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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY

May ended as the best month of the year for both letters and income. We show a 32.5% increase for overall income which brings the year-to-date increase to about 11.4%. Response to the Semi-annual Letter has helped the letter count considerably, bringing the increase for the month up to 38.7%. This still left a deficit of 11% for letters year-to-date. June should overcome that, however, since response to the Semi-annual is still coming in fairly strong.

Our mail shows that quite a number of people who become interested in *The World Tomorrow* and its publications wind up in the fold of the Jehovah's Witnesses or the Seventh-day Adventists. We receive a constant flow of questions from our listeners such as "Are you a church?", "What church are you?", "Are you a minister?", etc.

Many youngsters who write in express a total frustration with life. Many of them are concerned about the use of drugs and the moral decay they see around them. Another trend in the mail shows an interest in prophecy and Germany. Mr. Armstrong's broadcast playing excerpts from old programs also created a good deal of interest. Over all, the mail situation for May has been quite encouraging.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Long Beach Bible Lectures

I have attended all the Bible lectures at Long Beach so far, and I must say it has been very enlightening for me. Hoping I don't have to miss any of them next week. It is so different having personal contact with men of such knowledge.

— Lu Ella G., Lomita, California

I am one of a number of people who have been privileged to attend the Ambassador College Bible Lectures at Long Beach. I have attended every lecture to date and cannot tell you how much they have helped me to understand myself and the world around me!

I am anxiously awaiting seeing you, Mr. Armstrong, this next Tuesday evening. I am earnestly praying that the lectures will be extending beyond the two week period, and that I may be privileged to attend.

— Susan J., Pico-Rivera, California

I think you would like to know that I really enjoy the nightly lecture series by Mr. Hill and Mr. Meredith, though I wish they'd stop being so concerned about the time and finish what they have to say.

I think everyone would agree that the time they put in extra is more than worth every minute of it!

I really enjoyed personally seeing Mr. Armstrong, too.

I am awfully glad to hear that it will continue on a weekly basis in a more intimate atmosphere.

I like these meetings better than your literature, even. It is so much nicer to see the per-

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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Al and Jo-ann Dennis (Eugene-Salem): Andy is here! We'd like to announce the birth of *Andrew Ray Dennis*, born at 11:45 a.m. on Friday, May 28th. Andy weighed in at a healthy 6 lbs. even. Mother and baby (and Dad) doing just fine.

Bruce and Charlotte Nedrow (Richmond-Newport News): Greetings! My wife (formerly Charlotte Glasgow) and I are happy to announce the birth of our second child, *Sabrina Eve*, on May 14th, Sabbath evening, 8:30 p.m. — just after sunset. She weighed 8¾ pounds and was 20 inches long. We now have a balanced family with Benjie and "Brina." Everyone is fine but Dad. He'll recover in "40 days."

Wayne and Linda Shiflet (Fresno-Modesto): We would like to announce the birth of our second daughter — *Pamela Ruth*. She arrived at 12:19 a.m., Sabbath, May 15, 1971. Linda had a very easy labor. Both she and the baby are doing just fine.

ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL TRANSFERRING MINISTERS

You should have already received the moving schedule informing you of when the Transportation Department plans to move your goods. You pastors of churches should be sure to overlap with the man replacing you for at least two or three days. *Be sure* to take the time to properly discuss your area, manpower and any problems *before* you leave. If you have any questions concerning this be sure to call Mr. Meredith or Mr. Luker.

GOOD NEWS!

Mr. Ted Armstrong has granted permission to schedule regular Bulletins. You will be receiving one, God willing, by every other Friday.

More good news! The *GOOD NEWS* magazine will go *monthly* once again, beginning with the July issue. The brethren can look forward to more news about what's going on at HQ, and the

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latest developments in other areas of God's Work. All this will be in addition to regular timely articles on general Christian living and exhortation.

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

The following helpful tips were submitted by Mr. Dean C. Blackwell, District Superintendent in Kansas City:

In preparation for America Listen last summer, questionnaires were sent out to ascertain what classes of people would be attending. The questionnaire revealed the average age of the audience, marital status, acquaintance with our publications, and many other helpful facts. This gave me the idea of analyzing the Churches in this area, the results of which have been both very helpful and somewhat surprising.

For example, in the Missouri group, excluding the Lee's Summit Church (which I analyzed separately) we had 54 husband-and-wife families in which both were members, compared to 24 wives whose husbands were not converted, and 13 men whose wives were not with them in the group. In other words, we had 54 families compared to 37 in which only one mate is a member. We also have 19 individuals who are separated.

An unusual factor was that we had 22 widows and only one widower. Does this show how slim a chance a husband who spends his life in the world has of outliving his wife?

It was interesting to find that we have 142 children who are still in school, compared to

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WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

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Dear Fellow Ministers:

GREETINGS, in Christ's service! By the time you read this, Pentecost will be over, and Commencement ceremonies taking place at each of the three colleges.

Seems impossible so much has happened in so short a time -- this past year has been the shortest of my life! And the busiest.

I just completed the most successful short trip I've ever taken -- visiting radio and TV stations in New Orleans together with Mr. Henry Cornwall, our time-buyer, and director of Worldwide Advertising, Inc. We were very warmly received by everyone there; and managed to obtain verbal confirmation that the TV program will begin on channel 6, at 4:00 p.m. Sundays, in New Orleans sometime in June! That's not the very best time, in many ways, but nevertheless, with the AFL, NFL football games, etc., the Sunday viewing habits have changed somewhat. Perhaps later, in the autumn, the program time will have to be moved. Meanwhile, with a campaign of spot announcements on radio (including our own program) and in local TV, including newspaper ads, and maybe even a few billboards, we can build up a significant audience in a hurry, and request a rating agency evaluate the size of the audience -- I think the station will be surprised. This may lead to a better time, later.

But most surprising was the manner in which we were received by the management of WWL. WWL radio is one of the really great 50,000 watt stations in the U.S. Mail is regularly received from Canada through its signal -- and it covers up to one half the nation. Its skywave has been heard in South Africa. But it's owned by the Jesuits! For the approximate year we've been on (after trying to get on for 15 years or so), we have had to be VERY conscious of the type programming we allowed to be aired; believing the station to be the most sensitive one in the whole WORLD TOMORROW lineup.

I had lunch with the Vice President, General Manager and his Program Director. Gradually the Vice President warmed up, until the conversation was on a personal, friend-to-friend basis. He's a black belt Judo expert! (But never flies in an airplane; takes the train, wherever he goes!) He asked direct questions -- like "Where does the money come from?" and received just as direct answers, like,

"From a tithe-paying membership of a worldwide church -- which, just like the Mormons, Adventists, and like ALL churches, for that matter, teaches the TITHING doctrine. That way, the program need never ask the public for money. However, since we're not in a proselyting movement -- but sincere effort to be a driving force toward WORLD PEACE, and toward the TRUE VALUES of life, we don't make a big pitch about 'religion,' nor do we ask, continually, for contributions."

To make a very long lunch and talk (we were with them about four and one half hours) short, would you believe he actually volunteered to put the program up from its present 10:30 p.m. spot to NINE PM every night?

Henry had talked, earlier, to two radio and two TV stations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It looks only chancy there, but is likely we can have at least once a month programs on one TV station -- we can announce it later, when it becomes reality -- with the possibility of more time later. At first, the management of WFAA didn't even want to spend the time of day with him -- so you can see how the reception varies; and in completely unexpected ways, from place to place.

The trip to Rhodesia was VERY successful. I believe we'll have two of our very best programs from it, together with much additional material from the Mideast, and Europe. Our TV crews are still out, one of them still in Rhodesia, even as I write this letter.

Mr. Smith is due to return about Pentecost, possibly will be taking services in one of the large eastern churches -- and then on back to Pasadena.

From the moment I arrived in Salisbury, however, I was continually forced to be with one of their government officials. They literally never let me out of their sight -- with the conceivable exception of stops in the rest room (and once, one of them even wandered into my bedroom and was talking with me through the closed bathroom door!) and for sleep at night. I was very relieved, to say the least, when it was over. It became more of an ordeal than anything else.

But the interview with the Prime Minister went very well. I asked what I believe were very pointed, direct questions -- yet without being unduly challenging, or hostile. I think the program will be fair, and completely objective. That doesn't mean we won't get some "hate mail" from those bigots in this country who use glands for brains, however.

We finally made it back to Rome, after a wonderful Sabbath stopover in Gran Canarias (first Bible Study ever held in this age in the Canary Islands!) Then, we came all the way from Rome to Burbank in one day! While our families were going to sleep at 10:00 p.m., we were getting up in Rome. We flew to Prestwick, then to Keflavik (it took over four and one-half hours just getting up, out of the hotel, through Rome traffic in the "rush" hour, and then weathering the delays thrown our way by Italian ATC!), and then to Baffin Island (Frobisher Bay). By this time, our families had slept all night,

and the kids were in school, and midday was approaching in Pasadena. Then we flew to Winnipeg, on to Salt Lake, and in to Burbank. We were on the ground somewhere near 9:30 p.m., as I recall -- which meant we had been moving nearly 24 hours! I really pounded the pillow that night!

Then came the Spring Chorale Recital on the following Sunday night and the very next morning I was off again on a quick trip to Big Sandy, where I picked up Henry Cornwall, who had been visiting radio and TV stations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and on to New Orleans and back to Burbank the following day.

That Sabbath morning we had meetings in Mr. Armstrong's living room concerning the many ordinations which will be announced in this bulletin and an hour and a half or so after the Falcon had departed Burbank for Gregg County, the G-II was on its way to Britain with Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Rader aboard. I believe Mr. Armstrong is intending to visit King Leopold once again in Brussels, and I do not know of any other important visits he has slated for this trip -- except that he called into Headquarters yesterday saying he doubted that he would return by Commencement here, and intends taking the Commencement address in Bricket Wood, instead.

By way of a personal note I discovered only this morning, in an article in the Los Angeles Times, that the "packaged and processed" nitrohumus sold by the Kellogg Corporation in Southern California, contains sewage effluent, a by-product of sewage treatment plants, is composted for about one year, and then packaged and sold as "nitrohumus."

A scientist has revealed there were large amounts of metals accumulated from the city sewage systems and these included cadmium, chromium, and lead. I have a wonderful garden at home, including tomatoes, corn, parsnips, beets, swiss chard, onions, radishes, two types of squash, two types of potatoes, two types of bush beans, and numerous other vegetables. However, this year, after a heavy application of about fifteen sacks of this "nitrohumus" back in February, I had to replant my corn twice, the carrots three times, the squash twice, some of the potatoes are dying, the tomato plants are the sickest they have ever been with only one or two that are fairly healthy among the whole group of more than two dozen, one whole row of spinach came up and then died out -- and I have been wondering what was wrong with my soil!

After reading the Los Angeles article this morning, I called the head of our gardening department to discover the product I was using was, indeed, human excrement and sewage effluent! Needless to say, I was quite shocked -- and even though it seems a terrible shame, looking back at the many hard hours of work and the long anxious months of watching crops grow and trying to patch in deficient rows -- getting to the point today where it is nearly knee-high, with literally hundreds of beautiful beans, developing carrots, beets, and flowers on the tomato vines, etc., etc. I had to give orders this morning to completely scalp the garden down to about

two feet in depth, haul away all the top soil and dump it, including all the growing plants, and start all over again with a complete new load of soil.

I mention this because I know many of you ministers may have gardens and, of course, many of you are dealing with problems involving food-stuffs and gardens with your members all the time. Naturally, since the college offered to provide me with several sacks (about 20) of "nitrohumus" (a wonderfully "organic" sound!) I merely assumed that, with all our statements about our agricultural programs; our TV programs with Eddie Albert, etc., that we would NEVER consider dollar signs when it came to ecology.

Alas, no. When the "super salesman" arrived, with the usual arguments about the composted sewer sludge and its many fabulous characteristics versus the digestive processes of cows and horses -- he made a sale.

I found a way to take all three commencement addresses (in the U.S. at least), by scheduling the High School Commencement for a noontime instead of 8:00 p.m., then flying to Texas for an 11:00 a.m. commencement on Friday, then back to Pasadena for a 4:00 p.m. commencement the same day.

It was simply too late, by the time I realized Mr. Herbert Armstrong would not be in Pasadena for commencement, to obtain an outside speaker for Big Sandy, or to shove the load on someone else. I had already given them the title of my speech, and thought they had probably already sent out printed announcements. Subsequently, I found our enterprising Dr. Torrence had asked them to burn TWO plates; one listing Mr. McCullough and the other listing me! Had I known that earlier -- I just may have changed my mind!

I have not heard detailed reports of the meetings all across the nation, and around the world, at Pentecost; but I'm sure you'll be hearing of that soon. I hope to be in Jerusalem when the students begin arriving for the "big dig" so perhaps Mr. Hill can remind me to write some of the details of that, and other events in the next "Bulletin"!

Meanwhile, Art Ferdig is breathing down my neck for a PT article (I have four in various states of "completion"), so I'd better get to that! Keep on the firing line, fellows -- and do the Work. We surely appreciate your prayers, and your concern; and you know you have ours, too!

Love to all, in Christ's Work,

Barney Ted Armstrong

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again — this time from *smoggy* Pasadena! You fellows can now appreciate the clear air that some of you have — at least we *hope* some of you do. Mr. Ted Armstrong is back and things are getting in high gear again with the imminent approach of Pentecost and final year-end activities.

Mr. Ted Armstrong is staying here for Pentecost this year as he has just returned from *two* trips — as he will no doubt describe in his letter. (I am writing this just before leaving for Pentecost.) Mr. and Mrs. Antion are spending Pentecost in Hawaii — giving Mrs. Antion a chance to rest and recuperate from a rather severe illness she has had recently. Your prayers for this will be appreciated.

Mr. Hill will be in the Oakland-San Francisco area for Pentecost; Mr. Frank Brown will be flying back to Philadelphia and then on to Britain to visit his parents for the first time in quite a while. Mr. Portune will be going to Chicago for Pentecost, Mr. Luker to Grand Rapids, Mr. Carozzo to Denver, Dr. Zimmerman to Portland, and Mr. Mokarow to Indianapolis. I am going back to the Springfield-Joplin area — especially so I can see my mother who has recently had a severe illness and has become *completely* deaf.

From Texas, Mr. Neff is going out to Nashville, Mr. McDowell to St. Louis. So a lot of us are looking forward to seeing a lot of you over this coming weekend!

The follow-through Friday night Bible Studies for the people reached during the Long Beach lecture series got off to a good start! We had 195 in attendance last Friday evening and 162 of them were new people — part of the "fruit" of the Long Beach lectures. About half a dozen of these have already been baptized, and another dozen or so are in the process of counselling for baptism and are already starting to attend church. We are *NOT* "pushing" these people — even at this point, and *never intend to*. But God is certainly calling the vast majority of them and

it looks as though we may have 100 or more new *adult members — plus many children* — come into the church in the Long Beach area as a result of these meetings. For this we are very thankful, and hope that similar results, proportionately, will be achieved in these meetings throughout the country.

Getting back to Pentecost, you will notice in an accompanying box that a number of *ordinations* have been approved for this Pentecost season! I am sure we are *all* very thankful for the growth in these men, and let me extend our hearty *congratulations* to all of you from those of us at Headquarters!

One sobering thought along this line, however, is that I do feel the need to remind all of you of *your responsibility* of being *VERY* sure your recommendations are correct before sending them to Headquarters through your District Superintendent! And you superintendents, needless to say, should also take your part in this quite seriously — knowing that more and more of the responsibility is placed on your shoulders as we become larger in numbers. Those of us at Headquarters simply *CANNOT* know some of the individual men being recommended as well as we did in previous years. So that behooves *all* of you local ministers, and superintendents, to be *doubly* careful and prayerful before recommending anyone to be ordained as an elder or minister of the Living Jesus Christ who will hold *ALL* of us responsible if we take these matters lightly!

Specifically, any local Preaching Elder or Pastor should *fast* and *pray* about any individual or individuals he is recommending for ordination (Acts 13:3). Also, many of you are getting in your recommendations *far too late* for them to be properly considered and presented to Mr. Ted Armstrong and his father before the particular occasion or Holy Day you have in mind for the ordination ceremony. Again, let me remind you to send these in so that they arrive *here* at least *TWO FULL WEEKS* before the ordination date. Many arrive *TOO LATE* to be checked with Mr. Armstrong — so the ordination is delayed.

Another matter — humorous perhaps, but important — that I should comment on is in regard to the making of wine, beer or whiskey by some of our members. We have had two or three comments about the possible legal ramifications of this and so I want to alert you and ask you to make an announcement to the brethren in any area where you feel it will apply. One former

Ambassador student, who is now on the liquor control board of his area, wrote us his own concern about this matter.

It is reported that some of our members producing homemade wine or whiskey may be *selling* this to other members! This is *illegal*! Also, many members who make their own wine or whiskey "give" this to other members. Even this is often *illegal* — though sometimes these laws are not rigidly enforced. Yet they *could be* enforced if a community were suddenly to turn against and wish to *persecute* God's Church because of the careless action of a few. So let's realize this and caution our members to *stay well within the law*. Also, needless to say, homemade brews or "spirits" often lead to some mighty unpleasant *sickness* if you are not careful! So it is definitely something to generally discourage, de-emphasize and or even eliminate in most cases.

One other matter about which some of you have been asking is the News Report. Perhaps word did not get around, but the News Department is no longer sending out these reports — as a general rule — to field ministers around the world. Because of the amount of time and money involved, it has been decided that these reports will be primarily for Mr. Armstrong, the Headquarters' ministers and writers — and any others on special occasions if they are writing or researching an article, or have special need of further material.

Finally, let me personally and warmly urge *all* of you — local elders and everybody — to please let us know **AHEAD** of time if you are planning to come out and visit Headquarters for *any* reason, officially or otherwise! Recently, a number of ministers have showed up here with their wives on various trips, vacations, etc., and those of us here at Headquarters had *no idea* they were coming — or else we did not know exactly *when* they were coming.

At any rate, *all* of us here — and especially those of us on the field administrative team — want to get to know all of you better, help you in any way that we can and be able to share a sense of "brotherhood" with you through personal fellowship, meals and good times together as well as official business. Certainly Christ would want us to do this as brothers in His ministry! Yet, if you show up completely unannounced in the middle of an exceedingly busy — sometimes *frantically* busy — week, it is hard for us to take you out to dinner, or to lunch, or

even to spend much personal time with you in our office.

So please let us know *when* you are coming, *how long* you will be here, etc., and Messrs. Armstrong, Pertune, Hill, Antion, Luker, Carrozzo and I, and others, will sure look forward to having some of you over or taking you out to dinner and getting closer to you. And, hopefully, you will be able to talk over any ideas, plans, hopes, dreams and even "problems" with us — and we will all feel more together in Christ's "team" in this great Work.

That's it for now. Hope you all have a fine Pentecost and that God will continue to inspire, bless and use you as you yield yourselves to be servants in His hands.

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Merrill

PENTECOST ORDINATIONS — 1971

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Mr. Carl Koellner — Union Town, Pa.

Mr. Joel Lillengreen — Rochester-Utica, N.Y.

Mr. F. Otto Lochner — Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Wayne Luginbill — Bismarck-Fargo, N.D.

Mr. James Malone — Oklahoma City, Okla.

Mr. Harold Rhodes — Springfield, Mo.

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Mr. Garvin Greene — Fort Worth, Texas

Mr. David Johnson — Medford, Oregon

* Mr. Glen Keeley — Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Ron Lohr — Cleveland-Youngstown, Ohio

Mr. Jack Pakozdi — Grand Rapids-Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Gary Pavlo — Kansas City, Kansas

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Mr. John Roper — Mobile, Ala.

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From the Legal Department

SPECIAL DONATION INSTRUCTIONS

In the past some very substantial donations of stocks, real property and other items have been received by God's Work. The correct procedure in encouraging and processing these donations is of crucial importance.

Therefore, it is requested that when our ministers come in contact with any person who expresses an intention of making a donation, be they members or not, that the following procedure be followed. As used in these instructions, a "donation" includes any gift other than the routine cash contributions during life.

(1) If the person expresses a desire to make a donation by a *Will*, or one that is *not substantial*, then suggest that he write in to Headquarters, in care of the Legal Department, and request information on the subject.

(2) If a person expresses a desire to make a donation that *is* substantial you should mention that the Legal Department at Headquarters specializes in advising on such matters. That if the person is desirous of doing so, he may call collect and discuss the matter. The number is (213) 577-5383. You should assure him that there is no obligation whatsoever, and the matter will only be discussed to the extent of his desire. That no further followup will be made unless he so requests it.

(3) In all the foregoing, you should mention that, in most cases, there are legal procedures that can save the donor hundreds of dollars in taxes. That, in regard to any after-death donation, if bypassing probate procedures are not followed, it will result in substantial court costs, attorney's fees and other expenses being deducted. Further, there will be a two- or three-year delay before God's Work ever receives the gift.

(4) Many times a person will be desirous of making a donation to God's Work through a *Will*, or otherwise, when he becomes afflicted with a terminal illness. Such a donation can lead to many complications. Hence, you should periodically

encourage the congregation from the pulpit to make their *Wills* — whether or not they are going to name the Church as beneficiary. *If* they are going to name the Church as beneficiary or if they are desirous of receiving information regarding the appointment of a guardian of their children after death, then they can be invited to write to the Legal Department for information regarding same.

(5) You should not, under any circumstances, impede the making of a donation by injecting the idea of a portion of the land, or other types of property, being withheld and utilized for a local use, such as construction of a church building or other local project. Allocation for such projects can only be made from Headquarters. The only exception would be a nonmember who, without prompting, was desirous of limiting his donation to a specific place or purpose. The needs of the overall Work must come first.

If this principle is not followed, the fruits will be that each area will be catering to the wealthy in the congregation; there will be a proliferation of different local projects; each area will begin to look to its own needs while the overall Work of God goes begging.

SALE OF COIN COLLECTIONS

Is there a trustworthy and qualified individual in your area who is engaged in the business of buying and selling coin collections? If so, please furnish the Legal Department with his name and address. This information is requested because occasionally it is needful to find an outlet for a donated coin collection.

LICENSE TO MARRY

Some states require that a minister be authorized by the state, county or city before he performs a marriage. The failure to do this is not only embarrassing but unlawful. Hence, it is suggested that before you perform a marriage in your state you at least check with the clerk of the department that issues marriage licenses and ascertain if any such authority need first be applied for in your locality.

Foreign Educational Service

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DUESSELDORF

The following excerpts are from a letter sent by Mr. John Karlson:

Our brethren from Germany, Austria, German-speaking Switzerland, Yugoslavia and Norway met again in Eltville, near Wiesbaden, for the Passover and first three Days of Unleavened Bread. A total of 118 people took the Passover, and 228 attended services on the first Holy Day. I think I can safely speak for all when I say it was the best Spring Feast we've ever had here. The highlight of the Festival was having Mr. McNair speak to us on Sunday and Monday morning (the second and third days.) He brought two sermons, and these combined with three other sermons and a Bible Study during our stay were of great help to us all in receiving the spiritual feast we needed during these days. During the final service, Mr. McNair and Mr. Schnee ordained our first German deacon, Mr. Alfred Hellemann, which was a joyful occasion for all the brethren. On the two free evenings (Saturday and Sunday) we had two fine opportunities for group fellowship, having a dance on the first evening and a talent and slide show on the second.

Kristina and I arrived in Eltville Sabbath morning, after having spent Passover night and day and the Night Much to be Observed in East Berlin with our East German brethren. We met in one of the hotels there and had Passover services, plus two studies on the following day. This was the first time that God had made it possible for a minister to be present while the Passover was taken — something for which the people had long been praying. God's intervention in many different ways was very obvious to us in making the feast possible in a communist country. A total of 21 people were present, with 14 taking the Passover.

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32 graduates from high school who are still single. Surprisingly enough, there are twice as many wives with unconverted husbands as the reverse. Does this show how few men will step out and obey God in spite of a wife who believes differently? We have 6 old maids and 5 bachelors who are too old to be considered young people.

I think you can now see the value of analyzing the component parts of God's Church under your care. Just count the total number of cards in your visiting box and enumerate them into these various categories. Then you can figure the percentages of each in the area under your charge. It will spur you to include helpful points in many of your sermons toward the children, young people, people with unconverted mates, divorced or separated persons, instead of just preaching to a mass of people.

At the Feast in the Ozarks last year, 4800 of our total audience of 11,000 were children or young people of school age. Knowing this prompted me to give a sermon on how much young people and children have a part in God's Church, Work, and plans of the future, and how valuable they can be to God today. I mentioned my son's prayers causing his toads to multiply like rabbits to still my skepticism toward such prayers, and to bring a request from me for him to pray for me. This was used to show how God answers children's prayers. The next day at services a delegation of young people from Minneapolis presented me with a huge chalk toad. This was a heart-stirring experience for me, and showed me how much it helps to know your audience!

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sonality before one (I would have been awfully disappointed had you not continued them.)

I find it interesting, also, that as the subject matter deepens, fewer people attend (sort of a "weeding" effect.)

Thank you very much for everything, and please do not drop the lecture series.

— Thomas T., Cudahy, California

Art Director for Field and Stream

Your publication, "A Theory for the Birds," has just come to my attention, and I must express my fullest admiration for the quality of the cover photography and printing. After 28 years as Art Director of *Field and Stream* and in charge of quality control of engraving and printing, I am now free-lancing as a specialist. Where may I obtain a copy of this publication and may I have the name of the printer?

— Herman K., New York

Upbeat Editor

I read with great interest your publication *The PLAIN TRUTH*, the March issue, which a

friend let me borrow. Congratulations! The quality and content are excellent! I certainly do want to take advantage of your free trial subscription. A card is enclosed. Also, I would certainly appreciate a copy of the March issue. I am most interested in the article in this issue about the current religious revival.

— Dolores G., Editor of *Upbeat*,
Wilkes-Barre, Penn.

Radio Announcer Didn't Listen

I am presently an inmate in the state prison of Southern Michigan at Jackson, and this is where I first came into contact with both of these wonderful magazines. However, this is not the first time I have heard about them. Several years ago, while I was working for a radio station (KULA, now KKUA) in Honolulu, Hawaii, I used to run your program, "The World Tomorrow." In fact, I was the announcer designated to make up the promo for your program. "INTERESTING! INFORMATIVE! STIMULATING! JUST A FEW WORDS DESCRIBING *THE WORLD TOMORROW*, HEARD EACH EVENING AT 6:30 ON KULA, 690 ON YOUR GOOD MUSIC STATION, HONOLULU." The background music was the theme from "Victory at Sea" (No Other Love Have I). But, as most radio announcers, I never listened to what was going on on those taped programs. However, once in a while I would catch something that you said and I would tell myself that I would send for whatever it was that you were talking about. But, I never did. Maybe if I had I wouldn't be where I am today.

— Glenn M., Jackson, Michigan

Found PTs at Dump — Wants Baptism!

If you still publish the magazine *TOMORROW'S WORLD* and *The PLAIN TRUTH*, please send me some — even back copies if you can. My son and I found a few of these in the city dump one day when we took our trash out. I've been mighty blessed from reading them as they've cleared up lots of my questions and helped answer so many for my two boys. It's hard to tell you just how much these books are worth in my eyes. Thank God I found them. The one I've read today is dated September 1969. In it are articles about being baptized, worldliness, and the earth. But the most important thing I've ever read is, "What We Will Be Doing in Tomorrow's World." On page 21 at the bottom is a part on baptizing counsel. I'd love to have someone come to my home and explain the Bible so we could under-

stand just what God wants us to do. I've tried many times to learn, but the answers I receive from Christians and our Churches just don't fill our needs or beliefs.

— Mrs. D. W., Culpeper, Virginia

"Pinched" PT

I happened to bump into a friend's office one day and saw a *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine. Believe me or not, he never saw it again until after a month, and he also had pinched it from another. Could you please rush me my own copies as soon as they fall due?

— R. N., Malawi, S. E. Africa

Drink Ovaltine and Read the Plain Truth

Friends in the Vanto Academy, too, are in love with *The PLAIN TRUTH*. They say prescription of health and strength: drink Ovaltine and read *PLAIN TRUTH*. Don't blush, it is the plain truth. The book on crime that I got last year was stolen from our home by a friend. Could you beat it! Though we know now, he refuses to return it. He wanted to buy it off us.

— Ann P., Selangor, Malaysia

Neighbor 300 Miles Away?

Please send me free your magazine *The PLAIN TRUTH*. I enjoy reading my neighbor's copy every month. He mails it to me and he lives 300 miles from me. I think the magazine is wonderful.

— William K., Lodi, Wisconsin

We'll Hunt Easter Eggs on Another Day!

I loved your article about Easter. So did my uncle. We used to get dressed up and hunt eggs. Well, we quit, as of the minute we finished reading your article!! If we want to get dressed up and hunt eggs we'll do it on another day. We bought eight dozen eggs!!! So I'll color them, but we'll not have anything to do with Easter Sunday.

— Mrs. Cidie H., Mount Ida, Arkansas

Nazarene Pastor

I am a Nazarene pastor, 27, and contrary to the "official" view of my church concerning you, I deeply enjoy and appreciate the penetrating articles and programs you offer. An unteachable spirit is deadly to true wisdom so I intend with God's help to keep an open mind. Your article on "The Real Jesus" is one of the best you have ever written — wish all Christians in the world

would read it. I have been somewhat surprised that you have not solicited money in any way. I have been a subscriber several years and have not been asked for, nor have I sent, any money. Perhaps if He directs in the future I'll contribute to your work. Either way, deep thanks for your tremendous magazines and programs.

— David H., White Springs, Florida

Saved From Suicide

Being 45 and out of a job and in the depths of despair, I was one of those contemplating suicide. Then, through one of your radio broadcasts, I began sending for your literature. Now, it has all changed. I am still out of a job, but I have a fresh, sane viewpoint. I now wish to live for the world tomorrow.

— R. J. D., Las Vegas, Nevada

Thanks

It's taken the last six years for my eyes to be opened to my wretched state. To realize how dreadfully wrong I've been. How I had neatly packed and folded up my god in some remote corner only to be shaken out when I needed a scapegoat. We've attended Sabbath services as guests. It's quite apparent that these are God's people and His ministers. Through associating with these people our lives have been enriched. We've a long way to go toward building character, but even at our basement level we've found tremendous happiness and peace. And God made all this possible through you. We thank you.

— Mrs. H. L. B., Jr., Rayville, Louisiana

Studying With S.D.A.s

Thank you so much for sending me the booklets that I requested. They really changed my and my family's ways. We are now observing the seventh day as the Lord's Day. Some of the members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church come to our house every Saturday and we worship God together and have a Bible study. They invite us to attend their church service every Saturday, but we have not, yet.

— Josephine A.,

Manjuyod, Negros, Philippines

Visited

I just had to write and tell you that two of your representatives came to see me while I was in the hospital in December and I have never in my life met such nice men. If all the people were as nice as they are, there wouldn't be any cause for trouble in this world. They came to

see me this past week and I had just returned home from the hospital. Again, I had been rushed to the hospital on Friday for injection of the bronchial tubes. I was so glad to see them. They made the whole house light. We thank you and them for being so nice to an old woman.

— Mrs. Tressie B., Newark, Ohio

Correspondence Course

I am writing to express my thanks for the Correspondence Course which has now been concluded. I can't begin to tell you how much this course has meant to me, or how many wonderful new truths I have learned from it. The lessons have been full of interest from the beginning and I have never found them difficult or puzzling. I would also like to thank all those who helped prepare the lessons—the editorial staff, and the co-workers who, by their gifts, make it possible for this wonderful course to be sent free of charge.

— Miss J. H.,

Caloundra, Queensland, Australia

Resurrected Goldfish?

I would like to share with you this inspiring experience in our lives. We gave our son a goldfish which he kept in his room in a small fish bowl. It was his responsibility to feed and care for the goldfish, which he affectionately named George. One evening we had company with small children and, apparently, one child decided to feed George (almost half a box of fish food). It was the next morning when we discovered George floating up-side-down in the murky polluted water. I was getting ready to flush George down the drain when our little boy, almost in tears said, "Mommy, do you think if I prayed, God would let my goldfish live?" I admitted I didn't know if it was the right thing to do or not, but I told him to pray and if it was God's will He'd let George live. While he was in the other room praying, I put George into fresh water and by the time our little boy's short prayer was finished, George's gills were working and in a few minutes he was swimming around. Today, many months later, George is alive and thriving. He's "Kingfish" of the aquarium. God reached down His hand in His great love for a small boy and "resurrected" a tiny goldfish to show that He cares even about the "little" things and gives us faith to "come boldly before the throne of grace."

— Mrs. Harold C.,

Little Rock, Arkansas