

A Personal Letter from



Dear brethren everywhere:

I have been virtually a prisoner in my hotel suite here at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, in the Elizabeth Hotel for one week with a seriously sprained ankle. I can hobble around a little, but if I must go as far as across the room I go in a wheelchair. It's the first time in my life I remember using a wheelchair.

It happened a week ago tonight, on Thursday, Nov. 11. I was having a one-night public campaign in the "Great Room" in this hotel (which seats about 700 or 800 people). The room was virtually packed. I was in fine shape for it and spoke for an hour and a half — one of the strongest

sermons of my life (no punches pulled).

Extra Strength

I was feeling that God had given me extra strength and power beside a

An announcement of the consolidation of "The Plain Truth" and "The Good News" was made shortly before press time. For details, see Garner Ted Armstrong's "Personal," page 7.

spirit of deep conviction that held the audience spellbound and moved them emotionally. I know the sermon did not seem long to the audience because it contained a fast-moving story flow from the BEGINNING when only the "WORD" and "GOD" existed, right on through all creation to NOW, showing WHY God put humanity on the earth and the CAUSE of all world troubles and HOW God finally will bring us world PEACE — and the GLORY that shall yet be man's human potential, FINISHING THE CREATION OF BEAUTY AND GLORY OVER THE ENTIRE LIMITLESS UNIVERSE!

It truly is the most EXCITING, INTERESTING, MEANINGFUL and IMPORTANT story that could possibly be told — and it's all TRUE!

Sitting in two of three chairs to the left of the pulpit were Mr. Stanley R. Rader and Mr. Robert Fahey, manager of the South African office and the Work in this part of the world.

The meeting had been opened by Mr. Fahey, followed by remarks introducing me by Mr. Rader. I had (See PERSONAL, page 8)

University asks for booklets

LEXINGTON, Ky. — One of the side effects of the new *Plain Truth* newsstand program in this area has been the interest in the booklets on drugs and alcoholism by the local educational system, where these two problems, school officials say, are major ones.

Morehead State University, with 7,000 students, asked for and has now received 1,000 copies of the drug booklet and 1,000 of the booklet on alcoholism, reported Gerry Russell, coordinator of the newsstand program here. And Morehead State wants the booklets available in all student residence halls.

"We are also distributing with the university's blessing approximately 2,500 PT's a month from a stand which we have in the entrance hall of the student center," Mr. Russell said.

"As a result of this we have also had meetings with officials of the University of Kentucky, the local Fayette County school board and the state and local social services departments, all of which have shown very favorable interest in not only the booklets on drugs and alcoholism" but also *Quest/77* (formerly *Human Potential*), the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and *The Plain Truth*, Mr. Russell said.

The PT newsstands here continue to be a "great success," he continued. "We are now distributing 40,000 PT's a month from approximately 70 locations, which means we are putting a PT into roughly every third home in the area each month."

A Lexington woman wrote a letter to Church headquarters in Pasadena as a result of the newsstand program. "I picked this [literature] up at the grocery store," she wrote, "and it means more to my children than the small amount of food I bought!"

"Please send me some copies or a subscription. I have no money for my husband is an alcoholic, but my children need the wisdom I found in this book! Thank you!"



KINGLY VISIT — King Sobhuza II of Swaziland examines a gift of Steuben crystal presented him by Herbert W. Armstrong on his recent trip to southern Africa. Stanley Rader, left, looks on.

Successful African tour marred following untimely ankle sprain

BIG SANDY — Herbert W. Armstrong's second trip to South Africa, which got off to an excellent start with a successful two-day stay in Swaziland, was marred by an untimely fall in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Nov. 11.

The fall, from an elevated speaker's platform, resulted in a severely sprained ankle that caused an

eight-day hiatus in Mr. Armstrong's schedule and finally was the principal reason in his decision to cut short his stay. Contacted at his hotel in Johannesburg, South Africa, by transatlantic telephone from here Sunday, Nov. 21, Mr. Armstrong said he had decided to return to the United States to give the ankle a chance to mend before his next trip. (Details of Mr. Armstrong's ankle injury are in his "Personal," which begins on this page.)

Following the ankle sprain Mr. Armstrong remained in his hotel in Port Elizabeth until Friday, Nov. 19 (a span of eight days), when he flew to Johannesburg to address combined church services there. Mr. Armstrong referred to his forced stay in the Port Elizabeth hotel as "being in prison for eight days," though he was pleased that he had had the opportunity to catch up on his writing and had completed 10 articles and letters for publication.

Bible-Study Fashion

According to Robert Fahey, regional director for the southern-African work, Mr. Armstrong conducted the Sabbath services in Johannesburg in "Bible-study fashion" from a seated position. He said Mr. Armstrong announced to the congregation the decision to consolidate *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* magazines, saying he was pleased by the move and hoped to see the prophetic aspects of the magazine reemphasized. (For details of the consolidation, see Garner Ted Armstrong's "Personal," page 7.)

The day following speaking at combined services Mr. Armstrong decided to return home, asking Stanley Rader, vice president for finan-

cial affairs, who travels with Mr. Armstrong, to remain in southern Africa to fill in for him and complete the remainder of Mr. Armstrong's scheduled activities. Mr. Rader said Mr. Armstrong's decision to terminate his visit was due principally to the limitations placed upon him by his ankle injury. He said Mr. Armstrong's physical discomfort, his inability to get a shoe on the foot of the injured ankle and the fact that he was not "at his best," coupled with the fact that the G-II crew had been away from home for a month and would have been gone over Thanksgiving, resulted in the final decision.

Swaziland Visit

Mr. Fahey said that before Mr. Armstrong's fall in Port Elizabeth he had met for 1½ hours with King Sobhuza II and had been host of a dinner in honor of the king Nov. 9. The dinner was attended by the king and his wife, the deputy prime minister and the entire executive cabinet.

Mr. Fahey, who accompanied Mr. Armstrong on the trip to Swaziland, termed the stay there a "complete success." (See Mr. Fahey's account of Mr. Armstrong's meeting with the king elsewhere this page.)

On Nov. 11 Mr. Armstrong and his party flew to Port Elizabeth, where he conducted a follow-up campaign attended by 160 people. It was during this campaign that Mr. Armstrong injured his ankle. Mr. Fahey, who emceed the campaign, said at the conclusion of a "lucid" and "powerful" sermon Mr. Armstrong started for his chair. "Instead of approaching his chair from the front, he approached it from behind (See AFRICAN, page 9)

Director's report traces meetings in Swaziland

By Bob Fahey
Southern Africa Regional Director

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — On his current trip to southern Africa, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong was met at the airport in Swaziland by the minister of state for foreign affairs, the assistant protocol officer and Jameson Dlamini, a member of the Worldwide Church of God and a leading man in the royal Swazi family. A state car, with the license plate "SD2," was put at Mr. Armstrong's disposal on the instructions of King Sobhuza II of Swaziland.

Later that day a final time for an appointment with King Sobhuza came through. When we entered the room His Majesty greeted Mr. Armstrong warmly. After we sat down the king began to explain that he had heard a great deal about Mr. Armstrong from his uncle. King Sobhuza is 76 and his "uncle" is a Church member of less than 50 years of age.

It happens in Swazi tradition that, although the king is a senior both in



BOB FAHEY

title and age, he refers to our member, Mr. Dlamini, as uncle because he is more closely related to the original leader of Swaziland. From Mr. Dlamini the king learned of Mr. Armstrong's efforts to "bring believers together."

The king said that men often forget (See DIRECTOR'S, page 7)

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Relative ease

Just received the Oct. 25 issue and was extremely touched by the article written by the [three] gentlemen from Rhodessa. We can't comprehend the relative ease we have in worshiping and following God's way here in the U.S.A. I really think more stories such as this, revealing the hardships others have in areas around the world, might make those of us who are suffering comparatively light burdens pray more fervently for those less fortunate.

... Last but not least, when I first came into the Church there was so much to read that I felt adding *The Worldwide News* was just too much. Since then, I have discovered how indispensable it is.

Mrs. Janet Adelstein
Burleson, Tex.

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Beaming faces at the Feast

Thank you very much for updating us with all the Feast sites around the world through the Oct. 25 *WN*. The short write-ups gave us insights of what's going on in each site. It was a welcome sight to look at those photographs of Feastgoers' beaming faces which, undoubtedly, show a manifestation of the spirit of unity and harmony of God's people in observing a joyous Feast.

The featured articles written by our three Rhodessian members [Oct. 25] brought home to us the African problems, hopes and needs, and through those articles we can be more specific now in praying for them. I hope you'll continue to feature such kinds of articles wherein we get to know brethren, especially those from far-flung places. In these days when there's so much division among races, *WN* has done the job of bridging true brotherhood in Christ among God's people regardless of color, nationality and origin.

Gema M. Matilac
Makati, Philippines

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Greeting the Eckerts

You sure hit the jackpot when you put the picture in the *WN* [a photograph of the Eddie Eckerts of Tucson, Ariz., long-time Church members, that ran in the Oct. 25 *WN*]. Even without our address many who knew us and some who did not knew us got our address somehow and sent the warmest greetings that were sure encouraging and made us very happy. So to you and your wonderful staff, we sure give our heartfelt thanks. You are all great.

Eddie and Irene Eckert
Tucson, Ariz.

The Eckerts' address: 2475 N. Haskell,
Apt. 108, Tucson, 85716.

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Useful, or useless?

In response to the letter to the editor in the Sept. 23, 1976, issue of *The Worldwide News* about cutting down on the "Local Church News Wrap-Up" section of the paper—I wholeheartedly agree with Mrs. Joel Robinson! I find this section of the paper rather useless and boring.

I suggest each issue have four or five local churches write a short article on their recent activities limiting the articles to two or three hundred words. The editor could solicit the articles two months in advance,

inviting the church areas worldwide to respond. This could be done by church size, alphabetically or by some other type of system.

Since this would leave a lot of extra space in the paper, may I suggest a very important way to use it? I am one of the brethren who would like to see an itinerary of Mr. H. W. Armstrong's activities, as well as Garner Ted Armstrong's schedule, so we could pray in detail—beating our prayers fine about the Work God is having them do.

The Worldwide News is a fine-quality paper that I easily devour except for the "Local Church News Wrap-Up."
Lawrence E. Siremcha
Philipsburg, Mont.

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I like the "Local Church News Wrap-Up." Now and then I see a report from someone I have met in the past. *Keep it up*.
C.B. Henderson
Hillsdale, Mich.

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I agree with the comment of Mrs. Joel Robinson in the Sept. 23 *WN* concerning "Local Church News Wrap-Up." I am

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becoming increasingly distressed by the ever-burgeoning amount of space given to that section of the paper. In nearly every issue, "Wrap-Up" takes three pages and now nearly four. Unless some restrictions are made, this feature could grow to such a size as to force out other articles of more importance and interest.

I feel the "Wrap-up" section is an important vehicle for interchurch communication and that truly newsworthy items should be displayed there. A church that comes up with a new idea for distributing *Plain Truths* is news. A church that sponsors a \$3,000 fund-raising project is news. A church with a unique idea for a social event is news. But so often these items of real news are needlessly buried in a haystack of routine picnics, dances, Spokesman Club ladies' nights, camp-outs, etc.

Let's face reality. With hundreds of churches worldwide, there just isn't enough space for each church to write an article for every activity. I would like to see "Wrap-Up" limited to articles describing new ideas, fresh approaches to old activities and items of real news. The routine articles mentioned above should be eliminated.

A possible criterion as to whether or not an article should be submitted would be for the writer to ask himself, "Am I writing this article to see my name in print, or am I trying to transmit the idea of a successful event to another church area?"

Hopefully "Wrap-Up" could become a viable section of the paper read by every member of the Church and not a section that is skimmed only to see the name of one's hometown in print.

Dave Molnar
Columbus, Ohio

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I could hardly agree more with Mrs. Joel Robinson's letter (Sept. 23) about the "Church Wrap-Up."

Past experience in community newspaper has shown that, for the most part, seeing one's name in print can be little more than an ego trip—and this can occur

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with God's Church as well!

In truth, those deserving their names in the write-ups are generally behind-the-scenes workers who make a church event possible. The tea pourers and cookie passers have their moment of glory in serving openly.

But let's sell the "Wrap-Up" short. It serves a very important function as a trading post of ideas for and from all church areas. And when someone has done something worthy of note it provides a suitable place for recognition.

Leslie A. Turvey
Essex, Ont.

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Everyone I know likes the "Local Church News Wrap-Up" and doesn't think you should cut down on it any.

The Worldwide News is not only for Mrs. Joel Robinson to enjoy, but for all the brethren, including those that like (as I do) the "Local Church News Wrap-Up."

John M. Manos Sr.
Chillicothe, Ohio

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The "Local Church News Wrap-Up" section of *The Worldwide News* gives many members the opportunity to contribute to the paper. However, it has gotten too long (four pages or more sometimes) and monotonous. Clubs, picnics, dances and ball games are all wonderful activities and help to unify the brethren, but it is somewhat boring to read issue after issue of "... activities include volleyball, horseshoes, swimming..." and "Mr. X won the most helpful evaluator, Mr. Y

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won the most effective speech trophy..." Some of the write-ups seem to be almost nothing but a listing of names; in fact, some get a little ridiculous and even list such things as the people who are on cleanup! I'm not totally against including names of ministers and brethren in the write-ups, since I enjoy reading of former AC students, friends and ministers and what they are doing.

I suggest the "Wrap-Up" be drastically limited by writing up only the more unique functions or unusual happenings, not the average picnic, basketball game, bake sale and run-of-the-mill activities. Activities like baby showers and going-away parties for members, I feel, should be omitted. Such activities involve a handful of people and are not generally a church-sponsored activity. A picnic in honor of a minister and his family who are either coming into an area or leaving an area, and is put on by the church, is different.

Mrs. Paulette Jameson
Summerville, S.C.

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The "Wrap-Ups" have the heart of this Church.

John and Jean Cox
Fairmont, Minn.

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I was a little shocked to read the "Wrap Rapped" letter of Mrs. Joel

Robinson printed in letters-to-the-editor column.

Apparently Mrs. Robinson has never lived in but one church area. I am acquainted with brethren in five churches and was delighted that you printed the Columbia, Mo., news item in the Sept. 23 paper. Perhaps if Mrs. Robinson would scan the names of the towns (or churches) in large type and just read the ones she is acquainted with, this section would be more interesting to her.

How else can we get news from the brethren in other areas where we are acquainted. We think of them quite often, wondering if the ministers have been transferred, if the flock is still working, etc. I think the "Wrap-Up" is fine "as is."
Nina A. Stanley
Goleta, Calif.

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In regard to "Church Wrap-Up": I would rather have less of it and more space given to the kind of articles that Mr. Robert Fahey wrote about the campaign in South Africa with Mr. Herbert Armstrong [June 21].

It was truly inspiring. Mr. Fahey's enthusiasm and interest shows the kind of example we need to keep our interest high in God's Work.

Mrs. Harley Brown
Oklahoma City, Okla.

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No matter how the articles are written, whether they are short or long, we would not be able to please everybody. We appreciate every one of the letters. We like to

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look through them to see if there is anyone we have met at the various Feasts. We especially like the letters from the churches where our former ministers (of which we have had many) are serving.

We especially appreciate the letters from the overseas brethren. Those letters help us to have a closer, more personal feeling for them.

It is nice to know what other churches are doing. This gives us ideas for our own local activities.

Velva Martin
Albion, Ind.

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We find the *WN* very interesting except for the "Church Wrap-Up." It's the only part we rarely read. Most of the articles are of little interest. These articles bury the really newsworthy and interesting "Wrap-Up" articles in a profuse verbalism of trifles. Could it be that those submitting such say-nothing articles about incidental happenings—better yet, lack of happenings—only want to see their particular church mentioned in the *WN*? Please do "get tough" with this section. It'll greatly improve the *WN*.

John and Debbie Sash
Rochester, Minn.

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I suggest that you severely limit the "Wrap-Up" section or remove it altogether! If you feel it's needed, then a couple of lines per heading is sufficient. Please, the section is quite boring even

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though we're happy that people are getting together, etc.

Now, further, in its place my suggestion follows.

A. More news about our brethren elsewhere, their problems...
B. More, much more, news about healings, escape from disasters, the really out-of-the-ordinary things that happen to us all daily.

C. Why not put in copies of news items from around the world, such as articles on the drought in Europe and the U.S.A., the \$1.68-plus English pound, earthquake happenings, food-reserve charts...
D. How about a gardening section, organic, of course? ...
E. ... An "increase your vocabulary" section? ...

F. ... A women's section? ...
G. ... Why not have the college-level theology text (or a course) put on tapes and offered for a price so that we might have the advantage of "Old Testament Survey," etc., and be able to study as well on our own time? ...

H. Why can we not... print... "The Ambassador Bible Commentary"? ...
F. Paul Harvey
Duncanville, Tex.

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My husband and I moved up to Alaska from the Wisconsin area not too long ago. Letters from home keep us filled in on a lot of things, but where the letters drop off the *WN* picks up. The first thing we do when we receive our *WN* is look through the "Wrap-Up" for places and names that we know.

... It keeps us up to date with what goes on back home. We hope there is no great

"I'm always watching 'Wrap-Up' for familiar names, and it is a pure delight..."

need to strictly edit and limit the "Wrap-Up" section of your wonderful newspaper.

PS: One more good point about the "Wrap-Up" section is the idea potential it can provide for churches worldwide. What better place to get ideas than fellow brethren in different areas of the world?

Linda Roth
Soldotna, Alaska

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I feel as Mrs. Joel Robinson of Cambridge, Ohio, feels. I do not care for the local church news at all in the paper, as a matter of fact. The paper would be better off without it—unless something really outstanding happened. Thank you for listening to my opinion.

Mrs. Donald Menton
Aurora, Minn.

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I am interested in what the other churches are doing—it gives other areas ideas. However, I do feel that putting names of who did what is only interesting to the people or the church involved. If possibly just the events could be printed, without a long list of names, it would help cut down a lot.

Also, sometimes the pictures are not too interesting in that section—showing
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READERS ON 'WRAP'

Our readers seem to have definite opinions about one of our regular features, "Local Church News Wrap-Up," or "Wrap," as it's come to be called around the *WN* office. When we ran a letter from a Cambridge, Ohio, reader in the Sept. 23 issue that contained criticism (constructive, we feel) of "Wrap," we also printed a note asking other readers to write us, telling what they think of the feature.

Letters are still coming in as a result, and a representative 27 of them are printed on these pages. Some, as you can see, are solidly behind "Wrap" in its present form; a number would like to see it entirely eliminated; others are somewhere in between—they want it to stay, but with changes.

We thought now would also be the right time to pass along some information gleaned from a random survey of *WN* readers we took several months ago. We sampled the opinions of almost 1,000 U.S. readers on all aspects of the Church newspaper, and some of our queries concerned "Wrap." If those questioned were representative of the more than 30,000 subscribers to *The Worldwide News*, the survey would indicate that:

Slightly more than 13,000 subscribers always read "Wrap"; in excess of 11,000 occasionally read it; some 4,500 rarely read the feature; 930 never read it; and 510 have no opinion.

If these figures reflect the situation accurately, more than 25,000 of our subscribers turn to the "Wrap" pages at least occasionally, though that's not to say all of them are always happy with it.

We thank the readers whose opinions are printed here. We think their letters make interesting reading, and we feel the writers of "Wrap" will benefit from their ideas.

Fiddling with violins can keep you fit

By John Robinson
 SPRINGFIELD, Mo. — When Hermas Jesse Rogers bought a Sears and Roebuck violin "around 1911" and learned to play country music on it, little did he realize it would provide the catalyst for a form of therapy that he feels has added many days to his 87 years.

In 1947, after a long career as a chiropractor that included publishing a book and teaching in two chiropractic schools, Dr. H.J. Rogers suffered failing health and from what he called "a bad case of officitis."

To break the office routine he'd known for so many years, he bought a farm and began spending as many hours as possible in the country. One day he decided to make a violin, and he's been making them ever since.

Though he had no formal training in violin making, Dr. Rogers did have a rich background in agriculture, woodwork and physics to aid him in his desire to fashion these musical instruments. Since 1947 he has made more than 52 violins or fiddles from such diverse woods as myrtle, yellow cedar, thorny locust, Texas ebony, chestnut and — would you believe? — poison oak.

Describing the difference between a fiddle and a violin, Dr. Rogers explained that "a violin is what a professional fiddler plays."

Pride of a Father

He loves to talk about his violins, describing each with the pride of a new father. Though he has given away 17 of his violins (he has given violins to widows, blind people and newlyweds, and one he donated to the Music Department of Ambassador College, Big Sandy) and sold others, he still maintains a collection at his home that he displays with pride. He keeps a card on each instrument that records details of construction, types of woods used and other pertinent information.

Dr. Rogers, who taught school and served as a school superintendent before becoming a chiropractor, is extremely devoted to his avocation and finds the painstaking detail work deeply fulfilling and therapeutic.

In addition to the assortment of woods selected for the violins, he has also selected an assortment of sizes from standard (4/4) to 1/64 and two that are smaller than standard. One of the smaller ones is only about 6 1/4 inches long. Dr. Rogers has christened this tiny creation Gabriel Michael Lucifer Thumb.

Another, which he has named Melchizedek, is only 5 1/2 inches long, which Dr. Rogers suspects is "the smallest violin ever made."

All of his violins are actual instruments capable of being played, though his smaller models present an interesting challenge to adult hands.

The principal tools he uses are gouge chisels and a violin maker's plane. The remaining special molds and clamps required for the task are made by Dr. Rogers, who said he learned most of the skills while teaching vocational classes at Walnut Grove, Mo., in the early 1920s.

Coming Into the Church

Dr. Rogers, who has been a Church member since 1960, said the "two greatest events in my mature life" were his marriage in 1921 to Iris N. Chauncey and his baptism into God's Church. His wife, also a licensed chiropractor who practiced with her husband and even continued the practice for several years after he retired, died July 23, 1975.

Recalling his introduction to the Work, he said:

"One evening in 1959, listening to the radio in bed, I heard the final closing of a program that caught my

attention in a forceful way. The speaker was offering a free booklet on some vital biblical subject that I wanted. I was careful to get the address — Box 111, Pasadena, Calif. — and the name, Herbert W. Armstrong.

"The radio station was in Kansas City, and I got every program from then on. Needless to say, I soon asked for a consultation with a minister for baptism.

"In 1960 Mr. Bryce Clark came to Springfield as minister. I was advised

to contact him. Up to that time I did not know a Church of God was in Springfield. Mr. Clark and his assistant, Mr. Kelly Barfield, baptized me in August, 1960."

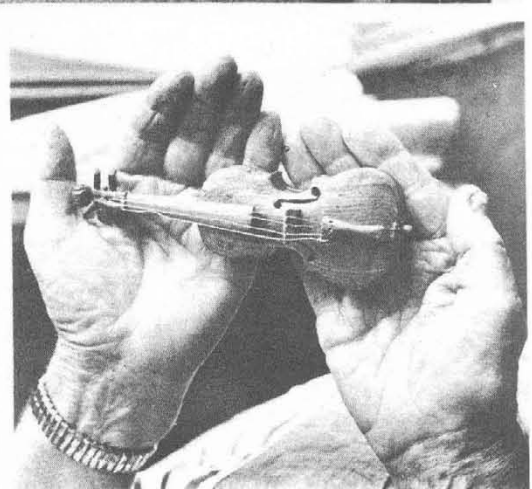
Dr. Rogers has now been in the Church 16 years and, according to the

pastor here, Bill Freeland, at 87 he's "still going strong."

It may be debatable how much of his "still going strong" is directly attributable to making violins, but at least he's one man who had to fiddle around to stay healthy.



FIDDLE THERAPY — Dr. H.J. Rogers combated "a bad case of officitis" 29 years ago after a long career as a chiropractor by buying a farm and making violins. Today he has more than 52 violins or fiddles in sizes ranging from standard to one as small as 5 1/2 inches long (bottom and bottom-right photos). Even his smallest violins can be played, though the smaller ones present a challenge to adult hands. (Photo by John Robinson)



African member waited many years for a visit

By Roger Fakhoury

PASADENA — It's not often that a member of the Lusaka, Zambia, church comes to Pasadena. So when John Chisanga had his opportunity he set out to make the best of every moment.

"I am one of 25 brethren in the Lusaka church," John said. "We know we are a small congregation, but we try to use that to our advantage. We are very close and try to help each other with our problems."

John is a 34-year-old African. Besides English he speaks three of the eight major tribal languages of Africa. According to John: "You really have to be able to speak at least four tribal languages to converse everywhere in Zambia, but I get by with only three."

I wondered about the steps that led him to God's Church.

"I guess it began in 1962 when I found an old copy of *The Plain Truth* in a student lounge. In 1965 I applied for admission to Ambassador College at Bricket Wood, England. At that time the policy was not to admit colored students. Consequently all they sent back to me was literature on the race question."

Not to be discouraged, John continued to write for further literature. Little did he know then, but it would be six years before he would be visited by a minister.

"It wasn't until 1971 that I first met Mr. Harold Jackson and Mr. Robert Morton," John explained. "This was the first human contact I had ever had with the Worldwide Church of God. They returned in 1972 and again in 1973, but I wasn't able to be baptized until last March, a full 14 years from the date I had first read a *Plain Truth* magazine."

Although most of the members of the Lusaka church have been just recently baptized, they have been meet-

ing in each other's homes for over four years.

"Ministers visit us as often as they can, but they are very busy. We rarely have more than one minister visit us in a year."

John was asked about the problems facing the members of the Lusaka church.

"Besides the fact that we don't have our own minister, our *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines arrive very late. Sometimes they are as much as five months late. Many times our *Worldwide News* doesn't come at all. I would like to ask that the Church members pray for our mailing service."

John mentioned one other problem that seems to be on the minds of the men of the Lusaka church. Women are in demand.

"The first two women of the Lusaka church were just recently baptized. However, with 23 single men you can probably see our dilemma."

I asked John if the two women are popular around the church area. He didn't understand the question. "Popular?" he asked. "I don't know about popular, but they sure get a lot of dates."



JOHN CHISANGA

Pork is not meet to eat

By Mattie B. Lee

WARREN, Ohio — As the happy couple settled back aboard the 8:15 a.m. flight leaving Bradley Field in Connecticut on Friday, Oct. 8, little did they know or dream this incident would happen and would be told to others who would laugh along with them about it. Neither did I when I later boarded the same DC-8 Flight 958 in Boston, Mass.

I took the aisle seat beside the man and woman, they turned toward me, smiled and said hello. The young man introduced himself as Raymond and his wife as Lorraine.

I was trying to make myself comfortable when Raymond immediately assisted me, placing my overnight bag and topser coat into the overhead compartment. After helping me to fasten my seat belt, he again settled himself.

His blond wife leaned back in her seat, smiling; she was quietly trying to get rid of an annoying headache.

All was quiet as the plane took to the air, climbing higher and higher. Then came time to eat.

Breakfast was served speedily, since we were only to be in the air an hour and 45 minutes. The meal consisted of a thick slice of ham and a nice-looking omelet, fruit cup and coffee or choice of other beverage. As I sat debating to myself whether to just refuse the omelet from the ham and eat the omelet or just eat the fruit cup, Raymond leaned over and said, "Miss, do you care for ham?"

I answered, "No, do you want mine?"

Raymond laughed and said, "No, I thought perhaps you would like another piece of ham, and I was going to give you mine."

I proceeded to eat my breakfast, but had the urge to reply further, so I said to Lorraine, "In fact, I don't eat any pork products."

Unexpectedly, Lorraine replied, "We don't eat pork either."

We looked at each other wide-eyed, saying simultaneously, "You wouldn't happen to be in . . . yes, yes . . . God's Church, would you . . . and on your way to keep the Feast?"

It was funny, and the three of us (they turned out to be Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gossett of Broadbrook, Conn.) enjoyed a good laugh about the man who tried to palm his ham off on the elderly woman he thought must surely love ham, but also turned out to be going to Bermuda to keep God's Feast of Tabernacles.

Members help needy families

APPLETON, Wis. — "In Grateful Appreciation for Their Dedication and Service to Residents of the Outagamie County Health Center," reads the inscription on the plaque awarded to the volunteers of the Christian Clothes Closet (CCC) of the Appleton church.

Accepting the award for the CCC, which distributes clothes free to anyone who needs them, were Appleton pastor Jess Ernest and CCC director Rose Misco. The award was presented by Michael Theiss, health-

center administrator, and Clare Kiepe, volunteer coordinator, at an appreciation banquet Oct. 18.

The plaque was given for the best new project started at the center this year, and pins were presented to volunteers with more than 100 hours of service. Receiving pins were Mrs. Misco, 300 hours, Pat Plante, 200, Donna Myers, assistant director of the CCC, 100, and Donna Kopecky, 100.

In his remarks Mr. Theiss complimented the CCC volunteers on their efficiency and organization in operating the charitable organization.

The CCC is the Appleton church's answer to Garner Ted Armstrong's request that congregations find ways to serve their communities.

The goals of the CCC are threefold: to provide quality clothing to needy people with no cost to them, to set an example as Christians, and to familiarize people with the Worldwide Church of God.

To aid in their job, CCC volunteers have a professional-looking brochure, authorization cards and stationery.

Volunteers to operate the CCC come mainly from the congregation,

with members traveling up to 60 miles one way to work once a month. In addition, there are five nonmember volunteers.

"Our next step is to get more volunteers from the community to help us," says Mrs. Misco. "Each volunteer working a minimum of one five-hour shift per month is eligible to buy clothing from the CCC. This is an incentive for the volunteers and provides us with a small income sufficient to run the CCC."

Since the CCC was opened in March, 1976, it has served 300 families with 10,000 items of clothing, all free of charge, Mrs. Misco says.

"The opportunities to be a light to the community are endless," she says. "The Church's name is getting known in the area. We have had representatives from different community organizations in surrounding counties requesting information about setting up their own closets. What we say to the community is, 'We of the Worldwide Church of God want to help you help each other.'"

Which is exactly what is happening.

SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

BY LESTER LAVELLE

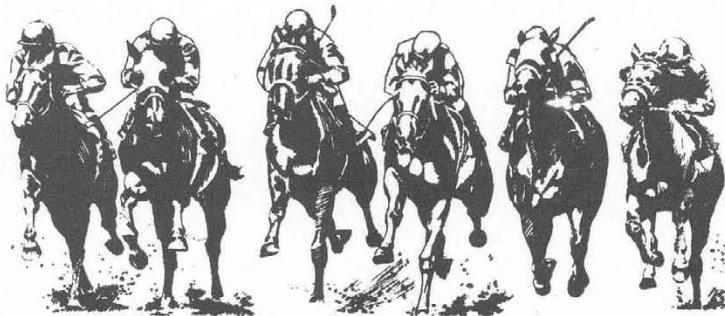
In the sentences below seek for the names of persons found in the Bible. Underline each name as you find it. Take care, because several sentences include more than one name. Note: Many biblical names consist of only two letters, as Ab or Er, but these have not been included as answers. Example: The name DAN appears in this sentence: His speech is peDANtic.

1. We were invited to a dinner at eight.
2. To pass your hand along the back of a snake is to stroke daringly.
3. A king of Edom named Bela is honored more than his subjects.
4. People when in a daze lose the faculty of coherent speech.
5. "Tremolo" is a vibrating effect in the human voice.
6. Thrust before Philip, he became a most unhappy person.
7. What joy to lay your head on a huge, soft pillow on a nice morning long after sunrise!
8. A dinosaur could easily mar that beautiful building.
9. It looked like a star tethered just above the horizon.
10. An adroit attorney can cope legally with most any problem.
11. Can you relate to initial effects of an atom aging endlessly?
12. There is no truth in the theory of reincarnation.
13. It is best to abstain from some dangerous foods.
14. He dug the trench beneath a garden wall.
15. Before airplanes were invented, men flew high in a balloon.
16. Then Cephas arose, irritated, but soon was reunited with his brethren.
17. The buzzing sound of a rattler could warn an antelope.
18. A skier must wear goggles to go merrily o'er the snow.
19. Then flew a bee right above the long flowers.
20. In a horrible state of mind, a nervous condition, the demented king sought the life of David.

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SERVICE AWARD — Appleton pastor Jess Ernest and member Rose Misco display an award for community service presented to the congregation's Christian Clothes Closet.



Racehorses stand on his work

By Ed Beard
 ROSWELL, N.M. — There's an old story about a horse that lost a shoe, and delayed a military messenger, and caused a battle to be lost, and then a country.

The stakes may not be that high when it comes to horse racing. But any man who has a horse in a \$100,000 race at Sunland Park or Ruidoso Downs is bound to be awfully apprehensive, especially when it comes to horseshoes.

The chances are several horses in the field are standing on Jerry Coffelt's work — and reputation. Jerry is one of the few persons in the Southwest who shoes racehorses for a living.

Jerry has only been shoeing racehorses since 1969, but along the way he's earned some solid backing. His work has given firm footing for such greats as Bugs Alive in 75, Cinder Leo, Vim and Vigor, Easy Six and Pass Over. He even boasts a couple of record holders at Sunland: Bold Liz and Thirty One Jewels. He's set up shop for all the name stables: J.B. Montgomery, Don Farris, Bubba Cascio, Dwayne Lucas, J.J. Fletcher, Gerald Marr, Quinn Hall, Buffalo Wooten and on and on.

Important Piece

According to Jerry, most racing fans don't know, and probably couldn't care less, what shoes their favorite is wearing. But in many cases it's the single most important piece of racing equipment.

"You can't place enough emphasis on the horse's foot," says Jerry. "I don't care what breeding or potential the animal has, if he doesn't have a sound foot he won't be a top racehorse. With the proper shoe you can keep the foot healthy. And you can keep a top horse running."

The horseshoe has to be versatile but tough. It does many jobs and takes more punishment than any other piece of racing equipment.

"At one point in full stride, the horse has only one hoof on the ground," He's exerting over 2,000 pounds of pressure on that shoe.

"People not familiar with racing think of the horseshoe as that heavy steel thing they throw at a peg on picnics. They're amazed when I show them a racing plate.

"Some trainers still use a steel shoe, but it's not near as heavy or cumbersome as the domestic shoe. And there's another, heavier-gauge steel shoe for horses that bend or spread the plate out of shape when they run. But that one's rarely used.

"The standard racing shoe blank is made of aluminum alloy. It's very light and easy to work with. It only weighs a couple of ounces. I use four standard blanks for most of my work. With those I can correct minor problems and shoe for most track conditions."

The modifications are made by altering the grabbing surfaces around the outer edges and by raising or lowering the shoe at different points.

Leg problems in a horse are about as varied as the number of horses on the

Mr. Coffelt and his wife live in Ruidoso Downs and are members of the Roswell, N.M., church. The writer of this article is publicity assistant at Sunland Park (N.M.) Race Track.

ground. "When a horse is sore, he'll change his stride slightly to favor the sore point," says Coffelt. "This usually causes his legs or feet to hit together as they pass. It doesn't take much of a stride change to cause this because even with a correct stride there's only a couple of inches of clearance. You usually correct this by raising or lowering the shoe on one side.

"Contracted heels are another major problem. It's often caused when the animal is kept too high on his heels when he's young. The hoof doesn't have a chance to develop right and the heel is pulled in too close together. It's a condition that can't be corrected while the animal is running. You can drop the heel down to get pressure on it and spread it out. Or you can take the shoe off completely and turn the horse out in sand. The sand then forces the hoof apart."

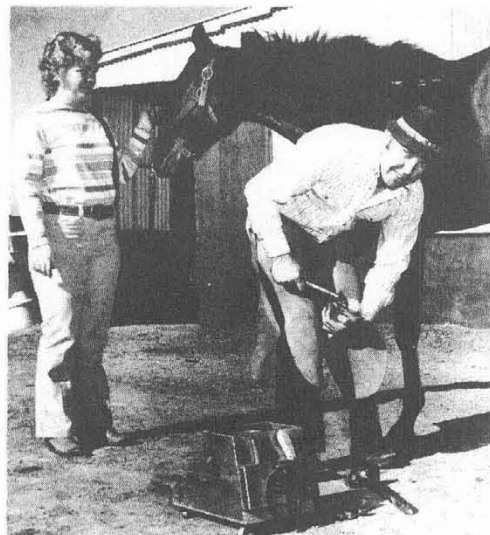
Other problems Jerry has to contend with have nothing to do with the physical makeup of the animal. His most publicized patient was Bugs Alive in 75, the winner of last year's All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

Raised the Toes

"The Bug was falling out of the gate during his early career. That horse just had too much starting power and the ground wouldn't hold him. We never did tamper with his front feet because once he got away from the gate he was all right. But his trainer, J.B. Montgomery, jockey Jerry Burgess and I had to get our heads together to figure what was happening with his hind feet.

"It all came down to that initial lunge. His hind toes were scooping the dirt out from under him. I had his heels set high so I dropped them down and raised the toes a little. I made a couple of minor adjustments over the next couple of races and we got the problem corrected before the trials and finale of the All-American."

Mud can cause major headaches,



PUT HER THERE — Jerry Coffelt, member of the Roswell church, demonstrates the basics of his trade as his wife Monette looks on. [Photo courtesy Sunland Park Race Track]

according to Jerry. "On some tracks, the mud will literally suck the shoes right off a horse. It gets so bad at times that we even have to watch the clinch on the horseshoe nail. If it's too tight, it'll even pull the hoof off."

Some horses can't handle the mud no matter what you put on them, says Jerry. But others he can help quite a bit. "I shoed Pass Over a couple of years ago for an off track in the All-American Derby. She could hardly stand up in the mud, so we put jar calks [cleated shoes] on the front feet and high-toe blocks on the back. They helped her break through the mud to the firmer base for solid footing."

Jerry's talents are really put to the

test at Ruidoso. "During one trial week I put shoes on 82 head. My average is about 275 to 300 head a month. Most of the horses running up there are babies and you can really run into some tough problems. You have to depend on the trainers to tell you what the horse is doing.

"That's really the secret to this horseshoeing business. You've got to listen to the trainer and do what he tells you, because he does know what that horse is doing and what conditions he'll be running in. When I'm finished with a shoe, it's the way the trainer wants it."

It could be those trainers think there's extra luck in Jerry's horseshoes. They keep bringing their horses back to him.

Student not blind to appreciating life

By Roger Fakhoury
 PASADENA — "I never let it stop me. I consider myself to be just like any other student," said Daniel Wantuck, a student at Ambassador College, Pasadena. Dan has been blind since birth.

"In classes I get along just as well as any other student," he said. "Many people think because a person is blind there is something wrong with him. But really the only difference is the fact that they have their sight and we don't."

Dan, an 18-year-old freshman, has dark hair and stands 5 feet 8. His interests include writing, swimming and music.

"Sometimes when I get discouraged I'll go to the Fine Arts Hall and play the piano. I'm not very good. In fact, on a scale of one to 10, I think I'm a negative three."

I asked Dan about what led him to God's Church and later Ambassador College.

Interested in Future

"I've always enjoyed toying around with ham radios," Dan began. "Late one evening I tried to find out how far away I could receive radio stations. I heard this voice. It was Garner Ted Armstrong. Even though I didn't like religious programs, it was 5 o'clock in the morning and I was getting desperate for entertainment.

"Anyway, he was discussing this world's future. I was interested because at that time I had been thinking about this very subject. It struck home. After that it was just a matter of sending away for the literature [the Church publishes literature for the blind] and studying on my own.

"I've been coming to the Worldwide Church of God services since December, 1974, and I was baptized in July, 1975. At the time I was a senior in high school and I knew that Ambassador College was for me. I was accepted last April.

"I've found Ambassador College to be full of friendly and helpful people," Dan continued. "You can call it coincidence, but it seems that every time I get into a rough situation there is always someone there to help me."

When I asked if he could express

any particular problems that have arisen as a result of his blindness, he said, "If I had to narrow it down to one major problem which discourages me, it would be that people don't understand how much blind people can do.

"For example, a couple of weeks ago, I tried out a play. The director questioned whether I could handle a part in the play. It hurt me because he just didn't understand what it is like to be blind. I've been on stage before. I know I can do it.

"But sometimes I don't understand that people don't understand. I have to show them that I can really do things.

"Of course, there are things which I can't do. I can't pick up a book and read it or drive a car." However, "there are also things we can do that sighted people have problems accomplishing. For example, we can eat in the dark if we have to, and we don't need light to read."

'Go After Your Goals'

I asked Dan if he had any words of encouragement for others who are either blind or have another physical handicap.

"Yes, I do," Dan acknowledged. "Go after your goals, no matter in what condition you find yourself. Don't feel sorry for yourself. Things could always be worse. And, most of all, appreciate life."

Before leaving, I offered to lead Dan back to his typewriter. He didn't need help.

"I know my way around, but do you?" He could tell I was puzzled.

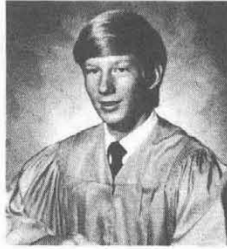
"Just think," he explained. "When the lights go out, I will have to lead you."



BLIND STUDENT — Daniel Wantuck, an 18-year-old freshman at Ambassador, tells about his experiences as a blind student at college. [Photo by Richard Stodola]



DAVID FISH



LON KENNEBECK

Youths receive recognition

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va. — David Fish, 17, was presented the Eagle scouting award by Robert Beatty, scoutmaster of Troop 50, Oct. 25. David is a member of YOU and attends church in Wheeling, W. Va., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fish.

In July, 1974, while working on the requirements for the award, David participated in the Big Sandy-based Challenger Program,

spending 15 days backpacking in the mountains of Colorado.

Besides 27 merit badges he has earned, David also received the mile-swim award and is a scout life guard.

GARLAND, Tex. — Lon Kennebeck, 17, has been selected to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1975-76. Fewer than 4 percent of all upper-

classmen from the United States 24,000 public, private and parochial high schools are featured in *Who's Who* each year.

Lon is also active in scouting, serving as a senior patrol leader for Troop 1212 of Dallas, Tex., and den chief for Cub Scout Pack 279 of Dallas.

Lon is self-employed in yard maintenance and attends Garland High School, where he is a senior. He attends the Dallas church.

Lon plans to enter Ambassador College after graduation. He is the son of Mrs. Shirley Kennebeck of Garland.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Angie Grett, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Goodman, has been named by the local ministry to attend the Youth Opportunities United in-



ANGIE GRETT

ternational youth conference at Big Sandy Dec. 24 to 28.

She is the president of the Nashville YOU chapter and an honor student at Hillsboro High School here, where she is a sophomore.

Her interests include playing basketball and softball.

Angie was one of seven treated to a meal Oct. 30 at the Smuggler's Inn here. According to Fred Bailey, associate pastor here, the teens were selected for the honor after their participation in YOU work at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were hosts of the affair. The other teens were Ray Breedlove, Tywan Corbin, Jan Hammer, Vicki Hammer, Bill Vernich and Lyn Vernich.

TORONTO, Ont. — Randy Heath, a member here, graduated Sept. 24 from the Ernest C. Drury



RANDY HEATH

School, a regional center for the hearing handicapped in Milton, Ont.

Randy, who has been almost completely deaf since birth, received the Ontario Association of the Deaf award, along with a schoolmate, at graduation.

He takes classes in drafting at George Brown College, a two-year technical school here.

GRAND PRAIRIE, Tex. — Peggy Hohertz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hohertz of the Fort (See YOUTHS, page 15)

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS By Shirley King Johnson

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Choking back tears, Jill explained to the gas-station owner what had happened. "Our bike had a flat out on the road just over the hill. A man came along and offered us a ride and I said no, but he came back again and this time Jan got in the car. He promised to bring her here to telephone, but he didn't. He's taken her someplace!"

Mr. Osborne looked worried; his brows drew together in a frown of concentration. "Can you describe the man and his car to the police?"

"Yes, I got his license number too. The police can put out an APB."

"What's an APB?" Mr. Osborne asked.

"All-points bulletin," she explained. "I read a lot."

"Oh. Come on into the station."

Soon Mr. Osborne had the police on the line and they sent an officer out to the station to talk to Jill.

"Hello, I'm Officer Thomsen," he greeted as he got out of his cruiser. He looked smart in his blue uniform and cap.

Jill had waited for the car outside by the pumps. "Hi! Let's go on over the hill first to where my bike is hidden, so I can give you the license number of the car."

"Good for you," said the officer with an approving nod.

"I'll get on the radio with it and alert every state trooper and deputy in this half of the state."

After the bulletin had gone out, the officer took Jill and her tandem bike home. He stayed a while to talk to Jill and her parents about Janet's disappearance.

When he left, Mr. and Mrs. Evans and Jill waited beside the telephone, hoping to soon hear news concerning Janet.

Car Located

Two long hours passed. The telephone rang, and when Mr. Evans answered he heard Officer Thomsen's voice. "That white car has been located in the southern edge of our county along a wooded area," he announced. "We've taken the fellow into custody, but your daughter is still missing. The fellow says the girl jumped from his car and ran into the woods. Said he spent an hour looking for her and then gave up and doubled back to his car. Sheriff Whitcomb had spotted the license plate on the car parked along the road. He nabbed the fellow when he came walking up. We've got him in handcuffs . . ."

"Never mind about him," interrupted Mr. Evans, "I want to know where Janet is."

"We're bringing in men and dogs to search the woods. We'll do all we can to find her. It's a heavily wooded area and it's going to take time to . . ."

"I'll drive out there. Give me the directions."

"I wish you'd stay where you are by the phone so we can reach you."

"Give me the directions!" shouted Mr. Evans.

"It's on Highway 2 south of Lyman

about five miles."

"Thanks. I'll see you." Hanging up, Mr. Evans briefly explained the conversation.

Jill and Mrs. Evans started to follow him, but he shook his head. "You both stay by the phone." He went out, jangling car keys in one hand.

Jill hugged her mother to comfort her, and they resumed their places beside the telephone. "It won't be long until Jan will be home," she said cheerfully. "She's escaped from that man."

"What if he's not telling the truth?" Mrs. Evans asked. "What if he's done



ESCAPE PART 2

something terrible?" "He hasn't. He'd have to catch her first," Jill insisted. "Don't look so worried."

Hard Teacher

"Darling, I'm afraid I won't be able to take a deep breath until Janet is home safe and sound. Your father and I have spent hours and hours explaining to you both how dangerous it is to ride with strangers. But, in spite of that, Janet disobeyed us. Why? Why, Jill?"

"Because . . . Well, I suppose because it was hot on that road. Mama, Janet knows now it was wrong. She'll never do it again."

Mrs. Evans shook her head. "Experience is a very hard teacher."

Minutes slowly passed. Jill got up to make her mother a cup of tea. When it was ready she brought the steaming cup to her chair.

The telephone rang.

"Get it, Jill, will you, please?"

"Yes'm." She lifted the receiver.

"Hello, Evans residence. Jill Evans speaking."

"Hi, Jill! Come and get me, will you?" It was Janet.

"Jan, where are you?" squealed Jill.

"Mama, it's Jan!"

"In a farmhouse."

Jill tipped the receiver away from her ear so her mother could also hear. "She's in a farmhouse, Mama."

"Hello, dear, are you all right?" Mrs. Evans asked.

"I'm fine, Mama. I'm tired from walking and running all afternoon, but I finally found a farmhouse and a nice lady gave me some cold milk to drink and let me use her telephone."

"Where are you?" Jill asked.

"Do you remember when we went to 4-H camp by the lake and there's a power station on one side of the lake? The farmhouse I'm in is beside that power station."

"Way over there?" Jill asked in surprise.

"Yes."

"We'll be right over. Are you sure you're okay?"

"Sure. Oh, I have a few scratches on my legs from running through gooseberry bushes."

"How did you escape from him?"

Slowed for a Cow

"He drove terribly fast and we kept going farther and farther away from home on back roads. Then we came to a place with some cows out on the road and he had to slow down to keep from hitting one. I jumped out, rolled down a bank, climbed a fence and ran fast as I could into the timber. He followed after me and cursed and yelled. He's a terrible person. Just awful!"

"You're safe now. He's been captured." Jill announced.

"He is? Already?"

"Yes. I copied the license-plate number down in the dust on our bike and a sheriff spotted the car."

"How clever of you, Jill."

"It was elementary, my dear Watson."

"Silly. I love you so much. You're such a neat sister."

"And I love you too, Jan."

"It's lucky I kept up my track training with you," Janet went on. "I ran fast as I could and he never did come close to catching me. When I was deep into the timber I hid in some gooseberry bushes. I could hear him go back and forth looking for me. I really was scared. What an afternoon! Mama, can you hear?"

"Yes, dear."

"I won't ride with a stranger again. Never, never, never!"

"That's good, darling."

"Please come and get me."

"We'll be right there, dear. Good-bye."

They hung up. Mrs. Evans gave an exclamation. "Oh, but Art's taken the car. How'll we pick up Janet?"

"We can call the police," suggested Jill. "They'll be glad to take us to Jan. Then we'll find Daddy and come home together."

"Exactly. I'm so thankful everything is going to be all right."

"Yep," Jill said as her mother began to dial. "This just about wraps up the case. And I like happy endings."

A Personal Letter

from



Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from warm, sunny Pasadena!

I hardly know where to begin this "Personal." So many exciting new developments have been taking place here at headquarters that it is difficult to know which one to place in priority.

As you know, I had to send out an emergency letter just after the Feast of Tabernacles concerning the serious slump in finances. All of us here were rather unitedly under the impression that perhaps the usual travel time, visits and sightseeing stops along the way to Festival sites, plus other considerations, may have contributed to the problem. Nevertheless we had to take emergency action to try to stave off any calamities.

Those of us here at headquarters cannot really know whether some of the brethren had to utilize their own personal incomes rather than the Festival title for their expenses during the Feast and for the very fine and extremely gratifying offerings (which broke records), but this perhaps could have contributed if a number were taking a "credit card" approach to the Feast of Tabernacles, and if it took them perhaps up to two pay periods catch up after the Feast.

As I'm sure all of you know, a very large number of our brethren managed to transfer to more desirable Festival sites (which we of course freely allowed), resulting in an unusually large number attending the Feast in the Hawaiian Islands and an almost cumbersome number attending the Festival here at headquarters in Pasadena, plus large increments of those who lived in the not-so-favorable climates attending in places such as St. Petersburg and Tucson.

Perhaps these are among some of the factors which directly affected the income picture following the Feast, but the income was only a part of the problem.

Incisive Studies

We have made incisive studies into all aspects of the Work. You could call it a study aimed at discovering just how well we are fulfilling the commission God has given to us.

We wanted to know the exact pattern of new listeners so far as we could determine to radio and television; the number of new subscribers to *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*; the number of new responses resulting from our color-television spot advertising; the dollars per each new response resulting from these and all other programs designed to reach the public; the number of new Church members being baptized; the attendance figures for the Feast of Tabernacles and for church services around the world; plus a number of other factors.

Suffice it to say our studies showed that we need dramatic revitalization of many of the methods we are presently utilizing to get Christ's last warning message across to this great nation of the United States, our neighbors in Canada, the people of Britain, Australia, South Africa and many, many other nations, PLUS the need to continually pray for and support Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong in his new phase of God's Work, that of reaching kings, presidents, prime ministers and civic leaders in many nations around the world.

I will discuss with you improve-

ments we are making in the different areas.

Television

Even though our television crews have completely edited and prepared for distribution our one-hour documentary on Egypt, I gave approval yesterday for delaying or possibly canceling altogether the showing of the documentary in favor of diverting the funds which would have gone for such television time into our spot-advertising campaign.

We had already used every bit of the material for our Egyptian special on two half-hour programs aired all over the United States months ago, anyhow. Therefore a one-hour showing would have been basically redundant, and perhaps a little out of date anyway. Recent studies have shown that the very best cost-per-new-response figure has been achieved by airing our very professionally done color-television spot commercials in stations in selected test areas around the country. Therefore we must recognize the need to dramatically increase the number of these spot advertisements.

I will have meetings with our television crews in the next days, and we will discuss a wide-ranging series of new subjects for new advertisements to dramatize our publications, including a new look in *The Plain Truth* (which I will discuss in a few moments), our new booklets, etc.

Radio

Though I have not yet made a final decision, I am seriously considering a brand-new, five-minute, hard-hitting, rapidly moving radio program highlighting the top of the news as it reflects biblical prophecy! This will not in any sense lighten my work load, for the preparation of such a five-minute program, believe it or not, will quite literally cause me more work and take more time and careful thought and planning than a full 30-minute program.

In 30 minutes there is a great deal of leeway for me to ad-lib in any subjects of importance which come to mind. In a five-minute time frame I will need to very tightly organize everything that I say and move right along to the conclusion and a strong advertisement of backup literature.

Such a five-minute program would be, we hope, placed in the news-block time slot in dozens and dozens of new radio stations all around the country — radio stations where our broadcast has never been heard before. In this way, by only a five-minute program, we instantly break through the radio-station "format" problem. That is, in no case is *The World Tomorrow* on an all-music station or an all-news station, and very rarely or almost never is it found on a station that plays rock music. As a matter of fact, it is only rarely that *The World Tomorrow* is on a station which carries an all-religious format.

But ALL of these station formats, whether rock, pop, top 40, MOD (middle of the road) or others as described by radio jargon, DO HAVE NEWS BROADCASTING! Federal Communications Commission regulations require a certain number of minutes every day to be given over to community services, and even the heaviest of the music formats will include up to a 15-minute break every hour for national and local news, sports and weather.

We may, though the decision is not final, opt in favor of a half-hour

radio program to be placed primarily on Sunday-morning slots in an increased number of radio stations all around the country as opposed to the half-hour broadcast five or six times weekly, straight across the board, at awkward late-night or early-morning hours, as is the present case.

In this way the new five-minute program will directly call attention to a new format coming along in *The Plain Truth* magazine, outlined here.

Publications

I sent out a memo concerning *The Plain Truth* just yesterday to all personnel concerned. I will reproduce it here for all of you to read:

"To: All Personnel Concerned; Date: Nov. 19, 1976; Subject: *Plain Truth* Policy; From: Garner Ted Armstrong.

"This memo is a vitally important policy statement concerning *The Plain Truth*. Commencing immediately, far-reaching changes will occur in *The Plain Truth* magazine.

"(1) There will be only one *Plain Truth* publication worldwide.

"(2) *The Plain Truth* will, each edition, consist of no less than eight pages dealing specifically with world news in the light of Bible prophecy in a format to be specified later, and I will take a personal role in both assigning writing responsibilities as well as approving copy for this eight-page section each month.

"(a) The need for any international *Plain Truth* publications will be eliminated.

"(b) All office managers in foreign areas such as Australia, Canada, Britain, South Africa, Holland, Norway, etc., will be responsible for sending a pertinent news synopsis of current developments relevant to biblical prophecy in their areas, both locally as well as nationally, regionally, or even affecting the continent (such as Africa, Australia, etc.), whether such reports are selected for publication or not.

"(c) In addition, all overseas office managers will detail at least one member of their staff to send a continual report of "top of the news" items which can be utilized in a "Prophecy in the News" section, much like the "Washington Whispers" or "World Watch" segments of the *U.S. News & World Reports* have done, and as we have done in Gene Hogberg's "World Watch" column in the *PT* in the past.

"(d) The number of pages reserved for Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's articles, "Personals" (including pictorial accounts and other articles from overseas personnel involving Mr. Armstrong's phase of carrying the Gospel to the Gentile nations and world leaders) will be reserved — whatever number of pages required — in each issue, according to the material received.

"(4) The remainder of the magazine will be given over entirely to the essential structure of the present-day *Good News*; i.e., strong doctrinal articles concerning the pagan holidays, the pagan doctrines, the basic doctrines of the Church, such as the law, the Sabbath, the Holy Days, tithing, etc.

"These editorial policy changes will, necessarily, require rather far-reaching adjustments in personnel. All such personnel readjustments will be made in a completely equitable and considerate manner, and each individual so affected will be notified by the Business Office within a matter of days.

"COMMENTARY: Far-reaching studies involving *The Plain Truth* in the United States and in many other countries have brought about the absolute necessity for these alterations in *Plain Truth* policy. *The Plain Truth* will once again become the unique publication it once was in voicing a strong warning and witness message to dying nations just prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Its strongest and most insistent thrust

will continue to be the day-to-day fulfillment of biblical prophecy in happenings all around the world which prove the nearness of the beginning of the Great Tribulation and terrible national troubles for God's people Israel and the nearness of the arrival of Jesus Christ.

"We must not lose our uniqueness — and the trumpet must give a clear sound.

"Incidental to this, I want all key personnel to know that we will be dramatically revising the radio and television efforts, by adding a five-minute, rapidly moving, hard-hitting radio program to be placed on many, many additional radio stations, highlighting the same type of copy we intend to send dominate the pages of *The Plain Truth*; i.e., today's news leaping to life in the light of Bible prophecy.

"Also, we will be utilizing far more TV spot commercials resulting primarily from far-reaching tests which have proven this is the most cost-effective method for obtaining new subscribers to our publications.

"There may be some temporary readjustments required of us in some overseas areas, as a result of this change in policy, but I am positive all of us in this Work, and most specifically I am positive that the general public, will hail this new editorial policy as a tremendous breakthrough.

"In this fashion, we will have ONE major magazine which will combine all of the best and most essential elements of what this Work is called to perform, and that one magazine will appear on the newstands in the United States, and, as finances permit, in other countries all around the world."

Mr. Armstrong's Accident

I'm sure you brethren will be equally as enthusiastic about these new developments in the Work of God as we are here at headquarters.

I have been in very close communication with my father within the last few days, following his accident in South Africa, and have updated him via Telex of these exciting new changes. Incidentally, my father had been voicing a desire to see changes just such as this in *The Plain Truth*

magazine for quite some time.

(By the way, I am sure all of you will be inspired to pray more for Mr. Armstrong's personal safety and his health after reading the account of his ankle sprain on page 1 of this issue. It certainly brings home the need for our active prayers on his behalf.)

Meanwhile, the Work continues to go out in expanding power all around the world! We intend making these improvements in God's Work as of now, brethren, so you will not need to wait three or four months to see dramatic new changes in the magazine. Obviously, the need for *The Good News* is no longer valid. Every individual who is currently on *The Good News* mailing list will continue to receive a magazine (*The Plain Truth*) with the same hard-hitting, powerful doctrinal articles, Christian-living and exhortative articles that he has been receiving in *The Good News*. At the same time, *Plain Truth* readers will receive *The Plain Truth* dramatically strengthened and made far more powerful, not only in its content of hard-hitting, biblically oriented articles, but in the rapidly moving sections concerning world news which is fulfilling prophecy!

I am sure all of you can, coincidentally, understand that this will save hundreds of thousands of dollars for God's Work over the next year, while at the same time result in stimulating greater growth and sharpening the point of our message.

That's about it for now. I wanted to keep all of you totally informed of these developments as I have always tried to do since the inception of *The Worldwide News*.

We will appreciate your prayers and your concern, and of course I do not need to remind you of the continuing serious need for your financial support. Thanks to all of you brethren and to all of you ministers alike who have sent recent letters of encouragement and for the comments I received following my note to the ministers concerning preaching sound doctrine (just as Paul exhorted Timothy) and the letters of enthusiasm and encouragement!

With love in Jesus' name,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Director's report traces meetings in Swaziland

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their origins and begin to kill their brothers; this should not be. He also said they forget the purpose of life and that, since Mr. Armstrong teaches what that purpose is, his contribution is invaluable.

Mr. Armstrong said that he has helped to bring various nations together, including Japan and Israel, and he feels he has even helped to lessen tension somewhat between the Israelis and the Arabs.

The king stated he has also tried to do the same; he is friends with both Israelis and Arabs. He said he tries to maintain friendships from both sides because the minute a person makes friends with one side he makes himself the enemy of the other.

Mr. Stanley Rader, who is vice president for the Work's financial affairs, mentioned that the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation plans to assist in the making of a film in Swaziland that would be used to produce funds throughout the world for handicapped children. Mr. Rader said that the producer of the film has seen a particularly valuable crippled-children's school in Swaziland (St. Joseph's School), and the AICF hopes to help this cause.

The king mentioned that he knew of St. Joseph's and that he was very pleased with its work.

Mr. Armstrong said he had always

wanted to visit Swaziland, and this visit was his first.

At Home in Swaziland

The king said: "Please realize that you are at home and you are welcome to Swaziland and we are pleased to have you here."

The entire group with the king — his counselors, his secretary, his prime minister — all spoke the traditional greeting of welcome to Mr. Armstrong at this point.

Then they begin discussing age. The king asked how old Mr. Armstrong was; he replied that he is in his 85th year. The king looked absolutely surprised and said he could not believe it. (The king himself is 76.) Mr. Armstrong continued that President Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya and Haile Selassie, the late emperor of Ethiopia, were both the same age as himself, and the last contact from Haile Selassie before his arrest was a Telex of congratulations to Mr. Armstrong on his 82nd birthday.

They then discussed details of the trip.

The king said he heard we had an office in Johannesburg, and Mr. Armstrong pointed to me and mentioned, "That is our head man in southern Africa."

The king looked at me and said, "We hope you have success in mak-

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DINNER MEETING — Herbert W. Armstrong, left photo, speaks at a dinner meeting of which he was host, attended by members of the cabinet of the government of Swaziland. At Mr. Armstrong's left is Prime Minister Maphevu Dlamini. Above:

Mr. Armstrong meets with 76-year-old King Sobhuza II of Swaziland, left. Also in the royal audience is Stanley Rader, the Work's vice president for financial affairs, who accompanies Mr. Armstrong on his travels.

A Personal Letter
from

Stanley Rader

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been sitting in the middle of the three chairs. As I finished, Mr. Fahey, sitting next to the pulpit, rose and started to move backwards so I could walk in front of him to my seat in the middle. So without thinking I started to walk around behind him. I guess it seemed at the instant impolite to walk in front of him. At any rate, with my one blind eye and very poor eyesight in the other, I did not notice that we were on a platform that did not extend all the way back to the rear wall.

Actually it extended only a couple of steps backward from the pulpit. It was a rather BIG two steps up to the platform or three shorter steps. Anyway, without seeing the back end of the platform, I stepped into thin AIR — and fell down to the floor — some 16 to 18 inches.

It all happened so suddenly I hardly realized what had happened, but both Mr. Rader and Mr. Fahey and other men were there instantly to pick me up. I had fallen full weight

on my left ankle while twisted inward.

It was a bad sprain. Next morning the doctor came. I was taken in an ambulance to a hospital which seemed to be about three cities away. I was taken on a stretcher. The ambulance was COVERED so we could see only out through one or two very small openings — with a big RED CROSS on each side and the rear of the outside of the ambulance. Both Stan and Bob went along, sitting on a side seat, while my stretcher filled the remainder of the interior.

The attendants lifted me on the stretcher stairs up to the second story of the building and into a room equipped with X-ray apparatus.

No bones were broken, just a very severe sprain, but a severe sprain, I found, can be a VERY PAINFUL EXPERIENCE. I was returned to my hotel suite in the ambulance after the foot was wrapped in bandages. Soon a wheelchair and a pair of crutches arrived at my room.

Fortunately for me, since I have been literally imprisoned here for a week — so far — they provided me with what I suppose is the presidential suite. It contains one fairly large,

L-shaped living room with a guest bedroom and large bedroom with two bathrooms, one with tub only and the other with shower.

But, even though I was unable to carry on with the very heavy schedule, Messrs. Rader and Fahey, along with others from the Johannesburg office, have tried to carry out much of the planned schedule for me, leaving one of the other men to be with me day and night in my hotel suite.

Making Best of Time

I have done what I could. Unable to travel and carry on the arduous speaking engagements, I have made the best of the time to WRITE. I have sent in seven or eight articles for *The Plain Truth* and *Good News*, besides co-worker letters, getting caught up on my writing.

On this trip we left Van Nuys Airport in California, home base for our G-II jet aircraft, at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, for an overnight flight to Rome, arriving there at 8:17, Pasadena time, that is, Friday morning — only by Rome time it was already 5:17 in the evening.

On the flight I had managed to get a little sleep and to write a co-worker letter and part of an article.

Mr. Rader had needed to be in Washington, D.C., and so had gone on ahead by commercial flight. He and Mrs. Rader were already in Rome awaiting us. With me on this long, overnight flight were my daughter, Beverly (Mrs. Gott), and Ramona Martin.

We spent Sunday in Rome and Monday drove out to a hotel and spa, about 2½ hours' automobile drive north of Rome in a valley surrounded by mountains. It is one of the oldest spas in the world, 2,000 years or more, with sulfuric springs providing an excellent location for a health and weight-reducing spa. Beverly and I were each about 10 pounds overweight and Ramona somewhat more than that. Mr. and Mrs. Rader remained in Rome, and before we left for South Africa Mrs. Rader flew commercial back home.

From this spa I continued writing and telephoned in a co-worker letter and possibly an article for *The Plain Truth*. Ramona remained at this spa for a five to seven weeks' stay. Beverly and I joined Mrs. Rader in Rome and flew on to Johannesburg.

Our schedule called for leaving Rome a few days after arrival there on Oct. 22, but the summit meeting

with heads of state at Geneva required the presence of Ian Smith, the prime minister of Rhodesia, so the four- or five-day schedule for Salisbury, Rhodesia, was canceled, and Beverly and I stayed on at the spa during those days.

Mr. Rader, Beverly and I made the long flight from Rome to Johannesburg, making fuel stops at Cairo and Nairobi on Sunday, Nov. 7.

I was able to get more writing done on the flight. We arrived Sunday night at Johannesburg and were met at the airport, worn and fatigued, by staff members from our office.

Monday we had an open day to rest up for a very arduous four-week schedule of meetings, campaigns, speeches, dinners, etc., all over South Africa. Also, I managed to get more writing done at the hotel on articles, leaving one long article at our office to be Telexed or telephoned in to Pasadena.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, we flew over to a country we had never before visited, Swaziland. Luggage call was at 7:30 a.m. (our crew picked up our luggage about 2½ hours before actual takeoff time at the airport). We (passengers) leave an hour or so later after we arrive at the airport, go

PHOTO REQUEST — At left is the group photograph requested by King Sobhuza. The king is shaking hands with Herbert W. Armstrong. Others in the group: Jameson Dlamini, far left, a Church member in the royal family instrumental in initiating Mr. Armstrong's visit; regional director Bob Fahey, second from left; Stanley Rader, second from right; and Bryan Mathie, business manager for the Work's Johannesburg office, far right. Below: Mr. Rader and Mr. Armstrong wait to board a government car placed at their disposal by the king.



through immigration and are taken to our plane. All is ready for takeoff as soon as our pilots receive the call by phone "November Triple-One Alpha Charlie cleared for takeoff."

At the airport in Swaziland we were greeted by many officials and loaded into waiting cars and driven to a very nice hotel, the Royal Swaziland Hotel and Spa. Our takeoff time at Johannesburg that morning was 9:45 a.m., arrival in Swaziland 10:30.

At 12:30 we departed for the palace. We drove through two sets of armed gates manned by brightly uniformed guards which opened for us upon identification and drove along a beautiful, tree-lined private roadway to the palace. At a simple frame building I was ushered in, the others following behind me into the throne room, which would have been the parlor if it were a residence.

King in Tribal Dress

The king is now 76, has been king (Sobhuza) 55 years — since age 21. He was in native tribal costume, bare feet, a wraparound sort of shawl and a pair of feathers stuck into his hair at the back of his head.

It is a small country of only 454,000 population wedged in between northeast South Africa and southwestern Mozambique. It is not one of the world's richest countries, having a per-capita income of only \$280.

The prime minister in his official dress uniform also met me at the entrance to the palace and accompanied us into the meeting with His Majesty the king. We had a real jolly visit with His Majesty. Swaziland's independence has been guaranteed by Great Britain since 1881.

That evening I hosted a dinner at the hotel attended by very high officials, heads of all government departments and their wives, with the prime minister sitting in the middle of the speaking table between Mr. Rader and me. About the time the dessert was being served I arose, asked for attention, mentioned my very enjoyable meeting with His Majesty the king that afternoon and proposed a toast to the king.

Incidentally, we were quite surprised on arriving in the banquet room that night. Most of the leading officials were dressed in tuxedos with black ties. A very few were in loud-colored special tribal costumes. We (our own party) all had tuxedos but had not brought them from the plane, supposing they would not be worn. However, we had all dressed in dark suits and semiformal attire, which was quite all right for the occasion.

Speech on Radio

The prime minister made a very short introductory speech, perhaps two minutes. Then Mr. Rader spoke on the AICF and introduced me, and I spoke exactly 30 minutes. It was taped and will be used as a Swaziland radio program. This was at the government's request. We were asked by the prime minister to return to the country as soon as possible on our next visit.

Next morning we were scheduled to fly to the Transkei, which gained its independence as a free black state in October. We had already met the new prime minister, who had flown in to Johannesburg to meet me in June. Our schedule called for takeoff at the airport at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, a meeting with the prime minister at 11 a.m. and an address before service clubs at 1 p.m., with airport departure at 2:30 p.m.

However, when we learned of conditions not being overly friendly between Swaziland and the Transkei, we decided to postpone the Transkei visit.

We flew on to Port Elizabeth, having to make a stop at Durban to clear immigration and customs on reentering the Republic of South Africa.

Director's report traces meeting with king

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ing people realize why they are here and how to deal with each other." I answered, "I will do my best, Your Majesty."

Mr. Armstrong commented that "why we are here is the most important question of all." And the king replied, "When you have full success in explaining to people why they are here and how they should live together, then we will have world peace, not before."

The conversation continued on general matters.

When we were about ready to leave, the king asked in his own language whether we could have a group photograph to remember the occasion. Apparently the king has never asked for a group photograph before this, and his advisers were surprised and pleased that these two gentlemen had made such a fast friendship so quickly and that the mutual respect was so high.

The visit was a complete success. Mr. Armstrong promised he will come back again to Swaziland and looks forward to meeting the king once more.

Dinner With Cabinet

That evening a dinner was held,



TETE-A-TETE — Herbert W. Armstrong and Swaziland's King Sobhuza converse during the royal visit.

Here we all had to leave the plane and go inside the airport to clear immigration with our passports.

At this point in my writing I was interrupted by a visit from the doctor. I'd hoped that by tomorrow, Friday, I would be able to put the sock and shoe on my left foot and get on with our crowded schedule. But the ankle is still swollen, and it is impossible for the shoe to go on.

The doctor suggested it would be better to put the left ankle in a cast in order that I may leave here either tomorrow, Friday, or at the latest by Sunday. I have now returned from the doctor's office with a heavy cast on the left ankle. I hope it won't last longer than two weeks.

We do have a heavy schedule ahead for the next two weeks in South Africa. Mr. Rader called me from South-West Africa by telephone yesterday. They are getting things set up for a future campaign there. He is flying on to Kimberley for a 6 p.m. press conference and to pinch-hit for me for a Rotary Club speech at 8 p.m. I was supposed to have a meeting tomorrow afternoon with the mayor of Kimberley. I was scheduled for a diamond-mine tour tomorrow afternoon and to fly on to Johannesburg tomorrow night. I hope I can at least do that.

Next Monday I am scheduled for a meeting with Minister H.H. Smit at 11:30 and a 1 p.m. luncheon with Minister Piet Koornhof. They are, respectively, minister for public af-

airs and minister of education. Tuesday I speak at the Johannesburg Rotary Club, at 3 p.m., meeting with the mayor at 4:30 and a Zionist group and friends at 7 o'clock, followed by another Rotary Club meeting.

Guest of honor was the prime minister of Swaziland and his wife. Also in attendance were the deputy prime minister, his youngest wife and the entire executive cabinet.

Mr. Rader attended, as did Mrs. Beverly Gott (Mr. Armstrong's daughter), Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Mathie (he is business manager for the Work in southern Africa), Mr. and Mrs. Dlamini and my wife and I. Some of those attending didn't bring their wives. Mrs. Dlamini said, "Maybe they didn't know which wife to bring, so they left them all home."

After dinner Mr. Armstrong gave the traditional toast to the king, followed by a brief introduction of Mr. Armstrong to the cabinet by Mr. Rader, explaining the Worldwide Church of God, Ambassador College and the foundation.

Mr. Armstrong spoke for about 25 minutes on the purpose of life and how important the king considered this to be. He also explained that there would be a restoration by God on the earth to bring world peace.

His speech was very well received by the cabinet, and the applause was enthusiastic. The address was taped to be played on Swazi radio and may be made into a *World Tomorrow* broadcast too.

The next morning Mr. Mathie came to me and said there had been a mix-up. The prime minister was waiting for our party because he thought there had been a meeting arranged. We were under the impression that the meeting had been canceled, because the prime minister was to fly out of the country that very day.

Mr. Armstrong had a very late night and wanted to visit the prime minister when there was enough time to speak at length. Also, he wanted to be sure to have the proper press coverage.

But now the car, SD2, and its driver were waiting for him!

I jumped into the car and went to the prime minister's office. When I arrived there I apologized to the prime minister's secretary for the unfortunate mix-up and explained how we thought the meeting had been canceled.

After 10 minutes' wait I was led into the prime minister's office. I was

shocked to find half of the cabinet there waiting to talk to Mr. Armstrong.

The cabinet ministers asked me to join them at the conference table, and of course I sat down.

I apologized as profusely as I could, and my apologies were accepted. The Swazis are extremely polite people, and had no one showed up at all it would have been a serious affront. I was with the cabinet for 15 minutes.

Afterwards, outside in the car park, I spoke to the minister for local administration, Prince Masitsela, the king's son, regarding a possible AICF project in Swaziland. He will be in Johannesburg soon, so we agreed to get together for a meal to keep in touch.

A meeting will be arranged later for Mr. Armstrong to meet and discuss the possible function for the AICF with the prime minister. Having to stand in on that awkward situation was one of the most unusual situations I have ever been in. However, with Mr. Armstrong traveling in this area, unusual — and unique — experiences come up fairly often!

African tour marred

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so he wouldn't step in front of me," Mr. Fahey said. "But I had been trying to get him to move in front of me because we were on the platform. He assumed that the platform went clear to the back of the hall, which it didn't."

"The light behind the platform was very poor, and, as he got to his chair between Mr. Rader and me, Mr. Armstrong stepped right into space. It was nearly two feet to the ground, and as I watched in absolute horror I saw Mr. Armstrong step, falling onto his left foot while his right remained on the platform."

Mr. Fahey said that Mr. Armstrong "went down" and rolled with surprising agility to his left. Mr. Rader and Mr. Fahey helped him to his feet and steadied him as he returned to his seat.

"We all know that for someone of

Mr. Armstrong's years falling onto an enormous amount of damage," Mr. Fahey said. "But, as he sat there gathering his strength, we were all encouraged that no serious damage, like a broken hip or a broken leg or worse, had been sustained."

Between the eyes

By A. John White
PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa — Flying in from Mbabane, Swaziland, on the second leg of his four-week southern-African tour, Herbert W. Armstrong stopped here on Thursday, Nov. 11. After his last

The writer is the pastor of the East London and Port Elizabeth, South Africa, churches.

visit to Port Elizabeth in June, when he spoke to more than 550 people, some reportedly said Mr. Armstrong "hadn't said enough."

But at the outset of Thursday's lecture, in the Great Room of the city's Elizabeth Hotel, Mr. Armstrong stated that whether his listeners were interested or not they were "going to get it right between the eyes."

It turned out to be one of the strongest messages Mr. Armstrong has given so far in the subcontinent. You could have heard a pin drop throughout the 1½-hour lecture.

Opening the lecture, Mr. Armstrong said that he was alarmed at the state of world affairs and lamented that there were very few strong leaders left. He pointed out, however, that he considered South Africa's Prime Minister John Vorster as probably the strongest prime minister in the world and continued, "He needs to be, because the rest of the world is against him."

Leading in from his own personal experiences with many different world leaders, he related a capsule history of the world from the very beginning. He pointed out that God's law is a character developer but that man has rebelled against it.

In his conclusion Mr. Armstrong said that a time of great tribulation was coming, but added that someone would be protected.

report all over! Front pages of this week's *Time* and *Newsweek* magazines are "Poland, a Dangerous Discontent" and "After Tito, What?" Every week more and more the news shows this world FALLING APART RAPIDLY.

I've sent in somewhere around eight to 10 articles, including co-worker letters, articles for the *PT*, *Good News* and others, including this.

I am driving myself on and on harder than ever, and even though forced to be a virtual prisoner in this hotel suite for a week I have turned out a big volume of articles you will be reading. God is revealing more and more TRUTH to my mind.

I need your prayers as never before. My BIGGEST and GREATEST WORK is yet to be done. I must stay alive and be filled with youthful vigor, DYNAMIC POWER more and more.

With deepest love and prayers . . .
In Jesus' name,
Herbert W. Armstrong

Editor's note: After writing the preceding "Personal," Herbert W. Armstrong decided to cut short his stay in southern Africa because of his ankle injury, returning to the United States Nov. 21. The remainder of Mr. Armstrong's schedule of activities is to be handled by Stanley Rader, vice president for financial affairs for the Work.

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Local church news wrap-up

Charity Bazaar

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — After months of preparation by some of the ladies here, often at weekly meetings, a full car pulled up to the Sears mall for a three-day charity bazaar Oct. 20 to 22. The merchants of the mall association offered their facilities free to all nonprofit organizations to sell handicraft items.

Even with stiff competition in crafts, several hundred dollars was made for an offering and church activities. *Laurie Pickett.*

Needlework Guild

BALTIMORE, Md. — Some of the women here have participated this year in the charitable work of the Needlework Guild of America, Inc. This charity helps other charities solely through its members' individual contributions of new clothing and household linens.

The women have made such things as dresses, lap robes, handbags, mittens, therapy pillows, knitted slippers and crocheted bed jackets. They bought underwear, socks, bath towels, washcloths and diapers to contribute.

The group also collected materials left over from others' sewing, knitting and crocheting. Donated samples of drapery and upholstery materials were made into lap robes for those in wheelchairs. It was a challenge to use every scrap to make something useful.

The volunteers contributed 270 items, including three special gifts. One box contained 65 special dresses for those mentally retarded and physically handicapped people who must be cared for in one of the hospitals. Another box contained special mittens made of corduroy and lined with flannel for use by the women in a hospital for the mentally ill to wear in winter when going outside between buildings. The third box was sent to a children's hospital that cares for mistreated children. Each of these boxes was labeled "A special gift from the Worldwide Church of God women, Baltimore."

The Needlework Guild is a national charity that carries on its program through about 100 branches. As a section of the Baltimore branch, women here have helped supply and distribute 10,000 items to 37 organizations and agencies in Maryland. The participants feel rewarded because they have been able to help others by giving them something new. *Anita E. Jackson.*

Nursing Home Visit

BOSTON, Mass. — Eight men and four women here visited the



GIRLS ONLY — Jenny Lewis models a hostess dress at a fashion show given by the Girls' Club in Melbourne, Australia, Oct. 26. (See "No Men Allowed," this page.)

Rockledge Nursing Home in Nahant, Mass., Oct. 25.

Minister Reg Platt had previously visited an elderly lady in the nursing home and saw a need to show the residents some attention.

Some used clothing was donated to them by the congregation here.

Member Larry Lavigne narrated a well-received slide show depicting wildlife, foliage, trees and landscapes of Florida. Then Mr. Platt talked and joked with the residents.

Members here have organized into several teams of six or seven men and women. Each team will visit the nursing home on a regular rotating basis. *Harry F. Aiguier.*

Anniversary Social

CALGARY, Alta. — The Calgary South church held a potluck dinner and happy-days dance Oct. 30, marking the second anniversary of the second church here. Services were held in the afternoon instead of the morning so the meal would follow directly after services and the evening's entertainment could begin at sunset.

During the meal David Register, pastor here, cut an anniversary cake made by Mrs. Chris Robinson, member. About 180 people attended.

Following the dinner there was dancing to a graffiti jukebox. Shortly after 8 p.m. was a break in the dancing for a program of songs, skits and



YOUTH CHOIR — These children, all 12 or younger, presented special music for the Allentown, Pa., church Oct. 2. The group was directed by Sarah Prestone, with piano accompaniment by Nancy Diehl.

FOR THE BEST 'WRAP' AROUND

Since "Local Church News Wrap-Up" is such a great way for you to let others know what's happening in your area, here are a few helpful suggestions in telling your story. You can use this as a checklist whenever you are reporter for a big happening in your area.

1. Include your complete name, address and phone number on the article itself (not just on the envelope or accompanying letter).
2. Include date and location of the event in the article.
3. Give complete, accurately spelled names of all people mentioned.
4. Label pictures. Identify people in the photo, tell what's happening and give the photographer's name.
5. Write in the third person; use *he, she, they, not we or I*.
6. Type article or print legibly. Always double-space.
7. Remember our one-month deadline. Any story covering an event more than one month old when we receive it will not be printed.
8. Be creative, but brief. Remember you're not only telling about your activity, but you're giving suggestions to others for theirs.

humor from the fabulous '50s. Don Smith, member, was the emcee for the occasion and, along with Dave Robinson, member, carried a disc-jockey theme throughout the entertainment. After the hour-long program the bobby-soxers returned to graffiti dancing, this time to the music of the backup band from the entertainment. *Emily Lukacik.*

Volleyball Blitz

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — The volleyball teams here have almost recovered from the grueling competition during the Feast of Tabernacles at Jekyll Island. The tournament was almost completely blitzed by Cookeville.

For the second year in a row the women here came away as champions, and the mixed No. 1 team did likewise. The men's No. 1 team came in second in the competition.

Back in Cookeville the trophies were proudly displayed by pastor William Curtis Cowan Sr. The wins at Jekyll Island followed several weeks of Sunday practice sessions at Monterey Park. The teams here already have their eyes on next year's trophies. *Arlen Bryant.*

Dehydrated Water

FAIRMONT, Minn. — Ken Giese, visiting minister from Minneapolis, and his brother-in-law, Ken Anderson, visiting from Houston, Tex., handled Attonement services Oct. 4. Mr. Giese's sermon was "Who Is Winning the Battle of Your Mind?"

Before starting his address, he looked for some water and only came up with an empty glass with a note in it saying "dehydrated water."

Mr. Anderson, a college graduate and CPA (certified public accountant) and HTSM (Houston, Tex., sermonette man), spoke on "Why Fast."

Wives of both speakers were greatly missed; they and their families were down with the flu. Mrs. Anderson played the piano at the Feast in Wisconsin Dells. *John Cox.*

Peanut-Butter Bait

FORT SMITH, Ark. — The Holiday Park Extension Homemakers' Club here met Oct. 21 in the William Bingamans' home. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Ralph Rogers, and all members read the Homemakers' Creed together, and in a minute's silence each one prayed for someone sick.

Roll call was taken by each one telling a way she protected herself. Most said, "Lock my doors." One

lady said she looked into the back seat before getting into her car, and another said, "Better look under it," explaining that she had heard of an attacker grabbing the feet of the victim from under the car.

Marian Wilson gave a report on a safety program by trooper Steve Spurlock. Mrs. Wilson had suggestions for protection to give the ladies, and she and Mrs. Bingaman demon-



ADMIRING HANDIWORK — Anita Jackson, left, and Ethel Marsh look over clothing and household linens made by women in the Baltimore church to be donated to the Needlework Guild of America. (See "Needlework Guild," this page.) [Photo by Frank Vonhagel]

strated some ways women from 5 to 105 can fight off an assailant.

Millie Dobbins gave a short feature on glaucoma, the eye disease that causes blindness in one of eight blind Americans.

"It's possible to have glaucoma and not know it," she advised. "One kind is very slow and sneaky and one is very sudden. Anyone over 35 years of age should have her eyes examined every two years. The test is painless and takes only three minutes."

One jiffy gem a lady offered was to "take your family on a picnic — on your front-room floor or in the den. They'll love you for it."

Another said for the mouse that always gets away: "Tie the cheese bait on with a thread," and another said, "Use some peanut butter as your bait."

Club was dismissed, and all the ladies must have gained a pound or so from the refreshments Jane Rowland served. *Marian Wilson.*

Cancer Questions

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Service to others was one of the goals recommended for this year's Women's

Club here at the ladies' first meeting Nov. 2. The business meeting was conducted by Mrs. Frank McCrady, with opening remarks given by Ginny Coco.

Margaret Conrad, a volunteer from the American Cancer Society's Reach for Recovery, spoke on the importance of breast self-examination. She, who herself has had breast surgery, challenged the women to check themselves thoroughly once a month for any signs of change.

Questions and answers about the subject followed.

Sandy Trump won a door prize but offered it to the guest speaker. *Vicki Swihart.*

No Men Allowed

MELBOURNE, Australia — Fathers were banned as the teenagers from the Girls' Club here showed the latest in sleep wear, beachwear and hostess gowns Oct. 26.

The managers of a boutique provided the fashions so the girls could gain experience in working toward their bronze, silver or gold awards in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

Besides the five girls and one mother, Jean Bonell, who modeled, a number of girls were involved with catering, serving, flower arranging, picture taking and cleaning. Mothers relaxed with a cup of tea or coffee because for once they had a real night out.

Several girls are now that much closer to shaking Prince Philip's hand and receiving that gold award. *Vicki Dean.*

Armful of Trophies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Members

here competing in the sports events at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jekyll Island, Ga., came away with an armful of trophies.

The ladies here won the first-place trophy in softball, soundly defeating the Walterboro, S.C., team in the first game 27-13. In the championship game with Columbia, S.C., the score was an impressive 15-0. The winning pitcher in both games was Patsy Covington. Suzie Rutledge had a home run with two on base in the championship game, and the girls had a total of three double plays during the two games.

Players and their positions were Suzi Langley, catcher; Vicki Bryant, first base; Sue Rutledge, second; Suzie Rutledge, third; Donna Davis, shortstop; Angie Grett, left field; Liz Young, left center; Mariam Robbins, right center; Jan Robinson, right field; and Jane Wright, substitute outfielder.

In the men's competition Larry Goodman won the tennis singles, while Gary Davis and Charles Sutherland won the men's doubles. Vicki Kincaid was the women's singles winner, while Kathy Sutherland (See WRAP-UP, page 13)

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and Paula Wood won the women's doubles.

In horseshoe pitching Lee Robinson won second place in men's singles, and he and Rudy Neely won third in men's doubles.

Bill Vernich placed second in swimming, and Mike Taylor took third in the YOU swim meet, freestyle. The relay team took third position. Members were Bill Vernich, Mike Taylor, Ray Breedlove and John Webb.

Still another Nashville woman, Mary Brent, took first place in the sewing contest and style show.

Although no Nashville entry won in the teen talent show, John Bradford Jr. served as master of ceremonies.

In another activity the Nashville Graduate Club here was host to 12 widows at a widows' luncheon held at the Holiday Inn. *Everett Corbin.*

Helping Hands

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Members of the Graduate Club here have been giving a helping hand during the past several months in a number of ways.

The most recent work by the group was Oct. 24 when 17 club members and seven teens journeyed to the Hubert Maynard farm near Ashland City, Tenn., for their fifth annual woodcutting.

A large group had also assembled at the home of Minerva Wilhite in Madison, a suburb of Nashville, Sept. 12 at which time members engaged in house painting, garden clearing and rock-wall building.

The men arrived at 7 a.m. and had things well in hand by 1 p.m., when Mrs. Wilhite, with the assistance of Mrs. Lee Robinson, served them a country meal.

Those present were David Dun-

can, Lee Robinson, Bill Vernich, Bob Taylor, Richard Fox, Bertie Bennett, Gary Davis, Charles Sutherland, John Webb Jr., Fred Bailey, Tex Malone and Larry Goodman. *Everett Corbin.*

Pastor Engaged

PALO ALTO, Calif. — The church here held a special coffee hour after Sabbath services Oct. 30 to honor Hal Baird Jr., pastor here and senior pastor for the Bay-area churches. Mr. Baird had announced his engagement to Louise Morgan, deaconess in the Fresno, Calif., church. The wedding date has been tentatively set for about the 1st of December.

Mr. Baird has lived alone for 19 years and Mrs. Morgan for 16. Mr. Baird has been a member of the Church for 20 years.

Served with the coffee was a large cake decorated in fall colors and bearing the inscription: "Congratulations, Hal Baird and Louise Morgan." *Arvine Walton.*

Superwoofer

PENICHTON, B.C. — One of the main social activities at the Feast of Tabernacles here was the family dinner-dance and entertainment show in the Peach Bowl Oct. 10.

Barbecued steak, cooked on an outdoor grill, was provided.

Following the dinner was entertainment emceed by John Elliott and taking the form of a talent contest with prizes. The contestants were from the British Columbia and Alberta churches. Taking first prize and playing his own piano jazz composition was Bryon Tosoff of Surrey, B.C. Comedian Peter Jasmin, better known as Jazzman or Uncle Moses, created his own instrument, a superwoofer, from an old metal washtub, a hockey stick and a string. On this he provided an entertaining type of bass-guitar accompaniment to the

tune of "Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey?". winning second prize. Cheryl Hudon and Lynda Moore came in third with a vocal and guitar duet entitled "Hey, What About Me?"

The three cash awards were for \$100, \$50 and \$25. On the last day of the Feast two youth runner-up prizes were also announced. Guy Moss and Tito Naman, both of Vancouver, won a prize for their trumpet and guitar duet. "Knock Three Times." Cindy Nobles received the other prize for her song, "Today."

The rest of the evening consisted of movies for the young children and dancing for the adults. The dance band, a well-known group from Okanagan Valley, B.C., commented that the Worldwide Church of God was the best group they had ever played for. *Lorna Lukinuk.*

Haiku Writing

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — How to write a haiku was learned by members of the writing class here at their second session, held Oct. 28 at the home of Dee Potter and Susan Karoska in Lemon Grove.

As explained by Gary Jones, Grossmont College graduate, a haiku is an oriental form of written expression utilizing but three lines, the first and third lines being of five syllables and the middle line of seven. It need not rhyme but contains a single thought or idea.

Encouragement is being offered to Church members and children to write their own haiku through examples from the writing class that will be posted on the church bulletin board. Those deemed acceptable will also be posted for the rest of the congregation to read. *Susan Karoska.*

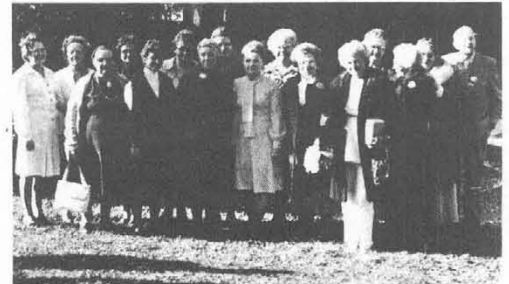
Scrappy Lions

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Long Beach YOU girls' volleyball team overcame a one-game lead by the scrappy little Santa Ana team to win 3-1, then experienced little difficulty in demolishing San Diego 3-0 to clinch the district title in games played Oct. 31 at Escondido High School.

"We're thinking national," stated Lions' coach Diane Clark in a statement following the well-deserved victory. Mrs. Clark and her assistant, Mollie Atkinson, have developed a steady-playing, well-disciplined group of dedicated girls who follow the coaches' instructions and play to win.

In a closely fought contest San Diego took three out of four games from Escondido, with all game scores being an identical 15-11.

Referee was Dana Smith of the San Diego Referee Association. Scorers were Kim Ivcevic of San Diego and Mrs. Pat Williams of



BLINDFOLDED — The widows and a widower from the Minneapolis and St. Paul churches, above, took their turn at swinging at a pinata filled with prizes, below, at a get-together Oct. 14 at Wisconsin Dells. (See "Blindfolded Swingers," this page.)



Long Beach. *Susan Karoska.*

Gear Box

SQUAW VALLEY, Calif. — The Feast of Tabernacles here was blessed this year with a special teen center known as the Gear Box.

The Gear Box offered a host of activities, dances, games, good food and, best of all, a place for teens to congregate. Packed to capacity during most of its open hours, the Gear Box was primarily staffed by teens coordinated by Ed Mauzey, pastor of the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., churches, with the guidance of Jim and Dena John of Santa Rosa.

Food prices were set back years with 10-cent beverages and 25-cent hot dogs. Pool, pinball, magnetic tennis, soccer, a game called Indy 500 and a jukebox were actively shared along with a lounge for fellowship and TV watching.

and snack bar. The center was primarily staffed by teens. (See "Gear Box," this page.) [Photos by Dave Beard]



GEAR BOX — Teens at Squaw Valley for the Feast found a place to meet and relax at the Gear Box, a teen center that featured a lounge, games



Students also teach

By Susan Karoska

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A different type of educational experience started with the first meeting of a San Diego writing class Sept. 30 at the home of Church member Helen M. Barkdoll in La Mesa, Calif.

Each of the seven students is also a teacher to the rest of the class. As future meetings are held in members' homes, the host or hostess will act as moderator and teacher.

It is the teacher's responsibility to encourage and motivate each student to offer his or her ideas and writing experiences for the benefit of the rest of the class.

Writing assignments for the next meeting will be Feast-related articles or stories. The topic will be individual and group objectives.

Blind since birth

Musician's outlook noteworthy

By Gerry Russell

LEXINGTON, Ky. — In an article about You, a five-piece band from the Lexington church named after Youth Opportunities United (YOU), that appeared in the Sept. 23 *WN*, Harley Cannon was just mentioned as a member of the all-male group. Yet Harley is an unusual and exceptional person.

Harley, 21, is different from the other four band members, though the teens and adults who listened and danced to the music of You at the Hampton, Va., and Mount Pocono, Pa., Feast sites this year failed to realize it.

Harley, who plays keyboards and the trumpet, has been blind since birth.

When he and his twin brother Jeff were born in 1955, they were nearly three months premature, Harley weighing only 2 pounds 9 ounces and his brother three ounces more. So they were quickly placed in an oxygen tent, into which too much oxygen was being pumped. This resulted in damage to the retina of their eyes, leaving Harley, who was nearest the oxygen intake, blind for life and his brother with restricted vision.

Yet Harley considers his blindness more of a nuisance than a handicap, something that bothers him mainly because he can't drive a car.

And what Harley has accomplished bears record of that outlook.

He was born in Prince George



YOU MUSICIANS — Harley Cannon, with glasses, along with Haz Hall, left, and three other Lexington-church musicians, comprise You, a band named after Youth Opportunities United.

County, Md., on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., where he graduated from high school before studying music at Prince George Community College, earning a degree in jazz. He learned to play almost entirely by ear.

He picks up the basics of a tune fairly easily and performs rock, country and classical music, as well as his first love, jazz. His favorite is music of Oscar Peterson.

Harley is competent on all keyboard instruments — electric and acoustical piano and organ — and he plays a pretty mean trumpet. He also gets along on the bass and drums and

is a professional piano tuner.

He is thankful for the talents God has given him and strives to use them to the best of his ability.

Harley first heard *The World Tomorrow* on radio while still in high school and soon became a regular listener, but it wasn't until January, 1975, that he first attended church. He had played in Washington nightclubs since leaving college but quit the same month he began to attend church because much of his work had been on Friday nights. He was baptized in April, 1976.

It was at his first Feast of Tabernacles, in Roanoke, Va., in 1975, that he first became involved with what was to become You. After hearing Harley play at a dance, Rick Baker, now another band member, approached him and told him he and others were trying to put a group together.

After the Feast Harley went home to Washington but kept in touch with Rick and the rest of the band here in Lexington via taped messages. He also made frequent visits here and made his first appearance with You when he flew here to play with the group for a church dance last February. He moved here in March. In addition to playing with You in the group's community activities (*The Worldwide News*, Sept. 23) and church dances in an ever-expanding area, Harley plays in a cafeteria Monday through Friday.



DAWN BAILEY

Quick action saves life

By Millie Ryder

BETTENDORF, Iowa — A 17-year-old Bettendorf High School girl has been nominated for an award of heroism, but she isn't sure she deserves it.

Dawn Bailey, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. John W. Bailey, 2239 Waveland Dr., says of the nomination, "I think it's a great honor, but I really don't know if I deserve it. Anyone would have done the same thing."

Perhaps. But the fact remains that it was Dawn who responded to William Fairley's plea for help.

Joseph R. Hurt, commander of the Bettendorf VFW [Veterans of Foreign Wars] post, has recom-

mended Dawn for a state heroism award because of her act of compassion on Oct. 5 of this year. He explains that a Bettendorf post member, Jack Fairley, was undergoing open heart surgery that day, and his father, William Fairley, had gone to Bettendorf High School to pick up his grandson — he and the boy had made plans to go to the hospital. However, while waiting for his grandson, with his car motor running, Fairley became ill.

Dawn says: "I was coming back to school after lunch and a man called me over to his car and said he thought he was having a heart attack. He asked me to go call the police."

She said she ran into the building and saw Associate Principal John Kelly, advised him of the situation, and he called the police. She said she later learned Mr. Fairley did not have a heart attack, but had been overcome by carbon-monoxide fumes.

As Hurt has pointed out in his recommendation, "Had it not been for the quick action of Miss Bailey, the doctors say Mr. Fairley would have died."

Whether or not she gets a state award, Dawn is to be guest of honor this Saturday [Nov. 6] at the Bettendorf VFW post's annual membership dinner. She is slated to receive a certificate of appreciation as well as a \$25 bond, according to Hurt.

Although she is extremely pleased that she has been nominated for the state award, the pretty blonde insists: "If I were in a similar situation, I'd want someone to assist me. It's just a matter of helping your fellowman, isn't it?"

POSTMARK

"Postmark" is *The Worldwide News'* haven for reader contributions that don't fit into any other existing departments of the paper. If you have a contribution that isn't quite a news article, doesn't fit into the "Wrap-Up" section, couldn't be called a letter to the editor or wouldn't look right as a miscellaneous personal, send it to: "Postmark," *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. All we ask if that you keep it short.

(The *WN* doesn't necessarily endorse any material in this column. Contributions are subject to condensation.)

What's new in zucchini

I'd like to share this delicious recipe with those people who love zucchini squash and would like to try something new.

Zucchini bread: Mix together 3 eggs; 3 teaspoons vanilla; 1 cup each of brown and granulated sugar; 1 cup oil; 2 to 2½ cups grated, peeled raw zucchini.

Add 3 cups flour; 1 teaspoon salt; ½ cup wheat germ (optional); 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda; ¼ teaspoon baking powder; 3 teaspoons cinnamon.

Mix together and add 1 cup chopped nuts. Pour into a greased, floured loaf pan. Bake 1½ hour at 350 degrees Fahrenheit (176 degrees Celsius).

Enjoy!

Sherry Fowler
Rockville, Md.

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Don't wait to be asked

People who are shut in sometimes have needs that may not always be realized by those who are up and about. So perhaps these ideas may be helpful.

Visiting is often thought of, but do we visit just those who are in our own age-group or those we already know? Instead, if we visit others also, we can get to know them too, and perhaps find we have more in common than we thought. After



all, we do have the same goal. If possible, visit more than once, because it takes more than one visit to get to really know someone.

When people are in a hospital they usually have visitors — perhaps more than they need or feel like sometimes — but they need to be remembered at home too, especially if they are shut in for quite some time.

When you visit someone, take a little gift: some flowers, a small basket of fruit, a bottle of good wine, a loaf of home-baked bread.

Remember, when a person is unable to get out of the house, nursing home or hospital, he or she is probably eager for any scrap of news about any of the other brethren, church services sermon topics, picnics, socials, the Feast. Even a garage sale can be an interesting

item of news to someone unable to get out.

While you are there, find out if there are any errands you can run for the shut-in. Perhaps you could write some short letters to relatives or friends. He might appreciate your reading to him, if it tires him to read. A quick trip to the post office or store might be appreciated. Don't wait to be asked.

When you cannot visit, you can still cheer someone who is confined at home. Telephone the person, but don't talk too long and tire him. Write a note or send a cheerful card to show him he's remembered.

It can be a great encouragement to know someone cares and is really interested.

Name withheld
Texas

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Big surprise

Referring to the "Now You Know" article on page 7 of the Aug. 2 *Worldwide News* [about how to find where the church meets in an unfamiliar city]:

We had a similar experience visiting the Akron, Ohio, church for a Holy Day once. After not being able to find the hall, I suggested that we follow the car in front of us. There were Bibles and well-behaved children in the back, along with a suit coat on a hanger.

But we got a big surprise when the family turned into a drive marked "Baptist Convention"!

Janice L. Todd
New Concord, Ohio

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'God, the Archer'

There is a bow,
There is an Archer,
There is an arrow and a mark,
And they tell a story.

A bow is a piece of wood; hard, strong, inflexible, unusable of itself because it is unyielding. This is a bow and this is a man.

A bowstring is a cord; fine, delicate,

and totally flexible.

This is a bowstring and this is a woman.

The piece of wood is not of itself a bow — it will become one. The string is not the bow and yet it will be of the bow and bend it.

The string is tied to the wood of the bow: head and foot, top and bottom.

Both ends of the string to both ends of the bow.

This is a man and wife.

The bow arcs gaining resiliency. The bowstring straightens gaining taut strength.

Now it really is a bow; not hard wood, not soft string.

There is an arrow and this is a child. The head of the arrow is sharpened to penetrate its mark.

The arrow shaft is crafted and strong to travel on its way.

There are feathers on the arrow to give it stability in flight:

Three feathers — love, guidance, and protection.

At the arrow's end is a notch to fit it to the bowstring, as a child by its umbilical cord is fastened to its mother.

Here it stays till beginning its flight from birth to its life's goal.

In one hand the Archer holds the wood of the bow.

With the other hand He holds the string and the arrow together.

He draws back on the bowstring, the bow bends and the arrow is poised, waiting for its moment.

Now they are the vital unit; wood and string to make the bow, and arrow and the Archer.

The arrow is loosed and on it flies to the mark, quick, sure, unswerving to its destiny.

The bow needs the string, the bow and string need an arrow.

The bow and string and arrow need the Archer and a mark.

Robert Gordon
Jerusalem, Israel

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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things that are hard to see or involving people hardly anyone knows. The picture in an issue [Sept. 13] of the 56 man and woman was excellent — I'm sure everyone enjoyed it. Possibly you should print an article about what type of pictures for people to take — some hints in that direction might help improve the quality. Terri Cortelou La Harpe, Ill.

I would like to comment on the articles in "Wrap-Up." If a person has lived in the same area since they began attending church, they probably would not be as

"Wrap-Up" . . . provides a suitable place for recognition."

interested in reading just "names," to them.

However, if one has moved and attended a number of churches, say, Oakland, Calif., then San Francisco . . .

I'm always watching "Wrap-Up" for familiar names, and it is pure delight when there are articles telling of dear friends not heard of in a long time.

I was just wondering where Ken Smylie was after leaving Southern California and there in the Sept. 13 *WN* see he is pastoring at Lenoir, N.C. Also an article by Edna Ramsey, Santa Rosa, Calif. And "Meals on Wheels," by Betty Witt, a dear friend who moved away from Springfield church . . .

I don't care how many names I have to read through; there's always a chance there's going to be some long lost friend in the group. If one is not looking for friends, they might skip the area notices where they are not acquainted, but please don't quit printing the names. I wouldn't want to miss a one.

Daisy McIntosh
Springfield, Mo.

I agree, in a limited way, that a "get tough" policy should be used in the "Local Church Wrap-Up." I know many people are interested in who "served cookies at ladies' tea" because that's the only way others know who is still alive and kicking from (or in) other areas.

However, some of the articles are rather poorly written and a suggestion might be to appoint someone from each church area to be a reporter, who knows how to write concisely. This might be better than just limiting the number of words. If you people were expected to edit all "Wrap-Up" articles, you would be overwhelmed with work (you probably already are).

Dennis L. Turner
Golden, Colo.

Re: "The *WN* editors would be interested in hearing what other readers think about "Local Church News Wrap-Up." "

DROP IT. Focus on Work plans, goals, examples of service, anything to INSPIRE every member, every church congregation to blast the ANNOUNCEMENT — via prayers, tithes, serious INVOLVEMENT with Work — around the world. In the *WN* as well as *PT* and *GN* and all literature, Matthew 24:14 comes FIRST. That's a COMMAND from our Boss watching us from outer space!

Harlan Simantel
Oregon City, Ore.

I am in the Plymouth (England) church and Mr. [John] Jewell is our local minister, many times featured in the "Local Church Wrap-Up" section.

I expect you are inundated with letters following "Wrap Rapped" heading in the last *WN* [Sept. 23], unless the Feast has put it out of people's minds!

But the "Wrap-Up" section is just about fine as it is. We read of adventures that are written up by those experienced, and not "expert writers" ghosting it from an armchair. We read names of people

doing things that only they can do in the service of fellowship. Occasionally a name appears of a Church member one met in travelling and resting on Sabbath days, attending a once-only service in one area, and that is great to read. Keep it going as it is. I should also add that the "Wrap-Up" section is a foretaste of God's government, where the doers do the telling.

Seth Cardew
Cornwall, England

Carry on the good work, and, as you asked on page 2 [Sept. 23] for our thoughts on the "Local Church News Wrap-Up," here are a few from "down under" of mine.

It is helpful to read of the serious activities, but once or twice the thought has crept into my mind that some of the reports are too like the "worldly" ones of local social clubs. If the news therein is kept to details of the actual activities and/or subjects of discussion on sermon or sermonette items that will help and uplift, all the better. Names of tea hostesses are good to know and have more meaning when one actually does know the persons concerned, and realise their willingness to help and serve.

Being a farmer's wife, life is very full and busy, but it's always a special day when the *WN* arrives.

Betty B. Swainston
Yealering, Australia

I feel that the "Church Wrap-Up" could be cut down, and use up more space for special requests. Not only would I like to see larger letters [in the "Special Requests" section of the personals], but plenty of spacing.

O. Kosior
Edmonton, Alta.

I have waited long enough to write about the "Local Church Wrap-Up." I really

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don't like it, especially since it takes up so much space. Wish you could pare it down to two pages, for those that might like it better than I do. I like the unusual stories, the human-interest stories, the ads and the biographies much better. By the time the sports (which I don't care for) and the "Wrap-Up" are written there is very little left of the paper for more interesting things. The rest of the features are fine.

Helen M. Adams
Tucson, Ariz.

No one is perfect, of course, but to "broadside" contributors to the "Wrap-Up" section (as was done in the letters section of the Sept. 23 issue) is *abam* wrap. The contributors to this section are not generally trained journalists. It takes considerable effort, courage and diligence for such persons to voluntarily prepare and submit such articles for all to see. They do not need to then be knocked about and threatened with a "get tough" policy which could only have the long-run effect of diminishing the number of articles submitted.

I personally am very thankful for the diligence and zeal of our volunteer corps of local church correspondents. The activities covered by them provide many worthwhile suggestions to other local-church congregations to build upon in planning their local activities. The frequent use of names helps members Church-wide keep track of brethren who have moved from one area to another — as well as encouraging everyone to read all the articles to see whom they might know.

While there is always room for improvement in anything, I personally feel the "Church Wrap-Up" contributors generally are doing an excellent job. They should in my opinion be applauded and encouraged rather than criticized for their efforts.

Art Landing
South Pasadena, Calif.

I have been meaning to write you guys for quite a long time regarding the *WN*. It's great. No. I too for bringing the Church together as a more unified body.

"I think the 'Wrap-Up' is fine 'as is.'"

The personals help to see and communicate the needs of our fellow brethren.

Special articles make the paper quite interesting. Reports of what's happening in the Work bring us up to date.

But may I make some suggestions as to have a more effective paper.

"Local Church News Wrap-Up": Now they are dull, unexciting and long (as Mrs. Joel Robinson pointed out *WN* for Sept. 23, 1976). My suggestion is to report on:

1. New church areas.
2. Activities (local) of the AICF.
3. Means by which a church area gets involved in (a) spreading the Gospel to the public, (b) serving the local community.

I feel these would encourage the brethren much more than reports of dances, picnics, tournaments, etc.

Thanks a lot for a most helpful paper. Mr. and Mrs. Sylvain Richard Montreal, Que.

I don't think that I've written to a newspaper more than one or two times in my life. However, there is a feature in the *WN* which has inspired me to blow the dust off my writing pad and voice my opinion. The section I'm referring to is the "Local Church News Wrap-Up." I fear that I will be accused of not being interested in fellow Church members; however, I'll risk it. A full 20 percent (four pages) of the Oct. 25, 1976, edition was devoted to this section, which brought me the following "vital information":

- ALLENTOWN, Pa. — A picnic including apple bobbing and egg tossing.
- ANCHORAGE, Alaska — (I couldn't figure out if the topic here was a baseball game or an earthquake.)
- ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A choir

devoted to "Wrap-Up." A few articles mentioned doing something for someone that was in need. I believe more time should be devoted to this, in our own churches, and in our paper.

Paul E. Hammond
Winchester, Ohio

Please continue the "Wrap-Up" section, complete with names and pictures. The *WN* is primarily the Church newspaper, not just a headquarters report or method of preaching the Gospel, and as such its job is reporting Church news, including local events.

When we read that Carol Smith "served cookies at a ladies' tea," there are probably friends in another part of the country who once knew her and lost touch, but via the *WN* they can know she is still with us and apparently doing well. There are also ministers who have been transferred from area to area who can keep up with what the people they know and loved are doing. Through the "Wrap-Up" we can communicate and get ideas for outings of our own.

Probably most of the opinionated letters you get about the "Wrap-Up" specifically are negative because most of us don't take time to write about something we enjoy, only our complaints. My only complaint is all the negative mail you receive!

Those who dislike the "Wrap-Up" can always skip it, but if it isn't there those of us who like it are just out of luck!

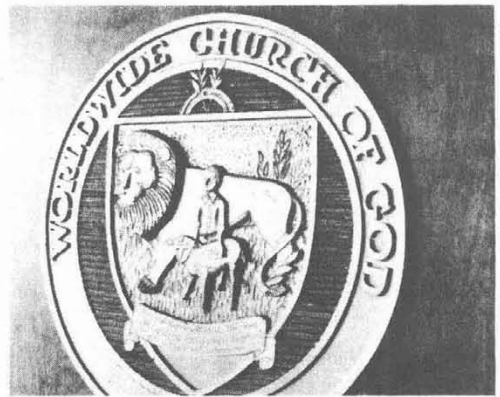
Thanks for asking!!
Lucy Lewis
Birmingham, Ala.

Concerning your articles on "Local Church News Wrap-Up": I would like to offer a suggestion. As I feel it would leave room in your paper to cover more important items, I suggest you change the contents of the "Wrap-Up" section from "what fun and games the people are having" to "what the local churches are doing to help the rest of the community," or people in need.

I don't believe an article with contents of that nature would take up so much space, but yet it would let others know of what we are really doing to help man, and also give the churches a chance to exchange ideas through your newspaper.

In this manner we would be able to devote more time to our fellowman, and I remember 'twas said years ago we are here to serve, not to be served.

Four pages of our Oct. 25 issue were



ADDED TOUCH — This plaque, created by Ken Williams, now graces the Flint church's lectern. (Photo by Jerry Hubbard)

Carving seals answer



FLINT LECTERN — Douglas Taylor, Flint pastor, makes use of the new seal-adorned lectern. (Photo by Jerry Hubbard)

By Bernard Braman
FLINT, Mich. — When you have a new lectern and you need to set it off with something, what do you do? The answer, in the Flint church's case, was obvious. Seek out Ken Williams, who has designed and painted signs and posters for campaigns and other church functions, was the ultimate choice in this case.

The Flint congregation asked Mr. Williams about painting a replica of the seal used by the headquarters churches in Pasadena — similar to the Ambassador College seal. Mr. Williams agreed but surprised the congregation here by hand-carving a wooden replica of the emblem. He has since carved two similar seals, for the Ann Arbor and Detroit West churches.

The seal was placed into service beginning with Sabbath services Aug. 28.

Youths

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Worth, Tex., church, was valedictorian of her class at South Grand Prairie High. She received the Opportunity Program Awards Scholarship in addition



PEGGY HOHERTZ to a year's free tuition at Texas A&M.

Peggy also received a special award for 12 years of all As, was a member of the National Honor Society for two years and was president of the society her senior year. Her classmates chose her as most likely to succeed.

Peggy attends Texas A&M as a freshman horticulture major.

WINONA, Tex. — Sandra Ashcraft, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ashcraft, was chosen fourth runner-up in the first annual Miss Winona contest Oct. 16. Mrs. Ashcraft is a member of the Church, and Sandra attends Winona High, where she has been a cheerleader for two years and is vice president of her class.

WHERE TO WRITE

Letters to the editor, with the writer's name and address, should be sent to: *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A. Names will be withheld on request, but unsigned letters are not considered for publication.

"I personally am very thankful for the diligence and zeal of our volunteer corps of local-church correspondents."

THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court, for the second time, has agreed to hear a case involving a Church member and the Sabbath. The justices Nov. 14 agreed to decide whether Church member **Larry G. Hardison** was discriminated against in 1969 when he was fired from his job by Trans World Air Lines in Kansas City, Mo., for refusing to work on three consecutive Sabbaths to relieve a vacationing fellow worker.

According to a report by the Associated Press, an appeals court agreed with Mr. Hardison that TWA was guilty of religious discrimination, ruling the airline did not make sufficient attempts to work out scheduling problems caused by Mr. Hardison's beliefs.

TWA appealed to the Supreme Court.

The court had heard a similar case Nov. 2 involving a Kentucky Church member, with the justices deadlocking four to four when Justice **John Paul Stevens** abstained from voting. If Justice Stevens does vote in the Hardison case, and the other justices vote as they did earlier this month, a landmark decision concerning the Sabbath and religious discrimination could be handed down.

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PASADENA — A representative of the Canadian consulate to Los Angeles and Ambassador Dean of Faculty **Michael Germano** dropped the opening puck to begin Ambassador College's first hockey game, played Nov. 18 at the Pasadena Ice Capade Chalet.

The game, against the University of Southern California, ended in defeat for Ambassador with a score of 7-4.

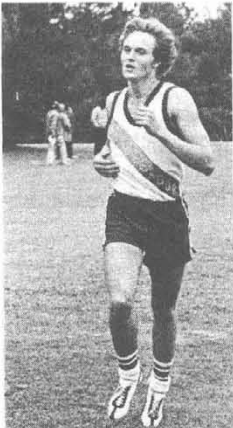
"We have three more games with USC," said **Andre Zick**, team captain and sophomore from Montreal, Que. "If we practice hard and play well, I feel we can beat them."

Canadian students who have played hockey most of their lives are prominent on Ambassador's team.

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BIG SANDY — **Ron Berlin**, a senior at Ambassador, was recently named the No. 1 All-American in cross-country in the National Little College Athletic Association, making him the first All-American at Ambassador, Big Sandy.

Berlin won every race he entered



THE FIRST — Ambassador, Big Sandy, senior **Ron Berlin** wins a race. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

in competition this year including the championship four-mile run, and he holds the school's records in the mile, two-mile and three-mile runs.

Berlin's nomination as No. 1 All-American from a total of five runners from all over the country who achieved All-American status came with Ambassador's track team winning first place in the NLCAA championship for the second year in a row.

Also, four Big Sandy students were named to the NLCAA's All-American soccer team. They are sophomore **Jim Herst** and freshmen **Paul Ursem, Alex Rickert** and **Paul Williams**.

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PASADENA — **James Butts**, the 26-year-old U.S. Olympic triple-jump silver medalist, has asked **Harry Snieder**, director of Ambassador College's Executive Health Club, to be his personal trainer.

Mr. Butts, who plans to compete in the 1980 Olympics in Moscow, toured the campus here Nov. 4.

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SALISBURY, Rhodesia — Two **Garner Ted Armstrong** programs were aired back to back on television here Saturday evening, Nov. 20, during peak viewing time, the first time the program has been aired here on a Saturday evening, according to

Friends douse flames of fiery trials

By Bill Moore

BEAVER, W. Va. — For the Bob Clemmer family, what started out to be a great Feast of Tabernacles nearly ended in disaster. But, as they have repeated to others many times since, God surely does cause "all things to work together for good to them that love God."

Mr. Clemmer, his wife and three sons had only been at the Feast in Hampton, Va., two days when they received a long-distance telephone call from Beaver, their hometown. Their 80-year-old house had burned to the ground at 9 o'clock that Sunday morning, Oct. 10. Gone were all their possessions, except what they had taken with them to the Feast.

Although they did have a small insurance policy on their furniture, it would not begin to replace what had been destroyed. And they did not have any insurance on the old frame house itself.

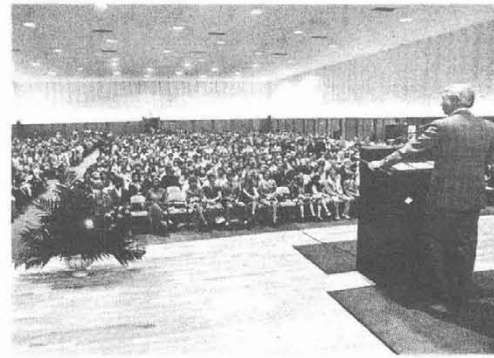
Mr. Clemmer is an appliance repairman, so he feels blessed that his wood-frame shop near the house was not also destroyed. Locked inside of it was several thousand dollars' worth of spare parts, tools and test equipment.

Philosophical About Loss

Although they lost all their belongings, including a freezer full of food, an antique rifle, all his business papers, files and invoices, Mr. and Mrs. Clemmer took the loss in good spirits. Mr. Clemmer philosophically observed, "God doesn't want us attached to physical things anyway."

When asked what they missed the most, Mr. Clemmer stated without hesitation, "My literature" — his booklets and magazines from Ambassador College.

Jean, his wife, said she missed her big study Bible and added that one of the first things they wanted to replace was that Bible and their Ambassador



IN PROGRESS — Evangelist **Ronald Kelly** conducts services in the partially completed field house in Big Sandy. (Photo by Scott Moss)

Malcolm Tofts, a member in Rhodesia, and was probably the best possible time to air the program.

"Normally when the program has been transmitted on television it has been during the Sunday-evening religious hour," Mr. Tofts said. "Unfortunately many people are in the habit of switching their set off at the start of the religious hour."

In addition to the two television programs, the following day, Nov. 21, *The World Tomorrow* was heard on radio at 10 p.m.

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BIG SANDY — Church services were held for the first time Nov. 20 in Ambassador College's field house since renovation was begun on the building this summer.

The field house will be closed for the next two weeks for the installation of new bleachers but will be available for both church services

and basketball games thereafter, according to **Ray Fisk**, construction and maintenance supervisor for the Buildings & Grounds Department.

Ambassador's basketball team has been playing its home games in the gymnasium of the local high school.

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PASADENA — Pianist **Jose Iturbi** performed to an overflow crowd of 1,300 people in the Ambassador Auditorium Nov. 16.

In addition to filling the 1,262 seats, concertgoers occupied the orchestra pit and onstage seats.

The pianist played pieces from **Mozart, Beethoven, Chopin** and **Granados**.

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BIG SANDY — The Ambassador Royals won their third game of the basketball season Nov. 20 against Southwest Assemblies of God Col-

lege of Waxahachie, Tex., by a score of 97-53.

After six games the win brings the Royals' total to three wins and three losses, with 25 games left to play. The Royals take on Carl Albert Junior College of Poteau, Okla., Nov. 23.

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BIG SANDY — The Oberkirchen Children's Choir, from the town of the same name in West Germany, performed here Nov. 21 in the second concert of Ambassador College's concert series.

The group, which made the folk song "The Happy Wanderer" famous, included in its program several folk songs from around the world.

Ranging from ages 6 to 15, the original group was formed by **Edith Moeller** in 1949 to raise money for a home for underprivileged children in the Oberkirchen region.

The group has performed in much of Europe, the Orient, South America, Africa, the Near East and the Middle East.



CHILDREN — Two Oberkirchen youngsters sing out.

God's people they bought a large, furnished trailer house, which they moved to the site of their former residence.

Although they will never be able to replace some things, as far as they are concerned they are now in better condition after the fire than before.

When asked if there was anything they still lacked, they responded that they had everything they needed.

and Church literature.

After the Clemmers had returned home during the Feast to survey the damages, a special announcement was made back at the Festival site, informing the brethren of the Clemmers' plight. In a demonstration of concern for others, hundreds of people at the Feast in Hampton responded generously. At last count God's people had donated in excess of \$8,000.

The Clemmers have received dozens of cards and letters, many including contributions, from all over the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Clemmer admitted: "I never shed a tear over that house, but when those people started giving us the money, that's when the tears started. It's a marvelous feeling, devastating."

Mr. Clemmer added, "It makes you want to run up and hug every one of them."

Mrs. Clemmer's sister, upon reading one of the many letters, began to cry.

"People in the local community here are amazed and can't understand how people from all over the U.S. would respond so generously," observed Mr. Clemmer.

Pitching In

Of course, their friends and neighbors here also pitched in to do their part. A Baptist church donated \$200. **Francis Pendleton**, a nonmember, opened up her small four-room house to the Clemmers for two weeks. Brethren in the area donated hundreds of dollars' worth of food, clothing, kitchen utensils, bedding, even a waffle iron. An appliance dealer donated a used washer and dryer, which Mr. Clemmer put in first-rate running condition. He was able to purchase a brand-new, \$300 gas heater for only \$100.

With the generous offering from



AFTER THE FIRE — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clemmer and their youngest son, Philip, sit in the living room of their new trailer house in front of some of the dozens of cards and letters they received after their house burned during the Feast. (Photo by Bill Moore)