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## NEW PT FORMAT PRINTING PLANS BARED

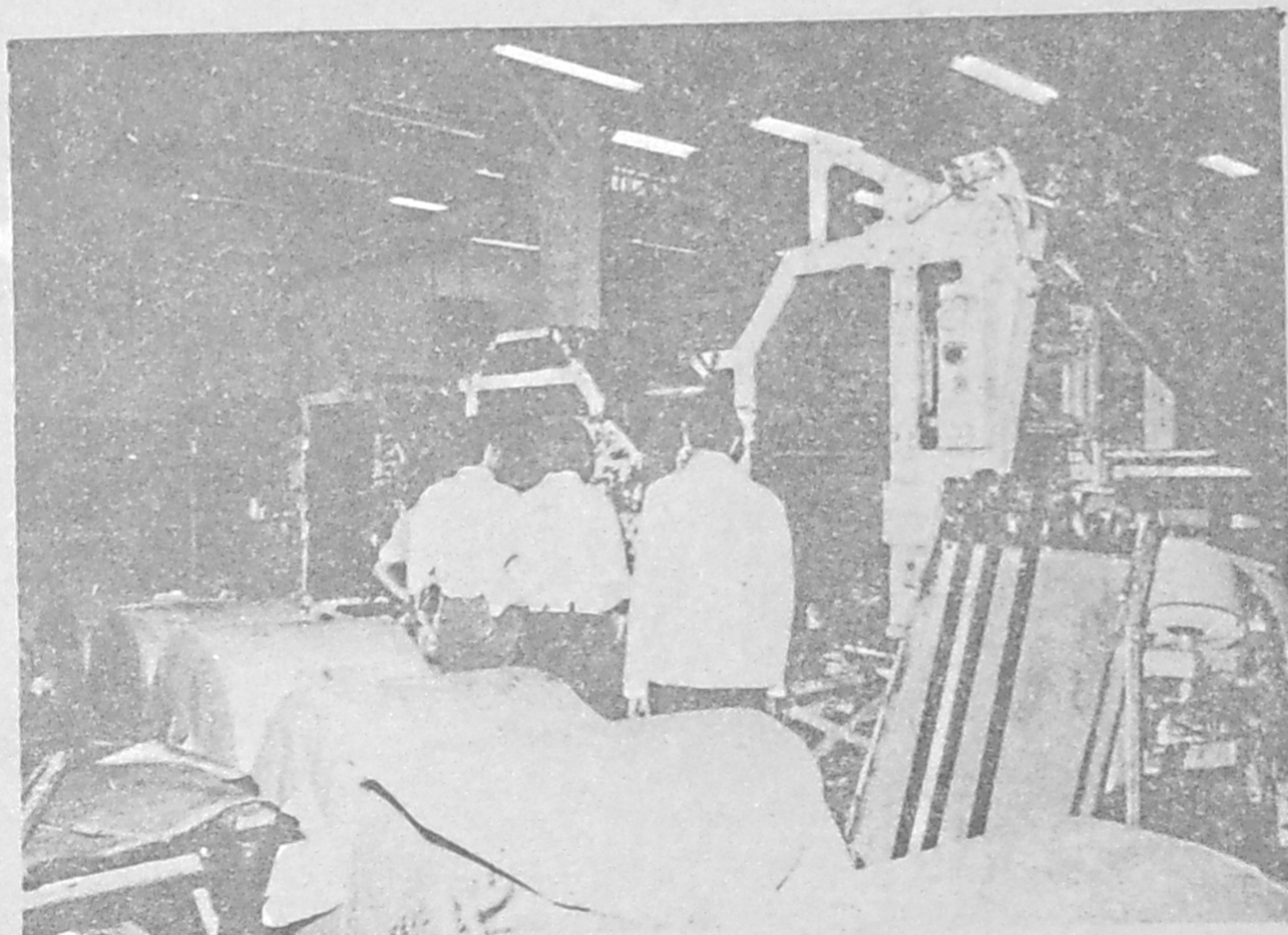
by Jeremiah Ortiguero

After several months of planning, expectation and anticipation, the printing of the new PT format here in the Philippines has been crystalized. With the presence of the Managing Editor of the PT, Mr. Art Ferdig and his worldwide Publishing Coordinator, Mr. Roger Lippross, many possible problems that may arise in printing the PT here have been answered and clarified. In fact the printing of the PT in Manila gives us many challenging opportunities for growth in the Philippine Work.

Messrs. Ferdig, Lippross, Adair, Mirto and

yours truly visited the printing plant of the Pilipino Star Publishing Company (the former publisher of the defunct Daily Star newspaper) located at the Port Area, Manila. This visit made by our visitors and our Manila executives helped them see first hand the printing capabilities of the Pilipino Star in printing our PT. Of all the printing companies we have checked around, the Pilipino Star proved to be the only one that could give

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Our visitors and Mr. Adair are shown here inspecting the press that will print our Philippine edition of the new PT. Notice the rolls of newsprint paper at foreground. It takes 12 rolls of this paper to produce 75,000 copies of the PT. Each roll weighs about 380 kilos and has a diameter of 32 inches and a width of 30 inches.

## Second PT Lecture Held in Baguio

BAGUIO CITY -- The second PT Bible Lecture took place as scheduled at the Baguio Colleges Foundation Theater last March 1 and 2, in spite of many setbacks like the week-long referendum vacation, the final exam preparations and other school-year closing activities.

For the first day Mr. Colin Adair spoke to 141 who attended of which 72 were non-members. The second day 99 came, 65 were non-members. But some 38 prospectives signed up to attend the regular Baguio Church Bible Study (not just follow-ups).

Mr. Pike Mirto, Executive Assistant to the Regional Director, was glad that though only few showed up, still the response percentage in Baguio was well within the target of 25 to 30 prospectives. (According to Mr. P. S. Ortiguero Dagupan had a final attendance of 22 interested prospectives. They were invited to the regular monthly Bible Study in the area).

The lack of quantity was more than made up for by the quality of the people who attended. It was very obvious that those who came were the ones who were really wanting to learn about the "End Time" and the coming "World Tomorrow." (N.A.)

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"Don't say that you have not been warned..." Mr. Adair seems to be saying in this photo taken during the Baguio PT Lecture. (All photos taken by J. Ortiguero)

# Personal from

*Colin Adair*



"PEACE BE UNTO YOU," Andrew seems to be saying to Mr. Arthur Ferdig as the latter shakes his hand. Mr. Arthur Ferdig as the latter shakes his hand Mr. Roger Lippross is seen behind Mr. Ferdig. Photo was taken during the Barrio Fiesta held in honor of the visitors from Headquarters.

- CONTACT -

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Two visitors from Headquarters flew in recently for a quick two-day visit. Mr. Art Ferdig, Managing Editor of the Plain Truth and Mr. Roger Lippross, Publishing Co-ordinator of the Plain Truth, have been visiting the international offices and conducting a fact-finding tour of parts of Asia. The purpose of the trip was to gather information and to help the foreign offices prepare for the printing of the Plain Truth in their respective areas. Jeremiah Ortiguero has written an article describing their activities here in Manila, so I won't duplicate that information in this column.

Our visitors arrived from Saigon Tuesday, March 11. Mr. Mirto and I were at the airport to meet them and to welcome them on their first visit to the Philippines. They expressed they were not sorry to leave Saigon behind with all its problems and traumas. We will perhaps be hearing some news about Vietnam in a later P.T. article.

The tourist boom was evident when we found great difficulty in booking our guests into an hotel. We tried most places with negative results, but finally managed to find two rooms at the Tower Hotel in A. Mabini St. Although this is not the best hotel in town by a long way, it was at least convenient to the office and both Mr. Ferdig and Mr. Lippross expressed that it was luxury compared with their hotel in Saigon!

After freshening up we drove them around Manila for a while so they could see some of the sights. They stated that they found Manila a vivid contrast to Saigon and commented on the cleanness of the city.

At dinner that evening we discussed many facets of the new format Plain

Truth and what we could do locally with it. Opportunities for our own advertisements and lecture promotional material were studied into.

Next day talks continued on the technicalities of printing the P.T. and a visit was made to the printers (see article). That night we hosted a barrio fiesta for them at our home which they enjoyed very much.

In order to let them see what the Philippines looked like outside Manila, my wife and I plus Andrew took them for a drive to Tagaytay Thursday morning. It was a beautiful day and the view from the Taal Vista Lodge was breathtaking. As they were leaving that afternoon for Hong Kong we couldn't stay long but had to head back after light refreshments. We dropped them at the Manila International Airport at 3:00 p.m. in time for them to check in for the PAL flight.

One of the possibilities discussed with Mr. Ferdig and Mr. Lippross was a religious supplement for P.T. readers interested in more spiritual matters. Right now we can't afford to expand our Good News circulation because of cost, but we could possibly print a supplement to be inserted in each month's P.T. This way we could really expand our coverage of doctrinal material. The articles contained in the supplement would be taken direct from past issues of the Good News. This new idea will be thoroughly investigated and if practical we may go ahead in a few months' time.

The film for P.T. number four, which will be the Philippine April edition, arrived from Pasadena on Monday, March 17. We should have it printed and on the way to the subscribers by the time you read this column.

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Baguio P.T. Lecture

Mr. Pedro Ortiguero reports that a disappointing number of four people turned up for the follow-up study in Baguio the first week. I personally believe the inaccessibility of Baguio itself was a factor in this poor showing. Perhaps the second lecture would have taken place in San Fernando, La Union, instead of Baguio. However, it is too soon yet to say that the Baguio and district people are not interested in the truth. We will have to wait and see what happens later.

Pampanga Lecture

We have changed the brochure for the upcoming campaign on April 6 in San Fernando, Pampanga. This is now just one sheet which is inserted in a sample copy of the P.T. The San Fernando lecture will be the first one to be conducted in one day, with a meeting in the morning and afternoon. I hope I can get enough rest in the break to enable me to speak effectively in the afternoon.

There is no word yet on the ministerial conference in Pasadena. We still expect it to be held in late May, but it may not be as big as last year. Perhaps only Regional Directors will be brought in this time.

It seems the hot season has arrived! Andrew and I are just finally getting rid of the colds we caught in Dagupan City and hope that we can get back to swimming next week. Perhaps I should say I can get back to swimming, as Andrew hasn't reached that stage yet! Not having the daily swimming exercise is a loss, but I have tried to do some push-ups in the office to keep fit. By the time you read this I will have passed another birthday, so as the years go by the need to keep up exercise becomes more important! Do you have an exercising schedule? If not, you are missing one of the laws of staying healthy. Even walking is better than no exercise at all. Perhaps the push-ups for some should be the push-aways from the heavily-laden rice plates. Feeling fit helps you become a more effective person, surely a must for every Christian.



Have you ever seen fighting cocks dance to a tango tune during a fight? Photo shows Athos Parane (puti) and Eriz Dizon (pula) about to take a tango step during their "cockfight" last Barrio Fiesta at the Adairs'.

NEW PT FORMAT  
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us good service and acceptable results and minimal cost. Most printing companies, though fully equipped with big presses capable of producing newspaper-type publications, could not print the new PT format because of one of its unique features -- quarter fold. Their machines could only half-fold just like the first issues of the Daily Express. But the Pilipino Star happened to have a Community Goss (very similar to the Commercial Goss our printer Krueger in Pasadena uses in printing the US editions) capable of quarter-folding the new PT. Quarter-folding is a must to the new PT. The quarter-folding of the 75,000 PT by hand as it comes off the press would mean delays in getting the newspaper off to our subscribers.

As you have read in the Personal Column of Mr. Adair in the Feb. 1975 issue of the Contact, the Philippines will also undertake the printing and

mailing of the Southeast Asian PT. The Philippines was chosen to print the SEA PT because it is a lot cheaper to print and mail the newspaper here to any point in Southeast Asia, than Australia or Singapore. Right now the Philippine Office processes and receives lit. mail from various SEA countries in addition to the bulk lit mail sent to us by Mr. Guy Ames, the Regional Director of the SEA Work. Mr. Ames, as you know, could not be granted a work visa to operate full time in Singapore.

Another good thing the printing of the PT offers is the possibility of printing a religious supplement to the PT each month or as often as necessary reprinted direct from Good News articles. This would bridge the gap created by the absence of religious articles in the new PT for the regulars to learn the teachings and doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God. The new PT is not carrying purely religious articles but will gradually contain more hard hitting religious write-ups in the near future. (Please turn to next page)



Mr. Antonio Rocas (2nd from right), President and General Manager of Pilipino Star Publishing Company explains their company's printing capabilities to Messrs. Adair, Lippross, Ferdig and Mirto. (1 to r).

## NEW PT FORMAT ...cont'd

ture. In the meantime here in the Philippines, with the Church Development Program intensified through the PT Bible Lectures conducted by Mr. Adair, direct-mail approach, etc. this additional avenue of reaching more people and exposing them to the teachings of the Worldwide Church of God could prove very profitable at a very low cost. It is a lot cheaper to print a religious supplement to the PT than escalate the circulation of the GN and the CC. However, as people draw

closer to the church and as the income allows, we can add them to the classy and glossy Good News and Correspondence Course.

If all goes as scheduled, we will be printing our first issue (April) before or during the Days of Unleavened Bread and mail to our subscribers about the first week of April. This would be a 100% improvement in the delivery -- subscribers will receive their copies right in the issue month. But the subscribers in farther provinces in the Philippines and in Southeast Asia will, of course, receive their copies later in the month or in the following month.



Mr. Pacifico Mirto, Executive Assistant to the Regional Director gives the opening remark and introduce the guest speaker during the start of the Baguio PT Lecture.



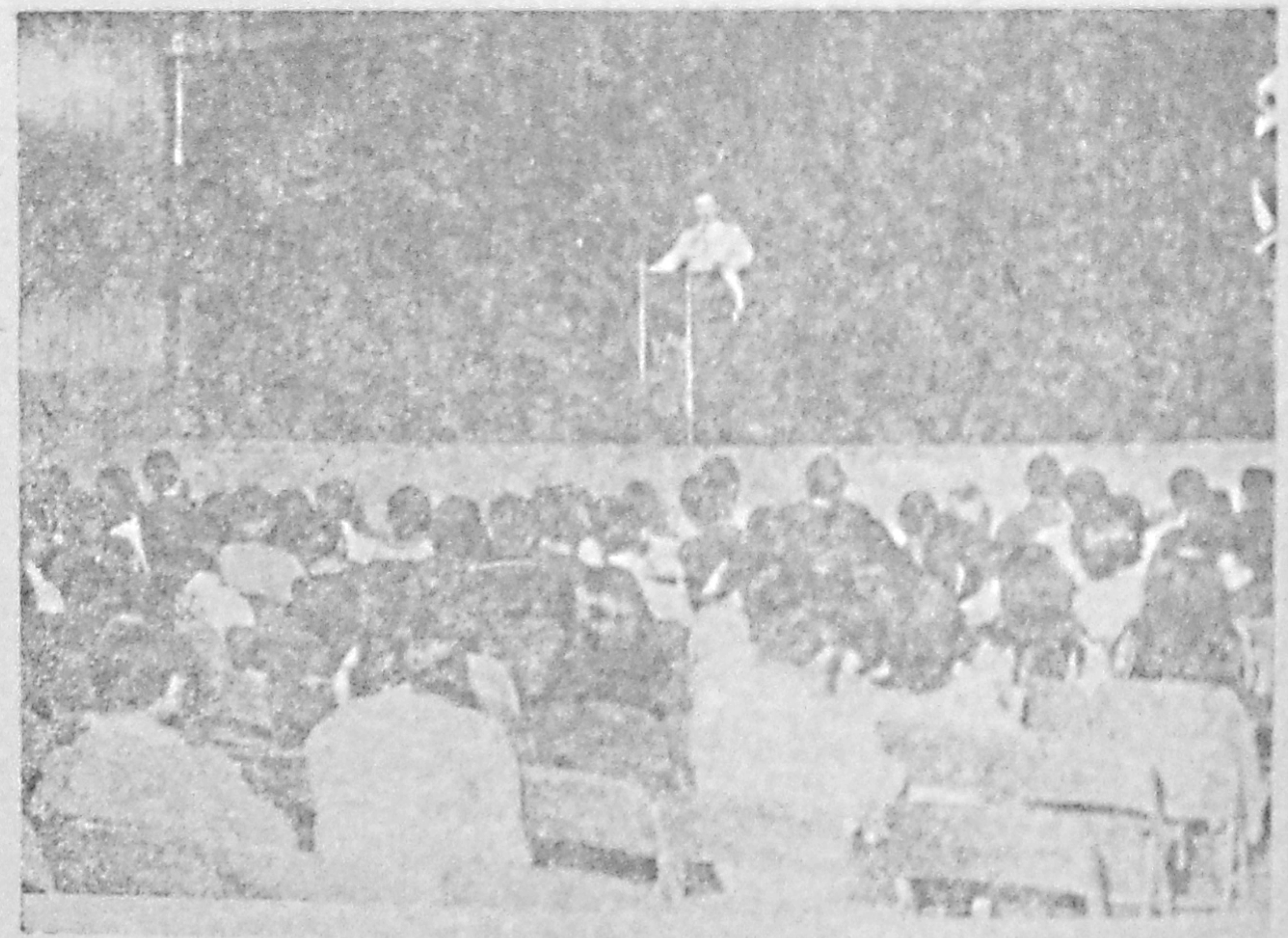
## YAC 'A' GET-TOGETHER AND WELCOME PARTY

New YAC-A members were welcomed February 23rd in a Get-Together Party held at Girlie Baguio's residence in Quezon City. Twenty-four enthusiastic members gave life to the party graced by the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Macaraeg. Without a word to signal the start of dancing, busy feet began to move about the dance floor. Of special interest to the majority was the twelve-steps dance with variations sometimes with an addition of an extra step or a subtraction (hoping to make a short-cut in learning the dance.

What do you expect to see when busy feet get tired? Busy mouths of

course and what mouth wouldn't be busy with the delicious food prepared by Girlie and her staff. The laughable part came as games were played. Ever seen shy clowns? We've seen our first in the person of Arman Madrid and Benjie de la Cruz. In addition to this, we were entertained by Willie Tamayao in her modelling act. She differs though from other models in one aspect -- the flash from a sneaky camera would cut short her performance.

A brief welcome message was delivered by Joie herself and the party ended with thoughts that it was just the beginning of greater fun awaiting every member of the club. (Joie tired? Busy mouths of A. Medina)



A view of a portion of the audience with the speaker, Mr. Adair at the rostrum. Photo was taken during the first day of the Baguio PT Lecture which was held at the Baguio Colleges Foundation Auditorium.

# PROVINCIAL NEWS



## CA Speaks at UP Baguio

After the PT Bible Lecture, Mr. Adair spoke to the students of the University of the Philippines at Baguio in its social orientation activity. Again due to the 5-day vacation and final exam preparation only 102 attended including some of our local members.

On arrival Miss Alice Apilado, social orientation head, ushered Mr. Adair and party (which included Mr. P.S. Ortiguero) to the Faculty Lounge where refreshments were served. Even before the lecture, the U.P. Administrator Dean Sophie Catbagan grilled the guest speaker "with hard questions," which Mr. Adair handled wittingly. She asked about pre-marital sex which of course Mr. Adair did not endorse. "But Mr. Adair it is done by almost everybody!" The reply was "Yes, but just because everybody is doing it does not make it right." Then she fired another question: "What will I tell my daughters who accusingly tell me 'But Mommy, you eloped!'" Mr. Adair jokingly told the Dean, "Tell them not to follow your bad example." This answer of course evoked a lot of laughter. But after the verbal skirmish they referred to the speaker as Dr. Adair.

This was by far Mr. Adair's most applauded speech. After the lecture he had to stop the audience from clapping so long.

The University officials were nodding in agreement in almost all the points the guest speaker raised. They thanked Mr. Adair for "bringing the Good News to the U.P. campus!" when they heard him speak on who invented marriage, why the need for the human family, and of mankind's greatest potential to become part of the family of God later.

A little bit of theology made the lecture more exciting. After the affair, Mrs. Lopez, Dean of Student Relations wished with all her heart that all the students were present. She invited Mr. Adair to speak again next school-year on the same subject. (N. Acebron)



Dean Sophie Catbagan of the University of the Philippines, Baguio, welcomes Mr. Adair and Party which included Mr. Pike Mirto and Mr. Pedro Ortiguero (not included in photo).

## DAGUPAN SPECIAL BIBLE STUDIES ENCOURAGING

DAGUPAN CITY--Mr. Pedro S. Ortiguero, Preaching Elder and minister in charge for northern Luzon has just successfully finished conducting the three special Bible Studies here as a follow-up to Mr. Colin Adair's PLAIN TRUTH Lectures held last February 8 and 9 at the PMS Hall, Tondaligan, Bonuan Beach, this city.

The three Sunday Bible studies which were held February 16, 23 and March 2 all yielded encouraging attendances from our PT readers. The first which was held at Vicar Hotel had 30 non-members and 19 members. The second brought in 31 non-members with 16 members while the third and last Bible study, which was held at the Dagupan YMCA (as was the second) had 22 interested non-members in attendance with over a dozen members.

Mr. Ortiguero in these studies discussed the subject "Does God Exist?"

"What is the True Gospel?" and "Where is God's True Church Today." In the subject about the true Gospel, Mr. Ortiguero emphasized that the Gospel is NOT what most preachers are preaching today. The Gospel is the news about God's Kingdom -- God's government that is soon coming to govern this earth. As for his subject on the true Church he gave his attentive listeners the keys to identify the true Church.

There were always good number of questions that were submitted after every Study. Examples of some of the questions were: When does the Sabbath begin and end?; Do we have the correct calendar?; Are ceremonial offerings still necessary?; Is respecting the flag a form of idolatry?; Are you in favor of embalming your loved one when they die?; How do you know that your religion is of God?; Where does the spirit go after death?

Before the last Bible Study ended, Mr. Ortiguero announced the schedule for the succeeding regular monthly Bible Study for this city. He also announced the booklets which they could pick up for free on their way out and which were immediately exhausted.

A feeling of satisfaction and appreciation for the lectures were expressed by those in attendance. In fact, one young woman with two children approached the writer and whispered, "I want to be baptized." (Onofre Bauzon)

"First drink, man drinks wine;  
Second drink, wine drinks man."  
Third drink, wine drinks man." - Japanese Proverb

# ILOILO CHURCH NEWS

## NEW MEETING HALL FOUND

ILOILO CITY -- It was raining all morning. In fact, it had been this way for several days already. Rains kept pouring incessantly. That particular day -- February 22 -- was also the day when we had our bi-monthly Sabbath service and Bible study. As in our previous other services and studies, this was the day that we had been expectantly waiting for -- thirsting for another opportunity to assemble and hear God's Word expounded by His ministers plus the fellowshiping that goes with the occasion. That explained the reason why, despite the bad weather, our enthusiasm did not wane.

The brethren from Negros Occidental bore the worst part of the inclement weather. In order to reach Iloilo they had to take a ship and with the way the waves churned and seethed -- rocking and heaving the pitifully small vessel -- it was a trip not really desired. Beyond a doubt it was a tribute to the burning zeal of the brethren from Negros Occidental and to the rest of the brethren who attended, that the bad weather did not discourage them from attending our service (after all, we have this chance not every week, nor every month but once in two months).

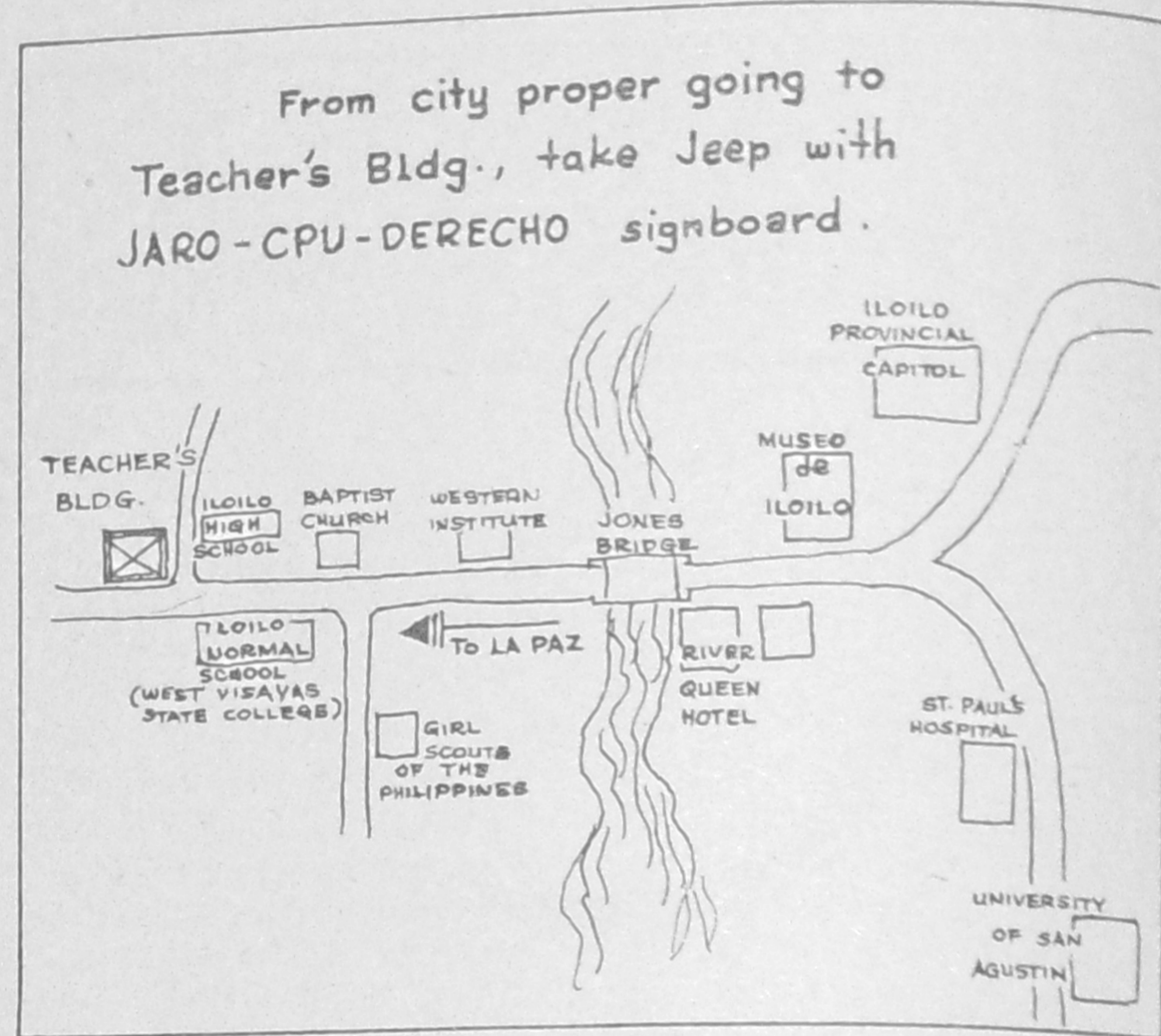
When we met that day for our service, we were not in our usual meeting hall. It was decided during our previous service last December 28, 1974 that it was high time for us to look for another place -- one that is more spacious and if possible, cheaper. We were getting

"allergic" to the high rate being charged us by the management of the River Queen Hotel. They were charging us a little too much -- P20 per hour. We were therefore paying P120 for our six-hour stay. And added to this was another problem. We were experiencing a "membership explosion." We had an all-time high attendance of 92 during our December meeting. We found out that the air conditioning units of the room could no longer cope with our relatively large number.

Left with no other alternative, we began looking for a more spacious hall. Yet -- and this was our dilemma -- it had to be cheaper. This problem did not prove to be insurmountable; in fact, it was solved in due time. A larger place was found. It was the Girl Scout Auditorium. (There was no previous tie-up of any sort whatsoever with the GSP there in Manila where the Manila brethren meet.)

It happened that the GSP here serves us just right: it is a lot cheaper and more spacious. To make the arrangements unique and outstanding, the management asked for a donation instead of a regular charge for our use of the Auditorium. That left it up to us how much to "pay." Last service we donated P30. Indeed, it was quite a savings from the P120 that we were paying at the River Queen Hotel.

The only problem with the Girl Scout Auditorium is the absence of a public address system. We found out later that it was no



problem at all. Mr. Jose Raduban and Mr. George Hood brought with them an Am/FM Cassette that also served as our P.A. system. And not only that. Thru the cassette player we were able to hear the taped sermon of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong on the subject "The Spirit of Giving."

Unlike our service last December there was a decrease in our attendance this time. Seventy-six persons were present. Part of the reason for the decrease was our transferring to GSP. Not all of the members knew the place. In fact, not one among the brethren from Negros Occidental answered "yes" when I asked them whether they knew the place. (I went to fetch them from the ship.)

That afternoon, Mr. Hood delivered a sermonette on the subject of "True Conversion." He pointed out to us the test of our conversion is on how much or how far we subordinate our will to God's will. Later on, for the main sermon, Mr. Raduban talked on "How to Become a Living Sacrifice." He made it known, and in the process cleared up some misconceptions, that being

a living sacrifice does not mean that a person has to deny himself the good things in life -- things that are wholesome, pleasant and uplifting. What is being asked of us is that we deny ourselves the wrong things, the bad influences, the wrong motivations.

The chance to once again assemble and hear God's message explained to us, together with the fellowshiping that followed, inspired and spiritually rejuvenated and reinvigorated us. In short, we had our spiritual "battery" recharged. And thankfully, this time the "duo" (Messrs. Raduban and Hood) did not encounter what they had experienced during their "wearisome weekend" episode. (Severo Caligan, Jr.)

ILOILO CHURCH MEMBERS, NOTE: From GSP meeting hall, the "wandering" Iloilo Church will now again move to the Teachers' Assembly Hall (in front of the West Visayas State College) starting with their April 26 schedule. For further particulars, see Announcements. --Ed.

# SEARCH

## FOR NEW 1975 FEAST SITE

In page 4 of the February CONTACT, the article on the January Philippine Ministerial Conference briefly mentioned in passing about the plan to establish a new site for the Feast of Tabernacles in Cagayan de Oro City starting with this year's festival. After the conference, Mr. Adair instructed Mr. Encardio Benitez, local elder assigned in Bukidnon, to immediately survey the area and search for a possible place in the city that can handle the festival activities and accommodations. Below is a report from Mr. Benitez's brother, Eustiquio, regarding this plan.

that the major site for the Feast of Tabernacles in Mindanao for 1975 will be held in Cagayan de Oro City. Everyone was excited to hear the news!

The purpose of moving the feast site to Cagayan de Oro City is to make it easier for the members in other areas (the Visayan provinces and surrounding regions) to come down to Cagayan de Oro instead of travelling further to Don Carlos which is very difficult. Geographically, Cagayan de Oro is the center of northwestern Mindanao. Also much needed facilities are available in the city.

Last February 3, Mr. Benitez and this writer went up to Cagayan de Oro for a two-day search for a place where God's people could rejoice. We visited many auditoriums and coliseums but they did not fit our needs. Some were too

big and filthy with poor facilities. We sought the help of a church member who is living in the city to guide us, but it seemed that our efforts would be in vain.

Our last prospect was the Palarong Pambansa '75 (Marcos Sports Center) -- a gigantic construction of so many fine buildings for the 1975 Palarong Pambansa which will be held March 9 - 15. Probably all these buildings would become available to us after the athletic meet.

Back in our hotel, we tried to think of some other nice sports in the city. Then we remembered a beach resort which we visited long ago. We decided to see it immediately. To our amazement the place was just what we wanted! It is a fine resort with many air-conditioned cottages. They have also a main building with an annex pagoda (but not like the Chinese pagodas) which is a very spacious meeting hall that can hold about a thousand people. We felt that it was an elegant place for God's people to fellowship

and keep the Feast.

After touring the place with the owner, we started the negotiations. The owner and manager, Engineer Palad, offered us free use of all the facilities in his resort --- rooming facilities, cottages, the main building, pagoda, nipa huts, and hundreds of tables but with the condition that all the guests have their meals in his restaurant. They are charging us P20 a day per adult and P8 for children (age 7 and below). The owner said he cannot offer free use of the place if there will be only a hundred people who will regularly eat in his restaurant because the entire resort area will be made exclusive to the Worldwide Church of God for the eight days. We thought that this was quite reasonable when we consider today's soaring prices. But obviously this is quite expensive when we compare it to the cost of food and lodging in the Baguio feast site.

Mr. Benitez, however, also presented a counter (Please turn to next page)

DON CARLOS, Bukidnon -- Last Sabbath (Feb. 1), Mr. Encardio Benitez announced before both congregations of Kiara and Don Carlos

### My impression about

## THE FIRST PT LECTURE

The rare privilege of witnessing the first of a series of P.T. Lectures nationwide held in Dagupan City last February 8 and 9 was quite inspiring and encouraging. Mr. Adair spoke so boldly and dynamically about the truth that there's no doubt God inspired him.

On the first afternoon I felt a bit uneasy when I saw only a few new people in the hall yet it was already almost four o'clock --the scheduled time of the lecture. But a little later the number multiplied, so I felt relieved

and happy. Obviously it's the custom of Filipino time.

I was surprised to see a man who frequents our barrio for business deals. It's interesting to note that he heads a sect dubbed the "Philadelphian Church." He also broadcasts at a former W.T. station in Dagupan City -- DZWN.

Mr. Adair's subject, "Is This the End Time?" proved to be a very powerful witness. For an hour the audience was silent and attentive -- perhaps scared -- but I think they agreed.

A set of new people turned up the next day, but several didn't appear anymore including the man I previously mentioned. Probably they were terrified but I believe some of

them live in distant areas.

Mr. Adair expounded on the only hope of mankind-- the Kingdom of God to be established on earth. As usual the audience was receptive. Mr. Adair's parting message was a touching one even for me personally. He said emphatically that they (audience) have heard a warning from a representative of the one and only true Work of God on earth today. And it's up to them to believe or not, heed or ignore, yet it's still going to happen.

When it was all over everybody exuded enthusiasm. Indeed the beginning of this new dimension of the Work in the Philippines was a tremendous success. (Emmanuel Quiray)

as viewed from our Contact Lens



"The Worm and You"

## SEARCH FOR NEW FEAST SITE...cont'd

proposal. He proposed that we will just pay for the use of the entire beach resort and let the people in attendance be free to take their meals where they want to or just pay for what they will order in the resort's restaurant. In this way our people who are less financially able can adapt themselves to their own personal situations.

After a lengthy talk, the owner assured us that he is willing to make some more adjustments when they go over our proposal. This is a very promising site, so watch for further developments! (Eustiquio Benitez)

## LETTERS...


Thank you very much for sending me the CONTACT. I am a new church member -- baptized only last July -- and I never thought that there exists a publication for the church membership. I think that CONTACT fulfills its purpose, that is to inform us of the Church activities. This certainly shows the Church's concern for its members. I really welcome this newsletter.

-Marino Resma  
Tanauan, Leyte

Question: What's the difference between a WOMAN and a POSTAGE STAMP?

Answer: A woman is a FEMALE while a postage stamp is a MAIL FEE.

A woman hopes to end up with a MALE; the postage stamp ends up with a MAIL.



## Human Resource Information

Beginning with this issue, we intend to publish a condensed form of the lectures given by different lecturers during the Seminar on Employment and Business Opportunities held in the Ambascol office last January. While the speakers all spoke on the subject of employment and business, yet each speaker approached these subjects from his own angle or field of specialization thus lending variety and color to the subjects discussed. In

coming issues for instance you will read about "Legal Pointers on Employment" by a lawyer-personnel manager; "Pointers on Job-Seeking and Employment" by a company vice president-assistant manager; "Government Employment Opportunities" by a high government agen-

cy official; "How to Stay and Hold on to One's Job" by a young banking systems officer; "Business Opportunities" by two business proprietors; "Advantages and Disadvantages of An Employee vis-a-vis a Businessman" by a businessman, plus other interesting and revealing articles from the lecturers. These articles were condensed by HRIC volunteers from copies that the volunteers transcribed from tape-recordings of the lecturers.

The lectures given during the said seminar proved helpful and were much appreciated by those in attendance. We feel you will also find it informative and beneficial, hence our publishing them. Of course, as with any other knowledge, its real benefit will be up to the individual who applies it.

## Finding - THE RIGHT JOB FOR YOURSELF

by Luciano Valencia

Finding a job should not be done haphazardly. Finding a job is a job in itself. It involves much planning, much thinking, much time, much initiative and determination. You need to thoroughly prepare for it. How then, should you go about looking for a job?

### Evaluate Yourself

Before you go into actual job hunting, you should first know what work you are qualified for. You must first take stock of your qualifications.

There are six major areas about yourself that you must evaluate, namely: your interests, skills, education, experience, personality, and goal. Finding a job is similar to selling a product -- it is selling yourself, your mind, your time, your abilities and skills. You are both the product and the salesman, and you should know your limitations as well as your strong points.

In analyzing your interests, ask yourself what are the things you were fond of doing since high school? Are you mechanically minded? Do you like

to pursue cultural interest? Make a list of these interests. You can seek the help of professional vocational guidance counsellors to determine your interests, like the Psychological Corporation of the Philippines. Some high schools and universities also offer Guidance and Counselling services.

Do you have any special talents in music, painting speaking, handling and operating tools, or any other area? These are the things you consider in determining your skills. Under education, what specialized knowledge did you acquire in school? Did you have any vocational training, or training in the Armed Forces, or correspondence schools? What are your favorite subjects? Under experience, list down the part time jobs, summer jobs, full time jobs, duties and responsibilities you had. With regards to your personality, are you an introvert or shy or do you want to work with people? Can you keep calm under pressure? Can you accomplish things even in an emergency? Are you a fast worker or a slow worker but do things methodically? For your goal ask yourself, what do you want to be five or ten years from now?

Appraise these things you have listed down. Estimate their worth or value not in terms of money but in terms of their quality. Concentrate on your strong points -- the key to gaining confidence. And depending on your finances, you may have to undergo training to improve yourself.

### Prepare Your Resume

Prepare your resume, or bio-data, BEFORE applying. The type of resume you make will depend on your experience and qualifications. For the experienced,



list down the companies you have worked for. And for the inexperienced, list down personal references. Include such things as subjects you have finished in school which are related to your job, your telephone number (even that of your nearest neighbor, if necessary), interest and skills, and other information which will be of interest to prospective employers.

In answering advertisements prepare a covering letter to be attached to the resume to catch attention. Attach the covering letter.

ing yourself because you want to be considered in the future openings the company will have. Use the telephone directories, industrial directories, trade associations, personnel manager's associations and materials from the Philippine Chamber of Commerce to know the company men behind them. Another step is finding out where your circle of friends are working and ask them for information concerning openings in the company they are working for. Strengthen your friendship with them if necessary.

The Interview

Prospecting Prospective Employers

Another step one can take in looking for a job is sending letters -- direct mails to a selected list of companies. Have a mailing list. These direct mails are different from the answers to advertisements. Direct mails should be directed to the person concerned, introduc-

Things to consider in the interview: punctuality, dress and appearance, approach, knowledge of the company and attitude. Go there 10-15 minutes before the time. Be appropriately dressed. Approach is a physical factor in the interview. Walk with confidence. Don't be too aggressive. Wait for the interviewer to extend his

hand. Do not sit down right away. When told to sit, sit erect. Speak clearly, enunciate properly. Know the nature of the business of the company, the products, territory covered, customers, branches, etc. Know these things so you can discuss them intelligently and show interest. Your attitude also is very important. Ask for the right attitude in prayer. Tell yourself that you want to make the best impression during the interview--that you like the personnel manager and you want him to like you. Show enthusiasm to stimulate the personnel manager. Show interest in him, the job, the company. Even if you discover that you do not like the job during the interview, do not lose enthusiasm. Though you may not qualify, your enthusiasm and interest may carry you through and the personnel manager may try to create a job for you if he was really impressed. Have a fixed amount in mind concerning the salary before the in-

terview. Know how much you are worth and don't be fearful in stating the salary you want. Do not state a very low figure -- it will give the impression that you are not very much and if the company has been prepared to give a higher salary than you want and you stated a very low figure, the company gets a bargain and you lose in the end. Close the interview by thanking the manager for the time he has given you and tell him that you hope that you will be considered favorably. After the interview, keep in mind what has taken place during the interview. Note it down, so that in case you will be called for another interview you will not deviate from your previous stand.

(Mr. Luciano Valencia is a long-time and prominent member in the Manila Church. He is presently the Personnel Manager of International Harvesters Macleod, Incorporated. He has also taken advanced studies on management.)

**SPORTS**

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT'S SECOND ROUND OPENS**

The opening of the second round of the basketball tournament was held at the Davies hardcourt, Buendia Avenue, Makati last March 8, 1975.

Jam-packing the new competing ground were the games' enthusiasts from within and "without" (non members) to witness the triumph and tragedy of the belligerent teams. The

turbulent Pacific tides encountered another skirmish with the Atlantic's furious waves to open the evenings' anticipated matches.

The following is a report of the breath-taking aggression of the men's teams.

**Blues Edge Whites**

Blues ensured a winning mark when Santos, Parane and Macaraeg solidified 18 scores in the first quarter. Unshattered by the initial threat, the cunning Whites played with their usual defensive style allowing the fast scoring Blues to construct

a 26-18 margin in the first half.

White cagers switched an instant shock galvanizing the horrified opponent after maneuvering a closer distance in the midst of the second half. Yadao triggered 12 blows but this was easily recovered by Dizon and Pioquinto who linked 10 scores to maintain the lead in the remaining 5 minutes, 41-38.

Enlivened by the screaming mob, Baylosis' bombers grabbed the lead in just a two minute blast to record a 43-41 score. Then a combined shooting by Pioquinto and Parane grappled back the position at the brink of the last buzz. Yadao who had the last chance to grip a tie missed his two charities causing a trimming victory for the Blues, 45-43.

**Gold's Nip Green's**

The Golds who recorded no win in the first round gripped a triumphant endeavor over the Greens after snatching the lead in the second half. The absence of team pillar P. Chu hampered the Greens from clobbering the opponents in the first half in a shading 19-16 score.

Yap, Manubay, and Triñanes coasted 14 points after their time out recession to pin down the Greens with a 37-29 margin. The waning Greens failed to hurdle the race up to the deciding point. The slight 48-43 border marked the Golds' first victory. (Ely Mellomida)

SHARING HOUSE  
OF  
CHOICE READINGS

## LISTEN TO WHAT YOU CAN'T HEAR

Today more than ever you should listen carefully to every speaker on Sabbath Day because what you miss may cause you your life.

Mr. Norman B. Sigband discussed fully the art and value of listening.

### YOU HAVE TO CONCENTRATE

One basic barrier to effective listening is simply inability to concentrate, which causes facts and ideas to be lost.

Lack of concentration permits us to take mental excursions into other areas as we listen.

Opinions and prejudices can also cause poor concentration. When a statement the listener doesn't like is made, he may figuratively reach up into his brain and turn the communicator off. Or he may concentrate on a statement with which he disagrees, allowing other statements to go unheard.

Try to put aside your preconceived ideas or prejudices. The man who is speaking may have a new concept that is worth putting into practice.

And if you want to concentrate, don't try to do something unrelated to the discussion while the man you wish to listen to is talking.

## LISTENING FOR FACTS

The good listener makes a definite attempt to listen to every statement for facts.

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## Part III Your NUTRITION GUIDE

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

### MINERALS

When it comes to health most people think only of vitamins--equating health with vitamins alone. Other food elements as minerals are as important in achieving and maintaining proper health. Therefore, a good understanding of these other food elements is important.

Here are some of the functions of minerals in the body: help maintain the proper amount of water in the body; draw chemical substances in and out of cells; keep blood and tissue fluid from becoming too acidic or alkaline; influence secretion of glands; sending messages through the nervous system and help set up conditions responsible for the irritability and contractility of muscles and tissue.

### CALCIUM AND PHOSPHORUS

Needed in larger amounts than other minerals, these two are grouped together in the body. If one of them is lacking, there is nothing for the other to combine with. That one element of the two which should have been in the body already is rendered useless and is lost from the body through the urine. So, calcium and phosphorus are rendered "useless each without the other." to borrow a phrase from Longfellow's

poem, "Hiawatha."

### Functions in the Body

About 99% of calcium and phosphorus in the body is found in the bones and teeth. As basic building component, these minerals essentially give hardness and quality of growth to the bones and teeth. Lack of it in children can cause stunted growth, or soft, porous bones. During pregnancy, the baby's need is more urgent. As a result, mothers who have deficient intake of these minerals lose one or more teeth because these minerals are "stolen" from inside the mother's teeth making them weak and susceptible to decay. If not enough of these is available through the teeth, the baby gets them from the mother's bones too.

Phosphorus has an additional role in energy production and animals lacking in this die more quickly as a result than lack of other minerals.

The remaining 1% of these minerals (not found in the bones and teeth) are responsible for some body conditions not familiar to many. According to world-famous nutritionist Gayelord Hauser, tiny particles of these minerals in the form of ions aid in the transmission of nerve messages. Also adequate amounts in the body can be a factor in helping one have steady and re-

laxed disposition. Lack of it in growing children may be manifested in the form of nervousness, irritability, unpleasant disposition, restlessness in sleep and even bed-wetting. While in adults, lack may

be manifested in the form of tenseness, irritability making frequent mistakes, unsound sleep and becoming easily fatigued. Lack can also be a contributing factor in muscular cramps and abdominal cramps especially during menstruation in women attributable to the lack of calcium and phosphorus lost in the blood.

These minerals, he mentions further, are essential in the proper clotting of blood and that also Vit. D. is needed in the efficient absorption and use of calcium and phosphorus and in depositing it in the bones.

### Calcium-Robbing Foods

Unknown to many is the result of some studies revealing that there are calcium-robbing foods as a result of modern food processing and manufacture. Calcium-robbing foods are those which destroy and/or prevent calcium from being used in the body. The information and result of these studies is being suppressed from the public because of the business interests of big commercial establishments producing these products. If the facts were made clear to the public they would lose customers.

Whether the studies are published publicly or not, the results of habitually taking such foods are very evident to anyone. Have you noticed the teeth of children who frequently consume candies, sweets, chocolates, jellies, soft drinks and the like? They have very poor and defective teeth. It is not because of deficiency in

tooth-brushing, nor is there a significant lack in calcium intake, as studies have shown.

The basic fault in these types of food is the white REFINED sugar they contain. It is the culprit!

The Journal of the American Medical Association called it "White Death."

Also, chocolate and cocoa on its own seem to prevent the absorption of calcium thereby producing the same effect as refined sugar. It is therefore best to avoid these foods as much as possible. However, you do not need to necessarily deprive yourself of these if you make your own version using brown sugar instead and cutting down on chocolates. The closer one sticks to natural foods, the healthier the person is expected to be.

Best Sources of Ca & P

Based on the Food Composition Table published by the Food and Nutrition Research Center, NIST, NSDB, hereunder are some of the richest sources of calcium and phosphorus.

Estimated minimum daily requirement is about one gram for each daily. The contents in the table are expressed in milligrams per 100 grams of edible portion.

Food	Ca	P
Powdered milk Imported	727.....	480
cheese	777.....	338
Small anchovies (dilis)	469.....	378
Molasses (white sugar is absolutely 0 in both)	470.....	85
Rice bran (darak)	59.....	1269
Seaweeds	649.....	22
Jute leaves (saluyot)	538.....	124
Bitter melon (ampalaya leaves)	384.....	73
Kutsarita, green	374.....	47
Horse radish (malunggay)	353.....	95
Spineless amaranth (kulitis)	341.....	76
Soybeans	296.....	541
Roasted peanuts	64.....	396
Red kidney beans	115.....	353
Munggo	125.....	340

# KITCHEN TIPS...

Fish is usually the main dish of most Filipinos. It is less expensive and has protein values equal to meat. Fish is rich in minerals such as iodine, calcium and copper and in the B-vitamins.

When fish is cheap or when the catch is plentiful we can store fish by freezing, canning (if you have pressure cooker), salting, drying and smoking. For many of us, salting, drying and smoking are the most practical ways. Of these, smoking takes time to prepare. From the National Media Production Center and the National Cottage Industries Development Authority we have this information printed in the Times Journal (2/11/75) on "How to Prepare Smoked Fish."

Smoked fish is any fish soaked in brine solution and later smoked to add a distinctive flavor and an attractive color. It is commonly known as "tinapa"

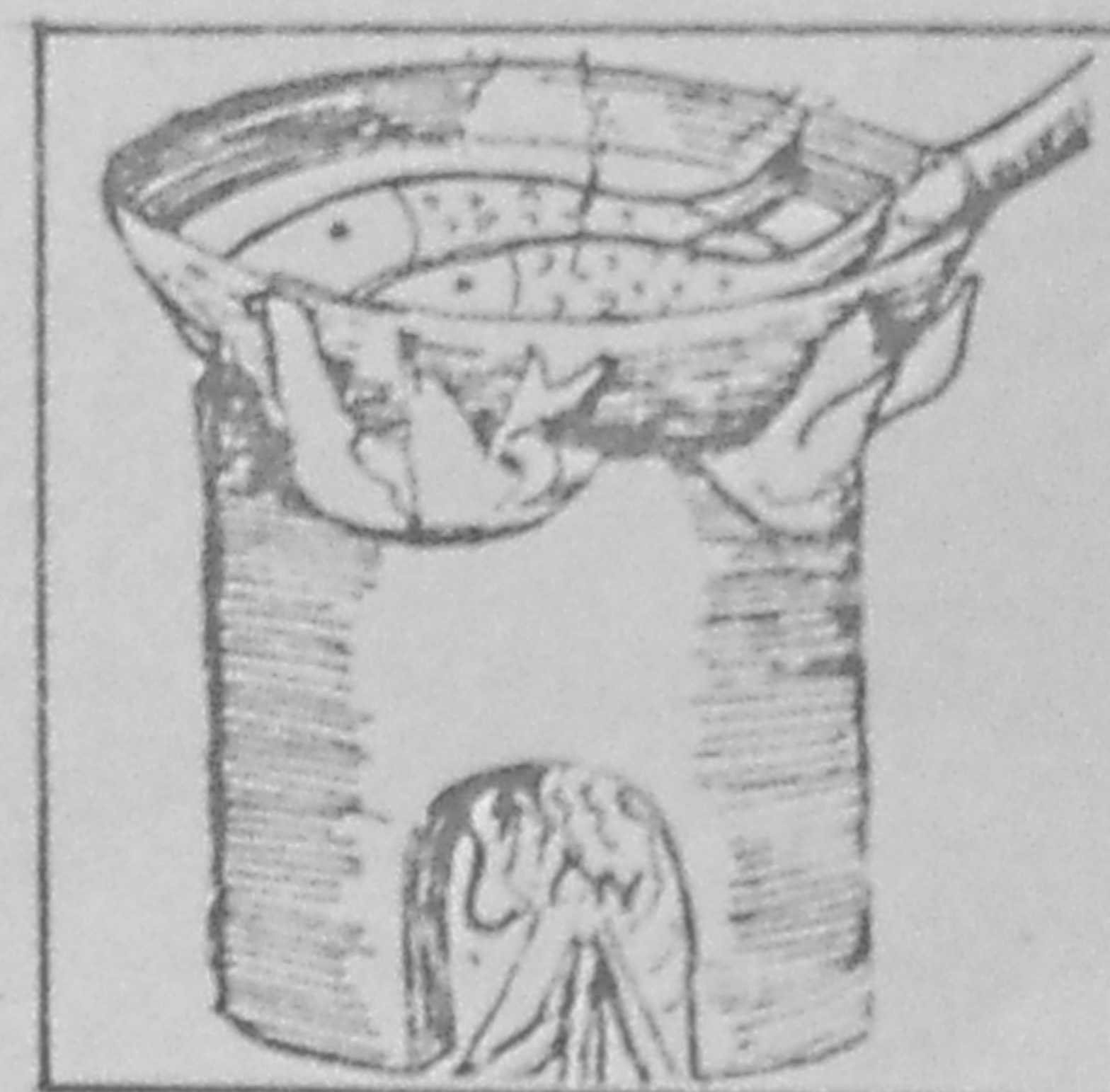
Generally, there are two types of smoking: hot and cold. Hot smoking is a low type of broiling where the fish is placed close to the fire to cook as well as to saturate with smoke at a temperature of 150° to 190° F. This may also be called "barbecue smoking." Fish treated this way are quite flavorful and juicy. However, unless kept under refrigeration they do not last long because of their high moisture content.

In cold smoking, a temperature of 90° to 110° F. is used. The fish are smoked over a period of days or week during which they pick up a strong smoke flavor and are decidedly dehydrated. They can be stored for years without refrigeration.

Charcoal fire may be used to provide the heat, and green guava leaves or sawdust the smoke. Sawdust should be non-resinous or else the smoked fish becomes inedible.

Smoking itself helps only a little in preservation. Not all smoked fish can be kept for a long period, but if the moisture content of the fish is sufficiently reduced and the salt content considerably increased, smoked fish will stay good for a long time. Following are the steps in preparing smoked fish.

- 1) Remove gills and viscera of fish.
- 2) Wash thoroughly inside and out.
- 3) Soak fish in 10% brine solution (one part salt to 9 parts water) from 30 to 60 minutes to leach out as much blood as possible.
- 4) Then soak again in 60° F. salinity brine from one to four hours. Length of salting varies according to the desired amount of salt, the size and kind of fish and length of time the smoked fish are to be kept.
- 5) Wash fish in running water.
- 6) Drain until fish are dried.
- 7) If desired, pre-cook fish by steaming, until the eyes turn opaque.



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## UNIQUE BUT SUCCESSFUL PICNIC FOR ILOCOS NORTE BRETHREN

"A little here and a little there" situation did not hinder the Ilocos Norte brethren to gather and enjoy a picnic last December 29, 1974.

Mrs. Mila Dalera suggested Cape Dojiador as the picnic site, one of the province's tourist spots. The members supported the proposal. The group then agreed to assemble at Bacarra, the starting point of the expedition.

At Cape Bojiador, Miss Romana Bello welcomed the group with her usual warmth and proposed a sing-along

by using Ilocano songbooks.

Then part of the group went to the famous lighthouse, noted to have lighted its first flame in 1892. After exploring the tower of Burgos, they ate their lunch which was followed by another sing-along. An Ilocano folk dance, enacted by Miss Bello, added to the fulfillment of the picnic.

The explorers departed for home at 3:00 p.m. obviously filled with enjoyment and satisfaction resulting from the unique fellowshiping they had experienced. (Aurelio P. Taflan and Eleno Millomida)

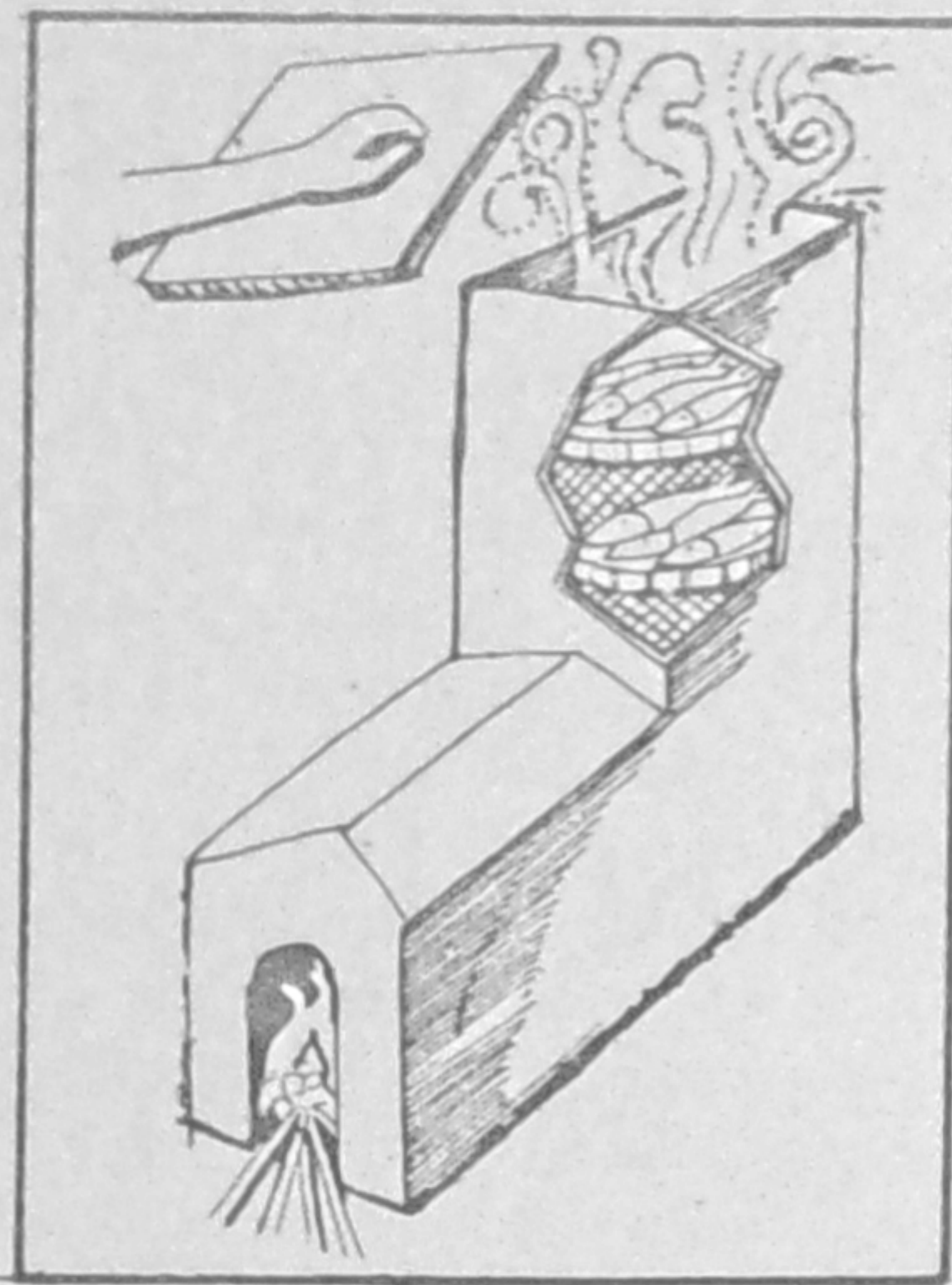
## KITCHEN TIPS

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8) Arrange the cooked fish on bamboo trays. Drain until surface moisture is removed.

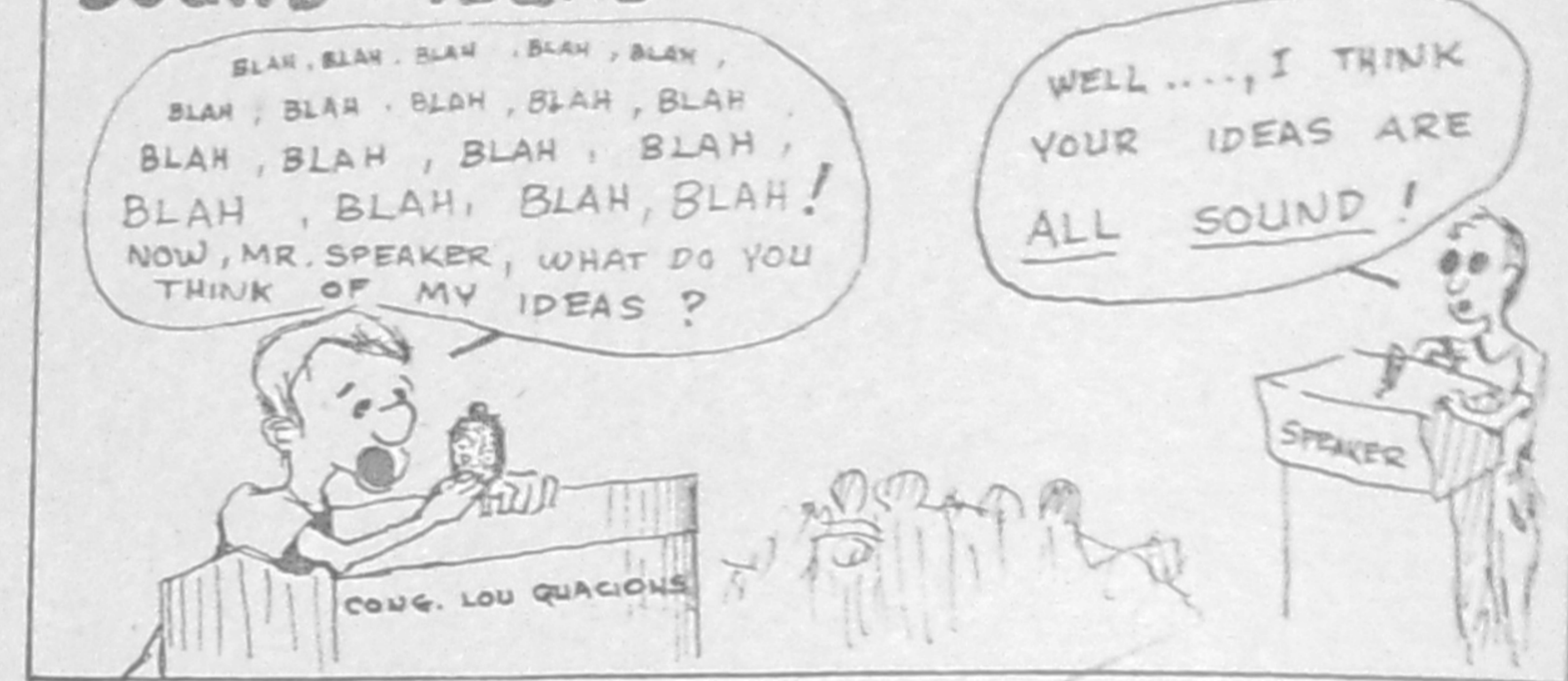
9) Place trays in smoke house with light smoke for 30 minutes to one hour until fish reach the desired color and flavor.

10) Smoked products may be eaten immediately after smoking process. (GM)



# OUT OF CONTACT

## SOUND IDEAS



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BUSINESS TALK

After eight months of action, the fiscal year 1974-75 First Account picture shows some changes for the better.

In this issue I will present to you the summary of the condition of the First Account for the month of February. (For definition, purpose and use of this account please refer to last month's issue.)

Eight months (8/12) is equal to 66.7% (rounded off). I would like you to take note of this fraction. This is the one used as a base of comparison throughout as of the end of the eight month. As of February 28, 1975, the income, the expense and the deficit should have arrived at this point -- 66.7%. That is, of course, if everything went as planned.

However, as of the last day of the month, the actual income received showed a healthy figure of 77.5% -- 10.8% more than what was expected. The actual expenses, on the other hand, registered at 69.3% -- 2.6% more than what was planned.

I mentioned the changes are for the better. Here are the reasons why. Although the February's overshoot income of 10.8% was

smaller by 1.2% compared to January's 12% yet the February's overshoot expenses was only 2.6% more compared to 5% of January -- a difference of 2.4%.

This means the actual cumulative deficit since July 1974 up to February 1975 was narrowed down to P27,730.00 or 4% of the actual expenses. Last January the deficit was P30,680 -- 5% of the month's actual expenses. A difference of P2,950.00 was literally saved.

The above analysis shows the income is catching up with the expense. Last January it was 95% of the expense, then it went up to 96% for February.

Further analysis shows that since the start of 1975 the income's trend has been steadily going up. One of the main factors was the letter of Mr. G.T. Armstrong last December 1974. From that time, the overshoot income has never been less than 10% of the expected amount.

The expense, although it has been over the budgeted amount, is nevertheless being maintained to a minimum. It has never exceeded 5% over the budget so far.

If both the income and expense continue in this direction we will see the fiscal year ending with less deficit. (Medardo M. Maninang)

**BIBLE STUDIES** -- April 16, 30 (Wed.) 7:00 P.M., GSP Auditorium, Padre Faura, Manila.

**MONTHLY MOVIE** -- Apr. 5 (Sat.) 7:15 P.M., Ambascos Office, R.M. Center, Roxas Blvd., Manila.

**SPOKESMAN CLUB MEETINGS**  
Club A -- 6:30 P.M. every Sunday, Ambascos Club Room  
Club B -- April 8, 22, (Tue.) 6:45 P.M., Ambascos Club Room, Ambascos Office

**MINISTERIAL EDUC. & TRAIN. CLASS** (Exclusively for class members) Apr 15, 29, 7 P.M., Adairs' Res.

**BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** -- Apr. 12, 26; 7:00 P.M. Jardine Davies Basketball court, Tindalo St., (back of former ACA Office).

**CHESS TOURNAMENT** -- every Thursday, 6 - 8 P.M., Ambascos Club Room.

**LAST DAY SERVICE, DUB** 10 A.M., 2:00 P.M., SSS Social Hall (2nd floor), SSS Bldg., East Ave., Q.C.

**CHILDREN'S PARTY** -- April 13th.  
**BAPTISING SCHEDULE** -- Apr. 13, 8:30 A.M., 1588 Camino dela Fe, Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal.

**SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA PLAIN TRUTH LECTURE** -- Apr. 6, (Sun.) 10 A.M. & 2 P.M., 1st and 2nd lectures respectively. St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's Acad., San Fernando, Pampanga

**SAN FERNANDO FOLLOW-UP LECTURES** -- Apr. 13, 20, 27

**BALAYAN, BATANGAS** -- Ministerial visit, Apr. 21 Balayan Post Office, 1:00 P.M.

**ALL DAY SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES:**

**BAGUIO CITY** -- 9:00 A.M. 2nd & 4th Sabbath of the month (meeting place to be announced later); Also Apr 12 -- 10 AM, Adairs' visit

**URDANETA** -- 9:00 A.M., 1st & 3rd Sabbath of the month, Agri. Cred. Adm. (ACA) Farmer's Hall, Nancayasan, Urd., Pangasinan.

**CEBU CITY** -- 10:00 A.M. May 31, July 26, Town & Country Restaurant, (Mezzanine flr.) Fuente Osmena.

**ILOILO CITY** -- 9:30 A.M. Apr. 26, June 28, Teachers' Assembly Hall, (in front of West Visayas State College).

**NAGA CITY** -- 10:00 A.M. April 19, June 21 Lindex Hotel (2nd floor).

### CONTACT POINT

Several people, especially from the provinces, are still writing for the Old Bible Hymnals (now phased out) which we offered free for the asking many months ago. We regret the time lag due to mail delay between the announcement and your response -- we no longer have any copies of the free hymnal.

## TIPS ON PREPARING FOR THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

### On being first?

1. Are you the first of the late-comers to arrive for the services, when the opening hymns are being sung or when the opening prayer is being said?
2. Are you the first to go to the comfort room during services?
3. Are you the first to go to the comfort room during the singing of the choir?
4. Are you the first to go to the comfort room as the last song is being sung even before or during the closing prayer?
5. Are you the first to dash outside to go home after the closing prayer?
6. Are you the first to play with your child at the foyer if the child is fussy during the service?
7. Are you the first to be greeted by newcomers?
8. Are you the first to fall asleep during the service?
9. Are you the first to let your children run wild after the service?
10. Are you the first to ignore the letters at the table in the foyer?
11. Are you the first to ignore bulletins, announcements and posters posted at the foyer?
12. Are you the first to leave your things in the hall after going home?
13. Are you the first to notice this checklist as pharaisical or Talmudic?

As firstfruits, how do you tally with these firsts?

To those with legitimate reasons, our sincerest apology. (Samuel T. Librojo)

We all know that prices of commodities and services will never be rolled back to their original costs. It would be better, therefore, to plan ahead financially this coming fall Festival.

The expenses involved are lodging, meals and transportation. Perhaps, many have already heard the rumor regarding the plan of the Teachers' Camp to raise the lodging fee. As of now I have no idea of the would-be price. But just the same, nobody can go to Baguio unless he provides for the three above-mentioned expenses.

Mr. Mirto and I were discussing the coming Feast of Tabernacles and he suggested I write for

the Contact about the idea of saving.

From the time you read this letter up to September, there are approximately five and a half months left -- around 165 days. If you could only save one peso a day you would have a hard cash of ₱165.00 just before the Feast. This amount, based on last year's actual expenses plus a little overhead, is approximately just enough for one person.

This is written primarily for those who will hardly have enough second tithe for the Feast of Tabernacles this year. The students especially. One peso a day set aside out of your allowance is enough to make you attend

the Feast at Baguio. In case you find it hard to save this amount then save whatever amount you can.

In this way you would be helping the Work if you would ask for a few pesos second tithe assistance (if it would be approved) instead of requesting the whole amount needed. I would like to inform you Mr. Adair mentioned in the Bible Study last March 5 the condition of the second tithe. He said very few, if anyone, would get help this coming Feast. It is because not enough excess second tithe was received after last year's Feast. Perhaps most were turned in as offerings.

This is just a suggestion. No one is obliged to do it. Maybe there are other ways you can think of to save for the Feast. (Medardo M. Maninang)

### HAVE YOU READ...?

by George Hood

A solid Christian -- one who is unlikely to be deceived -- must, among other things, know his Bible well. The foundational things such as: the relevance of the Bible to the Space Age, to the times in which we live; the fate of mankind; proof that the world will not come to an end; the potential of the planet Earth; what death is all about; what a Christian must learn in regard to proper rulership, and why; the historical thrust of man's past; how to ESCAPE the inevitable chaos and upheavals facing mankind in the imminent future...

These matters and many more like them are vital knowledge to a firmly rooted, stable and growing

Christian life.

Do you know all these things? Can you find them in your Bible? Do you even know where to begin to look in order to find out these things?

If not, or if you aren't completely sure -- if you can't give a resounding affirmative to the above questions -- then you need the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course.

The twelve lessons of this course make up a foundation of vital knowledge upon which sermons, sermonettes and Bible studies are to be additionally built. Yes, every member of God's Church should have the benefit of the correspondence course. The work of searching through the scriptures for God's teachings on these many matters has been done for you already. You ought to avail yourselves of this enriching and strengthening spiritual food at once if you have

not already enrolled! Request this exciting, mentally stimulating course from the Manila Office. Act right now!

Let no member of God's Church and no one who would learn of God's Way say "I didn't know"!

### QUOTATIONS

Gathered by:  
Florencio S. Sebastian

"Conscience is merely our own judgment of right or wrong of our actions and so can never be a safe guide unless enlightened by the Word of God."

--- T. Edwards

"Fame is a vapor,  
Popularity an accident  
Riches take wings,  
And only one thing endures  
Character."

---Selected

## LISTENING FOR FACTS...cont'd

In listening for facts, you should first attempt to perceive the theme or the thesis of the presentation. In a speech, this may be stated in the first few minutes. It probably will be noted in different words several times during the talk, and may well serve as concluding statement.

The basic ideas should then be recognized. What are the key points in the entire talk? The alert listener will be able to perceive them, even if the speaker doesn't label each specifically. Facts to support the ideas should be assimilated. But once

the ideas are firmly fixed

In your mind, they will help you recall specific facts.

If you listen analytically, you can recognize major ideas and separate them from minor ones. Of course, this requires your full effort. Effective listening is hard work.

Taking notes during the talk will help you retain ideas and facts.

All in all, to perceive the facts that are stated, you need to be attentive and analytical, and to develop an ability to be retentive.

So my dearest friends with these facts on hand, let us listen carefully to what we hear.

(Reference: Administering Human Resources by Francis M. Trusty)

(Ofelia C. Limpoco)

## MAGELLAN --a SABBATH KEEPER?

by: Jose G. Rustia

"Incredible!" I muttered. "Magellan keeping Saturday holy?"

At first I could not believe it because I presumed Magellan was a staunch Catholic for he came from a Catholic country, Portugal, that observes Catholic holy days. Besides, I expected Pigafetta's account of the Magellan expedition as biased against non-Catholic for he was an Italian Catholic. Proof was that he mentioned in his account that Christ's mother saved him from drowning when he fell into the sea during their voyage to the Philippines.

Fortunately, Pigafetta was objective enough to record Magellan's belief in spite of being a Catholic.

At the time of Pigafetta's writing (1521) two years had passed since Ma-

gellan and Company set out to sea. So it was highly improbable that Pigafetta failed to observe Magellan's behavior aboard the same ship Trinidad during that length of time. He could have noticed Magellan unusually meditative every Saturday during those two years (1519-1521).

Pigafetta after the Mactan incident (1521) said "...that battle (of Mactan) was fought on Saturday, April twenty-seven 1521. The Captain (Magellan) desired to fight (on) Saturday, especially holy to him." (emphasis).

(Nicholas Zafra, Philippine History Through Selected Sources: Quezon City Alemar-Phoenix Publishing House, 1967, p.21).

Editor's note: This is interesting, but far from factual proof that Magellan kept the Sabbath!

## BUT WHY ME?

by Virgilio V. Alvaran

When I submitted myself for baptism in April 1973, I didn't have to ask why I should have been chosen to be the first member of God's Church in Nueva Ecija's premier city. But I really didn't know back then just what God had in mind for calling me at an early age.

### First Brush With Plain Truth

In October 1970, a friend handed me a few old copies of Ambassador College publications which included the Plain Truth. Learning that the materials were being given out free I wrote for my own copies. I would point out that I asked for the literature only to be read for leisure purposes.

As months passed by I became more and more engrossed in my reading. I was literally devouring all mail coming from the College. Before long I knew God was calling me out of this world. And I was very much willing to answer that Christian call.

### But Where Is God's True Church Today?

Somehow I knew that the one true Church exists today. I wanted to be baptized into it, attend the services, and have fellowship with other members. But where is the Church and how would I recognize it?

To find the answer I talked with members and leaders of different churches with congregations in my city. I asked about their doctrines and beliefs and tried to see

if I could fellowship with them. Regrettably I came to believe that I just couldn't find the body keeping the true faith!

### Would You Settle For Second Best?

At this time a church whose services I attended felt so sure I would finally be their member. Their highest official in Cabanatuan City already brought out the idea of putting me in a mission after two years. Elders repeatedly told me that I'm one of the most intelligent young men they have talked to in the Philippines -- at least as much as Bible IQ and knowledge is concerned.

Sometime earlier I wrote Manila about my desire to join the true religion. Not having received a "better" answer I thought I just would acquire membership in the best available group in the area. In a sense I was settling for the "second-best." My baptism was about time.

Then came a letter from Manila informing me that a minister of Jesus Christ would be available for counselling with me at San Fernando, Pampanga.

### The Eternal Had Intervened

To make the story short, suffice it to state here that with "divine intervention" I was able to avoid the unnecessary "detour" to a false religion; instead I was virtually drafted into the true Church and Work of God.

But what I've been personally wondering about is why out of Cabanatuan's one hundred and thirty

Poetry

...because time is running out

by Severo Caligan, Jr.

Blare the trumpets, make it swift and sure;  
 Man the ramparts, station yourself atop the wall.  
 For goodness' sake--raise the clarion call!  
 The looming shadows are fast approaching,  
 To haunt, yes, to dismay all breathing things;  
 For the seeds had been sown, the harvest's ready.  
 Of man's rebellion -- ah, man's always that way.  
 For sure he has now reached the end of the rope.  
 Bloodshed after bloodshed, what stinking scent!  
 Is it all because of man's propensity to sin?  
 And now comes the lengthening shadow of night  
 Ominous, dark, portentous and full of fright.  
 It's all an indication of things to come, of hate  
 Waged by man against man in a more alarming rate;  
 Just when everything is adversity after adversity  
 Come now and let's forge together a solid unity,  
 Carry on our commission with greater determination.  
 Always remember that we all have a mighty mission,  
 So -- an extra effort here and a sacrifice there.  
 Yes, it's total commitment with nothing to spare.  
 But then ours is from the start not of man's origin,  
 All the while we're guided by God who always reigns;  
 Let's not slacken our pace but all the more strive.  
 Time is short, so let's add lots of zeal and drive.

TOWEL left in patient's ABDOMEN

PASAY CITY -- Two obstetricians who left a towel in the patient's abdomen after a caesarian operation were sentenced by the Pasay City Court of First Instance recently to a three-month jail term for serious physical injury through reckless imprudence. The two surgeons ... were also ordered to pay the cost of suit ... by Pasay CFI Judge Francisco de la Rosa.  
 Three other persons were included in the charges filed by Mrs. Gloria Garcia Crudo in 1963 who claimed that the incident incapacitated her for 90 days.  
 The CFI Judge based his decision, among other things, on the testimony of Dr. Roy Jurado, who alleged that he found a draping towel inside Mrs. Crudo's abdomen when she was operated on. Another witness, an attendant, corroborated Dr. Jurado's testimony. The towel bore the marks "Luciano Clinic."  
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thousand people a young teen-ager was chosen to exemplify the right way of life in this age. Certainly there's a lot of people in this part of Nueva Ecija who should have qualified more for the job than I did.  
 At my present age of eighteen I can only be grateful for having been given the opportunity of taking part in the most important activity on earth today -- that of preparing the way for the wonderful world tomorrow which is just right around the bend.

The Young Can Do Something

We know that Christianity involves big responsibilities -- including that of being a bright example to others. We've also got to preach the right way through our deeds.  
 Today, many people know that I'm affiliated with the Worldwide Church of God and that I've a part in the educational programs of Ambassador College. I've actually played a role in initiating Mr. Colin Adair's lectures in this part of the country before college audiences. I realize it now more than ever before that age really doesn't matter much as to whether a person can be used of God so long as we allow Him to make use of us.  
 I wrote this article to share my story primarily with other teen-agers in the Philippine churches who may find it encouraging. As I mentioned earlier, I was the first member of the Church from Cabanatuan City. I'm still the only one to the best of my knowledge.  
 Most of the young people who'll read this are of converted parents. When they see their calling, I know they won't say, "But why me? And why now, not later?!"

MANILA: A DYING METROPOLIS

Greater Manila, a metropolis of 345,600 vehicles is slowly choking itself to death.  
 The past two years saw a 17 percent increase in the number of registered vehicles and this meant an additional 400 tons of pollutants from transport exhausts dirtying the Metropolitan Manila atmosphere.  
 Researchers from the National Pollution Control Commission have charted a 200-ton average increase in daily emissions since 1971. The NPCC said 3,000 tons of atmospheric pollutants are being released daily by vehicles.  
 The worsening situation has prompted the government to form an action group to study ways of effectively combatting the air pollution menace ... In its initial move early this year, the group launched a multi-phased anti-pollution campaign.  
 To insure continuity of the campaign, the action group has enlisted the support of the public. The public can cooperate by writing down the plate number of smoke-belching vehicles and reporting them to the LTC for punitive action.  
 The most toxic of vehicle pollutants is carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless poisonous gas, that can cause dizziness, simple fever, fatigue and chronic lung disease. Heavy doses of this gas are lethal to humans.  
 Pollutants - dust, carbon, fly ash, rubber, cement and lead -- contribute to serious lung ailments such as bronchitis, asthma, emphysema and possibly, the dreaded lung cancer. (DPI/R4)  
 -Grace G. Baldisseri  
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# the SECOND PASSOVER

by Edmond D. Macaraeg

(Apparently many do not realize the full importance or significance of the Passover as manifested by some very late yet very casual requests for Passover wine. We wonder how many never request at all. Also some, not having observed it for a valid reason, simply forget about it -- not realizing that there is another opportunity for them. The information in this article should therefore be fully understood by every member of God's Church. -Editor)

In revealing His great master plan to and for humanity, God purposely instituted seven annual Holy Days. He then commanded its year by year observance so we are constantly reminded about it and its full significance gradually impressed in our minds.

The very first observance before the seven Holy Days is the Passover. Most people (including some members in God's Church!!) take this occasion very lightly and casually to the extent that they carelessly pass over it -- or not even care to pass over (observe) it. (Read the March 1975 GN article, "Don't Pass Over the Passover.")

But God looks at it with the GREATEST significance and SERIOUSNESS. You can understand, why when you realize that it cost Him the very life of His only Son, Jesus Christ, in a most cruel, bloody, gory and brutal MURDER! Yet Christ did not deserve to die for He was sinless--doing only that which was good and right. The Father in His total power and authority could have spared and exempted His

son--but He was not about to COMPROMISE (unlike many of us) with the spiritual laws he set in motion. (That is one reason why we can DEPEND on God 100%.)

Passover is that serious and important to God that He allowed for a second Passover for those who deserve it.

## A Direct Command From God

We find the account of the very first second Passover in the book of Numbers chapter 9. Starting with verse 1 for background information, God in the very first month of the Israelites' second year in the wilderness started to remind them to "keep the passover at his appointed season (time). In the fourteenth day of this (the first) month, at even...." So, we read that they kept this (first) Passover as God commanded, (Num. 9:1-5).

But starting with verse 6, there were those who were defiled (ceremonially) at that time and so were not able to observe it, in spite of their wanting to. Moses brought their case before God and God answered. "If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto the Lord. The fourteenth day of the second month at even they shall keep it..." (vs. 8-11).

Does this allow us then to be careless, seeing we have a second chance? God continues His answer in verse 13, "But the man that is clean and is not in a journey, and forbear-eth (refrains from keeping RSV) to keep the passover, even the same soul shall

be cut off from among his people: because he brought not the offering of the Lord in his appointed season, that man shall bear his sins." Willful sinning is dangerous (Heb.10:26-31).

## Another Bible Example

In II Chronicles chapter 29, we read of King Hezekiah restoring the temple worship immediately upon his assumption as King of Judah. But since the temple had been abandoned for several decades because his predecessors did not choose to serve God, the priests and Levites had a lot of cleaning and repairs to do. Even if they started right at the early part of the first month, they were not able to do all that had to be done before the Passover which was on the 14th. In consultation with his counselors, King Hezekiah decided to hold it on the 14th day of the second month..." We further read that God honored them for it for "the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah and healed the people" (v. 20).

## Who May Observe It?

It has been clearly shown that God commanded us to observe the Passover at the appointed time (14th day of first month) for all who are qualified and are able. Those who do otherwise will be "cut off from the people." The only qualifying reason for one to take it on the second month is when an emergency arises which prevents one from observing it in the first month.

Examples could be an accident which incapacitated you from observing it; also, if you planned to observe it at a certain location and unavoidable circumstances occurred which prevented you from

reaching that place.

This year, the second Passover will be on the eve of the 24th of April, that will be Thursday evening. Those who have legitimate reasons for failing to observe it the first time should counsel or write a minister first before observing the second one.

## No Life in You

God considers the Passover of such tremendous importance that he seems to have to bend over backwards (so to speak) just to accommodate those who legitimately failed to keep it at the appointed time. (That is why we placed an advertisement about Passover and Passover wine in the Jan. and Feb. issues of the Contact.) There is no other observance in all of God's Festivals where he allows for a second chance. Christ said, unless we take of the symbols of his body and blood (which is represented by unleavened bread and wine) we have no life (eternal) in us. (John 6:53). We cannot afford to take lightly the body and blood of Christ. It could mean YOUR LIFE. It is that IMPORTANT!

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