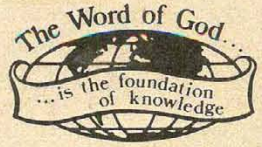


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## THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD

### being enthroned in eyes of Church

### once again by Jesus Christ

By Herbert W. Armstrong

**L**ET'S FACE IT — we in God's Church were beginning to get our eyes off of our *GREAT MAJESTIC GOD!* THE HEAD of our Church, the living Jesus Christ, is opening our eyes to our danger! Once again Christ is enthroning THE GREAT GOD in our eyes — and in our hearts!

Yes, more than generally realized, Satan was manipulating things to make God's Church and His Work more and more secular — more like any other *purely worldly and human activity!*

The realization of this was brought forcibly to my mind by my thinking over a criticism from one whose understanding needs updating. He said I was surrounded by "yes-men."

That set off a chain of thought. This expression *yes-men* is a bit of modern terminology, generally meaning passive, extraneous, weak-minded men who go along purely to serve their own personal interests or through fear.

In that category, our administrative personnel and our ministry, most assuredly are *NOT* yes-men.

But there is another meaning that could be applied to that expression. And in that sense I want to be a yes-man myself — and I hope that all of us, whether lay members, ministers or administrative people, are *this* kind of yes-people.

#### Challenged by the Sabbath

I can illustrate what I mean by my own personal experience at the time of my conversion. And I would hope that the experience God put me through then might serve to set an example for all you to follow.

I had been CHALLENGED! At the time my whole mind and heart was set on "doing my own thing." And that "thing" was being a success in the advertising profession.

Of course, I felt I was doing the *right* thing. At age 18 I had put myself through a self-analysis to determine what talents and abilities (if any) I had, and what weaknesses, faults or dislikes that might hinder success.

Also I went through a survey of the various jobs, professions, occupations or businesses to determine into which category I belonged. This analysis led me to decide that the field of advertising was the area in which I properly fitted.

So the advertising, merchandising and journalism field became my own thing — and of course I sincerely believed it was the *right* thing!

When my wife began keeping God's Sabbath, I regarded it as the pinnacle of religious fanaticism. And especially because it seemed hostile to my own thing. What would my business associates think was the first challenging thought to enter my mind.

#### Reasoning fails

I tried argument and reasoning with my misled (as I thought) wife. All the arguments that still viciously attack God's Sabbath by those in traditional Christianity came instantly to mind. They had no effect.

"But," I finally protested, "I know the Bible says 'Thou shalt observe Sunday.'"

"Can you show me where it says that?" she asked.

"Well, no — I wouldn't know where to find it, because I don't know anything about the Bible. My mind has been on my business! But I know it's in the Bible, because *all these churches can't be wrong*, and they get their religion out of the Bible."

"Well, you find it and show it to me in the Bible," said my wife, "and I'll go back to observing Sunday."

That seemed to leave me no alternative, because to us marriage was till death parted us — and I didn't want either to lose my wife or live with fanaticism.

So in order to have my own way — to continue doing my own thing without embarrassment, I entered with a will into the most intensive indepth study and research of my life. I blew the dust off my Bible, so to speak, and delved into it with confident alacrity.

#### Evolution researched

At the same time I had been challenged by a sister-in-law on the validity of the evolutionary theory.

I delved into Darwin, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt and modern evolutionists. For a short while my head was swimming in bewildered consternation. Did God exist after all? I realized I had ASSUMED the existence of God because I had always been taught it, but I HAD NEVER PROVED IT! Now my mind demanded PROOF!

And my relentless study brought that PROOF POSITIVE! Immediately following there came to me irrefutable PROOF of the infallible inspiration and authority of the Bible (in its original writings) as the precise WORD OF GOD TO MAN!

But although this, so far, was pleasing and acceptable to me, I was having real difficulty in wrestling with this Sabbath question. My researches into that question were not going to my liking.

This almost day-and-night intensive study began in the fall of 1926. By the spring of 1927 I not only had to eat crow on the Sabbath question — I had discovered, with PROOF, the permanency of God's annual Sabbaths and Feasts as well.

#### Complete surrender to God

In all this I had not found or

proved what I wanted. Also I saw proved clearly that all these churches were, emphatically, WRONG! Most important, I was brought to see, against my will, that I HAD BEEN WRONG — not only on the Sabbath truth, but in what I actually was! I had just been wrong all over!

I was brought to the REPENTANCE that is complete SURRENDER to the will of God! I was brought to the unconditional surrender of being willing to say, with Christ, "Not my will, but THINE be done!" I was brought, not only to complete repentance, but to living FAITH — to BELIEVE GOD — that is, to believe what He says!

To God I said, "YES, SIR!" In utter sincerity, I literally GAVE MYSELF to Jesus Christ. He had bought and paid for me with His life's blood. He OWNED me. I BELONGED to HIM!

I became a YES-MAN to Christ! Through human weaknesses I have not succeeded perfectly in leaving my life in His hands, but that has always remained my INTENTION — my motivating attitude!

When I GAVE my life over to Jesus Christ, I honestly by that time had come to feel I was not giving Him anything of value.

But I did feel if He could use this worthless life of mine it was now His to use!

#### Christ's yes-man

The living Christ inspired the apostle John to say that even we Christians will not live perfect lives. BUT, he added, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness!" I still keep asking for that cleansing. But I did become Christ's yes-man. I gave up *doing my own thing!*

And I hope all our administrative people and all our ministers and their wives, as well as the entire body of God's Church, also are *that* kind of yes-men.

There is a vast difference between being an insipid yes-man weakling through cringing FEAR, and being resolute and strong-minded, imbued with the Holy Spirit of God.

On the other hand there is also a vast difference between that and being stubbornly mule-minded, each pulling his own way and *doing his own thing!*

What God intends us to be — what we MUST be to succeed in His Work — are resolute people, imbued with the HOLY SPIRIT of God, recognizing that Jesus Christ is our LEADER. And we plunge forth, *all of the same mind*

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## GOSSIP AND ACCUSATION MUST STOP

### PREFACE BY GOD'S APOSTLE

Perhaps the No. 1 problem — yes, and even the No. 1 and most prevalent SIN in God's Church today is careless GOSSIP and rumor spreading. Whether or not realized, it often becomes accusation and slander.

If a hostile student demonstration, such as organized and promoted by Communists, had appeared on the Ambassador campus I would have made it my business to identify the LEADER and get rid of him. Once such actions lose their leadership they disintegrate. It's the same on our problem of rumors — especially those ugly rumors that discredit or accuse, actually, perhaps un-

realized, a form of *character assassination*.

I fully realize that often this is mere carelessness — a sort of thinking through the mouth — with no deliberate intention to harm. But it DOES HARM! And sometimes it is intended to harm!

The subject came up in a conversation with David Antion. At my request he has prepared the following memorandum on GOD'S LAW covering this subject.

This sort of thing MUST BE STAMPED OUT OF GOD'S CHURCH. Our Leader and HEAD of the Church, Jesus Christ, IS TURNING GOD'S CHURCH AROUND, though He uses His human servant in so doing.

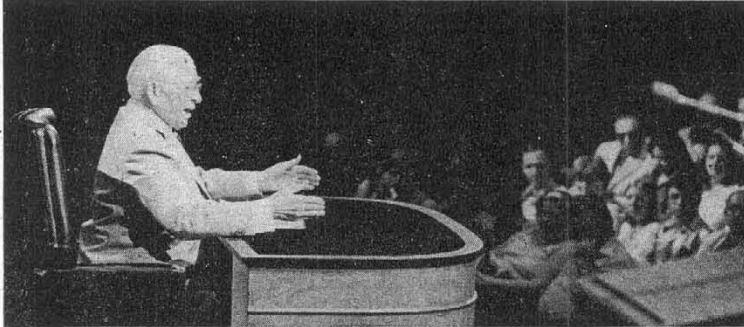
However, because 1) we have perhaps carelessly neglected em-

phatic TEACHING on this subject, and 2) much of such gossip or rumor has probably been done carelessly without full realization of the seriousness of it, I have decided to hold off direct and definite punitive corrective action UNTIL THIS THING HAS BEEN EMPHASIZED by the ministry, and in print, before the membership.

I realize that even many of us, including myself, may have been guilty of this through carelessness, thoughtlessness or neglect. I have decided, therefore, that first we must PUT EMPHATIC EMPHASIS on this matter in teachings, sermons and articles.

But this is to be followed by DIRECT ACTION, seeking out the SOURCE — the one who started

(See GOSSIP, page 7)



**FEAST MESSAGES** — Herbert W. Armstrong delivers two messages July 21 and 22 to be shown at all sites during the coming Feast of Tabernacles. The message recorded during the weekly Friday-night Bible study will be shown at opening-night services at the Feast, and his full-length sermon the next day is scheduled to be shown at services on the first Holy Day during the Feast. [Photos by Scott Ashley]

## Cultural, historical center new Canadian Feast site

By Henry C. Sturck  
SHERBROOKE, Que. — How can you stay in North America and yet have the cosmopolitan experience of a Feast in a foreign language? Come share the Feast with a hearty *Quebecois* flair, that's how.

Sherbrooke, the site of this year's French-language Feast in Canada, offers all the urban conveniences of a city of 100,000 inhabitants, yet is situated in the tranquil Eastern Townships, a region not unlike the New England states just south of here.

Both the name of the town and its history betray its bilingual history, a mixed heritage that provides insight both into the yesterday of a whole continent and the headlines of today.

The first major wave of settlement here came in the aftermath of the American Revolution, when those who had remained loyal to the crown [Tories] found life difficult in the newly-born United States and fled north.

One of the new Tory settlers, Gilbert Hyatt, thought this trading center, at the fork joining two rivers, would make an excellent site for a flour mill. Not surprisingly the budding village soon became known as Hyatt's Mill. Before long it achieved its permanent name, Sherbrooke, in honor (according to most historians) of a British hero of the War of 1812 and later governor-general of Canada.

The fact that Sherbrooke is situated at the confluence of two rivers dictated its fate once the industrial revolution hit North America. Both Canadian and American manufacturers established factories here, producing textiles, heavy machinery, leather goods and clothing.

Employment opportunities and available farm land in the area proved attractive to Quebec's expanding French population. Now over 80 percent of the area's population is French-speaking.

But Sherbrooke is more than manufacturing and commerce. Visitors

will find that it is also a major center of Quebec's administrative, intellectual and cultural life. Artisans in the city and the surrounding countryside keep the folk crafts alive, while music, drama and fine arts thrive as well.

The Sherbrooke Feastgoer will find the city offers a full calendar of activities, exhibits and concerts. Many of these are centered on the campus of the Université de Sherbrooke, which is also our Feast site.

One attraction of the Sherbrooke site is the mixture of town and country. As a metropolis it offers a wide variety of restaurants, shops and entertainments. But once you leave town, you've gone country with gently sloping mountains, scenic valleys, refreshing lakes and streams and rustic villages.

Since the surrounding countryside is a major tourist region, there is a wide selection of motels, inns and chalets to complement the many hotels and motels available in town.

You've heard of the New England forests in autumn? Well, the scenery doesn't stop at the border. Bring a camera to capture the blaze of multicolored foliage, which should be at its peak during the Feast. Expect early morning frosts, and don't be surprised if we get some light snow. On the other hand a spell of Indian summer might not put golf and water-skiing out of the picture.

To get to Sherbrooke, take Interstate 91 from Vermont, where it joins Canada 55, or take Highway 10 from Montreal (90 miles west of here). A municipal airport is also located here.

Members living in Canada should obtain information about accommodations by writing to the address given in the Festival-information letter sent from Vancouver, B.C. Members in the United States should have transfer applications approved through the Big Sandy, Tex., Festival Office and members living in other countries should write to the Vancouver office.

The "Worldwatch" column by Gene H. Hogberg does not appear in this issue of *The Good News* because of the writer's current travel schedule out of the country. It will resume in the next edition with his analysis of the recent world economic summit conference in Bonn and current prophetic trends in Germany and Europe.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

**'Good News' appreciated**  
Thank you for *Good News* — it's inspiring and fulfilling a great need for members like myself who are too far away to attend services regularly.

Mrs. Hilda Hechler  
Eshowe, South Africa

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Your letter in *The Good News* was great

## sharing...

### True greatness is ...

Just what is greatness? What constitutes a great person? And is greatness something the average man or woman can aspire to?

We constantly hear about this or that great entertainer, great baseball player, great novelist or great doctor — people who are noted for superiority of accomplishment in a particular field of activity. But that great person might be, at the same time, a miserable failure as a parent, an inveterate liar and cheat, a person of questionable moral character.

A truly great person would seem to be something else. The phrase implies something about the totality of an individual, not just one isolated facet of his life. In looking for true greatness we must look at a person as a whole.

What, then, are the signs of true greatness in a person?

This question might be best approached by first suggesting what true greatness is not. Greatness is not to be confused, for example, with the achieving of high office and the wielding of great power and influence. Nor is wide recognition, national or international prominence, a true standard of greatness. Nor is wealth or genius. By those standards many criminals and the infamous of this world would have to be considered great.

It is also important to consider how many of the acknowledged great men of history have come to be so considered. As an English writer of the early 19th century wisely observed, "Subtract from the great man all that he owes to opportunity, all that he owes to chance, and all that he has

gained by the wisdom of his friends and the folly of his enemies, and the giant will often be seen to be a pygmy." In Shakespeare's words, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them."

True greatness might be described as an inner quality in human lives, a quality that may be present even among the lowly. Men and women of no note do great deeds every day, men and women of high personal standards and unbending character, men and women who are willing to serve others without seeking public recognition, who are willing to sacrifice, who are willing to dedicate themselves totally to noble goals and purposes.

In the final analysis those who are striving daily to live a godly life are truly great. In so doing they consider first and above all how they may gain the approbation and approval of God rather than that of man. If some few of these achieve what is commonly viewed as greatness, it is not because they sought it out of vanity, but because it lay in the clear path of Christian duty.

For over 1,000 years Roman conquerors returning from foreign lands enjoyed the honor of a great public parade. Riding through the streets in his golden chariot, the conqueror took great pleasure in accepting the deafening accolades of the assembled masses. But behind the great conqueror stood a slave holding a golden crown and whispering in his ear a warning, "All glory is fleeting."

The greatness and glory of this world are transitory. But the final reward for a life of true greatness will be an eternal crown and glory that cannot fade away.

*This issue's column is written by Keith Stump, a veteran member of The Plain Truth editorial staff.*

and very moving. We are staying behind you 100 percent. And we know you are in the driver's seat! Keep up the inspiring letters to us! Wish we could see you at the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy.

Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Hubbell  
Seadrift, Tex.

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The last *Good News* paper we received is the best we have had for years. I just don't know how to put on paper how I feel, but am praying for God's guidance and blessings upon all His servants and people. He surely has blessed me. Thank you for everything.

Mrs. Velma Hunt  
Seattle, Wash.

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Certainly appreciate receiving this paper free. I surely hope the postal strike doesn't happen, I would miss you too much.

Please know we appreciate all your hard work, and daily pray for all at headquarters.

Mr. John Henry  
Mill Run, Pa.

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### Excellent examples

In reference to Mr. Stan Rader's address printed in the July 3rd issue of the *GN*. To Mr. Rader I say — good for you — you explained who you are and where you come from, with the *humble dignity* I knew you would. That tells me why Mr. Herbert Armstrong would have you as chief aide.

We would all do well to follow Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's and your excellent examples of being *humble*. Just one who thought you should be told.

Thank you, Mr. H. Armstrong, for sharing with us what you have known all along!

Mrs. Frances Calkins  
Roswell, N.M.

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# THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD

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(that of Christ) — in PERFECT HARMONY AND UNITY — all speaking the same thing.

## God's command

Listen, then, to God's command:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10).

God did not inspire the apostle Paul to mean that *wrong* kind of yes-men — insipid, weak, fear-minded men concerned with self-interest. What He did mean is that we should all be led by the same Spirit — God's Holy Spirit.

He meant, as Paul wrote to the Philippians, that we should through the Holy Spirit be "like-minded, having the same love, of one accord, of one mind." He said, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory [vanity to exalt self or further one's personal interests]; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things . . . Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:1-5).

You are not, then, allowed by God each to preach his own interpretations; but rather as Christ leads the TEAM!

In other words, God inspired Paul to admonish us: Be strong-minded, but Spirit-minded and Spirit-led. Let God's Spirit make us all of ONE MIND — as a TEAM — let your part in God's Work be your part in a TEAM EFFORT, all together in one accord!

## Must be team leadership

God wants us to be always mindful that to be a team, there must be TEAM LEADERSHIP!

But how?

We must always keep in mind that JESUS CHRIST is the living HEAD of the Church. But how does Christ head the Work? He does not Himself personally, by personal contact with each department and each member, carry on the Work. He does not lead God's Work through the self-will of each minister or individual, each pulling his own direction to do his own thing.

Jesus Christ leads God's Work through human leaders whom HE (not the members by vote) CHOOSES and works through.

In the days of ancient Israel in the wilderness, God worked through Moses. When Aaron and Miriam challenged Moses' leadership — when they wanted equal say-so — God sternly rebuked them. He punished Miriam with temporary leprosy. And when Korah led a group challenging Moses' leadership, God caused them to be swallowed up by the earth!

## Has God changed?

Yet many seem to think God has CHANGED or lost His interest or His power! Some, knowing these facts full well, have not

feared to challenge the leadership of CHRIST's choosing today! Perhaps these have become un-mindful that they are being judged by God, now!

"Yes," one may argue, "but that was Old Testament stuff! We are under the NEW Testament! God has CHANGED!"

WHAT? God has changed? He says "I change NOT." The God of Moses was the one who was later born as Jesus Christ! And He is the same, yesterday, today and forever!

God tells us in the New Testament (1 Corinthians 10:11) those Old Testament examples were for our admonition in the END time!

But let's look at how Christ led the New Testament Church.

He chose Peter as leading apostle and Paul leader in the Work to the Gentiles. Paul writes: ". . . when they [at Jerusalem] saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter . . ." (Galatians 2:7).

Yet Peter took precedence over Paul, as shown at the Jerusalem conference (Acts 15). Paul had been at Antioch. Severe contentions arose in the church there. In this case Paul did not then and there settle it in Antioch, but went to Jerusalem with Barnabas and certain others — BECAUSE PETER WAS THERE.

"And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, PETER ROSE UP . . ." and gave the DECISION. Then James, because he was pastor of the headquarters church, as a matter of protocol, made PETER'S DECISION official.

In this case Peter had preeminence over Paul and all apostles.

In 1 Corinthians 5 is the account of a fornicator in the church. Paul reproved the whole church and showed his authority saying, "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present."

To the Corinthian church Paul said, "What will ye? Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?" (1 Corinthians 4:21).

## Difference in government

The one who accused of yes-men also needs updating on a number of other observations he made. He says, "Obviously you will not find democracy in Exodus . . . The government God set up then was the best form of government that could be set up for that day and age, not a master blueprint for eternity . . ."

He thinks members' viewpoints ought to make the decisions for today, and we should have democracy in the Church, every person doing what seems right in his own eyes. That is precisely what ancient Israel did. In the days of the judges, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." And this was constantly leading Israel into the captivity of surrounding kings.

What is the actual DIFFERENCE between GOD'S GOVERNMENT, which is GOVERNMENT FROM THE

TOP DOWN, and democracy? Under what we call democracy, if I drive to an intersection with a STOP sign, I am not free to go on through if it is right in my own eyes. We are not free to do whatever seems right in every individual's eyes. We still have LAWS, and codes and rules. And we have police and other law enforcement agencies.

The DIFFERENCE is that in what we erroneously call democracy, the PEOPLE decide by vote or *who shall be their leaders* — whether Mayor or governor or president. BUT THERE IS STILL RULE.

## Christ is our Leader

The difference, then, is that in GOD'S GOVERNMENT, GOD decides, through Christ, WHOM He shall choose and install in office over His people in His Church. God's apostle cannot do as he pleases in his own personal interest, but as CHRIST leads him.

And if he doesn't? If he needs correction or removal? If so that is CHRIST'S responsibility — and HE WILL SEE TO IT. It is not the responsibility of those UNDER the apostle to correct him.

But maybe Christ is NOT LOOKING or maybe Christ neglects to correct him? Should not the people under him then take it into their hands? To do so would be to DEFY CHRIST — TO TRY TO TAKE CHRIST'S JOB AWAY FROM HIM!

Brethren, whether others know it or not, I know well that Christ is not asleep at the switch — He will not neglect His job — and I FEAR to disbelieve that.

The BIG POINT we must never lose sight of is that CHRIST IS THE LIVING HEAD OF GOD'S CHURCH, and we'd better all TREMBLE at His Word!

And that HITS THE NAIL SQUARELY ON THE HEAD. The trouble, these past 10 years, is that too many have lost sight of the fact that CHRIST is our INSPIRED LEADER. There has been too much tendency to look on the Church and the Work as OUR OWN SECULAR WORK — like

any worldly club or business.

You have not read in *The Good News* lately that Mr. HWA has set the Church back on the track — but that THE LIVING CHRIST has moved to do it! And, to use another modern expression, YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT!

## How new truth is revealed

NOW WHERE does our TEACHING come from? What doctrines and teachings shall we accept? Those voted on by the doctrinal committee? Fellow ministers and brethren, Christ through me has *abolished* the doctrinal committee! God's Church is being set back BY THE LIVING CHRIST on the track of ORIGINAL TRUTH as CHRIST instilled it into God's Church through His chosen apostle!

Too little of the efforts of the doctrinal committee were to find and accept genuine *new truth* — but to disprove, to alter or change truth, which Christ already had established in God's Church!

From time to time I propose to give you examples of that, as I proceed to reestablish the ORIGINAL POSITIVE TRUTH given us through CHRIST, correcting the errors — though they be few — in the Systematic Theology Project (STP).

The real Head of this Church has continued to reveal NEW truth — genuine bona fide NEW truth — through His apostle, but there seems to have been a tendency for some to ignore or try to disprove what CHRIST has inspired.

Look, now, to the matter of HOW the original Church of God received its truths and its doctrines. There were NO DOCTRINAL COMMITTEES of special intellectual scholars who got together and decided on and then gave to the Church what it was to believe.

The living CHRIST, the HEAD of the Church, gave His Church HIS truth THROUGH HIS APOSTLES! Through Peter, through Paul, through James, INSPIRED

through those He chose.

But why do we find so much more of the New Testament written by Paul than by Peter? Simply because Christ had sent Peter and the original 12, after Peter's visit to Babylon, to "the LOST sheep of the House of ISRAEL!" Their identity was LOST and God-intended to leave it that way. Peter and the original 12 went to western Europe and Britain. They dropped out of sight so to speak. None of New Testament scripture was written of their work there.

## Input is considered

Now a definition of that word INPUT. It does not mean an authoritative doctrine or even a vote on such. But input is welcome, to be CONSIDERED by Christ's apostle, as prayerfully led by Christ. But the DECISION must come from CHRIST through His apostle. And the living Christ has maintained the mind and mental processes of His apostle in all the vitality, clarity, UNDERSTANDING, given him 20 years ago and 51 years ago. Even through Moses' entire leadership of the Israelites from Egypt, through the wilderness up to the promised land — a period of 40 years — beginning after Moses was 80 years of age, yet at age 120, his natural force and mind had not abated!

Jesus Christ is ABLE — and He WILL — keep the spiritual and mental powers of His chosen apostle sharp and keen and clear, UNTIL THE GREAT COMMISSION IS FINISHED!

Brethren, let's PLUNGE ON INTO IT, fully mindful that Christ has again ENTHRONED THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD at the Supreme Headship of Christ, and of His Church and Work! This is NOT THE WORK OF MEN! This Church is the living TEMPLE to which Christ soon will come! HE BUILT IT! And except the Eternal build the house, they labor in vain that build it! (Psalms 127:1).

## Music love leads member to play

By Barbara McNeese

KINGSFORT, Tenn. — An original musical production, *Wait for Me, Rachel*, was performed here by the Kingsport church choir April 1. The three-act play, written by Mary Lou Wells, a Church member here, is based on the courtship and marriage of Jacob to Rachel and Leah and his subsequent problems as head of this mixed-up household. She also wrote the music and lyrics for the lively play.

Mrs. Wells has had a lifelong interest in music and literature.

"I remember singing as a very small child. They used to try to trick me into singing [in public] because I was so shy."

She also participated in school plays throughout grammar school.

"I was educated in public and private schools, and I learned an appreciation of the finer aspects of music and literature in the private schools, because you get a better education in those fields in private schools."

Mrs. Wells was unable to continue her education, however, because, as with most women in the 1950s and

'60s, housewifery and motherhood came first in her life.

"Although I still read avidly, wanting to educate myself, wrote poetry and kept my interest in music, I was really unable to find an outlet for what creativity I possessed until about eight years ago."

It was then, at the age of 30, that she began taking music and voice lessons again. She also had much of her poetry published and is a member of the Poetry Society of London and the Tennessee Literary Arts Association. She is also a member of the National Society of Published Poets and was named this year to their *Who's Who in Poetry, 1978*.

About two years ago, Mrs. Wells happened to mention to Susan Owen, then a 17-year-old member of God's Church and a very talented musician, that she could sit down and play original music — "but I didn't know what to do with it." Susan suggested that Mrs. Wells record these melodies on tape and she would arrange them for her.

"It was her sparkle of interest in something that I could do that started the play, *Wait For Me, Rachel*, and at

that time I had no intention of writing a musical."

But one melody led to another and with her love for the story of Jacob and Rachel, Mrs. Wells and Susan found themselves composing and arranging music for their first play. "We always hear about the so-called generation gap, but we became very close friends."

Asked if she had any plans to do something like this again, Mrs. Wells responded: "Well, I have been working all along on a story of Joseph, and I have about 10 songs on his story already. I'm also working on a secular love story, 'Once Upon a Love.'"

She hasn't sent her work, *Wait For Me, Rachel*, to a music publisher yet. She says she wants it to be as perfect as she can get it, but there are plans to publish it. Her poetry and music will continue and her creativity will grow right along with it.

"I feel so much better about myself now. My self-esteem has grown immensely. I'm working hard at something I've always loved."

And that's extremely important to Mary Lou Wells.

## Part 2

# THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT HEALING

By Herbert W. Armstrong  
We come now to the biblical teaching on the subject of healing. And I can best bring this to the reader by relating my own personal and unusual experience in discovering it.

When I first came among those of the Church of God in 1926 and 1927, they still carried the NAME "Church of God." They knew of the second coming of Christ to reign on earth for a thousand years, though they knew little, or almost nothing, of what would actually take place during that millennial reign.

Back in 1860 the largest number of them had split off, coming to the belief that the millennial reign with Christ would take place in heaven. Leaving the truth they also left the true name.

Although the knowledge of these simple but sincere people regarding the Kingdom of God was very incomplete, they did believe in keeping the commandments of God. They had more biblical truth than any religious body on earth.

Even though God's Church had endured through the centuries, gradually much of the original truth of the Gospel apparently had been lost.

### True knowledge revealed

Subsequent events have shown that I was being called by the living Christ for a very special end-time commission to raise up the Philadelphia era of God's Church (Revelation 3:7-13), to restore much lost knowledge (Daniel 12:4), to restore the great commission (Matthew 24:14) and publish (Mark 13:10) His true Gospel of the Kingdom of God "in all the world for a witness unto all nations" just before the end of this present world.

We had now reached the final generation of this age — the generation during which Christ will return, setting up the Kingdom of God.

The shock of my life came when I saw in the Bible, beginning in the autumn of 1926, that what I had heard as "the gospel" was in most basic respects the very opposite of the plain and clear teaching of the real Jesus and of the Bible!

It was an almost unbelievable shock to see in the Bible the prophecy that ALL NATIONS — the world as a whole — would be deceived today! It was a tremendous shock to learn the full truth about the Kingdom of God and that God had inspired the apostle Paul to pronounce a double-curse on any who would

**Is the day of miracles past? Does the living God heal sickness and disease upon believing prayer today? This is the second in a series of articles on the subject of miraculous divine healing.**

preach any other gospel! (Galatians 1:8-9).

My eyes were opened to the true Gospel described so clearly and unmistakably in the Bible — for those willing to see and believe.

### The calling

And so, as I have written before, I say with the apostle Paul (paraphrasing): "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which is preached by me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ . . . But when it pleased God, who . . . called me by His grace, to reveal His Son and His gospel in me, that I might preach it among the descendants of the House of Israel, and the Gentile nations, and kings [Acts 9:15], immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, neither went I to any theological seminary or source of religious teaching of this world, but I went to Christ, the living Personal Word of God, who instructed me through the written Word of God, the Holy Bible" (Galatians 1:11-17).

After the first six months' intensive almost night-and-day study of the Bible, my conversion and baptism occurred in the spring of 1927 — but not the cessation of instruction the living Christ was imparting through His written Word. That has continued all through the 50 years since.

My family and I were living then in Portland, Ore. As 1927 wore on intensive Bible study continued. I was rapidly beginning to grow, as Peter said Christians must, "in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Upon baptism, I had received the Holy Spirit of the living God. My mind had undergone a renewing. I was thrilled at this new ability to understand God's revealed knowledge. Still I was having to learn a step at a time, a doctrine at a time. The hardest part was having to unlearn inherited false teachings.

### Mrs. Armstrong stricken

In early August, 1927, my wife suddenly was attacked by a series of physical illnesses. First she was bitten on the left leg by a dog. Then, immediately, she was

driven to bed with tonsillitis. She got up too soon and was stricken with a violent relapse. Meanwhile she had contracted blood poisoning from a rose thorn on the index finger of her right hand.

The next two or three days her sister and I took turns night and day soaking her right hand in almost blistering hot Epsom salts water, covering her wrist and forearm with hot towels, holding her right arm constantly high.

The backset from tonsillitis developed into quinsy. Her throat became swollen shut. Her jaws became locked. Of course we had called a doctor.

For three days and three nights she was not only unable to swallow food or water, but worse, she was unable to sleep a single moment. She was nearing exhaustion. The red line of blood poisoning, despite our efforts, was streaking up her right arm. It had reached her shoulder on the way to her heart. The doctor told me privately she could not last another 24 hours.

The third sleepless, foodless and waterless day was a sweltering hot day in early August. Late that morning a neighbor lady stopped in to see my wife.

"Mr. Armstrong," she asked, "would you object if I ask a man and his wife to come and anoint and pray for Mrs. Armstrong's healing?"

That sounded a bit fanatical to me. Too embarrassed to object, however, I said hesitantly, "Well, I suppose not." In two hours she returned, saying they would come at about 7 that evening.

But I began to have misgivings. What if these people were Holy Rollers or wild, shouting fanatics? What would our neighbors say? I went to the neighbor lady and told her I believed we'd better not have them come after all. She was nice. She would start immediately and tell them not to come. I learned then she would have to walk over a mile each way to contact them. It was now the heat of the day, the hottest day of the year.

"Oh, I'm sorry," I said. "I didn't realize you had to walk so far. But I was afraid these people might yell and wail and shout, and cause a neighborhood disturbance."

"Oh, they are very quiet people," she assured me. I backed

down. "Well, let them come, then," I concluded.

### The meaning of faith

They proved to be simple and plain people, not highly educated, yet of good natural intelligence.

"This is all rather new to me," I began, as soon as they were seated at my wife's bedside. "Would you mind if I ask a few questions?"

He welcomed the questions. He had a Bible in his hands. One by one he answered every question by reading his answer from the Bible. I recognized every passage he read, but had not put them together this way before. Now I saw them for the first time as teachings, admonitions, explanations and, most important, PROMISES! I began to understand — and believe! And I knew well my wife did also.

I knelt with them beside her bed. The man anointed my wife from a vial of oil he carried. Then he uttered a quiet, but deeply earnest, positive, believing prayer such as I had never heard before. He actually dared to talk directly to God, quoting what God had said in the Bible, quoting God's conditions and promises and applying those promises to my wife, saying in boldness and confidence that he was claiming and holding God to those promises.

Never had we heard a prayer like that! We knew God in His Word had promised. We believed God. Mrs. Armstrong and I both KNEW she was healed — as this man had claimed — from the top of her head to the bottom of her feet.

As they rose to leave, the woman laid a hand on Mrs. Armstrong's shoulder and said quietly, "You'll sleep tonight." I thanked them gratefully.

As they left Mrs. Armstrong asked me to bring her a robe. Without a word, she rose, and arm in arm we walked silently out to the sidewalk and back.

My wife went immediately to sleep and didn't waken until 11 the next morning. She arose and dressed as if nothing had happened. She was completely healed — OF EVERYTHING!

We had learned a new lesson in FAITH! And that experience has resulted in countless thousands of others learning that lesson! We had learned that we can rely on

God's Word! God's FAITHFULNESS is perfect.

### A new subject to study

That awe-inspiring experience brought before me for study a totally new subject — HEALING, and its accompanying subjects of FAITH and PRAYER.

There was one real disappointment in this whole experience with my wife's healing. I felt extremely grateful to the man and wife who had brought this experience to us. I had learned a rather shocking truth in the Bible: The resurrection of Christ was NOT on Sunday, and the crucifixion was not on Friday. I had written in manuscript form an article on the subject. This man's fervent prayer not only saved my wife's life, it also opened my eyes to a new biblical truth. Now I wanted to share with him the eye-opening truth about the resurrection.

I took my typed manuscript along and offered it to him to read, asking his opinion about the truth of it. I left it with him. A few nights later, I called again on this man I looked to as a man of God. I asked if he had read my manuscript.

"Well, yes, Brother," he replied. "I took it to our pastor and we went over it together." He avoided giving an opinion as to its truth.

"But did you find any error in what I wrote?" I persisted.

"Well, no, Brother," he admitted. "We couldn't find anything wrong with it. But, Brother, we feel that studying that kind of subject is likely to be dangerous. It might get you all mixed up. We feel it would be better for you to just forget all about it. We feel there are more important things for you to study. It's best to just keep your mind on Christ."

### God's knowledge rejected

I walked back home disillusioned, grieved, tremendously disappointed. He admitted I had brought him a new truth. He was unable to find any error in it. It was the pure teaching of the Bible, yet he not only rejected the admitted word of God, he advised me, a newly converted man who had confidence in him, also to accept tradition and false teaching and reject the Word of the living God!

Arriving home, I happened to turn to Hosea 4:6 where God says that because people have rejected God's knowledge, He will reject them! It weighed heavily on my mind. A week later I walked back down Sandy Boulevard to the old tabernacle formerly used by Billy Sunday where this man and wife were caretakers. I hoped I might

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# HEALING

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 even yet rescue this man from the consequences of rejecting truth. I found him in the big auditorium, looking downcast and dejected. "Brother!" he exclaimed on seeing me. "Brother, something terrible has come over me. God has left me. He doesn't answer my prayers anymore. Before, God used me in a special ministry praying for the sick. I've always heard and answered. People were miraculously healed. But not anymore! Not one, anymore. I don't understand it!"

### "Truth — or consequences"

Poor man! I understood. I tried to explain, but he wouldn't listen. He had been a trusting and deeply sincere, if simple and uneducated man. God had used him as an instrument in performing miracles, helping people.

I quoted to him from I John

3:22: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." But he could not see that rejecting God's truth and refusing to keep His commandments had any connection with his case.

I had to think of the radio-television show originated by Ralph Edwards, *Truth or Consequences*. God had required him to accept the TRUTH or receive the consequences. I haven't seen or heard from that man since.

But Christ did continue to reveal His truth, as I diligently continued studying His Word. Not only did He open my mind to reveal His truth about healing, but also to understand the truth about His Gospel message — the Kingdom of God. I saw the great commission to His apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel . . ." (Mark 16:15).

I saw that it was a worldwide ministry, not a local one, nor

even national to our own nation. It was now revealed to me how in the ministry of Jesus and His first-century apostles, miraculous HEALING of the sick and diseased went hand in hand with the preaching of the Gospel.

What happened through Simon the sorcerer to stop the worldwide proclaiming of the true Gospel and stop the miraculous healings was not revealed to me until years later. But it was at that time revealed to me how healing is for God's Church today (James 5:14-15), and also the prophecy revealing HOW the great commission was to be carried out in this present END TIME of the 20th century.

### Pivotal chapter

That prophecy is in the pivotal prophecy chapter of the New Testament — Matthew 24. Before I cover what the Bible teaches about healing in both Old and New Testaments, it is vital that

the reader understand how that Gospel message is today, after 19 centuries, going out into ALL THE WORLD for a WITNESS to all nations — not being proclaimed to all the billions of people in every nation, but proclaimed in all the world — worldwide — so that it becomes a witness to or against every nation.

Jesus had been teaching in the temple in Jerusalem. Leaving the temple, His disciples came to Him privately on the Mount of Olives, asking: "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world [age]?" (Verse 3).

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I [Jesus] am Christ; and shall deceive many" (verses 4-5). First, Jesus warned them of the great deception, the false, "Christianity" — preaching CHRIST to the world, preaching ABOUT the

Messenger, but *not proclaiming His message* — His Gospel.

He did not give the sign by which we might know when we are at the END of this present world and His coming is near, until verse 14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The very fact He gave the proclaiming of the true Gospel of the Kingdom as the sign we are at the end time shows it was not preached to the world these past 19 centuries — otherwise it could not be the sign.

But notice, this prophecy says the great commission will be going out again to the world, yet it says nothing about healing accompanying it. Elsewhere biblical teaching shows healing is for the Church. But it is NOT, today, an integral part of the proclaiming of Christ's Gospel to the world!

Why?

# THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
 By Shirley King Johnson

Grandma Wilson gave Major a whole-wheat pancake. He began to take big bites out of it as Jim came downstairs for his breakfast.

"Good morning, Jimmy," called out both Grandma and Grandpa Wilson. Major waved a greeting with his tail.

"Good morning," Jim replied with a yawn. He accepted a kiss from Grandma and returned it. "Something smells good."

"I've made your favorite pancakes on this beautiful Sabbath day," Grandma announced. "Eat all you can hold. We'll have a big day. Your mother and father and Susie will be coming at noon and we'll all go to church this afternoon."

### Mysterious little lights

"Did you sleep well?"

"Nope."

Grandpa put down his coffee cup. "You didn't? Were you cold? Or too hot?"

"No, sir. I saw lights. It kept me awake."

"What kind of lights, dear?" Grandma wanted to know. She looked up from the stove.

"Little lights. I was looking out the east window at the stars and I saw some lights like flashlights."

"Where?" Grandpa asked.

"Across the pasture someplace. About over on the Havir place."

"It could have been lightning bugs," Grandma suggested. "Did you wash up, dear?"

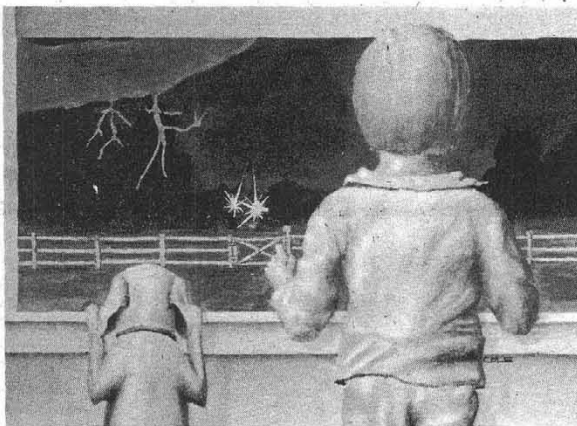
"Yes'um. They were too big for lightning bugs and they didn't blink on and off. I watched them for quite a while. They went back and forth, and back and forth, and back —"

### A Sabbath day's journey

"We'll walk over there after breakfast and see if we find anything unusual," Grandpa said.

"Can we walk that far on the Sabbath?" asked Jim.

Sure we can. We'll take our time,



and we might see some pretty butterflies or birds along the creek."

They did not see butterflies, but a wild canary was splashing in shallow water at the edge of Seven-Mile Creek as they walked up. Bessie the cow had left one deep hoof mark beside the creek and it had filled with rain. It served as a splendid birdbath for the golden songster.

Curious to see the bird closer, Major leaped down to the creek's edge. Startled, the bird fluttered up to an oak branch. There it shook off rainwater and preened its feathers.

"Major, you stay behind us," Grandpa ordered. "You didn't mean to, but you frightened off that little bird."

Cheerfully accepting the correction, Major trotted along behind Jim and Grandpa after that.

### The Havir place

They came to a fence. Grandpa Wilson's pasture ended and tall weeds grew up to the fence row on the other side.

"I think the lights came beyond the fence and trees," Jim said, pointing.

"I'm afraid we won't find much in these weeds," Grandpa said, rubbing his chin thoughtfully. "That place hasn't been the same since Dave and Pam Havir moved away. The renters

aren't much hand to cut weeds. Let's go on back to the house."

Major suddenly stiffened. He smelled human beings. Strange humans. He gave a little growl. "Grrr."

"What is it, Major?" asked Jim, reaching down to take his collar. In the distance a car door closed quietly.

"Somebody's over there in the pasture," Grandpa said. "It must be the renters. We'll go over and ask if they saw any strange lights last night."

Grandpa helped Jim as they climbed the wire fence. Flattening down on his tummy, Major easily slipped under the wire.

### High weeds

Grandpa ordered Major to stay behind as they plodded through waist-high weeds. "See all that hempweed?" he told Jim. "There's a law against letting it grow."

"You mean it's a crime to grow weeds?" Jim asked in an amazed voice.

"In this case it is. Another name for the weed is marijuana. If someone harvested these patches of it they could sell it to persons who go around the country buying it up to smoke."

"I'm glad you keep your weeds cut, Grandpa," Jim said.

Major sneezed as the smell of the weeds tickled his nose.

They plodded on in silence. At last the weeds parted into a cleared area. Major leaped past Jim and plunged into the clearing. The scent of humans was overwhelming. He saw a pickup truck and two men behind it. They were busy tossing bulging burlap bags into the rear of the pickup.

"Hello, there!" Grandpa greeted. "Nice day."

The two men whirled. Both wore blue jeans and work shirts. They were young and their faces and arms were sunburned. They backed against the open tailgate and stared.

"Hi, there," one replied weakly.

Looking past them, Jim, Grandpa and Major could see the pickup was nearly filled with the bulging bags.

"My name's Wilson," Grandpa said. "This is my grandson Jim and his dog, Major."

They made no reply but both men glanced uneasily at Major and then at each other.

"Have you been hired to clear these acres?" Grandpa asked, still smiling.

"Yep. Yeah, that's right," the tallest man replied. They exchanged glances again.

### 'He's got a gun!'

Grandpa turned away, leaned down and said in a soft voice to Jim, "They must have been cutting that stuff last night when you saw their lights. You run fast and tell Grandma to phone the sheriff to come out."

"Yes, sir," Jim replied, turning.

"Hold it right there!" The tall man flashed a revolver.

"Grandpa, he's got a gun!" Jim shouted.

Grandpa drew Jim against his side but he eyed the gunman steadily.

"It's you who had better hold it," he replied quietly. "It's a criminal offense to harvest marijuana. You both had better come along with me to my house and we'll get the sheriff over to discuss this matter."

The gunman gave a hollow laugh. "Who's gonna make us discuss anything with the sheriff?"

Major answered the question. He gave a mighty leap and his teeth sank into the wrist that held the gun.

**TO BE CONCLUDED**

# "And this Gospel shall be preached..."

Matthew 24:14

## Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

### How You Can Obtain Enduring Faith

The book of Hebrews, chapter 11, is the story of faith in an entirely different light than most people conceive of it. Faith, as we normally perceive it, is the belief that what you ask God to do for you He will perform, if it's in accordance with His will.

Unfortunately that's where many people limit faith. But faith involves much more. It involves an aspect that is far greater than merely receiving, an aspect that we call enduring.

"Faith is the substance of things hoped for." Once you have the substance and you're no longer hoping for it, faith is not relevant to that matter. "Faith is . . . the evidence of things not seen." It is the comprehension and understanding that there are ideas, there are beings, there are realities that we do not see with the human eye. We were not here when God created the world. Faith is that aspect whereby we recognize God as a creator.

"Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God," not evolved on their own. "So that things which are seen" are recognized to have been made not of things which appear, which is, of course, fundamental to the science of creation.

Divine energy, which is God's, was transformed into a form of energy, which we recognize as matter, by an act of creation and the power of God. "Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

#### Human experience and faith

Now we come, after the subject of creation, to a whole new issue — that of *human experience and faith*. "By faith, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." Abel offered an animal whose blood was shed, which prefigured the coming of the Messiah who would pay the penalty of sin. And in faith Abel comprehended that the Messiah should have to die in order that he himself could be forgiven. And therefore he obtained witness that he was righteous because he perceived God would forgive him.

"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found because God had translated him." The word *translate* may mean merely to move or to transplant.

Enoch was placed into or begotten into the Family or Kingdom of God that he should not see that death which is the *second death*. If we have been begotten of God the second death has ultimately no power over us once Christ resurrects us from the dead. And furthermore, by faith he was not found by his enemies. His body was not abused because God had, in fact, removed him from those who would slay him.

#### Not always in this life

"But without faith it is impossible to please him. For he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." But the reward doesn't always come in this life. It may in part, but that is not the primary reward.

"By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear [and there is a time to have such fear], prepared an ark to the saving of his house." And, of course, he was ridiculed in the process. So faith enabled Noah to do something that he probably would have otherwise been unable to do in his natural strength.

"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance," which he hadn't seen yet, "obeyed." It enabled Abraham to decide that the journey through Canaan was worth it, however unpleasant it might have been.

"And he went out not knowing whither he went." He had never been in this area of the world before —

the land of Canaan. "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise," and he certainly had troubles there. It was "a strange country" and he dwelt "in tabernacles" (temporary dwellings), not in solidly built one- or two-story houses.

Now at the same time "he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." And he never found that city. There were plenty of Canaanite towns around but he never found that city. He must have comprehended that the real city was yet to come — the new Jerusalem.

So Abraham looked forward to something in his day that is not really revealed and described until we come to Revelation, chapters 21 and 22. "A city whose builder is God." So much must have been revealed to these men verbally by God, but only written down later for our understanding.

"Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed," since she was already beyond that period of time when she normally could have children. The change of life had already occurred.

"[She] was delivered of a child when she was past age because she judged him faithful who had promised." Despite the fact that she first laughed and thought it impossible. But the more she thought about it the more real it seemed to be, because God is real.

"Therefore sprang there even of one [Abraham in this case], and him as good as dead, so many children as the stars of the sky in multitude and as the sand which is by the sea shore, innumerable." There is no way to number the children of Abraham, all of whom came as an act of faith. Now God promised, and Abraham trusted.

We live in a world where we want so many things and we think God must give them to us now instead of letting Him work things out and trusting what God says He's going to do.

"These all died in faith, not having received the promises," which are the ultimate promises.

#### A better world

It is interesting to note as you read these verses that these people did not put their confidence in the civilization, the society, the city from which they came. They decided in a sense, what Abraham did: he had to leave the world behind him and journey en route to another world yet to appear.

"By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son." Here he was asked to perform something which was incomprehensible except that perhaps Abraham saw it as the example. He perceived that God the Father must be willing to give up His Son the same as he must be willing to give up his, and that if Isaac were to be slain there would have to be a resurrection.

"Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." In this sense Abraham perceived Christ in this figure or representation and comprehended the nature of the sacrifice that would have to be done when the true Passover, Jesus Christ, was to come.

"By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come." That is, though he could not see and there's nothing he could do, he trusted God that what had been said of each should occur even after his death.

"By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff" (because he had to rise up and hold

himself). Jacob trusted God to fulfill the blessings that God had promised to Abraham and that God had bestowed through Abraham to Isaac. In faith the inheritance was passed on.

"By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel." So he perceived and he knew by faith that God would deliver them out of the land of Egypt and would bring them back to the promised land, which had been promised to Abraham. And he also "gave commandment at this time concerning his bones," not leaving them in Egypt.

#### God works around trials

"By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents." They decided to trust God when they saw this remarkable child who was so handsome or beautiful at this age. Josephus implies that Moses was a remarkable-looking human being. Now they could have trusted that God would have removed the king's commandment. No, God didn't do any such thing. He let trials stand, and He worked out problems around them.

So Moses was accepted of Pharaoh's daughter and "by faith when he was come to years [he was now about 40] refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter." He decided to reject being heir to the throne. That's what it means. Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

So Moses, in this account, illustrates exactly why most people, who depart from the faith, go out into the world. They would like to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time.

There are certain pleasures that people somehow find titillate their senses, intellectually, emotionally, physically. And it lasts for a little while; it can't last forever.

"[He esteemed] the reproach of Christ [that is the way Christ was reproached] greater riches than the treasures in Egypt" that came by being an heir of Pharaoh's daughter. "He had respect unto the recompense of the reward." Now if you want to know how enduring the prosperity of Egypt is, go look at it today. The Kingdom of God will endure forever.

"By faith he forsook Egypt [that means he was willing to forsake or give up the world around him], not fearing the wrath of the king [who was quite angry]; for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Moses endured the wrath of the king, comprehending the invisible God. God was more real than Pharaoh.

The interesting thing is that Moses saw who was really in authority and he therefore trusted that God would deliver him. Later "through faith he kept the passover" in Egypt after 40 years had elapsed. He trusted that God would perform what He had promised at that time and he kept "the sprinkling of the blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them [the children of Israel]."

"By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land." Crossing the Red Sea was preceded by a series of problems and God delivered them. "The Egyptians essaying to do [the same thing], drowned."

These are facts of history recorded in Scripture as examples to us of trusting God through all the trials of life that may come.

#### God will destroy sin

"By faith [later in the days of Joshua] the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days" — the Days of Unleavened Bread, Josephus tells us. And when those seven days of Unleavened Bread, which represent the putting out of sin, (See ENDURING FAITH, page 7)

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# GOSSIP AND ACCUSATION MUST STOP

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the rumor, false accusation or whatever, and then making an example of that person, if necessary, before the whole Church. I feel that this is CHRIST'S WAY of stamping out this evil from God's Church, and I act, therefore, in His name.

Following is Mr. Antion's memo to me on this subject.

Here is the memo you asked me to write when I was in your office last Friday. It is on the subject of what God's Law has to say about false witnesses and accusations.

As you have taught for many years, the statutes of Scripture are derived from the GREAT LAWS of God in the Ten Commandments.

## The Ninth Commandment

The Ninth Commandment — "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor" — is the basis for the other statutes and judgments in this category in the Bible.

Most people assume that the Ninth Commandment is only against lying. Though it does cover lying (Revelation 21:8; Colossians 3:9) it is mainly against false accusations made against another!

You have also taught that the main object of the last six commandments is love of your neighbor (Romans 13:9-10). And the Ninth Commandment forbids making a false witness against your neighbor — thus harming him. The Moffatt and the New English Bible say, "You shall not give false evidence. . . [against your neighbor]."

## Not a light thing

Does God consider it a light thing for a man to falsely accuse his neighbor (brother)?

And what about Jesus' words: "Judge not that ye be not judged"? We know that we can judge a person's actions as being either in conformity or not with God's law. But can we judge his heart?

"But why doest thou judge thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). And in verse 13, "Let us not therefore judge another any more."

The apostle James must have had trouble with judging and accusing in his day, for he writes: "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who are thou that judgest another?" (James 4:11-12).

Those who would speak evil of another and judge their brothers are in reality judging the law and speaking evil of God's LAW! And like you have said, "The one who accuses us usually is guilty of the very thing he accuses others of."

## False accusations divisive

If a minister got up in the pulpit and spoke evil of the Law of God (which is holy, just and good), he would be dismissed from the ministry! But what happens to him if he judges the intent, thoughts and beliefs of his brother?

For too long God's Work and God's MINISTRY have been divided BECAUSE OF FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND JUDGING! It is time that God's Law be applied and that God's own judgments be enforced against those who judge and falsely accuse.

It was false accusers that got Jesus crucified! Should God's Church house them now? Should it allow false accusers (thus encouraging them in their deeds) to continue their satanic actions?

## What is the motive?

Many people don't mean or intend to be malicious with their words. They are just careless and neglectful. They say and pass on information without checking it out — without responsibility! For some it is just habit. But God's Law also deals with

neglect. And one can forfeit his life through neglect! (See Exodus 21:28-36.)

Sometimes people accuse because they want to get another person in trouble and see him thrown out of his job or the Church.

Whatever the motive, whether neglect, carelessness or malice, Jesus' words still ring true: "But I say unto you, that every idle [Moffatt says "careless"] word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37).

Another translation says it this way: "I tell you this: there is not a thoughtless word that comes from men's lips but they will have to account for it on the day of judgment" (New English Bible).

## God's judgment

BUT WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO PEOPLE WHO FALSELY ACCUSE?

HERE IS GOD'S JUDGMENT: "If a malicious witness appears against a man to accuse him of evil-doing, then the two parties in the dispute shall appear before the Eternal, that is before the priests and the presiding judges; the judges shall investigate the matter carefully, and if it turns out that the witness is malicious and that he has given false witness against his fellow, YOU MUST TREAT HIM AS HE MEANT HIS FELLOW TO BE TREATED: SO SHALL YOU ERADICATE EVIL FROM YOUR MIDST. THE OTHERS SHALL HEAR AND FEAR AND NEVER AGAIN BE GUILTY OF SUCH A SIN" (Deuteronomy 19:16-20, Moffatt translation).

But what should happen to the person who makes these accusations?

In the last few years God's Church has been a house divided and filled with this deadly evil. Accusers take verbal rifle shots at others trying to get them fired or excommunicated or to damage their reputations. But the only thing that happens to the accuser is that he is told he is mistaken. Or if confronted by his intended victim, he apologizes.

He — the accuser — risks absolutely nothing. He damages others, almost-succeeds in getting them fired, demoted, thrown out of the Church or cast in suspicion, considered untrustworthy and avoided. At the very least, he causes them to consume enormous amounts of time trying to straighten out the problem and track down the rumor.

But NOTHING happens to the accuser. He is fine — alive and well — and ready for another try in the future.

## Slander affects relationships

One of the worst things about all of this is that often the victim of the

accusation doesn't even know that he is being slandered, accused, cast in suspicion, judged. Things are said that may stick in the minds of those who hear. Though no action is taken, these slanders affect the relationship that people have with the accused person. People avoid him. Mistrust him. He is passed over for important jobs or assignments. ALL OF THIS JUST BECAUSE OF A WORD OR TWO SAID CARELESSLY, NEGLECTFULLY OR MALICIOUSLY!

Only by applying God's Law — HIS GOVERNMENT — to the Church can we rid the Church of this evil and have the HAPPINESS, PEACE, UNITY AND JOY that God will approve and BLESS in His Church!

## Tribulation a way of life for members in Israel

By Moshe Ben Simcha  
JERUSALEM — In 1973 the Jerusalem Post reported how a little girl had won an essay competition among Israeli children to describe what peace would be like.

She wrote, "Peace is when you see a mother walking along the road, radiant with happiness, holding her little son by the hand, and when you know that you won't meet her in 10 years wearing black."

The Israeli members of God's Church understand particularly well Jesus Christ's command to pray "Thy Kingdom come." Our people, from their sufferings this century, have a desperate need for the hope of the good news of the Kingdom.

Four times in 30 years — in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973 — the Israeli people have been threatened with bloody extinction and have paid for their survival with the lives of their young men.

In the 1973 Yom Kippur War alone, 3,000 fell. For America this would be the equivalent to four times the dead in Vietnam, and all lost in three weeks.

Before there was a state of Israel it was even worse. In Europe between 1939 and 1945 the sixth resurrection of the beast power murdered six million Jews, including more than a million and a half children.

Hundreds of thousands were starved, hanged, buried alive; their gold teeth were melted down to go into the Nazi hoards; they were turned into soap and burned to ashes.

The survivors of that nightmare came to the nation of Israel. They married and raised new families to replace those who were lost, and their sons in turn died in Israel's wars. And still there was no peace.

The great tribulation is nothing new to the Jewish people. Israel is filled with people who have already survived a foretaste of it. The thought of God letting armies overrun this country is ghastly to us.

Our people desperately need to hear the good news of the coming Kingdom that will deliver them from fear and torment forever. They need a warning witness to give them a chance to repent of their sins so God can save them. "Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and . . . if you can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it" (Jeremiah 5:1).

We pray daily that God's Work will fulfill the command of Isaiah 40:9: "O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!"

## Enduring Faith

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were being fulfilled, Jericho, which is the city typifying sin in the land of Canaan, was obliterated. In a sense the children of Israel and Joshua perceived that God was going to obliterate sin from the world, but it wouldn't be done until 6,000 years of human history have been recorded.

"By faith the harlot [or prostitute] Rahab [who was in Jericho] perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace." Of course she had been receiving all kinds of other men before, but she comprehended something unusual in this case, that perhaps being attracted to one of them and trusting that those were the people who were going to survive, she might as well survive with them.

"And what shall I say more? For the time would fall me to tell you of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets." Through faith they accomplished certain things. They "subdued kingdoms," that is, they gained a victory for the nation. They "wrought righteousness." Faith enabled them to conquer the self and to perform the law of God (God's law is righteousness). Through faith they "obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword."

" . . . out of [natural] weakness," such as David, "were made strong." David was just a young person who couldn't even carry the armor that most of the other men did. "[He] waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."

These are all great things God doing in this life as He delivered men from problems. I want you to see all the positive things that God did in delivering people, enabling them to accomplish what couldn't have been done otherwise. But most people don't want to face the other side of the coin.

## Faith to endure

" . . . others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection; and others had trials of cruel mocking and scourgings, yea moreover of bonds and imprisonment." Others through faith endured stoning or, presumably like Isaiah and probably others, since "they" is plural, "they were sawn asunder."

So people were "stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted [to sin], were slain with the sword; they wandered around in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy;) they wandered in deserts and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth."

"And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise," because there has been no resurrection yet. "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect." Because we are all going to rise in the resurrection at the same time and, furthermore, since Jesus Christ came, something even better has been promised because we now have access to God the Father in heaven directly, which was never possible before.

Chapter 12 continues this theme for the next two verses. "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside

every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, [which may be different from mine, which may be different from yours, each one has his own particular problems] and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Now normally you run with speed. To run with patience means that it's going to take a lot of endurance over the obstacles that are in the way because it's not the one who gets there first who gets the reward — everyone who gets there gets the reward, however many!

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." He both originates it in terms of imparting it through the Holy Spirit and He will accomplish it through the Holy Spirit in us. Who, in His own life, "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." And that was endured by faith. "Despising the shame" that was attached to such a method, because any honorable Roman citizen would have said, "Behold me instead." But putting one on a stake or a cross was considered the worst form of execution. And He is now "set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."

Now we might say, "Well, how could there be a God who allows these things?" Yes, how could there be? Well you see, God is in control of all things. And He does allow what is ultimately going to be good for the human family. And if He says that you have to endure, He will give you the faith to endure.

Faith is what enables us to overcome temptation. The fundamental purpose of faith is to keep our mind on God and His promises and to endure and to perform what God asks of us.

# Local church news wrap-up

## Moon dominoes

ADA, Okla. — Meeting at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kirk on June 25, members here enjoyed an ample and delicious potluck meal, their third annual picnic.

A team of Gene Pruett and Ben Vanschuyver won the men's horseshoe tournament; Joyce Carley and Marveen Manned won the women's. Winning the moon domino tournament were Steve and Mavis Kirk, with Allen and Mary Vanschuyver as runners-up. Pastor David Carley announced the events and gave play-by-play descriptions.

The children had turtle and three-legged races and bubble-blowing and greased-pole contests, all coordinated by David and Pam Bivens. Some of the winners were Rod Swinford, Shawn Herring, Lee Ann Roark and Angela Kirk. *Patsy Pruett.*

## Fifth annual picnic

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — About 125 members here enjoyed their fifth annual family picnic July 2 at Living Memorial Park in nearby Coopersburg. All ages enjoyed various games and softball. A few brave souls went swimming despite the cool temperatures.

The food for lunch and dinner was prepared on the charcoal grills. The evening ended with guitar picking and a sing-along. *Gordon S. Long.*

## Skunk invasion

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Members here were joined by brethren from the Greenville, S.C., and Charlotte, N.C., churches at a camp-out in Pisgah National Forest June 24 and 25.

Dean Williams' roaring apple-wood fire warmed the nippy evening. Robert Friddle and Jay Deaton challenged each other to a joke-telling contest. A sing-along with guitar accompaniment by Love Moore and Linda McCall had just

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ended at 1:30 a.m. when Stan Deveaux and other Greenville members with the motto of "Better late than never" arrived and proceeded to set up their tents.

Supposedly maintaining security, Steve Tershansy was heard in the wee hours trying to repel a skunk invasion. Surrounded by four skunks, he told them to "take this garbage and scam." One eventually retired for the night under pastor Dave Mills' car.

Next morning Mr. Mills fielded members' questions at a Bible study.

Softball lasted until lunch, when Gary Dunn of Greenville and Robert Friddle of Asheville, supervised by Robert Boudlin, grilled hamburgers to perfection. Volleyball, horseshoes and water sliding at Sliding Rock rounded out the weekend. *Steve Tershansy.*

## Singles mingle

ATLANTA, Ga. — All the singles in the churches of the southeastern United States were invited to a disco dance sponsored by the Singles Club here June 24. An Atlanta disc jockey was master of ceremonies as the singles enjoyed food, drink and entertainment after a day of fasting.

Next day they enjoyed a picnic and games at Wallace Park in Mabelton, Ga. *Irene Brooks.*

## 140,000 bottles

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Despite wet and cold weather, members here collected 140,000 bottles during the New Zealand churches' bottle drive June 18, earning an estimated \$3,500 to help pay

for a series of television advertisements later in the year.

The bottle drive was a family affair, with the men collecting the bottles and the women and children sorting them "each after his own kind."

Directed by Auckland member Arthur "Bottlesen" Bertelsen, the bottle drive was the first major thrust in a campaign to raise \$25,000 for the Work in New Zealand. The proceeds will be used to promote an edition of the crime booklet and *The Plain Truth* in a series of 60-second television ads in late October. The New Zealand police departments have pledged their full cooperation in backing the crime booklet. *Rex Morgan.*

## Cookbook caper

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Seventeen members of the Women's Club here met June 25 and, under the direction of hostess Lynne Ritenour, busily sorted, arranged, typed and proofread recipes collected from Church members. The women's goal was to prepare the materials for a cookbook and send them to a publisher.

When the cookbooks are completed, they will be returned to the club and sold in the local area. *Peggy Henry.*

## Graduation certificates

CHELMSFORD, England — Forty members, their wives and guests dined on chicken at the Spokesman Club's fourth annual ladies' night at the Saracens Head Hotel June 14.

Local elder Martin Brown, club director, called the meeting to order and Alan

Riley, president, introduced topicmaster Tom Archer. The speakers were introduced by Alan Hunnisett. Joe Ponchek spoke about the effect of laughter on health. Mike Sutton recalled a visit to a falconry, secretary Cynthia Cornish instructed on writing an effective letter. Richard Dutton gave tips on putting up a shelf and sergeant at arms Peter Webster spoke about the history of Megiddo.

Special guest and pastor Peter Shenton presented graduation certificates to Mr. Ponscheck, Mike Davies, Peter Clifford and Mike Warren. Mr. Shenton's 9-year-old son Michael presented the awards. *Stephen Cornish.*

## Heckling session

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Surf's 5 feet high and brisk ocean breezes across white sandy beaches set the scene for the Spokesman Club's graduation exercises June 18. But the scene was strictly on canvas and in the imagination, because the site was in landlocked Steadman, N.C.

Dress and decor were strictly Hawaiian as associate pastor Tim Snyder opened his Tiki Tavern at 5 p.m. Then "volcanoes" began to erupt as steaks were grilled outside for the 50 members, wives and guests attending.

Then the club settled down for a supposedly peaceful meeting. Jerry Royal was "topicmaster" with a host of topics related to Father's Day.

Robert Nunery began the speaking session, discussing the similarities between cultivating a garden and cultivating a marriage. Suddenly gray-haired Max Nunery began to heckle him. Mr. Snyder had secretly programed a heckle squad to harass several speakers who had been hecklers at earlier club meetings. Hal Duncan and Vincent Hanch also had to fight off the darts. Heckling subsided for the final speakers. Bill Latham and Henry Hansard, Tracy Stephens served as toastmaster for the hectic hour of speaking.

After the session Mr. Snyder explained the purpose of having the heckling session, stating that he had injected this approach for the final meeting to add humor and to give the speakers the experience of having confrontations from the audience. Then Mr. Snyder presented certificate-of-merit plaques to Wayne Blake, Mr. Hansard, James Mitchell, James Mulhall, Eddie McGirt and Mr. Stephens. *Billy M. Lewis.*

## Water ballet

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Dressed in Hawaiian garb, 115 brethren here attended a luau at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell June 25.

Tiki lamps graced the pathways. The delicacies included melon balls in watermelon boats, smoked fish, pineapple slices, coconut chunks and shish kebabs cooked over an open fire by the men. YOU teens and several women had made the flowers that adorned the tables and the stage.

Bob Bunting narrated the entertainment: guitar playing by Jack Jackson and Don Raleigh, a solo by Janet Flythe, a hula dance by Linda Wiggins, Mary Baker and Lynn Baker and an exhibition of water ballet in the pool by the Bastie family.

An "active volcano" smoked throughout the evening. *Janet Flythe.*

## Track-and-field winners

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The Northeast region held its YOU track-and-field meet June 25 at State College, Pa.

Bill Rippon of Hagerstown placed first in the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet and will go to Pasadena for his second chance at the national title. He won the national pole-vault championship in 1976.

Also taking first places for Hagerstown were two junior-division entrants: Greg Cox in the triple and long jumps and Esther Paul in the 880-yard run. Also placing were Michelle Crum, Cheryl Saylor, Faith Kessecker and Sarah Paul.

Rounding out the Hagerstown team in the regionals were Naomi Paul, Keith Cox, Nancy Saylor, Bill Ridgely and Lynette Kessecker. *Loretta Paul.*

## 10th anniversary

KITCHENER, Ont. — On a perfect day brethren of the church here gathered for a picnic in Churchill Park June 25. Jim and Lise Colley had prepared packets of goodies for all participants in the children's games, with ribbons awarded



**40TH ANNIVERSARY** — Gilbert and Jean Boehrs, above, of Pasadena cut their cake at a surprise 40th-anniversary party at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Robert Black, July 2. Kevin Dean, Herbert W. Armstrong's steward purser, baked and decorated the three-tiered cake, which represented the wedding cake the Boehrses never had because they eloped during the Depression. Mrs. Boehrs works in the Personal Correspondence Department and attends the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

to the winners. John and Maxine Lietch organized a treasure hunt, hiding 50 tokens and giving prizes to each young person who found one.

Don Taylor used guile to ensure that the all-comers, half the ladies and children in the church, managed to win a special tug-of-war against a plucky group of five young men.

Henry Miller manned a flea market, selling everything from buttons to lawnmowers. He was assisted by super-salesman George De Vlught, who tried to sell one item to three people simultaneously.

Brethren here celebrated the Kitchener church's 10th anniversary July 1. After the service conducted by Tony Wasilkoff and Leo Van Pelt, the members' enjoyed refreshments prepared by the ladies and a cake made for the occasion by Jane Van Pelt. Photographs and a slide show recalled people and events from the past 10 years.

When brethren in Kitchener first began attending services, they had to travel to Pittsburgh, Pa., 300 miles away. Later they were able to attend at Buffalo, N.Y., then Toronto, Ont., only 70 miles away. The first Sabbath service in Kitchener was June 22, 1968, conducted by Ron McNeil, now pastor of the Nashville, Tenn., church. Colin Adair also served the brethren here before being transferred to the Philippines.

Mr. Wasilkoff, pastor here for five years, is being transferred to the Hamilton, Ont., church, to be replaced here by Lyle Simons following his sabbatical in Pasadena. Mr. Van Pelt will begin pastoring the church in St. Catharines, Ont. Deacon Rudy Roth presented Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt a farewell gift of a silver dish on behalf of the brethren. *George and Chris Carter.*

## Clatter of teeth

LEEDS, England — The Leeds and Hull Spokesman Club held its special night June 25 at Idle, Bradford. The club began at 3:45 p.m. Most effective speaker was D. Whiting. Most improved was B. Massingham. The director, David Stirke, said he was very pleased with the speeches and stressed the importance of all club members to continue attending. Mr. Stirke emphasized that the future leadership of the churches comes out of the hard grind of the club.

After tea and biscuits, a five-course meal was served at 7 p.m. The dining room was soon full of the clatter of teeth as the quality but inexpensive meal was masticated. The room reverberated with laughter and jokes until 9:15, when most left to commence the long journey back home. However, a few sprightly souls danced, jived and undulated to all musical sounds until 11 p.m. *Gurmit Singh.*

## Concert of Fine Music

MELBOURNE, Australia — The Melbourne churches' third annual Concert of Fine Music June 18 attracted 380 music buffs. After two months of concerted effort, the performers presented a pleasing and varied program.

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**LUAU** — Left: from left, Linda Wiggins, Mary Baker and Lynn Baker hula dance at a Hawaiian-style luau for Gainesville, Fla., members. Right: Rita Bunting shows a watermelon boat filled with melon balls. (See "Water Ballet," this page.) [Photos by Leon Wiggins]



**BOTTLED UP** — Families of the Auckland, New Zealand, church collect and sort some of the 140,000 bottles they gathered in a \$3,500-fund-raising effort June 18. The proceeds will help finance a future series of advertisements in New Zealand. (See "140,000 Bottles," this page.) [Photos by Rex Morgan]







**GOING AWAY, GIVING AWAY** — Left: Mr. and Mrs. Mario Seigle read a note of appreciation given them at a San Diego, Calif., church picnic June 25. Mr. Seigle, a local elder, has been transferred to Bogota, Colombia, where he will serve as pastor. Right: Members of the San Diego, Calif., church are now distributing up to 8,000 *Plain Truths* monthly through newsstands, stores and public places throughout the city. Working on the project are, front row, from left: James Friddle, Frank Caldwell, Ed Hill, Jim Butler, John Rachels, Don Johnson and Dale Lansdowne. Second row: Tony Fick, Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. Phil Chadwick, Mrs. David McCallum, Mrs. Craig Dunsworth, Mrs. Ed Walker, Mrs. Neil Dwinell, John Hull and Virgil Gordon. Back row: Bob Acery, Phil Chadwick, Craig Dunsworth and Gene Porter. (See "Increase in *PT* Subscribers," this page.) [Photos by Susan Karoska]

## Wrap-up

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Master of ceremonies Randal Bouchier opened the program seated on a stage set as a 19-century drawing room. Returning from last-year's performance were classical guitarist Graeme Stuart, baritone Arthur Le Couteur, pianist Christopher Stewart and trumpeter Mal Jennings.

Notable additions to the program were the Mendez family's string quartet and David Knox's enchanting performance of three Renaissance pieces for recorder.

Mr. Bouchier also performed his own amusing piano composition, "Recollections of Childhood." Elizabeth Oumann sang several numbers, including Greig's "I Love Thee" and Orello's "Waltz of My Heart," accompanied by piano, string quartet and guitar. John Matthews presented Chopin's "Waltz in A Flat" to conclude the evening.

Prominent among the many people contributing to the concert's success was Audrey Harding, the stage manager. Leon Lyell.

### YOU winners

**MERIDIAN, Miss.** — Two YOU members here were winners in the regional talent show in Jackson, Miss., June 17. Angela La Belle, 12, played a piano solo to win first place in the junior division. Millie Ivey, 14, won the senior division for her dance routine.

The YOU chapter here helped the Kidney Foundation June 16 by going door-to-door to collect contributions. The teens covered one third of the city and collected \$150.75. YOU secretary-treasurer Laura Diaz presented a check to foundation volunteer Mary Faulkner.

The teens treated their parents to fun in the sun at a beach party June 25. From 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. the teens swam and water-skied, pausing to grill hamburgers for lunch.

The eastern division won the regional track-and-field meet in Big Sandy, Tex., July 2 and 3 for the second year running. Placing first in their events were Terry Dotson, Tammy Small, Allen Cook and the Jackson relay team. They will be competing in the national tournament. *Brenda Bane.*

### A marriage and a farewell

**MONTREAL, Que.** — It was both a glad and sad occasion when the Montreal English and some French brethren gathered at the Canadian Slovak Building June 22.

The evening began with the wedding of Peter Millar and Sally Grinvalds, officiated by pastor Bill Rabey. The Millars left shortly after the reception for a three-day honeymoon in eastern Quebec at Ayer's Cliff.

Also at the head table were Bram and Trudie Debee, who were attending their last official function here before heading to the Netherlands, where Mr. Debee will be director of the Dutch Work and pastor of the churches in Bithoven, a suburb of Utrecht, and Tilburg, near the Belgium border.

The 49-year-old architect by trade was baptized in 1969 by Richard Wilding, ordained a deacon in 1974 and ordained a local elder in 1976. He was also named choir leader here in 1971, culminating in his directing the 1976 Ottawa Feast choral group.

The Debees, who have lived in Canada for 24 years, will be accompanied on their move to the Netherlands by their daughter Jane. *Dominic Vincelli.*

### 11-day western tour

**MOUNT VERNON, Ill.** — Pastor Harold Smith and 17 YOU teens left for an 11-day tour of the West June 12, returning on Thursday, June 22. The group visited six states and covered 5,730 miles in Mr. Smith's car and a van provided by Ron Webb.

The tourists took in such sights as the Great Sand Dunes, the Royal Gorge, Dinosaur National Monument, Flaming Gorge, Yellowstone National Park, Custer Battlefield and Mt. Rushmore. They spent two days at a dude ranch in Wyoming, then went to Kalispell, Mont., for the Sabbath.

The Kalispell YOU members sponsored a disco dance for the visiting teens Saturday evening, and both groups visited Glacier National Park the following day. After a day of recuperation at Pueblo, Colo., the travelers headed back to Illinois. *Kerry Miles.*

### Great Elders' Grape Grab

**NORFOLK, Va.** — Chopsticks flew as the elders of the Richmond and Norfolk churches swiftly chewed their way through a bowl of grapes in the first Great Elders' Grape Grab at a picnic for the combined congregations June 25 in Williamsburg. Ray Lisman cleaned his bowl first and claimed the prize. The picnic was also a farewell to the Lismans, who are being transferred to Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Norfolk Graduate Club invited as special guests 30 veterans of the Hampton veterans' hospital, who said the picnic was the best time they'd had in years. One veteran said it was his first home-cooked meal in 15 years.

Activities included softball games, treasure hunts, horseshoe contests and a marrieds' balloon steeplechase, won by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Atamanchuk.

Virginia's great cooks outdid themselves to produce a groaning board of culinary delights for the noon meal. *Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Pryke.*

### Vast repertoire of food

**NOTTINGHAM, England** — About 100 members here and guests from the Birmingham church enjoyed a picnic with a vast repertoire of food organized and prepared by the YOU chapter under the direction of Cliff March.

Wollaton Park in Nottingham was the venue, which features a natural-history museum, an industrial museum, two herds of deer and a lake.

The adults had an easy day as Ann McLaren, assisted by Jane Gale, Ruth Devine, Rosemary Thompson, Jeremy Taylor and Mattio Ferrara, handled the catering and Steward Cliff organized games for the young children. Games of volleyball, cricket, rounders and football kept the adults out of the way of the hard-working teens.

In the children's games, Brian Salter, Gwyneth Salter, Lindsey Handley, Fiona McLaren, Gordon McLaren, Sarah Spence, Alison Garnett, Fiona Barkwith, Mark McQuire and William Turner won prizes.

In thanking the teens for their grand efforts in Robin Hood country, pastor Arthur Suckling also praised the winners of the Midlands Story Competition. First prize went to Carol Edwards of Birmingham, second to David Gibbs of Birmingham.

ham and a high commendation to Jane Gale of Nottingham. *Ron McLaren.*

### Team makes tracks

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** — The track team, coach Gary Casagrande and chaperons attended the regional track meet in Sacramento, Calif., June 25.

Four Phoenix members placed: Troy Spence was second in the high jump, Lida Havens was second in the 80-yard hurdles, Vicki Havens was fourth in the 80-yard hurdles and Denise Walker was third in the 220-yard dash. Steve Luker and Diane Benson also qualified for the regionals, but they went to summer camp instead.

The team members particularly appreciated the hospitality of the Sacramento brethren who opened their homes for them. *Debbie Grant.*

### Department-store inventories

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.** — Brethren here earned about \$1,500 for the Pittsburgh churches' operational fund by participating in inventories at the Hills department stores June 21. Some 76 brethren were involved at seven locations in the Pittsburgh area.

About \$1,000 of the total was earned by YOU members. Don Lawson, pastor of the Pittsburgh churches, said that the teens were "very responsible and worked hard." The man from Hills said it was the best inventory he'd ever had and that next time he'd like to have more teenagers. *Frank Lewandowski.*

### Pool party

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** — The church here held its first pool party and hamburger cookout of the summer June 25. The setting was St. Petersburg's new Walter Fuller pool complex, composed of both Olympic-sized and kiddie pools. The three hours of swimming and eating were enjoyed by all. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

### Increase in 'PT' subscribers

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — A dramatic increase in the number of *Plain Truth* subscribers in this area has resulted from the recently instituted *PT* newsstand distribution, according to a report issued by pastor James Friddle.

The June-July issue will see 8,000 *PT*'s on newsstands and in stores and public



**TRACK MEET** — Left: Ken Mellon of the Modesto, Calif., church heaves a first-place throw with the discus in the YOU southwestern region's track-and-field competition in Sacramento, Calif., June 25. Right: Sue Nielsen and J.R. Ragas measure discus and shot-put throws. [Photos by John H. Campbell]

places throughout the county. Assistant coordinator Phil Chadwick, under the direction of local elder John Hull, handles most of the work directing the efforts of 18 persons countywide.

The annual church picnic at San Diego State Park June 25 was also a farewell party for Mario and Kati Seigle, who have been transferred to serve the Bogota, Colombia, church. Mr. Friddle presented them gifts from the congregation in appreciation for their service here for the past 18 months. About 450 brethren attended to extend their farewells to the Seigles.

Also honored were Mr. and Mrs. Bill King, well known here for their deep-pit barbecues.

To top off a perfect day, Jim Butler's A and B softball teams won a doubleheader over Long Beach. A program of games and events for youngsters of all ages was organized and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Skip Miller. *Susan Karoska.*

### Slide show of Holy Land

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** — Richard Frankel, pastor of the Woodbridge, N.J., church, presented a slide travelogue, "To Hell and Back," to members of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches June 17.

The slide presentation included scenes of Jerusalem's points of historical importance such as the Mount of Olives, the City of David, the Valley of Hinnom, the Valley of Jehoshaphat, the Garden Tomb, the Wailing Wall, the Arch of Mercy and the Arch of Redemption and modern-day places of interest, including the Holocaust Memorial, a museum and monument in memory of those killed in concentration camps.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankel served in the Jerusalem office from 1970 to 1974 and plan on taking a group for a tour of the Holy Land during this year's Feast of Tabernacles. *Marilynn Denny.*

### Ron Voyage

**TWIN FALLS, Idaho** — Kathy Watts, 16, YOU member here, was one of seven

YOU members in the United States chosen for Youth Foreign Exchange Program. Mike Blackwell informed Kathy to make plans to leave for Austria the end of June. Kathy had already been studying German.

The brethren gave her a bon-voyage party after the Sabbath service June 10. Betty Burgess baked and decorated a cake for the occasion. Decorations depicted the Twin Falls airport. Members brought her gifts of \$150 and a piece of luggage.

Pastor Herbert Magoon, assisted by local elder Gary Porter, ordained Eric Watts and Phil Wilson to the office of deacon during the Sabbath service. *Sharon Burgess.*

### Farewell to Dutch pastor

**UTRECHT, Netherlands** — The Spokesman Club here held its ladies' night in Wagenburg June 18 at the Nöl in 't Bosch restaurant with perfect weather and an ideal setting.

Club director Roy McCarthy, who started the club 2½ years ago, saw the fruits of his efforts shortly before going to assume his new post in South Africa as 14 Spokesmen received their certificates: Frans Danenberg, Cor Domnisse, Hans Elders, Gerard Evers, Tim van Halteren, Jesse Körver, Aad Smit, Jan Ursem Sr., Han Wilms, Martin van Zanten, Henk Wilms, Gerald van de Wende, Jan Boode and Jan Blaauw, though the last four men were unable to attend.

The club presented a quartet alarm-wristwatch to Dr. McCarthy and flowers to his wife.

During a combined service for both the Tilburg and Utrecht churches June 24, Dr. McCarthy gave a farewell sermon about the history and growth of the Dutch Work. The revived choir brought special music, "The Glory of the Lord."

A farewell social was organized in honor of the McCarthy's in the Austerlitz woods. About 200 attended to enjoy the activities and games and a cold buffet produced by the members. Frank Schnee, director of the German Work, and his family were also present to say goodbye to the McCarthy's. *Ben Brunting.*



**FOLK SONGS** — Left: YOU members of the Bridgetown, Barbados, church sing folk songs at a talent show presented to the church June 18. Right: Francene Sargeant sings a modern number. Also participating were some performers from the Glendale children's home, which has cooperated with the YOU group in several projects recently.

# Babies

**ALLEN:** James and Christine (Davis), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, Christopher LaVance, April 21, 12:05 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**AUDI:** Mr. and Mrs. Anthony, of Montreal, Que., girl, Nadia Yolande, June 7, 3:41 p.m., 7 pounds, 5 ounces.

**BAUMGARTEL:** Mr. and Mrs. Walter, of Alford-Adelstein, West Germany, boy, Randolph Amerigo, May 28, 7:10 p.m., 3:05 grams.

**BICKEL:** Lynn and Karen (Lamb), of Denver, Colo., girl, Kristi Annette, July 10, 3:30 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BROWN:** David and Martha, of Lubbock, Tex., boy, Kenneth James, June 12, 4:45 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**BUCHANAN:** Steve and Terri (Stolley), of 2701 Penny Lane, No. 210, Austin, Tex., boy, Steven Lee Douglas, June 30, 8:49 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**COTTRELL:** Keith and Susan, of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Ginger Larina, April 9, 8:5 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**DEAN:** Bruce and Jeanette (Fann), of Rockhampton, Australia, girl, Renee Yvonne, June 28, 10:45 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

**DUNCAN:** Danny and Dalena (Young), of Russellville, Ky., boy, Danny David James, June 12, 4:03 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**HAAB:** Keith and Helen (Wanov), of Ann Arbor, Mich., girl, Abigail Carmel, June 27, 11:27 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

**HILLEBRENNER:** Bill and Pat, of Colorado Springs, Colo., girl, Dawn Jeanette, June 18, 7:02 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**JONES:** Joe and Judy, of Lamar, Ark., girl, Lacey Allison, June 14, 3:51 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**KARELIUSSON:** Bud and Gale (Mawhinney), of Pasadena, Calif., boy, Jason Eric, July 16, 10:34 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**KELLEY:** Michael and Debra (Bailey), of Montgomery, Ala., girl, Cynthia Dyanne, July 3, 12:46 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**KERSEY:** Tommie and Linda (Nelson), of Stockton, Calif., girl, Laura Christine, July 15, 7:51 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

**KONDROTAS:** Joseph and Nancy (Miller), of Boston, Mass., girl, Nina Helen, July 6, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**LONG:** Timothy and Deborah (Hanush), of Lake Ozark, Mo., boy, Timothy Adam, June 21, 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

**LUDWIG:** Roger and Mathia (van der Werde), of Gunnison, Colo., girl, Heather Rae, July 5, 9:10 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**MISLAK:** James and Janice (Tomponson), of Springfield, Mass., boy, Jeffrey David, June 20, 3:45 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**NETTLETON:** Bob and Janet (Jasper), of Windsor, Ont., boy, Brent Andrew, June 3, 4:36 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

**NEWELL:** Keith and Dorothy (Wallon), of Cabotville, Australia, girl, Anissa, May 20, 4:42 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**OLDENBURG:** Reinhard and Helene (Deenrochers), of Montreal, Que., girl, Ingrid Nadia, March 1, 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 girls.

**REGNIER:** Mark and Linda (McConnell), of Kenosha, Wis., girl, Nissa Irene, June 15, 1:15 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**REGTIAN:** Martin and Marianne (van Zanten), of Huizen, Netherlands, girl, Sietse Antonette "Annette," June 28, 2:45 p.m., 8 pounds, first child.

**RICH:** Harold and Shirley (Wheatley), of Springfield, Ill., boy, Jeffrey Alan, June 30, 5:22 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

**RILEY:** Michael and Anne Marie, of Springfield, Mass., girl, Carolyn Ann, June 21, 10:18 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**SEATON:** Alex and Janet (Reddekopp), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Juanita Kerry, June 24, 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

**STODDART:** Malcolm and Dawn (Fisher), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Ekke, June 17, 6:25 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**SUMMERS:** Kevin and Anne (Rosa), of Hobart, Australia, boy, David Andrew, July 1, 8:29 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys.

**THOMPSON:** Larry and Nancy (Bond), of Des Moines, Iowa, boy, Aaron John, June 20, 9:06 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**UTT:** Ronald and Pamela (Dunipace), of Paramont, Calif., boy, Aaron Arni, June 24, 6:15 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

entering Chicago Marathon Sept. 24 or those going to the Dallas. Dave Maynard, 3501 Florida Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., 55427.

White male, one child, would like to correspond with females, 29 to 35. Have various interests. R 204.

Hi, White female, 16, looking for guys or girls to write, 16 to 19 years or sports, w/any basketball, tennis, archery, bowling, dancing, disco music. Tanj Plato, Box 124, Youngstown, Pa., 32488. R 204.

Female Church member, 19, would like to correspond with young Church members, up to 22, who plan to attend the Feast at Big Sandy, Tex. Interests are wide and varied. Especially interested in hearing from those with no family in the Church. R205.

White male, 30, would like to hear from single females over 20 with similar interests. I play the trombone, golf, bow, like Bible study, fitness and nutrition, good music. Oregon native. Will be at Seattle Feast. R206.

Would like to write to male Church members worldwide. I am a Church member, 38, mother of a large family and just love writing. Veronica, South Africa. R207.

Hi! Would love to hear from girls, 16 and over, worldwide. I am 17 1/2. Love pop music, cinema, etc. Antony, South Africa. R208.

Any girls interested in writing? I am 16, enjoy life. I am studying German if anyone would like to write in German. Andrew, South Africa. R209.

Hi! White female, 14, enjoys all sports. Love gymnastics, rock music and cheerleading. Would like to hear from guys and girls from anywhere. Karen Talley, R211.

Single white baptized Texas female, 26, would like to correspond with men, 25 to 36, of strong moral character, attending the Feast in Big Sandy, Texas. Interests: horses, the outdoors, natural foods, photography and soft-rock music. R211.

Single white male, Marathon runner and cyclist, 50, would like to hear from females, 34 to 42, interested in God's way of life, the right foods and exercises. DeWine Springs, 2110 Redwood Highway E12, San Rafael, Calif., 94904.

Misplaced: one friend named John Manco. Let your friends know what's happening, even though The Good News if you can't write. Nancy from Tennessee. R212.

E-Mtbc: your answer to my ad in the March 13 WW reached me July 4. Please write again as you omitted the country for your address. Faye McHollister, 13 Richmond St., Kapuskasing, Ont., Canada, P5N 2R2.

Would like to write to brethren interested in tax reform and constitutional law in the U.S. David Claitor, 2521 Beaumont Ave., Kissimmee, Fla., 32741.

Black lady, 53, a member of God's Church, would like to get in touch with friends that love God and Church. I love to read the Bible, gardening, pinning, dancing and Church entertainment. R213.

Blonde girl, 14, would like to hear from boys, 14 to 16. Love life and all good things that make life fun. Sandra Jennifer, Rt. 1, Box 181-E, Broken Bow, Okla., 74725.

Jewish Church member, 26, single, would like to correspond with others of Jewish blood who would like to share background information and experience, unique to our heritage. Clarice Joseph. R211.

Hi, My name is Ron and I'm 17. Would like to hear from girls my age, interests are baseball, basketball, football, music, computer, ice skating and meeting friendly people. R214.

Hi! South African Indian, 19, would love to hear from you. Interests: God's way, the outdoors, dancing, cooking and reading. R214.

Hi, would like pen pals who like cooking and trading recipes. Sue. R215.

Male Church member, 28, black, would like to correspond with single black girls, 18 to 26. Interests: drawing, reading, listening to good music, writing poetry. R216.

Girl, 21, would like pen pals from all over the world. Sue. R215.

Male Church member would like to hear from females in their 20s. Write to me about yourself. R217.

Would like to correspond with any Spanish-speaking person. I am trying to learn the language fluently. All ex-smokers, please write and let me know how you did (6/26).

New Church member, British, would like to hear from members, either sex, who will be attending Feast in Scarborough. Between 26 and 38 years of age. R218.

Attention: guys and gals, 19 to 25. I look forward to hearing from lots of interesting people. I really enjoy life. I'm a single white female, 19, G.H., Illinois, R219.

Single male, 24, from India, would like to write to females, 18 to 23, in the Church. Interests: God's way, books, watching, seeing places, writing letters. R220.

Bachelor Church member, late 50s, wishes to correspond with ladies from all parts of the U.S. Plan to attend Feast at Tucson, Illinois. R221.

Helen Hartman from Savannah, Me! you in Walford first day of Unweaved Bread. Lost-city update. Write Pam, R269.

Hi, I'm David Carlson and I'm 10. Would like to correspond with anyone, 8 to 13. Especially from England, Texas, Oregon and Iowa. Interests: sports, cooking, building, games, reading, rock collecting and space. R223.

New members from Enugu, Nigeria, would like American couples, who are Christians, to correspond with us. General Interests. R224.

Hi! My name is Bernice Hutchins. Would like boys and girls, 6 to 7, to write. My hobby is baseball. R225.

Hi! My name is Tammy Hutchins. Would like girls and boys, 9 to 11, to write. Hobbies are swimming and baseball. R226.

Ambassador College friends and anybody else, how about writing? I'm 20 attending Southeast Missouri State University, working toward a Ph.D. in psychology and social work. Brenda Harrison, Box 241, Scott City, Mo., 63780.

Single male Caucasian church member, 34, would like to correspond with females, 23 to 30. John Rollins, Oklahoma. R227.

Single white lady, 23, loves to run. Would like to correspond with guys, 18 to 22, with similar interest, or just anyone who enjoys running or is a fan of tennis and tennis. Other interests: tennis, bowling, motorcycles, rock music and reading. R228.

Church member, male, 33, desires

correspondence from ladies in the Church, 18 to 35. Edward Neumann, California. R229.

Hi, I'm a girl, almost 14, who would like to hear from boys and girls my age. I like swimming, horses, drawing and painting. R230.

White female Church member, 31, would like to correspond with gentlemen, 30 to mid-40s. Interests: travel, sports, w/any bike, music, dancing and outdoor activities. Plan to go to the Lake of the Ozarks for the Feast. R231.

Would like to hear from single white female Church members, 38 to 48, who like swimming, hiking, travel and adventure, dancing and music. R232.

Fulltime British American, Church member, wishes to write to American or Canadian fire fighters who are Church members. R233.

White single male Church member, 31, Wisconsin resident, would like to correspond with ladies, 27 to 33. Will attend the Feast in Tucson. Enjoy travel, sightseeing, people and relaxed living. R234.

Young lady in the Church, 23, white, would like to hear from young gentlemen with comparable interests. Majoring in commercial art. Interests: God's way, fine music, art, puppies, travel, dancing, old-fashioned movies and antique cars. Dove, R235.

Single black male, 22, would like to correspond with females around the world. Interests: sports, music, travel, writing. Dennis Williams, New York. R236.

Would like to correspond with tall men, 23 to 28. Interests: art, travel, people and good country living. I'm a tall girl. R237.

Hi! I'm 9 and would like to write anyone, 7 to 10. I like sports. James Grimes, Alabama. R238.

Hi, my name is Patricia and I'm almost 15. Would like anyone 15 and up. I like to read and go to St. Pete for the Feast. Enjoy sports, walking, rock and roll, disco dancing. Alabama. R239.

Female American, 19, plans a trip to London and West Germany in summer of '79. Would like to get to know single Church members in those areas with similar interests to visit. Interests: string instruments and piano, pop music, travel. God Work, German. R240.

Male university student, 23, seeks correspondence with females, 19 to 26. Interests: international affairs, theater, string instruments, travel, camping, literature and all. N.Y. Christopher Stewart, 111 Bay St., Peekskill, N.Y. 10566.

Grisme from England and Gary from North Carolina, please send me your addresses. Laura M., Abington, Mass., R222.

Dave Schreiber, Barry Kotke, let me know where you are now living. Good buddy, Steve. R241.

Male, early 50s, would like to hear from single gals going to St. Pete for the Feast. R242.

White female, 24, widow with a 9-month-old baby, would enjoy writing to men, ages 29 to 40, that might be going to the Feast. Interests: gardening, sewing, strong family relationships and living God's way. Dee Massie, R243.

White female, 31, wishes correspondence. Interests: oil painting, woodworking, yard landscaping, home decorating. R244.

Want to write people, 50 and older. I am Caucasian and disabled. R245.

Lady, 20, would like to write young people in Church from Australia, southern Europe, Asia. Interests: piano, collecting stamps, cycling, playing records and dancing. R246.

Male, 52, desires correspondence with white females, 40 to 50. Interests: travel, outdoor sports, home life and living God's way. Live in North Dakota. R247.

Jesse and Ester Harrel: Please contact Bill and Helen Halbe, 600 Illinois Ct., Apt. 1, El Segundo, Calif., 90245. Miss you!

Carol Hendrickson: Congratulations! Please write and let us know your new address and tell us about your new Bill and Helen Halbe, 600 Illinois Ct., Apt. 1, El Segundo, Calif., 90245.

Girl, 16 1/2, looking for a girl or boy pen pal, 16 to 20. Interests: collecting stamps, reading, hiking, disco dancing, animals and making new friends. Willing to exchange letters. R248.

Would like to exchange cassette tapes with all interested. Also like tapes of old radio programs. L.H. Huffman, Okla. R265.

# ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murman of the Mount Pocono, Pa., church, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter McAnally of Pasadena. The wedding is planned for Oct. 8.

Kevin Ford of Brackett Wood, England, and Paulette Zonneveld, formerly of the Utrecht, Netherlands, church, will be married at the Brackett Wood campus July 23.

Roger Fowler of Brackett Wood, England, and Jennifer Knowles of the Goddington, Surrey, church, will be married Aug. 13 at Midhurst, Sussex, by Southampton and Godalming pastor David House.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Burk McNair are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Sue to Mark Curtis Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Weaver of Dayton, Ohio. The wedding is planned for Aug. 21 on the Ambassador College campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Josephson of Bloomington, Minn., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia Ann to Charles David Paxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Paxton of Alhambra, Calif. A November wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ruth of Hatfield, Pa., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kim Noreen to Nicholas Bedio Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Bedio of Hazleton, Pa. A November wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane A. Fertig of Wheatland, Wyo., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sherry Elaine to Donald Trent Stevenson of Sitka, La. The wedding date is set for Oct. 8 in Wheatland.

David John Burt and Sotira Manelis were married March 19 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The ceremony was performed by Andre van Belkum. Lucille McCarthy was bridesmaid and Jimmy Hatfield best man. The couple's address: R249.

Pamela Ann Nickles and Gerard Matthew Renagan were united in marriage July 6 in St. Louis, Mo. Ron Washington performed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Jaynes of Imperial, Mo. the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rehagen of St. Louis. The couple attend the St. Louis North church.

Peter Miller and Sally Grinvalds were married June 22. The wedding ceremony took place in Montreal, Que., at the Canadian Slovak Building.

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Kent of Kenosha, Wis., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Pamela to Dr. Ramon Georges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Georges of Chicago, Ill. The wedding was performed by George Meeker June 1.



**MR. AND MRS. MIKE CARTER**  
Rhonda Gordon and Michael Carter were united in marriage June 1 in Caddo, Okla. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Benny Gordon of Caddo and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carter of Glendale, Ore. Jim Clow was best man. Gerald Witt, pastor of the Sherman, Tex., church, performed the ceremony. Both Rhonda and Mike attended Ambassador College.



**MRS. FRAN D. SCHERICH JR.**  
Sharon Darlene Sexton and Fran D. Scherich Jr., were married June 19 by Dean Blackwell. Sharon and Fran attend The Fort Worth, Tex., church. Melanie Cartwright was matron of honor and Barry Kotke was best man. The couple may be written at R267 in Arlington, Tex.



**MR. AND MRS. CHARLES CHASE**  
Charles A. Chase and Cathy Ann Leonard were married May 28 in Salem, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Reginald Platt. The couple attended Ambassador College and can be written at R250.

John Naylor and Jayne Clements of the Brackett Wood, England, church were married in the Music Hall of Ambassador College July 9. Frank Brown officiated.

Peter Trehearne, a Brackett Wood, England, church member from Hitchin, Hertfordshire, married Julie Miller from Bedford July 2. After the ceremony conducted by Paul Guckling, a reception was held in the International Lounge of Ambassador College.

June 22 Larry Sulek and Terri Jackson were united in marriage by Vernon Hargrave in Indianapolis. Travis Arman served as maid of honor and Ben Kyburz served as best man. The couple is living in Indianapolis, Ind.

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# ANNIVERSARIES

Happy anniversary, Aug. 1, Ron and Rosemary Waller from your Louisville friends, Ron, Tara and Ginger. Hope you have many more.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Martin will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 15. We wish you both many more happy years together. Love, Treasa, Alan and Erika.

Happy anniversary, July 27, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Korn) and David. As we always say your love isn't getting older it's getting better. You are the greatest parents anyone could ever have. Love, Richard, Virginia, Ray, Diane, Paul, Danny, Denise, Jason and ? Your family is still bearing fruit.

Happy sixth anniversary, July 23, Richard and Virginia. Congratulations on your new arrival (by the time you read this). We love you, Danny, Denise and Jason.

Happy fourth anniversary, my darling Danny, seems like July 20, 1974, was only yesterday and it's already July 20, 1978. You are still great and so you are. Your other half, Denise.

Dearest Norm, July 6 marks our third year together. What love filled years they have been. Many more to come. Love, Jeanine.

Happy first anniversary to my loving husband, Eric. Hope the year ahead are as rich and full as this one has been. Thank you, honey, for everything. Love, Ellie.

# SPECIAL REQUESTS

Please pray for my husband, a nonmember. God knows his problems. Pray that God will give me the strength to care for my family properly.

Brethren, pray fervently for my three grandsons, who have health and other problems. Pray that I can change circumstances. Please also pray for my own personal marriage problems.

Pray for my father, Ernest Peterson, paralyzed on the left side with a stroke. He will need much rehabilitation before he can come home. He needs help to keep his morale up. Cards and letters would help. Pray for my mother to have strength and patience. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Peterson, 2207 Eric Drive, Minneapolis, Minn., 55426.

Brethren, please pray earnestly for my healing so that we can be blessed with children. We have been married 10 years. We attend the Carmarthen, West Wales, church and have both been baptized. Warm, welcome letters of encouragement from other couples worldwide: Christopher and Marian Murray, Apt. 6, Haven Heights, Milford Haven, Pembrokeshire, SA73 2DN, West Wales.

Please pray that God will help me to have the determination to overcome a problem and to enable me to do His will.

Pray for my mother, Mrs. Roland Vogel (nonmember), who has an ulcer on her leg. It isn't healing. Cards and letters appreciated. Mrs. Roland Vogel, Rt. 1, Box 98, New Ulm, Minn., 56073.

Cards and letters are requested for the family of Y.R. Singleton. Mr. Singleton died July 6 and Mrs. Singleton is an invalid. Her daughter, Virginia, and her son, James, are now more than ever. Virginia Singleton, Rt. 5, Nashville Highway, Jackson, Tenn., 38301.

Brethren, pray that difficulties that could eliminate me attending the Feast be solved. I would like to attend with my friend at Seattle. D.J.

Pray for my many problems. My husband is an alcoholic. Pray that God will intervene in my lives.

Pray for me. I want to overcome a habit very much. Pray for my mother and father, who have health problems.

Pray for my husband Ralph to be healed and free of pain. Also please pray for Arlia, who has had property stolen and has children in need.

Please pray for and send cards to a sick, lonely widow, Mrs. M. M. M. Mrs. M. M. M., 316 Albert Ave., Oakleigh, Victoria, Australia.

(See PERSONALS, page 11)

# Personals

Send your personal, along with a GN mailing label with your address on it, to "Personals," The Good News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Your personal must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears on this page. We cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

# PEN PALS

Hi, I'm a girl, 16, white, who wants to write guys and girls going to Savannah Feast. Object: making new friends. R201.

White female, 43, Church member, would like to correspond with males, 44 to 55. Interests: outdoors, animals, music, dancing and travel. Will attend Feast at Lake of the Ozarks. R202.

Caucasian Church member, widow, interested in hearing from widowers, 55 to 75. Interests: good music, gardening, traveling, home life. R203.

Marathon runners, write to me. Especially those

# TO PLACE A PERSONAL

Type of plainly print your personal, following the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears in the GN. Be sure to include a current GN mailing label with your letter.

Unless you specifically request that your address appear, the GN will automatically delete your address and assign you an alphanumeric mailing code so your address will not appear in print. (This is to help eliminate the unwanted, unsolicited material some readers have received after their addresses appeared in the GN.)

(Because of the more urgent nature of the "Special Requests" and "Follow-Up" sections, the code system is not used unless specifically requested at the time the ad is placed.)

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# TO ANSWER A PERSONAL

Send your response, along with a recent GN mailing label and U.S. postage stamp (if available), to: "Personals, The Good News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. In the lower-left-hand corner of the envelope, print plainly the GN-assigned mailing code that appeared with the ad you wish to answer. Without this code your letter cannot be forwarded! When using the mailing-code system, do not include the name of the person you are writing on the envelope. All letters must be addressed directly to the GN with the assigned mailing code in the lower-left-hand corner.

# Personals

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Pray for and encourage with cards Mrs. Yvonne Reed, who is very sick with cancer. Her address: 656 N. Rd., E. Berneburg, Victoria, Australia.

Please pray that God would help me. I am suffering loneliness. Thank you for your understanding.

Brethren, pray for my children and me. We are in need of a home and support. Thank you.

Brethren, pray for Betty Pais, who is in a coma after an auto accident. Her husband Frank suffered chest injuries but is able to be home with their four children. She is at Bluefield Community Hospital, Bluefield, W.Va. 26017.

Brethren, please pray for my sister-in-law, a member, that her second child to be born in September, will be a normal birth.

Please pray for me. I have a large benign tumor on pituitary gland which increases growth hormone. It is difficult to remove, cause unknown. Must have God's intervention.

Please pray for my family. My wife and I are both baptized members of God's Church and desperately need prayers and God's help for our marriage.

## FOLLOW-UP

I deeply appreciate all prayers and encouraging messages. Please continue needed prayers. I am still in great distress from injuries from Jan. 18. Eloise Whitley, 817 W. 3rd St., Elmira, N.Y., 14802.

In the June 5 Good News Jeannette Collier placed an ad asking the brethren to pray because I was being persecuted because of the Sabbath. God has answered our prayers. I've not had to go into isolation since that ad was placed. Thank you all. I appreciate the cards and letters also. When I am able I will answer all Ask God questions. I'm to appear before the Board of Pardoners for a hearing soon. Aaron Anderson, P.M.B. 86028, Cypress-4, Anglia, La., 70712.

## THANK-YOUs

Ernest and Isabel Candy wish to thank the Brickwood Women's Club and all who participated in the reception arranged for our 55th wedding anniversary. We realize and fully appreciate the amount of work and preparation that went into it. We were touched by the presentation of the magnificent copper stitching of the Auditorium. The flowers were beautiful, the cake delicious. Thank you for the other presents and cards.

Tony Samy Perumal wishes to thank all Church members in Melbourne, Brisbane, Burleigh Heads and Ballarat for making his short stay in Australia a very happy and memorable one.

Thank you to the brethren who sent cards and prayed for the healing of my husband, Hubert. God saw fit to end his suffering and my husband died July 2. The faith of the family has been strengthened by this trial. Dorothy I. Fuller.

Sincere thanks to all for prayers for my bad heart. The Eternal interceded and I was completely healed. I am better now than before and thank the many cards, letters and messages from all over. Thomas K. Mukira, Marmul Estate, P.O. Kibiraicha, Meru, Kenya.

My heartfelt thanks to all brethren, especially the Charlesons, W.Va., brethren and AC students for their prayers, cards and letters and for the help received while I was getting therapy at the W.Va. Rehabilitation Center. The love and concern shown me from so many different countries was overwhelming. Please continue to pray. Unless God intervenes, I will have to have more surgery. Mary Whitacre, Wiley Ford, W.Va. 26787.

## LITERATURE

Would like reprints, or photocopies of the following: "Satan's Fall," *Compendium of World History*, Dr. Hoeh; "The First 2,400 Years," McNair; "Scientists Discover There Were Giants on Earth in Those Days," Dr. Hoeh; "Germany in Prophecy"; "St. Paul in Britain"; "Origins of

Nations"; Key to Northwest European Origins," "McIntire Where Did the 12 Apostles Go?"; "Development of the Races"; "Where Are the Lost Ten Tribes?" Will pay for mailing or return unless otherwise requested. Boniface Chizime, R251.

Would love to have a set of the old Correspondence Course or any other literature. Please write first. R252.

Would like to have the booklet, *Womanhood, Last Cause* and also the booklet, *God Speaks Out on the New Morality*. R253.

Co-worker, keen to learn more, would like to acquire *The Bible* story kits, through a *Tomorrow's World* magazine, the old Correspondence Course or any other literature. Will pay postage but please write first. V. J. Terry, Arnold House, 68 The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex, England, EN2 8JA.

Any unwanted *PTs*, *GNs*, *TWs*, 1933 to 1977? Regret cannot deliver postage. 1 Moorside Lane, Bradford-3, W. Yorkshire, England, BD3 8DE.

Will gladly pay postage for *God Speaks Out on the New Morality* and the very first edition of *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*. R254.

Would like a set of *The Bible Story* books. Will pay postage. Rebecca Alston, R264.

## TRAVEL

Member would like to meet members of God's Church in Australia. Will be in Gatzburg Aug. 12 and 13 and in Vienna Aug. 14 and 15. Mrs. Joyce Carchasky, 11442 Indian Trail, Afton, Minn., 55001.

Miami, Fort Lauderdale residents: I'm seeking to relocate to Florida this fall. I'm seeking information and recommendations on school systems and job opportunities, especially in the advertising and public relations field. Can you help? R256.

Church member from Nigeria needs accommodation (single room) and meals in Chicago near the University of Illinois. I am being sponsored by the government of my country to attend the University and will pay for both accommodation and meals. Will start study in September. Alswell Alalabo, c/o Latief Edjare, 25 Akintola Cole Crescent, PMB 1006, Ilesha Lagos State, Nigeria.

Arizona brethren in the Prescott area, we are moving to your area this fall. I'm interested in the suburbs (have a 7-year-old daughter). Interests: herbs, reflexology, goats, cheesemaking, ceramics and macrame. Our little girl would love to hear from friends her age. Lucille Shearer, R257.

My wife and I and two children are considering moving to Texas, New Mexico or Arizona because of 8-year-old's bronchial problems. Would appreciate literature on climate, living conditions, Church areas, schools and job opportunities. Also newspapers from that area. Want to move after Feast time. Will gladly pay postage. J. Potter, R258.

Would like to hear from others spending the Feast at Karlsruhe, C.S.S.R. D.P.H., R259.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations to Sandy Beattie and Bill Braswell and their wives for their marriage and first baby. Pete Puls.

Photography buffs, help! Need sharp, quality prints. Interested in bridges, fences and barns for a project. I am a photo major in college. Send negatives (color or b&w), location and facts about site, date and camera settings. Also name and address of photographer for credits. Creston V. Dorothy, 3359 Rubio Canyon Rd., Altadena, Calif., R260.

I have two children labeled hyperactive. Has anyone had similar experience? Any information would be greatly appreciated. R261.

We plan to have our next baby at home. Would like any suggestions, pro and con, preparation for unexpected complications, etc. R262.

Would like to have sermons of different Feast series, also other tapes. Will pay postage. Would like *The Bible Stories* also. R263.

Shawn Sarrano, where are you? Please contact

us. We're in Alaska. Temujin Lagao, R263.

Runners, joggers, walkers and strollers, have we got something planned for you at the Fresno Feast this year. A group of about 12 are planning to stage a 20-mile run at a park north of Fresno. Does 20 miles scare you? For most of us just finishing will be the victory. Set your own goals and start working toward them now. Folks of all ages and both sexes invited. Weather should be perfect. Visalia Athletics Club, 12015 Kansas Ave., Hanford, Calif., 93230.

Jack Smoot of Chicago, your Bible hymnal was returned "no such address." Let's try it again. Better to write than phone. My home hours are unpredictable. Lloyd LaMar, Zeeland, Mich., 49644.

# Obituaries

CHICAGO, Ill. — Charles McPherson, 78, who attended the Southside church here, died June 13 after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. McPherson, along with his wife, Emma, had been hospitalized since 1973. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter and a sister.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C. — Eula Davis Lewis, 67, died July 3 following an illness of several weeks. She was baptized Dec. 13, 1970, and attended the Fayetteville, N.C., church. Tim Snyder, associate pastor of the Fayetteville and Raleigh, N.C., churches, officiated.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by four sons,

Jerry (a Church member) of Delaware; Floyd of Delaware; Carl of Maryland and Charles of Tomahawk, N.C.; two brothers, John C. Davis and Willie H. Davis, both of Henderson, N.C.; two sisters, Bonnie Surles and Mary Jordan (both Church members); and a foster sister, Irene Monroe, all of Tar Heel, N.C.

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — William Leslie "Bill" Humphreys, 79, died here July 10 of complications from an internal ailment he had suffered for several years.

Mr. Humphreys was baptized several months after the death of his wife, Cora, in 1974. Mrs. Humphreys had been a deaconess in the San Diego, Calif., and Escondido churches for many years.

James Friddle, pastor of the San Diego church, officiated at services here July 14.

Mr. Humphreys is survived by a son, Robert L.; a daughter, Joyce Ackerman, a Church member; and 10 grandchildren.

FLINT, Mich. — Hubert Fuller, 53, died after a long illness with lung cancer July 2. A member of God's Church since October, 1977, he attended the Flint church. Funeral services were conducted by Nelson Haas July 6.

Mr. Fuller is survived by his wife, two sons, his mother, two brothers and five sisters.

LUBBOCK, Tex. — Gerry C. Elliott, 47, died June 30 after a brief illness. Brent Curtis officiated at funeral services for Mr. Elliott here.

Mr. Elliott, a native of Ottawa, Kan., moved here in 1941 and owned and operated Elliott Motor Sales.

Survivors include his wife, Doris; a son, Steven; a daughter, Becky Palmer; his father, Garland; and a grandchild.

SARNIA, Ont. — Alice Irene Payne, 47, died July 8. She had been a member of God's Church for two years.

Miss Payne is survived by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

She lived with Lorene Levensen, her friend and companion, who acted as her hearing, while Miss Payne acted as her sight.

SHREVEPORT, La. — Nellie Mae Anderson, 69, died July 2 of congestive heart failure.

Mrs. Anderson had been a member of God's Church since 1968. Funeral services were conducted by Gerald Witte, pastor of the Sherman, Tex., church.

Survivors include her three sons, R.G. Anderson, J.L. Anderson and R.W. Anderson, all of Shreveport; two daughters, Johanne Brooks of Bossier City, La., and Audrey Neely of Shreveport; and 12 grandchildren.

# Singapore, Malaysian churches 'encouraged' by lecture results

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The Southeast Asian churches have just completed their first *Plain Truth* lecture program for subscribers in southern Malaysia and Singapore. Four hundred ninety-four nonmembers attended the meetings, representing about 10 percent of the readership in this part of the world.

The campaigns, which began June 3, were held in four locations, Singapore, Johor Baharu, Melaka and Kuala Lumpur. On the first night of the two-night campaign a film was shown, followed by a talk designed to answer questions subscribers had about the magazine and the organization behind it. Those attending were invited back for the second evening to hear John Halford speak on the subject "Why were you born?"

Mr. Halford reports: Perhaps the worst moment in any campaign is the half hour before the start. All the preparation has been done. Booklets have been arranged neatly on the tables. The projector has been checked a dozen times. Notes have been revised — and revised again. Now there is nothing to do but wait and see if anybody is going to come. This was the position of the 34 members of the Singapore church on Sunday, June 3.

We needn't have worried. By the scheduled starting time of 7:30 our rented hall in the Hyatt Hotel was nearly full. Ten minutes later we needed to ask for more chairs. Another five minutes and still more chairs for our nearly overflowing crowd. By the time we were ready to begin, the room was about at capacity with more than 200 people. Not a multitude, perhaps, but pretty encouraging for a church of just over 30 members.

And an enthusiastic crowd they were too. After the program they stayed behind for another two hours, socializing and asking many questions of our members.

It was particularly satisfying to see the genuine interest shown by a group of blind and deaf people. They either listened or watched with great intent, and afterwards spent a long time in deep conversation with our members.

We felt more confident of success on the second night, and our confidence was justified. Two thirds of our audience came back to hear the lecture covering the subject "Why

were you born?" Since we knew this subject material would be very different from their traditional beliefs, we made sure of an ample supply of Mr. Armstrong's booklet on this subject. Nearly everybody picked one up before leaving.

Our second campaign was scheduled for Johor Baharu, southernmost town of Malaysia, just across the causeway from the island nation of Singapore.

Malaysia is a Moslem country, and it is forbidden under the constitution to proselyte any other faith among the indigenous Malay people. It is, however, permitted to preach to the Chinese and the Indians. Naturally we abided by these restrictions.

For the first night at the Orchid Hotel, 56 nonmembers arrived. This was slightly better than a 10 percent response, based on the number of letters sent out. Most of them, and several new people, returned on the second evening.

One of those who came was the president of the local Lions Club. He asked me if we could possibly find time to show the film to his club and to give a condensed version of my lecture. Since the following day was the king's birthday, no campaign was scheduled, and we agreed to come to his club. The president explained to me that because of the constitution of his club, could I avoid any direct reference to the Bible, please?

Preparing for that talk proved to be — well — interesting. But the evening seemed to go all right, and afterwards all the members asked to become subscribers to *The Plain Truth*.

Local elder Yong Chin Gee, campaign manager Lim Seng Joon and myself were feeling most encouraged as we headed for our third location, the old Portuguese city of Melaka. Melaka was the original European settlement on the Malay Peninsula, and to this day it retains a distinct Portuguese flavor.

Christianity began in Melaka in the 15th century when a Portuguese missionary rode through the streets on a donkey, ringing a bell and calling on the Chinese to repent in Portuguese. We of course were planning to use a different approach.

But at 7:30 I was beginning to

wonder if the fellow with the bell hadn't been right after all. Except for ourselves and a few members our room in the town hall was deserted.

But once again, the "mysterious East" was proving predictably unpredictable. By 8:15, three quarters of an hour after the scheduled start, we had a healthy sized group of 44. And the following evening, half an hour late again, we had 48 people, four more than the first night.

In Kuala Lumpur, the final town on our schedule, we didn't quite know what to expect. Kuala Lumpur is the capital of Malaysia, a delightful city of perhaps half a million population. *Plain Truth* readership is about 2,000 at present. So by the law of averages, we could expect a crowd of 200.

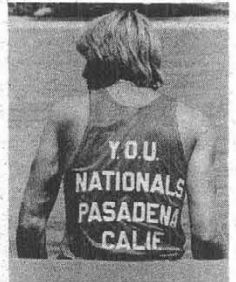
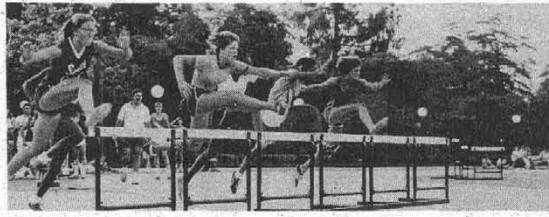
But we had unwittingly scheduled our meeting on the night of the sporting event of the year, the local soccer cup final. So once again, that countdown half hour was a heart-stopper.

Well, we didn't make the 200 on the first night, only 199 people came! And the following evening about half returned, along with 59 people who attended for the first time.

The Kuala Lumpur crowd showed great interest in the Church. There is a lot of interest in Christianity among young Chinese and Indian Malaysians at present. Many told us that they were thoroughly confused with all the different brands. One young woman explained she felt like a western tourist confronted with 250 brands of watches in a Singapore duty-free shop, each claiming to be the best.

As this seemed a consistent theme, I changed the subject of my lecture on the second night to "What did Christ say that Christianity was a about." There were at least two revival-type crusades going on in Kuala Lumpur at the time, with more scheduled. I warned the audience not to be persuaded by emotion, but to prove things for themselves, as the *PT* had always recommended. I had their close attention all the way, and afterwards many said they found the evening very helpful.

Here's hoping! The Singapore and Kuala Lumpur churches worked hard to make the first *PT* lecture series a success. We are very encouraged by the results.



**MOVING ON** — Left: Lea Gaundroue of the Winnipeg, Man., church runs in the 880-yard event. Above: Athletes from six regions run the 80-yard low hurdles. Right: A member of the South Central team wears his goal. Below: The Southwest Region squad holds the first-place trophy after a come-from-behind victory.

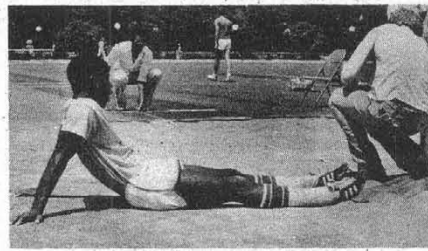


# '78 YOU TRACK-AND-FIELD FINALS

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**HIGH JUMP** — Above: Shelly Goethals of the Tacoma, Wash., church high-jumps to second place. Right: Mickey Perry of the Washington, D.C., church rests while his long-jump attempt is measured. Far right: Richard Johnson of the Portland (Ore.) West church pole-vaults to first place. Below left: Ann Smail of Jackson, Miss., left, came to Pasadena to watch her daughter Tammy, right, win the girls' two-mile run.



**TOURNAMENT SIGHTS** — Left: Darlene Parks of the Windsor, Ont., church encourages her teammates. Below left: Carol Bennett, left, of the Regina, Sask., church and Michelle Messier of the Surrey, B.C., church represent a north-of-the-border contingent. Below right: Timekeepers crowd the finish line. Right: Lilla Rose Blake of the San Jose, Calif., church was named female most valuable performer the second year in a row. Above: Phil Greenwood of the Southwest Region and Dave Dodson of the Southeast were named male most valuable performers.

