

A Personal Letter from

Samuel Led Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

GREETINGS from rainy Pasadena! The last two days we have had heavy, overcast skies with steady rain resulting from a Pacific storm moving in from Baja California, which I understand is the first time a true tropical storm has struck the Los Angeles area for approximately 30 years.

The rain is welcome relief, though, from the hot, smoggy days of summer, and we're looking forward to beautiful skies when the weather clears. I am writing to you on Sabbath afternoon [Sept. 11], following another specially taped sermon which I delivered before our Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church this morning and which will give me one more telecast for the coming season.

It seems almost impossible that the Holy Day season is upon us again, with everyone making plans for Festival attendance. I have gone over the schedules several times with Mr. Sherwin McMichael, director of Festi-

val planning, and have talked to several of our friends and brethren who are telling me of their plans for attending the Feast of Tabernacles at various of the Festival locations.

Feelings of Nostalgia

The feelings of nostalgia associated with the many years of travel to the Feast become quite familiar as I listen to people planning to travel together and make plans for Festival transfers and to visit with friends and relatives, or camp out at one of the sites of their choice. It was always the absolute highlight of the year when my boys were much smaller and we were able to go across the United States in a caravan of two or three cars, stopping overnight a time or two and taking our youngsters along in the back of a station wagon en route to Big Sandy, in the early years when we only had one and then two Festival sites.

So, although I may envy many of you who are making your plans to

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'PT' headed for supermarkets

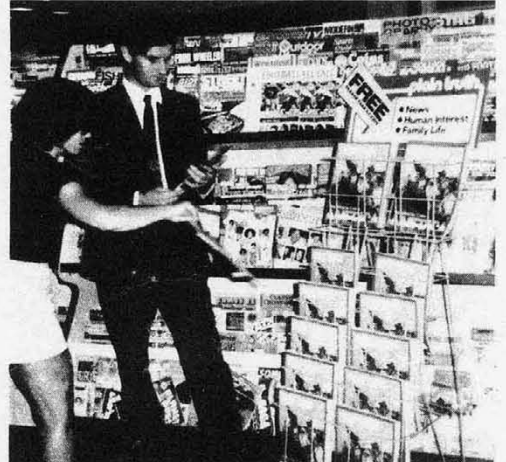
PASADENA — With the September issue, *The Plain Truth* is being distributed for the first time in the United States via supermarkets and other stores to supplement mail distribution, reported Gordon Muir, assistant circulation manager of the publication, who is now touring the country to set up pilot programs.

Drawing on experience gained mainly by the Work in Britain, where *The Plain Truth* has been distributed via newsstands for five years, Dr. Muir is optimistic about the program. Two trial areas have already been set up: "the southeastern part of South Dakota including Sioux City, Iowa, Mr. Chuck Scott's area, and a large area of Kentucky around Lexington, Mr. Roland Tucker's area," Dr. Muir said.

"These have been designated as trial areas to enable circulation staff to gauge the success and effectiveness of this type of distribution before extending it to other regions."

Some protests have been voiced by members of the clergy who have told store managers displaying *The Plain Truth* they would stop patronizing those places of business until the magazines were removed, Dr. Muir reported.

Dr. Muir said some July editions were distributed in a Lexington supermarket and a newsstand at a



NEWSSTAND DISPLAY — Gerry Russell inspects a *Plain Truth* stand as a shopper helps herself at a supermarket in Lexington, Ky. [Photo by Gordon Muir]

Louisville, Ky., airport.

"In both cases the magazine proved to be a very popular attraction," Dr. Muir commented.

He told of preparations for the program in the two places:

"In the Sioux Falls [S.D.]-Sioux City area the distribution was arranged with the help of Chuck Scott, the local minister. In this respect Chuck's role as chairman of the Environmental Protection Board in Sioux Falls was of considerable assistance.

"In the Kentucky area the arrangements have mainly been made on behalf of the department by local businessman and member of the Lexington church Gerry Russell. Gerry gained considerable experience in handling distribution of *The Plain Truth* during a recent two-year stay in England.

"In both areas, however, the opportunities only really opened up after the churches had been asked to pray about it."

Dr. Muir expects about 20,000 copies of the magazine to be distributed at 20 places of business in Sioux City and Sioux Falls and about 30,000 through outlets in Kentucky.

"The magazines on display will carry a subscription offer," he noted. "The effect of the distribution should thus be twofold. Firstly, to get the magazines into the hands of new readers for the first time and, secondly, to help build up a subscription list for those who choose to receive the magazine regularly in the mail."

Distribution will mainly be handled by members. One member in each area will be responsible for determining the number of magazines required for each store.

"Development of this type of circulation should be taking place over the next few months in other areas if present trials prove, as is expected, to be successful," Dr. Muir concluded.

Dr. Muir is also arranging newsstand distribution in Atlanta, Ga., and Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio.

Buck Owens to appear at four U.S. Feast sites

BIG SANDY — Gamer Ted Armstrong traveled to Bakersfield, Calif., Sept. 9 to record 30-second television and radio announcements with singer Buck Owens to advertise the country singer's show, which will travel to four U.S. Feast sites next month. The announcements will be aired over stations near the sites.

While Mr. Armstrong was in Bakersfield, photographers took promotional pictures of Mr. Armstrong and Buck, according to Ross Jutsum, music coordinator for Mr. Armstrong's personal appearances, who will also appear in the performances, on the piano and other keyboard instruments.

Buck Owens and his Buckaroos will entertain during the Feast beginning in Tucson, Ariz., Oct. 10. Mr. Armstrong is scheduled to appear as Buck's "special guest" in this second year of the country singer's Festival performances.

Mr. Armstrong will also appear with Buck at the three other sites: Big Sandy, Oct. 12; St. Petersburg, Fla., Oct. 13; and Hampton, Va., Oct. 14.

Tickets will be sold at each of the four sites for \$4, \$5 and \$6 for adults; children 11 and under will be admitted for half price. No tickets are being sold in advance.

Buck's Background

According to Buck Owens' manager, Jack McFadden, 26 of the singer's records have hit No. 1 on the country charts. His songs, which he records in his own studios in Bakersfield, have also been recorded by artists as diverse in style as the Beatles, Barbra Streisand, Dean Martin, Al Martino, Ray Charles and Bobby Goldsboro.

In 1937 Buck and his family left Sherman, Tex., where he had been born into a family of migrant farm workers. After later living in Mesa, Ariz., the family eventually settled in the San Joaquin Valley of California, where Buck and his family have lived since.

"Many hard years later, in 1968, the American dream was realized as Buck entertained and visited with the President of the United States, then-

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BUCK OWENS

Philippine members escape killer quake



DEVASTATION — The earthquake that struck the island of Mindanao in the Philippines Aug. 16 destroyed many buildings, homes and lives, including what had been a gift shop and book center, above. Church members in the area escaped injury. [Photo by D'Exacto Studio, Cebu]

MANILA, Philippines — The Aug. 16 earthquake and tidal waves that hit Mindanao, the southernmost island of this country, killed an estimated 8,000 people, according to some news reports, but Church members in the stricken area were not affected, reports Colin Adair, director of the Work's office here (*The Worldwide News*, Aug. 16).

The quake, measuring 8 on the Richter scale, lasted 20 seconds, spawned 30-foot tidal waves and reportedly tore apart a dozen towns.

Church membership in the area of the quake is "small and scattered," Mr. Adair says, but there were members there at the time of the temblor. In the city of Davao, on Mindanao's southeastern coast, Edmond D. Macaraeg, a ministerial assistant for the Davao church, was at home working late at his desk when he glanced at his watch and noticed it was 12:10 a.m.

"A few seconds after that," states Mr. Macaraeg, "the earth unsuspect-

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Personal 'Personal'

I think GTA's "Personal" is great. He makes you feel like he wrote it just for you. He's one who proves he loves us all. Tell him and HWA we love them too and we are praying for the work they are doing.

Mrs. Jacque Huie
Sulphur Springs, Tex.

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Back on the list

Hey!! Wait!!! a minute and stop the world and please let me get back on your mailing list.

I have been so bogged down with canning, preserving and freezing the physical foods, I have let the spiritual go. I can't remember if I sent in my subscription donation. Now that I have missed the last copy, I am sure I did not.

Please forgive me for being so careless with something that makes life worth living. I promise to be more careful next time. Enclosed is my check for a dear friend I don't want to lose (WN).

Mrs. Leo Kimbrough
Danville, Ark.

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As usual I'm late, but here is my subscription payment, so I won't miss any more, and enough for one other. Wish it could be more, because it is certainly worth every penny and much more. I just hope the ones not able to attend church as we do, especially, will be able to receive the paper.

Although I didn't receive the questionnaire [sent at random to 1,000 U.S. subscribers], I "voted" EXCELLENT anyway, and really appreciate the changes made, such as "Special Requests," "Thank You," "Postmark," etc. The fruits of your labor (WN) can only have come from a dedicated staff of workers. THANK YOU!! We love you for it!

Please do continue publishing news from the scattered brethren, especially those from overseas, so we can know their needs and desires. How else can we pray for them? Since we hear from them so seldom, let's not leave any information out, and encourage them to write more often.

Mrs. John A. Stewart
Aurora, Mo.

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Picture accomplished

We just wanted to thank you for sponsoring such a [coloring] contest for the young children of the Church (July 5). It is important for them to become involved, too, and at an early age to have a sense of accomplishment. After more than a week of "laboring" on the picture, our daughter finally finished it yesterday, much to my relief (and I think hers!). When her "work of art" met to her satisfaction, she declared, "I'm pooped," and decided it was time to take a nap!

So thank you for contributing to the sense of fulfillment and happiness of the many children who enjoyed coloring such a nice outdoor scene. We appreciate it very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Rhay
Medford, Ore.

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Characters identified

I really appreciate the many aspects of the WN. One feature that I regularly turn to after Garner Ted's "Personal" is the "Story for Young Readers." Although I'm nearly 30, I find there's an awful lot to learn from the situations and lessons in these stories. It's true, we are just children grown up, and I am sure that identifying with the characters in these stories helps us to realize this.

They're excellent quality. Please keep them up.

Chris Reeve
Hornchurch, England

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Nubian roper

Me too! Saw the recent article in WN (July 19). There are a lot of goat keepers. I think you would really be surprised. I raise registered Nubians as a hobby. This spring I purchased Ruford's Laureen, N196458. She was very near kidding and three weeks after I brought her home she presented me with quads, three does, one buck. This isn't unheard of in goat circles but was the first set for me. I've had registered stock for about four years.

Mrs. Carol Macagno
Fresno, Calif.

Philippine members escape killer quake

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edly started to shake, and I woke my wife up.

"It was one of the strongest quakes I have experienced, and I was beginning to entertain thoughts about a landslide occurring in our subdivision — we are on top of a hill — with houses and earth tumbling and crashing downhill.

"However, I reassured myself that I do not think God would allow that to happen at this stage of His Work in this area . . . I was fully confident that in spite of the quakes which seemed never to stop, God was somehow having a hand right there and then in protecting us."

Strange Sound

West of Davao is the city of Cotabato, on the island's western coast, the area hardest hit. There Elvira Cuevas, another Church member, was awakened by a strange sound "accompanied by the swaying and rocking of the whole house."

Miss Cuevas "uttered a silent prayer. It was strange, but after that prayer I did not feel any nervousness or fear. My thinking was clear, making me notice the varying reactions of people running and shouting.

"There were children crying for their parents, and parents calling for their children.

"Others were uttering loud prayers while many were booing. There is a superstition that the booing will drive away the great pig plowing under the earth, causing the earthquake."

Miss Cuevas and her immediate neighbors were unhurt; her house suffered only minor damage.

She told of the tidal waves that hit minutes after the quake:

"Tidal waves, or tsunamis, hit the shores of our neighboring towns and washed away houses and many lives. Stories of those who personally saw the waves say that it rose as high as a coconut tree.

"In the places badly hit, water raced as far as a kilometer from the shore . . . Houses were uprooted . . .

But the most disheartening is the loss of several thousands of lives. In many cases, only one or two were left from whole families. This was a time when several deaths were buried together in single graves, ranging from seven to 34 per digging.

"I remember the prophecies in the

great Book and I shiver to think that all these are nothing to be compared to the future shocks and calamities which are going to come to pass and rock this earth."

Eleazar Flores of Kabakah is another Church member and is head of a government agency, the Bureau of Soils Department. Mr. Flores accompanied his supervisor to Cotabato several hours after the calamity.

Looks of Fear

"I was appalled by what I saw," Mr. Flores reports, "the extensive damage caused by the quake to the buildings and structures . . . Some buildings had collapsed, some leaned at various positions, many had cracks, a few were burned . . .

"I could see on the faces of the city folks the looks of fear and anxiety. They had passed through the fearful and shocking calamity just a week ago. Now they have to work hard to rehabilitate and rebuild."

Robin Freires, another member, lives in Lebak, also on the west coast, south of Cotabato City. At the time of the quake "strong jolts awakened me up, tossing me to and fro in my bed . . . I realized that this was a very strong earthquake I have ever experienced in my life. I could hardly stand very well . . .

"I shouted to my old parents to come down immediately from their two-story house, which was adjacent to mine . . .

"I don't know how long the quake lasted, but it seemed eternity, and it produced great sounds that raised one's hair on end in terror. Just then, it flashed in my mind to say, 'Pa, I am afraid there will be a tidal wave.'"

Mr. Freires was right about the waves. "Just after the quake three tidal waves destroyed the *barrios* along the coast, I immediately set out with my friend in our jeep to see how we can help, after making sure my family was safe.

"It was a grim picture — wooden houses piled together as if a giant broom swept them away. Under those piled debris lay the dead who were not able to escape the oncoming, rushing and tumbling tidal waves."

Later, back at home, Mr. Freires assayed his personal damages. "Only the cabinet with breakables was destroyed. Our bodega at the seaside miraculously showed no sign of destruction."

Brethren's Concern

Here in Manila, Mr. Adair expresses gratitude to the "many brethren from all parts of the world who showed love and concern" upon hearing of the devastation:

"Many phone calls offering help and assistance were received at Pasadena [at the headquarters of the International Division]. Here in the Manila office we had a call from Australia, on Telex from Australia and

one from New Zealand offering whatever help was necessary."

But Mr. Adair reports that all members in his country "were protected by God, and no one suffered any physical injury at all. Of course, minor damage occurred to a few of their homes, but, considering the intensity of the quake — 8 on the Richter scale — the damage was negligible.

"Amazingly, none of the members is in need of any kind of help at all . . . If help should be needed, then I'm sure it can be easily handled by our local Church Welfare Department."

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GRIM VIEW — Massive destruction, above, is what greeted the eyes of Ferdinand Marcos, president of the Philippines, below, on his personal tour of the area struck by the Aug. 16 earthquake, which was rated at 8 on the Richter scale. [Photos by Ronson Studio and D'Exacto Studio, Cotabata]



'Sunset to Sunset': a special album

By Scott Moss

BIG SANDY — Specially orchestrated and arranged for listening on the Sabbath, *Sunset to Sunset*, the third record album to be produced by Ambassador College, Big Sandy, is scheduled to be released at the Feast of Tabernacles this fall, according to Student Body President Steve Schantz.

Including 10 original songs written and arranged by Ambassador students and alumni, and one rearranged instrumental from the Church hymnal ("Holy Mighty Majesty"), the album is an orchestrated attempt to "provide the brethren with a unique, enjoyable and quality album they can relax to on the Sabbath," Mr. Schantz said.

Professional musicians round out the songs with a full, orchestral sound. And, according to Gary Briggs, director of the college band and singers and a driving force behind the record's production, the musicianship on this year's production "is by far the most professional that we've had. We were very fortunate to get the people we did."

Included for the first time on a Big Sandy-produced disc is a fold-out cover with the words to each song. Vocal solos were performed by Ambassador College students Mike Hale, Carol Galloway, Nancy Scull and Marty Yale with backup provided by the college's New World Singers. Garner Ted Armstrong also sang two solos, "Imagine" and "The Country I Love."

Those attending the Mount Pocono, Wisconsin Delis, Lake of

the Ozarks and Big Sandy Festival sites, where the Big Sandy Feast show, *You and Me*, is slated to travel, will hear a "sneak preview" of a few of the numbers on the album, according to Mr. Schantz.

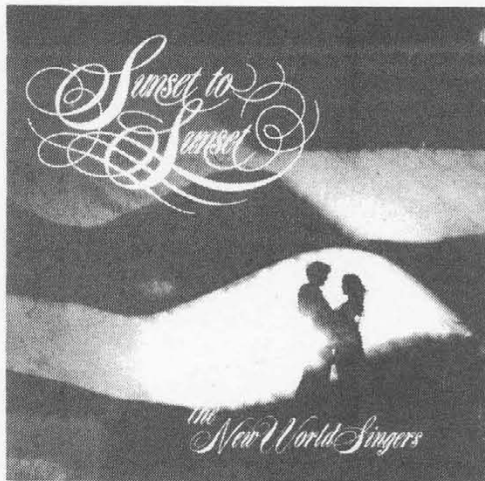
The high-fidelity, stereo records are planned for sale at each continental-U.S. Feast site, and mail orders (see coupon, this page) will be filled as soon as possible after the Feast, with the price again set at \$5 each.

Mr. Schantz assured the *WN* that some of the problems of last year's record distribution, which resulted in members' albums being delayed up to six months, were caused by "a regrettable combination of circumstances" that "we don't foresee happening again." He said the records "will be mailed on time."

Mail orders will be filled "within six weeks" after the Feast, said Mr. Schantz.

Should any complaints arise, "the man to contact is Shernon West, album-distribution coordinator," whose address is Shernon West, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

"The opportunity to provide an album like this for the Church brethren is an education in itself," commented Ronald Kelly, executive vice president for Ambassador, Big Sandy. "Our effort to satisfy those who appreciate the full sound of an orchestra behind the group has come to fruition. And all of the hours spent in making *Sunset to Sunset* become worthwhile as you sit down and enjoy the beauty of the album."



ALBUM COVER — This is the cover for the third and latest record album produced by Ambassador College, Big Sandy. It is to be released this fall.

6-year-old recovers

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. — Today 6-year-old Carolyn Jordan attends school and runs and plays like any other child her age. But nine months ago she suffered from pneumonia, rheumatic fever and St. Vitus' dance (chorea).

Last December doctors discovered her rheumatic fever and pneumonia but were "afraid to treat the pneumonia because of the rheumatic fever," said Carolyn's mother, Frances Jordan.

Mrs. Jordan sent for an anointed cloth, but, before it arrived, the girl's lungs began to fill and her heart became enlarged, so the doctors went ahead with the treatment for pneumonia.

"I got the anointed cloth after she had been in the hospital for exactly one week, on a Monday, and I used it

before I was told how serious she was," said Mrs. Jordan, who reported later Carolyn rested well that night and began to improve.

The next Thursday Mrs. Jordan went to the hospital, planning to spend the day, but, after a doctor examined Carolyn, he found her lungs were clear and her condition improved. She was allowed to go home.

The next week Mrs. Jordan took her daughter back to the doctor. He discovered symptoms of St. Vitus' dance but decided not to try to treat it.

A week later, when Mrs. Jordan took Carolyn back again, the doctor was surprised to find her condition better.

Today there are no traces of St. Vitus' dance, Mrs. Jordan said, and Carolyn's heart has returned to its normal size.



RECORDING SESSION — Clockwise from top left: Director Gary Briggs leads the band and singers; Marty Yale concentrates on his playing; violinists accompany the singers; Tim Kern and Tom Crabb work on the introduction to "Holy Mighty Majesty"; Ross Jutsum practices his part; Jennifer Agee sings.

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Tragedy did not stop this man

By Raymond F. McNair
MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Henry Knuth, 34, a handicapped member of the Milwaukee church, is an inspiration to many Church members. I wanted to find out why.

Henry first heard Garner Ted Armstrong on radio in 1972. He has attended here since March, 1974, and was baptized later that same year, in August. Peter Ochs, another member, and his family have also influenced Mr. Knuth. Henry knew Mr. Ochs in business before he came into contact with God's Church.

Henry Knuth was born Oct. 14, 1941. Soon after his birth it was discovered he had a type of muscular dystrophy, but, even so, he could walk with the use of a cane while attending high school.

Tractor Accident

But another tragedy would soon strike. When he was 20 the front axle of a tractor he was riding broke and he was thrown off. After the accident he spent four months in a hospital, and during this period of inactivity his muscles grew weaker and weaker. He began to have to use a wheelchair to get around.

You have to admire Henry for his good cheer, as well as for his fortitude and ingenuity. He didn't let his misfortunes get him down. He still takes exercises and manages (with the help of a wheelchair) to get around well enough to hold down a good job, regularly attend church and even sing in the congregation's choir.

Furthermore, he has shown enough independence and resource-

fulness to purchase his own home and in spite of his muscular dystrophy manage to take care of himself.

Henry Knuth now works full time at Ortho Kinetics, Inc. His company manufactures cushion lift chairs, which rise near a standing position to assist handicapped people. The company also makes recliners, wheelchairs and "care chairs" (with a cushion and a tray or table).

Henry works with customer service and also spends part of his time in telephone sales, and he also works with the collection department.

His fourth function is in the development-and-engineering department, helping with new ideas and testing new machines. His handicap is actually an asset in this department.

Prefers Being Profitable

It would be easy for Henry to give up and let charity take care of him. Because of his handicap, few would think he was shirking his responsibilities, but Henry prefers to be a profitable servant.

He wants to take care of himself and desires to give of himself — of his time, energy and resources — to others. He has found that such an approach to life makes living much more meaningful and productive.

Recently I spoke to two large congregations here. It was encouraging to me to see Henry Knuth, even though confined to his wheelchair, taking an active part in the choir, just singing his heart out.

It takes extra time, energy and sac-

rifices for him to do this, but this is one way he can contribute to his church and community and a way of inspiring those who are not so handicapped to try to do more.

Henry now owns a van and has an electric device on the vehicle by which he lifts his wheelchair up and rolls it into the van. He then transfers himself from the chair to the driver's seat and drives away.

Henry's parents' families both came from Germany. Like many of God's people in this area, they are of solid German background.

It is impossible for me to see the smiling, determined face of a handicapped person like Henry Knuth without being inspired to try harder and do better. Those of us who have full control of our mental and physical faculties ought daily to thank God for the fantastic blessing of being able to use our eyes, ears, hands and feet to the honor of our Creator.



MEMBER ON THE MOVE — Henry Knuth, member of the Milwaukee church, doesn't let his handicap slow him down. He gets around by using a wheelchair and driving a van.

The name of the game is squash

By Nick Carter

HARROW, England — Six new squash courts, with three championship courts similar to those at the Wembley Squash Center, are to be built at the Harrow Leisure Center. Well, they would be if Samir Nadim had his way.

For Samir is the squash professional at the Leisure Center, a man with his head well screwed on, who believes in doing things thoroughly.

In fact, he is just what is needed at the Leisure Center, just the man to

put the game on its feet in Harrow.

"If I had the use of a championship court, coaching would be so much easier and much more effective."

This article, about a Church member and former employee of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, England, is condensed here from the Harrow Observer of June 11.

People could sit and watch while I demonstrate on court and then

put what they had learnt into practice.

"We would also be able to help the Squash Rackets Association and promote the game in a much bigger way, six times more than Wembley could do."

"We already have the rough drawings of what I want to do, but I would like to see the development here at Harrow, because this is where the game originated, at Harrow School."

"It would be great if we could find the sponsorship money to do it. It that happened we could become another Wimbledon, providing healthy competition to Wembley and producing champions galore."

Having come to England in 1960, representing the Egyptian team, Samir decided to stay, and, though he only had a couple of bob in his pocket, he found work at a brewery and joined the Paddington Squash Club soon after that.

This was the club where some of the country's top players were making names for themselves, and, with Samir in the team, along with people like Mike Corby and John Ward, they went on to win the Cumberland Cup.

Five Long Years

Five long, hard years followed, as Samir spread his name around and took up coaching.

"When I first went onto a court as a coach, I did not know what to say to the other person."

"At the end of those five years, however, I had gained enough experience to make people recognize me as a top coach."

It was Samir who got Jonah Barrington onto his feet in the early '60s, and, in 1966, Barrington won his first British Open championship. He repeated the achievement five times, broken only in 1968.

"My flatmate would not even give Jonah a game at first," Samir explained, "because he was not good enough. I was the only one willing to take notice of a young man who wanted to become a champion."

"Eventually he was able to play around, and he joined the Lansdowne Club, where the great Nasrullah Khan took him under his wing."

Samir himself first started squash when he was 7. After a few games he was able to beat the person who taught him, and his opponent was so jealous that he began to aim at the young Samir with the ball, rather than at the ball.

"I have always kept my eye going since I was about 3," Samir went on. "I used to play against a wall with any type of ball, which was probably the

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Burmese man provides power for church

By John Halford

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — If *Reader's Digest* were to ask me to write about my most unforgettable character, I would have to pick U Saw Hla.

U Saw Hla was one of the first members of the Church to be baptized in Burma. He is a short, vigor-

The writer is executive assistant to Australian regional director Dennis Luker.

ous man of 65 and is now retired after working for many years as a school-teacher. U Saw Hla speaks several languages, including excellent English, and, in spite of living in one of the remote parts of the world, is a well-read and animated conversationalist on many subjects.

A turning point in U Saw Hla's life came during the Second World War, when the Japanese occupied Burma. He was arrested by the secret police on suspicion of being a spy. There was only one penalty: death by beheading.

After a day of constant interrogation, things were looking bad for him. It seemed the prosecutor was determined to find him guilty.

U Saw Hla remembers praying desperately that if there were a God who could help him, and if He would intervene to save his life, he would devote the rest of that life looking for the truth.

Suddenly the case against him fell apart, and he was allowed to go free.

Search Begun

After the war U Saw Hla began to search through religions and denominations, looking all the time for the true knowledge of God. He had a basic knowledge of the Bible, but nothing else that he read seemed to ring true.

One day an old Baptist missionary gave him a copy of *The Plain Truth*. U Saw Hla wrote for the magazine

himself. Although only a few copies of the magazine got through the mails to him over the years, he studied diligently with what he had. He shared his newfound understanding with many of his relatives, and several of these are also now members of the Church.

Today U Saw Hla is as active and energetic as ever. He has translated the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course into his dialect for members who cannot speak and read English. Before his retirement he taught science, and he puts his knowledge to practical use in the service of his brethren.

Burma is one of the world's poorer countries, and many of the luxuries that we take for granted are simply unobtainable. A Bible, a ball-point pen or notepaper can be major purchases. The mail service to the remote parts of Burma is erratic, so copies of *The Plain Truth* and *The Worldwide News* are few and far between. The arrival of a recorded sermon by Garner Ted Armstrong is a red-letter day.

But how to play it, that is the question. The church in southern Burma owns a cassette player, but the village where most of the members live does not have electricity. Batteries are not readily available and are expensive, sometimes costing more than a week's wages each. But U Saw Hla is solving the problem.

Natural Power

A few months ago I sent him a little book called *Home Made Power*, a handbook for people who had dropped out in the United States and gone back to nature. The book showed how power can be obtained from natural sources such as wind and water. (I wonder if the authors of such books realize that their "gimmicks" are desperately needed technology for the third and fourth world.)



POWER MAKER — U Saw Hla, 65-year-old Church member in Burma, developed chemical-electric batteries to operate a tape recorder so Burmese members can listen to tapes of sermons. [Photos by John Halford]

Using the book, and his scientific knowledge, U Saw Hla has made several serviceable chemical-electric cells that can power the cassette player. He is working on a wind- or water-powered battery recharger, using an old car starter motor. He is also trying to perfect a bicycle-powered generator that will solve the electricity problem once and for all.

Lack of money or spare parts is just an inconvenience — not an obstacle — to this dedicated and persis-

tent old man. Through his efforts many Burmese brethren have contact with the Work.

While visiting Burma in May, regional director Dennis Luker and I joined U Saw Hla and some of our Burmese friends in climbing the 1,000 steps of Mandalay Hill. We were worried that U Saw Hla would overexert himself, and suggested that he wait for us halfway.

"Don't worry," he said, "I take one step at a time and eventually I will reach the top."

Lost hiker found after 30 hours

SYLMAR, Calif. — A 14-year-old girl on a backpacking trip sponsored by a Youth Opportunities United group in the High Sierra Mountains was found unharmed June 29 after being lost 30 hours, reports Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Reseda, Calif., church and leader of the backpackers.

The ordeal, which was reported by the Associated Press, began June 27 when Bobbie Ann Bulharowski, daughter of Reseda members Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bulharowski, along with 21 other teenagers and four adults from the Reseda congregation, set out to spend a week in the mountains of Sequoia National Park.

While crossing Silliman Pass the next day, three of the teens, Bobbie Ann, Karey Schiller and Mark Burt, took a path to Beville Lake, thinking

it was Ranger Lake. While Karey and Mark sat on a rock to rest, Bobbie Ann decided to walk around the lake to look for the rest of the group. When Bobbie Ann didn't return, the other two went back to meet the others coming down from the pass. At 3 p.m. June 28 the search began for Bobbie Ann.

(In the box on this page is a first-person account of the girl's 30 hours in the rugged back country.)

That afternoon and night the backpackers searched for Bobbie Ann and early the next morning, Tuesday, notified the Forest Service, which could only supply a few men, since most Forest Service personnel were busy fighting a forest fire elsewhere.

The searchers, mostly the YOU group and their adult leaders, continued until that evening, when she

was found safe.

"She had set up camp in an opening just beside the creek," said Marie Christopher, 16, a backpacker who was in the search party. "Because of the steepness of the sides of the gorge and the dense forest, she had been unable to hear our yelling or see our lights."

HIKING — Jim Hickok, one of the four chaperons, puts on his pack, below, while the group sits around the base of a giant redwood tree, right.



BOBBIE ANN BULHAROWSKI

Alone in the woods for a day and a half

By Bobbie Ann Bulharowski
RESEDA, Calif. — As I was riding home I couldn't believe the backpack trip was over. Sitting there surrounded by my friends, I couldn't help but wish that some of them were with me when I was lost.

I asked myself how I did get lost. I guess Karey Schiller, Mark Burt and I got on the wrong trail, because suddenly it came to an end. We saw a lake nearby which we thought to be Ranger Lake, so we went to it. But, while we were looking around, I must have gotten too involved in looking at the trees and scenery because I forgot to keep my eyes on my friends, and I finally realized that I was all alone.

About that time I found myself very thirsty. Since I didn't have a canteen, I went to a creek I heard not too far away. Then I sat down and thought what I should do.

Thinking that the creek would either lead to Ranger Lake or someplace where I could get help, I decided to follow it. I couldn't help but wonder if the main group realized yet that I was lost and whether Mark and Karey found their way back.

While I walked down the creek I would blow my whistle and call for help, hoping for an answer that never came. I don't think I ever prayed so much or so hard as when I was walking down that creek! I was praying mainly that I would be found before dark, but I still knew I had to do my part, so as night came I got out my sleeping bag and put out my bed.

Finding Stars

After a quick supper of Granola and trail snacks, I lay down and looked at the stars and tried to find the Little Dipper and the Big Dipper. I must have been really tired because I was asleep before I knew it and didn't wake up until it was light. I guess it was early, though, because I couldn't see the sun over the mountains.

I had some hot chocolate and Granola for breakfast and walked a short way down the creek to a clearing where I stayed the rest of the day, waiting to be found. I thought of the things I shouldn't have done and the things I should have done. I

wanted to learn all I could from this experience.

I wondered how everyone was taking it. Did they tell my parents or what? I knew I was going to be found but the only question was when.

Again I prayed that I would be found before dark.

I think it was about noon when I lay down and took a nap. Since I didn't have a watch, I can only guess it was around 3 or 4 o'clock when I woke up.

I thought I should do something to pass the time, so I looked through my pack and found the song book we brought for our sing-alongs and sang till about 6 or 7. Then my hopes jumped up when I heard the sound of a helicopter.

Namelike Sound

I leaped up and looked around because I was positive it was looking for me, even though I couldn't see it.

I heard it for about half an hour. Then I heard faint yelling which sounded like my name; all this time I was blowing my whistle and yelling till I was hoarse.

After about 15 minutes I didn't hear any more yelling. By this time it was starting to get dark and I thought, if God wants me to spend another night out here by myself, then that's what will happen. I thought, God knows what's best, and if He wants me to spend another night then that is the best thing. I told Him that I would rather not, though.

Then I sat on my sleeping bag and started to sing again. About five minutes later I heard my name being called. I jumped and answered them.

It's really funny what you do in a situation like this, because when I heard my name I answered. "What?" I was so thankful to God; He was the one who helped me through it; He was the one who showed them where to find me.

I saw Vic Avezzie, Steve Cordes and Mr. [Robert] Cloninger. Then Mr. Cloninger and I walked down the creek to meet John Hickok and Tom Fraley, while Vic and Steve went to call off the search. This was the end of an exciting adventure but only the beginning of a very enjoyable backpack trip.

Man manufactures miniature furniture

By Susan Crowe
ALTADENA, Calif. — Creating miniature houses and designing furniture for them has provided a new way of life for an Altadena resident who is a partial quadriplegic.

Gary Sefcak, partially paralyzed from a swimming accident in 1954, works on miniature houses two or three hours a day at his East Palm Street home.

"He is the brains and I am the brawn," said Karla Sefcak, his

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wife, who helps him decorate the houses.

Sefcak said he is able to cut the pieces of wood with his power tools, and then he and his wife work together to assemble the houses.

Forced into an early retirement a

few years ago because of his physical condition, Sefcak said he began his new hobby by making simple wood toys for his children. He was assistant manager in the Ambassador College mail-processing center.

Inspired by a visit to a novelty shop in Torrance a few years ago, Sefcak said he began making his first miniature houses.

Sefcak said he calls the first style he made a "town house," a basic frame house with no back or roof. He said he sold a few of these through Kathy's Front Porch, the Torrance novelty shop.

Sefcak said he has also sold some of his miniature houses through thrifty ads in the *Star-News*. "We sold the first ones for about \$17.50 and had good response," he recalled. Later, Sefcak said he had a request for a house with a roof, so he designed what he calls his "CapeCod" house.

"We sell a lot of houses undecorated, so people can do anything they want with them," Sefcak said.

The miniature houses are made out of one-inch-thick pine or a thinner plywood, Sefcak said. "Thick is better for children, and adults like the thinner wood," he explained.

Sefcak said all the houses are put together with "dado joints," which makes them stronger. A dado joint is made by grooving one piece of wood so that the other fits into it. The joints are then glued together, he said.

"We are now working on making miniature bricks for fireplaces in the houses," Mrs. Sefcak said.

Sefcak said he made a house styled after the one used in the television show *Little House on the Prairie*. The house includes a wood stove, hutch, table and benches.

Recently the Sefcaks donated one of their houses to the Gainsborough School in Pasadena as a raffle prize during the school fair.

The Sefcaks said they are now working on a replica of the historic, Victorian-style Hale House in Los Angeles, just off the Pasadena Freeway.

Some of their work is sold through Miniature World, in Montrose, and also at the Tree House Bookstore in Encino. Sefcak said the Tree House Bookstore has recently requested a "mouse house."

"I've always enjoyed carpentry work," Sefcak said. "If we can get outlets and a working place I could do some wholesaling."

Seattle cassette system saves lost sermons, etc.

By Sandra Miller

SEATTLE, Wash. — If you lived in this church area, you could hear next Sabbath's sermon even if you couldn't make it to church.

If for some reason you couldn't tune in *The World Tomorrow* on radio, you would be able to hear it anyway.

Miss a club meeting? No problem. Why?

Because a man by the name of Carroll Conley has set up a tape library for the Seattle church.

Mr. Conley, 55, has an inventory of about 300 cassette tapes and several tape recorders to fill the needs of the people in the Seattle area. He tapes the sermons every Sabbath. *The World Tomorrow* every night, club meetings and chorale performances. Then the people who can't hear a particular sermon or broadcast may check out the corresponding tape and hear it at home.

Where does he find the time to do all this?

Mr. Conley is on disability retirement because he has had an "incurable" disease called multiple sclerosis for 20 years. His right side is affected, so he must wear a leg brace,

and he finds it difficult to write with his right hand. Since he can no longer hold a regular, full-time job, he has plenty of time for his tapes.

Mr. Conley and his mother, Zerelda Mizer, 79, have lived in this area for about a year, having moved from the Kalamazoo, Mich., church area, where he manned the sound system for that congregation. Back in Michigan, he recorded sermons for his and his mother's benefit.

When he moved to Seattle the door opened for him to record for those who couldn't attend because of distance, illness or any other reason.

A program like this is costly, of course, especially for a person drawing only Social Security; it would not be possible to carry on such a service without generous donations from the Seattle brethren.

In addition to running his tape program, Mr. Conley repairs appliances — from toasters to televisions — for the brethren and is taking a correspondence course in electronics to increase his skills in this area.

He is also a general accountant, as a result of taking an income-tax and accounting course in a vocational school several years ago.

'WN' sponsors Major drawing contest

By Sherry L. Marsh

BIG SANDY — Just what does Major, the canine hero of stories for young readers written for the *WN* by Shirley King Johnson, look like?

According to readers who entered the *WN's* draw-Major contest, the younger ones in particular, Major comes in all shapes and sizes.

The *WN* received 206 entries in three age categories — 6 and 7, 8 and 9, and 10 and 11 — and 12 entries from readers over the age of 11.

Winners in each of the first three categories will receive \$50, first place; \$30, second; and \$20, third. Winners in the fourth category weren't eligible for prizes.

As a result of the contest, which

was announced in the June 21 issue, portraits of Major came on notebook paper, cardboard, newsprint and stationery. Some came on paper smaller than the 3-by-4-inch entry blank itself; others were on paper as large as 11 by 14 inches. Our lovable beagle hero was immortalized in pencil, ball-point pen, felt-tip marker and — the ultimate tool of the young artist — crayon.

'Quite a Stir'

The consensus of Major's artists had him as sporting rather large ears (as most beagles have), warm, lovable eyes and a smile that won't stop.

Major was drawn alongside his feeding dish, out romping in fields,

even watching television.

One 11-year-old pictured Major with earmuffs to protect him from the noise of Fourth of July fireworks.

Shirley King Johnson, a member of the Omaha, Neb., church, said the contest caused "quite a stir" in her church area.

"One little fellow inquired if he should draw the whole dog or just the head," she commented. "I raised my eyes heavenward for inspiration before replying, 'Whatever you want to draw will be fine.'"

Major's prototype was the pet beagle of Mrs. Johnson's twin sister, Sharlot Whitcomb, who attends church in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Johnson said she used a beagle in her stories because she feels they are more adventuresome.

"Major," she said, "has everything a Christian should have without the human nature. I think he should set a good example, and particularly his master Jim should set a good example for the readers."

The judges for the contest — John Robinson, managing editor of the *WN*, Klaus Rothe, assistant managing editor; Dixon Cartwright, senior editor; Sheila Dennis, director of composition; and Mike Hale, artist for the Festival Department and former *WN* artist — had a tough time deciding on the winners.

Promising Artists

Most agreed there were some promising artists in the group, after hours of judging the more than 200 entries.

Mr. Robinson was pleased with the response to the contest and feels the *WN* will continue to sponsor drawing contests as long as there is interest.

"I am always amazed at the ability demonstrated by our younger read-

ers, especially in the 6- to 9-year age-group," he said.

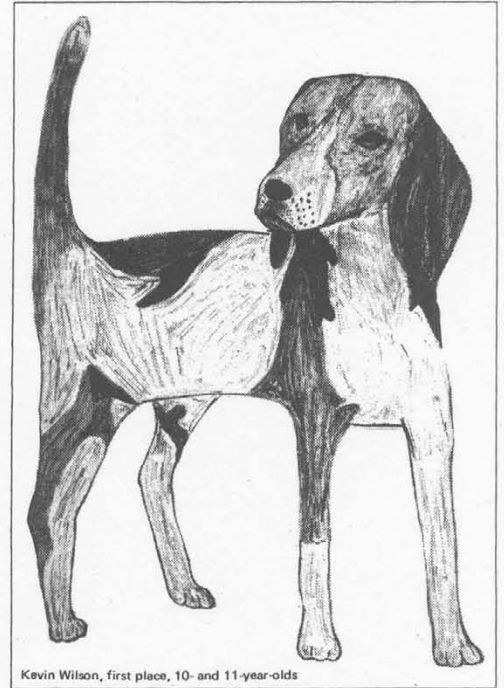
Mrs. Dennis said she pictured Major as being responsible, brave and strong, yet modest. "In judging the illustrations," she said, "we took

into consideration neatness, originality, proportion and also if the drawing reflected the character of Major."

Winners are listed in the box on page 7.



Bert E. Qualls II, second place, 6- and 7-year-olds

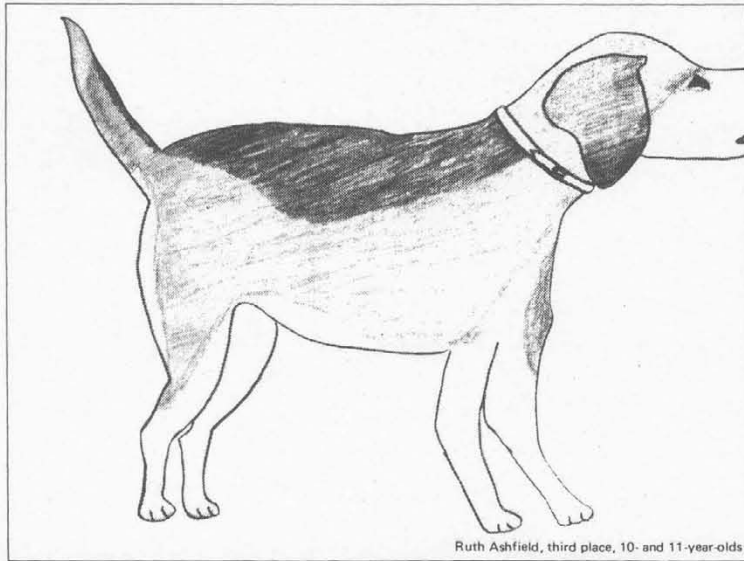


Kevin Wilson, first place, 10- and 11-year-olds

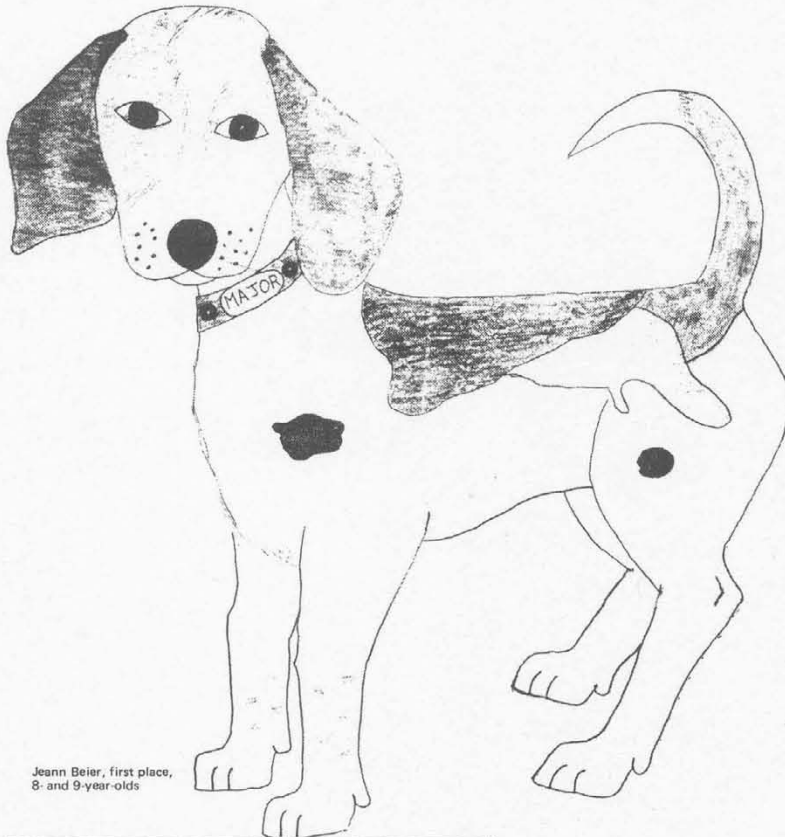


Paul Harman, first place, 6- and 7-year-olds

Michelle Hoffman, second place, 8- and 9-year-olds



Ruth Ashfield, third place, 10- and 11-year-olds



Jeann Beier, first place,
8- and 9-year-olds



John Zyskoski, second place,
10- and 11-year-olds

DRAW-MAJOR WINNERS

Listed here are the winners in the four categories of the draw-Major contest, as well as those the judges felt should receive honorable mention. Also listed are the winners' parents' names and church areas.

THE WINNERS

6- AND 7-YEAR-OLDS: first: Paul Harman (whose drawing illustrates the story about Major in this issue on page 10), Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harman, Santa Ana, Calif.; second: Bert W. Qualls II, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Qualls, Pasadena, Tex.; third: Jon Volatile, Mrs. John Volatile, Providence, R.I.

8- AND 9-YEAR-OLDS: first: Jeann Beier, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Beier, Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; second: Michelle Hoffman, Mrs. Ronald Hoffman, Phoenix, Ariz.; third: Stephen Harman, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Harman, Santa Ana, Calif.

10- AND 11-YEAR-OLDS: first: Kevin Scott Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Wilson, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; second: John Zyskoski, Mr. and Mrs. John Zyskoski, Allentown, Pa.; third: Ruth Ashfield, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ashfield, Greensboro, N.C.

12 YEARS AND OLDER (not eligible for prizes): Mrs. J.C. Hileman, 47, Harrisburg, Pa.; Naomi Paul, 14, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Paul, Hagerstown, Md.; Betty Chandler, 37, Roanoke, Va.

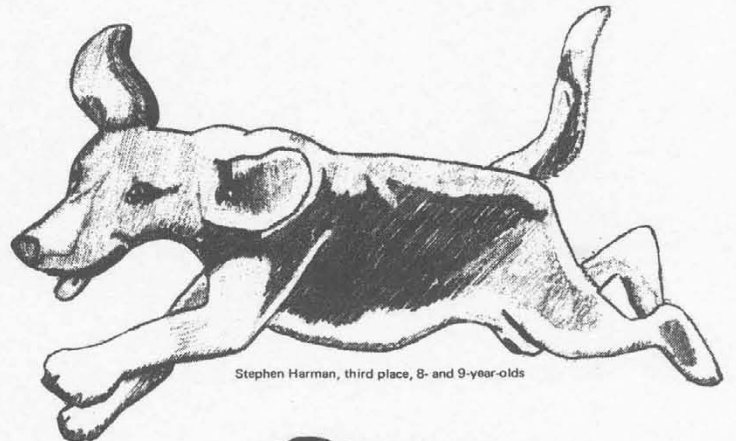
HONORABLE MENTION

6- AND 7-YEAR-OLDS: Naomi Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Ian Fraser, Castlegar, B.C.; Zachary McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey McMillan, Greensboro, N.C.; Kelley Jo Grandusky, Mrs. J.R. Grandusky, Buffalo, N.Y.; Ruthie Hinman, Mrs. Sandra Hinman, Tulsa, Okla.; Debbie Sneider, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sneider, Pasadena, Calif.

8- AND 9-YEAR-OLDS: Sherry Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. Terence Sykes, Abbotsford, B.C.; Jackie Pfeiffer, Mr. and Mrs. George Pfeiffer, Temora, Australia; Mary Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Schmidt, San Jose, Calif.; Kathy Sell, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Sell, Fort Smith, Ark.

10- AND 11-YEAR-OLDS: E. Robert MacMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie MacMillan, Smith Falls, Ont.; Noel Riley, Mrs. W.N. Riley Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; Kathleen Goff, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Goff, Big Sandy, Tex.; Barry Knuth, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knuth, Richmond, Va.; Ruth Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Miller, Carthage, Mo.; Carolyn Oblak, Mr. and Mrs. John Oblak, Columbus, Ohio; John May, Mr. and Mrs. William May, Hinsdale, Ill.

12 YEARS AND OLDER: Tony Graham, 16, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Graham, Davenport Iowa.



Stephen Harman, third place, 8- and 9-year-olds



Jon Volatile, third place, 6- and 7-year-olds

A Personal Letter

from

Samuel L. Armstrong

(Continued from page 1)

attend the Feast, I nevertheless do look forward with a great deal of anticipation to seeing ALL of the United States brethren (with the exception of those attending the Feast sites at Pasadena, Alaska and Hawaii) once again this year!

Mr. Armstrong is presently in Japan and will be returning to this country again just prior to the Feast.

Mr. McMichael wanted me to ask all of you to please remember that if you do have any excess Festival title the Festival Department is in dire need at this time with so many requests coming in for aid and assistance to attend the Feast. So, if you already have determined you will have more than you need, please think of the many brethren who will have insufficient funds to attend the Feast without your help. The Feast Department will be very grateful for the help you can give.

A Reminder

By way of a reminder, brethren, let's all remember that God commands us in His Word that we should "prepare" an offering for the coming Holy Day seasons and that we are not to "appear before Him empty." Our Christian duty of giving is a deeply private and personal matter, just like prayer, between us and our Creator, and as such represents not a mechanical, physical, unwanted exercise of doling out sums of money to a computer for careful tabulation and the keeping of income-tax records, but is, in fact, a prayerful and worshipful act toward our God which demonstrates to Him where our hearts truly are.

Jesus said, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

So with this brief reminder I hope you will all be planning as carefully as you can for the Festival season to make it the most enjoyable memory for you and your loved ones as well as your fellow brethren. And remember our united commitment to

appear before the Eternal with our offerings to give to His great Work to further the great cause and purpose He has placed before us. I am sure you are all hoping, as am I, that we will break all previous records on our Holy Day offerings for this coming year!

With so many terrific developments in the last few months in God's Work and so many blessings He has showered upon us, as well as the magnificent doors He is opening overseas and in this country and Canada in radio, television, our Plain Truth newsstand campaign, new methods of advertising and stable growth in God's Church, I know all of you want to see these and other programs continue to grow.

We have just completed a series of meetings which I have spoken of at some length in these pages in the past concerning eventual college consolidation. Once again, let me reiterate that when we conduct feasibility studies it is always a possibility that the answer may prove to be "no."

In this case, the answer could not have been more happily received by all concerned.

It now seems, since further study and contact with both the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Atlanta, Ga., and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Oakland, Calif. (independent accrediting associations), that we shall be able to maintain the present level of the undergraduate student body on the Big Sandy campus and still apply for regional accreditation from the Southern Association.

As I have explained at some length in both the "Personal" in the *WN* and the ministerial *Bulletin*, we had been given information from several quarters that we would have been unable to achieve regional accreditation for the Big Sandy institution under its present governmental and financial structure by the Southern Association. It now begins to appear that the Western Association will be willing to include one or two of their number in a team from the Southern Association to visit the Big Sandy campus pursuant to the obtaining of candidacy status.

We are all very hopeful that this

will prove to be a viable proposition and that candidacy will be achieved in Big Sandy as has already been achieved in Pasadena.

Stable Growth

Meanwhile, we will continue to experience steady and stable growth at both institutions. Looking toward the completion of the Vista del Arroyo project (covered extensively in the last issue, complete with pictures), I am going to step up my own personal recruiting campaigns for the college via television and radio and in the pages of our major publications such as *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*.

We are working on preliminary plans for a television and radio program featuring the student body at work, at study and at play — the human element of the day-to-day life of the average Ambassador College student — and back it up with articles in *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* to be released perhaps in January and the articles to be contained in the February issues.

In this manner, we hope to obtain quite an influx of requests for application blanks early in 1977. Also, I can now officially announce that Ambassador College has obtained the services of coach Bill Sharman to conduct three basketball camps in the summer of 1977 on both our college campuses and on the campus of YOU'S SEP at Orr, Minn. I have been in several telephone conversations with coach Sharman [former coach of the Los Angeles Lakers, a professional basketball team] and went to lunch with him and his manager last week.

After a campus tour and spending several hours together that afternoon, Bill was very inspired about the opportunity to work with Ambassador College and bur-ting with ideas on

how to make these camps successful and exciting for the young people.

He called me the other day to tell me once again of his deep appreciation for the tremendous quality and caliber of our institution and of our students and his delight in being able to join us in such a worthwhile basketball program. We are also talking to Bill about the possibility of his functioning with the head of our Athletic Department, coach Jim Petty, in an advisory or consultant capacity as well as in assisting us with various recruiting projects around the country as a whole.

Basketball Camps

Preliminarily, we hope to run the basketball camps (dates to be announced later) for one week in Big Sandy, perhaps late in June or July, on the Pasadena campus a little later in July or early August, and on the Orr campus still later in the summer. We have arranged it this way for the sake of weather considerations and will be busily at work on our brochures, promotional literature, ads and articles in our appropriate publications, and of course announcements in *The Bulletin* and throughout the pulpits in the United States and Canada.

We are envisioning the potential of partial or total scholarships offered through regional and national YOU basketball tournaments to provide that outstanding young students could receive scholarships to attend such basketball camps. Bill tells me he is hopeful of arranging such basketball greats as Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Jerry West (current coach of the Los Angeles Lakers and for years its superstar) and others for at least one day at the camps.

Quick Trip to Orr

I will be leaving very shortly for a

quick trip up to Orr at the beginning of construction of our new indoor gymnasium facility there, which we're building out of metal and insuring that it is of all-weather construction so that it could be utilized even during the winter months, and also a swing through Big Sandy for meetings there, returning to Pasadena the middle of next week.

Late last week I had the opportunity for a brief visit with Buck Owens following the death of his father and met his mother in the studio in Bakersfield, Calif., where she had come when she found I was to be there for promotional pictures and spot announcements with Buck.

I have told you before that I have always been impressed that many of the country-western-music stars I have met seem to be "just folks" and are purely down-to-earth, grass-roots people just like are portrayed by many of the songs they sing.

Buck is certainly no exception to this rule. He is a very pleasant and likable personality, and I think many thousands of our brethren are going to really enjoy the family-style entertainment he will put on for them and for their children. This year I am planning to join Buck on stage at each of the places where he is to appear, and I hope even to sing a number or two with Buck and the Buckaroos.

We will have one more issue of *The Worldwide News* in your hand before the Feast, so I will have the opportunity to mention any additional last-minute points at that time. That's about it for now. Thanks again for your continued support, the warm letters of encouragement and, of course, always, for your daily prayers!

With love, in Jesus' name,
Gamer Ted Armstrong

Buck Owens at Feast

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President Lyndon Baines Johnson," Mr. McFadden said.

Buck is now cohost of the popular syndicated television show *Hee Haw*, which Mr. Armstrong appeared on as a guest last Jan. 31.

Buck sums up his philosophy: "I

believe in looking at both sides of the road because you only go down the road of life but once."

Featured Fiddler

A featured instrumentalist with the Buckaroos on Buck Owens' performances, including *Hee Haw*, is fiddler Jana Jae, who will also play at the four Feast sites.

According to manager McFadden, Miss Jae learned to play the fiddle at the age of 2, "at her father's knee." She later graduated with a degree in music from a college in Colorado.

She studied classical violin in the United States and Europe, but "country fiddlin'" remains her true musical love, she says.

Miss Jae taught music in the school system of Redding, Calif., for several years, where she saw the Owens show in 1974. Shortly thereafter she auditioned for a part and became one of the Buckaroos.

With the show, she appeared in concerts and nightclubs all across the country and has toured Japan, the Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland and Europe.

She credits her mother with her early interest in music: "She provided the constant drive for all our family in music. She always wanted us to improve our ability."

She says Buck Owens was instrumental in her later professional career. "You travel to so many places and are able to perform for such a wide variety of audiences. It's just the best thing that's ever happened to my career."



JANA JAE

SEP Alaska sets up camp at Dan



"E" FOR EXCELLENCE — Above: Steve McWilliams, left, Mark Botzern, center, and Bill Hart display "E paddles" awarded for excellence in activities at Alaska's SEP. Below: Campers practice first aid on Steve McWilliams. (Photos by Don Webster)



By Mike Pickett

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Alaska's Summer Educational Program (SEP), which ran this year from July 4 to 27, expanded its program and courses to 3½ weeks, covering more educational subjects than ever for the 22 teenagers (13 to 16 years of age) who attended.

The program took place on Daniel's Lake, on the Kenai Peninsula.

As part of the campers' education, a first-aid team from Anchorage presented a demonstration of the basics of what to do in an emergency.

Al Tunseth, camp coordinator and local elder — and one of four adult leaders — taught waterskiing, along with camp counselor Don Webster.

Mrs. Steve McVeda, a Kenai member and certified swimming instructor, gave lessons in chilly lake water. The experience prompted camper Mark Botzern to comment, "It is absolutely remarkable how well these people are learning under such difficult conditions."

A basic-rifery-safety class, sponsored by the National Rifle Association, graduated 16 students, with campers Bill Anderson, Steve McWilliams and Diane Love acting as assistants (the three also qualified as marksmen; nine other campers qualified as "pro-marksmen").

Mr. Tunseth and Mr. Webster taught a course for two days in canoeing techniques, including swamping and righting the boats, which fit in perfectly with a canoe expedition at the end of camp.

A 6½-mile hike was taken as a break during the camp's second week to a mountain lake high in the Kenai Mountains. Bears, moose and other game were encountered, much to the excitement of camper Peter Trenner of Stockholm, Sweden.

During the second week the youths took an overnight trip to the ocean



ALPINE SEP — These girls are most of the 17 teenage campers who attended the German-language SEP in Austria in July and August, which this year turned out to be an all-female camp. [Photo by Christl Wilson]

SEP held high in Austrian Alps

WAGRAIN, Austria — High on the slopes of the Austrian Alps, 17 teenage girls from West Germany, Switzerland and Austria spent 10 active days in this year's German-language Summer Educational Program (SEP), July 25 to Aug. 4.

Youth-activity coordinator Helmut Levsen had selected a roomy youth hostel in the resort area of Wagrain. The three-story alpine-style house had a kitchen and dining room, and the girls were thrilled to have two showers and a bathtub in the basement — with hot water.

Most of the girls were transported to the camp in a Mercedes bus that belongs to the Bonn office of the Work, driven by office staffer Siegfried Pietralla. Two other staff members, Connie Hoffman, church-administration secretary, and Christl Wilson, receptionist, came along

as counselors. In spite of two days of unfriendly weather at the beginning of the camp, activities went as planned, each day starting with exercises, rain or shine, to make sure everyone was wide awake.

The girls also kept busy with kitchen duties and housekeeping. Comelia Levsen supervised the kitchen and prepared meals for the 23 guests.

Other activities included hiking, mountain climbing, riflery, bowling, archery and swimming, along with touring sites of interest, notably the breathtaking Lichtensteinklamm, an extremely narrow, rocky mountain pass through which a river flows over boulders, with rapids and waterfalls.

On the Sabbath the girls drove to Salzburg for services. Mr. Levsen (who assists in ministering to the congregation there) tailored his sermon to the girls and spoke on the attributes of the "complete woman."

The high point of the SEP was a

day at Obertrumer Lake, one of many in the famous Salzkammergut area of Austria. Erich Hojnik, a Salzburg member, invited the girls and their leaders to spend the day on the grounds of his cottage on the lake, swimming, boating and sailing.

Although the German SEP is usually coeducational, this year too few males applied to be effectively included.

"But the girls proved how well they could do without the opposite sex, and they were kept too busy to notice that anything was missing," commented Mrs. Levsen.

This year completed the fifth program for German youths. Since 1973 there have been three summer camps and two in winter.

Mr. Pietralla, the bus driver, concluded:

"I have never had such an enthusiastic group, singing and yodeling all the time. In fact, I didn't even miss the radio. I couldn't have wished for better entertainment."



SEP HOSTEL — The SEP campers in Wagrain, Austria, do their exercises one morning (even though it's raining). [Photo by Christl Wilson]



CAMPING MINISTERS — Thirty ministers and their families from British Columbia and Alberta attended a camping conference for four days at Shuswap Lake, B.C., beginning Aug. 8. The conference, directed by Richard Pinelli, area coordinator for western Canada, was held to help the ministers become better acquainted and to discuss, among other things, the Feast of Tabernacles.

Squash is the game

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best thing I could have done, as my eyes became accurate and adaptable.

"As I went through school I played all types of sports, and now I could teach other games, as well as squash, at quite a high standard: football, basketball, volleyball, badminton, athletics and physical training.

"Developing these skills and abilities kept me agile and gave me a wide scope."

Shortest of Players

From these beginnings, he was chosen to play for the Egyptian basketball team, although he was the shortest of the players. After a while, however, he realized that the young squad would not be carrying on much longer, and he dropped out.

That was the time when Nassar took over the country.

Samir did not see a very hopeful future for Egypt, and he found himself doing military service as well as studying commerce at Cairo University.

"I was able to play squash with the top players in the country, who were all in the army," he said. "They included Amin, who was the world champion at the time.

"Then I began to visit schools in the area, and persuaded the headmasters to build squash courts.

"At each school I got a squash team going, but I was so young that I could teach these kids the rules but not necessarily how to play. Rackets and balls were also very hard to come by at that time, but, spending my own money, I managed to buy the equipment through the contacts."

During his time in the army, Samir's standard shot up so quickly that he qualified to play for the Egyptian team. The club he belonged to won the national championships every year, as well as the leagues.

His own success gave him the opportunity to stay in England after his team's visit, but it was ironic that, having met his wife (whom he of course taught squash) and applied for a marriage license, the Home Office sent him back to Egypt.

In a haze of determination and ambition, he had forgotten about red tape.

It was obvious, however, that Samir was not the type to be dissuaded, and, having obtained the necessary work permit, he returned. Having married Ann in 1962 and had a daughter a year later, he turned professional.

Someone Who Cared

"It looked like I would never make it," he continued. "The first week I earned 9 pounds, but it gradually became double that figure, and then double again. It was just a matter of being sincere and showing respect. People got to know that there was someone there who cared."

In 1962 Samir opened Northwood Squash Club and was the pro there for a year; now the club has gone from strength to strength.

Then he went to the Ambassador College at Bricket Wood to teach squash, and he liked the place so much that, after a couple of years, he was asked to stay on and work there.

"I became a member of the staff there in 1966 and stayed on for eight years. It must be the most beautiful campus in the country, but, due to financial troubles, it had to close, and we were made redundant."

A setback for some it may have been, but not for Samir. He went on to form Squash International, a loose-limbed organization to promote the game. The success of this body is in no small part due to Samir's time at the Ambassador College.

"At that college I learnt that there is more to life to be enjoyed. There is cause and effect even in a game such

as squash.

"I researched into my squash abilities; it took me seven years of research to come to the conclusion that there is a relationship with the law which a human being must obey to succeed and improve all the time."

To prove his point after so much research, Samir has written a book entitled *The Missing Dimension of Squash*.

Fighting Words

"We go right down to the embryo stage with the person under tuition if he needs it, and the result is irrefutable. Today's internationals are making big mistakes in their games and they do not know what they are, but I can tell them."

These are fighting words, but the results achieved by Squash International are indeed irrefutable, and, when Samir's book hits the shops, he fully expects there will be a revolution.

"We have no failures," Samir said, turning the screws. "I have discovered the laws of cause and effect, and you can do anything you want to by applying them. The choice is already made when someone comes to Squash International, and it is a matter of time and practicing these laws.

"The world champions cannot understand how people like the Khans could hit the ball just above the tin every time they wanted. At his peak, for example, Jonah Barrington was still losing 3-0 to the old Azim Khan.

"There was a Mr. Barlow of Henley, who came to Squash International unable to play any more than five minutes at a time before he had to sit down. He was 59 years old, but, after about a year, he could play for an hour and a half, and he was also the runner-up in the Henley Handicap Tournament.

"That is more than the world's money to me; it is extremely exciting."

Under Samir's guidance at the Harrow Leisure Center are Moussa Helal, the winner of the Plate at February's World Championship, and Piers Morris, the 21-year-old English junior champion.

"Piers has been around, but no one could give him an answer to what he was doing wrong," said Samir.

"So he came to us, and now he is beginning to get a different perspective."

Another of his ambitions is to get a college set up so that professionals can be taught how to teach.

He resents the fact that any unskilled "Tom, Dick or Harry" can become a coach and perhaps damage potential talent. Something like Squash International, he says, is the answer.

"Moussa Helal could not qualify while he was playing in Egypt," he went on. "Then he won the Plate after I had been teaching him for only a few months.

"You work hard and you put in a lot of effort, but at the end there are rewards. With the youngsters we go off for a day somewhere there is a lake and trees and take a picnic.

"We talk squash, gradually building their character and attitudes.

"At least they will play for their county at the end of it all, but those who have a little more ability will play for England.

"Jan Holton, who now helps us at Squash International, had three months of my coaching, and then she became the Middlesex champion."

Such results speak for themselves, but the energetic Samir is carrying the system a step further, by starting up a "teach-in" at the Leisure Centre beginning in the early summer. It is aimed at all the kids in the borough, regardless of standard, and, if his results follow their usual trend, it will be the first step towards getting his championship court.

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

SEQUIM, Wash. — Evangelist David Jon Hill says he's lost 45 pounds and hasn't "felt better in 15 to 20 years."

Mr. Hill, who moved here from Pasadena earlier this year, is continuing his writing and preaching respon-



DAVID JON HILL

sibilities. He is writing "at least one article per month" for *The Good News* and hopes to "crank up to one article per month" for *The Plain Truth*.

Mr. Hill, who works out of his home here, said he is also serving as a "roving evangelist," having spoken in recent months in churches in San Francisco, Calif., Portland, Ore., and Tacoma, Sedro-Woolley and Seattle, Wash. Mr. Hill will also deliver sermons during the 1976 Feast of Tabernacles at the Squaw Valley, Calif., and Spokane sites.

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PASADENA — Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, will hold meetings with all United States area coordinators here Sept. 13 to 15.

According to Steve Martin, coordinator for the Western Area, the meetings will be the second area coordinators' conference — and the first "major" one — since Mr. Dart assumed his present post in March of this year.

"Future plans for the ministry and organizational topic will be discussed," Mr. Martin said.

He also said Garner Ted Armstrong is scheduled to address the coordinators.

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PASADENA — An error was inadvertently included on a list of recent and planned ministerial ordinations announced by the Ministerial Services Department here and published in "Grapevine" in the Aug. 30 *Worldwide News*.

Steve Brown of the Detroit, Mich., church area was listed after the designation: "local elder in the employ of the Work." Actually, Mr. Brown will soon be ordained a local elder but should have been listed as a local elder not in the Work's employ.

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IPSWICH, England — The director of the Scandinavian Work, Stuart Powell, left England Sept. 1 with his wife Joyce and daughter Joanne to set up a new Scandinavian headquarters in Oslo, Norway. The office had been in Bricklet Wood, England.

Mr. Powell will establish the new headquarters in his home in Oslo.

Since his graduation from Ambassador College in 1968, Mr. Powell has served churches in London, the Channel Islands and elsewhere in

England, as well as visiting often in Scandinavia.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Owen Willis, pastor of the Salisbury, Rhodesia, church, is now in Malawi to make arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles in that country, announced the Work's office here.

Mr. Willis plans to stay in Malawi two months and while there will also visit members and prospective members in Malawi and Zambia and prepare for *Plain Truth* lectures in the areas.

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BIG SANDY — A remodeling project for Ambassador College's field house here continues as workmen begin to lay down a maple floor

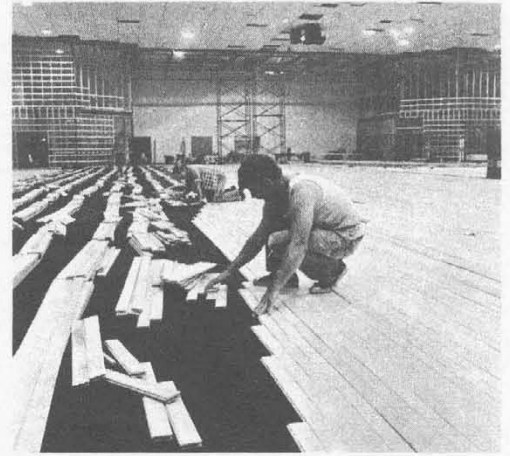
preparatory to building a 40-by-70-foot stage.

The project, begun in July, is scheduled to be sufficiently completed by Oct. 21, when jazz musician Stan Kenton is slated to appear in the first of a series of five Ambassador-sponsored concerts to be held in conjunction with the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF).

Plans call for the remodeled auditorium to be fully heated and air conditioned, with a seating capacity of 2,500, a maple floor with four basketball courts, a 40-by-70-foot stage capable of seating a symphony orchestra, eight new bleachers with backrests for basketball games and a new insulated ceiling and acoustical material to improve sound quality.

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BIG SANDY — Seventy students from Ambassador College here answered telephones in a volunteer effort to raise money for the *Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon* Sept. 5 and 6, raising pledges of \$1,969.76 in 21 hours, according to James Ricks, faculty adviser for the Circle K Club, an AC-student organization



REMODELING — Workmen install a floor, the latest step in the remodeling of the college field house at Big Sandy. (See "Grapevine," this page.) (Photo by Tom Hanson)

that sponsored the college's part in the drive.

Mr. Ricks and several Ambassador students appeared on the Tyler, Tex., television station that televised the telethon to report on the drive's progress for the Big Sandy and Gilmer, Tex., areas, which doubled their contributions over last year's effort.

Circle K also helped organize a street dance in nearby Gladewater, Tex., Labor Day eve to kick off the drive locally.



TELETHON — A Tyler TV host, left, reports on Ambassador's contribution to the telethon with Jim Ricks and student Laurie Van Laecken. (Photo by Joan Tootkian)

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PASADENA — Mike Blackwell, associate director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), the Church's organization for people 12 to 19 years of age, said he feels an article in "Grapevine" in the Aug. 16 *WN* was misleading.

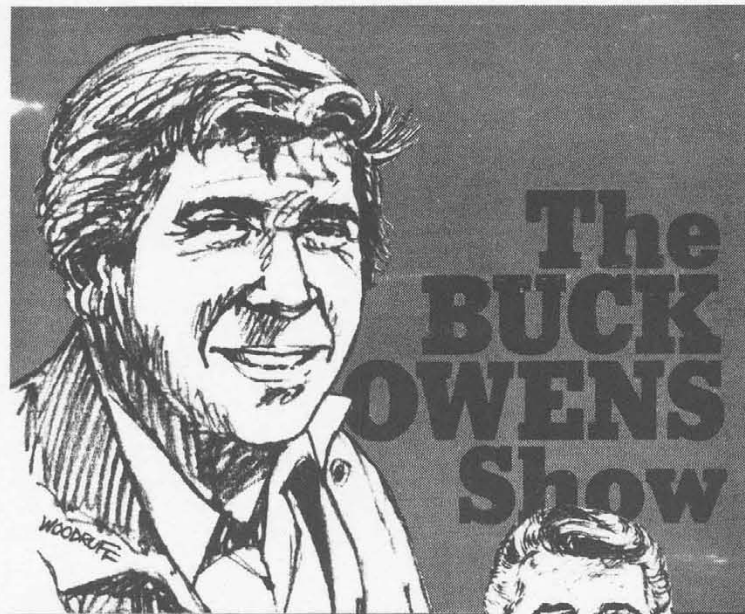
The article concerned U.S. teens and preteens who may wish to have their contributions transferred to YOU.

Mr. Blackwell said the misleading part was this sentence: "Those who wish to donate to YOU should include their name, age and address on a sheet of paper with donations that are mailed to headquarters or part of Holy Day offerings."

He feels readers may erroneously infer from this that youths may donate directly to YOU, which is not the case. Donations are directly to the Church, which has chosen to transfer the funds to the YOU fund if the donor so desires.

"The policy of the Worldwide Church of God has always been that all donations go to the Church, and the Church determines where the money is to be spent," Mr. Blackwell stated.

Offerings from those 19 years and under in the United States accompanied by the person's name, age and address may be transferred to the YOU fund. This applies to all contributions to the Church, including Holy Day offerings, Mr. Blackwell said.



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