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## Only 61/2 Years To Go !!!

"We are not setting any dates," said God's Evangelist Mr. Roderick Meredith, "but it could be as short as 6<sup>1/2</sup> YEARS TO COMPLETE THIS WORK!"

How long is  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years? Ask yourself this question—where was I  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years ago—in January, 1959? This seems like only yesterday, doesn't it? And  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years from now is JUST LIKE TOMORROW! This world is passing away—if you don't be-

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At the helm to set the pace of each Chicago Spokesman's club are Presidents: Bottom row from left to right: Harold Cormany, Lowell Foster, Wilbur Ball. Top row: Dick Alexander, George Gibbs, and Clarence Svehla.

## The Winds Of Change Are Blowing

#### by Harold Stocker

Broad and sweeping changes have taken place in the Chicago area Spokesman Clubs! In addition to changes in officers, many have transferred to other clubs setting up new and challenging opportunities. These new environments are sure to spark a broadening of personalities.

New members to the Spokesman Clubs will add fresh interests and cultivate many more in-depth friendships.

Just as the churches in the Chicago area are on the move (Continued on page 7)



Engrossed with the topic of the moment Mr. Roderick Meredith gestures his convictions as Mr. Dean Blackwell, Mr. Tkach, and others look on.

## MR. MEREDITH SURVEYS TODAY'S NEWS

#### by Ted Efimov

Mr. Roderick C. Meredith, taking a trip into the heart and core of the rising GIANT BEAST POWER OF EUROPE, spotted first hand the huge complex visibly rising with fantastic power and economic potential. Keeping up with the pulsating times, Mr. Roderick Meredith was sent from Bricket Wood, England to see current events on the march. Mr. Meredith told the Chicago Church of God of his visit which included France, Germany, Italy and Austria.

Sinewy fibers of strength in the smoke-belching Ruhr were seen by Mr. Meredith **from the inside.** Opportunity knocked and a high official of a steel complex met Mr. Meredith as an editor of an international magazine. The red-carpet meeting gave him a bird's eye view of the steel complex. Up to date computers and the most recent technological advances have surged Germany forward among the leaders in the race for economicsuperiority. This is a dog-eat-dog struggle in gaining dominance in world trade. Germany!—a name accepted in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East for **quality, dependability** and **immediate service.** Germany's auto industry outstrips all na-

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Former Chicago Chorale director, Mr. Donald Ecker, visits Chicago area.

Welcome Home

#### by Bill Butler

Welcome home!

This was probably heard several times by a familiar figure to the Chicago brethern—a past director of the Chicago—LaGrange Chorale, Mr. Donald Ecker.

Mr. Ecker, now a student at Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, England, 18

## **Editorial**

### DO YOU READ THE CHURCH OF GOD NEWS

When receiving this paper do you read it with the cager anticipation of one who is interested in knowing what your brethren are doing in Chicago, or down in Nashville, or up in Minnesota? Almost every one of us will read our own local entry before anything else, but, why stop here. This paper, unlike the **Plain Truth or Good News**, is published with the district rather than international flavor. Supported by the Spokesman Clubs of the district, it can be a real source of inspiration to all of us. Spiced with local activities, it will draw us closer spiritually and condense a thousand miles of physical distance to a few inches via the picture and printed word.

By reading each article we can draw new ideas that will help in our own local church, speech club, or social activities. We can broaden our scope and increase our wisdom. We can see area, church and individual growth. Not only does it keep us informed of the area, but it is an opening step to a fuller understanding of the international scope of the Plain Truth and Good News.

Many hours of preparation go into its production. This paper, just as the Good News, Plain Truth and other booklets is here for our edification and spiritual development. So, starting with this issue, READ EVERY WORD.

home for a few weeks visit. He works in the Music Department under Dr. Kenneth Abbott teaching piano and organ. He is also Assistant Chorale Director for the College, Assistant Lecturer in Musicology, Coach in Voice and does much of the secretarial work for the Music Department.

How he does all of this and still finds time for work as a student is amazing. He is also taking courses in Theology and working for a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

His observations of the Work in England were very interesting. He pointed out that the foundation for the spreading of the gospel had been laid there and till recently much of the work had been preparatory. We started on Radio Luxembourg about 12 years ago. Now we have the College and the powerful Radio London, and Caroline North. We can look for more stations, churches, and Bible studies there in the near future.

He mentioned that he sees the United States in "clearer perspective against the background of the rest of the world" from across the sea and that the prophecies concerning the degeneration and downfall of America and Britian are more real to him now. In the heart of the United States we tend to have a false sense of security, but this is not so much the case viewing things from the other side. When asked about the British Empire he said that the "Empire" was non-existant and added the "Commonwealth" was just a loose confederation of disagreeing nations.

We are all happy to see Mr. Ecker's growth and development and we fully expect to see still further growth and service to God's Work in the future.

## Swimming Party

#### by Glen McCutchan

After the daylight portion of July 24th —one of the warmest and most humid days thus far this summer season twenty-five participants welcomed the opportunity to take part in a swimming party held for the young people at Indianapolis.

It was a beautiful evening to swim in the outdoor olympic-size swimming pool located at the Krannert Memorial Y.M. C.A. Both the high and lower diving boards were springing and games also were taking place under the powerful beams of huge flood-lamps surrounding the entire pool.

### Only 61/2 Years

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lieve it, just lean back in your easy chair and PASS AWAY WITH IT!

At Mr. Blackwell's invitation, the vast majority of the La-Grange congregation met with the Chicago group on July 31 to hear Mr. Meredith. He had spoken to the South Side Chicago Church in the morning. It was a real blessing for the members of the three churches to hear one of God's top ministers tell what lies ahead.

What should we look for in the next few years? Mr. Meredith listed seven specific things we should WATCH in the MONTHS AHEAD.

- 1. Further increase in crime and immorality.
- 2. More liberalism on the political scene.
- 3. Loss of our gold and trade advantages.
- 4. Loss of overseas bases and military strength.
- 5. Severe drouth, famine, pestilence taking shape.
- 6. Growing strength of France, Germany, and Italy.
- 7. Formation of exactly ten nations (or groups of nations) in Europe UNDER THE POPE.

Do these things send a chill down your spine? THIS IS REAL—PAINFULLY REAL! Just where do you plan to be when the bombs begin to fall? This Common Market combine is going to be POWERFUL AND RICH. The United States is going to be SQUEEZED OUT of world trade and ultimately WIPED OUT of the world political scene.

Why? Deut. 28:1 has the answer. In order to receive God's blessings, we have to OBEY HIS VOICE. America is NOT DOING IT! Who says "it can't happen here?" Would you rather believe some misguided, opinionated, uninformed public figure or the very words of YOUR CREATOR who KNOWS the end from the beginning? Will your trust be in someone who doesn't know the answers or in the sure unshakable, unchanging Word of God?

# Knowledge Knofs



by John Coco

## This Is For The Birds!

Birds have interested man for centuries. Caves have been found with drawings of various birds. An ancient Egyptian mural shows a duck hunting scene. But there also has been great mystery and ignorance surrounding birds. As recently as 1703, a person of "learning and piety" insisted that birds migrate to the moon!

The most important attribute of the bird is his diet. Insects, which would otherwise destroy crops, are the main item on the favorite food list of many birds. The flicker (in spite of all the noise he makes) wages a terrific war against many of man's insect enemies. This bird cats the larvae of beetles and moths which burrow into tree trunks to lay their eggs.

The woodpecker especially likes the deeply embedded insects while other birds eat the smaller insects on or near the

surface. Scientists have discovered that the woodpecker's stomach is filled several times a day with insects and larvae. During a 24 hour period this bird can consume 50 larvae. Woodpeckers are specially designed for this.

Fruit trees are very susceptible to attack by insects. The root, branch, twig, leaf, and fruit all have their special enemies. As we have seen, insects causing damage to trees can be kept in check by various birds. The life of a tree depends a great deal upon birds. Even flying insects that affect orchards are snapped up by birds. Sometimes birds will cause damage to a fruit crop. This is the result of an over abundance of one kind of a bird in a certain place. This stresses the need to keep nature in balance.

Trees are also beset by mice, rabbits and rats which eat at the lower trunk and bark. Hawks and owls do their duty here, helping keep these pests in check.

Birds are not only useful in orchards, but in meadow and pastures also. There they feed on locusts, grasshoppers, cutworms, caterpillers and various beetles plus their larvae. Here the meadow lark is most helpful. It has been found that during the spring and summer, threefourths of his food consists of insects. During the winter, when insects are scarce, he feeds on weed seeds.

When large numbers of birds are destroyed by sprays, by killing the mother, or by any other means, the balance of nature is upset. This permits unwanted insects and rodents to multiply and destroy many crops, orchard trees and homes.

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## "**I**"

Nobody hates me more than I; No enemy have I to-day That I so bravely must defy; There are no foes along my way, However bitter they may be, So powerful to injure me As I am, nor so quick to spoil The beauty of my bit of toil.

Nobody harms me more than I; No one is meaner unto me; Of all the foes that pass me by I am the worst one that I see. I am the dangerous man to fear; I am the cause of sorrow here; Of all men'gainst my hopes inclined I am myself the most unkind.

I do more harmful things to me Than all the men who seem to hate;
I am the fellow that should be More dreaded than the works of fate.
I am the one that I must fight
With all my will and all my might;
My foes are better friends to me
Than I have ever proved to be.

I am the careless foe and mean; I am the selfish rival too; My enmity to me is seen In almost everything I do. More courage it requires to beat Myself, than all the foes I meet; I am more traitorous to me Than other men could ever be.

In every struggle I have lost I am the one that was to blame; My weaknesses cannot be glossed By glib excuses. I was lame. I that mould dare for fame or pelf Am far less daring with myself. I care not who my foes may be, I am my own worst enemy.

## Milwaukee News

#### by Donna Vershowske

A young Milwaukee couple; new parents no less, is beaming over their son Richard Abraham Henry who weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. on July 8, 1965. You should see his head of hair at birth. Daddy got an extra spring in his step and still has it. CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Henry, Jr. A number of the younger set (?) found it quite difficult to stay on their feet at the July 15th roller skating party. The 33 adults and children who attended had a "floor burning" good time and cleaned the floor, but good, for the proprietor. Eric Vershowske (5 yrs. old) found that a pillow tied to his seat made his landings less painful. Mr. Chester Hodzinski rented the Rollon Roller Rink at Delafield, Wis. for the party.

It was with genuine pleasure that the



Deacon Lowell Foster with rope in hand, holds swing away contest at the recently held Chicago-LaGrange picnic, in Faibin Woods. Edward Karwacki is the man with the chicken in front of his face. (seated left)



dents home for the summer from Ambassador College: Nancy Hanson and Marcia Matschulat of Big Sandy, Texas and Sharon Hasselhoefer of Pasadena, California; also of Big Sandy, Texas. Nancy stayed with her aunt while working in Milwaukee. Sharon Hasselhoefer spent the summer with her parents. Marcia came late and left early; because of her busy schedule, she could spend only a few days with her parents.

Milwaukee Church welcomed these stu-

### **MR. MEREDITH SURVEYS NEWS**

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tions in these areas today, whereas the United States reigned supreme in by-gone days.

Phychological warfare is being waged. Germany is not an imperialistic, colonial power in the minds of the undeveloped nations. Nations are duped into this thinking! Mr. Meredith showed how this makes Germany accepted at our expense politically AND TRADE-WISE.

Mr. Meredith found France under President DeGaulle the most changed in international and tourist relations. No Frenchman will usually speak English today. For one hour Mr. Meredith was seeking information, but because of the unfriendly attitude and unconcern, no one volunteered to help—thus causing him to almost miss his train.

Reuben's attitude is also moving the European powers to need a spiritual force to unite a United States of Europe. Her recent agriculture veto has raised doubt in the minds of officials if the trade barriers so desperately needed to be removed can be achieved among themselves without outside help. Amid this vortex of power struggle and disunity in the agricultural field is needed a stabilizing force of spiritual unity. As time progresses, a spiritual leader will emerge to unify the wrangling nations into an economic machine surging ahead for material power and dominance!

Mr. Roderick Meredith, with his attractive wife "Margie," visited the Chicago area for three days. They have three children: Elizabeth, age 8; Michael, age 6; and Jimmie, age 4. The South Chicago Church was the first on the agenda to be visited. There, warm heart-felt greetings filled the air. From there, Mr. Meredith, and his family went to the Chicago Church services. The Chicago area is a "second home" to Mr. Meredith since he has visited the area often in the past and has felt the friendly attitude extended by God's people. Jumping off to a quick start the next day, Mr. Meredith and his family, along with Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell, went to Bloomington to enjoy the church picnic planned by the Danville and Peoria Churches. This is a special treat—as anyone who has ever gone to Miller Park knows. Ideal facilities are available so a fabulous time can be experienced by every age group.

The grass roots relationship which our ministers maintain with God's people gives them great insight into our problems and needs. Our attitudes and faults show in work, play and conversation.

On Monday, Mr. Meredith conducted an area ministerial meeting at which much planning, review and preparation for God's work took place. God benefited all of us by Mr. Meredith's visit; it enriched him with personal knowledge of us so that he can serve more effectively as God's servant.

# **TEEN-AGE BEACH PARTY!**

#### by Victor Johnson

It was a brilliant, sunshine-filled day and 110 were there . . . attending the Teen-Age Beach Party July 25th at South Haven, Michigan. The tanned participants represented the South Bend, Chicago and Grand Rapids areas and enjoyed daylong swimming, sunbathing, volleyball, and picnicking on the sandy Lake Michigan shore. Also included were 39 boys from the mid-west area and as far away as Big Sandy who are picking fruit this summer at the Arthur Thomas farm near Grand Junction, Michigan.



#### **DEACONS OBSERVE**

Deacons James Hambrock Reyer, Roland Van Slooten, and Glen Keeley take advantage of portable shade.



#### by Robert Quakenbush

Have you ever fully appreciated the famous five? Or have you even thought about them? They are an amazing blessing by our Creator.

**SIGHT.** The ability to see the tremendous intricate creation of God in full radiant color . . . sun, moon, stars, huge craggy jutting mountains, turquoise warm oceans, deep cold blue seas. How would you describe these scenes to those unable to see? Appreciate your sight!

Give yourself the home test. Close your eyes and try to move about your house—keep them closed. **Really, try it!** You'll be amazed at how many things you thought were familiar, yet strangely different and in your path.

Two other senses which go hand in glove are **SMELL** and **TASTE.** You know how difficult it is to enjoy a delicious meal when you have a common cold. One can survive without his five senses and perhaps you know of people missing one or more.

Another is the ability to **FEEL**. How about it ladies, would you buy a suit or dress without feeling the material? Much of industry's inspection and quality control depends on sensitive fingers to feel the irregularities. Think about those pleasurable moments when the delicate touch was so very much appreciated or when a contact quickly shot a message to the brain to warn of impending danger.

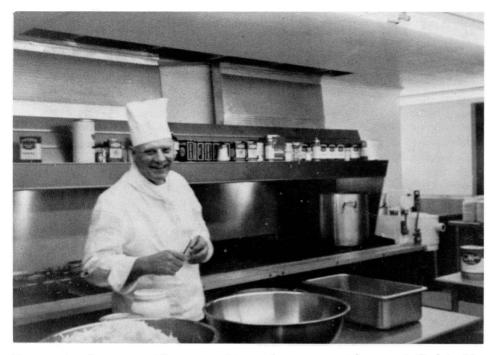
HEARING is considered by some to be one of the greatest of the five senses. God's word stresses hearing. Our very faith comes by hearing. (Rom. 10:17) (Continued on page 7)



#### **WATER FOOTBALL** Churning legs keep players cool via the "splash" method. The game: water "touch" football.



#### **SUNBATHING** Miss Vicki Buckley, Grand Rapids church, found wet sand pleasingly cool.



First serving famous worldly personalities and now potential sons of God is Mr. Knutson at Orr.

## Meet the Chef — At Orr

#### by Russell Brown

It was in the nick of time that Arthur H. Knutson's talents were made known to the Duluth brethren. He is one of the highest quality chefs in the Midwest and teaches the art for the Duluth Vocation School System.

We of the spokesman club and all those at the Orr, Minnesota campus, cannot express in words their feeling and sense of appreciation for a job **well done**. Many of you brethren may not know what one meal might consist of in cost and ingredients when serving 550 people a day, including 150 guests.

Here are a few facts that may interest you: 100 pounds of pancake flour to make 1800 pancakes, 1000 beef sausages, 600 sweet rolls for breakfast,  $3\frac{1}{2}$ cases of scrambled eggs, 30 gallons of oatmeal, 4 or 5 rounds of beef to a meal, 100 pounds ground beef for hot dish, 30 gallons of hot dish, if they have one; 100 loaves of bread a day, 4 cases of vegetables, 2 cases of lettuce for salads, 100 gallons of fresh raw milk are needed each day; and 20 cases of eggs a week.

Mr. Knutson has traveled  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times around the world, studied in the Orient, has been chef for many steam ship lines, and has been a chef in Thule, Greenland. He has cooked for such people as Ingrid Bergman, Mrs. Mark Clark, Douglas Fairbanks, Sinclair Lewis, Norman Rockwell, Ann Baxter, Margarette Banning, Dwight and Milton Eisenhower, Jack Dempsey and many others.

With his fine ability, the blessings the children have enjoyed have been more than expected. I know many will look forward to seeing Mr. Knutson next year.

### SENSE

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So many have ears to hear **but hear not.** Let us truly be happy and rejoicing over this organ which affords us such great pleasure in music appreciation . . . rustling leaves during the Fall . . . children's voices . . . the thrill of life being filtered to our minds in every tone and vibration on the scale from deep, rumbling thunder to the high shrill of whistles and birds' songs. It's ours to enjoy, brethren! Do we make the most of it?

The five senses are absolutely worthless without a master receiver . . . the mind. It is our mind which absorbs, rules and controls them. It is that Godgiven mind which tells us what we see, hear, feel, taste and smell. Here is the Apostle Paul's advice to us concerning the **mind**. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus," (Phil. 2:5). **Make the mind rule** the senses. Do not allow the senses rule over the mind. Then, with this mind, let's live life to the full—with **all our might!** 

### WINDS OF CHANGE

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and growing, so are the experiences of each spokesman. No other activity even approaches the opportunities for growth afforded by these clubs. And the diligent are GROWING!

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong states, "Nearly all the leaders in God's great work—in God's church—perhaps every one has received a great part of his training in an Ambassador Club at Ambassador College, or in a Spokesman Club at his local Church."

Another change finds the Chicago Thursday Night Club disbanded and a new club formed in Whiting, Indiana for convenience to those living on the far South Side. The thrill of being a part of a new club is theirs.

The new lineup of Club Directors and Officers is as follows:

#### Sunday Night

Director Mr. Allen Manteufel
President Wilbur Ball
Vice President Harold Stocker
SecretaryWilliam Kromer
Treasurer Julian Wojcicki
Sgt. at ArmsPaul George

#### **Monday Night**

Director Mr. Dean Blackwell
PresidentLowell Foster
Vice President William May
SecretaryGlen Bremmer
Treasurer Allen Bush
Sgt. at Arms Joseph Schlitt

#### **Tuesday Night**

Director Mr. Dean Blackwell
PresidentClarence Svehla
Vice President David Holman
Secretary David Shell
Treasurer Marvin Edelbach
Sgt. at Arms Bill Butler
Thursday Night
Director Mr. Joseph Tkach
President George Gibbs

President George Gibbs
Vice President Jack Schurr
Secretary Albert Burkland
Treasurer Charles Halliar
Sgt. at Arms Ardis Zellers

#### Saturday Night

Director Mr. Raymond Roenspies
PresidentDick Alexander
Vice President Willis Caulk
Secretary Ihor Karpowyzc
Treasurer Gene Madison
Sgt. at ArmsRobert Einerson



On August 8, 1965 Artchie Hill married Joyce Davis, daughter of Mr. Elmer Davis, our Chicago Band Leader.

## PICNIC IN THE BLUE GRASS STATE

#### by Ken Wingham

On Sunday, July 18th, cars from four different states (Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and Illinois) began to roll into Beech Bend Park, Bowling Green, Kentucky for the fourth annual Church of God picnic. We started out in 1962 with only 35 present and last year there were 88. But this year we had 200 beaming faces from three different churches! Most of the brethren were from Nashville, some from Evansville and a few came from the Lexington Church.

### Six Lives Changed

#### by William Ogden

On June 26, 1965, six persons were baptized in Evansville, Indiana.

The newly begotten are: Mr. and Mrs. Monte Hanson, Mrs. Lena Tinsley, Mr. Carl Hoffman, Mrs. Gladys Mottley, and Mr. Carroll Deputy.

We extend our congratulations and welcome to our new brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus.

## WEDDING!!

On August 21, 1965, at 9 P.M., a night time garden wedding took place at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Strauss in Bridgeview, Illinois, Mr. Blackwell performed the marriage that united Lorene Fellows and John Kleier.

Lorene was radiant in her white silk organza gown. She carried a bouquet of white tea roses and red rose buds. John who was a former Ambassador College student, was calm and confident.

## Meet Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Holmes

Recently Mr. and Mrs, Paul Holmes sang at the LaGrange Church and Chicago Church. Both are talented musicians willing to share their talent with others and in so doing add to the tenor of the Sabbath service.

A very skilled printer, Mr. Holmes came to the United States from Nassau, Bahama of the British West Indies in 1949. He attended Southeast Junior College and he studied Voice at Kimball Hall with the ambition of becoming an opera singer.

Mrs. Holmes, a native Chicagoan, graduated from the Chicago Teachers



Mr. Paul Holmes with his wife, Estelle Holmes, and children, Candice and Stephanie, visiting the Chicago and La-Grange Churches.

College. In her youth, served as a camp counsellor and participated in many sports activities.

This lovely couple was married in Chicago in 1957. They have two girls, Candace Jean Marie Yvette, 10 months old, and Stephanie Renee. 5 years old.

It was in 1955 that Mr. Holmes accidentally heard the World Tomorrow Broadcast and was attracted and convicted by God's Word. In 1961, after being visited by Mr. Dean Blackwell and Mr. Joseph Tkach, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were baptized by Mr. Harold Jackson. Their Christian concern, devotion to Christian' duty and their willingness to give of their musical talent have brought much joy to their lives as well as to the lives of others.

## ANSWERS TO KNOWLEDGE KNOTS

1. A wayfaring Levite and his concubine staying overnight in Gibeah (owned by Benjamites) were set upon by certain inordinate men who violated the concubine. (A situation paralleling that of Lot's guests in the city of Sodom.) The war that followed brought 400,000 Israelite swordsmen against 26,700 Benjamite soldiers-700 of whom could sling stones (left handed no less) at a hairs breadth AND NOT MISS! (Judges 20:16). Toward the end of the battle when the 600 remaining Benjamites were about to be erased (thus ending the tribes completely) the slaughter ceased. Realizing the tribe was about to become extinct, they cried out to God for help.

Read of the elaborate plan to keep from breaking a vow and yet find wives for these 600 men in Judges 21!

2. Abraham-Sarah, Isaac-Rebekah, Jacob-Leah and Rachel, Esau-Mahalath (third wife of Esau), Mahlon-Ruth, Boaz-Ruth, (after death of Mahlon), Chilion-Orpha.

3. Scientists were JOLTED when the recent Mars photos revealed the same dead, pock-marked condition as that of our Moon. Yawning craters thousands of feet deep and 3 to 75 miles wide appeared on the film instead of the canals and vegetation they had hoped for and expected.

More evidence of the VIOLENT interplanetary war that took place between Gen. 1:1 and verse 2.

4. Nearly 3 billion at the present time. At the present growth rate the population would be doubled in 30 years.

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