred and adultery, for example, in the same light. The ramifications are far-reaching.

Jeff Moss
Sydney, Australia



FIRST APPEARANCE — Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong preside at the first meeting of the international ministers' conference Jan. 4 in the Ambassador Auditorium. The session marked the first general appearance by the senior Armstrong since he became ill in August. [Photo by Roland Rees]

document, it will only be those portions where official Church doctrine far more closely matches commonly accepted Church practice; i.e., that any person who goes to a professional to seek help in physical matters, or a person who has an operation, is not considered by the Church a second-class Christian and is not judged by his brothers and sisters in the Church as "lacking faith" or being inferior in any way to those who choose a separate but still physical means such as vitamins, supplements, diets or the like in order to treat disease.

Actually the most important segments of the document deal with the really central doctrinal truth God has revealed during this age; i.e., the Godhead, who and what is man, the plan of salvation, the spirit in man, baptism, the Holy Spirit, just what is a Christian, the law of God, the Sabbath and annual Sabbaths, tithing and other important doctrinal principles.

Loose-leaf doctrines?

I jestingly remarked upon introducing the Systematic Theology Project that all the men and their wives would notice it was contained in a loose-leaf notebook! This brought a chuckle rippling through the Auditorium, but of course I meant this to imply that as God continually gives us additional insight, perspective and spiritual maturity, I am sure there will be additional information and new truths added as the years go by.

As God tells each one of us, individually, "grow in the grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ," so the Church, made up of many individual members who are all commanded to grow in grace and knowledge must itself, as a collective body, be continually growing in grace and knowledge!

The Systematic Theology Project is not a compilation of radically new or different material; it does not represent some hard and fast doctrinal statement to provide the basis for disagreements, wrangling and demanded alterations in the future.

It is the longest, most scholarly and most clearly stated definition of the mainstream doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God ever to be compiled.

As such, more than 90 percent of the material is not new, and none of it is new to the broad majority of the ministers and many of the lay members.

If there is anything new in the

Duties continued

Of course even during the conference I was required to keep up with the demands of radio and television as well as many other executive duties which kept crowding in on my time. So, even though it was an inspiring, rewarding and fulfilling conference in every way, I believe everyone felt we had accomplished all we could in the time allotted and that the days were terribly busy and packed with meetings, seminars and lectures and other special events, so I am sure all the men were glad to be able to return to their families and as a collective body, be continually growing in grace and knowledge!

As soon as I receive a final report from our new advertising agency, Ed Libov Associates, Inc., I will be back on the air with a full half-hour radio program, live! I am sure the ministers were very much enthusiastic over Dick Janik's remarks (Mr. Janik is a partner in the firm) made during one of the general plenary sessions, in which he outlined the plan of attack his agency will use in striving to obtain additional markets or to upgrade existing markets for the Church.

Mr. Janik mentioned he is working on the concept I had explained to you at least twice earlier, and that I've had in mind for many, many years, of putting together our own small network, gradually enlarging it until we have a network covering the entire Pacific Coast, perhaps later reaching

into the Mountain or Midwestern states, and — who knows? — maybe eventually going national.

Mr. Janik mentioned this concept to the men and received enthusiastic response.

Hold up our hands

That's about it for now. I did urge all the men there to call upon all of you brethren to help hold up our hands, particularly during these deep months of winter and the early months of spring when we have almost always a slump in income and a resulting cash-flow crunch.

Mr. Ray Wright, our business manager, spoke very succinctly to the men on the problems of the financial department and spelled out the force inflation exerts in the Work when he said that, because of inflation driving the costs upward in almost every area, such as energy, taxes, insurance, salaries and the like, we need to find another \$4 million to \$5 million in additional income every single year!

Of course, as Mr. Wright explained, there's only one way to "find" that additional income: either through the combination of all of God's people worldwide increasing their own gifts to the Church by a 4 to 5 percent figure, or by having to continually find methods of cutting back in areas which are increasingly limited, where options are increasingly fewer and where such cutbacks begin to hack away at the very vital of the first commission itself.

With this reminder, I hope you, brethren will be holding up our hands especially in these coming months and that you will bear down particularly in prayer that God will open the minds of additional thousands to join with us in sharing the load of this great Work.

Until next time . . .

With love, in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Correction

A misleading statement appeared in the article "Correspondence Course Editor Wants to Teach All a Lesson or 12," which appeared in *The Worldwide News* Jan. 2. A sentence that read, "In one particularly good year some 8,000 to 10,000 people were being added to the mailing list of the course," should have read, "In one particularly good year some 8,000 to 10,000 people were being added every month to the mailing list of the course..."

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Herbert W. Armstrong's conference address

PASADENA — The following is the transcript of the address given by Herbert W. Armstrong in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 4 to the ministers assembled for the international ministerial conference. The speech marked the first general appearance by Mr. Armstrong since he became ill in August.

Well, greetings, everybody. Just in case you thought I was dead or going to be — and probably I was, but I'm not now — I'm here to give account.

And, for one thing, I see this Auditorium filled with ministers and their wives. Many of you have been graduated in the last few years and I haven't even had the chance to become acquainted with you. And many of you I have taught even in my own classes in the earlier years of the college. It's just wonderful to see all here.

Now, there's one thing that probably you would like, and I would, and that would be to shake hands with all of you. I think you will understand that I can't do that.

And I wanted to give you an account



minute and a half, though, that it was touch and go, because then I'd lapse back and quit breathing. And after about a minute and a half I was breathing enough on my own, and I've continued since, and I hope the rest of the life that God wants for me on earth.

Now, when I first had realized that, and had not skilled nurses been

and I've been staying down at Tucson since, but I used to take a morning walk around over the campus. I would always remark about the beauty and what a wonderful thing that God had given this kind of beauty, not only that I could enjoy but share it with thousands of others.

But I didn't say, "Look what I have done," because I hadn't done

indirectly, you and your members that you serve in your various locations, directly or indirectly you are my children in Christ. But I am responsible to God for your performance, as well as my own. And, while I think we haven't done as good a job as I would liked to have in feeding the flock and supplying you with ministers, I remind you that the only reason this college was started was to educate an educated ministry. And perhaps we haven't done as well as it might have been done, in the building of the college, but we have tried.

Now, aside from academic excellence, about a year or so ago, maybe a year or year and a half, we were twice, two years in succession, given the award of being the most beautiful, the best landscaped and the best-maintained campus in the United States of America.

Now, I've been used in that and that's one thing I'm not a bit ashamed of, but that's just a physical thing. But we're living in a physical, material world.

So God has made me His apostle, and He's seen fit to choose only one



of my own condition and just tell you where we are at the moment. But I have to say that in the last four or five days, due to the fact that over the weekend just before that our house was filled with extra guests, including about four children growing up, and that may be the reason, because there were a lot of flu and a lot of colds going around, and I tried to keep separate, but that's pretty hard in the same house.

And so I have had an intestinal disturbance that has at least sapped half of my strength. I won't say any more, but I'm coming to you this morning under those conditions. So I hope you will understand and bear with me. Otherwise I would have been twice as strong.

Now, first, I want to say a few words about my illness. Last August I was scripturally dead. The doctor called it heart failure. When I first realized what had happened, that my heart and breath had both stopped, I will say here what has come to me, because I don't remember a bit of it. But the nurse who was in charge has told me that she came in and saw that my face was ashen white, and immediately she took my pulse and

present to administer instant mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage. I tell you that so far as I was personally concerned, well, without that I wouldn't be here today. I was not legally dead, so don't any of you try to bring any lawsuits that Mr. Armstrong died, because I didn't. But in that sense, not legally.

But according to the Bible the blood thereof is the life thereof, and the breath is called the breath of life. So the life resides in the blood and the breathing. So, so far as I'm personally concerned, I felt shortly after they'd told me what had happened that if my work in God's hands were finished and God didn't have any further use for me in His Work, that I would rather have remained dead. Because if they just left me alone I would have been buried in two or three days under the ground.

But I realize that God had shown me by two miracles something. No. 1, He restored my life when I was already past 85 years of age. And this was very shortly, as a matter of fact about 20 days, after my 85th birthday.

And, second, neither I nor my nurses had ever heard of anyone of

anything. This is the Work of the living Jesus Christ, and He alone has done the Work, but He has used me as an instrument. But Christ actually did it all.

And this is not the work of a man, it's the Work of Christ. But He did it through me as His chosen instrument. He made me His sole apostle on earth for this time.

Now, there's another thing: God has never thrown an apostle aside during his lifetime. Even though Solomon went to false gods and women and certainly was headed in the wrong direction, God didn't take his throne away from him. And God has always used one man at the helm of His Work.

Now, medical opinion was that it would be many months, eight or 10, before I would be fully back in harness. It has been just barely over four months so far. I would like to remind you of that and that I know the medical authorities all say that I'm making extraordinary progress. Well, I think you know why.

Now, again, this is the Work of the living God, through Christ. It is not the work of man. We must never forget this. It would be a tendency to think that this is just something that I started and began to think about what all of us ought to do. No, this is what God started, and God through Christ is going to determine what happens in this Church and in this Work.

Jesus Christ heads this Work, and I work as His instrument through and for Him. Now, you are directly or

"So I must remind you again that everything we do or try to do must further the fulfillment of the great commission, which is . . . to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world as a witness . . ."

there wasn't any. Then she clamped on a blood-pressure [instrument] immediately, and there was no blood pressure of any kind.

So the blood, while it was still in my veins, was not circulating, at least not to even show one point on the blood-pressure instrument.

So then they started working over me, and I think Ted anointed me. And my wife's sister was there, and just because she feared something like this my wife had kept her sister there, because she was experienced in first aid and things of that kind, and she and the nurse used mouth resuscitation and heart massage until they got me breathing.

Now, the nurse's estimate from the time she had noticed this until I began taking the first breath was at least 30 seconds. She said it was a

like age being restored by the process that I was without almost complete loss of mind, their brain virtually a vegetable. And I was restored with my mind just as intact as it ever was.

Back at conversion over 50 years ago, I gave my life to Jesus Christ. I had come to the place 50 years ago that I figured I was — I called it then — a burned-out hunk of junk that wasn't even fit to throw on the junk pile. And I said to Jesus Christ, "If You can use this worthless life, I'm giving it to You, and my life is not my own from here on."

Well, I think you know whether or not He took me at my word and whether He has used that life.

Now, I have never claimed that I had built any part of this campus or of the Work. I take a walk every morning, as I used to before this attack,

apostle at this time. I was chosen and appointed by Jesus Christ. I am not retired. I have no intention of retiring. I know that God brought me back because He was not through with me as yet. I am making a sure and a sound recovery, and I am not dead.

The day-by-day administration and the execution of policy decided by me has been delegated by me to my son, Garner Ted Armstrong.

And let me just pause and say a few words right here that Ted and I have said many times: As long as we stand together, we have used the expression "back to back," maybe face to face also, enemies cannot de-

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stroy this Work, as long as we are back to back with Christ and in Christ. Because, remember, this is His Work, and anyone that seeks to destroy this Work is trying to injure what is of God and is directed by Him.

But I'm very thankful that I have been able through these years to have a son who is now matured and to whom I've been able to delegate all

of the executive, the administrative offices clear up to everything except the uppermost, top decisions, and that I always take up with him before I make a decision, so that we stay together. I just wanted to make that little statement.

I've often thought that one evidence this is the Church of the living God is the fact that in the rulership and the government of God of the universe it is run by a Father and a Son. There is God the Father and Christ the Son.

And God the Father has delegated to Christ all the administrative affairs. But it is God the Father who makes the final decision.

Now, that's exactly what He has put in His Church. I tell you, that's just one more thing you can add as a proof that this is the living Church of the living God.

So I must remind you again that everything we do or try to do must further the fulfillment of the great commission, which is — now, this is what is the great commission that

"And I said to Jesus Christ, 'If You can use this worthless life, I'm giving it to You, and my life is not my own from here on.'"

Christ called me to 50 years ago — to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world as a witness, for a witness, to all nations, not necessarily preaching it in all nations, but for a witness to all nations, by television, the printed word and by the personal evangelism, and also to feed the flock.

Now, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is not man's message about Christ. The

"Just in case you thought I was dead or going to be . . . I'm here to give account."

Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Gospel He brought and preached, which was the Kingdom of God. And the Gospel had not been preached on this earth for 18½ centuries when God opened my eyes to it. And I first began preaching it in October of 1926 — yes, I guess it was 1926.

Everything must be judged in the light of this great commission, and whatever does not further its fulfillment must be modified and proved or jettisoned. Whatever is too costly must be similarly treated. With this in mind, in the forefront of our minds, we have other problems, some of them more or less weighty problems on our mind today, and I will just say that my son, Garner Ted, is collecting a mass of data and of facts, and after I have seen them there will be some important decisions to be made, and which will be announced at the appropriate time.

Now, as I said, I should be twice as strong as I am today, but when a thing hits you like this, physically, I just had to be here with you nevertheless, and I will be with you either in person or in spirit throughout the remainder of this conference. And I just want to say, still, that as long as my son, Garner Ted, and I are right back to back, this Work has the blessing of Jesus Christ and no enemy can destroy it. Because I love my son above anybody on earth.

So I think I mentioned that I'm going to sneak out the back way to avoid a lot of handshaking because I don't think I have the physical endurance that I would like. I'll just shake hands with all of you this way.

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ings into a "succinct, readable and yet scholarly doctrinal statement."

'Required belief'

He emphasized, however, that the project represents "required belief" for the ministry. It expresses "what we unitedly believe and teach and feel and practice."

Mr. Armstrong said he "edited every word" of the 400-page work, and Herbert W. Armstrong "has approved" and is in "total agreement" with its tenets.

The younger Armstrong said he had felt the need for such a "documented, bound" exposition of Church doctrines for "at least 15 years."

The book will not be generally available to the lay membership of the Church. Instead, Mr. Armstrong instructed ministers to disseminate all of the material, over a period of time, to their congregations via sermons and Bible studies.

Though the book itself will not be distributed to lay members, the information therein is "not secret." Church members "will get it all in living color from you out of the pulpit."

Mr. Armstrong stressed that the project is not finished. As its preface points out, of the more than 30 major doctrinal topics covered, the writers consider only five complete. The rest will be made final and sent to pastors, who will replace the old pages with the revisions as they are written.

Suggestions solicited

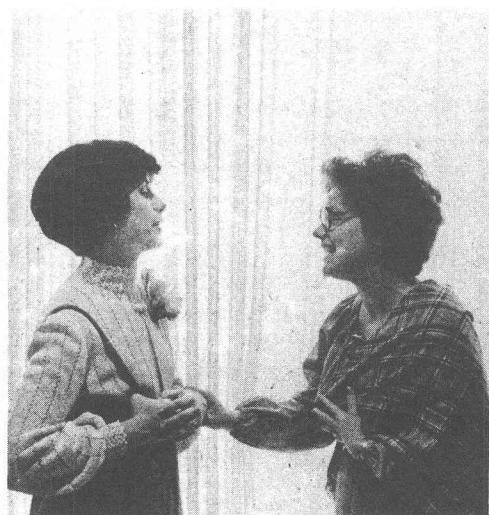
"Please forward, if you would, all desired input that you want upon beginning to read through these various doctrines," Mr. Armstrong told the ministers.

The book, which takes the form of a guideline to the ministry, divides 59 subtopics, including 31 major doctrinal subtopics, into seven general categories: primary doctrines, salvation, the Kingdom of God, the law of God, the Christian, the Church of God, and traditional Christian doctrines.

The project, as states the preface, "expresses our beliefs honestly (and hopefully clearly) in a straightforward manner. This systematic theology is thereby not intended as a challenge or rebuttal to others' beliefs."

Though not final, the writers state in the preface that "these papers are . . . authoritative in their present form (until upgraded and/or revised) and are to be followed as guides in teaching, preaching, and practice by the ministry and Church membership."

The list of subtopics includes: God, the Bible, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind, the angelic realm, salvation, faith, repentance, baptisms, laying on of hands, the Gospel, prophecy, the resurrections, judgment, biblical covenants, the Ten Commandments, the Sabbath and annual Holy Days, tithing and giving, sin, the Christian, the Christian's relationship with God and fellowman, the family, healing, the Church, the ministry, the soul, heaven, hell, the trinity, Sunday, Christmas, Easter, infant baptism, eternal security, universalism, pictures of Christ, and religious titles.



MINISTERS' WIVES — Allie Dart, left, wife of Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, talks with another woman who attended the luncheon for ministers' wives. [Photo by Warren Watson]

Worldwide ministry meets

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dent for pastoral administration.

During the final session Mr. Armstrong was joined by Dr. Kuhn, Mr. Dart and Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division, and Ray Wright, business manager for the Church.

Ralph Helge, an associate of the law firm Rader, Helge & Gearson and member of the Church, spoke briefly during the concluding session.

Ministers also had their choice of more than 30 lecture topics (*The Worldwide News*, Jan. 2), which were presented in smaller groups on Jan. 5, 6 and 8.

Rain plagued conference

Many of the ministers from north-

ern regions of the northern hemisphere were looking forward to a respite from winter storms, freezing rain, snow and ice, only to be subjected to a series of storms which brought rain to usually sunny Southern California for most of the conference. However, despite the rain, moderate temperatures were considered a blessing to at least one Canadian minister who called back to his local area midway during the conference to find it was 100 degrees Fahrenheit warmer here.

However, warmer weather was nothing special for a number of ministers and their wives from the southern hemisphere, especially South Africa, who arrived sporting golden tans.

But, rain or shine, knots of confer-

ence attendees continually gathered to chat, renew old acquaintances or meet new people. A number expressed the thought that one of the greatest values of the conference was the opportunity to fellowship with peers from around the world.

Mealtimes were also prime time to visit as most ministers ate in the Ambassador College student center. While most who came to the conference stayed in private homes, they were free to eat in the student center. Those coming at church expense were provided meal tickets that were paid for by the Church, and others could buy meals at \$1.50 for breakfast and \$2 each for lunch and dinner.

Though the center was almost always noisy and crowded, ministers and their wives literally applauded the food service during the Jan. 6 plenary session.

The Ambassador College student body was host to the conference attendees the night of Jan. 7 as they sponsored the Sabbath evening meal in the student center. A college music group entertained during the meal, which preceded a concert by Les Brown and his Band of Renown held in the Ambassador Auditorium. Complimentary tickets for the concert were available to ministers and their wives.

The morning of Jan. 9 was left free

for visiting various office facilities of the Church and college. Some departments prepared handouts or audio-visual presentations and served coffee for those visiting their departments.

Conference evaluation

On the final day of meetings, those attending were given a "conference evaluation summary," which asked for their impressions of a variety of areas.

Final results of the survey were unavailable at press time, but the WND did process all of the surveys completed and returned by church pastors on Jan. 11.

Of the 187 processed, an overwhelming majority said their transportation was adequate and their housing satisfactory (153 of the number stayed in private homes). A similar majority also found Mr. Linkletter's address profitable and felt there should be more outside speakers such as Mr. Linkletter at future conferences.

Mr. Dart, during the concluding session, commented that it was expensive to bring all church pastors to the meetings, but that it is hard to put a price tag on conferences. He said he thought this year's was "cheap at twice the price," a comment that drew applause.

Earl Roemer, pastor of the churches in Alaska, said the highlight of the conference was the "directional orientation. I think everyone knows where we are headed now."

Andre van Belkum, director for church administration in South Africa, said it was a "tremendous conference. I thought it was very unifying. There was a tremendous amount of camaraderie."

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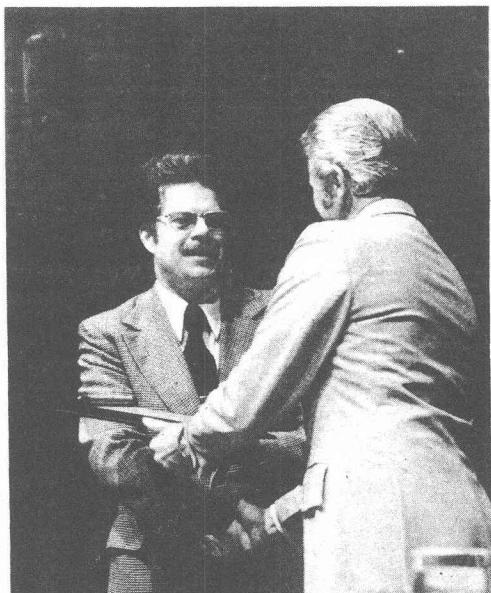
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is fly to every radio and TV station in the United States that you're presently on."

It's better, he said, "to sit across the desk one on one than to send letters, phone calls and so forth. These people will be there representing you, representing the Worldwide Church of God, to ascertain whether or not we're on the right station, whether or not we're on the right time period and also paying the correct price."

Mr. Janik has been in the broadcasting field 18 years. He has been general manager of KTTV television in Los Angeles and KMBC, Kansas City, Mo., and was at one time senior vice president and director of marketing for a savings-and-loan company.

Mr. McNair evangelist 25 years



YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE — Garner Ted Armstrong presents Raymond McNair, left, with a plaque recognizing his "faithful service as an ordained minister and commemorating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the rank of evangelist in the Worldwide Church of God." [Photo by Klaus Rothe]

PASADENA — Raymond F. McNair, one of the first evangelists ordained in this era of God's Church, was honored Jan. 5 during the ministerial conference to commemorate his 25 years as an evangelist.

Garner Ted Armstrong presented Mr. McNair a plaque recognizing his "faithful service as an ordained minister and commemorating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the rank of evangelist in the Worldwide Church of God" in a ceremony during a plenary conference session in the Ambassador Auditorium.

The presentation followed a similar one two weeks before for two other evangelists, Herman Hoeh and Roderick Meredith. Dr. Hoeh and Dr. Meredith were ordained Dec. 20, 1952, and Mr. McNair a few weeks later, on Feb. 7, 1953. (The giving of Mr. McNair's plaque came a few weeks before his actual anniversary to coincide with the conference.)

As Mr. McNair walked off the stage after receiving the honor, Mr. Armstrong said, "There goes an example of loyalty par excellence."

The evangelist, who was born in Independence, Mo., and raised in Camp, Ark., has served as pastor of numerous U.S. and British churches and was director of the Work in Britain from 1958 to 1973. He is now a senior pastor serving the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., area and a senior editor of *The Plain Truth*.

Mrs. McNair is the former Eve Lombard of Linden, N.J.



Art Linkletter tells ministers God only sure answer to drugs

PASADENA — Art Linkletter, author, television personality and crusader against drug abuse, told delegates to the international ministerial conference that "we live in a hurting world," and belief and dependence on God are the only sure answer to the drug problem.

"Americans believe happiness is just a swallow away," Mr. Linkletter, 65, said. "The problem is not drugs but people. Drugs have been around from our earliest beginnings."

Mr. Linkletter, an adopted child of a Baptist preacher, began his crusade against drug abuse after the drug-related suicide of his 19-year-old daughter in 1967. He said the news of her death came "out of the blue" and struck him "like a red-hot dagger into my heart."

Mr. Linkletter, who lectures informally and with few notes, preferring to "speak from the heart," said people take drugs to feel better, and they stop taking drugs when they have something other than drugs to make them feel good. He depicted many drug-help programs as "Band-Aids," saying people must find a way to "get a high" without drugs. "Happiness and the pursuit of happiness are two different things," he said.

"We'll never lick the drug problem with more jails."

Nothing more precious

"None of us as we go through life will ever touch anything more pre-

cious than a young person in trouble.

"You will find no matter what country you're from that drug abuse is there and it is getting worse. You are really the ones I'd rather talk to than anybody else because I can feel that you are dedicated as I am, perhaps for different reasons, but basically dedicated. From this meeting can go out all kinds of good vibes to people who are in need."

"So many of my audiences that I speak to coast to coast are sitting there nodding, and they agree with everything I say. They feel fine about it. Then they leave the hall."

"The minute they leave the hall, they are surrounded by their problems. They're overwhelmed by all the other attractive nuisances of life, and gradually my message just vanishes."

"I feel you are a different kind of group, and that is one of the reasons I wanted to come over. You are already dedicated. This is just one facet, this drug-abuse thing, to add to your armamentarium as you go out to lead people to better lives and to a future they can only have through Christ."

Star for 30 years

Mr. Linkletter has been a television and radio star for more than 30 years and has performed in two of the longest-running shows in broadcasting history: *House Party*, on daytime CBS television and radio five days a week, 52 weeks a year, for 25 years, and *People Are Funny*, on nighttime

NBC television and radio weekly 52 weeks a year for 19 years.

In addition, he has starred in numerous television specials, in two major motion pictures and a half-dozen television dramas.

He has been writing books since 1950, and the list now includes 10, of which *Kids Say the Darndest Things* is best known. It is one of the top 15 best sellers in American publishing history and was No. 1 for two straight years on the nonfiction list.

Seven honorary doctorate degrees from colleges and universities have been awarded Mr. Linkletter for his humanitarian work and interest in youth.

Currently he is on the President's Commission for the United Nations and on the Presidential Commission to Improve Reading in the United States. He is also president of the National Coordinating Council on Drug Abuse Education and Information, Inc., headquartered in Washington, D.C.

A busy, involved businessman with interests in oil, cattle, publishing, home building, land development, ranching in Australia and manufacturing, he also serves on a half-dozen boards of directors.

His chief interest today is his work in the crusade against drug abuse. He writes, speaks and broadcasts from coast to coast in the fight against the drug epidemic threatening America.

GUEST SPEAKER — Art Linkletter, crusader against drug abuse, addresses ministers at the 1978 ministerial conference. [Photo by Klaus Rothe]



Kids keep busy during conference

PASADENA — While ministers and their wives attended conference meetings in the Auditorium and lectures in various classrooms around Ambassador College, some 75 children of the visitors were entertained by about 15 Ambassador College coeds and Pasadena-area members.

Coordinating the effort was Diane Tomich, Ministerial Services Department employee. She concluded

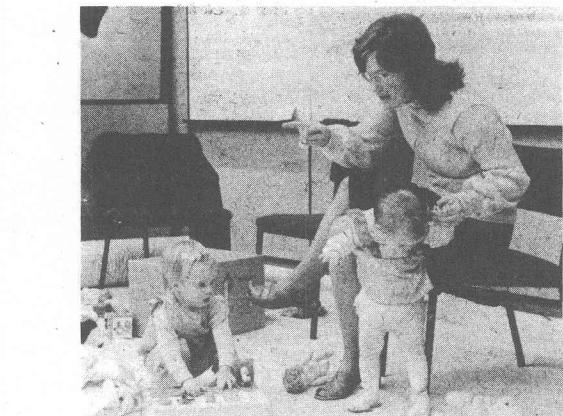
the baby-sitting provided "went very well, especially considering the children had just come from long trips and faced new surroundings."

An area in the lower section of the Auditorium was provided for a nursery room, a preschool room, a mothers' room, a crying room and a room for sleepyheads.

"Once adjusted, the children were excited in coming," said Mrs. To-

mich. The average day started around 8:30 to 9 a.m., at which time most children watched television's *Sesame Street*. After this came craft activities, music, play and reading of stories. When on the few occasions it was raining outside, the group played in the campus grounds. Snacks were also provided, and according to Mrs. Tomich, the kids "all had healthy appetites."

KIDS ARE KIDS — Karen Maranville, left, wife of Lethbridge, Alta., minister Cecil Maranville, watches over some youngsters while, below, baby-sitting supervisor Sheri Williams has her hands full comforting Bret Dobson, 3-year-old son of Lawton, Okla., pastor Joe Dobson and his wife, Pat. [Photos by Klaus Rothe]



Scandinavian 'PTs' hit university newsstands

By Roy Oestensen

OSLO, Norway — Newsstand distribution of *The Plain Truth* magazine has again become available to the Scandinavian Work, almost two years after a similar distribution system had to be canceled for financial reasons.

The new program is different from the old, however, in that the Work does not have to pay for the news-

*The writer, a Church member and a student at Oslo University, is actively involved in newsstand distribution of *The Plain Truth*.*

stand service, which has been set up at 12 Scandinavian universities.

Early in 1976 the Scandinavian branch of God's Work had to cancel its newsstand program in Norway, Finland and Sweden. The Danish program had been stopped a year earlier. Response had dropped off, and the heavy costs of payments for distribution to each newsstand and kiosk for every copy of *The Plain Truth* handled could no longer be justified.

The new program is making it possible for the magazine to reach a readership with excellent understanding of the English language: university students, who were already well represented on the mailing list.

Student's suggestion

Olav Johansen, a teacher from Norway, has just moved to Oslo to begin studies in Lappish at the University of Oslo. He suggested to Stuart Powell, regional director for the Scandinavian Work, that it might be possible to place a newsstand containing *Plain Truth* copies in the university's student center.

No payment to the university would be necessary as long as a student (in this case Mr. Johansen, helped by the writer) assumed the responsibility of restocking the stand and storing it away each evening.

A pilot program therefore began with the September-October *PT* that proved successful, giving Mr. Powell the idea to seek space, and official approval, to set up similar systems at other Scandinavian schools.

First he contacted Church members attending the institutions or living close by. Then they contacted the appropriate administration or student authorities to gain permission for the program.

Family honored

HOPE, B.C. — Hope Riding Club presented high-point trophies and ribbons at its annual general meeting Nov. 9 with 30 members present.

High-point winner in the pee-wee class was Irene Wiggins; runner-up was a tie between Karl Wiggins and another competitor; junior-class winner was Ethel Wiggins Jr.

Runner-up in the intermediate class was Denise Wiggins, and runner-up for the seniors was Ethel Wiggins.

The Wiggins family attends the Vancouver, B.C., church.

Ethel, wife of Karl Wiggins, said the family did well in the club "despite the fact that we all missed one of the play days because it fell on one of God's Holy Days . . .

"We feel we had to work a little harder than some of the other members, but we were well rewarded for our efforts."

At Lund University, near Malmö, Sweden, member Bernt Saxin found that, coincidentally, university officials themselves had just asked Swedish newspapers and magazines to place copies of their publications in the new student center for free distribution to students.

With the help of display stands donated by the British Work, Mr. Powell made final arrangements so the venture could start with the November-December issue, which became available in Scandinavia the first week of December.

There were problems in getting the program off the ground. Mr. Saxin, responsible for placing magazines at Lund and Malmö universities, was involved in an auto accident that demolished his car, which wasn't fully insured.

He emerged from the wreckage virtually uninjured and is now using public transportation to deliver the magazines.

Hit an elk

Mr. Powell himself, while driving between Turku and Tampere, Finland, to deliver display stands to the universities there, hit an elk, demolishing the front one third of his Volvo.

Mr. Powell also escaped injury, and the Finnish government, which is responsible for deer and elk, footed a bill of \$5,100 to rebuild the car.

The universities signed up for the program: Oslo and Bergen in Norway; Lund, Malmö, Uppsala and Stockholm in Sweden; Aarhus, Odense and Copenhagen in Denmark; and Turku, Tampere and Helsinki in Finland.

Some 6,000 copies of the November-December issue were given away by this method; the only cost to the Work was the printing and the bulk distribution to the homes of the Church-member distributors.

Mr. Powell is pleased with the new mail subscriptions that have been requested as a result.

Members elsewhere in Scandinavia, after seeing the success of the operation, have suggested other, similar means of distribution.

A member approached the public libraries in Odense, Denmark, which agreed to display copies for users of the library to take.

And in Stavanger, Norway, another member approached a commune and as a result has been offered the use of a display cabinet to which a *PT* stand can be attached.

Morale high

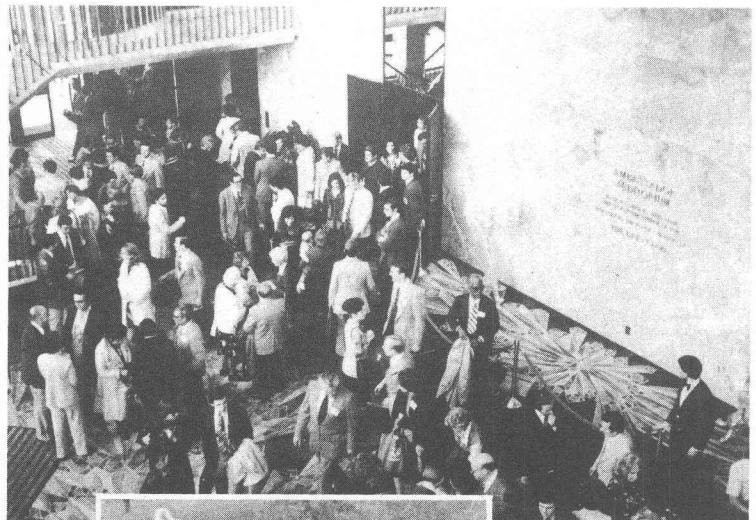
"Morale of the membership of God's Church in Scandinavia has never been higher as a result of the program," Mr. Powell said.

His goal is to "actively involve every member who wants to and is able to be involved in this or similar projects."

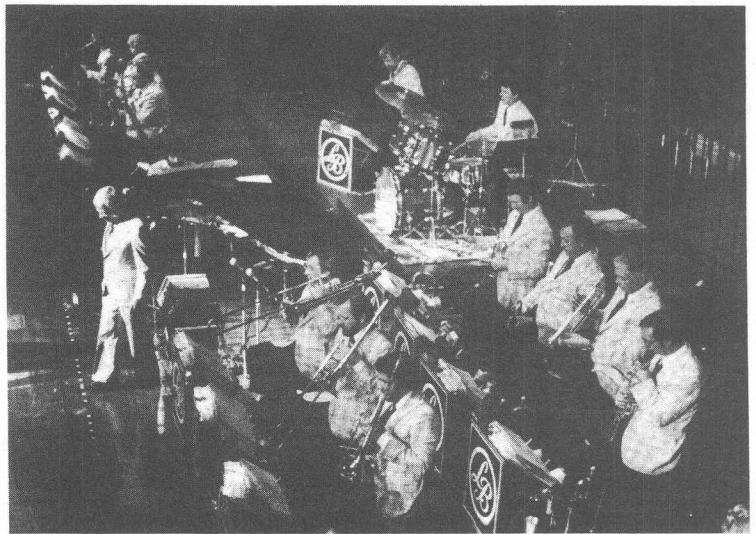
To reach a wider cross section of Norwegians, Danes, Swedes, Finns and Icelanders, the director said, "we have tentative plans for a modest newspaper and magazine advertising program in 1978. This will depend upon approval from Mr. Les McCullough, head of the International Division, and our own financial position at the time."

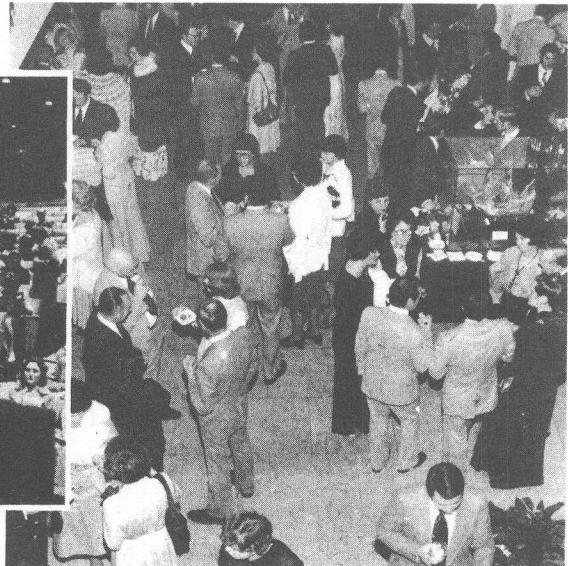
"The Scandinavian area is still dependent upon assistance from the Canadian branch of God's Work, but we are working as rapidly as possible towards financial self-sufficiency."

"God has given us a year-to-date income increase of 22 percent as of this month, so we are hoping that by the next financial year we might be able to take care of all Scandinavian expenses from indigenous income."



INSIDE AND OUT — Ministers and their wives, above, get to know each other better in the lobby of the Auditorium after a plenary session at the 1978 ministerial conference. Outside it rained as two ministers' wives, left, are caught unprepared in a shower. Below: Many ministers took advantage of complimentary tickets to hear Les Brown and his Band of Renown entertain in the Auditorium Jan. 7. [Photos by Rod Matthews, Klaus Rothe and Warren Watson]





CONFERENCE '78

POINT STRESSED — Douglas Winnail, above, a member of the Ambassador College faculty, makes a point during his lecture to ministers on stress. Ministers and wives visit at a cocktail party after the Les Brown concert, above right. Below: Larry and Bonnie Greider (left) of the Barrie, Ont., church and Clyde and Dee Kilough from Winnipeg, Man., visit at the same party. [Photos by Warren Watson and Klaus Rothe]

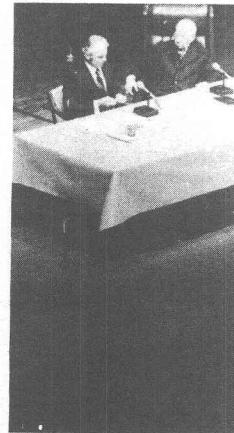


LAST SESSION — Garner Ted Armstrong, left in above photo, leads the last plenary session, along with his assistant, Dr. Robert Kuhn, business manager Ray Wright, International Division director Leslie McCullough and Pastoral Administration Vice President Ronald Dart, who reported on their areas of responsibility. Below: Gordon and Hazel Harry, who serve the Caribbean as minister and wife, attend a reception. Below left: Conference delegates stop in at the Mail Processing Center during the conference's administrative open house of the college and Church offices. [Photos by Klaus Rothe, Warren Watson and Roland Rees]



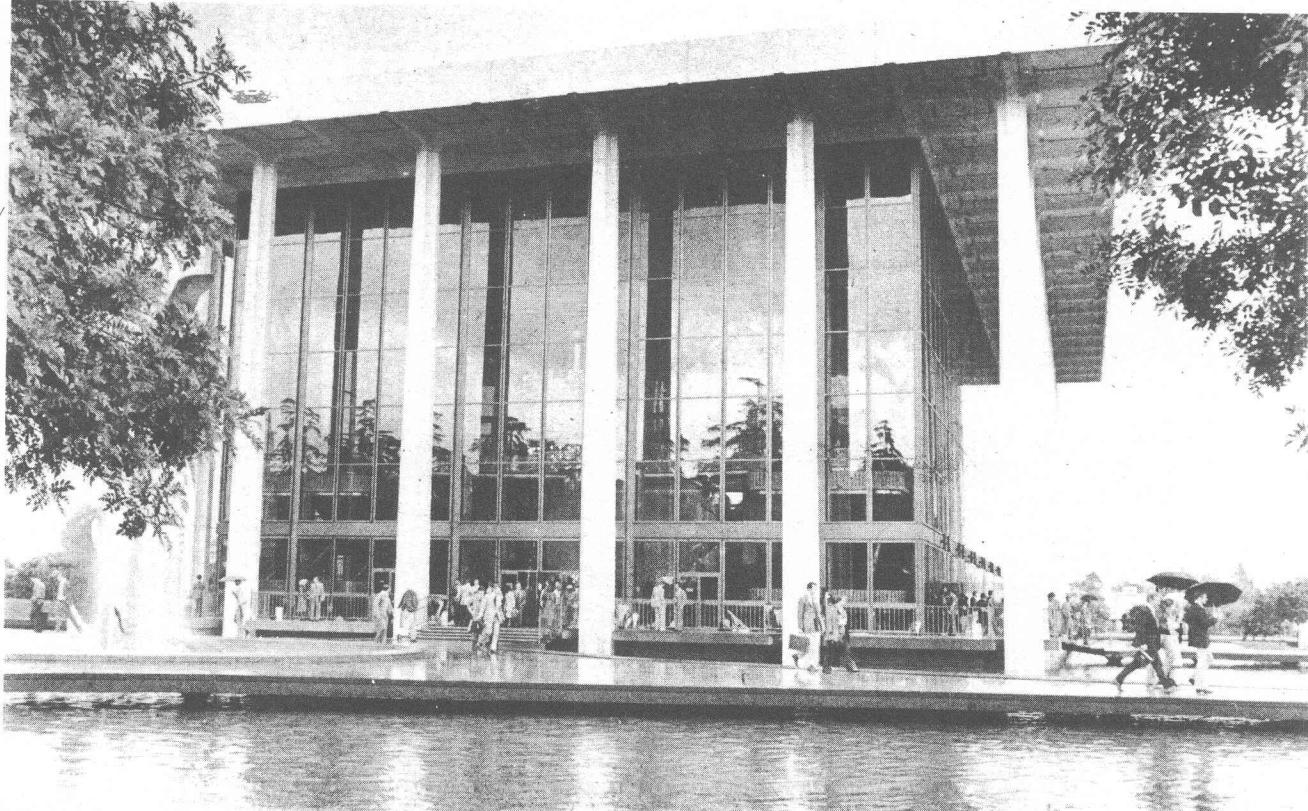
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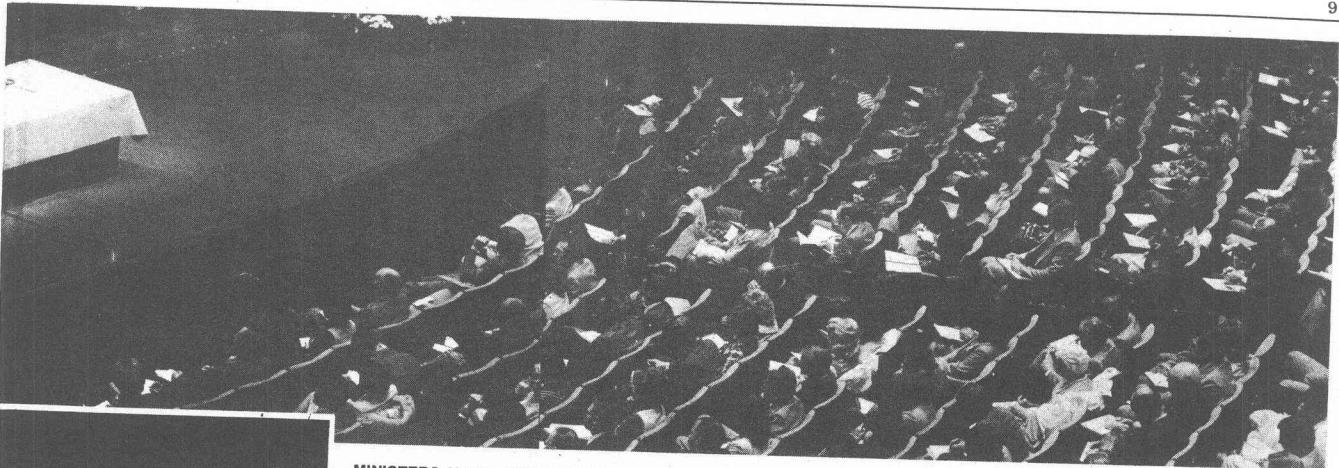
— It never rains in Southern California, except, some say, during ministerial conferences. Rain, which at times poured during the conference, falls on ministers and their wives, left, including Arnold and Pat Clauson of the Erie, Pa., church, below left, between conference sessions.



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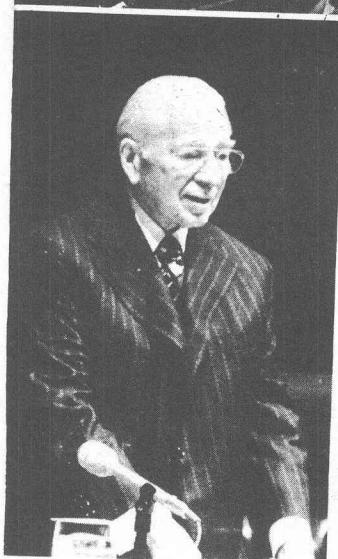
MR. ARMSTRONG OPENS — Herbert W. Armstrong, at right and with Garner Ted Armstrong, above, presides at the opening meeting of the largest ministerial conference in this era of God's Church. Plenary sessions of the conference, attended by more than 1,000 ministers and wives, took place in the Ambassador Auditorium, below.



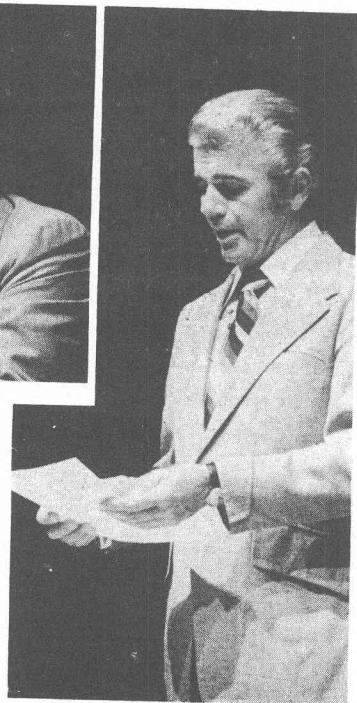
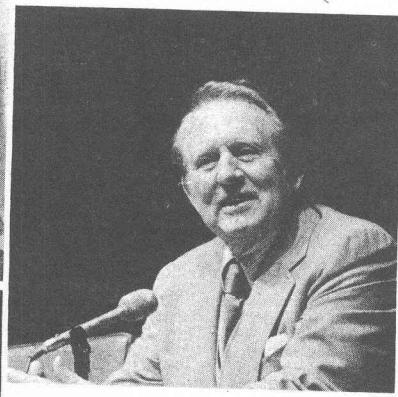


MINISTERS HEAR ARMSTRONGS — Pastors and other ministers from around the world, above, listen to Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong during the first session of the conference. Below: Ministers Joseph

Tkach of the Pasadena Imperial A.M. church, left, and Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches, meet in the Auditorium lobby for a little camaraderie.



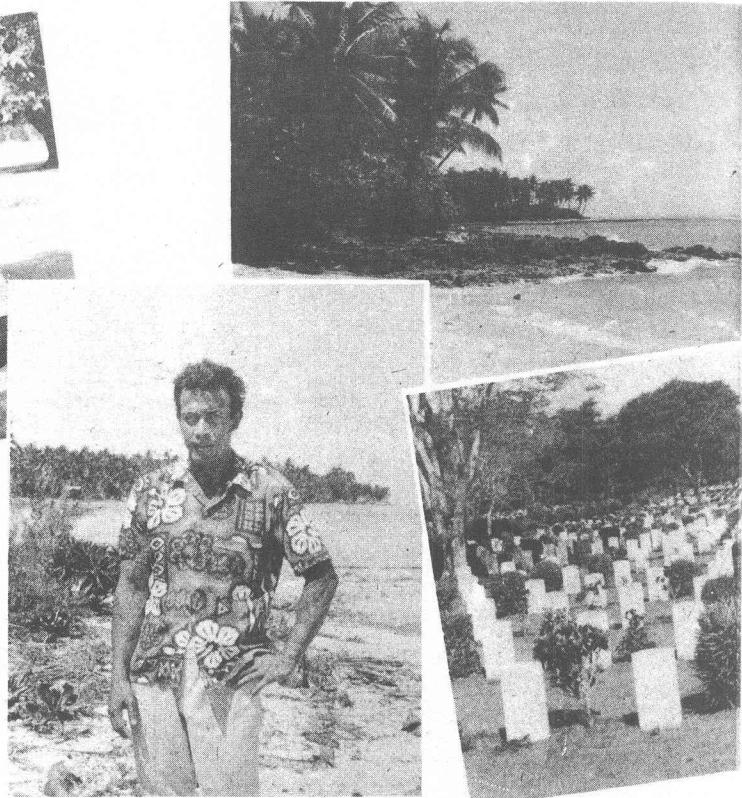
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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS — Entertainer and lecturer Art Linkletter, above, and Garner Ted Armstrong, right, address ministers in plenary sessions. Above left: Leslie Schmedes, pastor of the Brooklyn-Queens church in New York, and his wife, Glynn Darlene, talk to secretary Janet Abbott of the Church's News Bureau during an open house for ministers that included most Church and college offices. Left: Two ministers' wives, Marion McCullough (left) and Mary Hegvold, meet at a wives' luncheon. Their husbands are Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, and Sidney Hegvold, pastor of the Dublin, Ireland, church.



PAPAU NEW GUINEA — Oi Olkoken, the first Papau New Guinean member of the Church, above, inspects a World War II Japanese antiaircraft gun on the island at Lae. Right: Tony Tatireta is the Gilbert Islands' first Church member. Far right: Neat gravestones mark casualties of the war in a cemetery at Port Moresby, Papau New Guinea. [Photos by John A. Halford]



Stone Age member seen on Pacific tour

By John A. Halford

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — "Looks like you just can't get there from here," Andy, our long-suffering travel agent, closed his World Airways timetable in defeat. "Let's try flying in through Guam or even Tahiti," I suggested. "Or maybe there is a flight from Nauru, or the New Hebrides or even Hong Kong. We must get to Tarawa."

We were trying to plan our first tour through the Central Pacific area. The Pacific Ocean is the world's largest body of water, covering nearly half of the earth's surface. Scattered throughout this vast region are many tiny islands, some mere uninhabited pinpricks, others fully independent nations. They are divided up into three basic geographical areas: Polynesia, Melanesia and Micronesia.

Two offices share

The responsibility of serving these countries is shared between the New Zealand and Australian offices. New Zealand takes care of Polynesia; Tonga, Fiji, New Hebrides, Tahiti. It is the Australian office's responsibility to handle the Work in Melanesia and Micronesia: the Solomon Islands, the Gilbert Islands, Tuvalu, Papua New Guinea, Guam and the American Trust Territories.

To most these names conjure up pictures of coral islands, coconut palms, peaceful lagoons, and white sands. Others will remember them as the scenes of some of the most horrific battles of World War II. There is a fair amount of interest shown towards the Work in these areas. A small church meets in Tonga, and last year the Feast was held in Fiji.

From Australia we had never toured "our" part of the Pacific. We had been busy in the last year or so building up the churches in Southeast Asia, and there simply has not been time. However, with the year coming to an end, regional director Dean

Wilson asked me to plan a quick fact-finding tour through the Melanesia area and also to try to see some of the many people who had written to us asking for counsel.

But it wasn't to be that easy, as Andy was finding out. These nations and islands of the South Pacific are just about the most inaccessible places on earth. Air services operate, but planes are few and far between. Sometimes there is only one flight every two weeks, and even then schedules are erratic, subject to delay and cancellation, especially in the typhoon season. Eventually, however, Andy pieced together some sort of an itinerary.

Larry Gillan, Australian Personal Correspondence Department correspondent, and I left Brisbane Sunday, Nov. 27, the day after Garner Ted Armstrong's recent visit to the area. Our first stop was to be Port Moresby, the capital of Papua New Guinea.

Stone Age island

Papua New Guinea occupies the eastern half of the huge island of New Guinea, just north of Australia. It is the world's largest totally inhabited island. Many of the nation's three million people are Stone Age tribesmen. Nevertheless 2,600 *Plain Truth* magazines are sent to subscribers on Papua New Guinea each month.

In Port Moresby we met three Church members who are Australian citizens. Bevan Holden and his wife, Lily, have lived on Papua New Guinea for many years. John Vander Have has been there for two years, working as an architect. Bevan and John showed us around Port Moresby and helped us to try to contact some of the people who had indicated that they would like personal counsel.

But it was disappointing. We could contact only two people, and these had only a passing interest in the Work. I think they had misunderstood what "personal counsel"

Mr. Halford, area coordinator for Southeast Asia, wrote this article Dec. 13, just before traveling to Pasadena to begin a year's sabbatical studies at Ambassador College.

meant when they requested it, to our mutual embarrassment.

Remembering that Dennis Luker and Don Abraham had had a similar experience when they visited Papua New Guinea briefly in 1975, I began to wonder if we would ever have members from the native (or "national," as they are called) people of Papua New Guinea.

The next day Larry and I flew to Lae, making our way over the majestic Owen Stanley ranges and the dreadful Kokoda Trail of World War II fame. Looking down at the precipitous gorges, sheer cliffs and impenetrable jungle, we thought it incredible that men had chosen this as a battleground. But 14,000 Allied dead and many more thousands of Japanese tombs in the war cemeteries reminded us this was the scene of some of the fiercest fighting in the Second World War.

We had traveled to Lae in the hope of meeting a young national who had been corresponding with us for several months. Oi Olkoken was a university student at Lae and had sent several letters telling of his plans for helping his native village once he had graduated. He had asked us for educational material, but in his last letter he had also asked for baptism.

Oil indeed ready

Oi met us at the Lae airport. He had graduated with a bachelor-of-commerce degree two weeks before but had remained in Lae after the recess had begun to meet us. It didn't take long to discover that Oi was indeed ready for baptism, so I baptized him the same afternoon in Huon Gulf, the scene of the Japanese inva-

sion in 1942.

Oil Olkoken is the first national Papau New Guinean to be baptized in his homeland. What really makes his story remarkable is that his tribe was one of the last in New Guinea to be discovered. It was only in 1961, when Oi was 4 years old, that his people came in contact with European civilization. He told us that, although his people lived just a short distance from the fighting, they had no idea that the war had even taken place until the early 1960s.

So Oi has come from the Stone Age to the Church of God in just 16 years and was among the first of his people to have the advantage of an education. He graduated from high school top of his class and was the first of his tribe to graduate from a university.

The day after his baptism, Oi left civilization to spend a few weeks with his family and friends in the highlands of central New Guinea before resuming his education. After one more year of studies, Oi plans to work for a while and then return to his people to help them in any way he can. He wants to use his education to benefit all of his tribe. That is the way of the Papua New Guinean people.

On to Solomons

Our next stop was the Solomon Islands. After returning to Port Moresby, we flew to Honiara, the capital of the Solomons, on Guadalcanal. Guadalcanal was also the scene of some of the most vicious fighting in the Pacific war and there is still plenty of evidence of those terrible days.

Honiara's international airport is Henderson Field, built by the Japanese and captured by the United States Marines. The old World War II control tower is still standing by the runway in mute testimony to Henderson Field's past.

War debris still litters the island. While walking across a small field

bordering the beach, I stumbled over a rusted U.S. Marine Corps helmet, and close by I found the corroded remains of a rifle.

Near Tetele Bay we found 30 derelict American tanks rusting in the jungle. The stretch of water separating Guadalcanal from the neighboring Florida Islands is known as Iron Bottom Sound because of the vast number of Japanese and Allied ships, aircraft, bombs — and bodies — that were destroyed there. Even Honiara itself was the scene of a ferocious battle between the American and Japanese infantry.

Today Honiara is a peaceful little town. For the last few months we have broadcast *The World Tomorrow* radio program from there to all of the Solomon Islands once a week.

Following up letter

We hoped to meet several people on Guadalcanal. We had sent out a letter to all *Plain Truth* subscribers, saying we would be staying at the Mendana Hotel. At the appointed time we found nine people waiting for us. Two were already members: Colin Darcy, the first Solomon Island member, who had just returned from training in Fiji, and also a Mr. Samasoni (full name not available), who was recently baptized in Australia and had returned following a training course in Sydney. We were thrilled to find that most of the others were also requesting baptism.

One elderly couple, a Mr. and Mrs. Kuper, had traveled more than 200 miles by boat from a distant island just to meet us. They told us they had been waiting for someone to come and baptize them for nearly 20 years!

Mr. Kuper is a retired doctor (one of the first Solomonese ever to qualify). Although he is a modest, self-effacing man, we learned that during the war he had been one of the coast watchers: the courageous group of resistant workers who fed the Allies information on Japanese ship and aircraft movements.

On the evening of the Sabbath, (See PACIFIC, page 11)



SOLOMON ISLANDERS — These Church members, above left, live in the Solomon Islands. John Halford, above right, examines relics from the Second World War — a rusting rifle and Marine helmet — on

Solomon Islands can be made.

Plane sold

Our next destination was to be the Gilbert Islands, at least I hoped it was. The Gilbert Islands are literally hundreds of miles from anywhere. There was one flight every two weeks from Fiji, 1,000 miles to the south. Air Nauru operated a once-a-week service from Nauru, only 500 miles west. But in Australia we were told they had "sold the plane."

We particularly wanted to get to Tarawa, the capital island of the Gilbert group, because we had been writing to a man who had been waiting for baptism since 1963. Tony Tatireta has waited patiently, hoping against hope that someday a minister would come to visit him. Since we were in the area, so to speak, we were determined to try to see him.

I decided to check once again with a travel agent in Honiara. He found a new Air Nauru timetable. The plane had been sold, but the airline had bought another, a Boeing 737. (Nauru is a tiny independent republic, only eight square miles in area. It is almost solid phosphate and therefore is one of the most valuable pieces of real estate on earth. The Nauruans are perhaps the world's richest people on a per-capita basis, explaining why their tiny airline has new Boeings to fly around the

house, after which Mrs. Samasoni served us a delicious lunch.

Seven in Solomons

We now have seven members in the Solomons, and I expect there will be more before long. Our broadcast has received a fair amount of attention, both for and against. Several religious organizations have asked that *The World Tomorrow* program be banned in the Solomons, but the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Co. is upholding our right to preach.

We have several other letters from people wanting to be visited in these islands. Some of them live in remote locations far from Honiara, and they can only be reached by boat, in some cases after several hours of walking through the jungle. We hope that next year a more thorough tour of the

Pacific Islands can be made.

Guadalcanal

Above far left: This idyllic scene is at Tarawa, in the Gilbert Islands, a site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific war. [Photos by John A. Halford and Larry Gillan]

accommodated at the surprisingly comfortable Otiente Hotel.

Tony had been waiting a long time for baptism, so we wasted no time the next morning in counseling him. Later the same day we baptized him in the beautiful lagoon.

Tony works as a clerk in the local magistrate's court. His home is on the island of Betio, south of Tarawa. It too is a small island only 300 yards across that the Japanese had turned into a veritable fortress during the Battle of Tarawa in 1943, stationing more than 4,500 of their troops there.

Tony's home stands literally on the battlefield where the U.S. Marines lost more than 1,000 men, with 2,300 wounded during several days of fighting in November, 1943. He told us it was still a bit risky to dig in the gardens since there is still so much unexploded ammunition around.

We were able to leave Tarawa on Monday, Dec. 5, and returned to Nauru. The next day we returned to Australia.

We are quite encouraged by our first foray into the Central Pacific. The Australian office will do everything possible to reach more of these little nations with the broadcast and *The Plain Truth*. It may be that the battlefields of yesterday will yield a rich harvest for the World Tomorrow.

was really like, what He said and what He taught.

This time about 120 people were there, quite a healthy number considering there had been heavy rains that morning.

To the sorry shreds

Many times Mr. Willis had members of the audience murmuring in appreciation as he drove some point home and tore to sorry shreds the popular myths that Jesus was a pale, cadaverous-looking, emaciated, feminine-looking, long-haired, weakling.

At the end of the talk he again answered several-score questions and had a closer discussion with some of the audience members who were more than averagely interested in knowing of the Work and Church.

The follow-up lectures took place Dec. 10 and 11 at the Ryalls Hotel, also in Blantyre. An average of 40 people came on each of the two days. Most of them were individuals who had been present at the November lectures and were intensely interested in the Church. They form an enthusiastic nucleus presaging greater things for the Worldwide Church of God in this country.

The feeling is that the Work is definitely on here. The 20 Malawians who are already members of the Church, the co-workers and readers who have more than just a passing interest in *The Plain Truth* feel like joyfully shouting: "Long live the Work in Malawi!"

Pacific

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Dec. 2, we baptized Mr. and Mrs. Kuper, their son Henry and daughter Ada, and also Mrs. Elizabeth Samasoni, in Iron Bottom Sound. It seemed especially moving for us to symbolize newness of life in that stretch of water that became a literal watery grave for so many thousands only 35 years ago.

The next day we had a Bible study in the Samasons' comfortable

African reports Fahey lecture

By Richard Paliani

BLANTYRE, Malawi — November and December, 1977, were great months for Church members, co-workers and other *Plain Truth* readers in Malawi. Something they had been longing for a long time took place: *Plain Truth* lectures.

The first lot of lectures occurred the weekend of Nov. 19 and 20 in a hall in the Mt. Soche Hotel, one of the country's best, located in Blantyre, the largest urban center (population 228,000) in this southeastern African country, which was known as Nyasaland before it became independent from the British in 1964.

The speakers were Robert Fahey, director of the Work for Africa, who is based in Johannesburg, South Africa, and Owen Willis, minister in charge for Malawi, Zambia and Kenya.

Several attempts had been made before to hold lectures, but one reason or other had always prevented their taking place. But, as so often happens in undertakings in God's Work, the delay, it seemed, merely contributed to the greater success of the event when it actually happened.

Both lectures started at 2:30 p.m. As zero hour drew closer on the first day, a Saturday, Mr. Willis and a number of Malawian members of God's Church sat around a table on a

veranda of the hotel, sipping cold drinks and anxiously wondering how many people would turn up for this first-ever great occasion in Malawi. Would even 10 materialize?

More than 10

"Let's bet," Mr. Willis said half jokingly, half seriously. "How many people do you think are going to come?"

Numbers ranging from 50 to 150 were mentioned.

Well, one by one or in twos they came, just over 150 of them all together, some coming from as far away as 200 miles, from areas where travel is not always the easiest affair it has come to be for most westerners. Each person was a seriously interested listener. ("You have been one of the best and most attentive audiences we have ever addressed," Mr. Willis commented later.)

The audience looked intently at the two men in front as Mr. Willis introduced Mr. Fahey and made an

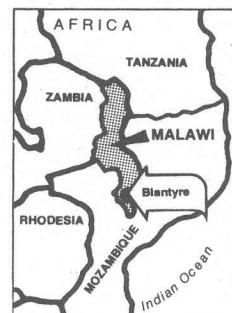
announcement concerning the Work's organization and developments in the Work affecting this part of Africa. Members of the audience noted Mr. Fahey's concentrated stillness of face and body as he waited in earnest preparedness to deliver his address.

Mr. Fahey's theme: Where is mankind now in the progress of human history? Speaking powerfully, he held his audience spellbound for some two hours as he delved backwards and forwards into the Scriptures, showing what life is all about and why God created man, glimpsing into prehuman history and the future and explaining why the world is as it is today.

The whole whodunit

At the end Mr. Fahey said: "Well, now you know the story [of God and how He came to create mankind]. You know the plot, you know the principal characters in it, you know the whole whodunit, and I tell you this, that, if you act rightly upon this knowledge, for you this will be the happiest story with the happiest ending."

I had taken time to watch the audience. Not one of them had left the hall during the entire lecture. And then came almost another two hours of informal questions and answers, with Mr. Fahey and Mr. Willis replying to innumerable queries from eager listeners.



Most of the questions dramatically illustrated, as you would expect, how Satan has deceived the whole world, considering that most of the questioners belong or have belonged to the orthodox Christian denominations. (The "immortality of the soul," "ascension of Mary to heaven," Saturday vs. Sunday as the Sabbath, and where people "go" after death were issues that figured prominently in the session.)

Mr. Willis gave the second lecture on Sunday. (Mr. Fahey had to return to Johannesburg around noon of that day.) His subject was "the real Jesus," and he showed how "Satan has deceived the whole world" into believing in a false Jesus by proving from the Bible what He

Local church news wrap-up

Regional volleyball

AMARILLO, Tex. — Four YOUNG volleyball teams converged here Dec. 4 to compete for the Mountain Region title and the chance to advance to national competition.

Teams from Amarillo, Albuquerque, N.M., Oklahoma City, Okla., and Wichita, Kan., took part in the lively and well-played matches.

Wichita prevailed over Amarillo, last year's champ, Oklahoma City gave a strong performance with its newly organized team, and Albuquerque was handed the sportsmanship award. All teams were represented in an all-tournament team. Julie Garden was named most valuable player. *Bob Wildt.*

Woodcutters' symphony

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Anchorage and Kenai YOUNG chapters held a dance in the Alyeska day lodge at Girdwood, former Alaskan Feast site, Dec. 3. Live music was provided by Axis, a group led by Dave Shawles of Kenai. Expenses were split and refreshments were provided for the 60 people in attendance.

The Anchorage teens had their first YOUNG day Dec. 10. YOUNG President Ed Stevens gave the sermonette. Sue Kranich played the piano and Wade Franssen led songs. Teens also gave the opening and closing prayers, handled the greetings and ushering and did the chair setup and cleanup.

Where was the music coming from Dec. 11? From four chain saws buzzing and six axes chopping, with lots of thuds as the wood was piled into trucks. The noise was sweet music to the ears of the Anchorage and Palmer choir members, who realized their goal of 10 cords and a profit of 425 "notes" (dollars, that is).

The Women's Club here met Dec. 11 at the home of deacon Leonard Deal, while the men gathered at the home of deacon Leonard Ballard several blocks away for the first meeting of the new Spokesman Club.

President Don Phears opened the program, with secretary Larry Summers and vice president George Wieg taking notes and observing at the head table. Mr. Ballard led the topics session.

Rather than having a speaking session, club director Earl Roemer, Alaska pastor, outlined the new format. Each program will be guided along by a topmaster-toastmaster who will choose the subject for the night for topics and speeches. *Sue Deal, Sandy Lewis and Mike Pickett.*

Friendship quilt

ANNISTON, Ala. — The Anniston and Gadsden brethren gathered Dec. 4 for a formal dance plus semi-formal. A band played for the dancers.

Pastor Bill Winner and his wife, Carolyn, were surprised when they were presented a friendship quilt that represented both of the churches. The ladies had begun working on the 8-inch squares long before the Feast of Tabernacles. The handmade quilt featured yellow and brown. Some who did not donate pieced squares donated money for materials.

The dance was at the Gadsden Shriners' Club. Hors d'oeuvres were available. More than 100 were present.

At the afternoon Sabbath service here Dec. 17, special music was performed by the Anniston youth choir, which sang "Clap Your Hands." *Verna Faye (Tiny) Johnson.*

LBJ Library

AUSTIN, Tex. — Twenty-one ladies of the Ladies' Club here went on a guided tour of the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin Dec. 13. This is the only presidential library in a college town and is used by students at the University of Texas.

Of special interest to the women was the section about life in the White House. On display were gifts from the American people, heads of state and a replica of the Oval Office of the White

House while President Johnson was in office. *Ruth Pfleger.*

Thanksgiving abundance shared

BALTIMORE, Md. — For several years now, the congregation here has given food for Thanksgiving to the needy in the Church and the local community. The brethren once again brought vegetables, fruits, turkeys and a host of snacks and desserts Nov. 19 to be distributed to the needy. The stage was arrayed with the abundance.

YOU members helped from beginning to end, first receiving the food and arranging it on stage and later boxing the food and distributing it to the brethren. *Charles J. Bell.*

On ice

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Some of the teens and a few parents here got together Dec. 21 for ice skating at the local ice-skating rink. For some it was a first time, for others a second or third time, but all had a lot of fun in the midst of the slipping and falling. *Kim Fuller.*

Blizzard breakfast

BRANDON, Man. — The Red Oak Inn here was the scene for the Spokesman Club breakfast Dec. 18. Semiblizzards conditions did not deter 39 club members and their wives, along with special guest Charles Bryce, area coordinator from Regina, Saskatchewan.

Ross Hamilton sparked an in-depth topics session ranging from the effectiveness of contemporary education to the Quebec situation. As a stimulus to audience participation, he displayed "new keys to a '78 Mustang" to be given to the most frequent participant. Ernie Scrimshaw won the keys, but the '78 Mustang could have been anywhere in the world — Mr. Hamilton had only promised the keys.

Toastmaster Gene Posty lampooned his way through an uproarious series of introductions that kept the second hand winging along. Steve Lindmayer passed his complete speech with a report on *None of These Diseases*. Jim Crook instructed the club on the origins and beliefs of a prominent sect, while Cliff Munro coped the most effective trophy for an interesting speech on the history of Brandon. Art Penner was the most improved speaker, with a salubrious speech on the saline substance of sodium chloride.

Mr. Bryce concluded the meeting by pointing out the benefits and importance of Spokesman Club to the men and to the Church as a whole. *Neil Earle.*

Biscuit factory

BRISBANE, Australia — The Ladies' Club here met again Dec. 6, with 37 attending. The meeting concluded with refreshments.

Subjects for future meetings are wine and cheese in February, a tour of Arnott's Biscuit Factory in March, luncheon arranging in April, a school holiday outing in May, and a bread-making demonstration by one of the men here in June.

The November meeting featured a speaker who discussed security for persons and vehicles. In December, a church family night was sponsored by the club. *Olin Waterman.*

Country-and-western show

CINCINNATI, Ohio — The widows of the Cincinnati West church enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner served by the YOUNG members after Sabbath services Nov. 26. The food for the potluck dinner was furnished by the parents.

While dessert was being served, the widows were each given a small gift to commemorate the event. As they were leaving, all 14 widows said that they had an enjoyable time.

The brethren here held their second annual country-and-western show Dec. 18 after weeks of preparation and rehearsals. The weather was

pleasant, a big contrast to last year's, when Cincinnati was in the grip of one of its worst winters ever.

With about 700 people attending and Bill Cannon's Band providing backup music, 42 performers sang, played and danced for two hours. A concession stand with drinks and hot dogs provided snacks during intermission. The door prize was won by Mrs. Jim Burleson.

The overall director and emcee for the show was Ed Smith, production manager was Al Lane and program coordinators with lights and curtain were Ralph and Mary Dowd. The public-address system was handled by Frank Kelly and Taylor Haggard. Staging was done by Lawton Collins and Bob Tanner, tickets, ushering and security by Henry Spencer, concessions by Don and Jean McCollom and programs and photography by Bob Merkert.

An outstanding number was presented by the YOUNG Country Kids. *Gerry Trennepohl and Ed Smith.*

10-ounce steaks

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. — The Spokesmen Club here held its first ladies' night dinner meeting of the year Dec. 10 at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House. Thirty-four members, wives and guests were present to enjoy the 10-ounce steaks before the meeting was called to order by President Oscar Escobar.

He introduced the topmaster, Kent Henderson, who presented a wide selection of topics that drew a good response from the ladies, as well as the members. His topics included: "Should the equal-rights amendment be passed?"; "Why do women feel compelled to compete with men in the job market?"; and "Does it pay to go to college today?"

Toastmaster David Brewer introduced the four speakers Lupe Gonzalez, Arnold Mendez, Mike Mead and Alfred Belford. The club is in its third year under the direction of John Ogwyn, who, in his closing comments, expressed satisfaction with the growth of the men, saying that is what makes his task so rewarding. *Kent Henderson.*

Foreign fare and fashions

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Members of the church here attended an "International Dinner" Nov. 29 sponsored by the Women's Club. The brethren sampled native food from 13 countries. On display were articles purchased by members in countries they had visited.

A group of students from Trinidad



CINCINNATI KIDS — The YOUNG Country Kids perform at a country-and-western show. (See "Country-and-Western Show," this page.)

provided a slide show and performed native songs and dances. One played a solo on a steel drum and explained the drum's origin.

Many of the brethren came in colorful costumes, and prizes were awarded in three categories. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gomer, who came as a Swiss couple, won the prize for best-dressed couple. Bob McClelland, dressed as a Nigerian, won the prize for the most authentic costume. Mrs. Hal Geiger as a Swiss miss took the prize for prettiest costume. Gerald Glasshof, dressed as Ahab the Arab, won in a special category — dishonorably mentioned.

Cookbooks containing the recipes of all the foreign dishes served were made available. *Mary Ann Koss.*

Monthly family day

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Randy Kobernat, pastor here, has set aside the first Sunday of every month as the first family day for the church. On Dec. 4 at Pioneer Park, the brethren met for their first family day. The Little League, coached by Ken Wilson, practiced for future games, some played paddle ball and others enjoyed volleyball.

The YOUNG volleyball and track-and-field teams will also prepare for tournament competition and teens will meet for the monthly YOUNG meetings on family day. Officers for this year are Keith Tressler, president; Marty Biggs, vice president; Gail Congdon, secretary; and Debbie Faso, treasurer. The first activity was a trip to Disney World on Dec. 18.

After Sabbath services Dec. 10, the brethren met in the Deerfield Beach High School cafeteria for a potluck dinner. Harriett Adams and others organized the meal immediately after services. The YOUNG teens pitched in and helped mothers with small children and served drinks.

Special guest was Gerald Waterhouse, who gave the sermon.

The Guys and Gals met Dec. 11 for a hamburger cookout at Markham Park, about 10 miles west of here, with bright sun and temperatures in the 80s.

A few energetic gals took a short walk on a nature trail while the guys watched a football game on television. Chef Baxter Biggs again did the barbecuing. After lunch, a few toured the park on bicycles, a 2-mile ride, while the kids played on the log-style swing equipment. *Denise Jacques.*

Time management

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The Ladies' Club here met in the home of

Kathy Miller Dec. 17.

Hostess Marilyn Helmers presented charts and examples on managing time in the home. Six points were given and discussed: list goals; select those goals of priority; list possible activities for goal; identify activities; schedule activities; and do those activities. She used the book *How to Get Control of Your Time and Life* by Allen Lakein as her reference.

Bonnie Miesel then spoke on the problems of procrastination on those activities. Ann Nouhan shared tips and hints on household chores, using her own, books by Heloise and *I Hate to Housekeep* for reference. *Joie Kroonje.*

YOU day

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The first YOU day here took place Dec. 10 at Sabbath services at the Wacoah Grange Hall. The youths helped with setup for services, passed out songbooks and ushered.

Jimmy Kisel was song leader and Wiley Wine, YOU president, gave a sermonette on "The Purpose of YOU." Then, for special music, Sherry Wine and Laura Kisel sang "Imagine," followed by a piano solo by Fawn Leisure, "Winter Season," which she had composed. Terry Mattson, minister, delivered a sermon on "You Today."

Following services was a potluck dinner for the brethren, at which time the young people took an active part in setting up, serving and helping out with the meal.

After dinner, the teens met for a YOU Bi+ study and discussed the topic of the sermon. *Lynette S. Kesecker.*

200 pounds of fish

HARLINGEN, Tex. — The church here had a fish fry at Weslaco's Gibson Park Dec. 11. About 200 pounds of fish were provided by member Paul Spell.

Everyone ate to his heart's content, enjoying a veritable potpourri of reds, flounder and red snappers, with plenty of fish left over to take home. A variety of games, a nearby children's petting zoo and an opportunity for visiting and fellowship put the finishing touches on the fish fry. *Ruben Salazar.*

First integrated ladies' night

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — At a time when South Africa is perhaps more misunderstood and criticized for its racial policies than ever before in history, members of the Pretoria and Johannesburg black and white Spokesmen clubs made history in their own right.

For the first time since the clubs were launched in this country (for the whites in the mid-'60s and for the blacks only in the last 18 months), a combined final ladies' night was held. The location was the Turf Club Pavilion in Johannesburg's Southern Suburbs on Nov. 19.

Members of the various racial groups here are not forbidden to integrate as long as the authorities are kept informed and meetings are not of a subversive nature. However, since the Soweto riots 1½ years ago, a special permit is necessary for all meetings involving more than one racial group as a security precaution. For this party, permission was obtained verbally from a local Bantu commissioner.

The year's efforts culminated in 2½ hours of exceptionally mature speeches and comments. The 102 Spokesmen and their wives and dates sat down to an excellent meal, followed by a topics session led by Elias Ramano and speeches.

This historic occasion ended in anticipation as officers for 1978 were announced, tinged with just a little sadness for those leaving the club, some to go on to graduate club, some to a sabbatical from club. *Dan P. Greylaying.*

Two-minute icebreakers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Hostess Judy Huffman greeted the members of the Women's Club here Dec. 11, the ladies' first meeting.

After President Renetta Wilson had called the meeting to order, Marsha

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PRESIDENTS CONFER — Johannesburg A Club President Fred Schorr, right, and his B Club counterpart, Maxwell Pono, center, talk with local elder and B Club director Sydney Hull over a glass of sherry at the final ladies' night Nov. 19. (See "First Integrated Ladies' Night," page 12.) [Photo by Samuel Wenger.]

Wrap-up

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Harrison, coordinator and pastor's wife, reminded the women of the club's goal. Later she gave her ice-breaker speech.

Plans were made for a special meeting, such as a mother-daughter meeting. A style show was planned for the husbands to show what the wives are capable of when it comes to providing themselves with clothes for all types of occasions.

Rosa Utterbach had charge of the topics section. Brenda Bauman asked "What do you want to get out of club?" in her speech. Hearts seemed to almost stop beating while the women waited to see if they would be one of 12 to give two-minute impromptu icebreaker speeches.

Tom Harrison, special guest and pastor, addressed the club and gave it a send-off just before closing.

The officers are Renetta Wilson, president; Martha Blackerby, vice president; Brenda Bauman, treasurer; and Carolyn Adams, recorder. Carolyn Adams.

Hooked on fish

MELBOURNE, Fla. — The weekend of Dec. 3 and 4 will be remembered as one of the busiest ever for brethren here.

Jim and Ilana Yesensky played host in their home on Dec. 3 for a wine and cheese party, with guests bringing their favorite wines and cheeses. Later, the men challenged the women to a game of charades.

On Dec. 4, Roy and Blanche Smith were hosts to the brethren for a fish fry at their home. Mr. Smith had caught all the fish. Entertainment abounded with Thomas Ashley, Bob Overstreet and Francis Reiker playing musical favorites for all. The outdoor enthusiasts played volleyball, touch football and horseshoes. Vivian Wrenn.

Mixed Ambassador Club

MODESTO, Calif. — Brethren here gathered at the Denair High School gymnasium and cafeteria Dec. 4. A delightful Sunday was spent playing volleyball and other games, sharing a potluck meal and fellowship. Another Sunday gathering is planned in the near future.

The first meeting of the Ambassador Club here was Dec. 7. About 60 brethren enrolled, including the female brethren for the first time. Guest speakers and special movies are scheduled to stimulate discussion groups. J. Taylor.

Buying public

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The Ladies' Club here held a yard sale Dec. 4 to raise money for the club. Items sold were donated by the ladies and other members, who dug into their attics and basements and closets to find items to sell. Baked goods and coffee were also offered for sale going over well with the buying public.

The ladies collected a grand sum of \$42. This money, minus a contribution to headquarters, will go into the club budget for luncheons, dinner out-

ings, parties and other activities.

The Spokesman Club has become a reality and is functioning well here. Montgomery, up until now, has been short of possible candidates due to the number of males in the area. Twenty-eight men met here for the first time Dec. 4. Pastor Paul Korts explained the club program, constitution and bylaws. He further explained purposes of club, to develop the whole man and to provide a strong arm for Church-related projects.

Former members of Spokesman Clubs from other areas demonstrated their speaking abilities by giving ice-breaker speeches.

The club meets at 6:30 every Sunday evening. Officers and duties will be assigned at the next meeting. Connie and Cliff Williams.

Symposium of sects

MOOSOMIN, Sask. — Twenty-eight people braved threatening sheet storms Dec. 15 to enjoy a symposium sponsored by the Spokesman Club here. Four speakers had been assigned to report on the doctrines, origins and practices of four religious denominations: Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh-Day Adventists and the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

Guy Stillborn, club coordinator for the last quarter of 1977, introduced topic master Richard Smith and Mr. Cheeseman, toastmaster. Speakers were Bob Bittner, Tom Schiavo and Jim Stokes.

The Grad Club invites all Church members and their families to each meeting and an atmosphere of warm fellowship prevails before, during and after each meeting. James Lichtenstein is pastor and club director. Jim Stokes.

Singles treat seniors

OTTAWA, Ont. — Senior citizens of the church here braved subzero temperatures Dec. 10 to attend a dinner prepared for them by the single members. There was no evidence of a generation gap as everyone chatted over a meal reminiscent of sherry winter buffets. By the time the peach flambé was served, the harsh winter elements were all but forgotten. Gary S. King.

Wall-to-wall singles

PASADENA, Calif. — Singles and a few married couples from Southern California combined Dec. 17 for their monthly meeting in the former Imperial Gym here. The program was organized by Bill Butler, singles chairman, who expressed that the singles gatherings are becoming so popular that they are bursting at the seams with wall-to-wall singles.

Mr. Butler mentioned lists of activities on the bulletin board and encouraged the singles to take advantage of them. Art Mokarow was the featured speaker, answering questions from the group.

Bob Bordeaux put up 8 singles in his home who had traveled to the meeting.

A potluck dinner in the Ambassador College Student Center was followed by dancing later in the evening. Some singles stayed for the weekend, participating in sports and other activities. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dean.

Breakfast meeting

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Graduate Spokesman Club here concluded activities for the year Dec. 11 with a breakfast meeting of pancakes, eggs and potatoes prepared by David and Cathy Francis, Les and Diana Cheeseman, George Harper and Bob Tatar.

Ron Sarfert, club coordinator for the last quarter of 1977, introduced topic master Richard Smith and Mr. Cheeseman, toastmaster. Speakers were Bob Bittner, Tom Schiavo and Jim Stokes.

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Watermelon income

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — The Spokesman Club here, membership eight, this year again planted about 1½ acres of watermelons. Compared to last year, income was down from \$1,500 to \$1,000, due mainly to a very dry half year and an oversupply on the market.

Club members, with the generous help of a retired small-crops farmer, a nonmember, worked on Sundays to tend the melon vines and cope with such pests as wallabies, wild ducks, stray cattle and a neighbor's pig. The neighbor's pig never bothered to come over until the melons were ripe and then it ventured over each night to have its fill.

Melons were sold to local fruit shops and roadside stalls. Some



FISH FRY — From left: Dave Byers, Betty Buelow, Ewald Unger and Camille McRae visit while the fish fry. See "Hooked on Fish," this page. [Photo by Henry Phelps]

members tried their hand at hawking the melons around the beaches at the nearby seaside town of Yeppoon.

Last year the effort was instrumental in Rockhampton being the first city outside of the Australian capital cities to receive the *Garner Ted Armstrong* television program on a once-weekly basis. From this year's income, the brethren hope to get *The World Tomorrow* on radio at the central-western town of Longreach, Qld. Steve Atkinson.

cussion; and speeches given by both men and women, followed by a short evaluation by the director. Icebreakers were given during the first meeting.

Norway will be unable to have its first meeting until some time in January, due to the holidays and the ministerial conference. Karen Stahle.

Change of place

TORONTO, Ont. — "You have matured, too," John Reedy, assistant minister, told the Toronto West congregation during his farewell sermon Dec. 3. Progressing from knocking knees at his inaugural sermonette 3½ years ago, fresh from Ambassador College, and with guidance from the prior Toronto West pastor Harry Walker, now on a sabbatical at Pasadena, and area coordinator Gary Antion, Mr. Reedy is now taking over as pastor at Windsor, Ont.

Tom Ecker, former Windsor pastor, has moved to the metropolitan Toronto area to be the West church's copastor. The Toronto area ministers helped Mr. Ecker paint and settle into his new home. The truck that brought the Eckers' furniture from Windsor took back the Reeds' furniture through snowbound London to Windsor.

Mr. Antion flew to Windsor Dec. 10 to give the sermon and preside over the departure of the Eckers and the introduction of the Reeds.

Mr. Ecker gave his inaugural sermon here Dec. 17. Afterwards, many gathered for a get-together to welcome Mr. Ecker, his wife, Susan, and Ryan. The refreshments were coordinated by deaconess Marg Cunningham. Bill Moore.

Plagued by injuries

WICHITA, Kan. — The YOUNG chapter here is fielding three basketball teams for the 1977-78 season and the two older teams are competing in the Wichita church league. As the local season nears the halfway mark, the A team of 16-to-19-year-olds are 3-3 in city-league play, in spite of being plagued by injuries in the early season. The B team of 13-to-15-year-olds has established a 7-1 mark and are currently in first place in the standings.

Both teams traveled to Tulsa, Okla., for the Tulsa YOUNG invitational for their first competition against other Church of God teams. The A team came out on the short end in its first game against Longview, Tex. In its second game, against Tulsa, Wichita's fourth-period rally fell short as it overcame a 23-point deficit to pull within 9 in the final period.

Wichita's B squad brought back the championship trophy, defeating Tulsa in the final game of the B bracket.

Both squads, as well as the prep team of 10-to-12-year-olds, traveled to Amarillo, Tex., the weekend of Dec. 24. Lisa Powell.

Bluegrass to Beethoven

WINDSOR, Ont. — An unofficial Canada Day was declared here Dec. 3 when C. Wayne Cole, director of the Canadian Work, addressed a capacity congregation at Centennial Secondary School auditorium.

Much of the congregation was composed of members from Detroit (Mich.) East, parent church for many of the Windsor group. Several members of the Sarnia, Ont., church, likewise past members of Detroit East, also attended.

Prior to the sermon by Mr. Cole, Tom Ecker, pastor here, presented an engraved plaque with the Windsor corporate seal to him and a rose centerpiece to his wife.

"Even though Mr. Ecker is leaving, the Head of the Church is staying right here." With these words, Gary Antion, area coordinator for the Ontario churches, encouraged the congregation Dec. 10. Mr. Ecker, pastor here for the past four years, has been transferred to the Toronto West church and succeeded by John Reedy, formerly of Toronto West.

Following the service, the Eckers were presented gifts from the congregation and the YOUNG chapter. Among the gifts was an engraved

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great personal trial for Sheri Aucello, Dennis' sister and my girl friend. If you responded to her request Dec. 19 to send her cards and letters, you have made a difference in her life. She is a marvelous example of Christian love. And if you did not, then Sheri is still waiting and wanting to hear from you. Her address: 1955 Jefferson Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45246. Mike Brandenburg, Cincinnati East.

May I gratefully thank every one of you who prayed for me and my son while we were both ill. Thanks for the beautiful cards and letters. My son has improved and my eyes are much better. Mrs. Mattie Lee Pritchard, 1000 N.E. 12th St.,

Thank you all for your kind letters with words of encouragement, and thank you all for your prayers. My condition is much improved, thanks to our living God. Julian Palacio,

THANK-YOUS

Thank you all so very much for your prayers, love and money you sent for my children and myself after the death of my husband, Ove Jensen, and three of our children. We now have a beautiful family again, because of the love shown at the death of her father. My children, Holly, Karen, Dan, Lora and I, thank you for your love, a very outgoing concern for us. Mrs. Janet Jensen, Lees Summit, Mo.

Shirley Burns would like to thank all who sent cards and letters. That is the most beautiful thing to get all those cards, get-wells and letters from people you don't even know. I am deeply touched by all their thoughtfulness. I love every one of them.

LITERATURE

Will some kind person please send me Sabbath sermon notes? I am unable to attend Sabbath services. Miss Iva M. Wright, Arkansas, B142.

Earnestly desire to have wordings of the following songs with piano and guitar notes attached: "The Ark," "Liberation," "Mexican Divorce," "Burt Bacharach," "I Can See Clearly Now," "Johnny Nash," "Sunshine Lover," Daniel Boone, "Whisky in a Jar," "The Highwayman," "Ode to a Swallow," "It's So Easy," Linda Ronstadt, "Sweet Sweet Smile," Karen Carpenter, "Love Hurts" (?), "Handy Man," James Taylor, "I'm a Man," "The Moody Blues," "Everyone's Gone to the Moon," Jonathan King, "I Threw It All Away," Bob Dylan, "Looking Back," Nat "King" Cole, "Palisir D'Amour," "Sister Sledge." Please send them to Any Teh, Malaysia, B131.

I will pay postage for any of the original Correspondence Course lessons. Any numbers from 1 on to last, \$0.60. Contact me before sending them. Eddy Baker, B132.

Wanted: to buy or borrow the two volumes of *The Compendium of World History*, by Dr. Hoeh. Greg Scarce, Australia, B133.

LOST & FOUND

Found: blue lined windshield wiper blade with snap which fits size 12 young lady or about size 18 young man. Found after girls' regional volleyball tournament in Frederick, Md., Dec. 4. Mrs. B. Long Island, N.Y., B136.

Lost: WOG hymnal at the Feast of Jejily Island. Has name on inside front cover. Would appreciate return. Will pay postage. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Jacques, Rt. 2, Box 367A, Brevard, N.C., 28712.

TRAVEL

We plan to move to Dallas, Tex., sometime this summer and would like to have some information about the area: housing, both rentals and buying, working opportunities, climatic conditions, etc. B137.

I would like to write to anyone interested in and experienced in world travel. Backpackers, hikers in U.S.A. included. Walter Stuart, B138.

MISCELLANEOUS

Trying to locate a lady church member who lives in Ohio who was curator for the Mount Pocono craft exhibit during the Feast of Tabernacles, 1977. A church member from New Jersey, Joe W. Weader, would appreciate hearing from her for a diorama (taxidermist showcase exhibit). The science-project curator, a lady from Ohio, was supposed to have the trophy engraved and sent to Joe. If anyone knows where she is located, knowing the lady please ask her to contact A.L. Legg, B170.

Hearing-ear dogs. Will the person who inquired about them in a recent WN write to this address for information? Ruth Deschene, director, completely for the Protection of Animals, Inc., St. Paul, Minn. Also, a big howdy to all the dealers from the Halls of Montezuma, to the shores of Tripoli, and from Texas to Oshkosh. Neil Jennings, Stockton, Calif.

Would like information on Neo-Life products and where to obtain them. A. Weader, McCleure, Pa., 17841.

Attention Mrs. Genora Beecher. We are receiving your mail. Please send your address and we will return it. Also, give your correct address to the computer in Pasadena. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goddard, 2301 Lakeside Dr., Lot 127, Lynchburg, Va., 24501.

WADESBORO, N.C. — Ethel Mae Ballard, 85, died Oct. 26 of cancer.

Miss Ballard is survived by her sister, Mrs. Hattie Mauldin of Ansonville, N.C., a member of the Charlotte, N.C., congregation.

Ministers' moves told in Philippines

By Pete Melendez

MANILA, Philippines — In a special ministerial conference Dec. 4 Colin Adair, director of God's Work in the Philippines, revealed several manpower reassessments to take effect in January.

Mr. Adair said pastoral activities of the Work here will be stepped up between January and June, 1978.

Wherever possible, Sabbath services in outlying churches will take place more frequently. Up to now, of the 13 existing congregations only the Metropolitan Manila and Bakid-

non churches meet weekly. Two churches in Luzon meet twice a month, and the rest only once a month.

Beginning this month, all churches will meet at least twice monthly, except the Albay, Iloilo and Cebu congregations, which will meet monthly until a resident minister can pastor them.

Visits to increase

Visits to scattered brethren, which had been cut in recent years because of finances, will be conducted in

Senior auxiliary helps CCC to serve Appleton

By Gary F. Ehman

APPLETON, Wis. — A second community-service thrust has been extended by the Appleton congregation of the Church in its continuing effort to serve the public.

Soon to join the highly successful Christian Clothes Closet, in operation since March, 1976, will be the Senior Citizen Auxiliary.

The project has been awarded an operating grant from the Comprehensive Education and Training Act (CETA) to hire two part-time coordinators who will develop the new auxiliary.

According to CCC director Rosalie Misco, the auxiliary will serve a three-part function in the church's drive to extend "good works" to the community.

"The first and overall purpose of the SCA is to help provide an opportunity for senior citizens of Outagamie County and the Fox Valley area to become productive citizens," Mrs. Misco said.

Secondarily, she said, it will allow materials donated to the CCC to be recycled back to the community in the form of handcrafted items for sale, "allowing our older citizens to feel needed, worthwhile and to be an asset to our community."

Senior citizens will make quilts, pillow covers, stuffed animals and quilted items will be sold out of the CCC location.

By sale of these products the third purpose of the SCA is fulfilled, Mrs. Misco said, in that it will provide funds for the CCC, supplies for the auxiliary and refreshments and an occasional social activity for auxiliary volunteers.



COMMUNITY EFFORT — Appleton, Wis., pastor David Fiedler receives a certificate of appreciation from Outagamie County Health Center administrator Joyce Finkenstein, center, and community volunteer coordinator Clare Kiepk for the church's work with the Christian Clothes Closet, a good-works arm of the Appleton Church of God. More than 50 other volunteers received certificates that recognize 5,000 volunteer hours worked by Church members. The Christian Clothes Closet has served 3,500 people who received 25,000 items of clothing. A second community project, the Senior Citizen Auxiliary, was recently begun in Appleton. (See article, this page.)

1978, Mr. Adair said, along with baptizing tours throughout the country.

(There are now some 13,000 Correspondence Course graduates on the islands who are potential candidates for baptism. These, together with explicitly prospective members and co-workers, will be invited to see a minister who will pass through their areas on a given date.)

Inadequate personal contact in the past between the pastor and members, either attending church or unable to, has resulted in some brethren "failing to tithe, drifting or even falling away, in some cases," Mr. Adair commented.

The director also stressed that an important part of pastoral work is the development of leaders and ministers within the churches. "It would be useless to extend our media [The Plain Truth and the radio and television coverage] into areas where we cannot make a follow-up of those who are being called, because we don't have the needed manpower to service them," he said.

"We hope that, as we strengthen the pastoral work here, we will see a stronger church and be able to do a better job of getting the Gospel out to this nation."

New assignments

On the island of Luzon, on which almost half the Philippine membership lives (some 890 out of 1,830 baptized people), are six congregations. Bien Macara Jr., who was ordained as a local elder (on the Work's payroll full time) at the Feast of Tabernacles last year, will pastor the Benguet and Pangasinan churches.

Mr. Adair remains as pastor of the Metropolitan Manila congregation, the largest of God's people here. He is assisted in that office by Felix Manabuy Jr., a new local elder not in the Work's employ.

Pike Minto will pastor at Panganga, with Max Fabricante (also a new local elder not on the payroll) as associate. Mr. Minto will pastor the Laguna church with Samuel Li-brojo as associate, and the Albay church, the new and now the only church in the Bicol region of southern Luzon.

Pedro S. Ortigero, preaching elder, who has been pastor at Pangasinan, will temporarily be transferred from pastoring congregations. He will be used in conducting baptizing and visiting tours in the Luzon provinces. He will also be a visiting preacher in any of God's churches he may be near during his travels.

In the Visayan group of islands are the churches in Cebu and Iloilo, which have been pastorless since George Hood, then acting pastor, returned to America in July. Jose Raduban, a preaching elder, has been appointed to take his place but won't be able to settle in the area until March.

When in the Visayas, Mr. Raduban will also have oversight of the scattered brethren in the area, conducting Bible studies with them and baptizing prospective members who may wish to meet with him on his trips.

On the war-stricken island of Mindanao are five congregations that have the good fortune to be nestled in the peaceful non-Moslem north, central and south regions of the island. Encarnacion Benitez will continue as pastor of the Bakidnon church, plus the newly begun Misamis Oriental congregation.

Mr. Adair made the announcements of the transfers and changes in policy at a meeting of all 10 ministers of God's Church in the Philippines when they were in Manila after meeting with Garner Ted Armstrong Dec. 3. Mr. Armstrong was here as part of his recent travels to Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines.



THE GRAPEVINE

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — In spite of recent unrest in Bermuda, the Work there is looking forward to continued growth as a result of extraordinary heavy media coverage being made available to the islanders, the Caribbean Work reported through its weekly newsletter, *Weekly Com-memorandum*.

The *Garnier Ted Armstrong* telecast can be seen each Wednesday evening, the five-minute radio programs are aired three times a week, and the 30-minute radio program can be heard Saturday and Sunday.

Beginning this month *The Plain Truth* will be on bookstore shelves in Bermuda.

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PASADENA — Boris Amaran-

tov, called "Russia's leading mime" by the *New York Times*, gave two performances in the Ambassador Auditorium Jan. 14 and 15. Mr. Amarantov was allowed to leave the Soviet Union in mid-1977 after two years of applications to immigrate.

The pantomimist said he wanted to immigrate because of what he called official attempts to stifle his art.

"My work is my life and I couldn't continue the way things were going," he said.

Early in 1977 Mr. Amarantov was one of four artists who formed a group to publicize restrictions on artistic freedom in the Soviet Union. After a warning from the Russian security police, the group disintegrated.



Everybody loves a Rose Parade

PASADENA — Ambassador College students were again involved in moneymaking activities as the eyes of the nation turned to Pasadena for the 89th annual Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 2.

The nationally recognized festival and surrounding activities, which usually fall on Jan. 1, have been the leading contributors to the student-body fund for the last several years. (This year Jan. 1 was Sunday so the parade was delayed a day.) This year some 400 students added a healthy sum to the student treasury by working in ushering, program sales, concessions for the parade and nearby Rose Bowl football game, parking and postparade cleanup.

Each year a representative of the student body contacts local vendors and contracts a specific number of student personnel in return for a specified amount of money. Tom Linton, an Ambassador College senior and coordinator of student labor for the parade, said the students' efforts would net the student fund "between \$16,000 and \$20,000." Final figures were not available as of press time.

"The money earned will not be spent only on student-body activities, such as dances, but also on service projects in the community," Mr. Linton said.

According to Mr. Linton, Ambassador involvement in the parade begins each year around September. The student coordinator is responsible for general planning, appoints

committee chairmen, generates interest among the students and assigns volunteers to work crews. From there committee chairmen meet with their volunteers and explain each student's responsibility during the parade.

On NBC TV

The Young Ambassadors, an instrumental and vocal ensemble directed by Ross Jutsum, director of music for *Garnier Ted Armstrong*'s personal-appearance campaigns, performed before the annual queen's breakfast, the first official public appearance of the rose queen and her court.

The campus itself was featured on NBC television's pre-parade coverage. Several shots of the campus were shown as well as cameo appearances of the student dance group, the chorale and the Young Ambassadors.

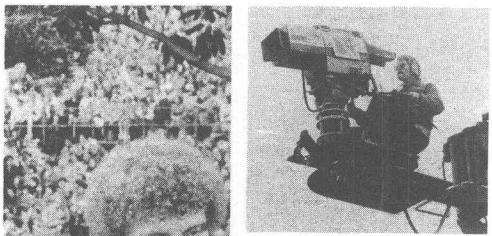
This year also marked the first year of student participation in Rose Bowl concessions.

Mr. Linton reported that participation of students was up this year numerically over last year, but the percentage of student help dropped dramatically from that of 1977. Last year fewer than this year's count of 400 students participated, but student labor as a whole was just under one half.

This year, with the addition of a large segment of the merged Texas student body and other incoming students, participation rose to 400 stu-



MIDSEMESTER GRADUATES — Fourteen students received Ambassador College diplomas during the recent semester break in graduation exercises in the office of college President Garnier Ted Armstrong. From left: Anthony Zakhich, Amy Powell, Karl Uhlig, Rosanne Newell, Clive Alexis, Rebecca Makinson, Jennifer Urban, James Garrett, Samuel Butler, Mr. Armstrong, James Abbott, Loma Jantzen, David Goethals, Richard Cobble and Theresa Dozier. [Photo by Ken Evans]



PARADE AMBASSADORS — Ambassador students served in a variety of positions during the Rose Parade. Pam Farley, far left, ushers; Donna Mayhew and Karen Kinder, top center, help out in concessions; Fred Nance, bottom center, sells programs; Randy Ragedt answers a viewer's question, above; as an NBC cameraman, upper right, films the beauty queens parading by on floats, such as the one below. [Photos by Roland Rees]



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