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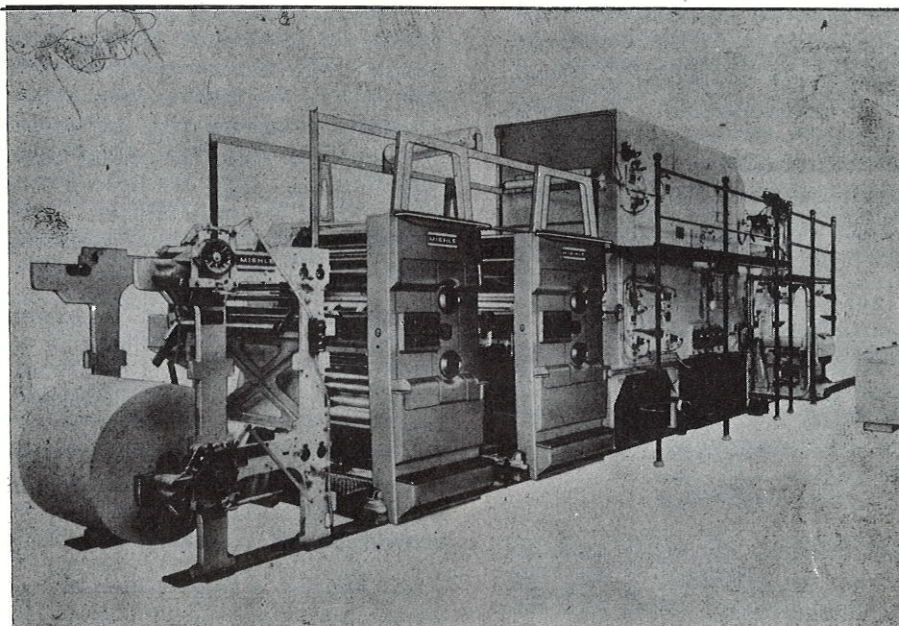
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AMBASSADOR TO BUY WEB PRESS

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has just given final approval for the purchase of a giant web-fed press to be used for the printing of The PLAIN TRUTH by our own Ambassador College Press!

The acquisition of this new equipment will more than double the present Printing Department capacity. One of the main considerations involved in the decision to buy this press was the COMPLETE CONTROL it will give us over the entire process involved in the printing of The PLAIN TRUTH. No person other than our own employees will even see the product from the time it is written until it is a finished magazine being sent thru the mails to the subscribers.

Ambassador College Press will soon occupy the building which formerly housed the Crown City Lumber Company. The facilities and general lay-out of the building are designed very well to accommodate a printing plant. From the extensive sprinkler system to the adjacent rail spur, this building seems in every way to have been designed for
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A press very similar to this is now being ordered.

The Plain Truth

NINE THOUSAND NEW SUBSCRIBERS were added to The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list within the last month! Nine thousand people, or almost twice the population of Gladewater, Texas, received their first copy of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine.

During the past year, one hundred thousand pounds of PLAIN TRUTHS were addressed, bagged, and mailed from Headquarters. That is the weight of twenty-five Chevrolet automobiles!

Now The PLAIN TRUTH is nudging the four hundred thirty thousand mark and is continuing to spiral upward by leaps and bounds. At the present rate

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Harrisburg Social

by Thomas J. Olsen


The 100F Hall in Harrisburg, Illinois was filled with much laughter and friendly conversation the evening of November 9, 1963, as a social started to materialize for the entertainment of the Harrisburg Church and guests.

A joyous social atmosphere was created by having white, black, and blue crepe paper strips twisted and hung in loops from the ceiling. As added decoration, inflated balloons were hung from the lowest point of each loop. The appearance of the hall was transformed from that of a meeting hall to a colorful room with a desirable atmosphere in which to have a social.

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The PLAIN TRUTH mailing staff at work.



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This paper is for you.
In order that you may receive it regularly please write us if we do not have your correct address. Also, please let us know any time you have a change of address.
All news bits, suggestions and articles you may wish to submit are welcome.
A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Discipline

By Earl Watts

Last semester had really been an experience in discipline. I had one particular pupil named Donna, who was quite a chatterbox. I had moved her several times and had talked to her and to her mother about this problem, all to no avail.

Last spring Donna developed a poor attitude toward her work and teacher. She became rebellious, offending, resentful, talkative and quarrelsome.

One Monday morning Donna began arguing with me. I went back to her seat and took her by the arms and gave her a shaking. She kicked me on the legs as if she were fighting for her life. In a few minutes she left the room without permission to tell the principal her story.

When she went home and told her parents of her punishment they were very upset. They wanted to see me that very afternoon but it seemed that God delivered me from them until they had time to cool off a little.

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WRITING ABILITY, NEWS,
AND PHOTOS

LAST SEEN
HIDING OUT

REWARD
SERVICE TO CHURCH PAPER
AND DEVELOPMENT OF TALENT

WARNING
THIS TRIO MAY BE FOUND
ANYWHERE - BE ON THE LOOKOUT

TEEN TIME AT HARRISBURG

Turkey with all the trimmings usually implies there will be guests present, and when the table is graced with a centerpiece and your best silver, it leaves no doubt. Such a table, prepared for ten, was brought in and placed behind the Spokesmen tables. There was no little speculation as to whom and where the guests were. Eight o'clock came and apparently the 'guests' were not going to be there. The meeting was called to order and the opening prayer was given. The serving boys and girls were then told the table was for them, and with gasps of unbelief, were ushered to it.

Lest the reader might think that serving tables and toting boxes is all these young people do, you may be assured their talents are widespread. Nearly all of them have served in one way or another in entertaining or caring for the smaller children. One of them occasionally plays the piano for congregational singing, another helps with the Church Library, while another is responsible for making those delicious whole wheat rolls which are served each week to the Spokesmen. We could continue this list, however this is enough to show that the teen-agers in God's Church are quite active and willing, and this night of November 16, the men of the Harrisburg Spokesmen Club were showing their appreciation by having them as 'extra guests' at this specially prepared table.

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Dining tables were placed diagonally along each side of the hall and covered with white paper. One of these tables was reserved for our minister, Mr. Hal Baird, Jr. and special guests from St. Louis. An abundantly filled fruit bowl served as the center piece on the table which was set up "family style."

Tables were also placed in a room adjacent to the dining room, on which a bountiful supply of delicious foods was attractively arranged. Approximately 150 men, women, and children filed by the tables selecting their choice of wholesome foods, pausing at the end of the table to select their beverages.

After dinner, the room was cleared and chairs were placed in a suitable arrangement for the entire group to view movies. The movies were of the 1963 Feast of Tabernacles at Big Sandy and Jekyll Island, narrated by their owners. A variety of musical entertainment followed which included: the Harrisburg band, a selection on the Hawaiian guitar, a fiddler's act by Daniel Verble, and a harmonica trio. An interlude of dancing followed, promoting even more enjoyable fellowship. Later, a sing along, a piano special by Danny Creed, a vocal solo, a vocal duet, and a recited poem by Robert Niekamp added even more spice to the evening's entertainment. SURPRISE!! This was the next item on the program and was a Millie and Tillie comedy presented by two charming young ladies from the St. Louis church, Miss Rosie Jacobs and Miss Elean Key. This memorable evening was concluded with dancing 'til midnight.

Why was this evening so memorable? It is true it provided entertainment and fellowship for God's people, but this social also was a first anniversary celebration; for on November 10, 1962, the Harrisburg church had its first Sabbath service. This social was truly an evening of great rejoicing for everyone and a fitting climax to the first year in Harrisburg.



Harrisburg Teens

WEB PRESS

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a print shop!

Because the equipment involved is so large and complicated, we will not be getting the first shipments until June. But if everything goes as planned your September PLAIN TRUTH will be printed by Ambassador College Press!

In Mr. Armstrong's words, "This is one of the most important decisions made in this Work!" Join him with your prayers for the success of this new press.

PATIENCE REWARDED

On the evening of November 2nd after Sabbath services at the Harrisburg Church, a wonderful thing happened to me.

I had been in need of a good pair of shoes for 17 months. Being a father of a large family there are always other needs in the family that seem more important than buying father a pair of shoes. My need was taken care of in a wonderful way; as Mr. Wingham made an announcement that some used clothing was available. During the period after the main sermon and the beginning of the Spokesman Club my wife went to the used clothing room to see what she might find. There she discovered not only shoes, but also many other things I truly needed.

I want to express my sincere thanks to our Heavenly Father for watching over us in his church, and supplying our needs.

Next I want to thank Mr. Ogden and his wife for their work in handling the used clothing and the wonderful generosity of the brethren who gave the clothing.

If we wait upon God, He will reward our patience.

Kenneth Payne



Mr. Goodwin

ST. LOUIS SOCIAL

by Mrs. Paul Miller

Do you look upon the wintry season with disapproval, thinking of the snow drifts, icy winds, and high fuel bills? Cheer up! There is a bright spot - it's "church social" time again!

The first such event in St. Louis for this season, took place on November 30th at Letter Carriers Hall.

The evening began with dancing and fellowship bringing a happy feeling to the hall. Some of the people could be seen engaged in a game of checkers or cards.

To many, the high light of the social was the talent show. Mr. Gerald Flurry, the master of ceremonies introduced the first act - the Dignified Conductor, with Randolph Davis doing a comedy skit accompanied by Carol Bakan and Rosie Jacobs. A variety of acts followed, including a waltz demonstration by Wilbur Malone and Elyse Roesler, with a comedy version rendered by Elean Key and Don Kneir, "how not to do the waltz". Kathy Searls played a piano solo, and the popular wash-tub band also performed. Other entertainment included Joyce McCormick and Judy Tindall singing duets, Jim Malone and Douglas Burns with a trumpet and trombone duet.

Next, everyone had the opportunity to take part in the sing-a-long led by Mr. Ron Goodwin. Such lively songs as "Alabama Jubilee" and "Oh You Beautiful Doll" were sung. To Walter Darling's

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MR. RON GOODWIN

God tells us to know them which labor among us; so let us introduce to you Mr. Ron Goodwin who is zealously laboring in the St. Louis-Harrisburg area. He is assisting Mr. Hal W. Baird, Jr. and is putting to practice the principles he learned at God's own Ambassador College in Pasadena, California.

During his five years (1958-1963) at Ambassador College, he was on the visiting team for about the last two years and was also privileged to accompany ministers at times. Many leadership positions were held by him throughout his college years in various activities, one of them being president of the French Club. His major was Theology, required major for all students at Ambassador, while his minor was French and Speech.

Last summer he assisted Mr. David Antion in the Oklahoma City-Tulsa area, where he gained a lot of extremely

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Don't Go Native

Everyone has seen the motion picture where an Englishman is in some hot jungle outpost. The only white man for a thousand miles. Each night he dresses for dinner in the very whitest of shirt and pants. The table is set as if the Queen of England may be the expected guest. This English gentleman is made out to be some sort of peculiar fellow, the joke of the jungle. Perhaps in times past you laughed at this fellow too. In this situation there is a lesson to be learned, we should be like this man in principle. He has not gone native.

This man is representing the Queen of England and all that she stands for. It's not easy to get clothing that white and clean; perhaps he has a terrible time with the native help making them clean the clothes over and over till they are just right. That takes a lot of time. He must teach them to set the table and prepare the food as it should be. Keeping the house in neat, clean order. It would be much easier to walk around in much less clothing, to wear the clothes of the native, to let the important things go by, to follow their example, after all, the heat is almost unbearable.

Have you gone native? Do you accept presents on worldly holidays? Well of course I throw them away later you say. Do you listen and even sometimes tell a little shaded joke with the boys? (You don't want them to think God's people are stuff shirts.) You will look and act out of place at times if you do follow God in your every day life. Of course it is hard to live the proper way, of course it is hard to refuse a present that you could really use and especially if it comes in the form of money.

When you put your hand to the plow God did not promise that the field would be free from rocks. Brethren we are going to have a much harder time than the man (native) next door, but the man next door is not working for the goal we are, he does not have the promised reward we do. That should make us work all the harder. We are in some ways like the Englishman, an ambassador; the people in the world are the natives. The native does not seem so pressed for time, he has time to kill. We in the church do not have time to waste, with bible study and prayer, plus all the other duties we have to attend to. We too must not waste our money. God will provide us with our needs so long as we do not waste the

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PERSONAL GLIMPSSES



This month there were additions to three families. Each family already had a boy and a girl, and each family received another girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Deckard received with joy Barbara Ann early Monday morning, December 9. She weighed 6 pounds 6 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Belford had their third child, Sharon Kay, weighing 9 pounds 3 ounces, on December 13.

On December 19 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Coulter had Lisa Renee, who weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce.

Congratulations to Mr. Harold Scheffler and Mrs. Ida Jordan (of the St. Louis Church) who were married by Mr. Burk McNair in Mr. McNair's home in Denver, Colorado, on November 10.

Mrs. Scheffler is one of the four generations of her family attending The Radio Church of God.

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amazement he was called by Mr. Goodwin from the audience to sing a solo.

Meanwhile, the children had not been left out of the fun making. The children were shown some beautiful and educational movies.

To add to the enjoyment the always welcome refreshments were available for adults and children alike.

The evening seemed to end all too soon with many looking forward to the next social.

Social Comments

Once again we of the St. Louis Church have had a very enjoyable social. A hearty thank you to all who helped to make the social so wonderful and such a great success.

Mrs. Florence Voyard

It was a most enjoyable evening, everyone seemed to be in a social spirit. The band was out of this world and one of the highlights of the evening.

Miss Mary Stedman

I feel it was one of the most enjoyable socials I have ever attended.

Miss Marjorie Arnold

The man who makes no mistakes does not usually make anything.

MR. GOODWIN

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helpful and priceless practical experience.

Mr. Goodwin is from Alton, Illinois where he attended Alton High School before entering college. He was active on the debating team and took several speech courses.

His family is still living in Alton, However, he is the only converted member in his family.

If any of you have problems don't hesitate to consult him. He is well qualified to assist Mr. Baird, and if you have an opportunity to visit with him, do so. You will have an enjoyable experience.

DON'T GO NATIVE

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precious gifts we are given.

Yes, just as the English gentleman had a choice, he could take the easy way and go native, or the harder way and be a worthwhile representative of his leader. We too have a choice, the more difficult, but the more rewarding in the end.

Don't go native.

RECENT BAPTISMS

November 23, 1963

The St. Louis and Harrisburg Churches continue to grow and give us all reason for rejoicing. The following members were added to God's Church:

Miss Betty Webb
Miss Clara Webb
Mr. James G. Daniels
Mr. Euel Wyatt
Mrs. Charles Coleman

PLAIN TRUTH

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of nine thousand new subscribers per month, one year from now, the mailing list will number about 508,000 persons.

For every person who receives The PLAIN TRUTH, four others read it also. How many then are reading The PLAIN TRUTH right now—every month? The total is an amazing two million persons!

Figuring at the growth rate of thirty per cent a year, what will The PLAIN TRUTH list total in three or eight, or ten years from now? Here is an approximate glimpse. In three years there would be 791,000, in eight years 3,000,000; and in ten years there would be the staggering total of 5,000,000 directly on the mailing list. With four persons reading each issue, ten years from now 20,000,000 people would be reading The PLAIN TRUTH!

COULD THIS BE YOU?



When we take the yoke of Jesus Christ upon us the Holy Spirit encircles us even as the safety harness of a parachute. However, our carnality is constantly struggling to unbuckle that harness (Rom. 8:7). We are safe as long as we are obedient and trust in the Lord and not our own understanding (Prov 3:5).

Among the many faults which we must overcome is the tendency to criticize one another, to lean on our own understanding and to misinterpret something which we hear. We may assume something which we did not really see or hear at all.

We must constantly strive to overcome to the end, or we, like this cartoon, will be literally "JUMPING TO A CONCLUSION" -- our own!

DISCIPLINE

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The principal arranged a conference with her mother two days later. This conference brought many things to light, on my behalf. Donna had for some time been telling her parents only partial truth. Such talk catches up with people, sooner or later.

When Donna's mother learned the truth she was very glad she didn't see me that first evening. After this the girl came back to school with a much more cooperative attitude. The truth always does make things much brighter.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Mr. Earl Watts is a grade school teacher in a large school district in St. Louis County. While we all need God's help on the job, a teacher especially needs God's help in working with carnal rebellious children.