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Mr. Armstrong to open largest HQ conference

ners were working feverishly to finalize last-minute conference details as of press time Jan. 1, two days before the opening of the largest ministerial conference ever con-vened by the Church, and one that is to mark Herbert W. Armstrong's first general appearance since he became ill 41/2 months ago.

As of Dec. 30, 958 people were registered for the conference, with a crowd of more than 1,000 expected to be on hand for the 85-year-old pastor general's opening remarks Jan. 4. The total includes wives. All church pastors worldwide, their wives and some associate pastors and some International Division office staffers are to come at Church ex-pense. Any other elders able to pay their own way are free to attend.

Writer and television personality

1977 REVIEWED

Another year has rolled around, and it's time again for our year-end wrap-up issue. You'll notice this special 24-page WN is really an issue within an issue. In the middle is a 16-page pullout section that wraps up the news of the Work in 1977 month by

Art Linkletter is slated to address the ministry during the plenary session Jan. 5. Ted Herlofson, conference coordinator, said Mr. Linkletter will speak on drug abuse by youths. He said Mr. Linkletter's presentation is in partial response to the interest ex-pressed by ministers on the subjects of marriage, family and drugs.

Ministers began arriving several days before the conference; many wanted to be on hand for the annual Tournament of Roses Parade usually held Jan. 1 but delayed one day this year since the first of the year fell on a

Forty-eight ministers, wives and some children, representing those from Australia and New Zealand, arrived Dec. 28, according to Dean Wilson, regional director of the Australian Work. Mr. Wilson said the party traveled together and had saved about 50 percent over regular economy airline rates by taking advantage of group discounts. He said ministers who had relatives living in the United States brought their children so they could couple familial considerations with the conference trip.

On Dec. 21 Garner Ted Armstrong met in his office with Ronald Dart. vice president for pastoral adminis-tration, Leslie McCullough, director of the International Division, and

Mr. Herlofson to solidify plans. Ministers will spend 24 hours in (See CONFERENCE, page 8)





CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES — Former Milwaukee Brewer professional baseball player Dan Thomas, left, addresses delegates to the second annual YOU international conference in Big Sandy, Tex. During the conference participants asked questions, right, of Garner Ted Armstrong. [Photos by Phil Edwards]

569 attend YOU conference

By Joe Pyle BIG SANDY, Tex. — Five hundred sixty-nine delegates 12 to 19 years old gathered from 50 states and 14 foreign countries for the second YOU international conference, held on the former Ambassador College campus Dec. 23 to 28.

The young people, two from each congregation within an established YOU chapter, attended six days of meetings and other activities, includ-

Armstrong, Donald Most ("Ralph in the television series Happy Days), professional baseball player and Church member Dan Thomas and musician, singer and writer Tom Sul-

Countries represented

The delegates had come from America, Australia, Barbados, Ber-muda, Canada, England, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, North-ern Ireland, the Philippines, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland and West Germany.

All eight regional YOU coordinators from the United States attended and conducted regional workshops with the delegates from their

Also 23 Ambassador College students had traveled by van from Pasadena to volunteer their services in helping lead the activities

Most delegates arrived Friday,

Dec. 23, and attended a Bible study that night and brunch the next mom-

Sabbath services included a sermonette by the pastor of the Buffalo, N.Y., church, Dan Bierer, and a sermon by Garner Ted Armstrong on the problems youths have faced, past and present.

Sunday Mr. Armstrong conducted two rapid-fire question-and-answer sessions, fielding queries on topics ranging from prophecy to interracial

Subjects covered during the six days of meetings, and the lecturers, included:

Ambassador College, David Antion, director of college relations for AC; teen-adult relationships, George Geis, chairman of Ambassador's Theology Department: dating, Gil Goethals, a Tacoma, Wash, elder; youth leadership, Carl Gustafson,

(See YOU CONFERENCE, page 8)

Evangelists honored on 25th

PASADENA - Herman L. Hoeh ind Roderick C. Meredith, two of the first evangelists ordained in the Church, were honored on the 25th anniversary of their ordination at a dinner held on the Ambassador College campus Dec. 20.

Garner Ted Armstrong presented each man with a silver plaque that read: "In recognition of faithful service as an ordained minister and commemorating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the rank of evangelist in the Worldwide Church of God. In deep appreciation, [signed] Herbert W. Armstrong. Garner Ted Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong, who made the presentation at a prime-rib dinner attended by 49 people in Ambassador Hall, one of the early campus build-ings, said he wished his father could have made the presentation.

Dr. Hoeh and Dr. Meredith were ordained Dec. 20, 1952, along with Richard David Armstrong, Raymond C. Cole and C. Paul Meredith. Richard Armstrong, Garner Ted's elder brother, died in 1958 at age 29 from injuries received in an au tomobile accident, and C. Paul Meredith, first editor of the Work's Correspondence Course and uncle to Roderick, died in 1968, Mr. Cole has since disassociated himself from the Church.

Accept plaques

Dr. Hoeh, in accepting his plaque. honored the two evangelists who had died. "Both are deceased, and in a sense this [event] commemorates



EVANGELISTS HONORED - Evangelists Herman L. Hoeh, left, and Roderick C. Meredith, right, along with their wives, display plaques commemorating their 25 years as ordained ministers. [Photo by John

what role they had in a much shorter life in this Work

Dr. Meredith thanked those who attended for their warmth and encour-agement. He recalled the 1952 ordination ceremony, saying Herbert Arm-strong "laid hands on Dr. Hoeh as the very first one, which was fitting,"
since Dr. Hoeh "was the first male graduate [of Ambassador] and the first evangelist in God's Church in

He said Dr. Hoeh and Mr. Armstrong then turned and ordained Raymond Cole. Dr. Meredith said, We all wish Raymond could be

As each man was ordained, he joined in the next ordination. Following Mr. Cole were Richard Armstrong and C. Paul Meredith.

"Then last and least, which is fit-

ting," Dr. Meredith chuckled, "they (See EVANGELISTS, page 3)

New Feast site selected

Savannah gets nod

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Savannah, Ga., will be a site for the next Feast of Tabernacles, replacing Jekyll Island, Ga., the Festival Office announced Dec. 22

As many as 7,000 Feastgoers from the Mid-Atlantic states will be as-signed to the new Georgia site, about 80 miles up the coast from the old Jekyll Island location.

The Festival Office had announced Dec. 6 that the Jekyll site had been canceled because of limited convention and housing accommodations on the island.

-Festival director Sherwin McMichael said Savannah "has long been one of America's unsung urban oases" and underwent "extensive renovation and historic preservation' beginning in the 1950s. Festival services will take place in an "ul-tramodem \$10 million civic center" only a few blocks from "the nation's largest registered urban historic dis-

The city, with a metropolitan population of about 188,000, reportedly offers 1,100 historically significant

buildings dating to the 1700s, a scenic waterfront walkway, numerous restaurants and an ocean beach area 11 miles from downtown. Many of the housing facilities for Church members will be close to the civic center and downtown historic district, Mr. McMichael said



A Personal Letter

Dear brethren in God's Church:

Greetings in Jesus' name! By the time you read this the ministerial conference will be well under way, perhaps even completed. These are days of furious activity here on the Ambassador College campus, with tens of thousands of campers, trailers, recreational vehicles and vehicles of every description descending upon Pasadena, and thousands of young people staking out sections of the parking area on the strips of grass next to the street along South Orange Grove and for miles down Colorado Boulevard in preparation for the Rose Parade on Jan. 2.

There is always a peculiar feeling of subdued madness about this time of the year. And, having lived right near the parade route for nearly 25 years, I have come to look forward to this time of year with a peculiar dread.

Hopefully, however, we will have a minimum of crime and violence associated with the massive crowds this year.

On the brighter side, of course, the glittering Rose Parade itself and the Rose Bowl game will be viewed by many millions of Americans and our armed forces overseas on national and international television hookups.

This year, for the very first time, Ambassador College will receive a tremendous amount of publicity in the preparade program aired over NBC. I am told that Tom Brokaw of the Today show will give a brief introduction and then the network will switch to its cameras in Pasadena for a combined live and pretaped preparade show beginning at 10 eastern time.

Goodyear blimp

Yesterday, as I finished doing a television program. I walked back down to the Hall of Administration to own to the Hall of Administration to see the big Goodyear blimp with its television cameras aboard coming down within only a few feet of the roofs of the Hall of Administration. Auditorium and student center, tak ing aerial views of the campus, the quadrangle and the festivities being

videotaped for the preparade show.

I did not have an opportunity to stroll over to the quadrangle to watch the colorful bands, choral groups, ac-tors and others participating in the show being prepared for the network, but I was given a briefing by Mr. Les Stocker, who is associate director of

college relations.

Les told me the director of the NBC show had earlier expressed some interest in stopping by the Am-bassador Auditorium, where a group of Ambassador students was finish ing a rehearsal preparatory to the group's presentation at the corona tion of the rose queen, an event which precedes the parade by about two weeks

Les said the director of the program was so entranced with the stu dent performers that, instead of re-

(See PERSONAL, page 3)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Another miracle

Another miracle
I was sharing with our 7-year-old son,
Paul, the story of the Hren family from
Colorado [Nov. 21]. When I finished Paul
said: "See, Mama, God did another mira-cle. He protected me from being burned
yesterday too. God just does miracles all
the time."

It is so good to be able to see God's intervention for His people.

Naomi Ferguson
Birmingham, Ala,

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Sausage can be hazardous

I read with trepidation the recent article in "Postmark" (Nov. 7) about making sausage at home.

Enclosed is a memo to extension home

economists a while back on this very type

economists a while back on this very type of recipe. Miss Dunn [the writer of the memo] is food specialist for the University of Wisconsin, Extension.

Being a Church member and viewing things from God's point of view, I don't always share the specialist's concerns. But in this case I think people might be tempting God. I feel this is a risky recipe and would hate for anyone to experience a transfer. tragedy

In the memo Mrs. Booth sent, writter by Charlotta M. Dunn of the University of Wisconsin, Miss Dunn notes that a "recipe for making HAMBURGER SAUSAGE is

being widely circulated!

he continues: We DO NOT RECOMMEND this

"We DO NOT RECOMMEND instractipe.
"I. Mixture of small particles of ingredients — possible contamination, and remixing of ingredients during refrigeration increases the hazard.

"2. Most spices carry relatively high levels of bacteria — possible contamina-

ion.

3. Low temperature used in the recipe and long cooking time provide ideal con-ditions for bacterial incubation and possible development of toxins.

sible development of toxins.

'4. In-point temperature is not suffi-cient to insure the safety of the product and in no way will deactivate toxins.''

Plays from the Bible

Plays from the Bible
For family night: I'm surprised
this wasn't mentioned. Many children
like to act. Why not write simple plays
taken from the Bible? The whole family
can participate and have fun ... An
example to get you started — Adam's
and Eve's first sin.

n. Mrs. Marilyn Braley Houston, Tex.

First thing

I wanted to thank Patsy Swanson for the poem "I Didn't Have the Time" in the Nov. 7 edition of The Worldwide News. It is an excellent help for remem-bering prayers first thing in the

Medford, Ore.

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As it comes

Words cannot explain how I really feel about the newspaper, WN. I first read the "Personal" and then "Letters to the Editor." From then on I read it as it of

Louise Logan North Carrollton, Miss.

A nervous Europe wonders about America

PASADENA - What can we look for on the world scene in this new

The newspapers are full of cautiously optimistic predictions concerning a fairly good economic picture (for the United States), along with (for the United States), along with prospects of a settlement of sorts in the Middle East: But these bits and pieces of good news are more than balanced by many simmering national and international problems. some of which may heat up to a rag-ing boil in 1978.

The common denominator of nearly all of these looming crises, as we have mentioned before, is the plummeting position and prestige of the United States. America's indecisiveness, its myopia, is the single most important catalyzing factor on the world scene.

It is the worsening American economy, and faulty remedies to correct it, that is primarily responsible for the growing prospects of a free-world trade war; the foreign-policy directions of the new administration are responsible for generating doubts among allies in Asia, fears of the future among NATO partners in Europe, and the prospects of an Ar-

mageddon in Africa.

With this as a background, let's single out one critical area that will dominate the news in the months

Europe's fears

In recent columns I've discussed the pessimistic mood of the South Koreans, the Taiwanese, even the Japanese, regarding their relation-ships with the United States. Now the feeling of insecurity is spreading to Western Europe as well.

The NATO allies are very con-

cerned over what they consider to be unwarranted American concessions to the Soviets in the SALT II talks. They fear the United States will agree to curb deployment of the cruise missile as well as agree to block transfer of its technology to the allies. European NATO planners see the missile as a tactical necessity to offset Soviet buildup in Eastern Europe.

Hardly comforting to the Europeans are recent newspaper reports of controversial Washington defense

memorandum, under which one third of the territory of West Germany, including Hamburg (Chancellor Schmidt's hometown) would be conceded to the communists from the start in the event of a full-scale attack by Warsaw Pact forces.

Not only Hamburg but Munich according to a report in the Chicago Tribune, would be sacrificed to a Soviet blitzkrieg. The city lies east of

mans, the industrial structure and population density of the Federal Re-public least-west width 137.5 to 300 miles) prohibits any surrender of territory. About 30 percent of the population and 25 percent of the industrial capacity are located in the 100mile kilometer [62.5-mile] strip west of the Federal German border with

the Warsaw Pact."
West Germany's highest-ranking

Vorldwatch BY GENE H. HOGBERG

the line formed by the Weser and Lech rivers, the line at which a communist attack should be stopped by the allied forces, the secret study says

Suspicion remains

Though high Carter-administration officials quickly and em-phatically denied that any shift was planned in the North Atlantic alliance's forward-defense concept, some suspicion about the United States' commitment remains. Newspapers in West Germany have been asking whether Germans still can feel secure under the NATO shield.

Many West Germans are aware that their country would be turned into a battlefield if a major conflict broke out in central Europe," writes columnist Alice Siegart in the Tribune dispatch from Hamburg. Warsaw Pact forces, with their enormous tank and manpower superiority, probably would seize hunks of West German territory before American, British and German combat units could respond and reinforcements could arrive by airlift from the U.S."

But to accept in advance the idea of a loss of territory, even if the memorandum in question proves to be only one of many options being explored by White House advisers, must be considered as a psychologi-cal blunder. Such thinking, notes columnist Siegart, weakens the credibility of deterrence, which is largely psychological.

The Hamburg news magazine Der Spiegel adds: "If NATO and defense are to have any meaning for the Ger-

NATO officer, Gen. Franz-Josef Schulze, who commands U.S.-allied forces in central Europe, also warms rent defense strategy.

Decoupled Europe?

At the recent NATO meeting in Brussels, U.S. Secretary of Defense Harold Brown tried to allay European fears, especially over the cruise-missile-limitation flap. He tried to paint a rosy picture of SALT II, but apparently he did not succeed.
According to news columnists Evans and Novak: "The reality is that the Germans and British fear the treaty will be the first dangerous step toward 'decoupling' defense of the U.S. from the defense of Western Europe. One Western European defense expert last week strongly implied to Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's national security adviser. that the cruise missile limitation would actually result in 'decoupling.

"The mere thought of decoupling," continue Evans and Novak, "gives the Europeans the shakes."

German missiles in Africa?

Perhaps the growing doubts of U.S. reliability for Europe's defense is behind one rather startling development, barely touched by the press, although we thought it would have rated a few headlines.

A Paris publication named Afrique-Asie seems to have broken the story. The Aug. 22 issue of To the Point International, a news magazine published in Belgium, followed through with further details. A brief mention in The Christian Science Monitor appeared in mid-October

Anyway, it appears that on March 26, 1976, President Mobutu of Zaire signed an agreement in Kinshasa with a private West German corporation known as OTRAG (an abbreviation known as OTRAG (an abbrevia-tion of its German name, which translates as the Orbital Transport Society), "leasing" an area of 145.000 square kilometers — roughly the size of Uganda, and comprising a tenth of Zaire's entire territory — to OTRAG until the year 2000 as the size of a probat bases. 2000 as the site of a rocket base.
Under the agreement the Germans

are authorized to build roads, barracks, launching sites, an airfield, laboratories and housing facilities for their engineers in the area, which is located in southeastern Zaire, south-west of Lake Tanganyika.

The overhead airspace is restricted to OTRAG's planes and space vehicles, and the ground security is reportedly tight indeed. (All local and føreign visitors are barred.)

According to one source, critical of the Zaire-German deal, OTRAG is paying a fat \$25 million a year for its rocket site. OTRAG spokesmen scoff at this, but decline to state the true figure, merely describing the rent as "reasonable

Unlikely place

The big question: What is OTRAG up to? The official explanation is that OTRAG wants to launch rockets for such things as telecommunications, atmospheric observations and scientific experiments. But why in Zaire, of all unlikely places?

An OTRAG spokesman told To the Point that this former Belgian colony's southeastern corner had been picked because it is underpopulated and has "optional atmospheric conditions," whatever those may be. The West German government has

acknowledged the existence of the OTRAG project but strenuously de-nies it is involved in anything to do

with military research.

But, let's face it, an underpopulated area one tenth the size of the vast former Belgian Congo might be a tempting place to test a few cruise

Correction

An error appeared in an article on page 1 of the Dec. 19 Worldwide News headlined "GTA to K.C. for Sermon, Social." The article correctly stated Garner Ted Armstrong was in Kansas City, Kan., to speak at a special Sabbath service Dec. 17 and a special Sabouth service Dec. 17 and a social that evening. But the account incorrectly stated he was in town for the beginning of the Youth Opportunities. United national volleyball tournament for girls.

Mr. Armstrong left Kansas City the morning of Dec. 18, the day the volleyball competition started, and was not present for any of the tour-nament. He returned to Pasadena that day, stopping at Tucson, Ariz., en route to meet with his father.

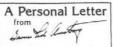
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maining only five minutes or so, he stayed for approximately an hour and a half and suggested expanding the program to feature some of our own Ambassador College talent.

Of course it will be too late by the time you read these lines for any of you who were not tuned to NBC for the preparade activities, but I under-stand several times during the program, and of course during Tom Brokaw's introduction, the campus of Ambassador College here in Pasadena, Calif., and the student body will be mentioned

Ministers arriving

Nearly all of the overseas minis ters have already arrived. I know it will be a special thrill for our visitors from around the world to sit in our own Ambassador College stands for a prime view of the parade and later to watch the Rose Bowl football game and other national bowl games on television.

On the following day or two the remainder of the United States and Canadian contingent of our ministry will be arriving on campus, or elsewhere in the Pasadena area, to stay in the homes of friends or relatives, or, as in the case of many couples, in nearby motels and hotels, before the beginning of the conference.

I plan to go over to Tucson to assist

my father in returning to Pasadena for the first time since the serious illness that sidelined him back in August! When I visited him at his home in Tucson just the other day, stopping over on my return from the international YOU conference at Big Sandy, I noticed he seemed to be able to walk even better than I had seen him be fore. I am encouraged that, with help from some of the rest of us, he will be able to make it aboard the G-II, ever if we have to assist him most of the way up the steps, and come to Pasadena for the board meeting on the afternoon of Jan. 3 and then appearance before the assembled nisters in the Auditorium for the first general plenary session the next

Future course of Ambassador

As I have mentioned at least twice in these pages, we have been undergo ing exhaustive studies concerning the future course of Ambassador College. I have been given one of the most definitive and informative studies ever compiled in the history of Am-bassador College, and in meetings over the next weeks and months I am sure our future course will become clearer and clearer with regard to various tactics in the continual search for mprovements in our educational arm of the Church, Ambassador College

As I have repeatedly stressed to those involved in the studies, and to all of those close to me on the administrative level, I have had no intention whatsoever of abandoning Ambassador's quest for regional accreditation.

However, as I have expressed to you lay members. I have wanted to keep all options open, making no ir-revocable decisions that would close any back doors in the event certain governmental and/or educational agencies ruled in a manner we do not

expect.
I have explained to you, I believe, the current negotiations under way between our legal staff and HEW attomeys concerning the long-range use of the Vista del Arroyo properties. Such negotiations are currently still under way, and it is too early to com-

under way, and it is too early to com-ment on them at this time.

You may be interested in excerpts from an article appearing on the front page of the Dec. 31 Pasadena Star-News, the local newspaper:

" I want to reconfirm my fullest ommitment that Ambassador will continue to strive toward regional accreditation,' said [Garner Ted] Arm-

He noted as well his hope that the college will be able to reopen another

cept of a very close faculty-student relationship, and hoped to avoid the difficulties created by massive size Ambassador College is a character-building institution, dedicated to the precept that the Word of God is the foundation of knowledge; that educa-tion should be a 24-hour-a-day process of development for the whole personality, as well as mere develop-ment of the intellect. Small-sized campuses are essential to that con-cept, even if it means some redun-dancy of programs, 'said Armstrong.

"The college has experienced some difficulty in assimilating 400 students from the Big Sandy campus after its closure last summer, Armstrong acknowledged."

"The Pasadena enrollment during the spring of 1977 was 830. By the autumn of 1977 there were 1,350 stu-

New advertising agency

Finally I had a very exciting talk with our representative from Ed Libov Associates of California, Inc., our new advertising agency. He will be working very closely with me and with our business manager, Mr. Ray Wright, as we undergo a transitional period of 90 days during which Ed Libov Associates will deal with those radio and television stations whose contracts with Worldwide Advertis ing Agency will lapse, and/or all radio and television stations not heretofore under contract with Worldwide.

Our new representative is very excited about the possibilities opening before us and has been enthusiasti-cally at work on obtaining some additional media outlets (as budget can provide). I am very hopeful that we will be able to announce additional media improvements.

Of course the primary objective behind my far-reaching studies in-volving the operation of the educa-tional arm of the Church, Ambassador College, had as its primary purpose a complete reappraisal of financial priorities relevant to that proportion of the Church's financial

support which was assigned to media (primarily radio and television, but including printed media) as distinct from the maintenance of physical plant, fixed costs and all other cost

This is nothing new, of course, for there has never been a single year, a board meeting or a budget meeting in which all of those in God's Work have not continually striven to reappraise various goals and objectives, trying to do a more effective job in fulfilling the first and most important portion of the great commission God has given to

Half-hour daily radio

As soon as I possibly can, I hope to begin once again a full half-hour daily radio program, and have as my fond-est hope that we can perhaps put together a small network by direct telephone line so that I can be on several radio stations simultaneously LIVE, right from our own studios adjacent to my office on the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena.

This will give me, at long last, the realization of the immediacy of world affairs and will provide a tremendous impetus to me personally, in knowing

that I can talk to an audience today about today's problems, and not be talking into a dead tape recorder for my remarks to be broadcast a week. two weeks or even six weeks later

As you can well understand, in the fast-moving pace of world events. particularly recent developments in the Middle East that are leading to-ward major fulfillments of biblical prophecy, it becomes increasingly important in these latter days, if we are to perform as God's "watchman" in world events, that we have the immediacy of live, daily contact with the millions.

I hope all of you brethren will be praying that this can be possible, and especially pray that God will give me the additional strength and special inspiration to once again tackle the task of daily half-hour radio (which I began doing over 20 years ago)!

That's about it for now. Thank you for your continuing prayers on behalf of my father, who is making satisfac-tory, albeit slow, improvement. And most especially thank you for your prayers for the success of the current

ministerial conference!

With love, in Jesus' name,

Garner Ted Armstrong

Evangelists honored on 25th anniversary

ordained me."
According to Dr. Meredith, "five to seven weeks later" brothers Mar-ion and Raymond McNair were also ordained. Raymond is now a senior pastor stationed at Lake of the Ozarks. Mo. Marion is no longer a Church member

(Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, said Dec. 23 Raymond McNair will be honored probably during the ministerial conference, slated to begin Jan. 4.)

Telegrams sent

Steve Martin, Western Area coor-dinator, who organized the dinner, before the presentations read tele-grams of congratulations to the two evangelists from Herbert Armstrong. Frank Brown, regional director of the Work in Britain, Bob Fahey, regional director of the Work in Africa, Harold Jackson, director of the black-African Work, and Dean Wilson, regional diector of the Work in Austra-

Mr. Armstrong in concluding re-marks expressed regret because of some former evangelists who were not at the dinner.

"It just makes me wish like every-ng," he said, "that some other thing.

for being there and added: "It is a great occasion. I hope you'll all remember it, cherish it and we can have other occasions like this for others of our number. And perhaps it can be the beginning of something that can grow into a greater feeling of unity and closeness in God's Holy Spirit in this Church

Longtime servants

Dr. Hoeh, 49, a senior editor of The Plain Truth and pastor of one of the Pasadena churches, is married to the former Isabell Flora Kunkel of Perry ton, Tex. The Hoehs, who have four children, live about 17 miles from Church headquarters, in Sunland, Calif

Dr. Hoeh has been a co-worker for more than 30 years. He received his A.B. degree in foreign languages in 1951 and an M.A. in theology in 1952 and then was awarded a Th.D. and Ph.D. for his work with Vol. I and II

of his Compendium of World History.

All degrees are from Ambassador.

He has written dozens of Plain
Truth and Good News articles over
two decades and was Plain Truth managing editor 19 years. He also taught at Ambassador from 1951 to 1972 and served as dean of faculty for

17 years. Dr. Meredith, 47, a senior pastor and pastor of the Glendale, Calif. hurch and a senioreditor of The Plain Truth, is the father of four children and lives in Pasadena. His wife of 20 years died in June, 1976, and this past November he married Shyrel Ann Hensley of Bakersfield, Calif.

He has been a Plain Truth editor since 1953 and served as superinten-dent of the United States ministry from 1961 to 1972. That year he became deputy chancellor of Ambas-sador College, Pasadena. He served

in the same capacity at the then cam pus of Ambassador College, Bricket Wood, England, the next year before being reassigned to the United States

He received his M.A. in theology in 1958 and his Th.D. in 1966, both from Ambassador.



ANNIVERSARY DINNER — Garner Ted Armstrong, above left, visits with Dr. and Mrs. Roderick C. Meredith at a dinner honoring Dr. Meredith and Herman Hoeh on their 25th anniversary as evangelists. Below left: Steve Martin, organizer of the dinner, congratulates Dr. Hoeh, while, below right, Mr. Armstrong greets longtime member Gary Sefcak and his wife as they are seated at the dinner. [Photos by John Robinson]





"Allegania"

Correspondence Course editor wants to teach all a lesson or 12

- willighten

By Klaus Rothe
PASADENA — If Richard Sed-liacik could pass one lesson on to a new or old student of the Bible, he would just as soon pass on 12 of them. The lessons would be called them. The lessons would be called the Ambassador College Correspon-dence Course. They are produced by the Worldwide Church of God with Mr. Sed!iacik serving as managing

Working on the Correspondence Course has been a major part of Mr Sedliacik's life since 1958. It's probably safe to estimate that more than 750,000 people have been reached by the lessons he has had a big hand

in preparing over the years.

And, through it all, "I've been happy in my work," he says.

The basics

Longtime students of the Correspondence Course may recall the 58-lesson version. Students these days get a condensed, 12-course version. In between these were several revisions, but, when everything is said and done, the lessons contained the basics of what Christianity is all

about."
That's a quote from the man who personally put a lot of the lessons together from the published works of the Church, the Bible, of course, and his perceptions of what an interest-ing, even exciting, course should be.

A man with a craving for engineer A man with a craving to rengineer-ing. Richard Sedliacik was an un-likely candidate to get himself in-volved in editing and producing one of the Work's publications.

Interested in mechanical things ever since he was able to hold a hammer and screwdriver in his hands as a small boy, Mr. Sedliacik found himself enrolled in a composition class at Ambassador College in Pasadena in 1958.

The course's instructor, Herman Hoeh (one of the editors of The Plain Truth), gave an assignment to the students to write a Bible correspon-dence course on a religious subject of their choosing. The students were to model their courses on the then fledgling Correspondence Course produced under the direction of the late Dr. C. Paul Meredith.

The day the assignment was due, the now managing editor of the course recalls sheepishly he hadn't even begun his paper. The then 26-year-old married student and father of one was granted a one-week extension. He flinches as he recalls that week, when he "slaved away to turn in his project.

Dr. Hoeh saw a talent for writing in his work and passed the paper on to the Correspondence Course Depart-ment with a recommendation that Mr. Sedliacik had a "natural Plain Truth writing style." Several months after Mr. Sedliacik turned in his late assignment, he was asked to come see and subsequently assist Dr. Meredith on a part-time basis with

Mr. Sedliacik's class project went on to become an actual lesson of the course titled "Why Water Bap-ism?" He is quick to point out that the lesson has been revised six or seven times since.

With graduation from Ambassador College came an offer to con-tinue working on the Work's editori-al staff. While it wasn't exactly fulat start. While it wasn't exactly ful-filling his desire to build and design mechanical things, he saw many purallels in his job with the Corre-spondence Course to engineering in that they both developed a concept. On top of that was a strong convic-

vould reach a great number of people with important information.

Dr. Meredith, an evangelist, guided the course until his death in 1969. Dr. Hoeh became interim director until 1970, when Mr. Sedliacik took over the reins. His 19 years of work on the course have included writing 18 les-sons from scratch, composing many parts of the other lessons and editing almost all the lessons at least once. In one particularly good year some 8,000 to 10,000 people were being added to a Sunday lunch. In 1954 Richard read some literature mailed to him by the Work — the Passover booklet that "really made sense to me. Things started to click."

Soon he was on his way to attending a Sabbath service in Chicago, where he expected thousands of people. It turned out that he was one of 17 pioneer Sabbath keepers in the Chicago church. The then Chicago pastor, Raymond McNair, started "working on me to attend Ambassador College

WNterview

the mailing list of the course. Today there are 55,000 students.

While Mr. Sedliacik is primarily interested in adding new students to

interested in adding new students to the mailing list, he does encourage all past students to reenroll. "There's a lot of good things in those lessons," he says. "Members are spending less and less time read-ing the Bible. We take it for granted the lower trail." we know it all.'

13 and he knew

Mr. Sedliacik, 43, was born in Chicago, the son of Czechoslovak immigrants who came to the United States in 1910. He is the youngest of six children, who were spoken to in Slovak at home in Chicago's north-

When he was 13 he knew what he wanted to be. His life revolved around crystal radio sets, tube radios. televisions and a penchant for design-ing and assembling radio and TV test equipment.

A member of his high school's engineering club, he couldn't wait to graduate and work for the Motorola Corp., despite the encouragement of his high-school counselor to enroll in

After being at Motorola for four years, working at designing and building two-way radio-production test equipment in the test-equipment laboratory, to this day he plugs Motorola products almost as much as the Correspondence Course. "I can't help it; they have a superior prod-

In the early '50s the Sedliaciks would listen to Herbert W. Arm-strong on the radio as they sat around

It worked. Mr. Sedliacik came to Pasadena and Ambassador College 1955 graduate of Ambassador

In original chorale

Mrs. Sedliacik had been one of three women in her class of six Ambassador students in 1951. She was also a member of the original college chorale that appeared on television with Mr. Armstrong's telecast. The couple lives in Pasadena with

three sons: Richard, 18, Roderick, 15, and Joseph, 13. The house is shared by a gregarious talking parakeet that sometimes roosts on

has always been a help, especially during the earlier years of his writing

She claims "everything he writes good." She also notes that her husband is good at doing his job "the way Mr. Armstrong would have it

done."

Mr. Sedliacik confesses his work has been rewarding in more ways than one. In 1968 he and his wife than one. In 1906 he and his wife were given a trip to Europe and the Middle East as a token of the Work's appreciation. The journey included an excursion into his ancestral home of Czechoslovakia only three weeks after it was invaded by the Soviets. He remembers every part of the trip down to the last detail and calls it

"the highlight of our lives."

An article on Czechoslovakia appeared in *The Plain Truth*, one of approximately two dozen PT and Good News articles written by him.

in 1956, where he met and one year later married Elva Emily Russell, a

Mr. Sedliacik's glasses.

Mr. Sedliacik reveals that his wife



EDITOR — Richard Sedliacik holds lesson 1 of the Correspondence Course, a publication he has worked with for 19 years. [Photo by Klaus

There is one other contribution he has made to the Work. What came to him as an "aching desire to do some nim as an "aching desire to do some-thing for the Work along engineering lines" resulted in a two-foot-diameter revolving globe of the world with flashing lights representing some of the main stations that broadcast Garner Ted Armstrong's radio program. To this day, when broadcasts are being made by Mr. Armstrong, the globe rotates, with hundreds of lights blinking in an im-

pressive spectacle.

Technically the globe is the product of two satisfying years of what Mr. Sedliacik terms "the apex of my electrical and mechanical experience." Once the globe, which con-sumed 1,580 spare-time hours, was completed, "I was able to concentrate on editing matters. I got it out of

Something to dream If Mr. Sedliacik ever has the time always attracted him, but this project would be, he confesses, difficult because of its complexities. Something to dream about.

In the meantime he feels there's plenty to keep him busy. For the past seven years he has been functioning as the managing editor of several publications, including at one time the old *Good News* magazine. His most recent responsibility is to send out weekly the new Pastor's Report, now that The Bulletin (of which he

and money, he has a plan to make a display not unlike the globe in the

form of a large Mercator-projection map that would feature colored lights for television and radio coverage as it

was occurring every minute on every station carrying Mr. Armstrong.

Complicated electronic wizardry has

The latest revision of the 12-lesson Correspondence Course isn't quite finished, nor is the 100-question test that is to be sent out upon request after a Bible student has completed

was the managing editor) has been

Possibly also in the offing are short capsule courses. He proposes five to seven lessons on the Holy Days and Sabbath, three on Christian steward-ship (on finances) and on subjects such as the seven laws of success and

prophecy.
The current 12-lesson course may also get a preface lesson or two to give students a complete overall view of the Bible. There is also talk of reinstating testing and grading simi-lar to the way they were conducted on the old 58-lesson course.

Personal interest

"I've taken a personal interest in watching everything grow," says Mr. Sedliacik about the headquarters church and the college he has been working with for the past 22 years. "No one thought it would get this big. Our vision was limited; we

couldn't grasp where it was going."

Mr. Sedliacik decided to keep a record by taking before and after photographs of the grounds as he saw every building go up. Looking at what is here today, he concludes it wildly exceeded our imagination.



structed for the Work. [Photos by Klaus Rothe]

Local church news wrap-up

Elegant buffet dinner

ALBANY, N.Y. — Thanksgiving, Nov. 24. marked a weekend of fes-tivities for the Springfield, Mass., and Albany Church members and a few visitors from Babylon, Rochester and Rome, N.Y., and distant Toledo,

David Bierer, senior pastor here scheduled a combined Sabbath ser-vice for the two congregations at the plush Berkshire Hilton Inn in Pittsfield, Mass.

Guest speaker was Reginald Platt, senior pastor of the Boston church. Sabbath services were followed by

an elegant buffet dinner and dancing, with music provided by Jim Hamblin of the Albany church. Hal Halvorson.

Ding-A-Ling Hour

AMARILLO, Tex. — The church here again sponsored its annual Thanksgiving costume party Nov. 19 for about 40 preteens, who arrived decked out in as many varieties of outfits as there were children.

Zach Shannon, disguised as Big Foot, won the first prize in the boys' category. Richard Maddy and Sean Parrish won notable mention. Susan Brydon, costumed as a twirler, took the main prize for the girls. Becky Lyles and Veronica Johnston were also nominated for their outstanding

Pete and Judy King arranged for the decorations and food. Sammy and Julia O'Dell, dressed as clowns, proided the entertainment, games and

prizes.
The Amarillo Ding-A-Ling Hour Dec. 3 was both a talent and a comedy show. Emcee Perry Hoag made use of recordings to background some of the

30 acts in the program.

Both young and old performed in song, dance and skits and on musical instruments. A potluck dinner preceded the talent show. Sammy O' Dell.

First meeting

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The Women's Club here got under way Nov. 19 at the home of pastor Earl

Carol Roemer, hostess, went over the handbook briefly, stating the goals and purposes of the club. Club officers are Patti Phears, president; Fern Ballard, vice president; Jimmie En-glish, secretary; and Sharon Dillon, treasurer. Meetings will be the second

Sunday of each month.

Dee Tunseth, wife of local elder Al

Tunseth, conducted table topics. Mrs.

Roemer followed with a talk, "How to

Make the Most of Your Time."
Refreshments were served after the meeting. Twenty-seven ladies were in attendance. Jimmie English.

Life-saving lessons

ANN ARBOR, Micff. - Her name is Annie and members and guests of the Ladies' Club here practiced car-diopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on her at the club's meeting Dec. 1. Annie is a life-size mannequin. The training course was given by two in-structors from the Michigan Heart

Association.
The Heimlich Maneuver, which is used on a person who is choking on food, was also demonstrated.

The Detroit and Ann Arbor com-

bined Sabbath service Dec. 3 was in Ypsilanti, Mich. A spaghetti dinner was followed by a "Winter Concert" presented by the Ann Arbor Women's

Pastor Bruce Vance, emcee, introduced the performers. They included pianists Dave Polosky and Kay Tribble, violist Kelly Smith, soprano Aimee Vance, pianist Tammy Smith, tenor Alfred Mosley, soprano Verna Campbell and baritone Barry Yoder. Carol Baker and Helen D. Fenech.

Needlework Guild

BALTIMORE, Md. - Members here are participating for the second year in the Needlework Guild of America, Inc., a national charitable organization:

About 575 items have been donated by brethren, more than double the number of items contributed last The items included those given ributed last year nursing-home division, a hospital tha cares for mistreated children, a center that cares for those who are helpless from mental and physical disabilities and a Meals on Wheels group.

Men as well as women and a number of nonmembers are par-ticipating in the program this year. While clothing and some household While clothing and some household items are gathered for distribution, some things, such as underwear, hose and men's shirts, are purchased. Therefore, money is needed in addition to all the sewing, knitting and crocheting done by the women. The money are holes to have the surplus for the sewing that the sewing the se money also helps to buy supplies for those who can work but cannot con-tribute. Anita E. Jackson.

Ghost town

BANNING, Calif. — In the first coed outing of the fall schedule, 49 members of the Banning and Fontana Boys' and Girls' clubs, for children 7 to 12 years old, boarded a bus Dec. 11 and set out to spend the day visiting Calico, one of Southern California's

historic ghost towns.

Codirectors Emmett and Sandy Stokes and George and Pat Todd prepared the girls while Boys' Club codirectors Harry and Sharon Wiedenhaupt and Rich and Linda Roberts alerted the boys for an after

noon of reflecting upon the Old West.
The Fontana and Banning Spokesman Club held its first ladies' night
Dec. 11 in nearby Yucaipa. In addition to the 20 members and their

dates, 22 guests attended.
Topicmaster Rick Collins encouraged response from the ladies.
Toastmaster Dan Holman introduced speakers Dick Davis, Brice Crow and Mr. Stokes. Each speaker was awarded a trophy for a job well done.

Special guests were Ken and Beverly Swisher. Mr. Swisher is senior pastor in this area. Bob Smith.

Art projects

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — The brethren here enjoyed a "Winter Wonderland" social Dec. 4 featuring all kinds of music by the church band. Special art was provided by Jeff Mon-

tague and Brenda Kramer.

Entertainment included some tap
dancing, several comedy acts by David Benzio and Bernard Balansky and guitar music by Eugene Miller. A children's choir performed, accom-panied by Bob Ritenour on guitar. Special art projects were made by

the children and prizes were awarded Jeff Montague.

Electric piano

RIPMINGHAM Ala - About 400 people here found the ultimate in fam-ily fun Nov. 12 when the Family Fun

raing tun Nov. 12 when the Family Full Fair got under way.

A scurry of activity centered around 18 events. Even Fran-kenstein's monster could be found at Frankie's Fun House. The bestkept secret of the fair was the identity of the Phantom and the Shadow. Brethren later discovered Truman Ferguson, fair chairman, and Mike Nichols, publicity chairman,

hind the masks.
The brethren left behind almost \$800 at the fair. An electric piano was purchased with a portion of the, money. The piano will be used for a family sing-along in January and other activities. Truman Ferguson

. The man advisers

BIRMINGHAM, England - The Ladies' Club here is under the directorship of Joyce Suckling. A selection of guest speakers ranging from hair-care specialists to Samaritan advisers has been arranged for future meetings. The club welcomes ideas from other ladies' clubs. Doris Beyliss.

'Golden Years Banquet'

BUFFALO, N.Y. —The Women's Club here sponsored a "Golden Years Banquet" for the senior brethren 65

'WRAP' CUT

Writers of "Local Church News Writers of "Local Church News Wrap-Up" may notice their articles are a bit shorter than usual this time. "Wrap" writers, along with contribuors of other material published in the WN, are encouraged always to keep their articles as brief and to the point as possible, but this time the feature had to be edited more drastically than had to be edited more drastically than usual to make room for the year-end special that accompanies this issue. The 16-page summary of 1977 meant the regular issue could only be eight pages, half its normal size.

years of age and older in Depew. N.Y., on Nov. 13. About 40 elders sat down to a four-

ocurse dinner of fruit shrub, cream-of-carrot soup, chicken casserole and pie, all prepared and served by mem-bers of the club. The committee was chaired by Joan Guilmain, Bobbie Kowalczyk, Pat Nomn and Betty

Pomerhn.
After dinner, guests were enter-Atter dinner, guests were enter-tained by teens Janine Biegalski, Kathy Langer, Beth Melchiore, Carl Mende and Denise and Steve Wood-ward, all YOU members, who per-formed a humorous skit called "First Date." Dennis Ray performed some magic

Added treats were small bottles of burgundy that guests were given to take home, along with pieces from the large sheet cake, decorated, prepared and donated by a member. Bobbic Tonucci.

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - The Cape Town North Spokesman Club visited the South African Astronomical Observatory Nov. 12, where they took a conducted tour of the facilities and heard a short history of the obseratory followed by a slide show of galaxies and nebulas.

The club members attended a sym-

phony concert presented by the municipal orchestra Nov. 20 in the Cape Town City Hall, in which works by Bizet, Schubert, Delius and

Wagner were performed.

The South club joined forces with
the North in a camp-out Nov. 26 and
27 at Silverstroom Strand, about 30 miles north of here on the western seaboard. A barbecue, singing, mul-tifarious jokes and discussions pre-ceded a game of tag on the beach at 2

a.m. under a gibbous moon.

Six hours later, club director and pastor Daniel Botha led the men on a beach walk of about eight miles, interspersed by some gamboling in a deep rock pool along the coast. Henri

New officers

CLARKSBURG, W.Va. — The new officers for the 1977-78 year for the YOU group here are Janet Richards, president; Aubrey Batson

and Lucretia Farley, secretary. The teens are planning a '50s dance and fund-raising activities. The Ladies' Club here met Nov. 13

for a special meeting on "Rape Pre-vention." The guest speaker was Vir-ginia Hopkins, attorney for legal aid for Monongalia County. She discussed tect oneself. Lucretta Farley and Mary

First service since Feast

CONWAY, Wales - The first meeting for the brethren here since meeting for the bretaren here since the Feast was Dec. 3. The congrega-tion usually meets once every four weeks, but, because the October meeting was scheduled for the Sab-bath following the Feast, pastor Dave Magowan canceled it in favor of the Liverpool church, of which he is also

At the December meeting the breth-ren listened to a tape by Garner Ted Armstrong entitled "Times of the Gentiles." Members also heard an Gentiles. update on the Work and a sermon on baptism by Mr. Magowan.

After the meeting closed, all 18

adults and six children moved across the Conway estuary to the home of member Joan Handforth, where the ladies prepared a hot-pot supper. Timy

Chili tradition

Richard Hardy called a square dance Nov. 19 after a mouth-watering chili dinner prepared by Genie Ogwyn. wife of John Ogwyn, pastor of the Corpus Christi, Harlingen and Vic-

toria, Tex., churches.

Decorations were organized by Arnold Mendez and Lupe Gonzalez. At sunset, ladders, card tables, rustic wooden barrels and bales of hay

Aileen Soule masterminded the children's entertainment and Jane Smith and Jan Mayfield put their prac ticed hands together to coordinate the

church functions such as this. Attendance, a good yardstick of success, was overwhelming. Kent Henderson.

Good time

DALLAS, Tex. — An estimated 1,000 people from the Dallas A.M. and P.M. and Fort Worth churches

for the Southwest Area and Festival director, delivered a sermon on "Spiritual Survival." Special music was sung by Roger Bryant, Fort Worth member who is on the music faculty at

Texas Christian University.

After services, local elder E.B.

Vance was host for a potluck supper

rapists, their victims and ways to pro-

The November meeting was also canceled, but this time because of a visit by Frank Brown, director of the Work in Britain, to Liverpool.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.

began to appear, transforming the meeting hall.

Donations were taken up for future

met for combined services in Euless.
Tex., Dec. 3.
Sherwin McMichael, coordinator



WINTRY BARBECUE - Elkhart, Ind., members brave the elements to sell barbecued chicken. (See "Cold Cash," this page.)

in his home for Fort Worth and Dallas

Hiker breaks ice

DAVENPORT. Iowa - The Women's Club here had a mome beginning Nov. 13 with Beth Watson

as hostess.

Topicmistress Karen Bailey broke the ice when she popped in wearing what looked like a would-be hiker's

Tamora Syphrett continued Mrs. Bailey's trend, biding her outfit under a bathrobe. She gave a book report on How to Dress for Success for Wanten by How to Dress for Success for Wanten by John T. Molloy, informing the women that she had thrown away all of what the author termed "nonsuccess clothing" and thus had nothing to wear nonsuccess

After a break for refreshments, pastor Darryll Watson brought every-thing to a close with his lecture on how to be truly liberated women. Famous Syphrett

Henry Ford Museum

DETROIT, Mich. - Eight girls from the Detroit West Preteen Girls' Club went to the Henry Ford Museum Nov. 27. The museum is a replica of Independence Hall. The group saw products that belonged to famous nonfamous people in the olden days. The museum has cars, trains, air-planes, a drugstore, a toy store, a blacksmith shop, old paintings, room of rich homes and rooms of poor homes.

The girls had lunch at the museum

while they rested their feet. Lisa

ELKHART, Ind. - Brethren here managed to brave freezing and snowy weather Nov. 11 to sell barbecued chicken prepared by the Port-a-Pit catering service from Wakarusa, Ind.

Customers, who managed to see the igns and smoke through the blinding signs and smoke through the litholing snow, drove up and ordered their chicken halves. The brethren tried in vain to keep the money from being soaked and their hands from being frozen. About 270 chicken halves were sold. The rest, already prepared, were quick-frozen. Later, all the frozen chicken was sold. Duane Shulls

Appletown, Ark.

FORT SMITH, Ark. though the weather was cold, the group known as the Salt and Pepper Gang had another excursion Dec. 11.

Members of the gang are the Wil-liam Bingamans. Jess Caldwells. Edgar Chapmans. Don Thurmans. Raymond Saws. Leonard Wagners. R.D. Watsons and three widows Betty Caldwell, Mrs. Jones and Marian Wilson. The destination was Appletown.

Ark., which features an old-time bar and bartender with free samples of applejack, a marshal and his girl friend, a piano player, a potbellied stove, gallons of cider, jars of apple butter, honey and sorghum and all kinds of apples.

A cake featured smoked-beef and

turkey sandwiches and apple dump-

lings a la mode.

Some went on to explore an old battleground at Prairie Grove before returning home. Marian Wilson

Calories rolled off

GRAND RAPIDS. Mich. Ladies Club here met Nov. 19, with a theme of "Art Andrew Wyeth Style." Pictures and art books of Andrew Wyeth and other artists were on display. Hostess Charlotte deBliecourt introduced Doris Ellis, who spoke on the beginning of American art to today's modern art. Mrs. Ellis also showed a film. The World of Ander-

The YOU members met Dec. 3 at the home of Harvey Wierenga, YOU coordinator, for a lasagna dinner. Afterwards, the group joined the church's young adults at a roller-skating rink to roll off the calories acquired from dinner. Joie Kroontje and Diane Miller.

Family-night carnival

HATTIESBURG, Miss. - Breth ren here gathered for a carnival at the

(See WRAP-UP, page 6)

Wrap-up

(Continued from page 5) YWCA Nov. 12. Homemade games

were set up and manned by some of the families. Participation was by family groups, with families receiving points according to how well they played each of the games. At the end of the evening, the three families with the most points were

awarded prizes of home-baked goods The Taylor family won first, the Ed-wards family second and the King family third. The youngest member of the winning Taylor family was permit-ted to smash a specially prepared pie of whipped cream into the face of a good-natured Church member. Ann

New faces

HOUSTON, Tex. - Forty-five members of the Over-40 Club here at-tended a covered-dish dinner, fol-lowed by short films, at the Diamond Shamrock Clubhouse in Deer Park.

Tex., Dec. 3.

The film Pack Your Own Chate carried a message of how to overcome fears. You Can Surpass Yourself showed how perseverance pays off. The group also viewed an Ambassador College film. Our National

A few new faces, brethren who had reached the "special" age, joined the members. The evening was a joint effort of B.J. Nelson, John Fischer, Neff and Harold Treybig.

Volleyball in Kalamazoo

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The Northeast District of the Great Lakes Region held its district volleyball tournament here Nov. 13. Seven teams indicated initial interest, with five of them finally making the tournament. A newly formed Detroit West team

took third place. Kalamazoo finished second and Toledo won the cham-

pionship.
The Kalamazoo team was named for its sportsmanship. The all-tournament team consisted of Julie Pensyl of Detroit East: Sally Adams of Flint, Mich.: Helene Hampton of Detroit West: Donna Ramon and Nina Smith of Kalamazoo: and Valery Bobo and Chris Grunden of Toledo, Ohio. Valery was named most valuable player, Mark Kissell

Masquerade party

KINGSPORT, Tenn. - Five church areas were represented in the district YOU girls' volleyball tournament held in Blountville, Tenn., Nov. 13. For the third straight year, the Kingsport girls took first place and the Cookeville, Tenn., team second. Selected as all-tournament players

vere Debbie Wilson and Bloomer of Kingsport: Valerie Low-horn of Cookeville: Donna Lom-bardo of Knoxville. Tenn.: Kathy Mullins of Pikeville, Ky.; and Angie Pais of Bluefield, W.Va. Debbie was

Pais of Bluefield. W. Va. Debbie was chosen most valuable player.

The brethren here held a masquerade party Nov. 26, organized by Brent and Susan Fiedler.

Prizes were given for the best costumes. Susan Wilson as Wonder Woman received the first prize for those under 18. Mrs. C. Coffee's clown costume was voted the best for those over 18. Ray King as Frankenstein received the prize for the most control of the prize over 18. Ray King as Frankenstein received the prize for the most stein received the prize for the most original costume. The life-of-the-party award went to Jack Coward. Those who didn't masquerade were

put in jail and the only way they could redeem themselves was to tell a loke. sing or do a dance. Though most pris-oners were candidates for the Gong Show. Ansel Payne surprised everyone with his tap-dancing ability. hastily improvised for the occasion Ellis Necessary and Barbara McNeese.

Ethnic fare

KITCHENER, Ont. — The church here took a trip around the world Nov. 26. Being a congregation full of various nationalities, each family brought its favorite recipe representing its land of ethnic origin. Each dish was labeled with its native name and the English equivalent. Miniature flags flew

More than 40 dishes and 30 desserts

More than 40 dishes and 30 desserts were assembled for the occasion.
Countries represented were England. Germany. Mexico, Denmark. Russia (the Ukraine), the Philippines. Greece, Holland and Italy. The dishes included shepherd's pie, banana blossoms, borseht and Dutch hatspot. Among the desserts were items such as strudel, botertaurt and baklava

After the meal, everyone was welcomed home to Canada with a cup of homemade apple cider. June Van Peh

Slide shows

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Southeast Asian area coordinator John Halford spoke to the Malaysian church here Nov. 19. He will be going to Pasadena early in 1978 for his sab-batical after more than 10 years of field service.

Special music was provided by

Peter Chan. Following services was a slide show of the 1977 Feast of Taber nucles in the Philippines, presented by

a member who attended it there. Several members and their wives, including deacon Joseph Moses and Yong Chin Gee, who was ordained a minister that day by Mr. Halford, at-

tended a meeting that evening.

A group of young men and three women, most of them members, spent Nov. 20 and 21 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Low Mong Chais, members. The event included an outdoor picnic near a former gold-mine pool-lake and many tasty and filling meals. Slides of the 1977 Mulaysian Festival were shown, along with slides of the Lows' recent world tour. The efforts of Pres-ident Lau Siew Hock and secretary Chan Pee Wah contributed to the success of the activity. Mary Len

Church's 10th anniversary

LAKE CHARLES, Lat. - A pot luck supper and dance were organized by member Walter Nelson Nov. 19 to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Lake Charles church. Music ranging from Glenn Miller to the Star Wars theme provided a backdrop for all iges to rock or waltz with partners of their choice. The younger set also enjoyed the festivities, with some join ing the adults on the dance floor others watching films provided for

Dr. Charles Dorothy, who, with Paul Flatt, raised up the Lake Charles

Paul Flatt, raised up the Lake Charles church, was unable to attend but conveyed his love and regrets to the church in a telegram.

Harold Rhodes, the third pastor of the church here, attended along with his wife and delivered the sermon. A special surprise for the congregation was at tame from Garner Ted Arms. was a tape from Garner Ted Armstrong with his congratulations. Mike

Two women honored

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. -A surprise luncheon was held in the Festival administration building here for two members of the church -

Theima Sharp and Irene Nance.

Both ladies have done much to bring music to the brethren. Mrs. Sharp has taught music for a number of years to many youngsters with the thought in mind that someday one of them might play for services. She has finally realized this in Monica Grimes. Mrs. Nance has served the church for many years playing for services, though often she didn't feel well.

The luncheon was attended by 26 omen. A welcome was given by Ruth Weinmeister, then Gladys Duke sang "I Believe." Open-faced sand-wiches, relishes, drinks and a decorated cake honoring the two women were served. Ruth Weinmeister.

Fashions modeled

LAUREL, Del. — It was "Fashions Aplenty," a Thanksgiving fashion show, at the Powellville (Md.) Fire Hall Nov. 20.

The day began with a buffet turkey luncheon. Entertainment was provided by Pat Glase, who sang and played the guitar.

Next ladies modeled handmade garments. Models from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania participated. Vivian Isola, a profes-



JUNIOR CHORUS - The Long Beach (Calif.) Junior Chorus gave its premiere performance Nov. 16. (See "Junior Chorus Premiere," this page.)

sional model from the Philadelphia church, was the commentator. had spent four weeks prior to the show preparing the models for their debut on the runway.

A disco dance ended the day, with records provided by the dancers

The chairman of the fashion show was Ann Hampton. Ruth Denham was chairman of the food committee. The men serving on the setup commitwere chairman George Walker, b Carey, Bobby Culp, Barry Bob Carey, Bobby Culp, Barry Frank, Dan Hitchens, Jim Isdell, Mar tin Rutter and Carlton Smith, Acting as special assistant to the models and right-hand man to the commentator was John Isola. Eluine Walker.

Powder-Puff Mechanics

LAWTON, Okla. - The Women's Club's first meeting for this season was Nov. 13. Officers were appointed at the luncheon session. Guest speaker was Joe Dobson, pastor here. who spoke about the reasons for hav-

The second meeting was Dec. 4. A Powder-Puff Mechanics' lecture was given by Lloyd Register.

Club officers are Millie Linville, president: Ethelene Whitehead, vice president: Lois Netherland, secre-tary: Chic Alexander, treasurer; and Ercelene Bailey, hostess, Because Lois Netherland is moving, Arla Berggren took her place as secretary. Lisa Mounts

Peg leg plus two

LONDON, England - The North London church held a winter social Nov. 26. organized by Graeme Ogilvie.
The children had their own enter-

tainment, overseen by Major Sanford, Hans Gerber and Colin Page. They watched cartoons and Born Free while their parents danced to the music of

Dave Jardine.

During the interval, parents and children were reunited for the live entertainment, organized by Martin Ryan. Phillip Zamitt gave a rendering of Jake, the peg with three legs, mov-ing all three in complete coordination. Others giving entertainment were Molly Holter, Neil Jackson, Dave Pinnington and Peter James. Winston Henry was compere.

Cakes made by the women of the Ladies' Club were auctioned off by Gordon Brown, assisted by Jane Gadsdon. Paul McGowan started the bidding for the first cake, finally getting his cake and eating it too.

The women also put on a rogues' gallery, displaying recent photos of members in candid shots. Brethren voted for the best photo by dropping coins in containers under the photos.
All the money collected from the cake auction and the rogues' gallery goes to the Ladies' Club fund.

The decor of the hall was designed Molly Holter, Joan Esom and others, with a "Tomorrow" theme. The ground crew was led by Dennis Payne. George McGowan and Jane

Junior Chorus premiere

LONG BEACH, Calif. — The Junior Chorus here gave a premiere performance to the Friends of the Lakewood Library Nov. 16. The chorus of boys and girls ranging in ages from 9 to 13 has been having rehearsals at the community room of the lacoboni Library since May of this

pear.

Director George Breidenthal is a graduate of California State Univer-

sity at Long Beach and has studied chorale and conducting with Dr. Frank

The performance included sacred songs and songs from Carousel. dler on the Roof, Godspell and a duet from Bach's "Wedding Contata No. 2." Soloists included Julie Williams, Alfred Castaneda and Alyson and Lisa Taylor. The pianist was Wendy Bjurstrom and the flutist Creighton Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Atkinson.

Attendance record

MINOT, N.D. - Brethren here set an attendance record of 82 at Sabbath services Nov. 7.

After services, a havride was held at the Surgay Kalamaha Farm, about 20 miles southeast of here, with about 55 to 60 in attendance. After a fourmile ride, a lunch of chili dogs, potato chips and beverages was served. At a sing-along around the camp fire. everyone was given a chance to show off his talent, or lack of it, in the vocal department

department.

Back at Kalamaha Farm, hot apple cider and coffee were served before everyone dispersed. Lowell Knowlen Jr.

Ouebec Jeunesse

MONTREAL, Oue. - After several months of planning and discussion here in the French church Quebec Jeunesse, a program for the youth in French Canadian churches in affiliation with the Quebec YOU, out together a program entitled 'VA," which is the abbreviation of "Vers l'Autrui." or "Towards Others." The program's main objec-tive is to entertain elderly citizens in the Montreal region.

VA has several troupes of singers putting on small productions in conva-lescent homes across the city. The project will eventually be expanded to include all French churches in the province. The program's membership includes brethren of all ages. Gino Ricci

Fashion tips and trends

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Fifty-two ladies here met Nov. 27 for the Women's Club's second meeting of the season, which featured a fashion theme. Guest speaker was Bea Bishop, a fashion buyer for Marie Leavall Specialty Shop in Dallas Tex. She was introduced by Lyn Lit. tle following a round of topics pre-sented by Betty Brown.

Miss Bishop explained the difference between couture and ready-to wear clothing, discussed trends in fashion and gave tips on choosing a wardrobe.

wardrobe.

Jim Servidio was guest evaluator.

He encouraged the ladies to dress smartly, to first develop inner beauty and then let clothing reflect one's character.

The afternoon ended with much discussion and refreshments. Judy Servidio.

ROCHESTER, N.Y. -Thanksgiving weekend for brethren here began Nov. 19 when members gathered at the Airport Holiday Inn for Sabbath services. Representatives from nine church areas in the North

east swelled the attendance to 423.

Pastor Dave Pack introduced the first guest speaker, Dexter Faulkner. who is assistant managing editor of the PT. Elegants, a variety dance band from New York City, supplied special music. Elbert Atlas, Northeast Area coordinator, introduced Brian Knowles, managing editor of for the sermon

The Rochester brethren opened their homes to those staying for the YOU Thanksgiving Ball that evening. Music was supplied by the Elegants for the formal affair, attended by 122 teens. Also attending were Mr. Atlas, four pastors and six YOU area coor-dinators and their wives.

On Sunday morning, teens and adults from Buffalo, Syracuse, Binghampton, Painted Post and Rochester, N.Y., journeyed to Brockport State College, where teams partici-pated in volleyball, basketball and cheerleading competition. Jake Hunnold

YOU dance

ROME. Ga. — The YOU group here held a dance Dec. 3. The evening began with a light meal of hot dogs, chili, chips and drinks. Then dancing began, with music provided by Mary

About 35 teens attended, including visitors from Birmingham, Ala., and Chattanooga, Tenn. Caren Crane.

Prime location

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. young adults and marrieds here en-joyed a "haydown" Dec. 3. Members from the Gainesville, Lakeland and Tampa, Fla., churches also attended.

Twenty-six people, equipped with bundles of coats and blankets, piled into a hay-filled wagon at Sunshine Riding Stables. The hour-long ride was filled with singing and storytell-ing. A bonfire and hot dogs awaited

the hay-stuffed riders.

The church here held a gigantic yard sale, advertised as having "ev-erything imaginable," on 66th Street North here Dec. 4. Public participa-tion ran extremely high, with an aver-age of 25 people in the yard all day.

This prime location resulted be cause earlier in the year a Church member had helped the owner free his truck after it became stuck. Jean Pifer and Lavene L. Vorel.

Israeli music festival

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. - Members here enjoyed an evening of Israeli musical talent Nov. 21 in the Laurie Auditorium of Trinity University. The program consisted of 11 Is-

raelis presenting Jewish folk and contemporary music by song, dance and instrument. This same troupe has performed in the annual Israeli Chasidic Music Festival, sponsored by the president of Israel, and will be per-forming before other groups here in

The local congregation, along with other churches in the area, were cited during intermission for sponsoring the presentation and working for greater understanding among the ethnic groups in San Antonio. M.C. Jennings.

Soccer victories

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - San Diego's pre-YOU soccer team, the Cosmos, won its third game in a row Dec. 4, defeating the Pasadena Imperial team 4-1. Previous victories were 5-0 over Long Beach in the season's opener and 7-2 against Fontana. Two goals were scored by Brent Davis and two by Michael Gilbert.

while San Diego goalie Bobby Cleary held the opponents to a single score His backup defensive players. Tom Flick, Marty Gordon and Phillip Hel-muth, afforded him ample support. Glenn Kessel and Jim Cleary have

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Babies

ARTMAN, Robert and Twila (Mozingo) of Indianapois, Ind., girl, Rebecca Lynn, Dec. 3, 11:25 p.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1

BARLOW, Larry and Louise (Lay), of Duncan Okta., boy, Christopher Ryan, Dec. 6, 5:05 p.m.

Wrap-up

both scored in previous games. Jim Butler is coach. San Diego's B Team lost a squeaker

to Pasadena Imperial, 4-3. Susan

Alcohol Action Week

SANTA ROSA, Calif. - Brethren here joined the efforts of the National Council on Alcoholism of Sonoma County to ensure the success of Al-

coholism Action Week, Nov. 14 to 20.

More than 25 families volunteered to distribute for the council several thousand copies of Alcoholism — a Worldwide Curse throughout the county. The booklets were donated by the Worldwide Church of God.

Dale Hampton, pastor and al-coholism specialist from Pasadena, was guest speaker on The Bill Randall Show on radio KPLS here Nov. 14. Ed Mauzey, pastor here, served as a panelist along with other community representatives addressing "Al-

coholism — a Family Disease."

Barbara George, executive director of the Sonoma County council, expressed the council's gratitude for the cooperation, dedication and concern that the brethren displayed. Bill Lund

Cabers, bagpipes and rolling pins

SYDNEY, Australia - Take a few hundred Scotsmen to Blackheath in the Blue Mountains near here, add cabers, bagpipes, dancing girls and rolling pins and stir in a few dozen Church members.

This happened Nov. 20 when that

canny Scot, Russ Couston (local elder in the North Sydney church), or-ganized a family barbecue at the first Highland Games in the Blue Moun-

In the fun run of 12 kilometers, two embers placed — athletic champion Keith Canard came in second in the overall run and Wilf Higgins, father of AC student John Higgins, came in second in the veteran class.

second in the veteran class.
Following the run and barbecue organized at the Church's Festival grounds, the group moved to the local sports ground to watch and participate in the games. West Sydney pastor Alan Dean attempted to ioss the caber, while the fair maidens tried their hands at tossing the rolling pin. Robert Burnett.

Tough competition

WALTERBORO, S.C. — The YOU chapter here met in nearby Orangeburg for a bowling party Nov. 30. Coordinator Tommie Grant discovered that the competition was tough as several members came up with high scores.

After bowling, most members traveled to Frank and Ella Frye's home for a camp-out. The Fryes had a hayride and hot-dog roast planned to keep everyone busy until all energy was exhausted (especially their own). Next morning everyone enjoyed

breakfast, then went off to a nearby school for basketball practice. Frank

Hoary heads honored

WELLINGTON, New Zealand -WELLINGTON, New Zealand — The young served the old here Nov. 19. Afive-course dinner served by the young people at minister Gary Harvey's home was a great occasion for the older members of the congre-gation. Young waiters in bow ties served, while chefs Peter Mills and December Kenzter worked hard in the Dagmer Kreuzer worked hard in the

Dagmer Kreuzer
kitchen.
After the feast was over, DaveSchutz and Denis Riseborough presented some charades and led a singment on schedule, the along. Then, right on schedule, the young chauffeurs drove the VIPs home again. Ron Walter.

CHERRY, Bill and Debbie (Smith), of Columbia, S.C., girl, Melissa Diane, Oct. 29, 1 p.m., B

FOGELSON, Dale and Vicky (Paisley) of Phoenix, Ariz, boy Brent Robert, Dec. 9.1 p.m. 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

OO. Sylvester and Beatrice, of Durban, Africa, girl. Naleena, Sept. 2, 3-20 p.m., nds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

PARKER, Richard and Sally (Barkdoll), of Salem, Ore., boy, Robert Vernon, Dec. 7, 6:10 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls

RODEN, James and Jeannie (Evers), of Gadsden, Ala., girl, Stephanie Paige, Aug. 14 3/14 a.m., 8 pounds 14½ ounces, now 2 girls.

TALBERT, Richard and Flora (Smart), of Anderson, Ind., boy, Eli Neison, Nov. 29, 3:10 a.m., 7 pounds 11 gunces, now 4 boys, 3 guids

TEETAERT, Ken and Josette, of Regina, Sask boy, Wayne Andrew Dec 16, 4.20 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys

VOS Jacobus and Dawn (Coates) of Cape Town, grl, Charmain Lee-Ann, Nov. 5, 4:30 s.m. 6 oounds 8 ounces, now 2 grls.

im and Lucy (Vaughn), of Salem Ore, ew Aaron, Dec. 5, 3,19 p.m. 9 pounds , now 3 boys, 3 girls

WILLIAMSON, Bing and Brenda (Caudill) of Big Sandy, Tex., girl, Brandi Nichole, Nov. 22, 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

Personals

Send your personal, along with a WN mailing label with your address on it, to "Personals," The Worldwide News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. Your personal must follow the guidelines given in the "Policy on Personals" box that frequently appears on this page. We can-not print your personal unless you include your mailing label.

PEN PALS

I am 91s and would like boys or girls to write. Enjoy reading, roller-skating. Andrea Weavill. A101.

am 34, female, white, divorced, would like to write males 32 to 38. I like music, reading, dancing, swimming, A102

To my friends, especially Jenny Parker of New York: I can't find your address. Please write. And anyone else 15 to 80 who oves writing, music, guitar, har-monicas, broycles, accordions; male or female. Jim Halvorson, Australia. A104

Special greetings to the tall, fair-haired man with handsome sandy-colored seeing-eye dog who at-tended the 77 Feast at Wisconsin Delts. Please write. A117.

Single male. 20. interested in music swimming nature natural foods country living, goat raising, the Bible, will answer letters addressed to me from male or temale, irrespective of age nationality color, Alfredo Book, Philippines, A105.

and Mrs. Horace (Bill) Settle formally of Coral bles. Fla., where are you? Please write Helen ide. A105

A special person, male, 33 single parent loby) interested in warm, sensitive friends, entertaining sociology of our Church, living a natural path in the city, requests letters from special female readers H.F. A.107.

AC graduates. Pasadena. 73. contempiating moving to Oregon. Washington of Idaho in spring of 78. We would like into form brieffire and old classifies in those states concerning employment. costs of living. Will seek employment in public admiration. social work or business. Ken and Cathy Emerson. A108.

Tracy Hyde of Birmingham, where are you? Sargent Bugs of Izmir is concerned, A109

Cheerful Canadian, middle-aged lady, would like to write males 40 to 55. Interests, cooking, reading travel. Will answer all, A110.

Hi, Bro, Jim, where are you? Please write. I love to hear from the brethren in God's Church. Talso wish to thank all the many brethren who have written to me. Mrs. Edna Frost. Rt. 2. Box 73. Zephyrhilis. Fla. 33599.

Wish to write females 23 to 31, single, who have never been married, members of the Church Please enclose a postage stamp. Tony W. Bule A111

Single middle-aged male Church member desires to write white female Church members or spon to be, naving a "back-to-nature interest and active physically who "gorin" dod in their bodies i ciser-cise, jog etc.) and enjoy a

Pat Martin, where are you? Are you still in Baltimore or have you moved? Arthur Petersen, A113.

Please write to me. I am 4½ and like to have pen pals. Mommy will write what I want her to write in my letters. David, my brother, is 2½ and likes to get mail also. We like to play outside and do a lot of things. We like other children a lot. Karen, Texas, A114.

Ann and Jennie from Canada, Rick and Bill who you met in St. Pete would like to hear from you. Please contact Bill, A115.

D&R female, 41, member, would like male pen pals 40 to 50, interests: dancing, swimming, water sking, camping, sewing, being with God's people much Bible study. A115.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Calahan of Butler, Pa. happy to announce the engagement of their da ter, Linda Gale, to Todd Robert Schreiber, sono and Mrs. Robert J. Schreiber of Albert Lea. M

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. ED GRAHAM



MR. AND MRS. FRANK PEARCY

Nov. 26 Linda Marjone Marsh of Wind came the bride of Frank Dale Pearcy ch Matron of honor was Beatrice Upcott in was Bill Morhovich. The couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple will be seen the couple will necessary the couple of the couple necessary the couple of the couple of the couple necessary the couple of the couple of the couple necessary the couple of the couple of the couple necessary the couple of the couple of the couple necessary the couple of the couple of the couple necessary the couple of the couple of



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT LIEBOLD



MR. AND MRS. ROSS BEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hallord of London. England are happy to announce the marriage of their dayes the Gaye Marrian to Ross James Beath on Nov. 6. The coughs is residently in Melbourner. Australia Chrurch. Mr. Graeme Marshall. South Australiar area coordinator, performed the ceremony. The mad of honor was Susan Post.

ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations, Jasper and Marcella Wells, on your 30th wedding anniversary, Jan. 9.

Happy anniversary to Mom and Dad on your 23rd anniversary, Dec. 10. Love, your kids: Kathy, Mike, Randy, Tina and David.

Jack, remember our wedding toast? To this mo-ment, and all the moments to come. If has been free beautily years. Thanks for all the memories and the love we share. With you and our son, I lee-vity blessed and loved. Also, thanks to all of you who shared in our joy and helped make our wedding day so special to remember. Love, Lois.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lewis, on your 47th anniversary. Wilbur, Gail, Brent and Bryan

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Dear brethren, this is urgent! Please unite in prayer for one of God's special children. Mrs. Jasper H. Wells. She has just been informed she has cancer and desperately needs. God's intervention to heal her. She is upiffing and inspring us with her great attitude to rely on God instead of freatments.

A baptized member of the Cincinnati East church is unable to get to church or anywhere else due to bad back and other aliments. She needs your prayers, cards, letters, She is Mrs. N. Katherine West, A.118.

Another member at Cincinnati East is a man, 84 years old and baptized in 1977, who is unable to attend church or anything else. He needs your prayers, cards, letters. He is George Howe, A119.

warrac, carrus, anters. He is George Howe, A if 19. My mother, who is not in the Church, has recently been smitten with arithritis. Shees 34 and has always been active but is now in considerable pean in her back, and night and unable to sleep. I would very much its our breithern to pray for her recovery and redeom from pairs. She is a wonderful person. She is Emma Emerson. 95 St. Albans St. Christichurch 1. New Zealand.

My father, Mr. Patrick Delaney, is dying in hospital He is not old, only 59. Patrick Delaney, Dublin

I wrote before for prayers for Loretta Cochran, 3 years old, 9320 Isis Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., 90045, Doctors want to do open-heart surgery. The hole in her heart appears to be enlarged. She is my niece. Rose Norgren.

I want to ask for your prayers for Mr. George Contos of the Long Island church. He has a severe hear problem is bising he sight. He has had open-hear surgery, but his condition is not improved. He has been put on anticoagulants, with side effects or migraine headaches, chest and muscle pains, loss of appetite. Please pray for hear pains.

Request prayers for damaged vertebrae of the neck and related nerve problems from early childhood accident and also pockets in the colon causing toxicity. Also request prayers and fasting for Herbert W. Armstrong, T. Siecklein, 12050 Wintergardens Dr., Lakeside, Calif. 92040.

Request prayers for Bill Rapp, senior pastor

lam a Negro, in good standing in my church, attend church regularly, am very sincere. Ileve God and His constantly in all sincerty, and mean to hold last and endure to the end, wanting and asking Jesus Christ to we His Bit Brough me daily. I am determined or and the constantly and the soft church. Kansas Cly, Mis. Diocial W. Telming, ap 68. A124.

Please pray for healing of Raiph W. Hood: a membe who has a serious nervous condition not able to work since last April. Cards appreciated, to be sen to 3909 fron Horse Way. Louisville. Ky. 40272.

Please continue to pray for William Tomlinson. Rt. 1. McRae. Ark. 72:102. He is unable to get out much now as he gets so short of braeth from the emptysema. It gets discouraging at times. Please ask God to merchally healthm, and please send him cards, notes of encouragement.

Mrs. Tennie Mae Bailey is still unable to attend services because of dizziness and her blood disease. Please ask our Father to intervene for her so

she will not become discouraged. She also would appreciate cards to encourage her. Her address Box 404. Reahe. Ark. 72102:

Please ask God to help all of us bret weight problem. Unless you've had one man-understand how trying it's and how much strengthit takes to stay with a dief. I think we lock at overweight members sometimes with a little self-righteousness instead of trying to understand what a problem it is.

My husband and I have been trying for three years to have a baby with no luck. We want so much to share our lives with a child, so we would deeply appreciate it if you would remember us in your prayers. S.E.C.

FOLLOW-UP

Repeat request for fervent prayer for many afficiency and a support of the second of the support of the second of the support of the second of

Thanks for remembering Akcia Rosas, 35, in your prayers. She was the daughter of Lupe Parra. She passed away last Thursday. Mrs. Parra still needs our prayers and notes of encouragement. Rose Norgen, 1452W, 224th St., Apt. 2, Torrance. Canf.

THANK-YOUS

Belated thank-you to Jeff and Judy George and Brenda, Carolyn and George, the Ricks family and brethren, all of Boise, Idano. Thanks a million for all you did for me while I was with you summer of 1.6.1 do think of you all with many happy memores George McGowan.

To all the prethren around the world, a sincere thanks for the love and frendship shown to us in our travets. You have all made our trip fantastic and memorable. David and Carol Yin. New Zealand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention instrumentalists: A transposition of the Worldwide Church of God hymnal for B-flat instruments such as rumpel or clarinatis now available. The book includes the soprano, also and sometimes tend in the contine words. It is suitable for use of a continement tend in the profit words it is suitable for use or woodwind ensemble that would accompany the hymnal of ablabath services. Three dollars building and postage! Russ Edwards. A 122

TRAVEL

would like to write anyone interested in and expen-enced in world travel. Backpackers. hikers in U.S.A. included. Walter Striat. 4120

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. and Mrs. Brent Curtis, best wishes in your new directions. Kathy and Roger Wiles.

Gerald and Theresa, where are you? Joyce, A121

Needed information from the following areas: Syra-cuse, N.Y., Kansas City, Mo., Jeffersonville, Ind. My husband and I are both members and would ap-preciate anyhelp you can give us. Please write if you live in or near these areas. Mrs. Bob Rosenwinkle A123.

Obituaries

ENUGU, Nigeria — Chinwe Obi. ½-year-old daughter of A.C. Obi, died lov. 5 after a brief illness. Mr. Obi's address: 46 Adelabu St.,

Uwani, Enugu, Nigeria.

LODGEPOLE Neb - Raiph S Gen-

try, a longtime member of God's Church, died Dec. 9 after an illness of many years.

Mr. Gentry had been baptized in 1956 and attended the North Platte, Neb., church. Survivors include his wife, Edna, also

Survivors include his write, Edna, also a member; a son, Gerald, of Lodgepole; two daughters. Betty Cole of De Soto, Kan., and Judy McGowan, wife of Jeff McGowan, pastor of the Boise, Idaho, and Ontario, Ore., churches; and seven grandchildren.

MOUNT POCONO. Pa. — Applina Griffiths, a member of God's Church since 1968, died Dec. 2 in a hospital after an illness.

an illness.

Born in Scranton, Pa., she was a member of the Mount Pocono congrega-

Surviving are an aunt, Mrs. Veronica Kowalski of Scranton, and several

NEW ORLEANS, La. - Gennie Ab-NEW ORLEANS, La. — Gennie Ab-bott Willie, 29, died after a brief illness Nov. 9. Mrs. Willie had been a member of God's Church for two years. Surviving are her husband, Joe, a long-time member, and two children, Joey, 8, and Pam, 6. Mr. Willie's address: Rt. 1, Box 99D, Folsom, La., 70437.

SALEM, Ore. — Ruth Allison, 75, a mber of God's Church for 21 years,

died Dec. 1.

Mrs. Allison is survived by her husband, George, two sons, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

SALEM, Ore. — Mary C. Evans, 87, a member of God's Church for 17 years, died in her sleep Dec. 2.

Mrs. Evans, who was known affectionately as "Grandma" and "Mom" to

hundreds of Ambassador College stu-

dents, ministers and other Church mem-bers, had attended the Long Beach, Calif., congregation from its beginning until she moved to Oregon in January.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law. Ted and Dessie Sanders, mem-bers here, with whom she lived; a grand-daughter and her husband. Elizabeth Irene and Albert D. Wubben of the Portland (Ore.) P.M. church, one son and three daughters in California; 24 grand-children; 55 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

TABOR CITY, N.C. - Avery Piver, 43, died Nov. 18 in a hospital after a short

Mr. Piver had been a member of God's Church since 1972, attending at Fay-etteville, N.C.

He is survived by his wife. Daris, two sons, Brent and Cephas, both of the home, and a daughter. Belinda, of Tyler,

YELLVILLE, Ark. — Etta Houghton Janes, 88, the only member of God's Church in Yellville, died July 7. Mrs. Janes, a native of Michigan, had

spent her last 32 years in Marion County.

She was a teacher by profession, hav-ing taught in Colorado, Florida and Arkansas.

She had met her husband, William, in

Sik had met her husband, William, in Colorado, marrying him in 1923. He died in Arkansas in 1955.

Mrs. Janes was active in community services. She had been an extension homemaker for 30 years, a 4-H Club leader for 20 years; a member of the local fair board for 10; and a member of the Tuesday Ladies' Quilting Club for nine vers.

Ituesday Ladies Quitting Club for nine years.

After her retirement she continued teaching, tutoring those needing addi-tional help, without remueration. She gave free voice and piano instruction to anyone seriously interested in learning

anyone seriously integested in learning, regardless of age.

She transposed and wrote arrangements for quartets and led community sing-alongs. At the time of her death she was a teacher in the government's Right to Read program,



girls' volleyball tournament, which took place in Overland Park, Kan., play one of the teams they beat on the road to their 1977 championship. The Pasadenans (in vertical stripes), representing the headquarters Auditorium A.M. church, beat out the Big Sandy, Tex., girls in the final tournament game. [Photos by Ron Dick]

Pasadena takes volleyball title

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. - A team from Pasadena edged out the Big Sandy, Tex., girls for the nation-al Youth Opportunities United vol-

leyball tournament Dec. 19.
Eight teams that had won regional YOU volleyball competition gathered for YOU's annual national girls' finals, held this year at Johnson County Community College Dec. 18 and 19.

The Pasadena team, representing

the Auditorium A.M. congregation, managed to edge out Big Sandy by winning the championship match in two straight games, 15-9 and 15-5.

the other six teams in the competition were, in alphabetical order; Chicago, III (Hinsdale); Eugene, Ore.; Lakeland, Fla.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; Wichita, Kan.; and Youngstown,

Youngstown placed third in the contest, right behind Big Sandy.

Eight players were named to the all-tournament team: Amy Allen and all-tournament team: Amy Allen and Donna Schmidt, Big Sandy: Danielle Glover, Eugene: Karen Ellis, Hins-dale: Connie Schuetz, Pasadena; Edith Gloe, Sioux Falls; and Marchi Roberts, Youngstown. The most valuable player for the 1977 YOU girls' volleyball tourna-ment: Pam Hampton of the national-chammon. Pasadena team

champion Pasadena team.

Conference

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plenary (fully attended) meetings: eight three-hour sessions. Morning sessions are set for Jan. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11, and afternoon sessions Jan. 9

There will also be 14 hours avail-There will also be 14 hours avail-able for attending seminars and lec-ture sessions, plus an open house the morning of Jan. 9 for ministers to tour Worldwide Church of God and

Ambassador College facilities.

A spokesman for the Ministerial
Services Department said all but 73 ministers are to be housed by local Church members. The 73 are booked in area motels and hotels.

Mr. Herlofson estimated the Church will save \$80,000 to \$90,000, thanks to the members housing visiting ministers and their

We hardly expected to house as many ministers as we did." Mr. Her-lofson said. "Had the members not responded the way they did, it would have been impossible to arrange the conference."

Heart problem prompts flight to Texas hospital

By Martha Scott HOUSTON, Tex. — A trip to the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston brings mixed emotions. Seeing waiting and expecting healing or death can be a sobering experience. Our trip there was to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Baumgaertel, who had flown from West Germany Oct. 9 with their 1-year-old daughter, Rebecca, who came here because of a serious heart defect.

All they could

Walter and Brigitte Baumgaertel, members of the Stuttgart church, wanted to do all they could for their little daughter. They had had her anointed, but the child became weaker and was unable to eat but a bite or two at a time. What at first had been only a heart murmur was now extremely serious. About three months ago while out for a walk. Rebecca turned blue, prompting the Baumgaertels' eventual trip to America in search of the best medical care they could find for Rebecca.

Mr. Baumgaertel had talked to friends in Germany who had told him about Dr. Denton Cooley and the Texas Children's hospital.

The Baumgaertels sought help from the German Red Cross, which provided Rebecca and her parents. along with her doctor, a special flight from Germany to Texas

The flight, including two stops, took 18 hours. Rebecca was on oxygen and used the plane's whole sup-ply before the flight ended.

Walter and Brigitte had been warned their daughter might not sur vive the trip, but they believed God would take care of the child He had



HEART PATIENT - One-yearold Rebecca Baumgaertel was flown from Germany to Texas for heart surgery.

Doctors at the hospital ran tests on the girl that revealed mitral stenosis genetical, a narrowing of a valve of the heart, and Dr. Cooley scheduled an operation for Dec. 16, warning the Baumgaertels of the gravity of the situation.

Recovering faster

The operation started at 9:30 a.m.; by 11:30 Rebecca was out of surgery and doing well. In two days she in her own room, recovering faster

than expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Baumgaertel say they can't adequately express their appreciation for the response from a prayer request for Rebecca they had placed in The Worldwide News of

The Baumgaerrels' address: Wolfsweg 48, 7071 Alfdorf-Adelstetten, West Germany.

has been "approved for display" in airport newsstands in 14 more U.S. cities, announced Gordon Muir, a representative of Quest magazine who also is involved in Plain Truth

This doesn't mean the PT will go on display immediately at the air-ports, because, said Dr. Muir, "we are moving ahead slowly with these opportunities in order to stay within the constraints of the newsstand budget."

Thus, of the 17 airports that became available last August and were reported in *The Worldwide News* of Aug. 15, "we have only so far be-come established in two. We hope to be picking up all our remaining airports a few at a time, beginning with the February issue.

Dr. Muir said that, when the latest 17 units become operational. The Plain Truth will be on display at nearly 45" American airports.

The negotiation for the latest

group of displays was made by local

elder Bill Starling of Tampa, Fla.
"Bill has been acting as a parttime Quest representative for some time in his area," Dr. Muir said, and it was in this capacity - as well as being a PT rep — that he was able to negotiate on behalf of the PT. This is just one more example of the direct benefits derived by the PT from the existence of Quest magazine."

The negotiations with the latest airport-newsstand chain, Aero Enterprises, Inc., of Miami, Fla., started several months ago in the Quest office in New York City.

"There we asked the Quest newsstand consultant to line up a fu-ture meeting on behalf of the PT with the owner of the Aero newsstand group," Dr. Muir said. "This was done by telephone. A formal written proposal followed from the Quest

'PT' makes inroads at airports Circulation Department, and then a final face-to-face meeting was con-ducted by Bill Starling to clinch the

deal and hammer out the details."
The airports are in Canton, Ohio;
Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; Fairbanks, Alaska; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Green Bay, Wis.; Greensboro, N.C.; Kansas City, Mo.; Miami, Fla.; Nashville, Tenn.; Orlando, Fla.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; and Waterloo, Iowa.

YOU conference

pastor of the Chicago (III.) Southeast and West churches; alcoholism and drugs, Dale Hampton, an associate pastor of one of the Pasadena churches; believing in yourself, Donald Most; career services, Robert Oberlander, director of career ser-vices at Ambassador; making strengths of your weaknesses, Tom Sullivan; and sports and Christianity, Dan Thomas.

Three groups

The delegates were divided into The delegates were divided into three groups and attended workshops presented by international YOU director Jim Thornhill and Randy Dick, an assistant to Mr. Armstrong, on the YOU code of conduct; YOU associate director Mark Ashland on local chapters; and ministers Dan

Bierer and Gil Goethals on attitudes in sports.

Other activities: a get-ac-quainted dance Saturday night, a games-and-movie night and a semiformal dance to the music of Mr. Armstrong and other musicians.

Mr. Thomhill summed up the conference by saving its theme encouraged young people to "strive for ex-cellence" and "be proud to be different.

He encouraged the delegates to convey the ideas and hopes they re-ceived at the meetings to their friends and fellow YOU members back

Mr. Thomhill concluded the con-ference by asking the YOU members to "remember each other's problems and pray for them.



300 youths attend conference

Members riding out record cold wave

'Quest/77' in the mail

Mr. Armstrong leaves Rumania in nick of time

Herbert W. Armstrong marries

Texas campus to merge with Pasadena

Accreditation denied Ambassador

Pastor general sidelined

Worldwide family observes the Feast GTA tours Pacific

Everyone sees the news a little bit differently. The highlight of an issue to one reader may escape unnoticed by another. But any way you look at it the year was an active one, filled with milestones and momentous occasions.

THE WORLDWIDE NEWS presents its look at 1977 in this special issue.

NEWSMAKERS

















8. Robert Ellsworth, the AICF employee who wasshot when he walked in on a holdup in progress in Pasadena. 9. Getachew Mekasha, the former Ethiopian ambassador to Egypt who joined the faculty of Ambassador College to teach interna-

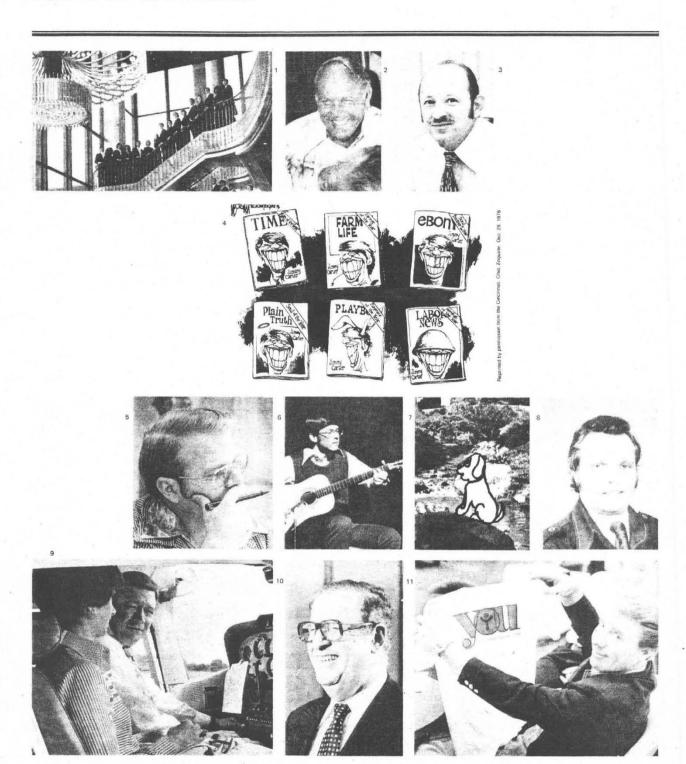
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Armstrong shortly after their wedding in April. 2. Mr. and Mrs. Garner Ted Armstrong in Australia during a visit to churches in New Zealand, Australia and the

3. Sylvester Washington of the champion Little S. sylvester Wasnington or tre champion Little
Rock Rocksts, named most valuable player of
the YOU national basketball tournament. 4. Stan
Bass, regional director for the Caribbean, who
saw continued media growth in his area. 5.
Church member Dan Thomas, who chose to
keep the Sabbath even though he played professional baseball for the Milwaukee Brewers. 6.

7. Trinidadian lawyer Lennox Devalsingh, who, in the absence of a minister, conducts biweekly Sabbath services on Trinidad.

FOR MORE NEWSMAKERS, SEE TWO BACK PAGES

NEWSMAKERS



The Ambassador College Chorale assembling in the Auditorium before its tour of the American West. 2. Australian regional director Dean Wilson, here on the plane with Garner Ted Armstrong during Mr. Armstrong's tour of Australia, New Zaaland and the Philippines.

3. Plain Truth news editor Gene Hogberg, who in 1977 began writing columns for the WW. 4. Artist's concept showing how various magazines might spotlight the new President. 5. Carl McNair, who along with other area coordinators came to Pasadena for meetings with Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration.

8. Robert Taylor, 17, who won a four-year scholarship to AC for winning the YOU national talent contest. 7. Major the beagle, who, according to an account in the WW, visited Ambassador College. 8. Cam Catherwood, the new director of French-speaking churches outside North America, who moved from Canada to Belgium.

9. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Dart in the plane that took them to visit church pastors across parts of America. 10. Former Israeli Ioreign minister Abba Eban, who spoke in the Auditorium. 11. International YOU director Jim Thomhill displaying the official T-shirt.

NEWSMAKERS



























 Weight lifter Dave Shaw, a member of one of the Pasadena churches, pressing on toward the Olympics. 2. Stanley Rader, who was awarded Japan's Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure for aiding U.S.-Japanese cultural exchanges. 3. Cellist Matislav Rostropovich, who performed in AICF concerts in Milwaukee, Wis., and Pasadena.

4. Evangelist Leslie McCullough, who traveled to Trinidad in October on one of his many stops in his duties as international Division director. 5. Ron and Norva Kelly being honored at a going-away party in Texas, just before transferring from Big Sandy to a new home and responsibility at AC, Pasadena. 6. Yong Chin Gee, after becoming the first Chinese to be ordained a minister. 7. Toluta'u Haragnan, the first Tongan, and the first South Pacific Polynesian, to become a part of the ministry.

 Entertainer Gene Keily taping a networktelevision special in the Auditorium in December.
 Bing and Kathryn Crosby during the March taping of Bing's 50th-anniversary Auditorium special.

10. Roderick Meredith, who took a wife and observed his 25th anniversary as an evangelist in 1977. 11. Home-run king Hank Aaron telling, listeners in the Auditorfum to "set your sights just a little high." 12. Five-star Gen. Omar Bradley addressing Ambassador students. 13. Former CIA chief William Colby, who lectured in the Auditorium.



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JANUARY

The Jan. 3 issue kicked off our 1977 publication year. That first issue was a special produced by the staff, 24 pages in all: eight pages of the regular issue wrapped around a 16-page year-end special. The issue, liberally sprinkled with pictures, summarized articles from all 25 of the 1976 editions.

In our regular editions for January we re-ported on Herbert W. Armstrong's planned trip to Milwaukee, Wis., to attend an Ambas-sador International Cultural Foundation concert. Mr. Armstrong also paid a surprise visit to the Tucson. Ariz., church the Sabbath of Jan. 15. He spoke to 279 members there that Jan. 15. He spoke to 279 members there that Sabbath, after his hotel room had been burgled the preceding evening. Fortunately Mr. Armstrong was out of the room when the burglary occurred.

Cold weather was also in the news in January, and the WN spotlighted members who were shivering through one of the coldest winters in the United States' history for

residents of the Northeast. During the worst of the winter some church services and socials were canceled, general church atten-dance was down, and some unemployment resulted. The weather in Charlotte, N.C., was cold on Jan. 15, but not too cold for Garner Ted Armstrong to speak at a special Sabbath

ervice for more than 2,000 brethren from five states.

Members in the western part of the United States, on the other hand, had an unusually mild winter and a dramatic absence of snow that contributed to drought conditions later in

Youth Opportunities United (YOU) gained Youth Opportunities United (YOU) gained front-page headlines as more than 300 delegates, 12 to 19 years of age, traveled to the then Texas campus of Ambassador College. Youths came from 49 U.S. states and six foreign countries for what was billed as the first international youth conference of YOU. The YOU members represented their chapters back home and participated in a six-day con-ference that included four days of workshops and seminars and listening to a tist of speak-ers headed by Gamer Ted Armstrong, Olymers neaded by Garner Ted Armstrong, Ulym-pic gymnast and television sports commen-tator Cathy Rigby, Olympic decathlon champion Bill Toomey, Olympic triple-jump silver medalist James Butts, juvenile-court judge Joe Sorrentino, drug- and alcohol-abuse expert Scott Marshall and Chicago, Ill., prinister Cad Gustafson. minister Carl Gustafson.

A few days earlier a Tacoma, Wash., girls'

team had taken first place in the second an-nual YOU girls' volleyball tournament, also

at Big Sandy.

The Worldwide News also devoted a two-The Worldwide News also devoted a two-page spread to "the who of YOU." The fea-ture, which ran Jan. 31, spotlighted all full-time and part-time staff members of YOU. During the YOU conference two meetings of area coordinators for the U.S. field ministry.

of area coordinators for the U.S. field ministry were held, also at Big Sandy. Nine of II coordinators attended the meetings, conducted by Garner Ted Armstrong and Ronald Dart, wice president for pastoral administration.

Mr. Dart also made a transcontinental trip

on which he visited six area coordinators in the United States field ministry, spoke to

the United States field ministry, space to three churches and met with 30 ministers and many of their wives. And from Dec. 26, 1976, to Jan. 5 of this year a conference for 40 local elders not on the Work's payroll and their wives took place in Pasadena.

In International Division news, Dean Wilson, the then newly appointed regional director of the Australian Work, left Jan. 15 for his new assignment. Ray Kosanke, former regional director for The Plain Truth stationed in Brussels, Belgium, and more recently employed by the International Division, moved from Brussels to Pasadena to become an assistant to Leslie L. McCullough, director of the division.







ELBERT ATLAS



JIM THORNHILL



FROZEN BIRDS — Students on the then-open Texas campus of Ambassador College, above, eye a swan sculpture covered with icicles. The four faces at left made news in January. Clockwise from top left: Ray Kosanke of the International Division moved from Brussels to Pasadena to become an assistant to division director Leslie McCullough: Quest magazine's operations director, Jack Martin, announced subscribers to the new publication would receive their first copies in February; YOU director Jim Thornhill told of plans for the annual Summer Educational Program; Elbert Atlas, area coordinator for the U.S. Northeast, was ordained to the ministerial rank of pastor.



GTA'S MEETINGS — Garner Ted Armstrong met with ministers and youths, the WN reported in January. He talks with U.S. area coordinators in Pasadena, above, and, along with YOU director Jim Thomhill, right, addresses delegates to a youth conference in Big Sandy, Tex.



FEBRUARY

Herbert W. Armstrong flew to Milwaukee. Wis., where he spoke to a combined church group of 2,000 on the Sabbath of Feb. 5, and stayed for the Mstislav Rostropovich concert on Feb. 8, sponsored by the Milwaukee chapter of the Ambassador International Cultural

of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

Mr. Armstrong praised the success of the Soviet-born cellist's concert and complimented the efforts of the local AICF chapter, which sponsored the performance, saying its efforts "made a tremendous impression" on the community.

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Mr. Armstrong returned briefly to Pasadena before leaving Feb. 12 for a trip to Europe and Africa but ended up interrupting his schedule for an "enforced rest" at a clinic in Bucharest, Rumania. His "Personul" in the Feb. 28 issue of the WN began by saying he was spending "two or three weeks at the Otopeni Clinic, famous all over Europe senharing littled butters.

over Europe, recharging tired batteries."

As Mr. Armstrong was headed for Europe, his son was conducting a campaign in Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12 and 13, speaking to campaign

crowds of 2,518 and 2,458. While there he opened a three-day conference of Canadian ministers before heading back to Pasadena.

Later in the month he headed east again for a church-area visit, this time in the snow-covered, rolling hills of eastern Pennsylvania to meet with brethren in the Lancaster and Harris-

And from down under. Australian Work di-rector Dean Wilson reported the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast could be seen in all Aus-tralian capital cities 52 weeks a year. Starting Feb. 6 the half-hour telecast became a regular feature on Sunday programing on Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart stations.

In other southern-hemisphere action, we re-ported on summer youth programs in Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

February also saw the mailing of Vol. I, No. 1, of Quest/77, the bimonthly magazine published by the AICF.

Some 30,000 students from grades one



through eight from Los Angeles-area public and private schools saw the play *Heidi* in twice-daily performances Jan. 19 to Feb. 4. The production was sponsored by Ambassador College and took place in the Ambassador Au-

The WN devoted two full pages to letters

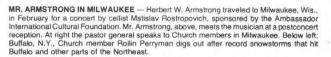
from members in England, Australia, Canada and America who gave vivid accounts of the blessings they had received from tithing. The letters had been solicited by the WN in late 1976 for use in *The Worldwide News* as well as potential use in *The Plain Truth* for future arti-

cles on tithing in that publication

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PT helps Africans









"QUEST" IN THE MAIL.— Almost two years after Herbert W. Armstrong's announcement that a magazine would be produced by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, the first copies of bimonthly Quest/77, above, were in the mail in February. Left: Gordon Muir, then assistant circulation manager for The Plain Truth magazine, conducts a meeting lôr coordinators of a program to distribute the publication by newsstand in the United States.







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Herbert W. Armstrong, who had been "recharging tired batteries" at a clinic in Rumania, left there earlier than planned and less than two days before a massive earthquake shook Bucharest. He had planned to remain in Rumania until March 9 but instead flew to London March 3 to speak at the Bricket Wood church the Sabbath of March 5, thereby totally

escaping the quake.
From England Mr. Armstrong resumed his original schedule, arriving March 10 in Johan-

nesburg to begin a 4½-week, jam-packed schedule in southern Africa. The trip was the third time in less than a year Mr. Armstrong had traveled to southern Africa. Included in his trip was an address to the Turnhalle, the constitu-tional conference of Namibia (South-West Africa), in Windhoek, the capital city. And a week later he spoke before the parliament of the newly independent Transkei in Umtata, the capital city.

As Mr. Armstrong was arriving in South

MARCH

Africa, his son was speaking to 2,220 people March 10 in Seattle, Wash. The group, which represented 10 church areas, heard Mr. Armstrong speak on the "importance of family to getherness," a sermon that was taped and sent to all church congregations worldwide. In the sermon Mr. Armstrong called on members to establish a "framily night" in their weekly schedules as "a spiritual obligation."

In the Ambassador Auditorium, entertainer Bing Croshy taped a 90-minute television-

Bing Crosby taped a 90-minute television-network special March 3, but the event was overshadowed by near tragedy as the crooner fell into the orchestra pit at the conclusion of the taping. Mr. Crosby had just made his closing remarks at the end of the three-hour videotap-ing session of the program that commemorated his 50th anniversary in show business when he turned to walk off the stage and accidentally stepped into the lowered pit. He eventually

stepped into the lowered pit. He eventually recovered completely from the fall.

Area coordinators of the United States field ministry met Feb. 28 to March 3 with Ronald Dart in a series of "shirt-sleeve, working sessions" to determine ministerial manpower

And later in the month ministers and their wives from across Australia participated in four

days of ministerial meetings at Burleigh Heads. Seventy-seven men and their wives were on hand for meetings conducted by Leslie McCul-lough, director of the International Division. In Ambassador College news, an evaluation team from the Western Association of School and Colleges (WASC) of San Francisco. Calif., visited Ambassador College, Pasadena, March 21, 23 a seasification between March 21 to 23 to review the school's progress toward accreditation.

The March 14 issue inaugurated a column by Gene Hogberg, news editor for The Plain Truth. The WN asked Mr. Hogberg to prepare regular, informal articles for the paper, reflect-ing his insights into world conditions from his wantage point as a veteran news analyst and member of the Church. The column was later dubbed "Newswatch" and is now a regular

feature.

Two Church members on Fiji, Epele and Sofi Kanaimawi, had the unusual opportunity to help prepare their area for a visit from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip, escorting them throughout their visit. Just before the Queen departed, she took Mr. Kunaimawi aside and bestowed upon him the medal of the Royal Vic-torian Order in appreciation for the unusual effort that had gone into organizing that part of her tour





QUEEN HONORS MEMBER — Britain's Queen Elizabeth, right, receives a bouquet from Alisi, the daughter of members Epele and Sofi Kanalmawi, on the island of Fiji. The Queen honored Mr. Kanalmawi, a commissioner for the Northern Division of Fiji, for preparing his area for the visit by the royal couple. Behind the Queen are Mr. Kanalmawi, Prince Philip and Mrs. Kanalmawi, Above: Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, meets with U.S. area coordinators to plan for manpower needs of the ministry.

SIGNS BOOKLET — Herbert W. Armstrong, above left, autographs *The Plain Truth About Christmas* for the mayor of Pretoria, South Africa, during Mr. Armstrong's March trip to southern Africa. Above: Mr. and Mrs. Bing Crosby sing during the entertainer's TV special taped in the Auditorium March 3. In the inset picture is Gene Hogberg, director of the Work's News Bureau, who March 14 wrote his first of a continuing series of articles for the *WN*.



APRIL

Topping the news in April was the marriage of Herbert W. Armstrong to Ramona Martin. The pastor general and his bride were wed in Tucson, Ariz., April 17 in a ceremony performed by Mr. Armstrong's son, Garner Ted.

formed by Mr. Armstrong's son, Garner Ted.
The new Mrs. Herbert Armstrong was first
employed by the Work in 1962, a short time
after she was baptized, and held various responsibilities in Pasadena over the years.
She had served as a member of Mr.

Amstrong's traveling team since his campaign in 1974 in the Philippines. During his travels Mr. Armstrong "gradually got to know her," he said, "and discovered a woman of talents and abilities far superior to what I had realized."

The ceremony ended 10 years of widowerhood for Mr. Armstrong. His first wife, Loma, had died almost exactly 10 years before, in April, 1967.

April, 1967.

News of the wedding dominated the April 25

WN: the coverage included a two-page photographic layout and a "Personal" from the bridegroom to WN readers.

Also prominent in the two April issues was

Mr. Armstrong's latest trip to southern Africa, on which he met with government leaders in Swaziland and the Transkei, including King Sobhuza II of Swaziland. In South Africa Mr.

Armstrong met and talked with civic officials and delivered speeches before service clubs.

In April the WN reported on Church members who were protected from floods that hit eastern Kentucky and tornadoes in Birming-

ham, Ala.

In Big Sandy, Tex., on what was then an am big Sandy, 1eX., or what was then an Ambassador campus, a basketball team from Little Rock, Ark., and a cheerleading squad from Big Sandy captured first places in national Youth Opportunities United competition.

The paper's new policy of not printing ad-

The paper's new policy of not printing ad-dresses in pen-pail requests and other personals (unless requested specifically to do so) began with the April 25 issue. The procedure was billed as a "policy to minimize surprise mail." (The Circulation Department reports the re-mailing procedure is apparently working well to reduce the amount of unwanted mail patrons of the resonals section was receiving.) of the personals section were receiving.)

Church members, like about everybody else, are constantly on the move, it seems, and God's ministers are no exception. In April the WN told of 62 ministers who were soon to pull up roots and move from one church area to another, or to or from the certificate-of-the-ministry (sabbati-cal) program at Pasadena.

And Garner Ted Armstrong, in his "Personals," told of his visits to Detroit, Mich., Cin-





cinnati, Ohio, and Lakeland, Fla., to speak to, and with, the brethren in those areas. In Cincinnati he kept the Night to Be Much Remembered with the brethren there, after having ob-served the Passover in Detroit. He was in Lake-

Between the Passover in Detroit. He was in Lake-land for the last day of Unleavened Bread. Between the Detroit and Lakeland visits Mr. Armstrong was in Washington, D.C., at the invitation of the Egyptian embassy for a dinner held by Egyptian President and Mrs. Anwar Sadat. The invitation had come as a result of Mr. Armstrong's interviews with Mr. Sadat for

the Garner Ted Armstrong telecast.
At the same function Mr. Armstrong also met U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, Sen. Hubert Humphrey and other government officials.
Readers learned April 25 about a Church member and his family who fled ldi Amin's terror-stricken Uganda, making at successfully the Monage and the Aman's terror-stricken Uganda, making at successfully the Monage and the Aman life. The sembler

into Kenya to take up a new life. The member, Eldad Opio, sent The Worldwide News the account and a photograph of his family after his

MR. ARMSTRONG MARRIES - Herbert W. Armstrong wed the former Ramona Martin April 17. At right, Garner Ted Armstrong congratulates his father and his bride after the ceremony in Tucson, Ariz. Below right: The Armstrongs cut their wedding cake.







The Worldwide Rews Why the Work will skyrocket from now THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA July 1 The state of the s Day of fasting and prayer set for Church worldwide GTA speaks to 3,000 at Lake of the Omrke at Lake of the

The May issues of The Worldwide News

reported the merger of the two Ambassador College campuses, budget studies affecting areas of the Work and a day of prayer and

fasting for members of God's Church around

The two stories were not unrelated. The

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the decision to merge the campuses was made because of "financial considerations," said Garner Ted Armstrong; the same number of

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About the fast tlay, Mr. Armstrong wrote in a letter to members quoted in the WN, that, because of the "seriousness of this current

[financial] situation, I am going to call upon all of you, worldwide, to join with my father and me and all of Christ's ministry in a day of worldwide fasting and prayer for the sake of God's Work, for the sake of His Church, for the sake of all of our individual families, and for our own sakes."

He also called on members for a "large spe-

cial offering" to be taken up, which turned out to be just that. The WN reported that as of May 20 donations as a result of the announcement

20 donations as a result of the announcement had almost reached the \$1.3 million mark. Related articles in May told of plans to ac-commodate the influx of Texas students ex-pected to arrive in Pasadena before the school year in the fall and emphasized Mr. Armstrong's desire for a merger of the student bodies, "and not a cancellation" of the Texas

campus.

The May 23 issue contained a two-page history of the Big Sandy campus.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote two articles in May, with both appearing May 9. One was a "Personal" in which he commented on his gratitude to the Church brethren who had deluged him with cards and letters of congratula-

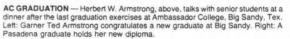
uged him with cards and letters of congratula-tions after his April marriage; the other was a "quick, condensed summary of prophesied events, showing where we are right now and what is immediately ahead." In May Gamer Ted Armistrong traveled to Osage Beach, Mo., for a two-day meeting of U.S. area coordinators to review ordination requests, "some of which have been pending for months," as Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, said at the time.

on the same trip Mr. Armstrong attended a social for church areas in 10 states at Osage Beach, at which 3.000 people showed up Also in May, the Wr reported 212 students graduated from Ambassador College, the last

graduated from Ambassador College, the last graduation involving both campuses. Both Armstrongs attended both commencement eremonies, in California and Texas, and Garner Ted Armstrong spoke at each service. In another report, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat called Garner Ted Armstrong's television analysis of the Middle East situation "objective and truthful" in a letter the president

















JUNE

The June issues reported that Herbert W. Armstrong traveled to England and spoke to 1,000 of the brethren at Bricket Wood; Ambas-

1,000 of the brethren at Bricket Wood; Ambasador, Pasadena, was gearing up for a record 1,100 enrollment (which turned out to be a conservative estimate; the number later rose to 1,330); the Church's Summer Educational program at Orr, Minn., began its 15th year. In other developments, Ambassador College awarded 37 certificates of the ministry to as many men, the first to complete the program. Theology Department Chairman George Geis described the course as a "graduate-level, or fifth-year, program designed to meet the professional needs of the Worldwide Church of God ministry. It is the first step toward a master's degree and will be applicable to what is normally a three-year program."

In June came coverage of a trip made by Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral ad-ministration, to visit field ministers on their home ground. He flew, piloting the Work's Cessna 182 propeller aircraft, to Texus, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkan-sus, visiting ministers and their families. An Ambussador International Cultural

Foundation chapter made the news when AICF members in Pikeville, Ky., and the local young people from Youth Opportunities United teamed up with the Red Cross and local citizens to sponsor a "radioathon" and concert to benefit victims of floods that had hit eastern Kentucky. Virginia and West Virginia in April. Members of the Church and YOU manned telephones, and listeners to a radio station broad-

phones, and listeners to a radio station broad-casting the proceedings called in to pledge do-nations that eventually topped \$54,000.

On the international scene, Leslie McCul-lough, director of the International Division, named a new regional director for French-speaking churches outside of North America.

Carn Catherwood assumed his new respon-sibilities, they maying from Mostreal, Onesibilities after moving from Montreal, Que., Canada, to Belgium. In Australia 48 members of YOU groups in

that country completed a bicycle marathon to point out the problem of drug abuse. Money raised by the 11-day, 1,100-kilometer project went to agencies dealing with the drug prob-

In the June 6 issue appeared a 2½-page lay-out that would prove to be one of the paper's



strongest mail pullers to date. The story was told by John Halford, area coordinator for Southeast Asia, who, from his home base at Burleigh Heads, Australia, described a sixweek tour of Southeast Asia on which he visited people in Malaysia, Singapore, Burma, Thai-land, Borneo and Brunei. On the 15,000-mile tour, which Mr. Halford made with Sydney deacon Brian Hose, 25 people were baptized

into God's Church.

And the Supreme Court of the United States, in a landmark ruling in the case of Church member Larry Hardison, ruled that companies are not required to give employees certain days off because of religious beliefs when such an action would conflict with a union seniority system or result in preferential treatment for the





Herbert W. Armstrong wrote two articles for the WN in July, "Just What Is Our Mission?", in which he explained to readers the real story of man and why "the Work," now a worldwide operation, exists; and "Why Mamy Don't Un-derstand Pentecost," which included the back-ground essential to full understanding of Pente-ment and all the festivale

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Meanwhile, writing in early July from the Summer Educational Program in Orr, Minn.,

Garner Ted Armstrong was disappointed that the Western Association of Schools and Col-leges denied Ambassador's bid for accredita-tion, but he went on to report the changes being implemented as recommended by the accredita-tion committee. One of the changes was the appointment of Dr. James Stark as business manager for Ambassador College in a move to separate the college accounting procedures from those of the Church. July was a busy month for YOU activities. We reported on six days of basketball for 63 YOU boys during a Youth Opportunities United-sponsored basketball camp conducted in Big Sandy, Tex., by Bill Sharman, general manager of the Los Angeles Lukers pro basketball team. Mr. Sharman traveled on to Orr, Minn., to hold a second basketball camp July 10 to 15 on the SEP grounds. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, 7-foot-2; inch superstar of the Lakers, assisted Mr. Sharman at the camp in Orr. At the same time the Northeast Region took first place in the national YOU track-and-field meet at Big Sandy by 1 point July 12 and 13.

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About 200 young athletes representing the eight YOU regions of the United States, plus a team of 10 from Canada, competed in the twoday meet.

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Also we reported in July on the conference for ministers and other key personnel from Britain, Germany, Ireland, the Netherlands and Scandinavia directed by evangelists Leslie McCullough and Frank Brown.

Mr. McCullough, director of the International Division, flew from London to Johannesburg, South Africa, to conduct a three-day conference for ministers involved in the Work.

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in Africa. Virtually all the men serving Africa attended, about 45 ministers, and their wives.

Mr. McCullough spent July 7 to 10 in Rhodesia, his first visit to the country, and spoke on the Sabbath to 125 people.

Other ministers on the go were Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, who took a flying 12-day trip to visit field ministers in the eastern United States, and evangelist Dibar Apartian, who held five French-language campaigns on three islands in the French West Indies.

Ronald Kelly, former vice president and Rohald Kelly, former vice president and provost of Ambassador College. Big Sandy, was honored at a cocktail party there July 14 by employees of the college. Mr. Kelly, now vice president for student affairs for Ambassador, Pasadena, after the merger of the two institutions, transferred to Pasadena around Aug. L.

The 1977-78 concert series for the Ambas-The 1977-18 concert series for the Ambassador Auditorium was amnounced in the Ws by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation in July. Included were appearances the tenor Luciaino Pavarotti, cellist Mistilav Rostropovich and lutenist Julian Bream. The series began in October and will run through May









isters, office staffers and spouses of the African Work; above, meet in Johannesburg for an all-Africa conference. Right: African Work di-rector Robert Fahey addresses conference del-





JULY SPORTS — Lakers general manager Bill ers general manager Bill Sharman, left in aboveleft photo, watches a YOU game in Big Sandy with AC athletic director Jim Petty. Above and far left: YOU members take part in the annual trackand-field finals at Big Sandy. Below. Dr. Sandy. Below: Dr. James Stark was named business manager of Ambassador College



AUGUST

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The younger Armstrong, dictating his "Personal" from his father's study, noted that his father had been able to take small amounts of solid food for the first time in a week. "Over the last two to three days [Aug. 26 to 28] his condition has remarkably stabilized., His pulse now seems to be regular and strong."

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Mr. Armstrong had just returned Aug. 8
from an around-the-world trip that included
stops in Japan, Hong Kong and Israel and a
two-night evangelistic campaign in Liberia.
Garner Ted Armstrong said his father had
"really driven himself" during the trip, typing for
much of the 11½-hour return flight to the United States from West Africa, even though suffering from what seemed to be intestinal flu,
which he had contacted in Abidjan, Ivory

Coast. Mr. Armstrong's condition was diagnosed by two Tucson physicians as congestive heart failure.

"That shows what kind of man my father is," Mr. Armstrong said. "He arrived back here with several manuscripts which he "d typed on the trip. I couldn't sit and type for that length of time. My back couldn't stand it," After the announcement of Mr. Armstrong's

After the announcement of Mr. Armstrong's illness to the Church, hundreds of telephone calls, cards and letters poured into headquarters. The Work's Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) toll-free telephone lines were kept busy as at least 100 calls a day were received from people concerned about Mr. Armstrong's illness.

Garner Ted Armstrong spent much of his time in Tucson during the latter part of the month near his father. He mentioned in his "Personal" the sale of the Falcon during August, his forthcoming trip to Australia and the completion of "Operation Shoehorn," the wholesale transfer of Big Sandy students to the Pasadena campus.

Pasadena campus.

The merger of the two campuses became a reality Aug. 22 as the combined student body

crowded onto the Pasadena grounds for the first day of classes Aug. 22. By Aug. 24 the total enrollment stood at 1.330, with some still registering.

On the international scene Robert Fahey, regional director of the Work in Africa, and Peter Nathan, operations manager for Africa, left Aug. 3 for a two- to three-week tour of East and West Africa. The trip included a follow-up campaign in Nairobi, Kenya, Aug. 6 and 7 given by Mr. Fahey.

Other news in August included outdoor ministerial meetings conducted by Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration; SEP sessions coming to a close; the Television Production Department's new season; and how the floods in Pennsylvania and the blackout in New York City affected brethren in those areas.

Also in August Gamer Ted Armstrong announced that the editorial and production offices of the WN would transfer to Pasadena. By mid-August the WN's offices were relocated in the Office Facilities Building, owned by the Work and located two blocks east of the campus in Pasadena.







MINISTERS MEET — U.S. pastors from the Midwest, above, meet on an island in Big Pine Lake in Ontario with Ronald Dart, above. left, vice president for pastoral administration. Left: Students crowd the Hall of Administration in Pasadena during orientation week as AC begins its 31st year. Below center: YOU members camp at SEP, Orr, Minn. Below right: Church member Patricia Miller and her husband, Ray, stand in front of their flood-destroyed house in New Florence, Pa.





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Because of the Feast of Tabernacles, we published only one issue in September, on the 12th. The forthcoming Festival was becoming of predominant interest, with an estimated 77,000 expected to attend in the United States. We featured a reproduction of the 1977 Festival brochure, Festival '77, on the front page. It was speculated that even though Herbert

SEPTEMBER

W. Armstrong's health was steadily improving he would not be able to deliver a sermion at the Feast, Mr. Armstrong had not missed speaking at a Feast of Tabernacles since God revealed the truth of the Holy Days to him and his wife.

Sherwin McMichael, Festival director, flew from his home at Big Sandy. Tex.. Sept. 4 to Tucson to rearrange the speaking schedule to cover for the expected absence of the pastor

general.

Meanwhile, Gamer Ted Armstrong spoke to 566 members Sept. 3 in San Diego, Calif., and that evening performed at a dinner-dance for 445 to mark the 25th anniversary of the church there. After dinner James Friddle, pastor, presented a rosewood scroll to Mr. Armstrong that bore the signature of each member of the congregation.

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Later, on Sept. 8, Mr. Armstrong met briefly with former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban after Mr. Eban had addressed a full house in the Ambassador Auditorium on the Middle Eastern situation. Mr. Armstrong described Mr. Eban's enseeph at Jone of the most mean.

ingful, significant and eloquent speeches de-

livered in the Auditorium.

Mr. Armstrong, encouraged at his father's steady improvement, was able to honor the commitment he had made some months previously to speak at a combined special Sabbath service in Concord, N. H. He immediately upon his return planned to do at least two more television and five or 10 more five-minute radio programs to take him through the Feast and at least a week or two after.

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Church members along the coast near Corpus Christi, Tex., breathed sighs of relief as Anita, the Gulf of Mexico's first hurricane of the 1977 season, changed its path to hit a thinly populated area in northern Mexico. Services on the Sabbath came off as usual, and a picnic for the Victoria church took place the next day.

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In Wilkes-Barre, Pa., tenor Jan Peerce sang in a performance that raised \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society. The concert, sponsored by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, was attended by Wilkes-Barre Mayor Walter W. Lisman, who declared the day of the programmers AUFC Plays in his city.

The Worldwide Church of God in Bricket Wood, England, went all out to help nearby St. Albans celebrate its centennial as a city, the 100th anniversary of the granting of St. Albans' city charter. Frank Brown, director of the British Work, reported the occasion was to be one of "fun and funds," and by the end of the festivities 3,000 pounds—about 55,200—had been raised to aid the various causes. The fete was held on the former campus of Ambassador College in England.

In the Sept. 23 issue, we also reported on Australian and Asian regional director Dean Wilson's and his wife's first visit to Southeast Asia since going to Australia. The Wilsons were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Halford.

Carl McNair, coordinator for the U.S. Upper Midwest Area, was host of a retreat on an island in Big Pine Lake in Ontario for the area's 13 pastors. Ronald Dart, vice president for pastoral administration, held five two-hour meetings for the men. We featured the ministerial retreat in a pictorial essay.



OCTOBER

With the Feast of Tabernacles still in prog-ress, reports from around the world began streaming into *The Worldwide News*' offices, enabling the *Wt* to report, as far as could be determined, on every Festival site around the world

Our rabulation showed the Feast of Taberna-cles had been held at 72 sites in 38 countries and territories

Adding to the individual reports, 81 pictures illustrated the largest Church gathering of the year, which in 1977 took on a family theme. A banner headline read "Worldwide Family Observes the Feast," and Garmer Ted Armstrong noted a trend of God's people being more aware than before of their need to draw closer together as a family.

Herbert W. Armstrong, who missed the first

Feast of Tabernacles, because of his heart con-dition, since he had begun observing it, had proceedings at the Tucson, Ariz., site piped into his home via a telephone hookup.

Despite a good deal of weight loss, Mr. Armstrong's color and general appearance were improving, relayed his son in his WN "Personal." He also said his father was being

onsulted on every major decision of the Work. The Feast proved to be the most rigorous schedule in the younger Armstrong's experi-ence. After 11 sermons and five family-night shows in eight days, he came down with a sore shows in eight days, he came down with a sore throat, stuffed sinuses and a dizzy head two days after the Feast. Mr. Armstrong returned rested to Pasadena after his annual hunting ex-cursion in Colorado with fellow ministers and other friends.

As usual, October brought a bumper crop of or-dinations to the ministry. In the United States 24 men were ordained as local elders, while nine men took on added responsibilities in Australia.

In other news of growth in the Work, we reported the director in Australia. Dean Wilson, as saying there are "very few areas in Australia where someone would be unable to hear Garner Ted Armstrong weekly if he wanted to.

In an effort to blanket Australia with Mr. Armstrong's TV and radio broadcasts, the Australian office projected it would soon spend 50 percent of its budget on media.

In a continuing story, we updated our readers on progress toward the accreditation of Ambas-



sador College. Implementation based on the recommendations from the Western Associa-tion of Schools and Colleges was well under way, pointing toward a fall, 1978, visit by the association.

In other news, an AICF employee, Bob Ellsworth, was shot in the chest in Pasadena by a gunman who was robbing an establishment. The .32-caliber slug did not enter the chest cavity, however, and Mr. Ellsworth left the hospital the day after he was shot. Worldwide News readers' response to a re-

quest for family-night ideas resulted in two pages full of suggestions and personal documentation of fathers, mothers, sons and caughters in the larger family of the Worldwide Church of God making a sincere effort to keep the family together.





November was another full month for Garner Ted Armstrong. His schedule included a three-day meeting with U.S. and Canadian area coordinators, a speech before 800 educators and sermons with brethren in Idaho before heading overseas on a trip to Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. Stanley Rader also faced a full slate of ac-

tivities, notably a meeting with Japan's Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda. Mr. Rader was in Japan to fill in for Herbert W. Armstrong and maintain the Work's contacts in that part of the world. His agenda included meeting officials high in the Japanese government and an address before 30 members of the Diet.

One outcome of the trip was the announce-

NOVEMBER

ment of a three-day AICF-sponsored political symposium to take place in Japan in late 1978. Plans were also being laid for Herbert W. Armstrong to resume his travels with a trip to Japan in the late spring of 1978, should his health

Gamer Ted Armstrong's meeting with area coordinators in early November was designed among other things to prepare for the January, 1978, conference in Pasadena for pastors worldwide. One decision to come out of the meetings was to discontinue The Bulletin, a publication sent to ministers and other key personnel for seven years. On recommendation of the area coordinators, a new publication produced almost overnight called Pastor's Report began to be sent out in an effort to speedily provide pastors of churches with top-level in formation.

Mr. Armstrong was especially pleased to report of his address before 800 educators of the Idaho school system in Boise. His talk on education was received with a standing ovation.

Two days later Mr. Armstrong spoke before

743 Church members from Idaho and surrounding states in Boise on the Sabbath.

The next Sabbath he spoke to Hawaiian brethren in Honolulu, the first stop of his longawaited trip to Australasia.

The WN also reported on the AICF, which held a cocktail party in honor of Britain's Prince Charles, who was visiting Los Angeles on a tour of the United States.

In other news the legal firm that serves as general counsel for the Church contacted several local and national publications, putting them on notice that false and unlawful informa-tion was being spread about the Church and college. The notification came in the wake of newspaper articles that contained broad, sweeping allegations.

One of our two November issues also contained a feature story on how 33 ministers uprooted their families to relocate in Pasadena for
a sabbatical year of studies. The men are part of
a ministerial-education program aimed at better
equipping the ministry to serve their congrega-



DECEMBER

Garner Ted Armstrong returned to Pasadena in December after a trip to New Zealand, Australia and the Philippines. His activities included speaking before 6,000 people.

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In New Zealand, a country Mr. Armstrong had not visited before, he was presented with a ceremonial greenstone mere, a clublike Maori weapon and symbol of leadership. The gesture was meant to convey symbolically the feeling the members have toward Mr. Armstrong and his father as they lead God's people.

Mr. Armstrong devoted much of his "Personal" column to the trip, reflecting on the warmth and hospitality extended his party.

He had been back from his nearly three-week trip only a week when he once again took to the skies, this time for an appearance at special Sabbath services in Kansas City, Kan. More than 2,300 people attended the services. Later Mr. Armstrong, backed up by musicians, sang at a Kansas City church social.

In December many brethren received Mr. Armstrong's just-published book, *The Real Jesus*. Each Church-member family that re-

quested the book would be mailed a copy free of charge. The 280-page work, which portrays a Jesus dramatically different from the Jesus depicted by most Christian religions, was also scheduled to go on sale in bookstores across America.

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Meanwhile the latest news from Tucson was that Herbert W. Armstrong "was steadily holding his own" and was being encouraged to increase the length of his walks to build up his strength gradually. The younger Mr. Armstrong announced his father planned to travel from his Tucson home to Pasadena in January. 1978, to conduct a meeting of the board of trustees of the Church and conduct at least a portion of the opening session of the January ministerial conference.

In other developments as the year drew to a close was the okay by the U.S. government's Department of Health, Education and Welfare for Ambassador to take possession of the Vista del Arroye Hotel property, a 24-building complex on 12½ acres one block west of the college. Some technicalities remained in the aquisition, however, and are yet to be resolved.



From Japan came the news that Stanley Rader was awarded the Fourth Class Order of the Sacred Treasure by the Japanese government in a ceremony in Tokyo.

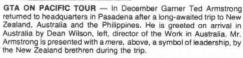
In other December happenings was an announcement by the Festival Office in Big Sandy that the Jekyll Island, Ga., Feast site, which had been used since 1963, was not to be a site in '78. We also announced this year's winner of the annual YOU talent contest, Robert Taylor, a 17-year-old from Glendora, Calif., won a four-year scholarship to AC for his performer on the purious

mance on the guitar.

Our final issue in December also contained a story of actor, singer and dancer Gene Kelly's TV taping in the Auditorium.











MONTH OF MEDIA — Singer, dancer and film star Gene Kelly, above, tapes a TV special in the Ambassador Auditorium in December. Garner Ted Armstrong's new book, The Real Jesus, right, made news in December as it was scheduled to hit bookstores nationwide. YOU also made the news when Robert Taylor, left, won the national talent contest, held in Pasadena.

