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Mail Summary and Letter Excerpts

MAIL SUMMARY 12/15/71

November ended with the lowest monthly mail count for the year thus far, with just under 151,000 pieces received. The highest month is still June, with a total of 329,000, attributed mainly to the semi-annual responses. Total year-to-date mail count through the end of November is 2,260,000. The December picture is expected to improve considerably with the mailing of semi-annual and Co-Worker letters and responses to the *Life* ad on the HUMAN MIND. Responses to that ad are beginning to come in with a total count now of 7,018 received, including fourteen from Canada and one with a Hong Kong return address.

It is interesting to note that even though the letter count has been low lately, we seem to be getting responses from higher calibre individuals.

The income picture has remained strong with an increase of just over 15 percent year-to-date through the end of November. December, of course, is the all-important month and we must continue our prayers to maintain that 15 percent increase.

We are happy to report a very fine response to our request in the last Bulletin asking our members to send in their tithes and offerings in the regular indexed envelopes. This has saved us a great deal of extra work.

LETTER EXCERPTS

Response to "Born Again" Article

I do not agree with all of your teachings, but many of your articles have made the Bible much clearer to me. Such as, "Just What Do You Mean . . . Born Again?"

— Mabel N.,
Portales, New Mexico

So much can be said in regards to this October issue of TOMORROW'S WORLD and others of the past. But I must acknowledge your article, "Just What Do You Mean . . . Born Again?" As you say, it is the most important truth one can know, and you made it so plain for us all to understand. For so long I, along with many others, have been confused and kept in the dark. It is really a blessing to see the true light. And this wonderful article made such a clear picture for me.

— Mrs. Manuel S.,
Rochester, New Hampshire

I would like to express my thanks to Mr. H. W. Armstrong. As time goes by and you learn the truth of God's Word, you get the impression there is no more to know. This proves how erroneous I am. Unless God reveals His truth, a person is stagnated and becomes complacent in his attitude. Yes, it is more than just an eye-opener to me — it is definitely life. Once again I thank you for knowledge that is eternally precious.

— Kenneth W.,
Irwin, Pennsylvania

The article in the October 1971 TOMORROW'S WORLD, "Just What Do You Mean . . . Born
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Personal NOTES

BABY NEWS

Charles and Sharon Bryce (Moosomin-Regina): We have another son born on November 3, 1971. He was four weeks premature but is doing well now. Had pneumonia right off the bat — that has all cleared up nicely. There was a little ruckus at the hospital when we found out they were giving him antibiotics and X-rays without so much as even informing us. I immediately went and got Sharon and the baby amid very chilly stares and tart comments from the nurses. They seem to think he was their baby to do with as they jolly well pleased. When we got home we found a big sore and scab on his back and a bruise on his ankle. We haven't found out what caused these. They were also feeding him junk that caused him to choke and turn blue. Since arriving home he has gotten much stronger — eats regularly and has a hearty cry. He is up to about 5½ pounds now and gaining. Sharon is doing fine, too. Almost forgot — we named him *David Emmett*.

Richard and Joyce Frankel (Jerusalem Office): Shalom! One more member has just joined our United Nations Richard Frankel family. With an Indian-born father, American-born mother (former Joyce Kester), and Israeli-born sister, our British-born son *Johnathan Samuel* arrived 5:10 a.m. Sunday, October 24th. After only six hours total and "easy" labor, he weighed in at 7 lbs. even.

Kingsley and Janice Mather (Barbados): Janice insisted on finishing our third anniversary dinner. After Sabbath, we loaded up "Silvie" and took off for St. Peter. After a hectic drive along narrow winding roads we arrived at the hospital. Mother on the table and daddy clad in his "doc's" uniform, we awaited the joyful episode. At 3:15 a.m. October 17th, *Carole Elizabeth* leaped into the world shouting protest. Length 20"; weight 7 lbs., 1 oz.

Robert and LaVada Roufs (Fayetteville-Raleigh): In compliance with my jesting fore-

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cast, LaVada went into labor on Labor Day and delivered our first child, *David Jonathan*, at 5:45 a.m. September 8, 1971. Undoubtedly the toughest little norsk born in dixie in quite some time, he tipped the scales at just under eight pounds and was 20½ inches long. Mom and son are doing quite well but dad's pretty well shot!

Mike and Ginny Weber (Grand Island; North Platte-Colby): Greetings: We are still rejoicing with the birth of our second child and first son. That's two and we're through! (At least for now!) The birth went extremely well and seemed like it happened in a flash, although it took about nine hours of labor. The reason we think it was a flash was because the first child made us labor some 77 hours. Life is wonderfully marvelous and we are very thankful. *Michael Scott* weighed 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and stretched for 21 inches.

ABOUT THIS BULLETIN

Just in case a few of you fellows thought your Bulletins were being lost in the mail, we'd like you to know we haven't published one since September 22, which was Volume 2, Number 11. We hope to be able to get the Bulletin out on a more regular basis once again.

Mr. Dart did not have any significant news about the Foreign Work to report at this time, but hopes to have something in the next Bulletin. Much of what news he had accumulated appeared in the November-December Good News, and the January-February issue (which is already set to type) also contains more news about the Foreign Work.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

WORLD HEADQUARTERS
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
PRESIDENT and PASTOR

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Vice President

Dear Fellow Ministers:

I don't know how long it's been since the last Bulletin, but according to Mr. Hill there has been a long dry season where many of you out in the field have wondered what the latest word was from Headquarters. Aside from Mr. Armstrong's Semiannual letter and Co-Worker letters and recent editions of The GOOD NEWS I suppose you have had no personal news of any kind with the exception of the campus newspapers.

My father has very much wanted to write you in the Bulletin, and hopes to find time for this in the future, and I hope to write in each issue -- but in any case the Bulletin should be coming to you regularly from now on.

At any rate, as I think Mr. Armstrong mentioned in one of his recent Co-Worker letters, I have been back at Headquarters (with about three trips interspersed to the Texas campus) for quite a number of weeks now. I find I am very much behind on practically everything and have had to do at least three television programs since returning plus scheduling a number of others. We had a meeting with the entire television crew, especially the script writers and researchers just day before yesterday, in which we broadly outlined the proposed television programs for the coming year which will include a series on America going the way of Rome and a number of programs challenging evolution.

In very far reaching decisions in Executive Committee of recent date Mr. Armstrong approved a statement to be included in The PLAIN TRUTH magazine to the effect that "Your subscription is paid for by the tithes and offerings of subscribers who, voluntarily, have become contributing Co-Workers, including the tithe paying membership of the Worldwide Church of God" or words to this effect; also a similar statement to be included in other of our publications.

I am very pleased with this because at long last it will tend to remove the "mystery" which has accrued to us as a result of trying to go before the world with a purely "educational" format when in truth all of them know there has been heavy religious content and are suspicious as a result. This includes even major networks and big magazines, etc. For instance, recently in New York City when Mr. Rader was meeting with executives of Reader's Digest he was asked how often we sent out appeals for money. Thankfully he was not asked whether we sent out appeals but how often. On the desk of the man with whom he was talking were copies of our Semiannual

letters, our Co-Worker letters and copies of practically all our publications, including even some of our more religious booklets.

Men in these big corporations are nobody's fools -- they do their homework thoroughly and very carefully -- and it would have done us no good at all to have alleged that we did not send out Co-Worker letters in which we plainly did solicit donations. Mr. Rader was, however, able to explain completely our financial policies and that up to 80% of the total worldwide activities are financed directly by a tithe paying church membership and that under no circumstances is the general public ever solicited directly for contributions. This seemed to satisfy them and whether we will begin advertising at some future date in the American or Canadian edition of Reader's Digest I cannot say.

Actually it was the General Counsel for the FCC and Chairman Dean Burch himself who originally told Mr. Rader there was a great deal of confusion about "Where the money comes from" and "Just what are you trying to do?" At any rate, this too was the substance of our discussions on both future radio and television programming. Unless I become more than just a Walter Cronkite who is only passing on news digested by others and giving it out to the public, then we are not doing the job to which we have been called. Mr. Armstrong did approve that we can go back to a much stronger religious format on the radio programs and that we can directly "hitchhike" from the television programs to the radio programs.

Those of you who live in an area where you can view the TV program may have already noticed the new one minute spot "commercials" where the program is interrupted for announcements by Art Gilmore advertising current numbers of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine -- even taking time to comment briefly on individual articles -- also announcing the daily radio program and urging people to listen to that. This is so new that we have not yet had time to appraise the results, but we feel this is definitely going to increase the mail and eventually the income.

What it represents is more of a return to our "winning game" of so many years when we had a direct three-pronged program in getting out the message which included a radio program which literally "fed" the people on a daily basis, together with a fairly strong spiritual-type magazine (now provided by TOMORROW'S WORLD) followed by strong, religiously oriented booklets. You will begin to notice that I will be advertising more of these stronger type booklets and more of the TOMORROW'S WORLD type articles on the radio program, and we will at least point toward the radio program on the TV program, though it will continue to be purely educational.

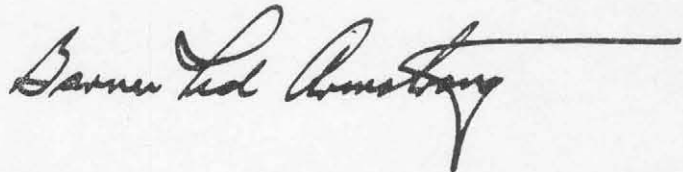
That's about all I have time for at this moment; there are many internal problems that are currently being solved. Many of which seem to have the character of Don Quixote's battle with the windmills, meaning that it seems that so many times we create our own difficulties for ourselves and then spend a great deal of time pondering how to get around the difficulties we, ourselves, have

created for ourselves. It seems that at least 90% of my executive time was formerly taken up with "fighting windmills" and spreading oil on troubled waters. At the present time I'm not quite sure how much time I will be able to take away from radio and TV for continuing this type of activity.

Meanwhile, Mr. Portune, Mr. Antion, Mr. Dart, and others have had to deal with these responsibilities. Hopefully this type of problem can be completely eliminated from among our ranks soon and in the future we can all turn our combined efforts toward the big job that needs to be done without having to continually detract from that in order to settle power struggles, popularity contests, empire building, and accusations between and among ourselves.

Keep firing away out there in the "field" and you can rest assured I will be doing the same here at Headquarters.

In Jesus' name,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to be "James Earl Ray", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the page.

Church Administration

RODERICK C. MEREDITH

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Greetings again from Headquarters! Hope you didn't think we'd forgotten you, and I know we are all glad to get the Bulletin going again.

Since the Feast Mr. Herbert Armsrtong has held many important meetings with a number of the evangelists, professors and executives in the Work. These include the meeting of certain key faculty members of all three colleges and, more recently, a series of editorial meetings where it was decided to publish TOMORROW'S WORLD in the foreign-language editions. I'm sure most of you have read about these in the PORTFOLIO by now — I won't comment further except to say that much *change* and *growth* is taking place in many areas of the Work, of which these meetings are only a sample.

We are having a number of meetings in CAD and are planning many new policies and procedures. These will streamline things in the field ministry even further, and will give more authority, responsibility, and opportunity to the District Superintendents. You Superintendents coming in to the Conference will have an opportunity to go over most of our plans here. We want *your* "input," ideas and modifications before these plans are put into effect. We are now designing two new projected church *districts*, so this means more responsibility to a number of you who may be involved. I know you'll be excited to hear the details of these plans once they are finalized and approved. But, at any rate, more opportunities for *growth* and *service* are coming your way!

The November Bible Lectures are completed, and we will give you the stats on them in an accompanying box. We are inviting only Co-Workers and PMs from now on, so the crowds are a little smaller. But the drop-off rate has been much less and we feel the Lectures will do just as much good and cost less money doing it — with the smaller halls and only *one* week of meetings.

In San Gabriel recently — where I joined Darryl Henson in conducting the El Monte Church area Lectures — we started with 150

new people. We hit a mid-week low of 144 but ended with 164 new people — more than we had started with! Mr. Ed Smith and Judd Kirk had the same experience in Flint, Michigan, and so did Mr. Luker and Bill Cowan in Little Rock, Ark. So, overall, we are *encouraged* by the results so far and ask *your continued prayers* that God would guide and bless these meetings and the *follow-thru Bible Studies* as well.

By the way, these follow-thru studies need only last from about *six* to *twelve* weeks — depending on what the *local minister* feels is best. So all of you involved be so advised and understand you do *NOT* have to carry them on for 16 weeks. Just cover the *main* topics out of the list we suggested — and be sure you establish a close rapport with the group, get to know them and *encourage* them to feel free to ask for counsel and help whenever they are ready.

Even though many will *not* come into the church at this time, they will undoubtedly *never forget* the Bible Lectures and will personally know us and know where to turn much more quickly when things do begin to happen in their lives.

Plans for the Ministerial Conference have been finalized! The meetings have been set a little earlier this year because Mr. Armstrong has an important trip coming up January 20. So the Conference will last only a week — starting Thursday morning, January 13 and concluding at noon, January 20.

It was decided we should keep the Headquarters' Conference attendance down somewhat because of limited facilities and because of increased costs in bringing so many men to Headquarters from all over the *world*.

It is obvious that all Evangelists, District Superintendents and some office managers should attend the Conference each year. Also representatives from our sister campuses should come.

This year additional men of Preaching Elder and Pastor rank were selected from the United States. We've tried to fill the available spaces with pastors of churches who have *never* attended a Ministerial Conference. We're certainly sorry that we were not able to bring in *all* pastors of churches who have never attended, but we'll try to have the rest of you come in to a future Conference. With this brief explanation, then, we will list in this Bulletin all of those selected to attend the 1972 Ministerial Conference (see page 150 for the list). One bit of happy news I forgot to mention earlier is that — in attempting to make our field districts

more even in size — we have decided to transfer the Medford and Klamath Falls, Oregon, Churches into the Oakland district. This will be worked out over the next few weeks by Mr. Swisher and Mr. Hammer. Mr. Swisher was enthusiastically in accord with the proposal, and it will give Mr. Tony Hammer a more average-sized district. This will leave *each* district with a total of 12 churches — a more workable number for both men, and about the size we intend to aim for in our new organizational structures of the future. So *watch out*, you fellows (including one of my brothers-in-law) with *huge districts!*

Also, it was decided in a meeting with Mr. Herbert Armstrong that he and the Evangelists would begin meeting about every three months beginning early next March. This will enable us to go away to a *private*, "retreat"-type atmosphere in a truly prayer, study and spiritually oriented *working* type conference to go over and bring up to date many of the vital doctrines, prophetic understandings and principles which are a part of the very core teaching of this great Work. Then, we will be able to get back to all of you men the *answers* you have been wanting on so many of these issues on a more regular and consistent basis. This will bring even greater harmony, unity, inspiration and GROWTH in the body of Christ. Mr. Armstrong may wish to further delineate the exact configuration these meetings will take. But I thought all of you would be happy to hear that they are being planned, that a tentative date has been set for the first one and that we can expect more progress in this and *all* areas of God's Work during the important and crucial year coming up!

Meanwhile, let's keep BUSY doing the Work that Jesus Christ has called us to perform — and be *thankful* for the myriad opportunities and blessings which all of us in His ministry share!

Your brother in Christ,

Robert C. Merrill

LETTER EXCERPTS

(Continued from page 143)

Again?" should open a person's eyes and mind to understand just what to expect now and in the future concerning life, death, the resurrection,

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ORDINATIONS DURING THE 1971 FEAST OF TABERNACLES

PASTORS

Name	Church Area
Lowell Blackwell	Dayton, Ohio
Vernon Hargrove	Phoenix, Ariz.
Donald Prunkard	St. Louis, Mo.
Bob Steep	Cleveland, Ohio
Colin Wilkins	Geneva, Switzerland

PREACHING ELDERS

Jerry Aust	Reno, Nev.
Durrell Brown	Mobile, Ala.
Barry Chase	Akron, Ohio
Roy Demarest	Evansville, Ind.
David Orban	Oakland, Calif.
Charles Scott	Santa Rosa, Calif.
Mark Salyer	Amarillo, Tex.
Michael Bousfield	Lanarkshire, Scotland
Bobby Boyce	Monticello, Ill.
Terry Swagerty	Boise, Idaho
Jim Rosenthal	Shelton, Conn.
George Geis	Pasadena, Calif.

LOCAL ELDERS

Allen Barr	St. Louis, Mo.
Stanley DeVeaux	Mobile, Ala.
Reinhold Fuessel	Detroit, Mich.
Jim Kisse	Big Sandy, Tex.
Bill Miller	Nashville, Tenn.
Bill Moore	Harrisburg, Pa.
Dave Odor	Miami, Fla.
Paul Shumway	Tacoma, Wash.
Ken Smylie	Greensboro, N. C.
Gerald Weston	Lake Charles, La.
Ken Williams	Duluth, Minn.
Derek Seaman	Warks, England
Dan Banham	Kelowna, B.C., Canada

LOCAL ELDERS

(NOT IN OUR EMPLOY)

Paul Herrmann	New Orleans, La.
Wilbur Malone	St. Louis, Mo.
Neil S. Petty	Sacramento, Calif.
George Peyton	San Antonio, Tex.
Glen Salyer	Des Moines, Iowa
Walter Stein	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Les Pope	Oklahoma City, Okla.
Hilbert Maasch	San Diego, Calif.
Charles Denny	Rochester, N. Y.
Maurice Yurkiw	Winnipeg, Canada

NOVEMBER BIBLE LECTURES

Location & Ministers	Dates	Total Adult PMs	Adult PMs	Location & Ministers	Dates	Total Adult PMs	Adult PMs	Location & Ministers	Dates	Total Adult PMs	Adult PMs
CONCORD	10-24	52	50	LITTLE ROCK	11-14	136	125	SALT LAKE CITY	11-7	119	111
F. Kellers	10-25	34	34	D. Luker	11-15	105	93	A. Carrozzo	11-8	110	89
J. Cheetham	10-26	38	38	B. Cowan	11-16	121	108	C. Koellner	11-9	88	70
(Average Total	10-27	40	40	(Average Total	11-17	125	112	(Average Total	11-10	74	65
PM's: 39)	10-28	28	28	PM's: 125)	11-18	106	96	PM's: 91)	11-11	63	58
	10-29	43	39		11-19	157	133				
DES MOINES	11-7	86	77	MIAMI				WICHITA	11-7	92	86
R. Plache	11-8	44	35	R. Meredith	11-28	171	165	D. Blackwell	11-8	67	62
K. Thomas	11-9	78	65	B. Curtis	11-29	131	124	B. Winner	11-9	60	57
(Average Total	11-10	78	69	(Average Total	11-30	133	126	(Average Total	11-10	72	70
PM's: 80)	11-11	83	75	PM's: 143)	12-1	143	135	PM's: 72)	11-11	66	61
	11-12	110	82		12-2	125	119		11-12	73	63
					12-3	155	146				
EL MONTE	11-1	150	130	PEORIA	11-7	139	110	YOUNGSTOWN	10-31	157	122
R. Meredith	11-2	152	120	C. Smith	11-8	95	81	B. Clark	11-1	83	66
D. Henson	11-3	144	122	J. Mitchell	11-9	89	75	B. Steep	11-2	85	65
(Average Total	11-4	160	134	(Average Total	11-10	95	83	(Average Total	11-3	111	86
PM's: 153)	11-5	164	134	PM's: 104)	11-11	91	79	PM's: 99)	11-4	88	67
					11-12	112	96		11-7	111	79
									11-8	86	72
									11-9	103	79
									11-10	76	61
									11-11	93	74
FLINT	11-1	95	85	ROCHESTER, N.Y.	11-8	79	75	*CHARLOTTE	11-7	166	144
E. Smith	11-2	101	91	R. Spence	11-9	56	47	K. Westby	11-14	154	122
J. Kirk	11-3	91	75	A. Bullock	11-10	46	39	R. Foster	11-21	119	100
(Average Total	11-4	83	73	(Average Total	11-11	56	46	(Average Total	11-28	128	108
PM's: 94)	11-5	101	87	PM's: 60)	11-12	64	51	PM's: 131)	12-5	113	89
									12-12	107	88

*Sundays only

1972 CONFERENCE LIST

AUSTRALIA
C. Wayne Cole
Reginald Platt
William Bradford
Gene Hughes
Leroy Cole

NEW ZEALAND
Graemme Marshall
Lyll Johnston

PHILIPPINES
Colin Adair

CANADA
Dean Wilson
Gary Antion
Richard Pinelli
Glen White

SOUTH AFRICA
Bob Fahey
Daniel Botha
Russell Johnson

EUROPE
Carn Catherwood
Frank Schnee

Colin Wilkins
Richard Frankel

CARIBBEAN
Clarence Bass
Gilbert Carbonnel

LATIN AMERICA
Robert Flores
Enrique Ruiz

ENGLAND
Raymond McNair
Charles Hunting
Ernest Martin
Sherwin McMichael
Leon Walker
John Khouri
Paul Suckling

UNITED STATES
Leslie McCullough
Dean Blackwell
Richard Ames
Hal Baird
Benjamin Chapman
Bryce Clark
Charles Dorothy

Guy Engelbart
Paul Flatt
John Hammer
Vernon Hargrove
Ronald Kelly
Bill McDowell
Burk McNair
Carl McNair
George Meeker
Donald Prunkard
Dennis Pyle
Walter Sharp
Carlton Smith
Edward Smith
Robert Spence

Bob Steep
Kenneth Swisher
Keith Thomas
Kenneth Westby
Elbert Atlas
Gene Bailey
Durrell Brown
Nelson Haas
Felix Heimberg
Keith Hoyt
John Mitchell
Wayne Phillips
Dale Schurter
Don Smith
Gerald Witte

Total Conference Attendance: Foreign 30
United States 37
Headquarters 45
Total 112

NOTE: This list does not include the 45 ministers of Preaching Elder rank and above from the Headquarters District. No Local Elders from the United States (including the Headquarters District) will be able to attend this year because of limited space. Those needing a place to stay during the conference please write or call Mr. Carrozzo (213-577-5360). Those who know where they will be staying please send the name of the person with whom you'll be living during the conference to Mr. Carrozzo.

Financial Affairs and Planning

ALBERT J. PORTUNE

As you can all well imagine this is one of the busiest times of the year for us in the financial area. Last minute purchases before the end of the budget year, formulation of a new budget for 1972 and everything that entails, keeping an eye on the income to insure a balanced budget at year's end, and a million other things!

At the time of writing it does look as if we will meet our income budget for 1971 — which is a critical factor especially since expenditures are a little above projections. November finished with a 16.8 percent increase on the month, a little higher than we had expected, and this raised our year-to-date increase to 15.1 percent. This is about where I expected it to be. If the present trend continues, and taking into account the semi-annual letter, we are expecting to finish 1971 with between 15.5 and 16 percent increase on the year overall, which will exceed our budget plan by about 2.5 percentage points.

Since our spending is also up slightly, this means our amount of reserves will be about

what we anticipated. Considering the economic traumas of 1971, when many businesses were hit with financial reverses and a high rate of unemployment, we can certainly thank *God* for supporting His great Work!

As I mentioned earlier, another big part of the activities at this time of the year is the formulation of our budget for 1972. At the present time it looks as if we will be going with a 17.5 percent increase over 1971. Because of the revised format to be adopted in the radio program — direct Biblical teaching — Mr. Armstrong feels we can plan on a larger percentage of increase for next year.

Although many economists are optimistic about the outlook for 1972, the overall economy — worldwide — is still very shaky! There will be a devaluation of the dollar which will undoubtedly have some long-term effects. Though these effects may not be felt right away, they will, of course, ultimately have an impact on the domestic economy. If President Nixon's new system of controls works, we can expect some decrease in the soaring rise in the cost of living and attendant inflationary factors, but this is still very much an unknown. I am mentioning these things to give you an idea of the many factors that must be taken into account in formulating a budget for a Work as big as

FLEET CAR INSURANCE

In October the entire Fleet took a giant step to save the Work money on insurance premiums. We changed the deductible on our collision and comprehensive claims. With the new set-up some comprehensive claims are paid by the insurance company only if over \$250, and collision claims only if over \$5000 in damages. This means we are virtually **SELF-INSURED ON ALL ACCIDENTS THAT ARE OUR FAULT** as far as damage to our own vehicles is concerned! By having this high deductible clause in our insurance we will save thousands of dollars on insurance premiums. *BUT* we can lose thousands of dollars if an accident claim is not handled properly by our fleet drivers.

HOW TO HANDLE AN ACCIDENT CLAIM PROPERLY

1. Any serious accident should immediately be reported to Fleet Services via telephone at (213) 577-5340, followed by a written report. On minor scrapes a written report will suffice.
2. Do not contact your local Hartford agent when your car is the only one involved in an accident.
3. Report the accident to your local Hartford regional office only if another or second party is involved in the accident.

We have had several accidents since our new insurance set-up started in October. In several cases the driver first contacted us several weeks *after* he made the decision to have the car repaired. In some cases we would have repaired the car at Headquarters, saving hundreds of dollars.

A detailed memo explaining our new insurance procedure was sent to each driver in November — did you read it?

Incidentally, some drivers have voiced complaints about our driver rebate being too high — did you know that it costs the Work \$18-\$19 per month for each car's insurance premium alone?

Thanks for your compliance with these instructions!

the one in which we all are having an active part. Believe me, your PRAYERS for guidance and wisdom for Mr. Herbert Armstrong and those at Headquarters are *really* appreciated!

Along with formulating the budget we have been redesigning some of our internal systems here with a view to more efficiency and cost savings. For example, we have recently installed a new acquisition system that is going to considerably speed up the buying and installing of new equipment in every area of the Work. We've also gone through the trauma of a computer conversion from the IBM System 360 to their bigger, more powerful System 370. This was a major change for us and was accomplished by the whole Data Processing Department working many long and hard hours under sometimes very frustrating circumstances. Although their efforts go largely unnoticed, I can assure you that without their dedication and labors we just wouldn't be able to get the job done anywhere near as well. We now have the most sophisticated computer installation in the Southland for an organization our size, and it *really* gets used! I like to mention some of these departments occasionally to let you know about the "unsung heroes" who help to keep the wheels turning! Perhaps I should do so more often.

One other thing I should draw your attention to before closing is the announcement for the Transportation Department concerning vehicle insurance. Since we are now virtually self-insured (our excellent accident rating helped in making that decision) we are saving a great deal of money in other insurance areas. I hope we don't lose the savings in this area due to negligence and poor reporting. I'm sure you understand your responsibilities here, but I thought an encouraging word would help.

Thanks for all your fine cooperation and *please* continue to mention us in your prayers. We really appreciate it!

SOLICITING RADIO & TV RESPONSE

We request that you do not make any announcements to your congregation to the effect that they should write in to a radio or TV station expressing their appreciation for the station's carrying *The WORLD TOMORROW* radio program or *The GARNER TED ARMSTRONG* television program.

Station managers are very sensitive regarding any such promoted write-in campaigns as an ef-

fort to influence their future choices in programming. The reaction may be exactly the opposite of that desired. If asked we will advise stations that we never engage in such tactics, so please comply with our wishes. Thanks very much for your enthusiastic interest and support.

HANDBOOK OF DENOMINATIONS

In 1968, Frank S. Mead asked us to edit his account of the Worldwide Church of God for the new fifth edition of the *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*. His copy was completely rewritten, then resubmitted to Mr. Mead, and sent to us again for final approval. After being slightly shortened, the following history of the "Worldwide Church of God" now appears for the first time in the noted *Handbook of Denominations in the United States*, pages 76-77. The copy is quoted here exactly so that not all of our ministers need buy a copy of the new fifth edition.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

Claiming direct descent from the Churches of God in England, the modern history of the Worldwide Church of God began with the arrival of Stephen Mumford in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1664, to establish the first Church of God congregation in the New World. (See *Seventh Day Baptists*, p. 49). Over the next two hundred years congregations spread across the continent to the West Coast. In 1927 Herbert W. Armstrong, a businessman of Quaker background, became a member of the Church of God in Oregon, was later ordained by the Oregon Conference, and led in the establishment of a local congregation at Eugene; he began broadcasting a radio program in 1934. A monthly bulletin, later called *The Plain Truth*, was issued for its members in the Willamette Valley. The church was incorporated under the original name of the radio broadcast, "the Radio Church of God," and the broadcast became known as "The World Tomorrow."

Headquarters were eventually transferred to Pasadena, California, where the church in 1947 founded Ambassador College (later separately incorporated). The broadcast, beamed across the country and to Europe, gained a larger and larger audience, and resulted in the widening of the educational emphasis with the establishment of a second campus in England and a third near Big Sandy, Texas, in 1964. The college today publishes *The Plain Truth* (circulation about 1,600,000) and broadcasts over both radio and TV a message heard around the world. The corporate name of the church was changed in 1968 to the Worldwide Church of God, and it has a membership (largely concentrated in the United States) of 240,000 in 200 churches.

Doctrine is conservative, stressing the deity of Jesus, his virgin birth, message of redemption and reconciliation, ascension, and second coming. The Bible is held to be the inspired revelation of God to man, and to "interpret itself." The church is supported by tithes and free will offerings, takes no collection at its weekly services, never solicits the public for contributions, and does not charge for its literature. There is a widespread program of support for orphans, widows, and the destitute.

LETTER EXCERPTS

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and life eternal. I thought the booklets, *Lazarus and the Rich Man* and *Enoch and Elijah* were the eye openers, but the above article has topped them.

— Ruth A.,
Bean Station, Tennessee

I would be remiss if I did not heartily commend your article "Just What Do You Mean . . . Born Again?" This article in October 1971 *TOMORROW'S WORLD*, with the Biblical references included, is another example of excellent religious journalism which makes your *PLAIN TRUTH* and *TOMORROW'S WORLD* welcome in the homes of millions of readers. Garner Ted's "Seven Proofs God Exists" ought to be read by thousands of professors of philosophy and psychology before they offer their hogwash to susceptible young students.

— Hal G.,
Tampa, Florida

Bible Lecture Response

I have just completed taking part in the Ambassador College Bible Lecture and Bible studies series. All I can say is that it turned out to be all that Garner Ted said it would be and more. It was truly an exciting and stimulating experience. It sure has caused me to do quite a lot of "soul searching" lately. Under the direction of your ministers the Bible really came alive to me for the first time. I just want to thank you, Mr. Armstrong, and your ministers and all of those people who helped to make this all possible. I am so glad I took the opportunity to attend the Lectures. I had some doubts at first about attending.

— D. V. A.,
Pleasant Hill, California

I am now attending one of your Bible classes that is being held in Jacksonville every Friday — a 55-mile drive one way. I attended the 10 Bible Lectures held in Jacksonville August 2 thru 13, which means I traveled over 1000 miles to attend them all. I don't mind *any* inconvenience as long as I know I am learning. For the past 1½ years I have been studying about every day, because I can't believe I could have been so wrong.

— R. P. B.,
Keystone Heights, Florida

I want to thank you all for sending Mr. Lichtenstein and Mr. Washington from Cherryhill, New Jersey to our Philadelphia area. These and

others connected with the true Church of God have meant a great deal to me. We meet on the 19th floor of a large hotel in Philadelphia. This sounds crazy, but to be able to ride an elevator 19 floors with 14 or 15 people in it and not having to worry about being pinched or grabbed is a truly good feeling. These people *are* truly God's people. It is a blessing to be a part of this wonderful work and to have hope for the future.

— L. N. R.,
Hatfield, Pennsylvania

Enjoyed the lecture series here last month. Tell Mr. Leslie McCullough at least one member of the audience has quit smoking. Every time I want a cigarette, I seem to remember his face and I reach for the chewing gum!

— Mrs. M. K.,
Houston, Texas

Just a note of deep appreciation for the Bible Lectures that Ambassador College conducted in Spokane. They have had a tremendous effect on my personal life. Have been listening and taking magazines since 1962; have always wanted to be a doer but just didn't seem able to get started. Now, from attending these Bible Lectures, I am going to start keeping the Sabbath of Jesus Christ and hope that this will lead to complete repentance for me and keeping all of God's laws. It seems I just can't thank you enough for these great lectures.

— D. C. P.,
Spokane, Washington

I have been attending the Ambassador College Bible Lecture Studies in New York City every Friday night. They are very helpful and enlightening. In any case, I have decided that it is time I also started observing God's tithing law. I am more than happy to "render unto God that which is God's," knowing that my small donations will help to continue the all-important work that you are doing.

— C. S. C.,
Northport, New York

Since last August 2nd when we started the Bible Lectures in San Diego, I have been able to learn more of the Bible teachings than I have in the past 48 years. I was able to attend both weeks, every night. Now I am glad to report to you that beginning now our support will be sent to you and Ambassador College with our tithes.

— Mr. and Mrs. C.,
Vista, California

Several years ago I was put on your Co-Worker rolls, and was a student of the Bible Correspondence Course. Well, it seems that as in days of old, I back-slid. Ask me why and more than likely I would have to admit that the food was too strong. It was not until the sessions held here in Milwaukee that I realized how far back I had gone. I thank God and Ambassador College for starting me on the way back. I had cheated on the lessons, merely reading the lessons with no study from the Bible. I marvel that I still maintained a fair grade, but now see the fault. It is true what you say about the mind being carnal. Since the lectures and the ensuing Friday night sessions, that I have only been able to attend twice, I find the truth inescapable. Namely tithing and observance of the Sabbath. At God's command I am then giving half of the ten percent as the other half by law is my wife's. This I am doing on advice from Mr. Baird. Thank God and you for another chance.

— H. G.,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

I have been attending the wonderful lectures at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Francisco. Thank you for your letters inviting me to attend -- I only wish these could go on forever. I am going to take God at His word in Malachi 3:10 and "Prove me now herewith, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing..." for those who are faithful in their tithing. Enclosed is my check for 1/10th of my last increase from God.

— L. A. S.,
Sonoma, California

The Bible Lectures have been *very* helpful to both my father and myself. He listened to the radio and television broadcast but never read *The PLAIN TRUTH* or *TOMORROW'S WORLD*. After the first lecture, at the Pacific Terrace Center, he was overwhelmed both by the lecture and the people's friendliness. He wanted to come back every night -- and we have been attending the lectures ever since. He has started to tithe and keep the Sabbath and is as enthusiastic about the magazines as I am! Also, it has brought us into contact with the brethren. The fellowship we have both received has enriched and made fuller both our lives.

— L. S.,
Torrance, California

Found the Treasure

I found a back issue of your good magazine at our local DUMP, and sure was glad it was cast aside by the others looking for "trash and treasures" because they took the "trash" and left me this "treasure"! Will you please send me a current copy of *TOMORROW'S WORLD* (or even any extra back issues you may have on hand) and let me know how much the subscription is? After reading your April 1971 issue, I am more convinced than ever that truly knowledge comes from books, etc., but wisdom *from God!* God bless your ministry.

— Mrs. G. H.,
Flint, Texas

No Sex Book for Her!

I could hardly believe my eyes when I read your letter wanting to know if I wanted your book on sex. No, I do not. Furthermore, I don't believe any children should have one, for to my notion, God has given people, as well as the animals, to know how to care for sex at the proper time.

— Alma J.,
McAlester, Oklahoma

Christmas: "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition"

So now it's all exploded in your booklet: no Santa Claus; no Father Christmas; no Rudolf the Reindeer with his red nose; no more "Heilige Nacht" (Holy Night); no Christmas tree laden with sparkling presents; no hanging up stockings to find them on Xmas morning bulging with gifts, fruit and games, a pretty doll who can not only go to sleep, but also walk and talk; no Xmas pudding with holly on top; no more kissing under the mistletoe (it's a wicked, barbaric pagan custom); and please close that door -- let's have a little peace and quiet from those clanging bells pealing across the meadow! For my part, I couldn't care less who invented it, Jew or Gentile, if it makes the young ones happy, and the old ones to reflect and make resolutions to live a little better. Pity is, it doesn't last. All too soon we resume our previous activities. Soldiers take up their arms to continue fighting, bashing and shooting each others' brains out, and the order of the day becomes: "Onward Christian soldiers... Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition."

— Victor S., Kent, England