

## Youth drums up scholarship

PASADENA — A capacity crowd filled the Ambassador Auditorium here Nov. 29 for the finals of the 1975 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) teen talent contest.

Twelve finalists, winners first of competition in U.S. church areas and then at U.S. Festival sites in October, won all-expense-paid trips to the Ambassador campus here to compete for scholarships and cash prizes.

### The Winners

Seventeen-year-old Andy Whelchel of Burton, Kan., won first

prize, a four-year tuition scholarship to the Ambassador campus of his choice, with his drum composition, "Time." He had previously won the contest at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.

Second prize, a two-year tuition scholarship to an Ambassador campus, was awarded to David Bilowus, 17, of West Seneca, N.Y., winner in competition at Niagara Falls, N.Y. He performed his own piano composition, "Forms of the Ocean."

Third-place winner Kathy Middleton, 18, of Miami, Okla., winner of

competition at Jekyll Island, Ga., received a \$300 cash award for her dramatic interpretation from Euripides' *The Trojan Women*.

Fourth place was a tie between Linda Archer, 16, of New York City, winner in competition at Mount Pocono, Pa., with her interpretive dancing, and 17-year-old George MacDonnell of Tampa, Fla., winner at the St. Petersburg, Fla., Feast site, who sang a medley and accompanied himself on the piano. Each received a \$200 cash prize.

### More Difficult

Tom Hall, an employee of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation and the Television Production Department here, emceed the evening.

"Basically, the judges were looking for three things in the performers: interpretation, technique and stage presence," he said. "Choosing the winner was more difficult than imagined because of the wide variety of performers."

Judges for the event, chosen by the YOU staff, were John Dougherty, critic for *Dance News* magazine; Natalie Limonick, professor of music at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Paul Lundberg, West Coast representative for Hurok Concerts, Inc.; Carl Prince, programming and community-involvement director for KFAC radio, Los Angeles; and actor Ted Neely, who starred in the movies *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Tommy*.

"We tried to achieve fairness in the decision," said Ron Dick, associate director of YOU. "All the judges were nonaffiliates of Ambassador College. Consequently, they didn't know any of the contestants or their families. This way the judges

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**YOU-TALENT-CONTEST WINNER** — Andy Whelchel of Burton, Kan., drums his way to first place in the national YOU teen talent contest finals in Pasadena Nov. 29. Twelve winners representing 12 U.S. Feast sites competed for scholarships and cash awards in the contest. [Photo by Ken Evans]

## A Personal Letter from

*Garner Ted Armstrong*

Dear brethren of God's Church:

GREETINGS from Big Sandy. I am presently on the Big Sandy campus for the first stay of any significant duration since I took the opening assembly at the beginning of college last August.

Though I have been able to make a quick overnight visit or so to the Big Sandy campus in these past few months, I have spent very little time here in comparison with previous years — and realize I have needed to spend more time here. As you all know, we have our own radio studio right here, and of course any other activities such as writing or keeping in touch with headquarters over the telephone can be accomplished almost as easily in Big Sandy as by my being in Pasadena, so the trip is profitable from several points of view.

My father just left Pasadena on another extensive trip which will take him once more completely around the world, and you will be reading of his activities in these pages as news comes back to us. It now appears that I shall also be leaving for a rather extensive trip to Egypt in the latter part of January (though the dates are not yet final) for a preliminary visit to important people in Cairo to pave the way for television and radio interviews with leaders in the Egyptian government, including, hopefully, President Anwar el-Sadat.

Mr. Adli Muhtadi, who is himself a Palestinian Arab and who has written for the *Plain Truth*, is a close friend of the editor of the official government newspaper, *Al-Ahram*, in Cairo. He has informed me via Telex he expects the editor's wife to

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## Canadian strike over; six-week freeze thaws

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Letters addressed to the Church's office here, some dated as early as October, began pouring into the office last week as Canadian postal workers and government officials agreed to end a six-week postal workers' strike Dec. 2.

Only two weeks earlier, the strike

had forced the layoff of 22 of 31 workers employed by the Work in the Vancouver office. In addition, three issues of the English-language *Plain Truth* and one issue of the French version had to be canceled.

The 26 percent of the Canadian Work's income that comes from coworkers and donors had been stopped by the strike, causing what now stands at a yearly increase in income of a minus 2.6 percent.

With mail once again coming in, Dean Wilson, director of the Canadian Work, reports 17 of the 22 workers laid off have been rehired.

Beginning with the Dec. 17 issue, the *Plain Truth* will be back on a regular schedule, with the French version (which appears monthly rather than biweekly) to resume full production in January.

Barring mail strikes, the Canadian office averages 20,000 to 30,000 letters per month, some 300,000 letters each year.

Starting with this issue, *Worldwide News* copies will also once again reach Canadian readers via the mail, according to John Robinson, managing editor of the *WN*. The previous three issues had been airfreighted to four of the five district superintendents, who in turn distributed them to the churches in their districts.

Although the strike is officially over, Mr. Wilson expects more disruptions in service. Says Mr. Wilson:

"There are a lot of unhappy postal workers because they had to vote acceptance to the same contract that they turned down earlier. The government wouldn't budge, and so we may have a few disruptions."

According to *U.S. News & World Report*, Canada has had five nationwide strikes since 1967 and 24 illegal walkouts by postal workers in the last five years.

## New season: 86 stations carry telecast



**NEW TELEVISION SEASON** — Garner Ted Armstrong, left, and Dick Quincer, program director for the *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast, write cue sheets from script material for a series on the energy crisis. Subjects of the new series of programs, which will begin this month on 86 U.S. stations, will include the plight of the American farmer, NATO and the energy crisis.

PASADENA — A new season of *Garner Ted Armstrong* television programs begins this month, the Television Production Department here announced.

About half the stations in the United States carrying the telecast will begin the new season Dec. 14, the other half Dec. 21.

The programs are described as a "new, hard-hitting series" by Scott Crawford, a researcher and writer for the department.

"First is a two-program series on the energy crisis, detailing the problems and challenges we face in attempting to find practical alternatives to fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas," Mr. Crawford said.

One telecast, titled "Energy: Here Today but Gone Tomorrow," was taped at a Huntington Beach, Calif., oil field.

### National Need

"The program demonstrates the need for a national energy policy and examines our imminent energy shortages and immediate need for alternate supplies from coal, solar, geothermal and other sources," Mr. Crawford said.

The second in the series, titled "Nuclear Power: Risk or Remedy," was shot at a nuclear facility near San Clemente, Calif., and "presents all

sides of the nuclear debate and calls for a decision based on all the facts," Mr. Crawford said.

The third program in the new season focuses on "another side of the food-price story, the plight of the men who grow it," he continued. "The American farmer is increasingly squeezed between rising production costs, public demand for cheap food and government intervention in the marketplace.

"To present an in-depth look at the challenges facing our farmers, we interviewed Sens. Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota and Robert Dole of Kansas, National Wheat Growers Association officials, Department of Agriculture economists and farmers across the country [*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 10]."

This telecast is called "The American Farmer: Caught in the Middle."

### Why NATO?

"The fourth program in the new series is built around Mr. Armstrong's May trip to the NATO summit conference," Mr. Crawford said. "Those meetings, with the resultant decision by NATO to purchase the General Dynamics F-16 fighter plane, caused many Americans to wonder why we maintain the

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## Letters TO THE EDITOR

**A ladle cooking goes a long way**  
I couldn't help but muse over the back page of the Nov. 10 WN. From the circle of photographs it looks as though you [Garner Ted Armstrong] certainly had a well-rounded and pleasurable stay in the mountains. . . I personally think it is a very vital part of the work that you do, since it gives you renewed vigor that you must need.

The photograph that caught my eye was the one of you with the ladle in your hand. I had to smile when I read what you were cooking. I see you know good camp food. It made me want to grab a plate and get in line.

I also would have liked to see that sunset live and in color. . .

I hope you have more vacations with fantastic weather, gourmet food, superb camping, exhilarating air and successful (lousy? so-so? or whatever) kind of hunting. Keep it up. Thanks for the report.

Roy G. Daniels  
Mesa, Ariz.

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### Face to face

. . . I've read "Face to Face With Southeast Asians," by John Halford, including Reg Wright and families. . . [Nov. 10].

The pictures were marvelous and the people showed strong, warm, goodly character.

Benjamin Myers  
Peoria, Ariz.

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Thanks must also go to the staff of *The Worldwide News*, who outdo themselves with each new issue. It's just great to know what is going on in all areas of the Work. I especially enjoyed the article on our Southeast Asian brothers and sisters [Nov. 10].

I hope every member who is able to attend Sabbath services and fellowship with each other realizes what a great privilege and blessing this is for them.

Mrs. Merriel Beem  
Hornick, Iowa

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### WATS: up on a time

Thought I would write in a suggestion to complete page 3 of the last issue [a map of church areas, Nov. 10 issue]. How about publishing the address of churches and times of services—a few each issue would be a big help to some of us who might be traveling or would just like to attend services in another area— for a change of scenery.

Last week we were in another area, and because the services' location and time had been changed—we missed.

Name withheld  
Florida

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The WN checked with the Ministerial Services Department in Pasadena on the feasibility of publishing the requested information. Ministerial Services says church locations and times change at a rate that would soon make any such list obsolete. But the department points out that anyone is welcome to call the toll-free Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) line at Pasadena and request up-to-date information on an individual church's meeting place and time. The number is (800) 423-4444 and may be dialed around the clock from anywhere in the United States except Alaska, California and Hawaii.

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### Getting closer

Thanks, WN, for a great paper. It is very wonderful to have this way of getting closer to God's people. I especially make a point of reading the personals and the birth announcements, and have met many people through them from answering several ads.

Carol Gibbens  
Newton, Kan.

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### Strike three

Now a complaint: On page 9 of *The Worldwide News*, Oct. 27, '75, there is a picture of the winning slo-pitch softball team at Squaw Valley. I was proud to see my son-in-law, Jim Hanson, but! In the lower row you have Don Thrust! The name of my spiritual son is Don Thrush—T.H.R.U.S.H. Not T. He is a wonderful boy. Not very long in the Church, but he

has caught the Spirit of Christ.

Eli W. Miller  
Camas Valley, Ore.

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### Request granted

Just had to comment on this. Read the thank-you item in "Personals," WN, Nov. 10, 1975, from Mrs. Trinidad P. Casing concerning her husband who has been healed. Later I wished to read again the interview with Mrs. GTA which appeared in April 28, 1975, and also turned to the "Miscellaneous," and what a pleasant surprise to read again Mr. Felipe Casing's original request for prayer!

It really made my day, and happy that I knew I had also a small part in it. You see, I usually mark with a ball-point pen the items we are asked to pray about, and there was my red mark, so plain!

Keep up the good work, and each issue is eagerly awaited and read through and through.

Mary B. Stein  
Columbus, Ohio

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### Festival gap

. . . [A] minor point which goes to show the communication gap regarding India: The Oct. 13 *Worldwide News* reports that this year's Feast was held at Mahabaleswar. That was last year (1974). This year's Feast was held at Panaji, Goa, and was attended by 57 people, including children.

Dr. Sudhir Chandra  
Thana, India

The WN received its information for the Oct. 13 issue from a list of Feast sites issued by the Festival Office in Big Sandy. An employee of the Festival Office said his department's information "was based on a list from Pasadena that was supposed to be an accurate list. Apparently, however, some changes were made after this list came out and the Festival Office was not notified of these changes before we gave out the information."

The WN in a later article, in "Local Church News Wrap-Up," Nov. 24, did run a report on the Indian Feast with the name of the correct city, Panaji, in the dateline.

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### New reader

I'm a recent subscriber to *The Worldwide News*; and I find it absolutely wonderful. I'm a member of the Church; but I have not been able to attend the nearest church, which is in London. The newspaper really fills the void in my life left by not being able to meet with the brethren weekly. . .

In your Oct. 27 issue, in the section "A Story for Children," by Paulette Jamson, was the story "Love Is a Friend." I read this to my little 4-year-old daughter, whose name is also Joy, and who is faced with a similar situation. I hadn't found out how to handle this problem, so this story was really an answer to a prayer. My Joy enjoyed this story so much I am cutting it

out to put on her bedroom wall. She and I both look forward to each issue.

Mrs. Jesse Lockhart  
Kenvir, Ky.

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### Critic's corner

. . . I was reading the WN and the articles were pretty good except for the editor letters—they don't have any critical letters!

. . . Write some more eye-attracting headlines for the WN—I enjoy them (and the pictures) the most.

Don Breidenthal  
Pasadena, Calif.

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### Relax, 'WN'

Please consider a change in policy regarding the publication of printed quoted text material. Case in point: WN, 10 November, '75, "L.A. Mayor Commends AICF's Contributions," by John Zahody. I understand that it is good practice to indicate grammatical errors in research papers or documentary studies, but how about relaxing when we get a compliment (or even an "onion")? Mayor Bradley may have felt a little sic if he read the reprint. Thanks for hearing me. The WN is great and greatly appreciated!

Chuck Calloway  
Carson City, Nev.

You may be right.

The WN does make minor spelling and punctuation corrections in articles reprinted from other newspapers and in reader-contributed material such as letters to the editor (material that isn't enclosed in quotation marks).

But we feel that matter enclosed in quotation marks that is a matter of public record, such as a book or printed award, should be reproduced accurately.

In your case in point, the WN would have preferred to quote only excerpts from the award and leave out grammatical errors or words that were misspelled, but the article, on page 1, was laid out minutes before the printing deadline, and the errors in the commendation were not caught until the final proofreading. Therefore, in this case, we felt all we could do was insert sic where needed.

The use of sic is not a put-down in our minds. We prefer to take the word at face value and as Webster defines it: "intentionally so written—used after a printed word or passage to indicate that it is intended exactly as printed or to indicate that it exactly reproduces an original."

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## A REMINDER

We would like to gratefully acknowledge all contributions (of a journalistic nature, that is, though the others don't go unnoticed) to *The Worldwide News*. We would like to be in a position to acknowledge each, but we are not.

Therefore . . .

We would like to state our general policy as outlined by Garner Ted Armstrong in his "Personal," Vol. I, No. 1: "As with any newspaper, we have to ask that if such information [written contributions in the form of poetry, music lines, comments, ideas] is sent to the paper, you do not send us the original, and never send us anything you want returned! This would add too much of a burden, require us to hire far more personnel than we are able, and result in a great deal of additional cost!"

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Pasadena, Calif., 91123

Herbert W. Armstrong, in accordance with the Bible's teaching, set a policy many years ago never to make a public appeal for contributions. In keeping with this policy, this is not a request for donations but only a notice that such information is available for those who desire to receive it.

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

## Chicago plans third annual tournament

CHICAGO, Ill. — Basketball is not the only attraction at the third annual Chicago Invitational Basketball Tournament, to be held at a convention complex at the O'Hare/Kennedy Holiday Inn here Dec. 25 to 28.

The event, sponsored by the Chicago churches and planned by the Chicago Southwest church, will include a number of events for all age-groups and is expected to draw 2,000 youths.

"We have about 60 teams coming this year," said Chicago Southwest pastor and YOU regional coordinator Carl Gustafson.

"They're coming from all over the Midwest — from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and some far-reaching teams from New York City, Washington, D.C., and Big Sandy."

The basketball tournament will be in two divisions, one for adults and the other for YOU teams. In addition to basketball, the YOU regional tournament for girls' volleyball will be played. Tournaments on a smaller scale will be held in arm wrestling and log sawing.

A fashion show with 100 entries is planned, and cheerleading competition will be held, with semifinals and finals during the halftime of the championship game Dec. 27. For less active tournamentgoers, movies, cartoons and card games will be available.

Also part of the activities will be teen dances the evenings of Dec. 25 and 27.

Tournament directors are also planning a brunch and sing-along.

"There's a good chance that one of the television stations here will cover it," Mr. Gustafson said of the tournament.

"We've been doing some research and can't find a bigger tournament under one roof anywhere in the U.S. That includes high-school competition, college ball or any kind."

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# 22 years on Old Man River; tow that barge, lift that...

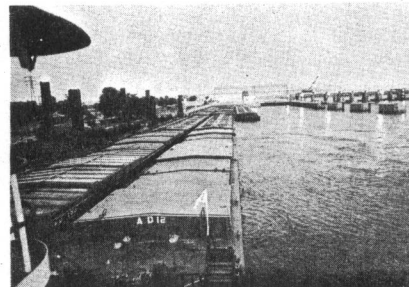
**By John Robinson**  
**ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER SOUTH OF ST. LOUIS** — This river has been called many names over the years: Old Man River, the Father of Waters, the Muddy Mississippi, the Mighty Mississippi and more recently the Colon of Mid-America.

Regardless of what it has been called, it has been a home away from



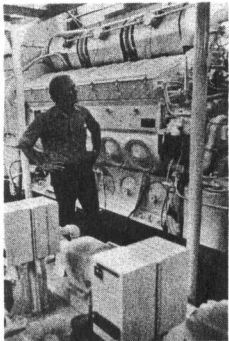
**ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER** — Above: The \$1.5 million *Agnes Mae* heads down the Mississippi south of St. Louis at 12 miles an hour. Top right: This view of the 16-barge tow

from the front has the *Agnes Mae* in the background. Right: The *Agnes Mae* and tow wait in line to pass through a lock at Alton, Ill. (Photo by John Robinson)



home for Paducah, Ky., member Jim Troup for the past 22 of his 38 years. He started working on this river as a deckhand in 1953 at age 16, and the river has been a major part of his life ever since.

At this writing Jim sits with his



**ENGINE ROOM** — Jim Troup looks over one of *Agnes'* two 2,150-horsepower diesel engines. feet propped up on the control console of the \$1.5 million towboat *Agnes Mae*. In front of the *Agnes Mae* is 22,000 tons of cargo in the barges she pushes down the river. He's serving as pilot on this particular run, which for him began on the river just north of here at Alton, Ill., though he is also licensed to captain the vessel.

It is his job as pilot to maneuver the tow (in this case a grouping of 16 195-foot-long barges four abreast lashed together with steel cable) through the constantly shifting riverbeds of this nation's inland waterways. The *Agnes Mae* and the tow cover about the same area and length of three football fields end to end.

**The Company Notch**

Right now Jim's got the throttle in "the company notch" (it's the company's favorite notch because it's full speed ahead), and the vessel is screaming downstream for Cairo, Ill., at about 12 miles an hour. Even at this snail's pace it would take "about a mile" of river for Jim to halt the barges by reversing the twin propellers, which are each driven by a 2,150-horsepower diesel engine. It is 3 o'clock on a Tuesday afternoon and all is well in the

paneled, centrally heated and air-conditioned pilothouse more than 30 feet above the water. Jim is slightly past the midpoint of his second six-hour watch of the day. He piloted the boat during the wee hours of the morning (from midnight until 6) through Lock 27 just north of St. Louis and into St. Louis Harbor, where Capt. John Cartwright took over.

Jim took over again at noon today as the six-hours-on, six-hours-off cycle continues.

Ideally, employees of the Walker Towing Corp. of Paducah, owners of the *Agnes Mae*, work on the towboats for 20 days and are then off for 20 days.

For Jim it's different.

Regardless of where he is on Friday, the company relieves him and he returns to Paducah, where he lives. Come Friday he may be in St. Louis; Cairo, Ill.; Louisville, Ky.; Vicksburg, Miss.; or Baton Rouge, La.

"Regardless of where I am, the company sees to it that I get off," Jim says. "Then the company doesn't ship me out until sundown Saturday night or Sunday morning."

He goes on to explain that he's tried to be a "company man" and has

found that if he takes care of the interests of the Walker Corp. they always take care of him.

If his services are not required on the river, he helps repair vessels at the company docks in Paducah, where he may scuba-dive to examine a damaged hull or work as a welder. He says working at the docks gives him "a chance to spend a little more time at home" with his wife Ann and two daughters, Dana Lynn, 14, and Regina Ann, 9.

**Company's Newest**

The 140-foot *Agnes Mae*, which draws 9 feet of water, is the newest in Walker's fleet. She was built in Greenville, Miss., and licensed June 3, 1975. She has four deck levels, a galley complete with dishwasher and ice maker, crew quarters, two lounges and among other niceties a guest quarter with a private bath, all of which are centrally heated and air conditioned.

She carries a crew of nine, which includes a captain, a pilot, two mates, six deckhands and a cook.

Excluding the cook, half the remaining crew alternates with the other half on six-hour duties.

The cook on this trip is Josephine Stanley, who has been a *Plain Truth*

reader for almost four years. She prepares three family-style meals a day: at 5:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Any crew member who wants anything to eat or drink at any other time of the day or night prepares his own. Iced tea, coffee, lemonade and Kool-Aid are usually available in the refrigerator around the clock.

*Agnes'* other goodies include two separate radar units, each with its own scanner; dual marine-band FM two-way radios; a sonar depth indicator for running low, or "thin," water; forward and reverse hydraulic rudder controls, with a standby electric rudder-control system should the hydraulic system fail; twin carbon-arc searchlights; a public-address system and 12-station intercom system; and a sewage-treatment plant so the vessel contributes no further pollution to the already heavily befouled Mississippi.

**'Different Life'**

Jim gets excited when he talks about the river. "Most people don't realize the extent of this country's inland waterways," he explains. "Why, shoot, you can put in at New Orleans, go up the Mississippi to the Illinois, go into Lake Michigan and

end up in the Atlantic Ocean by going through the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Waterway.

"Or you can put in at New Orleans and head northbound all the way to Pittsburgh, Pa."

Jim, who has been a pilot since he was 19 and a captain since 1965, has worked the Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Tennessee, Monongahela, Cumberland and Allegheny rivers and the Intracoastal Waterway, which follows the coastline of the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's just a different life out here on the river," he says. "The language is different; it's a line out here, not a rope. We have things like buttons . . . timberheads, capstans and such that people a few miles from the river never heard of."

He feels the rivers save the public "thousands of dollars." No other means of transportation can move the nation's goods as inexpensively, he says.

"No one else can compete with us since it's so much cheaper to move things in the water. A few years ago I saw a study which showed we could move one ton of cargo down the river for 300 miles for \$1. That's hard to beat."

**Impressive Length**

Jim says he's seen tows of up to 42 jumbo barges (195 feet by 35 feet), though such massive tows are restricted to the Lower Mississippi, the stretch of river from St. Louis to New Orleans.

By comparison, our tow sounds small, but as you look out on it, or better yet walk the length of it, it's impressive.

The barges in our tow contain flour, corn, soybean meal and coke, though other cargoes can include steel, coal, grain and chemicals.

Chemical barges present special problems because of the dangers involved should a collision rupture the chemicals' containers, which are carried inside the barge itself.

The *Agnes Mae* carries a special manual with instructions for handling chemicals such as motor-fuel antiknock compound (liquid tetraethyllead) sodium, caustic potash, acetone cyanohydrin and chlorine trifluoride. Jim has a special toll-free telephone number he can call in case of emergency.

But whether it's a load of soybeans or a highly combustible chemical, Jim says it's all a part of the job.



**AT THE CONTROLS** — Jim Troup mans the controls of the *Agnes Mae*. In the foreground is one of two radar units, each with its own scanner, which the vessel carries as basic equipment. Jim talks on one of two marine-band FM two-way radios.

# Processing enveloped by mail, but letters handled with care

PASADENA — On an average working day the Mail Processing Center at Ambassador College here receives and processes more than 8,000 letters and 1,000 telephone calls. And, on the average, 82,300 pieces of literature are mailed out each day of the year.

Most mail addressed to the Armstrongs cannot, of course, be read by them personally, so the task has been delegated to "several very trusted and well-trained men and women," says Bill Butler, 34, communications coordinator on the staff of Richard Rice, head of the department.

"It is their responsibility to give each letter the personal attention and concern that Mr. Armstrong would give if he had the time," Mr. Butler says. "Of the 170 people who handle the work load of the Mail Department, these mail readers have a unique job. A day in a mail reader's life can put him or her in contact with people from all walks of life, everyone from doctors, lawyers and government officials to those with very little or no formal education, all turning to this Work for the answers to life's most perplexing problems."

## 1,000 a Day

Department statistics show the average full-time reader will process more than 50,000 letters a year, and some readers have read up to 1,000 letters in a day.

Because of the volume of mail, each letter must be handled quickly, in spite of complex situations that can be encountered.

"Generally letters are answered by sending appropriate literature or form letters," Mr. Butler says. "However, if a more specific answer is required, a letter can be channeled to other departments, such as Registrar, Personnel, Media Services, Coworker, Blind, Legal and occasionally to Mr. Herbert Armstrong or Mr. Ted Armstrong personally."

Mail readers — who number about 60, "more than half" of whom are students — must be aware of hundreds of procedures and policies that decide what literature best answers particular requests. They must also know proper codes for donation amounts, changes of address or other computer updates, how to deal with *Plain Truth* or *Good News* subscriptions and Correspondence Course enrollments, how to handle coworker and member letters, and what to do when someone requests back issues or reports missing issues.

"In addition, the reader must enter a code into the computer whenever literature is sent," says Mr. Butler. "This makes it possible to acquire statistics on what part of the media —

radio, TV, *Plain Truth*, *Good News* — is drawing the greatest responses. It also helps management plan future advertising campaigns."

## Training Readers

Regular training classes help each reader become more effective. One such class builds the reader's skills in using available literature and form letters to answer questions tactfully.

The reader is also trained in handling "vague or confusing letters," says Mr. Butler. "Due to misunderstandings about what we offer or

poor writing habits, some people's requests are not plain. With training and experience, a reader is better able to discern the real needs of a person who has written a letter, even when it is unclear."

Sometimes emotional letters are sent to the Mail Processing Center. "Our mail contains everything from the inspiring and happy to the sad and tragic. Some letters are encouraging, like the one from a man who said he had visited 21 different doctors during the last several years because of a painful back injury without any re-

lief, but was healed completely the same day he received an anointed cloth.

"Other letters are humorous, such as the one from a man who related how his house had been burglarized three times and each time the only thing stolen was the literature from Ambassador College. He felt this was especially unusual, considering he had a very large and expensive collection of guns which weren't touched."

But one woman, according to Mr. Butler, told how her husband had become upset when he found her reading Church literature, so upset that he beat her, causing a concussion and broken ribs, and knocked her dentures through her cheek.

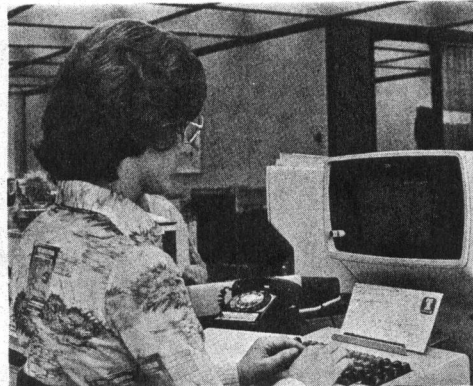
"Another man wrote this sad story of his wife's death, apparently that very morning. He himself had been

suffering from leukemia, heart trouble and cancer, plus recovering from an operation on both arms. On that morning she staggered from the bathroom with terrible burn marks around her mouth.

"She couldn't answer when he asked her if she had tried to commit suicide. Her vocal cords had been burned away by the ammonia she had just swallowed. As she collapsed into his arms . . . she died."

Mr. Butler says each letter sent to the Mail Processing Center here is "important" and "given personal consideration."

"They sober a reader," he says, "and inspire him to pray more fervently for those who turn to God's Work for comfort in their trials. Sharing the joy and tragedies expressed in a letter is all a part of a day in a mail reader's life."



**MAIL PROCESSING CENTER** — Lauren Parker, top left, who operates a terminal for the Mail Processing Center, loads information into a terminal. Val Aspenns, senior correspondent in the personal-correspondence section, top right, reads a literature request. Richard Rice, director of mail processing, left, employs about 60 mail readers, half of whom are students. Mr. Rice works with his secretary, Barbara Saye, above. (Photos by Ken Evans)

## Tale of the mail: 2.1 million letters a year

By Charlotte Shields

PASADENA — It was easy driving to work that morning. No other cars around, no need to rush. It was so peaceful and quiet that the driver turned on the radio for company, though no one was really listening. Then, carelessly, he turned the dial, hoping to find something more interesting.

Wait a minute! What was that commentator saying? No life after death? No hell fire? Though the dial was already to another station, he turned it back. There had been so much authority and conviction behind those words that more had to be heard.

At first it sounded strange. It was different, but it made sense. Then all too soon he was saying good-bye.

*Charlotte Shields, 23, is a mail reader employed full time in Pasadena's Mail Processing Center.*

Two books had been advertised, and they were free to anyone who wrote in for them.

Curiosity? Who knows? But later that afternoon a letter was written and mailed to Garner Ted Armstrong, Pasadena, Calif., 91123. That letter was to arrive a few days later.

But was that to be the end of its journey? What happens to it and all the other mail that is sent to the Church or college? It may be addressed to Ambassador College, Herbert W. Armstrong, Garner Ted Armstrong, the Worldwide Church

or God or even Fishy Stories. But how is it processed?

Here is some information that might help answer these questions. In other words, let's take a look at the Mail Processing Center in action.

### 2.1 Million a Year

That letter was just one of the 2.1 million letters that will have been received by the end of this year. It takes several steps to process such an enormous amount of mail.

The first step begins with the pickup crew, so called because it picks up the mail from the post office. Of course, that is only a part of the crew's job. Upon returning to the center, crew members sort the mail by size and then into three main categories: labeled (letters with our

computer-generated address labels), nonlabeled and those with foreign return addresses.

The labeled mail is sorted into other categories such as the latest member and coworker letters, or the latest promotional letters, which have advertised our most current literature.

The nonlabeled mail (plain, ordinary envelopes) is sorted according to the addressee. This makes later handling easier and quicker.

After the mail is sorted, it is run through a machine that opens, counts and stamps the date on the envelopes at the rate of 500 letters a minute. After the mail is opened it goes to the terminal operators for processing.

What is a terminal operator, and

what is a terminal?

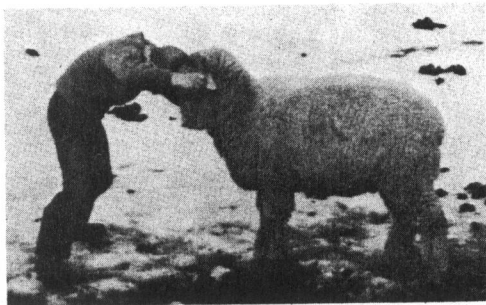
There are about 50 terminals, each being an input-output device that is wired to the main computer (which holds all the records and addresses of the people on our mailing list).

Each terminal has a typewriter keyboard by which the operator enters the index numbers or names of people and then types in their literature requests. In front of the operator is a small screen on which the record of the individual is displayed along with the literature codes that were entered. This way she can know she has entered the correct information.

### Coupons to Nonlabeled

Several types of mail may be processed by each operator, depending on how much training she has had. Her mail could range from coupons from various booklets to the labeled and nonlabeled mail, each processed (See **TALE OF THE MAIL**, page 15)





## MISCELLANY

**SHEEP SHOT** — Nine-year-old Ernie Watts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watts of Filer, Idaho, takes the ram by the horns while visiting relatives on a ranch in Elko, Nev. (Photo by E.R. Watts)

## She makes services bloom with weekly arrangements

By William F. Marsh  
 DAYTON, Ohio — Each Sabbath Josephine Henderson gives something to the A.M. and P.M. churches here. Mrs. Henderson is responsible for the flower arrangements that are a part of the Sabbath here each week. Jo, as she is called by her friends, has donated her time, talents and beautiful flowers to her brethren for four years. Hardly a Sabbath goes by when someone doesn't comment, "Just look at those beautiful flowers." And with good reason; the arrangements are always beautiful, no matter what time of year, and each one is an excellent example of design.

There are reasons for her success. Mrs. Henderson has been a professional in gardening and horticulture for more than 15 years. She is accredited by a national agency. She is actively involved in her work, which takes her to various areas of the country for symposia on trends in gardening and horticulture. Lecturing is an important part of her profession; she is sometimes called upon three or four times a week to speak to groups such as the Rotary Club and businesswomen's groups. As an expert in her field, she

judges flower arrangements and designs. She teaches classes in arranging, garden design and horticulture. Mrs. Henderson has taught other subjects as well. She taught English and psychology before going full time into her present field. Most of the flowers she uses come from her own garden. When visitors walk into her backyard, on a small city lot, they are amazed at the variety of flowers that grow there. Virtually every inch of space is used. During the winter, when there is not a great variety of flowers available, Mrs. Henderson adds to her arrangements with fruits, nuts, pinecones and other items. Jo Henderson has been a member of God's Church for four years. She began arranging the flowers for Sabbath services shortly after she started attending church.

# INDIAN-SUMMER NIGHT

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
 By Wil Malone

The night of Oct. 11 in the little town of Marine, Ill. (a small town about 25 miles from St. Louis, Mo.), was one of those Indian-summer nights that make this section of the country famous. The temperature was in the 70s, the moon was full, the breeze was balmy, and it was just a perfect night for a hayride and wiener roast.

The Explorers of the Belleville, Ill., church had set up the event and invited the teenagers from St. Louis to attend.

My wife Patricia and I and her two daughters, Linda and Sharon Belford, visited the Belleville church that day,

This "Story for Young Readers" departs from the usual format in that it is nonfiction. It was written by a local elder in the St. Louis (Mo.) North church.

and when we heard the announcement about the hayride we all wanted to go. So we hurried on home and made preparations to attend the festivities that evening.

### Hayride Clothes

When the Sabbath ended we put on our hayride clothes and departed for the Jim Watts farm in Marine. When we arrived the crowd was rather small, but the group grew larger and larger.

Parked in the driveway were two long truck beds joined by a metal tongue. These in turn were connected to a wrecker truck. The wagons were loaded with hay, and about 8 o'clock the youngsters began to climb aboard the wagons. I could see by the amount already on the wagons that it would be too crowded for all of the adults to go, so a couple of the other men and I remained behind to start the fire for hot dogs. We waved good-bye as the wagons slowly pulled away, driven by Frank McCrady Jr., the minister in the Belleville area. They left, traveling very slowly, with the truck moving between 5 and 10 miles per hour.

My wife and I had decided to allow her youngest daughter, Sharon, to go on the hayride, even though she was only 11 years of age. (This was a teenage activity.)

As the wagon pulled away we could hear the laughing and cutting up as the youngsters were beginning to enjoy themselves. As the trip progressed, on this beautiful autumn night in October, little did anyone suspect that a near tragedy was lurking just around the corner.

As youngsters often do when on

events such as this, they became careless and began to throw hay around and run around on the truck bed throwing hay at each other. Ordinarily this wouldn't be a problem, but, since the two truck beds had no sides or stakes, it would be easy for a person to fall off.

### Lost Her Balance

Sharon had stood up on a few occasions and thrown some hay. She was on the back wagon and began to work herself up to the front of the back wagon. Just as she got to the front, she attempted to throw some hay and lost her balance, tumbling off the wagon. She fell onto the hard-surfaced road, between the wagons, and the two outer wheels of the back wagon passed over her head.

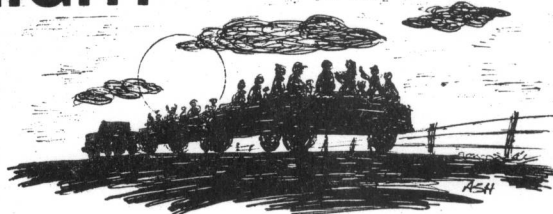
Mr. McCrady later said he felt the wagon lift up as it passed over her head, but he also said it lifted too high to be passing over just her head. Surely an angel had lifted it, for the weight of the wagon, plus the hay, plus the 20 or 30 people on the wagon, would have crushed her head.

Mr. McCrady said he felt something pull the wagon to a halt as he felt the second bump. He got out, ran back and saw Sharon lying face down on the asphalt road, hair all matted, screaming in pain. Mr. McCrady anointed her as she lay there, and immediately she ceased yelling and her cries turned to just whimpers.

He unhitched the wagons and brought her back to us. We had seen the truck pull back in without the wagons but attached no particular meaning to it. Mr. McCrady came to me and told me Sharon had been injured and that it appeared her jaw was broken and her face pretty badly beaten up.

It's hard to explain our reaction when Patricia and I first saw her. Sharon's face was covered with blood, her jaw was already swollen, and she could not even close her mouth completely.

We rushed her to a hospital. They took many X rays; they felt it necessary to check her entire body for any broken bones. With the way she looked they suspected brain damage, a skull fracture, a jaw fracture and an eye-socket fracture. They kept her overnight in the hospital. Patricia and I accepted the McCradys' offer to spend the night at their home, nine miles from the hospital.



The next morning when we arrived at the hospital, Sharon was feeling fine, but she looked awful. The right side of her face was swollen so much that her eye was closed and black and blue. The entire side of her face and chin were badly scratched, and a large gash requiring about six stitches was across the center of her right cheek.

Sharon's sister Linda, who had comforted Sharon the night before on the trip to the hospital, walked up to her hospital bed and said, "You know, Sharon, this is going to make you famous in the Church."

Patricia and I couldn't keep from laughing when we heard this.

The doctor came in and told us that he had found evidence of a fractured jaw, eye socket, etc., and that her jaw would need to be wired. But he also said the hospital was not equipped to do this and suggested a hospital in St. Louis.

When we got Sharon to the hospital in St. Louis, the doctors at first could find no injuries such as broken bones, etc. But the next day they confirmed the broken jaw and fractures. The following day, however, they said Sharon definitely had no broken bones. Three times they said they found broken bones, and three times they said there weren't any broken bones. This must have been frustrating for them.

Sharon's face began to heal rapidly, amazing almost everyone. The swelling went down, the eye opened, and the skin began to heal. And all this only a few days after the accident.

When we asked Sharon how she felt, she said fine; she was having fun in the hospital watching television and being allowed to stay up late.

We felt she could convalesce at home, but, when Patricia approached the attending physician about taking Sharon home, he seemed a little upset and said: "Lady, you don't seem to understand. This girl was run over by a truck."

### Wheels Should Have Crushed

What he didn't know was that we were very aware of the fact that Sharon was run over and we felt that if it had not been for God's intervention Sharon

would be dead. Two wheels of that truck bed passing over her head should have crushed her.

The day after the hayride Mr. Watts and a friend attempted to lift that wagon, but two husky men could just barely get the corner of the empty wagon off the ground. The night before, this wagon bed, which must have weighed 600 to 800 pounds, was loaded with several hundred pounds of hay and at least 2,000 pounds of human beings. Each individual wheel must have weighed 700 to 800 pounds.

Sharon's stitches came out by themselves, and there are no scars left from this terrifying incident. But Sharon is not completely out of the woods yet. Her left eye still cannot move past the center of the socket, and, when she attempts to look straight ahead, her eyes cross. We are taking her now to an eye doctor to help in this situation.

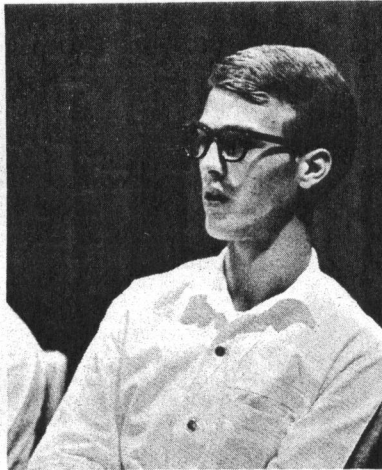
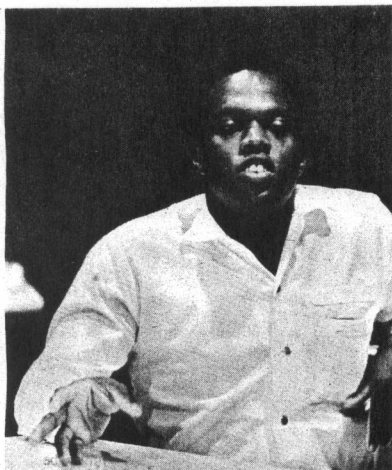
### Confidence of an 11-Year-Old

Little Sharon had said as she lay on the hospital bed, "Mom, I know that if I were not in the Church I would be dead." Now, we cannot say that for sure, but I appreciated that an 11-year-old little girl could have that much faith and confidence in God.

Some might scoff and say, "Why, if an angel held up the wagon so that Sharon would not be killed, why didn't he hold it up all the way so that no injury would occur?" But, if that had happened, would we have learned any lessons? Would we have profited from the experience?

God is a loving, kind, merciful Father, and He does protect us. But He also wants us to learn our lessons. Some valuable lessons have been learned, especially on how one should conduct himself on a hayride.

My wife and I also learned many things from this experience, and so did Linda and Sharon. Above all, I hope that all reading this can profit from it. Most of all, remember that miracles do happen in the Church of God, and that God is working and healing in His Church, which you are privileged to be associated with or a part of.



**PANEL DISCUSSION** — Three prisoners from the Texas Department of Corrections (the state prison) answer questions after presenting an assembly on the Big Sandy campus Nov.

20. From left: Bernard, Rick and Ronnie (the men asked to be identified only by their first names). [Photos by Scott Moss]

## LSD, speed, heroin: life of a 'walking dead man'

Three prisoners from the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville and a prison parolee were part of a recent panel discussion on dangerous drugs before an assembly of students and faculty members on the Ambassador College campus at Big Sandy.

The editors of *The Worldwide News* felt this assembly, which Ambassador's Executive Vice President Ronald Dart said was "one of the more effective presentations on drug abuse," was worthy of this unusually long coverage.

**By Rick Baumgartner**  
**BIG SANDY** — Seventeen-year-old Dale knew he had been "slack" about cleaning the needle he used to shoot the heroin into his arm and figured it was only a matter of time before he contracted hepatitis. He woke up early one morning vomiting and thinking to himself, "I'm dying."

Dale hesitated to yell for help from his parents in the next bedroom, but finally he ran, sobbing uncontrollably, to his mother.

She could hardly understand what he was trying to say, but finally he blurted out the words: "Mother, I'm a junkie. I have hepatitis, and I need some help."

"That morning the facade I'd put on, of being a cool drug dealer, melted away," Dale said.

This was just part of a scenario reenacted before students and members of the faculty on Big Sandy's Ambassador campus by three prisoners and a parolee from the Texas Department of Corrections (the state prison at Huntsville) at a Nov. 20 assembly (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 24).

The four men, 20 to 23 years old (who asked to be identified only by their first names), are part of Operation Kick It, preventive program to inform the public on the consequences of getting involved with drugs, according to George Lively, 31, project administrator, who travels with the prisoners.

The four men are housed in a special unit for first-time offenders who committed their crimes between the ages of 17 and 21. The unit is near Midway, Tex., 20 miles from Huntsville.

During the hour assembly the four men talked about their involvement with drugs, arrests and imprisonment.

Dale, now 20, said "sociological factors" did not prompt his involvement with drugs. He described his family life as "good"; he said his parents gave him anything he needed.

"Out of curiosity I began to drink

in the sixth grade," Dale said, "and in the seventh grade I began to sniff glue. But by the ninth grade I switched to pot [marijuana] because I found out how dangerous it [glue] was."

By the time Dale was a 10th grader he was "heavy on the drug scene," popping pills every day. Every weekend and holiday he would "trip" on LSD.

Dale told of an encounter with some "Jesus people" between his junior and senior high-school years that brought about "miraculous changes in his life." But, when he returned to school his senior year, peer pressure was the catalyst that again started him on drugs.

"My friends were still the same," he said. "They would say, 'Come on, Dale, let's smoke a joint [marijuana cigarette]'. I would tell them, 'No, I'm a Christian now.' But as time went on I found it harder to say no. So I started smoking marijuana under the assumption it wouldn't harm me."

"I was wrong. Before the end of my junior year I not only went back to all the drugs I had been using before, but began selling them in large quantities."

By Dale's senior year he was a heroin addict. Two of his closest friends, also involved in drugs, were dead. One had committed suicide; the other had died of hepatitis.

"After all this you would have thought that Dale would have changed," Dale said of himself, "but I then decided to stay stoned all the time."

He found he had hepatitis; he was constantly running from the police and worrying about getting busted; he was pressed for money he didn't have. The pressures finally "built to a crescendo" and Dale had to turn to his parents for help.

But his problems had only just begun.

### Going Cold Turkey

After refusing a doctor's advice to go on a drug program, Dale decided to break his habit the hard way: by

going "cold turkey" (suddenly going off drugs).

"The first day I thought I was going to die, but after three days I found out I was going to live," Dale remembered. "Some of the withdrawal symptoms I went through were a running nose, coughing, sneezing, stomach cramps and backaches. Then pretty soon I started heaving my guts out, and when there wasn't anything left I started to dry-heave. My bones felt like they were on fire; my muscles shaked and

*"Mother, I'm a junkie. I have hepatitis, and I need some help."*

contracted. Then there was nothing I could do but lie there and hold on, hoping and praying that I would make it."

But even after this trauma Dale hadn't learned his lesson. He began using again.

A week later he was admitted to a hospital after shooting up a 10-grain morphine tablet. He stayed in the hospital for five days and was fed intravenously with glucose and vitamins.

"I looked like a walking dead man," Dale said. "My skin, eyes and fingernails all turned yellow."

As soon as Dale was released from the hospital, he again "went back to the same thing."

But before he had a chance to become addicted again he was arrested for the sale of dangerous drugs, the final week of his senior year. The arresting officers were undercover agents Dale had sold drugs to six weeks earlier.

Dale's bail was set at \$25,000, but the judge agreed to lower it if he would plead guilty, which meant Dale would go to prison.

"I pleaded guilty. I just couldn't stand jail."

Dale's trial didn't come up for another year and three months.

### 'Determined to Change'

"The first six months I was out [on bail] I didn't change," Dale said. "Once I lost the fear of getting caught, I was right back where I started. Then I began to find out as I lived on my own, paid my own bills, that there was more to life than getting stoned. Any idiot could do the same; it didn't take any special talent or ability."

"I began to remember the teachings of my parents, what they taught me growing up about Christianity and what God said about how to live. I was determined to change."

Before his trial came up Dale

graduated fourth in his class from a professional photography school and thought he had it made.

When Dale did go to court, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

One year later Dale was released on parole and now works with a Philadelphia, Pa.-based teenagers' religious group in Tyler, Tex.

"The whole point of this talk is to show you what happened in hopes that you, being intelligent young people and adults, will see that drugs is not where it's at. Don't be like me and say, 'I have to experiment.'"

### Rick's Story

Rick, 23, is from a lower-middle-class family in New Mexico. When Rick was 11 his parents separated, and he remained with his mother, who moved to Texarkana, Tex.

During high school two of Rick's older brothers left home. One joined a branch of the service and the other ran away.

"That left my younger brother and me," Rick said. "We had a lot of free time, so we skipped more school than we attended. Most of my free time was spent getting drunk with my friends."

After Rick's oldest brother was killed in Vietnam, he quit school and worked at a gas station.

"I refused to go back to school, so I lived with my friends for about a year and a half. I would only work long enough to get money to party."

It was during this time that Rick

was introduced to drugs.

"A friend bought some pot in San Antonio and told me, 'This is better than booze. Why don't you try it?' We smoked a few joints, and I'll be honest with you: I really did enjoy it."

Rick started smoking marijuana regularly, but he later found out that he couldn't operate the heavy equipment at his new job while stoned. So he joined the Marines.

Although he had no access to drugs during boot camp, it became easy to "score" once he was stationed on the East Coast.

### Going AWOL

"I did dope every chance I got," Rick said. "And it was during this time my philosophy began to change. I thought the establishment was a joke, so I started going AWOL all the time. I was discharged in March of 1971 after seven months in the brig."

*"I would only work long enough to get money to party."*

Rick returned to Texas and "stayed stoned" with a couple of friends all the time. Rick and friends would travel to Houston, Dallas and San Antonio to buy pot and return to Texarkana to sell it. In September of '71, on their way back from Houston, Rick was arrested for possession of marijuana and received a five-year probation sentence.

"I became more resentful," said Rick. "I didn't care about the probation; I was mad they had taken the pot."

Later Rick met a friend who was dealing in heroin.

"She asked me if I wanted to try some, and I said yes. I didn't want to let on in front of her that I was afraid, so I told her I didn't know how to use a needle. She fixed the dope for me."

Later Rick's friend introduced him to two people who would give them some heroin if they would sell it.

"In May of 1973 I was arrested for sales of heroin by undercover narcotic agents," Rick said. "It just happened to be the same two people my friend introduced me to."

Rick stayed in jail until October, 1973, and was later sentenced to six years in prison.

"It was the saddest day of my life. Mom was at the trial, and after it was over she walked me back to jail. When I looked down at her all I could see was the tears in her eyes. It made me realize I had broken the heart of one of the few people I truly loved. Also at that moment I realized what I

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**PAROLEE** — Along with three prisoners, Dale, 20, who was released from the prison at Huntsville, Tex., after serving one year for the sale of dangerous drugs, discussed his involvement with drugs in an assembly in Big Sandy Nov. 20. [Photo by Scott Moss]



# Life of a 'walking dead man'

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had been doing to her and to myself. But it was a little late for that."

## Honored Athlete

Bernard, 22, from Mineral Wells, Tex., came from a lower-middle-class family with four brothers and one sister. He described his father as a "well-respected man who worked hard and gave us all the necessary things in life."

But his mother "was an alcoholic for several years, so she had to be admitted to a state hospital on two occasions," Bernard said. "So my father wasn't home much because he had to hold down two jobs to make ends meet. Therefore, we could run the streets and do what we wanted to most of the time."

At 14 Bernard got interested in football. Later, in high school, he excelled in sports and won several awards his last two years.

"I guess you could say I had

*"When I first got involved with drugs I weighed 215 pounds . . . Shortly after, I was down to 160 . . ."*

natural for people to be happy. But

my friend that turned me on to drugs didn't tell me if I got caught I would get two 10-year sentences. He didn't tell me about the hardship, pain, suffering and shame I would cause my family. I never took the time to consider what I was doing. Now I have two 10-year sentences and I have plenty of time to think."

## Only Married Person

Ronnie, 21, who was the only married person in the group, remembered that when he was a child his family "never had much." Both parents worked and were gone most of the time. His father was a truck driver and was often away from home; his mother came home from work late each day.

"I never did get along with my father," Ronnie said, "because his answer for everything was a severe whipping. So I started running away from home when I was 10 years old. Every time I ran away from home the police picked me up and brought me home. I could always count on a whipping."

"I wish my parents would have talked to me more, instead of whipping me."

At 11 Ronnie was committed to a boys' home, where he lived two years. Most of that time Ronnie was constantly in trouble, because "I had a very rebellious nature about myself."

Ronnie's parents then enrolled him in a "Christian school" in hopes it would reform him, but he was later expelled from the seventh grade for drinking on campus. His parents then enrolled him in a public school, where Ronnie "fell in with a bad crowd."

"We drank excessively, both in and out of school," he said. "After a while we were stealing to have money to party on. It began just taking tape decks out of cars and selling them. But later on we began breaking into homes and taking anything we could sell."

Because of his failing grades in

school and the friction between Ronnie and his parents, he quit school and moved in with the "type of people who had an interest in drugs."

Since he was not working, Ronnie began to steal more. Desperate, he later joined the Army because the police had a warrant out for his arrest. In boot camp in California he used drugs undetected and got high at night and on weekends, only staying straight on duty.

After boot camp Ronnie was sent to Panama, where he overdosed on barbiturates.

"I'd been drinking and the next thing I knew I was in the hospital," Ronnie recalled. "From there I was taken to the stockade, where I remained for seven weeks. When I got out I asked my company commander for an undesirable discharge. Two weeks later I received it."

Ronnie returned home and looked up his old connections and soon was again taking drugs.

## 'Anything to Get Some Money'

"I was working a little bit and selling drugs," Ronnie explained. "Eventually I began robbing people. I'd go out on the streets at night, stick a gun in somebody's head or a knife to their throat, anything to get some money. I was pretty hard up for drugs."

Ronnie found a job in a factory, where he met a girl who later became his wife. He said she was a "simple girl" who was not involved in drugs or alcohol.

"Later I told her I was involved in drugs, but I didn't tell her the whole truth," Ronnie said. "But she managed to overlook it because she loved me."

Shortly after he was married, Ronnie was picked up for burglary and received a five-year probation sentence. Three weeks later he was arrested again and sentenced to five years in prison.

"Both my mom and my wife were at the trial," he said, "and it hurt

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them pretty bad. To make matters worse, my wife was pregnant. She had a little boy this September. I'd sure like to be home with them."

"She's only been to see me twice," he said. "She lives over a thousand miles away. When she does get to see me I don't get to touch her."

## AC students question former drug addicts

**BIG SANDY** — During and after an assembly Nov. 20, Ambassador students questioned a panel of four former drug users and the administrator of Operation Kick It, a drug-use-prevention project of Texas' state prison at Huntsville.

The four former users were prisoners Rick, 23, Bernard, 22, and Ronnie, 21, and parolee Dale, 20 (all asked not to be further identified). The fifth man on the panel was George Lively, 31, Operation Kick It's administrator.

Following are some of the questions the students asked and the panel's answers:

**It seems to me the common element in all these men's lives is an inability to handle peer pressure. Do you men have any ways whereby you might offer suggestions on how we can deal with peer pressure? What would you do if you had to do it over again?**

**Bernard:** "I would make my mind up to be an individual. That is the reason I'm sitting here. I didn't have my own values, goals or decisions. I was looking to others, trying to impress them, trying to make myself be something I wasn't."

**Dale:** "In order to resist school pressure around you, you have to have something you believe in strong enough to take a stand on. You have to say, 'No, I don't want that kind of life because what I have is better.' When I got into drugs I thought this was a special something, an individual something, but it wasn't. I became one of many, lost my individuality in the throngs of people using drugs. I lost the special experiences of life by getting stoned and being oblivious of what was going on around me. You need to be your own person and do what you know inside is right."

**How would you combat an argument that marijuana is no worse than alcohol?**

**Bernard:** "Marijuana can create this type of laziness, a no-caring feeling that can drastically change one's personality. You may have a lot of ambition, zeal and enthusiasm, and if you start smoking marijuana — I'll guarantee you it happens to them all — all you want to do is lay around and get high. It can bring about a mental addiction where you feel you have to be high to get through the day."

**Do you think that drug programs that try to familiarize students with drugs, tell about their effect and even display the drugs in a glass showcase can have an adverse effect?**

**Bernard:** "Personally speaking, I think this does more damage than good, because it only arouses the students' curiosity. I wonder what that pill will do to you or what will happen if I smoke that funny smell? It leaves you in a state of curiosity as to what the drugs will do."

**Dale:** "That is the most ridiculous, self-defeating . . . [method] of getting someone away from drugs that I've ever heard of. They sparked my curiosity and enthusiasm to try these drugs. When I looked at these drugs in the case, I said, 'Wow, they're showing this to us? This must be the best there is, so that's what I'll look for.' If I were you, wherever you go, I'd tell them what a farce it is."

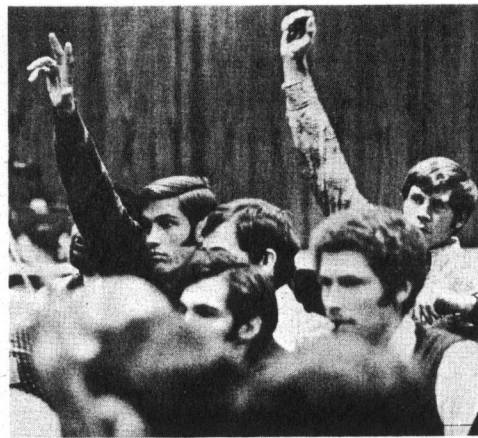
**What should be our approach as far as drug education is concerned?**

**Mr. Lively:** "The main thing is to be factual. So much of mandatory drug education that has been employed has not been factual. Too many scare tactics have been employed as to what different drugs do. When young people find this out it reinforces their attitude that the rest of the drugs are probably all right."

**One thing that puzzles me, after hearing all your testimonies on the adverse effects of drugs: Why do drugs have an appeal for people? Do they receive some type of pleasure or what?**

**Dale:** "That's the bait in the trap right there. I couldn't see it. Nobody would want to go into the drug scene and suffer withdrawals and freak out on LSD and get arrested. That's what the guy who turns you on can't tell you, because most of the time when you start getting high it is with somebody around your own age level. So, not having the experience behind me, all I could see was, wow, man, this feels good. Hours of feeling good for only 50 cents."

**Mr. Lively:** "For people who have not experienced what drugs can do, the feeling you can get, the instant euphoria, it would be very hard for you to imagine. When young, impressionable people find out they can feel that good that quick and seemingly that cheap, that is all they are looking for. They have problems and hassles. Why shouldn't they try it? All they have to do is smoke a joint or stick a needle in their arm and everything looks great. Before too long some get in the rut where this is the main concern in their life. Nothing else matters except feeling that good."



**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS** — Students from the Big Sandy campus question a panel of former drug users after a Nov. 20 assembly. [Photo by Scott Moss]

## Caught at College

Bernard then enrolled at Texas Bible College in Houston without realizing that he had earlier sold 50 hits of LSD to undercover agents. During the spring break at the college, Bernard was arrested.

"The day I got home I was walking down the street, enjoying my newfound life, and a police car pulled up," Bernard said. "Two detectives jumped out with guns, and I was charged with three cases of selling dangerous drugs that I had sold approximately a year ago."

In the summer of '73 Bernard faced trial and was sentenced to 10

# New TV season: 86 stations

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North Atlantic Treaty Organization in these days of detente."  
In this telecast, "NATO: Who

Needs It?", Mr. Armstrong interviews Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans and NATO Secretary-General Joseph Luns of the Nether-

lands on the European need for America's nuclear umbrella to protect Europe's economic and political development.

Mr. Crawford said more programs are in the making.

"At this time further programs on the arms races, the juvenile justice system, the end of affluence as America's way of life and life in the universe are in the research and writing stages and set for possible location videotaping."

Mr. Crawford said ministers and other members in widely scattered church areas have been "instrumental in prescouting program locations as far distant as Texas and Montana."

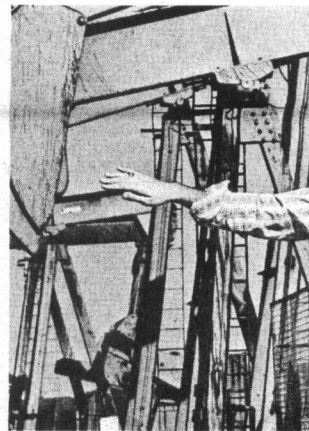
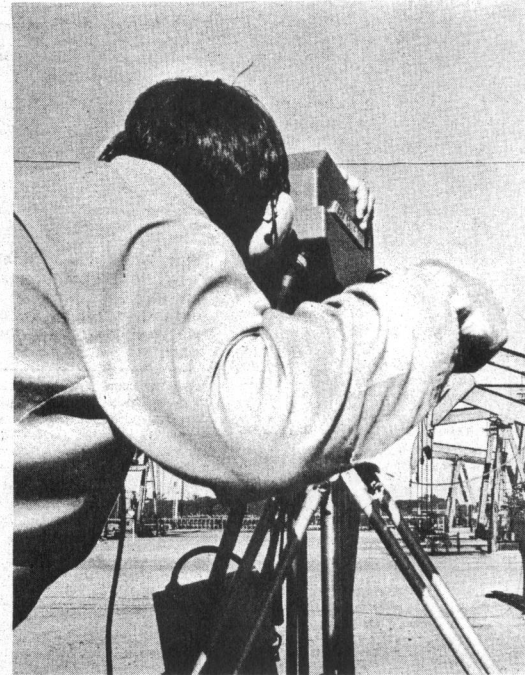
He said the Television Production Department plans to "continue utilizing this valuable service to save time and money in determining the best places to shoot the *Garner Ted Armstrong* TV program."

In the box at left is an updated list of the 86 U.S. stations that will carry the telecast in the new season and the scheduled weekly air times. The list was released by the Television Production Department, which reports the entire new schedule will be in effect by Dec. 21. (Stations and times, of course, are subject to change.)

## NEW TV SEASON

The *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast will be on these 86 U.S. television stations at the times indicated in the new season beginning this month. This list, released by the Television Production Department of Ambassador College, Pasadena, will be in effect by Dec. 21.

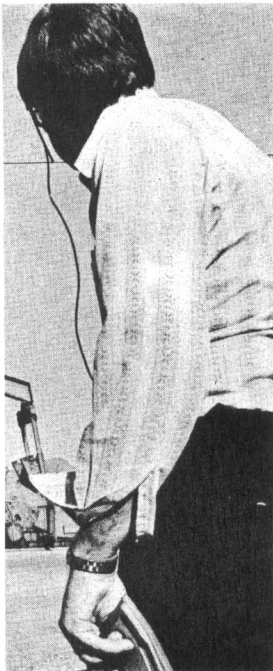
ABILENE, TEX.	KTXS, 5:30 p.m. Sunday
AKRON, OHIO	WAKR, 10:30 p.m. Sunday
ALBANY, N.Y.	WTEN, 2:30 p.m. Saturday
ALEXANDRIA, LA.	KALB, 9:30 a.m. Sunday
ALPENA, MICH.	WBKB, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
AMARILLO, TEX.	KFDA, 2 p.m. Saturday
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA	KIMO, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
ATLANTA, GA.	WXIA, noon Sunday
BANGOR, MAINE	WABI, see local listing
BEAUMONT, TEX.	KBMT, 2 p.m. Sunday
BINGHAMTON, N.Y.	WICZ, 7:30 p.m. Saturday
BISMARCK, N.D.	KFYR, noon Saturday
BOISE, IDAHO	KIVI, 3 p.m. Sunday
CHARLESTON, S.C.	WSNS, 9:30 p.m. Sunday
CHICAGO, ILL.	WLWT, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
CINCINNATI, OHIO	WNOK, 4 p.m. Saturday
COLUMBIA, S.C.	WLWC, 10:30 a.m. Sunday
CORPUS CHRISTI, TEX.	KIII, 2 p.m. Sunday
DAYTON, OHIO	WLWD, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
DOTHAN, ALA.	WDHN, 6:30 p.m. Saturday
EL PASO, TEX.	KELP, 1 p.m. Saturday
EVANSVILLE, IND.	WFIE, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA	KTVF, 5 p.m. Saturday
FARGO, N.D.	KTHI, 3:30 p.m. Sunday
FLINT, MICH.	WJRT, 10:30 a.m. Saturday
FORT SMITH, ARK.	KFSM, 1:30 p.m. Sunday
FORT WORTH, TEX.	KTVT, 11 p.m. Sunday
GRAND JUNCTION, COLO.	KREX, 4:30 p.m. Monday
GREENVILLE, N.C.	WNCT, 7 p.m. Sunday
HATTIESBURG, MISS.	WDM, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
HONOLULU, HAWAII	KHON, 10:30 a.m. Sunday
HOUSTON, TEX.	KHTV, 3 p.m. Saturday
HUNTINGTON, W.VA.	WOWK, 12:30 p.m. Sunday
HUNTSVILLE, ALA.	WYUR, 5:30 p.m. Sunday
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	WTTV, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
JACKSONVILLE, FLA.	WTLV, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
JOHNSON CITY, TENN.	WJHL, 10:30 a.m. Sunday
KANSAS CITY, MO.	WDAF, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
LANSING, MICH.	WILX, 10 a.m. Sunday
LAS VEGAS, NEV.	KLAS, 4 p.m. Saturday
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	KHJ, 10:30 p.m. Wednesday
LOUISVILLE, KY.	WDRB, 1 p.m. Saturday
LUBBOCK, TEX.	KCBD, noon Sunday
MERIDIAN, MISS.	WTOK, 10 a.m. Sunday
MIDLAND, TEX.	KMID, 4 p.m. Saturday
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	WTCN, 9:30 a.m. Sunday
MONROE, LA.	KTVE, 2 p.m. Sunday
MONTGOMERY, ALA.	WKAB, 5 p.m. Sunday
NASHVILLE, TENN.	WNGE, 6 p.m. Saturday
NEW ORLEANS, LA.	WWL, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
NEW YORK, N.Y.	WOR, 10 p.m. Thursday
NORTH PLATTE, NEB.	KNOP, 6:30 p.m. Monday
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	KOCO, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
OMAHA, NEB.	WOWT, 3 p.m. Saturday
PEORIA, ILL.	WRAU, 1:30 p.m. Sunday
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	WPHL, 11 p.m. Sunday
PORTLAND, MAINE	WMTW, 11:30 a.m. Sunday
PORTLAND, ORE.	KPTV, 11 a.m. Saturday
PORTSMOUTH, VA.	WAVY, 1 p.m. Sunday
PROVIDENCE, R.I.	WPRI, 3 p.m. Saturday
PUEBLO, COLO.	KOAA, 9:30 a.m. Sunday
RAPID CITY, S.D.	KRSD, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday
RENO, NEV.	KTVN, 3:30 p.m. Saturday
ROCKFORD, ILL.	WREX, 9 a.m. Sunday
ROSWELL, N.M.	KBIM, 4 p.m. Saturday
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.	KOVR, 11 a.m. Sunday
SALISBURY, MD.	WBOC, 11 a.m. Sunday
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	KSL, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
SAN ANTONIO, TEX.	KSAT, 5 p.m. Sunday
SHREVEPORT, LA.	KTAL, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
SOUTH BEND, IND.	WSBT, noon Sunday
SPRINGFIELD, ILL.	WICS, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.	WHYN, 1 p.m. Saturday
SPRINGFIELD, MO.	KMTC, 5:30 p.m. Saturday
STEBENVILLE, OHIO	WSTV, noon Sunday
TACOMA, WASH.	KSTW, 11:30 a.m. Saturday
TEMPLE, TEX.	KCEN, 10 a.m. Sunday
TOPEKA, KAN.	KTSB, 12:30 p.m. Saturday
TUCSON, ARIZ.	KGUN, 12:30 p.m. Sunday
TUPELO, MISS.	WTWV, 4:30 p.m. Saturday
TYLER, TEX.	KLTV, 10 a.m. Sunday
WASHINGTON, D.C.	WMAL, 10 a.m. Sunday
WICHITA FALLS, TEX.	KAUZ, 3 p.m. Saturday
WICHITA, KAN.	KARD, 1 p.m. Sunday
WILMINGTON, N.C.	WWAY, see local listing



ON LOCATION — Garner Ted Armstrong, 1 Huntington Beach, Calif., for a two-part series of sets camera angles. Below: This is director monitors inside the portable video pod during







Left, is taped at an oil field in energy crisis. Above: Dick Quincer Omasta's view of the program



### A Personal Letter

from  
*Sandra Lee Huntley*

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be in the United States sometime soon and hopes to invite her for a campus tour and visit to Pasadena.

Mr. Muhtadi has already been to Cairo on a preliminary trip to sound out the appropriate officials on the many technical details to be settled prior to a full-scale television crew entering the country.

While I do not look forward to such a trip from a travel point of view, I nevertheless am looking forward to visiting Egypt once again — for the first time since 1966, prior to the '67 war.

The trip should include at least one or two stopovers in Europe, and you can expect to hear from me through on-the-spot radio broadcasts along the way.

#### Mrs. Lochner Dies

I am very saddened to have to tell you about the death of one of the pioneers in God's Work. Mrs. Vernice Lochner, wife of Dr. Floyd O. Lochner (Dr. Lochner was for years the superintendent of Imperial Schools and director of the Imperial Summer Educational Program), died at 4:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, following a long illness with cancer. Mrs. Lochner had been confined to her home in Pasadena for several months as she struggled with the disease.

I first met the Lochners back in the mid-'50s when Dr. Lochner and his wife and their two young children had just become members of God's Church. They were asked to pioneer the fledgling Imperial Schools, then beginning in a few of the rooms in what is now the library building on the Ambassador College campus and what was then the original building on the Big Sandy grounds.

Years later, as a school was to be started in Pasadena, the Lochners were transferred to Pasadena to pioneer the beginning of Imperial there. Through many, many years Mrs. Lochner labored as a partner alongside her husband in the teaching profession and was known and loved by many hundreds as their first- and second-grade teacher. There are those who are today in Christ's ministry who were Mrs. Lochner's pupils in the first grade!

Dr. Lochner called me only a few hours after his wife's death. He and his two grown children, their mates and all the grandchildren seemed to be taking the shock of her death as well as could be expected; they had lived with the full awareness that, unless there had been a divine miracle to save her life, death was inevitable within a certain period of time.

I am sure that Dr. Lochner and his son Otto and daughter Peggy (Mrs. David Harris) will appreciate your prayers.

#### YOU Talent Contest

Our first YOU teen talent competition is now history. I didn't envy the job of the judges as they sat in the Auditorium listening to the talent of the finalists from all the regions of the United States. Having to decide the winners from such a wide and varied field of talent would be exceedingly difficult at best. Since the types of talent varied from dramatic readings to the French horn, from a drum solo to western guitar, and from singing to modern dance, it was a real chore for the judges to decide.

However, all involved felt that the first annual teen talent contest was an overwhelming success. And, judging from the excitement and enthusiasm of those who won some fabulous prizes, it truly was!

I hope that by next year many hundreds more of our young people

will be involved in the contest. YOU is off and running to a good start. Everyone is very pleased with its progress, and I'm sure there will be exciting new developments in the spring and summer months that will greatly spark the interest and enthusiasm of our thousands of young people.

You will read of the finalists and details of the contest elsewhere in the paper [pages 1 and 16].

I am sorry I will be unable to attend the large basketball tournament in Chicago this year as I have the last two years running [see article, page 2], but prior commitments at headquarters made up to three months ago which conflict with the weekend of the tournament in Chicago make it impossible for this year. My best wishes and love to all of you brethren who will be meeting there together. It would be very nice to be with you once again, but it looks as though I will be unable to make it this time.

#### Letters Pouring In

By now I believe all of you members have received my most recent letter, which is not unlike the "semiannual letters" of previous years written by my father. The letter is primarily designed to inspire tens of thousands of those receiving the *Plain Truth* to become even more personally involved in God's Work, and it is already having a significant response.

For example, I am told that the thousands of letters pouring in at headquarters right now include many hundreds from donors who had not contributed any support to God's Work for more than a year. This is very encouraging news!

However, the preliminary mailing went only to members, coworkers and donors. The really MASSIVE mailing to the more than three million subscribers to the *Plain Truth* will not begin until January!

I hope all of you brethren will really earnestly PRAY for the success of this letter, that God will move on

the hearts of literally tens of thousands to get under this burden and share it with us! As I said in the letter itself to members and coworkers, no matter how much "psychology" could be used in letters or articles, in the final analysis it is the power of prayer and God's response to our earnest prayers which will be the deciding factor! If all of us are unitedly praying for the success of the letter and for the growth and expansion of God's Work, then I know a great blessing will be received! If we are not, if we take it casually, feeling that our part is unimportant and nonessential, then the letter will have only so-so and ho-hum results and will not significantly aid God's Work in any way.

I know this is a seeming "intangible" to many people; it's very difficult to become emotionally involved in something so seemingly impersonal as a massive mailing of a letter written to tens of thousands of human beings! However, if you can look at it from the more personal point of view and let your mind think of the literal MILLIONS of families all over the world who will read the letter in the wake of having received many, many copies of the *Plain Truth* — and pray about them as individual human beings, that God will open their minds and cause them to become even more interested in His truth, request the booklets we advertise on deeper spiritual subjects and especially hunger and thirst for the articles of a deeper spiritual nature that appear in *The Good News* magazine — then I believe our prayers will be heard and the results in Christ's Work will be enormous!

I will deeply appreciate all of you collectively shouldering this burden with me. I wanted you to know that the first influx of letters coming into headquarters has been very encouraging — more than 6,000 letters in one day last week!

Until next time . . .

Your brother in Christ,  
Garner Ted Armstrong

## THE GRAPEVINE

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Work, spent four days on the Big Sandy campus to familiarize himself with the college and the college's student work program.

"I want to learn as much about the atmosphere and philosophy of the



BOB MORTON

campus as I can," said Mr. Morton, "so I can better advise international students who want to come here. I am very impressed with the work program and the possibilities it offers to international students."

Mr. Morton, a former faculty member on the now-closed Bricket Wood campus of Ambassador, supervised church administration under Charles Hunting, director of the British Work, before he left Britain last August.

The current regional director in New Zealand, Graeme Marshall, will be reassigned to Sydney, Australia.

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PASADENA — Don Prunkard, former pastor of the Minneapolis, Minn., church, has been granted a three-month leave of absence and suspension of his ministerial duties.

C. Wayne Cole, director of church administration, said in the Nov. 18 issue of *The Bulletin* that Mr. Prunkard "has been under a good deal of stress which has aggravated some health problems, and at the same time he has expressed a lack of confidence needed to support the thrust of the Church and to continue teaching some of the doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God."

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PASADENA — The Big Tujunga Canyon and Mt. Baldy fires, which destroyed 66,000 acres of timber and brush north of Los Angeles, were brought under control Nov. 27.

The fire, which destroyed dozens of homes, forced thousands to evacuate.

But the Church Administration Division here reports no Church members are believed to have been harmed by the fire.

Dr. Herman L. Hoeh, senior editor of the *Plain Truth*, whose home is near the path of the fires, lives on the side of a gorge through which the fires passed.

## Now you know

By Ray and Mary Johnson  
MELBOURNE, Fla. — At 75, Camille McRae of Fort Pierce, Fla., has learned the art of making costume jewelry to sell to the public.

Mrs. McRae, who attends church here, pays for the materials out of her own pocket, donates her time and gives all the proceeds to the Church. She has been doing this for 3½ years.

Mrs. McRae has been a Church member since 1970.

## YOU teams meet in Spokane

By Al Spangler

SPOKANE, Wash. — Seven basketball teams complete with cheerleaders and fans from Washington and Montana converged here Nov. 14, 15 and 16 for 11 games of Youth Opportunities United district play.

Members provided lodging and transportation for the out-of-town teams.

A split sermon was given at afternoon services Nov. 15 by Gil Goethals, YOU's coordinator for this region and Tacoma, Wash., minister, and Paul Shumway, Spokane minister.

The first game, Saturday night, pitted the Spokane B team against the Western Montana team, with Spokane emerging as victor 45-17.

The second game saw Sedro-Woolley, Wash., fall to Spokane A 71-34.

The next game was what some regarded as the big one, pairing Tacoma, which entered the tourney as the team to beat, with Seattle, Wash.

But Tacoma, unrattled by pressure, put together scoring bursts that put the game out of reach and emerged as victor 55-38.

The final game Saturday night saw Spokane B edge Olympia, Wash., 51-27.

Olympia faced Sedro-Woolley in the first contest Sunday morning. Sedro-Woolley seemed to be on its way to victory at halftime, but Olympia whittled the lead down and emerged the victor. The final score: 29-28.

Spokane A then faced Tacoma, failed to get a handle on the

fast-paced Tacoma offense and lost 48-20.

Game No. 7 saw Seattle win over Western Montana 56-25.

Seattle was feeling the effects of playing two games back to back and was almost upset by the Olympia team. But Seattle pulled it out in the final seconds 29-28.

The championship game saw the Spokane B team facing Tacoma. Tacoma continued its winning ways by making few mistakes and capitalizing on the mistakes of others. It emerged as tournament champion by winning 52-20.

Game 10 of the tourney saw Seattle face Spokane A. Spokane upset Seattle 45-39.

The final game, for second and third places in the tournament, pitted the two Spokane teams against each other. Spokane A emerged the victor 42-31.

Spokane B received the sportsmanship award, and Western Montana was runner-up.

In cheerleading competition Tacoma took first place, Olympia second, Seattle third and Spokane A fourth.

High scorers for the 11 games were as follows:

Dan Jager (four games), Spokane A, 78 points; Jeff Hermanson (three games), Tacoma, 39; Jeff Niccum (four games), Spokane A, 37; Ron Goethals (three games), Tacoma, 36; Matt Petty (three games), Olympia, 34; Kurt Kelstrup (two games), Sedro-Woolley, 32; Jerry Mauer (four games), Spokane B, 31; Don Kottke (four games), Spokane B, 31; Doug Graybeal (four games), Spokane B, 31; and Dan Weech (four games), Spokane A, 28.

# Appearance reaches 'grass roots'

**BIG SANDY** — Herbert W. Armstrong's personal appearance in Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 21 and 22 was of special significance for one Ambassador College student here. For junior Jacki Jones it meant the Gospel was going to her native land. And she was there both nights. The 21-year-old coed, who lived

in Jamaica until she was 16, was impressed both nights, she said, by the enthusiasm of the audience and the types of people the campaign attracted. The audience responded favorably, she felt, with Mr. Armstrong interrupted by applause and shouts of agreement many times each night.

The campaign brought the Church favorable publicity. Miss Jones cited newspaper articles and reports on radio news programs. She said the campaign helped the morale of the small Kingston church. Members there and from neighboring islands helped set up the facilities for the campaign.

They set up seating in the National Arena, arranged the stage, made the floral arrangements, acted as ushers and handed out literature, Miss Jones said.

From her observations, she felt the appearance was successful. "The long-range effects, I think, will be beneficial," she said. "Mr. Armstrong reached the grass roots of Jamaican society."



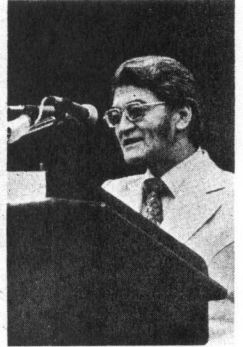
## SCRAMBLED BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

BY JEFF MORIN

The names of 56 books of the Bible are hidden in the mixed-up letters below. Place the scrambled words, unscrambled, in the squares to the right to form the right names of the books.

1. HMNUA
2. NDLAIE
3. EJDU
4. HICSELRCON
5. MYTHITO
6. STEIAECSLSES
7. AETWHMT
8. UYOENTODERM
9. SILOCSANSO
10. SCTA
11. IUVICLSET
12. SIHAIA
13. ISGKN
14. IGHAGA
15. BJO
16. IEHPSANES
17. EPTER
18. OJHAN
19. IOABDHA
20. HEMIHANE
21. LSEUMA
22. VRSBOEPR
23. UTIST
24. IAHRCAEHZ
25. OJNH
26. UJEGSD
27. NTISAEMLAOTN
28. IAHSNORCNIT
29. ALPSMS
30. ZREA
31. AJSEM
32. ICAMH
33. KUAHBKAK
34. HIAEMJRE
35. AINTASGLA
36. IESGNES
37. CILAMAH
38. BUMSERN
39. EIKEZLE
40. KEUL
41. INOMEPHL
42. EIRLTNVAEO
43. AKMR
44. OJLE
45. THRESE
46. SAORMN
47. XUSED0
48. MOSA
49. AIOSNTHESLANS
50. UHRT
51. HNAZPEHA
52. ASEHO
53. PISNLPHIAIP
54. AUOSJH
55. OLONMOS
56. REHSWEB

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**JAMAICAN CAMPAIGN** — Top: Jamaicans pick up copies of the *Plain Truth* for Herbert W. Armstrong's campaign. Above left: Mr. Armstrong, left, and Stanley Rader, vice president for financial affairs for the Work, conduct a press conference at the Kingston Sheraton Hotel. Above right: Overseas campaign director Osamu Gotoh emcees the second night of Mr. Armstrong's campaign. Below: The audience waits for Mr. Armstrong to speak the second night. [Photos by Clarence Bass]



## Jamaican elders elevated in rank

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Two ministers serving this region of God's Work were ordained here while Herbert W. Armstrong was here for his campaign of Nov. 21 and 22 (*The Worldwide News*, Nov. 24).

Kingsley Mather, local elder serving the churches here and in

Nassau, Bahamas, and Roland Sampson, local elder in the Hamilton, Bermuda, congregation, were both elevated to the rank of preaching elder Nov. 22.

Clarence Bass, regional director for the Caribbean, ordained the men on behalf of Mr. Armstrong, who was resting in preparation for the last night of his campaign.

"Some 80 members of the Kingston congregation witnessed the ceremony, including several new persons, following Mr. Armstrong's initial appearance and lecture to *Plain Truth* subscribers" at the Kingston Sheraton Hotel two weeks earlier, said Carlton Gordon, a member here.

The site for Sabbath services had been changed to the Sheraton "to accommodate the large turnout expected because of news of Mr. Armstrong's possible presence,"

said Mr. Gordon.

"Disappointment at Mr. Armstrong's absence, however, was at least partially replaced by the joy [of] witnessing and actually being involved in the ordination of Messrs. Mather and Sampson," Mr. Gordon said.



MR. AND MRS. ROLAND SAMPSON



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**POLICY ON PERSONALS**

The personal column exists to serve our readers, but we cannot be responsible for the accuracy of each ad. Therefore, when you answer a personal, it is your responsibility to check the source of the ad. Get all the facts before you act.

**WE WILL RUN:** (1) Only those ads accompanied by a recent Worldwide News mailing label with your address on it; (2) pen-pal requests; (3) engagement and wedding notices; (4) ads concerning temporary employment for teenagers wanting jobs for the summer; (5) lost-and-found ads; (6) ads from persons seeking personal information (for example, about potential homies or living conditions) on other geographical areas; (7) other ads that are judged timely and appropriate.

**WE WILL NOT RUN:** (1) Ads from nonsubscribers; (2) job requests from anyone seeking full-time employment or job offers for full-time employees (however, job requests and job offers for all types of employment may be sent to the Human Resources Information Center, 300 West Green, Pasadena, Calif., 91123); (3) for-sale or want-to-buy ads (e.g., used cars); (4) personals used as direct advertising or solicitation for a business or income-producing hobby; (5) matrimony ads; (6) other ads that are judged untimely or inappropriate.

**WHERE TO WRITE:** Send your ads to Personals, The Worldwide News, Box 111, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755, U.S.A.

**BABIES**

**ADELAIDE, Australia** — Lisa Carole Gregory, second daughter, third child of Peter and Carole Gregory, Nov. 12, 5:45 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces.

**ATLANTA, Ga.** — Emily Christine Tucker, second daughter, fourth child of Jeff and Donna Tucker, Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces.

**BALTIMORE, Md.** — Linda Suzanne Brown, second daughter, second child of Larry and Ellen Brown, Nov. 16, 8:45 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — Jason Edward Brewer, first son, second child of Jim and Jan Brewer, Nov. 6, 2:57 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces.

**BLUEFIELD, W. Va.** — Cynthia Lynn Robinette, second daughter, third child of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy W. Robinette Sr., Nov. 18, 5 pounds 6 ounces.

**BRICKET WOOD, England** — Alan Richard Heap, first son, first child of Malcolm and Helena Heap, Oct. 18, 8:25 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces.

**BRISBANE, Australia** — Craig Edward Stephen McQueen, first son, first child of Ted and Marita McQueen, Nov. 3, 6:30 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.

**BURNABY, B.C.** — Susanna Helen Ots, first daughter, second child of Ted and Helen Ots, Oct. 18, 7 pounds 8 ounces.

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** — Mark Brandon Colburn, first son, first child of Jan and Ella (Walters) Colburn, Nov. 16, 10:18 a.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.

**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** — Kristopher Ryan Murphy, second son, second child of Ron and Kaye Murphy, Nov. 6, 5:52 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces.

**EVANSVILLE, Ind.** — Kathleen Annette Drake, second daughter, fourth child of Roy and Phyllis Drake, Nov. 11, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce.

**FARGO, N.D.** — Karl Walter Straub, first son, second child of Duane and Pat Straub, Nov. 10, 10:35 p.m., 8 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

**GREELY, Colo.** — Karyl Asbury, first daughter, first child of Norman and Cathy Asbury, Aug. 22, 9:06 a.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces.

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Brandi Michelle Surface, first daughter, first child of Wesley and Su Surface, Nov. 7, 9:09 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces.

**LAFAYETTE, Ind.** — Anthony Andrew Alexander, first son, third child of Ron and Cheryl Alexander, Sept. 19, 11:58 p.m., 7 pounds 1 ounce.

**LAKE CHARLES, La.** — Lori Heather Nelson, first daughter, first child of Norma and Dean Nelson, Nov. 13, 10:17 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces.

**LANCASTER, Calif.** — Aubrey Ann Kendall, first daughter, first child of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Kendall, Nov. 9, 11 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces.

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — Dustin Ray Pope, first son, first child of Lela and Anita Pope, Oct. 28, 8:47 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces.

**LONG ISLAND, N.Y.** — Brenda Jean Malm, fourth daughter, fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Malm, Sept. 21, 7 pounds 5 ounces.

**MANILA, Philippines** — Mark Phillips Hogan Bautista, third son, third child of Roger and Judy Bautista, Sept. 1, 9:15 a.m., 8 pounds.

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** — Rena Lynn Hallmark, first daughter, first child of Stuart and Becky Hallmark, Oct. 15, 2:58 p.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces.

**MIDLAND, Mich.** — Richard Todd Andressen,

third son, fourth child of John and Jean Andressen, Nov. 21, 2:03 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces.

**MOBILE, Ala.** — Gregory Steven Burns, first son, first child of Eben and Pam Burns, Nov. 10, 8 pounds.

**NEWARK, N.J.** — Michael Alexander Charzewski, first son, first child of Chet and Mary Ann Charzewski, Nov. 20, 12:10 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces.

**NEW ORLEANS, La.** — Cindy Michelle Watson, first daughter, first child of Joe and Nancy Watson, Nov. 5, 6:42 p.m., 7 pounds.

**OAKLAND, Calif.** — Lori Michelle Ludlow, first daughter, first child of Terry and Judy Ludlow, Nov. 13, 1:21 p.m., 5 pounds 13 ounces.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.** — Dale Wayne Robinson, first son, first child of David and Carle Robinson, Oct. 28, 11:11 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces.

**PASADENA, Calif.** — Kevin Eugene and Melody Denise Brown (twins), second son, first daughter, second and third children of Quillon and Cara Brown, Nov. 5, 10:10 a.m., 5 pounds 8 1/2 ounces and 5 pounds 9 1/2 ounces.

**PASADENA, Calif.** — Christer Gene League, second son, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Terry League, Nov. 17, 12 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces.

**PASADENA, Calif.** — Brian Kendall Nick, second son, third child of Nicolas and Beth Nick, Oct. 20, 8 pounds 8 ounces.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.** — Erin Michelle Althouse, second daughter, fourth child of Merle and Donna Althouse, Nov. 3, 4:31 a.m., 8 pounds 8 1/2 ounces.

**PITTSBURGH, Pa.** — Deborah Ann Crotti, second daughter, second child of Ken and Shirley Crotti, Nov. 5, 8 pounds 4 ounces.

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — Matthew Craig McCall, first son, first child of Steve and Debbie McCall, Nov. 5, 9:36 p.m., 5 pounds 15 1/2 ounces.

**PORTSMOUTH, Ohio** — Kelly Michele Huff, first daughter, first child of Larry D. and Joyce Huff, Nov. 18, 5:38 a.m., 9 pounds 2 1/2 ounces.

**ROANOKE, Va.** — Rebecca Michelle Lemmon, first daughter, first child of Mike and Debbie (Robinson) Lemmon, Nov. 4, 2:55 p.m., 5 pounds 5 ounces.

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** — Larry Thomas Gulliver, first son, first child of Larry and Theresa Gulliver, Nov. 19, 7 pounds.

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — David Alan Gardenhire, second son, third child of Bob and Sheila Gardenhire, Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m., 5 pounds.

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif.** — Mathea Anne Bogart, second daughter, third child of Jim and Beverly (Nunneke) Bogart, Nov. 9, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces.

**SEATTLE, Wash.** — Jonathan Brian Johnston, second son, second child of James C. and Pamela Johnston, Oct. 17, 4:06 a.m., 10 pounds 6 ounces.

**VICTORIA, B.C.** — Rebekah Anne Fiedler, first daughter, first child of Brent and Susan (Asha) Fiedler, Nov. 13, 9:30 p.m., 6 pounds 1/2 ounce.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Lisa Anne Mosholder, second daughter, third child of Shorby and Deloris Mosholder, Oct. 3, 6:24 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces.

**WHEATLAND, Wyo.** — Heather Marie Weber, first daughter, first child of Gary and Diana (Annis) Weber, Nov. 2, 7 pounds.

**ZURICH, Switzerland** — Ted Andrew Kiefler, first son, first child of Paul and Monica (Burouat) Kiefler, Oct. 19, 7 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

We'd like to let the readers of The Worldwide News know about your new baby as soon as it arrives! Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



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**PERSONALS**

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**PEN PALS**

Middle-aged widow who loves out-of-doors and gardening would love to have pen pal, male or female. Life gets lonely without letters and friends. Lovina Masey, Rt. 1, Stratford, Okla., 74872.

Would like pen pals. Interests: fishing, dancing, camping, tennis, bowling. Ruby E. Malby, 430 Yosemite Ave., Modesto, Calif., 95351.

Single white male, 29, desires pen pals 23 to 29. Interests: country living, car racing, farm life, working on cars, horseback riding, writing letters, reading good books. Larry C. Bashop, 18 Highland Acres, Rt. 2, Apt. 101, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51501.

Wanted: Pen pals 32 to 39! Member, D&R, three children, 7, 9, 12. Interests: music, camping, travel, sports, park, good friends, travel. Janelle Jones, 5835 El Dora Dr., Colorado Springs, Colo., 80918.

Norway! I am 13, interested in music, cooking, skiing. Would like to write anyone 12 to 15. Irene Lie, Larsokveien 60, N. 4042 Hafslund, Norway.

Norway! I am 9, interested in music, fishing, skiing. Would like to write anyone 8 to 10. Signmund Lie, Larsokveien 60, N. 4042 Hafslund, Norway.

Single man, 25, desires an adventure in writing with girl 20 to 26. Interests: reading, flying, outdoors. Robert Frowe, 3607 Mulberry, No. 5, Houston, Tex., 77006.

Cowboy desiring to become member would be happy to hear from sisters, especially from Cumming and Gainesville, Ga. I am 61, had a skin cancer taken off, also have arthritis in neck and high blood pressure. I have never been to any of the meetings. Need your prayers for encouragement, endurance, patience and that I may become a member. Lona DeLong, Rt. 1, Box 104, Gainesville, Ga., 30501.

White bachelor member would like to hear from members 30 to 48. Interests: music, good literature, fishing, outdoors. Cecil Seagle, Rt. 3, Box 42, Franklin, N.C., 28734.

Boy, 17, interested in chess, sports, outdoors, photography, collecting old bottles, nails, etc. Wendell Calkins, Rt. 1, Box 54, Williams, Ariz., 86046.

I want a pen pal, I'm 8, like playing ball, painting, studying animals and rock. Paul Lepp, 274 Brunner Rd., Columbia Falls, Mont., 59812.

Single Caucasian, 37, member, would like pen pals 20 to 40 who like to do evening, have many domestic skills. Enjoy all kinds of music. Various hobbies. Love to dance, cook, receive letters. Shelia Rochelle, 125 Meridian, Midland, Mich., 48640.

Is there anyone who needs to be written to? I will be glad to write to you. Liliane Brnjak, 96 Theodora St., St. Albans, Vt. 05213, Victoria, Australia. I am 23, married, with one child, member.

Attention (in case you missed my first ad): Ex-priests, nun, seems and novitiate. Ex-Catholic seminarian (now WCG member) would like to write others of similar background. Dennis Embel, 20024 Chalon, St. Clair Shores, Mich., 48080.

Would like to hear from single parents with young children! Interests: children, bowling, camping, traveling. God's Church, Glenda Johnson, 3326 E. Maple Ave., Flint, Mich., 48507.

I'm a girl, 8. Would like a girl 7 to 9 to write to me. I like to read and draw. Will answer all. Anna Quisenberry, Rt. 1, Box 163, 1555 Brown Rd., Freeport, Mich., 49525.

Single male black cowworker would like pen pals 28 to 42. Richard Chusick, 3524 N. 19th St., Milwaukee, Wis., 53206.

Would like pen pals 58 to 60 who love country living, gardening, cooking. Love to make people happy. Widowed, 58. Answer all I can. Dorothy Wilson, Rt. 5, Murphysboro, Ill., 62966.

Single male, 26, would like pen pals in their 20s. Interests: bicycling, outdoors. Vernis Lee Runnels, 305 Hillcrest Blvd., Winchester, Mo., 63011.

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Sherry Baker of Jacksonville, Fla., where are you? I'm waiting to get a tape letter from you. Jack Miner, 5035 E. Grant Ave., Fresno, Calif., 93727. Let's hear from you soon!

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**NEW POLICY**

Because of the steady growth of the "Weddings" section, the WW is forced to limit the length of each announcement. Future wedding notices ideally should include only the names of the couple, parents, minister, best man and maid (or matron) of honor, plus the wedding date, the city in which the wedding took place, hometowns of the couple, and the couple's new address. (The announcement does not, of course, have to include all this information.)

**Note:** Photographs submitted for publication should be black and white and in most cases cannot be returned.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hill of Cleveland, Ohio, are proud to announce the engagement of their only daughter, Darlene Ann, to Mr. Ernest Charles Lewis Jr., son of Mrs. R. E. Lewis of Hillsum of Portsmouth, Va. Wedding will be soon.

**WEDDINGS**

On Sept. 2 Carolyn Fisher and Norman Chalmers were married in Kiev, Victoria. Best man was Dieter Bosnjakovic, matron of honor was Nadia Seaman. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fisher of Sale, Victoria. The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Chalmers of Essendon, Victoria. Mr. Croucher, pastor of the Melbourne church, officiated. The newlyweds are now residing in their home at Essendon.



and Ben Sash was best man. The ceremony was performed by Mr. Guy Engelbart, pastor of the Denver church. The couple is residing in Lakewood, Colo.

Terry Lee Spanitz and Timothy F. Benner were united in marriage Nov. 2 in Mount Pisco, Pa. Mr. Robert Bragg, pastor of the Allentown, Pa. church, performed the ceremony. Attended by Miss Mary Beth Sacks as maid of honor and Mr. James Beidelman as best man, the Benners are now at home at 317 E. Locust St., Bethlehem, Pa., 18018.



**MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY BENNER**

Cynthia Ann Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker of LaCresta, and Gary Dale Jones, son of Mrs. Helen Jones of Phoenix, Ariz., were united in marriage at a ceremony performed by Mr. James Fiddle Aug. 30 in San Diego, Calif. Dave Douthett was best man, and the bride's sister, Mrs. Jim Rowe, was matron of honor.



**MR. AND MRS. GARY JONES**

**MR. AND MRS. NORM CHALMERS**

Leslie Gordon and Michael P. Foster, together with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Foster, are happy to announce their marriage on Aug. 10. The ceremony, performed by Mr. Norman Smith, was in Pasadena. Christy Gordon, the bride's sister, was maid of honor, and Wayne Lund was best man. Leslie and Mickey are now living in Canoga Park.

Mr. John Halford pronounced Peter Wong of New Zealand and Yeung Yuet Beng of Penang, West Malaysia, surnam dan isteri (husband and wife) in Kuala Lumpur Sept. 16. Peter's brother David was best man; the bride was assisted by a close friend, Stephanie Tai. Mr. and Mrs. Wong are now living in New Zealand.



**MR. AND MRS. PETER WONG**

Mrs. Marion Hood of Westland, Mich., is happy to announce the marriage of her daughter, Diane Claire, to Melvin Frank Rhodes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes, Grimsby, South Humberside, England. The ceremony took place in Bracket Wood with Mr. Harold Jackson officiating. The couple is now at home at P.O. Box 50, Essexville, Rhodessa.



**MR. AND MRS. KLAUS OBERMEIT**

Eva Eisermann and Klaus Obermeit were married Nov. 1 in Sprockhov, West Germany. Paul Kiefler, pastor of the Zurich and Bern, Switzerland, churches, performed the ceremony. Bridesmaids were Eva's sisters: Hanna, Claudia, Elisabeth, Ruth and Susanne. Best man was Eva's brother Johannes. Eva's mother, Mrs. Lucia Eisermann of the Duesseldorf church, attended the ceremony. Klaus' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Obermeit of the Wichita church, were not able to attend. The newlyweds will reside in Bonn, West Germany.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Keith: Happy first anniversary Dec. 21. To the most wonderful husband. It's been the best year of my life. Love, Sue. To all who want our new address: Keith and Sue Cottrell, 307 W. Oliver Ave., Gladesville, Tex., 75847.

Mike and Ann McDermott: Congratulations on your anniversary this month! May you have many more good years. We sure miss you living near us. Come and see us again. Your good friends, Steve and Nancy Yok.

Happy 21st wedding anniversary, Mom and Dad. (See PERSONALS, page 15)

# Local church news wrap-up



**BALLROOM DANCING** — Vicki Morton, a professional dancer hired by members of the Rapid City church to teach ballroom dancing, explains the fundamentals to Denise Hilmer and Allen Olson, left photo. Right photo: Mr. and Mrs. Don Hilmer practice. (See "Rapid City Revival," this page.) [Photos by Doug Johannsen]

## Rapid City Revival

RAPID CITY, S.D. — Members of the church here are doing their best to revive ballroom dancing.

What brought on the interest in dancing here?

Someone noted that at past Feasts socials have catered mainly to modern dances, excluding many older couples from participation.

A survey of the church here revealed many were interested in ballroom dancing, but few really knew how.

A professional instructor has been asked to give lessons; she charges \$3.50 per couple per two-hour lesson.

In six lessons the waltz, fox-trot, polka, western swing and other dances are taught.

Teens as well as married couples are participating. *Douglas A. Johannsen.*

## Agricultural Research

TROY, Ala. — Ninety people attended the first Ambassador College Agriculture Seminar held in the Southeast Nov. 16 at the Holiday Inn here. Some drove more than 200 miles to hear the five-man agricultural-research team, headed by Dale Schurter, director of development at Ambassador College, Big Sandy.

The Atlanta and Columbus, Ga.; Meridian, Miss.; and Geneva and Montgomery, Ala., churches were represented.

Mr. Schurter began the five-hour program by outlining the history of agriculture at Ambassador. His presentation and those that followed pointed out that "no panacea" will solve global or even smaller food problems. But diligent effort to apply biblical and recently discovered agricultural principles does pay off in increased production and lower costs.

Those attending each received a folder outlining much of the seminar.

The farmers, ranchers and gardeners who came were treated to a wealth of food for thought. Pointing out business principles helpful for economic survival in these inflationary times, the team offered suggestions on soil testing and animal-breeding practices. Brief information was given on genetics and what

constitutes a "Genesis kind."

Montgomery and Geneva pastor Paul Kurts had arranged the seminar. Most of the team had flown from Big Sandy to Geneva for services the morning of Nov. 15. Mr. Schurter had given the sermon both in Geneva and Montgomery, where a covered-dish social had followed. *Richard Taylor.*

## Medford Picnic Social

MEDFORD, Ore. — The church here met for a picnic social in Riverside Park in Grants Pass, Ore., Nov. 16.

The park is equipped with a large open-air pavilion with a giant fireplace, playground and asphalt area for volleyball. Everyone, including ministers and their wives, joined in to have an exciting and active day.

After lunch were games for the young and young at heart, including relays (spoon-and-egg relay, three-legged race, walking race and hot-potato game). Young children played catch-the-egg relays. Some people concentrated on chess or checkers; others had a sing-along.

By that time people were going

back for third and fourth servings, but there was still meat loaf, spaghetti and chili beans to keep picnickers warm. *Rachel Morrison.*

## Painting Project

HOUSTON, Tex. — The men from Houston North and their sons recently painted Mrs. Elwyn Brockway's house.

This chore changed quickly to a pleasurable event because some of the wives offered the men and boys a covered-dish luncheon and because Mrs. Brockway was so hospitable.

The project was directed by Jessie Turner, a deacon. *Janie Beymer.*

## Proverbs 31 Commentary

MOBILE, Ala. — For its second meeting the Woman's Club here had a luncheon at Skyline Country Club Nov. 2 with 59 women present. The purpose of the club is to develop virtuous women and have fun doing it.

For the first part of the program, three guest speakers commented and answered questions on weight watching, hair care, face care and makeup.

An assignment had been given at



**HOUSE PAINTING** — Men from the Houston North church pause after painting the home of Mrs. Elwyn Brockway, a Houston member. (See "Painting Project," this page.) [Photo by Janie Beymer]

the previous meeting for each member to write a commentary on Proverbs 31. After a short break Mrs. Larry Smith, the minister's wife and president of the club, presented a verse-by-verse explanation of the chapter. *Frances Burquist.*

## McMinnville Lectures

McMINNVILLE, Tenn. — Bible lectures here Nov. 3 and 4 by minister William C. Cowan drew 4 percent of the people invited the first night and 9 percent the second, with a few returnees.

The first night Mr. Cowan spoke on prophecy. The second night his subject was the first and second resurrections.

Refreshments were served and literature was displayed for those wishing to order booklets. *Nancy Gunnels.*

## Hayride-Wiener Roast

CROSSVILLE, Tenn. — A hayride-wiener roast Nov. 8 at Cumberland Mountain Retreat near here had been planned as a teen outing, but 98 people of all ages attended from the church here, plus a few visitors from the Nashville and Knoxville, Tenn., churches.

Charcoal hot dogs and hamburgers, hot chocolate, punch and other drinks were served, along with pickin' and singin' by part of the group.

Everyone had a chance to go hayriding before the evening broke up at about 10:30. *Nancy Gunnels.*

## Old-Timers

MOBILE, Ala. — A group of local members called the Old-Timers (brethren who have been in the Church 15 years or more) met at the home of Larry Smith, pastor, Nov. 9. Mr. Smith served steak.

After dinner the group talked about the old days, when the first churches east of the Mississippi were established in Montgomery and Birmingham in 1962.

As near as the members could recollect, those from this area who had attended the initial services that year included Harold Turberville, Mrs. Otis Everette, Ellen Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Conway Edhegard, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lucas, Mrs. K.L. Gunter and Mrs. L.J. Massengale.

After three services the Montgomery church had been moved to Opp, Ala., until May, 1963, when it moved back to Mobile, where it remains and continues to grow.

Present at the Old-Timers' meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Murphy, Catherine Moore, Josephene Johnson, Flora Irby, Mary Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Edhegard and Mr. Turberville.

Of those present at the meeting, Mr. Turberville was the member of

the longest standing, having been baptized in 1952. *Harold Turberville.*

## Quality Work

KINGSFORT, Tenn. — The Junior Women's Club of Bristol, Va., sponsored a bazaar at the Bristol Mall Nov. 6 to 9. The church here in Kingsport was among 18 civic and church groups to participate.

The members had worked for months preparing items to sell at their booth. They sold handmade quilts, crocheted items, pillows, stuffed animals and baked and canned goods.

Many people visiting the mall and shopping at the bazaar commented on the quality of the work as compared with that of the other groups represented.

The proceeds of this project went to the local general church fund, which provides money for Bible lectures in the area, athletic uniforms and special projects such as the fair booth. *Barbara McNeese.*

## Chapter Meeting

WATERTOWN, S.D. — The new Worldwide Church of God Woman's Club held its second meeting Nov. 23 at the Guest House beginning with a noon luncheon.

Janice Spieker of Willow Lake was hostess.

Speakers of the day were Marie Skorsteth of Gary on the metric system and Neva Jensen of Tyler, Minn., on how to balance a checkbook.

Twenty-three women had attended the charter organization meeting at the Plateau Inn Oct. 19, with Linda Dyer as hostess. Two guests — Cora DeYoung of Estelline and Dianne Skorsteth of Gary — had been present.

Mrs. Dyer had welcomed the women and introduced the speakers of the day. Beth L'Amour of Aberdeen had spoken on natural childbirth, and Diane Zemlicka used budgeting as her topic.

The study work assigned by director Art Dyer was to write verses on Proverbs 31. *Frieda Tupper.*

## Faster Than Traditional

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — Guyana is a land of hope and promise. And the brethren in this South American republic are no different; they have hoped and waited for years for the time when they could meet and fellowship together.

On Sunday, Nov. 2, their hopes were fulfilled when most of the 24 brethren in Guyana, with friends and relatives, enjoyed a day in the sun at Hope Beach.

After a 20-mile drive from the capital, Georgetown, a secluded, shady spot among the trees was found right by the beach.

Almost immediately a game of Guyanese cricket was started, which is much faster than the traditional English cricket, which, they say, was invented to give the English a

(See WRAP-UP, page 13)



**CHESS MATCH** — Guyanese members play a game of chess at Hope Beach during a get-together Nov. 2. (See "Faster Than Traditional," this page.) [Photo by Paul Krautmann]





**DRUG-ABUSE LECTURES** — Frank McCrady III, pastor of the Fort Wayne, Ind., church, left in left photo, shakes hands with Bud Meeks, sheriff of Allen County, who lectured on the local drug-abuse problem to the Spokesman and Graduate clubs Oct. 28. Right: Sheriff Meeks talks with club members. (See "Prepared Criminals," this page.) [Photos by Emanuel Brandenberger]

## Wrap-up

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concept of eternity. Meanwhile, some played soccer or tennis, while others relaxed in the shade with chess or cards, singing or eating tasty Guyanese food. *Paul Krautmann.*

### New-Church Social

CONWAY, Wales — Nov. 8 saw the first social of the Conway church. It began after Bible study and

so guest speakers with relevant, informative and possibly controversial subjects are sought out.

The women are also interested in crafts and excursions; plans for activities in these categories are being made.

The Philadelphia Women's Club was initiated Oct. 23 with two policemen presenting materials on self-defense for women without formal training.

The 77 club members watched a 10-minute film on self-defense; then they asked questions.

Later, on Nov. 20, Anna Jones, a Church member with a master's

degree in sociology, presented a lecture: "It's Up to Women to Humanize the World." *Vivian Isola and Jan K. Flynn.*

### Senior Citizens Meet

NORFOLK, Va. — Joe and Evelyn Baines of Whaleyville, Va., were host at their home for members of the local Senior Citizens' Club Nov. 2.

Club members were served food out of doors and enjoyed fellowship and music. *Louise Powell.*

### Six Hours, Six Flags

WACO, Tex. — This church area's youth group recently visited Six Flags Over Texas, an amusement park near Arlington.

After six hours at Six Flags, the youths, who had come in three cars, met at the entrance and began the 98 miles home. *Gayna Amburgey.*

### Hungry Bunch

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Thirty young people from the church here assembled at East Orchard Mesa Community Hall Oct. 19 for a five-mile bicycle ride into the town of Palisade.

Four adults started out with the kids, who ranged from 5 to 17, but only one finished the ride. Fortunately for the less hardy, trucks followed

out from behind the clouds to provide a pleasant 7 degrees above zero Celsius (45 degrees Fahrenheit).

Held just north of here on the slopes of Giant's Head Mountain, the outing didn't lack for provisions. Members and families provided hot coffee and chocolate and all the pancakes one could eat, with butter and syrup flowing freely.

With as many children as adults filing by, the chefs soon lost count of the pancake output.

Some who had hiked on empty stomachs found the meal too satisfying to descend on foot. Still others had left their cars below and hiked both ways. *Jon Kurnik.*

### Prepared Criminals

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Allen County Sheriff Bud Meeks lectured on the local drug-abuse problem to the local Spokesman and Graduate clubs at the Marriott Inn Oct. 28.

Giving a history of the drug-abuse problem in the Fort Wayne area over the last 10 years, Sheriff Meeks stated:

"Seven to eight years ago, when the seeds of the drug culture began to be noticed, it took the law-enforcement agencies by surprise, and the only people prepared for the rapid growth in drug traffic were the criminals themselves. . . . Law enforcement was caught with its pants down."

The sheriff said the drug problem grew faster than the police and local government could cope with it. Finally, around 1970, a dire need was realized for education on drugs, their use and their adverse affects on the body by both the public and law-enforcement agencies. Since then the federal government has begun to play a more direct role in combating drugs.

However, Sheriff Meeks added, in recent years, with the increase in information and knowledge of harmful drugs, a great number of potential addicts have shifted to a more widespread use and abuse of alcohol over hard drugs.

He added that the shift to dependence on alcohol has drastically increased the number of alcoholics in the United States. The three main reasons he cited for this:

- Alcohol's social acceptability is much greater than that of hard drugs such as heroin, barbiturates and amphetamines.

- Alcohol is legal and available almost anywhere.

- It's inexpensive, much cheaper than hard drugs. The problem is aggravated because the alcohol industry actually caters to alcoholics by producing very inexpensive products.

Sheriff Meeks said people need to be educated to see that life can have a positive meaning without having to resort to drugs or overuse of alcohol. *Doug Horchak.*

### Dramatic Opening

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — *The Hunger Bomb*, a film of a *Garner Ted Armstrong* telecast, was a dramatic opening to Bible lectures in Selma, Ala., recently. Thirty new



**BIBLE LECTURES** — Paul Kurts, pastor of the Geneva and Montgomery, Ala., churches, answers questions after a Bible lecture in Montgomery last month. (See "Dramatic Opening," this page.) [Photo by Richard Taylor]

people attended one or both of the Nov. 5 and 6 studies, held in a civic room of a bank building.

Some had come from as far away as 100 miles to hear Montgomery pastor Paul Kurts.

Associate pastor Rick Beam set up a literature display and answered questions.

Several other Montgomery members contributed by providing and serving refreshments, ushering and talking with members of the audience. Several prospective members expressed interest in attending services.

Last August similar lectures had been held by the Montgomery and Geneva churches in Alabama at Dothan, Eufaula, Auburn, Andalusia, Montgomery, Geneva and Troy. Mr. Kurts said the response in terms of attendance per letters of invitation sent appears to be running above the national average. *Richard Taylor.*

### Your Era Dance

MODESTO, Calif. — Any ideas? That was the question asked of members here as they met together for breakfast Nov. 16 to discuss activities for the next few months.

Plans for a "Your Era" dance, a monthly family fun night and a February snow party were talked about and committees were formed. Plans to initiate a Sabbath youth program were discussed, and a youth work group was formed.

Kim Reina represented the youths at the breakfast and conveyed the younger people's viewpoint. *Julie Taylor.*

### Greenville Ladies

GREENVILLE, S.C. — The Ladies' Club here held its first meeting Nov. 11 at an apartment clubhouse here where two of the women live.

Hostess for the first meeting was Sandra Mills, wife of David Mills, church pastor.

After the meeting came to order, each lady stood and told a little about herself. Then two of the ladies gave talks about goals for the club and how women can be more fulfilled.

The meeting was then adjourned for lunch.

The next meeting for the Ladies' Club will be sometime in December. *Joan Jacques.*

### Solving Problems

BROOKINGS, S.D. — Art Mokarow of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation of Pasadena presented a one-day seminar at the Starlight Inn Nov. 16. Mr. Mokarow was introduced to the audience of some 125 persons by Charles Scott, pastor of the Sioux Falls, S.D., church, who is also chairman of the Sioux Falls Environmental Protection Board.

Mr. Mokarow spoke on "Law of Achievement in Problem Solving" at the morning session and "How to Lead: Indirect Alternatives" in the afternoon.

During the afternoon Mr. Mokarow explained "headship vs. leadership" and cited five sources of power: rewards, force, divine power, imitation and competence.

After the formal seminar a workshop for members of the AICF and sales representatives was held. The meeting closed with questions and answers. *Frieda Tupper.*

### Alaskan Graduates

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — When Spokesman Club graduates asked Bill Gordon, pastor here, about having a graduate club, he thought it was a good idea.

With that encouragement, Leonard Ballard, deacon, and several club graduates arranged for a deluge of random, spontaneous requests for a graduate speaking group. So Mr. Gordon set a date for a

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## Wrap-up

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planning meeting from which blossomed a series of monthly meeting dates.

The first speaking meeting was Nov. 16 with nine graduates attending. Several were unable to attend because of jobs and a last-minute change of time, but one speaker, George Wegh, attended by arranging to have his lunch hour before his work day rather than in the middle of it.

The speakers found they were rusty and in need of practice, so, with Mr. Gordon guiding the evaluation, they pitched in and helped each other correct speaking problems. *Mike Pickett.*

### Teens Raise Money

HAYS, Kan. — Teenagers of this church area cut wood to raise money Nov. 16. Starting at 8 a.m. they worked until noon, when a fire was built and the teens roasted wieners.

After the lunch break the teens went into town to sell the wood. Though they didn't sell all of it, they made quite a bit of money to be used for a trip, possibly to Mexico during public schools' Christmas vacation.

The teens also plan to sell first-aid kits, candles and stationery to raise money. The teens' group is sponsored by Bradley Tuttle and Ron Weinland. *Janice Henson.*

### The Longest Hayride

JACKSON, Tenn. — The church here held its first social Oct. 19, an old-fashioned affair with country music provided by the Tennessee Five, a group of members from Memphis, Tenn.

Sam Hallmark is leader of the group, which includes Elmer Deeweese, Warren Brasfield, George Shannon and Ken Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wooten also sang.

During the entertainment an impromptu square dance had everyone clapping hands and stomping feet.

Then it was the children's turn. A decorated papier-mache balloon filled with candy and prizes was the target. Brian McNeil, son of minister Ron McNeil, hit the jackpot, and all the kids flew to the ground, hoping to grab some of the loot.

After the roast-it-yourself meal was the hayride. The two-hour jaunt over back roads left everyone hoarse and cold. Although members may not have set a record, for many it was the longest, but most enjoyable, hayride. *Pat Wiseman.*

### 3,600 Copies

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The Coastal Carolina Fair was held here Oct. 30 through Nov. 8, and for the second time people in this area were exposed to a Garner Ted Armstrong booth.

More people recognized the name this year because of the regular Sunday telecast.

Some interesting comments by passersby included: "He [Mr. Armstrong] was the greatest wild-kingdom show on TV," and, "Are you anything like the John Birch Society?"

One man walked up, asked if Mr. Armstrong were a Democrat or Republican, was told that he's "neutral," and then replied: "I doubt it; he has Ford's eyes."

All together 3,600 PTs were given away, and a total of 600 literature requests were either filled out at the booth or taken. *Paulette Jameson.*

### Waco Double Feature

WACO, Tex. — The Waco Youth Group presented its answer to *Saturday Night at the Movies* to raise funds for a canoeing and backpacking trip to Big Bend National Park in South Texas recently.

A double feature of *Kelly's Heroes*

and *The Ten Who Dared* was shown; teenagers raised money by selling refreshments. *Vickie Burt.*

### Arts and Crafts

RALEIGH, N.C. — The church here held an arts-and-crafts and bake sale recently.

Many members dropped by and were surprised at the beauty of the display and talents shown by other members.

In a setting of hay, gourds, pumpkins, corn shocks and baskets of eggs, the ladies attended tables overlaid with patchwork drop cloths.

They sold needlepoint pictures, pillows, stuffed animals, doll clothes, dried-flower arrangements, green plants, terraria, decoupage and knitted and crocheted items.

Backing up the tables were wooden picket fences hung with oil and acrylic paintings and macrame wall hangings.

The aroma of fresh whole-wheat bread, cakes, cookies, fudge and rolls attracted many. *Sue Newton and Bob Ollie.*

### Thanksgiving Club

MERIDIAN, Miss. — Thanksgiving was the theme of the second meeting of the Meridian Ladies' Club at the Broadmoor Village Apartments clubhouse. Tom Steinback, director and local elder, opened the meeting.

President Bonnie Ivey conducted table topics, asking: "What special things do you do for Thanksgiving?" "What do you have to be thankful for?" "What are the pros and cons of the women's-liberation movement?" and "How can you serve in the local-church area?"

Cake, brownies, punch and coffee were served during the break by Sandy McCraw.

The second part of the meeting was presented by Patricia Oliver, Lucretia White and Mary Faulkner, who spoke on the history of Thanksgiving, invitations and table settings.

Mr. Steinback evaluated the meeting and spoke on the purpose of the club. *Charla Steinback.*

### Club Project

MERIDIAN, Miss. — The Spokesman Club here met Nov. 9 for a project at Annie Trest's home to cut firewood and do some cleanup work.

Because of bad weather, no regular club meeting was held after the project. *Charla Steinback.*

### Wagon Train

HINSDALE, Ill. — After Sabbath services of the Chicago Southwest church (which meets here) Nov. 8, in which Art Molarow of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation of Pasadena gave the sermon, the congregation had an evening of music and dancing called The Hinsdale Wagon Train.

The social, featuring an old-fashioned square dance, attracted some 280 members and guests.

Tony Laskowski was in charge of



**GUEST SPEAKER** — Art Molarow of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, left, gives the sermon at the Chicago Southwest church Nov. 8. Right: Members of Chicago Southwest line up at a potluck dinner after the Sabbath Nov. 8. (See "Wagon Train," this page.) (Photos by Paul P. Dzing)

facilities and refreshments; Ken Svehla was director of the social. *Paul P. Dzing.*

### Reno Activities

RENO, Nev. — After Sabbath services here Nov. 22, members disembarked for the Stead Conference Center, where several activities took place.

First, Nick Rosenberry and Carol Page were married by minister Tracey Rogers.

Then members lined up for a potluck meal, after which they separated into groups.

The 3-to-6 age-group sang, played games and puzzles and had its first Bible lesson.

Those 6 to 12 played games and sang and had outside physical activities, then cleaned up their mess.

Leon Lacey worked with the Teen Club, of which 17 members were present. They determined their objectives, set up a schedule of events, then played cards.

The men took part in a Spokesman Club meeting. Club President Dennis Mestynek said:

"The members are seeing the whole meaning of the club, and the club is growing and putting more meat on the subject and is less frivolous."

Thirty-two members of the Ladies' Club got their club off the ground with their first meeting. Club officers are Judy Phelan, president; Eleanor Blakney, vice president; Debby Mestynek, secretary; Carol Snyder, treasurer; and Florence Fletcher, sergeant at arms.

"Everyone was enthusiastic about the meeting," Mrs. Phelan said. "Our goals and purposes are developing the whole personality, having true Christian fellowship and seeing God's government in action."

The first meeting had five ice-breaker speeches, with Ann Patton taking the most-effective cup and Mrs. Fletcher the most-improved. Lorna Granke won the most-helpful evaluator's cup.

Mr. Rogers summarized: "This has been an exciting and profitable evening for the entire Reno church." *Steve Ladtner.*

### Something for Everyone

MOBILE, Ala. — Members here met after Sabbath services Nov. 8 at the YMCA for a "something-for-everyone" evening.

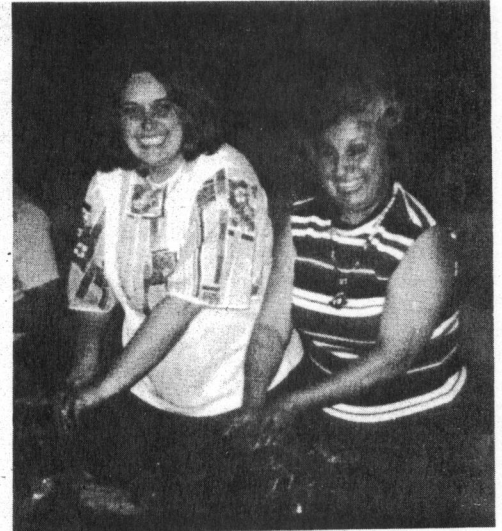
Activities ranged from swimming, weight lifting, trampolining, racket ball and indoor track to basketball and volleyball to dominoes, cards and checkers.

Minister Larry Smith has scheduled an activity evening at the Y for every third week. *John Burquist.*

### Laws of Achievement

WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis. — Art Molarow of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, Pasadena, presented two short evening seminars at the Wisconsin Dells Festival Administration Building Nov. 11 and 12.

The first seminar, attended by 35 members, covered the organization



**GOAT ROAST** — Members of the Spanish church in Pasadena cut up a goat that was cooked at a barbecue organized by Robert Flores, pastor of the church, Oct. 26. (See "Roasting Goats," this page.) (Photo by Mario Seiglie)

and purposes of the AICF and how to effectively represent the AICF in this area.

Before the 2½-hour seminar, Mr. Molarow had been presented with a gift from the Dells church: a tray depicting Wisconsin Dells scenes.

The next evening Mr. Molarow presented a 1½-hour seminar to 23 members on "The Laws of Achievement in Working Out a Problem." *John Torgerson.*

### Roasting Goats

PASADENA — Amid the aroma of roasting goats, the Spanish church here enjoyed an *asado* (barbecue) at Ambassador College Oct. 26.

In Argentina *asados* are popular, so Robert Flores, pastor of the church and former resident of Argentina, had organized the activity, with his son Bob overseeing the broiling of five goats.

Twice the number expected showed up, but everyone was served.

South American games were provided for children and adults.

The night ended with a sing-along next to the flickering flames of a bonfire. *Mario Seiglie.*

### Carnival and Auction

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — The church here held its first annual carnival-auction social Nov. 2 at the Kalamazoo County Center Building.

Also invited were members of the Grand Rapids, Mich.; Elkhart, Ind.; and Michigan City, Ind., churches.

Nine game booths had been set up for those 9 and older. Members were also asked to answer Bible questions and guess the number of peanuts in a gallon jar.

A special children's section had been set up for those 8 and under.

Players were awarded coupons for



the games they successfully completed. At the end of two hours those with the most coupons were given prizes.

More than \$150 worth of prizes was awarded, including \$80 worth of gift certificates, a gasoline-powered model plane, a fabric-stud setter, a toy truck and a large doll.

Winners of the prizes included Peter Fairbanks, Bert Steensma, Vickie Sturdivant, Ray West, Barbara Brubaker, Jacob Ramon and Maria Ramon, all from Kalamazoo.

All children under 6 received small gifts.

A potluck dinner preceded the games and a small variety show was staged by members.

An auction after the carnival games was held to pay for carnival expenses, at which \$370 was made. *Mrs. William Hochstetler.*

### Bicentennial Variety

BIG SANDY — Mrs. Joseph Scudder and Mrs. Gene Zhorne presented a fall piano recital on the Ambassador College campus here Nov. 2. The program followed a bicentennial theme and featured numbers composed primarily during the 19th century.

The bicentennial motif was carried out in red, white and blue decor on the stage and in the auditorium.

Mrs. Ellis Stewart was in charge of decorations.

The presentation, "Variety in Melody," was the 10th successive recital program produced by Mrs. Scudder in this area. Renditions of such favorites as Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu"; Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata"; "Blumenlied," by Lange; and "Maple Leaf Rag," by Scott Joplin, were enjoyed by the families and other guests present.

Piano Group II, younger students taught by Mrs. Zhorne, member of the Longview, Tex., church, performed first. Grace, Lillian, Loyd Jr. and Neil Aga; David and Debra Hanna; and Dwia Allums, all of Big Sandy, performed.

Mrs. Scudder's adult Group VII concluded the recital. Performers were Connie Zhorne of Gladewater, Tex., and Brenda Williamson, Linda Cartwright, Elizabeth Stewart and April Cowan of Big Sandy.

The students presented a dozen red roses to each teacher after the performance.

A reception, arranged by Mrs. James Cowan, followed. *Sheila Dennis.*



## PERSONALS

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We love you both very much. Emogene, Clinton, Brenda.

To Buzz: Happy ninth anniversary, Nov. 27. May we have many more. All my love, Dorothy.

To the sweetest and most lovable wife and mother of our three children, 10 grandchildren and 6½ great-grandchildren on our 52nd anniversary, Dec. 4. We were baptized in 1956 at Big Sandy by Mr. Ames. We love our God, Carl L. Dismukes, Austin church.

At a church social at the Brooklyn Center Civic Center Oct. 11, Mr. and Mrs. Al Schreiner celebrated 50 years together. Mr. and Mrs. Tilmon Thompson toasted their golden anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. James Ford have been together (married, of course) 51 years. They celebrated the event along with many members from the area.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES FORD

## LITERATURE

Would like to hear from people, any age, who are interested in self-motivation and character-building books, magazines or tapes. Anything that will help us to advance in this modern world of business. Marge Hinoia, 349 N. Westside St., Porterville, Calif., 93257.

Blind member requests printed copies of *The Bible Story* for his children. Write Sylvester Hendricks, 3400 E. Miller Rd., Flagstaff, Ariz., 86001.

Wanted: Old issues of *Mad* magazine. I dig good, intellectual, satirical humor and am able to discern between the good, bad and ugly in *Mad*. So don't worry. Also wanted: old issues of *GN*, up-to-date (but not old) fashion sketches in black or colored ink from newspapers, magazines or talented fashion designers themselves. Would also appreciate cartoons from pens of talented/creative cartoonists. Just love to collect all these for some apparent reasons. Miss Amy Teh, c/o Mr. and Mrs. S.J. Lim, Flat 2C, Jalan Bernhala (off Jalan Brickfields), Kuala Lumpur 09-06, Selangor, Malaysia.

Wanted: The older Bible Correspondence Course (41 lessons). Will reimburse expense of mailing. Bob Hill, 206 Emring St., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45219.

Help! Have lots of old *Plain Truths*. Would someone who wants them please write Ellen Brown, Rt. 1, Grain Valley, Mo. 64022.

Egger to trade or lend the older issues of the *Plain Truth*. My file is about complete from 1940 to the present and now have a complete set of *GN* as well. Contact Donald E. Kinross, 475 Wylie Dr., Baton Rouge, La., 70808.

## TRAVEL

Anybody who could bring a U-Haul van with our belongings from Colorado Springs to Pennsylvania or even New York or close-by location by train, please contact: K. Felten, Rt. 3, Box 226, Dallas, Pa., 18612.

Couple would like to rent apartment in St. Pete for three months, January, February, March. We are members: Sidney B. Wallis, 2928 Bremen St., Columbus, Ohio, 43224. Phone: (614) 283-1261.

My brother will be in Pasadena for the summer season, 1976, and would like to make his home available for a vacationing family (Church member). It is a comfortable three-bedroom apartment in the idyllic South German rural area—35 miles east of Stuttgart and just west of 450 a week. Available June 1 to July 5 or July 12 to Aug. 15, 1976. Write: Walter J. Baumgaertel Jr., 7071 Alford-Adelstein, Wollswang, West Germany.

## MISSOLOGUES

I am a coin collector. If you have any old coins that are dated 1954 or before, please write: Eddie C. Holden, 2108B Stansney Lane, Austin, Tex., 78745.

After three weeks in the hospital at Baraboo, Wis., and three weeks at a son's home in Minnesota, I am now at home with a niece as a companion for a while, following the bus-car accident at Wisconsin Delta during the Festival in which Mrs. Mildred Coste lost her life. I was one of the three other passengers. I want to thank the many, many brethren for their prayers, flowers, cards, letters and gifts, and the much appreciated visits by the Wisconsin Delta brethren. I would like to write to every one of you, but that is impossible at this time, but it was so good to know there were so many praying for me and showering me with cards and letters. Mrs. Bertie E. Hoffstaeter, 313 W. Willow, Chippewa Falls, Wis., 54729.

## SORRY!

We print personals only from "WN" subscribers and their dependents. And we cannot print your personal unless you include your mailing label

Miss Faye Lee Oliver, I congratulate you on your recent baptism! What are you trying to do, keep up with me! (Smile). Keep up the good works. W.C. Patrick.

I have a pen which was found during the Feast at Big Sandy. If you just own it, mail me the brand and color, and I will send it to you. It's rather a nice one. Also, what color ink and type of point. "CORBIE," 1212 S. Francis Ave., Tyler, Tex., 75701.

Diane Harshman: Did you find your Bible which became missing at the Feast? Misplaced your address here in Houston, Texas. At 825 E. Lucia Ave., Youngstown, Ohio, 44502.

Lost your address, Jeanette Gireax of Eugene, Ore. Please write me, Georgia M. Newman.

Your prayers, cards, letters requested for Mr. Barry Allison, 6621 N. Cypress, Winton, Calif., 95894, who is in the hospital. Please, brethren, Barry needs your prayers and encouragement, as he encourages all who come to him. Write to him at his mother's home, and would also appreciate letters. Both are members at Modesto.

Did anyone find a set of keys with a blue tag at the Poonoon Feast site? Could have lost at Delaware Gap or Burger Chief, Gap Darraberry, 3193 Ford Rd., Washington Court House, Ohio, 43160.

The following people have left song books or Bibles at the Lake of the Ozarks Feast site over the past two years: Song books: Ron Woodbridge, Mary Ruth Thompson, Mrs. Sharley, Randolph J. Payne, Bob Breyfogle, Mrs. Ann S. McGee, Lorene Thompson, the Brown family, Mrs. B.L. Huffman, Karla Cotter, Lisa Cotter, Mrs. J. J. Payne, Mrs. Janice A. Timmons, Mary Linville, Campbell, Lois Holliday, Juanita McCleary, Bibbes, David Robinson, Willie Taylor, Roddy D. Lewis, Catherine Bowers, Campers, Kenneth Smith, Golda Fox, Raymond Rice. Also two schoolbooks from Winfield-Mount Union School, Iowa. Please send name, address and \$1 to cover postage and packaging for each book. Forfeited at the Feast of God, Box 100, Oage Beach, Mo., 65065.

Greetings, San Diego! Do you remember me? I've landed in Ohio and find the Findlay church as friendly as the one in San Diego. I would very much like to hear from you, Dorothy Anderson, Rt. 2, Box 81, Shelby, Ohio, 44875.

To our Shreveport brothers and sisters: Thank you. We love and appreciate every one of you. We couldn't thank you without you. Hearan and all.

Gary, I'm so proud of you, ordained a deacon at the Feast of Trumpets in Little Rock. You too, Buddy, Davy and Mr. McCormick, Sharley.

Attention Ann Webster: Your kindness and generosity was much appreciated and went a long way in making the 1975 Feast of Tabernacles the greatest ever! You truly do practice the love that the Bible calls charity! Providing transportation and a place to stay for Barbara made it even greater. Thanks for the small potatoes and treating your friends to The Hiding Place! Hi also to Bob Simpson, Arizona. Mary B. Stein, Columbus, Ohio.

I would like to send greetings to all my friends in Canada, especially Dawn and Richard Day. This postal strike will appear to be going on for some time. My greetings also to John Cochrane in Squamish, B.C. Dawn, please note: Interview wasn't successful without work form signed, Pamela Davies.

Gerry and Frankie Wilcox in Little Rock, write Keith and Sue Cottrill, 307 W. Oliver Ave., Gladewater, Tex., 75847.

Mrs. Polly Thomas, sorry I'm just now getting this to you. Please bring all the way from Texas to visit me. May God bless you and your household. W. Patrick Jefferson City, Mo., 64502.

Miss Faye Lee Oliver, I congratulate you on your recent baptism! What are you trying to do, keep up with me! (Smile). Keep up the good works. W.C. Patrick.

Mr. Edwin Eccleston, 96, of the Providence church would appreciate the prayers of his brothers and sisters for his internal physical condition. His present address: Westley Hospital, Westley, R.I., 02891.

Please send cards and letters of encouragement to an elderly widowed woman who has been ill and having a hard time getting her strength back. She is Mrs. Maggie Clark, Rt. 1, Box 98, Stee, Mo., 63877.

Eudele Taylor, is the weather really that much better in Florida than in old Caroline? P.N. & Co. Congratulations on your new additions: Randy and Kay (Antzen) Schreiber, Tom and Barbara (Hammer) Younis and Paul and Mary (Andrea) Thompson. From Don and Carol (Auerhimer) Gibbens, 524 S. Walnut, Newton, Kan., 67114.

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## Obituaries

HOLCOMB, Miss. — Steven Duane Daves, 7, died Nov. 1 at the home of his parents of leukemia.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Daves, three brothers, James, Gary and Douglas; and one sister, Debbie.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Frank H. McLaughlin, 81, a retired policeman, died Nov. 1.

Mrs. McLaughlin is a member of the Minneapolis church.

BROOKFIELD, N.S. — George Burris Campbell, 65, died Nov. 19.

Mr. Campbell and his wife were baptized in 1961 and attended the Halifax, N.S., church.

Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife Fie and three daughters: Rita (Mrs. Tom Ray of Oregon), Tina (Mrs. Owen Willis of Rhodasia) and Sandra (at home).

DAVENPORT, Iowa — Mrs. Alice Ford, 77, a member of the church here, died Nov. 17 after a long illness. She had been a member for more than a year.

PIEDMONT, Mo. — Joseph E. Waller, 77, died Nov. 5 after a heart attack.

Survivors include his wife of more than 52 years, five sons, one daughter and a

violin. May a gracious God bless and keep and heal all of you. H.J. Rogers.

We would like to thank all who were so kind to send cards and especially the prayers for me. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Again, thanks a million. The L.C. McNeils.

A big "thanks" to all the brethren and a special "thanks" to my pastor, Robert Routh, for making my first Feast possible. An unforgettable and even memorable Feast. I met and visited with so very many wonderful people. I am so happy to be a part of all this Work. Enjoyed so much all the good speakers and their powerful messages. Thanks to Lila also. Rita Morris.

Puzzle lovers and contest nuts, I am one too. I would like to exchange puzzles and information on contests and sweepstakes. Stanley Sawinko, 573 Larcomb Ave., Columbus, Ohio, 43223.

The WW occasionally receives unusual personals and sometimes has a difficult time determining if they're appropriate for publication. To avoid delays in getting an out-of-the-ordinary personal in print, please attach a detailed note of explanation when sending it in.

# Tale of the mail: 2.1 million letters a year

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in a slightly different way.

On the labeled mail she just types and enters the index numbers found on the address labels, and the computer goes right to that number and brings that record up. The nonlabeled mail causes a bit more work.

On this type, the operator has to bring out a person's record by entering his zip code and last name, or else by the full name and state. This sometimes is a problem, especially with common names. For example, the first time a person writes in she may sign her name as J. Smith, the next time as Mrs. Mary Smith, then a third time as Mrs. Joe Smith, or just Joe Smith.

Even though the names all have the same address, the operators don't assume it is the same person because it is possible they might be mother and son, a man and his aunt or a grandmother and her grandchild.

But if it is the same person writing in, records are needlessly duplicated until the person writes in and corrects the information.

To avoid this, subscribers are asked to include their index numbers along with their name and address when writing.

Often times people will write in saying they don't know what their index number is or what we mean by an index number. The index number is directly above the name and address on mailing labels.

### Empty Wrapper

Sometimes a letter might state that requested literature was never received, or that an empty wrapper came in the mail. Letters such as these are marked and routed to the

complaints section, where the problem is tracked down, letters of apology are written and missing literature is mailed.

Often people will write saying they requested literature "about two weeks ago" and have not received it yet. Although these letters are also sent to the complaints section, there is usually no problem when one takes into account that it takes one to two weeks for letters to get to us, one to two days to be processed and then two to three weeks before readers receive their literature, since it is sent third class to cut down on postal costs.

There are other types of problems or questions that can't be answered through our literature. Such letters are routed to the personal-correspondence (PC) section. PC's form letters answer common questions, and if necessary PC will send a short memo giving the answer or referring the writer to the nearest minister.

PC also sends ANC's (anointed cloths) in response to anointing requests and acknowledges general requests for prayer, explaining to the person how he might pray more effectively.

People requesting baptism or a ministerial visit are given the name and phone number of the nearest minister, who is also notified of the request.

Maybe there was no specific question asked, but the person mentioned losing a job, or being sorrowed by the death of a loved one. PC tries to write to offer hope and encouragement, thereby letting the people know that we care about them.

As a rule, any letters the terminal operators and readers cannot ade-

quately handle are sent to PC for completion.

### Orchids and Onions

Another part of processing letters involves the comments, or mail-analysis, section. The feedback from letters sent to subscribers and listeners from headquarters, trends in the way people are thinking and interesting (as well as derogatory) comments are sent to this section.

The letters that are seen in the "Orchids & Onions" section of the *Plain Truth* are a few of the more outstanding letters sent to the comments section by the mail readers and terminal operators. From such letters, they make reports and can get a general idea of how people are responding to the radio and television programs and literature.

Another part of the Mail Processing Center is the WATS (Wide Area Telephone Service) line, over which viewers or listeners may call in their requests free of charge. About 80 percent of the calls that come in as a result of the telecast, and 60 percent of the radio responses, are from new people. The telephone operators write down the literature requests and the name and address of the callers on cards that are given to the terminal operators for processing.

If the callers have questions they want answered or just want to talk to someone from the Church or college, they are given the name and phone number of a local minister and are asked to contact him.

If they show an interest in attending church services, they are given the address of the church nearest their home.

In any case, it is simpler and faster

to dial (800) 423-4444 than write a letter.

These are the main sections that make up the Mail Processing Center and through which mail is processed.

Did that first letter go through all these sections?

It could have, or it might have ended with a terminal operator sending the requested literature.

Were any more letters written after the writer read the booklets?

You can answer this question. Try to remember how you came across the broadcast and what made you write in that first time — and why you still write in.

### Ways to Help

Here are a few ways you can help the center:

- Always sign your name the same way.
- Use your indexed, or labeled, envelopes. If you haven't any, you may request some. (Keep some in your drawer at work as well as at home. This way they will always be handy.) If you don't have any when writing in, copy your index number from your *Plain Truth*, *Good News* or *Worldwide News*, along with your name and address.
- When changing your name or address, notify the Mail Processing Center at least three weeks in advance, if possible.
- If you have an urgent request, use a regular envelope rather than one of the promotional envelopes. Do write your index number along with your name and address.
- Include the call letters of the stations you listen to so Mail Processing can tell which are bringing in the most response.

host of other relatives and friends.

He was a retired cod worker and a member of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., church.

Mr. Waller's wife and two of his sons are members of the Church.

TERRA ALTA, W. Va. — Doris Jeanette Hixenbaugh, 35, died Nov. 9 at her home here.

She is survived by her husband Darrel; five daughters, Donna Teresa, Debra Ellen, Denise, DeAnn and Daurencia; three sons, Darrel David Jr., Dwayne and Daniel Michael; her parents; six brothers; and one sister (who is also a member of the Church).

Mrs. Hixenbaugh had been a member since 1967.

BOSTON, Mass. — John C. Prior, 45, died Oct. 22 of a heart attack after a brief illness.

Mr. Prior was a native of Britain and a member of God's Church for almost eight years.

He and his wife Pauline, daughter Julie and son Peter first attended the Stanford, Conn., church, then moved to the Boston area, where they have been a part of the congregation for the past several years.

MOBILE, Ala. — Mabel Carleton, 86, died Nov. 26 in a nursing home here.

Mrs. Carleton had been a member of the Church since 1970. She is survived by two daughters and three sisters.

## Arkansan returns home

HARRISON, Ark. — Speaking in a hall here only four miles from where he was born, evangelist Ronald Dart demonstrated Nov. 15 that sometimes it is possible for a prophet to have honor in his own country.

Such was the start of the new Harrison church as 172 attended the first service. The normal Sabbath attendance is expected to stabilize at around 130, according to Bill Freeland, who will pastor the church out of Springfield, Mo.

The church had been planned for some time, Mr. Freeland said. As long as six years ago Paul Platt, then pastor of the Springfield and Joplin, Mo., churches, felt Harrison would be a good location for a church.

Recently a monthly Bible study had been conducted by Allen Bullock and George Panteleeff from the Fort Smith and Fayetteville, Ark., areas.

The opportunity to attend services here will be a boost to many of the brethren in northwestern Arkansas, who until now had driven up to 100 miles each way over mountain roads to attend in Springfield, Fayetteville or Russellville, Ark.

Mr. Dart, now executive vice president of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, said he still has a "special feeling" for this part of the country, where he has his roots. He said his wife is from Texas but could be "forgiven" for that.

After the morning services members had a buffet lunch.

# Youth drums up scholarship

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could best choose a winner strictly on the basis of his performance."

After the performance by each contestant, the audience was entertained by the Westwood Wind Quintet, a group now based at Ambassador here and scheduled to be added to the college faculty, while the judges deliberated.

Garner Ted Armstrong, accompanied by YOU director Jim Thornhill

and associate directors Mike Blackwell and Ron Dick, announced the winners.

"I was nervous," said first-place winner Andy Whelchel. "It seems unreal that I won."

"Without this contest I would not have been able to attend the college," said Dave Bilowus, second-place winner.

Both plan to attend the Pasadena campus.

"I wish everybody could have won," added third-place winner Kathy Middleton. "It's the most fantastic thing that has ever happened to me."

### Other Finalists

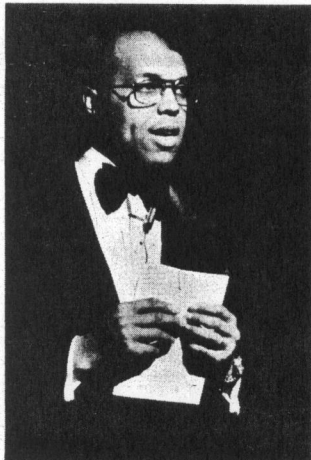
Other contestants who competed in the national finals were Sandi Detwiler, 17, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, winner of competition at the Roanoke, Va., Feast site; Rhonda Edelman, 19, of Escondido, Calif., Tucson, Ariz., winner; Dorcas Fix, 19, of Tacoma, Wash., winner at Spokane, Wash.; Robert Gordon, 15, of Big Sandy, Tex., winner at the Feast site there; Mark Halliar, 19, of Whiting, Ind., winner at Wisconsin Dells, Wis.; Rebecca Reise, 16, of Eugene, Ore., winner at Squaw Valley, Calif.; and Janet Spannagel, 17, of Alamosa, Colo., winner at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Most of the contestants had arrived on campus here Nov. 25, according to Mr. Blackwell, and stayed one week in college dormitories with students.

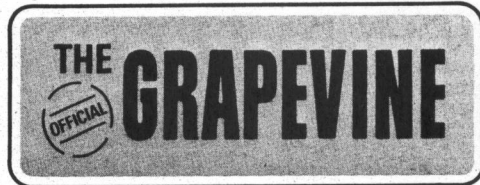
Some of the activities organized for the finalists included a Thanksgiving dinner at Mr. Dick's house, a tour of Universal Studios in Hollywood, a reception after the contest and trips to tourist attractions such as nearby Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

Mr. Armstrong concluded the evening by calling for a round of applause for all contestants.

"In one way we all win," he said, referring to the success of the first national YOU talent contest.



**NATIONAL TALENT FINALS** — Clockwise from right: Linda Archer of New York City, winner of YOU competition at the Mount Pocono, Pa., Feast site, performs the dance routine that won her \$200 in the national finals; Rhonda Edelman of Escondido, Calif., winner of Festival competition at Tucson, Ariz., sings in the national finals; Sandi Detwiler of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, winner at Roanoke, Va., sings; Tom Hall, who has helped produce many Garner Ted Armstrong telecasts, emceed the finals in the Ambassador Auditorium; Kathy Middleton of Miami, Okla., winner at Jekyll Island, Ga., performs a dramatic interpretation to take third place in the finals. (Photos by Ken Evans, Warren Watson and Rick Stodola)



VANCOUVER, B.C. — Three of the five districts of the Church in Canada are being reorganized, announced **Dean Wilson**, director of the Canadian Work, Dec. 4.

Three districts — headquartered in Edmonton, Alta.; Vancouver, and Winnipeg, Man. — will become two, headquartered in Regina, Sask., and Vancouver.

**Richard Pinelli**, superintendent in Vancouver, will remain superintendent of the new Vancouver District.

**Charles Bryce**, district superintendent at Edmonton, will move to Regina to head the new district headquartered there.

**Glen White**, superintendent of the old Winnipeg District, will go to Ambassador College in Pasadena to begin a semester of classes beginning in January.

The reorganization does not affect the Toronto, Ont., and Montreal, Que., districts, headed by **Gary Antion** and **Carn Catherwood**, respectively.

In other news from Canada:

**Al Gunn**, pastor at Regina, will also attend classes for a semester at Pasadena beginning in January.

Mr. Wilson returned here Dec. 3 after conducting a three-day ministerial conference in Montreal for the

district headquartered there. Mr. Wilson said **Steve Martin** of the International Division and **Paul Flatt** of the U.S. Church Administration Division, both from Pasadena, attended the conference.

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PASADENA — **Vernice Lochner**, wife of Dr. **Floyd Lochner**, former superintendent of Imperial Schools and for years also director of the Church's Summer Educational Program, died Dec. 5 after a long bout with cancer.

Mrs. Lochner had been confined to her home here for several months with the illness.

She and her husband pioneered Imperial Schools at Big Sandy in the 1950s. Two years later they transferred here to pioneer Imperial at headquarters.

Mrs. Lochner had been a teacher at both Imperial campuses.

For more details, see the "Personal," beginning on page 1.

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BIG SANDY — **Bob Morton**, who is spending the fall, 1975, semester at Ambassador College, Pasadena, before being reassigned as regional director of the New Zealand (See GRAPEVINE, page 9)



## A look at the winner

By John Williams

WICHITA, Kan. — Andy Whelchel, regional winner of the YOU teen talent contest at Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., during the Feast of Tabernacles this year, won first place with his drumming performance in the national finals in Pasadena Nov. 29.

A 17-year-old senior at Burrton (Kan.) High School, Andy became interested in drums at age 7 when his older brother practiced drums at home.

When he was in the fifth grade, Andy's parents gave him his first snare drum. He later played in school bands throughout junior and senior high school.

He also played with a church band in Denver, Colo., when he and his family lived there.

During the last year Andy has acquired a complete trap set of drums and spent considerable time and money modifying the set by installing transparent drumheads.

He says his practice hours

number into the thousands.

Andy and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Whelchel of the Wichita church, moved to



Burrton from Denver last year. Mr. Whelchel installs siding on houses, assisted by Andy during vacations from school.

Interested in music and swimming, Andy wants to be a professional musician and plans to attend Ambassador College, Pasadena, on the scholarship he received for winning first in the national contest.

