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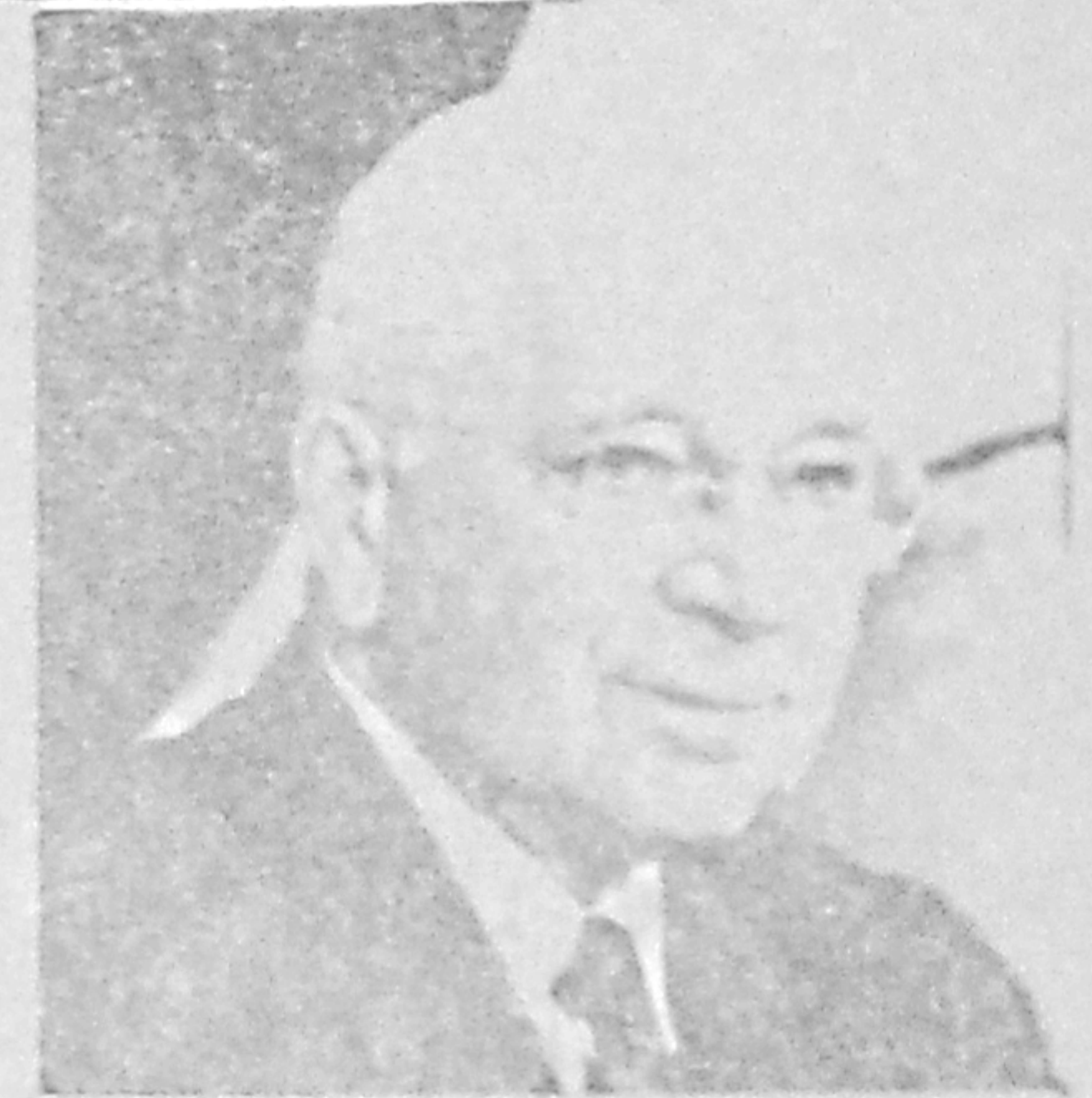
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MR. H.W.A. HOLDS 3RD MANILA CAMPAIGN



— H. W. Armstrong —

Manila, April 9 - Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is coming to give another special lecture on the subject touching "Our World Today" and "The Incredible Human Potential." This time it will be at the New Frontier Theatre in Cubao, Quezon City on April 19, 1975 at 7:00 p.m.

This is his third Public Appearance in the Philippines. The first was in May 1974, followed by another one in November. Mr. Armstrong has been scheduled to hold major campaigns in many world capitals but to this date only Manila has opened. The latest was in Bombay, India. But due to politi-

cal pressures between the government of India and the United States, this public appearance was postponed. So with the previous ones scheduled in Saigon and Bangkok.

According to General Counsel Stanley Rader, even if the campaigns were postponed to the end of this year, the "Testimonial Dinners" have been very successful. Through this unique way, Mr. Armstrong reaches the very (Please turn to page 4)



A photo of the crowd that gathered before the display board to jot down their literature requests. Photo was taken from the mezzanine of Delta Theatre just before the start of Mr. Armstrong's second Manila lecture. (last November 23, 1974)

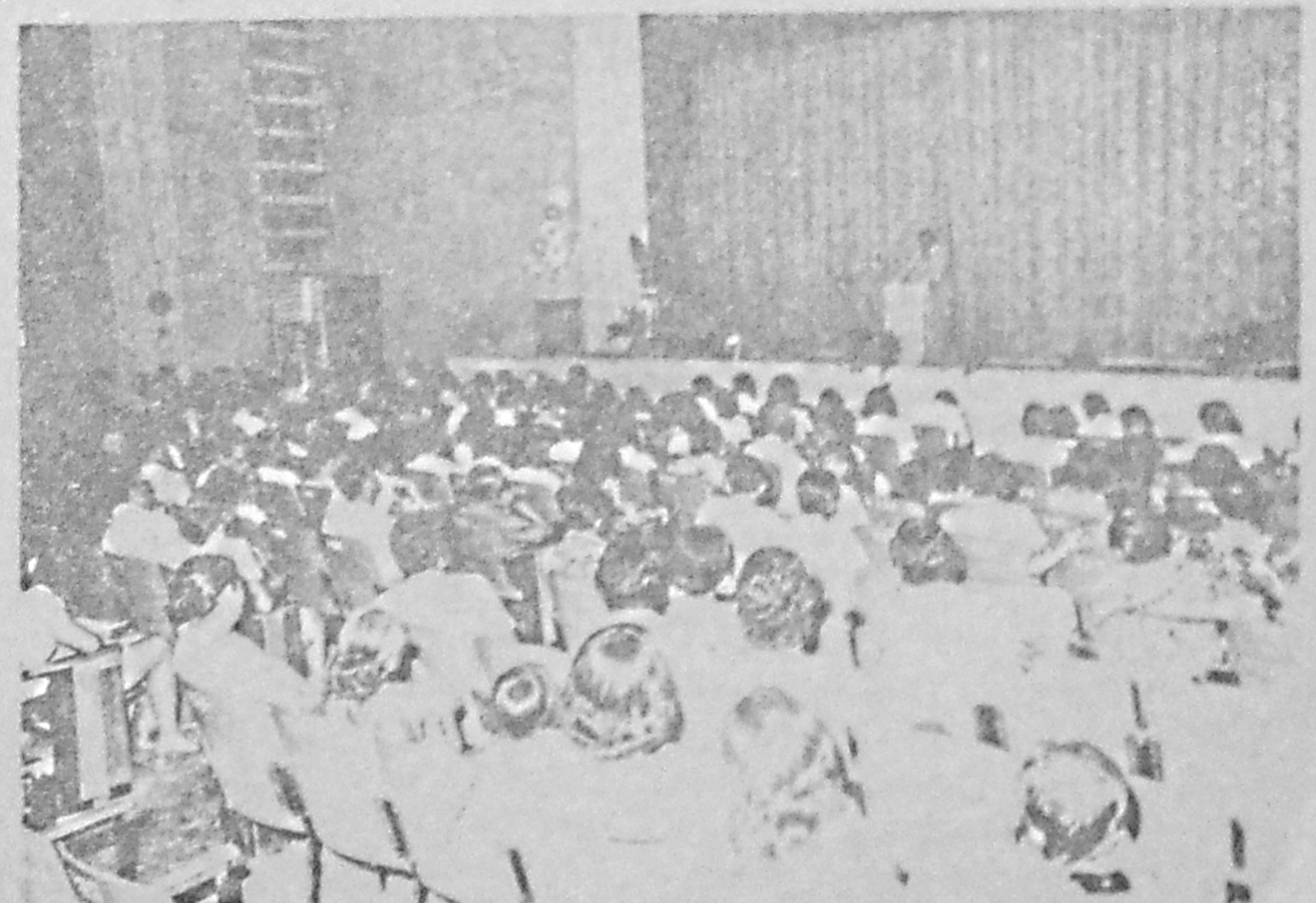
THIRD PT LECTURE BEST YET

By Jun Rustia

San Fernando, Pampanga - The third PT Lecture by Mr. Colin Adair was held in this town last Sunday April 6 at the St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's Academy. It was well attended by some 161 subscribers which included 55 members from Manila and those around the area. This figure went down in the afternoon lecture to 138. However, the lecture turned out to be the best ever in terms of attend-

ance from non-members. Out of the 150 people who said they would come, 106 made it to the 1st lecture in the morning and 86 to the 2nd lecture in the afternoon.

Mr. Adair spoke on "Is This the End Time?" in the morning. Before his audience, he graphically described the world conditions today. "Just where are we in the over-all scheme of events today?" he asked his audience. In the afternoon, the guest (Please turn to page 3)



SAN FERNANDO LECTURE - A view of the audience from the rear with Mr. Adair on stage during the 3rd PT Lecture held at San Fernando, Pampanga. The lecture was the best, so far percentage-wise. (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero)

Personal from

Colin Adair



Mr. Adair and party with some Manila brethren and the Mandap family pose at the entrance of Cafe Fernandino in San Fernando, Pampanga. Mr. and Mrs. Aurelio Mandap (5th & 6th from r., respectively) of Minalin, Pampanga together with the Laxamanas (4th & 3rd from r.) invited the group for lunch. Wearing identical dresses at the center are the Mandap sisters, Connie (with bag) and Mrs. Lolita M. Fabricante, who acted as usherettes for the lectures.

that if we couldn't get some peace and quiet we would move out. Thankfully, the Chrysler group were moving out that morning so we were able to remain. Monday morning dawned peacefully.

The point I am making is that the people involved didn't give one thought to the fact that others were staying in the hotel. It never occurred to them that it would be better to take their cars and rev them up elsewhere, perhaps at Burnham Park where there were no hotels.

All of us can fall into this attitude so easily if we are not aware of it. The world rubs off on us to an extent that we sometimes fail to see. Love is waxing cold with people everywhere. The rat race

is not an event peculiar only to the western nations; it invades every nation. Witness the callousness of South Vietnamese soldiers in evacuating cities about to fall to Communists; they gunned down, robbed and looted their own people. But of course this is the extreme. However, it all starts from the everyday approach where just a little thought for others would make us more considerate. In Baguio we had to continually tell Andrew not to talk so loud in restaurants and remind him that he wasn't at home. We were teaching him consideration for others by pointing out that other people were disturbed by him. All children need

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Consideration for others is a fast disappearing virtue in today's world. My wife, Andrew, and I have just returned from a few days in Baguio City. We went there for the sabbath service of April 12 and at the same time to have a break from the heat of Manila for a few days. At the Inn Rocio, where we were staying, a group of drivers from the Maya Industries were billeted. They were connected with Chrysler Motors participating in a mountain rally. Around 5:45 am sabbath morning we were awakened by the noise of Chrysler Colts revving engines loud enough to waken the entire city. It wasn't a matter of simply starting the engine and moving off, but rather the team seemed to be tuning the cars to their sharpest and to do so they kept pushing the accelerator to the floor. Sleep being driven from us, we went to the window and peered out. The area looked like the starting point of the Monte Carlo Rally with cars and overall-clad drivers milling around. The noise continued for over half an hour. It didn't seem to occur to the noise-makers that there were other guests in the hotel apart from themselves.

After breakfast I approached the desk and made a complaint to the receptionist. I told her we had come to Baguio for a rest and didn't appreciate being wakened at 5:45 am by the wail of car engines. On top of this the rally members kept coming and going up to 11:00 pm that night, disturbing the quietness of the area.

Next morning, Sunday, it was different. The noise awakened us half-an-hour later -- at 6:15 am! It seemed my complaint hadn't got through. Again we told the management

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this teaching continually so they can grow up to be aware of the considerations of others. But we adults also need to be reminded about it. When your neighbors play the stereo loudly and disturb you, you feel like taking an axe to the problem. It is wrong and inconsiderate of them not to take your feelings into account. But when this and other disturbances occur to you why not stop and ask yourself where you have been guilty of lack of thought and try to become more aware of others as you go through life.

As I write this, Mr. Herbert Armstrong and party should be heading for Manila. They arrive today and will be staying through Sunday, April 20. Although I don't have details I'm sure he has some engagements to perform before the campaign on Saturday evening. I know that an invitation to speak has been received by the MLQ University and will be conveyed to Mr. Armstrong as soon as he arrives.

Now that we are back in sticky heat of Manila I wish more than ever that we could transfer our office to Baguio! However, that's an impossible dream. And reality quickly dispels dreams. The Work is here in Manila and for that reason it's good to be back! □

THIS IS TODAY

Today is here. I will start it with a smile and resolve to be agreeable. I will not criticize. I refuse to waste my valuable time.

Today has one thing in which I know I am equal with others -- TIME. All of us draw the same salary in seconds, minutes, hours.

Today I will not waste my time, because the minutes I wasted yesterday are lost as a vanished thought.



Photo shows Mr. Adair and party with some other brethren and Mr. Pedro Ortiguero (left, foreground), minister in charge for Northern Luzon, during the lunch hosted by the Mandaps (r.) and the Laxamanas (beside Mr. Adair) at the Cafe Fernandino.



April 1, 1975 -- on this date another exciting milestone was reached in the Philippine Work. The Philippine edition of the Plain Truth in its new tabloid-format was printed by the Pilipino Star Printing Company in Manila. Mr. Adair shows here happily looks over one of the first printed copies of the April, 1975 issue.

THIRD PT LECTURE...cont'd.

speaker told his audience in glowing terms about the world to come, the sure restoration of the Government of God here on earth, not in heaven.

Mr. Pike Mirto, minister in charge of the area, introduced Mr. Adair on both occasions and announced that there would be three consecutive Sundays Special PT open Forums for those who would like to ask questions about the Bible and biblically-related topics. Fifty four people signified their intention to attend such open forums. Seven non-members already asked for counselling the same day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eulogio Laxamana and Mr. and Mrs. Aurelio Mandap, Sr., hosted a luncheon for Mr. Adair and party at the Cafe Fernandino, the finest in San Fernando. After the lecture the guest speaker, together with some members from Manila, were invited for a merienda at the Mandap's home, about 25 minutes' drive

south of San Fernando. The local members were extremely excited about the coming regular Bible Study in the area.



A close-up shot of some of the audience as they listen to Mr. Adair during the PT lecture.

CARTOON QUIPS

TV-viewing matron to mate: "Edwin, what's happened to us? You don't talk to me during the commercials anymore!"

***** -- Censoni in Look (RD)

One executive to another, reading notes in suggestion box: "Here's a great idea! It's from me."

-- Shirvanian in Look (RD)



AMBASCOL STAFF AND FAMILY VISIT LOS BAÑOS

By Rosalita Campbell

"Don't come to the office this coming Monday because the office staff is going to Los Banos for an outing," announced Mr. Adair during the weekly Sabbath of the Days of Unleavened Bread. "If you do, you'll find nobody there", he added.

works in the college. He acted as our very special "tourist guide" to show us the views of the campus.

First thing we visited was the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). There we were ushered to their auditorium where film slides were shown of the latest developments in modern rice farming and technology. After the show a thirty minute open forum followed. Mr. Masako who is a lecturer on various aspects affecting rice production was very pleased at the questions asked by some of us. The educational tour at the IRRI proved to be very rewarding for us and it was an experience we all benefited from.

At 11:15 a.m., we proceeded to the Botanical

Garden where we found different kinds of tropical trees and exotic plants. One that fascinated us most was the Candle Tree with fruits that look like yellow candles. We found just inside the garden a very ideal picnic place. It was situated beneath the towering trees with their thick leaves shading us from the hot sun. There we set the tables and spread out our own "baon".

The barbecue was also prepared for the group by Gema, Mercy and Mrs. Mendoza. Everyone enjoyed the eating and the fellowship. We were almost finished when two "stragglers" arrived. They were Johnny and Dom. They were about to get a bus going back to Manila when Mr. Fred Cuadra, who drove the Fiera, spotted them. They thought they had been left behind already. Well anyway (Please turn to page 5)



Office staff and their families enjoying their picnic "baon" at the Botanical Garden of U.P. Los Banos.

HWA CAMPAIGN...cont'd. ➡



Mr. H. W. Armstrong speaking at the Delta Theatre, Quezon City, during his second Manila Campaign November 23 last year. He will be here again for his 3rd Campaign on April 19. It shall have been through by the time our readers get their copy of this issue. We will be reporting it in more detail next issue.

top men and women in government, in education, in business and industry.

This coming lecture is actually a fulfillment of Mr. Armstrong's promise to come back this April in appreciation for the very warm reception the Philippine Government and the Filipino people have given him. As a result of his previous engagements in our country, he has won many friends here. Among others are President Marcos, Dona Josefa Edralin Marcos, former Vice Pres. Fernando Lopez, Chief Justice Querube Makalintal, Sec. Juan Manuel of Education and Culture, Sec. Estefania Aldaba Lim of the Social Welfare,

Sec. Blas F. Ople of Labor, Dra. Barbara Angeles and Dr. Emmanuel Angeles of Angeles University, Dr. Francisco Dalupan of U.E. and many others.

Mr. Adair is very much excited about Mr. Armstrong's coming. At the moment thousands of advertisement leaflets and letters of invitation have already been sent out and continue to be sent out to Plain Truth readers while at the same time advertisements in the leading newspapers have begun. With the Church Development Programs well underway, Mr. Armstrong's visit will lead a very favorable exposure to the Church and the College's Educational Extension Activities. (NA)

the IMUS HAPPENING

By Benito Yadao, Jr.

Imus, Cavite -- March 16, 1975. It was a sunny Sunday. Taking advantage of the good weather adventurous young men and women invaded this town of the revolutionaries and occupied the West bank of the Bayang Luma River. There was no bloodshed, of course. In fact they charged to their objective to the tune of transistor music, delightfully treading on the hardened rice paddies. And in lieu of armaments, they had with them brooms, a box of match, a bundle of firewood, pails, cooking paraphernalia and bags of sustenance. The raiding party, after all, consisted of peace-loving young ambassadors (YAC-"B") and a couple of guests.

The site proved ideal for the Club's first cook-out get-together. The mango groves provided a cool natural shade, and subdued the strength of the wind that kept blowing. In this rustic setting, the bayanihan spirit moved the group into action. A stove was improvised out of 3 hardened blocks of earth in addition to the one made of steel bars. Some fetched water from the water pump on the other side of the river. The rest readied the rice, fish, vegetables and ingredients. Everyone worked with enthusiasm even as native delicacies such as puto, kutsinta and cassava cake were served.

When the smoke cleared up, behold a master recipe came out of the conglomeration of fresh vegetables: delectable pinakbet -- YAC "B" style. And with

broiled fish, brown rice and green mangoes, the cooking enthusiasts enjoyed a sumptuous meal.

In the afternoon, the group had a sing-along, played the "handshake-guess-who" game, and exchanged wholesome jokes (ask a YAC "B" member and you'll know how a moron brushes his teeth!)

The cook-out then proceeded. This time for the afternoon snack, the budding chefs came up with ginatan. It was a little sweeter than normal (an indication of how YAC "B" members love?) but no matter: everyone came back for more! After all, it was the product of everybody's collective efforts.

Indeed the cook-out get-together was an experience so unique and rewarding. ▣

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way they did manage to "salvage" a few sticks of the delicious barbecue and were quite satisfied with it.

Later on, we went to the swimming pool area. Even while we were yet inside the Fiera, we could hardly wait to swim because of excitement especially when we saw the beautiful and inviting crystal clear water in the pools. There are two of them -- one for adults and another for children. Everybody enjoyed the whole afternoon not wanting to get out of the pool. If only the place were not too far and we didn't have to get home early, we could have stayed on. Lingerin' awhile for

PROVINCIAL NEWS



Lucena PT Lecture set for May 4

After the successful San Fernando PT Lecture, Lucena City comes next on schedule. It will take place at the Girl's Scout Conference Hall (near the Capitol and CFI) on May 4 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for the first lecture and from 2 to 4 p.m. for the second.

Mr. Colin Adair will speak on the usual theme "Is this the End Time?" and "There's a New World Coming!" He will be accompanied by Mr. Jose Raduban, minister-in-charge of the area which covers the entire Quezon Province, parts of Laguna and Batangas. A total of 5,000 invitations were sent to PT subscribers in the area.

To date many have already responded signifying their intent to attend the

lecture. Meanwhile, preparations are underway for June 8 PT Lecture in Cagayan de Oro City. Mr. and Mrs. Encardio Benitez welcomed N. Acebron who was there last April 7 to arrange for the meeting hall which will be at the Audio Visual Room of Xavier University. More than thousand invitations were sent to PT subscribers in Cagayan de Oro City and nearby provinces.

While in Cagayan de Oro City, Mr. Adair will speak to the student body of the Xavier University on "Modern Dating, Marriage and Family Relations" on June 9 at 7 p.m. The Chairman of the Department of Religious Studies of the University has extended the invitation to the Regional Director. (Perla R. Acebron)

OUT OF CONTACT
LORD, grant me patience



BUT I WANT IT RIGHT NOW!

helpings of fresh buko sold by a couple of vendors, we boarded for home. But before that we took a brief detour to view the scenic and breathtaking

Laguna de Bay from Mt. Makiling. For all of us it was a perfect and enjoyable day, a day we will long cherish in our memories. ▣

MR. ADAIR IN BICOL

By Ric Perez

Naga City, February 15, 1975 -- The membership of the Worldwide Church of God in Bicol region were created to a pleasant surprise when Mr. Colin Adair, Regional Director for Northeast Asian region and Pastor of God's Church greeted them last February 15th at the Lindez Conference Hall in Naga City.

Except for a relatively few members who had been personally informed by this reporter about our visiting minister, most of the brethren did not count on the possibility of his coming personally for a visit at this time. Some were entertaining the idea that perhaps it would be either Mr. Raduban and Mr. Hood, or Mr. Mirto and Mr. Macaraeg's team to arrive,

"Officially" this was Mr. Adair's third visit to Bicol. The first was when we launched the beginning of the University lectures at the University of Nueva Caceres, second was during my wedding and now this present trip. Actually, however, he had made another visit to our area but this was known only to me and my wife. It was to give another series of lecture on Modern Dating and Marriage at the University of Northeastern Philippines in Iriga City (reported in the Contact). At that time due to tight schedule he was unable to meet the brethren.

Record Attendance

The attendance for this service was something for the record. We had an actual headcount of seventy three people during the Bible Study in the morning and sixty eight during the afternoon service. After consulting my records, I

discovered that it was the first time we exceeded the seventy mark in the three years since the Church was officially founded by Mr. Pedro Ortiguero.

Instead of the usual Bible Study in the morning, Mr. Adair played a recording of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong's sermon on the Spirit of Giving which lasted till past twelve. Immediately afterwards I took a souvenir photograph of the crowd.

It Happened!!!

Blest and Happy is the Man opened up our afternoon song service. My brother-in-law, Mr. Filamer Santos, gave a sermonette on the subject "When is Anger Wrong?" At this time we had to utilize an improvised podium out of cardboard box used as container for our Hymnals during the first part of the Service. The podium was then being used by the party of Chairman Leonardo Perez of the COMELEC (commission on elections) at the Lindez Pavilion for their forum on the referendum.

Fortunately for us, the forum wound-up just as soon as Mr. Adair finished giving his announcements. So when the main sermon was given we were using the new Podium. Our Pastor delivered a very inspiring sermon on Sin and Repentance. Despite the absence of sound system, he was able to convey his message loudly and with power.

Earlier we had a blessing of children and I was so happy to present our son for the first time and have our minister pray for health, blessing and guidance upon him and two others.



Photo of the Bicol brethren with Messrs. Adair and Filamer Santos (seated in front wearing barongs) taken during their Bible Study and Sabbath service held at Lindez Hotel last February 15th. (Photo by Ric Perez)

And then happened the most trying experience I had yet to face. Kuya Fil had asked me earlier to make the closing prayer for the afternoon service. It is a common practice for the church to call lay members to close the service. I had never been called nor expected to be. Praying to God alone or with my family is easy but doing it in the presence of many people and loud too, that is another case! Of course I could not refuse and I felt so nervous that when the particular time dawned my knees were wobbling. I seemed to hear another person praying. The voice was strangely different. I learned afterwards that I did not even wait to reach the front where I was supposed to pray! Well, we all profit from our experiences. ☐

SAN FERNANDO

--some personal impressions

By Jun Rustia

On that sunny Sunday morning, my family and I, just like the more than a hundred people who came from within a radius of 150 kilometers of San Fernando, boarded a bus, that took us to San Fernando, about 2 hours distance from Manila. Some came from as far as Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, Zambales and Bataan.

Right within the town, about seventy meters from the main street, a dusty stretch of small road (away from the hustle and bustle, the din of jeepneys, calesas, sidewalk

hawkers and market vendors) led to the comparatively quiet grounds of St. Scholastica Academy.

The auditorium was nice and similar to GSP Auditorium except that there was no ground floor containing offices. On entering, one goes straight to the orchestra; to the right of the main entrance is the way to the balcony. Only the orchestra was used.

About 9 a.m. only four or five people were seated inside the hall (one girl came up to Mr. Adair for his autograph). The seemingly low number swelled later to 161 by 10:30 a.m. (Please turn to page 7)

"NIGHT MUCH" WITH SOME SCATTERED MEMBERS

By Severo C. Caligan, Jr.

Just a little after sunset -- when nightfall started to deepen into darkness -- guest started arriving on a tree-shaded bungalow at Block Nine, Lot Ten. Outside, the gate was wide open -- indicative of the warm, open arms welcome being extended by the household. Inside the house, lights were brilliant enough to illuminate all the corners. Prepared dishes were being set on the table. An outsider observing the ongoing activities, would readily conclude that a party of some sort was about to take place. It was, by all means, a perfect setting for a gathering. The moon, in its full splendor, was a radiantly golden orb as it majestically shed its rays. The breeze, not too chilly but moderately subdued enough to cool the night,

kept the leaves of the fruit-laden papaya trees stirring now and then. And more -- underneath the invitingly restful shade of a dwarf coconut tree -- a table was set with a chilled bottle of Martini Vermouth for the men to sip and get warmed up a bit. An idyllic setting, no doubt.

The scene that was being unfolded was at P.H.H.C., Bacolod City. The date: March 26. The occasion: "Night Much to be Observed." And playing host was the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo Castillon (both baptized members). Of course, the guests -- who also brought with them some food delights -- were brethren who were invited to join in the occasion. As previously agreed upon each of the "guests" already knew what to bring. So much so that the dining table was filled with all

manners of dishes and a variety of food preparations. Rejoicing was indeed, the keynote and dominant theme of the night.

Of the brethren who did arrive to join, the first to made it came all the way from Iloilo! After all, Bacolod City is only a two-hour ride by boat from Iloilo. It was not so surprising, therefore, if some Iloilo brethren did join the Bacolod brethren for the observance of the "Night Much." Together with Oscar G. Palabrica, we left Iloilo exactly 12:30 noon via a ferry ship of the Negros Navigation Company. The voyage was as smooth as could be -- the sea so calm that there was hardly a ripple of a wave. (Though there were some wisps of fog covering the placid surface of the water and obscuring the view). Arriving at Bacolod City around 2:30pm., we rested for a while before making our purchases. After that, accompanied by

a co-worker uncle of mine, we proceeded to P.H.H.C. With around two more hours to spare before sunset, and while waiting for the other brethren to arrive Oscar and I decided to engage in a mock war battle. Actually, it was the Game of the Generals that we played. While we were busily -- and "fiercely" -- matching wits and strategies over the checkered board, the three daughters of Mr. Castillon -- Laarni, Ophelia and Vivian -- finishing touches to their specialties: "Maja Blanca" for La-arni, "Macaroni Salad" for Ophelia and "Chicken Palmer" for Vivian. Nobody paid any attention to the dog, "Rajah" who was playfully romping around. The other kids in the house -- Elmer, Joy, Bernard, Jr. Mary Grace, and Nadine -- were all getting dressed up. Looks of glee and joyful expectation radiated from their faces. As the day drew to a (Please turn to page 8)

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(the figure included members from the Manila Church).

The audience was polite, quiet, and in rapt attention throughout. I saw at least half a dozen sleep-eyed people (on account of the long trip, perhaps) in the morning.

The stifling heat of summer somewhat affected the hall temperature, but with some electric fans, the heat was somewhat reduced. Nothing could be more appropriate, perhaps, than the caption on a picture of flowers in the Sunday Express. It urged the readers to "go off to some windblown field of swaying blooms. Think cool. The heat of summer may all be in the mind."

Mr. Adair spoke of this being the end of this age; of this chaotic world; of the dangers of nuclear annihilation; of a way of escape -- maybe -- for those who would heed.

When fewer people turned up in the afternoon, some thought a little apprehensively that the afternoon part might not start until a good portion of the orchestra got filled as in the morning. Though the number was less than what we had in the morning, Mr. Pike Mirto went to the podium and again presented the speaker.

The afternoon lecture described the world to come -- how the desert will bloom; how there will be only one language; how it would be easier to understand one another; it will be easy to teach people then. There will be a

time of happiness, radiant health, plenty, of great prosperity; "Forbes Park will look like Tondo by comparison." It will be a time of change, generally, of stony hearts into hearts of flesh -- soft, compassionate, easy to be entreated.

Mr. Adair told all there was to tell just like it is.

The message could not help but stir up some feelings and bring to one's mind a sharper focus on empathy and compassion for other Filipinos (and people of other races) who should be hearing the message of warning and hope. Outside the hall people were busy with their day-to-day cares, seemingly unaware of the import of the warning message going out.

Mr. Adair came not to proselyte, not to convert,

as Mr. Mirto said at the beginning of the lecture, but to give a vital message that will personally affect the audience in the very near future.

A personal appearance is emphatically very different and far more effective than the printed word. That is probably why personal appearances are getting to be the most important aspect of the Work today. One would not tire listening to the same message even if it were told over and over again. Listening to the message is just like travelling through a familiar route -- basically the same scenery, but each turn on the road brings out something new, something different.

It was indeed refreshing to hear a message of warning and hope during these troubled times. □

MAIDEN VISIT TO PUERTO PRINCESA!

By Mr. Jose F. Raduban

After years of planning, the trip to Palawan was finally underway. The purpose of the trip was to visit our "scattered" members on the island (they are really scattered in the true sense of the word) and the prospective members who had sent in their baptism requests a few years ago. This trip was the first one ever made since the Work began in the Philippines in 1962.

On Sunday, March 16, 1975 at 6:35 AM, I boarded a PAL plane bound for that seemingly over-stretched island south of the archipelago that is rumored to be one of the islands seek-

ing secession from the Republic.

The first thing one notices about Palawan from 10,000 feet altitude is that it is still green with vegetation unlike the familiar irregularly alternate patch-work land surface of southern Luzon. Palawan is still undeveloped; its mountains and valleys are still virgin lands. Once in a while one notices a river winding its way around mountain ranges and valleys giving one the impression that it is trying to snake itself out of the jungle into the open sea.

When the plane descended to a lower altitude, I noticed a whitish,

greenish-blue brown hue bordering the shoreline. At first I thought that the discoloring of the water was due to pollution. But I couldn't figure out how! Palawan is undeveloped! It turned out, at closer look that the multi-colored band along the shore was reflected sunlight from the receding surface of the land burrowing deep into the sea. Then instantly, the "polluted" waters became beautiful for I could clearly make out and see the water-colored outlines of the land surface underneath the deep blue sea.

The plane landed at the Puerto Princesa airport (just a dirt and gravel airfield really) at twenty minutes past eight in the morning. Our friend Ed Pimentel, who works for PAL, was standing right at the ramp to welcome me to

Palawan. At the airfield terminal I heard somebody audibly speaking my name to every plane passenger filing past him. He turned out to be the brother of Mr. Rudolfo Aguila, a member in Roxas; he was sent specifically to meet me since his brother couldn't make it because of pressing business.

About nine o'clock I arrived at the hotel. Mr. Fortunato Valle, Sr. was already waiting for me. Even as I unpacked my things somebody knocked at the door of my room. It was Mr. William Wakefield -- a member from Tabon, Quezon. He also had come about three days ago to Puerto with his wife, who wanted to counsel for baptism.

About ten o'clock I introduced the brethren to one another -- Ed Pimentel, William Wakefield, Fortunato Valle, Sr. and his family. Messrs. Valle and Wakefield had been meeting each other in the town of Quezon, their faces familiar to each other already but had not known they were brethren until this day. It was like a reunion of long-separated members of one big family! Rodolfo Manuel came in later with a prospective member from Narra where he lives also. Before the day ended I had counselled with seven PMs and four members. Out of the PMs counselled four were approved for baptism.

The following morning, I baptized four new people: one was Mr. Wakefield's wife Anita; another was a son-in-law of Mr. Valle; and two others were a son and a daughter of Mr. Valle.

Puerto Princesa had some very distinguished visitors from Manila that day, Sec. Juan Ponce Enrile, Gen. Montoya, and others. They were there to assess the peace and (Please turn to page 9)

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close, indicating the start of nightfall -- and ushering in the observance of the "Night Much" finding their way to Block Nine and Lot Ten of P.H.H.C. John Tiberio came ahead of the rest. Rhoderick Alipoon was next with his wife and their three-year old daughter. A few minutes later, while the men were already lightly engaged in a conversation, George Escara entered the gate. He had with him his wife Pamela, and the two were both brimful of smiles. The whole cast of characters was completed with the arrival of George and Pam. Friendly greetings filled the air as we exchanged pleasantries and "hellos". The kids were jubilantly excited.

A little while later, some familiar strains of

music started to come from one corner of the house. It was familiar because the music came right out of our Bible Hymnal! Before we knew it, we were already having some form of chamber music -- this time with a guitar and a melodica supplying the music. (The melodica is a musical instrument that is similar to a flute and must be blown, but with the note regulated by keys similar to a piano). Strumming the guitar was Oscar, while my uncle -- Romeo Cainglet -- deftly played the melodica. Lured by the joyful tempo of the hymns being played, some brethren started to sing and in a short time we had a mini-choir making joyful noises! Yes, rejoicing filled the air that night. Our singing came only to a halt when supper was called.

After Mr. Castillon said the prayer, each of us started to mill around the luncheon table, and

while eating we were also mixing convivially. Considering the fact that our fellowshiping is a little bit limited as a whole (we are scattered) and that we only see each other once in two months when we have our bi-monthly Bible study and service, it was therefore inevitable for us to be overwhelmingly enthusiastic and jovially spirited as we mixed, mingled and fellowshiped. We would have continued longer, had it not been for the deepening of the night.

All told, it was a night well spent -- in terms of fellowshiping, singing of hymns, and some rejoicing. God's people have been keeping this night in a mood of exultation, of joyful praise. That was exactly how we felt as we observed the "Night Much" with some scattered brethren. We thanked God for the privilege of being able to gather together and in a right attitude, keep the "Night Much to be Observed!"

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VISIT...cont'd.

island except **Rudolfo Aguila** of Roxas. Earlier in the afternoon I had planned to visit him but I missed by a few minutes the one and only bus going to Roxas. If I took the trip the next day I would not be able to return to Puerto by Wednesday afternoon for my flight back home. So, I cancelled my trip for Roxas altogether.

Tuesday, March 18, I tried to wind up my trip. I still had some business to do. With the help of some office mates of Ed Pimentel I was able to locate one more Co-worker in Puerto. She was a school-teacher and she was glad to see us. She had a lot of questions about the Bible and the Church's teachings. The impromptu question- and -answer session proved to be mutually interesting and enlightening. For her, it was an opportunity to get to know us a little bit more.

Late in the afternoon I was again on board the PAL plane that was to take me back home to Manila. By 4:20 PM, we were airborne once again. An hour later in flight I looked out the window and found that we were still over the northern-tip islands of the Palawan group. Twenty minutes before landing in Manila, we were just clearing the north-western tip of Mindoro.

The plane landed at the Manila airport at 6:10 PM. As I stepped down the plane ramp and my feet were once again on tierra firma, my maiden trip to Palawan was ended. But it was a successful, fruitful, and profitable trip overall. At least, there are now 11 members of God's Church in Palawan --scattered over the length and breadth of Palawan island. Someday these brethren will be visited again. And I hope that someday will be soon! ☐



It seems that practically all of the lecturers during the January Employment and Business Opportunities seminar agree that job-seeking should not be taken lightly because it takes much serious effort -- be it physical, mental or otherwise -- in planning and working out one's plan.

This second lecture which we reprint in condensed form was given by Mr. Eliodoro Quitoriano, a

lawyer who is presently the Personnel Manager of The Seven-Up Bottling Co. at Parañaque, Rizal. Previously, he was connected for many years with the Grolier International, Inc. as its Director for Nationwide Sales. Because of his experience, position and related background we feel that you'll find the following article interesting and profitable especially as presented from a legal mind's point of view.

Legal pointers in
JOB SEEKING

By Eliodoro Quitoriano
Job-seeking is long hard work. It takes good judgment, right attitude and proper knowledge on the part of the job-seeker. He should not shy away from job opportunities nor allow misconceptions to be deterrents to this end. He should take a chance and find out what a certain job advertisement is all about and venture to land it, with the attitude to be able to perform a fair day's work for a fair day's wage.

imposition of Martial Law when violence and disorder were deterrents in employment.

Time, place and circumstance have conspired together in order for you to have more job opportunities in the New Society where we have a comparatively peaceful atmosphere which is conducive in looking for a job or in improving yourself in the occupation you find yourself in. Foreign investment in most of the country's economic ventures has helped create more opportunities for qualified manpower unlike in the old society before the

As a job-seeker you should bear in mind that the New Constitution of the Philippines ensures protection to labor. In Sec. 5 Art.2 of the New Labor Code which took effect last Nov. 1, 1974 it states that "The State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote their physical, intellectual and social well-being." Sec. 9 Art. 2 states that "The State shall afford protection to labor, promote full employment and equality in employment; ensure equal work opportunities regardless of sex, race or creed and regulate relations between workers and employers. The State shall assure rights of workers to self-organization collective bargaining, security and tenure and just and humane conditions of work. The State may provide for compulsory arbitration." In Sec. 3 (Please turn to page 10)

order situation in Palawan. At lunch the same day I had opportunity to chat with the manager of the DBP Bank in Puerto; he jokingly referred to the secessionist movement of the Mindanao-Palawan group. He said, "If you people from Manila don't give us roads and bridges we will secede from the Philippines!" He mentioned the need for good roads and bridges in Palawan; he said there are many bridges in the island. "From Puerto to Brookes Point alone -- a distance of about 196 kms. -- there are over a hundred bridges! (i.e., if you can call them 'bridges'). If we strike oil here and you people in Manila offer to build us the bridges we will say no! We don't want your bridges; we will build them ourselves. After all, we already have oil!"

Of course, the bank manager was only joking; he also is from Luzon! He said there is no such thing as a secessionist movement in Palawan! "We are very peaceful here." And as I have observed, it is really peaceful in Palawan.

In the afternoon that day a Co-worker residing in Puerto came to visit me. He was ready for baptism yet he was not baptized. Why? What was the hitch? He was ready but the problem was he didn't ask to be baptized! So, he was not baptized.

As the day was ending, I decided that I would cut short my trip by one full day. There was not much work left to do. I had met all the members on the

GUIDE TO COLLEGE AND WOULD-BE COLLEGE STUDENTS

By Samuel V. Mercado

A few days after classes started during one semester, a student prayed fervently and later approached a professor in the faculty room for a private talk. The dialogue sounded like this:

Student: Sir, may I ask you for a favor?

Professor: Yes, what is it?

Student: I would like to enroll in your subject but I can't attend the classes every Friday evening.

Professor: Why? What is the reason?

Student: Religious reason, Sir.

Professor: What religion?

Student: Worldwide

Church of God, Sir.

Professor: Ah! . . . the church of Bobby Fisher!

The true incident, somewhat humorous but a very serious matter, is one of the problems that students -- members of WCG -- most often encounter in college. Though some students pass the subject or subjects with high grades, they suffer physically and mentally in catching up with the lessons, assignments, reports, etc.

It takes broad knowledge, foresight, planning,

guidance, and experience of others for the student to successfully pursue a career education or higher learning in the world's institutions.

Choosing The Right Career

Wrong selection of a degree will lead the graduates to unemployment or underemployment. Before enrolling students should first visit the guidance counselling office for testing and evaluation. The counsellor not only guides the students, to the fitting course, but also provides information on the current economy of employment.

After commencement some graduates cannot practice their chosen profession for failure to take the board examination and secure their license. The examination day sometimes falls on Saturday. So students desiring to study the professional careers must consider the examination date or else shift to another field.

It's A Miracle

To pass or not to pass, that is the question -- only the examiners know. Some of us have relatives, friends, and neighbors that passed the board examinations by confirming to the accepted trend of bribing the examiners or their agents. The summa cum laude or top graduates could hardly hurdle the test without paying the corresponding amount of four figures (P0,000.00).

The College And Enrollment Technique

Students studying in public colleges and universities such as UP, PCC, PNC, PCAT, etc., have so or lesser conflicts of their class schedules with the Sabbath than those enrolled in private insti- (Please turn to page 11)

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it says, "It shall be the duty of every citizen to engage in gainful work to assure himself and family a life worthy of human dignity." This shows that if one does not work when he is in a capacity to do work, he is violating the Constitution and he is running counter to the policy of the New Society. (See the parallel between what was just stated and what the Scriptures exhort? - Ed.)

You have the government behind you, creating new jobs and at the same time enjoining you to look for a job as a duty so that you and your family can live decently in consonance with human dignity.

Study the ads, their requirements to find out if they suit your qualifications. For sources, look and visit the placement sections in schools, colleges and universities, employment agencies, your friends and relatives. The written applications must be something that will make you land an interview. Start off with confidence that you are fitted for the job and tell them why.

You should know whom to approach when applying for

a job. The general set-up of most business establishments comprise the Board of Directors, the General Manager and the respective Division Managers. The General Manager is under the Board of Directors and he answers to the Board regarding the operations of the company. The general manager operates through the operating divisions in which case you should apply through the Personnel Division Manager.

Under the New Labor Code:

1. There are government agencies that could help like the Dept. of Labor which maintains agencies like the Overseas Employment Agencies, The National Seamen Board; Development agencies such as The National Manpower and Youth Council which has a skill center with training program - programs for the handicapped and elderly.

2. It states that it shall be the duty of the employer to provide 24 consecutive hours of rest for each of its employees for every seven-days and that the preference of the employee as to his specific day of rest should be respected when the same is based on religious grounds.

3. Minors between the ages of 14 and 18 can be employed but only on non-hazardous kind of jobs.

4. Art. 318 states that you can not be dismissed except for a just cause and The Code enumerates the just causes.

Overtime is provided by law and there are companies which give higher overtime pay than what the law provides which is 30% above the regular rate. There are various cash incentives to various shifts and there are shift differentials when you work in the second shift which is from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. and there is a higher shift differential for those working during the graveyard hours that is from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

There are collective bargainings that carry 6 to 7 paid holidays which is true only for daily wage earners and not for monthly earners. There are 15 days sick leave and 15 days vacation leave and these vacation and sick leaves are convertible into cash if you do not make use of them during the entire year -- given at the end of the year.

There are educational loan benefits and financial assistance, loan, burial aid, resignation gratuity pay which depends on the tenure of service that was given by the employee who is resigning from the company. The other laws are the SSS law, Workmen's Compensation Law and the Medicare. □

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tutions.

The class schedules in the "non-profit" members of the Association of Colleges and Universities of Higher Learning, usually fall on the rest day. Some big universities are open on Sunday.

Prior to enrollment, students should carefully check the schedules of some colleges. It is better to enroll the pre-requisite, minor, and elective subjects during summer and first semester classes. Take the major subjects, if possible, in the second semester, a period when students are not busy with their participation in the festival activities which occur from June to October.

A few students in the church are graduating drop-outs. This means one who cannot graduate because

the remaining subjects are always scheduled on a Sabbath. Graduating students are not permitted to cross-enroll by the registrar unless the subjects are not offered during the same period the students are about to commence. In case one course remains to be completed the unfortunate students are neither allowed to cross-enroll nor graduate in another college.

Alternative Approach To Higher Learning

For the self-motivated or independent students, adults who want to improve in their present jobs, and those residing too far from the universities, the External Degree Program (EDP) is the best solution. The EDP is a credited course of correspondence instruction being offered by the top U.S. universities -- Harvard, Columbia,

John Hopkins, Pennsylvania State, California, Wisconsin, and other private and state universities.

Graduates of EDP earn or receive similar distinction as the campus residents. The new program was started in 1971 and it is gaining acceptance among the students seeking non-traditional methods of study. Foreign applicants are admitted depending on their qualifications.

Students interested to inquire about this alternative approach to higher learning may write to: The United States Information Service, American Embassy, Manila or visit the Thomas Jefferson Cultural Center, 12 G. Araneta Blvd., Sta. Mesa, Quezon City.

A Necessity

The more college edu-

cated people in any group, community, or country, the more equipped and effective they are in accomplishing an objective or goal. As an illustration, the Jewish minority in U.S. have the highest number of successful youths than any other group of college age. One reason is that they have the highest percentage of college graduates compared to other minorities.

We are living in a world of knowledge explosion and innovation. There are various ways and means that church members can avail themselves of, according to their individual needs. As one guidance counsellor puts it, "It is no longer a question whether a student can afford to pursue higher education, but whether one can afford not to study." □

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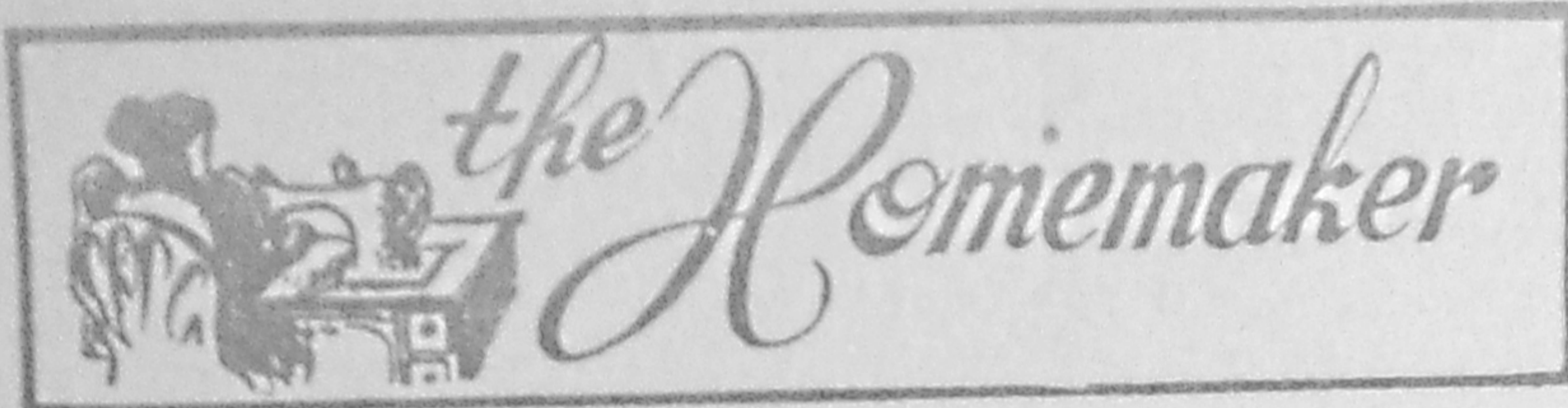
time is running out!



"SAY NOT YE, THERE ARE YET FOUR MONTHS THEN COMETH..." THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES. (JOHN 4. 35)

IN A FEW WEEKS you will start to receive letters from the Festival Office. Whatever it be, if it asks you to fill in something and "return it immediately," please do just that. RETURN IT IMMEDIATELY -- prompto, don't delay, action agad!

WE HAVE YET A LOT TO DO because of some changes for the coming Feast of Tabernacles. We are racing against time. So please cooperate. Be diligent in following instructions in the letters we will be sending you. Then we can all look forward to a tremendously wonderful Festival!



Nutritious food you can make out of soybeans.

TOKUA (Soybean Curd)

1. Sort, wash and soak ½ cup of soybeans in enough water. Allow to soak overnight. Discard soaking water.

2. Grind finely 2 cups of water.

3. Strain the soybean milk through a muslin cloth; squeeze the bag to get as much milk as possible. Discard insoluble residue. Add enough water to make four cups of milk.

4. Boil milk over a water bath and moderate heat for about an hour stirring constantly to prevent sticking at the bottom and the formation of film on the surface. Regulate the fire as overheating will curdle the mixture prematurely, resulting in a powdery instead of sticking mass.

5. To one cup of hot water add one teaspoon of gypsum (calcium sulfate, plaster of paris). Stir well.

6. Place the gypsum mixture in a container big enough to accommodate the heated milk.

7. Pour the soybean milk in the container of gypsum mixture and allow to settle for ½ to 1 hour.

8. Transfer to a colander or basket lined with cheesecloth and allow to drip.

9. Place small amounts of the bean curd in square

pieces of cheesecloth. Wrap, unwrap and re-wrap from time to time. Place

weights to allow excess water to drip out until the tokua is just sufficiently moist. Partially dry at room temperature.

Note: Tokua may also be made by coagulating the cooked milk (step 7) with one tablespoon of vinegar (4% acetic acid) instead of gypsum mixture.

Following are two ways to make vinegar out of locally available raw materials:

VINEGAR FROM COCONUT WATER

Ingredients:

8 cups coconut water
1 cup sugar
½ tsp. Fleischmann's Yeast
Ordinary vinegar from nipa or coconut sap - 1½ cups

Procedure:

Strain fresh coconut water thru muslin cloth. To eight cups of strained coco water, add one cup of refined sugar. Boil for 5 minutes. Cool in sterile glass containers and cover with paper to avoid contamination. Add ½ teaspoon of Fleischmann's Yeast and allow to ferment. (Fermentation takes about one week.) Siphon the clear solution into wide mouth sterilized glass jars. Inoculate with 1½ cups of ordinary vinegar from nipa or coconut sap which is available in the market. A thin film will grow on the surface which is a good sign. Allow to ferment at room temperature. Vinegar fermentation takes about 2-3 months.

Siphon the vinegar and pasteurize at 60°C for 10 minutes. Age in barrels, demijohns or tapayan.

BANANA VINEGAR

Ingredients:

1 part peeled ripe bananas (about 25 pcs. medium-sized)
2 parts water
¼ part sugar

Procedure:

Wash ripe bananas, peel and cut into pieces. Add water and boil for 5 minutes. Allow to stand overnight. Strain. Add sugar and heat again. Add one teaspoon of yeast for every kilo of fruits used.

Plug mouth of demijohn with a clean piece of paper and loosely cover it with a piece of cloth to protect it from dust. Allow to ferment 2-3 weeks. Siphon out clear fermented liquid to a sterilized container. Add 100 cc of mother liquor to every kilo of fruit used and

plug mouth of container with cotton and loosely cover it with a clean paper. Allow to ferment 1-2 months. Pasteurize at 70°C for 20 minutes. (Reprinted from the "SEED NEWS", Feb. 15, 1975)

Has PEANUT BUTTER become safe?

(Reprinted from the January - February issue of "Ang Mamimili" by permission of the publishers.)

In September 1973, "Ang Mamimili" published a test report on four brands of locally manufactured peanut butter, Samples of EGGO, GINA, LADY'S CHOICE and LILY's peanut butter were tested by the Food Nutrition Research Center (FNRC) on actual weight vs. label claim, moisture, protein, bacteria, yeasts, and molds, and aflatoxin.

It was on the point of aflatoxin that all four flunked, for aflatoxin concentration as high as 244 ppb (parts per billion) -- the latter content LADY'S CHOICE -- whereas the maximum level considered safe by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is 20 ppb, and by the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, 30 ppb.

The test report on peanut butter created a stir, and it was heard later that sales of peanut butter suffered. The new reader of "Ang Mamimili" may wonder why a thing like aflatoxin can kick up so much fuss.

CANCER CAUSING

Aflatoxin is defined as "a group of acutely toxic, and highly carcinogenic mold metabolites produced by Aspergillus flavus." Aflatoxin results from mold that infests peanuts which are improperly stored and handled, and no amount of cooking or processing will remove aflatoxin from peanuts. Researchers abroad show that aflatoxin causes cancer of the liver in experimental animals. The logical inference is that prolonged intake of food products infested with aflatoxin could lead to cancer.

Such results as 171 ppb or 244 ppb of aflatoxin should have been enough cause for alarm but Food and Drug administrator Luzonica M. Pesigan chose to give the peanut butter manufacturers another chance. California Manufacturing Co. (LADY'S CHOICE products), in particular, claimed that it was conducting hourly aflatoxin tests on peanut butter products picked at random from its production line, and that any sample found with a dangerously high level of aflatoxin (Please turn to page 13)

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was not released for the market, along with its entire batch or lot.

There have been a few significant developments since "Ang Mamimili's" test report on peanut butter came out more than 16 months ago. One of the brands tested, EGGO peanut butter, has since pulled out of the market, and new brands like DENNIS and LUDY'S appeared. What's more, LADY'S CHOICE recently introduced a new wrinkle in the peanut butter field -- "chocolate - flavored peanut spread," both crunchy and creamy.

All of which naturally made the Kilusan ng mga Mamimili ng Pilipinas, Ink wonder: how are these new-fangled peanut butter products fixed, aflatoxin-wise?

To find out, KMPI in November 1974 submitted three samples of each of six brands/varieties of peanut butter -- or 18 samples in all -- to the Food and Nutrition Research Center for aflatoxin content analysis: DENNIS fresh peanut butter, LADY'S CHOICE chunky peanut butter, LADY'S CHOICE chunky chocolate-flavored peanut spread, LILY'S peanut butter and LUDY'S peanut butter.

The samples were purchased with KMPI funds by YCAP volunteers from the Centro Escolar University College of Commerce at groceries and supermarkets in three different areas: downtown Manila, Makati Commercial Center, and Quezon City.

On December 10, 1974, the FNRC sent KMPI the test results, indicating thereon that they had used the Pons and Goldblatt testing method in her covering letter, the FNRC research director, noted that only LUDY'S and LILY'S peanut butter had af-

latoxin contents consistently below permissible levels.

DENNIS BOWS OUT

Following the guidelines for product testing and reporting recently set by the International Organization of Consumers Unions, of which KMPI is a voting member, KMPI wrote each of the manufacturers concerned, notifying them of the test results on their respective product only, and inviting their comments.

Pueo Hermanos, Manufacturer of DENNIS fresh peanut butter, replied that they have cancelled all orders of peanut butter for groceries and supermarkets because they could not obtain good quality peanuts in the market. Jose Ma. Pueo wrote that they had also discarded the ½ lb. plastic containers, which cracked easily, and that in future they planned to use only heavy plastic containers of 450 gram capacity.

Pueo concurred with the statement that as soon as they are able to receive fresh peanuts directly from the farms, they will start manufacturing peanut again, but before marketing it they will submit samples to the proper authority for approval.

Newborn Food Products, Inc., Manufacturer of LILY'S peanut butter, and Rayanihan Food Manufacturing, Inc., manufacturer of LUDY'S peanut butter, did not reply to the KMPI letter.

California Manufacturing Co. (CMC) sent KMPI a three-page, single-space letter with a table of their own test results on LADY'S CHOICE peanut butter samples sent by KMPI to the FNRC. CMC's chemist had gone to the FNRC laboratory and obtained remaining portions of the KMPI samples of LADY'S CHOICE so that they could

test these in their own laboratory, using the rapid BF method.

In effect, CMC challenged the validity of the FNRC test results on the ground that the Pons and Goldblatt method used by the FNRC "was developed specifically to test for aflatoxin in cottonseed products only." CMC cited a portion of the testing procedure adopted by the National Peanut Council of the U.S. stating that the C&MS laboratories of the U.S. Department of Agriculture use the rapid BF method in testing peanuts and peanut products for aflatoxin.

CMC's test results showed lower aflatoxin levels than those of FNRC, on the same LADY'S CHOICE samples. On the basis of these variances, CMC requested a re-examination of testing methodology and sought an official stand from the Food and Drug Administration on the definitive testing method for aflatoxin in peanuts and peanut products.

At a subsequent meeting attended by CMC representatives, FNRC representatives, Food and Drug Administrator Luzonica M. Pesigan, KMPI 2nd vice president Dr. Reynaldo M. Lesaca, and the editor of "Ang Mamimili," it was agreed by all present that the KMPI would purchase 5 more samples of each brand or variety of peanut butter from Manila, Makati, and Quezon City groceries. These new samples would be submitted to the FNRC for aflatoxin analysis, using the BF method insisted upon by CMC, and pooling together and homogenizing samples of the same brand and analyzing the composite for aflatoxin.

MORE SENSITIVE

It should be stressed here, that at the meeting where the chemists of FNRC

and CMC confronted each other, it came to light that the Pons and Goldblatt method used by the FNRC and debunked by CMC is not considered invalid or obsolete for aflatoxin analysis in peanuts and peanut products. The main reason why the U.S. Department of Agriculture prefers to use the rapid BF method is that the latter method is faster and relatively less expensive.

On the other hand -- and this was conceded by the chemist of CMC -- the Pons and Goldblatt method, although slower, is more thorough and more sensitive in quantifying small amounts of aflatoxin in peanut and peanut products.

Disagreement over testing procedure is one of the oldest sources of debate among professional chemists and scientists. But to prevent any further dispute, and in a gesture of goodwill and sportsmanship, KMPI and the FNRC agreed to a retest using the rapid BF method so stoutly championed by the manufacturer of LADY'S CHOICE.

In the retest, however, the FNRC took the precaution of using the Pons and Goldblatt method along with KMPI-purchased samples of peanut butter. In the covering letter with the test results, the FNRC noted that "while both methods gave comparable values on samples containing higher levels of aflatoxin, the Pons and Goldblatt method showed appreciable amounts in samples of low contamination levels although not detected by the BF method' this would only tend to dramatically show the higher degree of sensitivity of the former over the latter."

The peanut butter manufacturer's response to this would probably be that contamination levels below the permissible (Please turn to page 14)

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standards set by the U.S. FDA and U.N. FAO are toxicologically insignificant anyway, hence there is no need to use the more sensitive and more thorough Pons and Goldblatt method. And in fairness to the manufacturers, it must be admitted that the levels of aflatoxin registered in the December 1974 - January 1975 FNRC tests were below the 171 ppb and 244 ppb results reported in the September 1973 "Ang Mamimili," indicating considerable progress in their efforts to minimize aflatoxin contamination.

ZERO TOLERANCE NOT UNREALISTIC

But we would like to quote anew the stand of the Consumers Union of the U.S. on aflatoxin: "In view of the potential danger of aflatoxin, CU believes there should be mandatory inspection of all batches of peanuts

stored in warehouses and favors the adoption of a zero tolerance for aflatoxin until the weight of scientific opinion may be able to establish the validity of the concept of a 'toxicologically insignificant level.'" (Consumer Reports, May 1972)

In the July 1973 issue of Consumer Reports, CU declared: "Aflatoxin is one of a group of substances called mycotoxins, which are poisons produced by molds. ...Various mycotoxins have various effects, with greater or lesser degrees of seriousness, but aflatoxin is one of the most powerful carcinogens (cancer-causing substances) ever tested in animal.

"Although its carcinogenic potential in humans has only been inferred, laboratory rats have developed a high incidence of liver cancer on a diet with levels as low as 0.15 ppb of aflatoxin.

"Any food additive shown to be carcinogenic in laboratory animals must

be banned by the FDA, as were the cyclamates in 1970. Aflatoxin is not an additive per se, but rather a natural contaminant. That fact, however, makes it no less carcinogenic.

"Zero aflatoxin is without doubt attainable. Of the 50 samples of commercial peanut butter we tested last year, about 80 per cent did not exhibit the presence of aflatoxin. But the frightening corollary, of course, is that we did find aflatoxin in about 20 per cent of the samples and 3 ppb in another. Those levels are considerably below the FDA guideline of 20 ppb, but there is no evidence that 20 ppb is safe -- indeed, that any level at all is safe.

"...But again, consumers should be guarded against having to tolerate any aflatoxin at all. The director of the FDA's Bureau of Foods, Dr. Virgil O. Wodicka, has said that 'the regular consumption of (aflatoxin-bearing

foods) over an extended period can lead to liver cancer, and there is considerable indirect evidence that it does in some countries."

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Perhaps some brethren feel that the minister's ideas on dating and marriage are just Church of God theology. To show you that others can recognize what should be obvious, we have reprinted here an article by theologian Bob Garon which appeared in the Daily Express at the beginning of April. As I say "Amen" to this article, I hope our single people will realize that I haven't just been "spouting off words" at our meetings. (Editor)

Maturity is still the key factor in marriage

THERE ARE MANY factors that go into the making of an unhappy marriage. The most significant, in my opinion, is immaturity. There are far too many kids getting married. And here, I'm not speaking of kids 15 or 16 years of age only. I'm talking about grownups who have never REALLY matured emotionally and psychologically.

What do I mean by maturity? I mean the full development of all resources to capacity for any age. More specifically, a mature 14-year-old boy is one whose resources have been as fully developed as possible for one his age.

The older a person is, the greater the demands laid on him. A 20-year-old woman is expected to behave more maturely than a 10-year-old

and considerably less than a 50-year-old.

SOME PEOPLE have a terrible time adjusting to the demands of mature living. And in friendship and marriage this can be and usually is disastrous. Countless friendships have been destroyed because of the absence of maturity. And how often have I watched marriages go onto the rocks because of the inability of an immature spouse to cope with the many problems and adjustments encountered in married life! In fact, everytime I discover that immaturity is at the very root of the problem, I get this sinking feeling in my heart because I know that chances are slim that things will eventually work themselves out. The only remedy for immaturity is maturity. And that must necessarily be a long drawn out

process that is much more difficult to acquire than it sounds.

For this reason, it is of vital importance that we understand the role that maturity plays in preparing for marriage. People think I'm a fortune-teller because I often predict with amazing accuracy the breakup of a marriage or a courtship. In a way, they're right. I CAN often see into the future because I can identify the obvious. Just as an expert mechanic KNOWS that a faulty automobile will never make it to Baguio, so does the experienced counselor know that such and such a marriage will never survive because of a glaring lack of maturity on the part of one or both spouses.

THE CHURCH AND THE STATE are one in their belief that a

minimum degree of maturity must be present before two people can contract marriage. That is why there is a minimum age requirement for males (16) and females (14). Perhaps the minimum should be raised. We live in times of rapid change. Young people find it more difficult to adapt to the social, psychological and emotional stresses of our day.

Greater maturity is demanded at an earlier age. People are finding it hard to keep up. Not a few are even rushing into marriage totally unprepared and unqualified in the desperate hope that perhaps the exchange of vows before the altar of God will bring about an answer to their countless problems. The result is usually disaster. Maturity is still the number one requirement for successful living. There is really no substitute for it.

PASSOVER NEGLECT can be DEADLY!

By Edmond D. Macaraeg

(Editor's Note: Just after this year's Passover we came up with statistics which showed that far too many of our members are not observing the Passover! Read this article and see the danger you are facing and how to escape it.)

Over three hundred baptized members in God's Church in the Philippines and/or one or more members of their family would have surely DIED of a mysterious midnight death and not have lived to see the light of dawn since March 26 this year -- IF we were living in Egypt on the day just before the Exodus! It is sobering and shocking but it is true!

Imagine This Scenario

As surely as there was death in every bitterly wailing Egyptian home (including their animals) so would there have been much heart-breaking anguish among God's people. Cause? Simple Passover neglect of those members this year.

The following day could have been a great day of sorrow, mourning and grief for most of us for they were people we know! They were old friends, neighbors, or even relatives of some. What's more, there is one or more deaths within those families who did not observe this command! Yet the painful fact is that they died needlessly. Their death was utterly useless, almost purposeless. There was no supreme cause for sacrifice nor battle to win to merit those deaths! Apart from grief, our hearts are filled with a totally empty but heavy frustration.

Adequate Warnings Given

All we could do was shake our heads in exasperating disbelief. Ade-

quate and advance warnings and instructions were given but they simply did not heed it. For those of us in the ministry, our sorrow would have been compounded with great pain by the realization of the fact that we did all we could to save them from dying -- but they would NOT respond! They were too stubbornly careless and seemed just too lazy to live! It is too much of an ironical paradox for the mind to grapple with such an idea. But we must wake up to the cruel fact!

Apart from considering what was already published in our booklets, magazines, correspondence courses and other publications on the subject of God's Holy Days, we have personally done what we can to add to all these.

February last year, Mr. Adair wrote an article in the Contact titled, "Will You Take the Passover?" He outlined the danger to one who takes the Passover lightly and proceeded to answer each of the excuses given. He concluded with a strong warning and admonition. Two months after, in the April issue, I wrote another article clarifying some common misunderstandings on this observance -- to help emphasize the points.

December of last year (even before January of this year came) we started thinking of a way to remind our members. So we designed an advertisement in the Contact to appear on the very first issue of 1975. Again considering that some might miss it we repeated the ad in the February issue. On top of that Mr. Adair (as his custom is concerning ap-

proaching Feast Days) wrote a personal letter reminding and giving specific instructions concerning the first Holy Days. And we know the letters are being received.

Yet, in spite of all these about 341 baptized members in the Philippines have NOT observed Passover this year!

Time To Wake Up And Act

Brethren, it's about time we wake up to the REALITY of these things. Those who did not observe Passover in Egypt died a mere physical death. They still have their chance. But those of us in God's Church who are baptized members and who neglect or refuse to observe the Passover would surely DIE from a destruction which will be permanent. It is not mere physical suffering and death. For us this is our only chance -- and no other.

Those who can still be shocked to act on making their salvation sure (II Pet. 1:10), here is what you can do. (Those insensitive might already be totally dead.)

1. Get a copy of our calendar outlining the Annual Holy Days of God. If you still do not have one write for it TODAY before you forget again. (One single copy outlines all of God's Holy Days several years in advance already.)
2. At the very start of every calendar year (or now for those who have not done it yet) mark immediately all the dates where God's Holy Days fall. Plan all your activities

for the year in consideration of God's Holy Days as PRIORITIES -- first above anything else!

3. Review our literature on the meaning of each of the Holy Days and what is to be done during those days. We can almost be sure that those who failed to observe the Passover also failed to keep the Days of Unleavened Bread! The spiritual intent of putting sin out of our lives should have at least been reflected in our physical obedience to the commandments of God -- which those who did not observe the recent Holy Days have not done!
4. Be conscious and keep looking forward to each of these Holy Days as they come throughout the year -- not being caught, overtaken, reminded of, or even totally miss them as has happened to so many.
5. Be sure to READ and UNDERSTAND the letters from the ministry that came to you. Part of your daily study should include reading and studying the publications of this Work as the PT, GN, booklets, etc. Show your involvement by getting to know what is happening in the Work. Also, go through every page of the CONTACT -- lest you miss something very important. What you missed might later cost your life!

I have outlined the above in a very simple step by step manner to be sure you know and understand what is to be done. Could it be that we have given some of you complicated "meat" when you consider yourself still babes in Christ? Hopefully not, (Please turn to page 16)

PASSOVER... cont'd.

nevertheless, here is simple "milk" this time.

Your True Accountability

Always remember this. You are not worshipping to please Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Adair, neither the Church or Headquarters, nor the ministers. You worship God alone and the relationship is directly between You and God. You answer God standing on your own! All our labor is aimed just in helping, guiding, and encouraging you so that hopefully none will fail in his calling.

In fact, if we are really, converted, growing spiritually, and ever desirous in pleasing God, we do not need to be reminded or corrected of these very simple and very basic things continually! It is about time we are now able to rule ourselves and our affairs if we ever hope to rule in the World Tomorrow! Unless God sees that we qualify in these basic little things we will NEVER be given authority over greater things (Luke 19:17).

Christ's Verdict is: "DEAD"

If you are one who failed to observe the recent Passover properly, God said you have no life in You! (John 6:53). You can reason and argue with all your might to dispute this, but the FACT still stands, Christ said "you have no life in you." That is His pronouncement -- His verdict! In very plain words YOU ARE DEAD-- only that you are more dead (spiritually speaking) than those Egyptians during Moses' time. However, Satan and your human nature would like you to believe that Christ did not mean what He said, just as he deceived Adam

and Eve saying, "you shall not surely die." If Satan could make you believe this, he can cause you not to act and obey God's command to observe the Passover! Then he can outwit you so you will have no life! And also, if he can make you believe you were not wrong and there is no need to repent of it -- surely you would not repent. Then -- sin that is unrepented of cannot be forgiven -- and you will DIE for it. (Luke 13:3 and repeated in verse 5.) You see now how insidious and clever Satan's tactics are in trying to destroy you?

The Passover is so important to God such that Christ specifically mentioned that it will be one of the important things Christ will take with us in the Kingdom! (See Mat. 26:29 and Mk. 14:25). Also reread my article in the April 1975 issue of the Contact, "The Second Passover."

Passover -- Deadly?

One thing is certain. As surely as the lives of the Israelites who observed the Passover were spared, it was at the same time surely 100% deadly to all the Egyptians who did not keep it. As surely as in taking the Passover Christ promised life in you -- not observing it will earn you the opposite: DEATH! So, unless you repent and change and start keeping the Passover as God commanded you, Christ's verdict will surely stand! There is no other alternative.

I have showed you once again the danger of neglecting the Passover and how you may escape it. Christ wants to give you life through it. At the same time Satan wants you dead without it -- and much more, without your knowing it. But now you know! WHAT WILL YOU DO?

CHILDREN'S CLUB TOURS
NAYONG PILIPINO

By Carol Layug

A 21-gun salute thundered to welcome 46 children and 35 adults to scenic Nayong Pilipino for the Children's Club's Party (actually a half-day tour of the Philippines in miniature), held on Sunday, April 13. Coincidentally, Romanian President and Mrs. Ceausescu left Philippine soil so that the gun sounds were as much a farewell for them as they were a welcome for the Club.

The rather large group stalked the Bicol region first and despite the scorching sun, the children took to the inviting summer baked grass and played Cat and Mouse, Skip Race and Touch Ball. Not to be left behind, the "liberated" adults, (fathers who chaperoned their kids) slipped into sack bags and romped in a race

against the boys. (Guess who won? The boys!) The very hot weather exhausted energies quickly. But cool, refreshing soft drinks, ice cream and sandwiches quickly revitalized everyone.

Soon, restless feet treked the way to the boating area, the next stop-over and highlight of the tour. Everybody wanted to give it a try. Before each one could be accommodated, however, the sun had become too intolerable for delicate skins, though some of the kids enjoyed a second trip around the lake.

The tour of the Philippines was cut short with only the Bicol area actually explored because of lack of time. The kids look forward to the rest of the itinerary but meanwhile, it was time to go home with their excitement, and their sunburn. □



A shot of the children at "Nayan" while playing "DODGE Ball." (Photo by C. Binuya)

Finally- A SUMMER CAMP IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Edmond D. Macaraeg

Challenging Activities

For organization and effective administration, the campers are divided into four groups: the boys are divided into two groups and the girls also are divided into two groups. These prospective campers have already attended an orientation meeting in preparation for the Summer Camp. The following is a brief run down of activities they are looking forward to.

On arrival early the first day, campers will receive quarter assignments after which they proceed to clean, organize and get settled. An introductory lesson on swimming will follow. After cooking their own lunch, the first afternoon schedule brings them to an educational tour of the area. First stop will be the International Rice Research Institute which is supported by the Rockefeller and Ford Foundations, the USAID, among many other agencies and governments. Aside from attending an audio-visual slide presentation of the whole rice research program in their very modern air-conditioned auditorium, they will be touring the whole IRRI complex. From there, they will proceed to tour the beautiful U.P. Los Banos campus and then to the Botanical gardens and swimming pools in the U.P. College of Forestry where they will take their afternoon dip for the day.

Back in camp, in the evening after dinner, they

will watch an outdoor show of several educational films. Retirement to quarters during these camp days is scheduled at 9 pm, where they can read, relax or play quiet games. Lights out will be 9:30.

Second Day in Camp

The hectic and fun-filled schedule begins early the second day at the first blow of the whistle at 5:30 am. However, that is just a signal for those who wish to be up for morning prayer in their own quarters. The real bustle of activity starts with the double blast of whistle at 6:00 am for the morning exercises for all. After the early morning routine of: preparing breakfast, camp clean-up, personal hygiene and eating of breakfast, each group will be inspected according to exacting camp standards.

Program for the day begins at eight in the morning. First part this second day will be basic first aid lessons. This will be followed by learning the tricks of outdoor cooking (this time without using conventional utensils). In the afternoon, they will learn the basics of compass and map reading as well as determining heights and distances again without the use of conventional measuring devices. These skills will be needed in their nature and adventure hike the following day. After the afternoon swim and

evening meals, there will be a campfire program with numbers supplied by two of the four groups. A brief star study will follow before they retire for the night.

Third Day Highlight

The third day will feature the final highlight which is the adventure and nature hike. Here they will apply the skills learned the previous day. Compass and map reading will help them in the game of treasure hunting. Being far from their quarters, they will cook their noon meal without the use of usual cooking utensils. There will also be hypothetical first aid cases which they are to handle on their return back to camp. After the afternoon swim and supper routine, the evening's campfire program will be sponsored by the other two groups. This will be followed by a sing-along and awarding of prizes.

Right after the morning routine and breakfast on the fourth day they break and clean-up camp. After the last inspection campers leave for home.

This year's first summer camp is being organized and will be directed by yours truly -- acting on Mr. Colin Adair's instructions. I will be assisted by Mr. Bien Macaraeg, Jr., who will serve as executive assistant; and Mrs. Concepcion Nuestro as commissary officer and chaperon for the girls.

It is hoped that the lessons, training, and adventure campers will experience in the summer camp will help build them into better individuals and leaders.

You have just read the account of an advance glimpse into the first summer camp in the Philippines. Hope you wished us "Happy Camping!"

For the first time in the history of the Church in the Philippines, we are holding a three-day Summer Camp for Church Teen-agers (boys and girls) on April 28-30 this year at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Makiling National Scout Reservation at Los Banos, Laguna. This same area was the former site of the Tenth World Jamboree in July 1959 where 59 countries around the world were represented.

An Ideal Setting

Commonly known as the "Jamboree Site" in the locality of Los Banos, this Scout Reservation is not far from the University of the Philippine College of Agriculture and Forestry. Situated at an elevation near the foot of famous Mt. Makiling, this site overlooks the Laguna de Bay (largest lake in the Philippines) from where cool and gentle breezes blow. Set amidst the natural and rustic setting of plants, trees, birds and other animals, this site is an ideal setting place for a camp -- especially during summer. Asphalted winding roads, flowering shrubs and gardens, conference halls and dormitory type buildings all characterize the area. Facilities include two of the biggest, beautifully constructed and landscaped modern swimming pools. One is for children and beginners while the other is for more advanced swimmers. The invitingly, blue and white reflections of the pool's water will be enjoyed by the campers in a daily swim which is part of their scheduled activity.

The campers who signed up this year will enjoy the comfort of shower and flush toilet facilities and at least sleep on beds -- (even if it's not cushioned.)

SPORTS

Whites Nip Oranges

The invulnerable Oranges tragically collided in their sweated attempt to conquer the second round after being closely trimmed by the stagnating Whites in their "belt to belt" encounter last April 12 at the Makati Polytechnic College hardcourt.

Yadao rapidly triggered 11 scores in the first quarter to topple the lead despite Parane's 8 easily driven blast in the openings, coasting a 20-17 margin for the Whites' advantage in the first half.

5'11" Teng and eagle-swift Dorado gyved four points to open the second half and grapple the lead in the first 5 minutes. The ferocious attacks of the Oranges caused a constant erroneous performance of the Whites. The colorless bombers, shivered by the drastic feverish altercation, were thrust down 5 points behind in the first quarter. Then Yadao, to the crowd's amazement, switched a shattering 7 blows to grab the control in an edging 36-35 mark but was instantly covered by a sharp uncontrollable Matriano. A continuous retaliation occurred in the remaining minutes. Parane sank his 2 charities to a 48-47 margin yet Baylosis employed a fastbreak fed to Yadao and repelled the 1 point lead. Teng who

maneuvered a subtle fowl bit lost a winning chance for the Oranges after missing 2 charities in the last 5 seconds.

The Oranges lost their evening to the Whites in a shearing score, 49-48. It was their second defeat in the second round firstly to the Greens in their skirmish last March 22 at the YMCA hardcourt.

Blues Whip Greens

Blues emerged with 2 victories after trampling the Greens in their match for the second round. Spiralling with an avalanche of scores in the opening, Blue cagers maneuvered a 10-point lead at the end of the first half. Greens striving to fill the gap failed to attain a close distance in almost

the entirety of the game. Ploquinto banged in 18 points in the second half constructing an unbridgeable margin to the Greens' quandary. P. Chu who excelled in the rebounds and interceptions to diminish the Greens' calamity could not hamper the Blues' irresistible invasions. The spiralling lead was chopped down by a short but futile recovery in the last three minutes but nonetheless, the Greens couldn't hinder the Bluish victory with a 48-42 score.

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CURRENT TEAM STANDING FOR THE SECOND ROUND (As of April 12)

	WIN	LOSS
BLUES	2	0
WHITES	2	1
ORANGES	0	2
GREENS	1	2
MAROONS	0	1
GOLDS	1	0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD SHOW

BIBLE STUDIES -- May 14, 28 (Wed.), 7:00 p.m., GSP Auditorium, Padre Faura, Manila.

MONTHLY MOVIE -- May (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 -- May 6, 20, (Tue.), 6:45 p.m., Ambascos Office, Manila.

LUCENA CITY PLAIN TRUTH LECTURE -- May 4 (Sun.) 10 a.m. & 2 p.m., 1st & 2nd lectures respectively. Girl's Scout Conference Hall (Near Capitol Bldg.).

MINISTERIAL EDUC. & TRAIN. CLASS -- (exclusively for class members)

May 13, 27, 7:00 p.m., Adairs' residence.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT -- May 10, 24, 7:00 p.m. (Watch for announcement of details during Sabbath Services).

CHESS TOURNAMENT -- every Thursday, 6-8 p.m., Ambascos Club Room, Ambascos Office.

BAPTISING SCHEDULE -- May 11, 8:30 a.m. 1588 Camino de la Fe, Guadalupe, Makati, Rizal.

PENTECOST -- May 18 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., SSS Social Hall (2nd floor), SSS Bldg., East Avenue, Quezon City (bring your lunch).

CHURCH DANCE -- May 25 (International and historical costumes as basic theme) 7:00 p.m.

at the R. Magsaysay Center Auditorium Admission P5.00 which includes snacks.

ALL DAY SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

BAGUIO CITY -- 9:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sabbath of the month, (during summer meeting place will be) -Business Development Training Center, Kayang Street, Hilltop.

URDANETA -- 9:00 a.m., 1st & 3rd Sabbath of the month, Agri. Cred. Adm. (ACA) Farmers' Hall, Nancayasan, Urdaneta, Pangasinan.

CEBU CITY -- 10:00 a.m. May 31, June 28, Aug. 30 Teachers Assembly Hall, (in front of West Visayas State College).

NAGA CITY -- 10:00 a.m. June 21, August 23, Lindez Hotel (2nd fl.)

By Lili Acosta

Manila, March 30 -- The 1975 Days of Unleavened Bread was punctuated with a two-hour musical happenings by talented members from the Manila Church. "All in the Family," a fusion of the music, songs and dance of the now and then generations was staged at the GSP Auditorium, Sunday, March 30 at 7:30 P.M.

A revival of the long-time musical hits such as Charleston, Tap Dance and the Gypsy Rose dance immediately brought back nostalgic memories of grandpa's and grandma's happy days. Reminiscent also of their time were an array of hit tunes like When or When, Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, Noche Azul, etc. Four grass-skirted girls in different colors danced to (Please turn to page 19)

LETTERS TO EDITOR

FROM BATANGAS

Surely we keep on growing! February issue had a circulation of 1,100 -- a 10% increase.

Through the pages of the CONTACT the scattered brethren are kept abreast of the latest news in the Philippine Work and join the Manila Church vicariously in their fun-filled activities. The recent instruction on the referendum issue was a very enlightening one.

Every column and news are hurriedly and voraciously devoured as soon as received. From the Personal to the Announcements, from the lead article to the Letters to the Editor, from the Manila News to the Provincial News, from Sports to Business Talk, from Human Resources Information to the Homemaker, from the special news to notices and poems -- all these are greatly received with thanksgiving and with a prayer that all those behind this wonderful work be more blessed,

inspired and given more guidance, strength and determination to keep on.

Laureano de los Reyes
Balayan, Batangas

FROM AUSTRALIA

Mr. Reg Platt (Pastor of Melbourne South Church) passes his copy of "CONTACT" to me (I, in turn, pass it on to others). When expressing my appreciation of the paper, Mr. Platt suggested I write to you on his behalf, as well as my own, saying thank you indeed for a very fine newspaper.

It's great to read of the Work being done via Bible Studies and lectures in the Philippines and the brethren's personal writings build a love within us for them all.

Mr. Platt said he hopes to visit you again sometime.

Please continue to send the "CONTACT" to keep us (in Melbourne, Australia) in contact. Much love to all the brethren in the Philippines.

Mrs. Don H. Williams
Chadstone, Vic. 3148
Australia

DUB SHOW...cont'd

the refreshing tune of my little Grass Shack in "Shua, Hawaii." The late steps of the Lambo dance was exhibited by Annie Nicolas and Company.

To add spice to the show, a non-dialogue, rib-tickling skit entitled "The Prodigal Son," brought hilarious laughter from the audience. It dramatized the travails of a pregnant wife and the excitement of a father-to-be. To the delight of every one, the son entered the scene as a grown-up already suckling his milk bottle.

The feet-stamping music of the Diplomats Combo opened up the third por-

tion of the show with psychedelic lights beaming off and on. Modern songs like Someone, Touch Me In The Morning, I Honestly Love You, Reach Out For Me were also featured. Athos and Suzette did their own version of the latest in dance craze -- The Twelve Steps.

Other music-makers were the Larks, Caridad Cutaran, Precy Cardona, Philip and Peter Khalid, Gil Llanceza, Mrs. Concepcion Mirto, and others. Rounding up the presentation was a message of "Put A Little Love In Your Heart," from the Manila Church Chorale.

The musicale was produced by Fil Santos with Pete Melendez as the musical director. □

BUSINESS TALK

The status of the first account continues to increase both on the income and on the expense side as of the end of March 1975.

According to plans, the expected income and the projected expense should have arrived at 75% by the end of the third quarter of the fiscal year. How have we done so far?

Actual figures as of March 31, 1975 are as follows:

INCOME: The actual cumulative income received for the past nine months was 86.4%. An overshoot difference of 11.4% was encouraging to note. I would like to mention in passing that the co-workers and donors donated 35.35% of the total income for the month of March. They used to give an average of 25% only as shown in the 1974 reports. The 11.4% overshoot income was 0.6% more than the last eight cumulative months ending February 28, 1975. Partly the increase was the result of the first Holy Day offerings of the Days of Unleavened Bread last March 27.

EXPENSE: Many of you perhaps have received your first issue (April 1975) of the New Plain Truth format. This was first PT ever in history to be printed locally. And just like any other publications this one too involves money. Not only the printing, both the processing and mailing as well. This was the primary reason why the cumulative expense for the last nine months rose to 78.1% -- 3.1% more than what was

budgeted. Compared to the last eight months ending February 28, this expense for the last nine months was 0.5% more.

DEFICIT: The cumulative deficit for the last nine months went up to 28.1% -- 8.6% more than the last eight cumulative months. However, compared to the projected 75%, there is still a big gap of 46.9% representing less deficit for the period. The actual deficit now stands at ₱40,120.00. Last month it was ₱27,730.00. All the difference of ₱12,390.00 was spent for the April Plain Truth. Of course this was not the only expense but more.

ANALYSIS: Beginning this month the expenses, no doubt, will continue to increase due to the local printing and mailing of the Plain Truth magazine. But this was taken into consideration last November 1974 when the budget was revised. In fact a deficit budget was planned.

The best solution to the ever increasing expense is the continuous financial support of the co-workers and donors. The month of March showed just that. Letters received from both for the last three months show the following trend: January - 337, February - 362, and March - 396.

If the co-workers and donors would continue to increase in number, donations from them naturally would increase too. Their contributions would surely be of a great help to our reserve which we hope won't be depleted very much. (M. M. Maninang)

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