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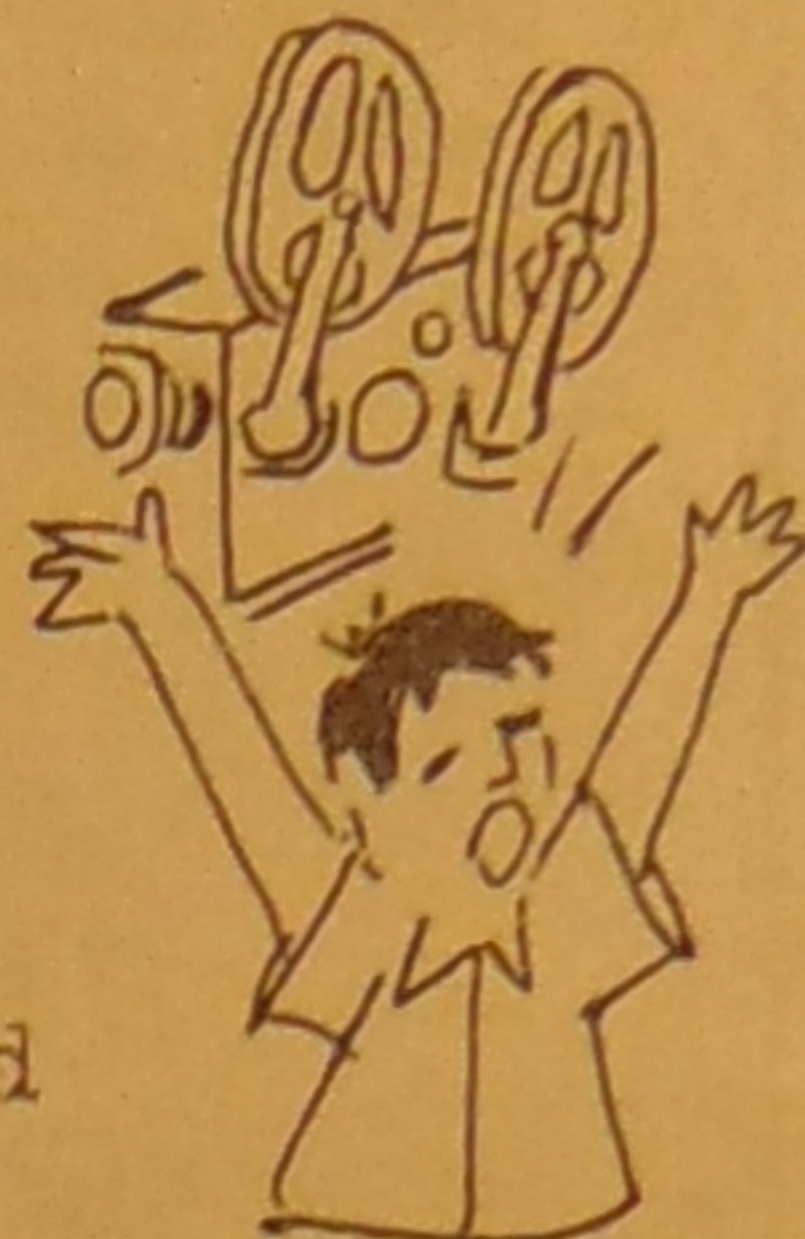
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BIGGEST LECTURE RESPONSE YET

CHILDREN THRILLED BY FILM SHOW

by Maxzix Fabricante

MAKATI, Jan. 20th. Today, 28 children ranging from 7 to 12 years of age attended a film show featuring "Introduction to Insects" and "Peter and the Potter."



The "theater" (the Laxamas' apartment in Guadalupe) was jampacked with the very young audience during the 46 minutes show. (Cont'd on the last page)

YOUNG AMBASSADORS "DROP-IN"

by Wally Valmonte

BEL-AIR, Makati, Jan. 19th

The newly organized Young Ambassadors Club held its first social affair with a rousing, slam-bang Drop-In at 7 p.m. tonight. Dancing, sing-along and varied parlor games provided the main treat for about 60 club members invited to Mr. Colin Adair's residence. Novelty, surprises and the wholehearted participation of our young people provided life for the affair.

The YAC is one of the more active club organizations. (Cont'd on page 3)

OVER FIFTY PERCENT IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

by Filamer Santos & Ricardo Perez

Some 800 students, faculty and officials of the University of Northeastern Philippines, Iriga City, turned up for Mr. Colin Adair's lecture on dating and marriage. This was held at the school's Students' Pavilion, last January 17.

Of all the lectures Mr. Adair has given, this seems to be the most successful so far in terms of booklet response. Already 454 from the audience have turned in their requests for the booklets offered in the lecture.

Below are excerpts from an account by Ricardo Perez on what transpired.

"Mr. Adair was able to hold the attention of the audience as he spoke with authority on the subject of dating and marriage. I could see the Deans of different colleges on the stage occasionally nodding in agreement with what he said. . . .

"The usual open forum followed the lecture but due to time pressure, the Secretary cut it short. . . .

"After the forum we were invited for a snack. For our ride back to Naga we were offered the service of the Governor's car!

"Friday morning (Jan. 18)--Mr. Adair was invited (Cont'd. on the last page)

ICC PARENTS AND OFFICERS MEET

by Vic Lim

MAKATI, Jan. 13 -- The new Imperial Children's Club started its activities for 1974 with an orientation meeting of officers and parents today at Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal.

Mr. Pacifico Mirto, chairman of all church (Cont'd. on the last page)

THREE HITTER FOR BASKETBALL OPENING

by Filamer P. Santos

SATURDAY NIGHT,

Jan. 12th. A bright and colorful parade inside the Ayala Court, marked the grand opening of the Basketball Tournament for this year.

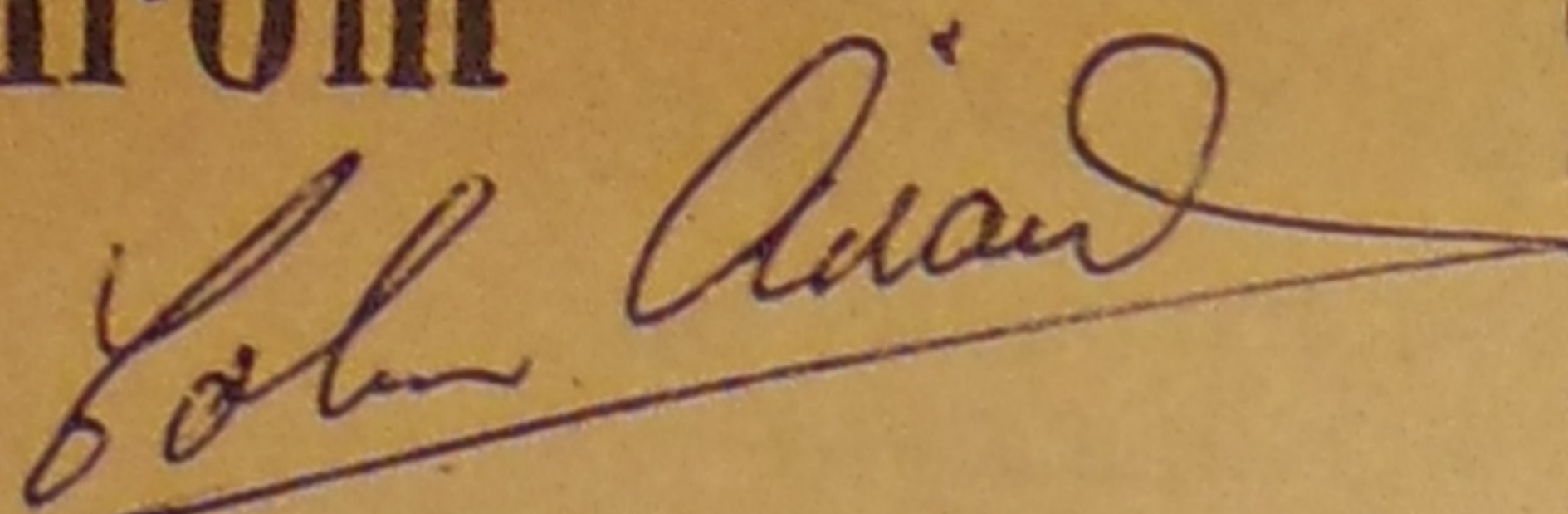
The starting game by our women's teams: Violettes and Pacific, reaped a score of just 4 points for each team.

The Blues had an upset game against the Greens with only one shot! Destiny carried the Blues, you might say. Because when Napoleon led the Greens, they met their Waterloo!

(Cont'd. on the last page)



Personal from



Greetings again from Manila! I hope you all enjoyed the first issue of Contact and felt more involved with what is going on in the Work here in your own nation. With this issue we have improved the layout to make it easier for you to read.

In this month's personal I want to talk to you about radio and advertising.

First of all, many thanks for sending back the survey forms we mailed to you. It has helped us a great deal in finding out how you all look upon the World Tomorrow broadcast. I'm sure we still have some forms to receive so if you still haven't returned yours please do so as soon as possible.

One comment that many of you have made is in respect to the time of the broadcast, especially in the provincial areas.

We are well aware that 8:30 pm or 9:00 pm is a late time in the provinces. However, this is the only time available to us. Either we take it as offered, or no broadcast! We have always tried to get as early a time as possible knowing that conditions of living are different in the country areas where most people go to bed early and rise early. We are always on the look-out for an earlier time, but in most cases we are up against a brick wall, metaphorically speaking!

At least in the Manila area we have managed to contract for 7:30 pm. on DZUW and we are hoping that this will bring in good responses. The reception is very good right now and I hope it stays

good. It may be possible, depending on the budget, to broadcast on DZUW at 6:30 am as well as 7:30 pm spot sometime in the future. DZRJ, which we have cancelled, has deteriorated in reception and we are well rid of it.

Some of you have mentioned that most Filipinos are not interested in a religious broadcast. This may be true. However, the witness is still going out. If people refuse to listen the blood is on their own head. Those whom God intends to call through this media will listen and respond. And as I mentioned in my letter, I feel that the broadcast is necessary spiritual food for you members. I have been somewhat disappointed that so many of you are not listening when you are able to.

I appreciate the comments some of you have made in suggesting that the broadcast in your area be cancelled in order to save money. You say you will sacrifice and do without it to help the Work. This is very laudable, but in most cases I feel the money is well spent even if only you as a member listen to it. Helping to keep you strong in the faith is not a waste of money.

Still others have suggested television instead. Naturally this is a good outlet. But as I have mentioned in my previous letters last year, we are not able to get the videotapes from HQ. Also television is very expensive and if we were able to have the programs it is likely that we could only afford to air it in Manila.

I want you to understand that it is not a case of radio or advertising. We have enough in our budget to advertise fairly frequently. We can handle that expense ourselves. Radio is paid by Pasadena. If we have to

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do without the dollars from Pasadena we will simply have to cut the radio out, except perhaps for Manila; or try to readjust the budget to allow some provincial stations to stay on the air. We are not planning to rob the advertising budget to pay for our radio. The idea of reconsidering the radio broadcast was taken because of the possible cut-off of dollars. As of now I have not been informed by Headquarters what will happen this year.

Now to advertising. We will continue to advertise every other month in the Daily Express and perhaps occasionally in the Bulletin. There is a possibility of provincial advertising if we see the need. Also we may buy space in trade journals or

Personal from... cont'd.

Corporate magazines. These possibilities are under consideration.

One member suggested that because comic books or movie magazines have a popular audience we should advertise in them! Brethren, the Work of God is a prestige organization. We are careful that we advertise in respected and high quality publications. To put an ad in a comic book or movie magazine would harm our high reputation and standing. We cannot lower our reputation as an educational institution of higher learning in this way. Also, we want to reach a quality readership. Let's face it. Those who read banal comic books and the like are not the type to respond to the message we have.

Coming in the future will be ads on "A Theory for the Birds," "Crime Can Be Stopped," "Wonderful World Tomorrow," "Is Sex Sin?", "Child Rearing," "Ending Your Financial Worries," and "Women's Rights." These will all be in the Daily Express and are being prepared by our Advertising Department in Pasadena.

Keep praying, brethren, for the success of radio and advertising in 1974 and for many more people to be called by God to train for positions in His soon-coming Government. □

Drop-in ... cont'd.

tions under Mr. Edmond Macaraeg, designed to fill in the gap for our baptized single young men and women. Aside from holding its own exclusive functions the club also sponsors periodic churchwide activities. The YAC President, Cesar Tan, assures that barring all unforeseen circumstances, 1974 has a lot in store for all of us. □

ENTERTAINMENTS

by Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

Concert Tentatively Eyed for March 10

A piano concert to be performed by a professional pianist who is known in local circles for his inspiring talent on the keyboard, has been eyed for March 10.

It is eagerly expected that this will be a welcome activity for the Church. It has been five years since the last such occasion—a piano recital by some of our own Church talents.

Mr. Napoleon Acebron, the project manager for this performance, has been busy hammering out the details and cementing plans. CONTACT's next issue will give you the exciting details in full. □

D.U.B. Show Preparations On

With less than 3 months to go, preparations for the Days of Unleavened Bread Show have begun.

Mr. Henson Fen Santos, the project manager for the Show, has been enthusiastically dedicating himself to the production of what we hope will be one of the most promising shows yet.

As of this writing, he is now in the process of forming the whole presentation. The numbers have been set and the participants recruited according to the show script and approved plan. By the time you read this, individual and group rehearsals will be well under way.

If you are one who desires to have a part but haven't taken the step to volunteer, why not see Mr. Santos? He may yet have a

SPORTS

by Jerry D. Ortiguero

In this column I want to acquaint you with the rules the AGAB has adopted for our needs. This is in addition to or in modification of the official Basketball Association of the Philippine Rule Book which is also basically our official rule book.

1) The Official Referee: In our tournament we use our own referees consisting of former players who are knowledgeable about both BAP and AGAB rules. They are in close contact with those on the Executive Board and are given full authority during the games to carry out all pertinent rules. No team leader can question the calls of the official referee directly during or after the game. He can only do so in writing to the Executive Board through its Executive Director. This rule makes each one of us in the teams always cognizant of the government set in motion.

2) Duration of Playing Time: Each game consists of first and second halves. Each half the playing time is 25 minutes straight. By this we mean that the stopwatch goes uninterrupted for fully 25 minutes regardless of any substitutions, fouls, free throws, etc. Only during the last five minutes of the second half of the game will the watch be stopped and only when there is time-out called by any of the playing teams. (To be continued.) □

place for you. If none, you will have the chance for other shows. There are still a number of others lined up. Be on the lookout for announcements. □

Personalities

FOOD SALESMAN ENDS UP MARKETING SPIRITUAL FOOD

by P.R. Melendez, Jr.

"We were somewhat flabbergasted, a bit apprehensive, but at the same time excited." Thus, Mr. Colin Adair summarized his wife's and his own reaction when Mr. Ronald Dart asked if he would accept an assignment in the Philippines.

Like many other foreigners, the Adairs had an image of the Philippines as some crime-ridden country many people avoided visiting. Yet, they also realized there is a Work of God here.

And so, with mixed feelings, Mr. Adair accepted the assignment to replace Mr. Arthur W. Docken as director of the Philippine Work. "I considered it a promotion from my previous position." (He was a preaching elder pastoring the Toronto-Kitchener, Ontario Churches in Canada, under Mr. Gary Antion.)

In September 1970, amidst a drastic cutback in the Philippine Work, Mr. and Mrs. Adair began their fruitful stay in the country.

Retracing Footsteps from Belfast

The younger son of painter-decorator David Adair and his wife Mary, Mr. Adair spent more than half his life in and around Belfast, Northern Ireland's capital. After finishing grammar school at age 16, he worked as an office boy in a toy factory. Later he moved on as a junior clerk in an aircraft company.

Office work proved to be a bit dull to the young man. So, in addition to his job, he tried something new--a radio

operator course in a night college. "I failed the theory part of the course. It made me realize I was not technically-minded after all," recalled Mr. Adair.

Sales Experience

For the next few years, he tried his luck in the selling field. He responded to an ad for a correspondence course in salesmanship. This later led to his becoming a salesman for children's encyclopaedias. This initial job lasted for a brief four months, resulting in little success.

A better opportunity opened up when a food company advertised a need for trainee applicants. Mr. Adair signed up, was accepted, and for the next year he travelled all over England and Scotland, selling food products.

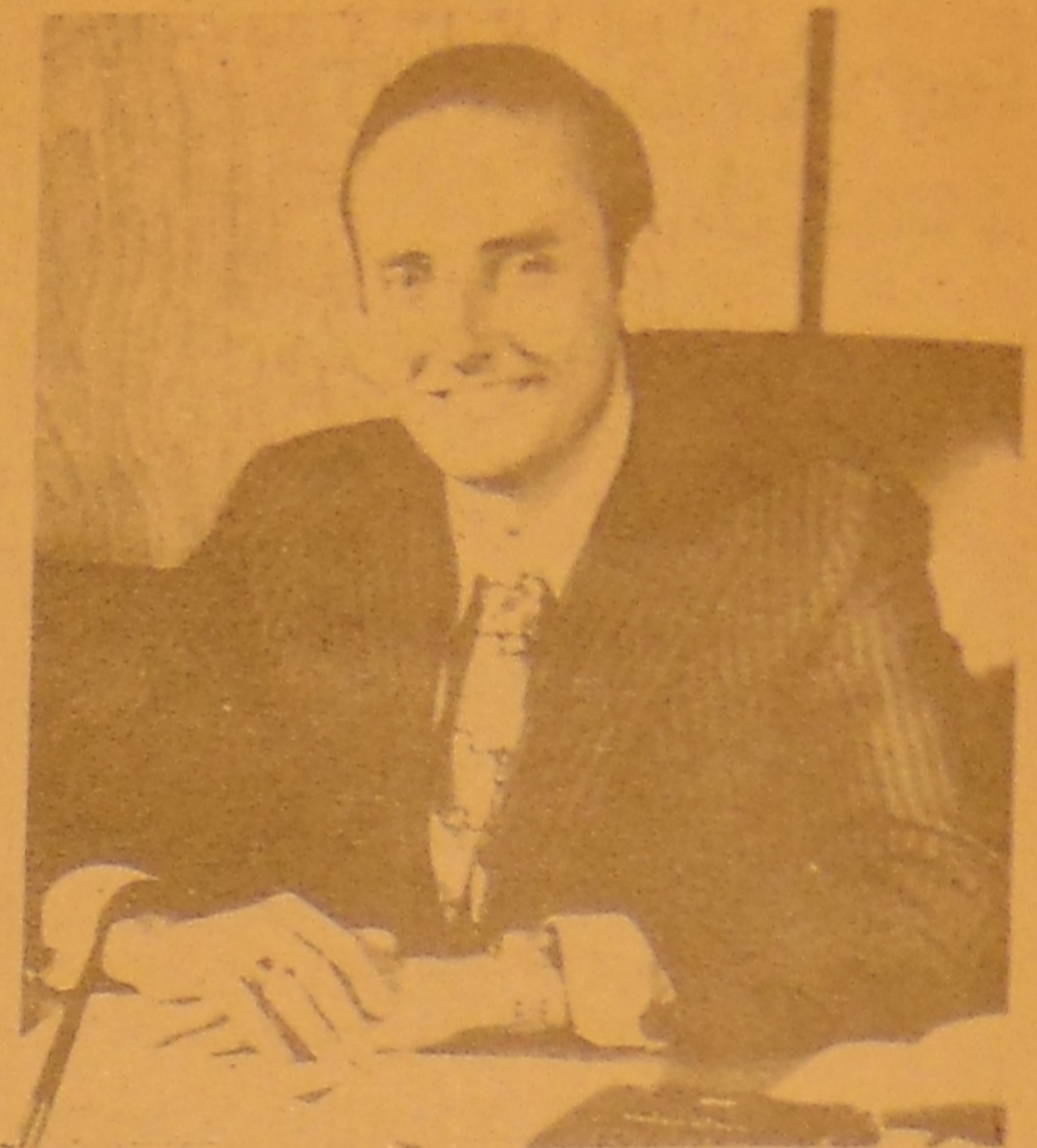
After that, a problem with "Selective Service" in the British Army worked out in such a way that he ended up becoming a sales representative of an associate food company for the next three years.

"This gave me good experience in meeting all kinds of people," said Mr. Adair.

Hears World Tomorrow Broadcast

Early in 1961, while working in the food company, he first heard The ~~WORLD~~ TOMORROW programme, over Radio Luxembourg. He wrote in for booklets and the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. As he seriously considered what he had studied, he began to doubt the morality of certain gimmicks in the selling business.

As a result, he left his job and ventured into his own business. He placed an ad in a local paper for a business partner. A fellow in the tim-



ber-hardware business responded and a partnership was struck. Mr. Adair handled the selling and administrative side of things, while his partner minded the more technical matters (naturally!).

First Visit to Ambassador College

After about a year in the timber-hardware partnership, Mr. Adair went on a trip to England to be best man at a school-friend's wedding. While there, he took the opportunity to visit Ambassador College in Bricket Wood for the purpose of baptism.

The campus impressed him favorably, but he had not thought about studying there. He was baptized by Mr. Raymond McNair and was asked if he would like to attend Ambassador College.

"I didn't feel I had the right background," confessed Mr. Adair, not keen on the matter at the time.

Back in Belfast he continued to attend Bible studies. In July 1962 Dr. Benjamin Rea, a visiting minister from the Bricket Wood campus, came to Belfast for Bible Study. Again he brought up the matter of attending the college to Mr. Adair, who gave a non-committal answer but at least consented to filling in an application form anyway.

In no time, a reply came from Bricket Wood an-

nouncing that his application had been accepted! By September 1962 he found himself enrolled at Ambassador College.

Marriage Plans Stalled
But....

Before his baptism, Mr. Adair was on the point of being engaged to Miss Margaret Sullivan. His new life style upset plans. Fortunately, Miss Sullivan (then adhering to a different faith) took time to consider what could be in Ambassador College which caused him to give up his job. She dug into the literature he had been receiving. Soon she, too, became convicted of the truth, and also came to Ambassador College the following year, 1963.

A.C. Experience and
First Assignment

In his third year Mr. Adair was class President and also on the sermonette list and with the Visiting Program. For some time he worked as a writer in the Letter Answering Department.

During his senior year, he held the position of student body President, with Mrs. Adair as secretary.

After graduating in 1966, Mr. Adair was ordained a local elder and immediately assigned to the Church in Glasgow, Scotland and Newcastle, England. After working for three years there, he was raised to the rank of preaching elder and transferred to Canada.

Highlights of Philippine
Stay

From frigid Canada to the tropical Philippines was quite a change for the Adairs. Their stay of over three years here has also seen many changes in the Philippine Work - most notable being the return of mailing and other operations from Sydney to Ma-

nila and the resultant "revival" of the Work here since the 1970 cutback.

Under Mr. Adair's direction churches have been established in the cities of Cebu, Iloilo, and Naga.

After last year's ministerial conference in Pasadena, Mr. Adair was raised to the rank of pastor. Since then he has been given charge over the region designated by the International Division of God's Work as "North East Asia"--including the Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, Guam, Korea and Hong Kong.

Last year, Mr. Adair embarked on a new phase of work -- giving free lectures on marriage and dating before university audiences. (An article on this appeared in the January CONTACT.)

Answered Prayer

One of the best things that ever happened to Mr. and Mrs. Adair's life is the coming of their "son" Andrew Philip. Early last year, while the Adairs were out of the country, Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero asked the Manila brethren to fast on their behalf, beseeching God to give the couple a child after eight years of childless marriage. (There had been one miscarriage.)

Shortly before the 1973 Feast of Tabernacles, the answer came -- not quite in the manner we had expected. The Adairs are in the process of adopting Andrew Philip, a two-year old Filipino boy. "Our happiness has really increased since Andrew came" remarked Mr. Adair about the latest addition to their home.

Prospects for 1974

"I look forward to the year 1974 as a year of good growth," Mr. Adair said. With the new thrust of the marketing approach in conducting God's Work, he predicts a lower cost per response and an in-

OUT OF CONTACT

CORRESPONDENCE
COURSE ON
KUNG-FU KARATE!



"I was wondering if you could help me by sending me your correspondence course on KUNG-FU. I have heard that your training is the best in the world. I promise to keep Kung-Fu a secret...I would like to know all about Kung-Fu training to keep in shape and be able to put my mind at ease. Can your course do this?"

Thomas W.M.
Nfd., Canada

WANTS PORNOGRAPHY?!

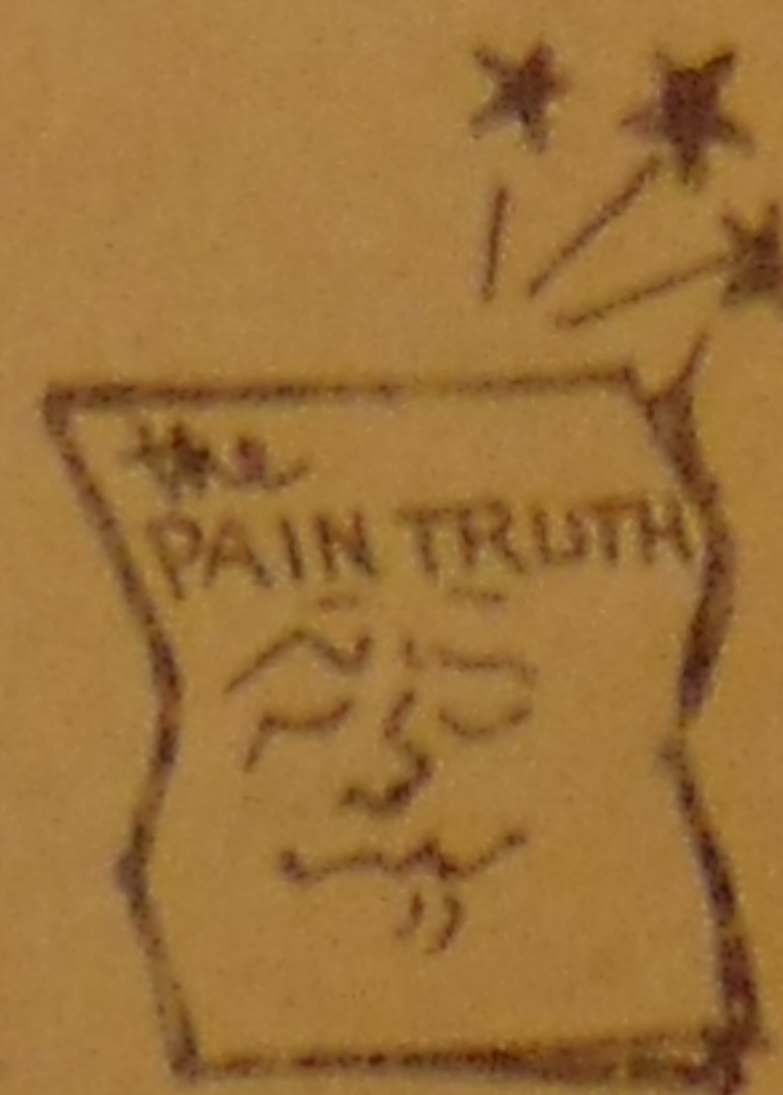


"On the radio program the World Tomorrow from 8:30 to 9:00 last night over station DZDR, Naga City, one of the literature freely offered was titled "SEX SCENE."

"Kindly furnish me with a copy of this literature."

Leon P.D.
Libon, Albay

TRUTH CAN BE
PAINFUL!



"I have the honor to request a continued monthly subscription to your wonderfully rich, educational magazine, The PAIN Truth."

Adelina M.M.
Camarines Sur

crease in lectures and personal campaigns, among other things, this year.

Looking back at his past experience as a food salesman, it seems very fitting that we have Mr. Adair with us to help "market" God's "food" to this spiritually hungry nation. □

CONTACT POINT

by Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

BARBERS WANTED!

It may be due to a return to the hairstyle of yesteryear, or some men in the Church who grow their hair rather long finally waking up to ministerial admonitions--I don't know, but "YOUR BARBER SHOP" is in need of two barbers:

- * Preferably single
- * Experienced
- * Must have own tools, (scissors, razor, clipper, brush, etc.)
- * Male, of course! (Unless any female happens to have the skill. Maybe that will bring in more haircuts!!)

Qualified and interested? See Mr. NICANOR ENRIQUEZ immediately at 1912 Orense St., Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal. ###

"MISSING LINK --FOUND!"

brags Milo Campbell. The link between polished and unpolished rice, that is.

Locally known as tiki-tiki, these rice polishings (bran) constitute 40% of the essential nutrients in rice. (This is the pure stuff consisting of rice germ and rice polishings only--minus the hull--and rich in the B vitamins.) This very nutritious stuff is fed to hogs and other animals while man eats the poor, nutrient-r o b b e d grains. Result? Hogs grow strong and healthy; man weak and sickly!

Especially for those in the metropolitan area who find it difficult to secure unpolished rice, we recommend that you add rice pol-



ishings to your polished rice when cooking. In so doing you will practically have the unpolished stuff! Also good to add in pastries and soups.

Available in 200-gram pack at 25 centavos. If interested, contact Mrs. Lita Campbell. ###

HAS TIME BEEN LOST?

Or do you often lose your time --all because your watch is defective? Then it's time to call the Gonzales Watch Repair & Art Studio, owned and operated by Mr. Simeon V. Gonzales.

They repair all kinds of watches although they specialize in the Rolex, Omega and Seiko brands.

The next time you lose your time, don't send for our booklet "Has Time Been Lost?!" Just contact Mr. Gonzales at his studio situated at V. Luna Medical Center, Officers Clubhouse, Quezon City or call Tel. 97-80-19.

And by the way, he is also a professional photographer. So for your photographic needs you might like to call him too. ###

LADY'S EYEGLASSES

Are you myopic (near-sighted) in your vision and urgently in need of glasses but can't quite afford a pair? Check on this:

Miss Cecilia Sotomil of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo, is giving away her 650-grade pair of eyeglasses. She does not need them anymore since she was fitted with a new pair.

But first be sure to have an optometrist check if your eyes fit those glasses. If so, and you want the glasses, then write Miss Sotomil for them! You might badly need those glasses! Remember the proverb? "Where no vision is, the people perish"!!!!



BUSINESS TALK.

From the Business Office

by Medardo Maninang

1973 was a year of increase and contrast concerning income. An analysis of both member and co-worker donations explains why.

Last year brought in a 19.51% increase compared to 1972. This was 8.51% more than expected.

Before explaining where the 19.51% came from, let's look at the 1972 figures. In that year the members produced all the positive increase because co-worker donations declined by 11.81% compared to 1971. This pulled down the increase in 1972 to only 5.84%. (Also there were 12 less co-workers in 1972 than in 1971--a decrease of 2%.)

This trend on the co-worker side made us rely more on member donations for 1973. So we projected only an 11% increase in our budget. (In 1972 member contributions improved by only 9.5% because of floods and droughts especially in Mindanao. However, banking on better conditions among the brethren in 1973, we made again an 11% budget increase.) In case co-workers contributed only as much as in 1972, the proposed budget would still stand.

However, 140 co-workers became delinquent. Not a single one of them gave even a centavo in one year! Yet the income didn't drop because the remaining co-workers contributed 25.95% more than the whole co-worker group in 1972.

This, plus the increased member contributions, gave us a 19.51% increase last year. Of this increase, co-workers supplied 35.46%

We are looking forward to more growth in every facet of God's Work in 1974!

Will You Take the PASSOVER?

by Colin Adair

This might seem a strange question to ask members of God's Church, brethren, but there is a reason. Believe it or not in past years some baptized members have "forgotten" about Passover! As a minister in the Church I cannot understand this happening to a converted person. I question the conversion and spiritual depth of anyone who misses out this important observance. God does not excuse this "forgetfulness" at all.

A Mortal Danger

What does it really mean for the person who forgets or who uses a flimsy excuse for not taking the Passover? It means that he or she does not see the need for Christ's sacrifice to be applied to them anymore. It means they take lightly the atoning sacrifice of the Creator God for their sins. And it means they are in mortal danger of being rejected for sonship in the family of God.

Excuses?

Here are some of the "excuses" I have come across the past two years. Number one: I don't have a sacred calendar. Number two: I can't buy wine in my area. Number three: I don't know how to observe it on my own. Number four: I can't get unleavened bread.

Let me show you how weak these excuses really are. If you don't have a sacred calendar, why don't you? Does this mean you also forget the Holy Days? All you have to do is put pen to paper and write to the office asking for a calendar. If we don't have any in stock we will simply give you the dates.

If there is no proper

wine available in your area you should request some from the office. And do it well ahead of the time so the wine can reach you before the Passover date.

For the third "excuse" again you can simply put pen to paper and request instructions from the office.

Lastly, if you can't get unleavened bread you had better make your own.

Second Passover?

You might say to yourself God provides a second passover in case we miss the first one. This is correct as outlined in the Bible. But the second passover was given for those with genuine reasons for missing the first. Those reasons could be illness, giving birth, or emergency situations which might overtake someone. Like being stranded away from home due to strikes or breakdowns or inclement weather. The second Passover was not intended for those with weak, lukewarm excuses.

Your Responsibility

Brethren, it is your responsibility before God to take the Passover at the right time and in the right way. The wrong time and the wrong way (like adulterated wine, or using rice or ordinary instead of unleavened bread) is disobedience to your Saviour.

This year the Passover should be observed after sunset on Friday, April 5. If you are not able to get the right kind of wine in your locality then request it from the office--NOW! (Those in a church area will of course observe it with others at church.) Don't be lethargic and put it off otherwise you may miss out again. If you cannot get unleavened bread either, then we will

give you the recipe for it and you can make it yourself or have someone do it for you. Don't let excuses prevent you from obeying God.

Be Zealous

One final word. Members who are scattered must take the Passover privately. There should be no gathering where no minister is available. Of course husband and wife can take it together with their baptized children (if any) and can also keep the footwashing part of the ceremony. If you keep it on your own you will have to dispense with this ordinance.

So brethren, let's be zealous to obey God and let's not use lame excuses for missing the most important celebration in God's plan. As Christ said, "Unless you take of my body and my blood you have no life in you" (Paraphrased). We who are baptized (and only those baptized) must renew our faith in Christ's sacrifice each year otherwise we will be counted as reprobates. Let's rejoice in the Passover, our redemption from eternal death.

BELIEVE IT NOT

TENNIS originated in EGYPT during the OLD TESTAMENT times!



YOU KNOW WHY?
Joseph SERVED in the Pharaoh's COURT!

excerpts from the Worldwide News

by Edmond Macaraeg

From Vol. 1, No. 14.
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WORLDWIDE FEAST ROUND-UP

Approximately 96,000 people attended last year in 34 Festival sites around the world. Some of the more unfamiliar and latest sites were: Algarrobo, Chile; Tonga (in the South Pacific); Kodaikanal India; and Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon)

REPORT ON THE WORK

Here is an excerpt from the Progress Report by the heads of each of the 10 divisions in this Work.

MARKETING AND SUBSCRIBER SERVICES

Mail by height and weight.

The letters received in the U.S. alone from Oct. 1972 through September, 1973 would represent a stack of mail 1.6 miles high! It would weigh 32 tons or 16 two-ton trucks.

We can visualize the volume in another way. If one employee can open, read and process one letter per minute eight hours a day, five days a week, for 50 weeks a year (allowing two weeks for the Feasts), it would take him about 1,700 years to complete the job!

PLAIN TRUTH Circulation

During the same period, if all the PT's sent out worldwide were stacked on top of each other, they would measure 62½ miles high! If the pages were separated and laid end to end, they would reach halfway to the moon or five times around the earth!

Data Processing Center

The Ambassador College IBM 370 computer is in operation six days a week. Averaging more than 21 hours a day, it is operated by a three-shift crew.

In the past year, our computer in Pasadena executed roughly 10 trillion (1 followed by 13 zeros) specific operations to sustain the multitudinous functions of God's Work.

PUBLISHING

"The PLAIN TRUTH"

Allen Merager, the man responsible for the fine appearance and layout of the Envoy for years, has now been named art director for all Ambassador College publications.

The Plain Truth, now being read by many of the world's top leaders, is the finest magazine available anywhere!

"The GOOD NEWS"

Response to the first letter offering the GN is already nearing the 100,000

mark. It is hoped that with strong articles on doctrine, conversion and news of the Work, many more thousands will be encouraged to become involved in this end-time Work.

Booklets and Reprints

In 1973, the Booklet Department has compiled, written and produced a total of 18 new booklets. Some older booklets have been completely updated or rewritten. A number of reprints have been combined into booklets, reducing the costs and the number of pieces inventory.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Almost 14 months ago (as of Nov. 1973) the curtain opened on a new dimension of God's Work. Over 100,000 people have heard--many for the first time in their lives--first hand the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. At last count, 146 have become members of God's true church, with hundreds attending church regularly.

MAIL PROCESSING STATISTICS

	United States	All other nations	Worldwide
Current PT Circulation..	1,844,458	1,270,764	3,115,222
Total PT Distribution/year..	18,971,048	13,725,100	32,696,148
Newsstand Distribution....	---	1,154,675	1,154,675
Media Mail Received			
TV.....	292,239	249,660	541,899
Radio.....	248,594	19,825	268,419
Advertising...	195,605	99,562	295,167
Total Mail Received.....	3,384,534	1,200,000	4,584,534
New People Added to File...	660,026	250,762	910,788

ATTENDANCE and GROWTH

	U.S. Attendance	At-Percent Increase	Worldwide Attendance	Percent Increase
Baptized Members.....	43,056	8.3	54,574	8.1
No. Churches...	259	7.9	356	12.0
No. Ministers..	518	8.3	604	8.6
Church Attendance.....	73,500	6.3	89,205	8.0

WORLDWIDE NEWS EXCERPTS... cont'd

as a result of these personal appearances.

Fifty personal-appearance campaigns are planned for 1974, worldwide.

FOREIGN EDUCATIONAL SERVICE

First Commission -- PT circulation increased by 27.7% received by approximately 187 countries. They include: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua, Bahrain, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Chad, the Congo, Cuba, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Gabon, Haiti, Kuwait, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Nepal, Oman, Poland, San Marino, Sikkim, The Soviet Union, Togo, Vatican City and Zaire.

Second Commission -- Over 1,300 baptisms in 27 countries outside the U.S. increased our numbers to over 11,500, a growth of 13.5%. (Philippines ranks 3rd with 131 baptisms.)

We had a 10% increase in the number of ordained ministers and a 24% increase in Churches. There are now 97 Churches outside the U.S., with 86 ordained ministers. Income for overseas offices rose by 21.7%.

From Nov. 26, 1973 issue

HUMAN RESOURCES INFORMATION CENTER FORMED

Pasadena--Mr. Arthur Mokarow has been recently appointed head of a new section in God's Work-- the Human Resources Information Center. He will work to serve God's people in three basic areas: social services, job consultation and business opportunities.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Although this center basically serves those in the United States and Canada you may direct your requests for assistance to our office in the Philippines who will evaluate your needs.

The only apparent benefit we could derive from it is with regards to technical information relevant to our conditions here.)

YOUTH PROGRAM TO PROMOTE AND RECOGNIZE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

PASADENA--The WCG through the office of the national youth coordinator, Mr. Al Portune, Jr., instituted a program to promote and recognize outstanding achievements among our youth in the areas of Scholastic achievement, Sports, Personal achievement and Outdoor.

To receive recognition, send these requirements:

- * A resume of your achievement.
- * A candid photo of yourself--if possible engaging in your activity.
- * A letter signed by a parent or guardian verifying your achievement.
- * Any available articles, examples, publicity, etc. of your work or achievement.
- * Send all materials to Worldwide Achievement Program, 300 West Green St., Pasadena, California.

Applications approved for recognition will receive an award emblem. In addition, a list will be printed periodically in the WCN along with a brief description of their accomplishments. Also, those receiving an award emblem will be considered for the Outstanding Achievement Award, which will be presented quarterly during 1974.

FORMAT for submitting articles for "CONTACT":

Typewritten, double space, two inches margin on both sides. Please submit all articles and write-ups as much as possible before the 15th of the month preceding the particular issue. For example, all write-ups for the March issue should be received by February 15.



From the Mailing Department

by Honesto Rustia, Jr.

Third week of January showed an increase of 18.9% in mail. Income showed a decrease of -8.62%.

In his talks on dating, marriage and family life, Mr. Colin Adair has spoken before a total of 2,840 students, teachers and university officials. Out of these, 1,023 or 36.02% requested the booklets on dating and marriage. In at least three schools, 66.42% of the audience wrote to us for the first time.

Comments:

"We wish to express to you our grateful thanks for the very enlightening lecture that you gave to our faculty and student body.

"The lecture has been discussed in the social science and psychology classes as a follow up. The brochures have all been distributed, and those who were not able to attend the lecture felt that they have missed something important in their life. As a requirement for the social science and psychology classes, the lecture would be one area to be included in the midsemester examinations.

"You have opened the minds of the young people and have helped them become more aware of their responsibilities when they go 'dating.' Those who heard you were very happy they came even if classes were suspended that time because of the city (athletic) meet."

Cresenciano H. M.,
Vice-President for
Academic Affairs
Rizal Memorial Colleges,
Davao City.

WORLD TOMORROW BROADCAST SURVEY

by Del Madrid

Last November a survey questionnaire was sent together with one of Mr. Adair's letters. The survey aims to evaluate the World Tomorrow broadcasting operations in the Philippines. So far, only 34% nationwide have responded. The following trend is based on the replies.

- * 90% own radio set
- * 20% cannot hear the program in their area.
- * 50% listen daily.
- * 30% listen once or twice a week.

NORTHERN LUZON - Station DZVR - Laoag is able to serve Ilocos Norte only. The Mt. Provinces, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and the rest are missing the broadcast. Some brethren in Baguio and La Union are able to pick up Manila station DZUW, but with static and interference.

CENTRAL LUZON - The Pangasinan people are blest to hear the broadcast loud and clear over DZWN - Daguapan. But sad to say it can only cover Pangasinan, a small portion of La Union, and the northern portion of Tarlac.

MANILA - Station DZUW with power of 7000 watts covers Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, Bulacan and Southern Pampanga.

SOUTHERN LUZON - DZDR is servicing Camarines Sur and a portion of Albay with a total coverage of 48.4%. The rest, including the islands of Mindoro and Romblon, cannot be reached.

EASTERN VISAYAS - Listeners in this area tune in to DYSR-Dumaguete in spite of the static and interference. Most listened over DYLA before its cancellation.

WESTERN VISAYAS - This area is well covered by DYSR and DYWB-Bacolod (now replaced by DYFM, Iloilo).

MINDANAO - DYSR can be heard clearly in Zamboanga del Norte and Misamis Occ. Some enthusiastic listeners can even get it from Surigao, Butuan and Cotabato. Of course, noises and static cannot be avoided with such a distance. DXRA covers Davao provinces and portions of Cotabato well.

We are still waiting for more replies from the provinces so we can see the complete picture of the survey

Questions to Ponder

Will God allow us to continue the broadcast here? Should we invest in a good and powerful station to thunder the message of God? Should we switch to a weekly, instead of a daily program? Should we balance coverage for the benefit of scattered members? And most of all, shall we listen regularly to the broadcast to get the most from it now? Or will we wait for the famine of God's Words? These are big questions that need answers.

A Listener's Letter

We want to share with you a letter from a non-member listener. There are quite a number of such letters.

"Your radio program concerning marijuana was very interesting. I am an American missionary boy and have tried grass about 4 to 5 times. I really haven't got hard yet but I'm still trying.

"After hearing your program I want the book about New Facts About Marijuana to find out more about it before my next joint. So please, if you won't mind send me the book."

Bel-Air Village,
Makati.

have you READ?

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

(Our office has extra copies of the following literature. Feel free to request them.)

"The Amazing ARCHER FISH DISPROVES EVOLUTION"

The BIGGEST false doctrine today is EVOLUTION. Evolution is a FAITH--an almost religious-like BELIEF IN SOMETHING NOT SEEN --not proved! Can YOU PROVE GOD DID CREATE? The theory of evolution is offered as the only possible substitute for belief in God. But how accurate, logical, and SOUND is that theory? Read, in this pamphlet, only a few of the reasons why evolution is UTTERLY impossible! -- by Garner Ted Armstrong.

Only over 1,500 copies left. Remember, your children are also exposed to the accepted and taught theory of evolution. Teach them how to disprove it.

"HUMAN NATURE IS VIOLENT"

NEVER have you lived in a time of such VIOLENCE! But WHY? What CAUSES it? Police, sociologists, psychiatrists, and the public seeks answers. There IS a basic underlying CAUSE. Read, in this article, WHY such violence today, and WHAT YOU OUGHT TO BE DOING about it! -- by Garner Ted Armstrong.

Also, only over 1,500 copies left. How would this affect your private and family life? What about your children? Check up on this reprint article.

"Now Fast Shaping Up-- WORLD CRISIS IN AGRICULTURE"

Government leaders worldwide have been jolted.
(Cont'd on page 11)

FIRST ILOILO CHURCH OUTING

by Severo Caligan, Jr. and Cecile Sotomil

December 30 is a day to be much remembered by the Iloilo brethren. On that day our first Church picnic ever was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Mario Mirto in Cabanbanan, Oton, Iloilo. Over 60 members and children came.

Activities included swimming in the beach, basketball, table games, just plain fellowshiping and, of course, lunch. The children were treated to games like Water Brigade, Ping Pong Relay, and Treasure Hunt. While waiting for the jeeps to take us home, we took the opportunity to sing hymns, led by Mr. Dave Babol.

The picnic rejuvenated us physically and drew us closer to one another. □

"SEEDS" OF ABRAHAM

by Nap Acebron

Makati - Unknown to the rest of the world, God has made true His promise to bless the Gentiles physically -- through the seeds of Abraham.

These seeds came from the U.S.A. as a gift to us thru the efforts of Mr. Fred Brogaard and the Seattle-Washington brethren.

Too bad, Mrs. Marcos was not on hand to witness this great event. But for the first time, these fruit and vegetable seeds are transplanted into a Gentile land -- to spearhead the real green revolution in Asia.

Each kind has many varieties. The sweet corn alone has 5; squash 8; giant tomato 3; okra 3; carrots 3; lettuce 6; pepper 3; watermelon 5; can-

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR EMERGENCIES

You can phone Mr. Colin Adair at:
The Office.....88-39-55
(direct line--for emergencies only)
Home.....88-37-95

NEW WT SCHEDULE

- . DZUW, Manila - 7:30 p.m.
- . DZDR, Naga City-8:30 pm.
- . DZWN, Dagupan City - 8:30 p.m.
- . DXRA, Davao City-8:30pm.
- . DYSR, Dumaguete-8:00 pm.
- . DYFM, Iloilo - 9:00 p.m.
- . DZNC, Cauayan, Isabela - 8:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR

CEBU, ILOILO, and NAGA

For the first quarter of 1974.

- Cebu -- Jan. 26; Mar. 30
- Iloilo -- Feb. 16; Apr. 27
- Naga -- Feb. 16; Apr. 20

Urdaneta Church maintains services every first and third Sabbath of the month.

Church Growth

In January, nine more members were baptized into God's Church in the Philippines (6 in Manila, 3 in Davao).

taloupe 3; peas 6; big beans 6; and a host of others we've never seen nor heard before.

One indeed has to see these new and better varieties in order to understand and truly appreciate the tremendous physical blessings God has promised to the Gentiles through the "seeds" of Abraham.

Our thanks to the brethren from Seattle and Washington. And to the efforts of Mr. Fred Brogaard of P.O. Box 358, Bothell, Washington 98100, U.S.A.

The Start!

PEN-PAL COLUMN

Will be open starting next issue. If interested, send your name and complete address to "Contact."

Then...

WEDDING

George Escara and Pamela Diamante, Jan. 3 - BACOLOD CITY. Officiated by Mr. Jose A. Raduban.

FINALLY!

BIRTHS:

LEONARD BULAGA, son and 5th child of Mr. and Mrs. Leonardo A. Bulaga, Quezon City, Dec. 30, 6.5 lbs., 19 in.

TAFFLIN JANE CARLOS, 2nd daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Carlos, Quezon City, Jan. 14, 6.1 lbs., 19 in.

Manila

CHURCH OUTING!

Start saving and making arrangements for the MANILA CHURCH OUTING on Feb. 10 not Feb. 3, as erroneously reported in our previous issue. (Sorry.) This is being organized by the Young Ambassadors Club. Note the details as announced in the Manila Church.

have you READ?..

They have suddenly come face-to-face with a dangerous--yet little understood--crisis in agriculture. WHY the CRISIS? How did it develop? Why were we not told before? Where is it leading--and what is the solution?--by Eugene M. Walter & Dale L. Schurter.

Only 800 copies of the reprint article is left. Among the topics covered are: "Seven Inches from Starvation," "The Record of History," "The Lesson of Rome," "What Poor Soil Means to You," etc.

A dream is COMING TRUE

by P.S. Ortiguero

Some years ago the Urdaneta Church dreamed of having a lot and church house for their worship.

The dream is coming true. It was made possible by the contributions of the Urdaneta brethren together with some of the free offerings given at the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Adair also allocated a good amount from the emergency fund received from the Australian brethren. The Urdaneta Church now has a lot of about 2,000 square meters and a resthouse and water system already constructed. Most of the construction work was done by members, especially the Urdaneta Spokesman Club men who undertook the work as their project.

Multipurpose Resthouse

The Resthouse is multipurpose. It has a kitchen, a small room for a library and a minister's counseling room, three bedrooms (one on the ground floor and two up in the attic when completed), and a good toilet and bath room. Also there will be an open-walled shed outside, good for games and picnics. The bedrooms can house 10 to 12 single people or three married couples with two small children. For anyone coming from the south on his way to Baguio City or from the North on his way to Manila, the Urdaneta Church Resthouse will be a nice place to rest from your long trip.

Free Lodging!

Plan to stay there for a night, a day or more--FREE! If you desire Filipino-Chinese food, or Filipino-American food, or a native dish, you can have it. But order and pay.

(You can bring your own food if you wish.) We have brethren who can always serve you: Mr. Rimando, a Chinese-Filipino cook; Mrs. McGuffin, a Filipino-American cook, and Mrs. Rimando, a Pampangueña cook. For reservations write: Mr. Benjamin Rimando, Don Antonio Village, Rosales, Pangasinan. First come first served. The Resthouse is 500 meters from the MacArthur Highway, Kilometer Post 176 from Manila. Watch for the opening.

An Appeal

The Church house for Sabbath services and studies is still a part of the Urdaneta Church dream not yet fulfilled. We are always praying our dream will come to full reality. We are very happy and grateful for all we have received from you and are ever pleading and appealing for more help to finish the project. Will you kindly help? Please address your contributions to our Business Office, WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD, P.O. Box 1111, Makati, Rizal D-708. Please specify your intention: "For the Urdaneta Church Property Fund." Thank you in advance. □

WHO'S WHO in the PHILIPPINE CHURCH

by P.S. Ortiguero

Do you know who is the first, the 100th, and the 1000th baptized member in the Worldwide Church of God in the Philippines? What distinction shall we give them? Shall we send them some surprises as did the Balikbayan Tourist Board to the lucky ones?

Please send your suggestions for the next issue of the "CONTACT." The identities of these members will be revealed later.

a lost sheep



by Daniel G. Maghirang

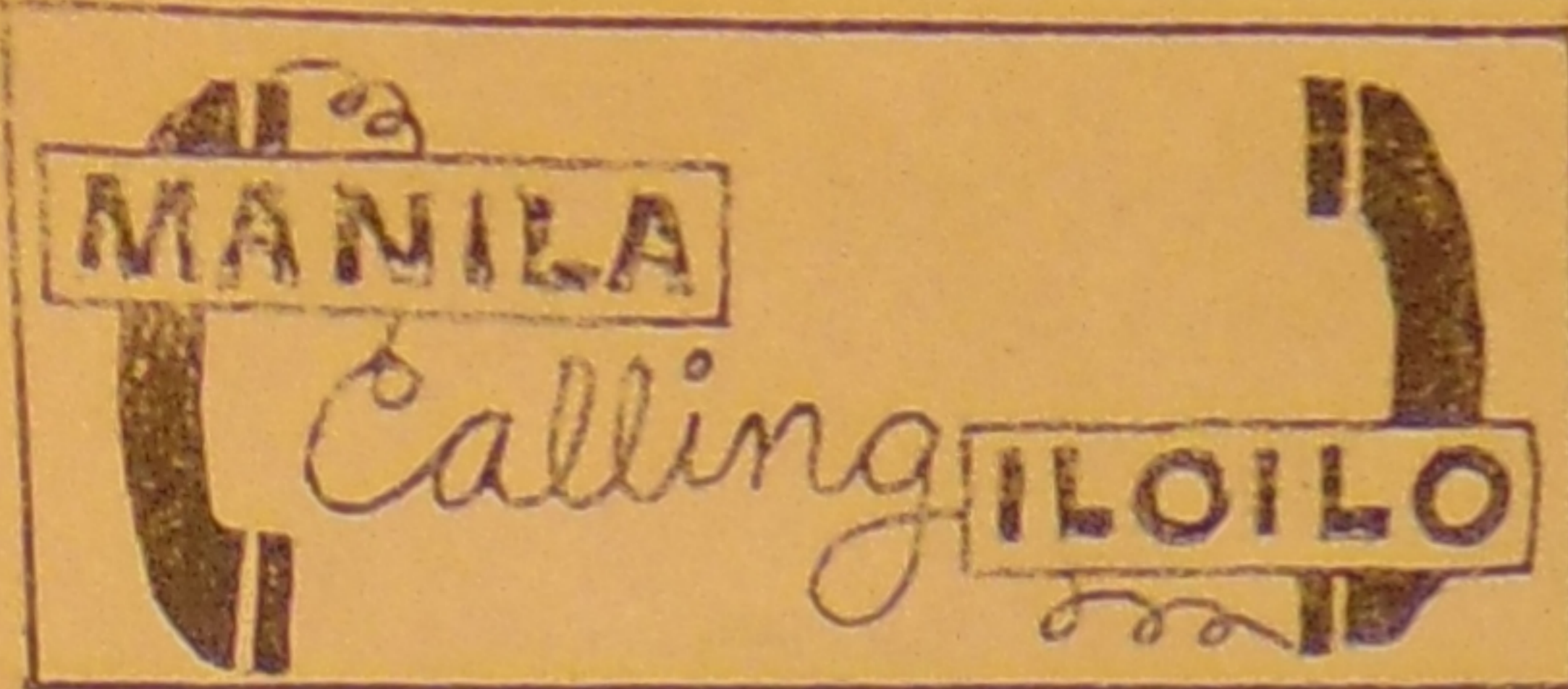
I would like to share with you an experience that proves how great and unlimited is the love, patience and mercy of God.

I was baptized only last April 8, 1973 but God started to call me in 1966.

Surprised? I'm sure most of you are. I knew by then through the broadcasts, booklets and PT magazines the real purpose of life and God's plan of salvation for mankind. But instead of obeying Him I rejected His calling. I went on pursuing the ways of mankind hoping that somehow, somewhere, I would be able to get all the thrills, kicks and excitements I was looking for in life. I got them all right, but only temporarily. What seemed to be permanent was the emptiness, frustrations and fears that plagued me day by day. My bed was usually wet with tears because I was scared of the precious truths that I'd discovered and ignored, and the penalty for breaking God's laws. Often I wished my life would soon be cut off to end my misery.

Thankfully, I somehow managed to survive. Determined to surrender my life to our Creator, I counseled with Mr. Adair last March 19, 1973. He seemed pleased and allowed me to attend Sabbath services. I didn't know there was a church here!

When we were singing the opening hymns last March 24, 1973 (the first time I ever attended the services) I almost broke in tears. Now I'm in the fold of our Chief Shepherd, really thankful and grateful for His great mercy. □



by Cecile Sotomil

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Colin Adair and Mr. Filamer Santos were scheduled to conduct the Bible Study and Sabbath Service in Iloilo last Dec. 29. But because of flight cancellation, regrettably, they were not able to go. Below is an account from one of those expecting them.)

"Long distance call for Mr. Gopio," announced one of the River Queen Hotel personnel to members arriving early for the Dec. 29, 1973 Iloilo City Bible Study-Sabbath Service in the hotel's conference room. Everyone stared at each other. Who was Mr. Gopio? Mr. Gopez, not bothered at all, continued arranging the chairs.

I was disturbed, because I suspected that the call was intended for Mr. Gopez.

The messenger later came back and corrected his mistake. The call was for Mr. Gopez. Mr. Gopez looked serious. Each of us was in a suspenseful mood.

Who Was Calling?!

Who was really calling? We never expected a call from Manila. We presumed our ministers were already at the Hotel del Rio, where they usually stay prior to the Sabbath. There was silence when Mr. Gopez went out to answer the call. I prayed for the safety of our ministers and the rest of the brethren who had not arrived yet. I also asked God to send us good news and not bad news.

Mr. Gopez entered, sweating in the forehead. He inhaled deeply and took the microphone. "Mr. Adair would not be able to come

to Iloilo because his flight had been cancelled by PAL. It was the fault of PAL and not our ministers," he said.

We sighed with great relief.

A Disappointment?

How about George and Pam's wedding?, we thought. Later on, the Bacolod brethren came pouring in. We looked for the "couple of the month" and broke the news to them. They took it gracefully, but there was a problem of how to deal with their unconverted parents who traveled a long way just to witness the wedding of their children.

Some chipped in their suggestions. George wanted to call back Mr. Adair. The trouble was nobody had the phone number of the Adairs home. I remembered that I had the phone number of Mr. Jess Cardona. Through Mr. Cardona they succeeded in reaching Mr. Adair! Upon his recommendation, their wedding was postponed to Jan. 3, to be held in Bacolod this time. We fellowshiped for an hour and then dispersed joyfully. □

Hear and Listen

by Danila Sison

I was once riding a bus for Baclaran when suddenly I heard a whistle coming from a policeman. I was totally unmindful of it. However, the driver heard and listened, resulting in braking the bus and confronting the officer.

One morning, while heading down the hall of the Hospital's Information I saw six men frantically pushing a stretcher with a patient on it. I heard one of the men shout "Red Blanket" but I didn't understand it, (until I asked

Poetry

..and yet He Loves Us

by Suzette Magallanes

So torn would our lives be
If He hadn't dragged us
Out of this world of evil.
We couldn't see
The path we passed
For our understanding was
little.

Now we're really grateful
Yet sometimes we aren't
For always, we slip.
We really fall
Into grave mistakes;
Doesn't it feel
As if we're being sipped?

Many times we ignore
The many things so vital
To and for our lives.
Sometimes we're worse
than before
Or maybe equal;
But we still strive.
We're nothing at all
without Him;
And there's so much to
live for
With Him beside us.
Our lives were dim,
Our weaknesses still soar;
And yet He loves us!

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about its meaning in medical parlance). However, other staff members of the hospital upon hearing it immediately helped set up the emergency room where the men were heading. They heard and listened for they understood the meaning.

Again, in a telephone conversation, a pal of mine asked, "Can you hear me," Yes, I answered. "Then listen..." he said.

Why these examples? To prove a point--that being heard is different from being listened to.

One may hear, but not understanding what he hears, may not make the necessary response. Another, having listened and comprehended what he hears, takes the needed action.

□

Film Show..., cont'd.

Children's games concluded the activity of the day.

"Introduction to Insects" presented various kinds of insects picturing their life stages from egg to adult. "Peter and the Potter" was about a boy who gave a gift to his mother. He saw the gift take shape from a lump of dirty clay to a finely molded, beautifully decorated glazed bowl. Both films were loaned free by the Canadian Embassy.

I.C.C. Meet..., cont'd.

socials and entertainment, discussed the main purpose of the club, its organization, and the role parents played in insuring its success. He emphasized that the club "serves as a medium by which children could come together and socially interact with other children of members and not as a disciplinary club."

Rules and club procedures were also agreed upon during the meeting.

Basketball..., cont'd.

The Whites "peeled" the Oranges who were faithful in carrying out the ten-minute per player rule--perhaps to their own defeat. A miscalculated strategy? (All team leaders were admonished later that any team not following the rule will be penalized accordingly. -Editor)

As for the Golds and the Maroons, the Maroons finally couldn't stand the straffing Gold bombers by the last quarter due to insufficient number of men.

It was certainly an exciting night for all spectators.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

"Upon receiving the CONTACT's first issue, I was very much delighted and excited about what I read. For the first time in the history of the Church here in the Phil. all brethren will come close to one another thus strengthening the already united and faithful Body of Christ here on earth."

Rodolfo S. Zuñiga
Makati, Rizal

"Through my sister, I have read your newsletter "CONTACT." It is really an interesting newsletter. It can make the members more familiar with each other and know what is going on in the Church. Though I'm not yet a member, I'm very interested to know what are new in the church in the Philippines. I hope that the distribution of "CONTACT" will grow and the subscription of it will not be exclusively for the members only but also for the public who are interested to know more about the church."

Priscilla S. Laconsay
Quezon City

"Yesterday the inaugural copy of the "CONTACT" reached my hands. It was splendid. Just the thing to fill a very real need of every Church member in the country. I read the articles -- written real fine -- avidly. I'm anxious for the next issue."

Daniel G. Garingalao
Iloilo City

"I just want to express my sincerest thanks to you and the staff for this wonderful idea of keeping us informed of what's happening in God's Work here through the "CONTACT."

"It was a very big surprise for me to receive the maiden issue and I was quite excited in devouring all its contents. It is really a tremendous boon for us brethren living in the provinces.

"Thanks again and more power to the Editorial Staff."

Emmanuel T. Quiray
Bani, Pangasinan

Lecture..., cont'd.

to revisit Univ. of Nueva Caceres. He gave an impromptu lecture before two combined social arts classes, with 125 students and 4 teachers attending."

AS VIEWED FROM OUR
CONTACT LENS

"Just what do you mean -- BORN AGAIN!"