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Two Doctors Added To Faculty Staff

Dr. E. H. Owens

Dr. Owens, his gracious wife, and four-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, are new campus personalities.

Dr. Owens, a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery in Kirksville, Missouri, came to Ambassador to assume new responsibilities as instructor of human anatomy and physiology.

Dr. and Mrs. Owens have been *World Tomorrow* listeners since 1955. They were both baptized in December, 1959, and have been attending the St. Louis Church since 1960.

Welcome, Dr. and Mrs. Owens—and you, too, Elizabeth—we look forward to having you with us for many years ahead!

(See page two for a picture of Dr. Owens and family.)

Dr. John Waterman

Dr. Waterman, on leave from the University of Southern California, is a new instructor at Ambassador. He will be teaching two 500 courses which will be offered to seniors and graduates only.

The *origin and history of education* will be taught on Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:30, and *general linguistics* on Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30. Both of these classes will be very beneficial in answering many questions concerning these two subjects.

Welcome Dr. Waterman!



Your copy of the February issue of the *PLAIN TRUTH* was here! 345,000 copies of the American and Canadian editions.

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE PRESS PRINTS FIVE MILLION UNITS IN 1961

All told, *nine million* pieces of printed matter were turned out in 1961 for God's Work and *five million* units were printed right here on our own campus!

The Ambassador College Press continues to make tremendous progress in the printing department. A new program has already resulted in the saving of thousands of dollars! Under the direction of Mr. James A. Gott, our own presses now turn out every Church publication except the *PLAIN TRUTH*. This means that we are no longer paying outside contractors to publish our literature. The results are truly amazing!

Leadership Training Offered In New Monitor Positions

Leadership and Ambassador College training are synonymous. To further develop this quality, several promising young ladies were recently honored with mentorship responsibilities.

Gaylon Smith was promoted from position of Assistant Monitor of Murphy House to Monitor of the "grande dame" of women's dormitories, Mayfair. She

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Last year, our own press crew printed three hundred-thirty thousand *Correspondence Course* lessons. We saved enough money by printing the course

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SMILE

We all have problems that rise up time and again. But is that any reason to spread gloom? To trudge around like a Gloomy Gus? No!

To help us overcome this tendency, let's start a SMILING CAMPAIGN on the Ambassador campus! Let's say "Good morning" with a smile, "Hello" with a smile, and "See you later" with a SMILE! It doesn't cost much, but it sure helps a lot! It is showing concern for others, and turns our thoughts outward! Let's roll up lots of SMILEAGE this coming semester!



Dr. and Mrs. Owens and Elizabeth

New Monitors

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succeeds Beverly Baird. Gaylon's assistant will be Joyce Sefcak, who retains her duties from last semester. DeLee Hans is now second floor Monitor at Mayfair and will also aid Gaylon.

Judy Untiedt now supervises Terrace Villa, assisted by Lee Ann Livengood, who transferred from Mayfair. Betty Oden moved to Apartment B, and Betty Jo Hayley now resides in Apartment C. Melba Flatt was the former Monitor.

Margaret Gunter moved from Assistant Monitor at the new women's dorm, Grove Terrace, to be Monitor at Casa Loma.

Norma Cowan is now responsible for Grove Terrace, and will be assisted by Peggy Lochner.

Murphy House boasts three new Floor Monitors, as well as a new Dormitory Monitor. Jan Rubin will take over here and will be assisted by Rita Kay Butler on first floor, Bernice Lange on second floor, and Diana Majr on third.

Wofford To Present Assembly On Latin America

Latin America is a world of great contrasts. Fabulously wealthy, new, modern cities are enjoyed by 5% of the population; famine and disease are suffered by the remaining 95%.

South America, Central America, and Mexico make up one of the most thoroughly "Christian" areas of the world—nearly 100% of the population is devoutly religious. Why, then, does this professedly Christian society suffer constant bloodshed, poverty, and disease? Why do the people suffer greater depravity than did the Indian civilizations before Columbus brought the name of Christ to the New World? What has influenced and controlled Latin America?

For the answers to these and many other vital questions concerning the turbulent nations south of our borders, attend Mr. Don Wofford's color slide presentation of "Latin America" at Assembly, February 22.

Manor Del Mar Sees The Light

No longer will Del Mar men strain their study-weary eyes at night as they pull exercise-weary legs up the steps from Terrace Drive.

Thanks to Mr. Edmund Smith and crew—not forgetting John Snyder as he carefully watched the dichondra—the Del Mar men can at last see that fourth step they used to stumble over, and the fifth step they trod on that wasn't there! With new circular "flat-top" lights on the flat and "bell" shaped lights on the steps, all is well illuminated.

Thank you Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Smith and all concerned. The new lights certainly add to the elegance and convenience of our grounds.

Five Million

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ourselves to finance the GOOD NEWS and pay for a brand-new, up-to-date, offset press!

Similar gains were made in all other publications. Once again we have seen how effectively God can use a people of "little strength!"



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Let's Appreciate What We Have

By Howard A. Clark

Out of the three billion people on earth; out of a world torn by poverty, strife and fear, disease, hunger and misery such as few of us have ever experienced; out of a world drifting without hope, God has called a mere handful of us to the privilege of recapturing His true values at His own college. He has given us a purpose, a goal, a work to do. He has surrounded us with beauty, peace, serenity — shielded us from the wretchedness of this world. He has given us comfort, food and blessings in bounty. He holds out the security of a life-time job to all who will take it.

Yet, we treat this priceless heritage cheaply! *We don't value it highly ENOUGH to press on, to drive ourselves out of sheer, humble gratitude.*

Instead, we dodge responsibility. We shirk our duties. We fall short in class preparation. We neglect prayer, Bible study, and plain overcoming, not realizing *we are slapping God's face with ingratitude!*

Let's appreciate what God has given us and *drive ourselves on* this semester in loving appreciation and gratitude toward a gracious God.

The Bug

by Sonja Dane

The flu flew in the window
and sat upon my head;
The flu bug took a bite of me
and now I am in bed.

Four long days I've been here,
four long days and nights;
I wish I could get up and leave
but somehow I don't feel right.

Mrs. Luttrell comes in and says,
"How are you, my dear?"
"Just fine, I think," is my reply,
but my thinking isn't clear.

Someday the flu may come to you
and try to take a bite;
Just close your eyes, take a breath,
and turn out all the lights.

When he sees that you're asleep
maybe he'll go away,
And bite a Christian Scientist
who isn't here anyway!



Jan shows DeLee how not to dress.

Kathryn looks fresh in a new Spring dress.

Ambassador Women Present 'Winter Portraits' in Assembly

"Winter Portraits" was the theme of the Winter Style Show of 1962, presented by the Home Economics Department.

Mrs. Van der Veer introduced the program and Anna Topash as Mistress

of Ceremonies described each garment in turn and brought out its different characteristics.

The program came in two sections—College Capers and Party Portraits.

Included in College Capers was everything from tennis outfits to very well made wool dresses and suits! Many of the Party Portraits can probably be recognized at the next dance or other special occasions.

To add spice to the show, Norma Cowan was transformed into Plain Jane; Jan Rubin, Patty Perfect, and DeLee Hans, Fussy Fanny, with Mona Zachery as narrator.

Each girl had accomplished much in her Home Economics class this semester! The garments were very appropriate and well done, women. We'll be looking forward to the spring Style Show, Mrs. Van der Veer and Mrs. Eickhoff!



Freshman cuties cut up at Saturday night caper.

Frosh Combo makes great music.

Freshmen Host Saturday Night Fun-Filled Rec-Hall Activities

On February 2, the Freshmen had a chance to "show their stuff" as they sponsored and managed Saturday night activities at Ambassador Hall. The neo-Ambassadors "put their all" into the effort and came up with a jam-packed evening of fun and enjoyment for everyone there.

The evening featured fine talent entirely from the freshman class in an excellent humor-filled floor show. A

snappy, uniformed freshman combo lent a sophisticated air to the evening in bringing live-music to the festivities. Any lack of polish was made up for with plenty of enthusiasm!

Our newest Ambassadors showed great initiative and thought, as well as a willingness to work in the "old Ambassador spirit," in presenting us with one of the finest Saturday nights ever.

Obstacles: those awful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.

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Women are usually shy in giving their age—often by 10 years.

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Man was noted for inventing time-savers—then came television.

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Girl about to be kissed in the moonlight: "Please, John, not with all those satellites taking pictures."

PORTFOLIO PRESENTS

Jerry Lynn Baker, a Kilgore Texan since 1937, has attended Kilgore Jr. College, Texas Technological College, and Stephen F. Austin State College!

Charles Bryce, a Texan from Timpon, vintage 1940, has been reared in God's Work. Before coming to Ambassador College, he drove a truck for Culligan Water Service.



Robert F. Bertuzzi, born in Dunkirk, New York, attended the Convair Astronautics College in San Diego. Being sent to Italy for a year and a half gave Bob the opportunity of eating pizzas 'neath the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Reared on a truck farm near Amite, Louisiana, Bill Bradford was president of his high school 4-H Club. Bill contacted the Truth through his father, a church member. Bill's favorite hobby is sketching.

Ken Zlab from Beatrice, Nebraska, was a wrestler in high school, so BEWARE! This California State Polytechnic College graduate likes chess and classical music.

Patsy Ann Patterson, one of our Imperial students, comes from Tyler, Tex. Patsy is a talented artist. Other hobbies are tennis and writing.

Pauladea Rhodes, a Kansas City girl by birth, attended the Springfield Church and was a student at Draughous Business College before coming to Ambassador.

Ten years ago, Dorothy Scheffler came into contact with God's Truth through her father. Since that time, Dory has striven to prepare herself for Ambassador College.



Betty Rupp's home town is Dayton, Pennsylvania. Reading is her hobby, and in high school she worked on both her school paper and yearbook.

Alice Rothery, born in 1943, is from Portland, Oregon. Her personality, as far as her hobby indicates, points to Texan ancestry, for she likes "Enjoying Beautiful Oregon." Her parents have been in the Church for a number of years.

Lyle Sell hails from Melvern, Kansas, where he divided his time among reading as he worked on his car while he drove around fossil collecting. He spent three semesters at Kansas State Teachers College.

Sharon Hedge has had the unique experience of attending three of God's Churches since her birth in 1943, at De Queen, Arkansas. Sharon graduated from Wickes High School, Arkansas, as valedictorian of her class.



From Denison, Kansas, comes Bill Freeland. Bill just about made it—he was a small baby of *three pounds*. He accidentally was struck by a familiar voice as he was sweeping across the radio dial; this began his interest in **THE WORLD TOMORROW**.

Joe Tobias comes from Allison, Pa., where he played three years of high school football. He says that all he got out of the three years of pigskin are: a broken ankle, several nosebleeds and a few free tickets. Joe came to learn of God's Work through his Mother, but really became interested because of his aunt.

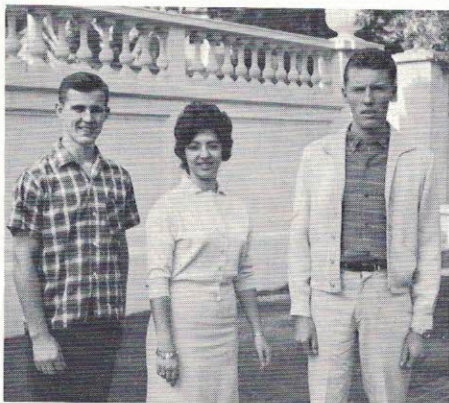


Milo Wilcox is straight from Ypsilanti, Mich. His school activities included: Student Council, Vice-President of the Washington Club, and the President's Committee. For hobbies Milo is "all wet"—swimming, skiing and fishing.

Leonard Robinson comes from Aransas Pass, Tex. and the Corpus Christi Church. His main hobby is playing the trumpet.

Tom Toussaint is a transplant from Brooklyn via Newport News, Va. During high school Tom played basketball. After two years of Army, Tom went to work as an IBM computer operator at North American Aviation.

Allen Bullock hails from Arlington, Texas and attended the Dallas Church. In high school Allen's main interest was "running around"—he spent four years on the track team.

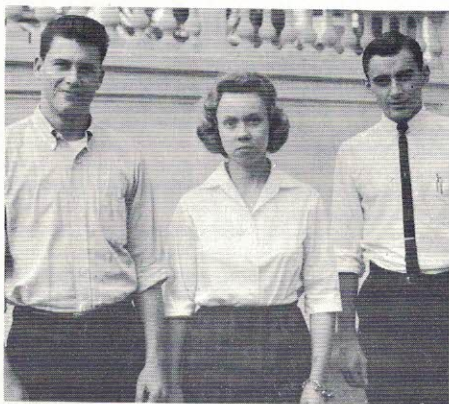


Rock and coin collecting and photography are the hobbies of freshman Bob Dick, a former Imperial student from Pasadena.

Mary Ellen Crittenden, from Muskogee, Oklahoma, was in Choral Club, Band, Orchestra, Spanish Club, Law Club, Future Nurses, Pep Squad, Drama Club in high school. Her hobbies include skiing, archery, swimming, horse-back riding.

Dick Edward Summers is from Moab, Utah, and spent one year at Mesa Junior College at Grand Junction, Colo. Dick first heard of the Work while in grade school.

Charles Crain, a graduate of the Gladewater Imperial High School, was born in Seymour, Texas. Sports in general are Charles' hobbies, but he especially likes basketball.

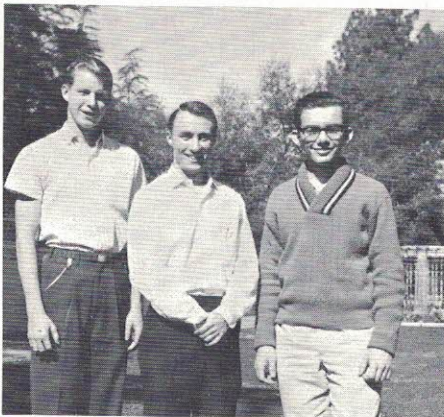


Janie Ardell Huffman is a young lady from Portland, Oregon. After high school, Janie attended the University of Oregon Medical School in order to become a dental assistant and a nurses' aide.

Keith Hunter is from Kansas City, Mo., and has attended the Church in Springfield. He previously did IBM work for five years.

Mrs. Jim Rudometkin, whose hobby is sewing, was born in Fresno, California, and has been living recently in Santa Barbara.

Mr. James Rudometkin, from Santa Barbara, California, a singer at heart, was once offered a contract by Mae West. He has traveled throughout continental United States and visited Mexico City.



Ken Mattson attended the San Diego Church before coming to college. His hobbies are electronics and swimming.

Allen Gerald Merager, a former production illustrator, comes from Madison, South Dakota by way of Seattle, Washington. His interests focus on reading, flying, and art.

World Affairs and politics were Arthur W. Landing's favorite activities in high school and San Diego State College.



Ruth Neitsch is a very "decisive" girl from Vancouver, B.C. Her interest and job before entering college were in obstetrics, surgery and the mental hospitals. She came into contact with Ambassador through her brother Mr. Robert Neitsch.



One of the few native-born Californians at college is Aldah Lindgren. She was born in Escalon, and has attended the Sacramento Church for some time. Aldah was active in many high school functions, especially the Spanish Club. The most outstanding incident in her life to date is being able to attend Ambassador College.

All of us can glean much from the many and varied experiences of Arch Bradley. In his sojourns through thirty-five states, Arch has seen the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Coney Island, etc. A native of Sunnyvale, California, he contacted the Truth through his grandparents. Arch attended San Jose State College for one year.

Robert L. Gray comes to us from Barton, Vermont. He has a B.S. in Aero Engineering from St. Louis U. and three years' naval experience. Included among his travels abroad was a year's stay in England with his family. Mr. Gray attended the Milwaukee Church.

Mr. Dale Hanway is from Columbus, Nebraska. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was employed by the Behlen Manufacturing Company.



NEWS BRIEFS

On January 29, in the middle of the Winter "heat wave," the *Imperial High School* students spent the day cooling off in the snow at Holliday Hill. They reported—snow conditions were *excellent!*

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Ambassador College welcomes a new face to the campus this semester—Flemming Sylvest. Flemming was born in Denmark, but immigrated to Los Angeles in January of 1956.

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A hearty welcome is extended to Georgia Daniels, who has returned after being away for two semesters.

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The Board of Trustees now has a new member—Mr. Reiman from Fresno, California.

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Cecil McCormick and Cleda Cox were officially engaged Friday, January 29th. She's sporting a diamond.

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John Livingston, a teacher at *Imperial* in Gladewater, recently announced his engagement to Esther Youngblood, a member of the Gladewater Church. A spring wedding, to take place about Passover time, is scheduled!

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The work has taken yet another step forward in the form of Mr. John Garms, the new man working in the IBM Department. Mr. Garms is from the Chicago Church where he, his wife, and two children had attended for two years. Five years of previous IBM machine-work qualify Mr. Garms for his new position here. We all hope he will serve happily in this new and rapidly growing department of God's work.

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Candlelit *Ambassador Hall* was the setting for the wedding of Mr. Ken Courtney to Miss Hilda Davis on Thursday night, January 25. The ceremony, performed by Mr. Meredith, was held in the lobby of *Ambassador Hall*.

Ron Miller sang "*Through the Years*." Barbara Tisch and Jack Pitt were Bride's maid and best man. Hilda was a radiant bride in the traditional white floor length dress and carried a huge white

carnation bouquet with an orchid in the middle.

A reception was held in the Rosewood Room, after which Mr. and Mrs. Courtney departed for their honeymoon!

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Dr. Owens will be taking over the office that Dr. Lisman formerly used. Plans are underway for redecorating and redoing it completely.



USE EVERY SPARE MOMENT!

Hot Tip From Tuesday Bee

Is your *Ambassador Club* treasury lagging? Could you use more money in the "till"? A way has been found to extract money in a painless manner from *empty pocketed* "I can't pay my dues" *Ambassadors*.

Tuesday night's "Section B" table topics chairman recently called on his zealous cohorts to participate in the *first* auction ever held at *Ambassador College*. Quick thinking, fast acting, Charles Roemer jumped at the opportunity to auction off a surprise package.

The bidding started at a furious pace as Charles Crain recklessly bid 12 cents. The bidding never stopped until Mr. "I've got plenty of money" Inglima purchased that enchanting package for a final bid of four dollars and seventy-five cents.

A record price for a can of beer!



Mrs. Gordon and Beverly talk it over.

Women's Club Educated In Hair Care

"Hair Styles" for *Ambassador* women were discussed in detail by Mrs. Helen Gordon, an experienced beautician, in a combined meeting of the *Women's Club*, January 30, 1962.

Hair, because it is a woman's "crowning glory" should be at all times well groomed and kept in order to portray a look of femininity and womanliness.

For demonstration purposes, Laurie Abraham and Barbara Tisch were chosen.

Individual questions concerning hair problems were encouraged by Mrs. Gordon. Questions ranged from hair-cuts, to permanents, to the styling of the popular "French twist." Proper use of rollers and bobby pins for that "Certain Effect" was also explained.

Mrs. G. T. Armstrong Offered England Trip In Plan Change

As a result of a sudden change in plans, Mrs. Garner Ted Armstrong flew to New York City last Thursday to meet her husband before he left for England, and together they made the flight on to London.

Former plans were that Mrs. Armstrong would remain here, but after discussing the whole situation, it was decided that she should go too! The Hammers will remain here for the while to take care of the boys—Mark, David, and Matthew—while Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong are of service to the Work of God in England.

BALDERDASH

One: "My favorite quotation is from Robert Burns, 'To be or not to be.'"

Other: "That's not from Burns, it's from Shakespeare."

One: "That just shows how well I know my Bible."

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The tragedy of the flea is that he knows for a certainty that all of his children will go to the dogs.

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A professor once spent some time figuring out why professors are absent-minded. He forgot the answer.

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If all the college boys who slept in class were placed end to end they would be much more comfortable.

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Prick your finger, it hurts not. Smell a buzzard, he stinks not. Oh, for the joy of seeing a bloody nose, it bleeds not; neither is it red.

My eye sees no evil, mainly because my eye is simply not there. And where is "there"? "There" is everywhere and fills all space (which is good).

'Tis no mystery to know these principles. It is only the presumptuous philosophy of a woman honored by every Christian Scientist.

—Mary Baker G. Eddy

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One good thing about modern art is that things can't be as bad as they are painted.

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The trouble with some women is that they'd rather mend your ways than your socks.

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The clock passes time by keeping its hands busy.

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Today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday, and all is well, so why worry?

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Child to parent: "I got 100 percent in school today—60 percent in math and 40 percent in spelling!"

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Radical orator—one who minds his own business at the top of his lungs.

Burgeoning French Work Reports Tremendous Growth

Mr. Dibar Apartian has just finished his 75th broadcast of *Le Monde A Venir*, thundering the same message that was proclaimed by Jesus Christ over 1900 years ago. This broadcast started October 9, 1960, on a small radio station in St. Jerome, Canada, reaching only a few hundred people. Now it can be heard by millions of French-speaking peoples all over Western Europe, North America and North Africa.

Despite the very early time of 5:40 a.m.—on Radio Europe #1 (400,000 watts) and on Radio Luxembourg

(500,000 watts)—up to eighty letters are received for each fifteen-minute broadcast.

Today, the *active* French mailing list exceeds ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PEOPLE!

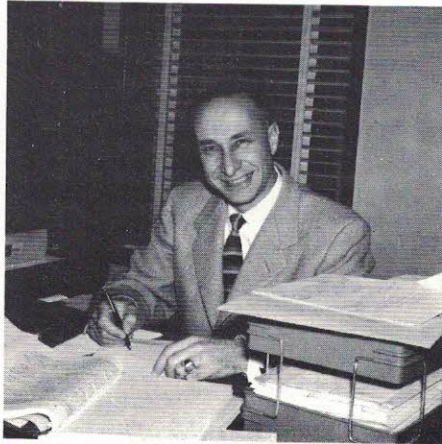
The French Department is using the services of 12 employees, including translators and proofreaders in France, Belgium and Switzerland. In the branch office of England there are three people, who read and answer the many letters received every week.

TWELVE Correspondence Course lessons have been published. Over a hundred are already taking the course in Europe. In addition, there are 35 French booklets and PLAIN TRUTH articles printed and in circulation.

"*The French-Speaking People in Prophecy*" is hot off the press! Tracing the French people from their Assyrian captivity to their present and future position in world affairs—this booklet, researched and compiled by Mr. Dibar Apartian, gives *undeniable proof* that the *people of France are the descendants of Reuben!* It is written as a companion booklet to "*The United States and the British Commonwealth in Prophecy.*"

The French people are shocked at the unusual, *direct* force of the Gospel—often writing to say, "I admire your courage!"

Since these people are basically Catholic in background, the question they often ask is, "What is this book you speak of . . . THE BIBLE?"



The ever busy Mr. Apartian, working as usual.

Mrs. Armstrong Prepares Women For Future

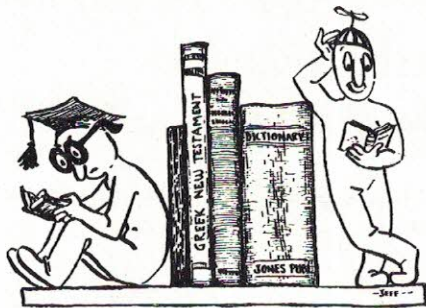
A special meeting of the combined Women's Clubs was called by Mrs. Armstrong recently to discuss "preparing for the future."

Mrs. Armstrong said that, as wives, we girls should strive to please, first, God; and second, our husbands. *Remaining* time may be spent for other purposes. To this end, *both* Bible study and home economics classes are *vital*, but they should not take up *all* of our time.

We women should concentrate on being the kind of woman described in Proverbs 31—an honor to a man and a light to other women. This kind of character, she stressed, must be practiced now!



Our supply of French literature makes an impressive display.



LIBRARY LOOKOUT

Vance Packard, author of *The Hidden Persuaders* and *The Status Seekers*, has pierced deeper into the heart and core of American society with his new book, *The Waste Makers*. He exposes the "philosophy of waste," tells who the waste makers are, how they operate and what they do to us. He reveals the artificiality of society and the cause of our vanishing resources, to mention only a couple of the appalling facts laid bare.

A very revealing book, you won't read it passively! It affects your everyday life!

You Can Have Your Own Personal Visiting Program

Everywhere, year by year, in God's work there is 30% increase. As a result, the Visiting Program of God's Headquarters Church needs help desperately! *YOU can supply that need!* Or had you thought, "There is nothing I can do!"?

There are 1300 wonderful people of God in this area. They live and work and send in tithes and offerings as their part in sending out the Gospel message. They are *hungry* for news of the latest developments at Headquarters. They are longing to become acquainted with *you students*—especially you Freshmen students! Each Sabbath they fellowship together as God has commanded (Heb. 10:25) BUT—with whom do they fellowship? Mostly with one another and with older students. Few of them have come to know you Freshmen—and you comprise *nearly half* of the student body!

Many of you leave *immediately* following the services. You are missing a truly great part of the blessing God commands. Join the throngs of happy,



friendly people next Sabbath in the Shakespeare Club in Pasadena. Or, if the opportunity presents itself, drive with those who are scheduled to conduct services at the outlying Churches of God. Drink in the inspiration their zeal and friendliness radiates.

Here is your opening to joyous hours with brethren who love you much. They pray for you daily, though they do not know you personally. These are the brethren who will open their homes to you, as they have to hundreds of others. Make it a point to meet *three new people* each Sabbath! Your friendship will help them to grow faster. It will also help you *tremendously* to develop your love and your personality as they are exercised outwardly to those who need and want them. AND, you join us, as servants of Jesus Christ, in helping to fulfill our commission.

DO IT NOW! Who knows?—perhaps you may join us later as an effective part of our ever-growing visiting program staff. Either way, God will *bless you* for it!

AMBASSADOR ADVENTURE

By John Wilson

The night was black as pitch! It was "D-Day" plus 2. Suspense grew and a fear of the unknown mounted as the men of my company prepared to disembark on the dark, forboding Normandy shore. We felt alone and naked—unprotected—in the black void that closed in around us.

We groped our way over the side of the transport ship into a landing craft. As this vessel slipped thru the inky night, there wasn't a sound but the muffled hum of its motors. A quick transfer to a yet smaller boat, and in a very few minutes we "hit the beach."

Deathly silence added to the blackness to give the impression of an uninhabited waste. The feeling of being all alone and defenseless against an unseen enemy pervaded the outfit as we threaded our way through the tangled mass of wreckage and death which covered the area.

Suddenly, the sound of a low-flying plane approaching fast sent a chill through us. Before anyone could seek cover, the plane was upon us! Then, "everything" broke loose from the "apparent" emptiness! We weren't alone!

From every direction—from emplacements along the shore, from battleships and gunboats anchored off-shore, burst a sudden hail of bullets and exploding shells. With every fifth round being a tracer, the whole area was lit up by a literal wall of fire belched out by machine-guns and anti-aircraft batteries on every hand.

The German Messerschmidt (ME-109) burst in mid-air sending wreckage and its hapless Nazi pilot to a watery grave. When we recovered from the initial shock and fright, we realized that "those on our side were decidedly more numerous and powerful than those against us."

So it is with you and me in our Christian life. We are not alone! Though we can't always see God's protective forces, they do, just as the unseen AAA Batteries did at Normandy, surround us with a superior force to protect us from harm. We need fear nothing!

Worry is like a rocking chair, it gives you exercise but doesn't get you anywhere.

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Common sense is most uncommon!