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Ambascol Press Expands !

At the Ministerial Conference in January a decision was made of great importance to God's Work in Australia. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong approved proposed plans for a new, vastly enlarged Ambascol Press -- a printing plant large enough to print the Australasian Edition of The PLAIN TRUTH!

Immediately upon receiving the "go ahead," steps were taken to move the printing department of the Sydney office from its cramped quarters in a converted terrace flat at North Sydney, to a bright new factory building in nearby Artarmon.

This leased two story building of 10,000 sq. feet adequately houses the immediate printing machinery, dark-room, plate-making facilities and storage area, while still affording room for the expansion that inevitably comes in witnessing to this endtime generation.

The heart of the expanded printery in its present stage is a 2-colour Roland RZK III offset press. This 12 ton product of German ingenuity can print a sheet of paper up to 25" x 38" at speeds up to 7000 per hour. It prints eight pages of The PLAIN TRUTH in two colours on each side of a 22½" x 35"

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ANOTHER FIRST SERMONETTE !

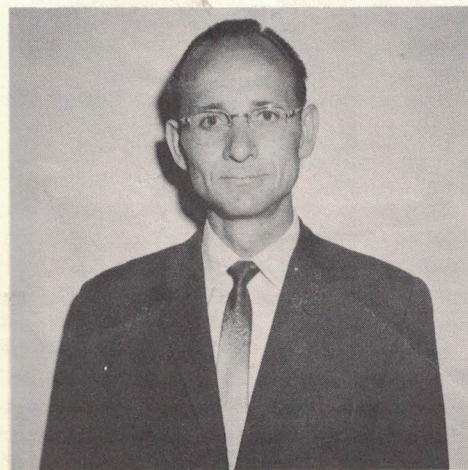
Mr. Kevin Lulham, who accompanied Mr. Clarence Huse to the Newcastle Church for the Sabbath service on March 20, was blessed with the opportunity of delivering his first sermonette.

In a clear and concise manner, Mr. Lulham posed the question to the attentive brethren: "Just how real is the Kingdom of God to us?"

The inspiration and zeal shown in his delivery is evidence of Mr. Lulham's growth in which he has endeavoured to help God's people by example and advice.

This is an opening "chapter" in Mr. Lulham's service in God's Church, and

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Mr. Waterhouse Visits Australia

"And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in ALL the world. . ." (Matt. 24:14). Certainly these are words all of us have heard many times, yet, there are occasions when they seem more meaningful than others. The recent visit to Sydney of Mr. Gerald Waterhouse -- whom God had used to establish His Work here in Australia -- was one of these occasions.

Mr. Waterhouse, an Evangelist in God's Church arrived in Sydney from the Philippines by Pan Am on Monday,

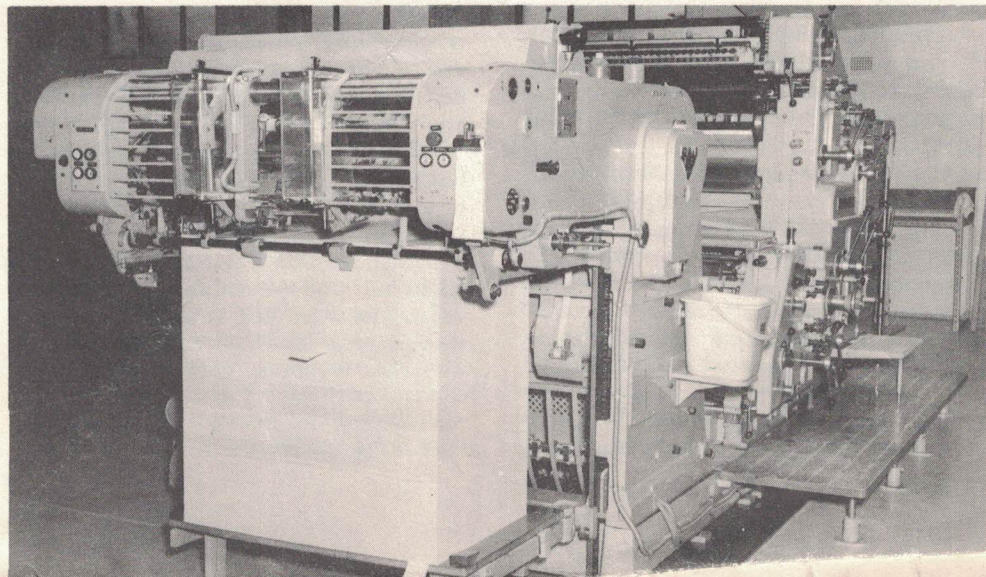
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Newcastle Baptisms

Recently on a stop-over visit to the Newcastle Church, Mr. Clarence Huse was used of God in adding SIX more members to the growing body of Christ.

On Sabbath morning 20 March, Mr. Thomas Stokes was buried in baptism at a local beach. This proved not only

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Ladies Night Melbourne

The ladies were invited to participate in the club meeting on February 1, 1965. The evening was warm, and enthusiasm was higher than usual.

The meeting was directed by Mr. David Neil, deacon in the Melbourne Church, in Mr. William Winner's absence at the conference in Sydney. The meeting opened with Vocal Exercises led by Mr. R. Clancy, followed by a lively Business Session during which proposals were made for a visit to the "Herald" newspaper office on Tuesday, April 6, and a visit to the Police Department's film on "Road Safety" on a date to be determined.

An interesting Table Topics Session was conducted by Mr. A. B. Laughlin, followed by supper. The presence of the ladies seemed to give a more congenial atmosphere, and added excitement to the club's activities.

The speakers were Messrs. B. Firth, J. McGrath, L. Ordon, M. Kernot, and K. Gray. The cup for the Most Effective Speaker was awarded to Mr. J. McGrath, while the Most Improved Speaker was adjudged to be Mr. B. Firth. The evaluators were Messrs. I. Willis, R. Clancy, F. Fuller, H. Simmons and E. Bonell, with the Most Helpful Evaluator's cup awarded to Mr. Bonell.

Mr. Neil exhorted the club to concentrate on getting rid of tension and to develop personality. He said that "slang"

words have to be watched, but over-all, the club was light and bright and went well. The best Table Topics contribution was made by Mr. K. Gray.

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March 1, and remained for a one-week stop-over, en route to the island of Mauritius and Johannesburg, South Africa. This enabled the Sydney brethren to hear first hand, at their weekly Bible study, of the impetus and power God is applying to His Work, WORLD-WIDE! Incidentally, the reason for Mr. Waterhouse's five-day visit to Mauritius was to contact personally a group of French-speaking people who had requested guidance from God's servants. A recent letter from Headquarters indicates that Mr. Waterhouse had a successful visit to the island, for he contacted and preached to -- through an interpreter -- a total of 67 people during a Bible study there!

Following a very helpful and stirring sermon on the Sabbath, revealing the responsibility of the Church -- and each member -- Mr. Waterhouse left Monday noon by Qantas jet on the first long hop to Africa.

During a short stop-over in Perth, three members of the Church of God in West Australia -- Mr. and Mrs. "Bill" Dixon and Mr. Frank Clarke -- were privileged to meet with Mr. Waterhouse, and to hear him elaborate on the plan of God revealed in prophecy, primarily concerning Africa and Southeast Asia.

All of God's people in Australia and New Zealand wish you God speed, Mr. Waterhouse, and may God guide and bless you in the work ahead!

Brisbane Club Dines Out

On February 22 the Brisbane Spokesman Club had its first evening at the National Hotel. Following is a report on what transpired at their very fruitful meeting:

"Our room on the second floor is just terrific -- wall-to-wall carpets, air-conditioning, dance circle, room service -- of course -- and seating for 70. So we are all most grateful for what appears to be quite a blessing and are looking forward to a ladies' night in the near future. This is also the occasion of a marked turn for the better in our financial position.

"An immediate step forward was taken when our Guest Book received its first entry when Mr. Ron Proposch, who has moved from the Downs to the bayside suburb of Wynnum, recorded his visit."

Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle.

CLUB "C" DINNER NIGHT

On Monday evening March 8, Section "C" of the Sydney Spokesman Club held their first dinner meeting. The location chosen for this auspicious occasion was the Georgian House, a new motel in North Sydney.

The spokesmen, having had their appetites whetted the previous meeting by a specially arranged Table Topics session on etiquette, began to assemble at 6:30 p. m. for a pre-dinner drink and general fellowship. Everyone was keenly alert for this memorable night was not only a dinner club, but also an entirely impromptu meeting.

At 7:00 p. m. the meal was served. The appetizer, Queensland Avacado Pears, was followed by clear bullion soup, prime ribs of beef (steak), strawberries with cream, coffee and after dinner mints.

The meeting was called to order by the
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sheet on each run through the press. Sixteen pages of God's Truth are thus printed on one sheet of paper.

The printed sheets are then run through a folding machine, after which they will be gathered, stitched and trimmed automatically on the Christensen gang stitcher, which is being installed in May.

Although at present all the complete



equipment has not been fully installed and some of the finishing work has been carried out by outside trade binders, fruits have already been born by this move. Two issues of The PLAIN TRUTH have been printed by Ambascoll Press at substantial time and money savings over the previous means of production.

The single major consideration behind the decision was to put the publication entirely in the hands of converted individuals, who are truly concerned in seeing it produced with the highest

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Dr. Benjamin L. Rea 1922 — 1965

The life of Dr. Rea was one of accomplishment. He was born in Ruston, Louisiana, U. S. A. and attended public schools there before going on to the Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. He was four years in the Army, Navy and Marines as a medical corpsman. He fought at Roi, Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. He was wounded on Iwo Jima, brought back to the United States and discharged from the Naval hospital in New Orleans.

After leaving the Navy, he went to Louisiana State University where he received a Bachelor's degree in International Economics and Business Administration in 1948 and continued working toward his Master's degree. Later, he took a position as investigator for about 300 insurance companies in Louisiana.

Dr. Rea came to know God's truth about 1951, and at this time quit his job and helped his father start a business. In 1952, he attended his first Feast of Tabernacles at Seigler Springs, California. On his way home, he stopped by Ambassador College and had a talk with Mr. Armstrong. At the following Passover in Texas, Mr. Armstrong surprised him with the announcement that he would be a Spanish teacher at the College.

Immediately after this, he left for Mexico to do work for his Master's degree at La Universidad Interamericana in Saltillo, Coahuilal de Zargosa, Mexico. After many hours of study and examinations, he received his Master's Degree in 1955. He later obtained his Ph. D. Degree in 1960.

During those early years of teaching Spanish at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, Dr. Rea translated many of the booklets into Spanish. By 1958, 13 radio stations in South America opened for a Spanish version of the World Tomorrow.

Dr. Rea came to England in 1960 to help establish Ambassador College, U. K. He was, as Mr. Armstrong recently mentioned in a student meeting, in a sense the founder of the College in England by taking care of the thousand and one details involved when starting a new college.

As Dean of the Faculty, Professor of Spanish and International Relations, Speaker on the Spanish broadcast, and Pastor of the Birmingham Church, Dr. Rea will be remembered by many people. He will be remembered for his loving personality, persevering drive and hearty chuckle. He will be remembered for his devotion to God's Work and serving others despite his extremely high

blood pressure and his severe heart condition that hindered him for at least the last few years of his busy life in God's Work.

Recently, the faculty and students of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, England, were stunned by the news of Dr. Rea's sudden death. So were members of the British Churches of God.

Dr. Rea had been suffering from acute high blood pressure and heart trouble for some time -- probably for several years!

Because of this condition Dr. Rea was given about six months leave of absence from his duties -- from August to January -- so he could rest, in hopes he would be able to recover in health.

After returning to the College and his duties here in England in January this year, his responsibilities were curtailed in hopes of averting serious heart



trouble.

In spite of all this, Dr. Rea collapsed late Tuesday afternoon, 9th March, after going through a very upsetting experience with the reporter of a London paper. He died a few hours later, at 2:40 a. m. early Wednesday morning.

If I recall correctly, Dr. Rea was baptized by Mr. Paul Smith and me on a baptismal tour in the summer of 1951.

Having worked very closely with Dr. Rea for the last five years, his death has not been easy for me.

It fell my lot to preach his funeral, which was held at 3:00 p. m. Friday, 12th March. He was buried in a small wooded area, near the tomb of Sir David Yule, not far from Memorial Hall. We hope to receive governmental permission to use this beautiful wooded area as a burial place for the College, though we hope it will never again need

to be used in this manner.

God granted us a very beautiful day for the funeral. The students, faculty and staff of Ambassador College, plus members of the London, Bricket Wood and Birmingham Churches attended the funeral. Many sprays and wreaths of flowers had been sent by friends and relatives, as well as from the Colleges, various Churches and business associates.

Dr. Rea will be remembered mostly for his extremely warm and friendly personality, plus his driving zeal for his work -- God's Work! Please continue to remember Mrs. Rea and her small five-year-old son, Raphael, in your prayers each day! They will both need and appreciate these very much.

-- Raymond F. McNair
(Courtesy: Church of God News, British Edition.)

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we sincerely pray that it may be the beginning of a book full of "chapters."
CONGRATULATIONS Mr. Lulham on your "Most Effective Speech."

Spokesmen Tour Mill

The evening of February 9 saw members of the Spokesman Club being conducted on a tour of one of Queensland's few major industrial concerns -- The Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd. mill at Petrie, just outside Brisbane.

A. P. M. 's plant generates and uses electric power equivalent to that required for a town of 30,000 people, and even supplies to the state grid -- on a give-and-take basis -- as well as being joint developer (with the Petrie Local Authority), of the local water supply.

The spokesmen were interested to learn that all of Brisbane's available salvage paper is processed here for conversion into cardboard, and that further supplies of "dead news" are imported as back loading from Sydney.

So great was the interest shown, that instead of the normal hour-and-a-half usually required, the tour lasted three hours!

As a point of interest, we were told of the agitated lady who had hidden £80 in notes together with some silver in the waste bin, and was appalled to find that the collector and been in her absence. The said sum was very smartly converted into cardboard -- the coins, of course, were rejected (we don't fool about here; nothing smaller than notes, please!). However, since this lady's

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BITS 'n PIECES

The Local Elder of the Little Rock, Arkansas Church, Mr. Kelly Barfield and his wife announce the birth of a son. The baby, Bryce Kelly, was born on March 6 weighing 7 pounds. Australia sends its best wishes to the Barfields!

● It has come to the attention of BITS that a third son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wooding of Christchurch. David Norman weighed 8 lbs. exactly when he first joined his brothers, Grant and Mark, at 5 p.m. on December 26, 1964. Now, where did we get all that information, Mr. and Mrs. Wooding? Everyone be sure to read the last item in this column. At any rate, our best wishes go to the Wooding family.

● Both Sabbath services and Bible studies in Sydney have been moved. Formerly held in Anzac House, Sydney, at 2: p.m., Sabbath services are now held in the Petersham Town Hall at 1 p.m. Bible Study, formerly held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Institute of Builders in Milson's Point, are also being conducted at the Petersham Town Hall each Thursday evening (excluding previous engagements of the hall) at 7 p.m.

● Do you know any news you would like to share with your brethren in God's Church? If so, why not send it to Sydney to be included in Bits 'n Pieces? This is your Church newspaper. The BITS column is designed to help give you those brief items of a more personal nature. We want to include names, dates, places, times, facts, figures -- and on occasion, faces. Aren't you interested in others in God's Church and don't you think others would like to share some blessing you have been given? Remember the words, "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep" (Rom. 12:15)? The BITS column is one chance to do just that. So you're not a writer! Give us the facts, we'll do the rest.

MILL — Continued from Page 3 estimate of the silver was found to be correct, full reimbursement was made from a fund established by the company.

Thanks were duly extended to our Vice-President, Mr. Couston, who arranged the tour, and to officers of the company.

CLUB — Continued from Page 2 Club President, Mr. Kevin Lulham, who immediately introduced the first surprise of the evening by calling on Vice-President Leonid Kaagjarv to take control of the meeting. Mr. Kaagjarv,

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after completing the formal part of the program, re-called Mr. Lulham as Table Topics Chairman.

With the conclusion of the first portion of the Club a ten-minute recess was called, enabling everyone to finish dinner after which the tables were cleared for the remainder of the meeting.

Toastmaster Mr. Brian Liu had the honour of introducing the five speakers and shepherding the speaking session. Mr. Colin Stanford speaking on "Preparing to build your own home" was rated Most Effective Speaker. Mr. John Churchland, the Most Improved, outlined "Main points in giving an effective speech," while the Most Helpful Evaluator Cup was awarded to Mr. Ted Francis.

Special guests for the evening included Mr. C. Wayne Cole and Mr. Bill Myers. After the formal speaking por-



tion Mr. Cole pointed out the aims and goals of the Spokesman Clubs. "Success," he said, "is not mechanically to be effective in itself, to go through a six-minute speech in itself. Most, if not all," Mr. Cole went on, "will never become great speakers, influential business leaders or first-rate salesmen. What constitutes a successful spokesman is a man who has become a better husband and father, a better Church member and fellow citizen."

He admonished the members to "Know what they want to say and then say it! Think it out, say it constructively, inspiringly. Be clear, concise, friendly. Develop a willingness to speak."

PRESS — Continued from Page 2 possible quality, and on time. Perfection now can and will be striven for, which is the goal in all of God's Work!

The substantial reduction of expenditure over the cost of outside production of The PLAIN TRUTH will allow repayment of machinery over a short period. Most importantly, it will provide for the first time a complete plant for the production of virtually all of the material sent out from the Sydney office in fulfillment of Mark 13:10.

The Work of God continues to grow in tremendous ways and YOU can rejoice that you have a part in it!

Wattle Park Again

As the Melbourne Church grows in size, so too do the picnics, and this was evident on Sunday morning, February 21, when no less than 220 people (and one dog) came streaming through the trees at Wattle Park to the centre of the picnic site.

Simultaneously, experienced hands were erecting a tent to shelter the lunch (a large tent needed!), setting out a baseball diamond, marking two volleyball courts and setting up the nets, and making sundry other preparations for the day's activities.

This reserved area of Wattle Park is very spacious and beautiful. There is a large playing area, with adequate space under shady trees for rest and eating, right alongside it. Here, many comfortable chairs were placed for the convenience of the elderly, who could relax, fellowship and watch the events.

A special blessing of the day was the cloud cover. Sunday (being an extremely warm day) could, with direct sunshine, have become just too hot, but that welcome layer between the sun and Wattle Park kept conditions very fine.

Preparations for lunch involved a number of ladies in quite a hard morning's work, but the resultant spread was greatly appreciated when, after assembling around while Mr. William Winner asked God's blessing on the food, everyone filed past to help themselves from the abundance. Exceptions were, of course, the elderly who received priority service.

Games and ice cream fellowship and cool drinks continued late into the afternoon when a very happy day drew to a conclusion.

BAPTISMS — Continued from Page 1 an experience for Mr. Stokes but also for Mr. Huse. The unrestrained sea with its boisterous waves succeeded in unbalancing Mr. Stokes several times before Mr. Huse finally plunged him into the watery grave.

Early the following morning the other five persons, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hurman, Mr. and Mrs. Merv Bell and Mrs. E. Thompson, were baptised in Lake Macquarie at Speers Point. Although there were a few early birds up and about at the time, a light shower cleared the area except for a few fishermen in a boat out in the lake, allowing a relative amount of privacy for the ceremony.

The number of people in attendance at the Newcastle Church may be small but the actual membership continues to grow. Let us join with the angels in Heaven in rejoicing over the SIX more sinners brought to repentance.