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MR. ARMSTRONG'S PUBLIC APPEARANCE CAMPAIGN SET FOR MAY 17-19

1974 Days of Unleavened Bread Summary

The recently concluded observance of the Days of Unleavened Bread was very spiritually rewarding and fulfilling overall especially with regard to the sermons and other messages given. Although increases in attendance were only slight, the Holy Day offerings were encouraging.

Holy Day offering for the first holy day was -7.58% compared to last year because of a member who gave a very large of-
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Lively Outdoor Party Hosted for Children

By Rose Laxamana

MANILA, April 14 -- A group of 32 children with ages ranging from 4 to 12 gathered at the YMCA playgrounds at 2:00 PM today, for the first Children's Party this year.

The activities of the day were composed mostly of games selected by the clubmasters and their assistants. Some of the games were: singkamas - eating contest, pot-break-
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Araneta Coliseum Booked for Entire Appearance



MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

MAKATI, April 23 -- Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's much-awaited Public Appearance Campaign in Manila which was previously set for March but postponed has finally been scheduled for May 17, 18 and 19, to the great delight of the brethren and many others who know and are eagerly waiting for it.

This was first learned when a half-paged advertisement announcing the Campaign appeared in the second page of the Times Journal's issue of April 10. Mr. Adair, who was set to leave for his Northeast Asian Visiting Tour on that day, immediately telexed Headquar-
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Messrs. Adair, Mirto Arrive from Exciting Northeast Asian Tour

MAKATI, April 25 -- Mr. Colin Adair, Director for the Work in the Northeast Asia Region and Mr. Pacifico Mirto, Marketing Manager, arrived at sunset yesterday from a 14-day visiting and baptizing tour through Okinawa, Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong.

They were met at the Manila International Airport by a delighted and happy Mrs. Margaret Adair with their smiling son, Andrew and with the Col-
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PENTECOST Moved to May 26

The observance of Pentecost this year has been moved from June 2 to May 26.

Full articles on this subject will appear in the coming issue of the Good News magazine.

Meantime, for more details, see page 7.

Personal from

John Carand

Seoul, Korea: April 20.

Greetings brethren! I'm writing this personal column from my hotel in the capital of the Republic of Korea. I've been away from Manila now for 10 days on the yearly tour of Northeast Asia to visit with prospective members and members in this part of the world. So far two people have been baptized -- a lady in Japan, Mrs. Catherine Okano; and the first native Korean (on Korean soil. There are, I believe, a couple of Koreans in the U.S. who are members) in this era of God's Church, Hyungbok Song. The first week of the tour was crowded with problems but everything worked out well in the end

DISAPPOINTING START

Mr. P. Mirto, who is with me now, was not able to join me the first week, due to passport problems and lack of time (due to a practical close-down of the country for "Holy Week"). So I left Manila for Okinawa alone. On arriving at the Okinawa hotel I discovered a staff strike was in progress. However, there was still a skeleton staff manning the hotel so I was all right. The man I was to meet there had left a letter informing me regretfully that he had to leave for the U.S. that very morning (he is in the U.S. forces) and was not granted an extension. It was a disappointment to miss him. Another man that I had written to never turned up at all. The Okinawa visit was therefore fruitless. On checking about my flight next day to Tokyo I

was informed of a possible air strike. As you may have read in the newspaper Japan was going through a general transportation strike at the very time I was there.

I had to wait until next day to find out the situation. I was very happy to discover that all Nippon airways I was booked on was not on strike. Only Japan Airlines was, so I was able to fly to Tokyo.

CROWDED TRAIN RIDE

I was met at Tokyo airport by Mike Dale, a graduate of Ambassador College who has been studying in Japan for his master's degree for the past two years. As he is leaving to return to the U.S. in late April he had sold his car so we were not able to use it to visit the people we needed to. This meant using the public transport system, but at that time it was closed because of the strike. I spent Friday at the hotel. By Sabbath morning the strike was settled and some trains were back on again. This was the last day of Unleavened Bread so we planned to visit the home of Mr. Tanner (about one hour from central Tokyo) for the day. But first we went to the home of one of the people who had requested a visit. This was quite an experience because we had to use the Tokyo metro rail system. You may have seen films of the crowds being jammed into the Tokyo trains. Well, this time I experienced it first hand! It was a bad enough experience for me being tall -- I really pitied women and children who have to go through that crush time and again. Our visit turned out to be fruitless when we discovered the young girl had not requested our visit at all, but that it had been done

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by her father living in the U.S. The girl could not even read English and wondered why she was receiving the Plain Truth magazine. We travelled on to Mr. Tanner and spent the late afternoon and evening with them enjoying a very fine meal and hospitality.

TRIP'S FIRST BAPTISM

On Sunday morning, April 14 we spent another hour travelling by train (this time there was no crush) to the north of Tokyo to see Mrs. Okano. She is originally from

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Switzerland and is married to a Japanese. They have 3 children. She speaks good English and also Japanese. After a couple of hours counseling we were happy to be able to baptize her into God's Church. She had a Japanese friend who was interested in God's way of life, but who could not read or understand English. Right now there is no way she can fully come to know God's way because we have no literature in the Japanese language and the Japanese Bible is a very poor and misleading translation. Because of this I cannot force God calling many, if any, Japanese people to the Church in this age.

On Monday I flew up to the northern part of Japan to a town called Hachinohe where we have one member living nearby, Mrs. Porter. It was very cold up there. Mrs. Porter came to the hotel Tuesday morning and we had a good talk together before I left to return to Tokyo. Another man in the same area whom we were to see, didn't show up.

MORE PROBLEMS

The problems started again on Tuesday. In the Tokyo hotel I checked with Japan airlines about my flight to Osaka where I was to meet up with Mr. Mirto and fly on to Korea. I was informed that Japan Airlines was striking again Wednesday -- this time it was the cabin crew! And the other domestic airlines were also going on strike. How could I get to Osaka and Korea? If we missed our schedule it would ruin the second part of the trip. I had to meet with Mr. Mirto and try any way possible to get a flight to Korea.

GOD'S ANSWER

Then I remembered the famous bullet train service between Tokyo and Osaka. This was the answer. I booked a seat on this and caught the first train (6:00 a.m.) Wednesday morning. This was an enjoyable experience. There is nothing like this train in the U.S. or Europe. It is very smooth ride, with fully reclining seats as in airliners, and travels at 200 kph. We covered the distance between Tokyo and Osaka in just 3 hours 13 minutes, with two stops on the way (Nagoya and Kyoto). Again, this was an amazing thing. Because if the train companies had not settled the two-day strike the previous week, they had planned on striking again on this Wednesday! If this had occurred I would have been stranded in Tokyo with no way of reaching Osaka in time). Having contacted Mr. Mirto Tuesday night through Cathay Pacific Airlines, I was able to find where he was staying in Osaka, and went there on leaving the bullet train. It was quite an occasion meeting up at last after all the problems (I will let Mr. Mirto explain his travel to Osaka in a separate article).

ANOTHER MIRACLE

The next miracle was that Japan Airlines flight to Pusan, in South Korea was not cancelled, but was going ahead as scheduled! Yet that day all domestic flights and most international flights of the airline were cancelled due to the strike! We had tried to get a Korean airlines flight but it was fully booked. We could certainly see God's hand helping us keep to our schedule to do His Work.

In Pusan we counselled with a prospective college

student and then spent five hours with Mr. Song. It was a joyful occasion to baptize him that day. Next day we flew up to Seoul, and that brings me up to date at this point. Right now we are waiting for the arrival of Mr. Weakley, our sole member in Seoul(!), an American living here. I will continue this Personal later on.

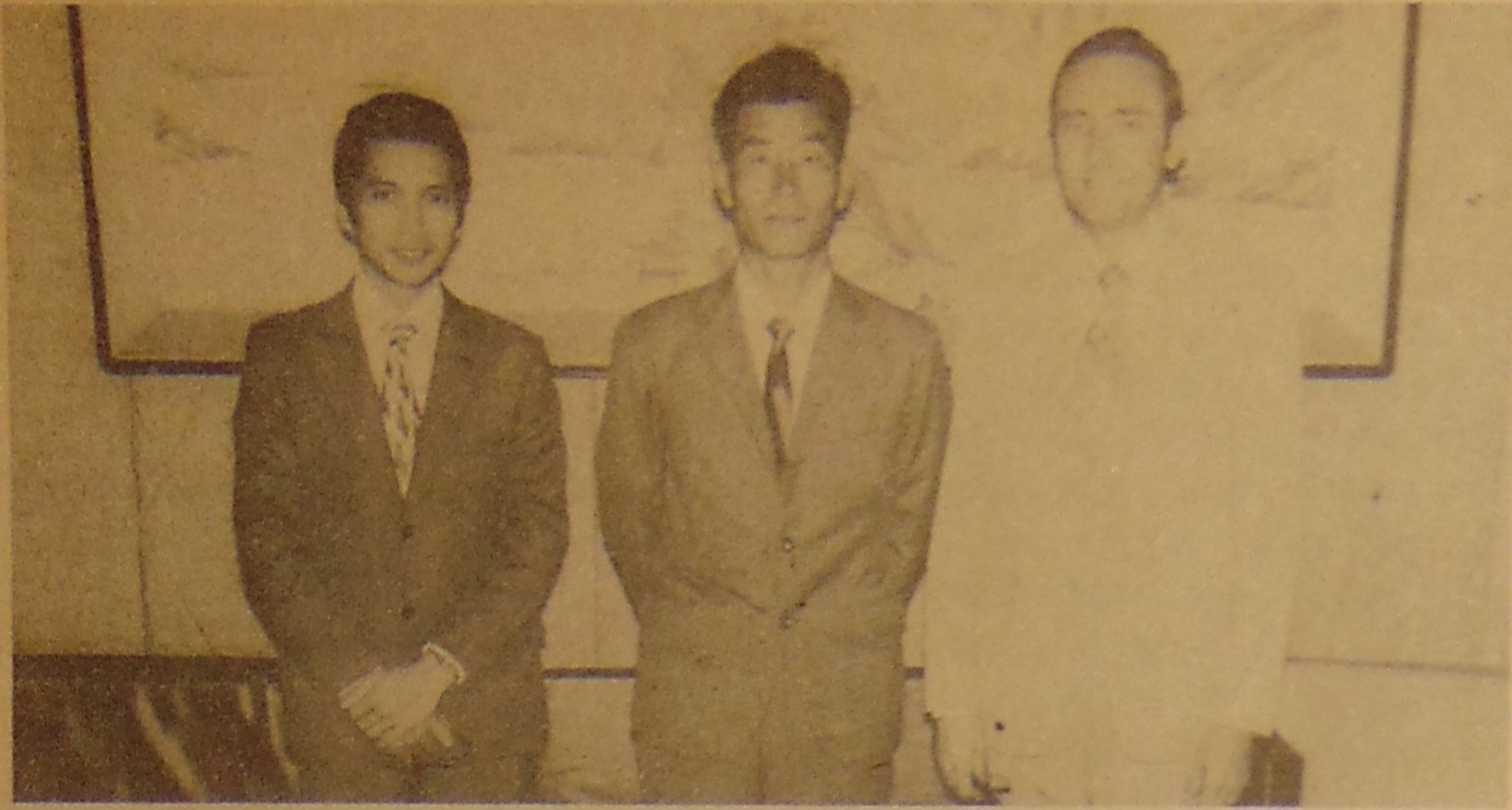
Hong Kong: April 24

Well, here we are in Hong Kong on the final day. This afternoon we fly home to Manila arriving at 5:00 p.m. We had a good visit with Mr. Weakley in Seoul, spending the Sabbath with him and also Sunday morning. He presented us with a fine Chinese painting for the Office and is sending by freight a ceramic rooster which we can use in our new office premises. The weather was very cold in Korea although sunny and we were glad to leave Sunday afternoon for Taiwan.

It was raining when we arrived in Taipei around 8:00 p.m. After checking in the hotel we were able to visit with Dr. Lee for a short while before he caught his train home to begin work Monday morning. Dr. Lee doesn't live in Taipei, but in the interior of Taiwan. Next morning we had a short visit with a co-worker there and then caught the afternoon flight to Hong Kong.

TWO MEMBERS VISITED

Yesterday afternoon; Tuesday, we visited with Ma Ming Tack, a law student and member of God's Church in this crowded island nation. He stayed right through the evening when we were joined by Jimmy Wang, our other member here. It was near midnight when we said good-bye to them. Mr. Wang is



Mr. Hyongbok Song, the first Korean baptized in Korean soil and the second to be baptized during the trip is flanked by Messrs. Colin Adair and Pike Mirto at their hotel in Pusan, Korea.

The Art of Getting Along

(From a newspaper clipping)

SOONER OR LATER, a man if he is wise, discovers that life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take. He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul; that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back. He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses out. He learns that all men have burnt toast for breakfast now and then and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously. He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that buck-passing always turns out to be a boomerang, and that it never pays. He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit so long as the business shows a profit. He learns that even the janitor is human and that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning," even if it is raining.

- Wilfred Peterson

IS IT REALLY VINEGAR?

(From the Daily Express, March 8, 1974)

That sour stuff with which the typical Filipino dips "tuyo" (dried fish) some mornings, deserves some thought. Is the sour mixture really safe vinegar or is it mere diluted synthetic acetic acid?

The Department of Health prohibits the sale of diluted synthetic acetic acid as vinegar because of its potential hazard to health.

This, among other things, was pointed out in an open forum following an evaluation seminar of a project of vinegar making. The quick process of vinegar manufacture is one of the researches funded by the Special Science Fund of the National Science Development Board at the National Institute of Science and Technology at Taft, Manila.

It was learned from audience discussions that some 65 percent of vinegar peddled by pushcarts, sari-sari stores and public markets sold in Greater Manila are mere diluted glacial acetic acid. Opinions were voiced that this sour concoction is

Personal from ... cont'd.
a chartered accountant and has recently returned from Australia where he was studying. He has now settled down in his native Hong Kong.

We had hoped to meet with a few others here but it doesn't look like they will come now.

Next month Mr. Mirto will give his impressions of the trip and the marketing and advertising possibilities in Northeast Asia.

HECTIC SCHEDULE

This weekend I will be going to Naga City. I also have to have a report on the Philippine Work in 1973 prepared for the ministerial conference which begins May 6 and will last thru May 15. Next Thursday, May 2, my wife and I will be leaving for the United States. So I will be pressured all the way with only a few days at home before leaving for another trip. We hope to return by May 16 because Mr. Armstrong's Manila campaign will begin on May 17 through 19.

Remember to pray, brethren, for the success of this first campaign by Mr. Armstrong. The Philippines will really get to know about the Work of God and who knows how many more God will call as a result. It's an exciting prospect. I will report on the Ministerial Conference in next month's Personal. ●

hazardous to health -- glacial acetic being an acid is not gentle to the stomach and the intestines. Moreover, glacial acetic acid has a certain percentage arsenic and mineral acids - which may accumulate in the human body system, if the diluted form is passed off and taken in as vinegar. ●

1974 D.U.B. Summary ...cont'd.

fering last year. But excluding that big offering, the income this year increased by 27.82%. The last day had a 22.34% increase.

Celebrations were mainly held in three church areas -- Manila, Urdaneta and Kiara - Don Carlos--although the Leaders in Mindanao kept the Feast also in their respective areas.

In Manila, Holy Day services were held in the SSS Hall, Quezon City while Urdaneta Church held theirs at the Binalonan High School at Binalonan, Pangasinan.

Passover

For the Passover service, Manila had an attendance of 396; Urdaneta - 132; and Kiara - 284, giving us a total of 812 which is 7.3% increase over last year.

(Editor's note: We hope scattered members were able to keep the Passover properly although we know that there were some who missed it because their wine did not reach them in time because they did not request early enough. Scattered members should realize and should have known by now--especially those living in far flung areas--that writing in for the wine one month before the Passover is too late considering the speed--or rather slowness--of postal delivery in this country. If one has used the postal service long enough, he should be able to calculate the time it would take to send a request and get a reply.

Anyway, for the information of those concerned the second Passover is on the 5th of May (Sunday) after sunset. It would be

Messrs. Adair, Mirto Arrive ... cont'd.

lege driver, Max Enage who drove them home in Mr. Adair's car.

Messrs. Adair and Mirto were certainly glad to be home again after that "grueling" two-week tour (Mr. Mirto who left for the tour later had it only for a week) that had been spiced through with anxieties and problems in view of the strikes that hit Japan at the very same time as the tour but which also saw God's hand performing miracle after miracle to open up the way for His servants and help them perform His work.

For an interesting, thrilling and detailed account of the tour, read this issue's "Personal" beginning on page 2. You'll have more of it next month when Mr. Mirto gives his own personal experiences and impressions of that memorable tour for God's Work in this part of the World. (B.M.) ●

well for us, especially scattered members, to read again the article in the February issue, "Will You Take The Passover?" by Mr. Colin Adair, and "Should Scattered Brethren Assemble For The Passover?" by Edmond Macaraeg in last issue. And be sure to keep them in mind for next year.)

As usual the "Night To Be Much Observed" was kept in members' homes and it seemed that all went well for this.

First and Last Day

Attendance during the First Day of Unleavened Bread rose to 670 for Manila and 228 for Urdaneta totalling 898. It is only a 2.63% increase over last year. Last Day's attendance went down to 848 but registered a 12.62% increase because last year's attendance on the same day

A Night of Meditation

By: Frank Pedeglorio

The night is dim and very still

As I meditate what the future holds;

I let the golden moments pass by

Pondering the end of this battlefield.

A strong enemy crosses the lines;

I have to gird my exhausted self

For there are no more steps backwards,

No bridge behind, more hills ahead.

Great strides are yet to be made

In the conquest of successful life;

While the rest are fast asleep,

The brave face the darkest hours.

went down even lower.

Other Highlights

As is usually done, a blessing of children was held in the afternoon of the first day in the Manila Church and seven children were blessed. (At the moment, we don't have the figures for the rate of increase of our population as revealed by the number of children blest.)

The musical drama "Philippine Rediscovery '74" and a children's party (held on the Sunday just after the Feast Days though) spiced and added color to the celebrations in Manila. In Urdaneta, they had a whole day Bible Study on the second day for the scattered brethren and then had some movies later in the week.

No further report has so far been received from the other church areas. (B.M.) ●

HWA Campaign cont'd.

ters for verification and the ad was confirmed.

Last Friday, Mr. Ben Ortiguero (Business Manager for the Work here) and Mr. Nap Acebron (our Printer) managed to have a private talk with Mr. Osamu Gotoh, Mr. Armstrong's Overseas Campaign Director, in order to orient the local Office on its role in coordinating the activities for the Campaign.

The three-day public appearance will be held this time at the multiple-thousand seater Araneta Coliseum which would not have been available if the Campaign had gone on as scheduled last March.

Other Speaking Engagements

During his interview, Mr. Gotoh disclosed some of Mr. Armstrong's schedules. After his arrival on May 11, Mr. Armstrong will be the guest speaker of the Association of East Asian University Presidents. On May 14, he will finally be conferred the honorary doctor's degree (Honoris Causa) by the Angeles University in Angeles, Pampanga. He will also be interviewed on television and will fulfill many other speaking engagements before prestigious civic, industrial and other business organizations in the country.

Local Church Involved

At the moment, thousands of letters are being printed to be sent out to our subscribers in the greater Manila area inviting them to the Lectures. Also, more wide-space advertisements in the leading national newspapers will continue to appear announcing the Campaign.

The local Office will be helping by mailing the

letters to our subscribers and issuing the admission tickets. The Church might help in the ushering, and distribution of the beautiful brochures during those Campaign nights.

Urged to Pray

Mr. Gotoh, in a 5-minute talk to the members in the Manila Church last Sabbath, April 20, strongly emphasized in his Japanese accented English, that the most important and effective role that each individual member can perform for the success of this activity is to go down on his knees and fervently pray to God for His Divine help and intervention. "Pray that God will inspire Mr. Armstrong on what he will speak during those evenings," he said. He stressed that no matter what we do, we cannot bring people to the Coliseum to listen to God's Servant but God, through our earnest prayers, can inspire thousands of people to go and listen to Mr. Armstrong and be witnessed to. He also stressed another point by saying: "Remember: this is not your campaign, not my campaign, not Mr. Armstrong's campaign but this is God Almighty's Campaign" as He finishes His end-time Work through human instruments. Therefore, whoever we are or wherever we may be, we can be of tremendous help if we will from now on continually and fervently pray for the success of this first-ever Campaign of preaching the Good News to the major cities of the world.

In his talk with Messrs. Ortiguero and Acebron, Mr. Gotoh broached the fact that because of Mr. Armstrong's deep love for the Filipino people and because of the importance of this campaign to God's Work, Mr. Armstrong will even miss the second half of the coming Ministerial

Poetry

On Being a Monitor

By C. Sotomil

"Greetings, friends around the world!"

The World Tomorrow Broadcast roared.

Pens and paper I hold,
As the opening statement poured.

After that, I relaxed
While listening to the broadcast,
Aware of any irregularities,
Lest they slip without my notice..

The program starts at nine
When all ears are closed,
except mine.

As Mr. Armstrong expounds
each topic,
All I can say is "terrific"!

Then comes the advertisement,
Of literature and booklets
free to be sent.
I have to take them down,
Or else my report will not be round.

At last Mr. H. W. A. or
G. T. A.,
Will take the broadcast away.
All is gone and nothing left,
Except that wonderful tail music.

Here are the advantages of
being a Monitor;
To miss every broadcast,
you can't afford:
For thirty minutes, you
are awake,
Always alert for the
Work's sake.

Conference at Headquarters just to come to the Philippines and fulfill his engagements. -- (BM) ●

BUSINESS TALK

By Medardo Maninang

Sometime ago Mr. Adair mentioned that if we will not have enough increase we will have no other recourse than to dip into our reserves. Many brethren, especially the new ones, wonder why we can't stand on our own feet -- that is, be a self-supporting Work -- in spite of the fact that we have reserves.

To enlighten you concerning this matter, allow me to explain the meaning of the word "reserve." How is it obtained and how is it put to use?

In a profit corporation when the financial gain exceeds the operational expenses, the difference is the net profit. It is a net loss when the situation is vice versa. When there's a net profit the corporation concerned could either distribute it to the stockholders in the form of dividends, or retain it. Retain net profit is termed "Retain Earnings." This is the same as the reserve.

The Worldwide Church of God, the Ambassador College and all its agencies around the world are non-profit corporations, aside from being religious in nature. Hence, the reserves can't be distributed to the stockholders who in essence are the members and the co-workers.

Every year the expenditure side is always bigger than the income side. How come then that we still have reserves in spite of this? Well, this is simple mathematics.

The answer is the financial assistance we are receiving from headquarters. Without this continuous support the Manila office could have folded up a long time ago. Or if

Children's Party ... cont'd.

ing, cats and dogs, train relay and softball, to name just a few. The children did not merely participate in the exciting games under the close supervision of the adults but also the affair gave them a chance to socially interact with each other.

In spite of the hot weather the group did not lose enthusiasm to enjoy themselves. They ran back and forth, jumped here and there, chased one another, talked and laughed.

Halfway through the 3-hour party the children and adults alike (thankfully the adults were included this time, "hmmm,

not, its operations would be very limited in scope. If this would be the case, many of the important things would have to go: Firstly, all printed matter such as the Plain Truth magazines, the Good News magazines, the Bible Correspondence lessons, and all booklets for we can't afford to have them printed here locally. Secondly, radio might be once a week only, and perhaps on but two stations. Thirdly, no advertising at all in any newspaper or magazine. Lastly, those who have no TV set would have no problem for there wouldn't be any World Tomorrow telecast. These are but a few. You could name more.

Yet, don't get me wrong that all our reserves come from Pasadena. Not all. Part of them is from the local donations. The headquarter's assistance is being spent for specific purposes. So are the local donations. But each year there is always a small amount unspent from both sources. This is how the reserve is obtained.

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sarap") were served delicious home-made banana bread, fruit salad and pineapple juice prepared by Nome Pasamba. The children experienced eating on the grass or at outdoor tables while others just contentedly remained standing.

All in all, the party was a very lively one even in the way the children and parents shared in the fun. Even the adults played jumping rope, soft ball and a "simplified" volleyball.

Just as the saying goes that "The family that prays together stays together," we can also say by the same principle that "The family that plays together sticks together." ●

PENTECOST MOVED TO MAY 26

The observance of Pentecost this year has been moved from June 2 to May 26.

This year has been unusual in the sense that the Passover also fell during a weekly Sabbath. This occurrence happens only once in about a hundred years.

Therefore, the counting of 50 days starts "beginning on the morrow after the Sabbath" (Lev. 23: 15--as the Heb. "mi-mohorat ha-shabbat" should have been more clearly translated. See Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's letter of Feb. 11, 1974), April 7 which is actually also the First Day of Unleavened Bread. We cannot start counting on the morrow after the Last Day because that would be far out already. (See Joshua 5:11 in connection with Lev. 23:15). The 50th day after that therefore falls on May 26!

Full articles on this subject will appear in the coming issue of the Good News magazine.

-- E. D. Macaraeg

POINT CONTACT

By Bien Macaraeg, Jr.

DRIVE-A-CAR

With the increased tuition fees of Driving Schools these days, the following might be "good news" to prospective car owners who want to learn how to drive.

Mr. Cresencio Novero is an experienced driver and qualified car-driving instructor for cars and other kinds of motor vehicles. He is presently connected with a driving institute but he has spare time for anyone who would like personal tutoring.

If you need his services, contact him at 1749 Alvarez St., Sta. Cruz, Manila or call Telephone 26-77-90.



FREE VEGETABLE SEEDS

As you must have read from the article "Seeds of Abraham" in the February CONTACT the Office has some vegetable seeds of more than 30 kinds. These seeds were donated by the Seattle, Washington Church through the efforts of their Pastor, Mr. Frederick Brogaard.

Since their arrival months ago, most of the seeds have already been given out to the brethren who requested them. We have also sent one box each to Mr. Benitez and the Leaders in Mindanao. But at the moment we still have a few kinds left and would like to dispose of them



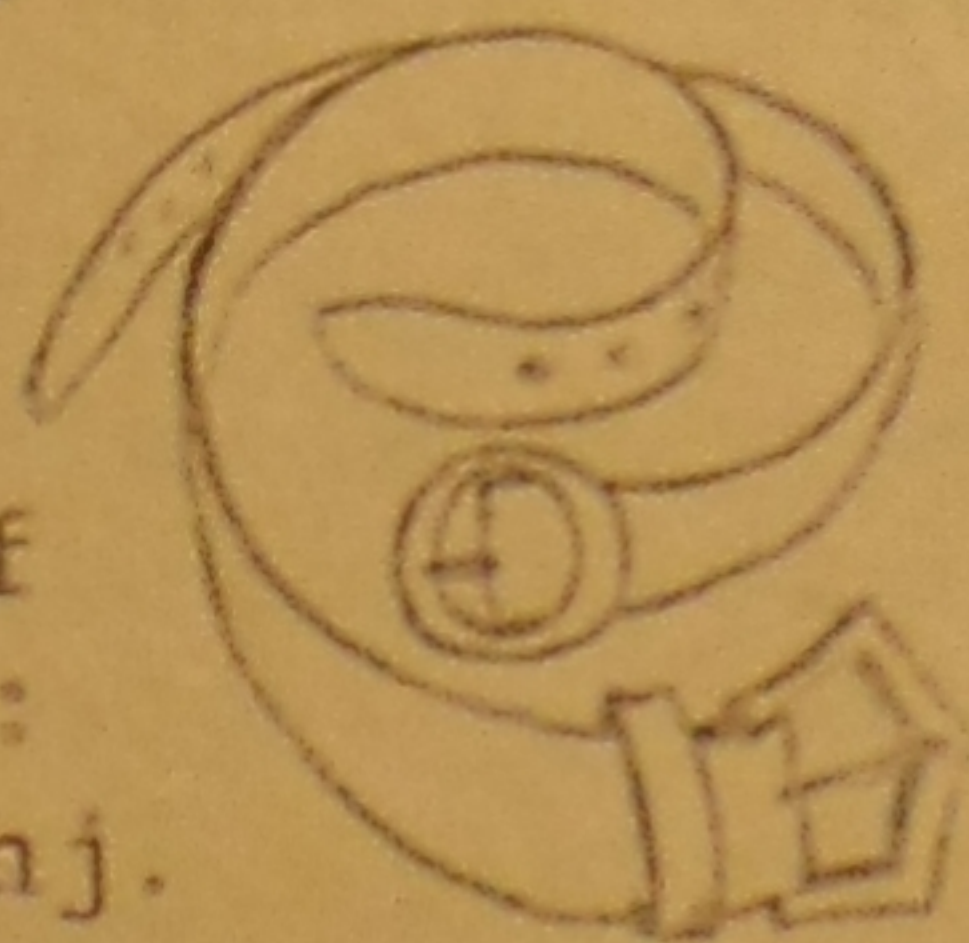
as soon as possible. Keeping them here and delaying their planting will only limit their chance to germinate and grow well.

So if you are a farmer, or one who has some area where you can plant vegetables, write us as soon as possible so we can send you some if you wish. It would also be good if you state the area of your garden so we can send you the corresponding amount of seeds.

The seeds that are still available are: peas, sweet corn, beets, beans, cucumbers, radish, squash, carrots and lettuce. Address your requests to the Office.

BELT YOURSELF, MAN!

Wide leather belts with big buckles are in vogue these days. In case you are one who goes for this current trend in men's fashion, here's a hint on where you can get very good leather belts and buckles in the design and color of your choice: see Mrs. Benj. Ortiguero or call her up (Tel. 88-67-82). Give her the specifications you want for your belt and buckle. It's "made to order."



So remember: want to keep a little abreast of current fashion? Belt yourself! (Ladies, why not also belt your man! He'll love you for it!)

TYPEWRITER FOR SALE

One unit "Underwood" brand portable typewriter Only ₱280.00 cash. Call 88-42-97 for details.

SEEKING FOR A BETTER JOB

Mr. Wendell Galat of Barrio II, Poblacion, Pa-

gudpud, Ilocos Norte sent in a request to get him in contact with one who can help him find a better job.

An AB, BSE graduate (major in History, minor in English), he is presently a teacher at the Batac Junior College, Batac, Ilocos Norte.

Presently 21 years old and running to 22, he also has interests in agriculture and poultry.

Though presently employed, he is seeking for a better job that would give him more room for improvement. He would appreciate it very much if someone could give him a lead or help him on this matter.

He can be contacted at his home address stated above.

WANTED: BOARDING HOUSE!

Daniel Maghirang of 615-B, Isabel St., Sampaloc, Manila is looking for a boarding house preferably owned and/or managed by a member. Also prefers one within the Sampaloc area although others outside that area will do as long as it is with brethren. He needs the response before classes resume on June 3. He adds further, "You need not worry for I pay on time and I don't eat too much!"

BUSINESS TALK ... cont'd.

At the moment our reserve is just enough to cope with any emergency that might arise. We are not touching it as yet because of our high year-to-date increase. I hope the income, not only locally but including all the offices around the world particularly headquarters, stays high so that we will not have to dip into our individual reserves. ●

I SHALL NEVER GIVE AN INCH

By Mrs. Mary Ogas
Benguet

I am writing to let you know the experience I went through when my mother died of a sudden heart attack last March 5, 1973.

My father decided to have the body embalmed for a duration of 12 days. As he is one father who is a firm and diehard believer in the pagan native religion in our community and also claims his religion excels all kinds of other religions, he commanded us, his children, to strictly observe and follow his religion.

Being the eldest in the family and being a member of the Church of God I tried to explain that I could not do according to his will because I have already been baptized into the Church of God. I have decided to stick to my religion forever, so they will forgive me for not complying with their will.

I said this even with tears and in a humble and kneeling position. But to my surprise my father was angered so much that he began to talk at the top of his voice. He began saying that there is only one God and that he himself as a human father represents Him just the same so that we as his children must obey whatever he commands us. He also reminded me that one of the commandments of God is love and respect your parents and even love your enemies. That I should then show my love especially to my dead mother by performing those pagan rites. He also warned me that if I do not now repent of my new religion (the Church of God) and won't follow him, God will surely punish me. As a proof he claimed that all his lifetime he has

seen many examples of people who have disobeyed their parents, and disobeyed the native pagan religion. They were all cursed and punished by God. So it was going to be no different with me. If I did not obey him then I must not expect any inheritance from him -- that I should go wherever I wanted to go and that I must remember he means it.

Somehow I managed to pacify his anger by asking for the second time to forgive me all that I had said. He did and talked of other business matters.

Spiritism!

As we were to continue watching over the dead body day and night for 12 days, and with the presence of more or less 60 people (composed mostly of our relatives and a few visitors from different places), something unexpected happened.

As it is a genuine belief among these people that man is a living soul with a spirit that goes to heaven after death, my mother supposedly now in spirit form, wanted to talk to us through another individual (a woman relative of ours). They believed she was possessed by the spirit of my dead mother. She began to talk or act exactly as mother did when she was alive. Because all of them believed and honored this spirit as my mother, my crying sisters and relatives began to embrace her and said that they were thankful she came to talk to them.

As I chilled in the corner as though I saw a horrifying demon (nevertheless I was calm and strong in mind but hesitant to move) the possess-

ed woman came to me and embraced and cried over me. She began to advise me that I should show my love and respect to her as a mother, if I ever really loved her, by obeying and following their religion. She asked me why I refused to do the pagan rites. I answered, "Because I fear God more than anything else and that if I disobey God I will surely end up in the lake of fire."

Demons At Work

Then all at once she answered, pointing to herself, that they are the ones responsible for throwing me into the lake of fire.

At this moment all the people began to fear. Some of them came crying and patting my back begging me to please say yes and follow them. My sister pleaded that I would please make our mother's journey to heaven smooth by obeying and doing according to their religion. Some of them even tried to say according to the Bible There is only one God after all, that I should say amen to them. Some said that since we cannot see God our physical parents are our God and so forth.

Threatened

When I told them my answer was final and that they would please forgive me, this made my father all the more angry. With a loud voice and in great disappointment he accused me of being wise, a kind, yet a disobedient, disrespectful, ungrateful, hard-headed, shameful daughter. That I dishonored him entirely before the eyes of these people. That I was too much of a burden, a problem and a shame to the family. That if it were easy to end my life he would do it. He then gave (Please turn to page 10)

DILEMMA OF A RICE-PRODUCING PROVINCE

by Dr. Samuel Librojo

One aspect for which the province of Laguna is popular, aside from tourist spots, is rice-growing.



It was the town of Los Baños, Laguna that gave birth to the C-4 hybrid varieties of rice. The "C" stands for College. Adjacent to it is the International Rice Research Institute (commonly called IRRI) that gave birth to the IR hybrid varieties, the so called "miracle" rice varieties. It would be safe to say that some 65% of RP ricelands are planted to these varieties.

Soon seedlings were exported to other Asian countries where they became popular too.

Problem Starts

But alas, in less than five years rice plant diseases unheard of before and known only to some scientists, started affecting these hybrid varieties. So many strange-sounding terms came popping up to describe the different kinds of unusual rice plant diseases.

As fast as these diseases are coming up so are the researchers on chemicals. But it would be a waste of space to name these different chemicals. Most of them which are seemingly helpful to rice plants are dangerous to other leafy vegetables, fruit trees, animals and humans as well. Cases of poisoning are becoming more frequent.

In spite of all these, plus the new techniques of rice planting, rice plant

diseases rage on becoming worse as time goes on. Newly planted palay that appears so vigorous, robust and promising soon withers and succumbs to these diseases. In the towns of Cabuyao, Sta. Rosa and Biñan 80% of the ricefields are affected. Statistics for the whole province of Laguna are not available, but the problem is really weighty.

Government Action

The governor of the province has called for a meeting of the people involved in rice production: the banks, agriculture sector, tenants and land owners.

The problem is that rice plants are dying before they can be harvested some two or three weeks after planting. Others die even during their earing and near harvest stage. Some planters have reached as far as 4 plantings consecutively without harvest. Too many expenses have been incurred.

The meeting resulted in the governor, Mr. F. San Luis, ordering rice planting to be suspended in the province of Laguna until June. The consensus is that these diseases thrive only where there are rice plants. If there are no rice plants there will be no disease. Hopefully after this season rice production for the province will be done successfully, according to the governor. ●

I Shall Never Give an Inch cont'd.

his firm and final decision, with the people around as witnesses, that I will not inherit any thing from him.

Managed to Escape

As it is their belief that the animal sacrifi-

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IT RHYMES -- THAT'S WHY



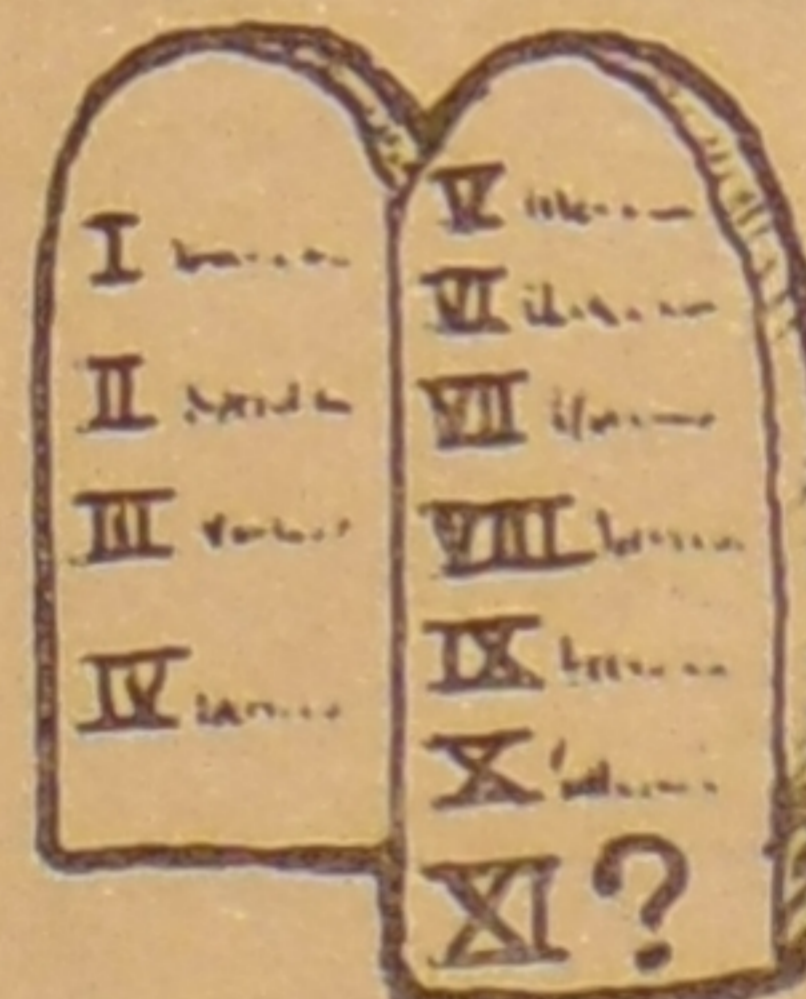
Upon reading the Plain Truth magazine, I have thought of requesting the following books which are very important in my teaching duties in the church:

- 1. The Ten Commandments
- 2. The Seven Sacraments

I.R.S.

Dumalinao, Zamb. del Sur

TEN COMMANDMENTS PLUS ONE!



I want to be one of your subscribers to The Plain Truth. Also please send me a free copy of the Eleven Laws of God.

Student

VAC, Baybay, Leyte

NOT A NEW THING



Please send me a free copy of the following book which I read from somebody and I really enjoyed the contents. I hope you will never disappoint me. The book's title is Marrying Your Personal Finances.

B.N.

Ocampo, Camarines Sur

cing will go on they tried again to put me into it. But thank God, I overheard their plans and with the help of a loving brother we escaped. It was the only remedy. We lodged with another kind brother.

Although there will be a few more sacrifices from now to the end of my mother's death anniversary, I know I will be able to stand and overcome them with your prayers. I shall never give an inch! ●

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL TEEN-AGERS

My fellow teen-agers,

Do you have the feeling that your parents are unfair for forcing you into "their" religion? Do you regret being a child of Christian parents -- deprived of the "joys," the "thrills" and "excitement" of this world? Or wish to break the chain prohibiting you from observing Christmas, Valentine's and others? Resentful that you no longer get gifts and "well-wishes" on your natal day? Full of gripes you can no longer date with the beauties and handsome of the world? I'm quite sure you do have for I myself have thought and felt the same.

Going to do your own thing? Wait! Let me tell you what I have found out: It just doesn't pay to experiment and experience the pleasures of the world. Yes, I must admit -- I enjoyed it for a while. But the guilt and consequences were so overwhelming that I almost lost my mind. I was excited to get girls of my own, thinking that they may add more color and inspiration to my life. You know what I got? The extreme opposite -- depression and insecurity. The guilt and fear was unbearable, enough to make a man go insane or even commit suicide. And when I realized how far I had gone it was almost too late.

After knowing this true-to-life experience will you still go on with your ideas? Leave the Church and think you can come back later? Find out yourself that the trail going back is hard to find after it is already covered with the "dust" and filth of this deceitful world?

Fellow teen-agers, we need not learn the hard

Have You READ?

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

"EAT RIGHT TO BE HEALTHY"

by Isabell Hoeh

Here are facts of health everyone should know. God has set physical laws in motion. Breaking them will break you! Read in this article the truth about refined foods and white flour. You would be surprised for one thing why diseases have not been conquered in spite of the advances of medical science! Another sub-head in this article is "Breakfast Cereals Are Fooling People." Find out why and what you can do. God wants a healthy people for Himself.

Part II of this article is --

"HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES"

You may not have realized it but the proper preparation of vegetables preserving most of the vitamin and mineral content is an exacting (and exciting) challenge to a homemaker. This article shows you how. It also deals with topics like selecting vegetables and fruits, preserving methods, cooking and serving. Read this article and find out.

and painful way. We can do this if we will just open our eyes and count the blessings we've got since being in God's Church. Realize and appreciate the concern and love being given by our parents, ministers, brethren; above all, God's. We must look ahead to a more exciting, more challenging, happier and beautiful world just around the bend -- for the olds and TEEN-AGERS alike.

From a teen-ager
(Manila Church)

Part III is titled --
"MEAT FOR THE MEAL PLANNER"

What part of beef is rich in iron and copper? What would be your best source of vitamin A? What is a good method of obtaining additional calcium from bones? Why is it that when you cook meat at a high temperature it takes longer to tenderize it? What are some of the best and most appropriate ways of cooking different cuts of meat? These and many more are answered in this article.

Wives and mothers should have the family's health as a very important consideration.

"IS SEX SIN?"

by The Ambassador College
Department of Theology

Mr. Garmer Ted Armstrong starts his introduction to this booklet with: "It seems to make little difference that famine...disease lurks in India...or that the United States of Europe nears reality; or that nuclear overkill means.... The main thing for many to think about -- it seems -- is sex!"

Then it goes on to show why this booklet was written, the statistics, facts and truth to the whole question. Included are special "How to" sections such as: Take Precaution against Rape; Protect Your Child From Homosexual Tendencies; and Protect Your Children and Teen-agers Against Sex Crimes.

This is one of the latest full-color booklets produced which also is the title of one of Mr. GTA's personal appearance campaigns.

Be sure to write for these literature. The statement "You don't know what you don't know" is true. And that lack of knowledge maybe disastrous!

AND IT CAME TO PASS...

By P. R. Melendez, Jr.

Now it came to pass on the eighth day of the month April, in the fourth year of Mr. Colin Adair as Director of the Philippine Work, that an outing for the office staff and their families was conducted in the clear waters of Matabungkay Beach in Lian, the province of Batangas, which is by the border of the China Sea.

And this was the manner of their entry into the beach: Mr. Adair with his family and another family of a staff member departed in his car, while the rest boarded a hired bus. And it came to pass, as the bus reached a junction called Paliko (which means turning in the English tongue), that the driver and passengers were unmindful that here was a forked road: for most were drowsy by reason of the heat, and wist not that they had taken a wrong route until they reached the town of Balaayan, which is two towns further south from Lian.

And the LORD saw that this people were lost and heard their silent prayers. And he caused an old man, like unto Moses as one perceived him, to board the bus to show them where to go. So they turned back to Paliko and found the route they should have taken.

And when they reached Matabungkay, behold, Mr. Adair and his companions were already enjoying the waters, having arrived over an hour earlier. Wherefore he admonished them gently, telling how he always finds his way to a place he has visited in the past: for this was now their second time to come to the beach.

Then the people delighted themselves in swimming, a volleyball match, lunch with beef barbecue, sailboat rides, horseback riding for the little ones, a game of water polo, and such like shoreline pleasures. And when the time drew near that they must depart for their abodes, Mr. Adair spake to one of the staff, saying, Don't get lost again!

Now the manner of their return was divers from the manner of their entry. For ~~some staff members~~ dwell in the province of Laguna, and they besought that the bus pass through a connecting road between the provinces of Cavite and Laguna, so they would not need to be taken afar off for another ride to their homes.

But it was so that neither driver nor passengers knew full well the route they were to take. And it came to pass that they went on a smooth road off the main highway in the city of Tagaytay, in Cavite. About ten minutes rode they on, when a man called out as it were to hail the bus. And he told them they were going nowhere and must needs turn back and take the proper road to reach unto Balibago, in Laguna. Some thought this was an angel of the LORD, but the pistol on his hip betrayed his being a military man. Thus the LORD delivered the people the second time from being lost.

Now on their way to the connecting road another man hailed the bus and was taken aboard, for he was set to go to Balibago. It was now even, and the road was unpaved like unto those in Mindanao, and to the left and to the right were great plantings of sugar cane. After about a half hour's journey a forking road was seen: the people would have been confused were not this man aboard the bus to give di-

AGRICULTURAL BOOM EXPECTED

By Mario S. Dulguime

Despite global food shortage, the boom of agricultural products is expected in this part of the country.

With the recent purchase of an 18-hectare parcel of land by the church for the landless brethren of Davao, the long-cherished dream of the brethren found its fulfillment thru the love and generosity of others.

This parcel of agricultural land is located at Bucana, Monkayo, Davao, and is only a few minutes' walk from the heart of the town. The location is noted for its fertility and the land is just adjacent to the rich Agusan River, which reminds this writer of ancient history, particularly the Nile Valley. Many of the ancient civilizations began in river valleys.

Farming brethren are expected to exert their second effort for the realization of their respective farm projects. Davao is the heart of the land of promise and perhaps Monkayo is the fulfillment of that promise.

Another success story similar to Big Sandy is forthcoming!! ●

rections. Wherefore they perceived that the LORD God had again put forth His hand to keep them from the wrong path.

So the bus at last reached Balibago, in Laguna province, a town away from the dwellings of the Lagunites. From here the bus passed through the Expressway to Makati, in Rizal province, to bring the Makatites home. Thus ended the outing of the Manila office staff, who returned home sunburnt and weary but grateful everything worked together for good. ●

NOW I KNOW

By Oliverio R. Bagay

To the unconverted mind, understanding the basic questions of life is as fathomless as the ocean depths. To the Christian nothing can be clearer. As the latter treks life's narrow way, God in His infinite wisdom, widens his knowledge of it. Questions that bothered him in the past are being surprisingly answered through God's marvelous ways. Typical of this process which makes me more thankful to the Almighty for all His blessings, was what occurred to me.

I NARROWLY ESCAPED DEATH

"One cannot live more than 24 hours without undergoing an operation as you did, in a case like this," remarked Dr. Delfin Cruz, one of the five doctors who performed the three major operations on me. The unusual case was a ruptured appendix that had gone over the critical period of 24 hours. Dr. Cruz opined also, "It is better to have performed three Caesarian operations than what I did to you." He extracted one liter of pus from the area.

I WONDERED WHY

This occurrence just cannot keep one from being puzzled. Yet it was only the first of three operations where my life was twice snatched from the throes of death waiting for the last worm to sign the work contract for me, as humorously stated by my co-workers.

PASSED THRU A NEEDLE'S EYE

The next operation had to be performed by a specialist in intestinal sur-

gery due to the complications that arose from the first operation. My stomach bulged due to intestinal obstructions. He carried out a colostomy on my intestines. It was quite an agonizing process for me and those around me for it was the only operation where general anaesthesia cannot be administered anymore to my semi-conscious body lest I might not awaken again. Dr. Figueroa could not help shaking his head when he saw my condition. But thanks be to the Eternal for once more He did not allow me to have my last breath. "You have just passed through a needle's eye," commented Dr. Cruz' wife after the successful operation.

SAVED AGAIN

The third operation was done successfully also after two months of living miserably due to the colostomy (I cannot forget how I cried to God then). This was performed for three hours by three surgeons headed by Dr. Jose Caedo, the director of GSIS Hospital. Thereafter my full recovery began.

NOW I KNOW

My life thus being saved was a constant source of reflections for me. I believed God wanted me to live a longer life for a reason I could not discern before. Any significant task God wants me to accomplish -- whereby He had preserved my life in such a way -- could not be grasped by my mind until He began programming it to His stupendous plan. I started to foresee then that God has not only a significant task for me to accomplish along with all His people, but a greater than any undertaking that one can ever imagine which, after all guesses . . . now I know. ●

MR. BENITEZ SPEAKS BEFORE DON CARLOS GRADUATES

Mr. Encardio Benitez, Local Elder in God's Church pastoring the well-known (as far as that town is concerned) Kiara-Don Carlos Church, March 21 gave the opening address at the graduation ceremonies of a public school in Don Carlos upon request of its principal teacher.

Mr. Benitez spoke on the subject "The Need For True Education From the Cradle to the Grave." In his address, Mr. Benitez encouraged the parents to send their children to school and even strive for higher education. But more than that, he stressed the urgent need to search for and pursue true education. He pointed out the great incongruity of the world's education to the world's problems. He showed his audience, which were composed of the school faculty, parents and the graduates, the incredible paradox that while man because of his present amazing knowledge in science and technology is able to send men to the moon and bring them back, yet he could not solve the problems that have been plaguing the world all along! Therefore he urged them to search for the true brand of education. He also encouraged them to strive to succeed in this life but emphasized that one can only have real and lasting success God's way.

Since it is very seldom if ever that Mr. Benitez gets this opportunity of speaking to people outside the Church, he felt the great need even more to ask for God's inspiration. "I sought God's counsel as to what He wants me to speak before this large crowd and He gave it to me!" Mr. Benitez recounted. -- (BM) ●

LAUNCHING A LUNCHEON

By Ismarlo de la Torre

Cebu City, April 8 -- Two months ago the brethren down South decided that once every two months meeting for the Sabbath service in their area was not enough time for fellowshiping. A sister then suggested it would be a fine idea to hold a lunch party right after Bible Study on the next meeting so the brethren would have more time to fellowship while they dined together in one group instead of each one going out on his own for lunch.

After consultation with Mr. Pacifico Mirto (who was in Cebu at the time) the local congregation immediately formed a committee to go on with the planning and preparation. Letters requesting donation (no fixed amount stated) were sent to the Cebu brethren who were to host their "foreign" brethren coming from the neighboring Visayan provinces. Response was very enthusiastic and overwhelming, which only expressed the common desire of the brethren to make the most of this precious time to bask in the spirit of togetherness, unity and brotherhood.

On March 30, 1974, the local congregation in this exotic city of the South finally launched the proposed party after 2 months of planning and preparation. It consisted of sandwiches, salad, and pineapple juice -- not really a big preparation, but somehow, something in which everyone enjoyed and were filled.

Attended by 76 persons, including the minister, Mr. Jose Raduban and assistant Mr. Edmond Macarag, the party proved to be a tremendous success. ●

TAGUM YAC ORGANIZED

By Mario S. Dulguime

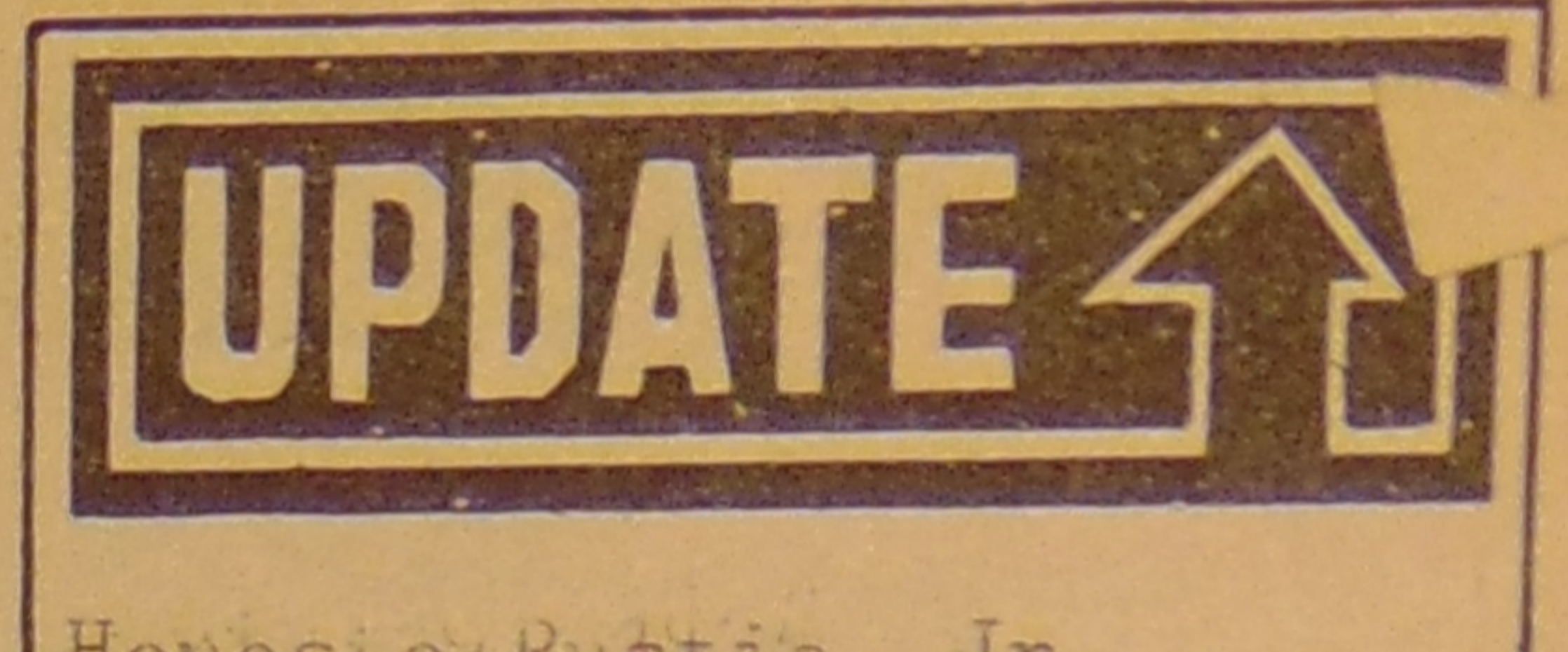
Inspired by the activities of the single people of the Manila Church, the Tagum YAC was born. The TAGUM YOUNG AMBASSADORS CLUB although still in its infancy has already shown a successful project worthy of emulation, that is, the beautification on the premises of the Tabernacle Building. The members are also very busy making preparations for another project, which is the "GREEN REVOLUTION" movement, at the farm bought by the Church at Bucana, Monkayo, Davao. The initial success of the Tagum YAC is attributed to the unity and cooperation of all its members, led by the President, Arthur Amdengan, a long-time member of the Church.

The group regularly meets every 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month to map out plans like social activities to promote a balanced life.

Fired by the enthusiasm and energy of the young, the older ones are also planning to organize the "LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASS." The names of the prospective members were already noted down by Mr. Marciano Moning, Local Leader.

Not to be left behind are the women members who are thinking of adult education. All these efforts are aimed at the goal of every Christian to grow and be a light in this world void of understanding and direction.

"This is one of the reasons why I enjoy coming here!" said Mr. Raduban, smilingly. ●



Honesto Rustia, Jr.

Overall mail posted a decrease of -21.71% (YTD) as of the third week of April. We had 31,068 letters against 39,685 last year.

Our income had an increase of 18.01% (YTD).

Letters and comments:

"Thank you for your generous help in helping the people understand the Word of God. I'm so glad that such magazine exists!

"I understand that you are having difficulty in continuing to send the Plain Truth to an increasing number of people. So here I am, sending you just a small contribution, but I am sure with God's help, you will find a way to continue your most generous help. May God bless you all!"

Betty C.
Cebu City

"It has been a pleasure to constantly receive a letter from you informing me on what and how the great Work is going on. And it is nice to know that a great many leaders have been reached by this Work. Through your letters, I realize that it is the Lord who works through His ministers to reach the world's leaders.

"Also, I wish to inform you that by reading your magazines, I am motivated to continue with my search for truth. Therefore, I decided to enroll in your Correspondence Course. I believe that I can further my studies about God's Word through this course.

Miss Erma R. C.
Makati, Rizal

Letters TO THE EDITOR

APPRECIATES THE IDEA

Thank you for the CONTACT. At last every scattered member in the Philippines is brought in close contact with the local headquarters and is kept abreast of all the news and happenings in the Work here. I really appreciate this idea.

Daniel M. Sanlao
Dumingag, Zambo. del Sur

WANTS TO SAY "THANK YOU" THROUGH THE CONTACT

Through CONTACT I wish to relay my profound thanks for the thoughtfulness and kindness of a group of brethren at Cebu City who, until this writing, I am unable to know who they are.

You see we got a wonderful surprise after our Bible Study last March 30. The Cebu brethren saved us from spending for our lunch and the trouble of going down from the twelfth floor by serving us with a well-prepared lunch of tasty chicken salad, delicious sandwiches and gallons of pineapple juice!

I wish therefore to thank them all through this handy medium. I wouldn't mind so much if they would repeat their kind gesture as long as there is the CONTACT through which I can relay my heartfelt thanks.

Julian R. Bahinting
Sibulan, Negros Oriental

* To straighten up some of the question marks in your mind and turn them into exclamation points, read the article in this issue entitled "Launching a Luncheon"!

SUMMERTIME CONCERT

I would like to extend my deep appreciation for being able to sit in a fine concert like the one held at the Cultural Center last March 10.

All the numbers were entertaining and uplifting. The performers were really adept in playing their respective musical instruments but the flutist most especially delighted me! Moreover, the excellent behavior of the audience added to the success of the show. I was proud to be part of that audience.

Thanks to the organizers of that wonderful concert. Although it might not compare to the concerts being held in Pasadena, yet it is good to note that Ambassador College's endeavor of recapturing true values even in art and music has at last also reached us. May we have more like it in the future.

Danila Sison
Manila

CONTACT IS SIMPLY MAGNETIC!

It is very inspiring to see our brethren from other countries write in to say they appreciate the CONTACT. Of course it is even more heartwarming to see them send some donations to keep the newsletter going. Also enclosed is ₱10 to help defray even a little of your expenses.

I talked to brethren from the provinces during the Days of Unleavened Bread and we all agreed that the CONTACT is simply magnetic! When we get hold of our copies, they stick to our hands and won't go until we've read them all -- even 2 or 3 times! Please keep CONTACT going. We can't afford to lose CONTACT!

Member
Makati, Rizal

* "Magnetic!" That's exactly what CONTACT should really be! We intended it to be a "magnet" to attract us all closer together as one solid body and in the process, we hope it would help "demagnetize" the pull of the gigantic magnet of this world.

Thanks too for adding action to your words of appreciation by donating. Considering our great expenses of printing the newsletter every month whatever you can donate will be much appreciated.

"BALANCED DIET"

Kudos to the staff!

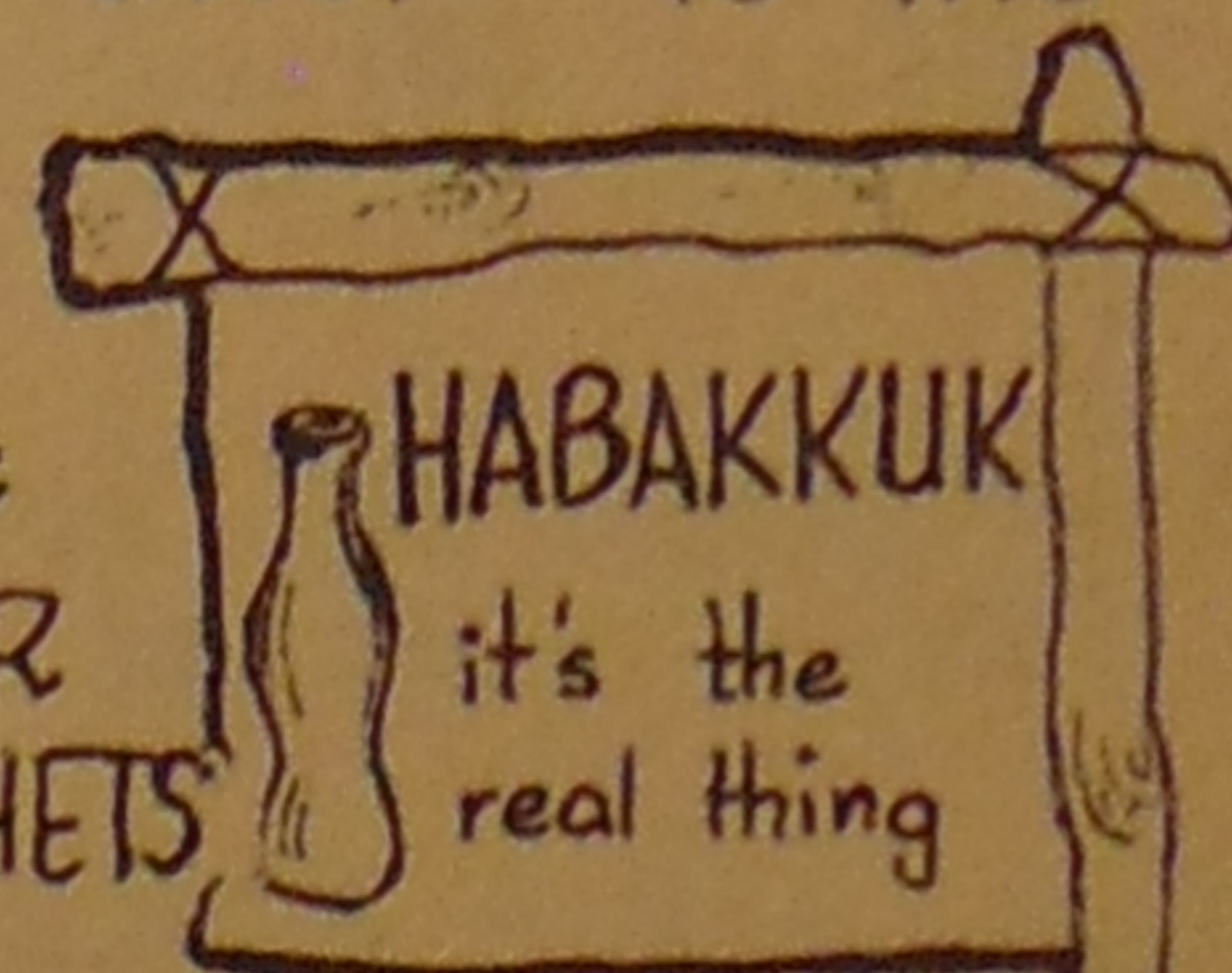
CONTACT has just come on time! Now that we have both the WN for worldwide events and the CONTACT for local events, I feel that we have now a "balanced diet" of Work news. This is very beneficial especially for us living in far places who feel "separated" not knowing what's happening out there. CONTACT fills that "communication gap." Thank you very much for all these things!

Laureano A. de los Reyes
Balayan, Batangas

BELIEVE IT-NOT

The OLDEST product advertisement on record DATES BACK to the

times
of the
MINOR
PROPHETS



In their own way of spelling it then, it read "HABAKKUK"

TODAY
it is "HAVE A COKE!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANILA: MAY CALENDAR

- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Colin Adair and Mr. Pedro Ortiguero leave for the Ministerial Conference.
- 4, 11, 18 and 25 - Regular SABBATH SERVICES 1 PM GSP Auditorium, Padre Faura, Manila.
- 6 to 15 - Worldwide Church of God Ministerial Conference, Pasadena.
- 12 - Imperial Children's Club Educational Tour
- 16 - Expected arrival of the Adairs and Mr. Ortiguero from the Ministerial Conference.
- 17, 18 and 19 - Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's Personal Appearance Campaign, 7 PM, Araneta Coliseum, Cubao Quezon City.
- 20 - Manila 'A' Spokesman's Club meeting.
- 26 - PENTECOST - Services: 10 AM and 2 PM, SSS Social Hall, Quezon City. (Bring your own lunch.)
- 28 - Manila 'B' Spokesman's Club meeting.
- 29 - Regular BIBLE STUDY 7 PM, GSP Auditorium, Padre Faura, Manila.

SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

URDANETA- 10 AM, May 25 and 26 for Sabbath and Pentecost,

respectively. Bacag Resthouse Shed, Bacag Villasis, Pangasinan. (Other Sabbath services for May are cancelled. For June, weekly Sabbath Services will be resumed.)

CEBU CITY - 10AM, May 25 and 26 for Sabbath and Pentecost, respectively. LUYM Building, 12th Floor. * Brethren in the Cebu Church area should take advantage of this two-day service. Next on schedule will be July 27.

ILOILO CITY - 9:30 AM, June 29 and August 31 River Queen Hotel Conference Room.

NAGA CITY - 10 AM, June 22 and August 24, Lindez Hotel.

NEW WT STATION FOR DAVAO:
DXGE, 980 KHz 7:00 PM daily. (No longer DXRA)

REMINDER!

Attention first subscribers of the Worldwide News. Your one-year subscription will end with the second issue of March 1974! Please send in your renewal requests now (see again the special announcement on page 9 of the April CONTACT.) As of this writing our files show that over a hundred subscribers still have outstanding accounts. This is to remind those concerned that we cannot renew your subscription unless you have settled your accounts.

-BUSINESS OFFICE

WEDDING

Mr. Ricardo Perez & Miss Goyhan Cuarto, April 28, Naga City.



"LIMAHONG?!, Que conozco!, I know you! Your name is popular in the West!" exclaims Magellan (Charles Morell --in modern navy admiral's uniform) to Limahong (Andrew Teng) the famous Chinese pirate and smuggler in this bit of action during the showing of the play, "PHILIPPINE REDISCOVERY '74". This presentation highlighted the observance of the Days of Unleavened Bread in the Manila Church.

The two-hour musical drama which was the "first" in the entertainment history of the Manila Church was witnessed by a great number of church members, including their relatives and friends -- thus practically filling all the 500-seater GSP Auditorium to the last seat.--BM