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BIG PLANS FOR 1974 SET

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

This year expects to see big leaps in the Philippine Work. The whole growth aspect is being integrated in what we call the Marketing Program. This scheme is primarily a scientific marketing approach which is being successfully adopted by the biggest and most progressive companies. Previously unknown to us, Headquarters and other regional offices also adopted some marketing scheme.

To be able to fulfill our commission in this present fast-moving world, we have to keep in step with it by using the best of modern methods. Just as we use computers, giant presses, jet planes, and international and mass-communications systems to carry out God's Work today, we are also adopting scientific marketing methods and approaches.

The following are some of the goals laid out for this year: To increase our advertising effectiveness; expose this Work to a greater number of people; upgrade the quality of our subscribers through screening processes; adopt a systematic program to speed up the acquisition of basic knowledge among our interested subscribers; and provide activities which will draw the church membership into a more effective and unified body. To accomplish these goals many organized campaigns, programs, procedures, and improvements are being undertaken.

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DIRECTOR UNDERTAKES LECTURES IN UNIVERSITIES

by Reynaldo S. Taniajura

A significant aspect of the Work in the Philippines beginning 1974 will involve the Director of Ambassador College Agency, Makati office delivering lectures in colleges and universities throughout the Philippines.

The lectures are part of the new marketing approach to be made fully operational in January.

Mr. Colin Adair has already delivered lectures in various colleges and universities, namely: San Carlos University in Cebu City; University of Nueva Caceres in Naga City; Manila Central University in Manila; Rizal Memorial Colleges in Davao City; and Zamboanga A.E. Colleges in Zamboanga City.

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ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES FOR 1974 BARED

by Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

Year 1974 promises to be a boom year in practically all facets of the Work both worldwide and locally.

The same is true on the entertainment side. This year's activities will be well-planned, closely-supervised, well-coordinated and designed to give attention to all age levels.

About a month after the last Feast of Tabernacles, Mr. Pacifico Mirto, whom Mr. Adair assigned to be in-charge of all social and

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BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT STARTS JANUARY 12, 1974

By Filamer P. Santos

The newly reorganized official line-up for the 1974 Basketball Tournament was just recently confirmed by Mr. Jose Raduban, Director of Ambassador College Games and Athletics Board. Except for the office team "ACE" (Ambassador College Employees) and the Urdaneta team "SPEARHEAD," all other teams were reshuffled to inject vitality, balance in strength and renewed zest and enthusiasm among its respective members. The reshuffling of team members didn't include ACE and SPEARHEAD because it would defeat their purpose of distinctive representations. ABC, CONCORD, PHILADELPHIA, and SPITFIRE were all reorganized.

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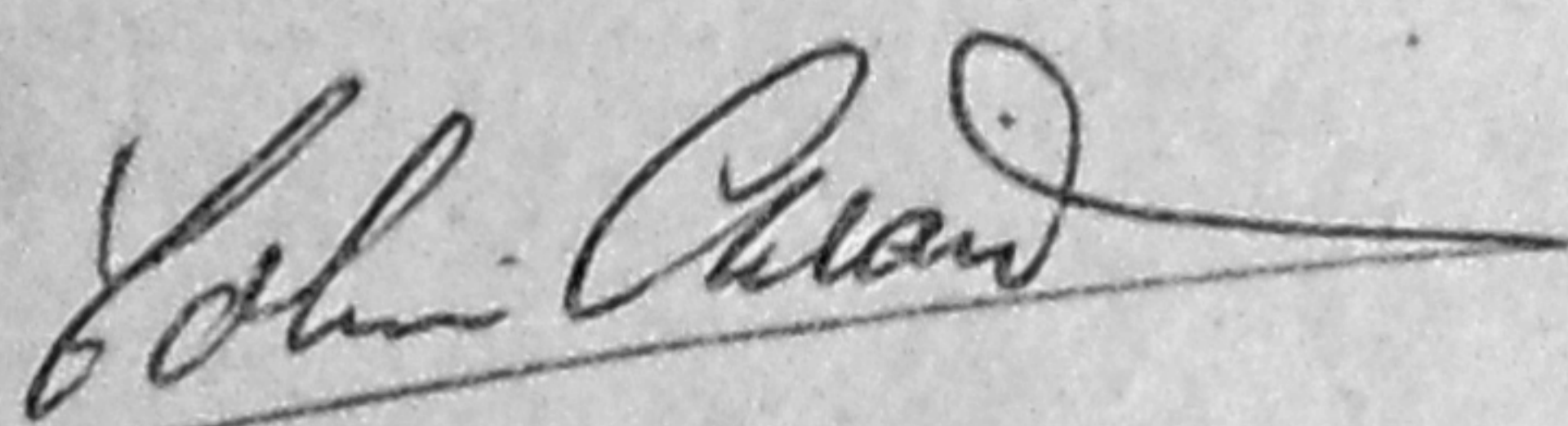
by Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

The Executive Committee for Church Entertainments and Socials in a recent meeting has issued the approved schedule for Church social activities for 1974 after evaluating the recommendations submitted by Mr. Edmond Macaraeg, Head of the Church Socials Division.

The activities were planned and scheduled so that everyone of all ages will have the chance

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Personal from



Greetings Brethren!

I am very happy to announce our new monthly newsletter "Contact." I know that many of you are still not able to afford a subscription to the Worldwide News. As a result many of you who are living in the provinces feel a lack of communication with what is going on in the Work here in the Philippines and around the world. The Worldwide News is, of course, the medium by which we can keep in contact with the news of the Work worldwide. "Contact" is not trying to compete with or replace our international newspaper. I still feel that as soon as you are financially able you should subscribe to the Worldwide News. However, I know that many of you living outside Manila desire to know how the Philippine Work is progressing. Now and then I receive letters from various parts of the country asking me about news of the Work. I can see that you scattered brethren especially feel cut-off.

Contact then, is just what its title suggests. It is to keep you, the brethren, in contact with each other. It is your newsletter. We hope that you will write articles for it, informing us of your experiences, activities, and the like, which you would like to share with your brethren. We plan to bring you interviews with the office staff, so you can get to know those who work directly serving God's Work. We hope to have reports from our leaders in Mindanao regularly so we can all keep in touch with conditions of the brethren down there. Also we want to run articles of interest to everyone with perhaps even a section for the children. We welcome reports of activities in your church area. Anything at

all which you feel would be of interest to everyone will be welcomed.

Your ideas and suggestions are also welcome on ways we can improve the newsletter. One word of caution. We are not trying to start a newspaper or magazine! Suggestions on improving paper quality, adding photographs, including color, and the like, are not for consideration. Contact will be kept to a maximum of six pages or so, and will be printed the most inexpensive way possible. This way we will be able to give it free to all of you. We plan to send it each month along with the Good News.

Each month I plan to bring you up to date with what we are doing in the Work itself. Our new marketing approach, which will get under way in January, is exciting all the office staff. I hope to keep you posted on our results as they come in. News of the lectures I am giving to Colleges, and of my travels around the country will also be included.

I am quite excited about this latest idea. I feel it will help to bring all of us closer together, just like the Worldwide News has done as regards our overseas brethren. It will certainly give you much more to pray about as you read of the problems facing the Work here. So remember--this is your newsletter! It will only be successful if you want it to be. We are looking forward to getting your input in the months ahead. Please send all your articles to me. I hope we can publish most of them. But don't be too disappointed if we decide your article is not suitable for publication. And we will not be able to return the articles to you. If you want to have it for yourself then keep your own copy.

Before closing let me give you the latest news. We are happy to have Mr. Pacifico Mirto joining the staff full-time commencing January 1974. Mr. Mirto will

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be our new Marketing Manager as well as serving as an elder in counselling and visiting. On top of this he will continue to look after our advertising and media as he has been doing in his spare time for a number of years. Also Mr. Edmond Macaraeg joins the staff full-time as a ministerial assistant and assisting in the marketing division. As you can see from this newsletter he will be doing the "donkey work" as managing editor for Contact.

Let's all be inspired, brethren, with the push forward in God's Work here in the Philippines and continue to pray for its success all over the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR --

Don't forget, we have a column just for you!

Why don't you write now!

BIG PLANS...

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Evaluating our past operations, we see that we receive more letters at less expense as a result of our newspaper advertisements than through our radio broadcasts. Therefore, we intend to use more of newspaper advertisements as the backbone of one of our campaigns. Also, a new door seemed to have opened to the Work in the Philippines. That is the university lectures in cooperation with Ambassador College. Mr. Adair plans to go through these doors as they open up. Keep abreast with "CONTACT" for other big things which may happen this year. As a result of all these, the entire office staff could find their hands full of work.

Many church activities are also planned for this year in the field of entertainment, sports, and church organizations. You will read about them separately in more detail in this and other succeeding issues. Among the firsts of the new things planned for this year is this newsletter "CONTACT." It is starting to gain enthusiastic response and interest among the members.

All plans, activities, and campaigns this year which is integrated into the Marketing Program will be managed under Mr. Colin Adair by one with quite a lot of experience in the business and advertising fields, Mr. Pacifico Mirto.

Assisting him is a marketing team to help carry out each of the individual campaigns, programs and objectives. They are Messrs. Franklin A. Gonzales, Filamer P. Santos, Edmond D. Macaraeg, and Reynaldo Taniajura.

Big as these plans are, we can just go as far as the limits of human resources. It is still God who gives the increase. We still need your prayers, financial support, and active participation. We sincerely do encourage you

DIRECTOR UNDERTAKES...

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These lectures started when a student of San Carlos University (who is also a member of the Church) invited Mr. Adair to lecture on the subjects of dating and marriage to his Anthropology Class. Another upon hearing this prodded on the Dean of Women of his university to invite Mr. Adair to speak before the whole student body of UNC on the same subjects.

So on July 9, 1973, before an audience numbering a little over a thousand, Mr. Adair made his first "personal appearance campaign" in Naga City.

There was an enthusiastic response from the UNC students. Out of one thousand brochures distributed before the lecture offering our booklets "Modern Dating" and "Your Marriage Can Be Happy," more than four hundred requests came in. This meant a 40% response.

After the Naga lecture, Mr. Adair gave approval for a group of enthused young men and women to plan and organize for more lectures that could be undertaken by the Director in as many colleges and universities throughout the country.

Initial contact of the group (originally named Ambassador College Youth Corps) elicited invitation from six colleges and universities. Two came from the Greater Manila Area, one from the Bicol Region, one from Iloilo, and three from Mindanao provinces.

For this third lecture, Mr. Adair spoke to some one hundred fifty students of Manila Central University in Caloccan City last November 24.

This was soon followed by an engagement in Davao City last December 7, at the Rizal Memorial Colleges. The students this time numbered more than five hun-

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to do your part even more. As Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong said, we have very little time left! □

dred. Incidentally RMC is a co-owner of radio station DXRA where the "World Tomorrow" is broadcast daily. The Vice-President of RMC for Academic Affairs requested the station manager of DXRA to tape the lecture so that it can be replayed over DXRA at some future time.

From Davao City, Mr. Adair accompanied by his wife and this writer flew to Zamboanga City for another lecture at the Zamboanga A.E. Colleges which was held last December 10. Some one thousand two-hundred students attended. This was the largest crowd that heard Mr. Adair speak on the subjects on Dating, Marriage and Family Relations.

During and immediately after the lectures in Davao and Zamboanga City, request coupons for our booklets on Dating and Marriage were handed in by the students to this writer. A total of 325 coupons requesting our free booklets were immediately received.

In these lectures, aside from his main subjects, Mr. Adair briefly discussed theological topics such as the origin of marriage, the falsity of the evolutionary doctrine, and the significance of marriage to the ultimate destiny of man. During the open forums which followed every lecture Mr. Adair also gave frank and authoritative answers to some of the questions asked by the students. For instance, in the question on whether it is "all right for a single woman to have relations with a married man," without holding himself back, Mr. Adair denounced and attacked such a situation as "wretched, foul and stinking"! He said that such an evil situation hurts not only the participants but also their families, the children, and the society in the long run. Likewise, he strongly denounced the weird and sex-arousing "music" that young people

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patronize these days and the perverted and twisted minds of homosexuals and sex deviates in our modern society.

These lectures, therefore, are not mere pedantic and professorial type of speeches but they have the taste of a mild rebuke and warning to the world that has not obeyed the principles given to man by God through the Bible. The Gospel, to some degree, is being preached through these lectures.

Recently, with the approval of the Director, the lectures were incorporated in the new marketing program. They will fall under the category of the media aspect.

The Philippines, whose citizens are considered, the most education-conscious people in Asia, stands a good prospect of being saturated with the "message" being sent out from Ambassador College through these lectures now being undertaken by the Director of Ambassador College Extension Program in Southeast and Northeast Asia, Mr. Colin Adair. □

ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

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entertainment activities of the Church, called his Executive Committee composed of Messrs. Filamer Santos, Edmond Macaraeg and me for a conference.

Mr. Santos was designated as Coordinator for the socials and entertainment projects assisting Mr. Mirto in said activities. Mr. Edmond Macaraeg and I were appointed Heads of the Socials and the Entertainment Divisions respectively. Recommendations were submitted by each Head then evaluated by the Executive Committee and finally presented to Mr. Adair for approval.

Based on approved schedule, the Church will be hosted with a show during the Days of Unleavened

Bread and as always, during the Feast at Baguio. Added to this will be entertainment activities in between the Festivals.

Following, in chronological order, are the activities:

March 10. We are digging into the possibility of presenting a show by outside professional performers who will perform for us for free. Details on what and who these will be are still being worked out by the one in charge of this particular show, Mr. Napoleon Acebron.

-Days of Unleavened Bread-

April 7. A beautiful array of foreign songs, dances and other numbers presented by our own local collection of "superstars" in their new numbers plus some new talent discoveries will be put together by Mr. Henson Fen Santos who will direct this Talent-Variety Show.

July 7. A pre-festival presentation designed to whet the aesthetic appetites of the brethren in anticipation for the Feast of Tabernacles shows is being scheduled. This performance will again make use of the professional services of outside performers. Who will those performers be this time? You've got to stick around to see it as we try to give you the best we can--always.

Cesar Tan, a fast-driving bachelor who has been searching another country for a lifemate but has finally found one close at hand will take charge of this activity.

August 14. Not to be forgotten, a show specifically designed to entertain the children in the Church will be held just for them. This is our first try to present such a show. This challenging project will be handled by Mr. Eliezer Valencia.

Feast of Tabernacles Shows

October 3. As usual, we plan to present a Filipiniana Cultural Show primarily for the benefit of our foreign brethren and guests. In delight, many have com-

mented that the same show last year was a very great improvement over the previous ones. We are determined to make this even better. Mr. Bonifacio Ocampo will plan and direct the Filipiniana '74.

October 6. Operetta. This is the most ambitious entertainment project we are embarking on. It was decided that the participants in the Choral Concert and the Talent Show will be grouped together to present an operetta instead. Mr. Filamer Santos, who has had the chance to see similar shows put up by the students at Ambassador College in Pasadena while studying there with his wife, will plan and take charge of putting up this show.

For more details of each project, be sure to contact CONTACT in its future issues. □

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT...

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Don't miss the opening night of this coming Basketball Tournament. As this will be the kick-off game of sixteen exciting matches leading to the championship in Baguio City during the Feast of Tabernacles, this opening night will undoubtedly indicate who is to meet who in the final climactic game of the year. □

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to participate in specific activities. Care was also taken so that it would not conflict with other church activities.

Children's Activities

Following are the activities for the children:

* Jan. 13. The parents and officers of the Imperial Children's Club will have a get-together for the purpose of orientation and establishing closer understanding between them to make the children's clubs more effective.

* Jan. 20. Film show for the children on some inter-
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esting and educational subjects.

- * Feb. 3--Educational Tour
- * Apr. 14--Children's Party
- * May 5--Another Educational Tour
- * Jul. 14--Nature hike
- * Aug. 14-- Entertainment-Fun Show for children.
- * October (Feast of Tabernacles). The children will have their own organized games and activities during the Feast days. They will also have opportunities to enjoy during the Family Night.
- * Nov. 3--Members of the Boys Club will have the rare opportunity of an overnight camping for the first time.
- * Dec. 15--Another get-together of the parents and officers of the children's clubs to evaluate the past years activities and look forward together to another year of activity for their children.

Managing the activities of the Children's Clubs this year are the following: Under Mr. Edmond D. Macaraeg (Head of the Socials Division), will be Mr. Victor Lim who will serve as his Staff Assistant. Directly over the Boys Club will be Mr. Maxzix Fabricante and one or more Staff Assistants. For the Girls Club, it will be Mrs. Rosevilla Laxamana with also one or more Staff Assistants.

General Church Activities

The activities for the adults or the church in general are as follows:

- * Jan. 19-- Saturday night Church
- * Feb. 3--Church Outing
- * March (With the scheduled entertainment show plus other things that might come up later in the month, we have left this month free of other activities.)
- * Apr. 14--(Days of Unleavened Bread.) Special Film Show
- * May 26--Church Social Dance
- * June 16-- Get-together for our "once young" brethren

ren with ages 50 and up.

- * Aug. 4--Socials and Church Bazaar
- * Sept. 1--Picnic-Rehearsal for members and participants of the entertainment shows for the Feast.
- Feast of Tabernacles
- * Oct. 1--Film
- * Oct. 2-- Semi-formal Dance
- * Oct. 5--Family Night
- * Oct. 20-- Get-together party for the participants and members of both Entertainments and Socials Division.
- * Dec. 1--Church Outing.

All the activities of the adult members of the church are being initiated and sponsored by the newly revived and revitalized Young Ambassadors Club (formerly Single People's Group). Full-time on the ball of these activities will be Mr. Cesar Tan, who will be this year's President and the other officers namely: Walfrido Valmonte, Vice-President; Miss Mercedes David, Secretary; Mr. Wilfredo Jacinto, Treasurer; and Mr. Rodolfo Bongat, Sgt-at-Arms. Assisting these will be many other committees which will be organized--composed mainly of single church members. If you want to serve in any way, why don't you apply? This is your opportunity.

In addition to these, there is of course the every - first - Saturday-night-of-the-month movies in the Adairs' home. Their home has come to be fondly called "Bel-Air Theatre" because of the Adairs' generosity in making their home available for many Church social functions.

We will be informing you more in detail of all these forthcoming activities every month. So please keep in CONTACT!

NOW YOU KNOW...

Starting next issue watch for this column as we plan to present to you the life background of our ministers and office staff members.

Facts you should know about The AMBASCOL Games and Athletics Board

by Jerry D. Ortiguero

The AMBASCOL Games and Athletics Board (abbreviated AGAB) seeks to provide and encourage the "young bloods" in the Manila Church to develop and promote love and Christian fellowship. Its main function is to organize and supervise "constructive competition" in the field of games and sports.

The need of an Executive Board became apparent when some of our young people, in their own enthusiasm and initiative, organized basketball teams. Some organized chess clubs while others volleyball. In order to do all things decently and in order, the AGAB was created.

The AGAB Executive Board is composed of the following: Mr. Colin Adair is the over-all Director. Mr. Jose Raduban, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presides in all meetings. The member directors are Messrs. Pacifico Mirto, Felix Manubay, Jr., Victorino Tuangco and yours truly who was appointed Executive Director. Mr. Ben Ortiguero is Treasurer and Mr. Candido delos Reyes is the Secretary.

The Executive Board conducts monthly meetings or more frequently if necessary. Each member director may bring up recommendations for discussion. The Chairman then decides which recommendations will be submitted for Mr. Adair's approval. Approved recommendations are then passed on to the Executive Director for implementation.

The main activity which has been organized under the AGAB is the basketball tournament. Four out of six basketball teams compete every other Saturday night. The 1974 INTER-COLOR Basketball Tournament will open formally on January 12 and will last until August 24, 1974. This tournament is composed of two rounds.

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The winner of the first and second rounds will vie for the championship game at the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City. This championship game determines which team will be the Basketball Champion for the year.

Individual teams have a Team Leader. He has the responsibilities and duties closely related to that of a Manager and/or Coach in the basketball world. One of his primary duties is to see that standard procedures and policies set by the Executive Board are followed and implemented by the team members. He collects dues from each member of his team. From this collection, he turns in ₱10.00 per month as his team's monthly dues to the AGAB. The collected sum from the monthly dues is just enough to pay for the rental of the basketball court. Other expenses like balls and other much needed equipment are partly subsidized by the AMBASCOL office social fund and from members' donations to the AGAB.

There is always a need for donations to the AGAB. The board, wishes to create more activities in the different fields of games and athletics for our people in Metro-Manila. However, one of the snags, as has always been, is the lack of money. Although we do not directly solicit contributions for the AGAB, your voluntary contributions or donations are certainly welcome. They will go a long way in helping us realize our goal to provide more wholesome activities and recreation in the field of sports where our own people can involve themselves and identify with. If you would like to help in this cause or have a part in serving others, this is your opportunity.

You may send in your contributions or donations to Mr. Benjamin D. Ortiguero, Treasurer, AGAB. Be sure to mark them as AGAB contributions so they are not mixed

BUSINESS TALK...

From the Business Office

Greetings from the Business Office!

Beginning with this issue, we will share with you in this column an in-depth analysis on important happenings on the business side of the Work.

As a start we would like to explain two important things which you always hear during the announcements. Some still don't know what they mean.

If the minister is going to ask for a show of hands during a Sabbath service on how many know the meaning of "month-to-date" and "year-to-date" data we are quite sure we won't see a forest of hands. Some, perhaps, may even wonder why sometimes there's a decrease in month-to-date and yet there's an increase in year-to-date.

Some months ago, when Mr. Mirto handled the announcements he explained what these terms mean. But on that very same day there were members who didn't understand it. So for those who are new in the Church, for those who live in the far-flung areas and for everybody who doesn't know the meaning of these terms yet (MTD and YTD abbreviated for both), here then is the interpretation of these "parables."

First, we will explain the MTD. Let's take a specific example. As of December 13, 1973 the MTD income shows an increase of 23.93%. Automatically the first question that comes into your mind is how did we get this figure? The answer is simple. All daily income from December 1 to 13; 1973 were added. The total is then compared to the total income from December 1 to 13 of 1972. The difference is either an increase or decrease. In this

with other offerings. Your help will be greatly appreciated. See you at the games, soon! □

example there was an increase of 23.93%.

To give you a clearer view let's suppose our income last year as of December 13 was ₱100.00. With an increase of 23.93% this means our income this year is ₱123.93 -- an increase of ₱23.93. On the other hand, suppose we received only ₱80.00 as of December 13 this year. Then what? Naturally there's a decrease. And what is the percentage? Minus twenty percent (-20%) or ₱20.00 less than what we received last year.

Now what is the difference between the MTD and YTD? YTD simply means the accumulated daily income from January 1 up to a certain given period during the year like December 13 in our example. On this date the YTD income showed an increase of 18.25%. The basis and computation here is the same as that of the MTD -- only in YTD we included all the income way back from the very beginning of the year.

However, between the two the YTD is more important. It shows the real status, in this case the income, of the Work. This is also true with regard to the letters we received.

We explain to you these MTD and YTD in detail because we feel it is vitally important especially in our prayer when we hear during the announcement that the income of the Work is on the minus side. □

ANNOUNCEMENTS:**BIRTH**

Mr. and Mrs. Pedro R. Melendez, Jr. are the recent recipients of a twin birth in the Manila Church.

Born December 1, the identical twin are Ruby Jane and Margaret Ruth.

CHURCH GROWTH

December brought in seven more members. Three were baptized in Manila and four in Zamboanga City. One of them is an ex-Moslem (the second to be baptized in the Church).

FEAST 1973 IN REVIEW

by Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

In spite of the Arab-Israeli war that rocked the world and its superpowers and the smashing typhoons that lashed the country, the Feast of Tabernacles 1973 turned out to be the best Feast we ever had.

Observed this year from October 11-18 including the Last Great Day, a total of 1,911 throughout the Philippines attended 3 Feast sites as follows: Tagum - 285; Don Carlos - 665; Baguio - 961. Baguio included members from, Australia, Guam, Pasadena, Kansas, Tokyo, a Filipino family from Vancouver, Canada, etc.

Mr. Marciano Moning with other leaders in Mindanao directed the Feast in Tagum. In Don Carlos, the brethren were favored with the presence of Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero and his wife. He conducted the Feast with the help of Mr. Encardio Benitez and other leaders.

The Feast in the cool, mountain city that is Baguio was again graced with the presence of a visiting minister in the person of Mr. Robert Mitchell and his wife. Mr. Mitchell pastors the Ballarat and Bendigo Churches in Victoria, Australia.

Because of the widespread communications and Sydney airport strike that hit Australia prior to the Feast, the Mitchells almost failed to make it here.

A number of the brethren from the islands also failed to make it to the Feast site because of typhoon "Laming" which was looming over the country and hitting southern and central Luzon with its power-packed center winds of over 200 km. per hour.

The rains however, stopped about 12 hours before the scheduled departure of the brethren from Makati. Generally fine, cool weather greeted everyone. Also we were blessed with a good share of sunny

days. But the 6th day of the Feast (Tuesday, 16th) found us being battered by typhoon "Narsing" which was still nursing a grudge against God's people. It incessantly smashed us with rains and howling winds for about 24 hours from Monday evening to Tuesday evening, cutting our water supply and electric power. In spite of all these inconveniences, there seemed to have been no complaints or grumbling heard and everyone maintained a positive outlook and a happy mood.

The organization of this year's Festival in general was very smooth and seemingly flawless. Assignments to the various responsibilities were given out early and everyone did his best to make the Feast a real success. The entertainments and socials were some of the highlights of the Festival's enjoyment. The Family Night, Thursday, was a night where everyone, regardless of his age, had the chance to be "in" where the action was.

Friday evening, the brethren, especially those from the provinces, had the rare opportunity of seeing and listening to Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong in film in one of his personal appearance campaigns. This particular one was taken during the last night of his campaign in New Orleans, Louisiana when he spoke an "atomic powered," very moving and edifying message on the subject, "Is This the End Time?". Saturday evening, the Manila Church Chorale entertained the brethren with a one and a half hour concert of popular and semi-classical songs that drew cheers and rounds of seemingly unending applause from a gratified and exultant audience who kept on applauding for more encores. The last time the Chorale staged a concert was in 1969.

Sunday evening (14th), the Filipiniana Cultural Show thrilled and charmed its audience in its great-

est ever performance with a moslem setting for variety. Complete with screen projections, stage lighting effects, spotlights, sound effects, stage props and with the great amount of tough and arduous rehearsals put into it, it turned out to be the best show of its kind in all the years. In fact, some foreign brethren were wondering whether we employed the services of professional performers and stage directors.

The usual semi-formal dance took place Monday 15th, but this time with new life, happier atmosphere and a livelier mood. Our visiting minister, Mr. Mitchell and his wife were presented with the fine woodcarved items usually given by the Church to visiting ministers for the Feast.

On Tuesday evening 16th, the last festival entertainment show -- the Talent Show, replete with all its color, life, fun and comedy, thrilled and amused the brethren. Like all the other shows, it came out to be the best ever in all our years of Feast entertainment.

On top of all these were volleyball games; basketball championship tournament and exhibition games; children's party and games; and some exhibits initiated by the Boys Club and the Manila 'B' Spokesman Club.

But the most important aspect of the Feast of course was the spiritual one. And again, in this, it was equally most successful. The messages were very convicting and inspiring. Beginning with Mr. Adair's opening message reminding us of the purpose of the Festivals, we were blessed with so many priceless messages on much needed subjects as "Give God First Place in Your Life," "Tithing," "Child Rearing," "Marriage and Family Relations," "Health and Healing," "Doing it God's Way - Not Our Way," "Serving God (Cont'd. on p.8, col.1)

FEAST 1973...

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With a Perfect Heart" and other timely and important subjects on God's way of life.

A surprise guest during the afternoon service of the Last Great Day was World Chess Champion Bobby Fischer, who was also present during the get-together party for the members and participants in the Feast entertainments and socials later in the evening. Back in Manila later, he was a guest at a Barrio Fiesta hosted in his honor by the Adairs at their home in Bel-Air, Makati.

The Holy Day offerings for this year also registered a very encouraging increase over the previous years. For the first Holy Day, there was a 51.50% increase and for the Last Great Day, it zoomed up to 71.92%. □

WANTED: WT MONITORS

We are spending several hundreds of pesos just to air the "World Tomorrow" broadcast on different stations throughout the country every day. You as a regular listener of the program would be a great help to the Work by being a MONITOR.

Is the signal of the station weak? noisy? Was the program started late? Was there a repeat or was the broadcast omitted? etc.

Every program that is not broadcast will be charged to our account unless we know about it! As a program MONITOR you can help the Work much.

If you wish to monitor either one or two stations in Manila, Laoag, Dagupan, Naga, Bacolod, Dumaguete and Davao, please send in your statement of intention. Qualified monitors will receive a free Monitor Kit from us.

Address your letter to: W.T. PROGRAM MONITOR, Ambassador College Agency, P.O. Box 1111, Makati, Rizal D-708. □

CONTACT POINT

by Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

This is a sort of classified advertisement section and a personals column. So, if you have anything you want to give away or sell; or if you need anything and you are looking for the best bargain, you may want to advertise it here. Someone may know the best way or place to get it. Some may even have items they may not need as you do. Please be complete, but brief.

FRESH MILK

The Bureau of Animal Industry sells fresh cow's or carabao's milk. Because supply is limited place your order the previous Monday if you intend to have it on a Thursday, and vice versa.

Available at the following outlets:

- 1) Alabang Dairy Farm--call Mr. Bautista -- 842-2346
- 2) Dairy Dev. Division, Rita Legarda Bldg., Ronda, Sta. Mesa--604427 (For these two outlets, provide for your own container.)
- 3) Dairy Dept., BAI--796878 Belman Laboratories, Sheridan, Mandaluyong. (Milk is available in plastic packs.)

Milk prices (unpacked): **cow's:**
 Raw.....P1.50/lit.
 Pasteurized...P1.70/lit.
Fresh carabao's milk:
 Raw.....P1.80/lit.
 Pasteurized...P2.00/lit.

Editor's note: Be sure to simmer the raw milk. Handling may have contaminated it.

MOLASSES

Especially during this sugar "shortage" it may be good to shift to molasses. It is much more nutritious and natural than processed sugar. We can develop a taste for it and it would be excellent to use in recipes. We hope someone can become a supplier. Any quantity is welcome. □

Philippine UPDATE

From the Mailing Department

These past three weeks of December brought in 6,682 letters, or a MTD decrease of -16.43%. Overall total mail for the year was 159,366, or a YTD increase of 21.61%.

Financially, MTD is 28.36%; while YTD is 18.61% (MTD and YTD are explained in the BUSINESS TALK column on page 6.)

LETTER COMMENT

"...Please receive my tithe of P2.00. Although it's a small amount it might help in God's Work; and it might help in sending precious truths to others. Although small compared to the service you rendered to me, it had helped me realize that financial difficulty is not a fine excuse for refusing to tithe. Please accept it."

- Fernando J., Ilocos Sur

OUT OF CONTACT

This letter comes from the mail we receive. Since it is funny, we publish it hoping it will tickle you a bit. The writer seemed to be just out of contact!

GOLDEN POP SONGS from Ambassador College?!!

Dear Sir:

Everyday I always hear your "golden pop" songs. I can't think of any other better recording artists than those which you have produced like Carren Carpenter, Michael Jackson, Nancy Wilson, Don McClean, Dionne Warwick, Ali Zerrudo, Helen Reddy and the rest I can't remember anymore. Were you the one who taught them how to sing?

As you know I am interested in music but my voice is rough. I am sorry I can't give you a beautiful song.

- John G.R., Negros Occ.

**FLASH
REPORT-**

POWER STATION FIRE THREATEN MINISTERS' HOMES

by Colin Adair

It wasn't exactly my idea of a peaceful sabbath evening.

It all started early Friday morning, December 14 - 5:25 a.m. to be exact. I was awakened out of sleep by a tremendous explosion and the sound of shattering glass. As my mind slowly cleared I was jolted by my wife leaping out of bed and dashing into the other bedroom where our little boy Andrew had awakened with a scream. She came back into the room calming him down. I was still dazed and my first thought was that it had been a loud clap of thunder directly overhead. But then it dawned on me that it wasn't raining. As I finally woke properly I was aware of a glow in the darkness. Now I was sure what it was. The power station near us! It couldn't be anything else.

I ran down the hall and opened the doors leading to the patio. Sure enough, there was the smoke and flames leaping high into the air. My wife passed me and went to open the French windows. The curtains only parted slightly before catching on broken glass. Two of the three windows were completely shattered, the glass lying in pieces over the floor. Now we realized where the noise of shattering glass had come from!

Putting on our dressing gowns we went outside. People up and down the street had the same idea. Most were bewildered about what had happened. We quickly phoned the Village Association and were told that a bunker fuel tank had exploded and was burning fiercely.

Soon our phone began to ring. Brethren from nearby, on hearing the explosion and detecting its origin, were concerned about our safety. Shortly afterwards some came

Mr. Pedro Ortiguero's house was even closer to the burning tank than our house. He and his wife had left earlier for Urdaneta but his three daughters were still in the house. Some of the brethren immediately went there only to find the house empty and a few window panes in the garage area shattered. Esther, Elizabeth and Eunice Ortiguero were found shortly afterwards shaken but unharmed in a side street.

There was real danger of the fire spreading to Mr. Ortiguero's home so the brethren began to evacuate the furnishings and possessions. They were brought to our carport for safety as our home was at that time not in danger.

The burning tanker had a capacity of 180,000 barrels but "fortunately" it contained only 53,000 barrels at the time of the explosion. In a fire like this water is totally ineffective, and the surrounding Fire Departments were not equipped with the proper chemicals to douse the flames. The fire burned all morning sending black clouds of smoke descending over Greater Manila. Towards noon U. S. fire-fighting teams came from Clark Air Base with the needed chemicals. A few minutes after noon it looked like the fire had been extinguished.

Half an hour later, however, the smoke thickened again and it was obvious that the fire had not been completely controlled. It burned continually all afternoon. Authorities reckoned it would burn for two days before dying out.

The danger was increased because of three other tankers nearby. Officials worked to siphon off the oil contents to prevent the fire from getting worse. By this time the wind had changed and the flames and smoke were drifting in the opposite direction to Mr.

Ortiguero's home.

Disaster Threatens

There seemed to be no immediate danger to the village as long as the fire was contained in the one bunker. As sabbath arrived around 5:25 p.m. my wife and I prepared for a quite evening.

At 5:55 p.m. as my wife went in to the kitchen to attend to our dinner, there was another loud explosion. We rushed on to the patio and stood transfixed at the sight. The early darkness was illuminated by blinding light soaring overhead! Flames leaped high in the air and hung over the village. We could feel the blast of heat strike our faces. I knew at that point what Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednego had felt as they faced the fiery furnace!

People were screaming and running down the street to get away from the heat. On going into our back bedroom I saw that the house behind us facing the power station was on fire. (I later learned that it wasn't the house that was on fire, but burning oil had flowed right up to the fence and gave this impression.) At this point I decided we would get out immediately. We bundled a few possessions into the car just as the lights over the village went out. (It's funny the things you think of at moments like this, but I realized I didn't have a clean shirt for sabbath services next day so I groped in the darkness, grabbed a few shirts, and went outside.) More of the brethren were at the front gate with the College van.

There was real danger of yet another tanker exploding so I told the brethren to forget any more possessions and to leave the village right away. Flaming oil could have set the whole village alight. Along with our dog Bugle we drove out of the village past residents who were busy loading furniture into cars and

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POWER STATION FIRE...

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trucks. We saw one residential house 100 yards from our home burning furiously.

We decided to spend the night at the office. We could see the fire from my office window and we watched anxiously as the night wore on. There seemed to be no sign of it abating. Every now and then I telephoned our home and was relieved to hear the phone ringing. At least this gave an indication that our home was still intact. My wife and I honestly didn't expect to see our home again. Knowing the poor equipment the fire departments maintained we knew that once a few houses caught fire the whole village would be razed in a short time. We began to think about how we would start all over again. But still we waited and prayed for a miracle.

At 4:15 a.m. I was awakened by my wife. She said there was no sign of the fire anymore. We telephoned the Village Association and were told the fire was now almost extinguished, thanks again to chemicals flown in from Clark Air Force Base. It was safe to return.

We were overjoyed to find no sign of fire or further damage to our home. At 5:00 a.m. sabbath morning we thanked God for protecting our property and also that of Mr. Ortiguero. We went to bed to catch up on lost sleep.

True to human nature there were many sight-seers at the fire at the time of the second explosion. Some of them were burned. Two firemen died in the blaze, three houses were razed, at least three fire trucks destroyed, and one or two private vehicles burnt. The smell of diesel oil hung over the village and roads were slippery with grease. At this time of the energy crisis it was tragic that \$5 million worth of oil and tankers were destroyed. Yet it could have been much, much worse. Bel-Air Village could have been drowned in

EDUCATION LEADER ARRIVES FOR VISIT

(Reprinted from "PHILIPPINE LABOR"--Official Publication of the Dept. of Labor, November 15-30, 1973.)

Herbert W. Armstrong, a world leading figure in education, has arrived in Manila in the course of his annual international travel to enrich his experience for humanitarian service.

Armstrong was honored at a formal dinner at the Manila Hilton on Nov. 15 tendered by Labor Secretary and Mrs. Blas F. Ople.

Founder, chancellor and chairman of the Board of Directors of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, Armstrong is engaged in a worldwide educational and informational work.

Ambassador College, which he founded in 1947, consists of three campuses: Pasadena, the mother campus; Big Sandy, Texas, with 4,000 acres; and Bricket Wood, England, with 100 acres. Each campus limits its enrolment to 700 students.

Secretary Ople, a long-time friend of Armstrong, said the visiting education leader, is identified with a movement to foster human understanding and fraternity throughout the world. He said Armstrong has achieved extraordinary success in social amelioration projects.

Armstrong's education service is not limited to the campuses of his college. There are 15 offices around

flaming oil. Hundreds of people could have died. Millions of pesos worth of property and the dreams and hopes of people could have gone up in that thick, oily smoke. The Ortiguero family and ourselves thanked the great God for His protection of our lives and property. The Village people will probably never know in this life who was really responsible for turning a potential tragedy into a happy ending. □

the world serving many countries. His educational and informative radio programs are broadcast over 400 radio stations every day around the world as one of the biggest and strongest radio broadcasting networks.

In addition, many of his programs are broadcast through the television media. Especially outstanding is the Publication Service.

The monthly magazine called "The Plain Truth," has a circulation of about 3,500,000 copies every month. This Magazine is presently being published in 7 different languages.

Millions of booklets and articles are printed and sent out to all parts of the world from his four gigantic modern printing facilities. About 3,500 employees are engaged in this educational work. The budget for this educational work was around 50 million dollars last year. Total mail received every day is over 10,000 pieces. His educational and informational services have pioneered in providing a need in this modern educational field.

Because of these services, Armstrong has the respect and appreciation of many leaders, educational authorities, professional people and others from all walks of life. □

NEWS FLASHWT BROADCAST CHANGES

Starting January 1, "The World Tomorrow" broadcast will be heard in Manila only on DZUW (1310 KH) at 6:30 p.m. daily. We may possibly go on DZUW at 6:30 a.m. as well, beginning February, but this is tentative. DZRJ is cancelled.

Also DYWB in Bacolod is being cancelled. We will instead transfer to DYFM in Ilcilo at the new broadcast time of 9:00 p.m. □

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a special first issue edition of 10 pages. We will try to limit succeeding issues to about six pages or so. □