



FROZEN BIRDS — Big Sandy Ambassador freshmen Kelly Kessler of Bethany, Okla., and Teresa Hill of Haxton, Colo., eye the college's swan sculpture, which was transformed into a fantastic array of icicles by East Texas temperatures that dipped into the teens during the recent nationwide cold snap. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

2,000 hear GTA in Charlotte

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Garner Ted Armstrong spoke here Jan. 15 before an estimated 2,300 persons in a combined church service and that evening performed at a dance, according to Burk McNair, Mid-Atlantic Seaboard Area coordinator. According to Mr. McNair, brethren came here from "at least 16 congregations" from five or more states,

principally the Carolinas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Most brethren came from the following churches:

Asheville, N.C.; Charlotte, Fayetteville, N.C.; Greensboro, N.C.; Greenville, S.C.; Jacksonville, N.C.; Lenoir, N.C.; Raleigh, N.C.; and Walterboro, S.C. (For more information, see Mr. Armstrong's "Personal," this page.)

Mr. McNair said Mr. Armstrong, accompanied by a group including Jim Thornhill, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU), Ron Dick and Ross Jutsum, both of whom work for YOU, played without a break for three hours.

Garner Ted Armstrong was pleased at the turnout for the special service, which had been planned for

several months. "I believe all of our ministers in this area were surprised about the size of the crowd, since freezing weather and icy streets have been the rule until the last moments before my arrival, he said.

Mr. McNair said the idea for Mr. Armstrong's visit had come about during the summer of 1976. "Mr. Armstrong and his wife took the [Ronald] Darts, my wife and me out to dinner," Mr. McNair said. "I hadn't even moved here yet from Pasadena, but I told Mr. Armstrong we'd like to have him come back here for a special service.

"As we were getting out of the car after dinner that evening he told me to be sure and follow up with the invitation. I began checking around and making arrangements in August."

A Personal Letter

from

Garner Ted Armstrong

Dear brethren in Christ:

Greetings from Charlotte, N.C.! I have just returned to my hotel from a Sabbath service [Jan. 15] with more than 2,000 of the brethren from many church areas within the radius of several hundred miles of Charlotte!

Brethren were here for Sabbath services today from Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Jacksonville and Lenoir, N.C., and quite a number from Columbia, Waterboro and Greenville in South Carolina, plus part of the congregations from Roanoke, Richmond and Norfolk, Va., and a few of the brethren from Bluefield and Charleston, W. Va., and even a few from Knoxville, Tenn. So we had representatives from 16 congregations and five states!

I believe all of our ministers in this area were surprised about the size of the crowd, since freezing weather and icy streets have been the rule until the last moments before my arrival last night.

And now, as I dictate this "Personal" to you, I can look out my window and see *blue skies!*

We arrived last evening just after dark after having left Van Nuys, Calif., at about 10:30 a.m. to find low fog, ceilings of 200 feet (right at the prescribed minimums on the instrument-approach charts for the Falcon) and a cold, foggy drizzle.

Met by McNairs

We were met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Burk McNair and enjoyed dinner and a visit with a number of our ministers from surrounding areas later that evening and visited the McNairs in their home together with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holladay this morning.

Of course, approximately 2,000 of you will read these words a few days after returning home from your visit to Charlotte, so my apologies to you in advance for having to leave so quickly after services. But I had to come directly here for the purpose of doing this "Personal" and then getting a little rest before returning to the
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AC accepts new admits

PASADENA — Classes began for the spring semester at both Ambassador campuses Jan. 10 with each campus admitting more than 40 new students.

As of Jan. 14, with registration still in progress, tentative figures released by both campuses' registrars' offices showed:

Forty-two new students are attending Pasadena this semester, bringing the campus' total undergraduate enrollment to 718, made up of 611 full-time and 107 part-time students. Graduate students enrolled at Pasadena total 97.

Big Sandy's total student enrollment is now 648, comprised of 616 full-time and 32 part-time students. The Big Sandy campus admitted 57 new students, 14 of whom returned after attending summer school there this past summer. Big Sandy has no graduate students.

Transfers between the two campuses were almost even, four transferring from Big Sandy to Pasadena and three moving to Big Sandy from Pasadena.

Update: who's who

By Dean R. Wilson

PASADENA — Several people have written to headquarters asking for an update on the growth and extent of God's Work internationally. With this article we will bring you up to date as of Nov. 1, 1976.

The team God has called to supervise various aspects of His international Work, directed by Leslie L. McCullough, is as follows:

Colin Adair, regional director, Philippines; Clarence Bass, Caribbean; Frank Brown, Britain (also helps coordinate activities of regional directors in Europe); C. Wayne Cole, Canada; Robert Fahey, Africa; Harold Jackson, Black Africa; Roy V. McCarthy, Netherlands; Robert Morton, New Zealand; Stuart Powell, Scandinavia; Frank Schnee, Germany; and Dean R. Wilson, Australia.

The French and Spanish operations of the Work are administered from headquarters, with Dibar Aparian (French) and Walter Dickinson (Spanish) working as staff assistants to Mr. McCullough in the conduct of these areas.

Legal Status in 40 Nations

The International Division has been growing and spreading rapidly in many areas around the world and now has legal status in 40 nations over the globe. We are doing the Work in eight African nations, two in
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40 local elders at HQ 'seminar schools'

PASADENA — Forty elders from U.S. and Canadian congregations of the Church came here for the first in a series of "seminar schools" Dec. 26 through Jan. 5 for local elders not employed by the Work.

The elders, 28 from America and 12 from Canada, were invited here for the seminars, with travel expenses for them and their wives paid by the Work, so they could more easily be included in the Pastoral Administration Division's Certificate of Ministry Program, according to Art Mokarow, who organized and conducted the seminars as a consultant to Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration.

150 Responses

Mr. Mokarow said local elders were invited to the meetings via an article in *The Bulletin*, a ministerial magazine, that brought responses from 150 interested elders.

"We could only offer opportunity for 40 elders to attend, so we wrote a letter saying that the remainder would be scheduled for other schools," he said. "Then we iso-
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"SEMINAR SCHOOLS" — Art Mokarow addresses 40 elders from U.S. and Canadian congregations. The elders, who are not employed by the Work, traveled to Pasadena to take part in the 10 days of meetings. (Photo by Warren Watson)

King honors member

Not once,
not twice,
but thrice

By Toluta'u Ha'angana
NUKUALOFA, Tonga — Church member Heamasi Ta'ufu'o'u was presented three awards by King Tautua'ahu Tupou IV of Tonga Oct. 18, the day before the Feast of Tabernacles.

The honors were given at the Royal National Agricultural Show, an annual celebration to which producers and farmers from all over the country bring their best produce for exhibition, including domestic animals, vegetables, fruits, arts and handicrafts.

The awards won by Mr. Ta'ufu'o'u included first prize for the "best planned, cultivated and managed farm" for 1976. Farmers competing for this prize had their farms inspected and judged several times during the year preceding the show.

Mr. Ta'ufu'o'u won a special prize for being a "leading farmer in husbandry and farm management," and won third prize in another category.

Mr. Ta'ufu'o'u came forward three times before the king to receive the awards. He commented later:

"The very moment I came forward and bowed my head before the king and shook hands with him, the scripture came to mind about how the



AWARDS — Tongan member Heamasi Ta'ufu'o'u receives awards from the king of Tonga, left photo. Right: Mr. Ta'ufu'o'u holds the trophies overcomers will come before the King of Kings to receive their rewards." Mr. Ta'ufu'o'u recalled that at the beginning of the year he had decided

to register as a competitor in the highest classes of competition in the National Agricultural Show — and that the first prize was his goal.



presented to him. [Photos courtesy Tonga Chronicle and Rainbow Studios]

"During the year I fought many problems, but in all those trials God inspired me with encouraging thoughts and strength to fight on.

This truly has been an example for me, an important lesson in how to work hard to achieve the goal of our calling: to be an overcomer."



TUNE IN — Argie Smith displays his electric bass guitar made from a junked TV set. [Photo by Arlene Walker]

Picture that

Guitar once a TV

By Arlene Walker
COLFAX, N.C. — Argie Smith of Colfax has an electric bass guitar that used to be a television set.

How did a television set become a guitar? "A lot of people ask me that," said Argie with a grin. "Ac-

Argie Smith is a member of the Greensboro, N.C., church. This article is reprinted by permission from the Kernersville, N.C., News of Nov. 11.

tually, all I used was the wood from an old television and not any of the tubes or anything like that."

Prior to building his "TV" guitar, he had made two others out of scrap pieces of wood, and both had been destroyed by warpage.

"The wood on the television cabinet was about 20 years old, well

seasoned and in perfect condition," he recalled, "so I decided to use it."

Actually, guitars and TVs take up most of Argie's time. So, if you think about it, it is not too surprising that he found a way to incorporate both his hobbies.

He has worked in electronics since he graduated from Colfax School and for several years has owned and operated Smith's TV Service, which is located just a stone's throw from the community post office.

Argie recalled that his first experience in electronic repair came about when he was 13 and attempted to fix a radio belonging to his parents.

He had to beg and beg his mother and father to let him try to diagnose the radio's problem, and they finally gave him permission to tinker with the appliance if "he would be careful."

Argie said he "had a ball" explor-

ing the interior mechanisms of the radio and soon had all the parts laid out on the living-room floor. By the time he had the problem "corrected" it was way past dark.

"I don't think I'll ever forget what happened when I plugged it in," he said. "It blew all the fuses in the house, and it was pitch dark."

The family had to use candles throughout the home until the fuses could be replaced, and that took quite a while.

"After all that happened," Argie concluded, "no one encouraged me to become an electrician."

Argie's interest in music is even older than his interest in electrical appliances. "I guess I've been playing something — guitar, mandolin — since I can remember," he stated.

His first and only music teacher was his uncle, Clarence Long, and Argie's parents bought him his first guitar when he was around 10 years old.

Over the years he has been a member of seven popular and country-western music bands, and his "Chet Atkins" style of guitar picking has been rated as good as the old master's.

Currently he says his TV guitar fills his musical needs, and he hasn't any plans to build another one any time soon. "But I have saved a few scrap pieces," he added.

It took him about a year and a half to complete the guitar after he salvaged the wood from the television cabinet. He used a slab of mahogany to make the neck of the instrument, and he said that, because of the density and durability of the Brazilian wood, it's not expected to warp "for a long time."

The instrument was completed in his basement "with the barest of equipment," and Argie has had a High Point [N.C.] firm put an eye-catching "star-burst" finish on the instrument's exterior.

The result is a beautiful instrument that brings "ahhs" when it's brought out of the case, even more "ahhs" when Argie begins to play and a chorus of "You're kidding!" when he tells the audience it was made in his basement from a junked television set.

People helping people

By Lynne Wogan
RALEIGH, N.C. — Al Kersha is one of only four men among 40 volunteers who take part in the Friendly Visitor Program of the Wake County Council on Aging.

"I don't know why volunteering doesn't attract the interest of more

This article, about Al Kersha, pastor of the Fayetteville and Raleigh, N.C., churches, is reprinted by permission from the Raleigh Times of Aug. 12.

men," said Kersha. "It's people helping people."

Kersha visits Rubin Young, a 79-year-old retired lumber-company truck driver, who lives alone in a four-room house in South Raleigh.

Visits and a helping hand from Kersha as well as from friends and neighbors are what make it possible for Young to remain in his own home.

A neighbor stops by each Friday evening and takes him to a nearby grocery store. Young doesn't drive. He had a cataract operation several years ago, and since then, he said, "I just haven't been able to get my eyes back like they used to be. I can hardly see without my glasses."

When Young bent his glasses frame, Kersha took them to the optometrist and waited while the glasses were repaired.

Looking Forward

"I have a good neighborhood, but most of the people work," Young said, adding that visits from Kersha are "something I look forward to and can count on."

"What better way to get down to the basics of the Christian religion than to sit down with another person in need on a one-to-one basis?" asked Kersha, minister of the Worldwide Church of God, which has several hundred members in its local congregation.

Kersha pointed out that the benefits of the visits are mutual. "It

also gives me a good feeling to be able to help. It's rewarding to know that my time has been well spent and helpful to the community."

"Also, it's an education for me. I've discovered I can learn from a person who has been around for so many years. For instance, he's watched the city grow and develop."

"I let him teach me, maybe not big things, but little things. It helps me too when I don't go as though I'm the one doing all the giving."

Alice Greenlaw, who administers the program for the council, said there is a need for more men to be involved.

"Women have a tradition of volunteering, but there's no reason why more men couldn't be involved," she said. "We have a real need among men for visitors. In fact, there is far from enough visitors to go around."

Helping Someone

Kersha usually spends two or three hours each month with Young. During this time he has taken him places such as his doctor's office or just sat and chatted to pass the time. Sometimes Kersha's son, Jonathan, joins the group.

Young too is in a position of being able to help someone else. He has a close relationship with an 11-year-old boy in the neighborhood who doesn't have a father. The boy regards Young as a combination father and grandfather.

"I think it's important to remember that by helping one another it enables us all to live more useful, productive lives," Kersha said.

Friendly Visitor volunteers may be adults of any age. Some are, themselves, older adults. They volunteer to visit an older person who is at least 60.

The reasons for volunteering are many," Mrs. Greenlaw said. "But mostly the volunteers are sensitive to the needs of older persons."

"Those who would like to be visitors or wish to be visited may call the Council on Aging at 834-2877.



FRANK SCHNEE



JOHN KARLSON



VICTOR ROOT



COLIN CATO

From the first big step

A history of the German Work

By Frank Schnee

BONN — Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to the way a grain of mustard seed grows. It begins small and grows steadily until it becomes greater than all. The Church of God, commissioned to announce the good news of that coming Kingdom in all the world, has been growing in the

The writer, Mr. Schnee, is regional director for the German-speaking Work.

The lady from Germany sat next to a German student who had befriended her.

After the study, to my amazement,



BEGINNINGS — Frank Schnee, above, goes over office work with his wife, Esther, shortly after opening the German office in Duesseldorf in 1962. Below: Mrs. Schnee stands at the Berlin Wall just before visiting East Germans in Leipzig in 1965 with her husband.



same way, and the German-speaking area in Europe has been no exception.

Humble Beginning

As early as the summer of 1962 the first visiting tour throughout Germany (East and West), Switzerland, Austria and neighboring German-speaking areas was undertaken. A tiny handful was baptized. That autumn three German-speaking members traveled to Hayling Island in England to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, all three being also able to understand English.

In the spring of 1963 my wife and I and our two children traveled from our home in Duesseldorf to the nearest church, in Bricket Wood, England, to keep the Passover. There were as yet no churches on the European Continent in any language.

We also took along a German lady who spoke no English but wanted to come with us anyway. She did not want to keep the Spring Festival all alone at home. I had no idea that her visit to England would be the prelude to the first big step forward for the German-speaking members.

In Bricket Wood, on the day before the Passover, Raymond McNair held a Bible study, explaining among other things how gentiles can be grafted into the Body of Christ today.

she told me enthusiastically and in glowing terms about how she enjoyed Mr. McNair's Bible study and that he had made the subject so clear and understandable.

"But how could this be?" I asked. She explained that the German-speaking student had pointed out the scriptures Mr. McNair was reading in her German Bible and that he had made comments to her in a whisper from time to time, translating Mr. McNair's explanations.

Start of Something

This started some exciting thoughts. If this German lady was able to get so much out of an English-language service in this way, then how much better would it be if she could wear earphones and get a simultaneous translation of everything being said? And didn't Paul say in I Corinthians 14 that if a minister were speaking in a language foreign to the hearer that it would be useless unless someone would interpret? Could this be a solution for the German-speaking members to be able to attend at least the Feast of Tabernacles, even though there was as yet no ordained minister who could preach in German?

Of course! Have them all travel to England? Why not?

The idea was proposed to Herbert W. Armstrong, who gave the green light for the first German-speaking group of about 30 persons to fly in a chartered DC-3 to England in the fall of 1963. This continued each fall until 1973 when the last German-speaking group of about 260 persons flew in two chartered Boeing jets to England for the Feast of Tabernacles. Thereafter the Feast was held in Germany (next fall we expect about 600), but that is getting ahead of the story.

The next step was initiated right after the Feast of Tabernacles in 1964. Garner Ted Armstrong gave me the opportunity to go back to Pasadena with my family for almost two more semesters of college. I had only had three semesters when I was sent to Germany to begin working there in 1962. This additional training eventually led to the first services in the German language.

On the way back from California to Germany in the early spring of 1965, we stopped at Bricket Wood in England, where I was ordained a preaching elder by Herbert W. Armstrong and Garner Ted Armstrong, who were both in Bricket Wood at the time.

This now opened the way for services to be held in the German-speaking area. Within a few weeks we held the first Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread in our home in Duesseldorf. Seventy persons from all parts of Europe attended. We counted on good weather to seat the overflow out on the patio, but it rained almost every day.

Nevertheless our spirits were not dampened. Even though in some ways it had to be a makeshift affair (our first lectern was a chest of drawers), everyone remembers it with affection as one of the most memorable events in the early history of the German Work. God's Spirit was with us!

First Sabbath Services

Next, plans were made to begin services in one area after another so eventually everyone could attend regularly without undue hardship because of travel.

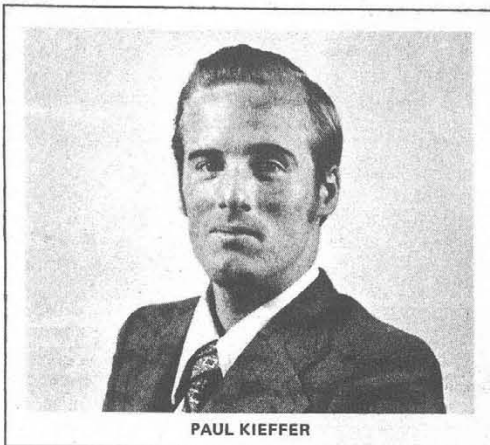
Mr. Armstrong approved the plan, and the first regular Sabbath service was held in centrally located Frankfurt Dec. 25, 1965, in the Hotel Frankfurter Hof. More than 100 attended from as far away as Austria, Switzerland and the northernmost part of Germany. We even did a simultaneous translation into English for the handful of English-speaking brethren who attended. (We still provide this translation service in Frankfurt.)

In quick succession churches were raised up in Hamburg, Duesseldorf, Munich, Utrecht (Netherlands) and Zurich (Switzerland), but Sabbath services could only be held about once a month because of lack of manpower. To help make up for the long time between services, they were held all day, a Bible study in the morning and a preaching service in the afternoon, with a meal in between.

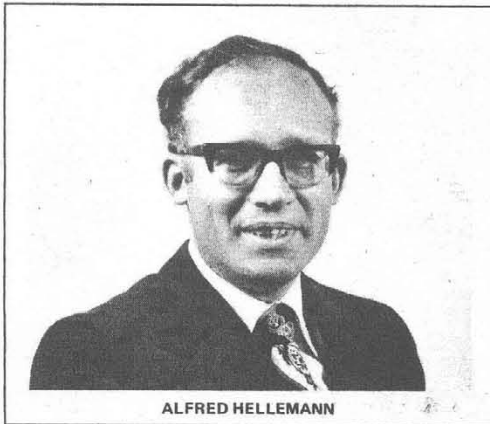
These services in the early years were held in some of the finest hotels in Europe at little or no cost to the Work of God. The members paid for the meals themselves, and no rent was charged for the meeting hall.

On the Day of Pentecost in 1968 ministerial assistant John Karlson, a graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena, was ordained a local elder. This important milestone soon opened the way to holding services twice a month, which all felt was a good step forward. During 1970 we moved the Munich church to Salz-

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PAUL KIEFFER



ALFRED HELLEMANN



HELMUT LEVSEN



TOM ROOT

From the first big step

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 burg, Austria, for the convenience of the majority in that area. In 1971 Dr. Roy McCarthy graduated from Brackett Wood, was ordained and given the responsibility for the church at Utrecht.

Evangelistic Campaigns

The next big step to more growth

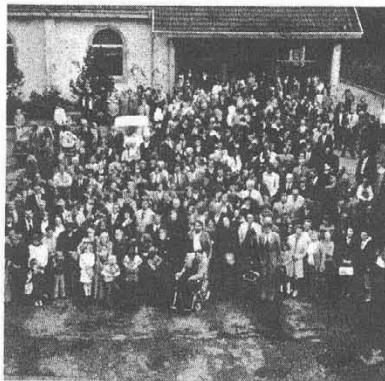
we will discuss soon.

Who Works Where?

Victor Root, 27, who lives near Hannover, looks after the churches in the North at Berlin, Hannover and Hamburg. One Sabbath he flies to Berlin in the morning and back to Hannover for an afternoon service. (The flight is only 25 minutes.)

able to shake our shadow long enough to baptize both him and his son and long enough for my wife and I to get-back on a train to West Germany.

After this we made many trips to East Germany, never realizing our every move was being watched and recorded. This was revealed in 1972 when Mr. Karlson was conducting



EAST AND WEST — Some 500 German-speaking Feastgoers, left photo, assemble for the 1976 Feast in the Black Forest. Right: This small group of Feastgoers keeps the '76 Feast in East Germany. Deacon Heinz Pistorius and his wife are standing at right, middle row.

was taken in the fall of 1974 with the first of some successful evangelistic campaigns in Duesseldorf and Berlin. In 1974 and 1975 three more ordinations took place. These paved the way for taking care of the growth to come from the future campaigns and to extend the church coverage of the German-speaking area even more. Victor Root, Colin Cato and Paul Kieffer, all graduates of Ambassador College, became local elders. Mr. Karlson had been advanced to a preaching elder in February, 1973.

During 1975 evangelistic campaigns were held in Hannover, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Munich, Zurich and Vienna. In 1976 the campaigns continued in Graz, Austria; Bern and Basel, Switzerland; and Mannheim and Nuremberg, West Germany.

More Ordinations

The Fall Festival just completed a few months ago saw three more men, all Ambassador trained, ordained to the office of local elder. They are Alfred Hellemann, Helmut Levsen (our first two ministers who are entirely German) and Tom Root, who grew up in Germany, even though he carried a U.S. passport. Victor Root, Tom's brother, was raised to preaching elder. We have three deacons at present and hope to ordain several deacons and deaconesses in the near future. We are also very pleased to have more than a dozen students from the German-speaking area attending Ambassador College, which will train a supply of laborers in the future.

We presently have congregations in 17 locations with more than 500 in total attendance. Services are held every two weeks in Hamburg, Hannover, Duesseldorf, Bonn, Frankfurt, Mannheim, Stuttgart, Basel, Bern, Zurich and Salzburg and every four weeks in Berlin, Nuremberg, Munich, Graz and Vienna. Several of these latter five locations will change to services every two weeks soon. Besides services, we also have special adult-education classes (a type of Bible study) and of course Spokesman Clubs in some of the areas. But the above total is only 16. There is one more important area that

The next Sabbath he preaches at Hamburg.

Helmut Levsen, 28, lives near Salzburg. From there he serves all of Austria. On the first Sabbath he is in Salzburg. The next week he is in Graz on Friday evening and goes on to Vienna to preach there on Saturday. Mr. Levsen also does visiting in Yugoslavia, where we have a few members.

Paul Kieffer, 25, attends to the congregations in Switzerland and lives on the German side of the border at Rheinfelden, near Basel. (It is difficult for a non-Swiss to get permission to live and work in Switzerland.) One Sabbath Mr. Kieffer is in Zurich. The next week he looks after the churches at Bern and Basel, morning and afternoon.

Mr. Karlson, 32, senior pastor to all the men in the field, is in the process of moving to the Mannheim area. Mr. Karlson will pastor the churches at Frankfurt and Mannheim one week and the church at Stuttgart the next. His associate pastor, Tom Root, 25, looks after the congregations at Munich and Nuremberg and assists Mr. Karlson in his area.

I pastor the churches at Bonn and Duesseldorf along with associate pastors Colin Cato, 30, who is also office manager, and Alfred Hellemann, 42, who also has one other important responsibility. And that brings us to area No. 17, the church in East Germany.

Behind Iron Curtain

My wife and I, on Sept. 4, 1965, made the first visiting tour behind the iron curtain in East Germany. We were able to get permission to go to the trade fair at Leipzig and used the occasion to meet Heinz Pistorius and his son Guenther, both from Zwickau, at Leipzig. We found out later that the state security police had been monitoring their mail. Mr. Pistorius was formerly a secretary of the Communist party at Zwickau, and party officers did not quite know what to make of his resignation from the post after he became converted.

In Leipzig an officer of the security police followed us wherever we went. Luckily Mr. Pistorius had noticed it and we were miraculously

the services for our East German brethren's Feast of Tabernacles in East Berlin. The security police raided the services, and in their excitement, thinking they had caught some enemies of the state red-handed, divulged that they had been watching the Pistoriuses and us since 1965. It was most amazing how God intervened. After a short investigation the police were convinced that we were harmless and even wished those present to continue to have a happy Feast.

Mr. Hellemann is the pastor for the present group of seven members in East Germany. He conducts the spring and fall Festivals there and visits them at least twice more each year. I try to visit them at least twice a year for services and counseling. Several of the other ministers and a few members also make visits to them during the year so that they have contact on the average of about once a month. Heinz Pistorius is their deacon. We are hoping and praying that perhaps through the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation we may some day be able to work openly to reach the many millions in the German-speaking area behind the iron curtain.

The Electronic Pastor

The biggest single step taken recently to serve the German-speaking members of the Worldwide Church of God was made possible through the use of cassette recording tapes. A 90-minute church service, recorded especially for the cassette program every two weeks at Bonn, is sent to every member. We have even found a way to get the tapes into Yugoslavia and East Germany on a regular basis, meaning that most members now are able to hear a sermon every Sabbath. If the first five programs are an indication, this electronic aid to feeding the flock is an overwhelming success and a real blessing.

We seem to have come a long way since that first group traveled to England to attend a service led by an ordained minister. A long way since that first Passover in our home and the first Sabbath service in German at Frankfurt. And still we have only just begun.

Couple battles East Germany in struggle for right to marry

By Tom Hanson and Kathaleen Donahue

BIG SANDY — When Hella Pistorius Frostl, wife of Ambassador College freshman Willi Frostl, crossed the border from East to West Germany on June 8, 1975, she was reminded of Israel's historic exodus from Egypt.

"The feeling was like during the Passover time with the blood on the door," said Hella. "I know that on this border many East Germans were killed. But, because I had this sign, which is only my passport, no one would kill me."

The events that led to Hella's marriage to Willi and her move to West Germany (last written about in the WW of July 21, 1975) began in Au-

was again denied on the grounds that East Germany was not yet a member of the United Nations. Soon after this, in September of 1973, East Germany became a member of the UN.

In the meantime the couple, discouraged at times, never gave up hope, although permission had been denied five times. Willi, who had by then moved to Duesseldorf, West Germany, continued his once-a-month visits, driving the 300 miles to Zwickau.

Then unexpectedly Hella received a call from the authorities informing her that if Willi applied for entrance one more time his application wouldn't be rejected. A sixth application was filed, but the two were

ceremony at a *Standesamt*, or civil court, and then at the Waldhof Hotel in Zwickau by Frank Schnee, pastor of the German-speaking churches and director of the Work's Bonn office.

As a result of her marriage to Willi, Hella became eligible to receive an Austrian passport. She received this April 9, 1975, after which the couple honeymooned for a week on the north coast of East Germany. Willi then returned to Bonn, where he worked as a carpenter remodeling the Church's office there, and Hella returned to Zwickau.

Permission Granted

Hella was granted permission to leave East Germany June 1, 1975, exactly three years after she first met Willi. Willi received the news June 5 and set out for his last trip to Zwickau, completing 24,000 miles of travel. June 8, 1975, Hella became the first East German woman, after having been granted permission to marry a non-East German, to leave the country and still retain her East German citizenship.

When Willi's work was finished in Bonn, Mr. Schnee suggested that he apply to Ambassador College. After being accepted, the Frostls left West Germany in June en route to Big Sandy. Willi is majoring in theology here and works on the campus carpentry crew. Hella attends classes with her husband.

Willi's first contact with the Church came when he saw an advertisement in *Reader's Digest* and wrote for literature in 1968. He was baptized in 1970 by Mr. Schnee.

Hella followed her father, mother and brother into the Church when she was baptized by Mr. Schnee at the Feast of Tabernacles in East Berlin in 1969.

Hella's brother Guenther first heard *Die Welt von Morgen* (The World Tomorrow in German) over Radio Luxembourg in 1963 when he was 18. As he became more and more interested his father, Heinz, Communist-party secretary of a district headquarters at Zwickau, began to worry. Fearing for his job, Mr. Pistorius tried to keep his son from listening to the program. But to no avail.

Fair Challenge

Guenther told his father, "If you can prove to me that I'm wrong, I'll believe in your Communist party." Considering this a fair challenge,



AT LAST — After years of legal hassles Willi Frostl and Hella Pistorius were able to be married. This picture was taken at their civil marriage, which took place before they were wed in a Church ceremony. Hella became the first East German woman, after having been granted permission to marry a non-East German, to leave the country and still retain her East German citizenship.

gust of 1971 when Helmuth Kaserer, an Austrian Church member and father of Big Sandy freshman Sonja Kaserer, met Hella at the wedding of her brother, Dietmar Pistorius, and Eva Stange.

At Mr. Kaserer's suggestion Willi began corresponding with Hella in February of 1972. A new relationship began, and Willi's first meeting with Hella took place in early June at her home in Zwickau, East Germany. After a second visit in July they became engaged.

Permission to Marry

However, before they could marry they had to obtain permission from the East German government. Believing that it would be impossible for Hella to leave the country, Willi applied to the government for an entrance permit to live in East Germany. His application and several more were rejected (*The Worldwide News*, Aug. 19, 1974).

On one occasion the couple was told that because East Germany did not have diplomatic relations with Austria (the country of Willi's citizenship) officials could not discuss the matter. Shortly after this, diplomatic relations were established.

They again returned to the authorities, claiming the right to marry under a United Nations ordinance guaranteeing the right of individuals to live where they choose and marry whomever they wish. Permission

told that the information they had received was incorrect and permission was again denied.

Claiming the Right

Willi visited Hella for the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread in 1975, and they decided for the last time to contact the government. Willi knew that the East German law guaranteed the right of the people to marry whomever they wished and to live wherever they wished. Since Willi and Hella had been waiting for three years, they went in and tried to claim the right to marry under this law.

An argument developed between Willi and a government official. Hella stepped in and stated, "My fiance is a foreigner. He thinks that when the law gives you permission to do something it means what it says."

The official replied: "I am a father. Every young person must learn patience."

Willi answered: "I am a young man. I know the law. You are a representative of the government. I cannot believe the government."

Willi threatened to go to West Germany, where he knew the wife of a West German government photographer, and take his story to the newspapers and television.

Two weeks later they were granted permission to marry. They were married April 5, 1975, first in a civil



FROSTLS — Willi and Hella Frostl came to Ambassador this year after an ordeal that took three years and required Willi to travel 24,000 miles. The process ended in the East German government granting Hella permission to marry Willi and immigrate to West Germany. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

Heinz set down to study the Bible for the first time. In the end he decided that his son was right.

Father and son became the first members in East Germany when they were baptized by Mr. Schnee in 1965. Kaelhe Pistorius, wife and mother, was baptized in 1966.

In 1973 Mr. Pistorius was ordained as the first deacon in East Germany.

Willi says the greatest problem facing the East German church is that "they can't get literature and it's hard to hear a sermon. Maybe a minister comes every two months for Sabbath services."

Hella added, "The government doesn't like this Church because we believe in government by God, and the communists believe in government by communists."

However, keeping the Sabbath is not as big a problem as it is in the West. The worker has Saturdays and Sundays off.

In describing the differences between West Germany and the United States, Willi says, "The Americans are more free."

Two Culture Shocks

But the new experiences are even more profound for Hella, who has experienced two culture shocks in a

short time: first coming to West Germany and then coming to the United States.

"So many cars, rich people, nice homes and color TV," commented Hella. "I have never seen this before. I think the biggest difference is what you can buy in East Germany and what you can buy here."

Meal planning in East Germany is difficult because the housewife doesn't know from day to day what foods will be available at the grocery store.

"My mother cannot make the decision about what to buy at home," Hella said. "She must go to the store and see what's there. She cannot believe I go shopping once every 14 days."

"Although there might not be as much variety in products, East Germans work hard and everyone has a nice home and nice clothes," Willi stated.

Leaving East Germany is not limited to people with circumstances similar to Hella's and those who decide to risk their lives crossing the border illegally. Retired persons, who would be a liability to the East German government, are allowed to immigrate to the West, where they are supported by the West German government. Hella worked in East Germany, but not in the West, so she received unemployment compensation from the West German government.

The East Germans have a joke about their relations with the Soviet Union. In the classroom one day a teacher asked the students, "Who are your friends?"

One of the children answered, "The Czechs."

The teacher replied, "Correct, but who else are your friends?"

"The Hungarians," answered another pupil.

"Yes," answered the teacher, "but you must remember your biggest friends."

All the students looked puzzled. "You remember, the Russians," said the teacher.

One of the children said, "Russia isn't our friend; he's our big brother."

The teacher asked what the difference is.

One little boy in the corner replied, "You can choose your friends, but you cannot choose your big brother."



PASSPORTS — Hella Frostl carries passports of the three countries of which she is a citizen: East Germany (left), Austria (center) and West Germany. (Photo by Tom Hanson)

Update: the international Work

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North America (Canada and Mexico), 10 Caribbean countries, seven in South America, eight European nations and five countries in the Pacific area.

This does not include many other countries in which we have a small but growing *Plain Truth* list and a scattered but growing number of members. At the time of this writing we are in the process of establishing legal status in several other countries.

Eighty-six radio stations carry *The World Tomorrow* broadcast worldwide (besides the United States). In Canada 71 stations carry the broadcast (63 in English and eight in French), in Australia six, in New Zealand one, in the Caribbean area 10 (six English, four French), in Europe one (French) and in the Philippines one.

185 TV Stations

Plans are to increase dramatically the number of radio stations as God

The writer just completed a study program while on sabbatical at Ambassador College, Pasadena, and has since transferred to become regional director of the Australian Work. He is an evangelist and former regional director of the Canadian Work. He worked closely with Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division, during his stay at headquarters.

opens them to us and the finances permit.

Television is another new and exciting area that has good potential and seems to be opening up to us. We have 175 stations in Canada (including 145 so-called satellite stations, which rebroadcast programs that originate at other stations), seven in Australia, two in the Caribbean and one in the Philippines, for a total of 185 around the world outside the United States.

Churches, outlying Bible studies and new members are being added almost daily. As of Nov. 1, 1976, as near as we can approximate from data from around the world, we have 250 ministers and assistants serving more than 220 churches with a combined attendance of more than 22,000 and a total membership in excess of 16,500.



HEAD IN HIS WORK — This member of the Ambassador College Television Production Department hasn't lost his head; he's just videotaping the YOU-conference activities at Big Sandy Dec. 26 to 29. (*The Worldwide News*, Jan. 3.) [Photo by John Wright]

DONATION INFORMATION

Many members and co-workers have requested information on how best to make a gift to the Worldwide Church of God, either during their lifetime or upon death, through wills, trusts or other means.

If you desire to receive information regarding such gifts, the Legal Department of the Church is available to advise and serve without cost or obligation. Merely write:

Ralph K. Helge, Attorney-at-Law
Worldwide Church of God
Box 111
Pasadena, Calif., 91123

The Legal Department regrets that, because of the variance in laws of other countries, such legal information is only applicable to residents of the United States and Canada. However, in such cases the department will be pleased to furnish whatever limited information it may have available.

Feels intensity

Poet's work honored

By John Torgerson

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Betty Thompson, a member of the Milwaukee South church and a teacher of Spanish at Lane Junior High School in West Allis, Wis., has had a poem published in the 1976 issue of *National Poetry Anthology*.

National Poetry Anthology is a book published yearly by the National Poetry Press in Los Angeles. Teachers and librarians of high schools and colleges from across the United States annually submit poems to the National Poetry Press, and those judged best are published.

Miss Thompson submitted several poems. The one selected happened to be one of the few she has written in free style, she says. The poem, about autumn leaves, is entitled "The Falling Battle."

Miss Thompson has been writing poetry for eight years, but it's not just a pastime for her.



BETTY THOMPSON

"Poetry is as many worlds as there are thoughts and words to describe them, but only the author really understands and feels the intensity of the one being described," she says.

"To me poetry is like an intimate expression of words. It knows no limits; it surpasses all boundaries. The unreal becomes actual; reality becomes even more. In a sense each becomes immortalized by the mood of its writer."

Her winning poem is printed below.

THE FALLING BATTLE

The wind breathes hard and whistles.

Exhausted leaves stir and struggle.

The battle for life begins again.

A rustling sound begins to grow.

Tangled branches twist and bend too far.

Suddenly, a snap!
And a crack fills the air.

Shuddering leaves crash to the ground.

Still attached, they cling to life.

Oh, Wind, be not cruel to falling leaves.

The invisible power continues to gust.

The weakened leaves break and slowly die.

The mighty wind does not stop or even sigh.

Betty Thompson
Milwaukee, Wis.

Ralph Helge, director of the Work's Legal Department; and Ray Wright, the Work's assistant vice president for financial affairs.

Ministers and their wives stayed in other ministers' homes, Mr. Mokarow said. "We paid full expenses for the minister and his wife as well as any lodge costs and meals. This is not the first time this has been done, but it's the first time we've ever done it where we've offered it to unemployed elders. Our previous ministerial seminars have just been within the pastor group."

Beneficial Information

Mr. Martin said Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Dart "were very pleased with the program. And the elders' enthusiasm was extremely high. They felt the information they received was very beneficial."

Ted Mattson, 57, a local elder who traveled here from his Tulsa, Okla., congregation for the sessions, agreed. And, after listening to the speakers and attending the seminars, his "impression was that the Work is

in very good hands. I am pleased with the caliber of men who are heading God's Work."

Mr. Mokarow said the new program makes it feasible for elders not on the Church's payroll to "benefit from the same type of program that employed ministers make use of while attending college for a year on sabbatical."

A similar seminar school is set for the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador this summer and another next winter in Pasadena.

Those Who Attended

The 40 elders who attended the school, and their home areas, are as follows:

Charl Barrett, Monterey, Calif.; John Bousa, Calgary (South), Alta.; Ken Brady, Miami, Fla.; Wiley Brisco, Fort Worth, Tex.; Burt Burbach, Toronto (West), Ont.; Verdon Conrad, Halifax, N.S.; Ken Courtney, Jackson, Miss.; Richard Cox, Toledo, Ohio; A.C. DeBree, Montreal (English) Que.; Dick Eckman, Anchorage, Alaska.

Scott Erickson, Grand Rapids, Minn.; Herschel Foote, Coffeyville, Kan.; George Forsyth, Detroit (East), Mich.; Doug Hardin, Cartersville, Ga.; Douglas Holcomb, Portland (West), Ore.; Walter Johnson, Vancouver (North) B.C.; Eric Livermore, Ottawa, Ont.; Ted Mattson, Tulsa, Okla.; Jim Nork, Phoenix (P.M.), Ariz.; Frank Parsons, Jackson, Miss.

George Peyton, San Antonio, Tex.; Donat Picard, Quebec, Que.; Gary Porter, Blackfoot, Idaho; Pat Regoord, Buffalo, N.Y.; Ed Schedler, Burnaby, B.C.; Robert Staup, Indianapolis, Ind.; Jim Stewart, Raleigh, N.C.; Guy Stillborn, Moosomin, Sask.; Dell Stingley, Lafayette, Ind.; Keith Stoner, London, Ont.

Charles Tackett, Lexington, Ky.; Aldon Tunseth, Anchorage, Alaska; E.B. Vance, Fort Worth, Tex.; Don Walker, Salem, Ore.; Ken Walker, Columbia, Mo.; Alex Walters, Toronto (East), Ont.; William Wilkinson, Atlanta, Ga.; Charles Wire, Memphis, Tenn.; Kenneth Wrench, Fayetteville, N.C.; Wayne Wyman, Edmonton (East), Alta.

40 local elders attend seminar

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lated the first ones who wrote in and gave their first choice."

The 10 days of meetings included "approximately 50 hours of classroom sessions," Mr. Mokarow said. "There were classes on biblical doctrine, human development and growth, *The Plain Truth* and its impact on the United States and the world, family and marriage counseling and how to counsel families with problems, legal effects of being a minister in the Church and also classes on New Testament problems in the light of the ministry."

Instructors included Garner Ted Armstrong; Mr. Dart; Leslie L. McCullough, director of the International Division; Steve Martin, Western Area coordinator and assistant to Mr. Dart; Mr. Mokarow; Robert Kuhn, an executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation; David Antion of the Ambassador theology faculty; George Geis, chairman of the Theology Department; Brian Knowles, managing editor of *The Plain Truth*;



LOCAL ELDERS MEET — Art Mokarow speaks to local elders in Pasadena. [Photo by Warren Watson]

A Personal Letter

from

Dennis Lee Armstrong

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auditorium for our church social the same evening.

By the time you read these lines I will have been able to spend about three days on the Big Sandy campus and then be back in Pasadena making additional five-minute radio programs.

Combining the new programs already made, plus the excerpts from older 30-minute radio programs, we have quite a significant backlog of our new five-minute radio programs already prepared, so that, as I am able to announce increments of new stations to you, those programs are ready to be shipped.

Enthusiastic Response

I want to thank all of you for the enthusiastic response and the comments I have read following my most recent announcements concerning this new thrust in God's Work! The response has been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about the changeover in *The Plain Truth*, and there has not been one single negative response from any of the new programs we have adopted!

We feel that the next few months are going to result in a definite increase in mail from new readers and new listeners.

As you know, the main methods to be utilized for adding new names to the mailing list to receive *The Plain Truth* and our booklets will be our one-minute television spots, our five-minute radio programs and our advertisements in *TV Guide* and elsewhere.

Perhaps in some ways more significant than even these other new developments is our growing *Plain Truth* newsstand program, over which I am very greatly enthusiastic and which I feel is going to bear enormous fruit for God's Work!

Potpourri Update

I'd like to bring you up to date on a few areas where I am continually asked questions:

The Arroyo Vista Property. There is nothing new to report here. We have, as you know, satisfied every requirement following our application for this property, and negotiations are still pending regarding the final disposition of the property — whether the college will be asked to pay a certain percentage of the property's value and whether we can be granted permission to delay our intended rehabilitation of the property for a year or two or even longer in order to experience less financial impact.

Accreditation. A major visit will be made to the Ambassador College, Pasadena, campus by the accrediting committee from the Western Association in March. Of course, we will report to you in these pages the results of that visit and keep you fully informed as the accreditation process continues. The Big Sandy campus will be visited by a team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools April 26 to determine whether we are ready to receive candidacy status.

SEP gymnasium. By the time you read this, workmen should be constructing the floor, and the shell of the building, including the roof, is already up! As I explained to you at the time we began this project, there is no additional drain on the finances of the Work whatsoever, since we were merely extending our existing nonsecured lines of credit at the bank and utilizing those lines of credit for ongoing projects, as we have done in on-campus projects both in Pasadena and Big Sandy for some time.

In the many, many years of operation of the camp at Orr, we have lost

dozens of days' activities because of rain and have had to meet for Sabbath services, forums and special meetings in the dining hall, which has proved to be very awkward and overcrowded and to have had visibility for the campers and visitors, who had to sit on each side of the speaker, while the speaking stand is in front of the fireplace. And the main part of the audience immediately in front of the speaker's stand is only about five or six chairs deep!

Nevertheless, by merely continuing at the same pace of repayments on our existing nonsecured lines of credit, we are able to put up this fine facility, which will give us the flexibility for continuing our activities indoors, for Sabbath services, Bible studies, socials, choir practice and indoor activities during rainy days!

Newspaper column. I have already written a number of the new columns and am presently working toward syndication. When I have something more definitive to report to you, I will include it, but for the present I can only say that we are investigating the syndication process through our publishing contacts in New York City.

By the way, I was able to look over a portion of the copy for the May edition of *The Plain Truth* magazine with Mr. Brian Knowles, managing editor, just the other day, so as you see our *Plain Truth* staff is well ahead on its responsibilities! The new February edition is already on the press, the March and April editions are well along toward completion, and we are already working on the May issue!

Real Thriller

I saw one of the most exciting basketball games of my whole life just the other evening. What a pity the whole Church could not have seen it! Ambassador was ahead by several points with about a minute and a half to go when somehow the other team made a quick basket and then managed, through stealing the ball or a missed shot and getting the ball again, to tie the ball game in the last moments of the game.

Ambassador took a time-out, but when the ball came inbounds the other team managed to get it back, and, racing down the court, their top shooting guard made a jumper from

the top of the key with only seconds to go!

As the ball dropped through, the Ambassador team called time-out, but the clock continued to tick away in the bedlam and the noise, and the buzzer sounded!

However, the referee had noticed the Ambassador team members frantically calling for a time-out and rushed to the timer's bench and informed them there should still be one second remaining on the clock!

Thus it was time-out, Ambassador down by 2 points and only one second remaining!

Coach Jim Petty set up a play, and the referee signaled play was to begin. All five of the Ambassador College players clustered around the defensive baskets clear at the opposite end from their own basket, awaiting the inbounds pass. On a signal from the man out of bounds with the ball, several of them broke away and ran as fast as they could toward our basket, and the man who had the ball out of bounds threw a long lob pass clear to the other end of the court.

It was snaggled out of the air by Walt Dickinson, who must have been a good 22 feet away from the basket, who turned and threw an awkward, off-balance shot in desperation at the basket! I believe the buzzer went off and time elapsed while the ball was still in the air!

You Gussed It

And, you guessed it, the ball hit the rim about twice, caromed off the backboard and finally *dropped through!*

Talk about BEDLAM!

It seems half the stands emptied and everyone was clapping the team members on the back (including me!), and you never saw such yelling and screaming in your life.

It may have seemed to the opposing players, from Fresno Pacific College, that there was a "long count," but in basketball the timer does not flick the switch until the ball actually touches the hands of the player on the court. So, for the time that the ball was in possession of the man out of bounds and during the entire time it

described its trajectory over three quarters of the length of the court before it touched Walt Dickinson's hands, no time had elapsed.

The toggle switch on the timer's board was turned on the instant that Walt touched the ball, but few people realize that it takes one second for the / to disappear off the board and another second for the buzzer to sound. Thus there were actually closer to two full seconds before the buzzer went off, signaling game's end!

At any rate, after such a breathtaking change of score in the last moments, and such an impossible shot after the buzzer had sounded, Ambassador went on to win by a narrow margin in overtime! So far, as coach Petty told me that evening, our team has not lost when I was present!

That's about it for now. Just thought I'd share this exciting moment of Ambassador College life with you.

Your brother in Christ,
Garner Ted Armstrong



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY — Brethren representing at least 16 congregations from five states gather in Charlotte, N.C., above and below, for a special Sabbath service followed by a dance the evening of Jan. 15. Young, and old gather to be entertained by a band consisting of Mr. Armstrong, Jim Thornhill, director of YOU, members of the YOU staff and others. (Photos by Burk McNair and Dan Hall)



Blind and on his own

By Helen Congdon

COCOA BEACH, Fla. — John Crackel is an unusual young man. He is completely self-supporting, doing all his own cooking and cleaning.

That's not so unusual, you might say.

But it is for a 26-year-old who has been blind since he was 12, and could only see a little out of one eye before that.

John works at the Wilway Co. here as a machine operator, "making bobbin guides for coil-winding machines," he says.

He got his training at the School for the Blind in St. Augustine, Fla.

He likes working with electronics and tape recorders, and for sports he enjoys swimming and waterskiing. He likes nearly all kinds of music and likes to dance. And he enjoys writing letters to and receiving them from other Church members.

John first heard *The World Tomorrow* on radio in 1965 and was baptized by Roger Foster of the Lakeland, Fla., church last March. He attends church now at Melbourne, Fla.

John has his own apartment here, at 619 W. Peachtree, Apt. 9, and is proud of the way he can take care of himself. He is also high on Wilway.

"Here they give you a chance to do everything and show you how to do it," he says.



60 YEARS TOGETHER — Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Binion celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 31. The Binions have three children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. [Photo by Phil Edwards]

Teamwork binds two in 60-year marriage

By E. W. Stewart

PRITCHETT, Tex. — Cake and fruit punch were served to friends and relatives Dec. 31 as Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Binion celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Binion has been a member of the Big Sandy church for 10 years.

The couple's granddaughters, Gloria Holder and Rita Ward of Odessa, Tex., were hostesses of the diamond-anniversary celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Binion are natives of Upshur County, in which Ambassador College is located, and were married in Gilmer, the county seat, Dec. 31, 1916. Iva Moore was 18 years old and Arthur 31.

The Binions, retired farmers, live in this small community just 400 yards from where Mr. Binion, now 91, was born in 1885. He is the oldest citizen of Pritchett.

Among those attending the celebration were the Binions' three children. The couple also has nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Binion, a horticulturist, is known in the area for the clippings of ivy and other plants she gives her friends to enhance the beauty of gardens and homes. She lists flower arranging, cooking and sewing as hobbies.

Besides being a farmer, Mr. Binion

is an accomplished musician, playing the violin and cornet and singing.

Mrs. Binion attributes their long and happy life together to teamwork. "We've always been very active," she says. "We love to play and do things together as a team."

Members honored

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Thomas Hammett has been appointed graduate assistant at the Florida State University School of Music here, effective with the winter quarter, 1977. Mr. Hammett completed his undergraduate degree and master's program in music at Troy (Ala.) State University in 1971 and 1975. He has taught music in public schools for six years at the junior-high and senior-high level, and a year at the community-college level.

Mr. Hammett plans to finish his doctoral studies in music education at Florida State in two years. He attends the Moultrie, Ga., church, where he is director of the new chorale.

PASADENA — Two Ambassador College students captured first and second places Nov. 22 in a speech contest at California State University at Hayward.

Wes White, a 27-year-old senior from Lowell, Ind., took first in extemporaneous speaking, with senior Larry Gillian, 23, of Sydney, Australia, placing second. This was the first intercollegiate competition for both of them.

"It was a most impressive showing by the two because of the size of the university against which they were competing," said Winfred Allen, Ambassador faculty member and adviser to the speech team.



MARK TENOLD

Youth honored

WEST LIBERTY, Iowa — Mark Tenold, 18, has learned that his biography will appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* for 1975-76.

Graduating from West Liberty High last May, Mark was an honor student active in science club and track, winning numerous ribbons and medals. He was awarded two first-place gold medals in the senior division at the YOU track meet at Drake Stadium in Des Moines, Iowa, in June, followed by his participation in the national finals at Big Sandy in July.

Mark is employed by Brite Way Window Service of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and attends the Iowa City church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Vern Tenold of West Liberty.

Wrap-up

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ducted a lecture on "Marriage Communications," followed by Mr. Molarow with "Achieving Marital Compatibility." The programs included lectures, audience participation, laboratory workshops and question-and-answer sessions. Dan Fricke.

Watermelon Plot

ROCKHAMPTON, Australia — The church here has been busy raising money to help finance the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast in this area. Rockhampton is situated on the central coast of Queensland, and is one of the smaller church areas, with only 45 people.

After some successful street stalls, the brethren decided to launch something a little more adventurous. A plot of land on John De Mey's pineapple farm was put aside and watermelon seeds were planted. At first the seeds grew a little slowly, compared to the weeds. Later, the problem of watering them during the Feast of Tabernacles arose, but, in the end, all the hard work paid off.

On Sundays during November and December, the melons were picked, weighed and sold. Some were sold to fruit shops, while others were hawked to people at the beach. In all, brethren here have raised \$2,000 toward the telecast for this area. Bruce Dean.

Floral Arranging

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Women's Club here met at the First Federal Savings and Loan at Gateway Mall Nov. 23. The club was meeting for the first time of the year, and the newly appointed officers were announced: Cheryl Atkins, president; Janie Beal, vice president; Janice McElroy, secretary; Virginia Edgar, treasurer, Roberta Lashua, *Worldwide News* reporter.

The theme for the year, "Getting to Know Each Other Better," was discussed, and a name game was played, with Gertrude Banks the winner.

Deloris Fisher of the Tampa, Fla., church, who formerly worked with

Mrs. Eddie Eckert at Ambassador College, gave a demonstration on floral arrangements. She made a dining-room centerpiece, showing the basic techniques for all floral arrangements, then answered questions. Roberta Lashua.

Night at the Movies

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The church here held an all-day yard sale Dec. 5 as part of its fund-raising activities.

For those who worked at the sale, Sunday morning began as a large, full moon was setting over the Gulf. This scene, however, changed to one of fog just before sunrise, as the workers were setting up the display of hundreds of items that were donated by members.

The first customers arrived at 7:15 a.m., with a steady flow of customers continuing throughout the day. The fog cleared and a beautiful day resulted, both in weather and sale results.

The brethren here enjoyed their first Night at the Movies this season Dec. 18. Films ranged from the Roadrunner cartoons and an *Amos and Andy* television show to a documentary, *African Safari*.

Refreshments were prepared and served by the YOU members. Lavene L. Vorel.

Reach Out

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Service to the brethren and the community, as well as personal growth and development, comprise the goals of the five units of women's clubs formed here during December.

The program format, entitled "Reach Out," was outlined at each unit meeting by pastor James Fridde. It closely follows the format of the women's clubs of Ambassador College. Mrs. Jim (Beverly Pease) Butler, former Ambassador student, was named coordinator for all units.

A different hostess and cohostess each meeting will arrange the program and conduct the meeting, which will consist of a main theme, a demonstration by a club member, table topics and, whenever possible, a guest speaker. Susan Karoska.

Civic Involvement

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — The



ARTS-AND-CRAFTS FAIR — Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Campbell, left, and Jerold Aust, Wichita, Kan., pastor, stand among some of the items sold at a fair held by the church Dec. 5. Approximately \$600 was earned toward the purchase of a bus for the church. (See "Longevity Report," this page.)

Women's Club here met for its first meeting at the Holiday Inn Embassy Room Dec. 15, with 26 members attending.

Charles Scott, pastor here, discussed last year's goal of becoming a virtuous woman and announced this year's goal from Proverbs 30:31 of beginning a lifestyle of civic, or neighborhood, involvement.

Barbara Scott, director of the club, then gave announcements, assignments and upcoming events, which include a meeting with the mayor of Sioux Falls in April.

Guest speaker Suzanne Knudson of the Drug Awareness House here gave a talk on "newness of life."

The next meeting will be on the development of skills. Carol Reining.

Longevity Report

WICHITA, Kan. — Workers began early, moving in tables, chairs and display racks for the many items of the church's arts-and-crafts fair,

held at the Central Heights Shopping Mall here Dec. 5. All items were handcrafted and donated by the brethren.

The fair netted approximately \$600, which was turned over to pastor Jerold Aust to apply toward a bus the brethren have purchased.

Ceramics was the headliner at the third meeting of the Women's Club here, held Dec. 12 at Canterbury Inn. Lois Franz and her daughter Jamie, from Ark Valley Pottery, gave a demonstration and lecture on ceramics and encouraged the ladies to add another hobby to their lives.

Mary Ann Aust, pastor's wife, led a study about Sarah, this month's woman of the Bible.

Marilyn Brown gave a book report on *How to Live to Be a Hundred*, by anthropologist Selma Bennett. The book is about the longevity of the people living in the Caucasus Mountains of Russia.

Eighty-six women attended the meeting. Faye Campbell.

Celebrates 50th anniversary

Student saved school

By Dennis Bennett
 COLUMBUS, Ohio — Francis S. Houghtaling, member of the church here, was guest of honor of the University of Miami, Fla., for the school's 50th anniversary celebration in October. Mr. Houghtaling was the first student to enroll in the University of Miami, on Oct. 15, 1926.

Had it not been for Mr. Houghtaling, the University of Miami might never have come into existence. Just before the scheduled Oct. 15 opening of the university in 1926, a hurricane toppled the rosy dreams of Mr. Houghtaling and Bowman Ashe, founder and president of the university.

Found 125 Students

The hurricane wiped out Mr. Ashe's financial backing, and he no longer had money.

Mr. Houghtaling protested to Mr. Ashe: "It's too late to get into Gainesville. They've already opened. I'm going to lose a year of college."

Mr. Ashe told him, "If you can find 100 students willing to enroll we'll open somehow."

Mr. Houghtaling found 125 students and the university opened as scheduled.

Mr. Houghtaling also played an important role, along with Mr. Ashe, in the founding of the Iron Arrow Society, a men's honor society.

Men are selected to join the society by a tapping ritual based on folklore of the Seminole Indians. For a man to be "tapped," he must be selected and unanimously voted for by other members of the society. New members are selected and tapped because of contribution of time, effort and talent.

Open Arms

During the 50th-anniversary celebration Mr. Houghtaling was honored many times. He sat in an elaborate carriage pulled by two Arabian horses in a homecoming parade; an honor breakfast was given for him and four other men (the remaining five of the original nine members of the Iron Arrow Society); at a banquet at the Coral Gables (Fla.) Country Club he was honored with the presentation of the Ashe In-Memoriam Medallion.

"I walked into open arms every place I went during the anniversary celebration," Mr. Houghtaling said. "It was a very heartwarming experience."

Letter From President

After returning home from UM he received a letter from the president of the University, Henry King Stanford, in which Mr. Stanford said to Mr. Houghtaling:

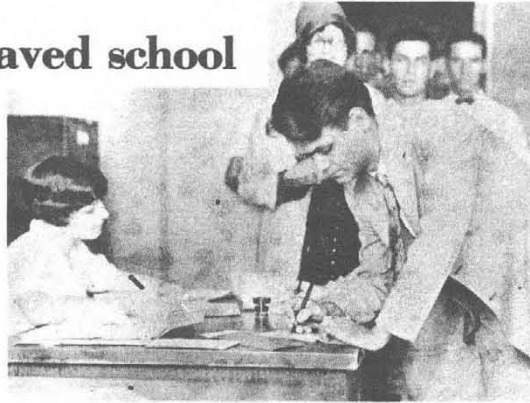
"It was a great pleasure to have you back for the 50th Birthday Celebration of our University. Your presence here was a real boost to the celebration because you are our very first student."

Here in Columbus Mr. Houghtaling is an active regional director of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

Now you know

TROY, N.Y. — Davie, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Agee, members of the Albany, N.Y., church, overheard his parents discussing Herbert W. Armstrong's campaign in the Philippines of several months ago.

"Mommy, why is Mr. Armstrong camping out with the Philistines?" Davie asked.



FIRST STUDENT — Francis S. Houghtaling, left, enrolls as the first student at the University of Miami Oct. 15, 1926. Right: Mr. Houghtaling proudly displays his Iron Arrow Society membership certificate and the



book *Iron Arrow: a History*, to which he contributed nearly one third of its contents. The Iron Arrow Society is a men's honor society Mr. Houghtaling helped found at the university. (Right photo by Dennis Bennett)

The sound of voices woke David Olson out of a deep sleep. He knew it wasn't time to get up because his room was still dark. He could hear his father and mother talking, and there were other voices too. David sat up. Could that have been the cry of a baby he heard? It was so faint it was barely audible.

"I must be imagining things," David said aloud. "Mom said my baby brother or sister was due in April. This is only February."

David heard the sound of his dad's footsteps coming down the hall to his room, and he jumped out of bed and ran to open his door.

"Dad, what's happening?" David asked, opening the door.

"Son, your mother gave birth to a baby girl . . ."

"Can I see it?"

"Not yet, son. The baby is very small; she's two months premature. Mrs. Butler, the midwife, is getting the baby ready to go to the hospital. We're going to take your mother into the hospital too. It looks like your baby sister is to have a twin."

"Twins!" David yelled.

"Sh-h-h. Your sister is still asleep."

"Maybe I'll get a brother too! Whoopee!" David exclaimed, his brown eyes sparkling.

"Maybe." Jim Olson smiled at his son. "Anyway, Mrs. Walker is here, and she'll stay with you while Mrs. Butler and I go to the hospital with your mother and new baby sister."

"Can I stay up and wait for you, Dad?"

"No, son, you need your sleep for school in the morning. It sounds like the ambulance is here." Mr. Olson walked over to the window facing the street. "Yep, it's here. Gotta go. Please get some sleep, David. I'll be back as soon as I can."

Mr. Olson kissed David on the forehead and disappeared out of the room. David climbed back in bed and fell asleep shortly after the ambulance drove away.

New Baby Sisters

The next thing he knew, his

5-year-old sister, LaRae, was jumping up and down on his bed. "Get up, sleepyhead," LaRae was saying.

"Hey, quit it!" David snapped at her.

"Get up, sleepyhead." LaRae gradually slowed down her jumping, her long, auburn hair still bouncing on her shoulders. "Guess what. Mommy had three babies this morning!"

"What?" David sat up. "You mean triplets?"

"Yes, three girls," LaRae said, nodding. "Daddy will be home soon and will take us to school. Mrs. Walker is fixing us breakfast, so hurry up and get dressed, slowpoke."

LaRae jumped off the bed and ran out of the room.

"Boy, what luck. Three more sisters. Ugh." David grimaced, then slowly got out of bed.

Going Home

David sat on the living room couch late one March afternoon, the daily newspaper laid out on his lap. He was looking intently at the picture on the bottom of the front page. The caption below the picture read:

"Olson triplets going home today. Jim and Nancy Olson pose with their triplet daughters as they leave Clayton County Hospital. The girls are, l. to r., Melissa Jean, Melanie Anne and Michelle Lee. The Olsons have two other children, David James, 8, and LaRae Nancy, 5."

"Hi, son," Mr. Olson said, coming up behind the couch. David jumped. "I'm sorry if I scared you."

"Hi, Dad."

"What are you looking at, son?" David showed his dad the paper. "We made the front page. I guess it's not every day when Newport has a set of triplets."

"Dad?"

"Yes, David?"

"I don't think I'm going to like having triplet sisters."

"Oh? Why is that?" Mr. Olson sat down beside David.

"For one thing, they're awful noisy. One, if not all of

DAVID'S TRIPLE TROUBLE



STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
 By Paulette Jameson

them, seems to be crying all the time. And they all started screaming in the middle of the night last night. And it seems like all Mom's done since they've been home is change their diapers, feed them and rock them."

Three's a Crowd

"It won't be easy adjusting to three babies in our household, David. Your mom is going to be awful busy, and we need to help her all we can. Mrs. Walker's going to come over three days a week to help out too. Once we get into a routine, I'm sure the babies won't be so noisy."

"I sure hope so." David looked down, then spoke in a lowered voice. "Dad, will we still be able to play ball together and go for hikes?"

"Why, sure. Why do you ask?"

"Well," David said, staring at his hands, which were playing with the buttons on his sweater. "It seems like ever since they were born you've been so busy building that extra room and things, and you've been talking so much about the babies. And yesterday when they came home all you did was hold them and

... David's voice trailed off.

"Oh, David, I'm sorry if we've neglected you the last month. It hasn't been intentional. We've had to do a lot of planning with our increased family. We'll still find time to do the things we've always done together."

"Then you still love LaRae and me just like always even though you have the three babies?"

"Yes, David. Our love for you hasn't changed. Even though we have to share our time between you and LaRae and the triplets, this doesn't mean we have to share our love. We still love you as much as always. We're just going to have more love to give to the babies. We may have less time to spend with you and LaRae, but we won't love you any less. Our love hasn't changed for you."

"I'm glad to hear that, Dad. I was kind of worried." David smiled and leaned over to hug his dad.

"Oh, son," Mr. Olson said, returning his son's embrace with a big bear hug. "No one will ever take your place in our hearts, not even three baby sisters."

THE GRAPEVINE

OFFICIAL

PASADENA — **Ray Kosanke**, former regional editor for *The Plain Truth* stationed in Brussels, Belgium, and more recently employed



RAY KOSANKE

by the International Division, will move here from Brussels to become an assistant to **Leslie L. McCullough**, director of the International Division.

Mr. Kosanke, who served the International Division by coordinating the material translated from English to French for the French-language *Plain Truth*, among other things, arrived here Jan. 12 to meet with Mr. McCullough. He will return to Europe briefly before moving permanently to the United States with his Belgian wife, **Daniele**, and three

daughters in late February or early March.

Mr. Kosanke said he is "looking forward to returning to the U.S. and headquarters."

Mr. McCullough, referring to the 6-foot 9½-inch Mr. Kosanke, said it was about time "we had someone around the office everyone will look up to."

In other news in the International Division, Mr. McCullough said **Henry Sturcke**, who worked for Mr. Kosanke in Brussels and was later transferred to operate the *PT*'s regional office in Washington, D.C., until its closing in May, 1976 (*The Worldwide News*, May 10, 1976), has been hired to work as a ministerial trainee in Montreal, Que.

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PASADENA — More than \$15,000 was earned by 180 Ambassador College students selling concessions before, during and after the Super Bowl football game here Jan. 9 at the Rose Bowl Stadium, according to Student Body President **John Stryker**.

The students usually earn most of their annual budget each Jan. 1 selling concessions at the Rose Bowl Parade here, but this year Jan. 1 was a Saturday, so the students offered their services to Olympic Concessions, owners of the concession franchise, which paid the students wages and bonuses that amounted to \$7.35 per man-hour.

The \$15,000, which Mr. Stryker said is \$1,500 more than the total earned last year during the Rose Parade, will be used for student service projects, the yearly senior trip and other student expenses.

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PASADENA — **Dean Wilson**, recently appointed regional director of the Australian Work, left here Jan. 15 for his new assignment, following a semester at Ambassador College, Pasadena, as a part of a sabbatical program.

According to **Leslie L. McCullough**, director of the International Division, Mr. Wilson's departure had been "slightly delayed" by "paper-work problems with his visa." Mr. Wilson, an evangelist and former regional director of the Canadian Work, and his wife were scheduled to arrive in Australia Jan. 17.

Mr. McCullough also said **Dennis Luker**, the man Mr. Wilson is replacing in Australia, and his family arrived here Jan. 11. Mr. Luker is beginning a semester's stay at Ambassador College as part of the Work's sabbatical program.

"The Lukers are happy to be back in the States," Mr. McCullough said. "They are busily getting settled, and Dennis is looking forward to a semester of college."

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Robert Fahey**, director of the African Work, and personal assistant **David Hulme** visited Swaziland Jan. 13 and 14 to arrange for **Herbert W. Armstrong's** next visit there March 28. Mr. Armstrong is again scheduled to see Swaziland's **King Sobhuza II**.

From there Mr. Fahey and Mr. Hulme will travel to the Kingdom of

Lesotho, where they will arrange for Mr. Armstrong to meet Prime Minister **Leabua Jonathan** April 6. Because of his recent ankle injury, Mr. Armstrong was unable to meet the prime minister on a previous visit.

In other news, 17 girls and 16 boys took part in the first black Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Africa, at Hammanskraal, near Pretoria. The young people came from all over South Africa as well as Swaziland and Lesotho for eight days beginning Jan. 9 and participated in canoeing, waterskiing, sailing, hiking, tennis, volleyball, swimming, soccer and social activities.

John Bartholomew, SEP supervisor, said the program went well. For the majority of the youngsters most of the activities were a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," he said.

Two public lectures were conducted in Nairobi, Kenya, Jan. 8 and 9. **Owen Willis**, a minister from South Africa, is undertaking some two weeks' visiting after a good response to the lectures.

Peter Nathan, regional circulation manager for *The Plain Truth*, has spent a week in Nairobi, working out legal details for the registration of the Worldwide Church of God in the area.

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PASADENA — Ambassador's television-production crew has been taping a half-hour television special called "Welcome to Ambassador" to be aired nationally in time slots of the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast in March.

Director **Larry Omasta** feels the program emphasizes to the prospective student why he or she should come to Ambassador.

"The program shows the strong points of the college," he said. "It shows that we're not just a religious

college or just a fun one. We're something more."

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BIG SANDY — The chairman of the Department of Speech Communications and Public Relations at Ambassador College here, **F. Kenneth Brasted**, is scheduled to transfer to Pasadena Aug. 15, 1977, to head the Mass Communications Department there, according to Big Sandy Dean of Faculty **Donald Ward**.

Dr. Brasted's career spans collegiate and corporate education and



DR. AND MRS. F. KENNETH BRASTED public-relations career. He was founding president of Dallas University.

Dr. Brasted has taught at the high-school and university level in Florida and inaugurated the academic program in public relations at the college here when he joined the faculty in 1975. His wife, **Margaret Ann**, teaches secretarial studies part time at Ambassador, Big Sandy.

Replacements for Dr. and Mrs. Brasted for the 1977-78 school year at Big Sandy have not yet been named.

Summer program offers education, recreation

BIG SANDY — "I've never seen so much packed into two weeks," said Pat Lowery, a widow from Newnan, Ga., who attended Ambassador's pilot program of continuing education last summer in Big Sandy.

The Texas campus of Ambassador College will again offer the summer program, which made college-level courses available to more than 50 people — couples, widows and teenagers — from 13 states and Canada in 1976, announced Donald Ward, college-faculty dean and program coordinator.

When asked for her impressions of last year's program, Wilma Lathrop, a cosmetologist and accountant from

Sheldon, Mo., said:

"I think the program is fantastic. I wish more people would be able to come. We're gaining an insight into the college and where our tithes and offerings go and really getting behind it more solidly than we have before."

The program for 1977 will again let participants combine a vacation with furthering their education, Dr. Ward said.

Dates Set

The continuing-education series will again last two weeks. The dates for the program have been set for later in the summer so more students can attend. Classes will begin July 18 and end July 29.

The program "has tremendous potential by informing the people what is going on at the college and enriching their own educational experience," Dr. Ward said.

The courses to be offered will cover finance, leadership training, home gardening, career and educational planning, church and community relations and theology.

Recreation and Housing

In addition to classes, all students and their families will have access to Ambassador's recreational opportunities, including facilities for basketball, handball, racketball, softball, golf, tennis, horseback riding, canoeing, fishing and swimming.

Air-conditioned student housing will be available for \$25 for each one-room student residence, which will house two adults and a small child. The college's camping facilities will also be open for a cost of \$10 per site.

Meals may be eaten in the college cafeteria for a cost of \$1.50 a meal or \$50 for 12 days. Tuition will be \$15 for each course.

Though no college credit is given for the courses, each student at the end of the two weeks will receive one Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for every 10 class hours.

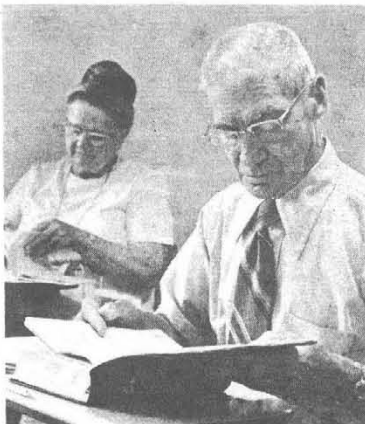
"The CEU is defined as 10 contact hours of participation in an organized education experience under responsi-

ble sponsorship, capable direction and qualified instruction," Dr. Ward said.

The CEU is used by U.S. educational institutions taking part in the continuing-education program to measure, record, report and recognize participation in courses of study that in the past were not formally recorded in any way.

Since units are not transferable college credit hours, anyone who is interested may register for the classes regardless of his educational background.

All interested in attending or wanting more information about the program may fill out and mail the accompanying coupon.



BEST OF BOTH WORLDS — Those who attended the two-week continuing-education program last summer at Big Sandy combined studying and recreation. The campus' recreational facilities are also available to the students and their families. [Photos by John Wright]

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