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Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread at Big Tabernacle

Canadian Office Growing — Vancouver Church Planned

The booming Canadian work continues to expand at an explosive rate! The mailing list has grown 100 per cent in one year! Correspondence has doubled and redoubled time and again as God continues to bless His work among our Canadian cousins. New fields and new opportunities are in the offing as God continues to hold open the door to preach and teach His vital Gospel message to our northern neighbors!

Expansion and growth has once again been forced on God's work! Answering an urgent plea from the North for help, Mr. Les McCullough recently flew to Canada to see what could be done for our hard pressed, hard worked, and hard squeezed Canadian office in Vancouver, B. C. Expansion was the first need to be met. The office, established just over a year ago, has been **QUADRUPLED** in size! *In one short year*, we have had to increase the office size four times over to handle the volume of work pouring in from all parts of Canada! The PLAIN TRUTH mailing list, a modest 5,000 a year ago, has since doubled to well over 10,000! A tiny trickle of mail has swelled to a torrent of over six-hundred letters per week.

Expansion and growth of the work has opened new opportunities in the Vancouver office. First to be surprised was Merle Boyes who has been called in to help full-time in processing the mails. Another man, a native Canadian, has also been added as a part-time helper to supplement the regular staff.

Following graduation, the office staff will be further augmented by Mr. Dean Wilson who will also help raise up and pastor the FIRST Canadian Church!



The Radio Church of God's grounds located just east of Big Sandy, Texas sprang to "life" during the recent Passover and Festival of Unleavened Bread. At the season of the year when outdoor life begins its new cycle, God's annual memorials (Holy Days) of His plan once again commenced.

The Dallas brethren joined with the Gladewater and Minden Churches in taking the Passover in the big tabernacle with Mr. Ted Armstrong and Mr. Les McCullough in charge. For the Passover service the Houston Church met in their regular meeting hall in Houston. Services there were conducted by Mr. Prince.

For the feast in Big Sandy it was the largest Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread with a great number of people

registering. After the Passover many of the other church representatives began to arrive taking advantage of the weekend of fellowship causing the number of brethren assembled to worship God soar to a very large congregation. God's Churches from Houston, San Antonio, and Oklahoma City—Tulsa with their acting ministers, Mr. Richard Prince, Mr. Roger Foster and Mr. David Antion were among those adding to a richer feast.

As always, the festival was jam packed with spiritual food. Sermons on the meaning of the annual days being observed were effectively and persistently impressed on the minds of the congregation. Rooting sin out of our lives is a most important problem. Under

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Reading — A Key to Your Growth!

by H. L. Treybig

Your reading ability can determine how fast you grow in God's truth. There is a widespread tendency to read very slow and this condition also exists right here among us. Ask yourself if you have read everything you would like to. Have your reread all the booklets within the last year? Are you able to sit down one evening and go through all four Gospels?

There is a specific reason why many of us lack real ability. God has not called the mighty, but the weak, the lowly. We seem to have the least abilities now. The reason God has done this is to confound the wise.

We then have the biggest opportunity of all to grow. Reading is the way to gain knowledge, instruction. Reading is educational. It is a sin not to grow so we need to do something about it.

The editors of This Week, the magazine section in your local Sunday newspaper, have published articles about this national calamity for over a year. They have given many steps to overcome this. Four of these follow:

1. Prereading. Read the first sentence in each paragraph only and all of the conclusion. You get the gist of the material quickly.

2. Phrase Reading. Become familiar with groups of words with one eye fixation. The more you can comprehend without moving your eyes, the less you move your eyes and the faster you read.

3. Vocabulary. Increase your vocabulary. An unfamiliar word slows you up.

Total Character Test Revealed In Forum By Mr. Armstrong

In his final forum for the school year of 1961-1962 Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong posed these very important questions: "Where will you be five years from now? What will YOU be doing?"

To answer these questions, he went over the points that he looks to when evaluating the students as individuals and in deciding where they will best fit in the Work of God. The points presented weren't nebulous ideals, but were down-to-earth characteristics that we either have or don't have.

Here in printed form are the qualities that God's ministers are looking for in the students at Ambassador College. How do you measure up?

MATCH THE CORRECT LETTER TO EACH NUMBER

- 1. Ishmael
- 2. Comer
- 3. Macpelah
- 4. Sisera
- 5. Phinehas
- 6. Pison
- 7. Septuagint
- 8. Eli
- 9. Amram
- 10. Jachebed
 - a. Killed with a spike in his head.
 - b. Ancient Greek version of Old Testament
 - c. Son of Abraham and Hagar
 - d. Moses' brother
 - e. River in Eden
 - f. Wife of Hosea
 - g. Father of Moses
 - h. Son of Eli
 - i. Burial plot of Abraham
 - j. A high priest descending from Aaron.

Children cannot be made good by making them happy, but they can be made happy by making them good.

If any word stumps you, note it, look it up in a dictionary and use the word in a sentence.

4. Retention. Ask yourself questions about an article after you finish reading it. The next day ask yourself the questions again. See how much you remember.

These steps are contained in a book the editors of This Week have prepared. This book will be placed in the library. Watch for it, check it out and use it!

So we can see how reading will really develop you. You can increase your speed 50%, 100% or even 200%. Do more reading. Improve your reading ability. Be prepared for a high position in the Kingdom.

PHYSICAL POINTS

1. Academic and mental qualifications
 - a. Entrance exams
 - b. Actual progress in class (grades from teachers)
 - c. Extent of knowledge acquired and how
 - d. Mental depth
2. Personality
 - a. Leadership
 - b. Poise
 - c. Speech and word fluency
 - d. Vocabulary
 - e. Does he or she radiate happiness?
 - f. Personal magnitude
 - g. Natural persuasiveness
 - h. Certain amount of bounce and zeal
 - i. Do they carry authority?
3. Drive
 - a. Motivation
 - b. Resourcefulness
 - c. Ability to put mental and personality values to work

SPIRITUAL SCORE

1. Basic attitude
2. Degree of conversion (must be totally submissive to authority)
3. Dedication and consecration
4. Compassion (sympathy and love for others)
5. Deep-down concern for others
6. Understanding
7. Bible I.Q.
8. How fast are YOU acquiring Bible knowledge?
9. Spiritual intelligence
10. Spiritual depth

Where we will be five years from now—and through eternity—depends on how we "stack up" according to these characteristics!

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inspiration, God's ministers brought instruction in "love" and the "purpose of our lives." Other helpful and enlightening subjects such as prophecy and the minister's conference were presented in sermons and sermonettes.

The setting of beautiful east Texas gave an inspiring aspect to the feast. Old friends, new acquaintances and a well balanced recreational program gave prevailing air of peace and harmony which can be found only among God's people.

Information concerning the festival held in other parts of the U.S. and around the world is not available at this time and will be printed in the next issue.

FEAST NIGHT IN HOUSTON A JOYOUS OCCASION

By John Ledbetter

The Feast Night beginning the Days of Unleavened Bread was a joyous and inspirational occasion for members of the Houston Church.

The spiritual happiness of this "night to be much remembered" was reflected in the outward countenance of everyone. Songs of praise to the Eternal were sung with exuberant voices and an abundance of healthful food and drink was served in a very attractive and well-organized manner.

Attendance mounted to almost 300 persons and overflowed to seating arrangements on the mezzanine of the American Legion Hall. Fellowshiping in one accord, this large group included many families from out of town.

CORRECTION

By Mrs. J. H. Fourniquet

A vicious dog had been attacking and injuring our old, toothless, defenseless dog.

Since we could not locate the owner of the dog, my husband decided to shoot the animal with rat-shot.

After assuring me that rat-shot would not injure the animal, but would keep him off our premises, my husband gave me some instructions. In event the dog appeared when my husband was not home, I was to do the shooting.

With human reasoning I convinced myself I should not shoot the dog.

This happened last December 23, on a Sabbath Day, so I went to church and received quick correction on my attitude in a sermonette delivered by Mr. Cecil Battles.

Mr. Battles could not have known what happened at our house that morning! His subject was concerning a rulership we have and are misusing or don't know about. What rulership? The dominion God has given man over all the earth—over animals, fish, etc. (Gen. 1:28).

Mr. Battles brought out that some animals are man's natural enemies and we should bring them to a place where they are not dangerous to man—we could kill them if they were hindering our process of life or threatening our property. (Ex. 23:29).

I left church with a changed attitude, realizing that in my mind I had been disobedient to God and my husband. And I knew what I must do if that dog should come during my husband's absence.

God spared me this distasteful (to me) job, by my husband being home the next time the dog came—and I learned another lesson on obedience.

Good News About the Houston Church

By Malcolm Martin

As the work of God leaps ahead, so does the Houston Church.

In July 1956 when I first attended church, there were less than 20 adults in attendance. One by one God has added more.

Up until 1958 there were only two Negro brethren in the congregation. They were allowed to attend church with us that same year. Now we are happy to say, nineteen colored brethren took Passover this year. Of course, there are many, many little children.

The overall attendance for the Sabbath Services on May 5, 1962 broke our weekly Sabbath record of 256. YES! we had 260, one hundred and fifty adults and one hundred and ten children.

This is really something to rejoice about, but it is also something about which to be concerned. We must grow spiritually in order to grow physically. If we do not, then the foundation will not hold up the building and all will come to naught.

Let us all keep up the good work and put forth more and more effort so that next year we may look back and be astonished at the growth in the Houston Church.

A Brighter Meeting Place

Been noticing something different? Houston Church members had a pleasant surprise in store for them recently. While we attended services at Gladewater, the American Legion Hall was completely repainted. New lighting fixtures were installed previously.

These improvements certainly give our meeting place an attractive appearance—cheerful and clean.

Employing God's instructions to meet our responsibilities and keep our agreements with others has certainly borne fruit. We should all be especially thankful that God has provided an attractive, comfortable place for our services.

SPRING IS HERE

Three families who enjoy the outdoors even more in the company of friends decided on short order to put these two together and have a backyard picnic in the Garmon's back yard. The yard is almost a park considering its size and outfitting with picnic and game equipment and the hospitality of its owners. Most of these were tried and enjoyed by the thirty or so adults and children that responded to the Garmons', the Wm. Martins' and the Turners' invitation for Sunday, April 29.

THE BOOK SHELF

By H. C. Freybig

Have you noticed the newest book in the Library—**The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich**? It is one of the best selling non-fiction books in print. William L. Shirer, its author, was an on-the-scene correspondent in Germany for over forty years and observed first-hand the rise of the young Nazi leader, Adolph Hitler. Terrorism was a weapon this heartless and ruthless leader used to carry him to power.

This is a story of Hitler and his maniacal action which at times were child like. Even his closest aides were unable to predict his next move.

This book will give you an insight of the coming beast soon to be revealed. Read it to understand more about the characteristics of the beast.

(Editor's note: This book is also available in the Church Library, abridged, and under the title "How Hitler Rose to Power" in the March, April, and May issues of the Reader's Digest.)

Air Borne

It was a bright and sunny Friday morning when Mr. Ramsey and his three passengers, Robert Meinhardt, Dennis Roberts, and Robert Persky arrived at the small Clover Field Airport on the south side of Harris County. Plans had been made for Mr. Ramsey and Robert Persky to fly to Gladewater, Texas for the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread while Dennis and Robert Meinhardt would drive.

At the time of the departure I, Robert Persky, did not yet know what was in store for me since this was the first flight I could remember having made.

The plane having been checked, now roared and strained to begin its predestined mission. Then, suddenly we were air borne, and unreality seemed to take over in the scene before us. Things which were before so huge and gigantic, now became mere pinheads. Tall buildings became tiny match boxes and the speeding cars became as a mass of confused and busy ants. Cities (man's civilization) no more showed their dominant reign upon the earth but instead became small and insignificant dots amidst the engulfing earth. I could now see how feeble man's existence really is upon God's great creation.

I could see, to my astonishment, miles upon miles of the surface of the earth plainly visible from an altitude of 7,000 feet above sea level. The view was magnificent. This was a sight which has helped me to understand just how great God's creation truly is!

Family Moves Into Dallas Area



Newcomers to the Dallas area are Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bergeron, who have a girl 6 years of age and a boy 2 years old. Upon his release from the U. S. Navy he chose Dallas as his future home rather than his native New Orleans. Previously the Bergerons had to travel 200 miles to attend the Philadelphia, Pa. Church. We are happy to have them with us as their enthusiasm indicates their joy of being able to attend a local church. Let us all extend a warm greeting to them.

Family Moving

Moving to Denver, Colorado are two familiar brethren of the Dallas Church — Mr. and Mrs. Walter Street. Mr. Street is one of our older members having attended the Evangelistic Campaign in November, 1956. Also he has been active in the Spokesman Club. We will miss them and trust they will be happy in their new locality.

Ladies, Let's Clean House

Are your clothes closets too small or do you have too much in them? Spring housecleaning will soon be underway. The suit with the frayed cuffs, the too small shoes, outgrown dresses or shirts that just don't fit; perhaps you can turn them into the Homemaking Class.

We have a used maternity-wear project for ladies-in-waiting. Also, if you have preserved baby clothing cherished for their memories, they must be given up soon anyway. Why not turn them in for the layette: Nothing is of value except it is put to use!

Many of you ladies cannot attend our class. Would you like to help in the repair of a bag of clothing? Your assistance is always welcome!

We do these tasks every day for those we know and love. In this way we can show our love for those we do not know.

There is a destiny that makes us brothers. None goes his way alone. All we send into the lives of others comes back into our own.

Get Behind the New Club Officers

At the last Spokesman Club meeting, just before the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Prince and Mr. Battles, the club's overall evaluators, appointed new officers.

Mr. Rowell is our new president, whose job it will be to guide the club in a way that it will be profitable and beneficial for all members of the club and church.

Our new vice president is Mr. Petranek. Since coming to the Dallas church he has been most helpful and an inspiration to all. He will serve as president in absence of Mr. Rowell and will prod the club to have enthusiasm and drive.

Mr. Taylor will be the club's secretary. This office gives the holder a wonderful opportunity to serve and keep things precisely and accurately recorded.

Mr. Winant will serve as treasurer and will help the club by watching and controlling its finances.

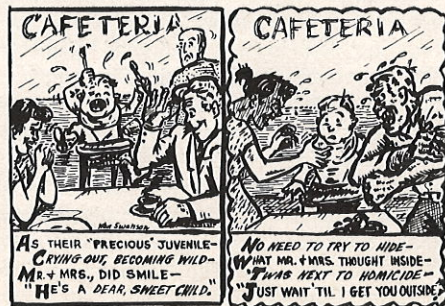
Last, but not least, is Mr. Parrish, our sergeant at arms. He will be concerned with the club's property and shall have everything in the proper place at the proper time.

The purpose of the club, as many times has been stated, is to serve the church. The spokesman will be planning for and contributing to the welfare of the church. Our new officers will have the duty of seeing that things are running smoothly. With this in mind we should all be willing to help whenever possible and pray individually for each officer to have wisdom in his new position.

WANTED: A three-quarter size mattress immediately. Please see Mrs. Ellen McIver. Phone FE 9-8207.

On Sabbath, April 7, the Dallas Church was privileged to have a sermonette given by Mr. Richard Rice of Gladewater. His topic was on the right use of time.

Mr. Rice traveled to Dallas accompanying the Gladewater Choraleers. Two musical selections were sung by the Choraleers and thoroughly enjoyed by the Dallas brethren. We will be anticipating a return engagement.



Lessons in the Life of a Small Boy

He sat at the window, longingly watching the world outside. Cars whizzed. A huge truck lumbered by. A tractor was digging in the earth. How he longed to be part of it all!

What to do? He was tired of working. He had taken the truck apart three times and besides, he couldn't get the wheels on it again.

Then he thought, "I know what I'll do. I'll help mother and clean the bathroom for her." The decision made, he squared his shoulders and marched positively off to tackle the project!

Perhaps he'd better shut the door and push the little button. He'll be very quiet. He had never attempted this job before. It will surprise her!

"What's in that box?" It says T-I-D-E. Sifting it out, it feels so fluffy and soft as he swishes it over the floor! It's a big box and nearly as much fun as playing in a sand pile!

He isn't near through, so many things yet to do. Suddenly he hears mother coming! She tries the door. "Son, open the door."

He looks things over. No, it probably wasn't a good idea after all. I'll be real quiet, maybe she'll go away. But no, she's all the more insistent. "Open that door!"

She runs to the kitchen. He's so quiet! What if he's turned on the gas! Mother is not very mechanical, but finally a paring knife is chosen for the job.

The door is opened and innocent blue eyes look up from a sea of tide. Relief is the first reaction.

He was just trying to help her — why did she spank so hard?

She went out and shut the door. "Open that door," she commanded. His feelings are hurt. After all, he was just trying to help. So he sulks. She opened the door and he thought for awhile she would never quit spanking him. It was much harder than the first spanking.

Then she went out and closed the door four or five times and told him to open it. Even if he was only trying to help he decided he had better hurry and open that door! He would like to cry but she said, "No!"

He is given a magazine, then works on his truck. He wonders, "Does she still love me?" He runs in and holds up the truck and says, "See the truck."

Mother put down the iron, picked him up and said, "That's a good boy, you've fixed it." He feels secure — he is loved, he has been forgiven. Off he goes to more conquests, more mistakes, more corrections and affection.

Yes, he'll attempt prerogatives — he's too young to handle, but as he grows he'll learn greater things, greater responsibilities.

Tomorrow is another day.