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SPOKESMAN CLUB CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

By Donald Winn

How time has flown by! The Spokesman Club celebrated its first anniversary on February 18, 1962. We met at Victoria with some eleven of the members of the Houston Spokesman Club. While attending this most happy occasion, I began to think and muse over the past year since the club began February 18, 1961.

This Club was made available to give us the opportunity to grow and develop leadership: So, let us retrace our steps over the past year to the present and see if we have grown.

When we first started meeting together in February, 1961, we were all so nervous and excited we couldn't think straight. I remember Mr. Foster giving us an example of how Table Topics should be led. He called on me for a comment and I was so scared I could only stutter and stammer. We were all frightened and certainly glad that our first speeches were to be about our own lives. At least we were speaking on a subject we knew well.

Yes, we have come a long way since then. We have been meeting in Beeville with the men of the San Antonio Church since July, 1961. This has given all of us a greater opportunity to develop real dynamic leadership.

We have made the right start in the right direction. Our speeches are be-

coming more fluent and easier to understand. Our English is much improved and our knowledge of different subjects is far greater. Yes, we are (Continued on page 3)

Growing Ambassador - Spokesman Club Membership Exceeds One Thousand

(Courtesy of The Portfolio)

On February 10, 1953, — just eight short years ago — a historic event occurred. It was on this day that the first Ambassador Club convened.

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, Evangelist and writer of many GOOD NEWS and PLAIN TRUTH articles, gave the first most effective speech. That night, Mr. Herman L. Hoeh was the most helpful evaluator.

The president of the club was Mr. (Continued on page 3)

Prepare for Passover

Less than one month remains before the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. Passover this year will be held immediately after sundown Tuesday night, April 17, in the Assembly Hall at the fairgrounds in Beeville. The following night (the night of the 18th) we will again meet at the same place for the "night to be much remembered" (Ex. 12:42). Thursday, April 19 is an Annual High Day. All day services will be held again in the Assembly Hall in Beeville. Potluck lunches should be prepared for the night of the 18th and for noon of the 19th. Plans for April 25 have not yet been announced.

Remember, God doesn't request our presence at these festivals — He COMMANDS us to attend! So, let's all prepare for the Passover.

CHURCH LIBRARY

By Michael Jennings

"Grow in grace and in knowledge." This was one of the Apostle Paul's instructions to the Church of God. To grow requires action on our part. One of the quickest and finest ways to grow in knowledge is to READ.

We have a Church Library with many books that can help us better understand what is going to occur in the immediate future and what has happened in the past in relation to God's plan. If you are interested in using one of our books for a two week period in order to GROW, contact Mr. Michael Jennings or Mr. Leonard Kirkpatrick at Bible Study or Sabbath services. We were given minds to use and exercise, so let's USE our Church Library.



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EDITORIAL

By Roger Foster

WATCH YOUR APPEARANCE

Is the way you dress and groom important in the sight of God? Probably more than you think! Jesus Christ Himself is spectacularly attired. Read the description of Christ and His attire in Rev. 1:13-15. In Matt. 22: 11-12 we read that a man was cast out from a wedding feast — type of Christ's marriage supper — for not being properly attired.

Recently, several in the congregation have been neglecting their physical appearance when attending Bible study and church. This is true of only a small minority — yet it is becoming a trend. Brethren, this should not be!

We are to be the **light** — the **EXAMPLE** — of the world (Matt. 5:14-16). We certainly cannot be a very good example if we appear in our church services ill groomed and poorly dressed. This brings reproach upon God's Church and takes away from the good example set by those who have not "let down."

On the other hand, some are going to the opposite extreme.

The average American churchgoer attaches tremendous importance to his physical appearance — especially during this season of the year. Women try to out do each other in wearing gay attire and colorful bonnets. Men sport the latest in masculine dress and styling. So much importance is placed upon making a good impression on other people that church attendance, to Mr. and Mrs. America, is nothing

more than another outlet for their egotism and vanity. This, also, should never be in the Church of God.

Christ rebuked the Pharisees for making broad their phylacteries — emphasizing their self-importance by **calling attention** to their physical appearance. In I Pet. 3:3-4 God instructs us not to **CALL ATTENTION** to our clothing and attire.

Some women are making it a habit to always comment how well dressed "so and so" was last Sabbath. This also can be a vanity — what you really want is for someone to mention that you were very well dressed and well groomed yourself.

Brethren, let's reach a **BALANCE!** Let's dress well — dress to honor and please God — but not dress for the **purpose of gaining the approbation of other men and women.**

SERMON REVIEW

Bill Seelig

On February 10, the sermon was entitled "What is the Mystery of God?" The things God is doing are hidden from the world in a mystery and are revealed to us by His Spirit. This world has a system of false mysteries, and with them, Satan is deceiving the whole world. We are told what this mystery is in Colossians 1:24 — "Christ in you, the hope of glory — ."

February 17, we heard a sermon on "The Seven Basic Traits of Character." Proverbs 6:16 gives us seven things that God hates. In contrast there are 7 traits which God likes to see in a person. We were given scriptures to show how these things, if practiced, would lead a person to real happiness.

Mr. Foster expounded on the Book of Philippians February 24. Paul knew many of the brethren might fall away because of persecution if and when he died — and there was no apostle to lead them. The whole book is an exhortation to the saints at Phillipi to remain in the faith.

"What is Worldliness?" was the title of the sermon for March 3.

We should all review our notes from time to time and take heed from the lessons they contain. Only by this can we retain what we hear!

Personal Glimpses

This month we want to introduce a couple known to one and all in the San Antonio Church of God, and to many others in the Churches of God — Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Flores.

Mr. Robert Flores was born July 20, 1925 here in San Antonio. His formal education appeared to have come to an end when he finished the sixth grade to go to work. He held various jobs until he was inducted into the Army Infantry November, 1943.

In Normandy, France, July, 7, 1944, Mr. Flores was captured by the Germans and held prisoner of war for nine and one-half months. During this time, he learned very well what it means to bear the yoke of captivity — privation, cold, hunger, hard work and enemy domination. He escaped with three other men and was soon returned to the United States where he was discharged December, 1945.

Mrs. Flores was born January 20, 1925 on the family farm near San Antonio, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Gutierrez. A prolonged illness of her mother forced her to leave school soon after completion of the sixth grade. Later, in 1942, the family moved into San Antonio and Mrs. Flores went to work at Kelly Field.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Flores had met as early as 1939, it was not until after he was in the Army that they began to "keep company" and became engaged shortly before he was sent overseas. Soon after their marriage, July 7, 1946, Mr. Flores enrolled in night school and received his high school diploma.

Mr. and Mrs. Flores began listening to Mr. Armstrong on the World Tomorrow and in December, 1951 wrote a booklet to help "clear up the Sabbath question." From a 1952 Plain Truth they learned about the Passover, and early in 1953, the whole family began observing God's Holy Days. They were charter members of the San Antonio Church. Mr. Flores was ordained a deacon in December, 1958.

Their healthy, happy children — Robert ("Bobby"), almost 14; Diana Marie, 9½; and Harold, 4½ — are proof that God's ways are the best ways. We should be grateful to have this warm, loving family in our midst.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Flores and Family

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

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Richard D. Armstrong. His capable vice-president was Mr. R. C. Meredith.

As the years passed, another necessity came to light. The number of local congregations began to increase. Many ministers and leaders began to realize that something else was essential. Church brethren, as a whole, needed the opportunity to develop in personality, mind, and character.

Then came the next great advance.

At Church Headquarters, in Pasadena, California — the first Spokesman Club was formed. The date was October 24, 1956. Mr. Sidney Hegvold was the first president with Mr. Keith Thomas ably assisting him as vice-president.

There are now over NINE HUNDRED members in the Spokesman Clubs. These members are spread out in over THIRTY separate clubs — found in FIFTEEN STATES from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

But the Spokesman Clubs are MORE than a nation-wide organization. Recently a new club was begun in Sidney, Australia — with TWENTY - SIX MEMBERS.

The club in England, which has been established longer, also has twenty-six members.

State	Clubs	Membership
California	10	226
Texas	4	96
Oregon	4	79
Illinois	4	105
Missouri	2	47
New York	2	52
Washington	3	55
Oklahoma	2	50
Pennsylvania	1	27
Colorado	1	29
Ohio	1	20
Kansas	1	16
Louisian	1	15
Arizona	1	23
Wisconsin	1	23
15 States	38	863

There are approximately two hundred men at Ambassador taking a speech club. This brings to a grand total: ELEVEN HUNDRED FIFTEEN MEN engaged in developing their personality, mind, and character for the service of Jesus Christ.

If the Ambassador Spokesman Clubs grow at a comparable ratio to the Work — thirty percent — then in the fall of 1971 we should have nearly FOURTEEN THOUSAND AMBASSADOR-SPOKESMEN.

YOU are privileged to have YOUR part in this organization!

CHURCH NEWS

FROM SAN ANTONIO:

Attendance in San Antonio has been averaging about 120 each Sabbath for the last two months. Attendance one year ago was averaging between 80 and 90 each Sabbath. This means that we have grown 30% in the past year.

March 10th brought an unexpected visitor to the San Antonio Church — Mrs. Sammy Brown, who now resides in Waco, Texas. Mrs. Brown was a member of the San Antonio Church until a few months ago when her husband, who is a member of the Armed Forces, was transferred to Waco.

Mr. Howard Naasz has just completed his stint in the Army and received his discharge thankfully, March 6, 1962. His plans are not definite, but he hopes to visit his parents in South Dakota and, if possible, resume his education at Ambassador College. We'll miss you, Mr. Naasz.

New faces in San Antonio are those of Mr. Jerry Bromley, Mr. Don Borthick, Mrs. Annie Teates and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Falk. We also have with us now Mr. Sammy Lyles who was formerly a member of the Houston Church.

FROM CORPUS CHRISTI:

The members of the Corpus Christi Church were happily surprised on February 17 to see Mr. and Mrs. Bob Merrill and their young son and daughter again. They have just recently returned from Fort Stockton, Texas where Mr. Merrill was employed for a time. They now live in La Feria where Mrs. Merrill's mother, Mrs. Frank Smith lives.

It was good to see the Carroll Short family of Vanderbilt with us again on the Sabbath of March 3rd. Their four children have all been sick with measles, but were feeling fine again.

We are very happy that John and Mark Robinson, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Robinson, have recovered from their illness with scarlet fever. Also it is good to see Mrs. Lydia Walker looking so well again. She is greatly improved from a severe heart condition and wishes to express her appreciation to all for their prayers and encouragement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kearney were back with us for church services on the Sabbath or March 10. They have both been ill for several weeks and we were glad to see them again.

Even though the Corpus Christi Church does not have the prospective members that the San Antonio Church has, we are still blessed with our steady

growth. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Morgan are expecting their third child sometime in August.

Mr. and Mrs. William Seelig attended the wedding of their youngest son, Tom Seelig of the Houston Church on March 10.

Miss Edith Foster is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Foster, and adds much to our congregation with her pleasant personality. She is Mr. Foster's sister.

A very warm welcome to Mr. Edward Graham, a retired banker of Detroit, Michigan. He has very recently moved to Corpus Christi from Lakeworth, Florida, and is extremely thankful and happy to be able to fellowship with God's own people.



Mr. Edward Graham, newest member of Corpus Christi Congregation.

ANNIVERSARY

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truly developing the whole man.

This is only the beginning. Now we must go on to perfection. We have the tremendous opportunity to improve our character in leadership ability. During the coming year we are expecting growth and overcoming that we may become effective leaders now and, later, in the Kingdom of God. It is up to us!

SPECIAL NOTICE FROM CO-WORKER DEPARTMENT

Although the government allows you to contribute up to 30% of your income to the Church, the chances of your tax return being questioned is less when you split your contributions among two organizations. Therefore, to those of you that will be giving 20% of your income or more to the Work, we suggest that once every three or four months you request a receipt from Ambassador College. Toward the end of the year when you know your contributions are running well over 20% you might wish to classify all donations in December as Ambassador College. This simple method will insure an acceptable balance of your contributions between the Church and the College as far as the Federal Government is concerned.

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Feminine Features

BUYING CITRUS FRUIT

By Lois Winn

We have just recently had two severe freezes; one in Texas and one in Florida. These are two of our heaviest citrus fruit producing states.

As a result, the fruit we will be seeing on the produce shelves in our grocery stores will be more expensive and in smaller quantities. Therefore, it would pay to know some important facts about buying citrus fruit so that you will be able to give your families the most nutritious fruit for your money.

Select mature fruit. The best guides in determining the maturity of citrus fruit are color and firmness. The heavier the fruit is the juicier it will be. Therefore, avoid the light-weight. Select well-colored fruit. Do not accept that which has green areas near the stem ends.

If the fruit is too soft, it is over-ripe. However, if it is hard it is immature. So, look for firmness.

Skin texture is a good indicator of quality. A rough, coarse skin is quite sure to have a dry, woody and flavorless pulp, whereas the fruit having a smooth, thin skin will prove juicy and sweet.

A well formed shape indicates good quality also. Bruised fruit is not a good purchase because it will lead to early decay of that portion.

HOUSEHOLD HINT:

When using a recipe card, put the card between the tines of a fork and place the fork in a glass. The card will be held at just the right angle for reading and will be kept off the table where it might become soiled.

RECIPE:

CASSEROLE SQUASH

- 1 lb. yellow squash
- 1 small onion
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup water
- pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 egg
- 1 large slice bread, dried and crumbled
- ½ cup grated cheese

Wash the squash and cut into pieces. Cook squash and onion in salted water for about 20 minutes or until done. Remove from fire and let cool. Add egg and crumbs. Beat all ingredients with egg beater. Place in casserole and top with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes until bubbly and hot. Can be served hot or cold.

HOUSEHOLD HINT:

To reheat bread or rolls place them in a paper sack. Sprinkle the sack with water. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Turn off heat and place sack in oven for 10 minutes. With oven heat off there is no danger of paper sack catching fire.

RECIPE:

OATMEAL CHEWIES

- 2 cups Quick-cooking oats
 - 1 cup brown or raw sugar
 - ½ cup cooking oil
- Mix above ingredients together and let stand for an hour.
Add and mix in:
- 1 egg
 - ½ cup coconut
 - ½ teaspoon vanilla
 - dash of salt

Place by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet and bake for 12 to 15 minutes in 325 degree oven.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN

Dear Boys and Girls,

How many books are in the Bible? How many apostles did Christ call? See how many of the following answers you know in "WHAT IS THE NUMBER?"

1. Noah had.....sons.
2. The New Testament contains..... books.
3. Christ called.....Apostles.
4. There aregospels.
5. Peter wrote.....epistles.
6. The Old Testament Contains..... books.
7. There are.....chapters in Genesis.
8. God created all of the physical things of the earth in.....days.
9. There are.....Psalms.

In the last issue of the newspaper, names of men and women in the Bible were given in a scrambled form. Here are their names, unscrambled:

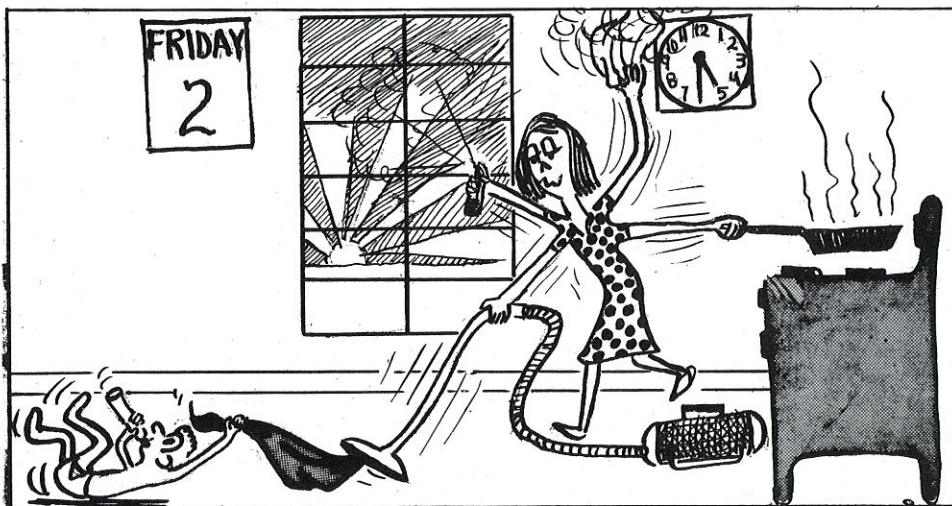
1. Benjamin
2. Elizabeth
3. Jonathan
4. Korah
5. Joseph
6. Joshua
7. Esther.

The answers to the fill-in blanks are:

1. Shem-Arphaxed
2. Ur-Chaldees
3. Sarai
4. Canaan
5. Egypt
6. Lot
7. Abraham - father of many people
8. Isaac
9. Sodom.

Answer the following questions TRUE OR FALSE. Remember, just one word can make a statement false.

1. Abraham knew that Isaac should marry someone from his own tribe, so he sent a servant back to Mesopotamia to get a wife for Isaac.
2. The servant did not pray to God to send the right girl, so he got a cousin, Rebekah.
3. Abraham died when he was 175 years old. Because he had obeyed God he had become rich.
4. After 20 years of marriage, God gave Isaac and Rebekah twins, Esau and Judah.
5. Esau sold his birthright of a bowl of soup.
6. Isaac sent Jacob back to Haran to find a wife.
7. One night Jacob had a dream at Bethel. Because of this great event he made a special landmark or pillar of the stone on which he slept.
8. Jacob fell in love with Rachel, Haran's daughter.
9. He worked 14 years to get Rachel.



PREPARATION DAY!