



GIVE-AND-TAKE SESSION — Garner Ted Armstrong, at head of table, facing camera, meets for almost three hours with Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, fourth from left, and nine of 11 area coordinators for the U.S. field ministry Dec. 28. (Photo by John Robinson)

U.S. coordinators meet during YOU activities

BIG SANDY — Two meetings of area coordinators for the United States field ministry were held here during the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) international conference. (Details of the YOU conference appear elsewhere on this page.) Nine of 11 coordinators attended the meetings, which were conducted by Garner Ted Armstrong and Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

"The meeting Mr. Armstrong conducted was the most successful area coordinators' meeting we have

ever had," Mr. Dart said. "I feel we were able to build on and strengthen the relationship between Mr. Armstrong and the men who are doing such an important job in keeping the Church tied together."

At the meeting conducted by Mr. Armstrong, area coordinator Elbert Atlas was ordained a pastor. (See article on Mr. Atlas on page 8.)

Mr. Dart said that, since all but two of the area coordinators, Norman A. Smith and Sherwin McMichael, were attending the YOU conference, (See **MEETINGS**, page 2)

A Personal Letter from

Dear brethren in Christ:
Greetings from Pasadena on Jan. 1, 1977.

Today Pasadena is teeming with probably more than a million and a half extra visitors who have come here for the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl game later this afternoon.

Ambassador College is the largest

property holder along the parade route, and the area where several of us live, adjacent to the college, is part of the parade's formation area, so it is always the scene of tremendous crowds, the resultant chaos and confusion, and then the loud noises of revelry and celebration resulting from the hundreds of thousands gathered

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300-plus youths attend conference

By Dixon Cartwright Jr.
BIG SANDY — More than 300 delegates 12 to 19 years of age traveled to the Texas campus of Ambassador College from 49 U.S. states and six foreign countries Dec. 24 to begin the first international youth conference of Youth Opportunities United (YOU).

The 310 young people, representing local chapters of YOU, the Church's youth program, began a six-day stay on the campus that included four days of workshops and seminars and listening to a list of speakers headed by Garner Ted Armstrong, Olympic gymnast and television sports commentator Cathy Rigby, Olympic decathlon champion Bill Toomey, Olympic triple-jump silver medalist James Butts, juvenile-court judge Joe Sorrentino, drug- and alcohol-abuse expert Scott Marshall and Chicago, Ill., minister Carl Gustafson (who spoke on leadership).

The delegates had come to Texas, mostly by bus, from every state but Hawaii and from Belgium, England, the Netherlands, New Zealand and West Germany, with YOU picking up the tab for travel and food expenses. Representatives of the Canadian ministry were also here, to

take back information on organizing YOU chapters in that country.

After their arrival on Dec. 24, a Friday, the delegates attended a Bible study that night and brunch, Sabbath services and a get-acquainted party the next day. The conference officially began Sunday, Dec. 26, with a welcoming address by Mr. Armstrong.

In that initial meeting Mr. Armstrong talked of young people of today in general.

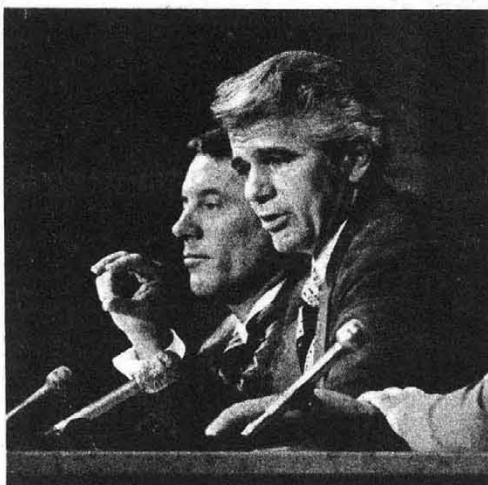
The Nation's Youth

"No other nation is as affected by its youth as the United States," he said. He noted crime statistics and an "absence of family roots" and said America is "a nation that has turned values upside down. Young people are not taught to respect the family." He labeled today's teens "the television generation."

Mr. Armstrong said he is pleased with the almost two-year-old YOU program so far and encouraged the delegates to make the most of their time while at the conference.

"The kids back home are going to be just wildly excited and out to pull out of you every last thing you

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS — Garner Ted Armstrong, right, answers questions from delegates to the four-day YOU conference held on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College. At left is Jim Thornhill, YOU director. (Photo by John Wright)

Mr. Armstrong plans trip for mid-January

PASADENA — "We're in town now and will probably be here until about Jan. 15, when we will probably go to Europe for AICF [Ambassador International Cultural Foundation] functions in Geneva and Paris," said Stanley Rader Dec. 29 of Herbert W. Armstrong's and his current plans.

Mr. Rader, vice president for financial affairs and planning, who travels with Mr. Armstrong on his overseas trips, said Mr. Armstrong has been spending a great deal of time writing in recent weeks. Mr. Rader said that, since suffering an ankle injury in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Nov. 11 (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 22, 1976), Mr. Armstrong has written numerous articles.

"A number have been major articles," Mr. Rader said. "One was about 40 pages, 'Conversations With Mao,' to give you an idea of how much he's been getting in."

Asked how Mr. Armstrong's

ankle was healing, Mr. Rader said though still a little swollen it was progressing well. "He's got his shoe back on and he's walking very well now. However, like anything else, a very bad sprain takes a little bit of time to get completely well."

Mr. Rader said that Mr. Armstrong's activities in Europe will be in association with the efforts of 10 prominent members of the Japanese Diet including Toshio Yamaguchi. He said that the Diet members prior to arriving in Europe will make stops under AICF sponsorship in Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa and Rhodesia, where they will have dinners and other functions that will revolve around them as part of the AICF's Tokyo chapter.

"We will not be making the Africa trip with them because we just came back and want to give Mr. Armstrong's ankle a couple more weeks to mend," he said. "Mr. Armstrong and I want to be back in Pasadena by the 26th of January, where we will be receiving a recognition award for *Quest* 77."

Mr. Rader said Mr. Armstrong plans to visit Poland in February as well as attend an AICF concert in Milwaukee, Wis., the early part of that month.

On Dec. 28 Mr. Armstrong was host of 11 Ambassador College, Pasadena, seniors at his home here for dinner. According to Gary Regazzoli, senior-class president from Melbourne, Australia, the dinner was the third of about 14 planned between now and graduation this coming May. Mr. Regazzoli said Mr. Armstrong was in "fine spirits" throughout the evening.

1976 REVIEWED

Another year has rolled around, and it's time again for our year-end wrap-up issue. You'll notice this special 24-page *WN* is really an issue within an issue. In the middle is a 16-page pullout section that wraps up the news of the Work in 1976 month by month.

Director in Europe, Caribbean

PASADENA — Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division, and his wife Marion returned here Sunday, Dec. 19, following a trip to Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, England and France.

According to Mr. McCullough, he and his wife flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico, Dec. 6 for three days of meetings with the Church's ministers from the West Indies. "It had been 18 months since I was there with Steve Martin [who was his assistant at the time]," Mr. McCullough said. "At that time the ministers' wives all lamented the absence of our

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Singular problem

I am writing this letter not only for myself but for others who have experienced this same problem.

Why is it that almost every form of entertainment and recreation event in most every church area, even including the Feast of Tabernacles, is oriented toward couples? Engaged, married or otherwise.

Even *The Plain Truth* and *Worldwide News* are couple oriented. It is disgusting, frustrating and downright embarrassing for single people to attend any social event or dine in a restaurant or nightclub unless they have a date or friend of the opposite sex.

I think it is about time that singles be given more attention.

Richard Makuchan
Johnstown, Pa.

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Loneliness in Melbourne

Now, that's Christian service! I sincerely commend Joan Wall and Cora Horn (Dec. 6) ["Prevention Beats Cure; Drop in at the Center"], as well as others unnamed, for their efforts to reverse marital problems and loneliness in Melbourne, Australia. Thank you for sharing a wonderful idea with God's Church worldwide.

Brenda Robinson
Los Alamos, N.M.

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C. Wayne Hot?

It was with amusement that I read the "Grapevine" section of the Dec. 6 issue. The portion telling about Mr. C. Wayne Cole "thawing out" at headquarters in 26 degrees Celsius (daytime temperatures). Well, unless there has been a change I don't know about, the Celsius scale has 0 degrees as the boiling point and 100 degrees as freezing, the reverse of the centigrade scale. I believe 26 degrees Celsius would equal 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

I've even heard the term Celsius used on television weather reports when I'm quite certain, the term should have been centigrade. It would be interesting to know how the mix-up ever got started. True Celsius has been in disuse for a very long time.

Larry Sharp
Frostproof, Fla.

According to the "Thermometry" article in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, *Anders Celsius*, an 18th-century Swedish astronomer, is credited with coming up with the centigrade scale, which places the boiling point at 100 degrees and freezing at 0. The centigrade and Celsius scales are also the same, and no mention is made in the article that there was ever any difference. The dictionary used by the WN, Webster's New Collegiate, defines "Celsius" as being identical to "centigrade." (The Fahrenheit scale, common in the United States, places boiling ... 212 degrees and freezing at 32.)

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Meetings

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he felt it would be an excellent opportunity to "go ahead and get together with the men."

Steve Martin, coordinator for the Church's Western Area, commenting on the meetings, which lasted almost three hours each, said he was "enthusiastic" about the success of the meetings, especially the one conducted by Mr. Armstrong.

Guy Engelbart, coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Area, also found the meeting with Mr. Armstrong beneficial. "I gave Mr. Armstrong a chance to get to know us better and for him to share what's on his mind with us. It was very down-to-earth and frank."

Tacoma takes first in volleyball tourney

PASADENA — The team from Tacoma, Wash., took first place in the second annual Youth Opportunities United girls' volleyball tournament Dec. 21 on the campus of Ambassador College, beating the Pasadena team, which took second place in the final competition.

Third place in the double-



TACOMA WINNERS — The winning Tacoma team is presented the tournament trophy by Jim Thornhill, left, and Larry Haworth, right. Team members, from left, kneeling, are Judy Hendrickson, Melody Durand, Eloise Pate and Julie Goethals. Back row: assistant coach Lena Hathaway, coach Sharon Streit, Michelle Novak, Shelly Goethals, Theresa Goethals, Lynn Larson and Karen Schow. Left photo: Laurie Stauffer of the second-place Pasadena team handles the ball. (Photos by Jeanne Kloster)

basketball and girls' cheerleading competition was being staged in Pasadena.

Schedule Rearranged

YOU's sports schedule had since been rearranged because of a conflict last year in that some members of the volleyball team were also cheerleaders for the boys' basketball team or in the cheerleading contest and had to make the difficult decision of which to attend, according to Mike Blackwell, associate director of YOU.

With the new schedule the conflict is avoided by having the volleyball competition at a different time of the year from the basketball play. Boys' basketball this season is set for Big Sandy during this year's Days of Unleavened Bread.

Theresa Goethals, daughter of Gil Goethals, a Tacoma minister and coordinator for YOU's Northwest Region, was named the volleyball tournament's most valuable player.

The other girls on Tacoma's squad: Melody Durand, Julie Goethals, Shelly Goethals, Judy Hendrickson, Lynn Larson, Michelle Novak, Eloise Pate and Karen Schow.

Mr. Goethals, who had three daughters on the winning team, was at the tournament and later said it and other activities for the participants were well organized and everything went smoothly. He said the girls themselves contributed to the way the tournament turned out.

"The attitude of the girls was unreal," he said. "Any team could have won the sportsmanship trophy."

Before and after the competition the girls visited tourist attractions in the Pasadena and Los Angeles area that included Hollywood, Disneyland and Knotts Berry Farm and took tours of the Ambassador campus.

Before the games they attended an orientation session directed by tournament adviser Larry Haworth, who

traveled here to assist with the activities from Big Sandy, where he serves on the Ambassador physical-education faculty.

All-Tourney Team

After the championship game an all-tournament team was chosen. Named to it were Mary Jo Burkhardt, Cincinnati; Karen Dickinson, Pasadena; Anita Gloe, Sioux Falls; Edith Gloe, Sioux Falls; Julie Goethals, Tacoma; Theresa Goethals, Tacoma; Lynn Larson, Tacoma; and Laurie Stauffer, Pasadena.

Coaching the winning Tacomas, who last season didn't even enter the finals, though they had taken the regionals, was Sharon Streit, with assistant Lena Hathaway.

The Lakeland girls won the sportsmanship trophy.

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Director in Europe, Caribbean

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wives. They appreciated the opportunity to talk with a wife from headquarters as much as the men appreciated talking with men from here."

Joining Mr. McCullough and his wife in San Juan were Robert Flores, Fernando Barriga and Mario Seigle, three Spanish-speaking ministers from here. He said the Spanish-speaking ministers were there because a portion of the South American Work is conducted from San Juan by Pablo Gonzalez, who lives in Puerto Rico and flies regularly to Colombia.

"We had three days of meetings with the men and discussed many of the situations they as ministers and we as a Work face in these island nations," Mr. McCullough said. "During the course of the meetings we ordained Victor Simpson. He is a Barbadian who graduated a year ago from Pasadena and has been holding down the fort while Carlos Nieto has been in college this year." (Mr. Nieto was formerly the pastor of the church in Barbados.)

Mr. McCullough said he conducted a Bible study in San Juan Dec.

7 with a majority of the members there present. On Dec. 10 he and his wife flew to Nassau, Bahamas, to conduct Sabbath services there the next day. Then Dec. 13 he and his wife flew to England, arriving "about eight hours late due to fog and trouble with an engine on the plane."

Following a board meeting at Bricket Wood, England, they continued on to Paris for meetings with the French-speaking ministry. Present was Dibar Apartian, voice of the French-speaking *World Tomorrow* broadcast, who had arrived there after a campaign in Haiti.

Mr. McCullough said Mr. Apartian was "very excited about the totally unexpected turnout for the campaign. There were 1,500 people who came to hear him. The crowd filled the auditorium to overflowing, and, as I understand, the U.S. ambassador to Haiti came only to have to be told there were no seats left. Something was worked out and later the ambassador personally requested the French magazine. You can never tell what will happen."

According to Mr. McCullough,

the meetings in Paris were profitable, and while there he ordained Bernard Hongerfoot a local elder.

"While we were in Paris," Mr. McCullough said, "[ministers] Frank Schnee and Colin Cato came from Germany to discuss the magazine [*The Plain Truth*] and other developments in the German area. Bob Fahey [regional director of the South African Work] also came to Paris to discuss current activities in South Africa and thereby saved me a need to take a trip there. I had about seven to 10 hours with Bob covering things such as the registration of the Work in Zambia and other African nations, along with plans for development of the Work in South Africa.

"Then, before returning home on Sunday, I spent some time with Mr. Harold Jackson [director of the Black African Work] in London," Mr. McCullough said. "He still hasn't been able to move to Nigeria and apparently won't until the registration of the Work in Nigeria is complete. He is working hard to have his part of the African Work self-supporting by the end of the next year."

YOU's first conference: 'It's okay, Jake'

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learned here," he said. "You've all been selected as leaders in your area."

After his address Mr. Armstrong answered questions from the YOU members such as "What was your first date like?", "What's the right age to start dating?", "What can be done about problems with taking off from school to go to the Feast?"

"What kind of a role will teens play in the Millennium?" and "What about school activities on Friday nights?"

Besides the 310 official conference delegates, more than 100 youths from Texas and Oklahoma congregations of the Church came here for preconference activities over the weekend, including get-acquainted parties.

The rest of the time for the official delegates, according to YOU director Jim Thornhill, was spent in meetings concerned with raising funds for local YOU chapters, problems young people face as part of the Worldwide Church of God, alcoholism and drugs, citizenship and country, youth crime and women's role in leadership and drawing up an honor code for the Church youth program.

Besides the learning sessions, there was time set aside for recreation. The organizers sponsored informal dances, a barbecue and a banquet.

Active Part

Mr. Thornhill feels YOU is a program with a future.

"These young people are learning things here that will encourage their friends back home to want to be an active part of YOU and the Worldwide Church of God and all that they stand for," he said.

Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration, was here for the youth conference and for another, simultaneous set of meetings attended by nine U.S. area coordinators (see article, page 1). While here he talked about the YOU meetings.

"I have had the privilege of attending several hours of meetings, conducting a couple of workshops and meeting a number of the delegates, and I'm impressed," he said.

"These young people are the cream of the crop in the Church. They're a fine group, and you can be proud of them."

"Mr. GTA was here for the con-

ference along with nine area coordinators. Everyone seems to agree that the conference has been an unqualified success."

Felicia Rivas of Yelm, Wash., a 17-year-old delegate from the Tacoma, Wash., church, seemed to agree. The last day of the conference she said:

"I loved it. I could just say all kinds of good things. It [the conference] changed my attitude a lot."

Kim Mangseth, 16, of Grand Rapids, Minn., had an opinion of YOU and the meetings.

"It's okay, Jake," she said. "Mr. Armstrong was really inspiring. He really got to you."

And Brian Morris, a 17-year-old from Jamaica, N.Y., "had a ball. It was fantastic. Even though the trip here took two days in a glass madhouse [bus], we had a ball."

The 310 YOU delegates lived in student residences while here and made use of the college's classrooms and dining hall, Mr. Thornhill said.

Hopes for the Young People

The last day of activities was Wednesday, Dec. 29. That night and (See YOU CONFERENCE, page 4)



EXPRESSIONS — These are some of the faces to be seen at the YOU conference at Big Sandy Dec. 26 to 29. [Photos by John Wright]



INTERNATIONALS — These are the six YOU delegates from countries other than the United States. Seated, from left, are Johannes Eisermann of West Germany and Jacky Goulding of New Zealand. Standing: Christine Watts, England; Iain Sanderson, England; Petra Wilms, Netherlands; and Steven Van Lerbergh, Belgium. [Photo by John Wright]

Accents on YOU

By Dixon Cartwright Jr.

BIG SANDY — Americans were in the overwhelming majority at the YOU conference here Dec. 26 to 29, but if you listened you could hear a few unfamiliar accents. Six teenagers, representing five countries outside the United States, came here for the first international youth conference of the Church, joining the 304 youthful American delegates for the four days of meetings. (See article, page 1.)

The six, all of whom could speak English, came from Belgium, England, the Netherlands, New Zealand and West Germany to learn about Youth Opportunities United from director Jim Thornhill and the others who have been active in the program since it began nearly two years ago. YOU is just starting in countries outside

the United States, and these six teenagers from overseas were out to do what they could to get the ball rolling.

Johannes Eisermann, 19, is from Sprockhoevel, near Dueseldorf, West Germany. In an interview he and the other five were asked the typical American question: What do you think of our country?

"The people here, I think, are very friendly," was Johannes' comment.

Petra Wilms, 18, from Voorhuizen, Netherlands, agreed and added, "Everything's so big over here, big cars and big motorways and big airports."

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But soon the questioning got around to comparing the young (See ACCENTS, page 4)

YOU conference is 'okay, Jake'

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all the next day the youths and their chaperons began their trips back to their homes and churches. But, before they left, Mr. Armstrong once again addressed them, in a 45-minute summary of why the conference had been called and what he hoped the young people had learned.

"You've had a little utopia here for four days," he said. "Some will go back to good schools, some to horrible schools. I want you to go back with a little bit of character, the willpower to force yourself to make the right choices. You know the principles are right."

Mr. Armstrong said a "satisfaction" comes from "character development. You've heard [from some of the conference speakers] what it takes to excel in sports. It's a whole lot bigger struggle to contain yourself during teenage years and make the right choices."

Mr. Armstrong said young people in the Church "are at a crossroads" in their personal lives and in the world. "In World War II I had 25 or 30 years ahead of me. Have you got two, three, five, 10? I don't know... and you don't know."

"You are tomorrow's leaders. You are the grandparents of just a few years from now."

He encouraged the young dele-



DELEGATES — Two YOU delegates enjoy their six-day stay on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College for the first international YOU conference. (Photo by John Wright)

gates to tell their friends back home about the conference and set an example. "When I hear from the local YOU chapters back home," he said, "I'll know just how successful these four days were."

After describing King David as

having a "tender, uncalled-for conscience," with the ability to admit he was wrong and change, Mr. Armstrong said:

"I want to leave you with this final thought: May your conscience always be tender. God bless you."



GUEST SPEAKERS — Among those addressing the conference were, clockwise from above, Olympic gymnast Cathy Rigby, Olympic decathlon champion Bill Toomey and drug- and alcohol-abuse expert Scott Marshall. (Photos by John Wright)



DELEGATES — These two delegates represented their local YOU chapters during the YOU conference held in Big Sandy Dec. 26 to 29. (Photo by John Wright)



Accents on YOU

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people back home with youths in American congregations. Christine Watts, 17, lives in St. Albans, England.

"The youth here have had exactly the same problems as what we've had," she said. "The fact that they're scattered and that there is an uneven mixture of sexes, and they've got the same problems we have. I want to take back the fact that it is a worldwide Church, and I felt closer to the American people, and I want to express that when I go back."

On the same subject, Iain Sanderson, 18, from Newcastle, England, said:

"I'll tell them [in England] to be behind YOU wholeheartedly. You've got to put 100 percent effort into it to get 100 percent out. You can't expect to be carried along. You've really got to work at it."

Jacky Goulding, the 17-year-old representative from Auckland, New Zealand, thought the diversity of the backgrounds of the conference delegates made for a profitable exchange of ideas.

"In New Zealand we've got our little New Zealand ideas on this and that," she commented. "But when you come over here you've got so

many ideas, because, even though it's only one country, you've got so many parts in America that it's really interesting to hear the young people's ideas."

Whole Atmosphere

Christine, the girl from England, said she was going to "take the whole atmosphere I've gained here and spread it all around England."

All six believed the conference beneficial to YOU and the Church and should become a tradition, and Steven Van Lerberghe, 16, of Antwerp Belgium, had a suggestion for next year. He would like to see "more free time" for the delegates "to get acquainted and to get to know other representatives and presidents of other YOU chapters, as they call them, so you could get links from you to America."

Petra, the 18-year-old from the Netherlands — who with her five international friends left Big Sandy to visit Ambassador, Pasadena, for a few days before heading home — echoed what must be the sentiments of youths around the world with her suggestion for next time:

"Maybe you could take some more kids from the international areas."

A Personal Letter

from

James L. Armstrong

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along the parade route, who begin collecting there up to two days in advance and literally camp out on the streets for New Year's Eve and remain all night.

Because of the crowds we have had to delay Sabbath services until 3 o'clock this afternoon and had to cancel the morning services entirely. It would have been totally impossible for the brethren attending the morning church services in the Ambassador Auditorium and the two other locations on campus in gymnasiums to fight their way through the crowds, and of course most of the streets entering into the parade-formation area were closed to traffic anyhow.

Media Update

I had a very interesting meeting with Mr. Henry Cornwall of our Worldwide Advertising Agency yesterday in which I set new budget criteria for the coming year and went over with him quite a number of availabilities for the new five-minute radio programs.

Resulting from that meeting, and of course from a whole series of meetings we have been having in the last few weeks (as I reported to you concerning the changeover to a daily five-minute program in the last "Personal"), I asked Mr. Cornwall to insure that we went off television entirely during the summer to save enough money to help us with our new programs in one-minute television and five-minute radio spots and TV Guide advertising.

We have always known that the summer months are very poor for television, with many people on vacation and the mail dropping significantly, so instead of airing reruns I have opted for a moratorium on television, just as the network shows do through those months, with the telecast to resume in the fall.

Of course, we will continue on our regular television outlets up until June.

700 Stations Soon

By reorganizing our budget priorities, I hope to be able to announce that we are up towards SEVEN HUNDRED radio stations with

our five-minute program within the next very few months! We hope that by the end of 1977 or certainly on into 1978 we will achieve a milestone for the Work by placing the broadcast on more than 1,000 stations!

Very soon now I will be having a brainstorming session with our television and editorial staff to come up with ideas for a series of one-minute spots which I will try to do personally, or at least narrate and appear in as many of them as possible.

YOU Conference Sensational

Only days ago I returned from our first annual international YOU conference on the Big Sandy campus, which was a sensational success. [See page 1.] I was able to speak to the combined group on the Sabbath and then take the opening session for a keynote address on Sunday, then open up the remainder of the time for questions and answers. I was tremendously impressed with the more than 300 young people assembled on the campus, and most especially with the decorum, spirit, attitude and appearance of the group.

I was also pleasantly impressed at the seriousness of the questions they asked, relating to college plans, marriage, dating, race and other such problems common to young people.

I know all of the youngsters who are members of YOU are going to be excitedly awaiting the full report from the delegates to the first annual convention. I took the closing session of the conference and was pleased at the tremendous response from these young people of God's Church who truly are leaders in each local congregation!

Miniconference

While at Big Sandy I had opportunity for a miniconference with almost all of our newly appointed area coordinators in the U.S. ministry. We had a very profitable give-and-take session of discussion which involved practically the whole panorama of the Work and the spiritual condition of the churches and the ministry and were able to discuss wide-ranging topics of importance in God's Work, which resulted in many expressions of deep appreciation and enthusiasm from all present. We all unanimously agreed that we need at least two or even more of such sessions on an annual basis!

Incidentally, at the conclusion of

the meeting I was joined by Mr. Ronald Dart, who is director of pastoral administration, and all the other assembled ministers in ordaining Mr. Elbert Atlas to the rank of pastor.

No Thought of Rank

As I mentioned in my prayer, it is a mark of Mr. Atlas' ability that he was selected for the job as area coordinator without any conscious thought given to the preaching-elder "rank" he had previously occupied in the ministry! It was not until some months later, as a matter of fact just prior to this miniconference a few days ago, that Mr. Dart told me Mr. Atlas had not yet been ordained to the office of pastor, even though he was now in a position of leadership over several others who may have held such an ordination.

Therefore we were very pleased to be able to ordain Mr. Atlas to these higher responsibilities, and doubly pleased simply because it had been so obvious that Mr. Atlas was fully qualified for the capacities for which he has been chosen.

While in Big Sandy I did six more five-minute programs, and, back on campus in Pasadena, I found Mr. Hogberg had prepared additional scripts, several of them from the huge stack of 30-minute scripts we have from radio programs going clear back into the '60s.

Thanks to All

I want to again thank all of you who are faithfully and loyally supporting the Work and to especially admonish and encourage those who may be letting down to dig in, lock arms with the rest of us and loyally uphold your own end of the Work!

I'm sure you all realize the continued responsibility on all of us in God's Work, and I hope you understood the seriousness of the situation as I outlined it in my last letter to co-workers and members!

All of us here at headquarters feel we are on the threshold of a truly great breakthrough in the Work and that we are going to begin experiencing a burst of new growth such as never before! However, this is only going to occur if all of us unitedly continue to support the Work, both with our generous tithes and offerings and with our prayers!

Thank you in advance for your continued help and your loyal support!

Your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong

Local church news wrap-up

The Candy Man

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — "The Candy Man" is the motto of YOU members here. The youths are selling candy during November, December and January to raise money for their activities to be used mainly for volleyball and cheerleading uniforms and basketball equipment. A dance is planned when the sale is over.

Each member is selling all he can to try for the \$100 prize that will go to the girl and boy who sell the most. *Debbie Shepperd.*

Home-Court Advantage

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Kingsport stomped Asheville in Kingsport in the first basketball game of the season Nov. 20. The men won handily 42-22, and the girls walked over Asheville 29-11.

However, on its home court Dec. 5, Asheville carried the day. The girls defeated Greenville 25-12, and the men wrapped it up in a 48-25 win. *Richmond W. Crisp.*

'Talents' Produce \$6,000

BRISBANE, Australia — November culminated six months of dedicated toil among the members of the Brisbane and Caboolture, Queensland, churches. In May, 1976, a project was begun in which volunteers were given \$10 each in an effort to prove the validity of the parable of the talents. And prove it they did.

About \$1,000 was given out. Six months later, after vegetables were sold, toys made and even a rock-'n'-roll concert held, \$6,000 profit was returned. Averaged, each participant increased his \$10 "talent" 600 percent.

Some, however, increased it far more. For instance, the first-place winners, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Schneider, planted \$10 worth of carrot seed. Their harvest, even after rain at the wrong time, netted \$400. The second runners-up sold vegetables in their garage and netted \$381. The third sold 63 loaves of bread, 260 pizzas and 322 bread rolls and used a total of 425 pounds of flour. She netted \$367. Each winner received a gift certificate to a department store.

At a social celebrating the success, it was announced that in 3 1/2 years the Brisbane area had raised in excess of \$16,000 toward the Work in Australia. *Mark Cardona.*

Toy Sale

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — The church here had a toy sale Dec. 2 and 3 in the garage of pastor John Cafourek. Clean used toys, games and books were donated by members for the sale.

This was one of several fund-raising projects the brethren have used to help defray the costs of gym rentals, uniforms, travel expenses for YOU-sponsored activities and socials.

Other projects held since the Feast have been an auction, cutting wood, selling Texas fruit and selling candy by YOU members. *Barbara Harrison.*

Bowling Party

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Teenagers and their parents here met with Dr. Clint Zimmerman, pastor, at his home Nov. 20 to discuss organization of future activities, including a bowling party planned for Dec. 4. Dr. Zimmerman announced that Yvonne Cobb was chosen by her fellow teens to represent them at the YOU conference held in Big Sandy in December.

The meeting was followed by a pizza party. *Susan Peterson.*

Youths Serve

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Youth Day here was Dec. 4, with many YOU members serving. Carlene Oswald and Rhonda Mongler greeted brethren at the door; Kim Freeman was the sound coordinator; Robert Cole was song leader, accompanied by Dana Haymart on the piano.

Clay Oswald gave the opening prayer; Noel Blythe gave a sermonette on spiritual conditioning; Bobby Kitchen gave the announcements; Kathleen Muehlman and Eileen Conrad took attendance. Mark Kitchen gave the closing prayer. *Sharlene Whisler.*

10th Anniversary

CONCORD, N.H. — A 10th-anniversary celebration was observed here Nov. 13 to commemorate the founding of the first church in New England 10 years and one day ago. There were 409 people here at the special services from the seven churches that spun off from the founding church, which met in Manchester, N.H., in 1966 with 170 present.

Reg Platt, Boston pastor, who helped raise up the New Hampshire church and was its first full-time minister, was guest speaker.

Four other longtime members gave sermonettes in which they recounted incidents and impressions of the early days. Denzil Thayer, deacon here, recalled that the first Bible study was conducted in the White Mountains of New Hampshire in June, 1963, by Carlton Smith, now a senior pastor in Oakland, Calif. Thirty-four were in attendance. He added that Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong toured the area in the fall of 1952.

During the evening photographs of past church activities were on display and members were offered a combination of food, fellowship and basketball. Concord edged Boston in the teen game by 2 points. Later, in the men's game, the tables were reversed by the same margin. *James E. Baldwin.*

Royal Observatory

EDINBURGH, Scotland — The Spokesman Club here spent two hours at the Royal Observatory here Nov. 23. The party of 30 consisted of director and minister James Dougall, 15 club members and 14 guests.

The observatory guide, who writes a monthly astronomical column, was bombarded with questions. The tour included a 15-minute slide show.

The observatory was established in 1822. In 1965, after a visit from the Queen and the duke of Edinburgh, it became a research establishment supported by the Science Research Council and Edinburgh University. *George E. Meston.*

Middle Eastern Costumes

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Women of the Bible was the theme of the Nov. 21 meeting of the Ladies' Club here in a meeting at the Presidential Estates Community Room.

Ladies and their guests were greeted by a Syrian sheikh, Chuck Nouhan, and his slave girl, Ann Nouhan, who popped a grape in each person's mouth.

Wearing costumes, the speakers for the evening — Violet Neff as Eve, Emma Blough as Deborah the judge, Peggy Day as Esther with her little slave girl (Colleen Neff), Thelma Hallack as Sarah and Kathy Miller as Mary, the mother of Jesus, — were introduced by hostess Ann Neff. Each lady spoke of the life and the customs of the times of the person she portrayed.

The Middle Eastern theme was portrayed by decorations, incense and music.



10TH ANNIVERSARY — From left, Denzil Thayer, Jim Baldwin, Jim Arnaldo, Reg Platt and Roland Robidoux all spoke on the occasion of the 10th Concord, N.H., anniversary. (See "10th Anniversary," this page.) (Photo by Fred Loft)

After refreshments of Middle Eastern origin, a discussion concerning the responsibilities and potentials of Christian women of today was led by Doris Ellis. *Diane Mason.*

Thanksgiving Poi

HONOLULU, Hawaii — What is more traditional for Thanksgiving dinner than turkey and stuffing, pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce? For Hawaiians it would be all this plus fish and poi. And that's just part of the menu enjoyed by the brethren here at a potluck Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 25.

The dinner was held at the home of Alex Aina, deacon, and his wife, where brethren welcomed newly arrived pastor John Ouvrier and his family. *Steven E. Brightbill.*

Leading Scorers

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. — The Huntsville and Gadsden, Ala., basketball teams kicked off the season Dec. 5 when they met for two games. Huntsville took both games, winning the A game 86-73 and the B game 56-45.

Leading scorers in the A game were Huntsville players Tim Smith with 20 points and Harold Justice and Hal Brothers with 18 each and Gadsden players Lynn Pate with 20 points, Vayden Pate with 16 and Rick Patterson with 14.

In the B game, leading scorers for Huntsville were Ricky Keith with 10, Franklin Bone with 10 and Tim Smith with 20. Leading scorers for Gadsden were Neal Warren with 8, Scott Ashley with 10, Mark Winner with 7 and Jeff Cooper with 6. *Gay Chaney.*

Short End

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — Coach Bill Hochstetler took his basketball team to Wauseon, Ohio, Dec. 5, where it played the Toledo All-Stars and came out on the short end of a 65-57 score. The Kalamazoo Flyers got off to a slow start when they just couldn't hit the basket.

Kevin Smith was high man for the All-Stars with 20 points. Harvey Warrena had 20 points for the Flyers. *Lewis Olsen.*

Seven Bake Up \$737

KINDERSLEY, Sask. — The Bible-study congregation here held its first bake and handicraft sale Dec. 2 at the Cooperative Grocery Store in Kindersley. Funds will be used to sponsor film presentations in this area of Garner Ted Armstrong's campaigns.

With only seven women baking, the sale made \$737.20. *Sylvia Van Deventer.*

Senior Citizens' Buffet

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Senior citizens and friends here were treated to an afternoon of food and

who spoke about how a wholesome diet relates to a healthy body. His open forum encouraged a deluge of questions.

Zula Smith, member, presented material she had obtained from the Hippocrates Health Institute in Boston, Mass., about the hows and whys of growing sprouts and wheat grass. *Joan Turpin.*

Floured Blouse

MOOSOMIN, Sask. — The church here held its family-night social Nov. 20. Sabbath services were scheduled for the afternoon that day, followed by a potluck supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Packham and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wood were the conveners for the evening's events, which began with musical chairs. Karen Packham, one of the more agile of the younger set, won the prize.

A variety program brought some talent to light, including pastor Neil Earle singing with his own guitar accompaniment; a song by Ray and Janet Wood, with Janet playing the accompaniment on the piano accordion; and a violin and accordion instrumental duet by Joe Hoffman and Janet Wood. Then there was a fashion show narrated by Susan Earle, which included such heights of fashion as a box-pleated skirt complemented by a pillow hat and a floured blouse, a new spring outfit and the checked school attire, to name a few, all modeled by the young ladies.

A turkey shoot with darts and balloons manned by Larry Packham and David Stilborn proved popular, profitable and fun. The finals were played off by Bonnie Maystruck, Lois Neuls, Joy Gall and Joy Hoffman, who won the turkey.

Crokinole, a game, was also enjoyed by some at intervals, while dancing ensued throughout the evening to organ music. The winners of a freeze dance were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lynch, and the spot-dance prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Art Neuls. *Dorothy Stilborn.*

Speak Their Minds

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Women's Club here was organized at a meeting at the Nashville Metro Center Dec. 5. Forty-three were present, with Natalie Hammer and Diane Bailey serving as organizers and advisers. The club will be a "learning, teaching, helping" organization, the organizers said. The members were assured that they had something to offer and should be ready to speak their minds in a constructive manner. The next meeting is planned for Dec. 19.

The church here is also holding ball practice and cheerleading practice at the center. *Everlett Corbin.*

Paper Power

PORTLAND, Ore. — One over-cast Sunday morning in November a large number of people gathered near an old deserted gas station. In trucks, vans and station wagons they came, all converging on an area marked on their maps with a big X and the words "Drop Point."

While the city slept, it had been divided up into sections, and maps of specially selected areas were distributed to the men. Now all was in readiness. After the final briefing the go-ahead was given to launch the Portland West church's fall paper drive.

An estimated 70 people showed up that Nov. 14 morning. The gathering was planned and led by minister Larry Walker.

The day passed quickly as over 30 tons of newspapers were collected and sent off to a recycling plant. Nearly \$800 was earned, which will be used to finance the YES (Youth Educational Services) Sabbath classes, as well as other programs here.

A potluck dinner was held at the (See WRAP-UP, page 6)

fellowship following Sabbath services Dec. 11. The buffet meal was served at 1:30. Pastor Al Kersha spoke briefly on the importance of such gatherings and the fellowship of God's people.

The guests appreciated the thoughtfulness and effort made on their behalf. *Jonne Olga Marona.*

Catered Chicken

KINGSTON, Ont. — Square dancing was the theme for the first social of the season held by the Kingston and Smiths Falls, Ont., churches Nov. 20.

The evening began with a catered meal of Kentucky Fried Chicken with all the trimmings, plus a buffet of homemade desserts contributed by the ladies.

The remainder of the evening was turned over to emcee Ernie Dempster and his square dancers, a professional group from Trenton, Ont. The proper steps, technique and a bit of the history of square dancing were taught. The program was rounded out with dances and music that appealed to all age-groups. *Carolyn Gosse.*

Thankful When Over

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Youth Instructional Program beginners' class attended a Thanksgiving party at Hallmark Village Clubhouse Nov. 21. Twenty children 4 through 7 not only talked turkey but ate a "turkey cake" and drank punch.

The clubhouse was decorated in brown and orange crepe paper, with a gallery of Thanksgiving art created by the children and their parents. Prizes for best pictures were awarded to Kenny Fulkerson, 4-year-olds' class; Greg Roberts, 5-year-olds; and Lea Fulkerson, first- and second-grade class.

The children played drop-the-accorn-in-the-bottle, stick-the-feather-in-the-turkey, pass-the-apple and musical chairs.

Prizes were won by Ann Parker, Aaron Morgan, Danny DeStephanis and John Parker.

The children also participated in a Thanksgiving sing-along and were told a Thanksgiving story.

Hostesses were Bonnie Jones, Pauline Adams, Brenda Bauman and Gwen Chailaux. The children were thankful for the party, and the hostesses were thankful when it was over. *Dee Dee Morgan.*

Sprouts and Wheat Grass

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The ladies' club here started the year with a new name, Southern Homemakers' Extension (SHE) Club, Nov. 21 at the Recreational Hall of the Greenwich Apartments.

Polly Russel, hostess for November, introduced Dr. Archimedes Concon, a cardiologist,



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS — Brad Marson, right foreground, is one of 70 volunteers in a Portland paper drive. (See "Paper Power," page 5.) [Photo by Woody Corsi]

Wrap-up

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Walker home that evening.

Plans have been made to make the paper drive a quarterly event. Not only is it a service to the community by providing a dependable paper pickup service, but the brethren profit as well. Plans are also in the works to establish a recycle club so the members can implement monthly routes in their own neighborhoods.

What does all this mean? In short, when this church area is ready for some community projects, it will have the money. *Woody Corsi.*

For Squares Only

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Squares were formed and do-si-dos executed when the Young Ambassadors Teen Club sponsored a square dance here Nov. 20. After a bit of relearning, the action got going.

The caller, Jarvis Windom, came all the way from Wheatland, Wyo. A carry-in meal was served before the dance by the women. Refreshments were prepared and sold by the teens. A 50-cent admission was charged to all those 20 and older. Even after all expenses were paid, the teen club had some left over to add to its meager treasury.

The youngsters got their fun during breaks by chasing pushing balloons and then trying to pop them by sitting on them. Prizes were awarded to the winners. *Allen Olson.*

First Rally

ST. CATHARINES, Ont. — The First Annual Car Rally was run by the church here Nov. 21.

At one-minute intervals the cars left the parking lot of the school where Sabbath services are regularly held. That proved to be as close together as most of the cars ever got. Three hours later three of the 14 cars had completed navigating the grueling route laid out by Bill and Barb Pawluk, while 10 others were already waiting at the school, having given up the battle at various points along the way.

First-place winners were the driver and navigator team of Bill and Hank Heykoop in their Volkswagen van. What of the 14th car? It never did show, and that team easily claimed the consolation prize: a child's tricycle, worse for the wear after a driveway collision with Daddy's car. *Brian Watkinson.*

Mood Disco

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Ambassadors for Human Potential, the graduate club here, in conjunction with the AICF, presented the Mood Disco Show to the senior citizens of the Seattle church. This was a trial run for the show, which is tentatively

planned for other senior citizens' centers in the area.

The show included four songs by the Sound Express, a vocal group led by Mike McDermott, the reading of several poems by Jo Peralta and a 30-minute slide presentation showing film clips of movie stars with music of the past 40 years.

The Ambassadors for Human Potential, also with the AICF, donated \$1,000 to the Federal Way (Wash.) Youth Service Bureau Nov. 19. Robert Bertuzzi, pastor here, presented the check to Dave Wagner, director of the bureau.

Prior to the presentation Mr. Bertuzzi and Harry Sleder, preaching elder, spoke to the Federal Way Rotary Club on the seven viewpoints of life. This was done by utilizing a skit portraying a dentist and patient in the dentist's office. The skit was well received by the Rotarians, who had many questions at the conclusion of the presentation. *Ted Millhuff.*

NEWS Gathering

SEATTLE, Wash. — The first monthly meeting of the New Era Women of Seattle (NEWS) was held Nov. 16 with 74 people present. Beth Holm presided, reviewing the club's goals, giving announcements and speaking about Eve and traits women have inherited from her.

A short period of self-expression, similar to Spokesman Club table topics, was conducted by Jo Morehouse, with out-ken response from many women present. The business session was chaired by Vicki Mills, with short reports from treasurer Ann McDermott and secretary Jo Morehouse.

The meat of the meeting was given by Robert Bertuzzi, pastor here, who spoke on why a woman is the way she is and how it affects her personal relationships. *Jo Morehouse.*

Campaign Bake Sale

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask. — The Bible-study congregation here held its first bake and handicraft sale Dec. 9 in the Wheatland Mall in Swift Current. The funds raised will be used



RALLY WINNERS — This year's St. Catharines rally winners are, from left, navigator Hank Heykoop and driver Bill Heykoop. Rally chairman Bill Pawluk, right, made the awards. (See "First Rally," this page.) [Photo by Brian Watkinson]

for sponsoring film presentations in this area of Garner Ted Armstrong's campaigns.

The handicrafts, baked goods and the enthusiastic participation of all the members resulted in the addition of \$300 to the campaign fund. *Sylvia Van Deventer.*

Cabaret

STOKE-ON-TRENT, England — The church held its first social of the winter at Twyford Hall here. Activities included dancing and games for adults and children. The cabaret theme was organized by Cavan McCarthy and Peter Hyling, who were also masters of ceremonies.

A buffet supper was provided by the ladies under the direction of Pauline Bailey, and a YOU stand was manned by Heather Sadler and Janet Plant. Despite cold weather, several visitors from other church areas also turned up to join in the fun. *Cliff Marsh.*

Cookbook Published

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — The most recent fund-raising project here is the publishing of a cookbook, with brethren submitting their favorite recipes. Helen Woodcock has summarized and edited the complete package, and it is now being printed. This project and others, such as arts-and-crafts sales, are a means of defraying the costs for social programs, a library and other needs. *Helen Woodcock.*

Over-40 Club

TAMPA, Fla. — Thirty-three members of the Over-40 Club met at Dr. and Mrs. Don E. Ward's home for a potluck dinner and Bible study Dec. 12.

After the meal, William Starling, St. Petersburg minister, spoke on the implication of the Sabbaths in terms of the resurrection week, followed by questions, answers and open discussion. *Ellen Rego.*

Square-Dancing Neophytes

TUCSON, Ariz. — A potluck supper and dance were held Dec. 11 in the auditorium of Doolen Junior High School with about 100 attending.

Les and Jewell Morrison organized the food and entertainment for the evening. Bobby Velasco, Joyce Steagall and Helen Smith assisted in serving.

John Alexander, a professional magician, performed sleight-of-hand tricks.

Further entertainment was provided to onlookers as square-dancing neophytes took to the floor, while others enjoyed playing games in the game room. The caller was Dave Walker, a professional with a square-dance group. *Ruth VanBlair and Walt Gillingham.*

Pot Hangers

TUCSON, Ariz. — The Women's Club here met at Northwood Towers Dec. 5 with Linda Neff presiding. Mrs. Neff announced that Tess Kenna would be program chairman and that Mary Hardy of the Pima County Homemakers' Extension Service here has offered to lecture to

the club at least twice during the year. The next meeting, about flower arranging, will be Jan. 9.

During an organizational meeting Nov. 7 pastor Larry Neff said the club would be informal this year, with lectures on homemaking and related topics.

Joyce Steagall was in charge of the macrame workshop, with all of the ladies making pot hangers. Those assisting were Lanelle Mack, Linda Spurlock, Paula Messer, Naomi Siegfried and Darlae Steagall.

Bobby Velasco was hostess, with Lanelle Mack and Dot Crump co-hostesses. *Ruth VanBlair.*

Friendship for Plants

TULSA, Okla. — A longtime dream of the women here was fulfilled Nov. 3 with the first meeting of the Women's Club. More than 60 women attended as John Biedler, pastor, summarized the goals and values for the club.

Forty-five women attended the second meeting Dec. 1. Judy Walton, member, shared her knowledge, enthusiasm and friendship for plants.

The group is looking forward to a tour of C. Kaye Ceramics in January. *Sandra Hinman.*

On Being a Woman

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — The challenge of being a woman was the subject of the Nov. 28 meeting of the Ladies' Club here. Helen Miller, hostess, opened the meeting, followed by the reading of the minutes

by Linda Sprowl. Co-hostess Sharon Metz conducted table topics.

Tasty refreshments were served by Jane Stahl and her committee. Jane Summy made a Pilgrim couple for the centerpiece, befitting the Thanksgiving holiday.

The second half of the meeting was conducted by pastor David Johnson, who spoke on the challenge of being a woman. A question-and-answer period followed his talk.

The club is deciding on a project that will benefit the community. The first such project since the club was organized last spring was coordinating plans for and feeding the cyclists from Big Sandy in August. Plans are being made for a bazaar in February at a mall. Proceeds will be for future projects. *Hazel Worch.*

Sufficient Volume

WALSENBURG, Colo. — The teens here living in the San Luis Valley gathered for a roller-skating party at the Roller Roundup rink in Alamosa, Colo., Nov. 27.

After two hours of falling, bumping, tripping and some skating, the 13 youths piled into cars, vans and trucks to go to a member's home near Alamosa. Music by Bachman-Turner Overdrive, America, Neil Diamond and Barry Manilow was supplied at sufficient volume.

The teens, along with many parents and relatives who came to the house later, enjoyed chips and dip and all the other good things found at parties. *Janette Spannagel.*

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.



MARATHON MEN — From left, Clement Lim, Teo Kim Too and William Tan, three Singapore Church members, participated in the first Singapore marathon as part of a national fitness project Dec. 5. William Tan is an engineering student at Singapore University, Teo Kim Too is a paints technician, and Clement Lim is a Reuters editor based in Singapore. [Photo by Anita Ng]

THE GRAPEVINE

PASADENA — The first *Plain Truth* since the magazine's staff and format change is set to come off the presses in February and will contain powerful articles written by **Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong**, according to new managing editor **Brian Knowles**.

The issue will carry an article by **Herbert Armstrong** called "Just What Do You Mean, Mr. President — Born Again?", in addition to a lengthy "Personal" detailing his latest trip to southern Africa.

Garner Ted Armstrong has an article titled "The Majority — Uncommitted, Unconcerned and Unaware," and his "GTA Speaks Out" feature will continue in each issue.

A new series of articles called "A Tale of Two Prophets," about **Jesus and Moses**, will be written by **David John Hill**.

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PASADENA — **Jack Elliott**, managing director of the Ambassador Auditorium, is retiring this month because of health reasons, ending a 27-year career of service to the Work and college.

Mr. Elliott began his career at Ambassador as a math instructor in 1949. Within two years **Herbert W. Armstrong** appointed him dean of men, and two years later he was named dean of students. He served in these two capacities for a total of 17 years.

"The opportunity to be here in this organization has been one of the greatest opportunities that could befall anyone," **Mr. Elliott** said.

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PASADENA — After being in the works more than 18 months, *Quest'77*, the official publication of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), is scheduled to be printed Jan. 20 with

mailing to begin 10 days later, according to **Jack Martin**, operations director for the six-times-a-year magazine. Subscribers in the United States



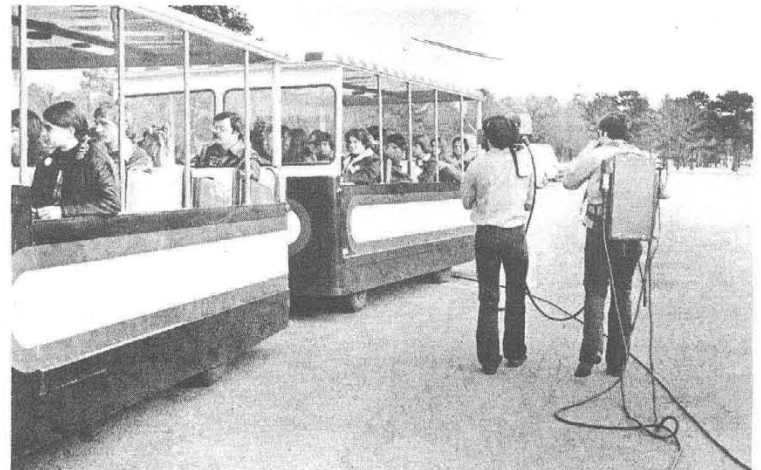
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and Canada should receive their copies by mid-February and overseas subscribers as soon as postal authorities deliver, **Mr. Martin** said.

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PASADENA — **Lester L. McCullough**, director of the International Division, announced the starting of two new churches in the West African country of Ghana. **Mr. McCullough** said the first church was started in Accra Dec. 25, with the second church to begin Jan. 8 in Kumasi. The Accra church was scheduled to begin with 150 attendance and the Kumasi church with 50 to 60.

Mr. McCullough said the churches were begun by **Harold Jackson**, director of the Black African Work, and **Abner Washington**, a minister who works with **Mr. Jackson**. According to **Mr. McCullough**, a



YOUTHS ON CAMERA — Members of Ambassador College's Television Production Department crew tape some of the more than 300 YOU delegates as they arrive in Big Sandy for a four-day youth conference. The youths represented YOU chapters from 49 U.S. states and five foreign countries. Footage from the event may be used in a telecast. (See article, page 1.) [Photo by John Wright]

church in Nairobi, Kenya, is also planned in the "near future."

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BRICKET WOOD, England — Some 120 teenagers from Britain, the Netherlands and West Germany traveled to the former campus of Ambassador College here last month for the third Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Teen Program. The young people lived in the college dormitories and made use of campus recreational facilities during the week-long affair, according to **Andrew Silcox**, associate director of the British branch of YOU, the Church's youth program.

Mr. Silcox said sports the teens enjoyed included soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton, squash, gymnastics, judo, table tennis, tennis, track and field events, diving and cycling. There was also a film night and dances.

"Many SEP-staff veterans helped on the program," **Mr. Silcox** said, "including chef for the occasion **Mr. Chris Hunting**, fencing and gymnas-

tics instructors **Graham and Margaret Mitchel** and ex-Royal Navy officer **Bill Scrivens**.

"We hope to continue these programs until the college campus is closed."

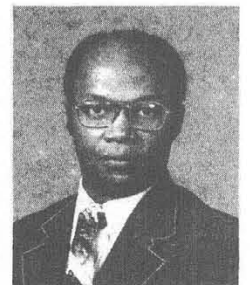
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PASADENA — Students of Ambassador College here did not participate in their annual fund-raising activities at the Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 1 because this year it fell on the Sabbath.

The nationally televised parade annually follows a route adjacent to the Ambassador College campus. Most years Ambassador students raise money by selling concessions to paradegoers and parking their cars.

"However, we will be making money selling concessions this Jan. 9 at the Super Bowl to compensate for the loss," said **Dennis Keefe**, student-body business manager.

The Super Bowl, America's No. 1 annual football game, is scheduled this year to be played in Pasadena's Rose Bowl Stadium.



ELBERT ATLAS

New pastor ordained

BIG SANDY — **Elbert Atlas**, Northeast Area coordinator for the United States field ministry, was ordained a pastor Dec. 28 by **Garner Ted Armstrong** and evangelist **Ronald Dart**, vice president for pastoral administration.

Mr. Atlas, 37, who was here for the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) international conference and area coordinators' meetings, has served since May, 1976, as coordinator of the region made up of eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and New England.

Mr. Armstrong said he was pleased about the ordination, noting that it was an oversight that **Mr. Atlas** had not been ordained a pastor earlier.

"We chose **Mr. Atlas** as an area coordinator last May based on his qualifications and the fruits of his life," **Mr. Armstrong** said. "It wasn't until later that we realized he'd never been ordained to the rank in which he was serving."

Mr. Atlas, a cartographer before being employed by the Work, was baptized in 1960 and in 1963 married **Patricia Ann Cunningham**. The couple has two sons, **Jeffrey**, 9, and **Jonathan**, 2, in addition to a daughter, **Judith**, 8.

Mr. Atlas assisted in baptizing tours during the summers of 1962 and 1963 and following graduation from Ambassador College, Pasadena, in 1966 became associate pastor of the Mobile, Ala., churches. He then served from 1968 until 1975 as pastor of churches in Detroit, Mich., before transferring to Pasadena to assist **C. Wayne Cole**, who was then director of the Church Administration Division.

Mr. Atlas was ordained a local elder in May, 1964, and two years later was ordained a preaching elder.

Things looking great for '77 SEP

BIG SANDY — "Our new gymnasium is about three fourths complete, we've signed the contracts for our basketball clinics, we're installing lockers in the dormitories and have — would you believe? — ordered 500 new mattresses," said **Jim Thornhill**, director of the Summer Educational Program. "Things are really looking great for this year's YOU Summer Educational Program."

Mr. Thornhill, who is director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and the Summer Educational Program (SEP), a Church-sponsored camp at Orr, Minn., was here for YOU's international youth conference and while here spoke enthusiastically about plans for this year's SEP.

"As **Mr. [Garner Ted] Armstrong** already announced, we will be having basketball clinics conducted by **Bill Sharman** [general manager of the Los Angeles Lakers professional basketball team]," he said.

According to **Mr. Thornhill**, **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**, the Lakers' 7-foot 2-inch star, will be at the clinic to be conducted at the SEP site and will be joined by another National Basketball Association star, probably a player from the Milwaukee Bucks, a professional Minnesota team.

Mr. Thornhill said the clinic will be conducted in the new gymnasium,

which "should be ready by summer." The gym will have a main basketball court, two cross courts and three volleyball courts. However, the courts overlap, so that only two volleyball courts and one basketball court can be used simultaneously.

Fine Job

Garner Ted Armstrong, also here for the youth conference, expressed appreciation for the "fine job" **Mr. Thornhill** has been doing since assuming the directorship of SEP in the summer of 1976.

"Since taking over as director of SEP, **Mr. Thornhill** has been officially engaged in reorganizing budget priorities, investigating the status of the camp and its facilities in connection with the requirements of various state agencies," **Mr. Armstrong** said. "He has also been heavily involved in personnel selections and in the training of future counselors."

Mr. Thornhill has already had a meeting with past SEP counselors in which he invited them to his Pasadena home on a Sunday afternoon for hamburgers and a "good, general rap session. We took a look at purposes and goals and tried to analyze past mistakes. By mid-February we hope to have a series of biweekly seminars organized to prepare future counselors.



JIM THORNHILL

"The counselors and activity people have been very excited about having input into the program. We hope to give them the background to cope with any problem from poison ivy to drug usage."

Improvement Program

Mr. Armstrong said he has approved a maintenance and improvement program at the Orr grounds of SEP that calls for the installation of lockers in the dormitories and the ordering of new mattresses, which had been used for the past 12 years and had been Army surplus to begin with.

In a move to upgrade the overall conditions of the camp, **Mr. Arm-**

strong said that **Steve Elliott**, who served as director for security during the summer session of 1976, has been retained to live on the grounds and work on the buildings during the winter months.

"**Mr. Elliott** will join **Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kielczewski**, who have been living on the grounds as caretakers for many years," **Mr. Armstrong** said. "Mr. Elliott's duties will not only include tending to security matters during the summer sessions, but, being a carpenter, **Mr. Elliott** will be working inside dormitories and other buildings which have required finishing touches not originally completed when the buildings were first constructed."

Plan for Summer

Mr. Thornhill said that he hopes young people and their parents will already begin to think about summer plans. "I know summer seems a long way off, especially since we are now in the dead of winter, but we hope at least some will begin to think about what they will want to do for the summer."

Mr. Thornhill said he and those working with him are committed to an enjoyable but quality camp.

"We're going to have a happy camp," he said, "but without letting down on standards. We're going to abide by a code of conduct which will be outlined in our camp manual."

AND THAT'S THE WAY IT WAS

By John Robinson
Managing Editor

BIG SANDY — Everyone sees the news a little differently. The highlight of an issue to one reader may pass virtually unnoticed by another. Therefore, as we present you with our second year-end special, may we establish from the beginning that what is contained in these pages is our attempt to review the year. Our 1975 year-end special collected the news more or less according to subject. But this year we chose to handle our material chronologically, month by month.

But, whether you handle it according to subject or chronologically, 1976 was jammed with news in the Work.

It was a year that saw Herbert W. Armstrong maintain his globe-trotting pace of taking the Gospel to the world, focusing special attention on the nations of southern Africa. A year that saw Garner Ted Armstrong meet with and televise an interview with Anwar el-Sadat, briefly meet Henry Kissinger, record radio and television programs and immerse himself in the day-to-day matters of the Work.

It was a year that saw *The Plain Truth* return to magazine format after a 14-month stint as a tabloid; the disappearance of *The Good News* with the efforts of its staff to be rechanneled into a "revitalized" *PT*; a study into the possibility of consolidating the two Ambassador College campuses; the sharpened focus of the magazine to be published by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and a firm launch date set for that magazine, *Quest 77*; a goal set to air *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast on 2,000 stations by 1980; and the introduction of a five-minute radio broadcast designed to reach new markets.

It was a year that saw new appointments to such posts as vice president for pastoral administration, vice president of the Big Sandy campus, the regional directors of Canada and Australia and the appointment of 11 area coordinators and 44 senior pastors in a new structure of the United States field ministry and the reassignment of a number of headquarters ministers into the field ministry.

A year that saw the Church reach out to its youth through continued development of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) program and the inauguration of Sabbath classes in selected areas.

And, as always, it was a year that saw a

steady stream of news arrive at our office documenting the activities of local churches and their members. Thanks to the readers we were able to record the mundane and the inspirational, the tragic and the fulfilling as we sought to chronicle the activities of the Body of Christ worldwide.

Special Thanks

Our thanks go to each of you for your part in making *The Worldwide News* what it is. When you start recognizing specific contributions you always get a little nervous because you're afraid you'll leave out an obvious standout, but we would like not only to thank every single contributor to the *WN* but single out four specific examples:

John Halford for his unflinching support from down under, Robert Fahey and his staff in South Africa for going above and beyond in backing up Herbert W. Armstrong's coverage there, our numerous volunteers who come in every single time we mail out an issue and contribute dozens of hours of their own personal time free, and, last, the man who is the biggest factor in whatever success the paper may have enjoyed, Garner Ted Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong, whose "Personal" is our most-read feature (determined by reader surveys), continued and even improved his superlative contribution to the paper. In 1975 Mr. Armstrong had "Personals" in 22 of the 25, or 88 percent, of the issues.

This year — would you believe? — he prepared his "Personal" for 24 of the 25 issues, or 96 percent of the issues, skipping only the Oct. 25 issue by prior arrangement, because it was the first issue after the Feast of Tabernacles, during which he had spoken personally to more than 70,000 members. (A fringe benefit of that prior arrangement was an uninterrupted post-Feast hunt!)

Most of his "Personals," 12 of them, were dictated from or prepared at Pasadena, though he did "Personals" from places such as Paris, France; Big Sandy, Tex.; Bricket Wood, England; and the cockpit of the Falcon while flying at an altitude of almost seven miles. Opening that article, he said, "I am dictating this 'Personal' over the middle of the state of New Mexico at 35,000 feet, flying copilot on this trip on my return to Pasadena following a quick trip to Big Sandy."

As usual, in 1976 some of our biggest

stories were contained in the "Personal," arriving as fast-breaking news too near copy deadlines to be included even on the front page. The announcement of a study to consolidate the two Ambassador campuses and the announcement of the cancellation of *The Good News* were two such examples.

'WN' Personnel Changes

The *WN* writing staff didn't even make it through 1976 without some changes. Dixon Cartwright, formerly our chief typesetter but who from the paper's inception had contributed ideas, suggestions and written material, joined our editorial staff more or less full time. I say more or less full time since he still typesets certain portions of the paper, though his principal contribution is in writing, copy editing and proofreading. But the biggest personnel changes have occurred with our part-time, student employees.

We have always depended heavily on contributions from our student employees. We try to select the leading communications-art majors, journalism minors or those with special interest or background in the field to work part time for us.

The students always bring a certain excitement and fresh approach to their job, but, unfortunately, they always reach their peak right at graduation time!

This past May the entirety of our student writing staff graduated. Mac Overton, who had worked for us 2½ years, Scott Ashley who had worked for us two years, and James Worthen, who had spent a year on our staff, all ended their college careers.

Our careful readers may have noted Scott Ashley's marriage to Connie Whisenhunt, which we announced in the Nov. 22, 1976, issue, and the birth announcement heralding the arrival of Janice Diane Overton, first daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Overton.

Taking up the slack for the three men are Scott Moss, an Ambassador senior who previously worked for us as a photographer, and Sherry Marsh, a senior and former managing editor of *The Portfolio*, Ambassador's weekly student newspaper.

We did not hire a third student as we had had prior to May since we had additional help from Mr. Cartwright.

How We Did It

Since the next 12 pages will summarize

what was previously covered in 400 pages of *Worldwide News* copy, we thought you might find it interesting to know how we tackled the task.

First of all, we asked our circulation department to pull two copies of each issue produced in 1976. After some experimenting with mock-ups, I talked with Mr. Ted Armstrong to insure that we were handling the material properly.

Next we divided the year into quarters, and I assigned approximately three months each to assistant managing editor Klaus Rothe, senior editor Cartwright, part-time student employee Marsh and myself. All four of us then met a few days later to compare notes on how the write-ups were going. We found a remarkable similarity in the way we were each approaching the task and following the conversation felt that all we needed to do from that point on was to have one person read over each of the articles to assure continuity and uniformity.

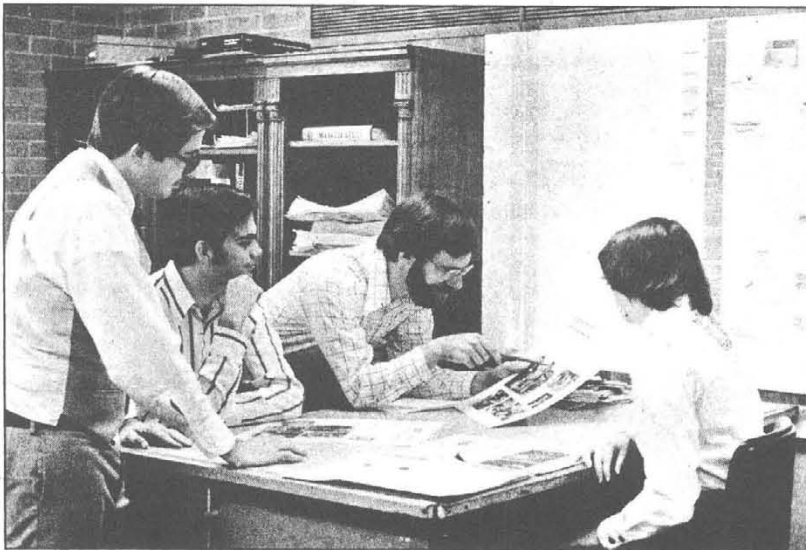
Getting the Picture

When the typeset write-ups returned, Mr. Rothe tackled the job of designing the layouts for each month. Using the articles as a guide for picture selection, he chose those pictures that best represented the month's coverage. Once he had a preliminary layout using pictures cut out from old issues (that is what the second of the two copies was for), we then met again, minus Sherry, who was on vacation, to make sure that we felt the pictures selected were the strongest and most representative. Again, all three of us felt fairly pleased with the compositions, and with minor changes we forwarded them to proofreading and eventually on to be printed.

Happy Reading

We enjoyed putting together this special issue and we hope it is special for you. As you sit down and review all of the news of the year, you're struck with the fact it's been quite a year. We had that point reinforced time and time again as we tied together the bits and pieces of the news of 1976.

As we look ahead through 1977 we can only wonder what may be included in our wrap-up of the new year. As they say in radio, stay tuned! We'll try not to let you down.



REVIEWING THE REVIEW — From left, *WN* staff members John Robinson, Dixon Cartwright, Klaus Rothe and Sherry Marsh review mock-ups of the paper's end-of-the-year review of the major news stories of 1976. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

The Worldwide News
75th Year Anniversary Special
February 1976

Ambassador for world peace has a 'very busy year' in 1975

1975 Feast conducted at 60 sites worldwide

AICF expanding scope with 'Human Potential'

CTA campaigns conducted in five cities

'W' change in new format



The Worldwide News
OF THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

A Personal Letter

Mr. Armstrong begins 1976 with stops in Cairo, Jerusalem

Chicago tournament draws 61 teams

'WN' produces year-end special

1,600 attend campaign in Philippines



The Worldwide News
OF THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

Executives, churches hear CTA

Nassau campaign scheduled

A Personal Letter

New evangelist named, will head British Work

Ministers terminated



JANUARY

The Jan. 5 issue kicked off our 1976 publication year. That first issue was a special produced by the staff, 24 pages in all—eight pages of regular news wrapped around a 16-page year-end special. The special issue excerpted articles from all 25 of the 1975 editions. Since we only had one twenty-fifth of the normal space available to review the year, we found the selection process difficult. We're sure we overlooked some biggies, but at least it gave our readers a capsule view of the Work's activities of 1975.

In our regular editions for January we reported on Herbert W. Armstrong's Jan. 16 departure for France and the Bahamas. In Paris Mr. Armstrong was honored by a testimonial dinner attended by Japanese Diet members, members of Japan's embassy in Paris and officials of the French government. From Paris Mr. Armstrong flew to Nassau, Bahamas, where arrangements were made for a three-day campaign to be conducted in February.

For Garner Ted Armstrong it was also a busy month for travel. On the Sabbath of Jan. 10 he

spoke to combined Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz., congregations and the following day addressed more than 50 executives of the W. A. Krueger Co., the firm that purchased the Work's press in Pasadena the year before. Then on Jan. 15 he left Pasadena for Egypt on a "preparatory" trip prior to a full-scale trip to videotape a special on the Middle East and the Egyptian situation.

That month a bicentennial concert was held in the Ambassador Auditorium that featured America's leading composer, Aaron Copland; vocal soloist Claudine Carlson; conductor Roger Wagner; and the Los Angeles Master Chorale and Sinfonia Orchestra. In that concert American motion-picture actor James Stewart narrated a section of the program.

But there was also bad news in the month of January. Two leading ministers stationed in Britain, one of whom was an evangelist and director of the Work in Britain, were suspended from the ministry Jan. 12 in what was termed "disciplinary action" in an announcement from Garner Ted Armstrong. Frank

Brown, who at the time was business manager for the Work in Pasadena, was transferred to replace the former British director and on the Sabbath of Jan. 17 was ordained an evangelist by Garner Ted Armstrong and Ronald Dart, who at the time was vice president of the college in Big Sandy.

In other news in the Work, Ray Wright was named assistant vice president for financial affairs and controller for the Work, and Sherwin McMichael, director of the Personal Appearance and Festival departments, moved from Pasadena to Big Sandy.

And, in another personnel change affecting the Big Sandy campus, Dr. Donald Ward was appointed dean of faculty following the resignation of Dr. Donald Deakins Jan. 12.

In a matter of lesser note, the Jan. 19 issue was also the one in which we instituted our "Postmark" feature, in which we tried to find a haven for contributions that "weren't what you'd call news articles, didn't really fit in the 'Wrap-Up,' weren't actually letters to the editor, not quite miscellaneous personals."



PEOPLE IN THE NEWS — Four personalities who made news in the Work in January were, from left, Frank Brown, who was ordained an evangelist by Garner Ted Armstrong in Bricket Wood, England, and was named to head the Work in Britain; Ray Wright, who was appointed assistant vice president for financial affairs and controller; Sherwin McMichael, who in January moved to Big Sandy from Pasadena, after having been named director of the Festival Office; and Donald Ward, who became the new dean of faculty on the Texas campus of Ambassador.



THE WINNERS — The Challengers, the Big Sandy teenage basketball team, above, accept the first-place trophy after capturing the championship in the junior-A division of the annual Chicago Invitational Basketball Tournament. Composer Aaron Copland and singer Claudine Carlson, right, appear in a concert in the Ambassador Auditorium in Pasadena. Actor James Stewart, far right, narrates part of the program in the same concert.



FEBRUARY

Canada kept cropping up in the news in February. In the first of our two February editions we reported that C. Wayne Cole joined Leslie L. McCullough in conducting a three-day ministerial conference of Canada's Vancouver District, the fourth and final of a series of district conferences in Canada that were a joint effort of the International Division and the Church Administration Division.

On Friday morning, Feb. 13, Garner Ted Armstrong headed for Canada and special Sabbath services in Edmonton, Alta., and Vancouver, B.C. Mr. Armstrong took with him Mr. McCullough and Ronald Kelly.

Mr. Kelly, then dean of students for Ambassador College, Big Sandy, accompanied Mr. Armstrong on the trip because he had recently been named to replace Dean Wilson as regional director of the Canadian Work effective "sometime during the summer" of 1976. The appointment was later changed (see March).

Our February coverage also saw Herbert W. Armstrong and Stanley Rader in Nassau, Bahamas, preparing for Mr. Armstrong's campaign there. The Feb. 16 issue, which carried

the story on the preparation for the Bahamian campaign, also carried a special interview with Mr. Rader. The feature provided a personal, intimate, behind-the-scenes look at the activities of Mr. Rader in his day-by-day assistance of Mr. Armstrong as he takes the Gospel to the world.

In Garner Ted Armstrong's Feb. 2 "Personal" he told of some rather exciting events that occurred on his return flight from Egypt, where he had been busily laying the groundwork for his coming trip there to videotape a television special. He ended up in Paris "rather unexpectedly" following "moments of sheer terror" as, at 39,000 feet altitude and 370 nautical miles from Reykjavik, Iceland, the windshield of the Falcon threatened to "disintegrate" and blow out at outside temperatures of 96 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (minus 71 degrees Celsius).

The windshield held, and Mr. Armstrong and pilot Dan Spencer were able to limp back to Paris, France, for repairs to the aircraft.

Ambassador College, Big Sandy, offered to members a tentative summer program in Feb-



ruary combining education with recreation. Because of response received from the article in the *WN* the program was inaugurated in June and turned out to be successful.

In matters of perhaps a little less import but of interest, February was also the month in which we reported the airing of Garner Ted Armstrong's guest appearance on *Hee Haw*,

seen on many U.S. television stations. Some 287 students, nearly half of the Big Sandy student body, packed the lounge in the library to watch *Hee Haw*.

And we once again solicited contributions for our unleavened-bread recipes, continuing a two-year tradition. True to form, our readers rose to the occasion.



ENGLISH VISIT — Garner Ted Armstrong, left, speaks to the Bricket Wood, England, churches during Sabbath services. At the same service Frank Brown was ordained an evangelist. In the above photo Mr. Brown is embraced by evangelist Ronald Dart after the ordination.



INTERVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rader and their dog, Danish, stand on the backyard patio of their Beverly Hills home. Mr. Rader, vice president for financial affairs and planning and traveling companion to Herbert Armstrong, discussed his role in the Work in a Feb. 16 *WN* interview.



CONFERENCE — Leslie McCullough, left, director of the International Division, addresses a conference for ministers of the Vancouver (B.C.) District.



"HEE HAW" — Two hundred eighty-seven Big Sandy Ambassador College students pack a student lounge to watch Garner Ted Armstrong perform on *Hee Haw*, a syndicated TV show.

The Worldwide News

A Personal Letter
from *Herb Armstrong*

Applicants interviewed for subsidiary

Three-night Nassau campaign culminates week of activities

Press Office lists sites, coordinators

Horowitz performance draws 'hundreds' response

Holmes heads in Australia for campaign

The Worldwide News

Mr. Armstrong outlines plans during Texas trip

Austin held conference

GTA interviews Sadat in Egypt

Evangelist plan to show drive

A Personal Letter
from *Herb Armstrong*

'PT' to color-magazine format

The Worldwide News

GTA: 'Work should be No. 1 in radio'

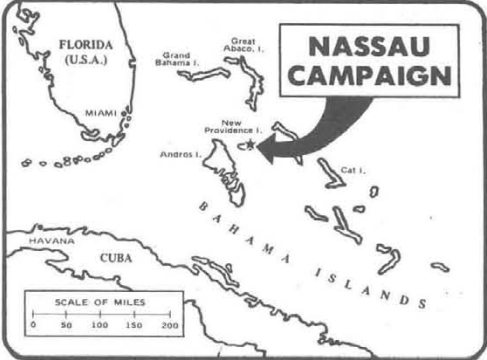
Flu thwarts campaign plans

A Personal Letter
from *Herb Armstrong*

Dart to head Texas campus following CAD changeover

GTA delivers invitation at convention

MARCHING NEWS — Herbert Armstrong, right photo, meets Sir Milo B. Butler, governor-general of the Bahamas, shortly before a campaign in Nassau. Evangelist Ron Dart, far right, was transferred from Big Sandy to Pasadena to be director of the U.S. field ministry. The map below shows the location of Herbert Armstrong's campaign in the Bahamas.



March was such a jam-packed month we almost don't know where to begin. The way the dates fell in March, we ended up with three *WNs* instead of the usual two, and each was filled with big news.

Shortly after returning from a "very successful trip" to Egypt in which he interviewed Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat and first lady Jehan Sadat, Garner Ted Armstrong announced plans to "streamline" and "completely revitalize the Work of God from top to bottom." In so doing, he announced a goal of having *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast on 2,000 stations by 1980.

"I want to make it impossible for Americans to disregard *The World Tomorrow* program," he said.

At the same time he named Ronald Dart, then executive vice president of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, as vice president for pastoral administration and named Ronald Kelly to replace Mr. Dart. This move altered a previous plan for Mr. Kelly to assume the post of Canadian director.

C. Wayne Cole, replaced by Mr. Dart, later became regional director of the Work in Canada.

March was also the month *The Plain Truth* returned to an 8½-by-11-inch, monthly, color magazine following 14 months as a tabloid.

The switch was made with the fourth issue of the year, billed as the April-May issue and looking "exactly like the old *Plain Truth*" in overall appearance and format, though it was a single signature of 32 pages with a self-cover.

And we announced in March that the W. A. Krueger Co. would shut down the press facilities it had purchased from Ambassador College in January, 1975, with the company's operations to cease March 26.

In March we concluded our coverage of Herbert W. Armstrong's activities in the Bahamas. His activities there included meetings with the governor-general, prime minister and other notables and culminated in a three-night personal-appearance campaign.

However, the third night of the campaign Mr. Armstrong was represented by Church ministers Kingsley Mather and Clarence Bass as he returned to Pasadena to be on hand for the performance of piano virtuoso Vladimir Horowitz in the Ambassador Auditorium. The concert was the first appearance on the West Coast for Mr. Horowitz in 23 years as he performed before a capacity audience of 1,262 "distinguished" persons who were "absolutely ecstatic and gave him a standing ovation," as one observer put it.

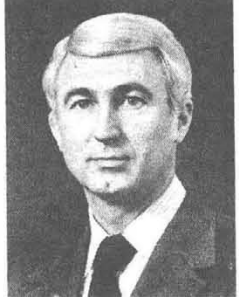
Garner Ted Armstrong gave "remarks" and

the invocation at a luncheon for radio-station personnel at the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) convention in Chicago, Ill. Radio news commentator Paul Harvey was the featured speaker at the luncheon, and, after meeting Mr. Harvey, his son and a number of other officials in the NAB, Mr. Armstrong flew the same day to Big Sandy and on to Dallas, Tex., where he attended a banquet at which he met U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrestled with a bout of influenza in March that knocked him out of a campaign in Hawaii and another in the Philippines but continued with plans to play host to a series of senior dinners in Big Sandy, despite his still feeling under the weather and running a low-grade fever.

In a potpourri of other news: The Festival Office announced a complete list of U.S. Feast sites for '76, and the *WN* printed a map of the United States showing Festival-site boundaries; 27 senior Ambassador men from both campuses were interviewed as potential ministerial trainees by members of the Church Administration Division; and new offices of the Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador College were officially opened in Australia during ceremonies attended by C. Wayne Cole and Leslie L. McCullough.

GTA MEETS LEADERS — Garner Ted Armstrong, right photo, shakes hands with Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat after taping an interview for TV. U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, far right, speaks at a Dallas, Tex., banquet at which Garner Ted Armstrong met him.



IN THE NEWS — Pianist Vladimir Horowitz, left, presented his first West Coast concert in 23 years at the Ambassador Auditorium. Ronald Kelly, left, was named to head the Texas campus of Ambassador College.

APRIL

The top story in our April issues was the organization of the United States field ministry into "areas." Garner Ted Armstrong, working with Ronald Dart, newly appointed vice president for pastoral administration, appointed 11 men as area coordinators and announced plans to name 40 new "senior pastors" across the United States (he eventually appointed 44).

Also in April Mr. Armstrong traveled to Cleveland, Ohio, for his first personal-appearance campaign of 1976, then later in the month made a whirlwind tour of four U.S. cities with a crew from the television studio in Pasadena. The TV personnel videotaped the four sermons for later use on the telecast and as TV specials.

Sports news captured part of the spotlight in April. The Warner Robins (Ga.) Hornets captured the No. 1 spot in national competition in YOU boys' basketball, while in girls' volleyball the Sioux Falls, S.D., squad came out on top.

In the YOU championship basketball game, April 16, the underdogs, the Hornets from Warner Robins, came from behind to stun the Amarillo (Tex.) Eagles 67-51 in Pasadena. Warner Robins was the shortest, youngest team

from the smallest church area and had only one player with much experience. The same team had come in last year before, and the Georgians were out to show what a little determination can do.

Two days later the girls from Sioux Falls surprised the Cincinnati team in volleyball competition at Big Sandy.

Herbert W. Armstrong kept up his grueling pace in April. He flew from Pasadena to the Texas Ambassador campus to play host at a series of dinners for soon-to-graduate college seniors. The dinners were for Mr. Armstrong to get better acquainted with the students and vice versa. After talking with them about marriage and family relations and his life and work, Mr. Armstrong said he'd like to make the dinners an annual event at Big Sandy; they're already a tradition at Pasadena.

From Big Sandy Mr. Armstrong was off to Jerusalem, where he kept the Passover April 13.

Brian Knowles, who was then managing editor of *The Good News*, announced a "streamlining" of the Booklet Department, which he also headed; Garner Ted Armstrong had just got back from Brandon, Man., where he had addressed 2,400 people at the Royal



Manitoba Winter Fair.

The college and church at Big Sandy gave Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dart a going-away party. Mr. Dart was leaving Texas, where he'd served the college for three years as vice president.

We figured a full page wasn't too much space to devote to the Asa Ransom House of Clarence, N.Y., a country inn run by Church members who found it possible to keep the Sabbath and observe biblical dietary laws and still run a

successful business. Because of Robert and Judy Lenz' fine example, we felt the space we devoted to their unusual inn was put to good use.

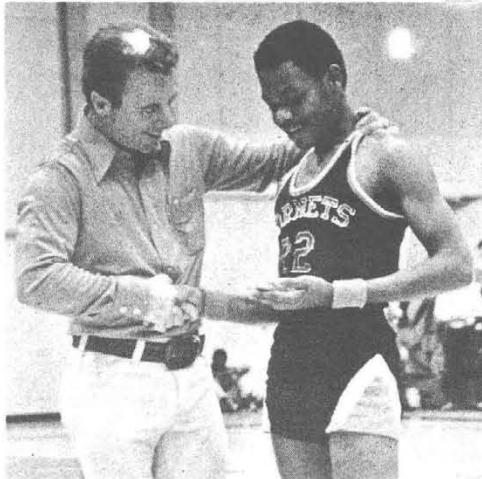
"Grapevine" reported a symposium in Pasadena. Called Frontiers of Knowledge and Implications for Theology, the gathering was a forum for papers on various learned subjects that had been written by Church members and Ambassador personnel.



GTA IN CLEVELAND — Mr. Armstrong, above, makes last-minute notes before his April campaign in Cleveland, Ohio, and, right, he and his wife, Shirley, arrive at the Cleveland Music Hall with other campaign personnel.



SENIOR DINNERS — Mr. Armstrong, above, greets a senior student at Big Sandy during one of a series of dinners for college seniors and their spouses, fiances and fiancées.



THE NEWS IN APRIL — Clockwise from above: YOU director Jim Thornhill congratulates Jose Roquemore of the Warner Robins, Ga., basketball team after Jose was named most valuable player of the national tournament in Pasadena; Garner Ted Armstrong shakes hands with Mayor Elwood Gorrie of Brandon, Man., during the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair; Robert Lenz, a country innkeeper, stands in the Clarence Hollow Room of his Asa Ransom House; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dart attend a going-away party in their honor at Big Sandy just before they moved to Pasadena; evangelist Herman Hoeh speaks at the Frontiers of Knowledge and Implications for Theology symposium in Pasadena.





The biggest news in May was the Pasadena conference of ministers from around the world. In the May 24 *WN* our lead article reported that 430 ministers, plus 240 of their wives, came to headquarters for meetings and heard, among other things, "state-of-the-Work" addresses by Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong.

Our conference coverage was comprehensive, chronicling the meetings through the extensive use of pictures along with the copy. We also included photos of the 11 new area coor-

dinators and the 44 senior pastors.

On the opening day of the conference Ronald Kelly, executive vice president of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, and Dean Wilson, then regional director of the Work in Canada, were ordained evangelists.

A story ran May 24 that announced the ambitions of 80-some bicyclists to pedal all the way, west to east, across America. Led by Larry Haworth of the college at Big Sandy, the cyclists, a good many of them Texas

students, were gearing up, getting themselves and their bikes in shape for the big push the following month. We'll pick up the rest of the history of that trek when we wrap up the summer months.

May was also the month we told about Australians seeing the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast for the first time.

Applications were beginning to flow into the Festival Office at Big Sandy in May for the coming Feast of Tabernacles, and a May issue featured a map of the United States showing "U.S. Church Membership Density and Feast Sites." This complemented the article about Feast applications rolling in and another about a planned Festival brochure, a Feast Office project that was successfully completed in time for the Feast. (The brochure contained restaurant and recreation guides and other information about each site.)

One hundred forty-nine people received diplomas from the two Ambassador campuses in ceremonies presided over by the two top college administrators: Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong in Pasadena and President Garner Ted Armstrong in Big Sandy.

We zeroed in on one Ambassador student when we wrote about a young man on the

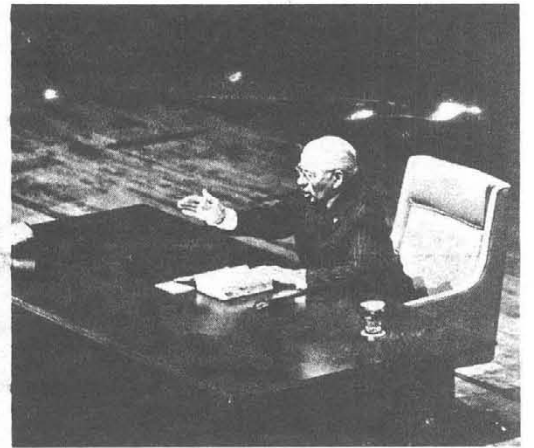
Pasadena campus from a rather large family: John Spencer. John, from Nigeria, had "about 180 brothers and sisters" at last count, and his father, the ruler of Aba, a Nigerian city, had 25 wives.

Sometimes it falls our lot to report bad news along with the good, and the May 24 *WN* contained a story of tragedy: Pasadena Photography Department supervisor David Conn was killed in a car-motorcycle accident May 12.

In the same issue we reported that a bomb scare disrupted a dance of the Sacramento, Calif., church, but no bomb was found, and the dance resumed.

Members met Adli Muhtadi in May through the pages of *The Worldwide News*. Mr. Muhtadi, a 45-year-old Jordanian, has helped set up meetings between the Armstrongs and leaders of the Arab world, including a videotaped interview with Garner Ted Armstrong of Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat. Mr. Muhtadi since 1972 has been the Work's adviser and director of Arab affairs.

"Grapevine" that month told of the closing of the Work's office in Washington, D.C., and of the traditional Ambassador senior trips. Pasadena's graduating seniors traveled along the California coast, and Big Sandy's flew to



MINISTRY MEETS — Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong, above left and right, address ministers in the Ambassador Auditorium on the first day of the May conference.



GRADUATION AND FEAST PREPARATION — Herbert W. Armstrong in Pasadena, above left, and Garner Ted Armstrong at Big Sandy, above, conduct graduation ceremonies on the two Ambassador campuses. Herbert Armstrong greets graduate Maria Bonell, and Garner Ted Armstrong looks on as Faculty Dean Don Ward hands a diploma to Paula Jo Crim. Left photo: Festival Office staffer Norma Davis surveys a morning's mail, part of the annual flood of Feast applications that pours into Big Sandy.



JUNE

One of our lead articles in June concerned Herbert W. Armstrong's trip to South Africa, which began our extensive coverage of his four-week stay on that part of the African Continent, including his meetings with South African President Nicolaas Diederichs June 2 and Prime Minister B. John Vorster 12 days later. Thanks to the efforts of the regional director for southern Africa, Robert Fahey, and his staff, we were able to begin the most thorough coverage of any of Mr. Armstrong's overseas trips to date. Mr. Fahey provided us with Telexes regularly and airfreighted the latest pictures and newspaper clippings covering Mr. Armstrong's activities.

Notable in the June 21 issue was Mr. Fahey's first-person account of Mr. Armstrong's meeting with Dr. Diederichs.

The June 7 *WN* included a rather ambitious special foldout supplement containing a map of U.S. church areas and pictures of U.S. pastors. The project was worth the effort, however, since many readers offered approving comments, noting the supplement was helpful and encouraging to them. The hard part of this project was getting the photographs, which were taken for the most part in Pasadena at the May ministerial conference. Our photographers shot 209 ministers during the three-day conference.

Ministerial trainees made the news in June. Thirty-five of them, all serving American congregations, were to be terminated in a money-saving move. Many of the trainees decided to

stay in their church areas, look for outside jobs and continue to serve the brethren where needed.

Both June issues ran articles on the summer continuing-education program at Big Sandy. Church members from anywhere in the country, or anybody for that matter, got the chance to cram classes covering just about anything from agriculture to journalism into two weeks. Fifty people, including couples, widows and teenagers from church areas in 13 states and Canada, made their way to Big Sandy for the program.

Garner Ted Armstrong's June "Personals" told of trips to St. George, Utah, to speak before the graduate class of Dixie College in baccalaureate ceremonies and Orr, Minn., for the opening of the YOU Summer Educational Program.

June also had its sad news. Margie Meredith, wife of evangelist Roderick Meredith, died. Dr. Meredith paid tribute to his wife as an "invaluable part of my ministry from 1955 on. Margie was always a tremendous help to me."

June means violent weather in parts of the country, Texas included. We ran a photograph of a Texas tornado in our June 7 issue taken by Fort Worth, Tex., minister Mark Robinson, and that same month the Festival Office at Big Sandy offered a package tour, in our pages, for Church members to Hawaii for the Feast of Tabernacles. By fall enough had taken advantage of the offer to swell attendance at the island Feast site to more than 1,000 (compared with



300 the year before).

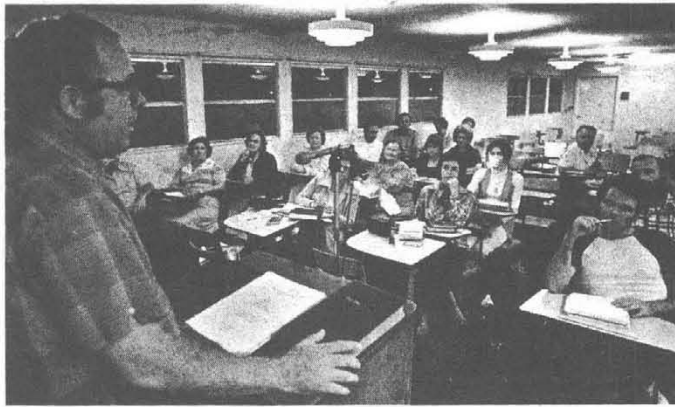
Also in June we ran an article by-lined Herbert W. Armstrong, one of the few articles Mr. Armstrong has written expressly for the Church newspaper. In it he credited two men, Stanley Rader and Robert Kuhn, with the idea of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation. "I would like you to know they are the ones who came up with the idea and whose diligent, almost night-and-day, efforts launched and developed this important phase of the Work," Mr. Armstrong wrote.

That same month we reported that Dr. David Wainwright was transferring from the former Ambassador campus at Bricklet Wood, England, to Big Sandy. Dr. Wainwright, who had

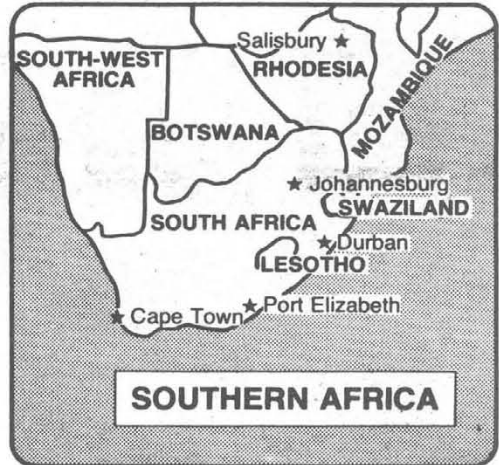
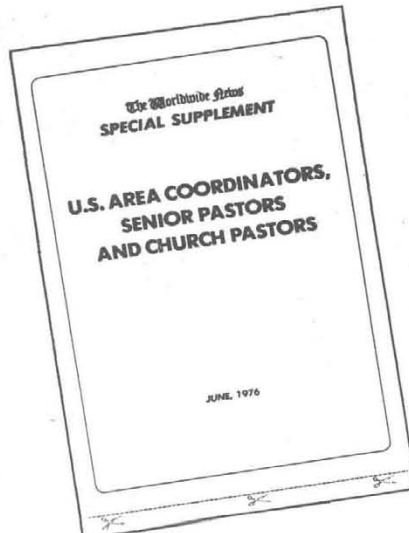
been faculty dean in England, would teach theology and art appreciation in Texas.

We also featured Bob and Emily Burn, Church members who moved into a 28-foot sailboat at Daufuskie Island, S.C., on the Atlantic coast, and in the same issue we asked, "Can you draw Major?", thus prompting many fans of the canine hero of Shirley King Johnson's stories for young readers to compete for a first prize of \$50.

And, finally, the June 21 *WN* gave the first progress report on the Ambassador cyclists from Big Sandy. They had successfully begun pedaling near Astoria, Ore., June 8 on a trip that would take them 4,300 miles before they would reach the Atlantic coast in Virginia.



JUNE NEWS — Evangelist and faculty member Dean Blackwell, above, teaches an evening theology course as part of the continuing-education program at Big Sandy. A cyclist with the Ambassador-sponsored coast-to-coast tour, below left, ceremonially dips her wheels in the Pacific near Astoria, Ore., at the start of the 4,300-mile trip. The June 7 *WN* carried a supplement, below right, a foldout photographic directory of U.S. coordinators and pastors.



SOUTHERN AFRICA — This map, from a June issue, focuses on an area much in the news in '76. It ran with an article that told of Mr. Armstrong meeting South African Prime Minister B. John Vorster. Garner Ted Armstrong, below, examines a gift presented him by Dixie College at St. George, Utah, after he delivered the school's baccalaureate address.





JULY

"I've never been kept so busy in my life," Herbert W. Armstrong said following his return home to Pasadena from four hectic weeks in South Africa, where among a host of activities he met Prime Minister B. John Vorster.

Mr. Armstrong described the trip to our readers as "one of the most successful, if not the most successful, trips in many years." Backing up that statement were headlines and article excerpts reprinted from 11 South African newspapers that gave full coverage to the visit.

A majority of these papers referred to Mr. Armstrong as a man of peace. One headline read, "Crusader for Peace to Talk." Another: "Learn to Give," Says Peace Man."

Following the South African tour Mr. Armstrong was scheduled to fly to Jerusalem to be with Mayor Teddy Kolek for the Liberty Bell Garden dedication (a project sponsored in part by the AICF) July 2. But mechanical difficulties with Mr. Armstrong's plane aborted the mission.

Meanwhile, back in Pasadena a new fiscal

year had started, setting off a round of budget meetings that none other than Garner Ted Armstrong filled *Worldwide News* readers in on. Writing in his "Personal" Mr. Armstrong painted what he called "not a gloomy picture, but merely one which continually requires that we reassess, reappraise all of the related activities in God's Work . . ."

coast to coast. Our July issues picked them up in Hays, Kan., shortly after coming out of the Colorado Rocky Mountains. After pedaling sometimes in excess of 100 miles a day, one of the cyclists was quoted as saying that they were learning to appreciate the Sabbath.

As an example of reappraisals, Mr. Armstrong asked the Big Sandy campus to prepare a study for (and later act upon) a budget reduction of a quarter of a million dollars. There was good news too, though, and Mr. Armstrong announced an extra \$1 million to be assigned directly to radio and TV for the new fiscal year. He also announced a new addition to the Work's publishing family, *Co-Worker Newsletter*, a newsy monthly designed to give co-workers and other contributors an insider's view of the Work.

Besides Hays, our spotlight rested briefly on Jerusalem, where 12 Ambassador College students were uncovering history at the Temple Mount dig, then in the eighth year of cosponsorship of Ambassador and Hebrew University.

Also in July we reported on International Division director Leslie McCullough, who held a European ministerial conference in Bricklet Wood, England, to update overseas ministers who had been unable to attend the May Pasadena conference.

Far from budgetary meetings was our report of how some 500 campers were faring as the 14th year of the Church's Summer Educational Program got under way in the Orr, Minn., outdoors.

We announced the second coloring contest in as many years for children in July and reported on a tornado that reduced to rubble the house of Chicago Southwest member Ed Parker. In other news, 19-year-old track star Jeff Hermanson made the decision to observe the Sabbath and not participate in Saturday track meets; the Bricklet Wood church reported on its Midsummer Fete; and 109 accounts of local happenings in churches around the world were printed.

While SEP campers were learning skills that included rock climbing, the 80 bicyclists continued to push their wheels across the U.S.



IN SOUTH AFRICA — While in South Africa, Herbert W. Armstrong meets Kaizer Mantanzima, left photo, prime minister of the Transkei. Mr. Armstrong poses at a luncheon, right photo, given by South Africa Foundation President Jan Mara. (second from left). Below, South African newspapers call Mr. Armstrong a man of peace.



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SEP WELCOME — Garner Ted Armstrong welcomes campers at a sing-along as the 1976 Summer Educational Program gets under way.

NEW ADDITION — The Work introduced *Co-Worker Newsletter* in July, an 8 1/2-by-11-inch monthly publication for co-workers and other contributors. It is designed to give readers an inside view on activities of the Work.

AUGUST

News of possible far-reaching changes in the structure of both Ambassador College campuses was front-page news in both of our August editions. Beginning with the Aug. 2 issue we carried the story of a study group that was commissioned by Garner Ted Armstrong to analyze the long-range needs of the two campuses.

Mr. Armstrong earlier had announced in his *Worldwide News* "Personal" his desire that such a study would look for "ways to improve and develop our collegiate programs and provide the young people of the Church and the world with the best-quality educational facilities and opportunities that can be provided."

As we reported, there was the possibility the expansive Vista del Arroyo property, near the Pasadena campus, would become available to Ambassador, an acquisition that would open a number of possibilities to Ambassador administrators.

But, with the opening of college at both campuses in August, it was announced by Mr. Armstrong in the Aug. 16 *WN* that there would be no change in either of the two campuses for the '76-'77 school year, and possibly no change through the '77-'78 year.

Classes opened as usual in Big Sandy Aug. 16 with 615 students registered for the 13th school year. The Pasadena campus' fall term

began Aug. 23 with 258 new students registered. This brought enrollment on the Pasadena campus to 809 for the 30th academic year.

In our efforts to keep up with the activities of Herbert W. Armstrong, our reports followed him to Kenya, where he was launching an educational project sponsored by the AICF and the people of Kenya. Several days later, Aug. 13, Mr. Armstrong was in Jerusalem, where Mayor Teddy Kollek honored him with the Medal of Jerusalem. Our concluding report on this trip led off with Mr. Armstrong's 45-minute meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Garner Ted Armstrong also did some globe trotting during the summer. In our Aug. 16 edition we showed a picture of him addressing members of the Glasgow, Scotland, church on a trip that included visits to Loch Lomond, site for the Church-sponsored Summer Educational Program, talks with officials of the Work in Britain and a meeting with members in Paris. He also dictated his Aug. 2 "Personal" from Bricket Wood.

August was a big month for the more than 80 cyclists sponsored by Ambassador College. Aug. 13 their 4,300-mile journey came to an end as they made a splashdown in the Atlantic off the Virginia coast.

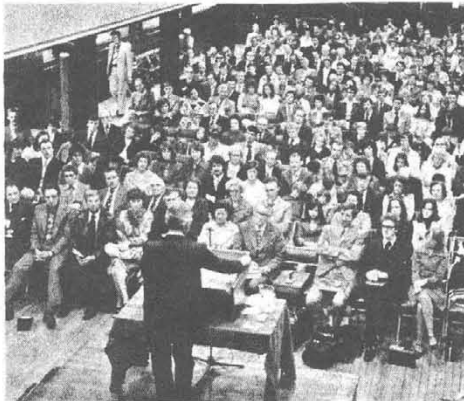
Vying for attention in August was our report of how the Northwest Region's track-and-field

team edged out the Southwest and Southeast regions in a photo finish for the track title in the first national YOU track-and-field meet held on the Big Sandy campus.

The Work in England made the news on several counts, most notably the account of how *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* were scheduled to be printed on presses owned by the Work in Radlett, England. Then there was the first big nibble from a party interested in buying the former campus of Ambassador College, a property that had been on the market almost two years. We followed developments on the proposed sale in a subsequent issue.

We gave front-page play in the Aug. 30 issue to the AICF magazine, *Human Potential*, which was renamed *Quest* 77. Among the notable points in that article was the hiring of Robert Shnayerson, former editor in chief for *Harper's Magazine*, as editor of *Quest* 77. That issue's front page was interesting from another aspect in that it was one of the few we've produced without a single picture or other graphic.

Finally, C. Wayne Cole, who had been on a leave of absence, was named regional director for the Work in Canada; Dean Wilson, former Canadian regional director, arrived on the Pasadena campus for a sabbatical and studies; and Frank Brown, regional director for the Work in Britain and Europe, gave the *WN* an interview about the changes in the Work in Britain.



VISIT TO GLASGOW — Garner Ted Armstrong addresses members of the Glasgow, Scotland, church, above, on a trip that included a visit to the YOU Summer Educational Program at Loch Lomond. At the end of a long trail, below, the Big Sandy-based bikers immerse their wheels in the Atlantic off Virginia Beach, Va., after their 4,300-mile journey.



STUDY GROUP — Officials of both campuses of Ambassador meet in Pasadena, above, to analyze needs of the colleges. C. Wayne Cole, left, was named director of the Work in Canada, replacing Dean Wilson, who now directs the Work in Australia.



SEP ON TARGET — A camper at SEP in Orr, Minn., above left, demonstrates one of 13 activities offered in the annual youth program. A 24-building complex in Pasadena called the Vista del Arroyo, above right, made the news in August when it was announced that the federal government might make the property available to Ambassador as part of the campus.





SEPTEMBER

The Feast of Tabernacles, 1976. Preparations for the Festival, of course, were at the top of the news in September. In the Sept. 23 *WN*, one of the two issues that month, Festival director Sherwin McMichael announced that "service to the brethren" was the theme of preparations by his office as it got ready for the tens of thousands of people who would meet the following month at more than 60 sites around the world.

The same *WN* previewed the Festival brochure, a publication that would go free to U.S. Feastgoers and offer articles, activity calendars, budget charts, lists of places to see, restaurant guides and other helps about the

sites.

In the Sept. 13 *WN* we had run an article related to the Feast: Buck Owens was coming to town — or to four towns, to be exact. The country singer was to appear, along with his backup musicians and singers, at four U.S. Feast sites. And Garner Ted Armstrong was to appear with him at each site.

The *Plain Truth* magazine was also prominent in both September issues, specifically the fledgling distribution of the magazine via newsstands in the United States. The program began in South Dakota, Iowa and Kentucky and was soon to spread to Ohio, Georgia, Massachusetts and Texas. In Ohio alone, Gordon Muir, assis-

tant circulation manager of the *PT*, predicted, 100,000 copies a month could be distributed.

This year was a year for natural disasters, here and abroad. One the *WN* reported was the earthquake and tidal waves that hit the island of Mindanao in the Philippines. The quake had struck Aug. 16; by September we had received the encouraging report that, though estimated thousands had perished in the catastrophe, no Church members were seriously affected. Our photo coverage of the incident included a shot of President Ferdinand Marcos surveying a damaged area.

September was a month for contest results. In June and July we had announced a "Draw Major" contest and a coloring contest for kids; each of the September issues carried the result of a contest. We received 206 versions of Major, the doggy hero of Shirley King Johnson's stories for young readers, and 995 children colored a full-page drawing we had run. *WN* staffers remember September as a time when crayon creations papered the walls of the managing editor's office and the rest of the place began resembling a kennel (on paper, at least). But it was all for a good cause, and 15 winners shared \$450 in prize money. We now have enough Major illustrations to last for the rest of our natural lives.

In September we reported the ordeal of Bobbie Ann Bulharowski, a 14-year-old girl from Sylmar, Calif., who got lost on a YOU back-

packing trip in the High Sierras. She was cut off from the rest of her group for 30 hours. All ended well, though, and, by the way, Bobbie Ann went on to take first place at the Feast in Tucson, Ariz., in YOU regional talent competition (she plays the flute).

September was when we reported on a remarkable man from Burma, a Church member who decided to find a way for other Burmese members to hear cassette-taped sermons from Australia on the Sabbath. When we last heard from him, he was busy perfecting a bicycle-powered generator to power a tape recorder, a contraption made necessary because there's no electricity or battery power in the area.

We reported on SEP Alaska and SEP Austria. The largest YOU Summer Educational Program, of course, takes place each summer in Orr, Minn., but not everyone can make it to Minnesota. We reported that 22 teens had gathered on Daniel's Lake, on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, and 17 teenagers (all girls in this case) had spent 10 active days high in the Austrian Alps.

The Sept. 23 *WN* announced that the U.S. Supreme Court had agreed to hear the case of a Kentucky member, Paul Cummins, which involved employees' rights and religious discrimination, specifically Sabbath observance. (The outcome of the case was in a November issue.)



DECIDING — The judges of the *WN* coloring contest, above, choose six winners from 995 entries. Church member Debbie Booth and son Aaron, left, look over a supermarket display featuring *The Plain Truth* in Lexington, Ky.



AREA COORDINATORS MEET — Ronald Dart, left in above photo, director of pastoral administration, holds one of several meetings with U.S. area coordinators in Pasadena in September. Under discussion were Bible lectures, the Church welfare fund, Spokesman and women's clubs, a Sabbath youth program and plans for the ministry. The Festival brochure, right, was being planned for 10 U.S. Feast of Tabernacles sites. A similar publication had been produced by the Work in the past, but this was the first for a new layout-and-editorial staff.



OCTOBER

The only issue for the month of October covered the "World's Largest Annual Convention," as our headlines said: the Feast of Tabernacles. And we covered the event with 11 pages of copy and photographs in a 20-page special.

Reports from 43 individual Feast sites came in, and we used 75 pictures to illustrate how members kept the Feast in 17 countries and territories around the world. More reports were coming in as we went to press, and we reported on these in later issues.

Along with the reports from individual sites, a summary of the Feast informed readers that both Armstrongs spoke at the 10 major United States Feast sites, with Herbert W. Armstrong

also addressing Feastgoers at Pasadena. Some 75,000 people were at 13 locations in the United States and 6,000 at the six sites in Canada. Another 24,000 kept the Feast in such places as Bogota, Colombia, and Christchurch, New Zealand, totaling an estimated 105,000 observing the Festival in 1976.

In a three-page spread called "Faces in the Crowd," we tried to reflect the emotions of Feastgoers young and old as they lived the eight-day Festival.

Country-western singer Buck Owens performed at four U.S. Feast sites, with Garner Ted Armstrong joining him as a guest singer at each location.

This Feast of Tabernacles was the 28th for Eddie and Irene Eckert of the Tucson, Ariz., church; their first Feast was spent in Belknap Springs, Ore.

Plans for Herbert Armstrong's coming trip to South Africa and his probable meeting with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith were told in "Grapevine." Running in the same "Grapevine" was the news of the ordination of 14 men as ministers or raised in rank.

Two pages of this 20-pager contained articles and photos by three Rhodesian members telling what it's like to live in Africa and be in the Church.

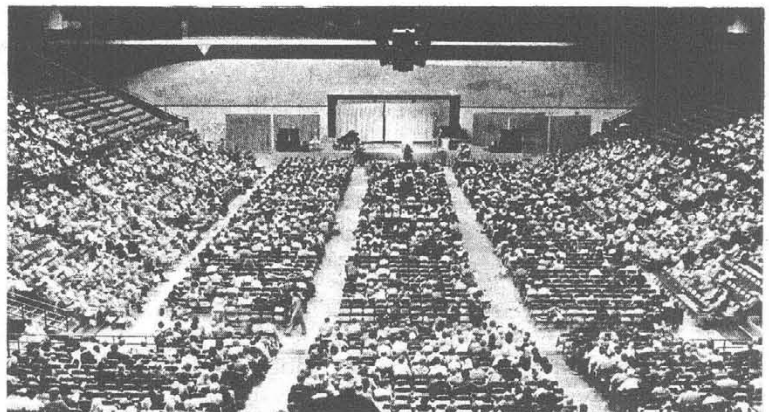
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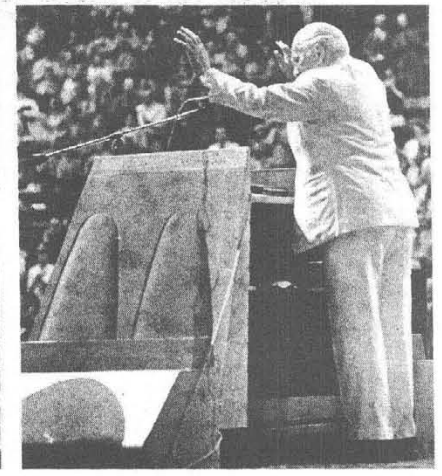
Adelaide to Wisconsin

ABOUT THIS ISSUE:

The Feast of Tabernacles is the most important of the seven annual feasts of the Bible. It is a time of joy and thanksgiving for the harvest of the year. It is also a time of reflection and prayer for the future. This year, over 105,000 people from 17 countries and territories observed the Feast. The Worldwide Church of God is proud to have been able to share this special time with so many people.



MUSICAL FEAST — A children's choir, left, performs at the Squaw Valley, Calif., site. Herbert W. Armstrong, below, greets the crowd at the Tucson, Ariz., Festival. These two Feastgoers, far left, inset, were part of our "Faces in the Crowd" photo feature.



FESTIVAL TRAVELS — Garner Ted Armstrong, above with country singer Buck Owens at Big Sandy and right with his wife, Shirley, greeting a Feastgoer, traveled to 10 U.S. Feast sites in October.



NOVEMBER

Our international spotlight once again returned to southern Africa in November. We announced Mr. Armstrong's arrival at Johannesburg, South Africa, in early November with plans to spend four weeks on a return trip to southern Africa, his second of the year. He was to meet with leaders in Swaziland, Rhodesia Namibia (South-West Africa) and the newly independent Transkei.

The trip began with a successful meeting with King Sobhuza II of Swaziland but on Nov. 11 Mr. Armstrong fell from an elevated

speaker's platform and severely sprained his ankle. The fall, which came following a speaking engagement in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, caused an eight-day hiatus in Mr. Armstrong's schedule and finally was the principal reason for his decision to cut short his stay in southern Africa. We talked with Mr. Armstrong by transatlantic telephone Nov. 21, when he said he had decided to return to the United States to give his ankle a chance to mend before his next trip.

Back in the United States the big news was

Garner Ted Armstrong's announcement in the Nov. 22 edition of plans to rejuvenate *The Plain Truth* magazine by discontinuing *The Good News* magazine and concentrating all of our efforts into one publication. The announcement came so near our deadline that the only mention of it in the paper was in Mr. Armstrong's "Personal." We will pick up the story again in December.

Other front-page news was the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, in a case involving a member of the Worldwide Church of God, to uphold an appeals-court decision that employers must make reasonable accommodation to an employee's religious beliefs. The court's decision, while not an overwhelming victory, was nevertheless gratifying to London, Ky., member Paul Cummins, as well as significant to the entirety of the Worldwide Church of God membership in the United States.

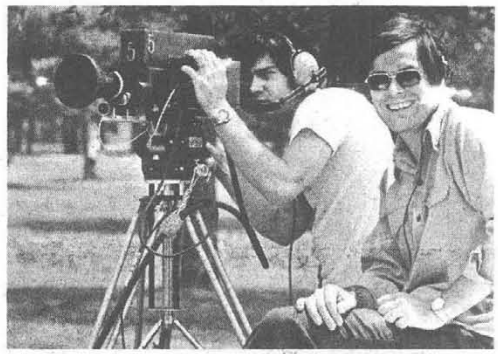
Kentucky was in the news for another reason as the new *Plain Truth* newsstand-program setup there sparked interest in the booklets on drugs and alcoholism in the school system. Morehead State University in Lexington, Ky., asked for and received 1,000 copies of each of the booklets for its students. In addition to the booklets, 2,500 PTs were reported circulated

each month at the entrance of the student center. Festival reports were still trickling in, and those included in November brought our total to 59 (four more reports were carried in December). In additional coverage of Feast events, we reported the winners of the semifinals competition held during the Feast who would compete in the national YOU contest to be held at Pasadena Nov. 27.

Three Garner Ted Armstrong telecasts won Ambassador College's Television Production Department the Eugene C. Keefer Memorial Award for professionalism in "information film production," and we saluted the department with a story and photographs of the crew in action.

The Work's office in Vancouver, B.C., announced the ordination or the raising in rank of 24 men in Canada, while in college news the Big Sandy basketball team opened its '76-'77 intercollegiate season with a win. And Ron Berlin, a senior at Big Sandy, was 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.

In other Big Sandy news, we noted that the first church service was held in the auditorium-basketball complex since its remodeling began.



ROYAL VISIT — King Sobhuza II of Swaziland, left photo, examines a gift presented him by Herbert W. Armstrong as Stanley Rader, left, looks on. Two crewmen, above, along with the rest of the Television Production Department, won an award for professionalism. The Supreme Court let stand a lower-court ruling that Church member Paul Cummins, right, should not have been fired from his job for refusing to work on the Sabbath.



PLANNING SESSION — Southern-Africa regional director Robert Fahey, right in above photo, discusses plans for Herbert W. Armstrong's November trip to southern Africa with members of the Johannesburg, South Africa, office staff. David Duff, right in left photo, receives the winner's certificate from YOU coordinator Steve Smith after coming out on top in regional YOU talent competition in St. Petersburg, Fla.

DECEMBER

Our December coverage opened with Herbert W. Armstrong back in Pasadena, still slightly hobbled by his ankle injury but spending long hours at the typewriter and enthusiastically involved in the implementation of the changes in *The Plain Truth* magazine.

Meanwhile, back in southern Africa, Stanley Rader and Robert Fahey were filling in for Mr. Armstrong by representing him at meetings with Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and President John Wrathall. Later in the month Mr. Fahey joined Osamu Gotoh in Nairobi to conduct a follow-up campaign there.

Our Dec. 6 edition announced the appointment of former *Good News* managing editor Brian Knowles as managing editor of the "revitalized" *Plain Truth* magazine. Mr. Knowles retained the entirety of his former *GN* staff in tackling the task given him by Garner Ted Armstrong to make the *PT* a "unique publication" that will voice a "strong warning witness message to dying nations." The first *PT* to be produced exclusively by the new staff will be the February, 1977, issue.

Another appointment was also announced in December, that of Dean Wilson, former director of the Canadian Work, who was taking classes at Ambassador College, Pasadena, as part of a sabbatical program, as director of the Work in Australia. Dennis Luker, who previously held the post, returned to the United States to spend a semester taking classes before his reassignment to the U.S. field ministry.

The teen scene was especially active in December as the second annual YOU national youth talent contest was held in the Ambassador Auditorium. We assigned Klaus Rothe, assistant managing editor, the job of covering the event. His written and photo coverage of the event included profiles on all contestants, who had earlier won regional competitions earning them an expense-paid trip to Pasadena and the chance to win a four-year Ambassador scholarship.

Quest/77 was also represented in both *WN* editions in December. We reproduced a full-page ad that had appeared in several United States major daily newspapers and also repro-



duced a portion of a *Newsweek*-magazine article that discussed several new magazines on the market and described *Quest/77* as a promising infant magazine.

In college news we called attention to two new sports programs at Ambassador. The Pasadena campus broke the ice with hockey this

year as Big Sandy was having a ball with its new soccer program. And the sale of a former Ambassador campus, the one near Bricklet Wood, England, that was closed in 1974, was still dragging out due to the involvement of British-government regulatory agencies, but the Work still had two firm offers.



PLANNING THE MAGAZINE— Garner Ted Armstrong meets in his office, above, with Brian Knowles, left, the new managing editor of *The Plain Truth*; Gene Hogberg, *PT* news editor; and Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, to discuss the magazine's future. Stanley Rader, right in left photo, talks with Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia in a meeting Herbert W. Armstrong wasn't able to attend because of an injured ankle.



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AICF'S "QUEST/77" — This full-page advertisement for the new magazine of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, above, appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* and other prominent U.S. newspapers. A montage, left, features finalists in the national YOU talent contest in Pasadena. Elizabeth Hall of Pasadena sings, while Ron Ihrig of California, Ky., plays.

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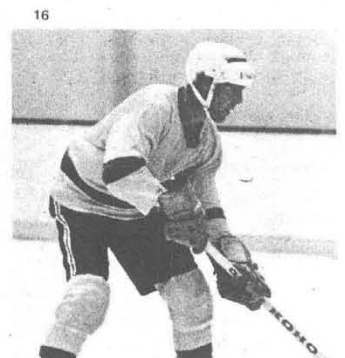
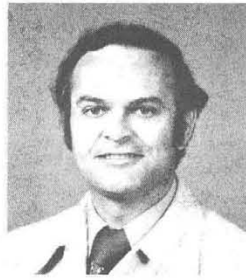
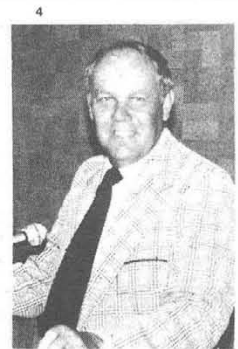
1. Herbert W. Armstrong, in one of many news-making events of 1976, meeting with King Sobhuza II of Swaziland. 2. Jehan Sadat, interviewed by Garner Ted Armstrong. 3. Norman A. Smith, transferred from headquarters to become an area coordinator. 4. Robert Fahey, assisted Stanley Rader in filling in for Mr. Armstrong following an ankle injury.

5. *Quest/77*, a new cover, new name and February, 1977, launch date. 6. Senior pastors, 44 strong. 7. Eleven area coordinators, named in a new U.S. field-ministry structure. 8. Ron Berlin, Ambassador College, Big Sandy's first All-American.

9. Major, a central figure in the *WN* kiddie story, as submitted by Kevin Wilson in a *WN* contest. 10. A winning *WN*-coloring-contest entry in the 10- and 11-year-olds' category, submitted as one of 995 entries. 11. Minister Nelson Haas, received Charleston, W. Va., newspaper coverage for his jogging feats. 12. A cyclist ceremonially dipping her bicycle's rear wheel in the Pacific before a coast-to-coast trip that ended at Virginia Beach, Va.

13. Evangelist David Jon Hill, who moved from headquarters to Sequim, Wash. 14. Robert Kuhn moderating a symposium designed to provide a forum for ideas among Church members. 15. Sara Collins, miraculously healed after an 11-year illness. 16. Buck Owens performing at the Feast of Tabernacles. 17. Jana Jae, part of Buck Owens' show, which performed at the Feast.

NEWSMAKERS



1. Garner Ted Armstrong, in one of many news-making activities in 1976, addressing a Paris, France, Bible study via an interpreter. 2. Jennifer Stokes, who won the national YOU talent contest. 3. Frank Brown, ordained an evangelist and transferred to Britain. 4. Dean Wilson, named director of the Australian Work.

5. Dennis Luker, who returned to the United States preparatory to reassignment in the U.S. field ministry. 6. Clarence Bass, who filled in for Herbert W. Armstrong the third night of the Nassau campaign. 7. C. Wayne Cole, named regional director of the Work in Canada. 8. Paul Cummins, central figure in a Supreme Court decision.

9. Adli Muhtadi, who arranged interviews for Garner Ted Armstrong in the Arab world. 10. Leslie L. McCullough, in one of a number of news-making activities in 1976, addressing a conference in Australia. 11. Deaf people in the Church receiving special attention in 1976 by being provided sign-language interpreters for services. 12. Stanley Rador (right), in one of his many news-making activities of 1976, talking with Rhodesian President Ian Smith.

13. Brian Knowles and Gene Hogberg, editors of a "revitalized" *Plain Truth*. 14. Ronald Kelly, ordained an evangelist and named vice president of the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College. 15. Ronald Dart, named vice president for pastoral administration. 16. Owen Murphy, 41-year-old minister and hockey left-winger of the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College.