

1,850⁺ KEEP FEAST OF TABERNACLES



MANILA—An Estimated 1,850 people attended this year's Feast of Tabernacles at three sites in the Philippines. Close to 1,000 of these attended at Baguio City, about 700 at Cagayan de Oro and almost 200 at Mambucal.

This year's attendance dropped from that of 1975 mainly

because of the cancellation of the Davao City site which made it financially impossible for a good number to attend at Cagayan de Oro.

All three sites reported generally fine weather — better than last year's. Although there were no predominant themes at the sites, many messages were preached on Christian living.

Offerings received at the three sites were an average of P22 per person and represented an increase of 18.10% over last year's Feast of Tabernacles offerings.

Included in this issue of CONTACT are various reports of activities at the three feast sites. Already the national festival office, headed by Mr. Benjamin Ortiguero, is laying down plans the Feast in 1977.

REJOICE IN THE FEAST — Photos here show God's people at Baguio City rejoicing in song during one of its services, and in dance during the talent show. More photos on pages 4 and 5. (Photos by Jerry Ortiguero)

CURRENT EVENTS

Colin Adair

October 25: The Feast of Tabernacles is now history. I think we can easily say it was the best yet, which is what we strive for every year. In Baguio the weather was the hottest of any Feast although we did have the usual showers of rain in the late afternoon during at least four of the eight days. Our attendance there was down on last year due mainly to the new Feast site in Mambucal and last minute problems preventing some from attending. I would like to thank all at Baguio who served in any capacity for making events go smoothly. We did have some sickness towards the end but no more than usual. The unusual was of course Jenny Raduban's condition which prevented Mr. Raduban from attending the first half, plus the illness of Mrs. Acebron which caused her to be hospitalized. As of now she is much improved and should be returning from Baguio soon. We still don't know the cause of the illness.

Our highest attendance at Baguio was 983; at Cagayan de Oro it was 681; at Mambucal it was 174. Altogether we had 1838 which was just 11 less than last year. Even though the church has grown, the cost of the Feast has risen and some were not able to

make it this year, hence our minus figure overall. This was probably especially true in Mindanao where some from the Davao area simply didn't have enough funds to attend.

The Holy Day offerings were very fine and overall we had an increase over 1975 of 18.10%. The Total amount given was P45,129 and this will help a great deal in pulling our overall figures closer to our projected budget. I would like to thank you all for your generosity. I know God will richly bless you for what you have given.

Cebu Trip

I have just returned from a trip to Cebu to visit the Church there. Mrs. Hood was vacationing at a resort about 70 kilometers from Cebu, but Mr. Hood was there. We had a good attendance of 86 at the service and those there who had attended at Mambucal were full of praises for a very fine Feast. Mr. Hood and I had time to talk about many things including a possible Bacolod Bible Study on the second Sunday of each month. However, definite details will be given later to those in Bacolod so I won't elaborate there.

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FEAST IN THE VISAYAS

by Jun Caligan

ILOILO—The Feast of Tabernacles in the Visayas, held at Mambucal Health Resort, Murcia, Negros Occidental, exceeded our fondest expectations. Fine weather prevailed throughout. The activities and programs were varied and interesting enough to treat the members to a delightful and balanced fare of spiritual food, beautiful surroundings, colorful dances, thrilling sports, breathtaking views, and even hilarious numbers. Together with other sidelights, it was indeed a memorable and overall successful Feast.

A total of 178 people attended this year's Feast, with a sprinkling

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FIRST BIBLE STUDY IN LEGASPI

NAGA CITY--Bien Macaraeg, acting pastor of the Camarines Sur Church, conducted the first official Bible Study at Legaspi City August 12. The setting was the GSP Auditorium.

Following is a vivid description of the occasion as quoted from the letter sent to this reporter by one of our brethren in that area, Jess Dawal:

"At last the dream of having a Bible Study in Legaspi City became a reality. Although many were not able to come, yet it was started with a wonderful and significant number of attendance. In the morning, there were 12 adults who attended plus three children. One of the twelve did not come back in the afternoon but another took his place thereby completing

again the organizational number our pastor said.

"Because of inclement weather and transportation difficulties we started quite late already. We ended the morning B.S. at 12:00 noon and the afternoon session lasted from one to three o'clock. Bible questions were taken up in the morning together with the giving of news and announcements. In the afternoon, the subject covered was about Repentance.

"From this initial convocation, we are looking forward to more successful and fruitful Bible Studies and lectures. We all therefore express our deep gratitude for availing us this precious opportunity we have just enjoyed, to Mr. Colin Adair, especially for his approval. (Ric Perez)

Current Events

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High Gear

Now the Feast is over we are back in high gear. Plans for the Angeles City P.T. lecture are under way. This will be at the end of November — we do not have any lecture planned for October. Before going to Angeles my wife and I will be visiting the Edmond Macaraegs in Davao City. The Church there is now nearing the 100 mark when it meets every fourth sabbath of each month. We will at the same time take a day to relax before returning to Manila. Mr. Macaraeg was in charge of the Festival arrangements at Cagayan de Oro and reported that comments from the brethren indicated it was the best Feast yet in spite of the difficulties with meeting halls.

Another Bible Seminar took place yesterday here in the office. Forty-four of the 100 invited attended, which is a drop on last month but nevertheless a very good figure. Also yesterday we had the orientation meeting for those interested in enrolling in the Developmental Course. Next Sunday, October 31, the actual course will begin.

Ministerial Visits

As reported in my column last month, Mr. Halford and Mr. Dean Wilson paid a visit to Manila prior to the Feast. As both were here for the sabbath prior to Atonement the speaking time was split. Mr. Halford gave a very moving and inspiring sermon on the conditions of the Burmese brethren (he is the minister in charge of South East Asia). Mr. Wilson talked about the Canadian Work and what plans were ahead for the International Division. Right now he is assisting Mr. McCullough in that department. In January he will be moving to Australia to take over the Directorship there.

Before departing for Burleigh Heads Tuesday evening of October 5, the Wilsons were entertained at a barrio fiesta held in our home. They enjoyed very much. Before leaving Mr. Wilson commented that the Manila Church was one of the finest churches he had ever visited (don't get puffed up Manilans!).

Television

While here Mr. Wilson received from us the full story on the television problem we are facing. After giving him all the facts we are hopeful that Mr. McCullough will okay our plan to transfer the telecast to cassette videotapes. These tapes are not very expensive so it will not entail a large financial outlay. If the plan materializes we will be able to contract with Channel 7 to air the GTA program, Channel 4 have already previewed the tapes we have in our possession but I am not optimistic they will accept them because of their policy of not accepting religious programs. Even though Mr. Armstrong's programs can not be classified as religious (as is Rex Humbard and Billy Graham) nevertheless there are definitely religious overtones which the government station are uneasy about. I have still not had a final decision as yet but might know before this issue of CONTACT goes to print.

Sad Duty

Last sabbath we had to announce something we have never had to do in the history of the Philippine Church of God as regards local members. I would like to quote you now (and this is for the benefit of you members who can't attend church) what was read in most churches, taken from a memo I sent to the pastors:

"While we have striven to avoid it — it now becomes the clear duty of Christ's ministers at Manila headquarters to obey the biblical injunction to 'mark those who cause divisions,' or as the Living Bible puts it: 'Stay away from those who cause divisions and are upsetting people's faith, teaching things about Christ that are contrary to what you have been taught.' This is to officially state that Mr. Leonardo Gemora, Mr. Eduardo Hashim, Mrs. Nieves Hashim, Mr. and Mrs. Vicente Palabrica, Mr. Oscar Palabrica, Mr. Charles Morrell, Mr. Rolando Biscarra and Mr. Abednego E. Baul, are disfellowshipped from the Worldwide Church of God and are specifically named as men who are causing division, upsetting faith,

and teaching things 'contrary to what you have been taught.' (Romans 16:17). While we pray they may be led to see the depth of their error, and may repent and be restored to fellowship and usefulness in God's Work, we must obey the clear commands of God's Word with regard to fellowship."

Mr. Baul lives in Cagayan de Oro City while the others are here in Manila. I do not want to elaborate on the problems in CONTACT. Suffice it to say that they, though warned and trusted by us in the ministry, nevertheless did make conscious efforts to get some of you brethren to listen to their doctrine. Briefly, this heresy teaches that a Christian must use only the Hebrew names for God and Jesus Christ in order to be saved and that the use of the word God, Jesus Christ, Lord, in any other language (including all your eighty dialects) is pagan. This whole idea arose years ago. For those of you in God's Church since early 1972 I will refer you to the December issue of the Good News for that year where the Church's stand is clearly and unmistakably made plain. Those who have left us have refused to accept this plain and correct spiritual teaching and, as mentioned, have tried to seduce the faith of others.

I want to stress that in no way must we hate these people or look upon them as enemies. In fact, we should continue to pray that they will see their mistake and return to the Church. Satan is the great deceiver and he has struck a blow at us here in the Philippines just like he has done in the Church elsewhere over the past two years. This is really the first time we have had a problem of this kind. But I want to stress to you that disfellowshipping is for *their* good, to help them waken up to what they are doing. However, until they do return you must not contact them in any way. If they contact you or write, do not reply. This is what God instructs *you* in His Word and through His Church. *Your* loyalty and faith is on trial as well as the whole church. If any of you have any questions about the doctrine please see your local pastor or write to PCD. Though some leave us, the Work of God moves on unrestrained. This is God's Church and nothing can stop it!

POSTSCRIPT CAGAYAN DE ORO

By Mar S. Dulguime

Tagum, Davao del Norte -- For Mindanao brethren, this year's Feast of Tabernacles, held in Cagayan de Oro City, was the most challenging event of their lives, and perhaps even the most dramatic. They came to realize that organization is critically needed if we expect the best. Without it, unity and cohesion could not have been achieved. And those who handled positions of responsibilities came to know the needed to totally and wholeheartedly give oneself to the task at hand.

Even before the feast began, we understood the difficulty with finding a meeting hall. But it was not until the actual feast that we felt the need devastatingly. After using the Lourdes Auditorium for three days we were shocked to know that they could no longer offer us the place, as they had their own conference to hold there. We could hardly believe that they would break their verbal contract for us to stay there for four days. We scoured the city for alternatives and the State Theatre was the last recourse, which afforded us a better sound system nevertheless.

Because of these, the sermons were immediately grasped and we were brought to greater depth of spiritual understanding. However, we were again at a loss for a meeting place in the afternoon for our evening socials. After hours of di-

ligent search, the door of the Sangguniang Bayan Farm House was opened to us. Here, we were able to hold the Bible Study and all social activities. We realized God had a direct hand in this, as previously this was not available to us. Likewise the Xavier University Gymnasium was granted to us for the afternoon service of the Last Great Day.

We were always at a quandary on where to meet next as there were various conferences going on in the city. However, God provided our needs step by step, in a manner that was unmistakably His. We even wondered whether we could really push through with the scheduled activities. But we learned that as long as we exerted all our best efforts, things would properly fit.

We went home rejuvenated with abundance of spiritual food that will nourish us through the difficulties in life. We might have been overwhelmed by the almost insurmountable physical odds against us, but God has seen to it that most important of all we received the wonderful messages that will help us grow, making everyone to exclaim in wonderment, "we had the best feast ever in Mindanao!" Again, we are looking forward to better our previous best, perhaps in a new setting.



BUTUAN BIBLE STUDY--WCG representative Mr. Vivencio Carmelotes (center, first row) and members of God's Church in Butuan City take a camera break at their bi-weekly Bible Study in Butuan City on the island of Mindanao. They are here posing at the steps of the Ong Yui Elementary School where they meet regularly. Assisting Mr. Carmelotes is Mr. Petronilo Leyson (first row, carrying child). An average of 25 adults attend the study. (Photo courtesy of V. Carmelotes)

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FAMILY NIGHT 1976 HAPPENINGS

There was a "revelation." A "mini-olympic" tournament was staged. The "Spokesman Club" was publicly seen in action.

Indeed, this year's Family Night on October 10 at the Benitez Hall had a unique presentation on the occasion of the 10th Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City.

The mystery object game signalled the start of a fun-filled evening. For those who failed to attend the affair, see if you could have won the prize had you been present. Three clues were given; it's a finished product; it's mentioned in the Bible; and it sells like hotcakes during a certain time of the year.

The revelation of the mysterious object was made by Mr. Colin Adair later in the evening. With seemingly great effort, he lifted a box from what looked like an antic treasure chest. He opened it only to find a smaller box. And after boxes and wrappers were torn one after another (how many, nobody knows), lo, the original box had shrunk to just the size of a baby's little finger! Disposing of the final layer, Mr. Adair raised his hand, waved it around to show the mystery that had been unveiled: a tiny birthday cake candle! (Did you guess right?) Out of the more than fifty entries, 12 were correct from which the winner was chosen by lot.

"The 'mini-olympic' which featured *bunong braso* (the pitting of strength of a man's arm muscles against that of another) proved to be very exciting even as the audience turned into instant cheering squads to boost the morale of their respective favorites.

When the smoke of the battle cleared up, Mr. Max Enage and Mr. Roger Serilliano emerged as tying for first place (from among 16 contestants) to become the two strongest men attending the Feast.

The most hilarious 30 minutes of the evening could very well be the time when the "Spokesman Club Went Wild" (a comedy skit). The self-appointed club director, officers and members continually drew rounds of laughter and applause from the audience in appreciation of the humor in the dialogues and acting.

One speaker (introduced by the Toastmaster as Mr. Fundador San Miguel), for example, spoke on the evils of drunkenness. He admonished his colleagues to overcome the bad habit. Toward the end of his speech, he shouted: "Let's drink to our victory!" And he drank from the bottle of wine he had brought with him to the podium!

Other activities included a game for children, modified tomato dance contest and riddle corner.



Talking of entertainment numbers, the children of Manila brethren performed their own version of a Hawaiian dance, the young people from the Urdaneta Church sang in chorus while their counterparts from Baguio Church interpreted a number of Kalinga melodies.

There were many surprises and prizes. The most notable, the special award for Mr. & Mrs. Family Night 1976, went to Mr. and Mrs. Nicanor Antonio.

The Project Manager, Mr. Avelino Matriano, and the entire Young Ambassadors Club "B" are grateful to everybody who lent support in making the third family night they handled another success. (Benito P. Yadao, Jr.)



Falcon Coach Ellie Dorado displays a big grin while receiving the championship trophy presented to him by Mr. Colin Adair, Regional Director of Ambassador College, Northeast Asia. Other awards were P400 cash from Major and Mrs. Angel. (Photo by A. Madrid)

CHURCH BAZAAR '76

"Eighty to fifty percent discount, items for sale at give away prices!" Where could you have found such an offer? At the Church Bazaar in Baguio City, held last October 13 from 2 to 5 in the afternoon on the ground floor of the Quezon Roosevelt Hall. This was another project of the YAC B with its aim of giving an opportunity to those attending the feast to acquire brand new and second hand items at give away prices.

At the outset, putting up a bazaar seemed to be discouraging because of lack of participation and response. Only a few had submitted their items for the bazaar, perhaps because of typhoon Didang and the earthquake calamity which prompted many to donate their household items to the brethren in areas affected. So at first there were only a few items available for the bazaar.

But as saying goes, "Behind every cloud is a silver lining." As the feast drew nearer many items for the bazaar streamed in. Finally we had ample stock for display,

such as colorful brand new ladies dresses and children's shirts at prices lower than at any department store. This was made possible by the effort of Mr. and Mrs. Tijamo, who had convinced their friends to consign the items to the YAC B without prior payment. (The YAC B would like to take this opportunity to thank those who donated and submitted their items for the bazaar.)

Just before the items were set up displayed buyers had begun to flock the area, impatiently desirous to find out what they could buy. Second-hand items at give-away prices sold like hot cakes, naturally. Imagine, a second hand ladies' dress and men's polo at P2.00 a piece! The afternoon even turned out to be successful inspite of problems encountered at the start. The gross income amounted to P1,397.45; the net income was P262.95.

Next year's bazaar can be more promising and successful depending on the wholehearted support from us. So, let us look forward to it. (Amis Parane)



BARGAIN! BARGAIN! -- The Baguio Feast takes on a "fiesta" atmosphere as a crowd mills around goods for sale at a bargain. (Photo by A. Madrid)

FIRST AID AT HOME

A two-hour FIRST AID SEMINAR was conducted for interested brethren at the Quezon Roosevelt Memorial Hall at Baguio City last October 11, during the Feast of Tabernacles.

The activity was a project of the Manila Women's Club.

Mrs. E. K. Bayasen, a nurse serving the Baguio City Chapter of the Red Cross, gave a lecture on first aid at home. She explained what to do in cases of acidic, gaseous and food poisoning, burns, animal bites (particularly dog and snake bites), heart attack, bleeding and electrocution.

She also discussed the qualities

of a good first aider, how to determine poisonous and non-poisonous mushrooms, how to distinguish between poisonous and non-poisonous snake bites and many other interesting and handy first aid hints.

The audience participated by airing their questions and sharing their traumatic experiences and informative ideas.

At the end of the lecture Mrs. Margaret Adair, Club Directress, thanked the speaker and the audience for their participation. A delightful merienda prepared by YAC A girls was served afterwards. *Johnny Barit*



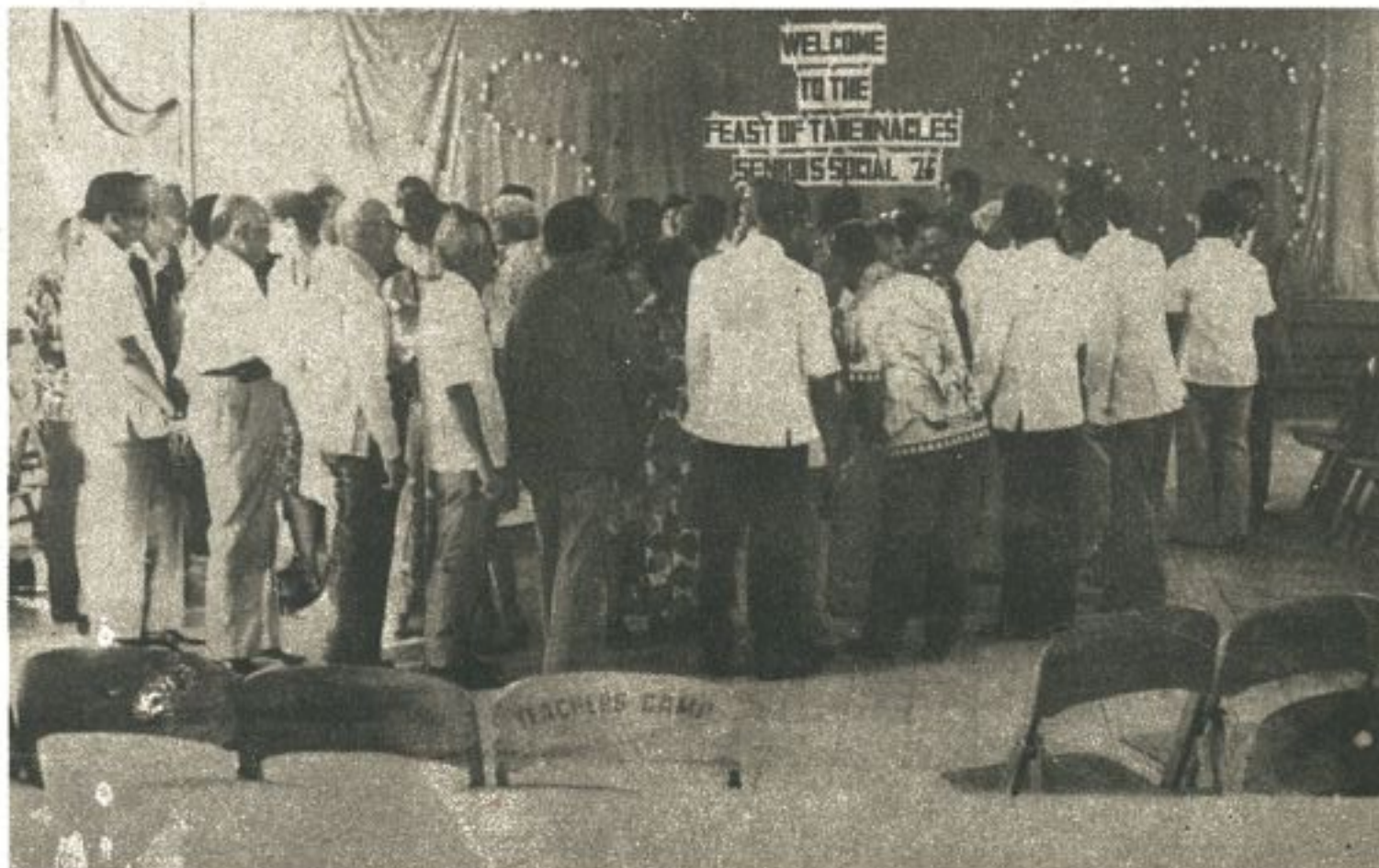
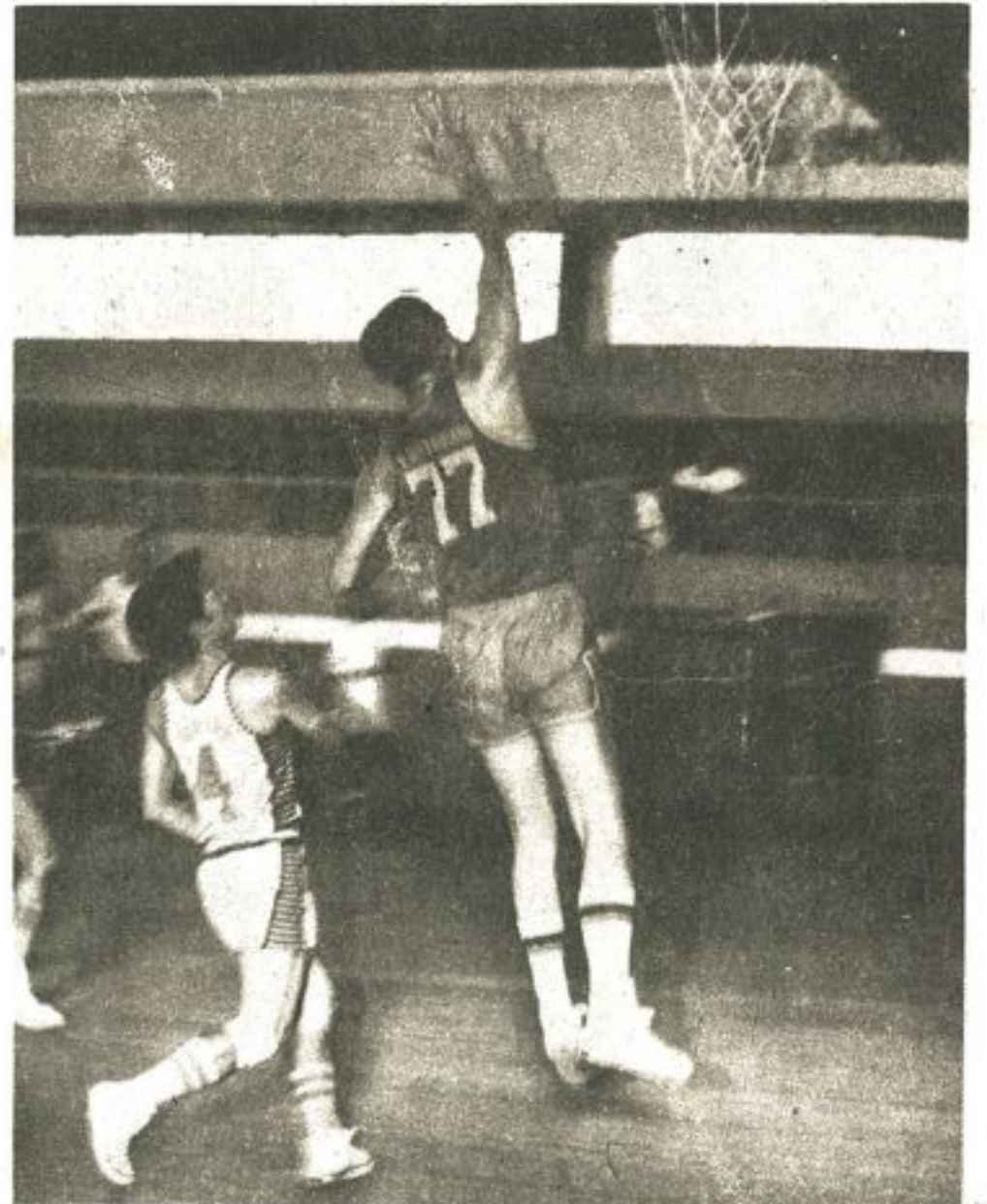
SENIOR SOCIALS '76

Senior Socials '76, a project of Women's Club C was successfully held at the Roosevelt Auditorium last October 13 at 2 p.m.

About 57 seniors attended — 10 couples, 37 without partners. The affair was started by a "get to know you game" wherein the gentlemen got to know the ladies. Then they were entertained by songs and dances and especially the melodious rendition of Atty. Eliodoro Quitarano, a young at heart soloist of the day who dedicated the first song to Mrs. Margaret Adair, Women's Club Directress and the second song to his colleagues.

Joie Medina was the emcee and also the one in charge of the games for the seniors. Mrs. Asuncion Talon handled the snacks; Mrs. Erlinda Valencia, the bouquet for the guest; Mrs. Rose Laxamana, the room decoration; Mrs. Rosario Lagniton, the invitations. Mrs. Mercy David was overall chairman of the affair.

It was a fruitful, happy afternoon for all the seniors as well as for the Women's Club C. *(Ofy Limpoco)*





FEAST IN THE

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of members from Manila, Mindanao, and one from Japan — the bulk were from the Visayan Islands, notably Cebu, Negros and Panay.

Mr. George Hood and Mr. Bien Macaraeg, Jr. alternated in giving us the spiritual nourishment for the entire eight days. Assisting them with fine sermonettes were Fred Alazas, Roberto Gopez and Jessup Bahinting.

Fellowshipping, fun and games were the order of the evening as the Family Night reeled off — the first of the scheduled activities. Parlor games, musical numbers, Tailing the Donkey (for the children) and other games lightened the atmosphere, creating instant rapport and conviviality for the newly-acquainted members.

On Sunday Afternoon was the much awaited and well publicized basketball match, Cebu vs. Iloilo — both Ladies' and Men's teams. The Cebu Ladies Team proved too agile and conditioned for their Iloilo counterparts. Cebu won, 12 to 8. However, the Iloilo Men's Basketball Team evened up the standing they triumphed over the Cebu quintet, 46 to 28. On Friday, the sports finals were played. This time the Ladies players ended in a tie — 6 all. In men's basketball, the Iloilo cagers proved their superiority when they won 60-42 over Cebu.

We had a great time on Monday afternoon when we scaled the seven waterfall. While some reached up to the first waterfall only, others were adventurous enough to attempt that long hard climb — up to the sixth waterfall. It was one event much cherished — and worth preserving for posterity thru photos taken of the scintillating scenery. Waterfalls, springs, woodland, ferns, big rocks, hanging vines — they're all there.

For the singles especially, the eagerly awaited event was under-

standably enough the Semi-Formal Dance. The three-hour affair was interspersed with games and musical numbers. The salza craze did not gain enough adherents from the audience, so we reverted to playing only soft, slow drag numbers — with occasional tango and cha cha selections.

Truly enough, the sports activities prominently figured on our program. Tuesday afternoon, the bowling contest was staged in Bacolod City. Iloilo Men's bowlers swept Cebu with a total pinfalls of 553 vs. 427. Highest single honor was garnered by Eduardo Rodrigo when he scored 127 points. Earlier in chess, Cebu vs. Iloilo (Ladies) ended up in a tie — one all. In men's chess, the Iloilo woodpushers proved too powerful for Cebu when they registered 7 wins, 2 draws and no loss against the Cebuanos. In table tennis, the result was similarly in favor of Iloilo — 4 to 0 in Men and 2 to 0 in Ladies.

It was in Men's swimming that Cebu finally barged in the win column (after their victory in Ladies basketball). Galo Zapatos, Jr. won the event. In the 13 to 20 age bracket, two Ilongos placed first and second, Benjamin and Nestor Babol.

Water Polo followed the swimming contest. And no doubt this was the crowd drawer. It happened to be the first time for most of us to witness the game, which took place in Mambucal's swimming pool. The result after twenty minutes of play — 7 points for Iloilo, and 7 for Cebu, a tie (to be decided next year, which led Mr. Hood to remark that this is the longest adjournment ever — imagine, one year).

Films were shown on two nights of the Feast. Sunday evening we had the GTA Calgary Campaign, plus two educational films — one on Nutrition and the other entitled "The Biography of the Unborn" (dealing with con-



ception and the early stages of the unborn child in the mother's womb). Friday night the films on the Jerusalem Dig and the one on Ambassador College and the Work were featured. To wrap it all up, a color film produced by PAL and entitled "Southern Isles Holiday" was shown featuring the interesting and scenic places in the Visayas and Mindanao. Cheers from the audience were heard when Mambucal Resort itself was spotlighted — complete with the waterfalls and the lagoon.

The Talent and Filipiniana Shows, combined in one evening, entertained the members with lively, colorful and even humorous numbers. There was the "Magic Stunt" performed by our "import" from Manila, Axel Lim. Through expert sleight-of-hand he hypnotized a pencil, produced eggs out of nowhere with his "Egg Factory" — and many more feats.

The hilarious "Human Orchestra" sent the audience rollicking with laughter with its antics.

The Cebu dancers performed five folk dances in the Filipiniana portion. The Iloilo participants in turn contributed two. Musical numbers were featured too: Solo, duets, group singing — even instrumental selections.

To cap the evening's affair, gifts were given to Mr. & Mrs. George Hood and Mr. & Mrs. Bien Macaraeg, Jr. by the Iloilo and Cebu churches. They were a testimonial of our heartfelt gratitude and thanks to the service and labor rendered by them.

Our only regret was that the Feast ended too soon. As we left Mambucal we were already setting our sights on Feast of Tabernacles 1977. By the way, this also serves as an invitation to those interested in joining us next year. We welcome you most heartily.



IN APPRECIATION

By: Lauro L. Purcil, Jr.
Basa Air Base, Pampanga

After so many months of longing, finally the Feast of Tabernacles arrived. The problems that had threatened to stop me from attending the Feast were all solved. I felt the Lord personally intervened in solving them.

Materially, He blessed my parents with some amount so they were able to buy me all the things I needed for the Feast. The Festival Office of the Church through Mr. Colin Adair granted me 100 per cent financial assistance for my stay in Baguio. Physically, the Lord kept my body healthy. Surprisingly this year I suffered no serious illness. Being a sickly person I felt very much blessed this year with not having to be hospitalized even once. There is only one sickness that has remained—my blindness. But even so, the pains that regularly occurred once a week have gradually lessened to, at most, once a month—and that with lesser intensity. Usually whenever glaucoma attacked my eyes, the pains were so great that I could not even sleep. I felt as if my eyeballs were being plucked out. Now I no longer feel that kind of pain. Regarding transportation, God supplied that through the kindness of our brother Mr. Aurelio Mandap of Minalin, Pampanga who gave me free ride in his van to and from Baguio City. Because of my visual handicap I needed assistance during my whole stay there. The Lord provided this through the voluntary service offered by the YAC members.

YAC members like Deo Medina, Ave Matriano, Tito de la Cruz, Willie Jacinto, Cesar Lumbuan, Edwin Fajardo, Roly Manalili, Mike Regondola, Berme Dizon, Claro Ting, Andrew Teng and many others, and even some non-members of the YAC like Mr. Lampano, Albert de Guia, Larry de los Reyes, Manny Corpuz, Gil Llana and many others were among those who so kindly and patiently helped me. I wish I could mention more names, but for my limited memory. I'm sure those whose names I've forgotten would understand.

All these brethren helped me in meeting more brethren. They also guided me towards the meeting hall and the dining hall. They also assisted me during meals and in fulfilling my other personal necessities. Some of them accompanied me in my appointments, some read literature for me, some even took me along with them on their "sight-seeing" tours to the Burnham Park, the Country Club, the Presidential Mansion House, where Mr. Sibayan and his daughters entertained me well, and in other places inside, near

and around the Feast site. All of them saw to it that I enjoyed every bit of the Feast. And I certainly did, very exceedingly. Just knowing and feeling their deep concern for me made me feel overwhelmingly gratified.

The warm handshakes and hugs, the tender taps on my shoulders, the enjoyable hours of strolling, the good weather, the very exciting trips and tours, the good food, the entertaining talent shows like the Halakhak '76, made the Feast a very reinvigorating occasion. The encouraging and inspiring words of concern from the brethren made the Feast fruitful, as did the enlightening and strengthening sermons from the ministers, like on how to act during times of trials, by Mr. Jose Raduban; on healing and faith, by Mr. Pacifico Mirto; on the power of prayer, by Mr. Pedro Ortiguero; and on character and attitude changing, by Mr. Colin Adair.

Now I am back home with my parents, who were so kind as to permit me to leave our place for more than eight days. I have told them how deeply you are all concerned for me, about your goodness and cheerfulness. And they are well pleased and thankful to you all. I will certainly miss all of you for I have learned to love you as much as I love my parents and my brothers and sisters, for you were all like them in the way you treated me, in your love and concern for my welfare. With great longing I shall wait for the next Feast.

Though I am still undergoing trials (my being blind, and other physical defects and pains, and many emotional and spiritual problems which have been burdening me for many years), now I could bear them with more ease, for the goodness that I received from all of you made my faith more firm and established. I am now more determined to work harder, to struggle with all my might so that our Lord would bless me and that the labors, prayers and sacrifices and love that you have given me would not be wasted. My brethren, in spite of my littleness, being probably the least among those the Lord has called, you have treated me well.

I'm sure I could not reciprocate all the goodness you showed me, but the Lord saw all your good works and it is He who will bless you. Thanks very, very much to all of you. I hope next year I will have the opportunity to meet you again. Let us all strive to be there again and enjoy the Feast of our Lord together. Take care and let not our precious faith fade away.

ON JENNY

by Jose Raduban

Greetings! Many of you, brethren, must have wondered and asked: "How's Jenny?" I know Jenny has become a byword because every time I meet brethren, the first thing asked of me is, "How is Jenny doing, sir?"

At the present time, our little daughter Jenny is feeling so much better, has put on weight, has a happy disposition, smiles, jokes and can sit up already for long periods. She's not having fevers anymore, suffers only very slight pain in her toes and knees, and her illness seems to be completely under control. Jenny cannot walk yet (since June 2, 1976) but, when propped up, she can stand already and carry her weight on her feet. There is still pain in her knees and ankles when she is made to stand up and try a few steps. Maybe in a few more weeks or months, she may be able to walk again. We are hopeful it can be a lot sooner.

Jenny has been sick with a rare disease called Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE for short) — so rare Jenny was the first case in

the UERM Hospital. The disease is caused by a type of streptococcus in the blood which attacks the small veins and blood vessels thus constricting or preventing the normal flow of blood to the extremities.

Jenny at present has the tips of four of her toes (first four on left foot) dead and blackened. On her right foot, the second and third toes (tips only) are dead and blackened. On her left hand, the tips of the second and middle fingers; on her right hand, the small finger was only slightly affected. At one point during her illness (between the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Tabernacles), the doctors had considered amputating all the affected toes and fingers because they were gangrenous already. Thankfully, during the early part of the Feast of Tabernacles, they had a change of mind and decided against amputation for fear of infection and non-healing. They decided to let the dead toes and fingers just dry up naturally and chip off by themselves. At pre-

sent, Jenny's toes and fingers are still intact. Although the blackened skin is peeling off already, Jenny has complete control of her fingers and toes. We can see that she is out of danger already and that before long, she may be home again.

My wife and I, on behalf of our family, would like to extend to all the brethren, here and abroad, our deepest gratitude for your loving concern, your heartfelt prayers for Jenny's healing and recovery to our God, your material assistance and gifts to us — which all of you have kindly given, one way or another. We know we cannot thank you enough but we would like to let you know how deeply we felt your love and the moral support you gave to us — at the time of our greatest and most agonizing trial.

Indeed, Jenny has been God's gracious gift to us — her healing and speed recovery, especially — but it may not have been possible, brethren, without your heartfelt and prevailing prayers to God. Thank you again brethren. May God bless you all!



(Photo by C. Tan)

THE FEAST IS FOR CHILDREN

I know it's an everyday fact
That kids will be in their act
When the Feast of Tabernacles
Comes again in yearly cycles.

New clothes, new shoes,
New friends, new views,
Balloons and ice cream and toys
Are some of their festal joys.

by P. Melendez

But more than these they treasure
Pa's and Ma's love beyond measure.
Are grownups really any better?
You'll have to answer sooner
or later.

I wish I could put it more aptly
But I say this wholeheartedly:
Are you child enough to discern
The Father's and His Church's
concern?

NOVEMBER
CALENDAR

MANILA

SABBATH SERVICES —
Every Sabbath; 2 PM
Meralco Theater
Pasig, Metro-Manila

BIBLE STUDY —
Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 8, 22
7 P.M., GSP Auditorium
P. Faura, Manila

**SABBATH SERVICES IN
THE PROVINCES**

BENGUET—
2nd and 4th Sabbath
each month, 10 AM; 1 PM
GSP Hall, La Trinidad
Benguet

PANGASINAN—
1st Sabbath each month
10 AM; 1 PM
ACA Farmer's Hall
Nancayanan, Urdaneta
3rd Sabbath each month
10 AM; 1 PM
Teacher's Memorial Hall
Dagupan City

CAMARINES SUR—
Dec. 25, 10 AM.
Lindez Hotel Deck
Naga City

CEBU—
Nov. 6, 20, Dec. 4
10 A.M.; 1:30 P.M.
CPSTA Meeting Hall
Cor. P. del Rosario-Jones
Cebu City

ILOILO—
Nov. 27, Dec. 18
10 A.M.; 12 Noon
DPS Social & Cultural Hall
Cor. Mabini-Gen. Luna
Iloilo City

BUKIDNON—
Every Saturday, 1 P.M.
WCG Building
Don Carlos, Bukidnon
Every Saturday, 10 A.M.
WCG Building
Kiara, Don Carlos, Bukidnon

OUTLYING BIBLE STUDIES

LUCENA CITY—
3rd Sunday each month
Nov. 21, 9:30 AM
GSP Hall (in front of CFI)

SAN FERNANDO, PAMPANGA
1st Sunday each month
Nov. 8, Dec. 5, 9:30 AM
St. Cecilia's Hall
Sta. Scholastica's Academy

LEGASPI CITY—
Dec. 26, 10 AM
GSP Hall (near Prov. L. Hospital)

BACOLOD CITY—
Sunday after Iloilo
Sabbath Service; 1:30 PM
Mr. Bernardo Castillon's
Residence, Block 9, Lot 10
PHHC Homesite

SAN PABLO CITY—
Nov. 21 2 P.M.
GSP Hall (near City Hall)

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY —
1st Sabbath each month
10 A.M.;
Ambassador Hotel

BUTUAN CITY—
1st and 3rd Sabbath each mo.
10 A.M.
Ong Yui Elementary School
Near 179 Langihan Street

DAVAO CITY—
4th Sabbath each month
10 A.M.
Univ. of Mindanao
Projection Room

MANIKLING, LUPON, DAVAO OR.
1st Sabbath each month
10 A.M.
WCG Building
(Behind Far East Inst.)

TAGUM, DAVAO DEL NORTE—
2nd Sabbath each month*
10 A.M.
WCG Building
(Behind Dulguimé Residence)

**LANAO, KIDAPAWAN,
NO. COTABATO**
Nov. 20; 10 AM
Ruferos' Residence

**KORONADAL, SOUTH
COTABATO**
Nov. 21 1 P.M.
Samahang Nayon Hotel

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SPORTS**FALCONS BAG 1976 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

MANILA—Blood, sweat and determination: that's what it cost the unheard-of Falcons to build a reputation. Founded just this year, the team, named after the bird-of-prey, proved its character after sweeping all rivals since the beginning of the second conference. Their last match with their closest opponents, the T-Birds, testified to their solidified team effort after the first round champ bowed to them in a convincing 78-68 defeat. Falcon's victory earned them the most fought for trophy donated by Hon. Secretary of DPI Tatad and P400 cash from Major Andres Angel.

Witnessing the event was a group of zealous fans whose applause resounded throughout the gym as though it were full packed. Mrs. Margaret Adair tossed the ceremonial ball as the basketeers took the floor at the University of Baguio Gym last October 10, during the 10th Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City.

Here's a summary of the decisive struggle for annual dominion.

Three Falcon pillars untimely retired with 10 minutes left in the last quarter. They were L. Mendoza who fouled out; A. Matriano, who suffered a cut in the left eyebrow; and A. Teng, who was benched after an excruciating leg cramp.

Nevertheless, Falcon's advanced scoring stood firm since all of the a-

forementioned banked a veritable landslide of scores from the first to the third quarter. Mendoza alone sank 31 points while the two wielded 10 and 8.

T-Bird bombers declared a second half battlecry being trodded down with a double figure deficit in the first half, 37-27. E. Baylosis, striving to block the oncoming downfall, conspired with his best four (P. Chu, E. Quitoriano and the Mandap brothers) to keep control of the second half and nearly evened the score in the last quarter, 62-65. But V. Yap and E. Dorado, Falcon's stable guards, blended 6 each from 20-ft. distance shooting and successfully enlivened their fellows to defend their grounds failed as Falcons carefully maintained their 10-point advantage in the first half until the final second, 78-68.

PRINTERS UPSET PHILADELPHIA

In the entertainment opening, Printers executed a solid first half powerplay, fortifying themselves against Philadelphians' vengeful rally in the second half during their exhibition duel at UB Gym in Baguio City.

The Philadelphians labored strenuously, trying to redeem their faded reputation but failed to topple the Ink-users' initial advantage. Although

the second half was Philadelphians' round, they were powerless to overcome the 36-28 margin in the first half. Printers' E. Boone, heavily guarded, barely made 6 points in three quarters but effectively assisted A. Parane and J. Boone who mingled 16 from unhampered shootings. Athos Parane who failed to show up in the previous matches gunned 26 this time, the highest in the event. However, most of Phila's retaliation in the first half emanated from C. Tan and F. Dizon who totaled 26 in the entire game. J. Pioquinto, the team's unswerving gunner, triggered 22 while F. Santos, whose movements the Ink-users could hardly hamper, shot 12 creating a 5-minute see-saw with 10 minutes to consume, painting a mild worry on the face of Printers' coach, Nap Acebron. But the seemingly indefatigable E. Boone unleashed his maximum power and marvelously built a 5 point lead enough to beat the Philas when the buzzer signaled the final second, 69-64. (Eleno Mellomida).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We wish to extend our heartfelt and sincerest thanks to you for the financial assistance you offered my son which made his stay in Baguio during the Feast of Tabernacles possible. His stay there with all his brethren changed his attitude and personality remarkably. He had been a loner for quite a long time since he lost his eyesight. At last he is beginning to overcome his shyness. This change may be due to his true faith in the Church, his great trust among his brethren and the deep concern and attention manifested by all his brethren during his 8-day stay in Baguio.

To everybody and to the YAC members, we are extending our thanks, too.

If we can't personally reciprocate your generosity because of our inability to do so, we hope and pray that God may shower you blessings abundantly.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Lauro M. Purcil, Sr.
Basa Air Base, Pampanga

I wrote this letter just to tell you that I'm overwhelmingly happy over the results of the Feast of Tabernacles. This was my first time to attend the feast and at no time in my life have I ever learned so much especially in the spiritual realm. In this feast, I was able to have a deeper understanding of God's truth, His attitude, character and purpose. I really enjoyed my whole week stay with the brethren. It was really nice eating with them, sleeping with them, and joining them in whatever activities they may thought of, and of course above all sharing with them the varied and unique way by which each of us is called.

May I extend my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the concentrated effort of those people who in one way or another, either directly or indirectly contributed to the success of the Feast. You can rest assured that I will always support this work and that I'll always pray for you.

Antonio B. Ocampo

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