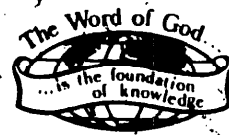


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WHY The CHURCH?

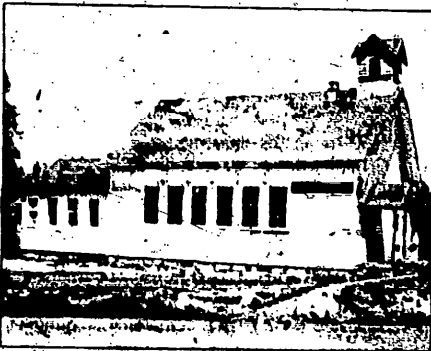
The real purpose and function of the Church has not been understood. This article brings the eye-opening TRUTH.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
When Jesus Christ returns to earth in supernatural splendor, power and glory, He is coming to His TEMPLE. But where is that temple — when will it be built?

Many students of the Bible have wondered — speculated. Will the Israelis after all de-

struction of Solomon's temple to build the second temple on the same site.

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SCHOOLHOUSE — The Jean's schoolhouse near Eugene, Ore., housed the first church congregation founded by Herbert W. Armstrong as a result of a series of evangelistic campaigns in 1933.

stroy the Dome of the Rock — the Moslem temple standing today on the site of both Solomon's temple and the temple to which Jesus came at His first appearing?

Malachi's prophecy says: "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek (Christ), shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant." (Malachi 3:1)

It was John the Baptist who prepared the way — but that was before Jesus' first coming. When we read on through verses 2 to 6 it becomes altogether evident this prophecy in Malachi is talking about Christ's second coming, in power and glory, to rule.

Who, then, as a human messenger (type bearing a message) was to prepare the way before His second coming? And what of the temple to which He is to come?

Zerubbabel's type

Look briefly at the prophecy of Hagai. It concerns the construction of Jews who returned to

Jerusalem 70 years after the destruction of Solomon's temple to build the second temple on the same site.

The prophecy concerns Zerubbabel, governor of the con-

But Zerubbabel was merely a type. The prophecy, as we see plainly beginning verse 6, chapter 2, is millennial.

"For thus saith the Eternal of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire [RSV has, 'so that the treasures of all nations shall come'] of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former."

It is speaking of the end-time — at the second coming of Christ.

Now what does it mean, the glory of this latter house (or latter-day house) shall be greater than that of the former — that is, greater in splendor than Solomon's temple, which had the most glorious splendor of any building on earth? Certainly the second temple, built by Zerubbabel, even though larger, could not compare in splendor to Solomon's.

But God was speaking of the temple to which Christ shall come, at His glorious second

coming as King of kings and Lord of lords!

Jesus Christ came the first time still in the days of old-covenant Israel — a carnal-minded and rebellious people. It was a material temple, even as He came to a physical, carnal people.

But He is coming the second time in supreme power and glory. He will come this time to a GLORIOUS TEMPLE — a SPIRITUAL, not a material temple!

A glorified temple

Of God's Church He says in the second chapter of Ephesians, "Now therefore ye are . . . of the household (family) of God (the CHURCH); And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and the prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord." (emphasis mine, Ephesians 2:19-22)

The glorified Christ is coming to the glorified temple — with a glory far greater than Solomon's temple!

Note it: Christ is not coming to a material building, but to His Church, then to be GLORIFIED with Him.

Notice further, in Ephesians, chapter 4: "From whom the whole body [body of Christ — the Church] fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth. . . ." (verse 16).

Now let's UNDERSTAND.

Old Testament Israel, both church and state, lived in the days of the first Adam. They had the one human spirit — they were carnal minded, hostile against God, not subject to the law of God. But God gave them His laws (spiritual, as well as sacrificial, ceremonial and statutory). It proved that without the second Spirit — the Holy Spirit of God — people would not turn to the right way of life, even though God revealed to them the knowledge, not only of Himself, but of His GOVERNMENT!

But the New Testament Church of God started out with God's Holy Spirit added to the human spirit, even from its inception.

The Old Testament sacrificial laws and ceremonial rituals were a mere temporary substitute for Christ and the Holy Spirit. When the reality came the substitute was ended, but the basic SPIRITUAL LAW — the law of LOVE codified in the Ten Commandments — continued. But the CHURCH was required, having the Holy Spirit, to obey them not! (See WHY THE CHURCH; page 9)

SIGNIFICANCE OF POPE'S DEATH

By Herbert W. Armstrong
The death of Pope Paul may have tremendous significance to God's Church and to God's Work!

Some 20 years ago when Pope John was elected, I wondered if he would be the pope who would offer his good offices to the nations of Europe to bring about the political and military, as well as economic, union so many European nations have desired.

In other words, to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire, which ruled Europe under the popes from 554 to 1814. But immediately we could see

Pope John was not the man to do this. He sought to strengthen the Roman

Catholic Church by launching the ecumenical movement — hoping to bring back

to the "Mother Church" her daughters that had gone out of her in protest — calling themselves Protestant.

Fifteen years ago I felt that surely Pope Paul would be the stern pope who would bring about this United States of Europe (Revelation 17), sternly ruling all Europe with police and military force (Revelation 13). But he too was a more kindly, gentle type of man.

During the decade and a half of Pope Paul's rule, the Catholic Church faced its period of greatest trial and test in many decades. Pope Paul continued the efforts of the ecumenical movement, but it brought no real results. But his greatest stress was within the church itself. Many priests became of



PAPAL BLESSING — Pope Paul VI imparts a blessing before crowds assembled in front of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy. (UPI photo)

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Born summit: no help for dollar

PASADENA — In mid-July the heads of government of the free world's leading industrial powers — the United States, West Germany, Japan, France, Britain, Italy and Canada — met in Bonn, West Germany, in an attempt to look out the main problems in these complex world relationships.

The World Economic Summit Conference in Bonn attended by this writer, ended with cautious predictions of optimism for the year ahead. For a day or two after the massive convulse the mild euphoria which even later expenditure seemed to have pumped new confidence into the West's fragile economic system.

But hardly was the ink dry on the summit's ambitious final communiqué when it became abundantly clear nothing really had been resolved. This was because nothing was done about the plummeting value of the U.S. dollar.

This problem No. 1, in fact, was not even an official item on the agenda. The Americans had come to Bonn determined to play down the problems of the dollar. The American view prevailed that the Bonn meeting should only deal with trade imbalances and how to stimulate world economic growth.

Thus, the Bonn meeting footed nobody. Within two or three days of its conclusion the foreign exchange markets went wild again as

money managers unloaded hundreds of millions of unwanted, surplus dollars in search of stronger currencies.

The Bremen talks

The failure of the Bonn conference contrasted sharply with the success attained at the Common Market head-of-government conference (only a week earlier in Bremen, West Germany) to construct a new European Monetary Union by the end of this year if possible — with hopefully a single European currency, backed heavily by gold and the mighty Deutsche mark, in operation in five years or less! (The basic outlines of this new European monetary system and its European Currency Unit (ECU) were examined in the "Worldwatch" column in the July 17 Good News.)

In Bonn the Germans and French

gave it his endorsement.

American reactions, of course, the Germans and their French partners have set their course. A report in the New York Times of July 30 analyzed the importance of the new German assertiveness.

The outcome of last week's Western economic conference is another sign that 30 years after leaving World War II, West Germany is finally acquiring the diplomatic muscle to match its economic strength.

President Carter and other Western leaders wanted him [Schmidt] to expand the German economic base, then he considered President Mr. Schmidt refused to do this, offering only a modest stimulus. Instead, he had already chosen to spend Germany's trade surplus — the fruit of its economic strength — on financing



LEADING FIGURES — Two leading personalities at the Bonn economic summit were West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Jimmy Carter. (Plain Truth photo)

member states

'A powerful beast'

The book of Revelation describes the system that will emerge eventually in Europe as a "beast" and this beast will have a "mark," and without this mark, no one can buy or sell.

The so-called "mark of the beast" has its primary religious connotations (Sunday observance), but it is worth noting that the German mark will be the kingly currency behind a new European monetary system that is destined to control much of world trade — and

international commerce may be equally impossible without access to and use of this "mark."

In this light, consider also this quote from the Wall Street Journal of July 12: "While exact rules for the monetary union are yet to be drafted by European finance ministers and Common Market aides for a political decision in December, planners emphasize that the influence of discipline-conscious West Germany can be counted on to prevent reckless creation of reserve money. This will be a powerful beast, but a highly controlled beast," says one planner.

Worldwatch

BY GENE H. HOBBS

briefed the American delegation on the outlines of the monetary union, stressing it was not intended as an anti-American gesture, but that it had been given great impetus because of the dollar's decline. President Jimmy Carter was noticeably cool to the whole idea and declined to

the further unification of Europe and increasing his country's diplomatic authority within Europe and abroad.

"The real issue of state are as much political as economic. A disciplined European monetary bloc would provide the basis for a single European currency that could eventually take over much of the dollar's role as an international medium of exchange.

Britain at the crossroads

The sudden swelling support for a European Monetary Union clearly has come at a bad time for Britain. Support for the Common Market has dropped to its lowest level ever in Britain — only 29 percent.

Many experts feel the monetary plan represents an unacceptable compromise of prized British sovereignty. Yet not to join could be the death knell of Britain's economy. Reported the Daily Telegraph of July 24: "The issue is of the gravest importance. A decision to join would mean Britain giving up much of her economic independence from Europe. But to stay out could mean condemning the country to second class political and economic status in Europe in the foreseeable future."

If Britain decides to opt out of the EMU plan the Republic of Ireland, much more pro-EEC (European Community), is very interested in it.

Should Britain decide in the end to opt out, the alternatives facing Ireland would be to opt out as well or to break the party link with sterling and tie in with the stronger European currencies.

"In such circumstances," reports London's Financial Times of July 14, "the temptation would be for Ireland to break the link. The Republic would be set up as Europe's gateway to the British Isles and away from Britain."

Thus, before long we could see a whole new Europe arise — one primarily continental and Roman Catholic in character; revolving around Germany and France as its economic base — with Protestant Britain and possibly also Denmark, where public interest in the Common Market is also waning, on the outside looking in.

There are presently nine members of the Common Market. As expected, Spain, Portugal and Greece look up, the membership would be increased to 12. But if, in addition, recalcitrant members Britain and Denmark opt out, the Community would be left with 10

Pope's death

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the more liberal persuasion — many married, many sons married. Probably 90 percent to 95 percent of the church laity neglected completely to follow the church edict that sexual union must be used solely for purposes of reproduction — and that any other use of sex, even in marriage, was a sin, even though only venial.

At the same time Pope Paul had to contend with another power group among the presbyteral, who stood sternly for the traditional conservatism. This group walked a tightrope and did manage to hold the church together — though in a time of great and mounting stress.

It had seemed that the resurrection of the Catholic-ruled Europe was considerably past due. But in Revelation 7, when the hour had come for the trumpet plagues to be poured out, you will read how God held up events, until the sealing of the 144,000 and other great innumerable multitude. So it has seemed God has deliberately held up the resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire UNTIL God's GREAT COMMISSION is completed.

When this European combine — politically, militarily, religiously, with a common currency — occurs, our work will be just about over, and it will be well for us to heed this warning!

As the world awakes in our times, suspense the election of the next pope. It is well that we realize that our days to finish God's Work may be fast closing in on us! This time, the pope elected may be the one that will signify the immaturity of the GREAT TRIBULATION.

This is the time of the trial and test of God's PEOPLE (Daniel 12:9, 10). We are in the process of seeing the living branch of God's Church, Jesus Christ, gathered once again along with the GREAT MARTYRIC ones in our hearts as never before! God's Christ is now arising, with God's power, to root out liberalism, secularism and spiritual lethargy and neglect from our midst! God's Church and Work have been completely turned around in the past two months.

We are, praise to our Leader Jesus Christ, now making a new start in the right direction.

We need to be AWARE and plunge with renewed vigor into the work before us, for the night draweth on when no man can work.

Let us GIVE as never before, of our earnest and heart-felt PRAYERS for God's Work, and for those Christ is using in it in our enthusiasm and warm-hearted encouragement and support both in attitude and words, and in tithes and offerings — that God's Work now will make the FINAL DASH ON THE HOME STRETCH WITH A RENEWED VITALITY. WHERE ARE YOU?

NEXT ISSUE: Herbert W. Armstrong writes "Where Are We Now in the Panorama of Prophesied World Events?"

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Thanks to Mr. Baker
Thank you for giving me some insight into the "real" Stanley Baker. You were a major key to me in the past. I have nothing to tell you now that I know something about you, only great wishes to highly respect you. One thought to your wife for her suggestion.

Ann L. Pennington
Miss Lamm, Calif.

Tonight I had the opportunity to read the manuscript of your address which appeared in The Good News.

I want to thank you for your long term service and continued loyalty to God's Church and Work.

Please don't ever leave your post in the town of Rome. We need you especially now as the Church is struggling to regain the steps it once had moved off — the steps of love which you spoke of.

Frank Lewandowski
Bethel Park, Pa.

Thank you very much for your personal note about yourself and the MWA and your years in the Work.

We hope we can hear more of your personal experience in the Work of God. You probably had heard this before, but put it in case you had not, and on.

Along about 1972, when the time you were baptized (I repeated that), when you were attending the private Bible studies with MWA overseas, Mr. Armstrong, as his return, would mention to the baptizant's congregation how "you were coming along and that much closer to baptism." Mr. Armstrong was confident I think that eventually you would be baptized.

Pat Oles
Beeching, Ore.

After reading the transcript of your address (July 1, 1978, Good News article), which followed the June 17 sermon by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong at the Anaheim Auditorium, Pasadena, Calif., I felt the need to write and tell you that "we in the back rooms of God's mighty glory love you very much and are very thankful that you are at Mr. Armstrong and can be a "strong right arm" in the critical times ahead.

Let the arrows bounce off your shield
stick to the enemy, and advance forward with his following as he surges on. "Great Commander in Chief — Christ Jesus."
Kenneth A. and Mary F. Jenks
Baltimore, Md.

The following letters were received after Stanley Baker's appearance on the Tomorrow show July 24. For more information, see page 3.

Mr. Baker on "Tomorrow"
Your appearance on the Tom Snyder Show prompted me to stay up two hours past my usual bedtime. It was well worth staying up for.

You did a very fine job in presenting the beliefs of the Church and in answering questions thrown out by the host. You showed great common sense through QTA in your treatment of questions about him.

I have been troubled by hearing of criticism you have received in the past. I am sure there are many people like myself in the Church who are guilty of regarding as their own support to our leaders. That is why I welcome this opportunity to thank you for your continuing service and loyalty you are showing to the Church.
Jeanette Baker
South Charleston, W. Va.

You were truly God's representative to the Tomorrow show.
Your strong faith in God and your deep loyalty to Mr. Herbert Armstrong was no evident — your responses while on that "hot seat" were a real blessing for the host.

Thank you for being such a strong example for all of us in God's Church. How glad we are to have been given that opportunity. I pray it will be soon that all of God's created will have God's guidance in the Kingdom.
We need Mr. Baker's similar counsel today. Really appreciated your talk.
Carl and Evelyn Pelice
Council Bluffs, Iowa

Mr. I saw you last night on the Tomorrow show with Tom Snyder.

You did a wonderful job of representing God's true Church as representative Mr. Snyder's program. I am sure you are going to be on the show about a week after of time. I prayed that God would give you the strength and guidance that proper was necessary.

Mr. Baker, you are doing an excellent job for God's Work.

Harry Dale Tucker
Richmond, Ky.

Part 3: The Plain Truth About Healing

WHAT BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS REVEAL

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Many believe, today, that Jesus healed and performed miracles only to demonstrate He was the Christ, but we read of miraculous healings all through the Old Testament.

The Israelites, on their trek out of Egyptian slavery, came to Marah. The water was too bitter to drink. Of course the people griped and blamed Moses. Moses cried out to God, who performed a miracle, making the waters sweet. Then God said, "I will diligently hearken to the voice of the Eternal thy God, and will do that which is right in his sight, and will give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Eternal that healeth thee" (Exodus 15:26).

"The God that healeth"

Those last five words are translated from the Hebrew name *Yahweh-Rapha*, one of God's names meaning the "healing God" or the "God that healeth."

In Exodus 23:25, God is quoted speaking to the children of Israel:

"I will take sickness away from the midst of thee."

Again, in Deuteronomy 7:15:

"And the Eternal will take away from thee all sickness . . . In Deuteronomy 32:39, God is quoted:

"I heal."

David prayed: "O Eternal my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me" (Psalms 30:2).

Psalm 41:4: "Lord, be merciful unto me: heal my soul."

In Psalm 62, David prayed:

"Have mercy upon me, O Eternal; for I am weak: O Lord, heal me."

Psalm 103:3: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Is it God's will to heal? Some ask. Or others say, "I know He could heal me, if it's His will." Is it His will to forgive? Then, He says, it is also His will to HEAL — all our diseases.

Psalm 107:17-20: "Fools because of their transgressions, and because of their iniquities, were afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat [food]; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Eternal in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. "He [sendeth] his word, and [healeth] them, and [delivereth] them from their destructions." (The original Hebrew signifies the present tense.) This is a case of one who has been very foolish, and brought the sickness upon himself. But, on repentance, God forgives and heals every man and woman.

"Specific case history"

God had said to ancient Israel,

"I am *Yahweh-Rapha*" — that is, "I am the Eternal that heals you," or, "I am your healing God," or, "I am your God-healer." He also said in the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Healing is the forgiveness of physical sin. None but God can forgive sin. None but God heals! God is a Jealous God. He is not going to allow anyone else to heal. Medicines and drugs do not, cannot HEAL!

Notice, how, the case of King Asa of Judah. He turned to the king of Syria for help, and paid him money to become an ally. God had said He would fight their battles for them. This hiring of allies God calls harlotry, in which the harlot pays instead of being paid.

But King Asa forsook God — like a wife forsaking her husband and hiring lovers — and this, after having previously relied on God for victories! God sent a prophet to remind Asa of what he was doing. But Asa in hot anger had the prophet imprisoned.

Later Asa was stricken with a serious disease. Notice II Chronicles 16:12, 13: "And Asa in the thirty and ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Eternal, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign."

God wants His people to rely on Him, to trust Him. He wants to do things for us that we cannot do for ourselves. He wants us to learn the lesson of faith!

Now notice another case history, recorded in II Kings, first chapter. King Ahaziah, king of Israel at Samaria, son of the evil Ahab, "fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease."

"But the angel of the Eternal said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the Eternal, Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die" (verses 2-4).

Baalzebub, the god of Ekron, was the patron deity of medicine — the medicine god of Ekron. The manner in which people inquired of this god was through the medical doctors.

Is it because some of us do not know and rely on the true God that we rely instead on medical doctors? God has said, "I am the God that healeth you."

But now on another case history from the Old Testament. It's the

example of King Hezekiah. It is recorded in II Kings, the 20th chapter, the first seven verses.

"In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the Eternal, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live."

Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Eternal, saying, I beseech thee, O Eternal, remember now how I have walked before thee in truth, and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore."

He put his heart into his prayer. He obeyed God. He had a right ATTITUDE. He did not now turn to seek human help, but trusted God alone. Continuing the passage in verse 5:

Thus saith the Eternal, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the Eternal. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years."

New Testament teaching

Earlier we saw that proclaiming the ANNOUNCEMENT of the Kingdom of God and healing went hand in hand in Jesus' ministry. One passage in Matthew summarizes it:

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing in all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people" (Matthew 4:23).

Jesus' ministry began in Galilee, not in Jerusalem. Matthew's account shows that the so-called "Sermon on the Mount" (actually a teaching to His disciples) followed (chapters 5 through 7).

Beginning in chapter 8: "When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" (verses 1-2).

Here again comes the answer to the frequently expressed doubt: "Well, I know God could heal me, if it's His will — but how can we know His will?" Here is the answer: "And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed" (verse 3).

Conditions not excluded

Continuing in verse 5: "And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum [where He lived] (Matthew 4:13), apparently in His own home, there came unto him a centurion [Celtic captain over 100 Roman soldiers] beseeching him, and saying, Lord,

my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented."

"And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

"When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, not in Israel. . . . And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour" (Matthew 8:3-13).

How God heals

Next we need to UNDERSTAND how God heals. And we need to see, further, how both the Gospel and healing tie together. Both operate on the same principle — one being spiritual, the other physical.

God is the CREATOR. But also He is the Great Designer, Educator and Lawgiver. Whatever God does He does with purpose and with order, according to the principles of His law. There can be no law without a penalty for its transgression.

And God never compromises with His laws or their penalties. Once a law is transgressed a penalty is incurred. Once a penalty is incurred it must be paid. God never suspends the penalty.

The biblical definition of sin is the transgression of LAW (I John 3:4). In the spiritual sense, in connection with the Gospel, the basic law of the Kingdom of God is the spiritual law (Romans 7:14) set in inexorable, relentless motion — the law of LOVE, the "give" way of life — the principle of the Ten Commandments. The penalty for transgression is DEATH (Romans 6:23) — eternal death, the absence of eternal life.

All have sinned. And sin sets up an impassable barrier between the sinner and God. The penalty — death — must be paid! God will not compromise a thousandth of an inch on that!

Then how do we get FREE from that penalty? How may we avoid paying it? By the fact that Christ paid it for us. Christ never committed sin. He never brought that penalty on Himself. But, being the actual Maker of all mankind (Ephesians 3:9; Colossians 1:13-16), His life was greater than the sum total of ALL other human lives. And when He died on the cross, He took our penalty on Himself. He paid the death penalty for all mankind — conditioned on our repentance and

faith. He paid the penalty FOR US, in our stead.

"We may be healed by the same principle."

God made man of the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7). We are composed of matter. He designed our bodies so that they function according to definite physical laws.

In the human body are a number of systems, for example, the digestive system, the respiratory system, the circulatory system, the nervous system, the reproductive system, etc. Each functions separately, yet all work in perfect harmony with each other. They function according to definite physical LAWS. Those laws, when transgressed, exact a PENALTY.

When a person is sick or has contracted a disease, he is simply paying the PENALTY of transgressed physical law in his body.

One may not himself have broken a physical law. It could have been an accident. It could have been from a contagious disease contracted without his knowledge. In the case of Job (Job 2:6-7), Satan was the cause of Job's ailments for a special purpose, by God's permission. Nevertheless, sickness and disease are the penalty being paid for broken physical law.

God, the great Lawgiver, demands that the penalty MUST be paid! God never compromises that principle! NO HEALING without the penalty having been PAID!

Jesus paid the penalty

So now let's continue in the eighth chapter of Matthew:

"When the even was come [sunset, ending that Sabbath day], they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils [demons]; and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias [Isaiah] the prophet, saying, *Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses*" (Matthew 8:16-17).

Jesus paid the penalty in our stead.

Like the forgiveness of spiritual sin, God has paid the penalty for us by sending His Son Jesus to suffer the penalty in our stead. The penalty for physical transgression is physical punishment — sickness or disease, physical impairment, pain and suffering or physical death.

Healing does not mean that God suspends the penalty so that no penalty is paid. Instead, Jesus has already paid it for us. Therefore God may legally remove the penalty from the human sufferer. But it is nonetheless a MIRACLE!

The scripture above quoted says Jesus Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses — but NOT on the CROSS. They scourged Jesus, beat Him, broke His HEALING, page 11!

"And this Gospel shall be preached..."

Matthew 24:14

Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

Climb Every Mountain, Conquer Every Trial

One of the most famous law enforcement officials who ever lived made the following statement: "Through many years of active life and the observation of many kinds of people, I have found that the strongest, the wisest, the most competent and most reliable man is also the first to admit his inadequacy."

"Contradictory though it may sound," he continued, "he is strong because he is humble, and he remembers always that man is the creation of God. No rule of life is more basic. When man leans on his own understanding, when he lives by his own strength, when he boasts of probing the mysteries of the atom, the depths of the sea or the secrets of outer space, he forgets God and he claims he's his own master. The result is untold suffering."

"Even though one's position is maintained, even though material wealth increases, success quickly turns to failure when God has been forgotten. There is no peace of mind. There is no personal satisfaction. There is no personal experience of inward joy. To trust in the Lord with all thine heart is the mark of strength and it is the only path to happiness, success and to true fulfillment."

Strength in weakness

I was very moved by that short article. Those words sound to me like the words of a man who has experienced a great deal in life, who has been success, failure, people who boasted of strength but were weak and people who perhaps appeared weak, but, in his estimation, were strong.

The apostle Paul wrote very much the same thing. In II Corinthians 12:10 Paul had been going through a personal trauma, perhaps for some time, and had asked God three times to remove it. But God wasn't going to do it (at least not right then). So Christ told Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in weakness."

And Paul responded, "I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

"For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities, for when I am weak, then I am strong." (II Corinthians 12:9-10, scriptures paraphrased throughout).

You know, as an individual I feel very weak. Many times in some of the greatest traumas I have felt the most inadequate, unqualified, most incompetent and weakest. And yet, looking back in retrospect at some of those experiences, perhaps they were met with greater strength than when I felt cocksure, positive, self-confident and overly assured. We need to acknowledge that our strength is in our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, not in ourselves.

Awareness of God's power

What is the greatest need around the world in God's Church today? Money? More titles and offerings? More Church members, more ministers? Rather than these, the greatest need is a reliant strength, a strength that can only come from a living faith that God is on His throne, that Jesus Christ is at His right hand, that the universe is being sustained by that great power of God's Spirit that moved across the face of the deep, as the Bible says in Genesis 1:1.

"And God said, Let there be light; and there was light." It's the same Spirit that joins with our human spirit and witnesses before God that we are sons of God, as Paul wrote in Romans 8:16.

Isn't that really the greatest need for us today? To have a much deeper, abiding, personally committed realization of our own inadequacies, helplessness, humanness and lack of faith, strength, hope, courage

and the fruits of that Spirit? But why? So that we can have a living, deep, constant awareness of the power of the living God who strengthens us.

There are several reasons why we go to church on the Sabbath. Naturally we go to be informed, to be inspired, to hear preaching so we may understand a little more deeply what God requires of us as members of His team. But we're also there to meet that God.

Look at Isaiah 45:5: "I am the Lord and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I gird you, though you do not know me; that men may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other."

God says, "I'm the Creator. I made the universe. I keep it going. Now if you have imagined I'm different from God than that, or if you've created other gods in your mind, those aren't God. I, and I alone am God." Verse 22: "For I am God, and there is no other."

Moses said in Deuteronomy 6:4, "Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord, and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." That's our God.

Hebrews 1:2: "But in these last days he [God] has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. The same God, who made the universe, who sustains the universe, who gave His Son, also deals with us — today."

Our God is great. Our God is majestic. He's powerful. He's living, conscious, intelligent. He looks upon us, observes us and knows us, and knows His Church and its needs.

The greatness of God

One of the mind's eye scenarios I like to think about is in Revelation 4. I don't know just how much of this is literal and how much is symbolic. But I like to envision it exactly like it says. There are beings in heaven who bow before God unceasingly because of His greatness and His majesty.

Their principal purpose seems merely to worship with that ceremony all the time. So when we pray, I suggest it might be good to mentally picture this vivid view of the greatness of God just as John saw it when he was taken in vision into the very presence of God.

John was told, "Come up hither." Then immediately it was like he had become a spirit and he saw a throne in heaven. And he who sat there appeared like jasper and carnelian, and round the throne was a rainbow that looked like an emerald. An emerald is a very beautiful stone. Can you imagine a rainbow caused by refraction from an emerald?

"Round the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clad in white garments, with golden crowns upon their heads. From the throne issue flashes of lightning and voices and peals of thunder, and before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God; and before the throne there is as it were a sea of glass, like crystal."

"And round the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures. And they say, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!'" Perhaps these four creatures do this only at certain times, at certain ritual times, I don't

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know. But John saw it, and he explained what was going on.

Angels are servants

You know something? God isn't principally concerned about angels. He's concerned about the seed of Abraham (Hebrews 2:3-8, 16). He hasn't called angels to be His sons.

He has made angels to be servants of those sons. Great as angels may be (Hebrews 1:14), His concern for us is greater than His concern for angels. And these beings should realize that the ones Jesus will receive to Himself when He returns to earth are those going to be greater than they. Yet they worship God, standing in awe of His capacity to make good things just like they are, with nothing.

I find that is almost overwhelming to realize. When I go in the name of Jesus Christ, my Savior and High Priest, before God and say, "Father, in the name of Christ, I talk to you as my Father, the One who loved me and deals with me in mercy." It is that God to whom these beings are saying day and night, "Holy, holy, holy." And it is that God before whom we come on this Sabbath day to worship.

Psalms 93: "The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty. The Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. Yes, the world is established by his strength; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house." O Lord, for evermore.

Now, brethren, we, the Church of God, all the people that constitute the Body of Jesus Christ, we are that house of God. We have been called that several times in the New Testament (See I Timothy 3:15; Ephesians 1:10-23; 2:13-14, 19).

When you read "holiness befits thy house," is that your prayer? Is that your effort? Do we reverence and worship God? Do we serve God with all of our hearts?

We're told in I John 2:3: "And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says 'I know him,' and disobys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected."

David loved God's law

God meant what He said, that we are to have no other gods before Him, that we should not take His name in vain, that we should not bow down before other gods and idols, that we should reverence His name and keep His Sabbath day. Why the Sabbath? Because we need it, to remind us of Him, that God is our Creator — and Creator of all things.

We can't honor God unless we honor our parents, and we can't say that we know God and at the same time have so much contempt before Him that we commit adultery and kill and steal and cheat and covet. To us, like David, that beautiful Law must be the most cherished blessing. How he rejoiced in the law of God, such a beautiful "lamp to his feet!" (Psalms 119:105). He read it, meditated on it, thought about it, because that law revealed to him the nature, character and love of God.

In the law of God, David saw God Himself. Therefore he knew God. Mistake he made — he made plenty. But he could and did repent because he knew and loved the law (Psalms 119:97, 113, 127).

Mountains and valleys

I think David's 23rd Psalm reveals a man who knew what it was to look from the mountain peak of human emotion to the next, and also what it was like to have to grope and crawl through intervening valleys below.

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AICF head discusses history, founding philosophy of 'Quest'

This article is excerpted from an article by Stanley Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong and executive vice president of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, on the Pastor's Report of July 18.

PASADENA On Jan. 3 at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worldwide Church of God, Herbert W. Armstrong made the following comments concerning the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) and Quest magazine:

"I approved both the Foundation and Quest. I know that Stanley Rader and Robert Kane have been very diligent in conducting the research and the financial efforts. I have personally seen what the Foundation and Quest did for me and the Work during my efforts about three and a half years. I have not read each Quest but I did give my whole approval and authority to Stanley Rader to get the best [outside professionals] and to make Quest."

"I know that Quest and Quest magazine have been very well received everywhere that it was designed to go, particularly in certain states where we would be unlikely to reach directly with our other efforts. It has given us much prestige and much help in connecting the attacks of our enemies beyond their impact on persons in the highest places in the community."

"But, I am sure that there are certain problems that have been created by Quest. Much of this difficulty arises from the failure of some members and even some minis-

ters to realize that Quest was not designed to be a vehicle to reach all persons or to reach any person directly in individual ways with the biblical message. In addition there has been some concern within the Church when articles of illustrations have appeared which seem to be in conflict with our basic teachings.

"We must strive to eliminate this confusion and to be of one mind concerning the effectiveness of Quest as a means of getting the Gospel to the world. Furthermore, I am sure that Quest may have had an impact on our budget priorities that I had anticipated and perhaps greater than foreseen by our financial men. Accordingly Quest may have to be curtailed or even abandoned if it is costing too much, or if it is keeping us from fulfilling our work in other areas more directly connected with the great commission. The cost of operation of Quest, in the Work now, be reduced as it may have to be, not as even abundantly as I contended publication will impact our ability to fulfill our great commission."

"During the last few months, I have had opportunities to discuss Quest in great detail with Mr. Armstrong and to share my views with him. Consequently, he has decided that his comments (quoted above) at the board meeting in January reflected clearly and accurately his current feelings about the continued publication of Quest for the rest of the year. Accordingly, he instructed me to arrange for the cessation of the Church from direct involvement in the publishing activities of Quest at the earliest possible moment, consistent with good business practice, and to find it buyers, if at all possible,

before the end of this calendar year.

"Regarding the director, Ray Wright, vice president for financial affairs, and I went to New York last week and took immediate steps to separate the Church from all of the direct publishing activities of Quest. We also initiated discussions with potential publishers and other individuals who have expressed an interest in acquiring Quest.

"The magazine will now be published, as was originally contemplated by Mr. Armstrong, entirely by outside professionals who were engaged at Mr. Armstrong's direction. Church personnel who, for one reason or another, were added to the staff of Quest in New York have been reassigned to the publishing field within the Work where they will be able to use the valuable experience that they gained while working with Quest.

"During the last several weeks, in furtherance of Mr. Armstrong's directions concerning the ultimate sale of Quest and the curtailment of the Church's activities with respect to the publishing activities of Quest, I have discontinued the international edition. The international edition will no longer be in circulation in England and the European continent. We shall, however, continue to fulfill our subscriptions that had been received as a result of the circulation of the international edition in both areas since January, 1978. The international edition has also been circulating on newsstands in South Africa. It was doing extremely well there and with a minimum of expense due to the already heavy penetration of the area by the Work's publications, and by Mr.



TV INTERVIEW — Stanley Rader, general counsel to Herbert W. Armstrong, is interviewed by Tom Snyder, host of the Tomorrow show, in a program aired July 26. Actually it is the first time that we've had the opportunity to get some of our views across on a national network with a popular interviewer, said Mr. Rader in describing the program. Tom Snyder will soon be the anchorman for the National Broadcasting Company and as a consequence we were able to get our views across to share with the public — the public that's interested in the Worldwide Church of God — the public that's interested in the program during the Feast of Tabernacles when it will be shown at Feast sites. Mr. Rader's photo by Richard Pineda.

Armstrong's activities over the past two years. Consequently we more than likely will print and finish the 11th edition for continued circulation in the very fruitful South African market.

"As you can see, these recent decisions of Mr. Armstrong concerning the future of Quest were not precipitous in any way. Over three months Mr. Armstrong has expressed concern over the apprehensions and doubts of some concerning what Quest's role was and was intended to be in helping to carry the Gospel. On the positive side, we greatly value the acclaim the

magazine has brought to us by being an outstanding success in the very difficult and competitive area of magazine publishing.

"So, while the Church is withdrawing from active day-to-day involvement in the magazine, it remains a very valuable investment and the good of it is to be maintained and we consider all outside offers (We are, by the way, receiving calls every day from interested buyers.) If this divestment of Quest should take months before we reach the right buyer with the right price we will, in the meantime, soon be receiving a return as the magazine gets in the black.

Every Mountain

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I think I've experienced that to some degree. You walk along on the crest of a mountain and it seems like it's just nothing you can't meet, no problem is too big. Everything is just beautiful and life looks fantastic. And then, suddenly, crash, you're down in the depths of a valley. David was down in the depths when he said, "I walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

Do you know what I think David probably did in those instances? Because David used the word "re-member," which when he wrote his songs or psalms, I think it was because he was remembering the mountain peak before that valley. And as he remembered, he looked back up to that peak, he realized there was a great mountain peak and he knew God was there. He came striding out of that valley and went right back up on the crest again, with the strength of God — only later to crash back down in another valley!

That's the way life is. So therefore the Bible says: Remember. Remember the good things. Remember the days when it all went well. When you come into the land, God told Israel, remember what it was to come through the desert. Remember what it was to go through the trials because when you have all the good things, it's easy to forget the bad ones. And when you have the bad ones, realize there are going to be some better days, and while you are in the good days, grow to your strength so God will see you through every valley and you can rise back up again to the great peak.

Why trials and tests

David was a son of God. He prayed in Psalm 31 that God would not take His Holy Spirit from him. He had God's Spirit. The New Testament tells how Christians are all sons (and daughters) of God as well. And like David, we are all being tested. The time has come to us now (1 Peter 4:12).

U.S. News and World Report printed the following

quote in 1968 from Sen. Frank Carlson of Kansas: "The world today is looking for men. It's looking for men who are not for sale, men who are honest, moved from center to circumference, true to the heart's core, men with consciences as steady as the needle to the pole, men who will stand for the right if the heavens frown and the earth reels, men who can tell the truth and look the world right in the eye, men who neither brag nor run, men who neither flag nor flinch, men who have courage without shouting it, men in whom the courage of overruling the run still, runs deep and strong, men who know their message and tell it; men who know their place and fill it, men who know their business and attend to it."

God needs that kind of people. That's why he tests us. God is giving us a chance to unite in a common cause as Frank Carlson said. He wants people who can help one another succeed, people who will love one another, who will pray for one another, men who will go to one another to love and comfort. That takes off on our part to pass their tests.

1 Corinthians 10:16, 17: "I want you to know, brethren that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same supernatural food [it's all an analogy of the experience Israel passed through], and all drank the same supernatural drink. For they drank from the supernatural Rock which followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness." They got their eyes off of God and they saw the ground, and the problems, the trials, the thirst and the hunger, all of which caused them to be lost by the wayside.

"Now these things are warnings for us, not to desire evil as they did." And then he goes on to mention their idolatry, their fornication, their grumbling, their tempting Christ — it is a warning for us.

"We can fall away and be lost. But what is God's promise if we follow His way? 'I will never fail you nor forsake you' (Hebrews 13:3).

Jesus suffered everything there was to suffer. And

He said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Jesus Christ led captivity captive when He ascended upon high. He says that in Ephesians 4:7-8. He led captivity captive and He gave gifts unto men, to help us follow His lead. There has never been a temptation too big or too great that He can't help overcome.

Walking by faith

If Corinthians 5:7 clearly says, "For we walk by faith, not by sight." God will guide our steps, if we walk in believing faith. But walk in faith even when you don't see or know. But you walk anyhow, you go anyhow. That's living faith, active belief in the power, the reality, the majesty and the greatness of the real God in heaven, busy with His work in sustaining the universe, doing the things that God does.

Exodus 14 is one of the most outstanding examples of this. When Israel came to the Red Sea they saw the water, they saw the desert, they saw the dust cloud, which was raised by the chariots, horsemen and foot soldiers of Pharaoh, but they didn't see God and so they feared.

They saw the water and they thought they were trapped. And Moses had to say, "You're missing something. Stand firm and see — in your mind's eye — see the salvation of the Lord." And they saw one of the most fantastic miracles that has ever been worked.

Read the entire Psalm 46 for a sense of what they had looked for.

Every one of us has stood at the fork in the road, we all know the two roads in Matthew 7:13-14. One is broad and easy and one is tough and difficult. You stand at that fork one day and you have to decide which way to go. Do you go on the easy road? Or the tough one? With God's Spirit we must choose and travel the tough, the difficult, the tough road.

God enables us to sing the song that is Psalm 91. It begins, "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, who abides in the shadow of the Almighty." You read or sing the rest.

WHY The CHURCH?

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merely according to the witness of the letter, but according to the spirit -- or principal or obvious intent of the law (11 Corinthians 3:6)

Purpose and function of Church

Now we come to the purpose and function of the Church of God.

Immediately after the foundation of the Church, the apostles Peter and John performed a supernatural healing of a well known cripple -- after which Peter preached to the crowd (Acts 3:1-26). But immediately the gross cynicism of the scribes and teachers, those who opposed the message, were brought before the high priests and his family, broader other rulers and dignitaries. They were severely threatened and sternly commanded to cease preaching in the name of Christ.

These apostles were human. This experience was amazing! They went immediately to a company of church members for encouragement, prayer and moral strengthening (Acts 4:23).

These lay members were men, women and children. They were God's witnesses and divine power that the church might continue boldly proclaiming the message.

Notice here an important function of the Church. The Church lay members did not go back with the message -- they backed up actively, the apostles who were charged with the message.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together. (Acts 4:31)

But the Church members were able to stand courageously and loyally back of the apostles, because they "knew of one heart and one soul" (Acts 4:32).

Later, when the savage persecution had set in, the apostle James was martyred. King Herod also had Peter cast into prison, with the intent probably of killing him also (Acts 12:1-4).

But (verse 5) "prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him."

The result? God sent an angel to loose the chains that bound Peter, and to lead him secretly out of the prison. Peter fled on to Caesarea.

The prevailing error

At this point it is well to clarify further the most common and universal erroneous belief. It is the assumption that (1) God is desperately waging a cosmic against Satan, at tempting to get every living human "saved" soon. This assumption was made in the 19th century, but there is no such contest. Satan has power to do only what God allows!

(2) The contrary to this assumption is an even more tragic belief that has acquired universal acceptance. And that is the fallacy that everyone has now saved in his heart -- conditioned to an eternal hell fire, which, incidentally, is also a myth. The vast majority are neither saved nor hell-bound. Just not yet (yet!)

It was our first human progenitor that made the choice. God accepted his decision and pronounced sentence on Adam's world for 6,000 years -- except for those God called for some special performance. The 6,000-year sentence is about to expire, and a happy, joyful world of years, with eternal life, available to all, is now just around the corner.

Jesus Christ emphatically verified this sentence God pronounced on

the world. He said plainly, "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him." (John 6:44) And none can come to God, except through Him!

So let us clarify once for all time that the purpose of the Church is definitely NOT to preach or persuade the whole world into a spiritual salvation, now -- before Christ's second coming!

Some have construed the GREAT COMMISSION as being to the Church as a whole -- to evangelize and "save" the world -- now a large fraction of man's souls from traditional Christianity has resulted.

Blasphemy! In these places where the GREAT COMMISSION is explained.

Examine the report of the GREAT COMMISSION recorded in Matthew 28.

Now the eleven disciples (John already had left them) went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them: "To whom?"

And the Church as a whole. Only to the disciples who were to become the "original apostles"! All authority is given unto you, that whosoever shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whosoever shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven: whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whosoever shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20, RSV)

"One heart, one soul"

Notice carefully. This GREAT COMMISSION was NOT GIVEN with Christ's Gospel message was given only to those who were apostles, and those who were apostles, "one heart, one soul" with the message.

The King James translation of the above has been misinterpreted, by some to imply that all the people in every nation were to be converted then. The RSV translation, more quoted, makes it clear. Make disciples, baptizing them -- those taught of all nations -- baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20, RSV)

The AV (King James version) has: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world." (Matthew 28:19-20, AV)

Now examine Mark's account of the GREAT COMMISSION -- Jesus' translation from the original Greek text into English (Mark 16:7-20) saying these verses were not inspired and were added at a later date by inspired editors. Even so the RSV does quote these verses in their type, as follows:

"And he said to them [the 11 apostles]: Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. That is, announce the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God. Continue: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." But Jesus plainly said NO MAN could come to Christ -- believe -- except those specially called by the Father!

Notice now the King James translation: "Afterward he [Jesus] appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:7-16)

Of course, none could believe and be baptized unless those God the Father specially called. So there is NO MERE ANY CONTRADICTION. THE GREAT COMMISSION was given

to the APOSTLES -- those "sent forth" with the message -- NOT the lay members of the Church.

Called to a special service

What then? Did not the lay members have any part in proclaiming the Gospel? Definitely they did, as we have seen. Their part was to back up the apostles -- stand behind them with their prayers, encouragement, (gifts and offerings. They are PART of a WELL-ORGANIZED TEAM, as we shall show in more detail.

And there is NO EVIDENCE in either the Bible or account of Mark's, that any were to be baptized except those God the Father had called to a special service. NOTHING contradicts the fact that God had withdrawn His Holy Spirit from ALL, except those specially called.

Now notice the account in Matthew 24. This is in the form of a prophecy, for our present living generation:

The AV has, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end [of this age] come." (Matthew 24:14)

The RSV is the same in meaning. "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Church an organized body

Is the Church of God merely a scattered isolated number of professing Christians, each going his own way to get out the Gospel or, as many believe, to get his personal salvation and eternal life?

Jesus Christ specially called His disciples, trained them to become His apostles! TO THEM -- the apostles, the ones "sent forth" with His Gospel message. -- He gave THE GREAT COMMISSION -- NOT to the lay of the Church as a whole. BUT IN FACT OF GOD'S CHURCH? NOW ORGANIZED? It is a spiritual organism -- but also it is WELL ORGANIZED, as we shall now see.

The Church is the begotten family of household of God (Ephesians 2:19). "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:20).

It is, continues verse 21, like a "building fully framed together [which] groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord."

It is the reason to which Christ shall come at His second coming in glory! It is that body of Christ that is the affianced bride of Christ to be married to Him (as the old covenant was a marriage) when He returns.

In Ephesians, "Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. That he might present it to himself a glorious church (Ephesians 5:25-27) in the resurrection!"

Of that same message: "All glory to the Lord God omnipotent forever. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him for the marriage of the Lamb [Christ] is come, and his wife [the resurrected glorified Church] hath made herself ready." (Revelation 19:7)

It is not only a spiritual organism -- it is a well-organized ORGANIZATION. Notice 1 Corinthians 12.

Moreover, I would not have you ignorant" (1 Corinthians 12:1) "But now are they many members, yet but one body" (verse 20).

But it is a well-ORGANIZED body. "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are diversities of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dispens-



TEXAS VISIT -- Herbert W. Armstrong emerges from his jet after a flight to address the Big Sandy, Tex., congregation Aug. 8 (Inset) [Photos by Paul Patterson and David J. McKee]

ing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, (united, organized into cooperative teamwork -- not scattered individuals, each claiming to serve God in his own way).

Repeating, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is the Church. For by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body" (verse 4 to 13).

Continuing in verse 25, "That there should be no schism [division] in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another" (that is, outgoing concern and love).

Continuing in verse 28, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that rulers, then gifts of helping, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." Flow back to Ephesians. What about the members who COME OUT OF THE CHURCH to have his own relationship with Christ, to GET his own salvation? He is OUTSIDE the body of Christ!

Notice, again, the "household of God" -- the CHURCH -- is built upon a FOUNDATION. Would one build a building on a foundation of shifting sand? God's Church is "built upon the foundation of the apostles [New Testament], and prophets [Old Testament, whose prophecies are for US TODAY -- 1 Corinthians 10:11], Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone" (Ephesians 2:19-20).

Now, WELL ORGANIZED? "In whom all the building [the Church] is fully framed together, groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord" (verse 21).

Again, "From whom the whole body is fully joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of himself in love" (Ephesians 4:16).

Yes, Christ organized His Church

"And his gifts were, that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers" (Ephesians 4:11, RSV).

"For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith, and

of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-13).

What about a single member -- a "joint" in "part" -- going off by himself of following a man instead of the CHURCH of God that is in direct continuous succession from the apostolic Church founded by Christ A.D. 33? "Entirely outside of, and therefore not PART of the body of Christ that shall stand Christ!"

We have seen that Christ gave the lay body of the Church the special authority to back up His apostles in their coming forth with the Gospel to the world -- with their prayers, encouragement, gifts and offerings.

But THE GIVING of their prayers, encouragement and financial support was GOD'S ASSIGNMENT -- it is the very means of developing in them God's holy, righteous character -- that they, with the apostles and evangelists, may qualify to serve with and under Christ in God's Kingdom. This very means of character development within the lay [THE WAY OF GIVING -- NOT Satan's way of getting]

God's way -- the way of His law -- is GIVING of outflowing love. It is the GIVING way. The person who tries to be an individual, separate Christian, to get his own salvation, is going at it the GETTING way. Satan's way. And I would not want to try to get myself into God's Kingdom by Satan's way.

Notice again what God set apostles, evangelists, pastors and other elders in His Church NOT ONLY for the work of the ministry, but they were sent into all the world announcing Christ's message of hope. Read it again. It was "For the perfecting of the saints" -- for the edifying [establishing, instructing] of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the KNOWLEDGE of the Son of God, unto a perfect man.

But cannot a single separate individual serve loyally, outside of the Church? Not loyally -- and THAT IS NOT GOD'S WAY.

Now does God induce HIS TRUTH into the Church? NOT through each individual separately -- but through the apostles and other ministers under them.

In the time of the first apostles -- (See WHY THE CHURCH, page 7)

WHY THE CHURCH?

(Continued from page 6)
The Bible was not yet completely written. God used a very few prophets, through whom he communicated the message to an apostle. Today the Bible is complete. God has used no prophets in the Church in our time.

However, the lady of the Church received their teaching and instruction from the apostles. The original 12 had been taught by Christ in person — and so also had Paul. Jesus Christ was the personal Word of God. The Bible is the written Word of God. It's all the precise same TRUTH and TEACHING whether from Jesus in person, when on earth or from the written Word of God. God's apostle for our day was taught by the written Word of God — the same BIBLICAL TEACHING.

But what of the separated individual believer, who tries to get his salvation all by himself or by following some man or any of hundreds of professing, Christian denominations of our day? He is CUT OFF from that TRUTH teaching, which Christ reveals and taught His apostle!

What if one in the Church disagrees on some point of doctrine? Then he is out of harmony with God's Church. And GOD HAS ONLY ONE CHURCH.

And all in the Church are commanded to speak the same thing — and it must be what Christ, either in person or by written Word, has taught His apostle.

To the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul wrote: "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Some of them wanted to follow Peter, some wanted to follow Aquilas, some, Paul. But Paul was their apostle and Christ taught them by His Word.

The separated individual believer will follow his own idea of God's truth. THAT IS NOT GOD'S WAY. God in His almighty wisdom, has

raised up the CHURCH, and means of teaching all the same TRUTH — all speaking the same TRUTH! Not each individual his own thing!

God raised up the CHURCH, not only that its apostles and evangelists go into all the world announcing the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God, but also as the very means for the general body of lay members to develop God's own holy righteous CHARACTER — by means of GIVING — giving their continuous prayers for the apostle, giving their encouragement, tithes and offerings.

WHAT THEN, of the person who follows after a man outside the Church or tries to GET his salvation simply by GETTING and not GIVING that which members are to give to the Church's work? Consider Jesus' parable of the pounds in Luke 19. The pound is the British unit of money. Jesus illustrated Himself giving each member, on conversion, one pound — representing the Holy Spirit, given at conversion. But the Christian MUST grow in grace and Christ's knowledge. As he does, by GIVING in the Church, he receives an increasing amount of God's Spirit. The isolated, separated member will probably LOSE OUT (see Luke 19:20-24).

Why the Church?

Finally, why the Church? Why did not Christ just "save" separated individuals? What is the REAL PURPOSE of the Church?

Like most everything in the Bible, the purpose and function of the Church has been grossly misunderstood. The entire world has been deceived by Satan (Revelation 12:9). Jesus had not come on a soul-saving crusade. The most widespread false assumption of all is that Christ is contending against Satan to "get everybody saved now!" And with it, the supposition that all not saved are "lost!" — condemned! They are neither! They are not yet

FOOD!

But in Adam, by his decision, all humanity has been sentenced to 6,000 years of being completely cut off from God! That is, all except the cooperative very few specifically called for a special mission.

Jesus Christ, by report, emphatically verified this 6,000-year sentence (John 6:44). No scripture can or does contradict that plain statement of Jesus.

Jesus called, chose, and for 3 1/2 years trained His apostles to become, with Him and the prophets, the FOUNDATION on which the Church was built. Also He set the example, those 3 1/2 years, for His apostles, in proclaiming and demonstrating the coming KINGDOM OF GOD. Then Christ died for the sins of humanity and was resurrected and ascended to God's throne in heaven.

On the day of Pentecost A.D. 31 He sent the Holy Spirit in a great manifestation, both male and female, to found His Church.

On that day of Pentecost, it was Peter, chief apostle, who proclaimed the Gospel message — and GOD ADDED 3,000 baptized that same day.

A day or so later — very possibly the very next day — Peter and John healed the cripple and Peter preached the Gospel. God ADDED another 2,000 to the Church.

It is significant, and generally unrealized, that neither Jesus nor the apostles embarked on any soul-saving crusade, which is a modern Protestant practice. The apostles, as Jesus had done, proclaimed the Gospel — the GOOD NEWS of a coming KINGDOM. It was not an emotional pleading, "Won't you give your heart to the Lord?"

True, because unbelieving Jews did not accept Jesus as their promised Messiah, the apostles, at first, put special emphasis on the fact they were eyewitnesses to Jesus' Messiahship and resurrection. They had been with Him 3 1/2 years before He was crucified, and 40 days after He rose from the dead.

But they did proclaim the same message Jesus had taught them — the coming Kingdom of God. It was not a begging for souls. "The Lord added to the Church such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

When the apostles met with fierce persecution, imprisonment and threat, the laity of the Church ENCOURAGED them, prayed heartily for them, supported them, financially.

So, let the truth be clarified once and for all, the PURPOSE of the Church was NOT to "get the world saved now!"

God's PURPOSE in raising up His Church, in a world otherwise CUT OFF from God, was dual:

1) To provide a united body of Spirit-led believers to back up the apostles (and evangelists) who had been specially trained to GO FORTH into all the world with Christ's Gospel message. All this, in their part in the GREAT COMMISSION. There was a work of GIVING, giving of their prayers, their encouragement and financial support of the ORGANIZED Gospel work. And this is GOD'S means of, and the training ground for:

2) The overcoming of Satan, and the constant development of that holy, righteous CHARACTER — thus qualifying them to sit WITH CHRIST on the throne of earthlike GOVERNMENT.

GOD'S way of developing His holy character was the GIVING WAY. man's way of life is the GIVING way of, outgiving LOVE. Satan's way is the receiving self-advantage — hostility to God's way and to His Church.

Those who allow an attitude of hostility and rebellion against God's Church — and God's GOVERNMENT within His Church — to cause them to leave, and go it alone or follow a MAN, are seeking merely to GET salvation FOR THEMSELVES! That is NOT God's way!

The GLORY on beyond
Happily, the 6,000-year sentence on Adam's world — bring cut off

from God: is due to END in our present living generation. This world now — still Satan's world except for God's CHURCH — is fast plunging into the supreme crisis of world tribulation. But it is said to be "dark-est just before dawn!"

Then, suddenly, when least expected by the cut-off world, Jesus Christ will come in supreme splendor, natural power AND GLORY! Yea, "at such an hour as ye think not," said Jesus.

His CHURCH will have been made ready!

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not prevent [precede] them that are asleep [dead]. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-17). He is coming to BUREL ALL THE EARTH!

Then shall be fulfilled Revelation 19:6-7, the mighty voice of the archangel shouting, "ALLELUIA" for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice. The Church, resurrected in glory, shall reign with Christ a thousand years!

Satan will be banished. God will call ALL LIVING in His salvation. After the millennium shall come the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (Revelation 20:11-12) when all who had been cut off from God for 6,000 years shall be resurrected mortal — and all called to God's salvation and eternal life!

Then, the glorious eternity beyond — all saints, then immortal, inheriting the transcendent human potential — BEHAVING THE FACE OF ALL DECAYED IN ADULT, FINISHING THE COURSE OF ACCURSED CREATION THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE ENDLESS UNIVERSE — in happiness, joy and glory!

Stan Rader transcript on 'Quest'

Norbert W. Armstrong and Stanley Rader general counsel to Mr. Armstrong traveled to Phoenix, Ariz. July 19 for Sub-bank services. Mr. Armstrong's term was tapered for a future World Commission telecast given by Mr. Rader on the subject of Quest magazine. Excerpts from Mr. Rader's comments are reprinted here.

When we established Quest, we had certain ideas in mind. We thought it would be a good idea if we would be able to establish the finest magazine in the country without a religious message. We already knew that we had the finest religious magazine in the world — The Plain Truth. And we knew that with all of our other efforts — television, radio included, and all of our booklets, The Plain Truth and The Good News — there were people in the world, particularly in the United States, we could not reach with our religious publications.

We felt it necessary to reach those people — at least make them aware of the Worldwide Church of God.

And we felt one way to do that would be to make them aware the publisher of the finest secular magazine in the world was the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), of which Mr. Armstrong of course is the chairman and founder. (Naturally, we never hide the fact that the primary financial support of the foundation comes from the Worldwide Church of God.) The reasoning was on the four

magazine in the United States would be closely identified, if not with, the publisher, AICF. In turn, everyone would know the Worldwide Church of God was responsible for it.

Now we have accomplished all of that. As a matter of fact, that's exactly what took place. Quest has been established and it is a success. It is so successful in doing what it was supposed to do, two of the major television networks have approached us just because they picked up the rumor that maybe Quest would be for sale. They want to buy because they want to make Quest the flagship of their publishing empire.

Each of these two companies has very substantial publishing holdings, but they don't have a magazine like Quest.

Now, to remind you of what we intended to do with Quest in addition to making it the best magazine of its kind, we still should perhaps keep in mind what we did not intend to do. We did not intend to reach any group of people in the biblical vision, nor did we intend to reach them with a biblical message directly.

We were looking more at Quest as a public relations vehicle, so I described, so that people would be more aware of the Worldwide Church of God.

We knew that there would be some difficulty when we began to publish a secular magazine. We knew that some Church members would get upset. What appeared to them to be differences in philosophy, differences in approach, even maybe differences in those things that might be understood as being basic principles

But we thought the ministry as a whole would be able to clear that up. We knew that there might be some confusion, and certainly there was.

I recognized these things before, as did Mr. Armstrong, because they were easily predictable. Just as it was predictable that there was a great risk in trying to establish a new magazine, because only about 10 new magazines a year survive out of 400 efforts. We also knew we were taking, what I have called, a leap of faith into a void unoccupied by any other publication in the world when we went ahead with a magazine in the secular field. A magazine, mind you, that was attempting to strengthen spiritual, intellectual and other important cultural educational bonds between peoples everywhere.

And we didn't want to emphasize the bad things in life. We wanted to emphasize the good things in life.

Notwithstanding what I've just said, notwithstanding Mr. Armstrong's awareness of the problems, or my awareness of the problems, I knew from the very first issue that it was going to be much worse. Not because of what was contained in the issue, nor because of the article content, nor because of the cover, nor because of the photographs and so on because of any other dimension or caption or headline or subhead. I knew immediately within several days, however, by coincidence, I had to go to New York on business for the Church.

When I arrived, I met a Church member whom Mr. Armstrong and I knew quite well. When he met me,

he was delighted. He said, "Mr. Rader, I can't tell you how happy I am. I can't tell you how pleased I am. I just received my first copy of Quest." And then he said, "But I have to tell you, Mr. Rader, I have to wait to the weekend to read it because I haven't had a chance to study it."

And I said, "Please don't study it. It's not a textbook. It's not designed for a classroom. It's not to take the place of the Bible or your correspondence course. It is intended to amuse, entertain and inform, in a very general way, some people. Please don't study it."

But I knew that there would be grave problems, because if people thought that the idea of a magazine of that nature was to study it, it would be a disaster for the Church.

At any rate, we have suffered with the problem. Last December, before Mr. Armstrong's return to Pasadena for the annual board meeting, I went to him and told him there were a good number of people within the Church, I had been out to believe, who did not understand Quest. And there was a certain number of the ministers who did not understand Quest. Consequently, because of that, coupled with the fact it appeared the magazine was costing more than the financial people in the Church had anticipated, I recommended to him that sooner or later we think of dissolving ourselves of the magazine.

And that's exactly what he told the board members about the 3rd day of January, that we would give the magazine a year. We would then take another look at it to see whether we could make people within the Church understand what it was all about, so there would be no problems, and to see what the financial results would be.

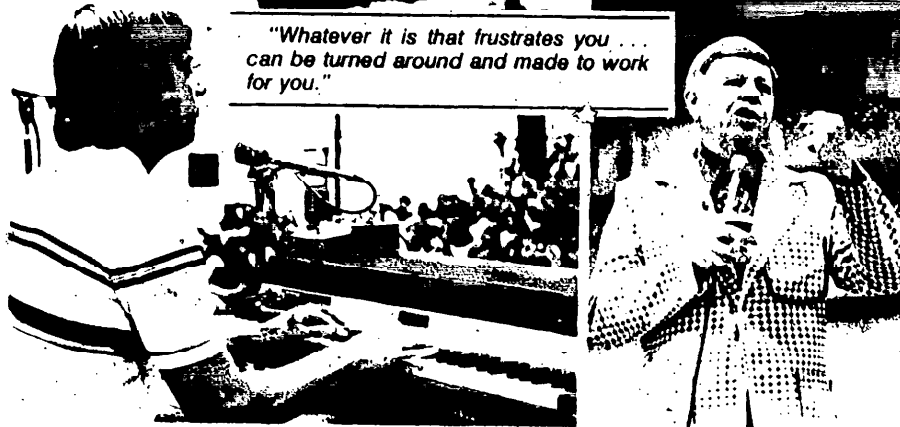
Mr. Armstrong and I looked at it again during the spring and he decided we weren't able to promise we would be able to make the Church people understand what the purpose of the magazine was.

He then told me, "Let's get the Church out of it as quickly as possible." So what I'm doing in a very short period of time — actually three weeks — is to eliminate all of the Church participation in the management of the magazine on a day-by-day basis.

There is some hope more and more people within the Church will better understand what the magazine is about, while we are in the process of jettisoning it. It is said to be the best possible buyer. And by that, I don't only mean that we're going to try to sell it to somebody for the most money. We're going to try to maximize the recovery in terms of dollars and cents. But we want the magazine to be taken on by somebody who will have the same respect for its editorial values.

The magazine is recognized all over the United States by knowledgeable people in the industry and by a certain number of people who do subscribe to it. And we don't want the magazine to just simply perish. We don't want someone to take it and shut it because it will continue, even in other hands, to bear Mr. Armstrong's name as founder of the magazine. And it will continue to play a very important role. I think in the cultural life of the United States. I think that is significant.

I know that during this next year we will find more and more evidence — that truly this is the end time. We do have a great mission ahead of us, which of course, is to make people more and more aware of the message.



GUEST SPEAKERS — Tom Sullivan, left, sings a song during part of the talk to SEP campers at Orr, Minn. Right: Paul Yearout makes his point. The two men spoke during both sessions of this year's summer program. (Photos by Ron Dick)

Campers head home

ORR, Minn. — Another year of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) came to a close Aug. 2 as campers from all over the United States and Canada headed home.

Jim Thornhill, SEP director, said, "It's been a very successful year. We had one of the best crews of counselors and workers we've ever had."

Over 600 youths, ages 12 to 19, attended one of two sessions in the Church owned camp located in northeast Minnesota.

Along with traditional water activities and outdoor sessions such as rock climbing, a program under a newly created Educational Service Department was tried this year, according to Ron Dick, assistant YOU director heading the department.

Highlights of the project were guest speakers Tom Sullivan and Paul Yearout (see article, this page).

In addition to guest lectures the program included weekly Sabbath services designed around topics picked as most interesting by campers the previous year.

Rounding out the program were three 70 minute periods on the effects of good grooming and dress, competition in the light of sportsmanship and an open discussion on a theological topic such as how to keep the Sabbath.

Guest speakers turn to teens

By Klaus Røthe
ORR, Minn. — "Become all you can be, take what you view as your disadvantage and turn it into your advantage," says actor and singer Tom Sullivan. He attempted to capture the imagination of hundreds of Church youths at this year's summer camp relating how his blindness does not stop him from pitching on a baseball team, skydiving, making the Olympic wrestling team, saving his daughter's life after she had fallen into a swimming pool or, for that matter, water skiing in Lake Pelican.

"Anybody have things about themselves they don't like?" he asks the kids, who come from all over the United States and Canada. "What, you're short? I'm blind, what does that mean?"

An inconvenience
He plays a small electric organ and sings a popular song. "Short peo-

YOU'er makes trek

PLYMOUTH, England — With three other boys, 16-year-old YOU member Philip Jewell, oldest son of southwest area minister, John A. Jewell, arrived back here July 7 after a 200 mile trek along the canal tow-paths from the London docks to the ancient Roman city of Chester in northwest England.

The teenagers were given a grant of 150 pounds (about \$285) by the Rotary Club here to help with expenses and were seen off on the first stage of their trip by the club president.

The group had two aims for undertaking this six week expedition. First of all they hoped to prove it is possible to use the tow-paths, of which there is a large and unused network, for both hardened hiker and the Sunday stroller. Secondly, this expedition and practical research project is being accepted towards the Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

Throughout using youth hostels, but mostly camping close to the canals, they cooked and prepared all their own meals and, despite bad weather and blistered feet, maintained their tight schedule of averaging over 20 miles a day to arrive in Chester a day early.

They chose to return home by train.

"Inconvenience only means that you have to find another way to do the same job."

ple got no reason, shirt people got no reason to live" — except that they can beat everybody else at things if they want to.

"Remember this word because it's an important one: inconvenience. That's a lot better than handicap. See, handicap implies all the things that I don't like. Handicapped means dependent, helpless.

"Inconvenience is what all of us are. Inconvenience only means that you have to find another way to do the same job. Whatever it is that frustrates you is your inconvenience, causes your depression, can be turned around and made to work for you."

He shows his ability to laugh at his own handicap — inconvenience — by claiming "more than anyone else

"The last thing you want to hear from a guy like me is advice. What you want is experience."

in the world, I went on a lot of blind dates."

Now married with two children, Tom Sullivan says his little girl understands best. "Is your daddy blind?" his little girl was asked. She said, "Yes he is." The friend asked, "What does blind mean?" "Well, blind means that Daddy can't see, but God helps him out."

He continues, "Now listen, everyone of us, especially at your age, are competitive, you think that you have to win. The only thing you have to do is to do best that you can do. If you do that, you have accomplished all there is in this life to accomplish."

"What's important is that you try. For example I'm a distance runner, and I'm never going to be a great, great marathoner, but I'm going to run the marathon in somewhere around three hours in the next year. It's nowhere near as good as Frank Shorter does it or some other people, but I'm happy about it because it's my accomplishment."

He leaves them with this bit of advice: "Ask who and what you are



THE RACE IS ON — SEP campers put their skills to the test at July 4th festivities at Orr, Minn. The second racing session drew in a close Aug. 2. (Photo by Ron Dick)

and make it work for you. Become all you can be."

"Older than germs"
A second guest speaker this year was Paul Yearout, a lecturer who has made appearances in over 4,000 junior and senior high schools and college campuses. He says he is "older than germs." "If the audience seems a bit skeptical this man could have the ability, much less the desire, to reach them if it is short lived."

One half hour passes and this energetic speaker commands the respect of the hundreds of teens listening as he says, "The last thing you want to hear from a guy like me is advice. What you want is experience. Hey, experience is a great teacher, but I can assure you if you insist on learning everything the rest of your life only by your personal experience, you're going to be in for one rough time."

"You see, I happen to believe that God gave you brains. Well, most of you. And some of you have brains that are in absolutely brand new con-

dition because you've never used them yet."

Product of parenting
"Each one of you in this audience is a product of the home out of which you came. You're a product of parenting, whatever kind of parenting you had, your own or some substitute. And that doesn't give you justification for throwing your life away. It doesn't mean you can't change."

He cites the junior high school level as having the most problems. "I think the reason the social problems are so great at that age level is because girls basically mature biologically and physiologically about two years ahead of guys. But I want to warn you guys, when the fellows catch up, they're always trying to make up for lost time."

"But I'm amazed how many little girls I see around the country today who, by the time they get in the seventh and eighth grades, seemingly have been programmed by TV, magazines, movies and I presume

musical parents. And I see in many seventh and eighth grade year olds going around with this attitude: 'Oh, I'm a woman.'"

Now if a young lady in this point in time believes she's a woman, she obviously wants a man. And the problem is when a girl in the seventh grade looks at a boy in the seventh grade, she has no idea what she's looking at because seventh grade boys have no idea what they are. The only one that could love a boy in the seventh grade is God and his mother, and his mother has a hard time.

His talk, largely about the sexual pitfalls plaguing youth, continues. He leaves them with a question: "You're tomorrow's families, tomorrow's parents. Are you prepared? Are you willing to measure up to the challenge to go against the trend, and to fulfill the God-given responsibility of being a husband and wife and a parent? That's the crucial question. Prepare yourselves now by dynamic, successful, victorious living through the power of God in your life. And you'll be glad that you did."

"I happen to believe God gave you brains. And some of you have brains that are in absolutely brand new condition because you've never used them yet."

Southwest takes track and field

PASADENA — The Southwest YOU regional track and field team captured first place in YOU's third annual national track and field competition July 25 and 26 here.

Some 240 young athletes and their chaperons journeyed to Pasadena from across the United States and Canada to compete.

The Southwest team, representing youths from Arizona, Nevada and California, earned 146 points to take the trophy under sunny, albeit smoggy skies.

Following close behind in second place was the Northeast region with 135.5 points.

The Great Lakes region ran up 116 points to take third place. (See complete team standings, this page.)

*Points were scored for each individual or team who placed in one of six possible positions, starting with 1 point for sixth place and going up to 10 points for first place in each event.

Phil Greenwood of Pasadena and Lilla Rose Blake of San Jose, Calif., led the Southwesterners with five first-place victories between them.

Blake and Greenwood won the most valuable performer, female and male, awards, respectively. Sharing the most valuable male performer award was David Dodson of St. Petersburg, Fla., who represented the Southeast region. Dodson won gold medals in the mile and two-mile runs, breaking the existing records in each event. His time for the mile was 4:21.6 and 9:37.7 in the two mile.

Other notable athletes included Lavon Walker from Hampton, Va., who spearheaded the move to second place for the Northeast region by breaking the record in the girls' long jump with a 17-foot 6 1/2 inches leap. She also placed first in the girls' 100 yard dash, running the course in 11.6 seconds.

The Northeast region's Mickey Perry of Capitol Heights, Md., Duane Crisp of Richmond, Ohio, and Ken Zadar of Parma, Ohio, also won their respective events in the long jump, triple jump and 800 yard run.

South Central's 12 year old Tammy Small of Jackson, Miss.

was the only other record breaker in this year's competition. She ran the two-mile race in 12:55 minutes, bettering the record set by another 12-year-old, Carrie Folet of Tampa, Fla., last year. (See complete listing, this page.)

The meet also included the national golf championship held on a nearby course. Winners are listed below.

All participants were housed on the Ambassador College campus during their week's stay in California. The group visited sites of interest including Disneyland and California beaches.

Many of the athletes were able to see world-class high jumper Dwight Stones work out during their stay as he made his customary practice jumps on the Ambassador track.

TRACK-AND-FIELD RESULTS

Golf finals (par 72): 1. Tom Dennis, 79; 2. Jeff Stafford, 81; and 2. Greg Valet, 86.

Boys' 100-yard dash: 1. Phil Greenwood, SW, 10.4; 2. Mickey Perry, NE, 10.8; and 3. Stephen Welch, SC, 10.7. Tied record: Norman Olive, SW, 10.4, 1976.

Boys' 220-yard dash: 1. Phil Greenwood, SW, 23.3; 2. Stephen Welch, SC, 23.8; and 3. Dave Mitchell, NE, 23.8. Tied record: Norman Olive, SW, 23.3, 1976.

Boys' 440-yard dash: 1. Scott Peterson, Canada, 52.9; 2. Bruce Arnold, NE, 53.2; and 3. Donnie Edwards, SW, 53.8. Record: Jerral Richardson, SE, 51.8, 1976.

Boys' 880-yard run: 1. Ken Zadar, NE, 2:02.4; 2. Paul Edwards, SW, 2:03; and 3. Glen Mitchell, Min, 2:03.4. Record: Luke Przeslawski, GL, 2:00.2, 1977.

Boys' mile run: 1. David Dodson, SE, 4:21.6; 2. Michael Machin, SC, 4:28.9; and 3. Bob Palacios, SW, 4:29.6. New record: David Dodson, SE, 4:21.6, 1978.

Boys' two-mile run: 1. David Dodson, SE, 9:37.7; 2. Bob Palacios, SW, 9:38.3; and 3. Tom Huber, Canada, 9:43.9. New record: David Dodson, SE, 9:37.7, 1978.

Boys' 440-yard relay: 1. South Central, 45.0; 2. Great Lakes, 45.3; and 3. Northeast, 46.2. Record: South Central, 44.97, 1977.

Boys' mile relay: 1. Great Lakes, 3:36.1; 2. Canada, 3:42.1; and 3. Southwest, 3:42.1. Record: Southwest, 3:31.34, 1977.

Boys' 120-yard high hurdles: 1. Ricky Gibson, GL, 16.3; 2. Richard Hoot, NE, 18.4; and 3. Terry Dodson, SC, 18.3. Record: Ricky Gibson, GL, 16.3, 1976.

Boys' triple jump: 1. Don Crisp, NE, 42' 4 1/2"; 2. Tim Anderson, NC, 41' 2 1/2"; and 3. Donnie Edwards, SW, 40' 9". Record: Gary Wae, SW, 44' 11", 1976.

Boys' high jump: 1. Doug Norkus, GL, 6'; 2. Michael Machin, SC, 5' 11"; and 3. Steve Owens, NC, 5' 10". Record: Robert Gordon, SC, 6' 4", 1977.

Boys' long jump: 1. Mickey Perry, NE, 22' 5"; 2. Calvin Mills, GL, 20' 5"; and 3. Dexter Collier, SE, 19' 10". Record: Gary Wae, SW, 23' 3 1/2", 1976.

Boys' pole vault: 1. Bill Johnson, NW, 11' 6"; 2. Joe Nefik, NE, 10' 8"; and 3. Flori Allen, Min, 10' 6". Record: Bill Rippon, NE, 12' 1", 1976.

Boys' shot put: 1. James Cook, SC, 48' 8 1/2"; 2. Mike

White, GL, 48' 10"; and 3. LeRoy Easton, NW, 44' 11". Record: Jeff Hermanson, NW, 52' 3 1/2", 1976.

Boys' discus: 1. Mike White, GL, 128' 1"; 2. Greg Williams, SE, 124' 8"; and 3. Tom Magee, Canada, 118' 3 1/2". Record: Mike Penland, GL, 155' 4 1/2", 1978.

Girls' 100-yard dash: 1. Lavon Walker, NE, 11.8; 2. Sarah Campbell, SE, 11.8; and 3. Michelle Hardwick, SW, 11.9. New record: Lavon Walker, NE, 11.6, 1978.

Girls' 220-yard dash: 1. Jeanne Arnold, SW, 26.7; 2. Sarah Campbell, SE, 26.9; and 3. Debbie Dupus, Canada, 27.9. Record: Anita Kiefer, NE, 26.37, 1977.

Girls' 440-yard dash: 1. Lilla Rose Blake, SW, 59.7; 2. Anita White, NE, 1:00.5; and 3. Debbie Dupus, Canada, 1:02.5. Record: Lilla Rose Blake, NE, 58.04, 1977.

Girls' 880-yard run: 1. Lilla Rose Blake, SW, 2:27.8; 2. Lee Guardrou, Canada, 2:33.8; and 3. Ruth Andreas, NC, 2:38.7. Record: Lilla Rose Blake, NE, 2:18.8, 1977.

Girls' mile run: 1. Lilla Rose Blake, SW, 5:47.9; 2. Sue Crouch, NC, 5:51.3; and 3. Lee Guardrou, Canada, 5:51.3. Record: Berna Carne Forel, SE, 5:44.29, 1977.

Girls' two-mile run: 1. Tammy

Small, SC, 12:55.5; 2. Janie Drinkwine, NE, 13:09.9; and 3. Cathy St. Charles, GL, 13:12.8. New record: Tammy Small, SC, 12:55.5, 1978.

Girls' 440-yard relay: 1. Southwest, 1:54; 2. Great Lakes, 52.7; and 3. North Central, 54.8. Record: Northeast, 51.72, 1977.

Girls' 880-yard relay: 1. Southwest, 1:54; 2. Southeast, 1:54.9; and 3. South Central, 1:54.9. Record: Northeast, 1:47.23, 1977.

Girls' 88-yard high hurdles: 1. Karen Lutes, SC, 11.3; 2. Arlys Parman, NW, 11.6; and 3. Melody Love, GL, 11.7. Tied record: Theresa Goethals, NW, 11.3, 1976.

Girls' high jump: 1. Karen Lutes, SE, 5' 2"; 2. Shelley Goethals, NW, 5' 2"; and 3. Linda Person, SE, 4' 10". Record: Theresa Goethals, NW, 5' 8", 1977.

Girls' long jump: 1. Lavon Walker, NE, 17' 6 1/2"; 2. Alice Richardson, SE, 15' 7 1/2"; and 3. Kim Marlowe, SW, 15' 2 1/2". New record: Lavon Walker, 17' 6 1/2", 1978.

Girls' shot put: 1. Val Bobo, GL, 37' 7 1/2"; 2. Anita Glos, NC, 37' 4 1/2"; and 3. Bertha Brandon, NE, 33' 10". Record: Anita Glos, NC, 39' 7 1/2", 1977.

Girls' discus: 1. Anita Glos, NC, 118; 2. Fleba Powers, GL, 102' 10 1/2"; and 3. Bertha Brandon, NE, 97' 11". Record: Anita Glos, NC, 123' 4", 1977.

Filipinos hold conference

Ministers meet

By Pete Melendez
MANILA, Philippines — All 10 ordained ministers in the Philippines, together with seven deacons and assistants, met here July 26 to 29 for a yearly conference. Colin Adair, regional director and pastor, presided over the meetings.

Mr. Adair summarized the state of God's Work during the last fiscal year, both worldwide, and in the Philippines. Concerning the recent changes in administration at the Church's Pasadena headquarters, he expressed confidence that the reorganization of God's Work would result in renewed growth.

The local church pastors gave reports of developments in their respective areas. "In general the reports were very encouraging and prospects for growth are good," Mr. Adair said.

Overall, 88 members were added to the Worldwide Church of God in the Philippines this past fiscal year, for a total membership now of 1,903 — a 5 percent growth over the previous year.

The Philippine church now ranks fourth in Church membership (behind Canada, Australia and England) outside the U.S.A., Mr. Adair said.

Financially, the Work here was 2 percent better in income for the fiscal year 1977-78, as of May 31, than the same period of the previous fiscal year. With hopes for growth in membership this new fiscal year, plus savings expected from moving the office facilities to a much lower-cost building, more money should be available to get out The Plain Truth and other literature to more people in this country. At present, the PT circulation here is at 30,000 copies.

Slight revisions in ministerial assignments, to cope better with the growing needs of the churches, were announced by Mr. Adair.

Preaching elder Pedro Ortigosa, who until June this year was a roving pastor (without a congregation to directly pastor) for the entire Luzon and neighboring islands, is now reassigned to pastor the Cagayan Valley

and central Luzon church areas. The latter includes the congregation at San Fernando, Pangasinana. He will also conduct the new outlying Bible study in Santiago, Ilocos.

Local elder Bienvenido Macarag Jr. now takes charge of the Ilocos church area previously overseen by Mr. Ortigosa. Mr. Macarag will continue to pastor the Benguet and Pangasinan congregations and will conduct the outlying Bible study in San Fernando, La Union.

Preaching elder and co-pastor pastor (in district area Pacific "Pak") Mike will temporarily oversee the Southern Tagalog church area, including the congregations in San Pablo City, Laguna. He is assisted in Laguna by Samuel (Ships), a local elder man in the Work's employ.

Reynaldo Tantiyara, the lone ministerial trainee here, is designated as acting pastor of the Bacolod church area. He will include the congregation in Naga City and the outlying Bible study in Legaspi City.

Local elder Encarnado Beater is named pastor of the northern Mindanao church area, which had been overseen previously by local elder Edmond Macarag. Mr. Beater's pastorate includes the congregations in Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental and the outlying Bible study in Butuan City.

Colin Adair continues to pastor the metropolitan Manila church area, assisted by two local elders not employed by the Work — Felix Manabny Jr. and Migra Fabrice.

Preaching elder Jose Rubiano remains as pastor of the three church areas in the Visayan group of islands (Western, Central and Eastern Visayas). His assignment includes the congregations in Iloilo, Negros Occidental and Cebu, and outlying Bible studies in the cities of Tagbilaran and Tacloban.

Edmond Macarag will continue to pastor the troubled Zamboanga-Sulu church area and the southern Mindanao area, which includes the congregations in Davao Oriental and Davao del Norte and the outlying Bible study in Davao City.

REGIONAL SCORES	
1 Southwest	146
2 Northeast	135 1/2
3 Great Lakes	116
4 South Central	106
5 Southeast	93
6 North Central	85
7 Canada	83
8 Northwest	65
9 Mountain	29 1/2



An open letter from C. Wayne Cole

The following letter from C. Wayne Cole, director of the ministry and personal assistance to Herbert W. Armstrong, is reprinted from the July 31 Pastor's Report by request of Mr. Armstrong.

I have known Ted Armstrong a long time. In the late 1930s — now 40 years ago — we checked rocks at the same woodpiles behind schoolhouses where Mr. Herbert Armstrong was speaking to small groups of Church of God people. On several occasions during recent years, Ted has reminded me of this long-standing personal relationship.

Dick Armstrong was one of the best and closest buddies I ever had. We were inseparable friends during the early 1950s while students at Ambassador College. Dick and I spent four or five days in San Francisco in the spring of 1951 so we could be with Ted as much time as possible before he headed for Korea on board the aircraft carrier *Antietam*.

I love Garner Ted Armstrong. He is my only family. We have been brothers in Christ and personal friends. Personally, I have no ill feelings toward Ted even now.

But fellow ministers, what Garner Ted Armstrong is now doing is wrong. It is not to be respected nor accepted. Ted has now embarked on an act of bold defiance against the Work you have commended your lives to, against our God as human leader and Ted's human father, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, against his own foundations in Christ (because without God's Church, Ted Armstrong would never have been able to promote the Church, per se, in the position of authority as a minister), and against our great God in heaven.

The move by Ted Armstrong to branch out on his own to set up his own organization by his own church, is a deliberate act of rebellion and defiance against the very Church of God against the Church that traces its history right back to the days of Jesus Christ, the founder of our faith and way of life.

Fellow, any act of rebellion and/or defiance against this Church is an act against the authority by which you and I derive our authority to serve as ministers and servants of God!

Where did Garner Ted Armstrong get his authority to serve as a minister of Jesus Christ? Does he have any right or authority to present himself as and to conduct himself as a minister of Christ other than by the authority of God in this Church which ordained him into the ministry? No!

How many times have we heard Ted say that he believed he was ordained by a man who was ordained by a man who was ordained by a man and so on all the way back through the earliest apostles and to Jesus Christ Himself? I have heard that concept expounded by Ted, and I believe with all my heart it is true!

Mr. Herbert Armstrong was not ordained by ministers who were ordained by ministers of Jesus Christ and so on. It was Mr. Armstrong who ordained Ted into the ministry of the Church of God.

That authority, which was (and is) vested within the apostolic office held by Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong by which Ted was ordained and, blessed with the power of the ministry, has not changed nor been transferred to another!

What more does Ted, any more or less than any of the other ministers who have gone out from among us over the years, the right and the authority to appoint and ordain to

ject God's authority vested in His Church in an endless succession from the very first century? The simple fact is, ~~no~~ "no one" has any! Whether we like it or not, he is now rebelling against Jesus Christ and God the Father. He is in opposition to the very Work of God. God says: "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft" (1 Samuel 15:23). And Ted is now in rebellion!

It is especially saddening to realize that Ted has in the past been perhaps the strongest voice in the Church denouncing the very concepts and practices he is now pursuing!

Listen to a few of the very well spoken words of Garner Ted, himself:

The April 2, 1974, issue of *The Bulletin* (which went to ministers and key administrative personnel), beginning on page 35, contains Part II of the January, 1974, ministerial conference notes. I quote excerpts of sessions by Ted from these notes:

"My father can never get to the place where he does not fear Garner Ted. He just can't! If he ever does that, he's lost control. I don't let myself, and I won't get into a position where I dare not fire somebody or move somebody around in a job or an office if I must, under me, to do my job. I just won't do it! Otherwise we don't have an organization left. We've got nothing then, fellows!" (top of page 42)

This is very well said. When a man is in a position of authority, he must have the courage to make the often difficult and sensitive manpower decisions. It is commonly understood in business that people problems, especially manpower and personnel decisions, are frequently the most difficult ones an executive ever faces. But he must make them!

And further, often a manager must make traumatic personal moves or perhaps even fire employees based on his own gut feelings and perceptions without the so-called "reasons for cause," which may be readily and easily explained.

In the same *Bulletin*, Ted discussed at length the agonizing decision President Harry S. Truman made in relieving Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1951. Ted said in reference to Harry Truman: "You'd better admire the salty old character. He took more time to make the decision to relieve MacArthur than he did to decide to drop the atomic bomb on Japan, but he did do it!"

Did Mr. Herbert Armstrong have the authority to relieve Garner Ted Armstrong of his executive duties in this Work? Most assuredly he did!

And he did so after very careful prayerful counsel and after much delay allowing time to be sure there was no chance to change and allowing time for God to make His answer absolutely plain and certain.

Why was this decision made? To give it succinctly is just a few words: His decision was "correct" for his decision. Mr. Armstrong saw clearly that the "house was divided"; there was confusion in the Church. God's leadership through the one God had rebelled, turned and quailed as His apostle was being challenged in the right to make final decisions. God's spiritual office, proven by decades of fruits and harvests, was being challenged by one who had derived his responsibilities from that office and should have been submissive to it.

In the Los Angeles [Cold] Times newspaper article this past Sunday,

July 30, Ted is quoted as saying: "From henceforth I will bow my knee to no man." If those were indeed his words that is a powerful and frightening statement! Does that sound like Ted continues to respect the office whereby he was allowed to have a part in God's Work?

What happened to the attitude behind the words Ted preached to us? Quoting again from the April 2, 1974, *Bulletin*, page 45, Ted said: "But, I'm going to be part of this Work until God Almighty Himself makes a decision otherwise. And as long as Herbert W. Armstrong is alive there's only going to be one signature on a paper that says 'I am in God's Work,' and that's his!" That paper and that signature now exist!

Ted continued to say, "I pray with all my being that God never allows anything to happen to that man. I want him alive, healthy, well, vital and dynamic to King as God wants this Work to go on."

This Work is and shall continue to go on! Mr. Herbert Armstrong is alive, well and dynamic. But now, tragically, the Work shall go on without Garner Ted Armstrong unless or until he should die and be buried before God with fruits of repentance borne before his father for his contempt and open rejection of this Work!

In the Pasadena *Star News* this morning, July 31, Ted is quoted as saying: "If God does not bless the effort that I am making, then it will be an indication that it is He who will bring into some other type of employment and profession."

This statement is totally contradictory to many statements made clearly revealing Ted's former deference to his father's authority. As recently as the January, 1976, ministerial conference, Ted has publicly stated his submission to the apostolic office of his father:

"I am in the same manner that it would be his happiest moment — and that are his direct words — when he would have no administrative responsibility, that he did not ask for the job, that Mr. Armstrong asked him to return to an administrative job and placed him there, that he did not want it — and still doesn't!"

Ted thus strongly emphasized: "I know this Work is done by God. I know the lesson of Abraham. I know that I ever left up my hand against God's command, I am dead. I believe that with all my being. The only way for me to destroy myself is to attack my father. We should all follow the biblical example of support and of loyalty."

Ted stated that if he were ever put in a position where he would have to call a member, I have proven again and again that never, at the point of a very buy-out halfway through my heart, will I lift up my hand against God's command. My father is God's command. God has preserved his life. I will support, preserve and protect him. Never has anyone seen me try to align forces, influence others around me to do so much as lift their little finger against that man. And they will never see it. They will never see it. I have been serving as diligently as I know how to fulfill the biblical example of loyalty, and I am going to never to consent to do it. I have stated publicly to the open congregation of a common sense a deep lesson of loyalty to my own father.

How could I ever expect loyalty on down the line? If I were ever betrayed, then I could not expect loyalty from you under any situation.



JAPANESE VISITORS — Dr. Masaru Hara, a professor with a travel-study group visiting Ambassador College, and Linda White, an employee of the Church's Spanish Department, address Japanese students and their chaperone prior to their departure on a trip to Mexico. (Photo by Nathan Faulstich)

Traveling student group visits Ambassador campus

By Sheila Graham
PASADENA — Since July 23 the Ambassador College campus has been the temporary home for 32 Japanese students and their teachers and escort. The students are participating in a four-week travel-study program, which features two hours of English language classes daily along with excursions to attractions such as Disneyland, Universal Studios, the beach and Tijuana, Mexico, and activities as varied and unrelated as a concert at the Auditorium and a Dodgers' baseball game.

The travel-study program began four years ago through the cooperative efforts of Ryoichi Ogami, president of Asahi Travel International, Inc., of Tokyo and Ambassador College. The student groups have numbered between 10 and 32.

Twenty-eight of the 32 students have this summer age girls of high-school age, 13 to 17. The remaining four are men, three of which attend Japanese universities. They are accompanied by Dr. Masaru Hara, Dr. and Mrs. Shigeru Osawa, Shing Yoshida and Sanku Ushida. The goal of the program, according

to Dr. Hara and Wesley White, program director, is to allow the students the opportunity to learn from first-hand experience about the people and culture of the United States as well as to improve their skills in the use of the English language.

A home visit is included in their itinerary. Church members invite the students to their homes for conversation and an evening meal to allow them to experience the atmosphere of an American home.

Dr. Hara, on the faculty of Doshu University in Saka, Japan, is an honorary executive in the American Studies Foundation, which promotes better understanding between the two countries. He describes the students as "fascinated" by this country.

"They love the big American city," he said, and speak of their stay on the Ambassador College campus as "glorious times."

Before returning to their homeland the Japanese students will travel from Ambassador College to San Francisco, Calif., and Yosemite National Park in east central California.

This is a direct quote from Ted to all of you just a few months ago. We all believed then and many believe similar statements. But now, Ted is going his own independent way, bowing to no man and leaning to his own determination of whether or not "God blesses his efforts" and trusting in this as an indication of being right or wrong. Evil, wrong and selfish or rebellious motives may prosper, but they are no longer and righteous.

Remember, fellow ministers, earlier this year when these Harmonic events began, Mr. Herbert Armstrong did not say Ted. He did not say Ted. Ted had been radio broadcasting and initially did not stop him from making wrong.

I and others know this to be true because we read the letters sent by Mr. Armstrong to his own stipulating conditions of Ted's continued service to the Church.

Near the first of May Ted was relieved of his executive duties and asked to devote his full-time to their care as they best, that is radio broadcasting and writing. The weekly telecasts, were to be carried as soon as contractual arrangements allowed, but Mr. Herbert Armstrong clearly stated that after some time for discussion and reformulating he wanted Ted to continue with his own work.

Women began to speak very quickly, however, that Ted had been approved of the right to do the work. Now, we are today, fellow ministers. Our trials and difficult jobs continue. But, hopefully, we have internalized our faith, dependence and dedication to God. We are here to stay! This Work is where we found the pearl of great price. And, this Work will go forth in disseminating and announcing this very message of good news and hope for all mankind!

What Ted needs to do right now is come to see that what he is doing is the total negation of everything he has stood for, preached and taught in his prayer and hope to that Ted will support his rebellion against God, God's Work and God's chosen servant.

I would love to see Ted and Sheri and any others who may have joined them restored as my brothers and sisters in Christ! Wouldn't you? This is our prayer and our hope, our earnest, our Work of God goes on. Thanks for all that each one of you is doing in your loyal service to God.

HEALING

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ing open the flesh of His body. Before taking Him to Golgotha, He was nailed to the cross.

The scourging
Matthew 27:24-26: "When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult might be made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude. Then released he Barabbas unto them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified."
Mark 15:15: "And to Pilate, willing to content the people, he released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified."
John 19:1: "Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him." This was prior to turning Jesus over to be crucified, which is mentioned in verse 16 of the same chapter. "Then delivered he [Pilate] unto them to be crucified."

I think it vitally important that we realize, at this point, two things:
1) What a tremendous price God Himself, through Christ, paid in order that He might permit for us this miracle of healing. This shows God's will. He is so willing indeed to minister to relieve us from the pain, suffering or affliction that He gave His only begotten Son — the One who is our very Maker — to be beaten, to suffer in our stead so that, without violating any principle of His law, we may be healed.

The Eternal is merciful and gracious. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward them that fear Him. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Eternal pitieth them that fear Him" (Psalm 103:13).
We need to realize God's LOVE and compassion. Healing must not be taken for granted or treated cheaply. Think of Him who is the Maker of all mankind. One who created, submitting himself to be beaten as no man ever was, so that He might perform this miracle for us!

How important it is to God NEVER to compromise with His law. We might reason that it would be easier for God, in each case of healing, to simply prevent the penalty from taking effect. But that would violate His law! This is what Satan is trying to do — make God's laws imperable, abolish the penalty dealt with the effect, ignoring the cause.
Medical "science" operates primarily on that method — trying, with medicines, to prevent God's law from exacting its penalty.

That theory, in effect, we can transgress God's law and then prevent God's law from exacting its penalty. The theory is: The sufferer has in his body one poison, so we add another poison in the form of medicine. And one poison plus one more poison equals NO poison!
God has gone to great lengths to be beaten upon us His love and mercy, and He is consistent with His law. God's arithmetic is: One poison minus one poison equals two poisons.

Now notice just how severely Jesus was beaten.

In Isaiah 52 and 53 it was foretold: Speaking of Christ in Isaiah 52: "As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men. So shall he sprinkle [margin, "stattle"] many nations, the kings shall shut their mouths at him for that which had not been told them shall they see, and that which they had not heard shall they consider" (verses 14-15).

In the Revised Standard Version this passage reads: "As many were astonished at him — his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the sons of men — so shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they shall see, and that which they have not heard they shall understand." Notice the senses. Many were (when He was beaten with stripes) astonished — His body beaten and marred more than any man. So shall (at His coming in supreme glory and glory) many nations be startled at Him.

Then, in Isaiah 53 (RSV): "He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted."

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities [transgressions of the law]; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray [how?]; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Eternal has laid on him the iniquity of us all" (verses 3-6).
This is affirmed in the New Testament: "Who did no sin... by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:22, 24).

At the Passover service
There is a very clear teaching in regard to Christ having paid the physical penalty, as well as the spiritual penalty of death, in connection with Passover service instruction.

It is in the apostle Paul's instruction to the Corinthians: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This eat. This is [represents] my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me [a memorial]."

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come [the annual memorial of His death, on the actual anniversary of His crucifixion].

"Wherefore," the instruction continues, "whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily [that is, in an unworthy manner] shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For

he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep [that is, are dead]" (1 Corinthians 11:23-30).

The Revised Standard Version translates that last sentence: "That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died" — not realizing Jesus Himself paid the penalty for physical transgression of the laws of the human body, by allowing His body to be broken open by many stripes, and not relying on the living Christ for their healing!

Is it HIS WILL to heal us? This passage, especially as emphasized in the RSV, says we shall be judged if we NEGLECT (see Hebrews 2:3) so great a price paid so that we might be kept well!

Forgiveness of physical sin

Now back to Matthew's account of Jesus' ministry. We had last covered the eighth chapter and 17th verse. We come now to the ninth chapter.

Jesus came again to His own city, where He then resided — Capernaum. "And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed."

Notice Mark's account of the same incident: "And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was notified that he was in the house" (Mark 2:1).

I pause here for a slight digression. Today many represent Jesus as a vagabond — a hippie

with long hair and no place to live, having no sleep indoors. In 1 Corinthians 11:14, it is plainly stated it is a shame for a man to have long hair. Jesus was no hippie.

And the evidence is clear that Jesus had a home. In Matthew 4 we have seen that Jesus, leaving Nazareth, came and dwelt in Capernaum. That assuredly implies a "dwelling place." He dwelt in a house. In Matthew 9:1, Capernaum is called "his own city," a term certainly implying His place of residence.

In Mark 2:1, quoted above, Jesus returned to Capernaum, His own city, where He dwelt, and it was noted around that He was "in the house," certainly implying His own house. If He had entered the house of any other person, it would have named the person into whose house He came.

Now to continue, this time in Luke's account of this same incident, because Luke gives more details: "And... as he was teaching... men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy; and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him [Jesus]."

"And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch in to the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee."

"And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive

sins, but God alone?

"But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house."

"And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today" (Luke 5:17-26).

This incident, reported in all three books of Matthew, Mark and Luke, confirms, in the words of Jesus Christ Himself, that physical healing is indeed "the forgiveness of sin." Sin is defined (1 John 3:4) as "the transgression of law," as correctly translated. Physical sin is the transgression of physical law operating in the human body. To pay this penalty in our stead, Jesus was scourged, chastised, beaten with stripes.

On the other hand, spiritual sin, which imposes the penalty of the second death — eternal death — is transgression of the spiritual law (Romans 7:13-14), the law summed up by the Ten Commandments. Jesus paid the penalty for both Doctors, medicines, and drugs can no more forgive physical sin than spiritual sins. They CANNOT HEAL!

British staff completes ad series

LONDON, England — The Plain Truth magazine and numerous booklets received concentrated exposure in an advertising campaign that came to a close here July 30 after a five-month run, according to Martin Keen, editorial staffer for the British Work.

The main thrust of the campaign centered in the United Kingdom although responses are still expected to be received from as far away as Egypt and Turkey as a result of ads booked in English language newspapers in Cairo and Ankara.

In the United Kingdom, advertising contracts for nine booklets in 22 different publications have brought in close to 15,000 responses to date, said Mr. Keen.

Those responding received a copy of The Plain Truth with an offer for a six-month trial subscription. According to Mr. Keen, only 8 percent did not take advantage of the trial subscription. This represents an increase of about 14,000 PT subscribers since February of this year.

Nearly 5,000 people requested a copy of The Occult Explosion making it the most requested booklet offered (but not just the booklet) in a trial offer. Mr. Keen said.

Compared with the most recent large-scale advertising campaign in the United Kingdom (1968 to 1970 and 1970 to 1971), cost per response has been slightly lower despite enormous inflation since that time. This was achieved without adver-

isement in Reader's Digest, which was the best response medium during those years.

Six advertisements have also been run in Ireland, two of which offered The Plain Truth with the caption "Violence: Will it get better, get worse, or will it go away?"

A low key campaign in the Mediterranean and Near East regions likewise featuring The Plain Truth and asking "Are you ready to face the truth?" is also starting to bear fruit.

The image shows three overlapping advertisements. The top-left ad has a dark background with white text: "Violence. Will it get better, get worse, or will it go away?". The top-right ad also has a dark background with white text: "Are you ready to face the truth?". The bottom ad features a black and white photograph of a man's face (Hans Andersen) and text: "Hans Andersen and Adolf Hitler. What do they have in common?".

AD CAMPAIGN — Reproduced above are some of the advertisements used in a five-month advertising campaign by the British Work.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

NEW CONGREGATIONS

Three congregations met for the first time in July.

The first meeting of the COLUMBUS, Miss. church was at 2 p.m. on July 2 in the GM's Crest Room of the Gilmer Hotel. Most of the 111 brethren including some visitors had previously attended the Tupelo and Meridian, Miss., and Birmingham Ala. churches. Pastor Royce Wray, who is also minister of the Tupelo church, and the brethren that Columbus is the 35th congregation of the Worldwide Church of God. The opening sermon was given by Paul Platt, co-ordinator for the Atlanta, Ga., region. J. W. Robinson.

Another congregation began July 8 in LAFAYETTE, La. with Mr. Houtage as pastor to deliver the opening of services. The new church is being led by Karl Beyersdorfer, who also serves the church in Baton Rouge. La. Mr. Platt and Mr. Beyersdorfer ordained layman member Bob Albarado a deacon for the new church. Refreshments were served at all the churches after the opening service. *Carlton B. Taber*

The first church service in QUINCY, Wash. was also July 8. Gerald Henry, who is also pastor of the Pasco and Yakima, Wash. churches will serve the new church. Ninety-two brethren and visitors attended the first service in the Masonic Hall, some traveling from as far as Kelowna, B.C. Though only one member lives in Quincy, brethren in a 50 mile radius, including the Moses Lake, Ephrata, Wenatchee and Cashmere areas, will attend. *Nancy Lutz*

MINISTERS ON THE MOVE

Several ministers and their families were honored at farewell get-togethers before moving on to other cities.

More than 100 members of the KENOSHA, Wis. and ARLINGTON,

HEIGHTS, Ill. churches attended a farewell buffet in honor of pastor George Meeker and his family in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare hotel July 1. Entertainment included selections by the choir under the direction of Jonathan O'Neil, a solo by Brian Buckmaster and the Kober's Magna Stone Quartet, piano, records, streamer, radio and a flood of pointing cars were presented to members of the Meeker family. Mr. Meeker's new assignment is in Springfield, Mo. *Dorothy Bell*

The HOUSTON, Tex. East church bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Don Waterhouse with a potluck dinner and fashion show June 28 at Galveston County Park in League City. The much fashion show featured members of the ladies' chorale and their fashions from long religious and clever fashions from Joanne Anderson. Shirley Scott presented the Waterhouses a schawoner dish, a going-away gift from the brethren. Mr. Waterhouse has served the Houston East members for nearly five years. *Billie Parr*

Pastor Bill Freedland and his family bid farewell to a potluck dinner given by the SPRINGFIELD, Mo. brethren July 1. About 100 brethren attended to say farewell to the Freedlands, who are returning to Pasadena for a Sabbath. The Freedlands were presented gifts of a six quart pressure cooker and some awards. Overseas letters given them on an out on a log that had made from creek rocks. *Larry O. Harmon*

Area co-ordinator Gary Anson, who has served in Ontario for 14 years, delivered his farewell sermon to the TORONTO, Ont. brethren July 1 encouraging them to press on to the goal. His arrival is returning to Pasadena for a Sabbath. As a Ontario area co-ordinator is Richard Pineill, who has spent 17 years in the Canadian Work, most of the time at the Canadian headquarters in Vancouver, B.C. and Edmonton. Also Toronto West pastor Tom Eckert supervised the presentation of many gifts of affection to Gary and Barbara Anson. Their daughters, Janice and Susie, received emblems of

Canada, Ontario and the Toronto city hall. *Bill Murray*

The DENVER, Colo. brethren gave a farewell picnic July 2 to honor of Gary and Penny Englehart for their years of service in the area. Mr. Englehart has been transferred to Cleveland, Ohio, after serving in coordination in the Denver region for nearly eight years. *Walter D. French*

SCATTERED HAPPENINGS

The first in a series of epistle classes for the BRICKLEY WOOD, England, brethren was July 21. The classes will be conducted. The weekly classes will explore the background of Paul's epistles to aid in understanding them. Pastor Paul Sealing, who will take most of the classes, began the series with a profile of the apostle Paul. *Bill Allen*

The impact of C. Wayne Cole's evangelistic campaign in MONTREAL, Que., April 28 and 29 was not fully realized until after a series of Wednesday-night Bible studies. Although less than 100 non-members attended the campaign, the Bible studies, conducted by Bill Rabey and Tom DeLoe, have drawn from 20 to 40 newcomers each week, bolstered by scores of church members in the area. Mr. Rabey and Mr. DeLoe have elaborated on such topics as the Church, the laws of God, World War III, childbearing, marriage, and the plan of God. *Dorothy Vincent*

Members of the VICTORIA, B.C. church joined voices in a finale of "How Great Thou Art" in a repeat performance at the James Bay Lodge July 10. The 45 members of mixed requirement were performed by request to about 50 senior citizens as part of the church's Project Outreach. *Lee Chapman*

Families from the MAIDSTONE and ORPINGTON, England, churches gathered at Eastbourne, a seaside town on the south coast to give a day's outing to children cared for in a home operated by the Kent authorities. Each family adopted a child for the day and spent an enjoyable time on swings, roundabouts, slides and other playground equipment followed by a picnic on the beach and a trip through the shops. The day ended with the families regrettably returning the children to the home. The children were cared for happily. *Linda Urfield*

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith were guests at the COOK BAY, Ore., church Sabbath afternoon July 8. After the sermon by Mr. Smith, an evangelist, on the bank of the bay, about the entire congregation one of the smallest in the United States with an average attendance of 50 adjourned to the home of Leo and Sally Vickers. While the adults enjoyed samples of wine and cheese, the YOU team watched the children in a nearby park.

Mark Vickers, 19 year old member of the Cook Bay church who also has a construction license, wanted his property cleared of brush so he could begin building a home on it. He proposed to the members and the YOU team that he would make a sizable donation to the church and YOU funds if they would clear the land. Eighteen men, women and children showed up July 16 to begin the monumental project. *Lee Chapman*



Local Church activities are in full swing this summer as reports of happenings far and wide pour into The Good News' offices. In order to accommodate an ever-increasing load of material, The Good News is revising its "Local Church News Wrap Up" format and policy to better serve our readers.

This section of the paper, renamed "Local Church News," will feature reports under a common heading with the name of the church in boldfaced type. Our aim is to save as much space as possible and yet bring readers a continual and interesting flow of information.

Please help us maintain reader interest by keeping submissions to this section timely and as short as possible. It is most important that writers be selective in their reporting. Because space is at a premium, reports should be limited to significant events and happenings such as church anniversaries, new and innovative church projects, gala events, new developments worthy of note and general items that would provide a spark of inspiration to other church areas.

We hope select contributions from our readers and a more critical selection on our part will allow us to continue to serve our readers to their satisfaction. Our sincere thanks to the many fine contributors to "Local Church News" whose loyal representation of their church helps spread unity and inspiration throughout the family of God. (Reports for "Local Church News" must be postmarked no later than 14 days after the date of the event reported on and be no longer than 350 words.)

was planned to complete in Virginia. *Childs*

Andy and Violet Sylva, a deacon and deaconess and the first members of Hawaii to be baptized, were treated at a testimonial dinner by the HONOLULU, Hawaii, brethren July 8. The names of the guests of honor had been kept a secret until the actual presentation of gifts at the dinner, held at the Holiday Inn in Waikiki. John Brown was master of ceremonies and other members related anecdotes about their relationships with the Sylvas over the years. The Sylvas were given a plaque of appreciation. They first became interested in the Work in 1957 and were finally able to travel to the mainland United States in 1960 to be baptized. Andy and Violet have also been members of a singing group, The Limahuan Vicks. *Brightbill*

Members of the REGINA and MOOSEWATER, Sask. churches assembled in Lumsden July 1 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the two churches. Special all day services were conducted in the Centennial Auditorium, nestled in the scenic Qu'Appelle Valley. An anniversary cake depicted the Church and Players were presented to the most long standing members of the two churches. Flory Puffall of Moosewater, a member for 25 years, and Arnold Schetzman of Regina, a member for 21 years. *Sylvia Van Deventer*

The MACKAY, Australia, brethren held a gala family night July 1. The program exhibited the hobbies, artistic tal-

ent, fancy dress ideas and nail driving and happy changing exhibits of the members and their children. High point of the evening for everyone (except the horse) was a ride on the "brumby" (a name not to be confused with a brumby, an Australian wild horse) on special loan from the Topsway stable, also possessed by John Comino.

Winners of the fancy dress competition were Stephen Frantovich as a sky diver; Joanne Tappert as a little Dutch girl and Danny Vella as an Arab. *John England*

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Summer is the time for picnics, socials, carnivals and camp-outs, and hundreds of brethren have been treating themselves to fun in the sun.

More than 200 brethren of the BELLE VERMION, Pa., and CLARSBURG, W. Va. churches combined for a picnic at Merble Park in Mt. Pleasant, W. Va., on July 8 for lots of picture taking, swimming, walks and activities for all ages. One of Johnson in picture of both churches. *Page News*

The annual summer picnic of the BINGHAMPTON, N.Y., church was July 15 at Chenango Valley State Park. Eldon and Sally Trapp were winners of a treasure hunt that had everyone seeking all sorts of unusual objects such as fossils, loads, unworked and four leaf clovers. *Dei & Pat Deib*

Barney up" was the city on the Van Buren Park Ball diamond July 9 when the *See CHURCH NEWS, page 13*



JOYFUL NOISE — Members of the Victoria, B.C. church perform "How Great Thou Art" to a group of about 50 senior citizens July 10 as a function of the church's Project Outreach. (See "Scattered Happenings," Victoria, this page.)



FIRST HAWAIIAN MEMBERS — Violet and Andy Sylva, above, deaconess and deacon of the Honolulu, Hawaii, church, were baptized in 1960. The first members in Hawaii. They were honored by me brethren at a dinner in Waikiki July 8. (See "Scattered Happenings," Honolulu, this page.) (Photo by Steve Brightbill)



FAMILY NIGHT — Left: From left, Danny Vella in Arab dress, Stephen Frantovich as a skydiver and Joanne Tappert as a Dutch girl were winners in the fancy-dress competition at the Mackay, Australia, family night July 1. Right: Sonya Frantovich rides a brumby horse guided by Kai McCully. (See "Scattered Happenings," Mackay, this page.)



CHURCH NEWS

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DETROIT West and ANN ARBOR, Mich., churches met for their annual picnic and baseball games. Ann Arbor won both games, 9-1 and 14-2. Ticket holders were afforded chances to dunk associate pastor Marco Hampton in the dunk tank, and youngsters were drawn to the children's carnival. Fred Randall won a quilt and Clara Freeman ended up with a wreath in the door prize drawings. *Heidi D. French.*

The **GREENEY, Okla.** brethren held their annual picnic July 16 at Lake Lowell, a recreation area offering baseball, tennis, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, fishing and more. A pickup softball game, ending after seven innings with a score of 32-21, set the tone for the day. Youngsters attending the 2-week-old *Country* Reser Zimmerman, daughter of pastor Chuck Zimmerman and his wife Joy. *Bob Swager.*

A camp out beside the Oldman River at the Meadowlark Campground was enjoyed by members of the **LETHBRIDGE, Alta.** church July 14 through 16. The brethren gathered among the trees on the banks of the river for a Friday night Bible study conducted by pastor Cecil Maravalle on the Leviticus priesthood. The next day they made the 20 mile drive back to Lethbridge for the regular Sabbath service, returning to the camp afterwards.

On Sunday the campers played horse shoes and softball and went hiking, periodically setting off in the river. As some were combining their leave for the late afternoon supper before breaking camp, a storm blew in depriving rain and hail in the salad bowls. Some food was salvaged and the campers headed for shelter to wait out the storm before returning home. *Jan Peterson.*

Members and guests of the **LONG ISLAND, N.Y.** church enjoyed their annual picnic at Swales Meadows on July 9 with the usual picnic activities, contests and swimming. *Priscilla Bosler.*

More than 200 **ROCHESTER** and **SYRACUSE, N.Y.** brethren gathered in picturesque Cayuga Lake for a picnic July 9. The county council of Syracuse had a field day defeating the city council of Rochester in volleyball, tug-of-war and egg toss games. *Patricia Davis Paik.* Competitors were treated to a luncheon of hospitality. The one bright spot for Rochester was Elaine Rowe's first prize in the cake baking contest. Judging the cakes for taste and appearance were Al and Betty Stradick and Dick and Bonnie Van. Ding DeHaven. Indian games for the small fries. *Marjorie Deaver and Luke Hamill.*

Lush, green well-manicured Philippe Park near Safety Harbor Fla., was the site of a picnic for the **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.** brethren July 21. Youngsters enjoyed strolling on Indian grounds located in the park which overlooks Old Tampa Bay. The church's JOY Club provided ice cold watermelons for a mid-afternoon treat. *Laverne L. Vuest.*

A picnic for the **SARINIA, Ont.** brethren July 16 began with breakfast in Cinnamon Park, followed by numerous races and contests. Pastor Fran Ricchi was winner of a sack race for adults. The day ended with volleyball, horseshoes and swimming. *Joe MacGrimes.*

The **WASHINGTON, D.C.** and **BALTIMORE, Md.** congregations picnicked together at the German Orphanage House in Upper Marlboro, Md. July 9. Contestants were lured to a baby bottle drinking contest, but the grand pole contest was the highlight. The pole was the pole of an apple climber with a five spot provided to be grabbed with too much *Crisco*. Baltimore edged Washington 13-12 in eight innings of men's softball and also yielded them over the mark in two out of three top of ten face-offs. In extra softball the women rolled past the men 14-8. *Robert Curry.*

The former Ambassador College campus in BRICKET WOOD, England, was the site of the church's Leisure Day July 16. Members were invited to bring packed lunches and avail themselves of the sporting facilities for squash, tennis, badminton, volleyball, snooker and a tennis (a) novelty racket tennis racket match, under one observer, separated the men from the boys. *Bill Allen.*

Cruising there was on tap in two churches. About 77 people from the **MANHATTAN, N.Y.** and nearby churches sailed up the Hudson River July 16 on an all-day cruise that went as far as

Poughkeepsie. The vessel, *Miss Freedom* of Day Line, accommodated a few thousand others who were also taking the cruise. Although the fog never burned off and the wind never abated, families enjoyed picnicking and playing games on reeded tables.

Most of the brethren assembled at West Point, home of the U.S. Military Academy, and toured the museum and campus grounds, watching as cadets assembled for inspection and marched, singing, on their way back to their quarters. At 4 p.m. the excursionists boarded the ship for the return voyage. *John Miskal.*

Adventure-some members of the **ADA, Okla.** church went on a float trip down the Illinois River July 16, stopping often along the way to rest, eat and cool their sun baked bodies with a swim. Life jackets proved invaluable as several canoes capsized, dumping members, ice chests and dignity into the mighty Illinois. The group called it quits after six hours and 11 miles. *Four miles short of the original goal.* A Big Mac attack led to McDonald's and the need for fuel to a gas pump. The floaters needed the way home in the sunset, fueled, filled and pumped. *Patsy Pratt.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The husband and wife team of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Cann shared the presidency when the Luncheon clubs of the **TAUNTON** and **EXETER, England**, churches combined for their final evening of the season July 1 at the Poucher's in Wellington, Somerset. A husband-and-wife team also conducted the topic session, followed by speeches by Ernest Spiller, David Bateson, Betty Rowles and Janet Spiller.

A week later, July 8, the Luncheon clubs of the **TRURO** and **PL YANETTE, England**, churches combined for their final session at the Lew Trenchard Hotel north of Tavistock in Devon. Joe Ogden, director of the Truro church, acted as president and Bill Dealins presented the topics and introduced speakers. *William Williams.* Alan Timmuth and Serk Cadogan, pastor of the churches in the South-west of England, commended the club members for the improvement in standards and encouraged the members to work towards a field of service to the Church. The clubs will resume after the Feast of Tabernacles. *Francis Cann.*

In **PITTSBURGH, Pa.**, club director Dave Havin presented graduation certificates to Spokesman Club members Ed. Archibald, Bill Golden and Paul Sellapam at the club's annual graduation meeting July 2 at the Lamplighter Inn. Dinner and dancing were preceded by a short meeting with Ron Adams conducting the topic sessions and Jack Yeager II serving as toastmaster. Speakers were Joe Flinn, Bob Bishop and Mr. Sellapam.

A 1 1/2 hour session of topics and discussion organized by Tom Bellotti, Don Resser and Dick Henning was on tap at the outdoor picnic meeting of the **Pittsburgh Graduates' Spokesman Club** July 9. A group of 109 gathered at North Park for the meeting, which was rounded out with a grilled meal, games and fellowship. *Pam Haver.*

Food preservation was the timely subject of the July 16 meeting of the **MISY (May I Serve You) Club** of the **BELLE VERNON, Pa.** church. Canning, freezing and drying of foods were discussed by Peggy Hewitt, Donna Hecron and Betty Taylor. *Volunteer Betty* gave an introduction to conclude the meeting.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The Silver Ambassadors of **BIG SANDY, Tex.**, added about \$160 to their treasury in three hours by holding a money-raising game and crafts sale July 2 at the parking lot of the Big Sandy bank. Proceeds will be used to accomplish club objectives and to help others. *Lela Fild.*



SING-ALONG TIME — Singles from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Netherlands participate in a sing-along on the former Ambassador College campus at Bricket Wood, England, July 9. Over 100 attended the singles activities, which lasted the entire weekend. (See "Singles Scene," Bricket Wood, this page.) (Photo by Martin Keen)

SINGLES SCENE

What attracted more than 100 singles from all parts of England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Netherlands to BRICKET WOOD July 8 and 9? A singles weekend, the first such event in Britain organized exclusively with singles in mind.

Kicking off the weekend on a high note was the combined Sabbath service. Frank Brown gave the sermon, and Art Molarow, who is in Britain to pursue his studies for a doctorate in education from Brunel and Oxford universities, delivered the main message. *Photo* dating was a get-together in the Loma Hall lounge for snacks and a disco dance in the student center in the evening.

Two past morning Mr. Molarow gave a two-part seminar on "Human Living" and "You As an Individual." The covered dating and marriage emphasizing that "the purpose of marriage is to accomplish a task, to get a job done, not to alter a person or strengthen him out." The singles overwhelmingly requested transcripts of the seminar.

Afternoon activities of various sports were followed by an *Afternoon* barbecue. The YOU team sponsored a square dance in the evening.

Response to the singles weekend was very positive, and plans were made to hold them on a regular basis about twice a year. Mike Hurst, Gerry van der Wende and many behind the scenes workers helped make the event a resounding success. *Suzandra Prong and Martin Keen.*

The Mile High Singles' Club of the **DENVER, Colo.** women were at second annual camp out June 10 through July 4 high in the Colorado Rockies. A Friday night Bible study and the Sabbath service were conducted by local elder Gerald Scharenberger. The camp out was attended by 32 adults and 4 children, including five adults from Salt Lake City, Utah, and one from Los Angeles, N.M. *Walter D. French.*

A catered barbecue dinner, a dance, a tennis, miniature golf and plane rides were sponsored by the **MEMPHIS, Tenn.** Christian Singles' Association July 15 and 16. About 60 people attended the gala event, some from other churches in Texas and New Mexico. The brunch Sunday morning was served in the home of Barbara Pebowich, followed by golf and plane rides for those who wanted more excitement. *Alberson Kellogg.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The donation of two strings of firecrackers, 300 in each string, is 4 1/2 in in the camp of the **ANCHORAGE, Alaska,** YOU team July 7 residence on the boat. The convener, attempting to start the last day of the three-day canoe trip and camp-out with a bang, were responsible for setting off the fireworks, which were left over from Mrs. John Lambert's annual camp.

The grueling canoe trip had begun two days earlier with 20 teams and five counselors spanning 12 camps across 11 lakes and nine portages to reach a camp six miles off the road. A number of moose were spotted in the area. The second day of the trip was spent fishing and relaxing. A 20-foot trout landed by Steve McVey of Kenai was carefully prepared the Indian way and cooked on sticks over a fire.



LONGTIME MEMBERS — Elmer Puffalt, left, of the Moosomin, Sask., church and Arnold Schuzzman of the Regina, Sask., church were honored at a 10th anniversary celebration of the two churches July 1. Each was a pioneer member of his respective church. (See "Scattered Happenings," Regina and Moosomin, page 12.) (Photo by Lorne Slack)



NEW CHURCH — Pastor Harry Steder addresses the brethren of the newly formed Everett, Wash., church July 8, four weeks after the inaugural service June 10. Mr. Steder was previously a minister of the Seattle (Wash.) A.M. church. (Photo by Lorne Slack)

by Karl Kendall of Anchorage. The group paddled back to the highway on the third day, a tedious 10-hour trip. Three of the counselors managed to tip themselves into the river, the first capsizing in six years of canoe trips. *Attila Pickering.*

Midwestern representatives to the 1976 and 1977 national YOU conventions in Big Sandy, Tex., renewed friendships July 8 and 9 with the **PEORIA, Ill.** brethren playing host. The teams, from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin, enjoyed games and dancing Saturday evening and an all-day picnic on Sunday. The 1977 representatives defeated the 1976 representatives in a tug-of-war. *Myra Davidson.*

Graduating seniors were honored by the four **CINCINNATI, Ohio,** YOU chapters at 8 a.m. June 29. The Dorado Sunset, a band composed of Cincinnati East users, provided live music. Mike White, president of the West YOU chapter, presented a current record album to each senior. *R. Waby.*

In **OMAHA, Neb.**, teens and their families enjoyed a colorful Memorial luncheon and dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Thomas July 16. Raft-racing, shell-diving, swimming and limbo contests were featured with winners receiving prizes. *Dianne Otto.*

The junior and intermediate YOU members of the **SAN JOSE, Calif.** church made a journey to Disneyland July 10, having spent many hours and days collecting newspapers and aluminum cans to raise money for the trip. The YOU members were grateful for the hospitality of the La Mirada, Calif., brethren, who live near Disneyland. *Meredith Kirk.*

Nine girls of the **GREENSBORO, N.C.** YOU volleyball team participated in a volleyball camp at the High Point (N.C.) College July 9 through 14, staying with families living in High Point. The camp cost \$75 per person. Attending from Greensboro were Wendy Rice, Tonya Nance, Patsy Burton, Teresa Vow, Sherri Jordan, Cindy Averette, Tracy Smith, Alice Richardson, Mary Stewart and Wendy Smith.

The girls were given skill tests and assigned to teams. High Point College volleyball players demonstrated serving, spiking the ball, defense plays and serve

reception, and the coach discussed body conditioning. Greensboro volleyball coach Jane Ellison also attended most of the sessions.

Awards were presented on the last day to best performer. Two YOU members received awards: Mary Stewart was named best camper (having the best attitude) and Wendy Smith best bumper.

The Greenville YOU members visited Boggs Island in Henderson, N.C., July 9, enjoying water skiing, swimming and a cookout. *Alfred Richardson.*

Forty-eight preteens and 16 adults from the **WASHINGTON, D.C.** and **ROBERTSTOWN, Md.** churches defied a weekend of rain July 2 through 4 to make the fifth annual camp-out at Carl White's farm in Mount Airy, Md., a success. The well-equipped barn served as a shelter and activity center. Upon arrival, campers unrolled their sleeping bags into the hay-strewn loft and then scurried into line for the exciting rope swing. Other activities were crafts, a movie called *Santiago's Ark*, BB-gun target shooting and a talent show completely produced by the preteens. *Robert Curry.*

SPORTS

The **WOODBRIDGE, N.J.** and **MANUET, N.Y.** church softball teams, accompanied by supportive wives and friends, met for a doubleheader July 9. Woodbridge coach Karl Klink led his team to victory in both games, 11-1 and 17-3. The Namer team is coached by Glenn Tomlinson.

The teams in the league compete for no trophies, plaques or standing ovations, but just try to do their best. According to Woodbridge coachkeeper Pat Klink, "It's not competitive, it's a social affair." *A.L. Green.*

The **NASHVILLE, Tenn.** church's men's softball team sponsored a round-robin tournament at Madison Park July 2, inviting teams from the **EVANSVILLE, Ind.** church and three local Nashville teams. Game action in progress all day on two fields, with the Nashville Capital Airways team coming up the victor. Nashville and Evansville each won two and lost two. *Everett Corbin.*

Warnambool named Aussie Feast site

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Warnambool, on the Southern Ocean in southwest Victoria, has been designated a Feast site for this year according to the Work's office here. The new site, a holiday area,

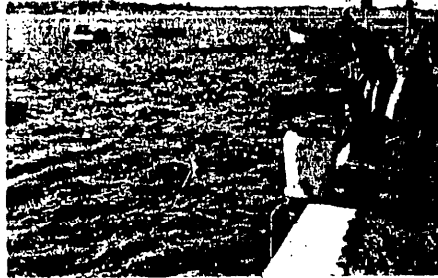
replaces Melbourne 260 kilometers (156 miles) to the east. The city is served by daily air services, rail transportation and good highways. Warnambool, with a population of 21,000, is reported to have a selec-

tion of fine restaurants, motels and hotels. There is a car-rental agency and eight caravan (mobile-home) parks, most in proximity to the Capital Theatre where services will be held.

The Feastgoer can expect mild-to-brisk invigorating spring weather. Planned activities for the Feast include a variety of scenic and educational tours. The Great Ocean Road gives a panoramic view of the rugged coastline. The Grampians, a mountain range in State Forest, can be reached in about an hour. They are a haven for Australian flora and fauna. Ten minutes away is Tower Hill, a state game reserve, which boasts Australia's "caldera of collapse" volcano, one of only three in the world.

Next year's Australian Anglers Association Convention and fishing competition will be in this area. The fishing enthusiast has a choice of fishing in the surf, rivers, estuary or deep sea. All are described as abounding with fish.

The fishing village of Port Fairy, near Warnambool, is noted for its more than 50 buildings classified by the National Trust as being of historic value.



AUSSIE FEAST SITE — Fishermen test their luck at the breakwater across the bay from Warnambool, a new Australian Feast site. (Photo by Michael Alter)



SUMMER GRADUATION — Eighteen Ambassador College graduates hold diplomas presented in commencement exercises at the college Aug. 7. The 18 completed their undergraduate studies on campus this summer. (Photo by Roland Rees)

THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

If you remember our story began when Grandpa Wilson, Jim and his dog Major walked over to the Havis place one Sabbath morning after a big breakfast of Grandma Wilson's pancakes. They were on their way to investigate some mysterious lights, which had kept Jim awake the night before, when they unintentionally interrupt two men loading bags of what turns out to be marijuana into the back of a pickup truck.

Startled, the men quickly realize Grandpa is not as naive as he first appears and threaten Grandpa, Jim and Major with a gun.

As part one of our story ends, Major, not to be intimidated, attacks the man with the gun, sinking his teeth into the man's wrist.

Major hangs on

Bang! The gun went off but Major blinked his eyes and hung on. Blow after blow pounded his head and neck from the gunman's other hand. But he dug his teeth in more tightly and would not let go.

"GRRRR-RRRR-RR!" He growled with each blow that he took.

The second man scurried for the cab of the truck and in a moment the motor roared to life. The truck careened off up the lane.

"Hang on, Major!" shouted Jim. He helped Grandpa topple the fellow to the ground and Grandpa gripped the gun away from the fingers that gripped it.

"It's okay now, Major," Grandpa panted. "You can let go."

"GRRR-rrr." Major growled one more time. Reluctantly, he released the wrist and stepped back.

"Good dog!" Jim hugged his beagle to his heart. "What a dog!"

"Hold him back, Jim," Grandpa ordered. Grandpa stood with the gun leveled at the stranger who sprawled in

the midst of wild hempweed, moaning as he clutched his wrist.

B-45-10

Jim held Major by the collar. "Grandpa, help me remember B-45-10, will you please?"

"What did you say?" Grandpa asked, not turning. "What are you gibbering about?"

"The license plate on that truck, Grandpa. It's B-45-10."

Grandpa smiled as he wiped perspiration from his brow with the back of his hand. "Good work, my boy. I never thought to look. We won't forget it, never fear. Well, now, let's see. You and Major go to the house and ask Grandma to phone the sheriff to come. And while she's on the phone she can give that license-plate number to him so the highway patrol can nab our friend with his load of hay."

"Yes, sir. But Grandpa, should you be doing that on the Sabbath?"

"Doing what?"

"Pointing a gun at a person?"

Grandpa looked down at the gun in his hand. He shook his head. "You're right. What am I doing, anyway? I can't shoot a man. Not on the Sabbath or any other day of the week."

He worked with the gun, took out two bullets, dropped them into his shirt pocket and slid the gun into a hip pocket. "I don't need this thing. We'll let the law take care of him."

"Grandpa! Look out!"

The stranger on the ground stopped moaning. He looked up. His face had changed. He began to get to his feet, both fists clenched.

"Grandpa! Look out!"

"It's all right, Jim," replied Grandpa. "Come here, Major."

Major moved up between Grandpa and the stranger.

The man instantly sat down. He clutched his wrist again. "Get me a doctor. I'm bleeding."

"We'll get you all the help you need and some more besides," Grandpa promised. "Jim, you go on to the house

and have Grandma make that call.

"Major and I will wait right here for the sheriff. I'm sure we won't have any more trouble. Right, Major?"

"Grrr-rrr," replied Major. He sat down to watch and wait, his eyes never leaving the stranger's face.

In a short time the sheriff's car came careening down the lane. Jim was sitting beside the sheriff, directing the way.

Major got to ride in the back seat with Jim and Grandpa, and on the way back to Grandpa's house a call came in over the radio. The blue pickup had been stopped and the driver was in custody.

Major's reward

"Do you have any pancakes left from breakfast?" Grandpa asked Grandma in the kitchen after the sheriff had left with his prisoner and he had explained to her the mystery of the lights.

"Yes, Ben, there's one. How can you be hungry after all of that excitement?"

"I'm not. It's for Major. He deserves a reward for being a fine police dog."

"He's a wonderful dog," agreed Grandma, "but he's a beagle, not a police dog." She took the pancake from the cupboard.

"Maybe he's in disguise," Grandpa replied. "He might be in the secret service." He gave Major a wink.

Looking up from his pancake, Major eyed Grandpa solemnly for a moment. Then he winked both brown eyes and smiled.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BAREY Sterling and Vicki (Angels) of Lakeland, Fla. Boy Todd Edward July 16 6 pounds 12 ounces, one boy.

BENNETT Albert and Susan (Parker) of Miami, Fla. Boy Chelsea heavy July 16 7 pounds 12 ounces. One boy, one girl.

BLUE Terry and Linda (Johnson) of Fairford, Calif. Girl Emily Dawn July 15 5 1/2 a m. 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces. One boy, one girl.

BUCHAN Dan and Carolea of Long Beach, Calif. Two boys Mark Richard and Clinton Andrew July 18 8 20 and 8 53 a m. 7 pounds 14 ounces and 4 pounds 17 ounces. One boy, one girl.

BUCHANAN Neil and Pat (Henderson) of Francis, Ark. Girl Rachelle Marie July 1 1 22 a m. 6 pounds 2 1/2 ounces. One girl.

CLONE Ray and Rhonda (Forsythe) of Fort St. Vrain, Colo. Boy Raymond Eugene July 12 12 52 a m. 7 pounds 10 1/2 ounces. One boy.

COLLINS Marlene and Bruce (Hess) of Berkeley, Calif. Girl Stacy Christine July 14 12 22 a m. 5 pounds 14 ounces. One girl.

COY Robert and Margaret (Wright) of York, Pa. Girl Nicole Christine July 15 12 18 a m. 6 pounds 3 ounces. One girl.

DUNN Robert and Mary (Coffey) of St. Louis, Mo. Girl Sarah Ann July 11 12 11 a m. 6 pounds 11 ounces. One girl.

ELDRIT Mark and Gerald (Parker) of Mesa, Ariz. Boy Mark William July 15 9 27 a m. 6 pounds 12 ounces. One boy.

GIMMER Jessica and Keith (Coffey) of Chatterbox, Tenn. Girl Andrea Dawn June 12 7 pounds 1 ounce. One girl.

HECHT Russ and Joanne (Graham) of Anchorage, Alaska. Boy Aaron Owen July 14 7 28 p m. 8 pounds 14 ounces. One boy.

SNAPP Michael and High (Viburnum) of Rocking, N. C. Boy Michael Lee July 3 8 28 p m. 7 pounds 13 ounces. One boy.

NORMAN Peter and Susan of Toronto, Ont. Boy Peter Robert June 26 9 30 a m. 7 pounds 17 1/2 ounces. One boy.

NORMAN Eric and Florence (Thompson) of Salem, Ore. Boy Jason Lynn July 15 9 12 a m. 6 pounds 1 ounce. One boy.

NEALE Eric and Ruth (Kings) of Oakland, Calif. Boy Zachary James July 13 12 3 a m. 7 pounds 2 ounces. One boy.

NEW William and Linda (Morgan) of St. Paul, Minn. Boy Stephen James June 7 6 22 a m. 7 pounds 4 ounces. One boy.

NEUMAN Bill and Joan (Baron) of Longwood, Fla. Boy Michael James July 13 8 13 a m. 6 pounds 11 ounces. One boy.

ROBINSON Anne and Abraham of Centerville, Ohio. Girl Hannah June 29 9 30 a m. 6 pounds 15 ounces. One girl.

LEARD Donald and Marlene (Hess) of Fremont, Ore. Boy Caleb Matthew July 14 12 23 p m. 6 pounds 11 ounces. One boy.

SCHEIDT Richard and Helen (Hess) of Rockland, Me. Girl James Ann July 6 6 30 a m. 6 pounds 2 ounces. One girl.

SEBASTIAN John and Fran (Anderson) of Salem, Ore. Boy Brian Christopher July 8 9 28 a m. 6 pounds 10 ounces. One boy.

SUTTER Edward and Doris (Lippman) of Dallas, Tex. Boy Chad Eugene June 26 3 49 a m. 7 pounds 12 ounces. One boy.

TUMER Bill and Judith of Channahon, Ill. Girl Melissa Kaye July 18 12 08 a m. 6 pounds 3 ounces. One girl.

WATERS Rich and Cary (Overman) of Pueblo, Colo. Boy Jason Christopher July 8 9 28 a m. 6 pounds 11 ounces. One boy.

WELBORN Richard and Anne (Wagner) of Fort St. Vrain, Colo. Boy Thomas Alan July 11 12 11 a m. 6 pounds 11 ounces. One boy.

WYNN James and Gail (Henderson) of Middletown, Ohio. Boy Brandon Michael June 2 8 18 a m. 14 pounds 3 ounces. One boy.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chace are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn to Robert Chace of Toronto, Canada. The wedding will take place in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Tye announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie, to Robert Tye. The wedding date is to be determined.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Sturgeon, Nancy and Robert, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Robert Sturgeon. The wedding will take place in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Aron Adams of the Columbia, Mo. church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathy, to Robert Adams. The wedding will take place in the fall.

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WEDDINGS

Announcement of wedding, August 14 and 15 at the residence of the bride's parents in the city of St. Louis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith.

Parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, and the bride, Miss Jane Smith, will have a wedding ceremony at the residence of the bride's parents in the city of St. Louis on August 14 and 15.

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Sharon Martin and Michael Aboud were married June 17 in Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Aboud are now residing in Rockwall, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. WYNN SKELTON
Kathryn Gossett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Skelton of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Wynn Leonard Skelton son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Skelton of St. Louis, were united in marriage July 2 in Oklahoma City. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Robinson, Fort Worth. The pastor officiated. The couple is a member of Ambassador College now residing in Albuquerque, N.M.

Margaret Lovendowski and Don Nelson were united in marriage May 28. The wedding took place in Thrift, Wis., and was performed by David Fisher, pastor of the Apostolic and Wesleyan, Wis., churches. The couple now lives in Berlin, Wis.



MR. AND MRS. S. OVERSTREET
Frances Fliss Bahnsen and Bruce Murray Overstreet were united in marriage July 26 in Columbia, Ga. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. J. Bendoric of Franklin, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Overstreet of Indian Creek, Ga. The couple is a member of the Wesleyan Church of the Apostolic, Wis., church. Mr. Overstreet serves as pastor of the Apostolic and Wesleyan churches in Berlin, Wis. The couple is now living in Oxford, Mo.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN FOSTER
Susan L. Goff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Goff of Ames, Okla., and John W. Foster, son of Lowell Foster, associate pastor of the Chicago First Church of Christ, were united in marriage July 2 by Michael Mason, pastor of the Akron church. The groom is the associate pastor of the Akron church. Mason of Akron was Kathy Foster and best man was George Quinn. The couple plans to live in North London, Ohio.



MR. AND MRS. T. McKEOWN
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MR. AND MRS. TOM WEGNER
Melissa Ellen Ravel and John Vance Probst were united in marriage June 4 in the Holy Sepulchre Roman Catholic Church in St. Louis. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. O. Robert of St. Louis. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O. Wegner of Rocklin, Ill. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Susan Goff of St. Louis. The couple is a member of Ambassador College. They were in Pasadena, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS WEST
Peggy Jean Logan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Logan of Bardsley, Ga., and Douglas Bradley West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley C. West of Aberdeen, Md., were united in marriage June 17 in Bardsley, Ga. of the home of the bride's parents. Douglas C. West performed the ceremony. The Rev. J. J. Bendoric of Bardsley, Ga., officiated. The couple is now living in Tallahassee, Fla.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD ASNEY
Miss Becky Matheson, daughter of Ray and Betty Matheson of Eugene, Ore., and Mr. Ronald Asney, son of Raymond and Helen Asney of Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., were united in marriage July 2 at Christened Baptist Park. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James D. Hines of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connell of Eugene, Ore. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connell of Eugene, Ore. The couple is now residing in Chattanooga, Tenn.



MR. AND MRS. G. SHERMAN
Sharon Ann Hadden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hadden and Douglas James Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Sherman, were united in marriage June 18 in the Church of the Holy Spirit in San Diego, Calif. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. James D. Hines of the Chattanooga (Tenn.) church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connell of Eugene, Ore. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene O'Connell of Eugene, Ore. The couple is now residing in Chattanooga, Tenn.

WE'RE MAKING A BIG MOVE...

Beginning this issue our "Personals" page takes on a new look as well as direction. "Announcements" reflects the aim of this section as we bring you news of the latest births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries and obituary notices. A new section titled "Transition" will keep you informed about current ministerial ordinations, moves, appointments and administrative changes and programs.

Because space is at a premium and the system of box numbers is proving costly and time consuming, we will no longer be able to provide space for pen pals, literature requests and travel in our effort to bring you a varied and stimulating blend of articles.

Now will we be able to continue special requests as we experience increasing difficulty judging much of the material appropriate for publication. The Church's Personal Correspondence Department has informed us prayer requests may be sent to them at Box 111, Pasadena, Calif. 91123, where your requests are given personal attention. (Some letters are also sent to Mr. Armstrong's office or to other ministers at headquarters.)

Thank you again for your letters and your sincere comments. We appreciate hearing from our readers and most certainly welcome your input. We hope our new look will serve and inform you to the full.



MR. AND MRS. L. WINSEHUNT
Alma Bied of Glendene Child and Leona Wing were united in marriage July 2 by Herman Hesse, pastor of the church. The couple now resides in Glendene, Ill.

Church in Pasadena, Ca. Herman Hesse, pastor of the church, officiated at the wedding. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Child. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Child. The couple is now residing in Pasadena, Ca.

The Ministerial Services Department of the Church of Christ, 800 E. Main Street, Los Angeles, Ca. 90012, has received the following requests for prayer: Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Pasadena, Ca.; Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Pasadena, Ca.; Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Pasadena, Ca.

In other ministerial news, the following have been ordained: Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Pasadena, Ca.; Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Pasadena, Ca.; Mr. and Mrs. John Child, Pasadena, Ca.

Obituaries

BEILE VERNON Pa. - Mrs. E. McDowell, 85, died July 18 in Mary Kay, Pa.

Mrs. McDowell was born in 1893 at the age of 80 and married 35 years to the late Mr. Vernon. She was a member of the Wesleyan Church. Her husband died in 1958. She is survived by her son, Mr. Vernon, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Kay.

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ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Stone of Franklin, Ky., observe their 40th anniversary on August 14. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are both members of the Bowling Green, Ky. church.

Dorrell and Kaye happy 3rd anniversary on Aug 17. May you always be happy and may God bless you in your new life together as He has with us. With our love to the very very people Steve and Luan.

My Queen of the Year! You mean so much to me and I really got thankful to the Father in Heaven. He has given me much I needed. I believe I have you. My happy second I am looking forward to the time when we are one in our hearts. Love you both. God bless you both.

Congratulations and happy 48th wedding anniversary Aug 7 to Mabel and John Long of South City. We truly appreciate everything you have done for us. Edith, Care and I hope you have a very happy year ahead.

Sober, happy second anniversary to Jan and David. Blessings are we among friends.

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TRANSITION

The Ministerial Services Department of Pasadena has released the names of the following who have been ordained:

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