

MOONBEAMS — As the full moon rises over Squaw Valley, Calif., on the opening night of the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles, thousands of brethren squeeze into Blyth Arena to hear Garner Ted Armstrong deliver a sermon on the family. Mr. Armstrong's sermon was the first of 11 he

delivered in as many sites during the eight-day Festival. Immediately after the sermon he left for Pasadena and morning services the next day. Squaw Valley, along with St. Petersburg, Fla., was attended by 10,000 people. (Photos by Scott Moss)

Worldwide family observes the Feast

PASADENA — What did 15 people in Muehleithen, East Germany, have in common with threescore brethren in Mahabaleshwar, India? Or 10,000 in St. Petersburg, Fla., or with 240 in Umgababa, South Africa?

The 1977 Feast of Tabernacles. From Mauritius to Malawi and from Hampton to Hermanus, God's international family gathered at 72

sites for spiritual food, fellowship and fun. (*The Worldwide News* received verification that the Festival was held in 68 sites, with the scheduled keeping of the Festival in the unverified sites in Alaska, France, Mexico and Peru almost a certainty.)

Greetings to Mr. Armstrong

For the first time since the revelation of the Holy Days to Herbert W. Armstrong and his wife in the 1930s, Mr. Armstrong did not attend formal services. Mr. Armstrong, who is still recuperating from heart problems that sidelined the 85-year-old pastor general of the Church, received greetings and well-wishes from thousands of members from around the world.

Mr. Armstrong was able to have proceedings at the Tucson, Ariz., site piped into his home there via a special telephone hookup. When Garner Ted Armstrong arrived at the Tucson airport en route to deliver a sermon at the site there, he was met at the airport by his father.

(Garner Ted Armstrong reports in his "Personal" that his father's health is steadily improving. For more detailed information, see the "Personal," beginning on page 2.)

Trite but true

Garner Ted Armstrong, Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, and others who attended several different sites commented that this year's Festival seemed to be highly successful. Many of the sermons given dealt with the family.

"I am of the very firm opinion that you brethren in God's Church would agree with me this truly was — though we seem to repeat it year after year — the best Feast ever," Mr. Armstrong said after speaking at all United States sites except Alaska and Hawaii.

Mr. Dart, who visited four locations, said "everything went like clockwork. Our Feasts are so well

organized that problems seem to be at a minimum."

He said he was well received at all sites. "Quite frankly, the brethren were optimistic," he said. "I found them encouraged. In sites where I preceded Mr. Armstrong, people were expectant, and where I followed him the brethren were very up."

Mr. Dart said he had talked with about six area coordinators after the Feast of Tabernacles and each had said he felt the Festival went well.

Upbeat Festivals

Mr. McCullough, who spoke at three American and two Canadian sites, said everything was "upbeat" at the sites he visited. "I heard Mr. Armstrong's sermon the first service of the Feast at Squaw Valley," he said. "As I told him, I thought it was very good and I heard many favor-

able comments at the sites where he'd spoken."

Mr. McCullough said that the international areas he'd received reports from all indicated the Festival was successful.

Festival director Sherwin McMichael said the "attitude and atmosphere of every site seemed to be up this year. Everything went very, very well, from the weather to cooperation from the local community."

He said this year's Festival in the United States seemed to be one of the most enjoyable in recent years for members. "The *Family Night* show went over well," he said. "People really appreciated GTA's participation as well as all the effort that went into the production."

This year's Feast show, titled *Family Night*, traveled to five sites: Tucson, Big Sandy, St. Petersburg, Hampton and Mount Pocono, with

the troupe performing special music in Squaw Valley on the Last Great Day. The show featured Garner Ted Armstrong and Jim Thornhill, along with the Ambassador Singers, in a family setting. A three-screen slide show in the background accompanied each song. A record album, also called *Family Night*, featuring music from the show, was made available to all attending the Feast.

"Mr. Armstrong felt that his reception at St. Pete[rsburg] was outstanding and that the atmosphere in services and reaction to *Family Night* was warm and enthusiastic," Mr. McMichael said.

Festival brochure

He said the Festival brochure, available free of charge to the brethren attending most U.S. sites (*The Worldwide News*, Sept. 12), received a "terrific response from people everywhere." He said those interested in transferring to sites next year may request from the Festival Office at Big Sandy an extra copy of the brochure at a price of \$2, which he said is only to cover costs. Brochures are available for all U.S. sites except Pasadena, Hawaii and Alaska.

Mr. McMichael said some U.S. sites used this year may be dropped and new ones added for 1978. "We may change some sites for the benefit of the brethren or where the business community has given us less than their full cooperation."

He said Squaw Valley, Calif., and St. Petersburg both had record attendances this year of about 10,000 each.

"We didn't plan to have that many at Squaw Valley," Mr. McMichael said. "We planned to have 8,500, but people kept writing and writing, requesting the site. As it was we turned down 500 applications."

Interesting to observers at Squaw Valley was that about 120 ministers attended the site, a group larger than the total attendance of several non-U.S. sites.

Consequently the Squaw Valley site was crowded, with many members. (See *FAMILY OBSERVES*, page 20)

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

While the Feast was still in progress, photographers from around the world were shooting and mailing film to the W/N offices. Some 71 rolls of film from 31 photographers arrived during or shortly after the Festival.

The day before the Last Great Day, reports began flooding in. During the next five days they kept coming. Most of the accounts were cabled, while the information about the United States and Canadian sites was gathered by telephone. In all, we received reports from, or reasonable assurance that the Feast had been held at, 72 sites in 38 countries and territories.

We may not have included every site, and, with the avalanche of words and pictures arriving so shortly before press time, there may be some inaccuracies.



FAMILY NIGHT — From left, Mike Hale, Festival Office employee, Garner Ted Armstrong and YOU director Jim Thornhill portray members of a Church family in the Tucson performance of *Family Night*, the show presented at five Festival sites. (Photo by Sheila Dennis)

Worldwide family keeps Feast

Following are reports from most of the 70 Feast sites around the world (see article, page 1).

Accra, Ghana

Harold Jackson, director of the black-African Work, spent the last four days of the Feast with 117 brethren in Accra, Ghana.

Mr. Jackson had spent the first four days in Nigeria.

Adelaide, Australia

"Magnificent, best ever," was coordinator Ted Tupper's description of the weather at the Feast in Adelaide, in the state of South Australia. Three hundred fifty-seven of God's people congregated at Glenelg Town Hall in Adelaide to keep the Feast this year. High attendance reported by Mr. Tupper was 326.

Speakers included evangelist Dean Wilson, regional director, who spoke on the overall view of God's glory and greatness and what's in store for everyone.

Charles Orr and Tony Morrell were ordained as local elders.

Especially enjoyable Festival activities were a dinner-dance at Ayers House Restaurant and a king-size barbecue. Members also toured local grape-growing areas and wine cellars.

Albany, Australia

The Feast at Albany, in Western Australia, was attended by an official registration of 462 brethren who met in a large tent set on the grounds of Emu Beach Caravan Park.

Coordinator Ken Lewis said members enjoyed fishing, golfing and touring the local whaling station, the only land-based whaling station in the southern hemisphere. A dinner at the Hillside Restaurant was also a high point of the Feast.

Sermons included such subjects as marriage, God's plan and the Bride of Christ; love, rejoice, fear and give thanks; and God will reward those who endure. Speakers included John Larkin and Bruce Tyler.

Mr. Lewis reported temperatures were pleasant, with some rain. High attendance was 429.

Before the Feast Mr. Lewis held a campaign in Albany that Feastgoers were able to attend. Nine new people were thus afforded a fine introduction to the Work. Mr. Lewis said.

Auckland, New Zealand

New Zealand's largest city was host to 676 people during the Festival, including 40 Australian members and two Canadians. The convention was held at Trillo's, the country's largest convention center, Rex Morgan told *The Worldwide News*.

"The Festival was packed full with activities for young and old," Mr. Morgan said, "including a family night, fancy-dress party, ladies' day with fashion parade, cabaret, film evening and supper dance."

Organized trips took Feastgoers to a barbecue at nearby Waiwera Hot Pools and a tour of Crown Lynn Potteries. Sports events included soccer, skating, tenpin bowling and an afternoon at the Boystown sports complex with its gymnasium, swimming pools, trampolines and squash courts.

Sermons followed the theme of the Millennium, and speakers included Festival elder Jack Croucher, Bob Morton, Gary Harvey, Bill Hutchison and visiting minister from Australia Gavin Culen.

Baguio, Philippines

"As in previous years, Satan did his best to disrupt the Feast in the Philippines," said Festival coordinator Colin Adair. Several

typhoons drenched the islands with rain in the days preceding the Feast. "By the first day of the Feast the weather had improved and the eight days were warm and sunny with only light showers in the late afternoon," Mr. Adair said.

The main Philippine site, Baguio City, was attended by 1,088 members. Visiting minister at the site was Graemme Marshall, who was accompanied by his wife. The Marshalls were presented with Philippine hand-crafted gifts by Church members at the close of the Feast.

The mayor of Baguio gave an inspiring welcome to Church members through the Festival brochure. Other media coverage included a 30-minute radio interview of Mr. Adair. The station had just begun airing *The World Tomorrow* broadcast that week.

The highlight of the first day was the ordination of Felix Manubay, Bien Macaraeg, Samuel Lebrojo and Max Fabricante as local elders.

Basketball, volleyball and other sports events were on the schedule at the site.

Sermons ranged from the state of the world to family relations and the necessity of not compromising with God's laws.

Social events included a variety show, *Spice of Life*, which featured dancing and singing. The annual Feast dance was as popular as ever, Mr. Adair reported.

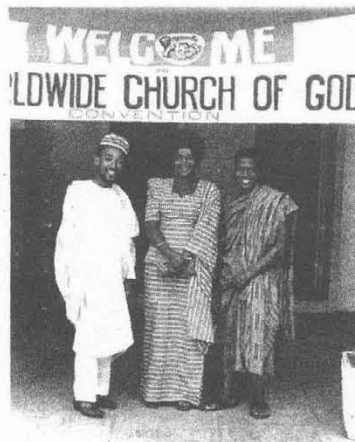
"All together 2,022 people attended in the Philippines [other Philippine sites are reported separately in this article], despite severe economic pressure, showing their zeal to act out once again the future world order and to anticipate its reality in the near future," Mr. Adair said.

Bahau, Malaysia

John Halford and Joseph Moses, who attended the Port Dickson, Malaysia, site for most of the Festival, traveled to the town of Bahau to conduct a one-day mini-Feast for 18 Tamil-speaking members and prospective members, according to Mr. Halford, area coordinator for Southeast Asia. Mr. Moses, a deacon from Malaysia, gave a Bible study on the Kingdom of God.

Beruwala, Sri Lanka

Beruwala was the Festival site for 45 Sri Lankan brethren this year. Beruwala is south of the Sri Lankan capital city of Colombo on the west coast. The weather was showery and warm for most of the Feast.



AROUND THE WORLD — Left: Members stand outside the meeting hall in Accra, Ghana, Feast site for 117 members. Right: A member prepares a barbecued meal at the Adelaide, Australia, site. (Photos by Peter Nathan and Ken Thamm)

Chris Hunting, administrator of services on the Indian subcontinent, his wife and Peter McLean, pastor of the Caboolture, Australia, church, conducted the services.

Big Sandy, Tex.

Hot Texas temperatures in the high 90s accompanied the opening of the Festival at Big Sandy, reported Harold Rhodes, site coordinator. Brethren, officially numbering 7,471, many camping on the grounds of the former campus of Ambassador College, heard guest speakers Garner Ted Armstrong, Sherwin McMichael, Ronald Dart and Roderick Meredith speak in the Worldwide Church of God Convention Center. Sermon topics included family, service to each other, trials and tests, family relations in the Church and Christian maturity. Mr. Rhodes said overall emphasis was on the family throughout the Feast.

Scheduled activities at Big Sandy included movies, a square dance, a YOU dance, eligibles' socials, lake-front recreation and various sports.

In softball competition Houston, Tex., beat Waco, Tex., for the No. 1 spot of the tournament.

Also during the Feast an arts-and-crafts fair again took place at Big Sandy. YOU contributions were included with the regular show this year, which was exhibited in the lobby of the Festival Administration Building. The projects shown were

winners in competitions in the various church areas before the Feast.

Other attractions were the county fair at nearby Tyler, Tex., and Six Flags Over Texas, an amusement park near Dallas.

Mr. Rhodes reported local reception was "very good," with Festival coverage in several area newspapers including an interview with Mr. McMichael in the Gladewater, Tex., *Mirror*.

The *Family Night* show on Wednesday evening, with an estimated 5,000 attending, was, according to Mr. Rhodes, "the highlight of Feast entertainment." The show, sponsored by Ambassador College, featured the Young Ambassadors, with guest performers Garner Ted Armstrong and Jim Thomhill.

No YOU regional talent contest was held at Big Sandy this year. According to Mark Robinson, Big Sandy YOU Festival coordinator, there were "not enough contestants for a good show."

The six contestants attending at the site were subsequently transferred to the Wisconsin Dells and Jekyll Island sites for regional competition.

Mr. Robinson said he was pleased to report that five contestants out of the six representing the Big Sandy region placed in their competitions. Four of the winning contestants performed after services Monday afternoon for interested Feastgoers.

YOU basketball and cheerleading

competitions were also organized for the youths at Big Sandy.

Blackheath, Australia

About 760 people attended the Feast at the Worldwide Church of God Tabernacle in Blackheath, in the state of New South Wales. Bob Mitchell, coordinator, reported on "one of the smoothest and most cooperative Feasts ever." Highest attendance was 667.

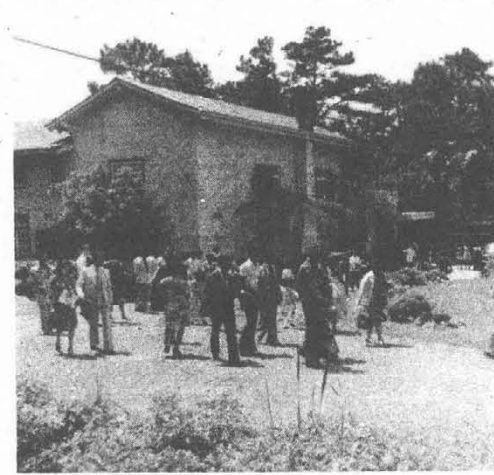
"After a damp first day some of the best weather was experienced there," Mr. Mitchell said, and brethren were able to enjoy mountain hikes and a scenic cable car and railroad. High points of Festival activities were a sports afternoon and a square dance led by a professional caller.

Sermon themes included the potential for youth, keeping one's eyes on things that matter most and family unity. Guest speakers were David Noller, Kerry Gubb and Mark Cardona.

Also during the Feast, ministers Kerry Gubb and John McLean were raised in rank to preaching elders. Making it a family affair, Alan Gubb, Kerry Gubb's father, was ordained a local elder, along with Phil Plows and Russ Couston.

Boernerup Strand, Denmark

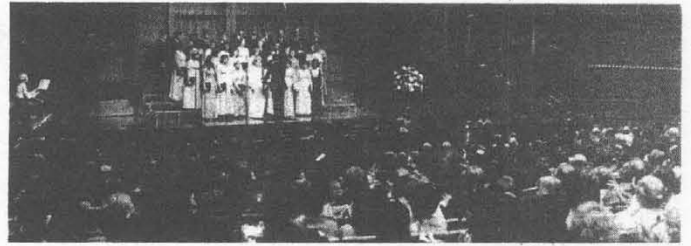
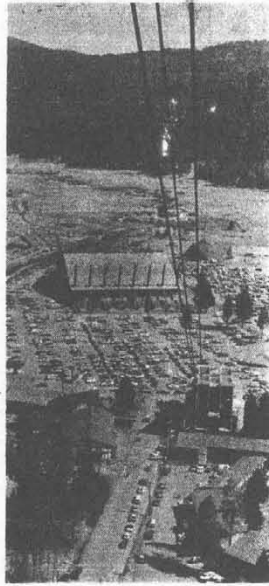
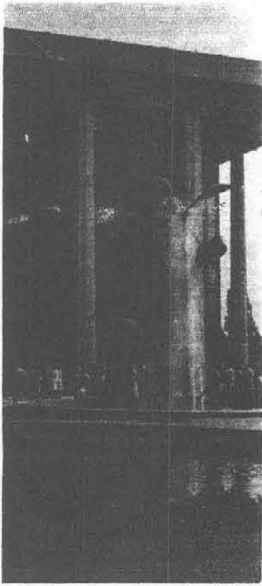
Stuart Powell, regional director for the Work in Scandinavia, and Peter Shenton of England were the main (See *WORLDWIDE FAMILY*, page 6)



FESTIVAL SERVICES — Left: Members disperse after services in Baguio City, the main Philippine site. Right: Services are held in a tent at

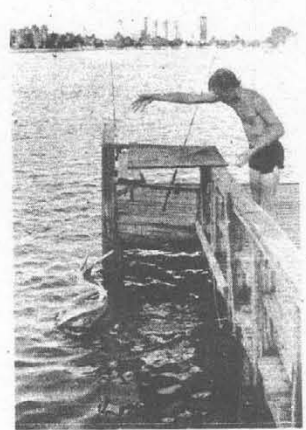


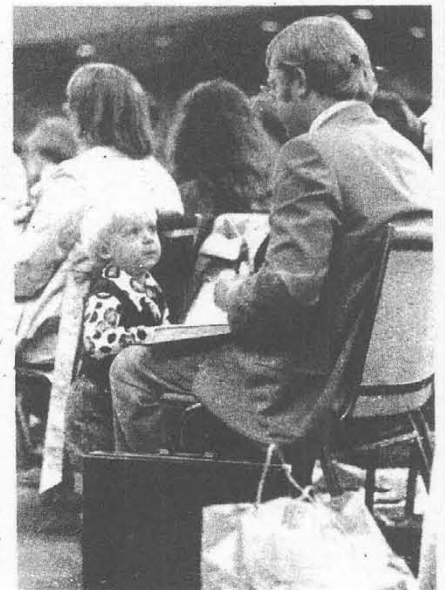
Emu Beach Caravan Park, at the Albany, Australia, site. (Photos by Jun Rustia and P.J. Longley)



THE FEAST

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Worldwide family

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speakers at the Festival in Boernerup Strand, near Aarhus, Denmark.

The 120 brethren who gathered at the Hotel Kattegat came from all the Scandinavian countries, the United States, Canada, South Africa, Britain, the Netherlands, Germany and France. The weather remained beautiful throughout the Feast, with strong winds.

Minister Paul Flatt and his wife made a brief two-day visit to the site. Mr. Flatt, pastor of the Rome, Ga., church, spoke on knowing the will of God.

Those present at the site participated in the once-a-year Scandinavian Spokesman Club. Members also saw several films of *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecasts.

Bogota, Colombia

"The most joyous eight days ever for 115 persons falls short in describing the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles in Colombia," said Festival coordinator Pablo Gonzalez. Members from eight countries met at a military club in the northern part of the city of Bogota.

Members present experienced weather representative of all four seasons. Mr. Gonzalez said, explaining that such weather is "a common thing here in Bogota."

God's plan of salvation instructions on principles of Christian living, the urgency of carrying the commission of God, and the reality of the World Tomorrow being just around the corner were representative sermon topics, Mr. Gonzalez reported.

During the Festival he gave the sermons and Mauricio Perez gave the sermonettes. Eduardo Mendoza, a member from Ecuador, gave a "very effective chat on human relations and personal development a la Dale Carnegie, approached from a biblical viewpoint, which helped us all to learn positive ways to achieve success," Mr. Gonzalez said.

The Colombian brethren presented those present with a variety of social activities such as a "professionally executed dance of Russian folklore," typical Colombian dances, singing and special music. Other activities included basketball, football, volleyball, table tennis, tennis and running. Highlighting the list of activities was a semiformal dance for families.

Bonndorf, West Germany

Some 550 brethren from Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Lichtenstein, Yugoslavia, the Netherlands, Norway, France, Britain, Australia, Canada and the United States attended the German-speaking Feast of

Tabernacles in Bonndorf, a quaint Black Forest village that dates before the time of Christ.

Frank Schnee, regional director for the German-language Work, welcomed everyone the first Holy Day to "a foretaste of the World Tomorrow" and concluded the eight days by saying he "sensed God's Spirit among the brethren more than at any other Feast."

Civic leaders, local residents, the press, the weather and service-minded brethren cooperated to give the more than 500 Feastgoers a memorable Feast, said Mr. Schnee.

About 50 non-German-speaking guests were provided instantaneous translations of all that was said. Sermons were translated by German ministers.

Speakers at the site were the entire German ministry: Colin Cato, John Karlson, Paul Kieffer, Tom Root, Victor Root and Mr. Schnee and briefly the minister who conducted the first half of the East German Feast, Alfred Hellemann.

The theme of the sermons delivered in Bonndorf was the family. A major activity was entitled "The Church: One Big Family."

Feastgoers found themselves in the new Bonndorf Stadthalle, an all-purpose convention hall that was the focal point of many church activities.

Most brethren were accommodated in a 400-bed vacation village outside Bonndorf. The remainder found excellent but moderately off-season-priced bungalows, apartments or hotel rooms.

Attractions near the site are dramatic views of the Black Forest's mountains and valleys, Lake Constance, the Titisee (a lake), the Swiss Alps, castles, medieval towns and Black Forest homeyness extended by local citizens.

The Bonndorf *bürgermeister* thanked the brethren at a formal dance and said he hoped the group would be back again next year.

John Karlson, a senior pastor in Germany, said "the experience of past Feasts has paid off to make this the best Feast ever."

This made the fourth Feast for West Germany. German brethren formerly traveled to England for the Festival.

Bulawayo, Rhodesia

Bulawayo was one of two sites in that country as most Rhodesian members kept the first half of the Festival in the capital city of Rhodesia before transferring to Bulawayo, more than 200 miles southwest of Salisbury.

Gordon Terblanche, pastor of the Pretoria, South Africa, church and Festival elder in Rhodesia, said 170



AUSTRALIA SITE — The Cairns Civic Centre, one of seven Australian Festival sites, was a home for eight days for 274 feastgoers.

kept the Feast in Salisbury and the Festival continued in Bulawayo with 120.

According to Mr. Terblanche, recreation centered around Centenary Park, where a "recreational afternoon developed into a spontaneous open-air study." He said even a few passersby sat in.

Mr. Terblanche said an educational visit to the park's national museum followed the next day.

Cairns, Australia

Warm, tropical weather prevailed at the Cairns site, in the state of Queensland, where 274 people met at the Cairns Civic Centre, according to Bruce Dean, Festival coordinator.

Members enjoyed activities that included family day at Brampton Beach. In clay-pigeon shooting competition, Stuart Franetovitch came up the winner. The Mackay church's team overwhelmed all opposition to win the tug-of-war.

Feastgoers also were attracted to underwater observatories, glass-bottomed boats and the Great Barrier Reef.

Representative of sermon topics were Dean Wilson's purpose of the Feast and the events leading to the Millennium and Alan Dean's address on a family in the year 2525 looking back on history. High attendance was reported at 243.

Bob Regazzoli and Bruce Dean were ordained to the rank of preaching elder.

Calgary, Alta.

"Brilliant, beautiful, sunny Holy Days and Canadian fall weather greeted 2,300 Feastgoers in Calgary.

Alta.," reported site coordinator Richard Wilding, pastor of the Calgary North congregation.

The Jubilee Auditorium provided the setting for the meetings, highlighted by traveling speakers Dean Blackwell, C. Wayne Cole, Brian Knowles and Leslie McCullough.

A traveling hockey team from Ambassador College "began to put it all together and barely tied the Alberta All-Stars in the late minutes of the game," Mr. Wilding said, "only to lose 3-2 after providing a crowd of about 500 fans an exciting evening's entertainment." The Alberta All-Stars are a team of hockey-playing Church members from the area.

Family night, which included a YOU talent show, featured a visit from Big Bird of *Sesame Street* fame and a tribute to Elvis Presley. The evening was attended by 1,500 people.

"Mr. Wiktor Przybka had the honor of being the member who traveled the furthest distance to keep the Feast in Calgary," Mr. Wilding said. "Wiktor is from Poland, and, being able to speak German also, he found many of the brethren able to communicate with him."

Some 800 Feastgoers were transferees from other areas, including 300 from the United States.

Cape Maclear, Malawi

Forty-six people observed the Feast this year at Cape Maclear.

The Festival was conducted for four days by Owen Willis, who is stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, and who split his time between the Malawian site and the one in Zambia.

Mr. Willis said Cape Maclear

"must be one of the most beautiful areas in all of Africa. The campsite nestles undereath rugged mountains on the golden sands of crystal-clear Lake Malawi." He said most of the recreational activities centered around the lake, with swimming, boating, fishing and games of football on the beach.

Mr. Willis said the only regret of the Feast was "that the mini-Festival was only four days long."

The site was one of 10 in Africa.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The Confederation Centre Theatre in Charlottetown, the capital of Canada's Prince Edward Island, found 650 Festivalgoers, including a few from Alaska, Florida and Pasadena.

"A few new people local to the area began attending as a result of very favorable coverage by press and media," reported Steve Botha, pastor of the church in Halifax, N.S., and site coordinator for Charlottetown.

The traveling speakers for the site were Dean Blackwell, C. Wayne Cole and Colin Wilkins.

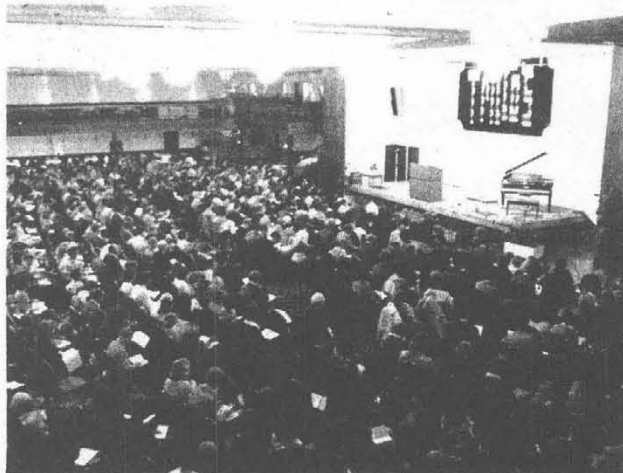
"Activities were well attended," Mr. Botha said, "and a special thanks goes to the young people for organizing and producing one of the finest family nights ever. The evening was "attended by over 400 people," and "enthusiastic participation on everyone's part led to a bombastic sing-along afterwards."

Christchurch, New Zealand

The Christchurch town hall was the site for 246 Feastgoers in New Zealand this year. The 246 registration (See WORLDWIDE FAMILY, page 7).



SMILING FACES — Three people attending the Bonndorf, West Germany, site appear to be enjoying their Feast. (Photos by Klaus Rothe)



SERMONS AND SERVICE — Left: New Zealand, Australian and Canadian members meet at Trillo's, New Zealand's largest convention center. Above: Ministers and wives await restaurant service at the Charlottetown, P.E.I., site. (Photos by Peter Mills and Vern Conrad)

Worldwide family

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figure includes 25 visitors from America, Canada and Australia.

Festival elder Colin Kelly and other ministers gave sermons on such topics as getting ready for the Millennium. Those who spoke during the Festival included Bob Morton, Karl Karlov, Neville Fraser and visiting minister from Australia D'Arcy Watson.

Activities included a family dinner-dance, sports afternoon and film evening. The scenic southern alps, lakes and ski fields were nearby.

Unusually high Holy Day offerings added an encouraging note to the Feast in New Zealand. Both offerings increased by more than 50 percent over the previous year.

Davao, Philippines

Near Davao City, in eastern Mindanao, 270 brethren kept a happy Feast on the slopes of Mt. Apo. Ed Macaraeg was Festival elder, reported Colin Adair, Festival coordinator for the Philippines.

Don Carlos, Philippines

On the southern Philippine island of Mindanao, 472 brethren gathered in the city of Don Carlos. Encardio Benitez was the Festival elder.

Durban, South Africa

Durban had the highest attendance of 10 sites on the African Continent.

According to Bob Fahey, pastor of the Johannesburg, South Africa, church, attendance at the site rose to

1,200 on the Holy Days as 950 whites were joined by 240 black brethren who met the other days at Umgababa, 25 miles south of the Durban site.

Charles Bryce, coordinator of the Regina (Sask.) Area in Canada, traveled to South Africa as a guest speaker and spoke at all South African sites, including Durban.

Mr. Fahey said the site was "blessed with unusually good weather and activities were well attended. Over 1,000 attended the ox braai — ox roast — at Hulett's Country Club, near Durban. After the cross-country race, won by Jimmy Craythorne of Johannesburg, and, for the women, Joan Johnson of Durban, two oxen were devoured by all."

He said there was also a tug-of-war, which was won by the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, church team, followed by a sing-along and dance.

Earlier in the week 90 senior citizens spent an evening at the Prime Rib Restaurant.

Festival elder John Bartholomew said he was happy with the way God had blessed the Feast with inspiring messages and a rejoicing, happy and helpful group of brethren.

Exloo, Netherlands

The Hunzebergen, a resort near the town of Exloo in the Netherlands, served as the Festival site for 200 Dutch-speaking brethren and 88 visitors from Canada, the United States and Britain. Services were conducted for the first time in Dutch, and

simultaneous translations were provided for English-speaking guests.

"The site is ideal, quiet and away from big cities, offering us all the necessary facilities," said Johan Wilms, a deacon in the Utrecht, Netherlands, church. The resort proved to be popular with everyone, he said.

Sermon topics were varied and dealt with God; family relations; vision; loyalty and faithfulness to God; the Church and the Work; God's government; God's society; and being merciful to one another.

Speakers included Dr. Roy McCarthy, regional director for the Dutch-language Work in the Netherlands and Belgium, A.C. Debree, a local elder from Montreal, Que.; Mr. Wilms; Jesse Korver; Gerald Evers; and Harald Vanlerbergh. Members of the Spokesman Club gave sermons, Mr. Wilms said.

A full schedule of activities entertained the Feastgoers. A social evening presented by YOU members, a talent show, several movies, a dance, football, volleyball, softball, cycling, hikes and bus tours were among the activities offered.

Flecken-Flacq, Mauritius

Some 50 brethren met with South African minister David Hulme for the first four days of the Feast of Tabernacles on the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius, reported Robert Fahey, director of the African Work.

Mr. Hulme had earlier baptized five people in the Seychelles (a group of islands in the Indian Ocean about 1,000 miles east of Zanzibar).

On Mauritius Mr. Hulme gave his

first two French sermons. He said before the Feast that he was concerned about how fluent he would be in that language, but when it came time to speak the words tumbled out far more easily than he had hoped. He felt he was given help to serve the brethren on the island. French is the basis of the native Mauritian dialect.

Mr. Hulme returned to Durban to keep the remainder of the Feast with his family.

George, South Africa

After an absence of one year, the Church was welcomed back to the Cape Province community of George by area businessmen and hoteliers, according to Robert Fahey, director of the African Work.

"Though the entire coast was battered by a southeaster, bringing almost continual rain, the George area experienced beautiful weather," he said. "Horse riding, soccer and fishing were just a few of the superb activities enjoyed."

Andre van Belkum, director of South Africa's church administration, served as Festival coordinator.

Gold Coast, Australia

Ideal weather, warm and cloudless days for the whole Festival were enjoyed by 1,427 brethren at the Gold Coast site in the state of Queensland, reported Rod Matthews, Feast coordinator. Highest attendance at the Miami Great Hall there was 1,248.

Mr. Matthews said highlights of Festival activities were a river cruise and barbecue, a talent and variety show and the senior citizens' afternoon of memories. Feastgoers also

were able to take their families to Sea World, animal sanctuaries and beaches.

Guest speakers Dean Wilson and Alan Dean spoke on such topics as the panorama of events leading to the Millennium, Satan's final release, human nature and "Roots," a sermon about the family in the year 2525 looking back.

Mr. Matthews felt the Feast theme helped prepare the brethren for the Millennium and beyond.

Hampton, Va.

Richard Thompson, coordinator for the Hampton site, said the Festival was "uplifting, encouraging. And the people were very cooperative."

"Mr. Ted Armstrong gave an excellent sermon. Sermons were geared to the Millennium, with an emphasis on the family."

He said the weather was excellent with temperatures generally in the mid-70s. Attendance averaged 5,897, with 6,786 registered. He said 4,500 attended the YOU talent contest. "We had a very good turnout."

He described press coverage as "generally favorable," with several newspapers reporting on the Church's activities, but "with no editorializing."

Those giving sermons included Larry Salyer, who spoke on gaining the most from the Festival; Robert Hoops, who explained how God's thoughts are higher than ours; and Mr. Thompson, who expounded spiritual abundance; plus guest speakers Dean Blackwell, Raymond McNair, Sher-

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REHEARSAL — The Festival chorale rehearses for special music at the Calgary, Alta., site. (Photo by Paul Hardy)



FEASTGOING FAMILY — Members pause outside the Christchurch Town Hall, where 246 attended the Feast. (Photo by David Schultz)



GLOBAL CONVENTION — Members leave the Jekyll Island Convention Center after services on the Georgia Island, above, while the brethren in Hobart, Australia, participate in the song service, left. Below are members gathering in the Church-owned convention site in Mount Pocono, Pa. (Photos by Tom Hanson, Stephen Odell and Robert Rodkey)



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win McMichael and Leslie McCullough.

Mr. Blackwell spoke on fearing God rather than man, Mr. McNair on the World Tomorrow, Mr. McMichael on laws governing the family and Mr. McCullough on our calling.

Recreational highlights included the *Family Night* show on Oct. 1, attended by 6,100, softball, volleyball, golf, table tennis, horse-shoes, dancing and the YOU talent contest. Richard Kessel of Evansville, Ind., won the table-tennis tournament, Woody Woodruff of Pasadena, Calif., the golf tournament. The YOU basketball tournament was won by the Baltimore and Laurel, Md., churches' team.

Hermanus, South Africa

Some 200 South African members and their families met at Sonesta, a resort overlooking the Bot River Lagoon and the Indian Ocean near Hermanus, South Africa.

According to Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, the site, which was for "colored brethren," or those of mixed race, experienced good weather, and activities were "well attended."

Brethren enjoyed a sports day, dance, family fun show and film evening. The resort management invited all 200 who attended to a tea party.

Speakers included Charles Bryce of Canada, coordinator of the Regina (Sask.) Area, and Festival elder Martin Brode, who was interviewed in the *Hermanus Times*, a newspaper.

Hobart, Australia

Two hundred seventeen brethren attended the Hobart Feast site, on the island state of Tasmania. The weather was variable, overcast with broken sunshine and some rain, said Bill Dixon, coordinator.

Main speakers at the Hobart city hall were Rod Dean, speaking on the power of the Holy Spirit and the crisis in masculinity, and Mark Cardona, who spoke on the resurrection and how to be in it.

Mr. Dixon reported that a social and dance organized for the brethren were well attended. Feastgoers also enjoyed touring the harbor and scenic drives of the island.

Jekyll Island, Ga.

Jekyll Island was host to 5,500 people for the Feast this year. According to David Mills, aide to Jekyll Island Festival coordinator Dale Schurter, "fantastic" weather prevailed at Jekyll throughout the Feast, with clear skies and temperatures in the 80s.

The great weather provided opportunity for the brethren to take advantage of the many recreational activities Jekyll offers. Boating, golf, swimming and deep-sea fishing were just a few of the sporting activities available. Other attractions included touring restored millionaires' mansions on the island; President Carter's home away from home, nearby St. Simon's Island; the zoo in Jacksonville, Fla.; and the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia.

Local residents once again received Church members with open arms. The Jekyll Island Convention Center, the site of services, and many other facilities on the island were "virtually turned over for us to use," Mr. Mills said. Area press coverage was also favorable.

Services were highlighted by Mr. Schurter's sermon on patience, experience and hope; John Ritenbaugh's sermon on the need to sacrifice at the Feast; and addresses by the three traveling ministers: Ronald Dart, who spoke on reaching spiritual maturity through adversity, Sherwin McMichael, on family happiness through obedience, and Garner

Ted Armstrong, on the strength of the family.

YOU members kept busy in Jekyll with several activities, including sports tournaments, a dance featuring You, a band from Lexington, Ky., and a disco skating party. YOU members also sponsored a party with games and cartoons for preteens.

The high points of the YOU activities in Jekyll were arts-and-crafts competition and the regional talent contest. Overall winner in arts and crafts was Billy Miller of Knoxville, Tenn., with his free-form ceramics. The talent contest was well attended with a standing-room-only crowd of 2,200 jamming the auditorium.

Lahaina, Hawaii

Greg Albrecht, Festival coordinator for Hawaii, reported the only problem with the Lahaina site, located on the island of Maui, was "too many happy people."

Recreational activities at the site took on a "let them do their own thing" quality, Mr. Albrecht said, as the 1,500 registered members took advantage of the island paradise. Highlights at the site noted by Mr. Albrecht were the Pacific Ocean, the fantastic weather with temperatures hovering in the mid-70s and 80s and the sermons.

Scenic spots frequented by Feastgoers were Haleakala Mountain and the beaches of Maui. Many Festival attendees took low-level airplane flights over Kilauea, the active volcano on the island of Hawaii. Others took day-long island-hopping tours of several of the islands.

Mr. Albrecht especially noted the "tremendous spirit of service which the Hawaiian brethren showed the mainlanders." Hawaii is unusual in that the handful of Hawaiian members must do the lion's share of the work in preparing for the convention. The majority of those attending in Hawaii come from the U.S. mainland. A church-staffed music group, the Lima Hanas, prepared a traditional Hawaiian luau for those who attended the site.

Brethren gathered daily at the Lahaina Civic Center for services and heard sermons on a variety of topics, such as "What It Would Be Like to See God," by Guy Engelbart. Other representative sermon topics were "Applying the Give Principle in Your Life," by Richard Pinelli, "The Battle for Your Mind," given by Judd Kirk, and "Don't Give Up the Pilgrimage," by Greg Albrecht.

The *Maui News* carried an article on the convention that virtually repeated the news release sent to the local press by the Festival Department. Mr. Albrecht said that the reception from restaurants and hotels was good. County-government officials were slightly cool, however, because they were not geared for a convention of this size.

A YOU dance took place Sept. 29, following YOU day. About 75 YOU members attended.

La Herradura, El Salvador

One hundred five brethren from eight countries gathered in this Central American country for a "most wonderful and inspiring Feast of Tabernacles," reported Fred and Rene Lopez, members of the Pasadena Spanish congregation, who traveled to El Salvador for the Festival.

"The days were sunny and warm, around 90 degrees, and evenings we would have tropical rains and showers," Mrs. Lopez said. "Highlights of the Feast were two baptisms, one double wedding, a track meet, a children's fiesta and the fun show."

Herberth Cisneros, the minister responsible for the area, was assisted for the Feast speaking schedule by James Mortenson, a visiting minister from (See WORLDWIDE FAMILY, page 9)

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Uvalde, Tex., and Robert Petit, a member from San Antonio, Tex.
 "All were joined in unity for the Feast," Mrs. Lopez said, "with an offering of 660 colones [\$265]. The only saddening part of the Feast was having to say good-bye."

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

A "family atmosphere" with the "people responsive to helping one another" characterized the Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., site, reported Jerald Aust, coordinator there.

The 8,514 people who registered at the Ozarks heard "the most balanced outline of sermons I've ever heard," said Mr. Aust. "We've had four evangelists here, including Mr. Ted Armstrong."

Dennis Pyle, Roderick Meredith and Raymond McNair all spoke on the purpose of the Feast. Mr. Aust gave a sermon on love, Ron McNeal spoke on overcoming difficulties, and David Jon Hill spoke on the prophecies for the immediate future.

A variety of sports tournaments were held. Rolla, Mo., won over Indianapolis, Ind., in women's volleyball. Men's softball concluded with St. Louis in first place and Lake of the Ozarks a close second. Belleville, Ill., topped St. Louis in golf. Class A YOU basketball competition closed with Little Rock, Ark., in first place, followed by Kansas City North.

The sportsmanship award for that class went to Kansas City East.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., beat out Wichita, Kan., by 1 point in the final two seconds of play in the Class B tournament, according to Mr. Aust. The sportsmanship award in that tournament went to Wichita.

Other activities in the area that attracted members were the lake, go-kart rides, slides, helicopter rides and Dogpatch U.S.A., an amusement park.

A special kiddies' day was held for 4- to 11-year-olds. Ribbons and prizes were awarded for various events, and three clowns were present to entertain the 700 youngsters who participated.

YOU activities included a talent contest and a disco dance with about 1,000 attending. A singles' dance and a 60-and-over dinner were also held.

Mr. Aust commented that the Festival was accident-free and was blessed with "beautiful weather." He said that "the people were responsive and solicitous to one another's needs," and a family atmosphere

prevailed. Festival authorities had "extremely great cooperation from the brethren," he added.

"We were sorry that Mr. Herbert Armstrong wasn't able to make it," Mr. Aust said. "The people wished that Mr. Armstrong could have been here. You could tell that it was something that we missed."

Lusaka, Zambia

Owen Willis, a minister stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, conducted the Feast of Tabernacles for 25 people in the Zambian capital of Lusaka.

Mr. Willis, who spent four days of the Festival at the site in Malawi, said recreational activities included a "sports afternoon" and boating on the Kafue River.

Lusaka was one of 10 sites in Africa.

Mahabaleshwar, India

Mahabaleshwar, several hours' drive from Bombay, was the site for 60 Indian brethren this year for the Feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hunting and Peter Nathan, pastor of the Caboolture, Australia, church, traveled from Australia to conduct the Feast there. Mr. Hunting is administrator of services to the Indian subcontinent. They spent four days in India and the last three in Sri Lanka with the brethren there.

Mambucal, Philippines

On the island of Visayan in the Philippines, 192 brethren attended the Mambucal Feast site, near Bacolod. Jose Raduban was the Festival elder, assisted by Jerry Ortiguero, Festival manager.

Melbourne, Australia

Beautiful spring weather greeted members at Melbourne, in the state of Victoria. Also greeting them on the first Holy Day was a strike of all public transportation that subsequently clogged the roads. According to Brian Orchard, Festival coordinator, the next day saw "a strike by power workers which caused power restrictions that lasted to the end of the Feast. These did not hinder services but restricted evening activities considerably."

Also at the beginning of the Feast (thanks to a crank phone call) was a bomb scare in the Camberwell Civic Centre, forcing the brethren to evacuate the hall until police had searched the premises, delaying services for an hour, Mr. Orchard said. Later in the Feast a malfunctioning



OTTAWA — Almost 1,550 Canadians and visitors met in the Ottawa Exhibition Hall of Lansdowne Park during the Festival. The high point of the site was Garner Ted Armstrong's visit. (Photo by Henry Sturcke)

fire-alarm system sent firemen racing to the hall during the sermonette. Mr. Orchard described the Feast this year as "a very profitable and unusual Feast that kept everyone on their toes."

In spite of it all, the brethren enjoyed scenic drives, theaters, galleries and dinners at the Babarian and Bunratty Castle restaurants.

Principal speakers Bob Mitchell, Mark Cardona and David Noller's subjects were Solomon's reign compared with the Kingdom of God, family unity, children in the Millennium and the weak — but not inferior — of the world.

Highest attendance at the Festival was close to 100 percent of the 847 registered, 825 people.

Terry Villiers, Bill Robinson and John Ferrier were ordained local elders at the Feast this year.

Mount Pocono, Pa.

The Feast at Mount Pocono was summed up by Festival coordinator David Robinson as "rather problem-free" and characterized by "the fine attitude of the people."

The 6,100 brethren who registered at the site heard sermons on such topics as an individual's commitment to the family (Elbert Atlas), remaining steadfast in your Christian faith (Mike Swagerty) and thoughts on the restructured World Tomorrow (Richard Frankel). Garner Ted Armstrong spoke Oct. 2 and stressed the importance of the family.

Members enjoyed "better-than-

average weather," which added to the many outdoor recreational activities in the area. Horseback and camel riding, softball, basketball, family games and square dances were among the many activities available at the site. No major problems were reported, and Mr. Robinson said convention attenders were extended "very good cooperation from the authorities and townspeople."

Mr. Armstrong's sermon and Family Night, a variety show staged by Ambassador College students, were two highlights at Mount Pocono. The show, which featured Mr. Armstrong in a singing role, was "unusually good," according to Mr. Robinson. About 5,000 people attended the performance.

More than 500 YOU members came to a disco dance put on by Murry-the-K's Disco on Wheels from New York. The disco was run by two disc jockeys and included turntables, an "earthquake sound system" and a laser light show, according to Doug Horchak, YOU coordinator for the site.

"We pretty much had all disco-type music as opposed to hard rock," said Mr. Horchak. "But we had a cross section of everything. It went over real well, not only with the kids, which is important, but with the adults who were in attendance as well."

Muehleithen, East Germany

The tiny vacation resort of Muehleithen, high in the hilly border country near Czechoslovakia, was the Fest-

tival site for nine East German adults, two visitors and four children.

Communist authorities did not interfere and once again two ministers and their families were permitted to enter from West Germany to hold services. Alfred Hellemann supervised the first five days of the Festival; Victor Root replaced him for the last three. Sermons ranging in theme from the necessity for unity to the future activities as members of God's family were given to the group.

Services were held in the intimacy of members' A-frame bungalows, because open religious meetings are forbidden.

Crisp but sunny fall weather encouraged afternoon hikes during the first five days. "The favorite activity for the brethren was fellowship fueled by substantial meals in the neighboring state-run hotel," Mr. Root said.

Upon departure, Mr. Root said, "the brethren spoke of having received a very invigorating boost during the Feast. Certainly they need the boost of God's people's constant prayers for their safety, attempting as they do to follow Christ's footsteps under the shadow of a hostile, atheistic regime."

Ottawa, Ont.

The highlight of the Feast in Ottawa, Ont., was Garner Ted Armstrong's visit, said Larry Greider, pastor of the Barrie, Ont., church and site coordinator.

Mr. Armstrong came to Canada late in his Festival schedule; nevertheless he appeared relaxed, Mr. Greider said. He was given a quick tour of the Canadian capital before he delivered "a booming message on the family, this world and what we have before us."

Almost 1,550 Canadians and visitors met in the Ottawa Exhibition Hall of Lansdowne Park during the Festival. The weather was rainy and soggy, but it didn't seem to interfere with activities.

Evangelist Dean Blackwell spoke at the site on his whirlwind tour of four Canadian sites. Mr. Blackwell began the Festival in Hampton, Va. C. Wayne Cole, director of the Work in Canada, finished his six-site trip in Ottawa on the Last Great Day.

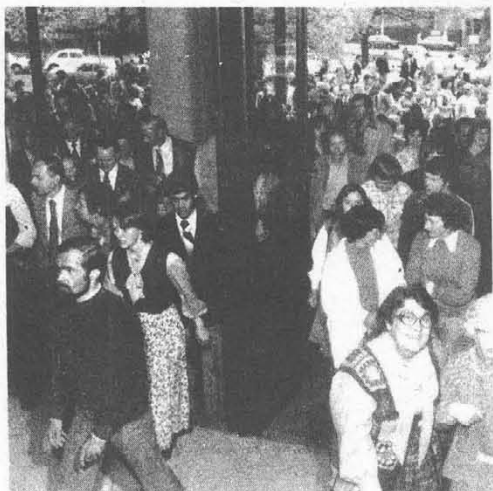
Featured among the sports activities at the site was the hockey match between the Ambassador College team and the Canadian Church-member team at the site. AC lost the match 6-2 and was outshot 55-11, according to Mr. Greider.

Pasadena, Calif.

Pasadena was not originally designated as a Feast site, but after the merger of Ambassador, Big Sandy, with the college there Garner Ted Armstrong approved the site for 1,000 transfers and Ambassador stu-



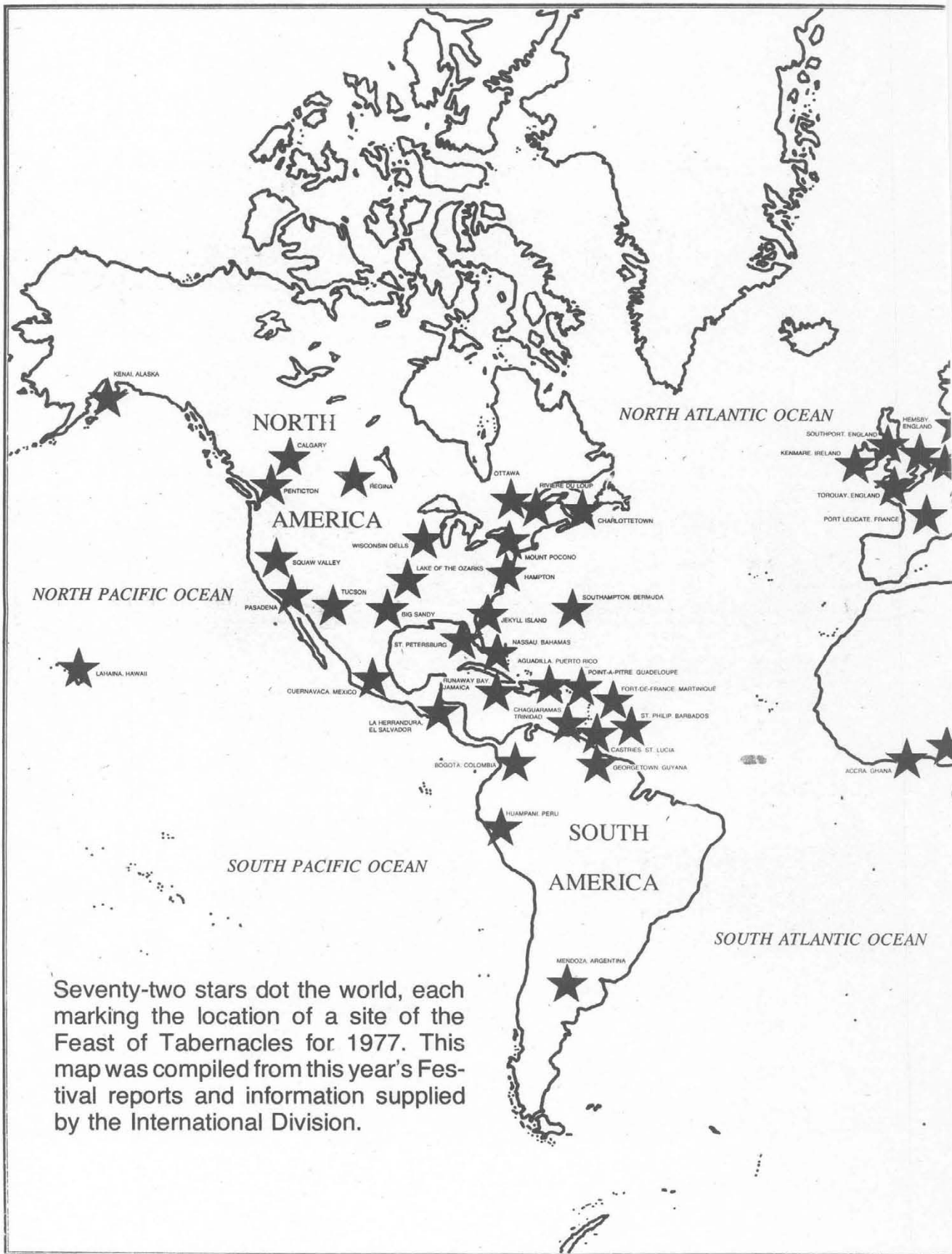
MELBOURNE'S MALADIES — Transportation and power strikes followed by a bomb scare and false fire alarm in the Camberwell Civic Centre in Melbourne, Australia, made the 1977 Festival a difficult one to forget for the 847 people gathered there. The brethren were



told to evacuate the hall while local law-enforcement officials, left photo, searched the building. No bomb was found and members returned to services, right photo, after the building was declared safe. (Photos by Norm Smith)

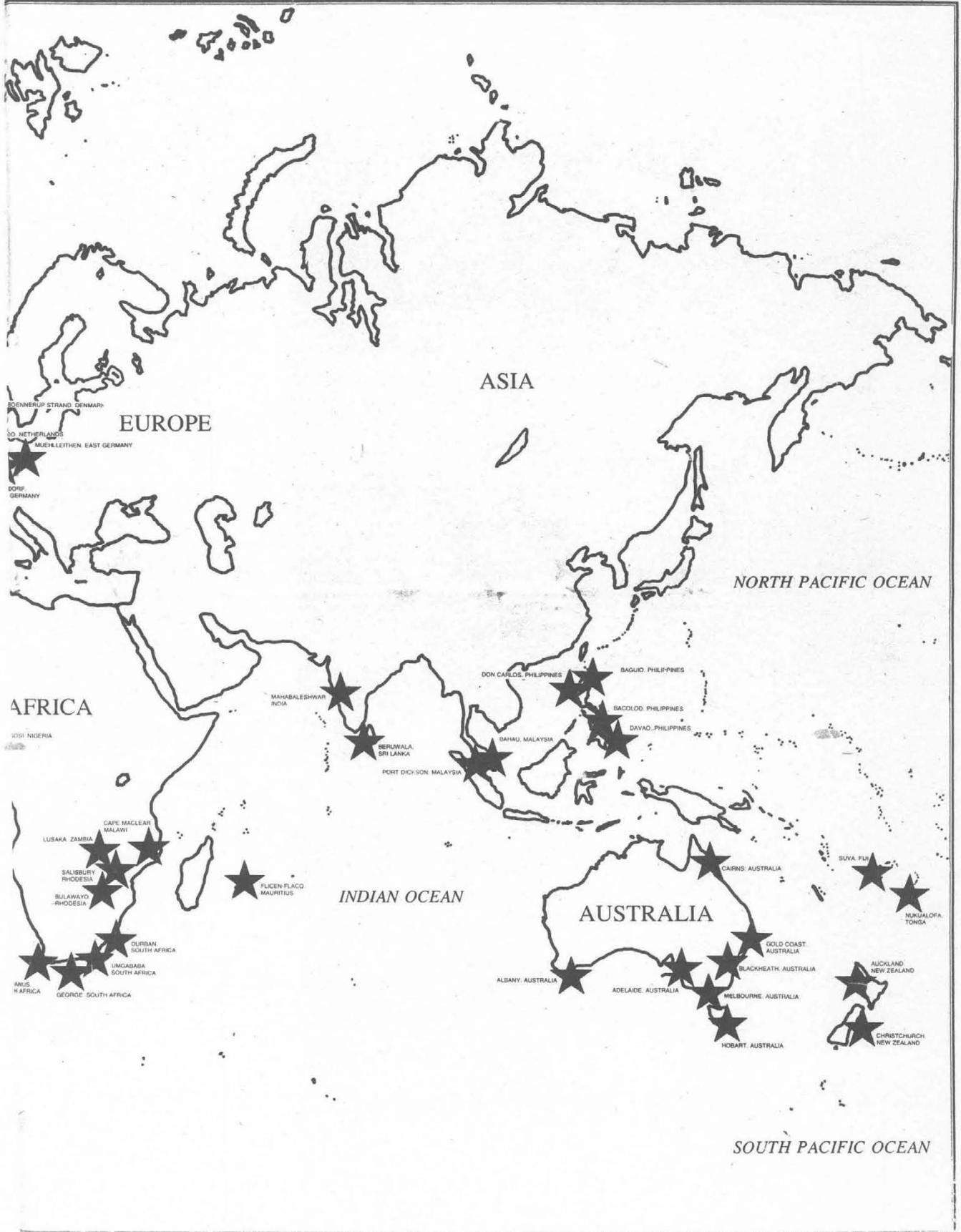
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1977 FESTIVAL SITES OF THE



Seventy-two stars dot the world, each marking the location of a site of the Feast of Tabernacles for 1977. This map was compiled from this year's Festival reports and information supplied by the International Division.

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CANADA—Canadian brethren traveled to six sites in their country this year. Pentiction, B.C., left photo, was the chosen site of some 1,650. Families also gathered for the Festival in Regina, Sask., above. [Photos by John Elliott and Dan Hope]

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ments, some of whom had limited funds.

Some 1,400 made arrangements through the Festival Office. but 3,085 attended morning services the first Holy Day, conducted by Garner Ted Armstrong. Attendance dropped by almost 500 for the afternoon sermon and fell by almost 1,500 by the next morning.

Attendance on non-Sabbaths ranged from 1,550 to 1,800, with Sabbath attendance ranging from 2,554 to the previously mentioned high.

Leon Walker, coordinator for the site, said the Feast went smoothly. He said the weather was sunny, with temperatures in the 70s and moderate smog.

Those attending heard sermons from evangelists David Antion, Ronald Kelly and Herman Hoeh, in addition to Mr. Armstrong and others. Services were conducted in the 1,265-seat Ambassador Auditorium, with the proceedings piped into one of two college gymnasiums via closed-circuit television that was projected onto a screen. Mr. Walker said seating was readily available on weekdays in the Auditorium because of low attendance.

Pentiction, B.C.

"The Root Beer Bear made an appearance at the Feast show in Pentiction," said site coordinator George Lee, associate pastor of the Vancouver, B.C., congregation. (The bear is a mascot of the A&W drive-in chain.)

"Family night and the talent contest was a huge success," Mr. Lee said. "A barbecue and get-acquainted evening kicked off the week's social activities, with the seniors' social later on in the week being the highlighted events."

— Visiting speakers C. Wayne Cole and Brian Knowles set the pace on the speaking schedule, and the bright skies of the Okanagan Valley provided the backdrop of the most cooperative weather at any site in Canada.

"The wall-stretching crowds didn't materialize, and, much to the relief of the Festival staff and fire marshal, attendance remained at a manageable 1,650, about the same as last year."

A hockey team from Ambassador College, as part of its tour of several Canadian sites, was "gaining confidence and momentum" by the time the players reached Pentiction. They managed to beat the British Columbia

All-Stars (made up of Church members) 6-3.

The AC team was "sentimental favorites at all the sites," Mr. Lee said, "and general comments were heard to the effect, 'We're glad they could win one before going home.'"

Port Dickson, Malaysia

"Beautiful weather, unusually cool and pleasant, with rain in due season" added to the enjoyment of the 210 people who attended the Port Dickson site, reported John Halford.

The registration figure includes resident Malaysians and others visiting from Indonesia, Singapore, England, Australia and New Zealand.

Activities at the site included a Spokesman Club meeting, a fashion parade, a talent show and a sports tournament organized by Susainathan Joseph. In the annual cricket match between Australia and Malaysia, Australia avenged last year's defeat by beating Malaysia by 21 runs.

"Leading local members helped with the preaching schedule," Mr. Halford reported, "surprising themselves and the congregation with the quality of their sermonettes."

Joseph Moses was ordained a deacon during the Festival.

Regina, Sask.

The Canadian site in Regina experienced an "upbeat Feast," reported coordinator Ron Howe, pastor at Winnipeg (Man.) East. "Little to no problems and everyone in a fine attitude, having a great time, seemed to be the theme of the 1,550 Feast-goers in Regina, Sask."

The brethren there, on whom fell a little rain, went to Festival services in the Centennial Theatre. Festival activities were well attended, and a "party atmosphere," said Mr. Howe, prevailed.

Visiting ministers Dean Blackwell, C. Wayne Cole and Leslie McCullough were on the speaking schedule, along with ministers from the area.

The crowd at the family-night Feast show set an attendance record. The finalists will represent their district for the all-Canadian YOU talent finals in Winnipeg, Man., next month, the coordinator said.

The traveling AC hockey team didn't fare too well against the All-Stars (made up of Church members from the area). Getting off to a 6-1 deficit, the Ambassador players battled back to an 8-4 loss before 600 fans, reported Mr. Howe.

Riviere du Loup, Que.

Overcast skies greeted the 550

travelers to Canada's French-speaking site at Riviere du Loup, Que.

"For the fifth year our French-speaking brethren have enjoyed their own Feast site, and everyone concluded this was the best ever," said Sam Kneller, site coordinator and pastor of the Sherbrooke, Que., congregation.

The city of 14,000 people was a cordial host, and press coverage was favorable, Mr. Kneller reported. "Several of our ministers and Festival staff were invited for a visit and interview with the mayor," he said.

The Feast talent show, or family night, was an opportunity for "our young people to demonstrate their ability at organizing and performing."

Also during the Festival 300 people attended a puppet show patterned after characters on the *Sesame Street* television program.

C. Wayne Cole, director of the Work in Canada, visited the site, with his sermon translated into French for the audience. The bulk of the speaking was by ministers Colin Wilkins and Mr. Kneller, with all but Mr. Cole's sermon delivered in French.

St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Picture-postcard-perfect" weather greeted the 10,000 members of the Church who attended the Feast of Tabernacles at St. Petersburg, Fla., according to Jim Chapman, coordinator for the site.

Church members were well received by residents of the Tampa-St. Pete area. "They just swallow us up," commented Mr. Chapman, noting that St. Pete has been a Festival site since 1972. Garner Ted Armstrong's visit, the sermons and the excellent weather proved to be the highlights at St. Petersburg this year.

A myriad of restaurants, shops and activities vied for attention. Beaches along the Gulf of Mexico, Busch Gardens, Disney World in nearby Orlando and the Sunken Gardens topped the list of favorite tourist attractions frequented by members.

Tennis, golf and other athletic activities were also available. Mr. Chapman reported a "close race with top teams" competing in the inter-church softball tournament. When the dust settled after the finals, the St. Petersburg team had barely edged out Mobile, Ala.

Members met in the Bayfront Center, which Mr. Chapman considered a "beautiful and professionally run facility." Mr. Armstrong, Ronald Dart and Art Mocarow were listed as traveling speakers at the site. Other speakers included Tony Hamner, who spoke on getting a piece of

the Rock, and Ed Smith, who explored the signs of the times in his sermon.

Press coverage of the convention was about average, according to Mr. Chapman. Newspapers covered the story during the opening days of the Festival, and television cameras appeared in the Bayfront Center "a time or two."

Roller-skating parties, discounts at amusement centers, the YOU talent contest and the YOU dance captured most of the time and interest of YOU members.

A disco dance was held for YOU members with "almost 1,000 people there," according to Steve Smith, YOU coordinator for St. Petersburg. "The only problem was that the kids didn't want to go home," Mr. Smith said.

Salisbury, Rhodesia

Salisbury, capital of Rhodesia, was one of two sites in that country as 170 people kept the first half of the Festival there.

The second half of the Feast was

kept in Bulawayo, more than 200 miles southwest of the Rhodesian capital. Gordon Terblanche, pastor of the Pretoria, South Africa, church and Festival elder for the Rhodesian sites, reported:

"Weather excellent and attendance beyond expectation despite many personal difficulties. Dedication of highest order. Very attentive and responsive audience. Practical-oriented sermons dealing with serious daily living issues. For recreational activities weather experts report defied once again. Rain clouds disappeared to facilitate sunny, relaxing and enjoyable afternoon of soccer, volleyball and softball, climaxed by hilarious film *Beautiful People* the next evening."

Squaw Valley, Calif.

"Three nights before we opened up, a severe windstorm came through and absolutely shredded the canvas that covers one end of the arena," said Squaw Valley Festival coordinator Ellis LaRavia. "We had to set things

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ST. PETERSBURG—Almost 10,000 members registered this year to attend the Feast in St. Petersburg, Fla. Pictured here is the Bayfront Center, in which services were held. [Photo by Phil Edwards]



FULFILLING FEAST — Left: The Montreal, Que., church choir performs special music at Riviere du Loup, Que., Festival site for Canada's French-speaking members. Right: A cable

car lifts members to a mountaintop restaurant after services in Blyth Arena, Squaw Valley, Calif. [Photos by Francois Dussault and Roland Rees]

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in motion to order canvas and other supplies out of Los Angeles to initiate the repair of it."

The Festival staff and many Church members and other volunteers worked day and night to repair the damage before the Festival opened for the 10,000 people registered to attend the site.

Reception of the convention by the community was good. "We have a good relationship with the community here," Mr. LaRavia said. "It's our 17th year in Squaw Valley." Both *The Tahoe World* and *The Sierra Sun* gave good news coverage to the convention, including opening-night picture coverage of Garner Ted Armstrong beginning services.

The Squaw Valley site featured an arts-and-crafts show with more than 500 entries. Those who saw the show voted for their favorite entry. Linda Howell, who painted a tiger, won the

competition. Because the Ambassador College Feast show, *Family Night*, did not perform at the site, Squaw Valley Feasters put on their own version of the talent and variety show. Mr. LaRavia said several church groups got acts together and did a "really outstanding job."

Restaurants and sports tournaments in softball and coed volleyball, along with casino shows in nearby Nevada, kept members occupied during the Festival.

Sermon topics were "strictly oriented toward the family," Mr. LaRavia said. "Garner Ted Armstrong set the theme opening night. There was a sermon on marriage by Steve Martin and one on the way to peace by Robert Bertuzzi. John Robinson gave one on youth and what our relationship should be toward them. It's been all family oriented." Traveling speakers were Leslie

McCullough, who spoke on looking toward the Kingdom of God, and David Jon Hill, who gave two sermons, including one on the Last Great Day.

"We've had a very large crowd here this year," Mr. LaRavia said. "The thing that I've been impressed with more than anything is that with this many people you obviously have traffic and other allied problems, but everything really has gone well. For the most part everyone has been very understanding and patient. There has been a tremendous Festival atmosphere."

Suva, Fiji

Bob Morton, regional director for New Zealand and the South Pacific, conducted the last three days of the Feast in Suva, Fiji.

The 64 people present met in the stately Grand Pacific Hotel. Visitors to the site were given a formal Fijian welcome, including the traditional presentation of a whale's tooth, and were entertained with Fijian national songs and dances.

While in Fiji Mr. Morton signed a 12-month contract with the Fiji Broadcasting Corp. enabling *The World Tomorrow* program to be aired for the first time there. The program will be relayed over a network of six Fijian radio stations.

Free-time activities included traditional Fijian dances and an island cruise, with visitors sampling fresh coconuts. The final night on the island was spent in the Isa Lei Hotel.

Tucson, Ariz.

Though attendance was up 1,000 over 1976, the attendance at the site in Tucson still fell short of Festival Office projections. According to Festival coordinator Walter Dickinson, 5,763 registered and the average attendance was 5,150.

Mr. Dickinson said the site is popular with members from areas other than Southern California and the Southwest. He said the weather was beautiful, with temperatures averaging in the 80s.

Local media reaction to the Festival was favorable, with one television station, an NBC affiliate, taping services the day Garner Ted Armstrong spoke.

Family Night, the show produced by Ambassador students, took place Sept. 27, with an audience of about 3,600. "It went over great," Mr. Dickinson said. "Everyone was extremely impressed and happy. People went away singing and humming."

Tucson Feastgoers heard from guest speakers Art Mocarow, Ronald Kelly, Ronald Dart and Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Mocarow encouraged members not to limit God; Mr. Kelly

spoke on YOU day and discussed what youths must learn and the relationships of the family; Mr. Dart spoke on the experiences one has as a Christian; and Mr. Armstrong spoke about the family.

Mr. Armstrong was met at the Tucson airport by his father, and they talked briefly before Garner Ted had to leave for services, Mr. Dickinson said.

Recreational activities included tennis, basketball, water polo, horseshoes, dances, a roller-skating party, hearts (a card game) tournament, a widows' luncheon and a singles' center.

A basketball tournament was won by the Oakland, Calif., church, the hearts tournament by the Larry Richardsons of Columbia, Mo., and the team horseshoe tournament by Ivan Brenton of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Gary Skelton of Wheatland, Wyo.

Umgababa, South Africa

Some 240 black members and their families gathered at Umgababa for the 1977 Feast of Tabernacles. The site is on the water's edge of the Indian Ocean just south of Durban.

According to Robert Fahey, director of the African Work, the brethren met in a new meeting hall for services and a film show. In addition to hearing sermons from South African ministers, the members heard from Charles Bryce, coordinator of the Regina (Sask.) Area, who had traveled there from Canada for the Festival.

Mr. Fahey said the weather was unusually good and recreational activities included an ox *braai* (roast) and soccer matches with two Durban church teams.

West Indies and Guyana

Good weather graced all the Feast sites in the West Indies and the South American country of Guyana, reported Stan (formerly Clarence) Bass, director of the Caribbean Work.

Jamaica had 130 in attendance for the Festival. Trinidad had 325 members present, Barbados 346, St. Lucia 105 and Puerto Rico 113. Estimated attendance for the Bahamas was 200, Bermuda was estimated at 300, and almost 50 brethren kept the Feast in Guyana. The last Holy Day offering in Puerto Rico was more than \$27 per person.

For the first time the areas had traveling ministers. Mr. Bass reported, Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse started the Feast in Puerto Rico then went to Jamaica and the Bahamas. Roland Sampson spoke at Bermuda and the Bahamas. Kingsley Mather traveled to the Bahamas and Jamaica. Mr. Bass spoke at Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, St.

Lucia and Puerto Rico.

Members on Trinidad received the bad news that minister Gordon Harry's work permit has been canceled. "In spite of the knowledge that he will have to leave Trinidad by Oct. 19, the members in Trinidad did not allow their spirits to be dampened," Mr. Bass said.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.

An estimated 8,300 registered at the Wisconsin Dells site for what coordinator Leny Neff termed "one of the smoothest-running Feasts" he's ever coordinated.

Mr. Neff, who has served as a Festival coordinator "off and on" since 1963 and who this year directed his third consecutive Feast there, said attendance at the Church-owned convention facility averaged 7,500. The highest attendance was 7,997, on the day Garner Ted Armstrong spoke.

Mr. Neff said the area experienced "some cool, clear days, one warm day and some cool, rainy weather," with temperatures ranging from the 40s to the 70s.

Guest speakers other than Mr. Armstrong were evangelists Roderick C. Meredith and Willie L. McCullough. Dr. Meredith spoke on walking with Christ, and Mr. McCullough spoke on sex and marriage. Other speakers and their topics included Jim Reyer, family relations with emphasis on teens; Carl McNair, the meaning of the Feast of Tabernacles; and Mr. Neff, the soon coming of Christ.

Mr. Neff, who said he generally is not one to note themes of the Festival, felt there was a definite theme this year and he depicted it as "looking to Christ's coming and how to prepare."

Members were able to compete in softball, volleyball, chess, golf and horseshoes, as well as take advantage of local attractions. Winners in the Feast-sponsored sporting events and individual's church areas were: golf, A division, Gordon Oien, Minneapolis, Minn.; golf, B division, Stan Seashore, Minneapolis; women's volleyball, Minneapolis; men's volleyball, Minneapolis North; softball, Kalamazoo-Grand Rapids, Mich.; chess, junior division, Mark Kelley, Midland, Mich.; chess, senior division, Tim Walker, Chicago, Ill.; horseshoe singles, Mark Flom, Minneapolis; and horseshoe doubles, brothers John and George Sigler, Findlay, Ohio.

Mr. Neff said two entertainment highlights of the Festival were the Festival choir's performance of the Myrthen and Peterson musical *Love America*, which 4,300 attended, and a concert performed by the Kallimans, a husband-and-wife folk-singing team, attended by about 2,000.



TRAVELING SPEAKER — Ronald Dart, director of pastoral administration, speaks at Tucson, Ariz., one of four sites he visited during the Feast. [Photo by Sheila Dennis]

YOU chooses eight talented finalists

PASADENA — Eight members of YOU are one step closer to their goal of a four-year tuition scholarship to Ambassador College after winning in talent competition at eight U.S. Festival sites. Those eight young people are still in the running after taking top honors in the senior division of the Youth Opportunities United-sponsored talent show, which is becoming traditional at most American Feast sites.

Youths 16 through 19 years old are vying for the scholarship, but people 12 to 15 also competed, in YOU's junior-division competition.

The first-place winners in the senior-division Feast competition each won a trip to Pasadena to compete in the nationals Nov. 27, on the Sunday night after Thanksgiving Day, according to Ron Dick, associate director of YOU. Other placers in the senior division and the junior winners won cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$10.

Shows raised funds

Mr. Dick estimated "between 85 and 90 people" competed nationwide in the shows, which also served as fund raisers for YOU. At the site Mr. Dick attended, Squaw Valley, Calif., "we made approximately \$1,000" from donations, he said. Similar information from the other sites wasn't in yet at YOU's office here.

No YOU talent competition took place at two continental sites, Big Sandy, Tex., and Pasadena, because "there were only six entered at Big Sandy." So the contestants at the Texas Festival were transferred, with their parents, at YOU expense, "to either Wisconsin Dells or Jekyll Island," Mr. Dick said.

A few other contestants were transferred by YOU to other sites. For example, one site had too many entries and another not enough, so some contestants were flown from one to the other to balance the competition.

Pasadena was not a host of competition because "Pasadena was not a Festival site when the assignments

were made. The only real change of plans was in Big Sandy, because there weren't enough competitors there, only six."

The judges again this year were non-Church members "chosen from competent people connected with the performing arts in the areas of the Feast sites," as Mr. Dick put it. "They were highly qualified people."

YOU director Jim Thornhill, because he traveled with the Ambassador College-produced Festival show that toured five sites, couldn't be at any of the YOU shows. But associate directors Mike Blackwell and Mark Ashland each were at one, Mr. Blackwell in Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., and Mr. Ashland in St. Petersburg.

Coordinators met

In a continuing effort to determine the best way for YOU to serve youths of the Church, through future talent contests and other activities, the three associate directors at three Festival locations brought together local, district and regional adult YOU coordinators for meetings about the youth organization.

Mr. Dick's meeting was in Squaw Valley, where "the people had a lot of questions and suggestions," he said. "One very helpful subject that we discussed was how to get more adult participation in YOU at the local level. This subject was broken down into five different areas of responsibility: activities, transportation, fund raising, public relations and service projects."

"Another major item of discussion at the meetings was how the young people are members of the Church and what is the role of the youths as members. We're trying to get the concept through that the young people are members, not baptized members, not spiritually begotten members, but they are not nonmembers."

He felt this year's talent shows, and other youth activities, are an important and necessary part of the overall program. "I felt that the

show this year that I saw was superior. Each year they're becoming smoother, more professionally presented. The job of the emcee, the staging, lighting, all those technical areas were dealt with superior than ever before.

"We still have a problem with judges. That is, that it's difficult for the judges to come to a decision in the specified amount of time while the audience is waiting, because of the close competition."

"I think that probably next time we'll have the show on an evening and announce the awards and winners on some later occasion, perhaps at church the next day."

In the final competition here in November, whoever takes first place will receive a four-year tuition scholarship to Ambassador, and others who place will receive scholarships ranging from one semester's tuition.

The junior-division winners at the Feast sites are not eligible for the trip to Pasadena, though the juniors had the opportunity, if they wished, to compete with the seniors on their level.

Other activities provided at the Festival sites for Church youths included YQU day, when the ushering, parking, piano playing and special music were handled by YOU members; youth centers; dances; basketball competition; photography contests; and arts-and-crafts displays.

The winners

The following is a list of the eight sites at which YOU talent contests took place and the winners of the first three places of the senior division, who will travel to Pasadena to compete in the national finals.

Hampton, Va.: Judy Roberts, 19, who attends church in Pasadena, first place for her piano solo; Stephanie Ruppert, 16, of Flint, Mich., second for her piano solo; and Ron Ihrig, 17, of Cincinnati, Ohio, third for his piano solo.

Jekyll Island, Ga.: Suzanne

Smith, 17, of the Charlotte, N.C., church, first place with a vocal solo; Susan Owen, 17, of Kingsport, Tenn., second with a piano solo; and Wayne Childers, 17, of Austin, Tex., third with a baritone-horn performance.

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.: Glenda Nirschl, 16, of Kansas City, Mo., first for her piano solo; Raylene Wawak, 17, of Little Rock, Ark., second with a piano solo; and Mark Beyer, 17, of Wichita, Kan., third for his French-horn performance.

Mount Pocono, Pa.: Joseph Plank, 15, of Long Island, N.Y., first for his piano solo; Michael Limanni, 16, of Concord, N.H., second for his vocal solo; and Rachel Martinez, 17, of the Brooklyn-Queens, N.Y., church, third for her vocal solo.

St. Petersburg, Fla.: Rick Peterson, 18, of Lakeland, Fla., first for his vocal solo; Caren Crane, 18, of Rome, Ga., second for her piano solo; and Steve Bates, 16, of Big Sandy, Tex., third for his interpretive dance.

Squaw Valley, Calif.: Michele LeVasseur of Sunnyvale, Calif., first for her piano solo; Rebecca Reise of Eugene, Ore., second for her piano solo; and Russell Bennett of Auburn, Wash., third for his cello solo.

Tucson, Ariz.: Robert Taylor, 17, of Glendora, Calif., first for his 12-string-guitar solo; Renee Gould, 16, of Grand Junction, Colo., second for her piano solo; and Cyndie Wakefield, 17, of San Angelo, Tex., third for her vocal solo.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: John Alan Douglas, 15, of Houston, Tex., first for his drum solo; Rena Roy, 18, of Pasadena, second for her vocal solo; and Meg Drake, 17, of Arlington Heights, Ill., third for her piano solo.

A list of junior-division winners of the first three places follows:

Hampton: Roy Cummins, 13, of London, Ky., first for his oral interpretation; Deanna M. Cum-

mings, 12, of Washington, D.C., second for her artistic roller skating; and Gertrude Swarey, 13, of Washington, D.C., third for her mandolin solo.

Jekyll Island: Alice Richardson, 15, of Greensboro, N.C., first for her piano solo; and Donna Dickenson, 12, of Midland, Tex., second for her piano solo.

Lake of the Ozarks: Allison Lindloff, 12, of Houston, Tex., first for her dance; Kim Harrington, 12, of Kansas City, Mo., second for her flute solo; and Tamar Whitteed, 13, of Indianapolis, Ind., third for her vocal solo.

Mount Pocono: James Newby, 14, of Bridgeport, Conn., first for his vocal solo; and Irene Plank, 13, of the Long Island, N.Y., church area, second for her piano solo.

St. Petersburg: Rick Meadville, 14, of Big Sandy, Tex., first for his vocal solo; Mark Bryant, 14, of Atlanta, Ga., second for his dramatic recitation; and Brenda Peterson, 13, of Lakeland, Fla., third for her vocal solo.

Squaw Valley: Lorilyn Holm, 14, of Modesto, Calif., first for her violin solo; Mathew Fenchel, 12, of Tacoma, Wash., second for playing the accordion; and Nancy Laycraft, 13, of Calgary, Alta., third for her accordion solo.

Tucson: Tom Bulharowski, 13, of Reseda, Calif., first for his trumpet solo; and Willa Kay Starr, 13, of Wheatland, Wyo., second for her gymnastics routine.

Wisconsin Dells: Rick Howell, 13, of Milwaukee, Wis., first for his banjo medley; Joy Schaeffer, 14, of Bismarck, N.D., second for her piano solo; and Becky Karels, 14, of Houston, Tex., third for her piano solo.

(Also appearing in the contest at Wisconsin Dells, but not competing, was Melvin Morris, who had won an earlier, district competition last June. Melvin, 15, of Chicago, Ill., delivered a speech titled "What YOU Means to Me.")



TALENTED FINALISTS — From left: Rick Peterson, St. Petersburg; Robert Taylor, Tucson and contestants in the Poconos. Below: Glenda Nirschl, Ozarks; Judy Roberts, Hampton; Michele LeVasseur, Squaw Valley; and John Douglas, Wisconsin Dells. (Photos by Phil Edwards, Sheila Dennis, Robert Podkey, Bill Jacobs, Mike Regan, Roland Rees and Mitchell Knapp.)





EVERYTHING INCLUDING THE KITCHEN SINK — Findlay, Ohio, YOU members spend a Sunday morning pulling tires, stoves, bedsprings and other assorted junk from the Blanchard River after noting the condition of the river on a canoe trip a few weeks earlier. (Photos by Dave Verbonitz of the Findlay, Ohio, *Courier*)

River cleaner thanks to YOU

By Dave Verbonitz
 FINDLAY, Ohio — Spending a Sunday morning pulling tires, discarded stoves, bedsprings and other assorted junk from the Blanchard River may not sound appealing but about 20 young members of the Worldwide Church of God seemed to enjoy every moment of their waterlogged efforts.

And many persons interested in "the old millstream" hope that the endeavor will be a kickoff for a much larger cleanup of the river.

The church group volunteered their services after seeing the condition of the river a few weeks ago while taking a Millstream Canoe Livery trip from Findlay to Gilboa. Livery operators Bob Kuhlman and Bill Heidebaugh accepted the offer to improve the condition of the stream; and with a few phone calls Sunday's minicleanup was organized.

The enthusiastic volunteers filled two dump trucks, donated by Karhoff Excavating, with a wide assortment of junk. Much of the debris, such as the stoves and an old hot-water tank, weighed a great deal. The smaller items, such as bottles and

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cans, were carried up the steep bank in baskets from San-A-Pure Dairy Co.

Several area groups have approached the Hancock Park District

in recent months about the possibility of organizing a massive cleanup of the stream, but no coordinated effort has ever materialized. But, with this year's introduction of the canoe livery, which is a concession of the park district, the outlook for an extensive project may be a reality.

"We're hoping this is just the beginning of a much larger undertaking," Kuhlman said as he watched

the young volunteers from the bridge on Ohio 235 in Blanchard Township.

"If 20 people can do this much, just think what we could get accomplished with about 200 people."

The church group, under the direction of pastor Dennis Diehl, belongs to YOU (Youth Opportunities United). They decided to clean up the river for their civic-project requirement.

Diehl said the group received a firsthand experience with the large amount of junk in the river on their recent 21-mile canoe trip to Gilboa.

"The river was pretty low and a lot

of the time the kids had to get out and wade to push the canoes through the shallow places," Diehl said. "A couple of the kids got cuts from some of the junk in the water."

Park-district director Tim Bruegan agrees that the introduction of the canoe livery this year has heightened awareness of the river's condition on a much wider scale. The feeling of various groups and individuals now coincides with the Friends of the Old Millstream, which has been interested in forming a cleanup operation for several years, he said.

He tries different approach to farming

By Ed Reading
 ROCKWELL, N.C. — Carl Pless Jr., who lives with his parents on Pless Road, off Sapp Road near the Cabarrus-Rowan county line, is trying something a bit different in farming row crops this year.

He has six acres of corn, beans, black-eyed peas and Crowder peas, snap beans, butter beans and, on a smaller, experimental stage, squash, zucchini and several other garden vegetables.

Customer picking

All of his produce will be available

for customer picking or picked to order by himself and his helpers.

He has already begun picking bushels of beautiful Blue Lake beans, and a good rain early last week promises abundance of his other vegetables in the near future.

Pless plans to open a roadway from Pless Road just across the creek from his father's home to a parking lot which he will prepare for people to drive in to the borders of his fields.

He has five kinds of corn, including two experimental types, one of which was recently developed for the gigantic cornfields of the Midwest.

Corn is one of the commodities he plans to pick to order for his customers.

"Our plan is to grow the highest-quality vegetables in quantities to provide people with what they need for canning and freezing," Pless said, "because there is a difference in garden-fresh, quality vegetables and vegetables which are shipped and sold days after they are picked."

Young Pless is enthusiastic about his venture and appears to be eminently qualified to undertake it.

Being reared on a farm, he has

worked closely with his father all his life and has added the best in education to his practical experience.

He is a graduate of North Carolina State University and received his

Mr. Pless is a 28-year-old bachelor who has been a member of the Church for six years; he attends at Charlotte, N.C.

"The major aim of our gardening enterprise," he told The Worldwide News, "is to improve this plot of land so we can produce high-quality, nutritious vegetables. Thus far, we have received excellent demand for the vegetable produce."

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master's degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.

Presently he works as agricultural consultant with Brookside Laboratory in New Knoxville, Ohio, and his venture in row crops is part of his constant and continuing research in producing better and better varieties.

Insures the best

Soil analysis throughout his acreage and the proper additives to every part of the field insure the best in production for each of his crops.

So far he has used no herbicides or insecticides and has experienced little or no damage from pestilence.

Pless has displayed a consuming interest in better farming methods all his life and was at one time a statewide runner-up in 4-H competition.

This interest is apparently continuing and growing and promises to point toward increasing quality in fresh vegetables for a limited number of people who participate in his project.

'True Gossip'

PASADENA — Mail-processing director Richard Rice reports his department has recently received some unusual literature requests from listeners to the Work's broadcasts and readers of its literature.

Someone requested *The Pail Horse*.

Another listener wrote: "Please send us your booklet *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing* before we lose our sanity."

A letter requested *The True Gossip*.

One writer wanted "the booklet that explains where Enoch and Elijah are presently residing."

People often misspell Garner Ted Armstrong's name, Mr. Rice said. Two recent examples: "Gunner Ted Armstrong" and "Gomer Ted Armstrong."



BASKET OF PLENTY — Carl Pless Jr. carries a basket of Blue Lake beans on his six acres of row crops, which are available for customers who want to pick their own. (Photo courtesy the Concord, N.C., *Tribune*)

Wrap-up

(Continued from page 17) in nearby Inglewood. Dr. Meredith is assisted by assistant pastor Rufus Turner and local elder Mordakhat Joseph.

The format features audience participation in discussion of news events relating to Bible prophecy and current events and the topic of the night, either the current Bible subject of study or a regularly scheduled community topic or Christian-living principle. Two recent examples were marriage and family relationships as seen from a non-Church view and health and diet.

Enthusiasm is high with those attending. News of the Wednesday-night Bible study has drawn members from the nearby Long Beach and Glendale churches. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of the study. John H. Campbell.

Filipino ladies' night

MANILA, Philippines. — The A and B Spokesman clubs here held their ladies' night Aug. 21 at Max's Restaurant (Greenbelt Makati), remarkably Filipino in style and character.

Director Colin Adair opened the meeting. Gil Llaneza was topicmaster. Unfortunately, the sound system was not working properly and the sound was often garbled and distorted, causing the confused participants to be hesitant to join in. Spokesman Club B director Pike Mitró evaluated the first half.

Then B vice president Irene Marquez introduced the Larks, who rendered an intermission number. Dinner followed shortly.

B President Felix Dorado opened the speaking portion, presenting Hermlando Bauza as toastmaster. Theme for the evening was "Humor and Challenges of Life." Speakers

were Manuel Corpuz, Axel Lim, Johnny Barit, Claro Ting and Florencio Baldevarona. Their respective evaluators were Avelino Matriano, Samuel Librojo, Alex Espino, Benito Yadao Jr. and Isabelo Alvaran.

Mr. Adair evaluated the speaking portion. Mr. Mitró pinned the ribbons on the awardees. The topicmaster and the toastmaster were both rated as "very good"; most helpful evaluator was Mr. Yadao; most effective speaker was Mr. Barit; and most improved speaker was Mr. Ting.

The last portion of the affair was the awarding of certificates to the graduates: Alberto de Guia, Jose dela Cruz, Mr. Librojo, Armando Madrid, Antonio Manapat, Melchor Raduban, Marcelo Sayan, Sixto Yap, Mr. Dorado, Mr. Espino, Aramis Parane, Mr. Mariano and Mr. Yadao.

Picture-taking sessions followed. Florencio S. Sebastian.

Roseberry Topping

MIDDLESBROUGH, England. — The church here held its first major social activity since becoming a full weekly church on Aug. 21.

Despite rather damp conditions, some 20 people turned out to conquer the scenic Roseberry Topping, nestled in the nearby Cleveland Hills. Meanwhile, back at the John Chisholm home, a buffet meal was being prepared by some of the women for the hikers.

The meal was followed by a sing-along conducted by YOU members Chris Harris and Derek Wallace and YOU representative Jeff Kidd. The entertainment included a rendering of "Side by Side" by Len Speed, with vocal backing by Mr. Chisholm. About 35 attended the evening's activities.

Both the hike and the sing-along were organized by YOU members. Muriel Chisholm and Maureen Kidd handled the food preparations and Mr. Speed prepared the specialty, "toasted cheese-and-onion butties." Jeff Kidd.

Children's drama

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A bashful Adam and a confident Eve were high points of the Women's Club entertainment program staged at the Volunteer State Community College near Gallatin on Aug. 7.

The program also featured dozens of youngsters singing and playing instruments. Mattie Tucker was program chairman. Associate pastor Fred Bailey introduced the acts. Those taking part in the program included Debbie Mitchell, Karen Mitchell, Michelle Barnett, Wendy Bozarth, Monte Tucker, Chuck Gwinn Jr., Kim Ellithorpe, La Para and Philana Pruitt, Angela Nichols, Cindy Grett, Laura Stovall, Lisa Williams and the Frazier sisters.

Some 20 children took part in the "Creation" play. Damon Brent portrayed a bashful Adam and Heather Fox an unperturbed Eve. Juanita Corbin and Sue Rutledge were in charge of this portion of the program.

Following were games and cartoons for the children.

A cake and pie sale netted the Woman's Club around \$175. One cake brought a hefty \$10.75 and a rum pie sold for \$8.75. Assisting in the auction were deacon Paul Bell and Tex Malone. Dave Duncan stole the show with his auctioneer's chant.

Adults were treated with the appearance of several square-dance groups who sought to advertise their brand of country dances. Those who wanted to learn the art were welcomed onto the floor and a patient caller sounded call after call in an effort to teach and entertain. And, with amazingly little practice, brethren were soon doing some fancy, yet simple, steps.

Numerous prizes were awarded, ranging from long-play recordings to very fencing. Credited with obtaining the items was Mary Hutcheson. Everett Corbin.

Skaters bounce back

OMAHA, Neb. — Everyone had a wonderful time at the skating party sponsored by the YOU members here Aug. 28.

After a potluck lunch, many people with tired and blistered feet bounced back with new energy. The afternoon was spent playing volleyball and football at Lake Manawa State Park in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Dianne Onto.

5,000 wasps

ORPINGTON, England. — Pioneers Mike Anderson, Andy Patey and John Tate had paved the way for the combined Brighton, Maidstone and Orpington churches' camp-out Aug. 27 through 29. The chosen site was Speldhurst, Kent, the birthplace

of Baden Powell, founder of the scouting programs.

Activities included badminton, swing ball, hunting-the-flag (Dave Rowing rules), mushroom picking and a sing-along around the camp fire.

The field was shared with great tolerance with two ponies, some geese, chickens and about 5,000 wasps.

Monday afternoon the contented group, with the company of a stray kitten adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hughes, broke camp and disappeared into the sunset. R.A. Pearson.

Piano replaces pitch pipe

PALMER, Alaska. — The congregation here has been struggling along without a piano for more than a month. Although song leader Gene Venie, pitch pipe in hand, has been more than equal to the challenge, the members decided to take action and raise some money to purchase a used piano.

The week began Aug. 21 with a garage sale and ended Aug. 26 with a bake sale, with a total of \$710 earned. Soon the stray notes of the Palmer song service will be held in check with a much-appreciated and hard-earned piano.

August also brought the summer sessions of the Busy Betsy's Club to a close. The first August meeting was concerned with manners. The girls participated in skits that taught them everything from how to answer the phone to how to conduct themselves at a friend's house. The final meeting Aug. 23 consisted of a picnic, a visit to the ice-cream parlor and a perusal of the Visitor's Center Museum. High point of the day, however, was a windy ride in the back of a pickup. Small pleasures for small girls. Linda Orchard.

British update

PLYMOUTH, England. — Frank Brown, director of the British Work, was guest speaker at a combined meeting at Saltash, Cornwall, of the Plymouth, Exeter, Truro and Taunton churches on Aug. 27.

Mr. Brown gave an update of the Work's growth in baptisms and finances and delivered the sermon. After services, he and his wife had to depart to catch the train home.

In the evening the combined Ladies' and Men's clubs of the same churches met for the final meeting of the season at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel in Plymouth. Mr. A. Tilmouth was topicmaster and toastmaster. Speakers were Mrs. M. Ogden, Mr. B. Deakins, Mrs. V. Cann and Mr. J. Rapson. Mr. V. Carne, president, introduced John Jewell, director, for the summing up and winding up. The clubs will reconvene in November.

Then the little children were collected from Miss E. Evans and the

bigger ones from Mr. T. Hicks and all were homeward bound. Francis Cann.

Nonstop talkers

PORTLAND, Ore. — The last of six youths returned Aug. 12 from the Northwest Summer Camp on Tanglewood Island in Washington's Puget Sound. They were sponsored by the Portland North Ad Libbers club, who raised the needed funds with a rummage sale May 1 and 2.

According to parents, the returning campers talked nonstop of archery, riflery, water sports and the overnight canoe trip and camp-out.

The campers, their parents and Portland North pastor Richard Duncan expressed thanks to the Ad Libbers and members who donated their "trash and treasures" to make it all possible. Laurelee Reinhart.

Rustling skeleton

PORTLAND, Ore. — Sunset July 29 found 150 brethren of the Portland West church in a group camping area at Fort Stevens State Park near the mouth of the Columbia River ready to enjoy the Sabbath. Deacon Don Marson assisted in locating suitable camp sites and organized the outing.

Many activities such as bike riding, hiking, walking on the beach and a social hour were scheduled to give the brethren many opportunities to fellowship. Within walking distance from camp were two items of historical interest: the rustling skeleton of the *Peter Iredale*, a four-masted sailing ship that went aground in 1906, and the Battery Russell, constructed in 1904, which gained its fame in the early spring of 1942 when it was shelled by a Japanese submarine. It is the only fortification in the continental United States to be fired upon by any foreign enemy since 1812.

Members all gathered around for a sing-along, led by four guitar pickers: Dan Oliver, Bob Conner, Don Henson and Jim Harries. Woody Corst.

Rubbing alcohol

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Eighteen singles here put backpacks weighing between 35 and 60 pounds on their backs and marched up and down hills from 6,200 to 7,500 feet in altitude for 16 miles on Aug. 20 and 21.

The hot baths and rubbing alcohol flowed freely upon returning home. Not all was negative though, as the hikers viewed breathtaking scenery, swam in cool mountain lakes and enjoyed fellowship around the old camp fire. Though some say they're crazy, the singles plan to go back up into those lofty Sierras again soon.

From San Jose, Calif., to Reno, Nev., and from Chico to Fresno, Calif., came 120 people July 30 to hear the second singles seminar this year. Richard Rice, Pasadena pastor, spoke on how to cause each other through dating to blossom spiritually.

Bill Butler then spoke on how single people are becoming a majority in this country and the expanding role of them in God's Church today.

Following the seminar was a potluck meal, a lecture tape on Israelite dietary customs and a disco dance. Terry Hoover.

Old-fashioned Pullman train

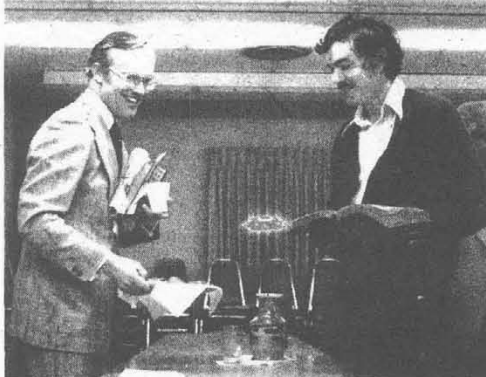
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Twenty-three members of the Over 40s here enjoyed a bus tour to San Antonio, Fla., where they boarded an old-fashioned Pullman train for a ride to Blanton, Fla., and back on July 31.

It was a delightful day in spite of having to wait for a bus replacement. This made the group late for the 3 p.m. bus, so the members had to wait another hour for the train ride. Everyone took the mishaps good-naturedly and did some picture taking and fellowshiping, stopping in Tampa for lunch at Aunt Hattie's. Esther Luedemann.

Mountain camp-out

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — The second annual combined Sheridan and Billings, Mont., YOU camp-out was held July 29 through Aug. 1 at Coffee Park, in the Big Horn Mountains west of here.

Everyone met at Neil Wolcott's (See WRAP-UP, page 19)



AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION — Roderick Meredith, Los Angeles pastor, left in above photo, talks with Tom Taylor after Bible study. Ken Main, right in below photo, a deacon from the Los Angeles church, helps George Reed, a visiting member from the Long Beach church, with a question. Luella Jones, right, reviews notes before Bible study begins. (See "Informal Bible Study," page 17.) (Photos by John H. Campbell)



Wrap-up

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 home Friday afternoon. About 12 miles from the park, the two-wheel-drive vehicles were parked and everything was loaded onto the four-wheel-drive pickup for the remainder of the distance. Carl Larsen furnished all the camping equipment except sleeping bags and personal items.

Mr. Wolcott, a local elder, held two Bible studies on the Sabbath. Just before lunch the campers took a short walk to Devil's Lake.

Early Sunday, Mr. Larsen took the hardest hikers to Geneva Lake and Geneva Pass, a 13-mile hike one way. Geneva Pass is 11,000 feet high, providing a breathtaking view.

George Elkins, local minister, and his family came up Sunday afternoon.

One mishap occurred. Mr. Wolcott hurt his back while throwing a Frisbee and went home Sunday afternoon.

Early Monday, Mr. Elkins and Andy Larsen led an expedition to Duncan Lake, a five-mile hike. Those making this trip were Anna Gallup, Cindy Byerly, Barbara Wilcox and Belinda Stewart.

The group broke camp Monday afternoon. YOU members making the trip were Bennie and Sherie Davison, Louis Davison Jr., Belinda Stewart and Andy Larsen from Sheridan and Ja and Cindy Byerly, Barbara and Anna and Augie Moye from Billings. *C. Andy Larsen.*

Tricycle heats

SHREVEPORT, La. — About 150 brethren here participated in the church picnic at Lake Bistineau State Park Aug. 28. Washer toss, horse-shoes, skillet throw and a three-legged race were some of the many activities. Pastor Bill Bradford won by forfeit first, second and third places in the crutches' race (due to a knee injury).

The children delighted at their own games: tug-of-war, tricycle heats, balloon popping and banana stuffing, followed later by a pinata bust.

Participants were rewarded with ribbons and prizes. Softball and eating were among the favorite activities. The YOU earned \$50 selling desserts.

The Lion's Club Crippled Children's Camp was where the action was here Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3 through 5. Two-hundred members from the three churches of northern Louisiana (Alexandria, Monroe and Shreveport) met at the rustic camp just north of Leesville, La.

The Shreveport YOU basketball team narrowly defeated the tough Monroe rivals. Families, large and small, enjoyed the three-day weekend. The pool was the most popular activity.

The camp facilities were excellent only by the great food, and the food by the excellent fellowship for three days and nights. *Tom Smith.*

Fancy-dress parade

SYDNEY, Australia — The South church here conducted a family night at Narwee Boys' High on July 16. There was something for everybody. A children's fancy-dress parade featured such characters as Frankenstein, Uncle Sam, a martian, Little Red Riding Hood and a harem girl.

Belinda Van Heere's version of an upside-down man won the most-original-costume award, a transistor radio. Pastor John Comino had an awkward time trying to interview her.

Cassandra Wells in her black pussycat outfit won the best-costume award, also a transistor radio.

The ladies proved their skill with a hammer in a nail-hammering contest, won in six blows by Marilyn Wilson. The men then got into the act in the baby-napkin-folding competition, won by married man Dave McKinney, who defeated soon-to-be-married Richard Davies.

The Van Heere family struck again when they won first prizes in the drawing and the best-plate-of-food competitions.

A rather unlikely looking horse, actually Jim Mottee and Jim Thomas in disguise, gave the children free rides.

Also featured were a game of musical chairs, a white-elephant stall, a pot-luck meal and hobby and photo displays.

Special guests were North Sydney pastor Peter Whitting and West Sydney pastor Alan Dean and their wives. *Richard Lake.*

Meals on Wheels benefit

TAMPA, Fla. — Arthur C. Mokarow, executive director of the Human Potential Center of AICF, visited here Aug. 22. Ron Lohr, Tampa pastor, arranged for an interview for Mr. Mokarow with fine-arts radio station WUSF-FM. An evening meeting was at the Airport Holiday Inn, with about 80 people from Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland and other surrounding churches attending.

He outlined what AICF is all about, giving examples of how funds have been raised in several areas to help existing projects, such as for child abuse and alcoholism. Mr. Mokarow pointed out that AICF asks community leaders to tell AICF what their needs are and how much money is needed to accomplish it. Then AICF determines the best way to raise that amount.

Many who came to the meeting expressed interest in having an AICF chapter here. Bill Starling is AICF coordinator for this area.

Community service, a goal of the Tampa Women's Club, became a reality Aug. 21. The women were sponsors of a spaghetti-dinner benefit for the Meals on Wheels program, a volunteer organization that provides meals for the elderly, crippled and others unable to care for themselves.

Local churches, newspapers and radio stations gave support with articles and announcements. The project was covered by four TV stations. Local merchants donated 26 door prizes, including a TV and four family passes to Busch Gardens. Member Carl Gennaro was also given a family pass to Busch Gardens for selling the most tickets, 121.

The dinner attracted 650 people. A bake sale was coordinated by Martha Cotterman, with all types of baked goods donated by the women of the church. Coordinator for the drinks was Ann Blencowe. The Senior Citizens' Kitchen Band provided an hour of song and comedy entertainment.

Total profit was \$1,210; the Women's Club received \$242; the local YOU received \$181 for its help and \$787 was donated to the Meals on Wheels program.

Project coordinator was Anita Gennaro; Judy Padgett handled TV and media advertisement; Kathy Fike was in charge of the volunteers; and Corinne Ward arranged for the prizes. *Judy Padgett and Jim Blencowe.*



SAWING LOGS — Joyce Eller, left, proves log sawing is not for he-men only. She and her partner, Terry Sandmire, right, placed third in the log-sawing contest at the Wisconsin Dells church's second annual harvest fair. Joe Farniello, center, keeps records of the event. (See "Log-Sawing Contest," this page.) [Photo by John Torgerson]

600 cobs of corn

TORONTO, Ont. — A former luxurious private estate, now the campus of Seneca College near King City, Ont., was the setting for a Toronto West picnic Aug. 28. With green grass, evergreen trees, a clear lake surrounded by hills and warm sunshine after days of unpleasant weather, it was a blessing.

Six hundred cobs of corn were roasted for the luncheon main course. Cobs were dipped into a large can of melted butter. The roasting and serving was deftly handled by pastor Gary Antion and his crew.

Many enjoyed swimming, canoeing, games and watermelon. A men's volleyball team was losing by 8 points until Judy Faulkner, pianist for Sabbath services, joined the team and brought it to victory. Tobli Burchach gave her son, David, a lesson in canoeing, or was it vice versa? Anyway, they were prepared, both wearing their swimsuits. Hart Adloff, soon to be married to Donna Petch, was not going to depend on his memory, as he took a multitude of pictures with his camera equipment. *Bill Moore.*

Whirlwind trip

TUCSON, Ariz. — The YOU members here sleepily found their way to four vehicles and started on a

three-day trip to Southern California July 31.

After 10 hours of driving, the first stop was Cardiff-by-the-Sea, where the San Diego North teens were hosts for the Tucson teens with a beach party and cookout.

On Monday, Aug. 1, the teens from both Tucson and San Diego North rose bright and early to drive another 45 minutes to Anaheim to spend a day at Disneyland.

Tuesday the Tucson teens went on to Pasadena for a guided tour of the Ambassador Auditorium. With time running out, a fast-paced trip was made around the college campus.

The group then had lunch in the student center and was back on the road headed east at 2 p.m., arriving in Tucson at 1:30 a.m. with sleepy eyes and aching feet.

Coordinators are Irwin and Joyce Steagall, Walt and Ann Tannert and Ray and Paula Messer. Tucson pastor Larry Neff also accompanied the teens on the trip. *Darlarue Steagall.*

50-mile canoe trip

TULSA, Okla. — Fifty miles and four days of canoeing were completed by a mixed group of Tulsa boy scouts and Cadette girl scouts and adult leaders. By 1:30 p.m. on Aug. 21, 17 canoes and 37 people took off from Twin

GIDDAP — Rosemary Dean, left, rides a pony during family night at the South Sydney church. Cassandra Wells, below, dressed as a black cat, receives an award for best costume from Sydney South pastor John Comino. (See "Fancy-Dress Parade," this page.) [Photos by Brian Hose]



Falls in St. Frances Lake near the Arkansas border, led by Lyle Johnson, who planned the route and made the arrangements.

Seven miles later they made camp. The second day they covered about 15 miles. Following supper, the boy scouts gave a camp-fire program. Then everyone retired under clear skies.

However, about 3 a.m., some were awakened by the unmistakable rumble of thunder. Those who were sleeping out battened down their plastic overcloths. Those inside tents kept on sleeping. The rain grew more intense, accompanied by winds. Those of the group who kept their plastic over them tightly fastened. Only one tent stood up under the blasts of wind.

Joe Cox got a fire going as the rain wound down to a drizzle and wet campers gathered to be revived with cups of hot chocolate.

About 2:40 p.m. on the fourth day, the canoeists were delighted to see the Crying Owl sign that marked the end of the trip. Only two swampings occurred. The most serious incident was the loss of a pair of eyeglasses.

Beverly Barbour, Cadette leader, planned the food for the trip and supervised the preparation and packing. She dried all the meat and vegetables and organized the kitchen and cooking equipment. *Sandra Hinman.*

Get-acquainted tea

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — A get-acquainted tea was given for Marilyn Magoon by Sharon Burgess at the home of Betty Burgess as a welcome to the Twin Falls church. Mrs. Magoon is wife of Herbert Magoon, new pastor for the church here and in Blackfoot, Idaho.

The tea table was decorated with fresh summer flowers. Iced tea and coffee were served with petit fours and mints in colors matching the flowers.

Those attending were seated in a circle and changed seats every 30 minutes to help all become acquainted. A door prize of hand-painted pillowcases was won by Louise Slaugenhaupt.

A bouquet of freshly picked flowers was presented to Mrs. Magoon. *Sharon Burgess.*

Patient instruction

WICHITA, Kan. — Members of the church here square danced to the calling of Russell George, an international caller who, for 55 years, has called square dances in the United States and Canada.

The dance was Aug. 14 in the Indian Center, recently completed as a museum for Indian arts and crafts and a meeting place for Indian tribes in the area.

Mr. George patiently gave instruction in square dancing, assisted by his wife.

During intermission, the Wichita cheerleaders, under the direction of Janice Fahrenholtz, performed some of their routines. The cheerleaders are Julie Garden, Rhonda Hayden, Paula McFall, Renee Pankratz and Karen Woodbridge. Refreshments were provided and sold by the cheerleaders to help raise funds for new uniforms. *Faye Campbell.*

Log-sawing contest

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — The church here held its second annual harvest fair Aug. 21 in the Festival auditorium. The fair, planned by Maurice Benson, was conducted in county-fair format with participants entering exhibits to be judged.

The 115 entries in 11 categories included fruits and vegetables, canned and baked goods, handicrafts and art work. Mr. and Mrs. Loren Weinbrenner and Robert Corliss did the judging.

In addition to the typical picnic-type activities was a log-sawing contest. The team of Bill Labus and Joe Eller took first place with a time of 25 seconds to saw through a log with a two-man saw. Mr. Benson and Mr. Weinbrenner took second place. Joyce Eller showed that log sawing is not limited to she-men when she teamed up with fellow YOU member Terry Sandmire and placed third with a hand-

icap. *John Torgerson.*



THE OFFICIAL GRAPEVINE

PASADENA — A ministerial conference for all church pastors has been set for Jan. 3 to 6.

The last conference was held in May, 1976, and did not include all church pastors from international areas, as this one will.

A spokesman for Pastoral Administration also announced Oct. 9 that a conference of all United States area coordinators will be held Nov. 1 to 3, before the general conference.

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PASADENA — Twenty-two local elders were recently ordained, with two more to be ordained shortly, announced a spokesman for Pastoral Administration.

And a local elder, **Dave Havir**, associate pastor of the Pittsburgh, Pa., churches, is to be ordained a preaching elder.

The new local elders and their hometowns are as follows:

Loren Chamberlain, Pacific Grove, Calif.; **Gordon Emerson**, Los Gatos, Calif.; **James Earl Foster**, Los Angeles, Calif.; **Ronald Goethals**, Sedro-Woolley, Wash.; **Leslie Hageman**, Marysville, Wash.

Robert L. Happel, Holmen, Wis.; **Oleh Kubik**, Roberts, Wis.; **William Lanore**, Seattle, Wash.; **Manfred Lillengreen**, Kent, Wash.; **Gerald Lindberg**, Renton, Wash.

Ron Meisner, Spring Valley, Minn.; **Richard Oettel**, Seattle, Wash.; **William Orn**, St. Paul, Minn.; **John Prouty**, Marysville, Wash.; **Gordon Royer**, Pasadena.

Clarence Scobee, Van Nuys, Calif.; **Steven Shafer**, Kirkland, Wash.; **Herbert Simonton**, Brier, Wash.; **Gary Smith**, Pekin, Ill.; **Robert Thomas**, Salem, Ore.

Two more local elders are to be ordained Oct. 15. They are **Davis Grove**, Martinsburg, W.Va., and **Richard Woodall**, Chesapeake, Va.

PASADENA — More than 80 local elders not employed by the Work and their wives attended ministerial seminars in Tucson, Ariz., and St. Petersburg, Fla., before and after services during the Feast. The seminars covered topics such as levels of human nature, effective preaching,

congregational motivation and counseling and judgment.

Evangelist **Ronald Dart**, vice president for pastoral administration, began the seminars in St. Petersburg, while **Arthur Mocarow**, director of ministerial development, began in Tucson.

The elders were encouraged to contribute to the scheduled program at the morning meetings and afternoon luncheon sessions. Mr. Dart felt the men were encouraged by the meetings and were responsive.

Asked if the seminars would continue, Mr. Dart said: "Oh, there's no doubt. The elders definitely wanted us to continue the program and by and large wanted us to expand it if we could, although it's doubtful whether we would be able to because of time constraints."

Even though the seminars were designed for local elders not employed by the Work, several full-time ministers signed up also because of interest in the information that was made available. Mr. Dart said one elder remarked that this was the first time he had ever been able to attend anything that was designed to help him to be a better elder.

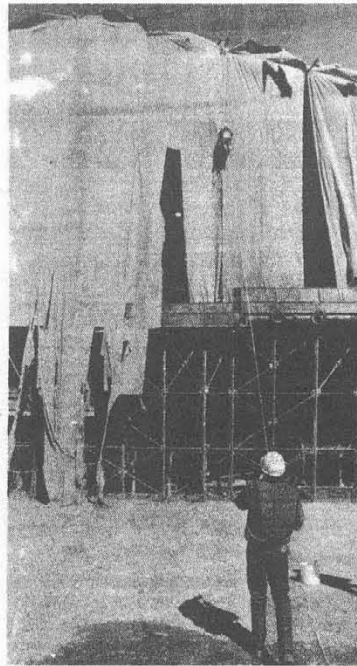
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MOUNT VERNON, Ky. — A Cincinnati court of appeals Sept. 2 ruled against Church member **Paul Cummins** in the Parker Seal Co.'s latest bid to have a 1976 U.S. Supreme Court decision reversed. Parker Seal, of Berea, Ky., fired Mr. Cummins in 1971 for refusing to work on the Sabbath.

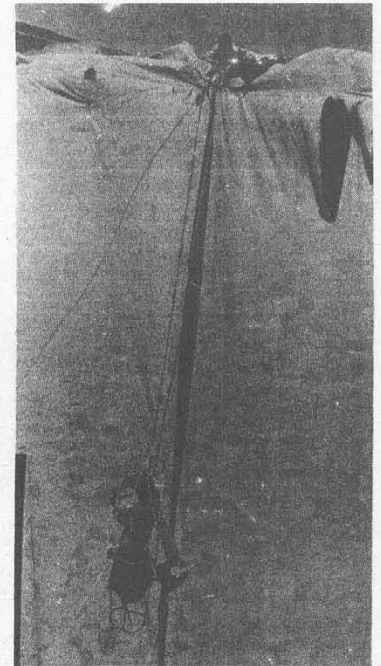
The Supreme Court, in a nonprecedent-setting tie vote last year, had let stand a lower court's ruling favorable to the Cummins case, but, because of a ruling against another Church member recently by the high court, Parker Seal had sought to reopen the case. The Supreme Court decided not to rehear it but instructed the lower court in Cincinnati to do so.

The appeals court ruled against Mr. Cummins Sept. 2, but Mr. Cummins and his attorney have petitioned for a rehearing and say they will go back to the Supreme Court if necessary.

"We're still optimistic," he told the *WN* Oct. 9, but "I'd just like to ask the brethren again to continue to pray that we get the answer that we need, whatever it is."



MODERN TENTMAKERS — Workmen were called to Blyth Arena in Squaw Valley at 2:30 one morning before the Feast to repair the tarpaulin covering one side of the building. Winds in excess of 80 miles an hour the night before had heavily damaged one portion of the tarpaulin, necessitating an enormous patch job. (Photos by John Robinson)



INTERPRETING SERVICES — Lana Kreivis, Pasadena member, interprets a sermon at Squaw Valley, the Festival site for many deaf members in the United States. (Photos by Roland Rees and Scott Moss)

Family observes 1977 Feast

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bers having to sit in bleachers without backs. Traffic into and out of the valley was congested, with only one lane of vehicles.

Attendance about the same

"Worldwide attendance was apparently about the same this year as last. As of press time, Mr. McMichael's office did not have final attendance, nor did the International Division. However, unofficial figures tallied by the *WN* and gathered from individual reports from all Canadian and United States sites except Alaska, and virtually all major international areas, indicated that attendance was close to that of 1976, with marginal increases in some areas.

Some figures were registration, and others were the highest attendance. However, because of sickness or other circumstances, the highest attendance could be fewer than the total number who kept the Festival.

The *WN* reported in its post-Feast issue last year (Oct. 25, 1976) that 75,000 kept the Feast in 13 sites. Festival coordinators' unofficial reports totaled 73,419 this year, excluding Alaska.

Last year the *WN* also reported in the same issue that 24,000 people kept the Feast in sites outside the United States and Canada. Mr. McMichael, who released the figure, said the number came from the International Division. The *WN's* unofficial count for this is 16,114.

A spokesman for the International Division said last year's figure of 24,000 was inaccurate.

So what looks like a decrease of some 8,000 to 10,000 in attendance in the international areas is actually a figure about the same, or slightly higher than, last year's.

International view

In Canada business manager Don Miller reported that Canadian Festival attendance was about the same as last year. (Also in Canada, the Royals hockey team from Ambassador College traveled from Pasadena for a tour of five of the six Canadian Festival locations. The Royals lost all but one of their exhibition matches [see the individual reports from Canada]. Dr. Michael Germano, Ambassador's vice president for academic affairs, traveled with the

team and spoke to Feastgoers at the sites.)

Britain reported an attendance at four sites of 3,620, an increase of 3 percent over 1976. Individual reports on the United Kingdom sites do not appear in this issue because the reports were sent via transatlantic facsimile, and because of technical difficulties the copy was partially illegible.)

The South African office administered 11 sites, 10 of which were in Africa and the 11th in Mauritius. African Work director Robert Fahey reported a combined attendance of 2,200.

Australia boasted an attendance of some 4,313 in seven sites.

New Zealand administered four sites, two in that country with a reported attendance of 922 and two South Pacific sites with attendance figures unavailable as of press time.

The Philippines was the remaining major area, with 2,022 members attending at four locations.

The remaining sites were generally small, compared with Squaw Valley and St. Petersburg, and scattered about South America, India, Europe and Southeast Asia.

STRANGE STRAINS?

Have you been hearing strange music around the house lately?

Does the *Sunset to Sunset* record album you bought at the Feast sound more like the Goodwill Brotherhood of Faith Hallelujah Choir?

If the answer to these questions is yes, we have good news for you: It's not you; it's the record. Because of an unfortunate mix-up at a press in Dallas, Tex., a recording of an anonymous gospel group was mistakenly labeled and placed in some *Sunset to Sunset* album covers, and unsuspecting Feastgoers bought some of the hybrid albums.

If the record you bought has the right label but plays the wrong music, write: Record Sales, AC Student Body Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, and the correct album will be mailed to you.