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"This may be the most serious Ministerial Conference yet. It's *later* than we think!" With these somber words Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong began the January, 1966 Ministerial Conference. Throughout the Conference, God revealed greater understanding on many points of doctrine and practical living. Everyone was awed by the tremendous increase in the power of the Work.

Very inspiring was the ordination of ELEVEN men—four of which were elevated to *Evangelist rank!*

Also, for the first time in the modern history of God's Church a NEGRO—Mr. Harold Jackson—was ordained to the office of Pastor.

You'll be reading about these ordinations in great detail in forthcoming issues of *The GOOD NEWS*.

One really important item discussed was the need for textbooks, based on God's Truth, for both the Imperial School and Ambassador College level. As Mr. Armstrong said, "We find ourselves in the position of the early true Christians. Our children must attend the outside schools and use the world's textbooks." One half the problem has been solved by having our OWN SCHOOLS. But we still are forced to use textbooks not written from *God's* point of view.

Mr. Armstrong initiated a program whereby some of the Imperial Schools faculty would begin putting together textbooks for their classes. The ministers were instructed to make parents aware of what children are learning in PUBLIC SCHOOLS, and what books they are using.

Many other subjects were discussed and clarified. A most important principle was heavily stressed over and over.

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GUIDED TOUR—One of the highlights each year at the Ministerial Conference is the guided tour by Mr. Armstrong over the expanding Ambassador campus. Here Mr. Armstrong explains the progress on the new Dining Hall.



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Phoenix Meeting Proves Successful

Evangelist Roderick C. Meredith, minister in charge of all local churches in the United States, recently visited the Phoenix Church. There he had the opportunity to attend an outlying social occasion. The event? a combined Phoenix Spokesman Clubs' Ladies' Night. What an *inspiring* occasion it proved to be!

Gathered in the Holiday House Restaurant for the combined session, members of the Sunday and Monday Spokesman Clubs played hosts to their wives and dates.

As the evening moved on, the Table Topics session was spiced by the helpful and humorous comments of the ladies.

"This was one of the liveliest and most enjoyable Spokesman's Ladies' Nights I have yet attended," was just one of Mr. Meredith's helpful and inspiring comments. As he evaluated the club, Mr. Meredith left members encouraged and ready for more growth in the future.

As the evening closed, Spokesman members realized what a *successful* evening it had been and the inspiration of having Mr. Meredith as guest evaluator.

How To Be A GOOD ASSISTANT

by Keith M. Hunter

We often hear the stress put on becoming a leader, but **WHAT DOES BEING A LEADER ACTUALLY MEAN?** How would you define it? Would you ever define it as an "assistant?"

Isn't it true that being a good leader is also being a good assistant? The higher one goes in God's Work, or any work, the more he assists. Jesus Christ is an assistant, but a *good assistant!*

Satan lost his position because he didn't want to be an assistant, he wanted to be **BOSS!** He didn't want to serve or assist man so he rebelled. This same nature is in us—we love to be **BOSS**, not to be under *any* authority at all. But in God's Government we will never be boss, always an assistant—true, for all eternity. We will be doing God's job in aiding and assisting Him—doing His work. Therefore, if we want to become good leaders, we **HAVE TO BECOME GOOD ASSISTANTS.**

Here are *three points* you must follow to become a really *good assistant!* You will likewise become a really *good leader.*

I. BE SUBMISSIVE

- A. Do the job the way the boss wants it done, *not your way.* Any other way doesn't show insight, but open rebellion. The good assistant does his job when, why, how, where, etc., *as he is told to do it.*
- B. The boss is *boss* because he *is* most generally *right.* That's why we should do it his way. Most humans, especially those full of human nature, secretly feel that they are much smarter than their bosses. They feel their way is better.
- C. When the boss makes a decision, back it up as you would your own personal project. Be sure to *make his plan work.* Certainly *offer suggestions when asked,* but remember that he doesn't have to follow them.
- D. Don't make your boss have to be a dictator because he can't trust you to *be obedient* and *do what he wants done.*
- E. *Anticipate* the thoughts and *wishes of your boss*—just as you would with God. You know God's will through study and experience. If you would observe the boss's decisions you will know how he thinks. This will make you more valuable. If the boss should leave you with insufficient information to effect an operation, you're a good assistant if you can accomplish it, anyway.

II. HAVE HUMILITY

- A. *Be teachable.* Remember that you can *learn from anyone!*
- B. Never be a "know it all." This type of person attracts enemies—few friends. Learn to *co-operate* well; *humility is the key.*
- C. Don't act humble, **BE HUMBLE.** People can tell the difference.

III. REMEMBER GOD IS IN CHARGE

- A. **NEVER** take things into your own hands if you think you are being wronged.
- B. *Don't seek after position* or *seek to impress*—this is a selfish attitude. If advancement is all you want, **CHANGE!**
- C. *Don't push the boss* or try to undermine him. Success comes through cooperation.
- D. *Be content with what you have* and where you are if you can *serve* there. *Apply* these *rules* and you will be a good assistant.

Remember, to be a leader really means to be a **GOOD ASSISTANT!**

Husband and Wife Ordained to Office at Fontana

A new Deacon and Deaconess have been ordained at God's Church in Fontana, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cox, formerly of the Gladewater and Minden churches, were ordained Dec. 18 by Fontana's Pastor, Dr. Clint Zimmerman and Local Elder, Mr. Al Mischnick.

The Louisiana-born Cox's spent three years in Gladewater, Texas before coming to California in January, 1962.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cox

In Gladewater, they operated a grocery, wine, and health food store. Presently, Mr. Cox is employed as a carpenter.

Twenty-six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Cox became husband and wife. In 1959 they were baptized together in the creek behind the old Gladewater tabernacle.

Mr. Cox has always had an affinity for water. He likes to fish but hasn't been doing much of it in Southern California. He says, "You can't fish in a sand dune!"

In the Fontana Church, Mr. Cox also serves as Vice-President of the Spokesman Club; is a member of the Church Activities Committee, and on the Visiting Program.

Southern California Single People Enjoy Fabulous Dinner-Dance at Huntington-Sheraton

Saturday night, January 22, was a BIG night for Single People from San Diego to Bakersfield—from Santa Barbara to San Bernardino. The biggest turnout ever—some 225 strong, converged on the plush Viennese Room of the Huntington-Sheraton Hotel in Pasadena. The occasion? The first annual formal dinner-dance. The group has had several enjoyable activities in the past year but this formal dinner-dance was the *best* of all!

The decor in the Viennese Room was especially fine! Elegant chandeliers sparkled overhead. Plush carpets were accented by snowy white tables arranged just right for dinner, conversation and total group enjoyment.

Eight program dances throughout the evening proved a success! This gave all a chance to make many new friends. One of our older "young ladies" when asked how she enjoyed the evening enthusiastically remarked, "Terrific! I've never had such a ball! Let's have one of these every month. The music was out of this world and everyone was so nice!"

In addition to the fine music of the band there was another big incentive that kept the dance floor filled with hopeful couples. Somewhere ON THE FLOOR was an extra special PRIZE spot!! The music continued deep into the evening. Suddenly it stopped! Someone shouted, "*Don't move!* Everyone stay *right where you are!*" The dancing

couples *froze* to the floor! Mr. Royer started counting the parquet tiles on the floor. *Seven east—nineteen north—seven east again.* There stood the winning couple—Lance McCartney and Diane Wykle! Each was presented a beautiful wristwatch by Mr. Roderick Meredith! Earlier in the evening, Viola Moon found herself the winner of a beautiful clock radio. Almost \$150.00 in prizes was given away!

The Single Set appreciated and was very encouraged by the large attendance of ministers from the area. In all, 14 ministers and their wives added their enthusiasm and enjoyable conversation to the evening! Mr. Portune and Mr. Plache outdid each other at the mike with pertinent comments and *parrot jokes.*

The M.C. for the evening was Mr. Keith Hoyt, a student from Ambassador College. The entertainment was opened by Mr. Gary Prather accompanying Miss Alys Jones in an outstanding medley of show tunes. Later, Fred Boyce joined Alys to sing a duet. This was followed by Mr. Dennis Pebworth who played two beautiful numbers on the piano. The entertainment portion of the evening was closed by a quartet from Ambassador College.

Plans continue for the activities of 1966. Said Mr. Gary Sefcak, "I don't know how but we are going to make them **EVEN BETTER FOR '66!**"



GALA EVENING—With the strains of beautiful music couples enjoy dancing in the Viennese Room during Single People's dinner-dance.

El Monte Children Attend Meeting Of Speech Club

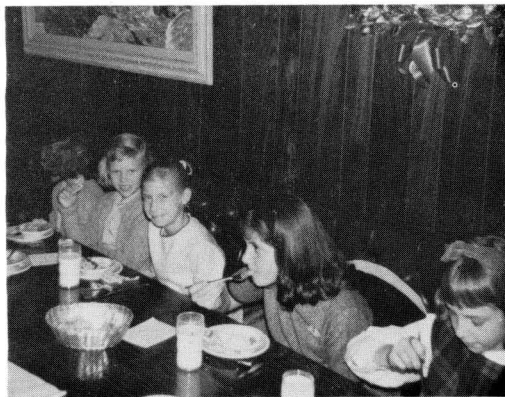
Should your children be given an allowance?

How do you play with your children? What about skateboards?

These were some of the topics discussed, as the El Monte "B" Spokes-



GUESTS—Above and below show children as guests of El Monte Spokesman Club.



man Club had as its special guests, the children of the members last December 22nd.

After enjoying golden brown fried chicken, topped off by cherry sherbet, the children had an opportunity of seeing their Dads "in action" during table topics and the speech session. Varied speech topics such as *How Great is Our Universe* and *How To Care For Your Bicycle* held the interest of all.

In his overall evaluation, Mr. Bill Rapp drew responses from the children on some of the previously discussed topics. They were of the opinion that they should perform certain jobs before receiving an allowance, and all liked to play various games with their Dads.

All in all, the evening was enjoyable,

Dr. Zimmerman Pastors Salt Lake Bible Study

The Salt Lake City area Church of God brethren and interested people received another great blessing when the monthly Bible Study was held on the Sabbath of December 11.

It will henceforth be held on the second Sabbath of each month as God provides one of His ministers to nourish and strengthen this group.

Dr. Clint Zimmerman will be in charge of the area and he left no doubt in the minds of the 91 people who gathered as to just what God's Church is and what our relationship and attitude should be toward it.

Bible questions were answered during the meeting and an additional blessing for these scattered brethren was the blessing of the young children for those who were unable to attend the Feast of Tabernacles.

Dr. Zimmerman was able to stay over on Sunday following the Bible Study for personal counselling and visiting.

San Francisco Ladies Enjoy Dinner Meeting

It was the last Ladies' Night Dinner Meeting for 1965 that brought mates and dates together with San Francisco Spokesmen on Thursday, December 16th.

The Marina Chuck Wagon in San Francisco furnished the setting as choice Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken were served in high style!

Most Effective Speaker for the evening was Mr. Robert Archer who gave a speech entitled *Greeting Friends* in which he instructed the audience (humorously) in the art of conversation. Mr. Alfred D'Amelio took home the Most Improved Cup, giving the *10 Pitfalls of Joke Telling* complete with examples. Mr. Douglas Bosshart was the most helpful evaluator.

The meeting was closed by Club Director, Mr. Dennis Luker, who stressed the importance of developing *humor* and a *balanced* personality.

and as Mr. Rapp stated to the children, "When you see your Dad leaving home for club, you will now know what he will be doing."

Four Pasadena Clubs On European Tour Via Colored Slides

Four of the Pasadena Spokesman Clubs recently enjoyed a combined meeting and chicken dinner. The purpose of the meeting was to take a picture journey through Europe. Mr. Tom Justus, director of the Section D Club, provided the realistic pictures and the colorful narration.

Our journey began at Ambassador College in England. The breathtaking beauty of the campus was amply demonstrated by various pictures of verdant lawns, colorful gardens, stately cedars of Lebanon and the college buildings. The scintillating narration of Mr. Justus helped us feel the real closeness of the seemingly distant college.

After leaving Bricket Wood, we continued our journey to London where we saw the changing of the "Guard" in all its regal splendor. Many famous and ancient buildings with their interesting architecture added sparkle and culture. Contrastingly, we saw a few of the long-haired, bearded youths who roam the streets of this now infamous city.

Across the channel to Paris with its "Awful Tower" was our next stop; then on to Rome with its pagan idols, its massive structures, its luxurious trappings and the realization of the tremendous wealth of this "harlot" city.

After a brief visit to the Geneva office we continued on to bright and bustling West Germany and then contrasted it with dull and drab East Germany. The "Wall" was discussed by Mr. Justus who showed us how thoroughly it is patrolled and protected.

All of the pictures were interesting and enjoyable, but the ancient Coronation Chair with Jacob's Pillar Stone under it (shown in full color on the latest GOOD NEWS cover) and the significance it holds for the peoples of Israel was the most memorable of all.

Thank you, Mr. Justus, for sharing these vivid memories of Europe with us.

HEADQUARTERS CHURCH SOCIAL

"Great fun!"

"Best social yet!"

"Certainly was enjoyable!"

"Such variety!"

These comments overheard after the recent Pasadena Church social.

The Los Angeles Sportsman's Park Gymnasium was the *scene of the time* and the object of the evening was fun, fellowship and growth in love. If you were there you know how much fun it was; if you missed it, plan now to attend the *next* social function!

"What did you enjoy most?" a seven-year-old was asked.

"The balloons!!" she replied promptly. And balloons we had!—for children of all ages.

Mr. Leskey set up his *MIDWAY* in an appropriate corner and "barked" almost everyone in for a try at the games of skill he had contrived. Recognition



BALLOONS—Favorite item for the children as you can see by this picture.

was given the winner from the stage. One of Mr. Berg's sons nosed out Don Davis.

The old favorite "Musical Chairs" (in which Mr. James Duke persisted to the *very end*), table tennis, ballroom dancing, square dancing (called by Mr. Slocum), quiet games like checkers, babysitting, added variety to the evening.

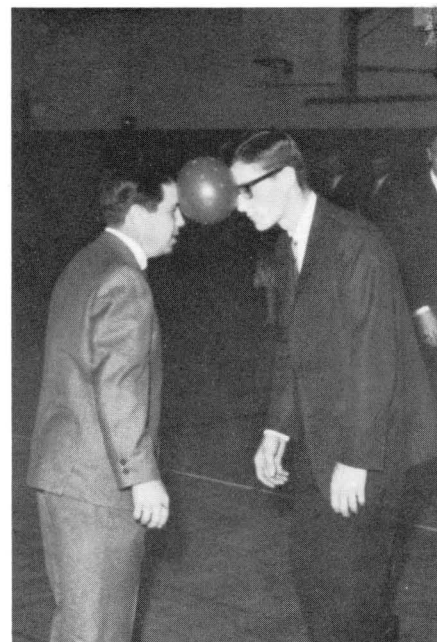
About midway in the evening, Mr. Edward Smith, who monitored all proceedings and prodded for peppy participation, emceed a variety show which balanced the evening's festivities.

Marvin Lindsey (black Stetson hat and *red shirt and tie*) and Bill (I'm a Long Tall Texan!?) Brazil posed as returning entertainers from Viet Nam. We all laughed at the jokes and appreciated the songs very much.

Alys Jones sang beautifully as usual.



OVER 'N UNDER—Looks complicated—but you just follow the leader.



RACE—Jim Snook and George Merz show an interesting way to run a race!



SHOW TIME—Audience really enjoying entertainment at Pasadena Social.

Ben Leonard had us rolling in the aisles with his pantomime of "It's in the Book." Dan Salcedo's forceful and melodic tenor thrilled us with the spiritual, "Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego" and Keith Wells told a well-known Spokesman Club style, *Prinderella and the Cince*, a twist-tonguer.

As usual, the cooperation and overall warm friendly attitudes of God's people at play prompted the caretakers to remark, "You all sure know how to have fun, and you have such nice children—no loud screaming and tearing up things."

Thanks to everyone who helped toward this successful and happy occasion.

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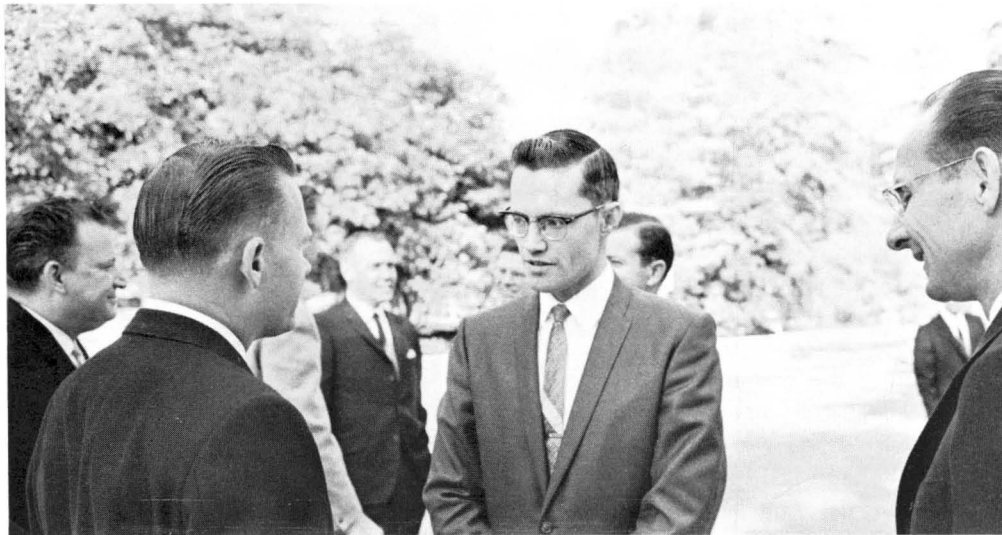
It was the need for God's people to develop tact and wisdom—learning *how and when* to say things. Again, articles in future issues of *The GOOD NEWS* will explain all these principles.

The fact that God's Work is WORLD-WIDE and making an impact on people everywhere was quite evident. Ministers and office managers from Australia, Canada, England, Germany, Ireland, the Philippines, South Africa and all around the United States gave glowing reports of the tremendous increase God is blessing His Work with.

Mr. Armstrong quoted a radio representative who said, "Your image is changing *every hour* around the world. Certain groups used to be hostile to you. Not so anymore. Now they view you with RELUCTANT ADMIRATION. They can't understand how you can keep growing and never ask for money."

Three years ago Pasadena civic leaders were concerned about the property Ambassador College was purchasing. Now these same men say, "Look at the urban renewal Ambassador College is undertaking—and it *doesn't cost the city a cent!*"

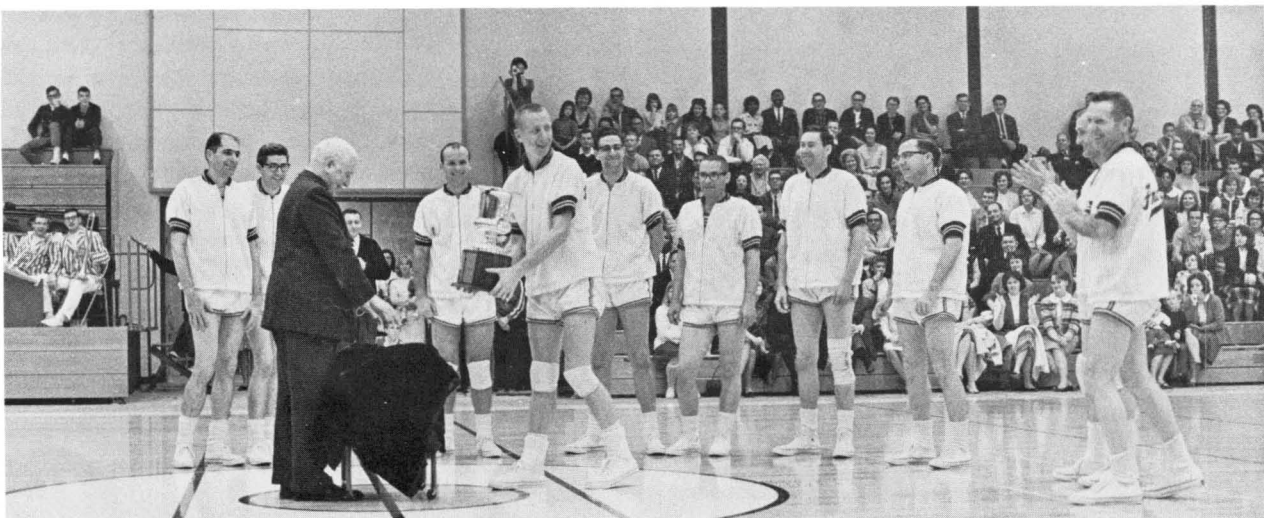
But the great future work to do and the tremendous understanding yet to be restored to God's Work shows there is a gargantuan task yet ahead in the very few short years remaining.



FOUR EVANGELISTS—Mr. Roderick Meredith discussing pertinent topics with Mr. Raymond Cole, Mr. Wayne Cole and Mr. Gerald Waterhouse.



PRESS TOUR—Mrs. Raymond McNair and Mr. Gerald Waterhouse look at PLAIN TRUTH signature during Ambassador Press tour.

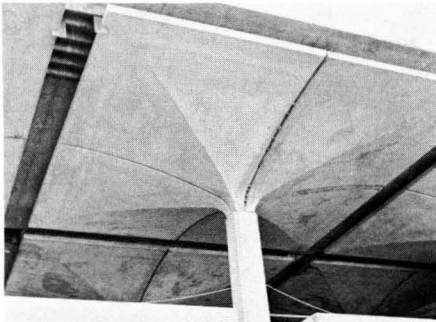


VICTORY AWARD—Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has just presented captain of Faculty Basketball Team, Jim Petty, with large trophy in recognition of their winning the Annual Invitational Tournament.



FILLED CIVIC—photo taken during

ORAMA



CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS—Touring ministers enter Dining Hall to view progress of building.



GALA DANCE—Glendale Spokesmen, wives and guests at recent semiformal dance.

Semi-Formal Ladies' Night at Glendale Provides Evening of Inspiration

Greatest Ladies' Night Yet!!! That was the feeling as a result of the Glendale Spokesman Club Ladies' Night meeting on December 20, 1965.

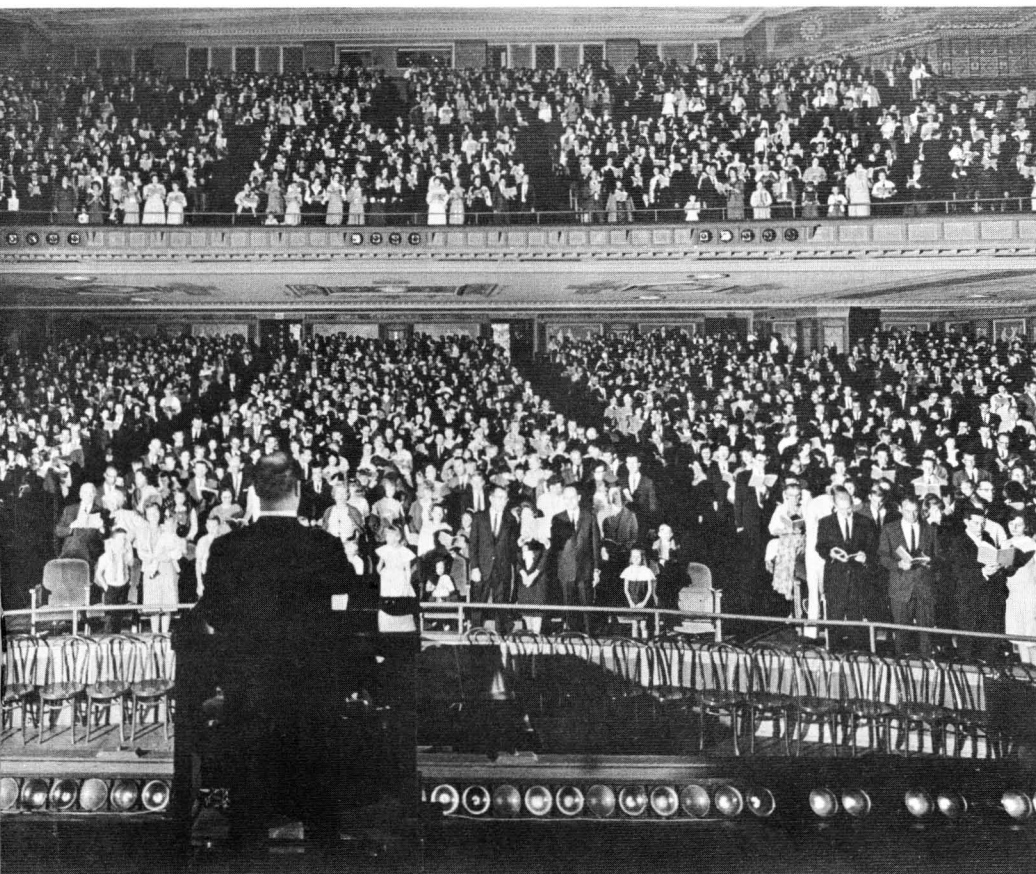
This was something *really special*.

The occasion was semiformal. The ladies' gowns were stunning with an array of color and eloquence. The setting was in the gracious decor of the Terrace Room at the Pickwick Recreation Center in Burbank.

The evening's festivities began with a cocktail hour, followed by a delightful and delicious dinner. An unusually lively and humorous topics session, with the ladies participating, was sparked by the club comedian, Mr. Leroy Johnson.

Toastmaster, Mr. Jim Christopher, sparked the speaking session with Mr. Dee Bowman receiving the "Most Improved Speaker" trophy for a stirring speech on encouraging the sick. Mr. Jim Jensen garnered the "Most Effective Speech" trophy with a most apropos speech on the ladies' part in the Spokesman Club. The "Most Helpful Evaluation" was given by Mr. Chuck Barrett.

A surprise and profitable overall evaluation was presented by special guest, Mr. John Halford, of Ambassador College. Club Director, Mr. Howard Clark wrapped up the formal meeting by inspiring the ladies to become a more effective part of the Spokesman Club. He stressed the importance of their responsibilities. Strains of music summoned couples to the dance floor to cap off a most delightful evening.



Special Sabbath during Conference resulted in Pasadena Civic Auditorium being filled to capacity as seen in this previous Holy Day.

Latin Brethren Enjoy Picnic At Griffith Park

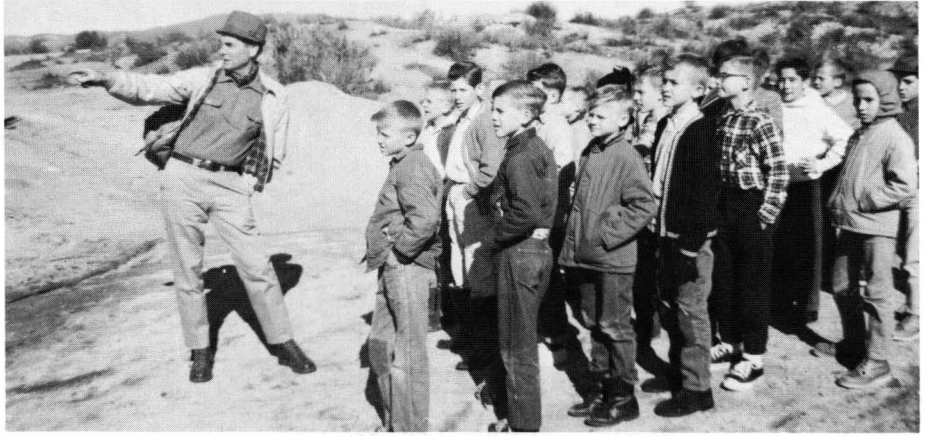
The Latin brethren from Los Angeles Church turned out in full force—84 strong—for the scheduled picnic at Griffith Park on the 19th of December.

Right from the start the proper ingredients to make this by far the most successful and enjoyable outing this group has ever had, were apparent—leadership, organization, attendance, cooperation, participation, and orderliness. Other factors were an abundance of warm sunshine, conversation, active and passive games, tasty food, rest, and contests for children, teen-agers, young adults and adults, with prizes for the winners.

The children had a full day. At least 20 jubilant youngsters took advantage of the opportunity to feed and pat their favorite animals while touring the children's zoo, under proper supervision. Later they participated in contests of water-filled balloon throwing and wheelbarrow races.

The juniors, teen-agers, young adults and adults participated fully in games of softball, volleyball, tennis, horseshoes, lawn croquet, and in a contest of water-filled balloon throwing. This last event was the most enjoyable to the participants as well as to those on the sidelines. There were of course the unlucky (or unskillful) ones who were drenched with water at the bursting of the balloons, accompanied by the laughter and later the applause from the

Los Angeles Boys' Club Visit Rocks



JUST AHEAD—Jay Vance points to large rock formations at Boys' Club outing.

audience for the winners who somehow escaped the deluge.

By 1:00 o'clock most everyone had worked up a voracious appetite which was enhanced by the plentiful and inviting food. There was not one of the whole group who did not participate in this part of the program. In fact many had seconds, and yet there was some left over for later in the afternoon.

Without the help of various individuals who took charge of the different activities throughout the day the whole affair would have been a failure. As it was, the majority of the people were still enthusiastically engaged at play even after the time scheduled to leave.

Let's keep up the enthusiasm and the desire to serve. Let's look forward and volunteer your suggestions for the next event which will take place in February.

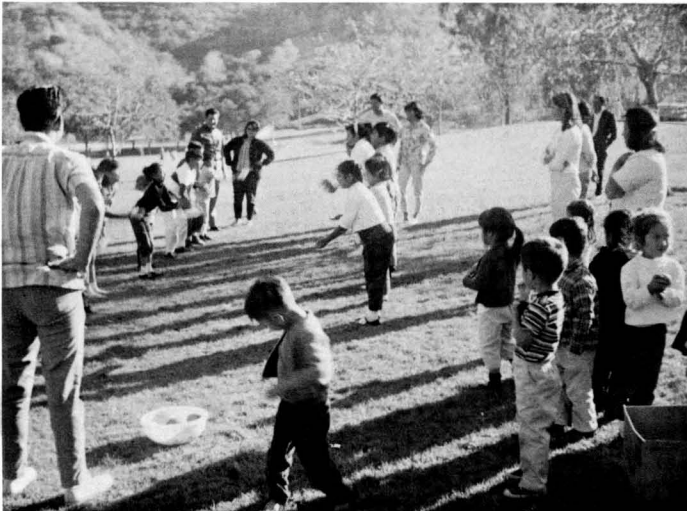
PICNIC—Games and food and bright sunshine make for an enjoyable Latin-brethren picnic.

December 26, 1965—A day to be much remembered by the Los Angeles Church Boys' Club. At 8:00 a.m. fifty-one boys gathered, full of excitement, ready to leave on their first outing since the Feast of Tabernacles. There was something special about this outing—the boys didn't know the destination.

The location was kept secret until the club arrived at VASQUEZ ROCKS. Excitement and emotions were reaching a climax as the boys stared in awe at the weather-sculptured formations which have been seen in hundreds of motion pictures.

Any similarity between fifty-one boys unloading at Vasquez Rocks and a crate of live chickens being opened in a farmyard is purely coincidental.

Club leaders remembered an old-fashioned remedy that has been used successfully in past situations—GOVERNMENT! Through the exercising of great self restraint plus adult supervision, the

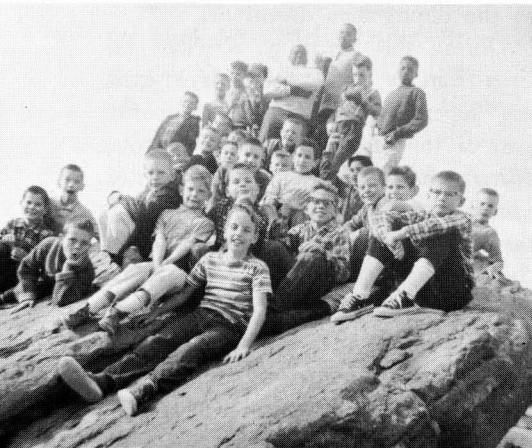


boys were organized while *on* rocks, *behind* rocks, *around* rocks, *under* rocks, *falling off* rocks, and occasionally trying to go *through* rocks. Some were appointed to carry water, help gather wood, build fires, and carry boxes of food while those without specific assignments participated in organized games. Newer members were given instruction in silent signals and stalking.

When the fires were ready each boy cooked his own lunch—hamburger a-la-foil. This was supplemented with potato salad, hot chocolate, potato chips, apples, and celery sticks with peanut butter.

After lunch all boys took part in games. Newer members were divided into two patrols and tried to sneak past each other in an attempt to reach opposite goals without being caught. Stalking and silent signals were used to help one another over the quarter mile of rock- and brush-covered hill.

Older members held a treasure hunt. Four teams of five boys each were sent



ROCK TOP—Boys' Club "on the rocks."

in different directions in search of hidden treasure. In order to find the valuables it was necessary to understand the *Boy Scout Manual* well enough to follow trail signs, read a map and use the compass. The attainment of sudden wealth brought forth shouts of "WHOOPIE" as each group found their loot—five boxes of *Cracker Jacks!* These were quickly consumed and the boys retired to the cars with full stomachs but very tired feet.

All were assembled, counted, cars were loaded, and the Los Angeles Church Boys' Club returned home after an exciting and enjoyable outing.

Annual Ball for Negro Members



SPECIAL DINNER—Negro brethren enjoy meal at Antique Inn during Ministerial Conference.

It was Tuesday night, January 11, 1966, when 80 Negro brethren met together at The Antique Inn, 3570 E. Foothill Blvd., Pasadena. There we enjoyed the Annual Ball in honor of Mr. Harold L. Jackson.

Last year 57 brethren attended the Annual Ball. This year a growth of 23 was evident. A few brethren from the San Diego area also attended.

At this time of the year the colored brethren here at Headquarters and around the Los Angeles and San Diego areas joyfully look forward to the Annual Ball. Mr. Jackson brings us reports from our scattered brethren from all over the states. He also informs us as to the growth and needs of the Work.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Elbert Atlas, Local Elder from Los Angeles called on Mr. Rufus Turner to ask the blessing on the food. Mr. Turner is presently from New York, and is now working with the Negro brethren in Los Angeles.

Here at The Antique Inn we dined, danced and enjoyed the entertainment. We enjoyed our meal, with beautiful and enchanting background music, in a splendid and cozy room with antique

lights and red velvet interior.

During the dinner Mr. Jackson gave a short talk on the need for men because of the growth of the Work. He admonished us that our responsibility in the future is tremendous, and that we should pray for the Work. He gave other important factors showing that help is needed right now. In Boston, New York, Chicago and Georgia there is help needed. Detroit is growing at a tremendous rate. He also informed us that Pittsburgh, Houston, San Francisco and Oakland also need help badly.

We were then shown a silent movie taken at the Feast of Tabernacles by our photographer, Mr. Sylvester Brown. Mr. Floyd Norman provided the music to it. There was laughter and refreshing of mind.

A full evening came to an end with dancing and music. We are looking forward to a much better Annual Ball next year and every year. We are surrounded with experiences, facts and events which we learned from the Ball of 1966. We do need all of your prayers that we will continue to grow and be faithful in the Work of 1966.



COMBINED MEETING—Mr. and Mrs. Richard Plache, right, enjoy meal as San Diego Clubs hold combined meeting. Mr. Plache is associate pastor of the San Diego Church.

COMBINED MEETING IN SAN DIEGO

Sunday evening, December 5, proved to be most profitable and enjoyable as the Monday and Wednesday night Spokesman Clubs met.

We were privileged to have in attendance both pastors of the San Diego church, Mr. Portune and Mr. Plache who traveled all the way from headquarters to attend this combined meeting. The presence of the wives, widows and other guests added to the cheerful surroundings of the glass-enclosed Tiki room of the Town and Country Motel in beautiful Mission Valley.

The meeting was opened by the club director, Mr. Schreiber, who directed our attention to the theme, Eccl. 9:10, and to the decorations depicting physical work for a full and happy physical life and spiritual study and work which leads to eternal life.

After a lively business session Mr. Bradford presented, during table topics, such subjects as *Women drivers* and *Elections in France*. Following a short recess the speeches were enthusiastically presented, blending in with the theme. The most effective speech was given by Mr. Coleman, who spoke on *Our Way of Life*.

The highlight of the evening was a split evaluation of the program. Mr. Plache admonished us to work on voice power. Mr. Portune was pleased by the growth of the clubs, and encouraged us to continue making progress throughout the coming year.

This was truly one of the best meetings we have had in many months.

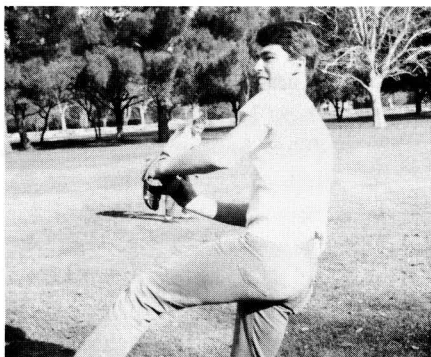
Sacramento Church Holds Outing

One of the most enjoyable and successful church outings of the year was held in beautiful William Land Park in Sacramento, November 21, 1965.

Winter rains had already set in, but "somehow" two days before the picnic it cleared up, and a hard November wind dried the soggy ground. The morning of the 21st dawned with a clear blue sky, crisp air, and a warm sun.

Beginning at 10:00 a.m. happy people arrived, and soon volleyball, ping pong, badminton, and softball games swelled with active players. Youngsters enjoyed specially organized games. Teenagers furnished plenty of hot coffee, punch, and good-tasting popcorn.

At 12:30 all game activities stopped, and everyone participated enthusiastically in the eating of a delicious lunch. After a period of rest and conversation the teenagers challenged adults to a



TEENS WIN—Tom Harrison sparks teens to softball victory over adults at Sacramento Church outing.

swift game of softball. The boys proved the victors in this fast-moving contest.

As the waning sun began to set in the western sky, cars were hurriedly loaded and people began to leave, thankful for another perfect day.



VICTORY SMILE—Little Laurie Lund, with a smile in her eyes and a conquered apple in her teeth stands by clown, Ted Herlofson, during Oakland Social.

BAVARIAN NIGHT ENJOYED AT OAKLAND SOCIAL

Frolicking fun and fellowship flowed from sunset till the late evening hours while nearly four hundred Bay Area brethren gathered in Oakland for their monthly social, December 25.

A dynamic chair crew swept the auditorium of its chairs and set up decorated tables, chairs, scenery and what have you for *A NIGHT IN BAVARIA*. Meanwhile, a hearty meal of giant hamburgers, tasty relishes, dips, chips and French fries was quickly prepared in the dining area downstairs.

During this flurry of activity, children from five to ten years played exciting supervised games in yet another part of the building. Finally everyone, filtering in from everywhere, it seemed, joined together for the *feast*—giving their orders to our teen-agers who did the serving costumed in full native Bavarian attire. Then, the dancing and gala entertainment . . .

Our own excellent band and vocalists provided music for the asking until the entertainers seized control of the goings-on. Then Mr. George Eversole's teen-agers and Mr. Donald Osborne's older folk split time for a fine fun show.

This full evening was ended by a few more minutes of delightful dancing and happily tired and fond farewells.

Oakland Brethren Attend Messiah Performance

Approximately 100 brethren from the Oakland Church gathered Thursday evening, December 23, at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium to hear the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra and the newly formed Giannini Concert Chorus perform George F. Handel's **MESSIAH**.

Soloists for the evening were Adele

Addison, Soprano; Frances Bible, Mezzo Soprano; Richard Verreau, Tenor; and Thomas Paul, Bass.

Though lacking the emotional depth and power portrayed on the Ambassador Chorale recording of the same works, it was an enjoyable performance and a good cultural experience for church brethren.

Basketball Tournament at Half-Way Mark; Pasadena Royals Leading the League

The Glendale Chargers relinquished their hold on first place as a powerful Long Beach team combined offense with a superb defense to hand the hitherto undefeated Chargers their first loss. Meanwhile, the Pasadena Royals—by winning against the Athletics in a recent battle—added another victory without defeat, and took over FIRST PLACE in the league standings.

Long Beach moved into third place with consecutive victories over Glendale and the Los Angeles Hustlers. Their record now stands at four wins and three losses. The Pasadena Flyers now have a record of three and five by defeating the Los Angeles Valiants, but fell back into fifth place by dropping their next encounter to the Athletics of Pasadena.

The Los Angeles Hustlers, despite tremendous potential, have not really jelled as a team and consequently are in a last place tie with the Valiants.

Injuries have plagued the Athletics and the loss of Jim Rudometkin's towering frame has caused a gaping void in their over-all game. In topping the Flyers in their latest game, they were able to pick up win number two.

Two major surprises feature the first five weeks of play. The number one surprise is the consistently outstanding quality of play by the League-leading Pasadena Royals. Team effort is apparent as these men work together as a smooth-functioning unit.

LEAGUE STANDINGS		
TEAM	WON	LOST
Pasadena Royals . . .	7	0
Glendale Chargers .	6	1
Long Beach	4	3
Pasadena Athletics .	3	4
Pasadena Flyers . . .	3	5
Los Angeles Valiants	2	6
Los Angeles Hustlers	1	7

Surprise number two is the powerful Glendale team. They have out-classed their rivals consistently and have all the tools with which to become a champion. Their loss to Long Beach must be considered the *major* upset of the young season and the scheduled rematch promises to be exciting.

ALL the games are exciting. Basketball—played at such places as the Sports Arena—is exciting and action-packed, even though we don't know the players. We DO know the players who are participating in the church league. That *personal* relationship coupled with good sportsmanship, adds the extra quality which makes OUR league the *most* stirring and enjoyable of all.

Come out and watch when you can!

Bakersfield-Pasadena Hold Combined Meeting

Christian fellowship highlighted a recent combined meeting of the Pasadena A and Bakersfield Spokesman's Clubs.

Members, wives, families, and special guests of Pasadena A, traveled to Bakersfield to attend Sabbath Services with the Bakersfield Church. Then, immediately after the Sabbath, joined the newly organized Bakersfield club for an inspiring combined Ladies' Night in the large banquet room of the El Tejon Hotel.

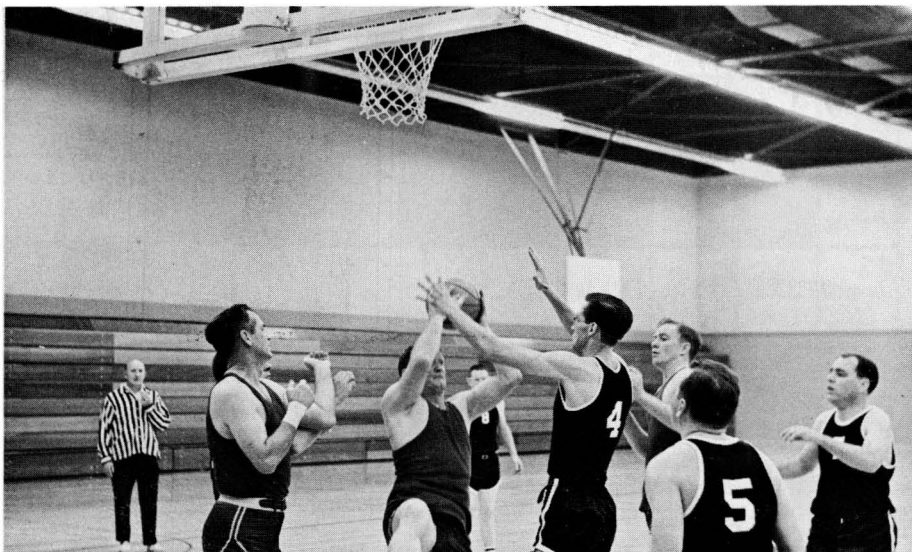
During a lively tabletopics session, the subjects of *The best place to buy a used car* and *Can you find the really important news in a newspaper?* were thoroughly discussed.

Six thoughtful and helpful speeches covering such subjects as *Be successful minded*, *You are one of the elite*, *Improve your reading habits*, *How to be a good assistant*, and *Are your door-locks safe?* stimulated the members and guests during the speaking portion of the meeting.

(This month's Editorial on page 2 is Keith Hunter's speech on being a good assistant—Ed.)

Mr. Paul Royer and Mr. Hugh Mauck, the club directors, concurred in stating that the meeting had been enjoyable, helpful, and successful. Members of both clubs expressed their enjoyment of the get-together.

After the meeting, a successful day was capped off with music, dancing, and fellowshiping. Then Pasadena members headed home, satisfied that they were much better acquainted with brethren from another of God's Church congregations.



ACTION—Mr. Bill Evans with the ball under the basket as the Pasadena Flyers battle the Los Angeles Hustlers in the church basketball league.

