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THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD

being enthroned in eyes of Church once again by Jesus Christ

By Herbert W. Armstrong

LET'S FACE IT — we in God's Church were beginning to get our eyes off of our **GREAT MAJESTIC GOD**! THE HEAD of our Church, the living Jesus Christ, is opening our eyes to our danger! Once again Christ is enthroning THE GREAT GOD in our eyes — and in our hearts!

Yes, more than generally realizing things to make God's Church and His Work more and more secular — more like any other purely worldly and human activity!

The celebration of this was brought forcibly to my mind by my thinking that a critic from one whose understanding needs updating. He said I was surrounded by "yes men."

That set off a chain of thought. This expression was more a bit of modern terminology, generally meaning passive, extra-people, weak minded men who go along purely to serve their own personal interests or through fear.

In that category our administrative personnel and our ministry, most assuredly are **NOT** yes men.

But there is another meaning that could be applied to that expression. And that is: I want to be a yes man myself — and I hope that all of us, whether lay members, ministers or administrative people, are the kind of yes people.

Challenged by the Sabbath
To illustrate what I mean by my own personal experience at the time of my conversion. And I would hope that the experience God put me through then might serve to set an example for all you to follow.

I had been **CHALLENGED!** At the time my whole mind and heart was set on "doing my own thing." And that "thing" was being passionate in the advertising profession.

Of course, I felt I was doing the right thing. At age 18 I had put myself through a self-analysis to determine what talents and abilities (if any) I had, and what weaknesses, faults or disabilities that might hinder success.

Also, I went through a survey of the various jobs, professions, occupations or businesses to determine into which category I belonged. This analysis led me to decide that the field of advertising was the area in which I properly fitted.

So the advertising, merchandising and journalism field became my own thing — and of course I sincerely believed it was the right thing!

When my wife began keeping God's Sabbath, I regarded it as the pinnacle of religious fanaticism. And especially because it seemed hostile to my own thing. What would my business associates think was the first challenging thought to enter my mind.

Reasoning fails

I tried argument and reasoning with my guided (as I thought) wife. All the arguments that still vicariously attack God's Sabbath by those in traditional Christianity came instantly to mind. They had no effect.

But I finally protested: "I know the Bible says 'Thou shalt observe Sunday'!"

"Can you show me where it says that?" she asked.

"Well, no. I wouldn't know where to find it, because I don't know anything about the Bible. My mind has been on my business! But I know it's in the Bible, because all these churches can't be wrong, and they get their religion out of the Bible."

"Well, you find it and show it to me in the Bible," said my wife, "and I'll go back to observing Sunday."

That seemed to leave me no alternative, because to us marriage was till death parted us — and I didn't want either to lose my wife or live with fanaticism.

So in order to have my own way — to continue doing my own thing without embarrassment, I entered with a will into the most intensive, in-depth study and research of my life. I blew the dust off my Bible, so to speak, and delved into it with confident clarity.

Evolution researched

At the same time I had been challenged by a sister-in-law on the validity of the evolutionary theory.

I delved into Darwin, Haeckel, Huxley, Spencer, Vogt and modern evolutionists. For a short while my head was swimming in bewildered consternation. Did God exist after all? I realized I had assumed the existence of God because I had always been taught it, but I HAD NEVER PROVED IT! Now my mind demanded proof!

And my relentless study brought that proof positive! Immediately following there came to me the irrefutable moose of the infallible inspiration and authority of the Bible (in its original writings) as the precise word of GOD TO MAN!

But although this, so far, was pleasing and acceptable to me, I was having real difficulty in wrestling with this Sabbath question. My researches into that question were not going to my liking.

This almost day-and-night intensive study began in the fall of 1926. By the spring of 1927 I not only had an ear-crow on the Sabbath question — I had discovered, with reason, the permanent of God's annual Sabbath and Feasts as well.

Complete surrender to God

In all this I had not found or

proved what I wanted. Also I saw proved clearly that all these churches were, emphatically, wrong! Most important, I was brought to see, against my will, that I HAD BEEN WRONG — not only on the Sabbath truth, but in what I actually **WAS!** I had just been wrong all over!

I was brought to the **REPENTANCE** that is complete **SURRENDER** to the will of God! I was brought to the unconditional surrender of being willing to say, with Christ, "Not my will, but **THINE** be done!" I was brought, not only to complete repentance, but to living FAITH — to BELIEVE GOD — that is, to believe what He says!

To God I said, "YES, SIR!" In utter sincerity, I literally GAVE MYSELF to Jesus Christ. He had bought and paid for me with His life's blood. He promised me I BELONGED to Him!

I became a YES MAN to Christ! Through human weaknesses I have not succeeded perfectly in leaving my life in His hands, but that has always remained my INTENTION — my motivating attitude!

When I GAVE my life over to Jesus Christ, I honestly felt that time had come to **GO!** I was not giving Him anything of value.

But I did feel if He could use this worthless life of mine it was now His to use!

Christ's yes-men

The living Christ inspired the apostle John to say that even we Christians will not live perfect lives until he asked, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness!" I still keep asking for that cleansing. But I did become Christ's yes man. I gave up doing my own thing!

And I hope all our administrative people and all our ministers and their wives, as well as the entire body of God's Church, also are that kind of yes-men.

There is a vast difference between being an insipid yes man weakling through cringing fear; and being resolute and strong-minded, imbued with the Holy Spirit of God.

On the other hand there is also a vast difference between that and being stubbornly minded, each pulling his own way and doing his own thing!

What God intends us to be — what we MUST be to succeed in His Work — are resolute people, imbued with the Holy Spirit of God, recognizing that Jesus Christ is our LEADER. And we pledge faith, all of these come from THE GREAT, page 2

GOSSIP AND ACCUSATION MUST STOP

PREFACE BY GOD'S APOSTLE

Perhaps the No. 1 problem — yes, and even the No. 1 and most prevalent sin in God's Church today is careless GOSSIP and rumor spreading. Whether of not realized, it often becomes accusation and slander.

If a hostile student demonstration, such as organized and promoted by Communists, had appeared on the Ambassador campus I would have made it my business to identify the LEADER and get rid of him. Once such actions lose their leadership they disintegrate. It's the same on our problem of rumors — especially those ugly rumors that discredit or accuse, actually, perhaps un-

regized, a stain of character assassination.

I fully realize that often this is mere carelessness — a sort of thinking through the mouth — with no deliberate intention to harm. But it DOES HARM! And sometimes it is intended to harm!

The subject came up in a conversation with David Aronin. At my request he has prepared the following memorandum on God's law covering this subject.

This sort of thing MUST BE STAMPED OUT OF GOD'S CHURCH. Our LEADER and HEAD of the Church, Jesus Christ, is TURNING GOD'S CHURCH AROUND, though He uses His human servant in so doing.

However, because 1) we have perhaps carelessly neglected im-

plied, teaching on this subject, and 2) much of such gossip or rumor has probably been done carelessly without full realization of the seriousness of it, I have decided to hold off direct and definite punitive corrective action UNTIL THIS THING HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE MINISTRY, and in part, before the membership.

I realize that even many of you, including myself, may have been guilty of this through carelessness, thoughtlessness or neglect. I have decided, therefore, that first we MUST PUT EMPHATIC SURPHAS on this matter in teachings, sermons and articles.

But this is to be followed by DIRECT ACTION, seeking out the MAJORS — the one who started (see GOSSIP, page 7)



FEAST MESSAGES — Herbert W. Armstrong delivers two messages July 21 and 22 to be shown at all sites during the coming Feast of Tabernacles. The message recorded during the first part of the weekly Friday-night Bible study will be shown at opening-night services at the Feast, and his full-length sermon the next day is scheduled to be shown at services on the first Holy Day during the Feast. (Photos by Scott Ashley)



Cultural, historical center new Canadian Feast site

By Henry C. Starcke
SHERBROOKE, Que. — How can you stay in North America and yet have the cosmopolitan experience of a Feast in a foreign language? Come share the Feast with a hearty Quebecois flair, that's how.

Sherbrooke, the site of this year's French language Feast in Canada, offers all the usual conveniences of a city of 100,000 inhabitants, yet is situated in the tranquil Eastern Townships, a region not unlike the New England states just south of here.

Both the name of the town and its history betray its bilingual history, a mixed heritage that provides insight both into the geography of a whole continent and the headlands of today. The first major wave of settlement here came in the aftermath of the American Revolution, when those who had remained loyal to the crown (Loyalists) found life difficult in the newly born United States and fled north.

One of the new York settlers, Gilbert Hyatt, thought this trading center, at the first passing trade route, would make an excellent site for a flour mill. Not surprisingly the budding village was to be named after Hyatt's Mill. Before long it achieved a prominent name: Sherbrooke, in honor of General James Wolfe, hero of a British hero of the War of 1812 and later governor general of Canada.

The fact that Sherbrooke is situated in the foothills of the St. Lawrence river is one of the industrial revolution for North America. Both Canadian and American manufacturers established factories here, producing textiles, heavy machinery, paper, food and clothing.

Employment opportunities and available farm land in the area proved attractive to Quebec's expanding French population. Now over 100,000 of the area's population are French speaking.

But Sherbrooke is more than just a city of industry and commerce. Visitors

will find that it is also a major center of Quebec's administrative, intellectual and cultural life. Artisans in the city and the surrounding countryside keep the folk crafts alive, while music, drama and fine arts thrive as well.

The Sherbrooke Festivities will find the city offers a full calendar of activities, exhibits and concerts. Many of these are centered on the campus of the Université de Sherbrooke, which is also our feast site.

One attraction of the Sherbrooke site is the mixture of town and country. As a metropolis it offers a wide variety of restaurants, shops and entertainments. But once you leave town, you're gone country with gently sloping mountains, scenic valleys, refreshing lakes and streams and rustic villages.

Some of the surrounding countryside is a major tourist region; there is a wide selection of motels, inns, and chalets to complement the many hotels and inns available in town.

You've heard of the New England forests in autumn? Well, the scenery does a bang up job of the border. Being a visitor to capture the "flavor of mid" touched foliage, which should be at its peak during the Feast. Expect early morning fogs and don't be surprised if we get some light snow. On the other hand, a spell of Indian summers might not put you off and cause a lot of the picture.

To get to Sherbrooke take Inter State 91 from Montreal where it joins Canada 55, or take Highway 105 from Montreal (90 miles west of here). A municipal airport is also located here.

Members living in Canada should obtain information about accommodations by writing to the address given in the Feastal information letter sent from Vancouver. U.S. Members in the United States should have travel arrangements approved through the Big Sandy, Tex. Feastal Office and members living in other countries should write to the Vancouver office.

The "Worldwatch" column by Gene H. Hogberg does not appear in this issue of *The Good News* because of the writer's current travel schedule out of the country. It will return in the next edition with his analysis of the recent world economic summit conference in Bonn and current prophetic trends in Germany and Europe.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

"Good News" appreciated
Thank you for *Good News* — it's inspiring and fulfilling a great need for members like myself who are too far away to attend services regularly.
Mrs. Hilda Hecher
Cape Town, South Africa

and very moving! We are staying behind you 100 percent. And we know you are in the driver's seat! Keep up the inspiring letters to us! With we could see you at the Feast of Tabernacles in Big Sandy.
Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Hubber
Bismarck, N.D.

The last *Good News* paper we received is the best we have had for years! I just don't know how to put on paper how I feel, but am praying for God's guidance and blessings upon all His servants and people. He surely has blessed me. Thank you for everything.
Mrs. Verla Hunt
Seattle, Wash.

Certainly appreciate receiving this paper free. I surely hope the postal strike doesn't happen. I would miss you too much.
Please know we appreciate all your hard work, and daily pray for all the good workers.
Mrs. Anneliese
Melb Bn 19

Excellent examples
In reference to Mr. Stan Baker's address printed in the July 1978 issue of *GN*. To Mr. Baker I say, "good for you" — you explained who you are and what you're doing from within the bright light of truth. You would that with the help of Mr. Baker, you would that with the help of Mr. Baker. (Thank you Mr. H. Armstrong for the help with our letter. You have been all along!)

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True greatness is . . .

Just what is greatness? What constitutes a great person? And is greatness something the average man or woman can aspire to?

We constantly hear about this or that great entrepreneur, great baseball player, great novelist or great doctor — people who are noted for superiority of accomplishment in a particular field of activity. But that great person might be, in the same sense, a man or woman, a parent, an individual, a person of questionable moral character.

A truly great person would seem to be something else. The phrase suggests something about the quality of an individual, not just one isolated facet of his life. In looking for true greatness we must look at a person as a whole.

What, then, are the signs of true greatness to a person?

This question might be of opportunity by first asking what true greatness is not. Greatness is not to be confused, for example, with the holding of high office and the wielding of great power and influence. Nor is it to be confused with material or commercial possessions. Nor is it wealth or power by these standards many criminals and the infamous of this world would have to be considered great.

It is also important to consider that many of the acknowledged great men of history have come to be remembered as an Englishman at the early 19th century noted, "Substant from the great men all that he does in opportunity, all that he does in chance, and all that he has

gained by the wisdom of his friends and the folly of his enemies, and the grant will often be seen to be a pygmy." In Shakespeare's words, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them."

True greatness might be described as an inner quality in human lives, a quality that may be present even among the lowly. Men and women of no note do great deeds every day, men and women of high personal standards, self-respecting, conscientious and whose pleasure is willing to serve others without seeking public recognition who are willing to sacrifice who are willing to dedicate themselves totally to noble goals and purposes.

In the final analysis, those who are serving duty to live a godly life are truly great. In all doing they consider first and above all how they may gain the approval and approval of God rather than that of man. It is not, then, of their objective that is constantly viewed as greatness. It is not because they thought it out of hand but because they lay on the true path of Christian duty.

For over 1,000 years Roman conquerors returning from foreign wars enjoyed the honors of a great public parade. Riding through the streets in his public chariot, the conqueror took great pleasure in accepting the adulation and the acclamations of the assembled masses. Behind the great conqueror stood a chariot holding a public crowd and whispering to his ear a warning: "All glory is fleeting."

The greatness and glory of this world are temporary. But the final reward for a life of true greatness will be eternal glory and glory that cannot fade away.

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THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD

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(that of Christ) — in PERFECT HARMONY AND UNITY — all speaking the same thing

God's command

Listen, then, to God's command:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10)

God did not inspire the apostle Paul to mean that wrong kind of yes-men — insipid, weak, fear-minded men concerned with self-interest. What He did mean is that we should all be led by the same Spirit — God's Holy Spirit.

He meant, as Paul wrote to the Philippians, that we should through the Holy Spirit be "like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind." He said, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory [vanity to exalt self or further one's personal interest], but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:1-5).

You are not, then, allowed by God each to preach his own interpretations, but rather as *Christ leads the TEAM!*

In other words, God inspired Paul to admonish us: Be strong-minded, but Spirit-minded and united led. Let God's Spirit make us all of ONE MIND — as a TEAM — let your part in God's Work be your part in a TEAM EFFORT, all together in one accord.

Must be team leadership

God wants us to be always mindful that to be a team, there must be **TEAM LEADERSHIP!** But how?

We must always keep in mind that JESUS CHRIST is the living HEAD of the Church. But HOW does Christ head the Work? He does not Himself personally, by personal contact with each department and each member, carry on the Work. He does not lead God's Work through the self-will of each minister or individual, each pulling his own direction to do his own thing.

Jesus Christ leads God's Work through human leaders whom HE (not the members by vote) chooses and works through.

In the days of ancient Israel in the wilderness, God worked through Moses. When Aaron and Miriam challenged Moses' leadership — when they wanted equal say — God sternly rebuked them. He punished Miriam with temporary leprosy. And when Korah led a group challenging Moses' leadership, God caused them to be swallowed up by the earth!

Has God changed?

Yet many seem to think God has HANDED over to His interest of His power! Some, knowing these facts full well, have not

fared to challenge the leadership of CHRIST's choosing today! Perhaps these have become unmindful that they are being judged by God, now!

"Yes," one may argue, "but that was Old Testament stuff! We are under the New Testament! God has CHANGED!"

WHAT? God has changed? He says "I change NOT." The God of Moses was the one who was later born as Jesus Christ! And He is the same, yesterday, today and forever!

God tells us in the *New Testament* (1 Corinthians 10:11) those Old Testament examples were for our admonition in the END time!

But let's look at how Christ led the New Testament Church.

He chose Peter as leading apostle and Paul leader in the Work to the Gentiles. Paul writes: "...when they [at Jerusalem] saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter" (Galatians 2:7).

Yet Peter took precedence over Paul, as shown at the Jerusalem conference (Acts 15). Paul had been at Antioch. Severe contentions arose in the church there. In this case Paul did not then and there settle it in Antioch, but went to Jerusalem with Barnabas and certain others — BECAUSE PETER WAS THERE.

"And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. And when they had been much disputing, Peter rose up ... and gave the decision. Then James, because he was pastor of the headquarters church, as a matter of protocol, made PETER'S DECISION official.

In this case Peter had precedence over Paul and all apostles. In 1 Corinthians 5 is the account of a fornicator in the church. Paul reproved the whole church and showed his authority saying, "For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present."

"To the Corinthian church Paul said, 'What will ye? Shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?' (1 Corinthians 4:21).

Difference in government

The one who accused of yes-men also needs updating on a number of other observations he made. He says, "Obviously you will not find democracy in Exodus. The government God set up then was the best form of government that could be set up for that day and age, not a minute's blueprint for eternity.

He thinks members' viewpoints ought to make the decision for today, and we should have democracy in the Church, every person doing what seems right in his own eyes. That is precisely what an *inter-tribal* did. In the days of the judges, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." And this was constantly leading Israel into the captivity of surrounding kings.

What is the ACTUAL DIFFERENCE between GOD'S GOVERNMENT, which is GOVERNMENT FROM THE

TOP DOWN, and democracy? Under what we call democracy, if I drive to an intersection with a stop sign, I am not free to go on through if it is right in my own eyes. We are not free to do whatever seems right in every individual's eyes. We still have LAWS, and codes and rules. And we have police and other law-enforcement agencies.

The difference is that in what we erroneously call democracy, the PEOPLE decide by vote on who shall be their leaders — whether Mayor or governor or president. But THERE IS STILL RULE.

Christ is our Leader

The difference, then, is that in GOD'S GOVERNMENT, GOD decides, through Christ, whom He shall choose and install in office over His people in His Church. God's apostle cannot do as he pleases in his own personal interest, but as CHRIST leads him. And if he doesn't? If he needs correction or removal? If so that is CHRIST'S responsibility — and HE WILL SEE TO IT. It is not the responsibility of those UNDER the apostle to correct him.

But maybe Christ is NOT LOOKING or maybe Christ neglects to correct him? Should not the people under him then take it into their hands? To do so would be to DEIFY CHRIST — TO TRY TO TAKE CHRIST'S JOB AWAY FROM HIM!

Brethren, whether others know it or not, I know well that Christ is not asleep at the switch — He will not neglect His job — and I FEAR to disbelieve that.

The BIG POINT we must never lose sight of is that CHRIST IS THE LIVING HEAD of GOD'S CHURCH, and we'd better ALL TREMBLE at His Word!

AND THAT HE IS THE HALL SQUARELY ON THE HEAD. The trouble, these past 10 years, is that too many have lost sight of the fact that CHRIST IS OUR INSPIRED LEADER. There has been too much tendency to look off the Church and the Work as OUR OWN SECULAR WORK — like

any worldly club or business.

You have not read in *The Good News* lately that Mr. HWA has set the Church back on the track — but that JHE LIVING CHRIST has moved to do it! And, to use another modern expression, YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE IT!

How new truth is revealed

Now WHERE does our TEACHING come from? What doctrines and teachings shall we accept? Those voted on by the doctrinal committee? Fellow ministers and brethren, Christ through me has ABOLISHED the doctrinal committee! God's Church is being set back BY THE LIVING CHRIST on the track of ORIGINAL TRUTH as CHRIST instilled it into God's Church through His chosen apostle!

Too little of the efforts of the doctrinal committee were to find and accept genuine *new truth* — but to improve, to alter or change truth, which Christ already had established in God's Church!

From time to time I propose to give you examples of that, as I proceed to REESTABLISH the ORIGINAL POSITIVE TRUTH given us through CHRIST, correcting the errors — though they be few — in the Systematic Theology Project (STP).

The real Head of this Church has continued to reveal new truth — genuine bona fide new truth — through His apostle, but there seems to have been a tendency for some to ignore or try to disprove what CHRIST has inspired.

Look, now, to the matter of HOW the original Church of God received its truths and its doctrines. There were NO DOCTRINAL COMMITTEES of special intellectual scholars who got together and decided on and then gave to the Church what it was to believe.

The living CHRIST, the HEAD of the Church, gave His Church His truth THROUGH HIS APOSTLES! Through Peter, through Paul, through James, INSPIRED

through those He chose.

But WHY do we find so much more of the New Testament written by Paul than by Peter? Simply because Christ had sent Peter and the original 12, after Peter's visit to Babylon, to "the lost sheep of the House of ISRAEL!" Their identity was LOST and God intended to leave it that way. Peter and the original 12 went to western Europe and Britain. They dropped out of sight so to speak. None of New Testament scripture was written of their work there.

Input is considered

Now a definition of that word INPUT. It does not mean an authoritative doctrine or even a vote on such. But input is welcome, to be CONSIDERED by Christ's apostle, as prayerfully led by Christ. But the DECISION must come from CHRIST through His apostle. And the living Christ has maintained the mind and mental processes of His apostle in all the vitality, clarity, UNDERSTANDING, given Him 20 years ago and 51 years ago. Even through Moses' entire leadership of the Israelites from Egypt, through the wilderness up to the promised land — a period of 40 years — beginning after Moses was 80 years of age, yet at age 120, his natural force and might had not abated!

Jesus Christ is ABE E — and He WILL — keep the spiritual and mental powers of His chosen apostle sharp and keen and clear, UNTIL THE GREAT COMMISSION IS FINISHED!

Brethren, let's bring you INTO IT, fully mindful that Christ has again INSPIRED THE GREAT MAJESTIC GOD at the Supreme Headship of Christ, and of His Church and Work! This IS NOT THE WORK of MAN! This Church is the living TEMPLE to which Christ soon will come! **BUILT IT!** And except the Father build the house, they labor in vain that build it! (Psalm 127:1)

Music love leads member to play

By Barbara McNeve
KINGSFORD, Tenn. — An original musical production, *Walt for Mr. Rachel*, was performed here by the Kingsford church choir April 1. The three act play, written by Mary Lou Wells, a Church member here, is based on the courtship and marriage of Jacob to Rachel and Leah and his subsequent problems as head of this mixed up household. She also wrote the music and lyrics for the lively play.

Mrs. Wells has had a lifelong interest in music and literature. "I remember singing as a very small child. They used to try to trick me into singing [in public] because I was so shy."

She also participated in school plays throughout grammar school. "I was educated in public and private schools, and I learned an appreciation of the finer aspects of music and literature in the private schools, because you get a better education in those fields in private schools."

Mrs. Wells was unable to continue her education, however, because, as with most women in the 1950's and

60's, housewifery and motherhood came first in her life.

"Although I still read avidly, wanting to educate myself, write poetry and keep my interest in music, I was really unable to find an outlet for what creativity I possessed until about eight years ago."

It was then, at the age of 40, that she began taking music and voice lessons again. She also had much of her poetry published and is a member of the Poetry Society of London and the Tennessee Literary Arts Association. She is also a member of the National Society of Published Poets and was named this year to their *Who's Who in Poetry, 1978*.

About two years ago, Mrs. Wells happened to mention to Susan Owen, then a 17-year-old member of God's Church and a very talented musician, that she could do down and play original music — "but I didn't know what to do with it." Susan suggested that Mrs. Wells record these melodies on tape and she would arrange them for her.

"It was her sparkle of interest in something that I could do that started the play, *Walt for Mr. Rachel*, and at

that time I had no intention of writing a musical."

But one melody led to another and with her love for the story of Jacob and Rachel, Mrs. Wells and Susan found themselves composing and arranging music for their 100 play. "We always hear about the so-called generation gap, but we became very close friends."

Asked if she had any plans to do something like this again, Mrs. Wells responded, "Well, I have been working all along on a story of Joseph, and I have about 10 songs to his story already. I'm also working on a secular love story, 'Once Upon a Love'."

She hasn't sent her work, *Walt for Mr. Rachel*, to a music publisher yet. She says she wants it to be as perfect as she can get it, but there are plans to publish it. Her poetry and music will continue and her creativity will grow right along with it.

"I feel so much better about myself now. My self-esteem has grown immensely. I'm moving forward on something I've always loved."

And that is extremely important to Mary Lou Wells.

Part 2

THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT HEALING

Is the day of miracles past? Does the living God heal sickness and disease upon believing prayer today? This is the second in a series of articles on the subject of miraculous divine healing.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
We come now to the biblical teaching on the subject of healing. And I can best bring this to the reader by relating my own personal and unusual experience in discovering it.

When I first came among those of the Church of God in 1926 and 1927, they still carried the NAME "Church of God." They knew of the second coming of Christ to reign on earth for a thousand years, though they knew little, or almost nothing, of what would actually take place during that millennial reign.

Back in 1860 the largest number of them had split off, coming to the belief that the millennial reign with Christ would take place in heaven. Leaving the truth they also left the true name.

Although the knowledge of these simple but sincere people regarding the Kingdom of God was very incomplete, they did believe in keeping the commandments of God. They had more biblical truth than any religious body on earth.

Even though God's Church had endured through the centuries, gradually much of the original truth of the Gospel apparently had been lost.

True knowledge revealed

Subsequent events have shown that I was being called by the living Christ for a very special and true commission to raise up the Philadelphia era of God's Church (Revelation 3:7-13), to restore much lost knowledge (Daniel 12:4), to restore the great commission (Matthew 24:14) and publish (Mark 13:10) His true Gospel of the Kingdom of God "in all the world for a witness unto all nations" just before the end of this present world.

We had now reached the final generation of this age - the generation during which Christ will return, setting up the Kingdom of God.

The shock of my life came when I saw in the Bible, beginning in the autumn of 1926, that what I had heard as "the gospel" was in most basic respects the very opposite of the plain and clear teaching of the real Jesus and of the Bible!

It was an almost unbelievable shock to see in the Bible the prophecies that ALL NATIONS - the world as a whole - would be deceived today. It was a tremendous shock to learn the full truth about the Kingdom of God and that God had inspired the apostle Paul to pronounce a double curse on any who would

preach any other gospel! (Galatians 1:8-9).

My eyes were opened to the true Gospel described so clearly and unmistakably in the Bible - for those willing to see and believe.

The calling

And so, as I have written before, I say with the apostle Paul (paraphrasing): "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which is preached by me is not after man, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. . . . But when it pleased God, who called me by His grace, to reveal His Son and His gospel in me, that I might preach it among the descendants of the House of Israel, and the Gentile nations, and kings (Acts 9:15), immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood, neither went I to any theological seminary or source of religious teaching of this world, but I went to Christ, the living Personal Word of God, who instructed me through the written Word of God, the Holy Bible" (Galatians 1:11-17).

After the first six months' intensive almost night-and-day study of the Bible, my conversion and baptism occurred in the spring of 1927 - but not the cessation of instruction the living Christ was imparting through His written Word. That has continued all through the 50 years since.

My family and I were living then in Portland, Ore. As 1927 wore on intensive Bible study continued. I was rapidly beginning to grow, as Peter said Christ said JOHN, "In grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Upon baptism, I had received the Holy Spirit of the living God. My mind had undergone a reawakening. I was thrilled at this new ability to understand God's revealed knowledge. Still I was having to learn a step at a time, a doctrine at a time. The hardest part was having to unlearn inherited false teachings.

Mrs. Armstrong at home

In early August, 1927, my wife suddenly was attacked by a series of physical illnesses. First she was bitten on the left leg by a dog. Then immediately she was

driven to bed with tonsillitis. She got up too soon and was stricken with a violent relapse. Meanwhile she had contracted blood poisoning from a rose thorn on the index finger of her right hand.

The next two or three days her sister and I took turns night and day soaking her right hand in almost blistering hot Epsom salt water, covering her wrist and forearm with hot towels, holding her right arm constantly high.

The backset from tonsillitis developed into quinsy. Her throat became swollen shut. Her jaws became locked. Of course we had called a doctor.

For three days and three nights she was not only unable to swallow food or water, but worse, she was unable to sleep a single moment. She was nearing exhaustion. The red line of blood poisoning, despite our efforts, was streaking up her right arm. It had reached her shoulder on the way to her heart. The doctor told me privately she could not last another 24 hours.

The third sleepless, foodless and waterless day was a sweltering hot day in early August. Late that morning a neighbor lady stopped in to see my wife.

"Mr. Armstrong," she asked, "would you object if I ask a man and his wife to come and assist and pray for Mrs. Armstrong's healing?"

That sounded a bit fanatical to me. Too embarrassed to object, however, I said hesitantly, "Well, I suppose not." In two hours she returned, saying they would come at about 7 that evening.

But I began to have misgivings. What if these people were Holy Rollers or wild, shouting fanatics? What would our neighbors say? I went to the neighbor lady and told her I believed we'd better not have them come after all. She was nice. She would start immediately and tell them not to come. I learned then she would have to walk over a mile each way to contact them. It was now the heat of the day, the hottest day of the year.

"Oh, I'm sorry," I said. "I didn't realize you had to walk so far. But I was afraid these people might yell and walk and shout, and cause a neighborhood disturbance."

"Oh, they are very quiet people," she assured me. I builded

down. "Well, let them come, then," I concluded.

The meaning of faith

They proved to be simple and plain people, not highly educated, yet of good natural intelligence.

"This is all rather new to me," I began, as soon as they were seated at my wife's bedside. "Would you mind if I ask a few questions?"

He welcomed the questions. He had a Bible in his hands. One by one he answered every question by reading his answer from the Bible. I recognized every passage he read, but had not put them together this way before. Now I saw them for the first time as teachings, admonitions, explanations and, most important, promises! I began to understand - and believe! And I knew well my wife did also.

I knelt with them beside her bed. The man anointed my wife from a vial of oil he carried. Then he uttered a quiet, but deeply earnest, positive, believing prayer such as I had never heard before. He actually dared to talk directly to God, quoting what God had said in the Bible, quoting God's conditions and promises and applying those promises to my wife, saying in boldness and confidence that he was claiming and holding God to those promises.

Never had we heard a prayer like that! We knew God in His Word had promised. We believed God. Mrs. Armstrong and I both knew she was healed - as this man had claimed - from the top of her head to the bottom of her feet.

As they rose to leave, the woman laid a hand on Mrs. Armstrong's shoulder and said quietly, "You'll sleep tonight." I thanked them gratefully.

As they left Mrs. Armstrong asked me to bring her a robe. Without a word, she rose, and in a moment we walked silently out to the sidewalk and back.

My wife went immediately to sleep and didn't waken until 11 the next morning. She arose and dressed as if nothing had happened. She was completely healed - or was she not?

We had learned a new lesson in FAITH! And this experience has resulted in countless thousands of others learning that lesson! We had learned that we can rely on

God's Word! God's FAITHFULNESS is perfect.

A new subject to study

That awe-inspiring experience brought before me for study a totally new subject - HEALING, and its accompanying subjects of FAITH and PRAYER.

There was one real disappointment in this whole experience with my wife's healing. I felt extremely grateful to the man and wife who had brought this experience to us. I had learned a rather shocking truth in the Bible: The resurrection of Christ was NOT on Sunday, and the crucifixion was NOT on Friday. I had written in manuscript form an article on the subject. This man's fervent prayer not only saved my wife's life, it also opened my eyes to a new biblical truth. Now I wanted to share with him the eye-opening truth about the resurrection.

I took my typed manuscript along and offered it to him to read, asking his opinion about the truth of it. I left it with him. A few nights later, I called again on this man I looked to as a man of God. I asked if he had read my manuscript.

"Well, yes, Brother," he replied. "I took it to our pastor and we went over it together." He avoided giving an opinion as to its truth.

"But did you find any error in what I wrote?" I persisted.

"Well, no, Brother," he admitted. "We couldn't find anything wrong with it. But, Brother, we feel that studying that kind of subject is likely to be dangerous. It might get you all mixed up. We feel it would be better for you to just forget all about it. We feel there are more important things for you to study. It's best to just keep your mind on Christ."

God's knowledge rejected

I walked back home dully hummed, grieved, tremendously disappointed. He admitted I had brought him a new truth. He was unable to find any error in it. It was the pure teaching of the Bible, yet he not only rejected the admitted word of God, he advised me, a newly converted man who had confidence in God, also to accept confusion and false teaching and reject the Word of the living God!

Returning home, I happened to turn to verse 46 where God says that because people have rejected God's knowledge, He will reject them! It weighed heavily on my mind. A week later I walked back down Sandy Boulevard to the old reference library used by Bible Sunday School here this man and his wife were converts. I hoped I might see the HEALING sign by

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 even yet rescue this man from the consequences of rejecting truth. I found him in the big auditorium, looking downcast and dejected. "Brother!" he exclaimed on seeing me. "Brother, something terrible has come over me. God has left me. He doesn't answer my prayers anymore. Before, God used me in a special ministry praying for the sick. He always heard and answered. People were miraculously healed. But not anymore! Not one, anymore. I don't understand it!"

"Truth — or consequences"

Poor man! I understood. I tried to explain, but he wouldn't listen. He had been a trusting and deeply sincere, if simple and uneducated man. God had used him as an instrument in performing miracles, helping people. I quoted to him from I John

3:22: "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." But he could not see that rejecting God's truth and refusing to keep His commandments had any connection with his case.

I had to think of the radio-television show originated by Ralph Edwards, *Truth or Consequences*. God had required him to accept the TRUTH or receive the consequences. I haven't seen or heard from that man since.

But Christ did continue to reveal His truth, as I diligently continued studying His Word. Not only did He open my mind to reveal His truth about healing, but also to understand the truth about His Gospel message — the Kingdom of God. I saw the great commission to His apostles: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." (Mark 16:15). I saw that it was a worldwide ministry, not a local one, nor

eyes-national to our own nation. It was now revealed to me how in the ministry of Jesus and His first-century apostles, miraculous HEALING of the sick and diseased went hand in hand with the preaching of the Gospel.

What happened through Simon the sorcerer to stop the worldwide proclaiming of the true Gospel and stop the miraculous healings was not revealed to me until years later. But it was at that time revealed to me how healing is for God's Church today (James 5:14-15), and also the prophecy revealing HOW the great commission was to be carried out in this present END TIME of the 20th century.

Pivotal chapter

That prophecy is in the pivotal prophecy chapter of the New Testament — Matthew 24. Before I cover what the Bible teaches about healing in both Old and New Testaments, it is vital that

the reader understand how that Gospel message is today, after 19 centuries, going out into ALL THE WORLD for a WITNESS to all nations — not being proclaimed to all the billions of people in every nation, but proclaimed in all the world — worldwide — so that it becomes a witness to or against every nation.

Jesus had been teaching in the temple in Jerusalem. Leaving the temple, His disciples came to Him privately on the Mount of Olives, asking: "Tell us, when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world, [age]?" (Verse 3).

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I [Jesus] am Christ; and shall deceive many" (verses 4-5). First, Jesus warned them of the great deception, the false "Christianity" — preaching Christ to the world, preaching about the

Messenger, but not proclaiming His message — His Gospel.

He did not give the sign by which we might know when we are at the END of this present world and His coming is near, until verse 14: "And this gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

The very fact He gave the proclaiming of the true Gospel of the Kingdom as the sign we are at the end, time shows it was not preached to the world these past 19 centuries — otherwise it could not be the sign.

But notice, this prophecy says the great commission will be going out again to the world, yet it says nothing about healing accompanying it. Elsewhere biblical teaching shows healing is for the Church. But it is not, today, an integral part of the proclaiming of Christ's Gospel to the world!

Why?

THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
 By Shirley King Johnson

Grandma Wilson gave Major a whole wheat pancake. Hoppehan to take big bites out of it as Jim came downstairs for his breakfast.

"Good morning, Jimmy," called out both Grandma and Grandpa Wilson. Major waved a greeting with his tail.

"Good morning," Jim replied with a yawn. He accepted a kiss from Grandma and returned it. "Something sweet?"

"I've made your favorite pancakes on this beautiful Sabbath day," Grandma announced. "Eat all you can hold. We'll have a big day. Your mother and father and Susie will be coming at noon and we'll all go to church this afternoon."

"Mysterious little lights," Jim said, looking at the sky.

"Nope," Grandpa put down his coffee cup. "You didn't? Were you cold?" He sat back.

"No, sir. I saw lights. In kept me awake."

"What kind of lights, dear?" Grandma wanted to know. She looked up from the stove.

"Little lights. I was looking out the east window of the barn and I saw some lights like flashlight beams."

"Where?" Grandpa asked.

"Across the pasture, someplace about over on the horse place."

"It could have been lightning bugs," Grandma suggested. "Did you watch 'em?"

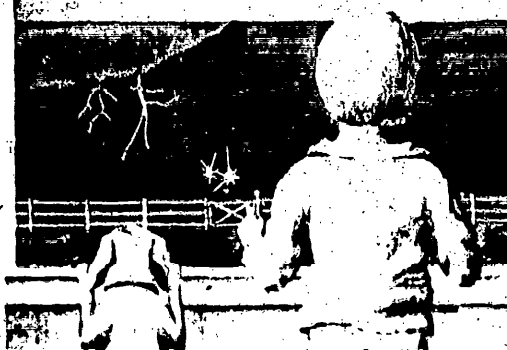
"Yes, sir. They were too big for lightning bugs and they didn't blink on and off. I watched 'em for quite a while. They went back and forth, and back and forth, and back."

"A Sabbath day's journey?"

"We'll walk over there after breakfast and see if we find anything unusual," Grandpa said.

"Can we walk that far on the Sabbath?" asked Jim.

"Sure we can. We'll take our time."



and we might see some pretty butterflies or birds along the creek."

They did not see butterflies, but a wild country was unfolding in shallow water at the edge of Seven Mile Creek as they walked up. Beside the creek had left one deep hoof mark beside the creek and it had filled with rain. It served as a splendid handpath for the golden tongues.

Curious to see the bird closer, Major leaped down to the creek's edge. Scared the bird fluttered up to an oak branch. There it shook off rainwater and preened its feathers.

Major, you stay behind us."

Grandpa ordered. "You did it mean to, but you frightened off that little bird."

Chiefly accepting the correction, Major trotted along behind Jim and Grandpa after that.

The horse place

They came to a fence. Grandpa Wilson's pasture ended and tall weeds grew up to the fence two on the other side.

"I think the lights came beyond the trees and weeds," Jim said, pointing.

"I'm afraid we won't find much in these weeds," Grandpa said, rubbing his chin thoughtfully. "That place hasn't been the same since Dave and Pam took their moved away. The waters

aren't much hard to cut weeds. Let's go on back to the house."

Major suddenly stiffened. He smelled human beings. Strange human. He gave a little growl. "Grow!"

"What is it, Major?" asked Jim, reaching down to take his collar. In the distance a car door closed quietly.

"Somebody's over there on the pasture," Grandpa said. "It must be the tenters. We'll go over and see if they saw any strange lights last night."

Grandpa helped Jim as they climbed the wire fence. Flamingo down on his tummy, Major easily slipped under the wire.

High weeds

Grandpa ordered Major to stay behind as they shuffled through high weeds. "See off that big-headed!" he told Jim. "There's a leg against letting it grow."

"You mean it's a view to grow weeds?" Jim asked in an annoyed voice.

"In this case it is. Another name for the weed is marijuana. If someone harvests these patches of it they could sell it to someone who go around the country buying it up to smoke."

"I'm glad you keep your weeds cut, Grandpa," Jim said.

Major started on the smell of the weeds stabbed his nose.

They poked on in silence. At last the weeds parted into a cleared area. Major leaped past Jim and plunged into the clearing. The scent of humans was overwhelming. He saw a pickup truck and two men behind it. They were busy loading bulging bulbar bags into the rear of the pickup.

"Hello, there!" Grandpa greeted.

"Nice day."

"The two men whirled. Both wore nice jeans and work shirts. They were young and their faces and arms were sunburned. They backed against the open tailgate and stared."

"He there," one replied weakly.

Looking past them, Jim, Grandpa and Major could see the pickup was nearly filled with the bulging bags.

"My name's Wilson," Grandpa said. "This is my grandson Jim and his dog, Major."

They made no reply, but both men glanced urgently at Major and then at each other.

"Have you been hired to clear these areas?" Grandpa asked, still smiling.

"Yep. Yeah, that's right. The tall cut, man replied. They exchanged glances again.

"He's got a gun!"

Grandpa turned away, leaned down and hid in a soft voice to Jim. "They must have been cutting that stuff last night when you saw the lights. You run fast and tell Grandma to phone the sheriff as soon as you can."

"Yes, sir," Jim replied, turning. "I had a right there!" The tall man flashed a revolver.

"Grandpa, let's get a gun!" Jim shouted.

Grandpa drew Jim against his side but he eyed the gunman steadily.

"If a you who had better hold it," he replied quietly. "It's a criminal offense to harbor anyone. You can't buy but let come along with me to my house and we'll get the sheriff over to discuss this matter."

The gunman gave a half-smile. "Who's gonna make us discuss anything with the sheriff?"

Major answered the question. He gave a mighty leap and his teeth and nose were that he held the gun.

TO BE CONCLUDED

GOSSIP AND ACCUSATION MUST STOP

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the rumor, false accusation or whatever, and then making an example of that person, if necessary, before the whole Church. I feel that this is CHRIST'S WAY of stamping out this evil from God's Church, and I act, therefore, in His name.

Following is Mr. Antion's memo to me on this subject.

Here is the memo I asked me to write when I was in your office last Friday. It is on the subject of what God's Law has to say about false witnesses and accusations.

As you know, I taught for many years the statutes of Scripture are derived from the GREAT LAWS of God in the Ten Commandments.

The Ninth Commandment

The Ninth Commandment: Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor. . . is the basis for the statutes and judgments in this category in the Bible.

Most people assume that the Ninth Commandment is only against lying. Though it does cover lying (Revelation 21:8, Colossians 3:9) it is mainly against false accusations made against another.

You have also taught that the main object of the last six commandments is love of your neighbor (Romans 13:10). And the Ninth Commandment forbids making a false witness against your neighbor. Thus, bearing a false accusation is thus bearing a false witness. The Moffat and the New English Bible say: "You shall not give false evidence (against your neighbor)."

Not a light thing

Does God consider it a light thing for a man to falsely accuse his neighbor (for this)?

And bearing a false witness. . . . I do not know that we can judge a person guilty of a heavy crime in our courts if we do not with God's Law. The Law of God judges his heart.

"But why does thou judge thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10). And in verse 13, "Let us not therefore judge another any more."

The apostle James must have had trouble with judging and accusing in his day, for he writes: "Speak not evil of one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law and judgeth the law; but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one law giver, who is able to save and to destroy; who are thou that judgest another?" (James 4:11-12)

Those who would speak evil of another and judge their brothers are in fact judging the law and speaking evil of God's Law! And like you have said, "The one who accuses is usually is guilty of the very thing he accuses others of."

False accusations divisive

If a minister got up in the pulpit and spoke evil of the Law of God (which is holy, just and good), he would be dismissed from the ministry. But what happens to him if he judges the intent, thoughts and beliefs of his brother?

For too long God's Work and God's MINISTRY have been divided BECAUSE OF FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND DENIALS. It is time that God's Law be applied and that God's own judgments be enforced against those who judge and falsely accuse.

How can false accusations get Jesus crucified? Should God's Church "investigate" sinners and allow false accusers (thus encouraging them in their deeds) to continue their satanic actions?

What is the motive?

Many people don't mean to intend to be malicious with their words. They are just careless and neglectful. They say and pass out information without thinking it out. . . . without responsibility. For some it is just habit. But God is an absolute with

neglect. And one can forfeit his life through neglect! (See Exodus 21:28-36.)

Sometimes people accuse because they want to get another person in trouble and see him thrown out of his job or the Church.

Whatever the motive, whether neglect, carelessness or malice, Jesus' words still ring true: "But I say unto you, that every idle (Moffat says 'careless') word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be condemned!" (Matthew 12:36-37)

Another translation says it this way: "I tell you this: there is not a thoughtless word that comes from men's lips but they will have to account for it on the day of judgment." (New English Bible)

God's judgment

BE WHAT SHOULD HAPPEN TO PEOPLE WHO FALSELY ACCUSE?

HERE IS GOD'S DECREE: "If a malicious witness appears against a man to accuse him of evil doing, then the two parties in the dispute shall appear before the Eternal, that is before the priests and the presiding judges, the judges shall investigate the matter carefully, and if it turns out that the witness is malicious and that he has given false witness against his fellow, YOU MUST TREAT HIM AS HE WANTS YOU TO BE TREATED: SO SHALL YOU REDEEMATE HIM FROM YOUR MOUTH. THE OTHERS SHALL HEAR AND FEAR AND NEVER AGAIN BE GUILTY OF SUCH A SIN." (Deuteronomy 19:16-20 Moffat translation)

But what should happen to the person who makes the accusations?

In the last few years God's Church has been a home divided and filled with this deadly evil. Accusers take verbal rifle shots at others trying to get them fired or discommunioned or to damage their reputations. But the only thing that happens to the accuser is that he is told he is mistaken. Or is comforted by his intended victim, he apologizes.

He — the accuser — risks absolutely nothing. He damages others, almost succeeds in getting them fired, demoted, thrown out of the Church or cast in suspicion, considered untrustworthy and avoided. At the very least, he causes them to consume enormous amounts of time trying to straighten out the problem and track down the rumor.

But NOTHING happens to the accuser. He is fine — alive and well — and ready for another try in the future.

Slender affects relationships

One of the worst things about all of this is that often the victim of the

accusation doesn't even know that he is being slandered, accused, cast in suspicion, judged. Things are said that may stick in the minds of those who hear. Though no action is taken, these slanders affect the relationship that people have with the accused person. People avoid him. Mistrust him. He is passed over for important jobs or assignments. ALL OF THIS JUST BECAUSE OF A WORD OR TWO SAID CARELESSLY, NEGLECTFULLY OR MALICIOUSLY!

Only by applying God's Law — HIS GOVERNMENT — to the Church can we rid the Church of this evil and have the HAPPINESS, PEACE, UNITY AND JOY that God will approve and bless in His Church!

Tribulation a way of life for members in Israel

By Moshe Ben Shimon

JERUSALEM — In 1973 the Jerusalem Post reported how a little girl had won an essay competition among Israeli children to describe what peace would be like.

She wrote: "Peace is when you see a mother walking along the road, radiant with happiness, holding her little son by the hand, and when you know that you won't meet her in 10 years wearing black."

The Israeli members of God's Church understand particularly well Jesus Christ's command to pray "Thy Kingdom come." Our people, from their sufferings this century, have a desperate need for the hope of the good news of the Kingdom.

Four times in 30 years — in 1948, 1956, 1967 and 1973 — the Israeli people have been threatened with bloody destruction and have paid for their survival with the lives of their young men.

In the 1973 Yom Kippur War alone, 1,000 fell. For America this would be the equivalent to four times the dead in Vietnam, and all lost in three weeks.

Before there was a state of Israel it was even worse. In Europe between 1939 and 1945 the sixth accusers of the most power murdered six million Jews, one having more than a million and a half children.

Hundreds of thousands were starved, hanged, burned alive; their gold teeth were melted down to put into the Nazi boards, they were burned into snort and burned to ashes.

The survivors of that nightmare came to the nation of Israel. They married and raised new families to replace those who were lost, and their sons in turn died in Israel's wars. And still there was no peace.

The great tribulation is nothing new to the Jewish people. Israel is filled with people who have already survived a genocide. If the thought of God leaving armies overtake this country is ghastly to us.

Our people desperately need to hear the good news of the coming Kingdom that will deliver them from fear and torment forever. They need a warning witness to give them a chance to repent of their sins so God can save them. "Run, or you will not be through the streets of Jerusalem, and if you can find a man, if there is any, that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth, and I will pardon him." (Jeremiah 5:1)

We pray daily that God's Work will fulfill the command of Isaiah 49:1: "I show that I will give good tidings to Jerusalem, I'll openly voice with strength, I'll cry up, be not afraid, say unto the virgin of Judah: Behold your God!"

Enduring Faith

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were being fulfilled. Jericho, which is the city standing on the land of Canaan, was obliterated. In a sense the children of Israel and Joshua perceived that God was going to obliterate on fire in the world, but it wouldn't be done until 3,000 years of human history have been reviewed.

By faith the harlot (or prostitute) Rahab who was in Jericho perceived not with them that believed that, when she had received the spies with peace. . . . Of course she had been receiving all kinds of other men before, but she comprehended something unusual in this case, that perhaps being attracted to one of them and trusting that there were the people who were going to survive, she might as well survive with them.

And what shall I say more? For the time would fail me to tell you of Gideon, of a Deborah, and of Samson, and of Jepthah, of David also, and Samson, and of the prophets. . . . Through faith they accomplished certain things. They "subdued kingdoms, . . . to wit, they gained a victory for the nation. They wrought righteousness. . . . Faith enabled them to conquer the world and to perform the law of God (God's law is righteousness). . . . Through faith they "obeyed justice, they kept the mouth of truth, quenched the violence of their, and spared the edge of the sword."

out of [natural] weakness . . . such as David, were made strong." David was just a young person who couldn't even carry the arrow that most of the other men did. [He] wased others in fight, turned to flight the armies of the strong."

These are all great things God performed in this life as He delivered men from perdition. I want you to see all the positive things that God did in delivering people, enabling them to accomplish what couldn't have been done otherwise. But most people don't want to face the other side of the coin.

Faith to endure

Others were bestowed, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection, and others had trials of cruel mocking and scourging, yea moreover of bonds and imprisonment. . . . Others through faith endured stoning or, presumably the lash and probably others, since "they" is plural, "they were soon slanders."

So people were "stoned" they were sawn asunder, were impaled (in jail), were slain with the sword, they were ordered around in dungeons and prisons, being derisive, afflicted, tormented, (of whom the world was not worthy) they wandered in deserts and in mountains, afflicted, and in dark and caves of the earth.

And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise, because there has been no resurrection yet. . . . God having provided, were better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect. . . . Because we are all going to rise in the resurrection at the same time and, furthermore, since Jesus Christ came, something even better has been promised because we now have access to God the Father in Heaven directly, which was never possible before.

Chapter 12 continues this theme for the next two verses. . . . Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside

every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, (which may be different from mine, which may be different from yours, each one has his own particular problem) and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. . . . Now normally you run with speed. To run with patience means that it is going to take a lot of endurance over the obstacles that are in the way because it is not the one who gets there first who gets the reward — everyone who gets there gets the reward, however many!

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." He both originates it in terms of imparting it through the Holy Spirit and He will accomplish it through the Holy Spirit in us. . . . Who, in His own life, "for the joy that was set before him endured the cross." And that was endured by faith. "Despising the shame" that was attached to each a method, because any honorable Roman citizen would have said, "Behold me instead." . . . But putting one on a stake or a cross was considered the worst form of execution. And He to man "set down at the right hand of the throne of God. . . . He remained him that endured such a cross and shame of sinners against himself, but ye be not afraid at your minds."

Now we might say, "Well, how could there be a God who allows these things? Yes, how could there be? Well you see, God is in control of all things. And He does allow what is ultimately going to be good for the human family. And if He says that you have no sinner, He will give you the faith to endure."

Faith is what enables us to overcome temptation. The fundamental purpose of faith is to keep our mind on God and His promises and to endure and to perform what God asks of us.

Local church news wrap-up

Moons gambles

ADA, Okla. — Meeting at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kirk on June 25, members here enjoyed an ample and delicious potluck meal, their third annual picnic.

A team of Gene Pruett and Ben Vanschuyver won the men's horseshoe tournament. Joyce Carley and Marveen Manuel won the women's. Winning the moon domino tournament were Steve and Marie Kirk, with Allen and Mary Vanschuyver as runners-up. Pastor David Carley announced the events and gave play-by-play descriptions.

The children had turtle and three-legged races and bubble blowing and pre-wedding contests, all coordinated by David and Pam Blivins. Some of the winners were Rod Swindrod, Sharon Herring, Lee Ann Brock and Angela Kirk. Faray Prank.

Fifth annual picnic

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — About 125 members here enjoyed their fifth annual family picnic July 2 at Living Memorial Park in nearby Coopersburg. All ages enjoyed various games and softball. A few brave souls went swimming despite the cool temperatures.

The food for lunch and dinner was prepared on the outdoor grill. The picnic ended with puns, picking and a sing-along. Gordon S. Long.

Shanks in action

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Members here enjoyed the eighth annual Greenville, S.C., and Burke, N.C., shanks here at a camp near French National Forest June 24 and 25.

Wm. Williams' singing ability added to a weekend of singing. Robert Smith and Joe Christian's ballad singing added to a week of singing. Singing by Steve Meyer and Linda McAll had got

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ended at 1:30 a.m. when Stan Devoaux and other Greenville members with the motto of "Better late than never" arrived and proceeded to set up their tents.

Supposedly maintaining security, Steve Terhansky was heard in the side boxes trying to stop a shank invasion. Surrounded by four shanks, he told them to "take this garbage and scam." One eventually retired for the night under guard Dave Mills' car.

Next morning Mr. Mills helped members' questions in a Bible study.

Softball lasted until lunch, when Gary Dunn of Greenville and Robert Friddle of Asheville, supervised by Robert Bowdlin, pitched hamburgers in perfection. Volleyball, horseshoes and water fishing at Slating Rock's pond was the weekend's Steve Terhansky.

Singles mingle

ATLANTA, Ga. — All the singles in the churches of the southeastern United States were invited to a class dinner sponsored by the Singles Club here June 24. An Atlanta disc jockey was master of ceremonies as the singles enjoyed food, drink and entertainment after a day of fasting.

Next day they enjoyed a picnic at Slating Rock in Wallace Park in Macon, Ga. Near Atlanta.

140,000 bottles

AUCKLAND, New Zealand. Despite wet and cold weather, members here collected 140,000 bottles during the New Zealand's first bottle drive June 18, earning an estimated \$3,500 to help pay

for a series of television advertisements later in the year.

The bottle drive was a family affair, with the men collecting the bottles and the women and children sorting them "each after his own kind."

Directed by Auckland member Arthur "Bottles" Bertelsen, the bottle drive was the first major thrust in a campaign to raise \$25,000 for the Work in New Zealand. The proceeds will be used to produce an edition of the crime booklet and The Plain Truth in a series of 60-second television ads in late October. The New Zealand police department have pledged their full cooperation in backing the crime booklet. Rex Mosegan.

Cookbook singer

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Seventeen members of the Women's Club here met June 25 and, under the direction of hostess Lynne Riemann, busily sorted, arranged, typed and proofread recipes collected from church members. The women's goal was to prepare the materials for a cookbook and send them to a publisher.

When the cookbook is completed, they will be returned to the club and sold in the local area. Peggy Henry.

Graduation certificates

CHELMSFORD, England — Forty men, their wives and guests dined on chicken at the Spokesman Club's fourth annual "Turkey" night at the Rarborough Hotel June 14.

Local elder Martin Brown (job director) called the meeting to order and Alan

Riley, president, introduced topic master Tom Archer. The speakers were introduced by Alan Housman. Joe Pouchek spoke about the effect of laughter on health. Mike Simon recalled a visit to a falconry; secretary Stephen Cornish instructed on writing an effective letter. Richard Dutton gave tips on putting up a shelf and surgeon-in-arms Peter Webster spoke about the history of Megiddo.

Special guest and pastor Peter Shenton presented graduation certificates to Mr. Pouchek, Mike Davies, Peter Clifford and Mike Warren. Mr. Shenton's 8-year-old son Michael presented the awards. Stephen Cornish.

Heckling session

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Sixty 5 feet high and brick ocean beeps across white sandy beaches set the scene for the Spokesman Club's graduation exercises June 18. But the scene was strictly on canvas and in the imagination, because the site was in landlocked Seaside, N.C. Dress and decor were strictly Hawaiian, as maouie pastor Tim Snyder opened his Tiki Tavern 5 p.m. Then "volunteers" began to erupt as speakers were grilled outside for the 50 members, wives and guests attending.

Then the club settled down for a supposedly peaceful meeting. Jerry Royal was "tropicmaster" with a host of topics opened to Father's Day.

Robert Ramsey began the speaking session, discussing the similarities between cultivating a garden and cultivating a marriage. Suddenly, gray-haired Mrs. Nancy began to heckle him. Mr. Snyder had discreetly programmed "heckle squad" in the audience. The hecklers had been hidden by earlier club questions. Hal Duncan and Vincent Hanch' also had to fight off the darts. Heckling subsided for the final speaker, Bill Lytham and Henry Hansard. Tracy Stephens served as toastmaster for the hectic hour of speaking.

After the session Mr. Snyder explained the purpose of having the heckling session, stating that he had reported this approach for the final meeting to add humor and to give the speakers the experience of being confrontations from the audience. Then Mr. Snyder presented certificates of merit plaques to Wayne Blake, Mr. Hansard, James Mitchell, James Mulholl, Dale McCurt and Mr. Stephens. Billy M. Lewis.

Water ballet

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Dressed in Hawaiian garb, 115 brethren here attended a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell June 25.

This luncheon graced the pathways. The delicacies included, melon balls in watermelon boats, smoked fish, pineapple slices, coconut chicken and shrimp lettuce cooked over an open fire by the men. YOU men and several women had made the flowers that adorned the tables and the stage.

Bob Bunting narrated the entertainment, guitar playing by Jack Jackson and Chas. Kaitage, a solo by Janet Pyle, a ball dance by Linda Wiggins, Mary Baker and Lynn Baker and an exhibition of water ballet in the pool by the Basso family.

An active volleyball session closed through the evening. Janet Pyle.

Track-and-field winners

HAGERSTOWN, Md. — The North coast region held its YOU track-and-field meet June 23 at State College. Pa.

Bill Wiggins of Hagerstown placed first in the pole vault with a jump of 12 feet and will go to Pasadena for his second chance at the national title. He won the national pole vault championship in 1976.

Also taking first places in Hagerstown were two James division winners. Greg Cox in the triple and long jumps and Embur Paul in the 800 yard run. Also placing were Michelle Crum, Cheryl Taylor, Pam Knicker and Sarah Paul. Receiving out the Hagerstown team to the Nationals were Harold Paul, Keith Co., Nancy Taylor, Bill Gately and Lydia. La-cyler Lovens.

10th anniversary

KILGERVILLE, Ore. — On a perfect day 10th anniversary of the church here gathered for a picnic in Clatsop, Ore. June 23. Pastor Bill Coffey had prepared picnics of goodies for all participants in the children's games, with ribbons awarded



40TH ANNIVERSARY — Ghert and Jean Boehms, above, of Pasadena cut their cake at a surprise 40th-anniversary party at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Rosalie and Robert Black, July 2. Kevin Dean, Herbert W. Armstrong's steward purser, baked and decorated the three-layered cake, which represented the wedding cake the Boehms never had because they stopped during the Depression. Mrs. Boehms works in the Personal Correspondence Department and attends the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

to the winners John and Maxine Luech organized a treasure hunt, hiding 50 to-bests and giving prizes to each young person who found one.

Dan Layton used guitar to ensure that the all-covers, had the ladies and children in the church, managed to win a special tip-off on against a phony group of five young men.

Mervy Miller, manned a flea market, selling everything from buttons to handkerchiefs. He was assisted by superintendent man George De Vlugt, who tried to sell one item to three people simultaneously.

Brothers here celebrated the Kitchener church's 10th anniversary July 1. After the service conducted by Tony Washford and Lou Van Pelt, the members enjoyed refreshments prepared by the ladies and a cake made for the occasion by Jane Van Pelt. Photographs and a slide show recalled people and events from the past 10 years.

When brethren in Kitchener first began attending services, they had to travel to Philadelphia, Pa., 100 miles away. Later, they were able to attend in Buffalo, N.Y., then Toronto, Ont. only 70 miles away. The first Sabbath school in Kitchener was June 22, 1968, conducted by Roy McNeil, now pastor of the Nashville, Tenn. church. Colin Adair also served the brethren here before being transferred to the Philippines.

McNeill's pastor here for five years is being transferred to the Hamilton, Ont. church to be replaced here by Lyle Simon following his sabbatical in Pasadena. Mr. Van Pelt will be giving pastorship of the church to St. Catharines, Ont. Deacon Rudy Ruth presented Mr. and Mrs. Van Pelt a farewell gift of a silver dish on behalf of the brethren. George and Chris Carter.

Change of tooth

LEEDS, England — The Leeds and Hall's Spokesman Club held its special night June 25 at the Bradford. The club began at 8:45 p.m. Most effective speaker was D. Whiting. Most improved was N. Mansingham. The director, David Sater, said he was very pleased with the speakers and invited the representatives of all club members to custom meeting. Mr. Sater emphasized that the future leadership of the churches comes out of the hard grind of the club.

After tea and biscuits, a five-course meal was served at 7 p.m. The dining room was once full of the clatter of teeth as the quality hot lasagna was made. The room reverberated with laughter and jokes until 9:15, when most left to commence the long journey back home. However, a few faithful souls stayed, just and continued to all music around 11 p.m. on Gordon Street.

Success of Flax Mills

Mt. BOON, Ore., Australia — The Mt. Boon church held annual Convention of Flax Mills June 18 attracted 380 music buffs. After two months of concerted effort, the performers presented a pleasing and varied program.

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LUAU — Left, from left Linda Wiggins, Mary Baker and Lynn Baker hold dance at a Hawaiian-style luau for Clatsopville Flax members. Right, Rita Bunting shows a watermelon boat filled with melon balls. (See "Water Ballet," this page.) Photos by Levin Wiggins.



BOTTLED UP — Families of the Auckland, New Zealand, church collect and sort some of the 140,000 bottles they gathered in a \$3,500 fund-raising effort June 18. The proceeds will help finance a future series of advertisements in New Zealand. (See "140,000 Bottles," this page.) Photos by Rex Margart.



GOING AWAY, GIVING AWAY — Left Mr. and Mrs. Mario Seigle read a note of appreciation given them at a San Diego, Calif., church picnic June 25. Mr. Seigle, a local elder, has been transferred to Bogota, Colombia, where he will serve as pastor. Right: Members of the San Diego, Calif., church are now distributing up to 8,000 Plain Truths monthly through newsstands, stores and public places throughout the city. Working on the project are, front row, from left: James Fiddle, Frank Caldwell, Ed Hill, Jim Butler, John Racheis, Don Johnson and Dale Lansdowne. Second row: Tony Rick, Mrs. Ed Hill, Mrs. Phil Chadwick, Mrs. David McCullum, Mrs. Craig Dunsworth, Mrs. Ed Walker, Mrs. Nell Dwinell, John Hill and Virgil Gordon. Back row: Bob Abery, Phil Chadwick, Craig Dupworth and Gene Porter. (See "Increase in PT Subscribers," this page.) (Photos by Susan Koskoff)



TRACK MEET — Left: Ken Mellon of the Modesto, Calif., church heaves a first-place throw with the discus in the YOU southwestern region's track-and-field competition in Sacramento, Calif., June 25. Right: Sun Nielsen and J.P. Rigas measure discus and shot-put throws. (Photos by John H. Campbell)



Wrap-up

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Master of ceremonies Randal Boucher opened the program on a stage set in a roomy dining room. Beginning from last year's performance were classical guitarist Jerome Stuart, baritone Arthur Le Conte, pianist Christopher Steward and trumpeter Mel Jennings.

New, the address to the program were the Marlene family, a string quartet and David Knox's enchanting performance of three Renaissance pieces for recorder.

Mr. Boucher also performed his own amusing piano composition, "Recollections of Childhood." Elizabeth Odoman sang several numbers, including Orpheus' "I Love Thee and Orpheus," "Wife of Mr. Heart," accompanied by piano, singing quartet and guitar. John Matthews presented Chopin's "Walk in A Flat" to conclude the evening.

Practically all the many people contributing to the concert's success was Audrey Harding, the stage manager. Leon Turk

The DeBrees, who have lived in Canada for 24 years, will be accompanied on their move to the Netherlands by their daughter Jané Dominic Vance.

11-day western tour

MOUNT VERNON, Ill. — Pastor Harold Smith and 17 YOM men left for an 11-day tour of the West June 12, returning on Thursday, June 22. The group visited six states and covered 5,730 miles in Mr. Smith's car and a van provided by Ron Webb.

The tourists took in such sights as the Great Sand Dunes, the Royal Gorge, Dinosaur National Monument, Flamingo Geopark, Yellowstone National Park, Custer Battlefield and Mt. Rushmore. They spent two days at a dude ranch in Wyoming, then went to Kalispell, Mont., for the Sabbath.

The Kalfjell YOM members sponsored a disco-dance for the visiting teens Sunday evening, and both groups visited Olathe National Park the following day. After a day of recuperation in Pueblo, Colo., the travelers headed back to Illinois. Kerry Miles.

Great Elders' Grape Grab

MORFORD, Va. — Churches led by the elders of the Richmond and Norfolk churches jointly showed their way through a bowl of grapes in the field Great Elders' Grape Grab at a picnic for the combined congregations June 25 in Williamsburg. Ray Estman cleaned his bowl first and claimed the prize. The picnic was also a farewell to the Estmans, who are being transferred to Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Norfolk Gladstone Club invited as special guests 30 veterans of the Hampton veterans hospital who said the picnic was the best they'd had in years. One veteran said it was his first home cooked meal in 15 years.

Activities included softball games, resource hunts, horseshoe games and a musical ballroom reception, won by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Armstrong.

Virginia's great cooks showed themselves to produce a glistening feast of culinary delights for the moon meal. Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Pryke.

Vail representative of fund

NOTTINGHAM, England — About 100 members here and guests from the Birmingham church enjoyed a picnic with a vast repertoire of food organized and prepared by the YOM chapter under the direction of Cliff March.

William Park in Nottingham was the venue, which houses a natural history museum, an industrial museum, two birds of prey and a lake.

The adults had to carry day in Ann McLean, assisted by Jane Gale. Ruth Devine, Rosemary Thompson, Jeremy Taylor and Martin Burgess handled the catering and Steward Cliff organized the games for the young children. Games of volleyball, cricket, rounders and football kept the adults out of the way of the hard-working team.

In the children's games, Brian Saher, Gaynor Saher, Lindsey Handley, Fiona McLean, Gordon McLaren, Sarah Spence, Alison Garnett, Fiona Baird and Mark McCone and William Turner were prize winners.

In thanking the team for their grand efforts in Robin Hood country, pastor John Stirling also praised the members of the Midlands Snow Competition. First prize went to David Edwards of Birmingham, second to David Gibbs of Birming-

ham and a high commendation to Jane Gale of Nottingham. Ron McClellan.

Team studies tracks

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The track team, coach Gary Cottingham and Chapman, attended the regional track meet in Sacramento, Calif., June 25.

Four Phoenix members placed. Troy Spence was second in the high jump, Lida Haven was second in the 80-yard hurdles, Vicki Haven was fourth in the 80-yard hurdles and Denise Walker was third in the 220 yard dash. Steve Luter and Diane Benson also qualified for the nationals, but they went to summer camp instead.

The team members, particularly appreciated the hospitality of the Sacramento brethren who organized their homes for them. Debbie Gray.

Department group invitational

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Brethren here earned about \$1,500 for the Pittsburgh churches' invitational fund by participating in membership at the 1978 departmental events June 21. Some 70 couples were involved at seven locations in the Pittsburgh area.

About \$1,000 of the total was earned by YOM members. Don Lawson, pastor of the Westmoreland church, said that the YOM were "very responsive and applied hard." The man from Hills said it was the best inventory he'd ever had and that next time he'd like to have more teenagers. Jane Loveland and.

Pool party

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The church here held its first pool party and hamburger barbecue on the business June 25. The setting was St. Petersburg's new Water Park. The pool complex, composed of both Olympic sized and tubing ponds. The three days of swimming and eating were enjoyed by all. Carol E. Vogel.

Increase in PT subscribers

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A dramatic increase in the number of Plain Truth subscribers in this area has resulted from the recently initiated PT distribution department, according to a report issued by Pastor James Fiddle.

The June July issue will see 100,000 on newsstands and in stores and public

places throughout the county. Assistant coordinator Phil Chadwick, under the direction of local elder John Hill, handles most of the work directing the efforts of 18 persons countywide.

The annual church picnic at San Diego State Park June 25 was also a farewell party for Margie and Kay Seigle, who have been transferred to Bogota, Colombia, chapel. Mr. Fiddle presented them gifts from the congregation in appreciation for their service here for the past 16 months. About 450 brethren attended to extend their farewells to the Seigles.

Also honored were Mr. and Mrs. Bill King, well known here for their deep-buff barbecues.

To top off a perfect day, Jim Butler's A and B softball teams won a doubleheader over Long Beach. A group of games and exercises for young people of all ages was organized and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Skip Miller. Susan Koskoff.

Slide show of Holy Land

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Richard W. Act, pastor of the Westmoreland church, presented a slide show, "To Hell and Back," to members of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches June 17.

The slide presentation included scenes of Jerusalem's points of historical importance such as the Mount of Olives, the City of David, the Valley of Jehoshaphat, the Garden Tomb, the Walling Walk, the Arch of Herod and the Arch of Hadrian and modern day panoramas of interest including the Holy Sepulchre, a museum and monument in memory of those killed in concentration camps.

Mr. and Mrs. Frankel served in the Jerusalem office from 1970 to 1974 and plan to make a trip for a second time to the Holy Land during this year's Feast of Tabernacles. Marvonne Gorman.

Don Vajago

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Kathy White, 16, YOM member here was one of seven

YOU members in the United States chosen for Youth Exchange Exchange Program. Mrs. Blackwell informed Kathy to make plans to leave for America the end of June. Kathy had already been studying German.

The brethren gave her a bon voyage party after the Sabbath service June 10. Betty Barbers baked and decorated a cake for the occasion. Decorations depicted the Twin Falls airport. Members presented her gifts of \$150 and a piece of luggage.

Pastor Herbert Magnuson, assisted by local elder Gary Porter, ordained Ernie Wain and Paul Wilson in the office of deacons during the Sabbath service. Sharon Berger.

Farewell to Dutch pastor

UTRECHT, Netherlands — The Spokenham Club here held its ladies' night on Wednesday, June 18, to bid adieu to a Dutch returned with perfect weather and an ideal setting.

Club director Roy McCarthy, who started the club 24 years ago, saw the fruits of his efforts shortly before going to minister to the people in South Africa as its Spokenham. He received there certificates from Deaconess, C.W. Davidson, Hans Elvers, Carl Evers, Tim van Hattens, Ernie Koster, And Son, Jan Ursen St. Han Wilms, Martin van Zanten, Frank in the, God and the church. Tim Smith and Jan Wilms, though the last four men were unable to attend.

The club presented a quiet floral wreath to Dr. McCarthy and flowers to his wife.

During a combined service for both the Bible and Dutch churches June 24, Dr. McCarthy gave a farewell sermon about the history and growth of the Dutch Work. The service also brought special music, "The Glory of the Lord."

A farewell social was organized in honor of the MCC within in the Asselgier weeks. About 200 attended to enjoy the activities and games and a cold buffet prepared by the members. Frank Schure, director of the German Work, and his family were also present to say goodbye to the M.C. McCarthy. Ben Bruning.



PERFORMERS — Left: YOU members of the Bridgetown, Barbados, church sing folk songs at a talent show presented to the church June 18. Right: Francesa Sanghart sings a modern number. Also participating were some performers from the Gladstone children's home, which has cooperated with the YOM group in several projects recently.

Personals

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Please pray for my children and me. We are in need of a home and a pastor. Thank you for your understanding.
Please pray for my wife, who is in a coma. She is in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, 1100 W. 14th St., Denver, CO 80202. Please pray that God will help me understand her condition. Thank you for your understanding.

FOLLOW-UP

I deeply appreciate all prayers and encouraging messages. Please continue to pray for me. I am still in the hospital. My condition is still not good. Please continue to pray for me. I am still in the hospital. My condition is still not good.

THANK-YOUS

Great and helpful. Thank you to the Greater Women's Club and to all who participated in the reception. The food was excellent. We were touched by the presentation of the magnificent copper chalice of the Auditorium. The chalice was beautiful and was dedicated to the church. Thank you for the chalice. Thank you for the chalice. Thank you for the chalice.

LITERATURE

Would you please send me a copy of the book 'The Way of Zen' by Alan Watts. I would like to read it. Thank you for your help. I would like to read it. Thank you for your help.

LA orchestra establishes residency in Auditorium

PASADENA The Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra has accepted the invitation of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AIF) to become the resident orchestra of the Ambassador Auditorium. The orchestra will move its executive offices to Pasadena. The foundation will provide the orchestra with two office, public and other essential services, enabling patrons to purchase tickets. The orchestra will also have a residency at the Ambassador Auditorium. The orchestra will move its executive offices to Pasadena. The foundation will provide the orchestra with two office, public and other essential services, enabling patrons to purchase tickets.

Motion: Key to International European Citizens. Development of the Peace. Where are the Last Days? We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world.

TRAVEL

Member would like to meet members of God's Church in Florida. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world.

MISCELLANEOUS

Congratulations to Sandy Smith and her family. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world.

My wife is in Alaska. Tomlin Logan, R253. Please pray for my wife. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world. We are looking for a new world.

Obituaries

CHICAGO, Ill. — Charles McPherson, 78, who attended the Southside Church, died June 13 after suffering a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, a son, a daughter and a sister.

ELIZABETHTOWN, N.C. — Estel Davis Lewis, 67, died July 13 following a illness of several weeks. She was baptized Dec. 13, 1970, and attended the Fayetteville, N.C., church. She is survived by her husband, a son, a daughter and a sister.

Singapore, Malaysian churches 'encouraged' by lecture results

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — The Southeast Asian churches have just completed their first Plain Truth lecture program for subscribers in South Malaysia. Singapore. Four hundred ninety-four non-members attended the meetings, representing about 10 percent of the population in this part of the island.

Jerry (if Church member) of Delaware; Floyd of Delaware; Carl of Maryland and Charles of Tomahawk, N.C.; two brothers, John C. Davis and Willie H. Davis; both of Henderson, N.C.; two sisters, Bonnie Hester and Mary Jordan (both Church members); and a foster sister, Irene Moore, all of The Wood, N.C.

ESCONDIDO, Calif. — William Leslie "Bill" Humphreys, 79, died here July 10 of complications from an intestinal ailment he had suffered for several years. Mr. Humphreys was baptized several months after the death of his wife, Cora, in 1974. Mrs. Humphreys had been a deaconess in the San Diego, Calif., and Escondido churches for many years.

FLINT, Mich. — Hubert Fuller, 53, died after a long illness with lung cancer July 2. A member of God's Church since October, 1977, he attended the Flint church. Funeral services were conducted by Nelson June 24.

SHREVEPORT, La. — Nellie Mae Anderson, 69, died July 2 of congestive heart failure. Mrs. Anderson had been a member of God's Church since 1948. Funeral services were conducted by Gerald White, pastor of the Sherman, Tex., church.

Mr. Anderson had been a member of God's Church since 1948. Funeral services were conducted by Gerald White, pastor of the Sherman, Tex., church. Survivors include her three sons, R. G. Anderson, J. L. Anderson and R. W. Anderson, all of Shreveport; two daughters, Johnnie Brooks of Bossier City, La., and Audrey Neely of Shreveport; and 12 grandchildren.

LUBBOCK, Tex. — Gerry C. Elliott, 47, died June 30 after a brief illness. Brent Curtis officiated at funeral services for Mr. Elliott here.

Mr. Elliott, a native of Ottawa, Kan., moved here in 1941 and owned and operated Elliott Motor Sales. Survivors include his wife, Dottie; a son, Steven; a daughter, Betty Palmer; his father, Garland; and a grandchild.

SARNIA, Ont. — Alice Irene Payne, 47, died July 8. She had been a member of God's Church for two years. Miss Payne is survived by her parents, two sisters and one brother.

She lived with Louise Lawson, her friend and companion, who acted as her nurse, while Miss Payne rested at her home. Mrs. Lawson is a member of the church.

Mr. Fuller is survived by his wife, two sons, his mother, two brothers and five sisters.

Perhaps the most moment in any campaign is the half hour before the start. All the preparation has been done. Booklets have been arranged neatly on the tables. The projector has been checked a dozen times. Music has been revised and revised again. Now there is nothing to do but wait and see if anybody is going to come. This was the position of the 14 members of the Singapore church on Sunday, June 11.

Long elder Yung Chai Goo, campaign manager, had been busy and appeared very nervous. He was not encouraged as we looked for our third location, the old Pottinger city of Malacca. Malacca was the original European settlement on the Malay Peninsula, and to this day it retains a distinct Portuguese flavor.

But at 7:30 I was beginning to wonder if the fellow with the bell had been right after all. Except for ourselves and a few members our room in the town hall was deserted. But once again, the "mysterious East" was proving predictably unpredictable. By 8:15, three quarters of an hour after the scheduled start, we had a healthy crowd of 44. And the following evening half an hour late again we had 48 people, four more than the first night.

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MOVING ON -- Left: Lee Gaundrose of the Winnipeg, Man. church runs in the 800-yard event. Above: Athletes from six regions run the 80-yard low hurdles. Right: A member of the South Central team wears his goal. Below: The Southwest Region squad holds the first place trophy after a come from behind victory.

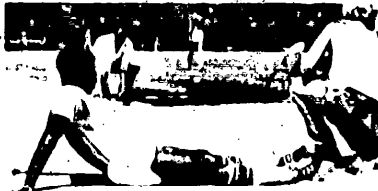


'78 YOU TRACK-AND-FIELD FINALS

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HIGH JUMP Above: Shelly Goshals of the Tacoma, Wash. church high jumps to second place. Right: Mickey Perry of the Washington, D.C. church rests after his 3000-yard jump attempt is frustrated. Far right: Richard Johnson of the Portland of the West church, one-upped to first place. Below left: Ann Simard of Jackson, Miss. 19th came to Pasadena to watch her favorite. Far right: on the ground, 1000.



TOURNAMENT BIGHTS -- Left: Darlene Pette of the Windsor, Ont. church encourages her teammates. Below left: Carol Bennett, all of the Regina, Sask. church and Michael Mosley of the Surrey, B.C. church represent a north of the border contingent. Below right: Times Square crowd the finish line. Right: Lisa Hines (left) of the San Jose, Calif. church was named female most valuable performer the first year in a row. Above: Phil Greenwood of the Southwest Region and Dave (bottom) of the top eight epist named male most valuable performer.

