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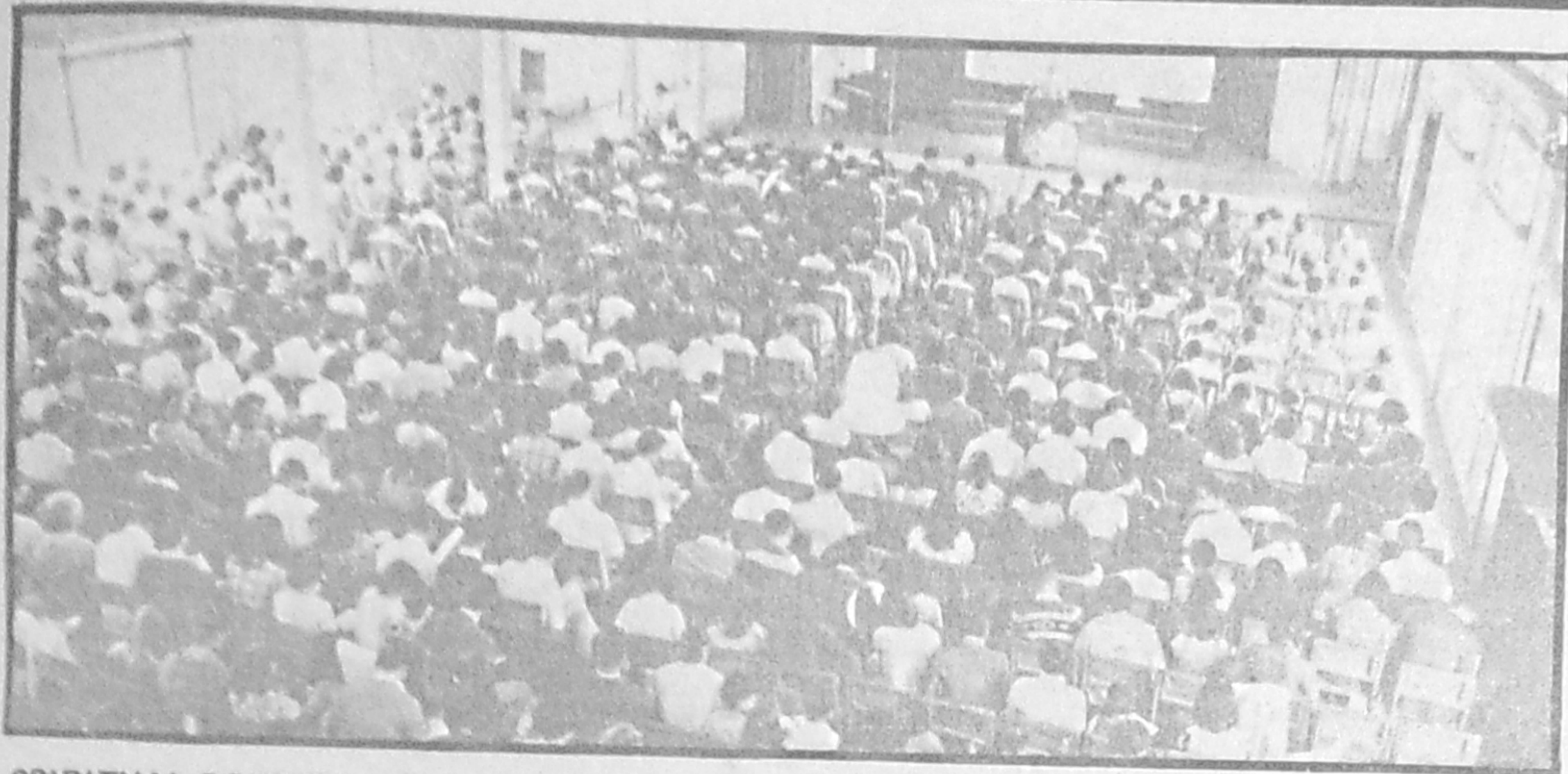
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SPIRITUAL BOOSTER — The daily services like the one shown above at this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio provided rejuvenating spiritual meat for the hundreds who attended. Staying close to God and obeying His laws emerged as the theme of the messages given in Baguio. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

1,133 ENJOY BEST FEAST EVER

by Jun Rustia

BAGUIO CITY — The best Feast yet was attended here by 1,133 people (831 adults, 302 children). We had 21 visitors from abroad — Australia (9), U.S.A. (4), Canada (4), Korea (1), Hong Kong (1), Japan (1), and Sabah (1).

It wasn't exactly like the much-publicized "Thrilla in Manila" but the people who came here from various parts of the country and the world passed through

Manila with lots of "thrilla" at the prospect of making it to this City of Pines. Added to the thrill of those who came by overnight buses were escort services of the military from one provincial boundary to the next.

The weather was generally excellent throughout despite threats of typhoons. On one occasion just prior to the start of the Feast, center winds of a typhoon reached up to 120 kilometers per hour and battered northern Luzon. Baguio City was spared from a direct hit. Occasionally there were rainshowers in the day or evening, but weather ranged from fine to excellent throughout.

Very much obvious was an overall spirit of cooperation, enthusiasm, service and a spirit of giving. People could be seen with smiling faces; some could be seen picking up bits and pieces

The sermons and sermonettes basically pointed out the need for staying close to God and obeying His laws and commandments.

The facilities were relatively fine — for the messages, food service, sleeping quarters, entertainment and sports. Besides the facilities readily available at the Teachers Camp, Baguio City had other things to offer — Burnham Park for biking and boating; Country Club; Mines View Park; Zig-Zag View; Mansion House (summer residence for Philippine Presidents); Camp John Hay (a recreation center for U.S. Servicemen); Philippine Military Academy ("West Point" of the Philippines); Trinidad Valley (largely a vegetable-producing area) and a host of other sights and sounds to help one enjoy his temporary stay in the city.

Perhaps one need not leave the confines of the Camp itself and its environs as it has some simple and enjoyable things to offer. Right within the Camp are towering pine trees and deep ravines strewn with sunflowers. The few rainshowers could not dampen the people's spirits because behind the clouds was the sun literally shining. Late at night the moon cast its borrowed light so brightly that one could not help but be stirred up within, to get up and peer through the glass window to enjoy the cold, foggy and damp night in meditation or even in reverie. At day-

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Current Events

Colin Adair

Special Bible Study Held in Laoag City

Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, resident minister in the Northern Luzon region, conducted a special Bible Study meeting for the Ilocos Norte brethren and some prospective members, last August 31, 1975. The meeting was held at the Texicano Hotel, Laoag City, starting at 9 o'clock in the morning. It should have ended 12 o'clock high noon, but because a lot of questions were asked, the meeting lasted till 1:30p.m. with no break.

There were 15 people present during this meeting (excluding Mr. Ortiguero and myself). Eight were Baptized members, five non-members

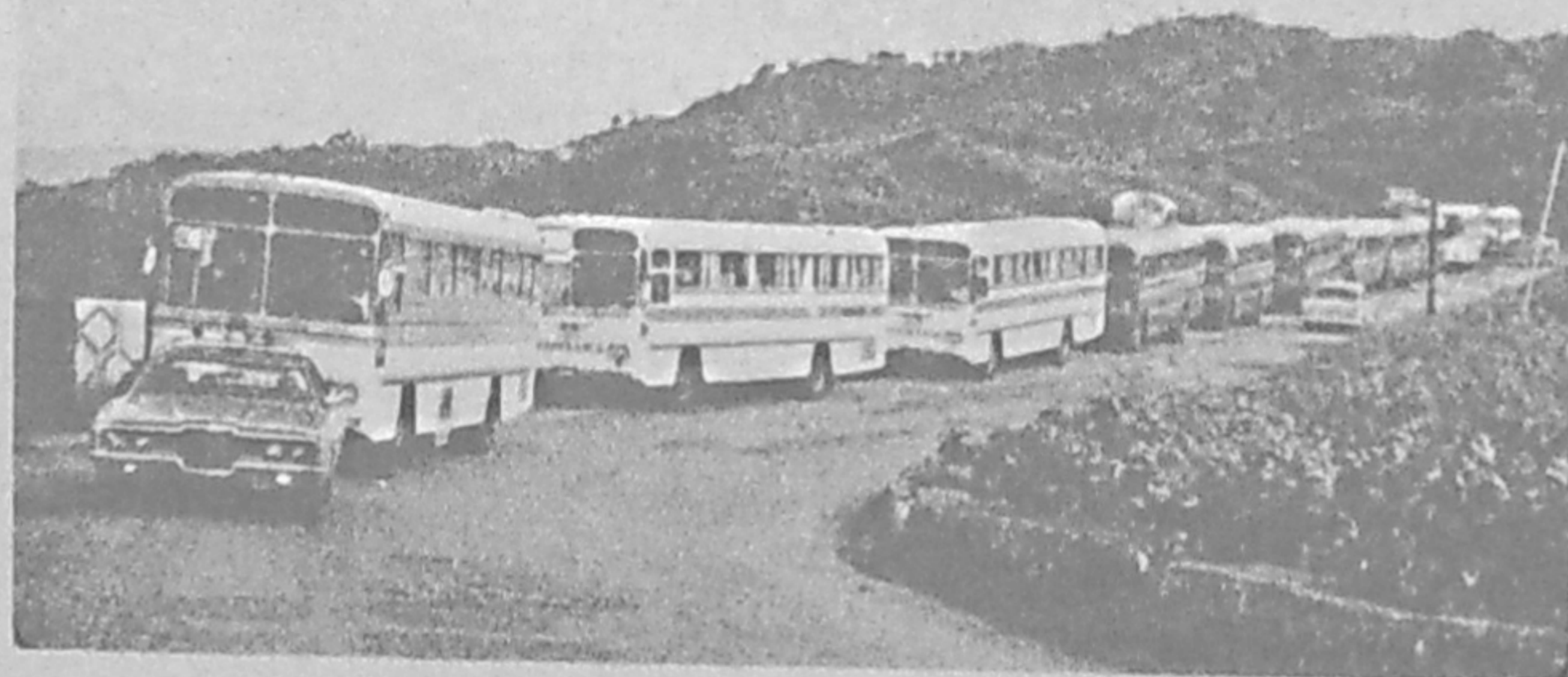
Post Feast

As predicted, it was the best Feast yet! Although we had two days when it rained in the afternoon, the rest of the week God blessed us with fine weather — the best weather yet in the history of Baguio Feasts. We had some sickness during the week, but considering the number of people there (1,133) it was minimal. The typhoon did manage to block the

Kennon Road during the time the chartered buses travelled up, when my wife and with the Cartiers travelled on Friday we were able to pass through Kennon. There was a short holdup because of one-way traffic while landslide was being cleared.

There will no doubt be reports in this issue on the social events we had, but I would like to put in

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"WOW! WE'RE HERE!" — As the convoy of chartered buses approached Baguio City there was the usual, the Feast turned out to be best ever. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero).

other half are clearing up and preparing to leave tonight. Much work has gone into this Feast and we are expecting it (as always) to be the best yet.

This afternoon a couple from the Perth, Australia, church will be arriving in Manila and will be stopping overnight prior to catching the tourist bus to Baguio tomorrow morning. Also one of our American brethren presently living in Seoul, Korea, will be arriving at 7.45pm. and he too will be leaving for Baguio by Tourist bus tomorrow morning. This year we have quite a number from overseas. At least seven (and perhaps one or two more) Australians will join us in Baguio, along with four Americans, two "exiled" Filipinos, and hopefully one national from Hong Kong. The latter I haven't heard from as to his arrival plans, so hope that nothing has gone wrong. We managed to get him a visa waiver from this end to facilitate his arrival and this was sent some weeks ago.

We had a very fine Feast of Trumpets and Day of Atonement here in Manila, with 648 in attendance at Trumpets and around 550 during Atonement. The offerings were extremely gratifying with 50.5% and 76% increase respectively over last year! If the Feast offerings at Baguio run the same way, we will do much to boost our overall income for this fiscal year and be travelling faster down the road to our destination of 35% increase for 1975/76. Much has to be done yet in this country and our plans call for reaching many thousands for the first time with the true gospel. I will close at this point and finish off this column after the Feast when I will have much to report on the happenings at Baguio.

Sept. 18: It's too much of a coincidence to be coincidental! After weeks of relatively fine weather (with just the usual rains in the evenings) the first typhoon in a long time had to enter the Philippine area of jurisdiction just yesterday — one day before the Church departs for the Feast at Baguio. And according to the newspaper this particular typhoon is being followed by a tropical depression still, at this time, way out in the Pacific. This is a pattern that has happened time and time again just as the brethren in this part of the world prepare to observe God's Festival. It seems that Satan always does his best to stop people travelling to the Feast in Baguio or sends bad weather during the Feast to try and disrupt activities as much as possible. Right now the rain has stopped here in Manila and it looks like the buses travelling tonight will have a clear journey with no weather problems. Perhaps because of the prayers of most of us, this typhoon (packing winds of 120kph) sped quickly across central Luzon and by now should have left the country on the South China Sea side, thus leaving the way clear for us to travel in safety. A short while ago I had a phone call from Mr. Acebron who has just arrived down from Baguio to attend to some business here before returning. He said the typhoon was strong in Baguio and that there had been some landslides along the Kennon Road. However, it was always passable and he advised the personnel at the toll gate to clear the road as soon as the storm passed, as over 1,000 people would be arriving for a Convention by tomorrow morning.

The office is very quiet today. Half of the personnel have already left and are now in Baguio and the

MANILA NEWS



September 6—A Day of Double Meaning

Smiling, happy faces were beaming all around the SSS Social Center as early as 8 o'clock in the morning. It could have been another Sabbath day if it had not been Tishri 1, first day of the seventh month, the Feast of Trumpets. There was no trumpet sound but a piano accompaniment to the "joyful noise" of some 650 people gathered from all over Manila and outlying areas. The chorale rendered "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" and "Lift Up Your Heads O Ye Gates," two

numbers that could have equalled the victorious sound of a trumpet as it imparted the meaning of the day (which was fully expounded during the sermon). Indeed, joy and happiness pervaded and it showed especially to one particular beaming couple — Mr. and Mrs. Colin Adair.

September 6 had additional meaning to the Adairs. It was their 10th wedding anniversary. It must have been significant to observe this happy occasion with the people they've been working with for the past five years. An anniversary cake prepared by Liza and Mrs. Tessie Ortiguero was served at the head table during lunch time and it well expressed the gratitude the Filipinos have to the Adairs. (Gema Matilac)



RELIVING THE PAST — It looks like wedding day again as Mrs. Adair feeds a spoonful of cake to her husband during the Feast of Trumpets last September 6, which this year coincided with their 10th wedding anniversary. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

Barrio Fiesta Hosted For the McNairs

MAKATI. Mr. Burk McNair, pastor and member of the CAD staff at Headquarters, his wife and their son Mark were guests at a get-together party known as "Barrio Fiesta" in Mr. and Mrs. Adair's home last September 30.

They were treated to a dinner of native delicacies like "kare-kare," "suman," "fried lapu-lapu," and others. Afterwards they were "toured" around the Philippines thru various songs and ethnic dances such as "Banga" (Baguio), "Mananguete" (Visayas), "Singkil" (Mindanao) and many others performed by local talents.

Other overseas guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cartier of the French-Canadian Work, Mr. Eugene Api, Mr. Andy Jones, and Miss Mila Enriquez of the U.S., Mr. and Mrs. Maarten Schreuders and Mr. Keith Smiley, Australian brethren. All spent their Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City.

The McNairs arrived in Manila from Burleigh Heads, Queensland, Australia where they kept the

Feast of Tabernacles. They left Manila on October 2 for Japan en route to Pasadena. While here Mr. McNair had the opportunity to conduct the Manila Bible Study on October 1. (Johnny Logroño)



CARE FOR "KARE-KARE"? Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair with their son curiously begin to sample Filipino cooking as Mrs. Jeremiah Ortiguero explains what each dish is made of. The sumptuous dinner was served during a "barrio" given in honor of the McNairs at the Adairs' residence. (Photo by Jerry Ortiguero)

This year saw the transfer of the Mindanao Feast sites from Don Carlos, Bukidnon to Cagayan de Oro and from Tagum, Davao del Norte to Toril, Davao City. Despite the overall decrease in attendance in Mindanao, the Holy Day offerings taken up increased by a large percentage from last year's. The accounts here about each of the sites down south show a general improvement in facilities and the quality of attendance.

Cagayan de Oro City

By Wilfredo M. Abella, Jr.

It was Babel in reverse. Warays, Cebuanos, Tagalogs, Kapampangan, Boholanos, Mindanao folks and Americans — some 500 people — impelled by a common hope assembled at one spot. For eight days at beautiful Bulakeña Beach Resort during the first Feast of Tabernacles to be held in Cagayan de Oro City, the Church of God lived a type of the millennial society that's soon coming upon this earth.

The setting was suitable. From the resort's seawall a panoramic view of the sea with Camiguin island outlined in the horizon could be seen. The place was cool and shady with coconuts, talisays, shrubbery and other greeneries. There was the native touch in the shades, with nipa roof shaped umbrella-like over hexagonal seats, each shade uniquely named after such places as Paombong, Bustos, Bulacan, etc. The meeting place consisted of an open air hall and an adjacent modern concrete-glass conference hall which had a sound-distribution system. The weather was fine and sunny throughout the whole period of the Feast, punctuated only three times by rain.

Few could be quartered at the resort's lodging rooms but the rest of the brethren were all able to rent rooms in nearby homes while some stayed in the city proper a few kilometers from Bulakeña. Most had to cook their own meals. This and other "problems" turned out to be blessings, as these gave us the opportunities to get acquainted with others, taught us how to cope with emergencies and how to work with those in each of our own group. It compel-

PROVINCIAL NEWS



GSP Camp Alano, Davao City

By Marcial Villacura and Eleazar Flores

This year 212 of God's people in Southern Mindanao rejoiced before God in the newest feast site God has opened to His people in the area. The new 5-hectare well-fenced feast site is located in the southern part of Davao City about 14 kilometers from the Poblacion and within walking distance from the city's well-known beach resorts. Equipped with facilities for modern living, the camp site is

led us, as Mr. Benitez urged, to look at the stars not on muddy ground. Giving, sharing, helping, involvement were the in things.

Time for Joy

It was time for joy. Basketball games at the Marcos Sports Center; a semi-formal dance at nearby Cha-li Beach; a picnic at Cha-li again; and the high point of the social activities — the successful Filipiniana. Some of the entertaining numbers presented during the Filipiniana: Curachas, "Ang Maglalatik" dance, native folk songs. On Friday we toured the Del Monte pineapple canning plant at Bogo and in the evening, thanks to National Media men, we were treated to three films — two from the NMPC and the last one the film, "Herbert W. Armstrong — the Man and His Works."

Happiness was not only during those activities. Sometimes the sermons were spiced with humor. One morning Mr. Hood surprised us when he opened with "Maa-yong Buntag. Nagkita na pod kita." (Good morning. We have met again.) The congregation tittered in amusement. At another point, human nature clearly appeared ridiculous and funny when Mr. Benitez keenly observed how sometimes instead of being true lights to the world we place our lamps upon the unconverted's nape. There was happiness too for the new ones, those baptized at the Feast. Those who witnessed the occasion had the chance to share that happiness with them.

Balanced Spiritual Food

The Festival's main dish, so to speak, was of course the sumptuous and well balanced spiritual fare served daily by the ministers and leaders headed by Mr. Encardio Benitez and Mr. George Hood and assisted by Mr. Vivencio Car-

owned and managed by the Girl Scouts of the Philippines Regional Office for Mindanao and Sulu.

For the first time, God's people here were especially happy, contented and thankful for the better accommodation, facilities and the healthful and pleasant atmosphere pervading at the feast site. Enthusiastic and inspired by the new location, the brethren joyously cleaned the spacious and well-lighted meeting hall, dining hall and kitchen as well as the 16 cottages and several tents made available to them. The brethren also helped clean the playground and the track and field where they usually started the day's activities

melotes, Mr. Eustiquio Benitez, Mr. Juanito Gapul and Mr. Petronilo Leyson.

Hearing more about the AICF was truly inspiring. It was a revelation to learn why this new thrust in the Work is a move in the right direction. Our understanding of the Millennium, Child-Rearing, Husband-Wife relationship, Worldliness, tarnished and weakened probably by the passage of time was polished and propped up. It's just amazing how God's Ministers can throw new light on an otherwise well known Biblical verse.

The Last Great Day was not the least. In the morning Mr. Benitez focused us on the shortness of human life, on the fact that this time, for us called now, is our only chance. He exhorted us not to be lazy but to trade our talents. He strongly corrected us by pointing out such common mistakes as criticism and fault-finding and ego-boosting by making comparisons.

Mr. Hood concluded the affair in the afternoon by explaining to us how to strive for Christian maturity. He taught us what kind of approach we should have towards God, towards God's Word, to life, to the world, to our fellow human beings. Finally he expounded to us the meaning of Agape — selfless love which is a mark of Christian maturity. Love was a fitting note to end it all after Mr. Hood announced the forthcoming marriage of Jessup Bahinting and Margie Matas.

Love was in our hearts as each shook the hands of sisters and brothers, talked, wrote down names and addresses, bade farewell, hoped that next year we could meet friends and brethren again.

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with jogging and walking thus keeping in top physical trim while developing spiritual qualities as future citizens and leaders of the world tomorrow.

Balanced and Successful Recreation

Balanced and successful recreation during the Feast in the form of social activities, outings, and pleasure trips helped to make this year's Feast in this part of the country "the Best Ever."

The Family Night on the evening of September 20 was the kick-off of the social activities, featuring entertainment and fellowship hosted by the various families.

The following evening the children displayed their talents and abilities in the form of singing, dancing and parlor games at the children's Social Night, to the delight of the audience.

The singing ability of some of the brethren amply manifested itself during the Amateur Singing contest held on the evening of the third day. The contest was conducted just like those being broadcast over many radio stations in the country.

Games, both indoor and outdoor, were also conducted or played, thus enabling the brethren to burn up the excess energy from the abundant food taken in during the Feast. A unique form of exercise — jogging — was also instituted and done during the early morning hours.

The brethren also made good use of the nearby Sunrise Beach (about 300 meters from the Feast-site) for an outing and swimming. The various pleasant spots in this city were toured by the brethren on the fourth day.

TORIL — Brethren gathered at the Davao Feast site pose with leaders (Mr. Marciano Moring, Mr. Pedro Casing, and Mr. Antonio Ilustrisimo).



The young people had more than enough of their share of enjoyment during the Ladies Night, hosted by some of the wives of the brethren. They dined, danced and sung to their heart's desire during this Ladies Night.

Capping off this year's social activities was the memorable Music Night. Featured during this night were singing singly and in groups, instrumental numbers and sprinkling of comical skits.

Thus all the brethren in attendance were fully rejuvenated during the Feast, and all recreational activities helped very much to make it so.

HUMAN RESOURCE INFORMATION

You Can Start Your Own Business

By Lionel A. Gonzales

You can start a business, whether big or small, with or without sufficient capital, IF you have completely developed your mind enough to control and direct it to the fulfillment of your goal. You can achieve the great potential for success by knowing your own mind and living your own life in order to find and enjoy that mighty potential.

Mr. Gonzales and his family are now in Toronto, Ontario, Canada as immigrants. While in the Philippines he managed a wall decor and painting business which he has left to some associates to operate. He plans to visit the country from time to time in connection with his business.

THE MIND THAT LEADS TO SUCCESS.

The right frame of mind is essential to business success. This means you must strive to control your mind, to keep out negative attitudes and ideas, and to have a positive outlook. You must free your mind from the idea of getting something for nothing, or the idea of getting rich quick. Instead, be prepared to work very hard, and to keep working hard, even in the face of temporary failure and discouragement.

Think of business as a place where you would make money, not because you need your customers, but because your customers need your services. In other words, it's best to have the customers' interests in your mind FIRST before thinking of getting something from them.

Why would you want to start a

business? There are several reasons for this. One, of course, is the opportunity of earning more income. If you are employed, your compensation is likely to be fixed, and increases come only during promotions. Having a business, on the other hand, affords you the chance to earn more returns, depending on the success of your business. Another advantage of setting up a business is more controllable time. As a businessman, you are the one who controls your own time, and are less likely to be tied to definite schedules. This also means you have more freedom to act on your activities.

You can also have more personal satisfaction in running a business. Aside from the deep satisfaction of seeing your business goals being successfully attained, it would be exciting to see your business grow continually. And since your business is your own, you can hand it down to your heirs.

ACQUIRING CAPITAL FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

Unless you inherited wealth from a rich relative, or you have a substantial amount of personal savings, you may not have the sufficient capital to start your business. This means you have to raise the capital one way or another. There are several ways to do this. One is by borrowing. You can borrow from a friend, a bank, an insurance company, or an investment house. Another way to raise up capital is by pooling your own resources with other people, and go into a partnership agreement with them. Care, however, must be exercised in resorting to this means. The third way to raise up capital is of course, by personal savings. You may decide to postpone starting your business, until you accumulate enough savings needed for the undertaking.

ORGANIZING THE BUSINESS

Once you decide to go into business, and once you have the capital needed for it, the next thing to consider is what business to go into. (Of course, you can have the business idea before you even start raising capital.) The principle to follow here is to find the need of people in your business area and learn how to fill that need. People have many needs. As a businessman, you will be most interested in people's economic needs; needs for goods and/or services in the areas of food, clothing, shelter, etc.

After pinpointing the particular goods or service you will offer, the next thing to do is to choose the site or place where you will conduct your business, as well as the name of your business. You will have to register the business name with the Bureau of Commerce, acquiring a Municipal License, and, if your area of business is food, a Health permit.

Be sure to operate with or near a telephone which you can use for your business. Know how to use the telephone directory for canvassing information that you need.

Learn salesmanship. This is an essential skill required in running a business. There are many good books on salesmanship that are available. Short courses on salesmanship are also offered through seminars conducted by some academic institutions.

One good thing to remember in pricing your goods or services is to avoid overpricing them in order to have higher returns. The better thing to do is to increase instead your sales volume. In this way, you can earn higher returns without raising your prices.

Lastly, remember this important business principle: SOP means Small Operation for daily income, BOP means Big Operation for future and bigger income. SOP is a priority and a must, while BOP is not. Big business operations should start only after SOP is sufficiently established.

CONCLUSION

Apply the above points with all

THE HOMEMAKER

Make Kitchen Safe for Curious Tots

The sights and sounds and smells of food preparation make the kitchen the most fascinating room in the entire house for young children.

But the kitchen also can be the most dangerous room for toddlers — especially if there are electric cords that can be put into the mouth, open outlets within reach, or appliances that can be pulled down from cabinet, counter or table tops.

A child who can reach the top of a range also may be able to spill a pan of boiling water or scalding-hot grease over his body.

Below counter-top level, hazards often include toxic household chemicals and hot water pipes under the sink, cabinet drawers full of knives and an oven hot enough to broil meats.

The busy homemakers can't keep their eyes on a curious child every second, but here are some safety suggestions from the Coffee Information Institute:

— Cover or conceal any electric outlets below counter-top level. Don't allow electric cords to hang below the counter or table top.

— Do not store sharp instruments, such as knives or dangerous chemicals where small children can reach them.

— Never allow the handles of pots or pans to extend over the edge of a kitchen range; keep them turned toward the rear or the side of the stove.

— When you buy a kitchen range, make sure the heating units and controls are beyond the reach of small children.

— Keep children away from kitchen areas that may be especially hazardous during meal preparation; a child playing on the floor beside a kitchen range is

your might, with singularity of purpose in order that you will not have an unstable mind. The Bible says that a double minded person is unstable in all his ways. Remember that God helps only those who help themselves, and that a just man falls seven times but rises up again. Then you can be sure to enjoy the fruits of your labor, sweet and to the full.

much more likely to be burned by hot liquids that are spilled.

— When pouring hot liquids, always pour away from yourself and slowly. Instant coffee and soup mixes tend to effervesce when boiling water is poured too quickly.

— Choose coffee cups or mugs that are designed so they will not tip easily. Some modern stemmed cups are attractive, but they are more likely to tip over.

— When you set containers of hot foods or hot liquids on a table, put them as close to the center of the table as possible — or at least, well away from the edge.

— When small children are likely to be around, use placemats instead of a table cloth that can be pulled off, along with containers of hot foods.

— Never use lighted candles on the table when children are present.

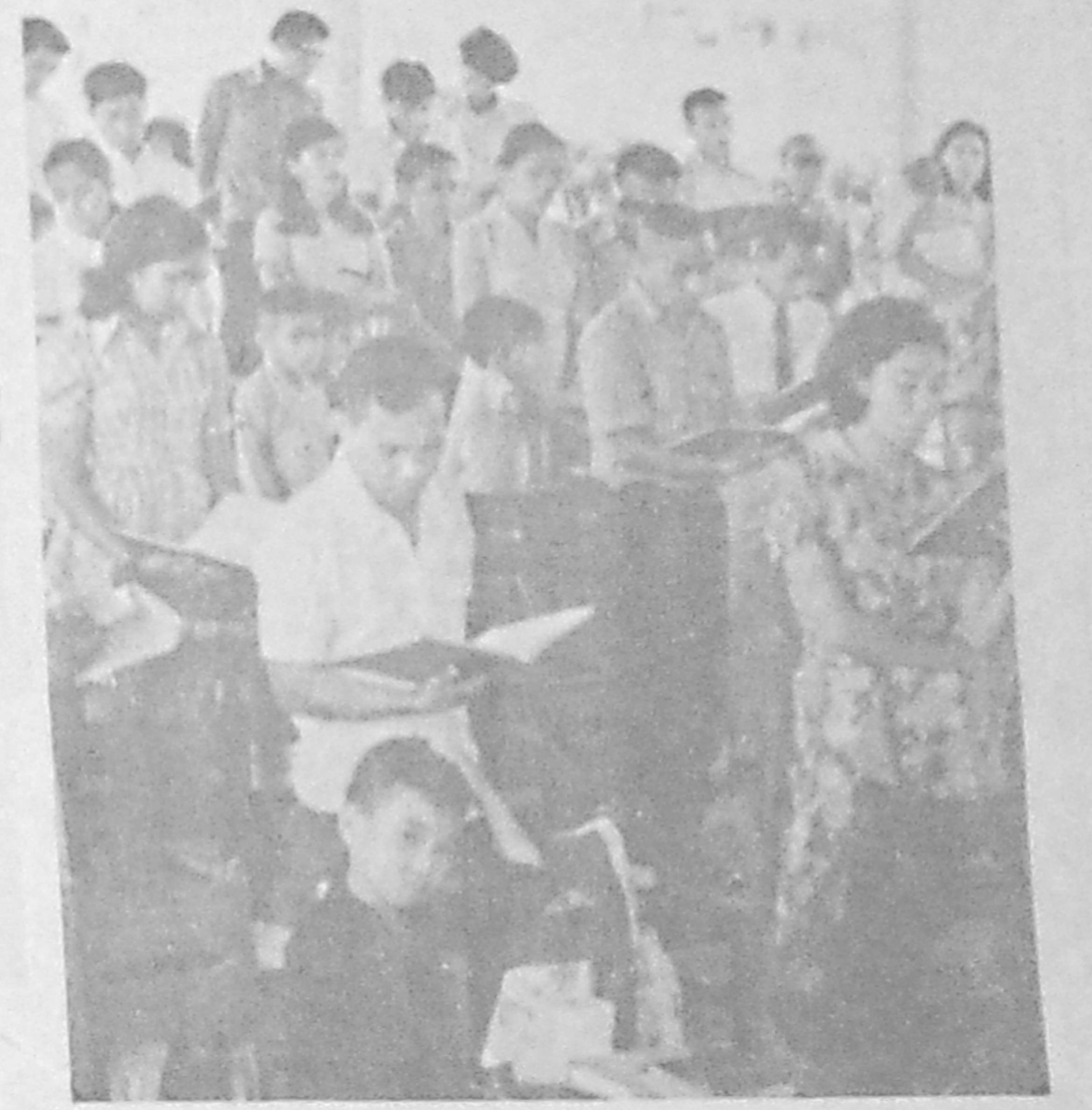
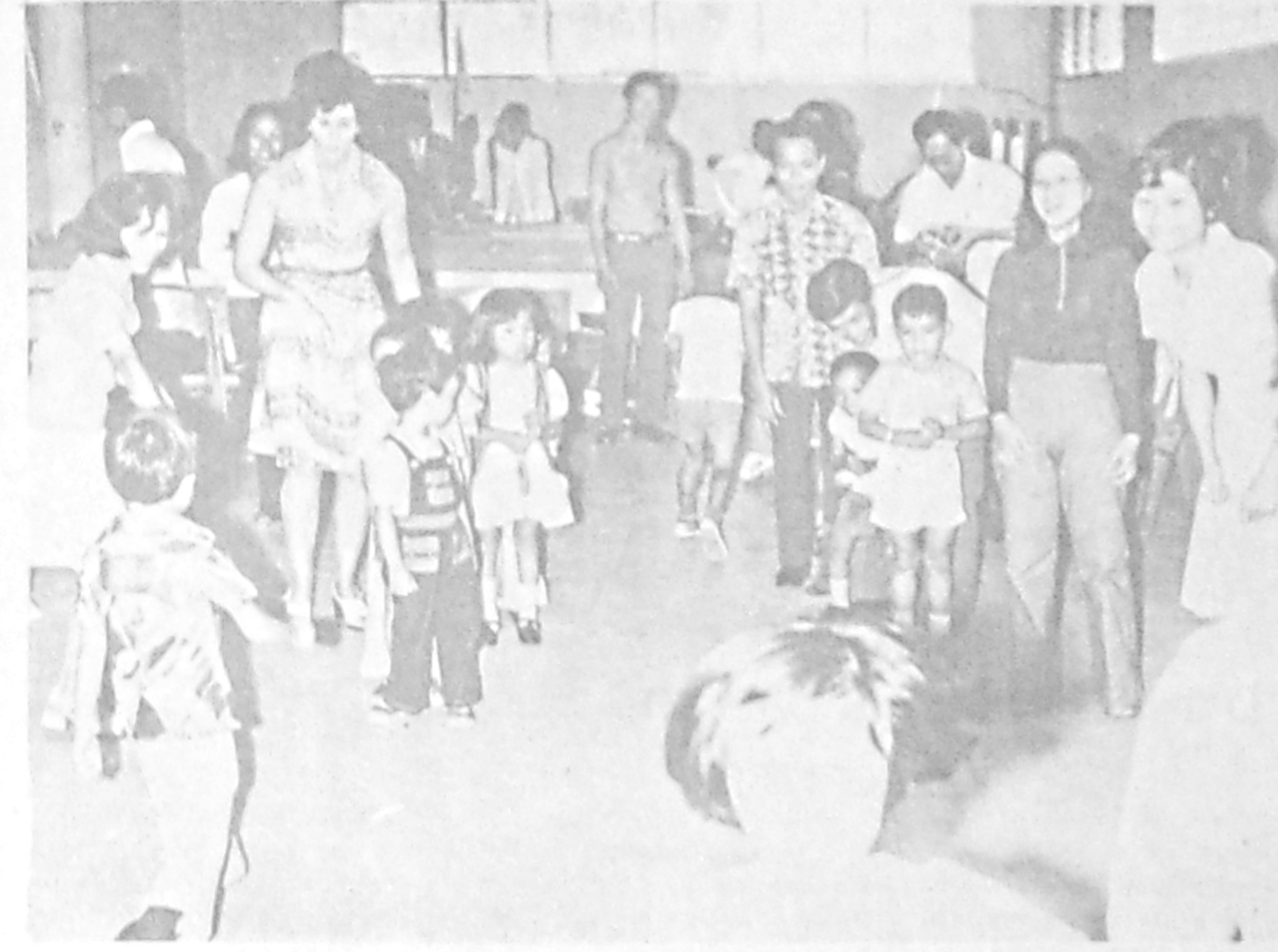
— Help accident-proof your kitchen by adopting the perspective of a small child. Remember that a child may not be tall enough to see that a pot on the stove or a bowl on the table contains hot food.

If a child is allowed to play with pots and pans, he may think of the food containers on the kitchen range as his toys. If he tips fluids occasionally from an adult's cup, he may assume that the cup on the table is for his use.

Resist the temptation to hold a child in your arms while you drink any hot beverage. A frisky child can knock the cup out of your hand in a fraction of a second. Put the youngster in his playpen, high-chair, or some other safe place during your coffee break.

— Finally, be sure you know what to do if an accident occurs in the kitchen despite all precautions. For example, in case of burns apply ice or cold water to the burn area. Keep your doctor's telephone number posted nearby so you can contact him quickly about any serious accident.

— Most accidents are predictable and preventable. Make yourself a committee of one to keep the kitchen a happy room rather than a hazardous room. (Bulletin Today)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MANILA OCTOBER CALENDAR

SABBATH SERVICE —

Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25
1 P.M., GSP Auditorium
P. Faura, Manila

BIBLE STUDY —

Oct. 1, 15, 29
7 P.M., GSP Auditorium

BAPTIZING SCHEDULE —

Oct. 13 (Watch for details
at service of Oct. 11)

SPOKESMAN CLUB —

Club A (Every Sun.):
Oct. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 2
8:30 P.M.

Club B (Every other Tues.):
Oct. 14, 28
7:00 P.M.

Club C (Every other Thurs.):
Oct. 23, Nov. 8
7:00 P.M.

All at the Ambascos Office.

BIBLE CLASS —

Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4, 18
7 P.M., Ambascos Office

WOMEN'S CLUB —

Club B and C:
Oct. 12 (Sun.)
2 P.M., Ambascos Office

Club A:
Oct. 26 (Sun.)
2 P.M.,
10 Aries, Bel-Air

SABBATH SERVICES IN THE PROVINCES

BAGUIO CITY —

Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 8
9 A.M., Quezon-Roosevelt Hall
Teachers' Camp

URDANETA —

Oct. 4, 18, Nov. 1
9 A.M., ACA Hall
Nancayasan, Urdaneta

CEBU CITY —

Oct. 4, 25, Nov. 1
10 A.M., 1:30 P.M.

ILOILO CITY —

Oct. 18, Nov. 8
9:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M.
Social & Cultural Hall
Division of City Sch. Bldg.
Cor. Mabini-Gen. Luna Sts.

NAGA CITY —

Oct. 18
10 A.M., 1:30 P.M.
Lindex Hotel Deck

OUTLYING BIBLE STUDIES SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA —

Oct. 5, Nov. 2
9:30 A.M.
St. Cecilia's Hall
St. Scholastica's Acad.

DAGUPAN CITY —

Oct. 4, 19 (Sun.-notice change),
Nov. 2, 26
10 A.M.

LUCENA CITY —

Oct. 19
9:30 A.M., GSP Auditorium
(In front of CFI)

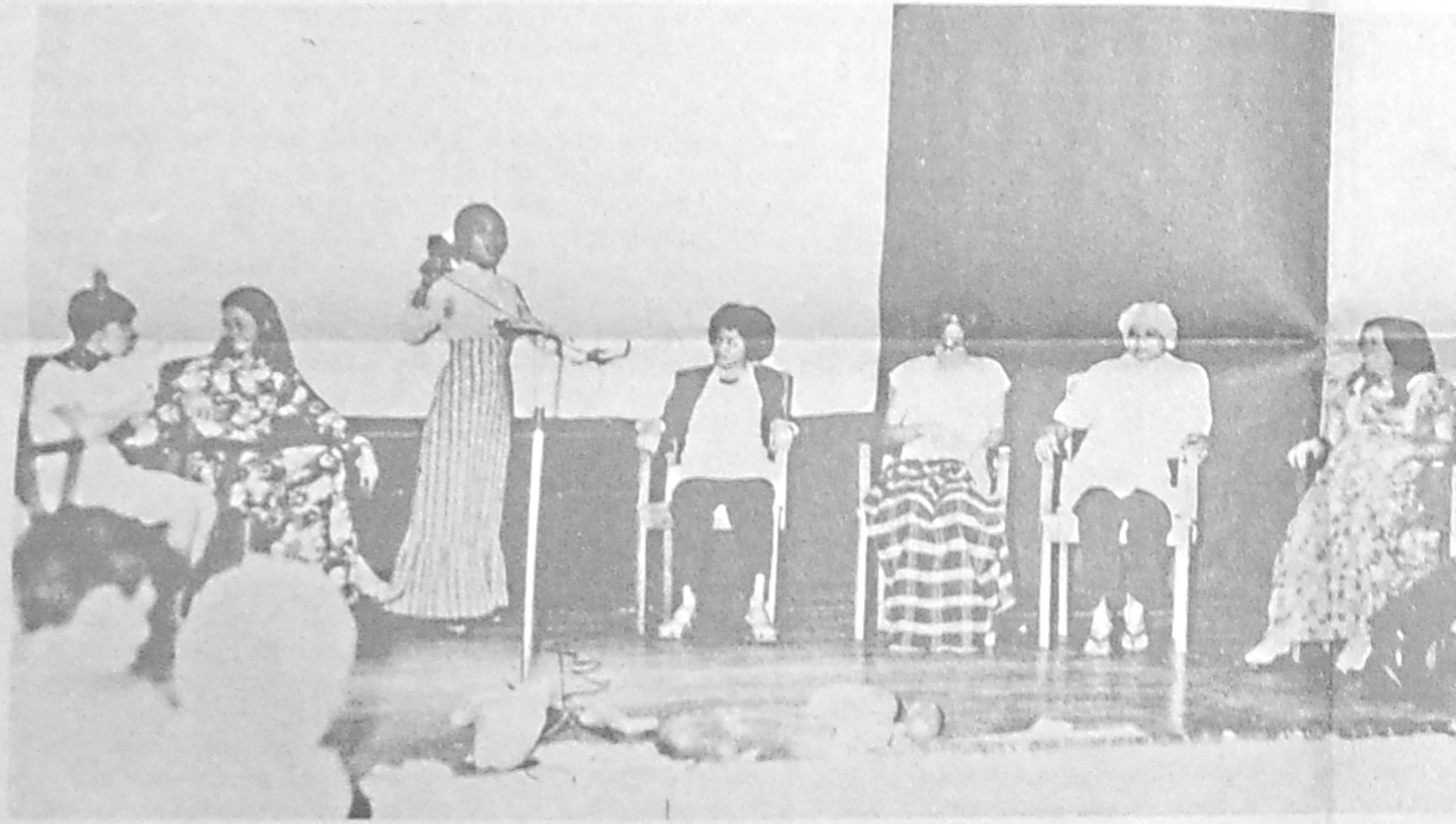
CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY —

Oct. 4, Nov. 1
10 A.M., Ambassador Hotel

PUBLIC LECTURE

ILOILO CITY —

Oct. 18 (Sat.), 8:30 P.M.
Oct. 19 (Sun.), 9:00 A.M.
Univ. of Iloilo Auditorium



A WHIRL OF ACTIVITIES — With eight days of the Feast to spend, what else could we have but a variety of activities to help us rejoice as God commands? Top left, going clockwise: children aged 2-6 have their own fun with games at Baguio; the brethren in Toril, Davao City leisurely sing a hymn in open-walled meeting hall; senior citizens (with the exception of guests Mr. and Mrs. Colin Adair and Mr. and Mrs. Pike Mirto, of course) "say cheese" after a surprise party given them in Baguio by Manila's Women's Club C; Mr. Pedro Ortiguero happily shows the shade of a lamp presented him as a gift by the Manila Church at the Baguio dance night; joy in the dance is reflected by Mr. and Mrs. Max Fabricante.

Opposite page blow-up shows Sally Roberto and Manny Corpuz doing a Maori dance at the "Balikbayan" show. Top left, same page, going counter-clockwise: Mr. Eugene Api (a balikbayan from Pasadena) does a chef act for hungry line at Baguio mess hall; Japanese Parasol Dance from the "Balikbayan" show; ladies put on a skit during Family Night; an intimate moment between Mrs. Adair and Mrs. Ric Cartier is captured in this candid shot during the dance night; a group photo of some brethren keeping the Feast in Cagayan de Oro. (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero, Cicero Binuya Jr., and unidentified others).

Best Feast Ever...

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break, the window glasses were wet with dew; the fog that descended in the early evening was broken up by the shaft of light from the rising sun. Light and shadow would alternate on the cluster of pine trees outside the dorms and cottages. Occasionally there would be the smell of burning pine needles, cones and twigs mingled with grass. Sometimes at daybreak one would hear shouts that sounded like "one, toe, tree, fore." What was that? No, people were not playing golf that early. They were actually cadences from the police trainees nearby doing their rounds of exercise.

There was a state of fine health throughout except for a few cases

of sickness. Perhaps the water was a factor. A recent newspaper report said that the water in Baguio City is not properly chlorinated. The report further said that workers dry their shoes and clothes right in the watershed; that chlorination, if at all, is done manually by stirring chlorine with broken twigs in rusty kerosene cans. Ugh!

Nevertheless, these brief eight days in Baguio were enjoyable and the people outpoured their gratitude with generous offerings. After those days of brief exercise in millennial living, the thought of leaving it all and going "back to the oven" was indeed "saddening," for a fleeting moment at least.

No doubt, the Feast was the best ever. It is not only a pleasant memory to live by but also a stepping stone, a time of looking forward to another "best Feast yet."

The Night of the "Balikbayan Connection"

On September 23rd — a starlit Tuesday evening — at about 7:30 P. M., the lights dimmed off at the Baguio Colleges Foundation Gymnasium while the audience waited in anticipation for the presentation... "The Balikbayan Connection." It was a short play (with characters, setting and plot), a short Filipiniana show and another short international variety show combined; thus provoking a different atmosphere, especially that the place chosen for the presentation was far from the camp proper.

The plot revolved around the main character, Jose Bustamante (played by Joe Pioquinto), an accomplished Filipino painter living in the U.S. who had stayed a bachelor for such a long time already that he longed for a perfect life partner and a perfect island for them to live on. Each country or region he went to was depicted by a dance representative of the place. And the trip around the world began.

After the groovy modern dance and the expertly done tap dance representing the United States (where he had stayed for 10 years already) Joe hopped from Latin America (Banana Boat Dance and Mambo la Libertad) to Europe (amusing Zorba the Greek), from the Pacific (Little Brown Gal and

Maori Dance) to Asia (Chinese Dance and Japanese Parasol Dance). But as expected, his heart wasn't bent on any girl yet. And the inevitable came after the intermission - when Joe finally decided to return home as a "balikbayan" to the Philippines. And Phase I ended.

Phase II began with the usual warm welcome Filipinos give to visitors (We Say Mabuhay Song) — this time to our balikbayan, Joe. Then after a dialogue or two began another intensive trip. Breathtaking representative for the mountain region (Luzon) was the Igorot Dance ably managed by Boogie Pangilinan. Other songs and dances from the different Philippine regions (Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao) were beautifully presented. Not to forget the naughty song, "Pahaloka Ko 'Day'" (translated as Let Me Kiss You, Baby). And the final dance was magnificently done, Singkil — the most famous of all the Mindanao folk dances.

While at his hotel in Mindanao, Joe met Miss Nora Young (played by Nora Pioquinto), also a balikbayan, whose interest lay in music. Then he was found to be the 100,000th guest of the hotel and was awarded an island just off Davao. After a "whirlwind" courtship that supposedly lasted for a year, the two were



ZORBA THE GREEK — The all-male Greek dance number, choreographed by Mrs. Nati Sasin and Athos Parane, was a hit on the "Balikbayan Connection" show at the BCF Auditorium in Baguio City. The above photo was taken during the dress rehearsal on the previous night. More photos of the show are found on page 5. (Photo by Cicero Binuya, Jr.)



Dance Highlights Church's Tenth Anniversary

The traditional Church Dance during the Feast of Tabernacles at the Teachers' Camp, Baguio City, on Sept. 25, 1975 turned into a fitting and grand celebration of the tenth year of existence of the Manila congregation of the Worldwide Church of God. The equally traditional dance hall, Benitez Hall in the Senior Mess area of the Camp, was "filled to capacity", with some standing, by about four hundred brethren who were keeping the Feast in this beautiful city of pines.

The Anniversary ball, as it was also called, was one of the two highlights of the tenth anniversary observance during the Feast. The other one was the Church History in Pictures exhibit.

married. "No Man is an Island" was touchingly rendered by the choir. And the show ended.

After the "toil and and heartache, blood, sweat, and tears" as Mr. Colin Adair commented, the show was, at last, successfully presented. The production staff headed by Filamer Santos all did their utmost while the performers (with

The dance started at 8:30 P.M. An hour earlier, the main door of Benitez Hall was opened to eager brethren waiting outside the hall. It did not take long for all the seats to be occupied by the young, the once-young, single, married, with and without dates — all "rarin" to dance. After a brief welcome from the emcee, Frank Pedeglorio, the dance started with a sprightly waltz number by the Diplomats combo.

The theme of the hall decoration was modern — hanging lighted spheres, park lamps on the dance floor, geometric figures dominating the stage — but the dance numbers were just as traditional as the Dance. The combo played a combination of bouncy cha-cha, exciting boogie, elegant

their fantastic make-up) were at their best. And not without compensation, because over P600 worth of donations were collected from the responsive (and generous) audience. Anyway, where else would you be privileged to see a cultural show where so much was put into it and all for free? (Suzette Magallanes)

waltz, romantic tango, and the always popular slow drag. The three-dance-in-a-row playing of dance music proved to be a hit. Dance partners enjoyed three successive dances, without going back to their seats after each dance number.

The Anniversary Ball was not without the usual anniversary cake. Mr. Pedro Ortiguero, who had been with the Manila Church since it was established in 1965 up until he became pastor of the Urdaneta church, blew out in one breath the ten small candles — symbolic of the past decade in the life of the Manila church, all ten years now past. Some of the "pioneer" Manila brethren joined Mr. Ortiguero in the candle-blowing ceremony. Mr. Ortiguero was also given a gift by a grateful Manila congregation, a large table lamp, in appreciation of his dedicated work of ministry with the church.

The other features of the dance included two entertainment dance numbers, door prizes, and lucky date prizes (random dates were called out, and the ones baptized on or nearest these dates received prizes.) The anniversary celebration was capped by an anniversary Bunny Hop, led by the Regional Director and pastor of the Manila Church, Mr. Colin Adair.

by Jun Villegas

Family Night-Time Out For Fun

"A family that plays together makes fun last longer." With this theme, the Family Nite seasoned the second day of the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City this year.

Benitez Hall was set up early for the night's program. Not surprisingly, the majority of the audience were the children who are always the earlycomers every year. The first thing you observe in them is their eagerness and enthusiasm to participate in the games. In every little face you can easily read one overwhelming appeal. "I want to join every game." Of course there is a bit of selfishness in this appeal but that is beside the point. What counts most is their great desire to simply get involved in all games. Ample proof of this was that at the end of a game they would always remain on the game floor and get

ready for the next one.

Children's games started with the Lemon Relay with each contestant pushing his lemon using only a pencil across the floor. Team B captained by Job Raduban proved themselves to be the faster lemon pushers. Besides the prize for the winning group, the lemons and pencils were given to the contestants as gifts. This was followed by 'Folding Chairs!' Each contestant from each team raced to the folded chair, opened it, sat down on it, and immediately got up and folded it again. Team A led by Jay Palisoc won this game. The other games were 'Put on the Sack' and 'Banana Relay' won by Teams B and A headed by Melissa Velasquez and Raquel Salibad respectively. The 'Snatch as Snatch can' turned

out as a Rugby (British foot-ball). Imagine sixty (60) children rushing towards a number of guavas trying to retrieve some. It took the 'umpires' a hard time to break the pile. Of course the guavas were all wiped out on the floor.

After the awarding of prizes to the winners of the children's games, a 35-minute entertainment spiced up the night's affair. A trio and a guitar solo were rendered by the Angeles sisters and Edgar Saboren respectively. The hilarious skit, 'Kahit Ano Puede' contributed by the Women's Clubs headed by Mistress Precy Cardona sent the audience into fits of laughter. The Urdaneta Church's young people graced this portion with a choreography entitled 'The Flower and the Bee' directed by Andy Villegas.

Regrettably, due to time pressure, only three parlor games were played out of nine. Huego de Anillo was won by Team B led by Sonny Quina. Many contestants

The Gallery of Acts

"Philippine Worldwide Church of God History in Pictures" — a project sponsored by YAC-A, Manila — was held last September 25 and 26 at this year's Feast of Tabernacles, Baguio City. The show served well the purpose of acquainting the brethren attending the Feast with the existence of the Philippine Church for the past ten years.

On the opening day a simple Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony conducted by Mrs. Margaret Adair took place. As one entered the gallery, large drawings of Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Garner Ted Armstrong, the three successive Philippine directors, Messrs. Ames, Docken and Adair, greeted everyone.

The photographs contributed by some brethren dated from 1964 to 1975. Each year was titled appropriately. The first year of history was captioned "Young 64." 1967 was called "Devastating 67" which was supported by a set of pictures depicting some brethren walking on the muddy Kennon Road rendered impassable for vehicles by landslides brought about by a strong



typhoon. As a result there were two feast sites in Luzon area, one in Baguio City and the other in Manila.

The Choral Group was also amusing. Mr. Docken was the first conductor with a handful of singers. A portion depicted those happy church wedding days. Bits of humor were injected by the "Joke Only" section. Laughable skits were drawn "comics style" using some photographs of the brethren in awkward and funny positions.

Near the exit was a big frame for 1976 A. D. with nothing but a big question mark (?). What will 1976 bring for the Philippine Church? (Arman Madrid)

DECADE OF MEMORIES — As a part of the Manila Church's 10th Anniversary celebration at the Feast in Baguio this year the young people organized the enjoyable picture exhibit of the church's activities during the last decade. Top left, going clockwise: Mrs. Margaret Adair cuts the ceremonial ribbon before the opening of the exhibit; a part of the crowd "devours" the pictures of "Blossoming '66"; a sample of the pictures representing 1965, here showing the earliest church members at an outing in Tagaytay, Cavite during the Feast of Tabernacles then. (Photos by Jerry Ortuero)



"Church Bazaar" 1975

"CHURCH BAZAAR" 1975, a project of the YAC "B", was successfully held at the lobby of Roosevelt Hall last September 24. Total gross sales amounted to P663.65, and P345.00 of it went to the Emergency Fund.

The bazaar, which earlier seemed to fail due to lack of participation, turned out to be very successful when a crowd of eager

buyers came even before the place was set up and the items displayed. Most of the club members had to be called from the "CRASH PROGRAM", another project of YAC "B", which was held at the same time, to help in selling due to the unexpected large number of buyers.

Prices were such a bargain that just after an hour almost all items were sold and those who came late had to be contented with the left overs. Perhaps many wondered how we were able to sell those items at give away prices. Well, very simple: most of those items were donated. (The YAC "B" takes this opportunity to give our sincere thanks and appreciation to

those who donated and submitted items for sale, to those who in one way or another helped in making the project a success and we hope that many were benefited by the bazaar.)

But as the saying goes, "for every tear, a victory", the bazaar had its tears (problem) which we would like to bring to the attention of the brethren, hoping that many will be encouraged to participate in next year's bazaar. The main problems were lack of participation, interest and time for preparation. We understand many were hesitant to participate due to the problems encountered in last year's bazaar. Many did not fully understand the purpose of the project and how it can benefit them and there was lack of time since everybody was busy preparing for the Feast.

[Jose S. Luzuriaga]



TIME FOR TYKES — The Children's Party at the Baguio Feast was held not to keep the kids from mischief but to give them a good time. The adults (shown with their wards at right photos) had fund as well.

Adults Enjoy Children's Party

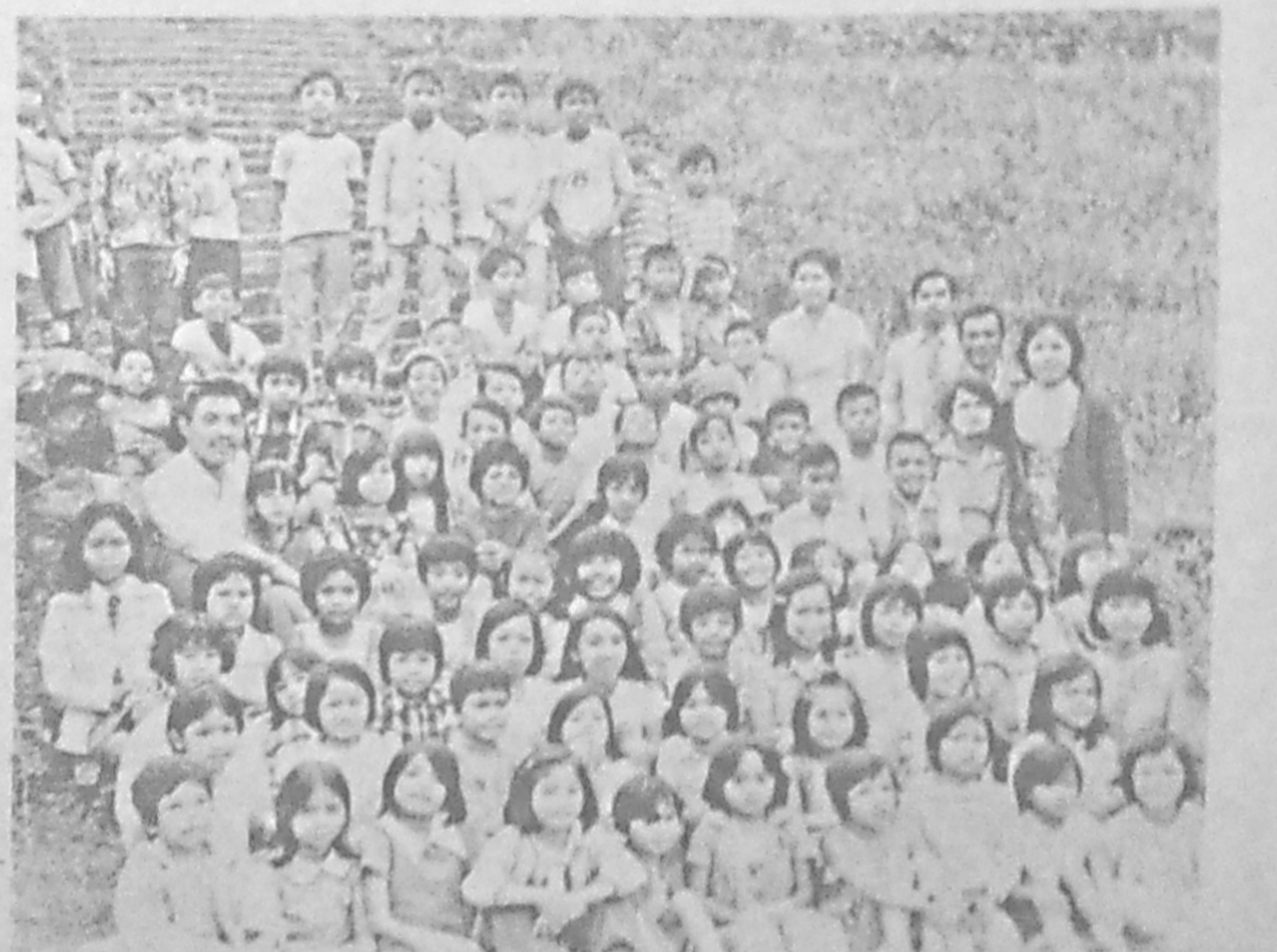
The 1975 Feast of Tabernacles Children's Party held on September 23 at 2 P.M. at the Teachers' Camp playground, Baguio City was a success because both children and adults had fun.

About ninety children aged 7 — 12 divided into four groups under group leaders, each having equal number of boys and girls. They played seven different games such as sack race, tug-of-war, serpent's tail, and others.

Biscuits and pineapple juice

were served after the games.

The group leaders who assisted Marc Sayan in making the party a success enjoyed it even more because involvement and the opportunity to serve were their concern. They even gave some of their substance to please the children. They were Misses Cecile Angeles and Carmela Argallon, Messrs. Rey Ong and Jess Arellano. Miss Yolly Jose was a volunteer assistant group leader. (Divina V. Sayan)



Left photo captures the excitement of the sack relay, one of the games played at the party. (Photos by Cicero Binuya, Jr.)

It was a success as commented by one of the ministers and it will always be a success if God's Church will always play together as a family, making fun last longer. (M. Dayao)

Current Events...

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writing a very big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make them a success. As I said at Baguio, much "blood, sweat, and tears" went into the show and much hard work went into the other activities we had. However, I know a great deal of satisfaction was obtained by the participants. We were all sad at leaving Baguio, having enjoyed at type of millennium for eight days.

On the eighth day of the Feast I received a telegram from Australia to say that Mr. & Mrs. Burk McNair and son would be visiting Manila on their way back home from attending the Feast in Burleigh Heads. They arrive this afternoon (Monday, Sept. 29) and will be staying for three days. As is our custom for visiting ministers we have arranged a Barrio Fiesta for Tuesday night. So the Balikbayan Connection participants will have a chance to do their act over again and those picked will at least be able to say that their hard work produced two performances instead of one.

Irish Visitors

Before the next CONTACT goes to press we will have seen the arrival of my parents from Belfast, Northern Ireland. They will be staying with us for six months and

are looking forward very much to their trip. Some of you may remember that they visited Manila back in 1972 along with my mother-in-law. This time just my father and mother will be coming. Andrew is looking forward to seeing them and I know they are just as excited at the thought of seeing him.

That just about brings us up to date. I won't go into the details of the Feast as that will be covered in separate articles. However, before closing let me say that we were very pleased with the fine Holy Day offerings we received. The first day the amount was P13,996.50 which represented an increase over 1974 of 14.55%. The last day's offering was P19,333.72, an increase over last year of 37.22%. This will really give us a financial boost as we head into the remainder of the fiscal year. Now it's all systems go for the Plain Truth lectures! We will be off to Iloilo on October 18; to Cabanatuan in November. We skip December, and then the calendar year of 1976 will see us in Davao. The Feast of Tabernacles gave us all the spiritual boost we needed, so let's press ahead with the great Work the living God has called us all to accomplish.

The Greatest of All

What is the greatest gift of all gifts?

Is it wealth which offers security, prestige and power? Is it education which gives knowledge, acumen and wisdom? Is it love which makes man understand man?

Surely, man needs wealth for its is the staff of life. But does man live by bread alone?

Surely, man needs education for it gives essence to life. But does man live for life sake alone?

Surely, man needs to love and be loved for love is deep concern for the neighbors good, for love is gentle, kind, and merciful. But does man know this kind of love?

Of the three, love is the greatest for love endures forever. But wealth is earned and shall be spent. But education is learned and shall perish.

Love is the greatest gift of God to man. Love is the greatest gift of man to God. Love is the greatest gift of man to man.

— Ofelia L. Limpoco

SPORTS

Whites Retain Championship, 70-66

The Whites clinched the 1975 championship of the M. C. Basketball Tournament even with the absence of its two strong players. The rubber match between the Whites and the Oranges, this Year's challenger, was held at 2:30 P.M. on Sunday, September 21, 1975 at the Baguio Colleges Gymnasium, Baguio City.

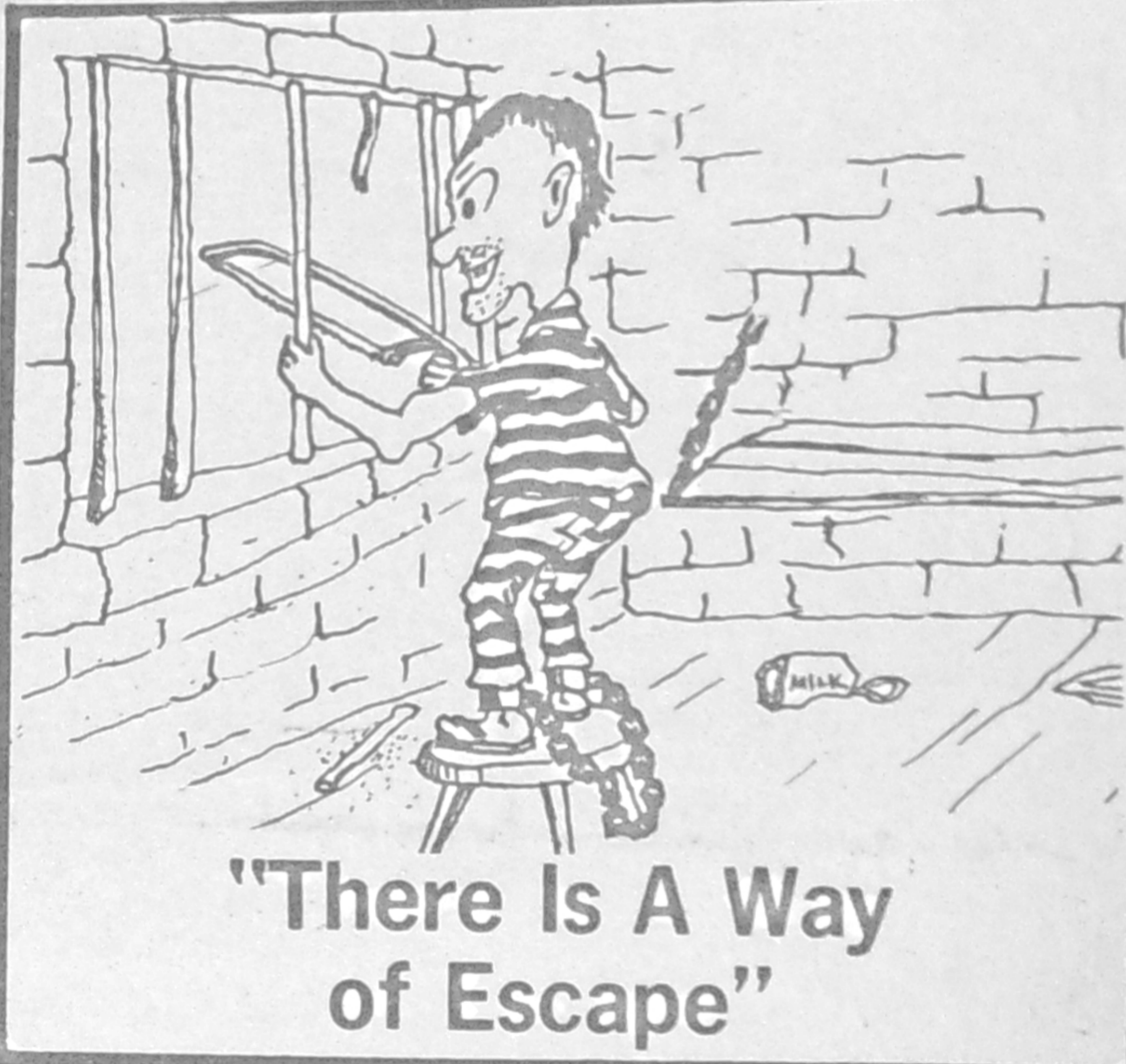
The game touched off with both teams hardly giving inch to each other during the tense moment of the 1st quarter. Unaccustomed to a bigger audience which cheered, jeered and made catcalls, the players committed more mistakes than the rest of the play until they began to relax. The majority of the audience was composed of college students.

Athos Parahe, Andrew Teng and Eli Quitoriano clustered a combined score of 54, but Larry Yadao, White's only powerhouse, poured in 57 points. Ernie Baylosis who usually makes big turnover was shut down at only 4. Yadao's score broke Blues' Jose Pioquinto's record of 52 points chalked in 1974's tournament.

The Oranges consistently controlled the game until the last five minutes of the final round. It nosed the Whites out by one point in the first half and further consolidated its lead to a 9-point margin at the most. The Oranges, however, blew up its lead during the crucial minutes, when it relaxed its defence, and failed to which a "zone-chaser" or "court-press" defence even as only four White players were left, the rest having fouled out. The pattern of play of the Whites consisted of a constricting defence and a quick retaliation whenever they saw a hole in Oranges' zoning.

Blues Edge Iloilo, 56-45

In their goodwill rubber match, the Blues won smoothly over the Iloilo team, 56-45. The game was



held at 2:30 P.M. at the Teachers' Camp open basketball court on Wednesday, September 24, 1975. Iloilo's play was marked with early 3-seconds and backing violations permitting the Blues to streak to a 13-points lead in the first half. Ric Lagada, who played

with the Iloilo team, struck for 17 points but Joe Pioquinto retaliated with 20 points carrying Blue to an "ESQ" finish. The Blues with taller and faster players controlled the backboard and employed fast-breaks.

Afterthoughts

Everytime I attend the Feast held at Teachers Camp, Baguio City, I stay an extra day. Usually I walk around the campus and meditate on what transpired during the 8-day conference and what lessons in life I have learned which are worth more than gold.

As I walked alone around the camp after the recent 8-day feast, I imagined the happy people walking, fellowshiping and laughing. As I entered the empty conference hall it seemed to be full of people eager to learn God's way of life. Back to reality I could now see the desolate streets, the empty dormitories, cottages, mess hall, conference hall and business office. The area that was once full of life during the 8-day feast was now dead. There was silence.

Another feast, another conference is over. I wonder... how many of those who were here will

come again to hear and heed their calling? How many of those who worked will work again? How many of those are determined to set the pace and give the light to the world?

Is there permanency in learning and a desire to do better on the part of the participants or have some of us reached the plateau of learning and will remain stagnant? Have some of us become weary waiting for the promise of a better tomorrow?

As for me, I go forth with a desire to share what I have learned — obedience to the law of God, love of neighbor, humility and patience, forbearance, hate sin, endurance, child rearing, setting the pace, etc... and a desire to make others see the magnificent world beyond man's dream where peace, happiness and prosperity and love abides. (Ofelia C. Limpoco)

The couple are now at home in Roxas, Palawan.

Milestones

BIRTHS — Ted Gubot, another son of Mr. and Mrs. Expedito Gubot of Tupas, Donsol, Sorsogon, July 23, 1975, 6:30 p.m.

Desiree Claree G. Jimenez, seventh child and fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar M. Jimenez of Donsol, Sorsogon, August 22, 3:30 a.m., 7lbs.

WEDDING — Rodolfo Aguila of Bo. Abaroan, Roxas, Palawan and Noemi Gejon of Cabanbanan, Oton, Iloilo, August 31 in Iloilo City. Mr. George Hood officiated at the wedding — his first ever.

DIED — Mr. Vicente Davila, of Naga City, died here during the week of the Feast of Tabernacles. He had been suffering from a lingering respiratory ailment. He is survived by his wife and children.

Robert Arendain Dagangon, fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Constanancio Dagangon, members in the Manickling, Davao Oriental congregation, died after living only one month, on September 12. Besides his parents he is survived by sisters Imelda and Vilma and brother Joel.

ORDAINED — Mr. Daniel Ledda, first deacon of the Baguio Church, at the Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City this year. He resides in Santol, La Union.

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