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FRENCH WORK INCREASES !

The RAPID GROWTH of God's Work in this Philadelphian Era of the Church of God, is vividly illustrated by recent developments in the French Work.

One highly significant step was the addition -- in February -- of a Saturday morning broadcast of LE MONDE A VENIR over Radio Europe Number One, bringing the total radio power utilized for the proclaiming of the ONE TRUE GOSPEL in the French language over Radio Europe Number One, to more than ONE MILLION WATTS PER WEEK!

The programme was already being broadcast on this station on Sunday and Wednesday mornings, as well as on Monday mornings over Radio Luxembourg. The addition of this extra 15 minute programme boosts the weekly total to FOUR fifteen-minute broadcasts now being THUNDERED by means of radio to Reuben.

Incidentally, Radio Europe Number One, 400,000 watts strong and Europe's most modern radio station, is heard in

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New Zealand Tour Fruitful ! Twenty - One Baptized !

A most rewarding, inspiring and revealing tour to New Zealand took 17½ days to complete -- March 2nd to March 19th. The team covered a major portion of both North and South Islands.

A total of 82 contacts were made, including visits to interested persons and members. 50 of these met the team for baptism counselling. Only 7 of those who had

requested baptism did not or could not meet. Following a thorough discussion of repentance and "counting the cost" as it affects our whole WAY of life, a grand total of 21 (42%) were baptized and added to the spirit-directed, living, active, working body of Christ!

This is a good baptism percentage, taking into account the fact that no New Zealand stations carry The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast. Many have not been hearing the stirring, informative, up-to-the-minute broadcast and consequently have not studied many of the basic publications mentioned by Mr. Armstrong on the air.

Several of those met for baptism

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GERMAN BAPTIZING TOUR PLANNED !

"Go ye therefore, and teach ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (Matt. 28:19). The FAITHFULNESS of God's Church in carrying out the latter portion of this tremendous commission is about to be demonstrated once again! According to present tentative plans, a baptizing team will spend five or more weeks among the German people, visiting with and baptizing those who have surrendered their will to the Almighty!

As plans now stand, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly will go directly to the

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MELBOURNE CLUB-A - - LADIES NIGHT

Saturday evening, 22nd February, was a big night on the agenda of the Melbourne Spokesman Club A, when they entertained eighteen charming and attractive guests at their second Ladies' Night. The Director, Mr. W. D. Winner, in opening the meeting, welcomed the ladies, offering them the opportunity of participating in the forth-coming Table-Topics session. He also greeted

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One Hour Packed With Variety!

"He that is of a merry heart has a continual feast." With this as a foundation, the men of Melbourne Spokesman Club "A" decided to present an hour-long show packed full of fun and laughter, especially for the wives and children of the Melbourne Church members. Consequently, on the night of Wednesday, February 26, about eighty-five people packed the Rechabite Hall in Clarence Street, Prahran, to see the programme compered by Mr. Stan Chivers.

The first item was given by Mr. Ken Slade as an "authentic Australian" singing in traditional rollicking style "The Pub with No Beer." (Horrors!) "A Hole in the Bucket" (with apologies to Harry Belafonte) was then performed by Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson. One of the most enjoyed items of the evening was Mr. Keith Crouch's miming of the Stan Freeberg version of "The Yellow Rose of Texas," which included an unseen massed choir and an orchestra with a "helpful" drummer.

Slapstick humour in the best tradition of the "flicks" was featured in two sketches: "The Coming Election" -- the adventures of a candidate canvassing for votes -- with Mr. D. Gover, Mr. K. Slade, Mr. R. McKie, and Miss J. Mitchell, and, "A Scientific Experiment" into the causation of humour with Messrs. G. Menassis,

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all the French-speaking countries -- France, Switzerland and Belgium. It is also picked up in North Africa when atmospheric conditions are favourable.

Another really BIG step forward in the French Work is the planned JUMP in size of La PURE VERITE from 24 to 32 pages, commencing with the June issue -- the first anniversary of the French language magazine.

In a special editorial for the forthcoming magazine, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong describes the TREMENDOUS GROWTH of the French Work in Europe, French Canada, and throughout French-speaking areas of the world (such as Mozambique on the east coast of Africa).

At the moment, the subscription list for La PURE VERITE stands at over 6000 families, a growth of over 1500! Over 150 letters are now being received each week by the French Work, thus making it increasingly important to AWAKEN the French people to the significance of the times. Mr. Armstrong's editorial will show how im-



portant the increase in size of La PURE VERITE is, in view of the end-time prophecies.

Meanwhile, the Geneva, Switzerland, office of God's Work is open for business, and the French edition of The PLAIN TRUTH is now mailed from there. Mr. Colin Wilkins, of Ambassador College, U.K., is being assisted in this essential task by Mr. Bourdin, a French member baptised in Paris a year ago.

Brethren, remember to PRAY that God Almighty will USE this facet of His Work to open the eyes of many more people to His EXCEEDINGLY PRECIOUS TRUTH, that they might UNDERSTAND and come to TRUE REPENTANCE, and be delivered from the bondage of sin which has held us all captive.

BITS 'n PIECES

Passover services in Brisbane were held this year for the first time ever! Mr. Clarence Huse conducted the Passover as well as services on the two Holy Days for our Queensland brethren.

● Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Englebart upon the birth of their son, Karl Leon! Karl was born at 3:20 p.m. on February 22, and weighed 7 lbs. Again, congratulations to the happy trio!

● Because of the increased activities of the season, the softball games in Sydney have been suspended until further notice. Everyone is looking forward to their resumption in the not-too-distant future.

A change was effected in the work hours of the Sydney office recently. The office now opens at 8:30 a.m. each week day. Closing time remains unchanged.

● Mrs. A. Crawford of Boonah, Queensland, reports two recent incidents which point out the fact that we need God's protection in our everyday lives. She relates how her husband "just happened" to be present when a bag of fertilizer caught fire in a concentrated beam of sunlight formed by the shiny curved surface of a nearby plough. A haystack and an expensive header were saved from probable damage or even complete destruction. Also, the steering of their car "just happened" to break down -- as the car rolled to a stop!

● Mr. Alan Druce has sent us an account of what he describes as the worst nightmare in his life. He explained how, returning home early one morning from his brother-in-law's, he came across a utility -- turned upside down, its headlights still shining! Though the occupant was alive, Mr. Druce recounts the horror he experienced at the discovery, and tells of his earnest desire that the Kingdom of God may soon be established, that all men may be taught the one Way which leads to happiness and peace -- and to safety on the road!

● The Sydney Church continues to grow! The Church now enjoys the fellowship of two more "transfer" families from Western Australia, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Noordewier and Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Greenfield. Both families have one child. The Noordewier's hail from Rivervale, and the Greenfield's from Denmark. We say, Welcome to Sydney!

A thunderstorm has 50 times more energy than one Hiroshima-type A-bomb. But the A-Bomb has more power because the energy is released in a shorter period of time.

MELBOURNE ATHLETICS CHALLENGE

A fun-packed and exciting ATHLETICS CHALLENGE between Melbourne Spokesman "A" and "B" Clubs, was thoroughly enjoyed by over 50 people who gathered in the wide expanse of Wattle Park one Sunday morning in February.

The spokesmen all gave of their best as they strove in friendly competition to settle the question of physical supremacy. The honour this time was well earned by Club B, who finished the day with 33 points to 6 for Club A. Heikkie Murto earned 12 points for Club B, with one first place and four seconds. Messrs. Ron Rees and Keith Crouch both earned 6 points for their Club, equalling Club A's total.

The ladies provided much excitement as they pounded down the track in their "3-legged" and egg-and-spoon races, and heaved mightily (to much vocal encouragement) in the "TUG-O-WAR."

The children present added their contribution in the same joyful spirit, and everyone hopes Club A will soon feel strong enough to atone for their defeat, and so provide another opportunity for healthy fellowship with an athletic challenge meeting.

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German Office from New York, after spending three days in that city during Pentecost. In Germany, Mrs. Kelly will remain at God's Office while Mr. Kelly -- accompanied by Mr. Frank Schnee -- will embark on the baptizing tour.

Besides providing an opportunity for some much-needed visits to possible members of God's Church in Germany, the trip will allow Mr. Schnee to be in contact with one of God's ministers for a period of eight weeks. This will be very influential in improving Mr. Schnee's usefulness and capabilities in the German Work. The tour will close in late July or August when the Kellys will return home, after spending several days at Bricket Wood.

Brethren, GOD GIVES THE INCREASE! (I Cor. 3:7.) Remember to THANK Him for the "fruit" He has blessed His Work with in Assyria, and to PRAY earnestly for the successful completion of this German baptizing tour! "The effectual FERVENT prayer of a righteous man AVAILETH MUCH!" (James 5:16).

The turtle never makes any progress until he sticks his neck out.

Spokesman Club

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Mr. Colin Power, as a new member to the Club.

Following the vocal exercises and the reading of the minutes, the President, Mr. George Thomson, conducted a brisk business session during which a coming cricket-match (with Club B), a combined Spokesman A and B Club meeting, and a suggested educational visit to the Ford Motor works, were actively discussed. Mr. Denis Gover was adjudged as having given the best contribution to the session.

Then, in the position of Topicsmaster, Mr. Robert Lumsden presented a series of thought-provoking questions including such controversial subjects as the control of cigarette smoking; the current crisis in Cyprus; the "Beatles;" proof of the inspiration of God's Word; and the basis of Scientology. Of many cogent replies, the best presentation was given by Mr. Graeme Ingamells, while the Topicsmaster himself achieved the distinction of being evaluated as excellent. Congratulations!

After the ten-minute interval in which the ladies and their escorts were served with some coffee, cakes and ice-cream, Mr. Stan Chivers (the Vice-President) took the chair to hand control to the Toastmaster, Mr. Terence Villiers, whose standard of presentation was evaluated as good. Of the five speakers introduced during the evening, Mr. George Thomson gained the rare honour of being awarded both speaker's cups for the Most Effective and the Most Improved speech. His Complete Speech, entitled "The Sixth Man," exposed the foul and widespread nature of homosexuality within this world's society. Mr. Harry Sykes gave the most helpful evaluation for the evening.

In his over-all evaluation, Mr. Winner exhorted the Club to strive for further improvement beyond the good standard already set, and also instructed the members on how to fully research and explore the preparation of a speech. Certainly, throughout the evening's proceedings, that added spark and flavour which is usually evinced by the ladies' company was particularly evident and fully appreciated by the men of Spokesman Club A.

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counselling simply lacked the knowledge and accompanying determination necessary to have brought forth the essential fruits of repentance. Nearly all who were not baptised were sincere but readily understood that further study



and guidance was necessary in coming to full repentance and total surrender to Christ.

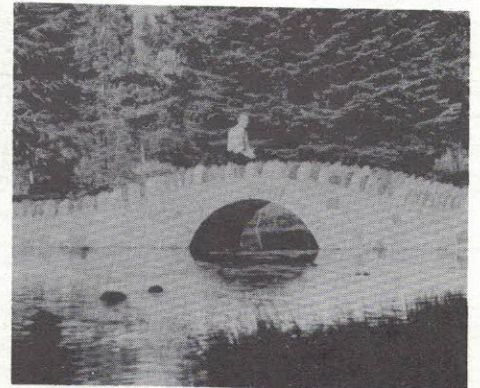
A total of 23 stops were made -- 19 on the North Island and 4 on the South Island. The largest groups counselled were in Auckland and Christchurch. The first stop was Auckland where 3 of 8 counselled were baptised.

Progressing from Auckland there was one baptism at Thames, one at Tauranga, one in Hamilton, one in Palmerston North, two in Masterton and two in Wellington.

On the South Island 7 of 11 counselled in Christchurch were baptised, and 3 of the 5 counselled in Invercargill.

The North Island was covered primarily by car. South Island stops were reached more expediently by air. And, though it was holiday and convention time, the needs of the tour were adequately supplied in every instance. The weather was quite upset, even with havoc-wreaking floods and tornadoes occurring during the tour, but the team did not experience anything which actually interfered with the tour.

New Zealand is still a very beautiful and bountiful part of Israel, but it is very much taken for granted and is being rapidly destroyed in a variety of ways, including overgrazing, chemical fertilization, denuding the land of forests, overworking crop land, and



through the same ignorant defiance of God's laws found elsewhere.

The tour certainly had its highly en-

couraging aspects, but it would be impossible to take a real active part in one of these tours and not come back more fully filled with the realization of the overwhelming need for Jesus Christ to return and rule! On this tour the often-received impression was that time has about run out...like sand in an hour glass. We have but a short time to qualify for positions of service under Christ.

We take this opportunity to say "WELCOME!" to you who were baptised, and are busy qualifying to help rule this world righteously!



Beautiful New Zealand Countryside

VARIETY

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K. Thomson, R. Lumsden, and G. Thomson.

Other performances included the difficulties experienced by a five-piece band (with piano accompaniment) in rendering "Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes," a duo singing "My Old Man's a Dustman," a quartette "conscripted" to sing "The Gendarmes' Duet," and an explanation of how to write a T.V. Western.

All these were accomplished smoothly and promptly within the designated hour and well-earned congratulations go to the organizing committee headed by Mr. Ken Slade.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Greetings boys and girls!

This month, we have published a drawing showing an artist's conception of one of the most famous ships ever to float on water -- Noah's Ark!

We want you to COLOUR the picture, and then answer a few questions concerning Noah and the Ark. Remember when you are colouring, to make the picture as REALISTIC as possible, and this will help make the drawing more meaningful.

If you cannot answer the questions, you should refer to The Bible Story Book by Mr. Basil Wolverton, Vol. I,

Chapters 3 and 4. You will find all the answers there.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Noah build the ark? Was it because it seemed to him to be the right and proper thing to do, or did he build it in obedience to someone's command?
2. Who gave the command to Noah?
3. Why was it given? Was all mankind sinning against God?
4. What is sin?
5. Why was Noah spared from the flood?
6. What did the people do when they

saw Noah and his sons building the ark? Did they repent of their sins, or did they scoff and jeer?

7. What does it mean to repent?
8. Is the attitude of most people today similar to that shown by the people in Noah's day? Or are all people today true God-loving Christians?
9. Did God make a promise to Noah following the flood? If so, what was it?
10. What did God give as a sign of the promise? Do we still see that sign today? Does this illustrate God's everlasting faithfulness?

