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A HAPPY
FEAST OF TABERNACLES!!!

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NAGA LECTURE BREAKS ALL RECORDS



THE BEST YET! — In the tradition of the Feast of Tabernacles, which gets better each year, Mr. Adair's lecture in Naga was the best ever. He is shown here in top form speaking before



515 people at the Sta. Isabel College Auditorium. For more photos and stories, see page 5 and 6. (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero).

by Ric Perez
NAGA CITY, August 24. The Naga City "campaign" was so far the most successful Plain Truth lecture Mr. Adair has conducted in the various key cities of the country. We had the single biggest attendance on record with a total of 515 people attending the lecture last August 23 at the Colegio de Sta. Isabel Auditorium.

The lecture was preceded by a 16 minutes film showing Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong, the Ambassador for World Peace. Afterwards Mr. Pike Mirto, the Executive Assistant of the Regional Director, introduced the guest lecturer, Mr. Colin Adair, thereupon proceeded to deliver the main message for that evening. He was able to hold the attention of the audience as he gave them a very clear description of the world we live in, the ever present threat of nuclear annihilation, worldwide famine, global pollution, overpopulation, and the increasing frequency of natural calamities. At times he was able to elicit a favorable response from the listeners by his very incisive analysis of the ridiculous and oftentimes illogical government policies on nuclear disarmament and arms limitation program.

The message was powerpacked and I've never seen such inspired speaking. It took much courage, guidance, and God's spirit to give such "strong meat" to unconverted people who had never heard the true gospel personally preached and expounded. Due to a revision of the format for the lecture, our minister presented a condensed message (formerly two separate lectures) in one hour thereby enabling the crowd present to receive the bad news and the good news in one complete lecture.

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We also expect to have some visitors from other countries like Australia (7), Japan (6), and Sabah (1).

With these local Feast sites in mind, plus the literally dozens of Feast sites worldwide, we should be able to visualize tens of thousands, in fact, in upwards of eighty thousand people of like mind who will come again, in deep gratitude, for the opportunity to learn more of the Way. By applying wholeheartedly whatever Feast instructions there are, we should be able to "best ever" the best ever Feasts in the past. (Jun Rustia)

Current Events

from

Colin Adair

August 20: In just a few hours I will be leaving for the Bicol region. This may prove to be the largest campaign yet for reaching new people. It will be a busy weekend, but a rewarding one. The first event will be a courtesy call with the Mayor of Naga City. This will be followed in the evening by a press conference with the leading newspapers in the region. On Friday morning I will be speaking to the students (about 2000) of the Santa Isabel College on the usual subject of modern dating. The afternoon lecture is not yet final, but there's possibility I will speak to a civic group on the subject of Crime and its' origin. On Friday evening we drive to Iriga City for a half-hour interview on TV, simulcast with five radio stations in the region. This is the "Pulong Pulong sa Kaunlaran" government program. This is the first (but hopefully not the last) time we have been invited to speak on the government controlled network and the audience will be in the region of 1.5 million. The program will be a panel show, with five station managers asking me questions about Ambassador College and the kind of work we are doing in the Philippines.

On sabbath we will have the Bible study and service for the brethren there, although I will let Mr. Mirto give the sermon so I can rest. The P.T. lecture will begin at 6:30 pm. with the showing of Mr.

Armstrong's film of his Philippine visit in 1974. We will have a follow-up meeting on Sunday morning before leaving for Manila again. Hopefully, a full write-up of the events in more detail will appear in this issue. I believe we will hold up the publishing until we return with the results.

The Feast of Tabernacles is fast approaching and already we have over 1,220 registered to come to Baguio. If everyone turns up (some might not if weather is bad) this will be a record attendance for Baguio. The Festival Office is having a few headaches trying to accommodate everyone! This year we don't expect any visiting minister, but as I have been saying jokingly in Manila, I could qualify as the visiting minister because I am away quite a bit from the Manila church, having the lectures and the outlying area churches to visit! And of course I was absent last year from Baguio. We are also expecting about twenty guests from other parts of the world, including the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, and Japan. As this will be the last CONTACT before the Feast I hope all of you will have an enjoyable time and that you will especially benefit from the concentration of spiritual food handed out during the eight days. Don't forget to pray for good weather for all three sites in the country.

Some of you have been

inquiring more about the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF). We will be receiving out to you as soon as we get them. All the information about the AICF, how you can have a part in it, and the way you can obtain the new

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20th University Lecture Held in CEU

MANILA, About eight hundred students (95% women) jam-packed the 500-seater auditorium of Centro Escolar University to hear Mr. Colin Adair's 20th University Lecture last Friday, July 18, 1975.

The usual subject on Love, Courtship and Marriage which was the first of its kind in this university, held the audience spellbound for about an hour. Among other university officials which backed up the lecture were Mrs. Maria Ayuyao, Vice-President for Student Affairs who made the opening remarks, Mrs. Matilde Ampil, Social Arts Department Head who introduced the speaker, and Mrs. Helen Torrijos of the university's High School Department.

Although Mr. Adair has spoken as much as 20 times on the same subject in different colleges and universities, he still bounces with the same fire and enthusiasm he had the first time he gave the subject. And although the subject has been the same since the beginning, the delivery has not always been the same. Now, unlike then, it is modified, to suit the changing times, and is refined and polished. Johnny Logroño

New Feast Sites Added

In Baguio City, while the last line of the hymn was being sung last year, we all probably began to longingly look forward to another Feast. With heavy hearts we left the Feast site and waited for seemingly endless months. But those eager months of waiting, of running "Feast Fever", and even those feverish (nay, nightmarish) preparations for activities are to end at last. The Feast is here once again.

We are lucky enough to have three Feast sites. In addition to Baguio City, jokingly-dubbed as the "Squaw Valley of the Philippines" which most if not all of us are familiar with are the new Feast sites in Mindanao. Cagayan de Oro City offers the Bulakefia Beach Resort. We were able to add this site largely as a result of Mr. Encardio Benitez' efforts.

Another addition is the Girl Scout of the Philippines Regional Camping and Training Center in Davao City. As Mr. Colin Adair said in his April 28, 1975 letter, "Mr. Marciano Moning has made arrangements for this GSP Regional Center to be used during the Feast from the second day on. First Holy Day will be at Tagum. Good playgrounds, educational parks and a beach within walking distance are offered in this area."

Expected to attend this year are an estimated 1,700 adults children, according to the Festival Office. Baguio City hopes to have 1,200 in attendance; Cagayan de Oro, 300; and Davao City, 200.



MEMOIRS

by Carol Layug



THE FAD THEN — Before basketball became popular with the brethren, they went for volleyball as did these enthusiasts during the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City, circa 1970 A.D.

Women's Club "C" Meeting

Women's Club-C had its first meeting last July 6, at 10 Aries, Bel-Air with Mrs. Presy Cardona as hostess, Mrs. Asuncion Talon as co-hostess and Miss Mercy David as table topics mistress. The topics were the International Women's Year and the Role of Women as Homemaker.

The second meeting was held last August 10. In spite of the heavy rain and the winds, the eager participants came to listen to Mrs. Rose Laxamana, the hostess, Miss Connie Mandap, co-hostess and Miss Lili Acosta, table topics mistress. The topic was Nutrition.

Mrs. Margaret Adair, our Directress, opened both meetings with a brief welcome and a very encouraging warm smile.

The ladies showed enthusiasm, group rapport and interaction in

both meetings. Sharing ideas and ideals, and serving the brethren are the objectives of the club which was clearly manifested in the business section, where we plan to put up some surprises at the Feast of Tabernacles. In the Handy Hints portion the housewives, as well as the single ladies, shared some worthwhile household tips.

Equally entertaining were the challenging questions given by the table topics mistress. Then it was followed by a delightful merienda.

Both meetings were rewarding and the afternoon was fruitful. The members of Women's Club-C are looking forward to October 12, starring Miss Carol Layug, as hostess, Miss Joie Medina, as co-hostess and Mrs. Chu as table topics mistress.

(Ofelia Limpoco)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANILA SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

- SABBATH SERVICE — Sept. 13, 1:00 P.M. GSP Auditorium, P. Faura, Manila
- FEAST OF TRUMPETS — Sept. 6 (Sat.), 10:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M., SSS Social Hall, Quezon City
- DAY OF ATONEMENT — Sept. 15 (Mon.) 10:00 A.M., GSP Auditorium, P. Faura, Manila.
- BIBLE STUDY — Sept. 3 (Wed.), 7:00 P.M., GSP Auditorium
- BAPTIZING SCHEDULE — Sept. 8 (Watch for announcement of details at services on Sept. 6)
- WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING: Club B — Sept. 2, Oct. 7 (Tues. 7:00 P.M.; Club A — Oct. 26 (Sun.), 2:00 P.M.; Club C — Oct. 12 (Sun.), 2:00 P.M. All at 10 Aries, Bel-Air, Makati, Rizal.

SABBATH SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

- BAGUIO CITY — Sept. 13, 9:00 A.M., Sept. 15 (Day of Atonement), 9:00 A.M., Quirino Hall, Junior Mess, Teachers' Camp
- URDANETA — Sept. 6 (Feast of Trumpets), 10:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M. Sept. 15 (Day of Atonement), 10:00 A.M., Oct. 4, 24, 10:00 A.M. ACA Farmers' Hall, Nancayasan, Urduyeta
- CEBU CITY — Sept. 6 (Feast of Trumpets), 10:00 A.M., 2:00 P.M., Sept. 15 (Day of Atonement), 10:00 A.M., Oct. 4, 24, 10:00 A.M., Town and Country Restaurant, Mezzanine, Osmeña Blvd. Town and Country Restaurant, Mezzanine, Osmeña Blvd.
- ILOILO CITY — (No services in September) Oct. 18 (notice change of date), 9:30 A.M., Social and Cultural Hall, Division of City Schools Bldg., Mabini-Gen. Luna Sts. Public Lecture by Mr. Colin Adair Oct. 18 (Sat.), 6:30 P.M. and Oct. 19 (Sun.), 9:00 A.M., University of Iloilo Auditorium, Iloilo City.
- NAGA CITY — Oct. 18, 10:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M. Lindez Hotel Deck (3rd Floor)

OUTLYING BIBLE STUDIES

- SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA — Sept. 7, Oct. 5, 9:30 A.M., St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's Academy
- DAGUPAN CITY — (No meetings in September) Oct. 4, 18, 2:00 P.M., Teachers' Memorial Hall
- LUCENA CITY — (No meeting in September) Oct. 19, 9:30 A.M., GSP Auditorium (in front of CFI)
- CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY — Oct. 4 (Sat.) 10:00 A.M. Ambassador Hotel

Happy anniversary to one and all! And for those who pioneered the first 10 historic years of the Church of God, congratulations! It's been a decade since the church held its first Sabbath service of around 50 people at the YMCA in September, 1965. Today around 550 people at the GSP Auditorium jostle their way past each other after the service. A 1000% increase! But the quantitative growth, although most obvious, is not the only difference between now and then. For one thing, the deacon didn't have to use a counting device to check the attendance. Quality-wise, who could better discern the change than those who have lived through it all.

"Oh how different things were back then!" everyone would exclaim behind nostalgic smiles. And why not — they were so few then they knew each other's personal life, each one's calling and trials. Life was an open book. Every meeting was a much awaited reunion where the absence of one member evoked worry and much concern. A new face was a discovery. Such was their "first love" — truly deep and overwhelming. Not only for people but for the Truth. They were like hungry infants needing to be fed and to be closely looked after. The longer the sermon the better they appreciated it, it seemed. Bible studies were held weekly signifying closer interval of feeding.

In turn, they looked up to and respected the minister so much his word was law. His opinion was sought for matters like transferring to another house. Perfection was impressed upon them — even the alignment of chairs for the services. Here was the only place they could learn a new way of life that was totally apart from the world they originally belonged to. As the foundational Church they had to be taught, disciplined, trained to be strong, to lead and to be a silent and implicit influence on everyone who would come in later.

On the one hand we of the new generation ought to be thankful to these pioneers, since they bore

the brunt of learning from their own mistakes while experiencing their "firsts." On the other hand, it was a sorry miss for us because it could have been fun, after all. For instance, when Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ortiguero came back from Pasadena in 1967, that was the only time "modern dating" was introduced to the young people. They couldn't be as enterprising and daring as our teenagers today in this regard because they didn't have time for marriage. Anyway, it's already the end time so they reasoned. Dating was not the "in" thing. Women huddled with women and men lumped with men. It wasn't necessarily a wrong practice but if the state of affairs stayed that way, the Church couldn't grow from within. So the first date, the first group date, to be exact, was "arranged." The men picked their dates, guess how? By lot! Held in Fort Bonifacio, it must have been so good, they decided to have each Saturday a date in itself. Somehow while the men hadn't yet earned their "MASTERS" in The Art of Chivalry, there was an occasion for them to slip up. This happened after one Bible Study held at the YMCA finished late. The women waited for a ride in front of the City Hall and the men did the same at the far end. When suddenly a jeepney passed, the men dashed in quickly and left the women, to their utter dismay. This brought about a temporary rift between the relationships but not for long, since the marriage witnessed between Frank Gonzales and Juliet Gagote took place later in 1968, the first sweet smell

of success of the modern dating venture. However, the first baby in Church was born to the Ortigueros — Loma. It couldn't have been a more significant name.

Although they had fewer activities, social life was not that limited. The first outing was held, of all places, at the American Cemetery where picnicking was (and still is) prohibited. The first barrio fiesta was given in honor of Mr. C. Wayne Cole. The first Ladies Night of the Spokesman Club was held at the good old YMCA on November 25, 1965, where the entertainer for the night, Precy Cardona (then Averdano), forgot her lines in her song rendition. The first choir was established in 1967 under the baton of that same bunch of talent, only a lot better today, Pete Melendez. The first young people's club was then known as the SPG (Single People's Group). Basketball was not yet a fad but volleyball was.

This is the Church, as it used to be, the people who formed the nucleus. In time the Church grew in maturity and in number and it became expedient and opportune to wean her. No more milk but meat to make her strong enough not to be driven by every wind of doctrine. No more of those "gate passes" to be able to attend the services but a determination to act upon new truths learned from them. No more strict administration of discipline but wisdom to know right from wrong and character to stick to the right. This is the Church today, the Church which you and I are a part of.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS



Reflections On Mr. Adair's Lecture

Without any briefing as to what to do at the hour of Mr. Colin Adair's stint at the St. Theresa's College Auditorium last July 27, 1975 (Sunday), I planted myself at the outer entrance of the building unofficially welcoming guests as they came.

Among the guests who attended the lecture, some three are worth mentioning: 1) a one-time Bureau of Education official, 2) a one-time local university professor (both are in their seventies already), and 3) a certain lawyer.

The first guest mentioned above left after one hour of Mr. Adair's talk in the morning. He did not come back any more in the afternoon. That guest, by the way, is a regular contributor to the "REPUBLIC NEWS" on religion, particularly Roman Catholicism. He knows Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, as he has perhaps read many of the latter's booklets.

The second guest commented

thus: "The distribution of those booklets are the outcome of the dollars that we are entitled to on exports to America." To which I retorted, saying, "The organization which is sponsoring these things has nothing to do with the government's business." And he answered back, saying, "Those booklets are good for you." Well, he happens to be a Marxist admirer (he is an atheist); he was not able to get any of the booklets distributed when the crowd poured in to the lobby where the reading materials were distributed after the lecture in the afternoon.

The third guest, when I met him on the street after three days, commented favorably on Mr. Adair's interesting lecture. And since he was not able to come back in the afternoon, he asked if he could obtain a copy of each of the booklets. So I at once called up Mr. Hood at his residence to find out if he still had those book-

lets available, and since he still had some, I lost no time fetching a few sets from him. The following morning I delivered to the attorney what he was yearning for, plus some three more sets which went to three friends who also missed Mr. Adair's afternoon lecture.

My prayer is: that a bigger portion of those who attended the lecture will enroll in the Bible Correspondence Course, and that a bigger percentage of those who do enroll would be called by God.

(Editor's note: Mr. Cabezas sent in a quote from a Cebu City journalist, P.G. Aleonar, in his column in the "FREEMAN" issue of Tuesday, August 5, 1975. This is actually a letter from one of Mr. Aleonar's fans captioned "WHAT MANY OF US MISSED." The letter is quoted in full below.)

As advertised in the newspaper, Mr. Colin Adair gave an interesting talk at STC's auditorium on the topic "The World Tomorrow." Considering the affair to be rare and important I expected to see a lot of people in the auditorium.

I was, however, surprised to see just a few cars parked outside. As a matter of fact, I thought I was going to have a problem in parking my car. I thought then that, probably, most of the people came by other means of transportation. I was still expecting to find the STC auditorium overcrowded. My expectation was wrong for I found the attendance quite discouraging for such

a rare occasion.

At any rate, Mr. Adair spoke to us about the "plain truth" of today. He divided his talk by giving us the "bad news" in the morning and the "good news" in the afternoon. He gave us down-to-earth ideas and very interesting points. Indeed, a lot of people missed a lot of food for thought which our hungry minds need these days. In fact as he went on talking about the "bad news" I could not help but ask myself these questions: Why is it that when talks like this are made in this "Queen City of the South" only a few individuals come to listen? Where were the private and public executives who, at least, should have been curious about the "plain truth?"

Where were the leaders and members of the many civic organizations that Cebu boasts of? Where were the students, the newspapermen, the teachers, and religious leaders at that time?

And yet, when movie, tv, and other personalities come to our city, we find the auditorium or the coliseum filled up beyond the capacity, in spite of the P100 or P200 tickets.

I feel sorry for the many who missed so much, and admire the few who were present during that rare opportunity. Perhaps the latter represented what Bishop Sheen called in the July 27 issue of "Bulletin Today" as "the courage of the few" facing the "plain truth."

On A Seaside Rendezvous

It was the 12th day of June, and while most of the city-dwellers flocked to the downtown area to watch the day's festivities (Independence Day parade and all), we left for that place where "miracles" may occur at any moment — Villa Milagrosa, a peaceful sea-side resort, about 10 minutes' ride from Bacolod City.

About 28 of us Bacolod brethren, the majority of whom were children, went there to relax and enjoy ourselves. With the kids leading the way, it wasn't long before the beach was filled with joy-

ful noises and laughter indicative of the deep appreciation of that One Great Miracle (In the beginning God created...) that made all this possible!

A hearty lunch consisted of delicious native (timan, ibos) and not-so-native (fried chicken, bijon) concoctions including the savory charcoal-broiled tilapia (which Mr. Terry Santibanez brought all the way from their town), and a dozen bottles of "isa-pa-nga" (San Miguel Beer) which Mr. Bernardo Castillon brought. (George R. Escara)

In Focus:

The Iloilo Basketball Team

by Jun Caligan

For those in the provinces, the only way one can follow-up the progress of the Church-sponsored basketball tournament is, of course, by means of the Contact. But when it comes to actually participating in the series, to be right there in the midst of the "battle" — not just as a sideline spectator — well, let it be a wishful dream. It is practically impossible for a basketball enthusiast from a farflung province to join in the basketball games of the AGAB. Unless he devises a way.

Born out of a desire to share in the joys and thrills, the excitement and the challenge, of playing basketball with fellow brethren — the Iloilo Church came up with its own basketball team. Though hastily assembled (we actually formed the team in time for the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio last year), this "rag-tag" bunch of enthusiastic "beginners" and a few seasoned "oldtimers" (there are more beginners, however) put all their hearts and efforts in bringing together some semblance of a team, though we knew we faced tremendous odds.

Our first game in Baguio was also the first game where we played as a team. See? That was against the Blues (thanks to Jerry and company for agreeing to play against us). We figured then that we could come up with more speed, perhaps that would compensate for some of our weak-

nesses. That explained why we earned the description "whisking" to describe our play. (By the way, "whisking" has nothing to do with "whisky").

But in our first game against the precision-playing Blues, we collapsed. Not too impressive a debut, was it?

Good that the Blues agreed to play with us again. It was up to us to come up with a much-better performance. This time we son. Though it was a close fight up to the last two minutes. As things stand now, its 1 win 1 loss between us and the Blues.

Carrying the brunt of the offense and supplying the needed firepower for the Iloilo team are the trio of Edward Cambil, George Escara and Rhoderick Alipoon.

Backing the pointmakers are the duo of Perry Castellanes and Oscar Palabrica.

Making up the rest of the team are Noel Deanon, Dinny Dican and Alex Babol.

Jun Caligan playing as a guard mostly directs the team play.

And with the coming Fest just around the corner, needless to say, we are busy practising already. After all, we still have a score to settle with the Blues (paging Kuya Ben and company). (EDITOR'S NOTE: The Blues have already challenged the Iloilo team.)

Rules in Contributing Articles

"ATLANTA, Ga. (Who?) Herbert W. Armstrong arrived (Where?) here (When?) Friday, July 13, for (What?) a three-day stay (Why?) in which he was able to see a summer special campaign telecast and speak to 1,200 brethren at a combined Sabbath service."

How he got there — which is of lesser importance in this specific article — is mentioned two sentences later.

For variety and interest you may wish to open with quotes, questions or striking statements, but the thing to remember is to put the main information in the beginning and quickly answer the six questions.

Look through and study articles written by major news services such as the Associated Press, United Press International or Reuters; notice how various leads are written and try to incorporate these ideas into your next article.

By the way, when you reach the conclusion of your news story, simply stop. As mentioned earlier, you're known by your exits too, and a weak conclusion can leave a bad taste from an otherwise interesting article. There's no need for summaries, recapitulations, onward-and-upward exhortations or "A good time was had by all."

Short and Sweet

How long should a news article be?

According to one modern axiom: "like a skirt — short enough to be interesting but long

enough to cover the subject."

Many articles are received that cover the subject in great detail but are so long they kill any interest for the reader. They must be drastically edited because of overwriting.

The feelings of the W/V staff are best summed up by Hohenberg, whose advice is to "adhere to the one rule that will never make trouble for any journalist: 'Keep it short!'"

Pick the Right Words

One reason articles often turn out too long and uninteresting is choice of wording and phrasing. This is where building a strong vocabulary will greatly improve one's writing.

Strike out the trite, say-nothing phrases and dull, passive expressions and replace them with words and expressions that will enable you to say what you mean in a more succinct, clear, striking manner.

A large vocabulary storehouse of common, understandable words is desired much more than complex, hard-to-pronounce, highfalutin, pedantic locution.

Ready to Write

Now that you're organized and have built a smashing vocabulary and incorporated various other subtle techniques into your style, it's time to sit down and write.

You have to write smoothly to be read smoothly, and the best way to do that is just to sit down and write your article straight through without stopping to labor over wording and sentence structure.

After you've done so, then go back and clean it up. This will produce a smooth-talking effect which is much easier to read.

Sometimes a story can be too good. A writer struggling for a great lead, an impressive string of words or catchy sentence structure will strain for effect and will come up with nothing but an awkward, bulky article.

A point to remember is, just sit down and write as you talk; then doctor it up.

The Key to It All

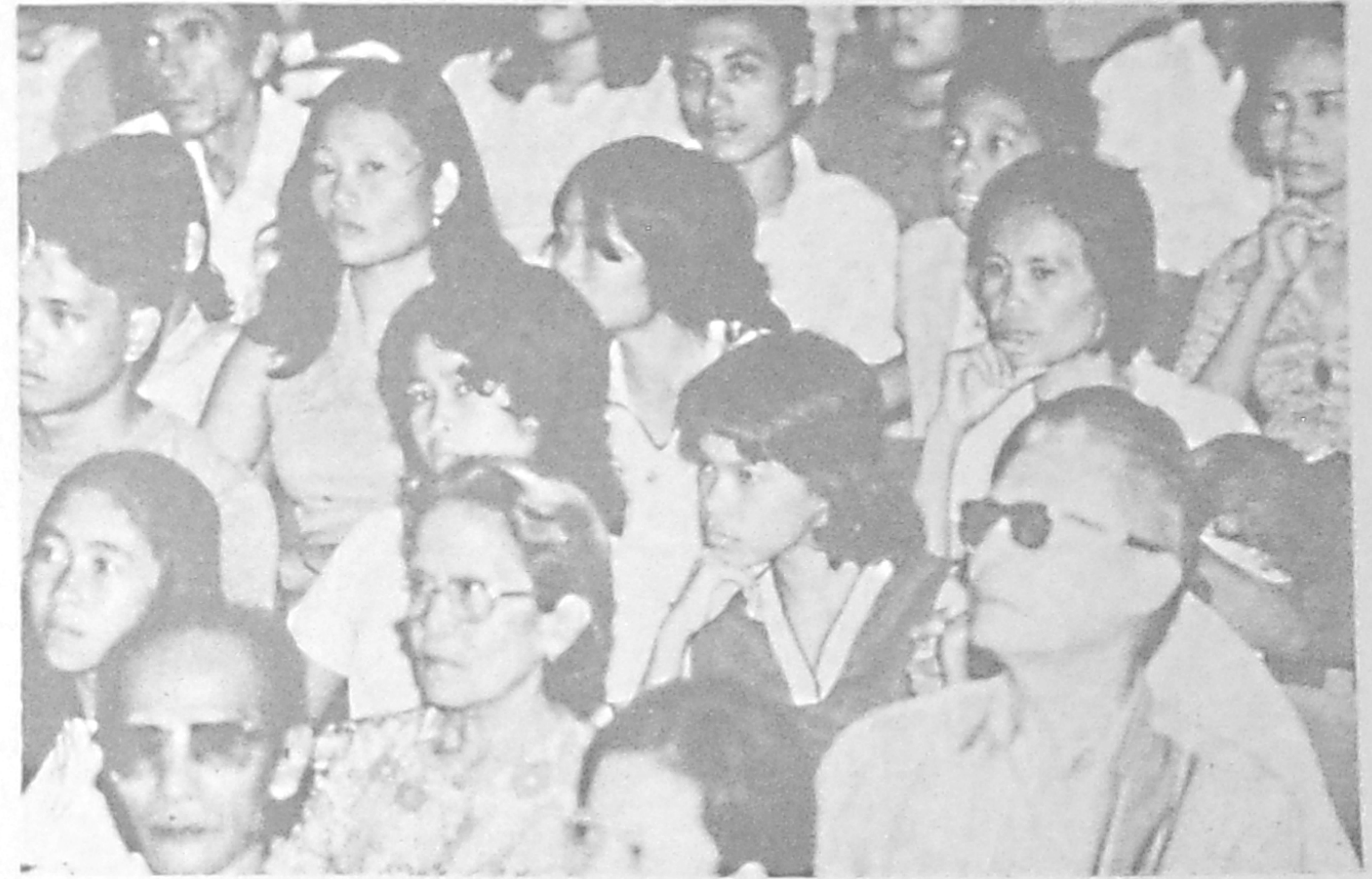
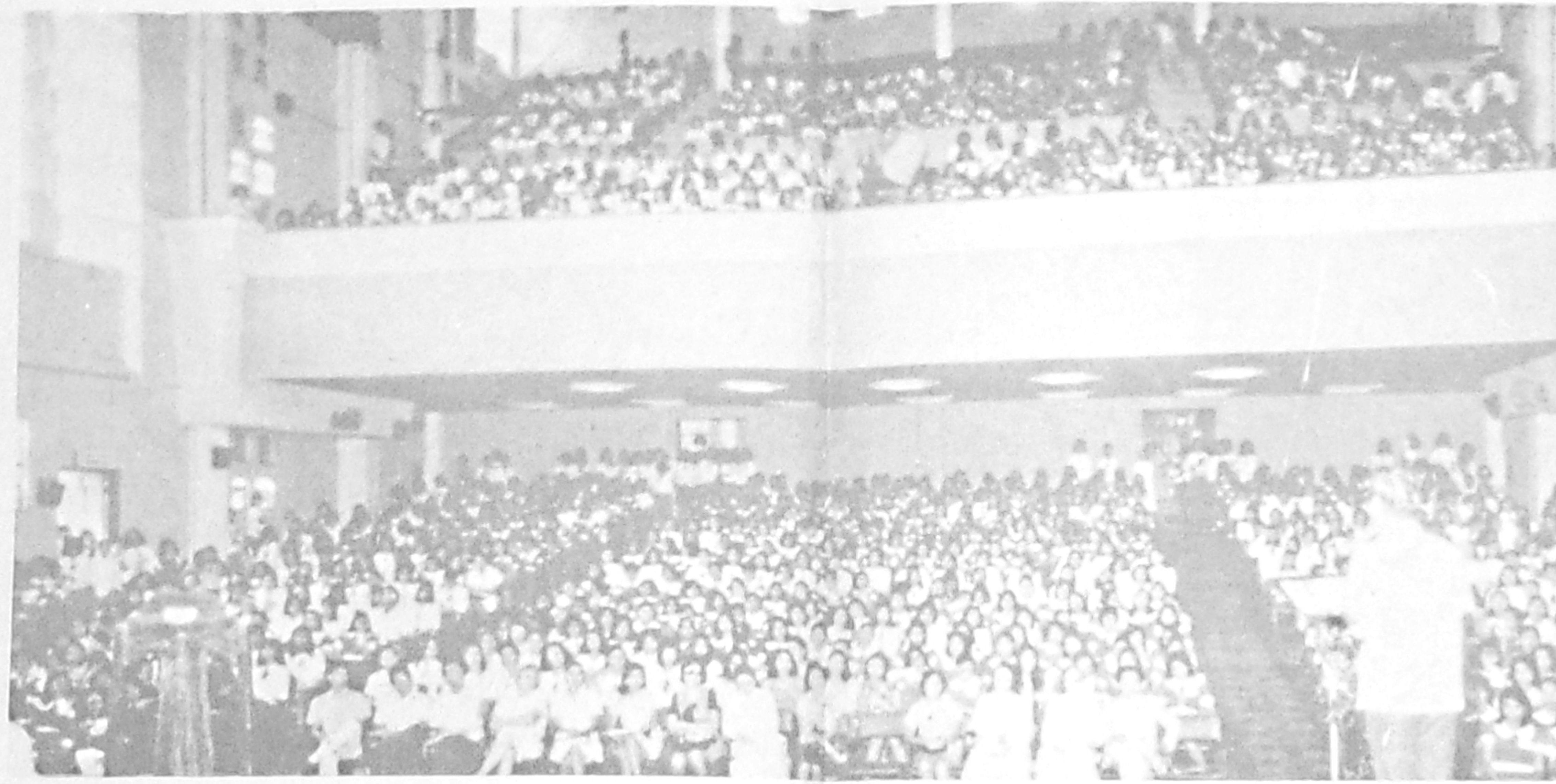
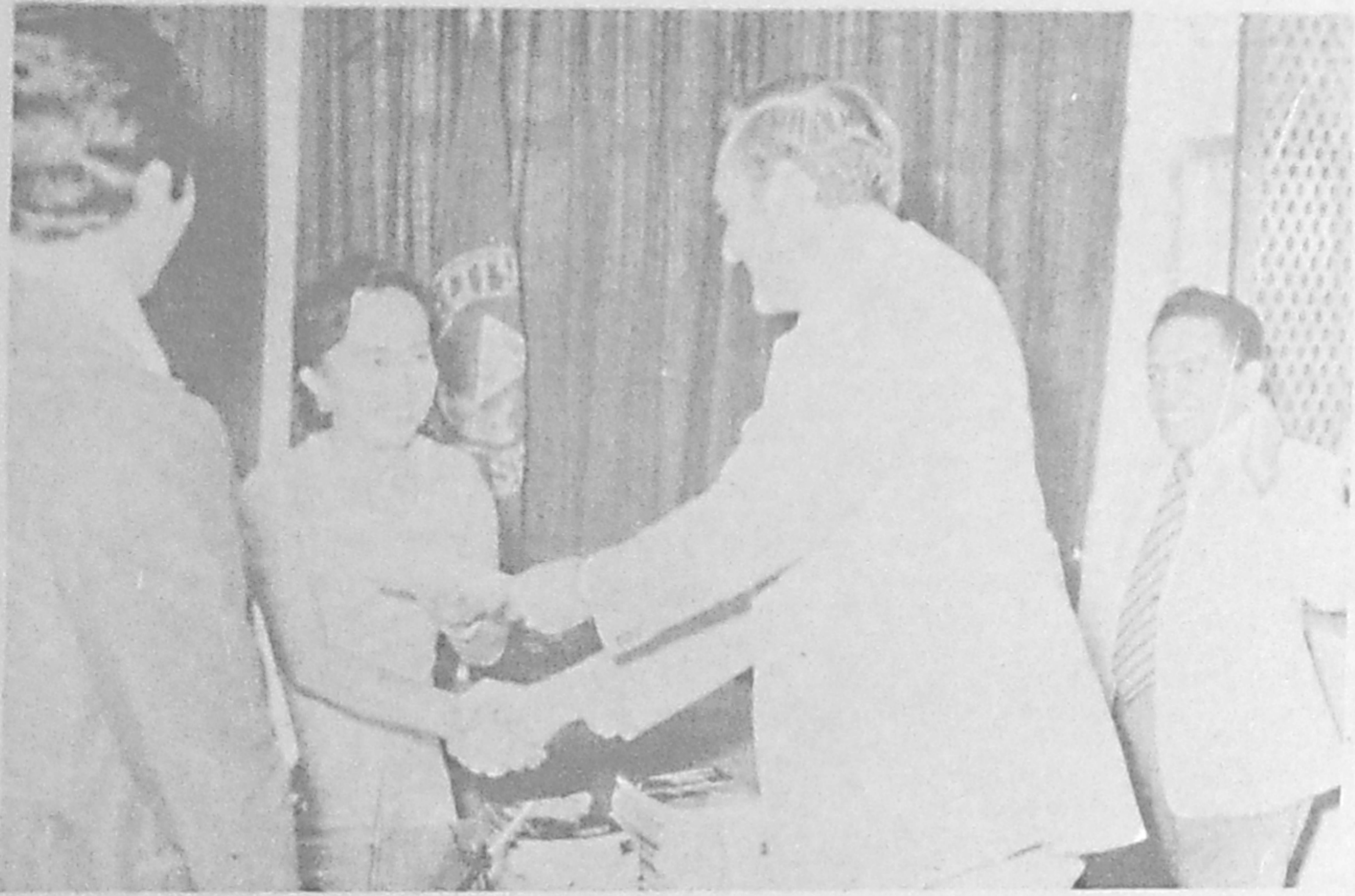
No matter how many books you read on the subject or how much instruction you receive, the main key to success in writing, as in practically anything, is practice.

If you have aspirations for writing, read newspaper articles not only for the content but technique and style. Note both the good and the bad; incorporate the good and correct the bad.

If an expression or choice of words, is particularly catchy, or if a lead strikes you as being unique and grabs your interest, remember the idea and use it yourself later on.

For additional, more detailed information, some sources you can refer to are *The Professional Journalist* (used as the journalism textbook at Ambassador College, Big Sandy), the Associated Press and United Press International style-books and the accompanying boxes of pointers and rules that apply especially to *The Worldwide News*.

Follow these suggestions and your articles, and your newspaper, will continually increase in quality.



NAGA DIARY

by Jerry Ortiguero

Thursday, August 21: Because of the irregularity of flights to Naga City, Mr. Adair, accompanied by Mr. Mirto, took the plane from Manila Wednesday afternoon to Legazpi City and came up by bus to Naga City Thursday morning arriving about 12:00 noon.

In the afternoon, at three o'clock, Mr. Adair and party paid a courtesy call at the Mayor's office and were warmly received by the acting mayor, the Honorable Virginia E. Perez. (The mayor of Naga was at the time in Manila attending to some official matters). After the courtesy call, Mr. Adair was interviewed in a press conference at the Lindez Hotel by local newspapermen. One of the newspapermen was a long time subscriber of the PT and an occasional donor.

Mr. Ortiguero went along as the group's official photographer.

Friday, August 22: At the Colegio de Sta. Isabel auditorium, Mr. Adair spoke to almost two thousand students of the college on the subject of modern dating and happy marriage. All the college classes, as well as the third and fourth year high school classes, were cancelled to enable the students to hear a lecture they had never heard before. Even the faculty members (some of them nuns and priests) heard the amazing truth of God when Mr. Adair pointed out in his lecture that the human family is a type of the God family, and that sex in marriage is not only for the reproduction and propagation of the human species, but also for the enjoyment of married life.

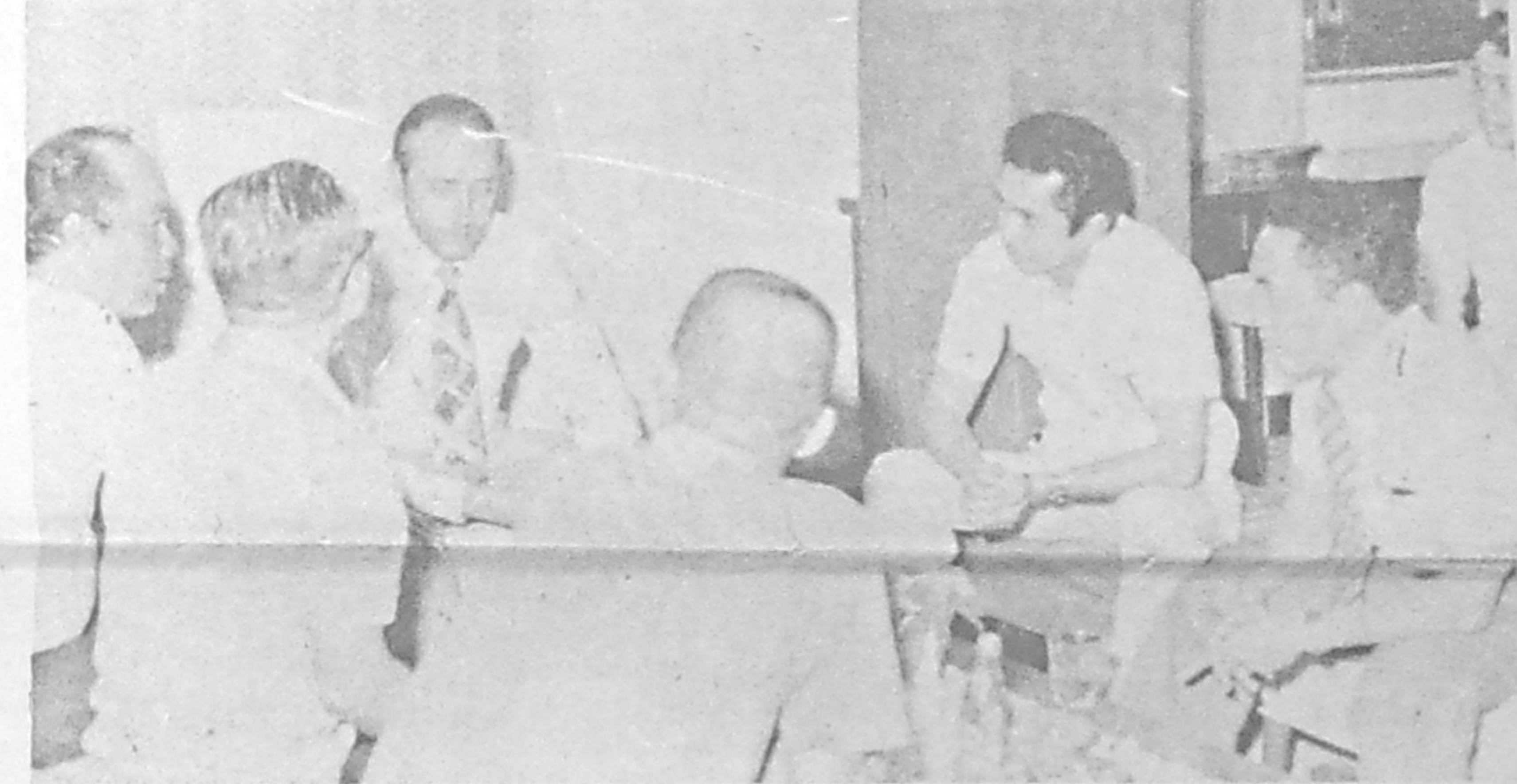
One of the faculty members commented that this was the only lecture ever held in the college where the students sat through its entirety. The lecture was followed by an hour of open forum on the same subject.

In the afternoon at 2:00 Mr. Adair spoke to a crowd of over 50 officials of the city administration, hosted again by the acting mayor. Here Mr. Adair emphasized the fact that criminals are made and not born, and that the only effective way of preventing crime is to treat the cause and not the effect. He outlined the need of a stable home life as a basis of an orderly society.

At 5:00 Mr. Adair and his party drove to Iriga City (about 50 kms. south of Naga City) where he was the guest of the "Pulong Pulong sa Kaunlaran" program. He was interviewed live by TV Channel 10 linked up with 5 major radio stations blanketing the whole Bicol region with an estimated listening audience of 1.5 million.

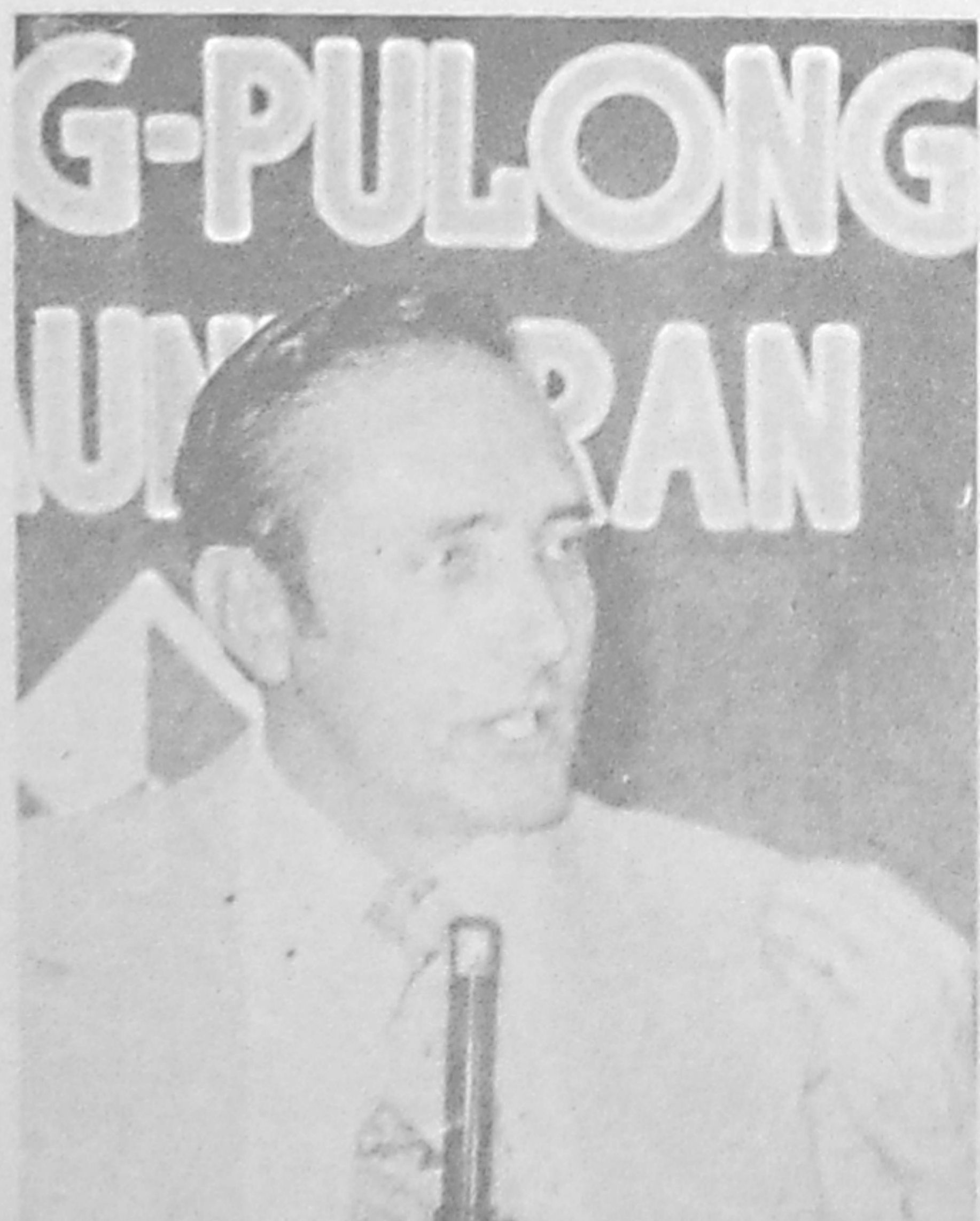
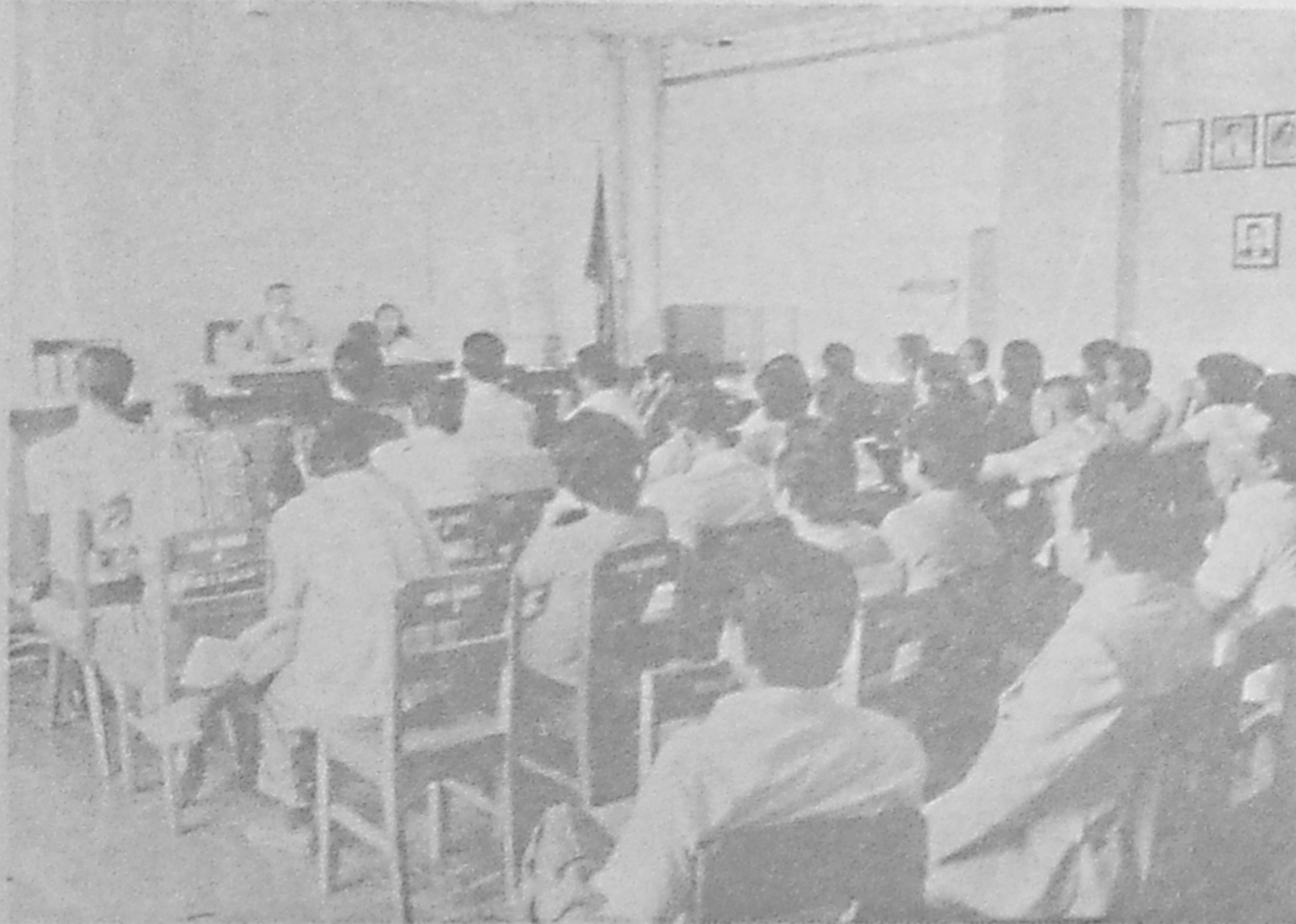
Questions like "Why have you come to Naga City?"; could you

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NAGA CAMPAIGN — This spread shows the varied audiences Mr. Adair spoke to during his most successful campaign so far. Counterclockwise, from top left: Acting Mayor Virginia Perez receives Mr. Adair and party at her office; Mrs. Perez listens intently as Mr. Adair speaks before a group of city officials, shown in the next photo. Of course, the man in a coat on right foreground is not a councilor. That's our PR man, Mr. Nap Acebron. (All photos on this spread by Jerry Ortiguero)

VARIED AUDIENCES — Beginning with picture at top center and continuing clockwise: About 2000 students and faculty members of the Sta. Isabel College are in rapt attention as Mr. Adair is being introduced prior to his dating lecture; close-up of the audience during the Saturday night PT lecture; Mr. Adair huddles with the Naga press in company with Mr. Mirto and Mr. Acebron; three shots of Mr. Adair being interviewed on the "Pulong-Pulong Sa Kaunlaran" program.



HUMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION

Establishing Our Own Business

By JESUS CARDONA

5th of a series
(Lectures during the Seminar on Employment and Business Opportunities)

If you are job-hunting or are gainfully employed or marginally employed, should you quit your job and enter into business? How do you raise the capital and start your own business? Where do you look for business opportunities?

Business opportunities arise from fulfilling man's basic needs namely food, clothing and shelter. You can start considering your potentialities where you properly fit in these categories. You can start as a supplier-producer of goods and services. Or you may be a merchant or a service contractor both of food, shelter, and clothing or any allied business.

Establishing your own business is a rough and tough thing to do. You must be prepared and determined to handle an unexpected turn in your business. You are expected to survive the blows and the heartaches, headaches and heartbreaks of your newly started business. Begin by being optimistic or by looking forward and ahead to the success of your business in spite of all the not-so-pleasant turn of events. But be prepared for disasters that may come your way. Recognize your goal which is business success and strive to attain it despite failure. It will make you a better man.

Small business and entrepreneurship in the New Society is a convenient way to start. You can be a supplier of goods and services. You can be a producer too by starting a small cottage industry. You can also be a one-man service contractor until you can afford to hire an assistant as service contracts increase.

To start a business, first put

your ideas into writing. This will crystalize your thought and move you to get going. Write an outline of your business project. It may be a mini-project study. In your study consider the factors such as product to be marketed, production cost, place of market, profit, length of marketing period and the market system.

Superior business acumen, character, experience, know-how, enthusiasm and zeal are required in business. But as a businessman you will also need money. The twin factors of competent management and adequate capital are the causes of business success. Capital may be produced from the following sources: 1) a rich relative 2) accumulated savings 3) borrowed capital from banks and other financing institutions 4) revolving credit line from your supplier of raw materials 5) revolving trust receipt of letter of credit line with any commercial bank for merchandise 6) down payment or cash advance from customer or client for a service or production or supply contract, and 7) direct loan from the above mentioned sources.

Whether your business is big or small it is a heavy responsibility to be called your "own boss". You need broad shoulders and strong knees. Furthermore, you are to be responsible for the welfare of those who are working for you. Your future business success will depend on such factors as product or service in demand, adequate capital, competent management, well-defined objectives, worked out plans, strategic location, loyalty motivated work force, capable financial control and proper form of organization.

Today you may not know what to do with your life. But you know you have to be useful. In this regard I shall give you one

key.

Several times I have come from the Feast of Tabernacles without money. But because I work and because I plan the work that I do, somehow with faith, with perseverance and a little system of work coupled with hard work, money comes in.

For the last ten years as a church member, I have worked with several companies on commission basis, I contributed to the growth of businesses. Many years ago, however, I decided not to be bogged down by the problem of the Sabbath. So I decided to establish my own business.

What if you are only an employee? If you belong to those who are employed by others, work for your employer and contribute something. You can't contribute money but can grow in the business where you worked. If you don't have a job at present I would advise you to take on a selling job. In so doing you won't have to depend on salaries.

Many businessmen don't really go for clerks. They don't want to be over-staffed with clerks. They want people who can produce. I speak at the present as an employer. I don't like to see many clerks. I want people who can produce, who can contribute to the growth of the business. And if the business grows, you will grow as well and you will be the most valuable asset in the business of your boss. You should consider your work today as a paid-up apprenticeship, in the preparation for yourself in case you start a business of your own someday.

Educate yourself further if you can. Cultivate friendship, especially business friendships. Strive for improvement of yourself. Strive to acquire a thorough training and practice in your job. Strive to improve on your ability to get along with people. The employee who knows how to give much in his performance and the growth of the business is the best asset of his boss, his company, and his group. On top of all these, you will be well-remembered by your boss. You won't have so much problem regarding your attendance of Feast days and keeping of the Sabbath, because of your good performance.

Finally, study, work hard, read and think. Develop human qualities, traits, character that are essential for business success. Determine to put your brain into harness, put it to work. Learn to be organized and systematic. Be imaginative. Possess broad knowledge of the fundamentals. Be ambitious. Learn to make right and good decisions. Strive to acquire guts. Strive to be reliable and responsible. Be willing to handle difficult problems and difficult tasks. With the above, you can continue to push farther and farther ahead, you will be on your way to business success and blessings will come your way one after the other. Then you will be a happier man.

(Mr. Cardona is one of the businessmen in the church, having established the JC Interior Masters. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines, Business Assistance Bureau. Aside from his Engineering degree which he obtained from the Mapua Institute of Technology he had also to his credit a Business Management Course which he took up from the Alexander Hamilton Institute Modern Business Program.)

THE HOMEMAKER

FIRST AID REMINDERS: ACCIDENTS — What To Do

BLEEDING (heavy) — Lay patient down. Raise any affected limb. Apply pressure directly on cut to stop bleeding. Bandage firmly. If blood soaks through bandage, cover with another. Treat for shock (see Shock) if necessary. If victim is conscious and can swallow, give him plenty of non-alcoholic liquids.

BRUISES — Apply ice bag, or cloth pad soaked in cold water, for 25 minutes. Stomach bruises need medical attention.

BURNS — Treat all burns for shock (see Shock). If skin is not broken, immerse in clean, cold water or apply clean ice. Do NOT open blisters. Do NOT remove stuck clothing. Place pad over burn and bandage loosely. Expose surrounding area to the air. If burns are extensive, cover burned body area with cleanest available cloth material. If victim is conscious and can swallow, give him plenty of non-alcoholic liquids.

CUTS (minor) — Wash wound and surrounding area with soap and warm water, wiping away from wound. Hold sterile pad firmly over the wound until bleeding stops. Then change pad and bandage loosely. Replace sterile pad and bandage as necessary to keep them clean and dry.

DISLOCATIONS (Symptoms: Distortion around joint) — Treat as for closed fracture (see Fracture). Place arm in sling (a cloth looped from the neck under an injured arm for support) for shoulder dislocation; be sure that the opposite shoulder supports the weight of the arm.

EYE INJURIES — Do NOT rub. If injury is from a foreign body, allow natural watering of eye to wash it away. If this fails to remove the object, and it can be seen, pull down lower lid and remove foreign body with corner of clean, damp handkerchief. Wash eye with lukewarm or cold water. If injury is serious, call a doctor.

FAINTING — Lay patient flat on back. Raise legs above level of head. Loosen tight clothing about neck, chest, and waist. Make sure patient has plenty of air.

FRACTURES (Symptoms: The affected part does not have normal appearance or function) — Closed fracture — bone is broken, but skin is not punctured. Place the limb in as natural position as possible without discomfort to victim. Apply splints that extend well beyond the fracture. Use any firm material — board, metal rod, thick newspaper or magazine. Use clothing or other soft material to pad splints. Bind splints at the break and above and below it. Broken bones in the hand or foot can be held steady with a pillow or blanket bound around them. (b) Open (compound) fracture — skin as well as bone is broken. Apply a pressure dressing to control bleeding. Place clean pad over wound and press firmly. If you have no pad or bandages, close the wound with your hand or fingers. Apply pressure directly over the wound. Hold pad firmly in place with a strong bandage, neckties, cloth strips, etc. Apply splints as for closed fracture without trying to straighten limb or to return it to natural position.

HEMORRHAGE, internal (Symptoms: Restlessness, deep breathing, paleness) — Treat for shock (see Shock). Do NOT give liquids or food. Call a doctor.

HEAD INJURIES (Symptoms: Loss of consciousness) — Call a doctor or ambulance immediately. Keep victim lying down on his side so that tongue does not fall back into the air passage, and the airway can be drained of fluids or vomit. The neck should be arched. Keep victim warm. Control bleeding from a head wound by applying a pressure dressing. Use common sense in regard to using pressure over a possible skull fracture.

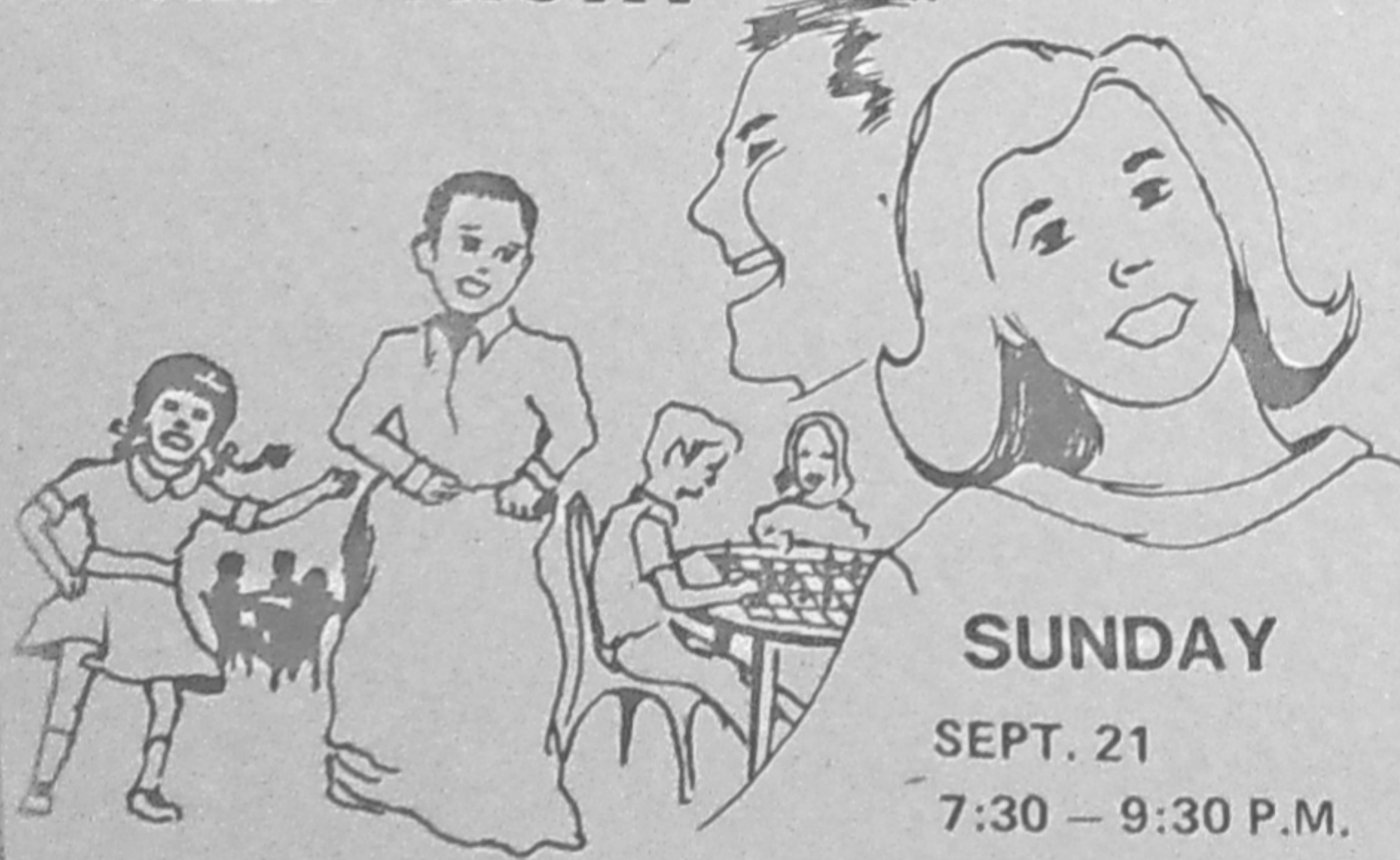
NOSE BLEED — Set patient down. Pinch patient's nose for 10 minutes while patient breathes through mouth. Apply pad soaked in cold water to nose. If bleeding persists, call a doctor.

SCALDING — Treat as for burns (see Burns).

SHOCK (Symptoms: Coldness, paleness, giddiness, weakness, nausea) — Lay victim down with legs higher than head. Cover with warm blankets, but do not overheat. Keep victim calm. Call a doctor. If victim can swallow, give non-alcoholic liquids. Keep victim's airway open. If he vomits, turn his head to one side so that his neck is arched.

SPRAINS and STRAINS (Symptoms: Bruising and swelling around joint) — Treat as for fractures if there is doubt. Rest the limb. Elevate it if possible. Apply cold compresses or ice packs for several hours. Do not apply heat in any form for at least 24 hours. Consult a doctor.

FAMILY NIGHT



SUNDAY

SEPT. 21

7:30 — 9:30 P.M.

On Bible Studies

Twice monthly the Manila Church holds its Bible Studies at the GSP Auditorium and since these Bible Studies are held on Wednesdays they're begun two hours after office hours, 7 p.m.

Almost in all instances a person seen holding a Bible or mentions anything religious catches attention. Some people feel offended or annoyed, others sneer or laugh. Such reactions can make the "religious" person feel queer for he is considered a freak. Understandably, the younger church members are the most affected. They are not ashamed but who wants to be stared at?

To avoid such instances members usually "camouflage" their Bibles/Hymnals. Even their language is coded — The Bible is referred to as "The Book," God as "Papa" or other similar term, Sabbath Services simply as "services" and Bible Study as "BS." With such revisions a member of the WCG can shout to a friend across the street and ask him if he can make it to the BS this coming Wednesday.

A BS is started with a prayer. Then a reading from the Bible with elucidations from the minister follows. This takes about an hour. Questions are answered in the next half hour. Announce-

ments and/or reports on the work are also read if there are any.

Similar Bible Studies in the early 60's helped found the Manila Church. Mr. P. Ortiguero conducted these Bible Studies at his residence. Personnel from Pasadena like Mr. Docken and Mr. Ames were on hand to fulfill their roles in the unfolding story. The group attending the early Bible Studies were mostly members of Mr. Ortiguero's family plus friends but the group steadily grew and in 1965 they found themselves attending Bible Studies on Friday evenings at the YMCA, Manila. It was also on the same year, mid-year, that the Manila Church was finally established.

Bible Study is an opportunity to "pick up" additional spiritual food and get one's questions answered. Aside from this and fellowship, members can engage in business and money matters which are not done on Sabbaths.

The questions sent up to the front range from questions asking for scriptural clarifications/explanations to Christian living problems.

Scattered brethren who happen to be in Manila on business or the like can also enjoy these Bible Studies. Just check the schedules printed in the CONTACT.

(Lali Agayo)

Women Also Benefit from the Spokesman Clubs

By DIVINA V. SAYAN

The first time I was invited as a date to Spokesman Club Ladies' Night was a refreshingly new, exciting and different experience being then young and new in the church and uncultured as I was. I was very much impressed by the example of zest and enthusiasm set by the Director. It was my first time to see a speaker really on fire, at the same time witty and jovial, encouraging others to give of themselves. After the affair, I went home highly elated and extremely gratified!

In time, after getting acquainted with other socials in the church, Ladies' Night became my number one choice. Each time I was invited was sure to be very much scintillating, rewarding widening one's horizon, socially and intellectually uplifting. It was the kind of date I liked to be invited to most.

The topics session was very stimulating. The topicsmaster challenged the audience with thought-provoking questions on current events and seemingly hard situations. It is interesting and amusing to hear the responses. I learned about places, people and things and knew more about the brethren in the speaking session.

Listening to the evaluation of

the topics and speeches by the Director is like attending a Bible Study — very enlightening. It never fails to amaze me how they settle the questions on the topics. They are just full of common sense, logic and proofs. Also very keen in spotting and pointing out the errors of those participating in the topics and those of the speakers. I am very thankful for I have been blessed and privileged to attend several ladies' nites when I was single. May I say too that I was indeed much favored because back in the "olden" times it was held as often as two or three times a year! It was where I found the simple joys of maidenhood and met my life-time date.

I was very much pleased my husband was back again in the club after almost five years. For me to attend ladies' nite after that length of time is like rain on a drought-parched land, a drink of clear, cool water during summer. I am looking forward to many more nights before my husband graduates.

The excitement and thrill and hangovers I had seven to ten years ago are still there. I may be getting old but the club remains fresh and new to me. It can be likened to a pearl of great price that is still new, polished and untarnished.

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

to the grand celebration of
THE MANILA CHURCH 10th ANNIVERSARY



The 1975
Feast of Tabernacles
**CHURCH
DANCE**

Date: September 24, 1975

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Benitez Hall,
Teachers camp
Baguio City

and discover an evening of fine music, dances, fun and surprises. Featuring our very own Diplomats Combo.

Guidelines for

A Most Exciting and Enjoyable Dance Night

One of the most awaited events for the majority during the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City is the Dance Night. For the majority? Sounds like there is a minority not itching for this night. You bet there is and if you are among them, just read on.

An evening of dances, fun, entertainment, and surprises will come your way during the Dance Night. Plans are underway to assure you of a very memorable evening. In this regard, we thought of giving you the following tips to help you have an unforgettable evening.

Tips to consider prior to the dance night:

1. For Men — invite your dates well in advance. Propriety suggests that you do it before the day of the dance comes. A lady may be willing to accept your invitation on the day of the dance, but it might not speak well of you. It's always best to give the ladies enough time to prepare for your date.

2. For Ladies — be exact in giving your answer to an invita-

tion. It's not fair to hold your replies and make a man wait for an unreasonable length of time. Consider that he may want to be assured of a date and he wouldn't want to run out of probable ladies to date in your stead.

3. Those without dates should not shy away from the dance. Some men purposely don't get their dates to give themselves a chance to dance with as many of you ladies. So ladies, your presence will be very much appreciated. Absence of a date is NEVER an excuse for not coming.

Tips to consider during the dance night:

1. Come before time to assure yourself of a good seat.

2. Ushers and usherettes will be stationed at different sections of Benitez Hall to guide you to your seats. Seating arrangements will be made and we request you to cooperate with the guides. They will be there to assure your maximum comfort and enjoyment.

3. Watch for reserved seats and

make sure you don't occupy them or remove the "reserved" cards or notices.

4. In "fairness" to those who make an effort to come on time, no one is supposed to reserve seats for his/her friend/s. Seat reservation is an exclusive right of the Reception Committee.

5. For security purposes, the main door will be closed thirty minutes after the start of the dance. Late comers will have to use the back door opposite the dining hall.

6. Those coming to simply watch are requested to use the back door and occupy the second floor of the hall. We know you understand the limited dance floor space.

7. Lastly, but perhaps the most significant — be considerate of other people. Continually be on the watch for others' needs and comfort. This could mean offering a seat to a standing lady or not blocking passage ways.

With these guidelines, we wish you all the fun, excitement and thrills the dance night has in store for you. (Joie A. Medina)

Milestones

BIRTH — To Mr. Victor and Ligaya Lim, of the Manila Church, their second child and son: Edward Cedric Lim, July 25, 12:43 A.M., Dumaguete City.

WEDDINGS — The former Miss Iliminada Filipino and Mr. Isidoro Liwanag, June 21, in Naga City, Mr. Pike Mirto officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Honorio Gilos (nee Estrella Bacor), May 18, in Tagum, Davao del Norte, with Mr. Marciano Moning officiating.

Miss Mercy David of the Ambascos Office staff and Mr. Armando Madrid, August 31, Makati, Rizal, conducted by Mr. Colin Adair.

Miss Evelyn Baguio and Mr. Juanito Logroño of the Ambascos and Contact staff, Sept. 7, Makati, Rizal, officiated by Mr. Colin Adair.

Miss Dinah Ogas and Mr. Eleno Mellomida, Sept. 7, Baguio City, with Mr. Pedro Ortiguero performing wedding.



NEWLYWEDS — Mr. and Mrs. Isidoro Liwanag are flanked by Mr. Edmond Macaraeg and Mr. Pike Mirto after wedding which followed the bi-monthly Sabbath Service in Naga City last June.

BELIEVE IT. NOT!

The heaviest man ever recorded in the Bible must have been a man named Benaiiah, one of the top officers of King David's army.

Because of his **TREMENDOUS WEIGHT**, every time he fell on a man, the man died!



See I Kings 2:25, 34, & 46! ! !

Naga Diary...

tell us what the Ambassador College Educational Extension Program is all about? Could you give us concrete examples where your program is involved in right now? What makes the Plain Truth a unique publication?" were asked. The panel of interviewers consisted of Mr. Eddie Alanis, station manager of Radio Mindanao Network DZHN, his brother Jimmy Alanis, station manager of RPN TV-10, and Mr. Emen Debeaur, manager of NDC-DZDR radio station.

Towards the end of the interview the movie "HWA - Ambassador for World Peace" was simultaneously aired on the screen as Mr. Adair graphically described

the conditions of the world. Mr. Eddie Alanis was quite impressed by the way Mr. Adair answered the questions and remarked it was as if the whole show was scripted.

Saturday, August 23: Mr. Adair conducted the regular monthly Bible Study for the Bicol Brethren in the morning with Mr. Mirto assisting. In the afternoon we had our regular Sabbath service with Mr. Mirto giving the sermon. Mr. Adair went back to his hotel room during the sermon to review his notes for the lecture that night and to get some needed rest. At the lecture itself very few people were present at 6:30 p.m. We were a bit concerned that there would not be enough people coming to the lecture. At about 6:45 p.m. we started showing the movie "Herbert W. Armstrong - Ambassador for World Peace." Many rumblings came from the crowd as the first footages of the

film revealed the not too good conditions of the world we are living in. The film fittingly introduced the subject of Mr. Adair's lecture. Most of the crowd arrived during the movie and we were astonished, when the lights were on again, to see many people already in the auditorium. Many more were coming in even 20 minutes after the movie. Throughout the lecture, Mr. Adair did not use his Bible but of course quoted from "the book" several times.

Sunday, August 24: A follow-up study was conducted for about 86 people (including our party) who came back the next day. Mr. Adair went deeper into the subject "Is there a Way of Escape?" quoting prophecies from the books of Daniel and Revelation. "There is really a way of escape for those who really want to and it means physical as well as spiritual salvation for you," Mr. Adair wrapped up the follow-up study. Many enthusiastic questions were raised by the crowd and Mr. Adair had to stop the people from passing more questions as there wasn't time left.

After the study Mr. Adair and Mirto went back to the hotel, quickly changed, and took a bus to Legazpi City, where they enplaned for Manila at 3:15 p.m. □

so since he hasn't found a suitable mate, and the right island on which to share life with her. He then goes island-hopping around the world in search of his ideal woman and island. None satisfies him, however, until he returns to his native Philippines. Here he finally finds the objects of his hunt: a balikbayan lady (played by Mrs. Nora Pioquinto) with whom he makes good connection, and an island prize.

With this romantic backdrop the Manila Church's young people will combine their talents in songs and dances to give this year's Feast in Baguio City a most enjoyable show. "Balikbayan Connection" is slated to be shown at the Baguio Colleges Foundation on Tuesday, September 23, starting 7:30 p.m. Fil Santos heads the show as project manager.

Don't miss "Balikbayan Connection." It's hard to find shows nowadays with a happy ending like this one. (Pete Melendez)

"Esther" Show Shelved for Next Year

"After six months of beauty treatment with oil of myrrh, followed by six months with special perfumes and ointments, the girls were then clothed elegantly with sparkling jewelry and finally presented to the King..." So the playwright describes the period of purification for the young lovelies who hoped to fill the deposed Queen Vashti's place in the Persian Empire.

Just as Esther, the Jewess, had to undergo a full year of purification, so it has been necessary to forego the play by the same name at this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City - and let it undergo a full year of treatment with toil of more preparation, including months of special rehearsals and similar appointments, before it can finally be presented to the public.

Hopefully by next year the play will, like the Jewess heroine, pass the test with flying colors.

To fill the void in this year's entertainment, the original Filipiana show has been modified to include numbers from foreign countries. This was made possible by some deft "cosmetic surgery" and "transplant" on the original

script of "Balikbayan Connection."

The Filipiniana 1975 show will be cast in the following background. A young Filipino painter, Jose Bustamante (to be portrayed by Jose Pioquinto) distinguishes himself as a great seascape artist on Manhattan Island, New York. But amidst his success he finds life dull and meaningless. Especially



The maidens in above photo are not models but ladies in waiting of the "Singkil" dance during one of their rehearsals at the GSP Auditorium in Manila. This number will cap the 1975 Filipiniana show "Balikbayan Connection" in Baguio City. From left to right are Tets Valmonte, Beth Sy, Evelyn Bobadilla and Liza Ortiguero. (Photo by Cicero Binuya)

Create a story of a bachelor in search of a perfect mate and a perfect island. From the Caribbean to Japan. From the Greek isles to the Hawaiian islands. Finally finding the missing dimension in the Philippines, his homeland Amidst a bonanza of songs and dances! And you have the

BALIKBAYAN CONNECTION

In the tradition of fine entertainment, for the 1975 Feast of Tabernacles!
September 23, 1975 (Tuesday)
7:30 P.M.
Baguio Colleges Foundation
Gymnasium

Current Events

(Continued from page 1)

magazine, HUMAN POTENTIAL, will be contained in the letter.

This fiscal year, July 1975 to June 1976, our allocation of literature from Pasadena has been cut quite substantially. The International Division has been given a quota which has been divided among the foreign areas. This is part of the budget planning at Headquarters. It may mean slower growth for this year, but we are doing our best to space out the booklets that people request and have instituted a new rule that only one booklet at a time will be sent out to interested readers. If they want more they will have to write again. We will no longer be mailing out multiple copies to people or organizations. Please note also that this rule applies to members as well. Please continue to request booklets you haven't read, but remember to do so one at a time. Hopefully, this retrenchment will only be temporary.

Our income so far this fiscal year has been around 16% increase over last year. While this is a fine figure it is still less than half what we have budgeted for (35%). We do feel confident, however, that this will improve as the year goes on and I would like to ask you all to give as generously as you can during the Festival Holy Day offerings. This will go a long way in pulling our income to a higher level. We are already looking at ways and means of reducing expenditures although it is very hard to see what we can cut without affecting our marketing plans. With inflation running the way it is, we all have to do the same in our personal budgets - trying to make the

same amount go further is difficult. Yet if we are faithful with God's tithes and happy to give our offerings I know God will provide what's necessary for you and for the Work.

I hope you like the new layout of CONTACT. Although it may seem smaller in content than the old style, it is (I am told) almost the same. We now have, as I mentioned a couple of months back, our P.T. printer printing CONTACT for us. You will notice it is really like a newspaper now. In case some misunderstand, we are not trying to compete with the WORLDWIDE NEWS! CONTACT doesn't contain news of the Work around the world. Only a very small percentage of Philippine members can afford to subscribe to the WORLDWIDE NEWS (185 out of a total membership of over 1,500) so the CONTACT does really help to fill that gap and keep the membership close together in their particular responsibility - which is of course the Philippine Work. When I say their particular responsibility I mean where their tithes and offerings are being put to work. I know you all realize that the Work we are doing is worldwide and I know that all of you have your hearts in it and not just in the local area.

The Plain Truth will be changing to magazine format, newsprint inside with same layout as at present. This will be a big improvement, but right now we don't know how this will affect us. Our initial investigation shows that the cost per copy will more than double. We may not be able to afford this in 1976 and may have to return to bi-monthly issues. However, the magazine will be double in size to what it is now so perhaps that will compensate somewhat. Whenever we get the final word on that I will let you know what we are going to do.

Naga Lecture...

Mr. Adair ended the lecture by quoting the strong words from the Bible when he said, "when you hear and see these things (Bible prophecies) coming, then you will know that 'a prophet hath been amongst you,' and remember where you heard it from."

The following morning, (Sunday) Mr. Adair personally conducted the follow-up lecture. Eighty-two interested people turned up. After one-hour lecture on prophecy and how to escape the coming troubles, questions were submitted on paper and answered one by one. Afterwards limited

copies of the Good News Magazine and the Correspondence Course were distributed and those who were unable to get a copy were requested to submit their names and addresses so they could receive their copies by mail.

Weather-wise, Naga City seemed to be at its best - typhoon season notwithstanding. There was hardly a drop of rain during the 5-day stay in the area, while the rest of Luzon had quite a bit of dousing. The routine brownouts in Naga were cancelled during the entire period, thanks to our PR man Mr. Nap Acebron's deal with the electric company.

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