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Mr. & Mrs. Roy Page Arrive!

Anxious weeks of waiting are over for the Brisbane Brethren! Following graduation and his ordination Mr. and Mrs. Royston Page arrived in Sydney aboard the Mattson liner "Monterey" Monday evening, July 13th! Their point of origin was Pasadena, California, where Mr. Page had been earlier informed he was to take up the responsibility of pastoring the Brisbane Church!

HOLY DAYS -- 1964

Feast of Trumpets -- September 7
Day of Atonement -- September 16
Feast of Tabernacles -- September 21
through 27
Last Great Day -- September 28

Mr. Page reported on their trip in a Bible Study, during nearly two weeks spent in and around Sydney. Reportedly, their entire trip, with little exception, was one for the hardiest of seamen. Storms, rough seas, overcast conditions and low temperatures hadn't done

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Successful Tour Western Australia!

"For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven and . . . WATERETH the earth and maketh it BRING FORTH and BUD . . . So shall MY WORD BE that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID, but it SHALL ACCOMPLISH that which I PLEASE" (Isa. 55:10-11).

This irrevocable, unchangeable, unalterable PROMISE of Almighty God -- that His Word WILL bear fruit, that it WILL be productive -- should be the cause of

much rejoicing by God's people! It constitutes an UNEQUIVOCAL GUARANTEE from the Greatest Being in the Universe that the SACRIFICES they may be called upon to make -- the LABOUR and EFFORT they may be required to expend -- will NOT be in vain! God PROMISES His Word WILL produce!

For a number of years now, God's Word has been proclaimed throughout the populated areas of Western Australia via The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast, The PLAIN TRUTH magazine, The Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course and the many booklets and reprint articles available FREE from God's Church!

And on Sunday, July 5, God's everlasting faithfulness in fulfilling His

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Prior to departure for Perth



Mr. Apartian Takes French Baptizing Tour!

Mr. Dibar Apartian, accompanied by Mr. Anthony Buzzard, just recently completed a most successful and busy French baptizing tour. As a result God's Church now boasts TWELVE new members among the tribe of Reuben! Of the total number visited, forty-three requested baptism. Twelve persons, or about 28%, were joyfully added to the worldwide Body of Christ.

On the surface this number may not

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W.A. TOUR Continued from Page 1 promises was illustrated when Messrs. Clarence Huse and Don Abraham left Sydney by air for Perth at the commencement of a three week baptising tour, which subsequently proved to be the most fruitful tour yet taken from God's office at North Sydney!

It was planned to spend the first five days in Perth, and then to leave on the first leg of a long and arduous 2,500 mile (plus) circuit by road, taking in most of the larger centres of population in Western Australia.

The two men were met at Perth airport by smiling and happy Mr. Frank Clarke and Mr. Jeff Preston, who also acted as "pilots" guiding them to their

accommodation.

The first group counselling was scheduled for early Monday morning, when 7 persons met the team in front of the Perth G.P.O. Of the seven met, ALL were found to be humble and submissive, having surrendered their wills to their Creator, repentant and ready for baptism.

One remarkable and highly encouraging aspect of the tour was the miraculous way in which God constantly intervened in the weather! The first morning of the tour, the weather was cold,



Miss M. Salmon, Mrs. Bordas, Miss J. Bordas, Mr. P. Chiles

bleak and blustery. It rained most of the morning. For this reason, the counselling had to be conducted in the motel room.

It was thought at the time that it may be necessary to hire a heated swimming pool for the baptising, because of the low temperatures. However, when the



Sea-front at Bunbury

time arrived, it was found that the rain had stopped, the wind had died down to a calm breeze and the clouds were

parted with the sun shining through! The baptising could be performed outdoors after all!

This experience was repeated not only once or twice, but continually throughout the entire tour! Despite the fact that the South-West corner of Western Australia was enduring what has proven to be one of its wettest winters in living memory, there was only one occasion when rain actually fell at the moment someone was being baptised, and then it was so light it did not actually interfere with the proceedings! Such is the tremendous power of the Great Being Who guides and directs this, the very WORK OF GOD!

Monday afternoon there was another group counselling, as a result of which 6 of the 7 counselled with were baptised. And, the only remaining person was also baptised a few days later! Of the 14 persons counselled with for baptism on the first day of the tour, the ENTIRE 14 WERE BAPTISED before the tour ended, 13 of them the same day!

At the end of the first five days in Perth, the record revealed that 40 persons had been scheduled for baptism. Of these, 34 had met the tour and, of those met, 27 had been baptised! There had also been 15 visits with persons wanting to discuss matters other than

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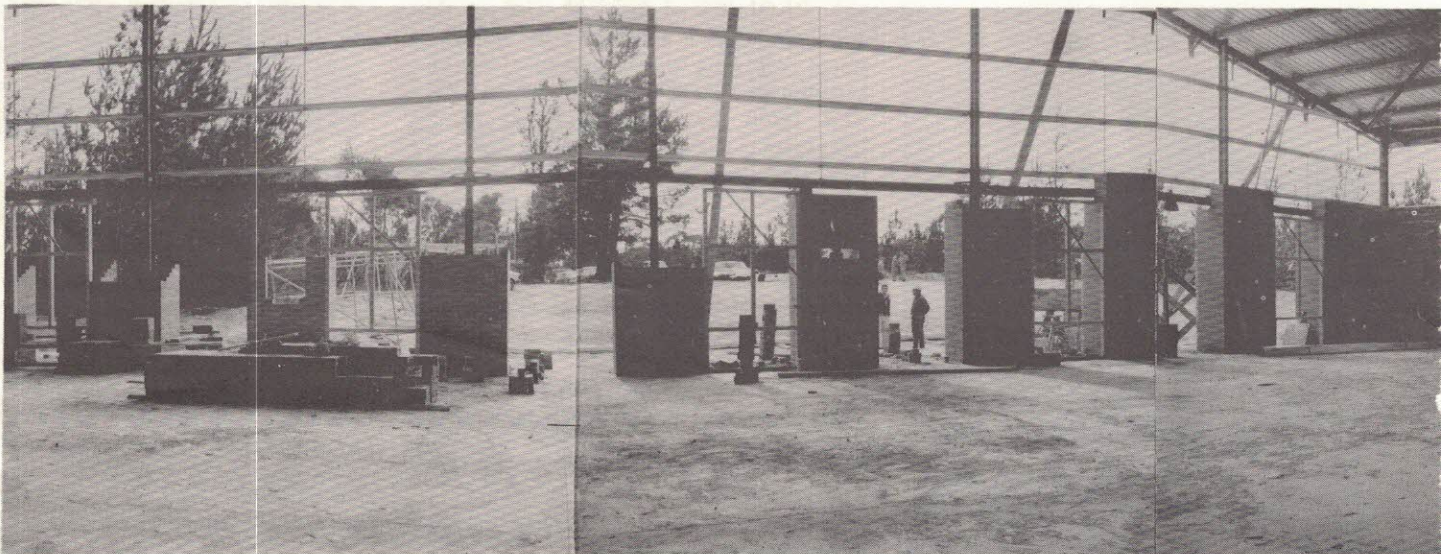
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Mr. Frank Simpkins95-4923
Mr. Clarence Huse42-4081
Mr. Don Abraham42-3770

Melbourne:

Mr. William D. Winner . . .28-4574

Brisbane:

Mr. Royston Page58-1503



Panoramic view from centre of auditorium. (Note: Apparent

Melbourne Spokesman Combined Meeting

At 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 4, members of both sections of the Spokesman Club in Melbourne, assembled together with eager anticipation for the second combined meeting of the year.

After asking God's blessing on the meeting, Mr. Winner called the Club to order, exhorting us all to strive to grow and not to compete against each other. He then called upon Mr. Kevin Gray (B Club) to lead with the vocal exercises.

The President of Section A, Mr. Dennis Gover then extended a warm welcome to all, and following the reading of the minutes, the business section was opened.

Mr. Gover then introduced Mr. David Neil (B) as Table Topics chairman. His well-chosen subjects resulted in most members participating and an "excellent" evaluation.

After an excellent supper provided by Messrs. Power and Bennets and their respective wives the spokesmen returned anticipating an inspiring speech section. Toastmaster, Mr. Max McCrow (A), commenced by reading a portion of the introduction by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in the Speech Manual, and then "it was on."

ATTACK!! and Mr. George Thomson (A) commenced to attack the disgusting, horrible bestial type of "toys" (?) children are permitted to play with. The very apt title of his speech was "Foul Play." Mr. K. Crouch (B) evaluated.

Mr. Eric Bennet of Section B then gave us the facts and figures on one aspect of legal proceedings -- Summons and Distress Warrants. He titled his speech "What Price Society?" Mr. R. Lumsden was his evaluator.

"For Your Stomach's Sake" was the title Mr. Kevin Gray, Vice President of Section B chose for his very "Complete" speech. "Take a little wine" he said, and described how inferior the modern wines are. Mr. K. Slade (A) evaluated Mr. Gray's speech.

Another "complete" speech, this time from Mr. Ron Rees (B) was titled "MAN and the Weather," and he described hurricane "Flora," which hovered over Cuba last year. Mr. T. Villiers (A) evaluated his speech.

The final speech was presented by Mr. Robert Mitchell, who titled his "Get the Facts" speech, "TONSILS -- TO BE OR NOT TO BE?" Mr. A. Morrison (B) evaluated Mr. Mitchell.

Mr. Winner conducted a vocabulary test while the "impressionslips" were

being tallied, and the results were FAIR, not GOOD.

Now--the award announcements. Mr. Kernot (B) with pleasure informed us that Mr. Villiers was awarded the "Evaluator's Cup"; Mr. R. Mitchell was considered the "Most Improved" speaker of the evening. Then with great joy, Mr. Kernot announced that Mr. Mitchell had also gained the "Most Effective" speaker's award.

In his over-all evaluation, Mr. Winner said it was "a most improved evening, a pleasure to be present." He added that all the spokesmen should feel very grateful to God for the Spokesman Clubs and the BLESSING of being a member.

A man, standing up to a golf ball, armed only with a club, undergoes shortness of breath, tightness in the chest, a curling of the toes, backache, clenched teeth, locked knees, muscle spasm, paralysis and neurocirculatory anesthesia. In other words, he's ready to hit.

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selled with, 39 were baptised! In addition, 43 visits had been made to members and other interested persons! The



Mr. & Mrs. N.E. Lubbock

distance travelled (including the flights to and from Perth) totalled over 8,000 miles!

Though weather conditions may not have been what we would classify as ideal -- with winds of up to 75 m.p.h. and more being encountered, together with heavy rains and floods -- yet God most assuredly did bless the tour in a most encouraging way.

As a result of this visit to Western Australia, it is felt that there is now a potential of 65 to 70 persons who could attend regular Sabbath services in Perth, once a Church is established in that city!

So remember to PRAY that Christ will send forth more labourers into the harvest, to help and serve His people! Re-

member to PRAY for these, and other scattered brethren -- WORLDWIDE!

And, as a number of the brethren from Western Australia -- and from other distant areas where there is no established Church of God -- will be attending the Festival of Tabernacles this year, make sure that those of you living in a Church area try to make their acquaintance.

Many of God's people will be traveling hundreds -- some thousands -- of miles in service to their Creator! Let us make them feel welcome, that they may know that, though they do not live in an area where they can attend regular Church services, they nevertheless are every bit as much a member of the Body of Christ as are those of us privileged to live in a Church area, who are blessed with being able to assemble together regularly each Sabbath!

A good sermon helps people in different ways. Some rise from it strengthened. Others wake from it refreshed.

How To Raise A Delinquent Ten Easy Rules

Prepared by the Police Department
of Houston, Texas

1. Begin at infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Pick up everything he leaves lying around -- books, shoes, clothes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on others.
5. Quarrel frequently in his presence. In this way he will not be too shocked when the home is broken later.
6. Give a child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
7. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.
8. Take his part against neighbors, teachers, policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
9. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."
10. Prepare for a life of grief. You are bound to have it.

It has been urged that most of this season's commencement speakers refrain from frightening the graduates by telling them the world is theirs.

Melbourne Brethren Enjoy Dance!

The Melbourne Church held its first formal dance on Saturday evening, July 25.

The night was full and well-balanced, with a variety of tunes keeping the enthusiastic and seemingly tireless dancers on the move from 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Apart from the 3-piece dance band, the happy gathering was entertained by



the Melbourne Church choir under the guiding hand of Mr. Dennis Gover. Also much appreciated was an item presented by the "Klaaysen Trio," and a fine duet with a touch of humour from Messrs. Robert Lumsden and Jimmy Kotsanis. The items were smoothly presented by the M.C. for the evening, Mr. George Thomson.

A highlight of the evening was the presentations made to the six young future Ambassador College students. Mr. David Neil made the presentations on behalf of the Spokesman Clubs to Sandra Jackson, Robert Mitchell, Robert Lumsden, Terry Villier, Keith Crouch and George Menasses.

A complete evening with warm fellowship, much dancing and a variety of entertainment came to a close with happy farewells at 11:30.

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seem impressive but twelve potential members of the Family of God certainly incites even the angelic realm to great rejoicing! -- when the Bible reveals that there is great joy in heaven over ONE sinner who repents. The significance is GREAT and the angels know it.

Mr. Apartian reported that even though the percentage baptised was low, a good foundation was laid in the case of all others, many of whom will undoubtedly be ready for baptism sometime later. The greatest handicap noticed among Catholics was their total ignorance of the Bible!

On the whole though, Mr. Apartian

expressed delight and surprise to find how well the people of France understand the Truth. He reported that it was evident that God was calling them and that "La PURE VERITE" (the French edition of The PLAIN TRUTH) and the four weekly broadcasts are doing a great deal of good.

After completing a tour of France, more travel awaited Mr. Apartian who joined Mr. Leslie McCullough for a week's trip to the British West Indies and the Island of Martinique -- south-east of Puerto Rico in the Atlantic Ocean. (Refer to your January, 1963 GOOD NEWS magazine for more about Martinique.)

Mr. McCullough and Mr. Apartian reported that they were most encouraged and inspired by the complete dedication and responsiveness of Mr. Jubert and the French-speaking group on Martinique.

As you can see, the French response is GROWING. As a result, the French Department desperately needs really qualified help in the near future. The French-speaking Work is the only one where there has been practically nobody available -- except Mr. Apartian -- who speaks the language involved as a native tongue.

This is something for all of us to remember in our prayers while, at the same time, rejoicing in the news of the French tour and the visit to Martinique and the news of what God is doing among His people of all nationalities. Don't forget to add your prayers also for those newly baptised, in France and around the world, that God will keep them growing and zealous -- qualifying for a definite part in the soon-coming world rule of God.

Economist Walter Heller says that the word "average" can be most confusing, particularly when used by a statistician. Dr. Heller's example: "If a man stands with his left foot on a hot stove and his right foot in a freezer, the statistician would say that, on the average, he's comfortable."

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baptism. The following 11 days were spent travelling by car throughout much of South-West Western Australia, during which time heavy rains were encountered with much local flooding (see accompanying pictures).

However, although a number of people remarked that if the team had been one or two days earlier they would not have been able to get through, God did not allow the schedule to be interfered with! The roads were always sufficiently

clear to allow the car through!

By the end of the 11-day country circuit, out of a total of 65 people (including those in Perth) who were scheduled



Flood-waters encountered enroute to Southern Cross

for baptism counselling, 55 were met, and 36 were baptised. Also, 30 visits had been made, including visits with some members living in the country areas of Western Australia.

The only members the team did not visit with were a married couple living many hundreds of miles north of Perth, who were unable to get down to Perth for the counselling. However, they are making plans to be in Blackheath this year for the Festival of Tabernacles!

The final five days of the tour were



Mr. & Mrs. C. D. Minson and Mr. & Mrs. B. Stevens

also spent in Perth, contacting a number of people who were not met earlier, as well as visiting with the members living in the Perth area.

By the end of the tour the team had met and counselled with for baptism 67 of the 78 scheduled, and of those coun-

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People used to work 12 to 14 hours a day on the farm and ride 10 miles to church on Sunday to sing "Work, for the Night is Coming." Now the farm is mechanized, and the family gets in the car and drives over paved roads to church, where they sit in a cushioned pew and listen to the choir sing, "Art Thou Weary, Art Thou Languid?"

Great minds discuss ideas; normal minds discuss events; small minds discuss persons; until they shake down into classifications, they dwell on the possibility of rain tomorrow.

BITS 'n PIECES

Bits is happy to announce the birth of a 9 pound boy to Mr. and Mrs. Carl McNair. Mr. McNair is Preaching Elder in charge of the Memphis, Tennessee and Little Rock, Arkansas Churches of God in the United States. Further statistics concerning the new arrival were not available at the time of printing except to mention there were no complications and mother, baby and father are doing fine. Our best wishes to the McNairs!

● The shipment of 1964 ENVOYS has arrived and most who did subscribe have already received their copy. If you don't yet have a copy, there is still time. . . . You won't regret it!

● Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole have recently returned from a short stay in Brisbane. They were there to assist Mr. and Mrs. Royston Page get settled in and begin full time ministering to God's Church in that area of Australia. Because of their schooling the Cole's children, Randy and Trissie, remained in Sydney in the care of Miss Alwyne Smith and Miss Jessie Emmett, both of whom are secretaries in the Sydney office.

● We are now able to announce the name of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpkins' new son. They have selected Gordon Owen Simpkins.

● Mrs. Wilson of Cole Street, Goulburn is very happy to announce the arrival on 10th July of a baby daughter. Weight at birth 7 lb., 7 oz. The name chosen is Lynda Ruth. Both mother and daughter are fine. We offer congratulations to the Wilsons! (It was mentioned that the name was chosen from The ENVOY.)

● Does God hear the prayers for protection often asked at the close of Sab-

bath services? Note the following report from Melbourne. After services on June 20th and dropping off Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, Mr. Harry Alter, his sons and Mr. Bill Tobel continued driving their way home in darkness and heavy rain. Upon rounding a bend the inside wheels went off the road onto the muddy incline. At 40 to 50 miles per hour the car left the road, rolled onto its side and slithered to a stop. All occupants climbed out totally unharmed! The only damage to the two-month-old car was a £6 dent in one door; not even the paint was hurt. The car was righted, towed to the road, and driven off -- the occupants extremely grateful to God who is our Protector. Surely our prayers are not in vain!

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much to heighten their fondness for sea travel. Mr. Page mentioned difficulty in staying in bed during rolling seas on a portion of the trip. He says the best way to avoid being too sick in these circumstances is to keep eating regularly though it's the last thing you want to do.

In addition to hearing about their trip and getting acquainted with the Pages, the Sydney congregation was privileged to hear from Mr. Page in a regular Bible Study, and in an inspiring sermon their second Sabbath in Australia. Their first Sabbath found the Pages in Brisbane affording them immediate opportunity to be in their own Church area.

Mr. and Mrs. Page both received the early part of their Ambassador College training at Bricket Wood and the final portion in Pasadena -- Mr. Page having spent two full college years in Pasadena and his wife eleven months. Mrs. Page is the first Ambassador College student to come from Ireland. Coming from that country she had not even so much

as SEEN a Bible prior to Ambassador College. Refer to your ENVOY for more about Mr. and Mrs. Page and God's worldwide work.

Following their much-welcomed stay in Sydney, the Pages were driven to Brisbane by Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole. They soon found housing, purchased a car and became generally established in the Brisbane area. Mr. Cole gave the sermon their first resident Sabbath in Brisbane revealing and expounding the right attitude toward having a local pastor.

Australia, with one-THIRD of ONE percent of the world's population, now has four-and-one-quarter percent of the world's true ministers of Jesus Christ. Let us all give thanks that God is providing labourers for His harvest here in Australia and around the world. And, be sure to get to know the Pages at the Feast of Tabernacles!

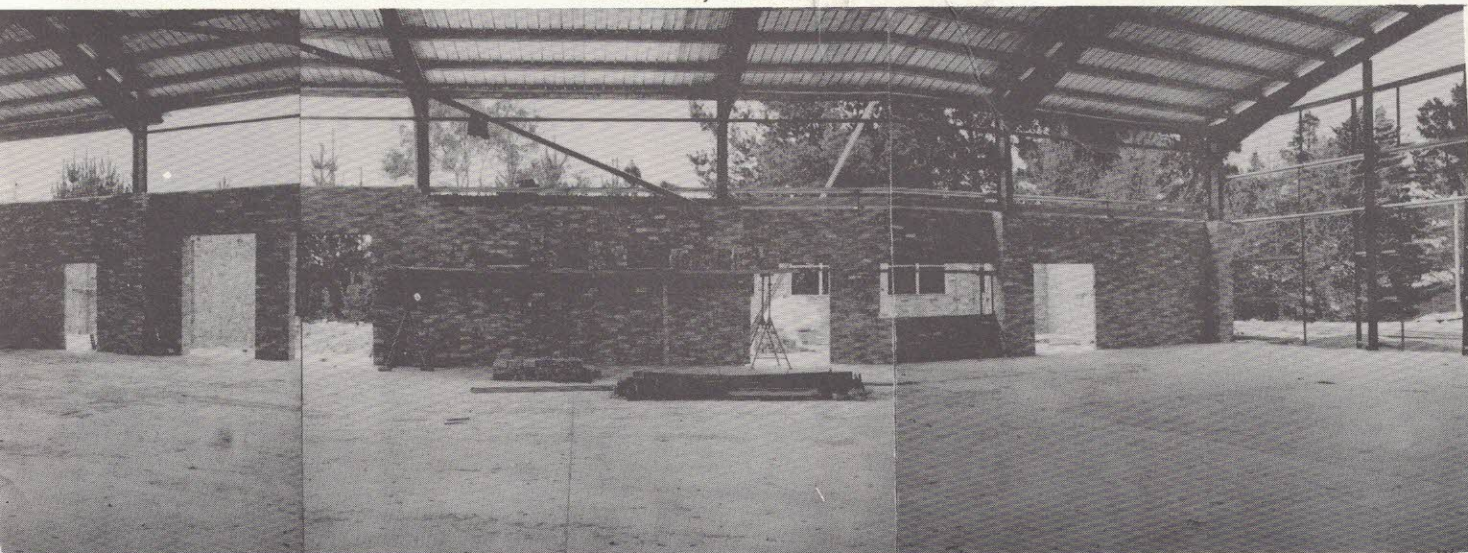
It is not so important to be serious as it is to be serious about the important things. The monkey wears an expression of seriousness which would do credit to any scholar, but the monkey is serious because he itches.



Flock of sheep enroute to Southern Cross

On some self-made men, the building inspector must have been bribed.

Unimpeachable source: One who started the rumor.



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