The Great Majestic God

By Herbert W. Armstrong

Let’s face it — we in God’s Church were beginning to get our eyes off of our GREAT MAJESTIC GOD! The Head of our Church, the living Jesus Christ, is opening our eyes to our danger! Once again Christ is enthroneing the GREAT GOD in our eyes — and in our hearts!

Yes, more than generally realized, Satan was manipulating things to make God’s Church and His Work more and more secular — more like any other worldly and human activity!

The realization of this was brought forcibly to my mind by my thinking through a question from one whose understanding needs updating. He said he was surrounded by “yes-men.”

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

In that category, our administrative personnel and our ministers, most assuredly are NOT yes-men.

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

Challenged by the Sabbath

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

I had been challenged! At the time of my conversion, I was 18. I had put myself through a self-analysis to determine what talents and abilities (if any) I had, and what weaknesses, faults or dislikes that might hinder success.

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

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

When my wife began keeping God’s Sabbath, I regarded it as the pinnacle of religious fanaticism. And especially because it seemed hostile to my own thing. What would my business activities be with this one whose understanding needs updating? He said I was surrounded by “yes-men.”

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

This almost day-and-night intense study began in the fall of 1926. By the spring of 1927 I not only had to eat crow on the Sabbath question — I had discovered, with proof, the permanence of God’s annual Sabbaths and Feasts as well.

Complete surrender to God

In all this I had not found or proved what I wanted. Also I saw proved clearly that all these churches were, emphatically, wrong! Most important, I was brought to see, against my will, that I had gone wrong not only on the Sabbath truth, but in what I actually was! I had just been wrong all over!

And I brought to the repentance that is complete surrender to the will of God! I was brought to the unconditional surrender of being willing to say, with Christ, “Not my will, but THINE be done!” I was brought not only to complete repentance, but to living faith — to believe God — that is, to believe what He says.

To God I said, “YES, SIR!” In utter sincerity, I literally gave MYSELF to Jesus Christ. He had bought and paid for me with His life’s blood. He owned me. I BELONGED TO HIM!

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

When I gave my life over to Jesus Christ, I honestly by that time had come to feel I was not giving Him anything of value.

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

Christ’s yes-man

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

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

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

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

What God intends us to be — what we must be to succeed in His Work — are resolute people, imbued with the holy spirit of God, realizing that Jesus Christ is our Leader. And we plunge forth, all of the same mind. (See THE GREAT, page 3)

GOSSIP AND ACCUSATION MUST STOP

PREFACE BY GOD’S APOSTLE

Perhaps the No. 1 problem — yes, and even the No. 1 and most prevalent sin in God’s Church today is careless GOSSIP and rumor spreading. Whether or not it is true, it often becomes an accusation, slander, and calumny.

If a hostile student demonstrated such an organized and promoted by Communists, had appeared on the Ambassador-cam­ pus I would have made it my business to identify the leader and get rid of him. Once such actions lose their leadership they disinte­ grate. It’s the same on our problem of rumors — especially those ugly rumors that discredit or ac­ cuse, actually, perhaps un­ realized, a form of character as­sassination. I fully realize that often this is mere thoughtlessness — a sort of thinking through the mouth — with no deliberate intention to harm. But it does harm! And sometimes it is intended to harm!

The subject came up in a con­ versation with David Antion. At my request he has prepared the following memorandum on God’s law covering this subject. This sort of thing MUST be stamped out of God’s Church. Our Leader and Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, is turning God’s Church around, though He uses His human servant in so doing.

But this is to be followed by direct action, seeking out the sources — the one who started (See GOSSIP, page 7)
FEAST MESSAGES — Herbert W. Armstrong delivers two messages July 21 and 22 to be shown at all sites during the coming Feast of Tabernacles. The message recorded during the first part of the weekly Friday-night Bible study will be shown at all opening-night services at the Feast, and his full-length sermon the next day is scheduled to be shown at services on the first Holy Day during the Feast. (Photos by Scott Ashley.)

The “Worldwatch” column does not appear in this Issue of The Good News because of the current travel schedule out of the office. New features in the next edition with his analysis of the recent world economic situation in Bonn and current prophetic trends in Germany and Europe.

Herbert W. Armstrong was scheduled to be shown at services on the first Holy Day during the Feast. (Photos by Scott Ashley.)

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

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

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

You’ve heard of the New England forests in autumn? Well, the queues don’t stop at the border. Bring a camera to photograph the blaze of multi-colored foliage, which should be at its peak after the Fyre, the early morning fronts, and don’t be surprised if we get some light snow.

On the other hand a spell of Indian summer might not put golf and water-skiing out of the picture. To get to Sherbrooke, take Interstate 91 from Vermont, which joins Canada 55, or take Highway 100 from Montreal (40 miles west of here). A municipal airport is also located here.

Members living in Canada should obtain information about accommodations by writing to the address given in the information letter sent from Vancouver, B.C. Members in the United States should have transfer applications approved through the Big Sandy, Tex., Festival Office and members living in other countries should write to the Vancouver office.

This issue’s column is written by Keith Stump, a veteran member of The Plain Truth editorial staff.

Gained by the wisdom of his friends, and the folly of his enemies, and the giant will often be seen to be a pygmy. ” In Shakespeare’s words, “Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them.”

True greatness might be described as an approach to human lives, a quality that may be present even among the lowly. Men and women of great deeds every day, and men and women of high personal standards and unassuming character, men and women who are willing to serve others quietly and publicly, seeking no public recognition, who are willing to sacrifice, who are willing to dedicate themselves totally to noble goals and purposes.

In the final analysis those who are striving daily to live a godly life are truly great. In so doing they consider first and above all how they may gain the approval and approval of God rather than that of man. If some few of what we call greatness is really viewed as greatness, it is not because they sought it out of vanity, but because it lay in the clear path of Christian duty.

For over 1,000 years Roman conquerors returning from foreign wars enjoyed the honor of a great public parade. Riding through the streets in his golden chariot, the conqueror took great pleasure in accepting the deafening accolades of the assembled masses. But behind the great conqueror stood a slave holding a golden crown and whispering in his ear a warning, “All glory is fleeting.”

The greatness and glory of this world are transitory. But the final reward for a life of our greatness will be an eternal crown and glory that cannot fade away.

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The last Good News paper we received is the best we have had for years. I just don’t know how to put on paper how I feel, but am praying for God’s guidance and blessings upon all His servants and those who have encouraged me. Thank you for everything.

Mrs. Velma Hunt Seattle, Wash.

Certainly appreciate receiving this paper free. I surely hope the postal strike doesn’t happen. I would miss you too much.

Please know we appreciate all your hard work and help, and do so for all our head­quarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Anderson, Seaford, Tex.

Excellent examples.

In reference to Mr. Stan Rader’s ad­

dress printed in the July 3rd issue of the GW: To Mr. Rader I say — good for you — you explained who you are and where your position is. Unfortunately I have never had a chance to learn you well. But tell me why Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong is your chief aide.

We do all the well to follow Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong’s and your excellent examples of his leadership. Just wanted you to know you are appreciated.

Thank you for your paper, sharing with us what you have known all along.

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God’s command

Listen, then, to God’s command:

"Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that this same mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus:

For He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things were created, things in heaven and things on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers, all things have been created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church; and he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, things which are made up of them all. He is the head of the church."

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

He meant, as Paul wrote to the Philippians, that we should be guided through the Holy Spirit be “like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.” He said, “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory (vanity to exist self or further one’s personal interests); but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.” Look not every man upon his own things; let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:2, 3)

You are not, then, allowed by God each to preach his own in—interpretations; nor as the Philippian church Paul led the New Testament Church.

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

Yet Peter took precedence over Paul on the occasion of the Jerusalem conference (Acts 15). Paul had been at Antioch. Several of the members there did not hold Peter in high esteem. They took Paul to task and even wanted to separate Peter from the work. It was at that time in Paul’s life that he most felt the need for the Spirit of God to give him His strength. In this case Peter had not then and there settle it in Antioch, but went to Jerusalem with Balaabas and certain others—because Peter was there. Paul was there to meet with the leaders and elders came together for the purpose of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up...” and gave the decision. Then James, because he was pastor of the headquarters church, as a matter of protocol, made Peter’s decision official.

In this case Peter had preeminence over Paul and all apostles.

1 Corinthians 5:11 says: “I write unto you, knowing that ye have a God given to you to be wise and to be led of that God in all and in every thing.”

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Part 2
THE PLAIN TRUTH ABOUT HEALING

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

God's knowledge rejected
I walked back home filled with a tremendous disappointment. He admitted I had brought him a new truth. He was unhappy with me for making an error in it. It was the pure teaching of the Bible, yet he not only rejected the truth, but he advised me, a newly converted man who had confidence in him, to stay away from teaching and reject the Word of the living God! And I was supposed to bring home a new truth to him that day.

I turned over the new book to my wife. She handed it to me. I thanked them gratefully.

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

I thanked them gratefully.

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

My wife went immediately to sleep and didn't waken until the next morning. She arose and dressed as if nothing had happened. She was completely healed—or everybody from.

We had learned a new lesson in FAITH! And that experience has brought over thousands of others learning that lesson too. We had learned that we can rely on...
THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Grandpa Wilson gave Major a whole-wheat pancake. He began to take big bites of it as Jim came downstairs for his breakfast.

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

"Good morning," Jim replied with a yawn. He accepted a kiss from Grandma and returned it. "Something smells good!"

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

Mysterious little lights

"Did you sleep well?"

"Nope.

Grandpa put down his coffee cup.

"You didn't! Were you cold? Or too hot?"

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

"What kind of lights, dear?"

Grandma wanted to know. She looked up from the story she was reading.

"Little lights. I was looking out the east window at the stars and I saw some lights like flashlights."

"Where?" Grandpa asked.

"Across the pasture someplace. About over the Havir place."

"It could have been lightning bugs," Grandma suggested. "Did you wash the Havir place?"

"Yes'sum. They were too big for lightning bugs and they didn't blink on a steady beat, like you can for quite a while. They went back and forth, and back and forth, and back —."

A Sabbath day's journey

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

Sure we can. We'll take our time, and we might see some pretty butterflies or other lights like that the)..."

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

Curious to see the bird closer, Grandpa leaned down to the creek's edge. Stared, the bird fluttered up an oak branch. There it shook off rainwater and perched its feathers.

"Major, you stay behind us," Grandpa ordered. "You didn't mean to, but you frightened off that little bird."

Cheerfully accepting the correction, Major trotted along behind Jim and Grandma.

The Havir place

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

"I think the lights came between the fence and trees," Jim said, pointing.

"I'm afraid we won't find much in these weeds," Grandpa said, rubbing his chin thoughtfully. "That place hasn't been the same since Dave and Pam Havir moved away. The renters aren't much hand to cut weeds. Let's go back to the house."

Major suddenly stiffened. He smelled human beings, strange humans. He gave a little growl. "Grrrr.

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

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

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

High weeds

Grandpa ordered Major to stay behind as they plodded through waist-high weeds. "See all that hempenweeds?" he told Jim. "There's a law against letting it grow."

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

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

"I'm glad you weeded your cuts, Grandpa," Jim said.

"Major smeared as the smell of the weeds tickled his nose. They plopped on it in silence. At last the weeds parted into a cleared area. Major leaped past Jim and plunged into the clearing. The scent of humans was overwhelming. He saw a pickup truck and two men behind it. They were busy tossing bulging burlap bags into the rear of the pickup.

"Hello, there!" Grandpa greeted.

"Nice day.

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

"Hi, there," one replied weakly.

Looking past them, Jim, Grandpa and Major could see the pickup was filled with the bulging burlap bags proclaiming of the Church. But it is not today, an integral part of the proclaiming of Christ's Gospel to the world! Why?

They have no reply but both men glanced uneasily at Major and then at each other.

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

"Yep. Yeah, that's right," the tallest man replied. They exchanged glances again.

"He's got a gun!"

Grandpa turned away, leaned down and said in a soft voice to Jim. "They must have been cutting that stuff last night when they saw their lights: You run fast and tell Grandma to phone the sheriff to come out."

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

"Grandpa, he's got a gun!" Jim shouted.

Grandpa drew Jim against his side and eyed the gunman steadily.

"It's you who had better hold it," he replied quietly. "It's a criminal offense to hurt, rob, or murder any person. You both better come along with me to my house and we'll get the sheriff over to discuss this matter."

The gunman gave a hollow laugh.

"Who'll come and discuss any thing with the sheriff?"

Major answered the question. He gave a mighty leap and plunged into the wrists that held the gun.

TO BE CONCLUDED
Human experience and faith

Now we come, after the subject of creation, to a whole new issue — that of human experience and faith. By faith, Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain; Abel offered an animal whose blood was shed, which prefigured the coming of the Messiah who would pay the penalty of sin. And in faith Abel comprehended that the Messiah should have died in order that he himself could be forgiven. And because he perceived God would forgive him, he had never been in this area of the world before — the land of Canaan. "By faith he sojourned in the land of promise," and of course, he was not there when God created the world. Faith is that aspect whereby we recognize God as a creator.

"By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God," not evolved on the earth, but rather made of things which appear; which are, of course, fundamental to the science of creation. Divine energy, which is God's, was transformed into a form of energy, which we call matter, by an act of creation and the power of God. "Things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (See ENDURING FAITH, pages 69-70.)

A better world

It is interesting to note as you read these verses that these people did not put their confidence in the civilization, the society, the city from which they came. They decided in a sense, what Abraham did: he had to leave the world behind him and journey on route to another world yet to appear. "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son." Here he was asked to perform something which was incomprehensible except that perhaps Abraham saw it as the example. He perceived that God the Father must be willing to give up His Son the same as he must be willing to give up his, and that if Isaac were to be slain, there would be a resurrection. "Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead;" from the dead, from whence also he received Abraham.

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**Enduring Faith**

(Continued from page 6) being fulfilled, Jericho, which is the city typifying sin in the land of Canaan, was obliterated. In a sense the children of Israel and Joshua perceived that God was granting them the sin of the world, but it wouldn't be done until 6,000 years of human history have been recorded.

"By faith the harlot [or prostitute] Rahab [who was in Jericho] persisted with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace."

Of course she was receiving all kinds of other men before, but she comprehended something unusual in this case, that perhaps being attracted to one of them and trusting that those were the people who were going to survive, she might as well survive with them...

"And what shall I say more? For the time would fail me to tell you of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and of Samuel, and of the prophets; by faith they wrought great signs and wonders, or by faith they obtained the promises, by faith they shut up the豹es, by faith they drowned them in the Red Sea, and were brought out into the Promised Land; by faith they subdued the Canaanites, that inhabited the land; by faith Joshua also troubled the waters of Jordan, until they were stilled, and the children of Isracl went over them, by faith they wasted the cities of their enemies, and by faith they obtained the promises of God."

The great tribulation is nothing new to the human family. People have been threatened with bloody extinction and have dared for their survival with the lives of their young men. In the year 1973 Krupp War alone, 5,000 fell. For America this would be the equivalent to four times the dead in Vietnam, and all lost in three weeks. Before there was a state of Israel it was even worse. In Europe between 1939 and 1945 the sixtieth revolution of the beast power murdered six million Jews, including more than a million and a half children.

There are all great things God sold in this life as He delivered men from problems. I want you to see all the positive things that are held in delivering people, enabling them to accomplish whatever they have been done otherwise. But most people don’t want to face the other side of the coin. And sometimes people accuse because they want to get another person to see through him or her out of his or her job or the church.

He— the accuser— runs absolutely nothing. He damages others, almost succeeds in getting them fired, demoted, thrown out of the church or cast in suspicion, considered unsavory and avoided. At the very least, he causes them to consume enormous amounts of time trying to straighten out the situation and track down the rumor. But Nothing happens to the accuser. He is fine— alive and well—and ready for another try in the future.

**Slender affects relationship**

One of the worst things about all of this is that often the victim of the accusation doesn’t even know that he is being slandered, accused, cast in suspicion, judged. Things are said behind the backs of the people who hear. Though no action is taken, the slender affects relationship that people have with the accused person. People avoid him. Mistrust is the name of the game. Job or assignments. ALL OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF A WORD CONSIDERED CARELESSLY, NEGLIGENCE OR MALICIOUSLY.

Only by applying God’s Law— his government—to the church can we rid the church and have the happiness, peace, unity and joy that God will approve and bless in His church.
Local church news wrap-up

Adequate supplies

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

A team of Gene Pruett and Ben and Mary Vas- schy won the men's horseshoe tour-

nament. Joyce Cailey and Marvone Min- nel with the women's. Winning the noon- time contests were Steve and Mark Kirk, with Allen and Mary Vas-

schy as runners-up. Pastor David Cailey announced the events and gave play-by-play descriptions.

The children had turtle and three-

legged races and tote-bell-and-ping and gasholy games, all coordinated by David and Pam Bivens. Some of the win-

ners were Red Sweatshirt, Shawna Heeling, Lee Ann Rose and Angela Kirk. Patty Pruett.

Fifth annual picnic

ALLENTOWN, Pa. — About 125 members here enjoyed their fifth annual family picnic July 2 at Living Memorial Park in nearby Cooperation. All ages en-

joyed various games and softball. A few brave souls went swimming despite the cool temperatures.

The food for lunch and dinner was pre- pared on the charcoal grills, The even-

ning ended with guitar picking and a

sing-along with guitar accompaniment by

Singles mingle

ATLANTA, Ga. — All the singles in the churches of the southeastern United States were invited to a dinner au pair-

soned by the Singles Club here June 24. An Atlanta disc jockey was master of ceremonies as the singles enjoyed food, drink and entertainment after a day of fasting.

Next day they enjoyed a picnic and games at Wallace Park in Mableton, Ga.

Bottled up

AUCKLAND, New Zealand. — Despite wet and cold weather, members here collected 140,000 bottles during the New Zealand church's bottle drive June 14, earning an estimated $5,000 to help pay

for a series of television advertisements later in the year.

The bottle drive was a family affair, with the men collecting the bottles and the women and children sorting them “each by their age level.”

Directed by Auckland member Arthur “Bottles” Borthwick, the bottle drive was the first major event in a campaign to raise $25,000 for the Work in New Zea-

land. The proceeds will be used to pro-

duce or edition of the Orange Bulletin and The Plain Truth in a series of 60-second television ads in late October. The New Zealand police departments have pledged their full cooperation in backing the crime booklets.

Cookbook eager

BELLE VERNON, Pa. — Seventeen members of the Wassaic Club here met June 23, and under the direction of host-

ess Lynn Ritenour, tirelessly worked, ar-

ranged, typed and proofread recipes se-

lected from Church members. The women's goal was to prepare the materials as a cookbook and send them to a

publisher.

When the cookbooks are completed, they will be sold to the club and sold in the local area. Peggy Haney.

Greeting card certified

CHELSEA, England. — Forty-

men, their wives and guests dined on chicken at the Spokane Club's fourth annual banquet night at the Swancrest Hotel June 14.

Local club Marion Bower, club direc-

tor, called the meeting to order and Alan

Riley, president, introduced topicmaster Tom Archer. The speakers were intro-

duced by Alan Cordell. The speaker spoke about the effect of laughter on health. Bill Sutton recalled a visit to a falconery, secretary Stephen Cornish in-

structed on writing an effective letter. Richard Burton gave tips on putting up a shelf and rearranging items. Peter Bunting spoke about the history of Megido.

Special guest and pastor Fred Shenton presented graduation certificates to Mr. Ponsbeck, Mike Davies, Peter Clifford and Mike Warren. Mr. Shenton's 9-year-old son Michael presented the awards.

Hocking session

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — Surf 5

and high beach ocean bums across white sandy beaches set the scene for the Spokane Club's graduation exercises June 18. But the scene was strictly on campus and in the imagination, because the site was in Roanoke Frederick, N.C.

Dean and those were truly Hawaiian as associate pastor Tom Snyder opened his TBI Tavern at 5 p.m. Then “volcanoes” from the ladies and “lava” from the men.

The club settled down for a sur-

prisingly peaceful meeting. Mary Reed was “proprietress” with a host of topics related to Father's Day. Richard Dutton gave tips on putting up a

third annual Can-

Washington church's third annual Can-

certificates of appreciation to all participants in the children's games, with ribbons awarded

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materialized no later than 14 days after the date of the event reported on and be no longer than 250 words. Submissions received after this deadline, or ones lacking the date of the event, will unfortunately have to be rejected.

Don Tyler used gauze to ensure that the chickens, the buds and the ladies in the church, managed to win a special gift of a group of rich young men.

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Wrap-up

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Master of ceremonies Randall Bouchier opened the program seated on a stage set as a 19th-century drawing room. Returning from last year’s performances was classically trained guitarist Gravme Stuart, baritone Ithut Le Collec; pianist Christopher Stewart; and local elder Gary Pomer, who introduced this year’s fare of piano, string quartet and guitar. Mrs. Matthew presented Chopin’s “Waltz in A Flat” to conclude the evening.

Prominent among the many people contributing to the success of the event was Audrey Hardy, the stage manager: Leonard Levy.

YOU winners

MERIDIAN, Miss. — Two YOU members here were winners in the regional talent show in Jackson, Miss., June 17. Angela La Belle, 12, played a violin solo to win first place in the junior division. Millie Smith, 14, won the senior division for her dance routine.

The YOU chapter here helped the Kidney Foundation June 16 by going door-to-door to collect contributions. The team collected $131 and placed third. In 90 minutes, the team swam and water-skied, passing by all landmarks.

This year’s YOU convention division was the regional track-and-field meet in Big Sandy, Texas, July 2 and 3 for the second year in a row. First place in their events were: Tommy Tatum, runner-up; Jana Cook, third; and the Jackson relay team. They will be competing in the national tournament.

Brenda Burns

A marriage and a farewell

MONTREAL, Que. — It was both a glad and sad occasion when the Memorial English and some French brethren gathered at the Canadian Boulevard Church June 22.

The evening began with the wedding of Peter Miller and Sally Griswold, officiated by pastor Michael Cram, who later left shortly after the reception for a three-day honeymoon. The honeymoon was spent at Ajera Cliffs.

Also at the head table were Ben and Trudie Deines, who were attending their last official function here before heading to the Netherlands, and Deines will be director of the Dutch Work and piano of the church in Breda, the north of Holland, near the Belgian border.

The 40-year-old architect by trade was baptized in 1960 and was married in 1969. Miller attained a degree in 1972 and ordained a local elder in 1992. Since then he has been the choir leader here in 1971, culminating at the 1979 Ottawa General Church reunion.

The Deines, who have lived in Canada for 24 years, will be accompanied on their move to the Netherlands by their daughter, Jennie, together with Mieke Vanhove.

GOING AWAY, GIVING AWAY — Left: Mr. and Mrs. Mario Seigleje read a note of appreciation given them at a San Diego, Calif., church picnic June 25. Mr. Seigleje, a local elder, has been transferred to Bogotá, Colombia, where he will serve the church at the heart of Bogotá, Colombia, church at the time. Frank Knox’s enchanting performance at the reception for a three-day stay in San Diego June 22, included a second in the high jump, Lida Harnes was second in the 80-yard dash, Vicki Harnes was fourth in the 100-yard hurdles and Denise Walker was third in the 200-yard dash. Steve Luker and Diane Beaton also qualified for the regionals, but they went to summer camp instead.

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Team meets tracks

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The track team, coach Gary Cason and captains attended the regional track meet in Jacksonville, Calif., June 25.

Four Phoenix members placed: Tony Spence was second in the high jump, Lida Harnes was second in the 88-yard hurdles, Vicki Harnes was fourth in the 100-yard hurdles and Denise Walker was third in the 220-yard dash. Steve Luker and Diane Beaton also qualified for the regionals, but they went to summer camp instead.

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Department-store inventories

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Brethren here earned about $1,500 for the Pittsburgh churches’ organizational fund by participating in inventories at the Hills department store June 21. Some 16 brethren were involved at seven locations in the Pittsburgh area.

About $1,000 of the total was earned by YOU members. Dan Lawson, pastor of the Pittsburgh churches, said that the teams were “very successful and worked hard.”

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leukwick

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The church here held its first pool party and homecoming event of the summer June 25. The evening was St. Petersburg’s new water director, Frank Leukwick, and his wife, Jennifer, hosted their first home-cooked meal in 15 years.

Activities included softball games, mountain climbing, volleyball, a “turkey” matinee movie, Beverly Hills and M*A*S*H. Virginia’s great cooks outdid themselves with a vast repertoire of food organized and prepared by the Hills department store. The three hours of swimming and eating were enjoyed by all.

INCREASE “PT” subscribers

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — A dramatic increase in the number of our TODAY subscribers in this area has resulted from the enormous publicity and interest generated by the project, according to a report issued by pastor James Fiddler.

The June-July issue will reach 8,000 PTs in newsstands and in stores and public places throughout the county. Assistant coordinator Phil Chadwick, under the direction of local elder John Hall, handles most of the work directing the efforts of 18 persons countywide.

The annual church picnic at San Diego State Park June 25 was also a farewell party for Mario and Katie Seigleje, who have been transferred to the Bogotá, Colombia, church. Mr. Fiddler presented them gifts from the congregation for their service here for the past 18 months. About 450 brethren attended to extend their farewells to the Seiglejjes.

Another honored were Mr. and Mrs. Bill King, well known for their deep-pocketed and heartfelt hospitality.

To wrap up a perfect day, Jim Butler’s A and B softball teams won a doubleheader over Long Beach. A program of games and events for younger of ages was organized and conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Skill Miller, Steven Carrillo.

Slideshow of Holy Land

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Richard Frankel, pastor of the Woodbridge, N.J., church, presented a slide talkage, “To Jerusalem and Back” to members of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., church June 17.

The slide presentation included scenes of Jerusalem’s points of historical importance such as the Mount of Olives, the City of David, the Valley of Hinnom, the Valley of Jehoshaphat, the Garden Tomb, the Wall, the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin served in the Jerusalem office from 1970 to 1974 and plan on taking a group for a tour of the Holy Land during this year’s Feast of Tabernacles, Mariamette dome.

Bon Voyage

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — Kathy Watts, 16, YOU member here, was one of seven YOU members in the United States chosen for Youth Foreign Exchange Program. Mike Blackwell informed Kathy to make plans to leave for Austria the end of June. Kathy had already been studying German.

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

Pastor Herbert Magee, assisted by local elder Gary Porter, ordained Emie Watts and Phil Wilson to the office of deacon during the Sabbath service. Thomas Bergman.

Farewell to Dutch pastor

UTRECHT, Netherlands — The Spokescraper Club here held its last vigil June 26 in the Nieuw Water Cabaret with perfect weather and an ideal setting.

Club member Roy McCrory, who started the club 29 years ago, saw the fruits of his efforts before leaving to assume his new post in South Africa at the Spokescraper presented their certificates: Frau Daniels, Leo Dominius, Hans Eilers, Gerard Evers, Tine van Haren, John Keefe, And Wils, Hans Wilks, Martin van Zanten, Henk Wilks, Gerard van de Werve, Jan Boode and Jan Blauwe, though the last three men were able to attend.

The club presented a quartet alarm clock to Mr. McCrory and flowers to his wife.

A combined service for both Tilburg and Utrecht churches June 26. Dr. McCrory gave a farewell sermon about both the church of the Dutch Work. The revived choir brought special attention to the choir’s new director, Fred Weijers.

A farewell social was organized in honor of the McCrorys in the American woods. About 200 attended to enjoy the activities and games and a cold better produced by the members. Frank Selmier, director of the German Work, and his family were also present to say goodbye to the McCrorys. Ben Brauning.

FOLK SONGS

LEFT: YOU members of the Bridgeport, Barbados, church sing folk songs at a talent show presented to the church June 18. Right: Francisco Sargent sings a modern number. Also participating were the church choir and students in several choirs from several projects recently.
PERSONALS

Send your personal, along with a G.N. mailing label with your address, to the Personal Department, The Good News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif. 91113, U.S.A.

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PEN PALS

71 in gr. 16, olive, Who seeks to write girl and exchange letters with you. Address: Mrs. Myrtle A. Glass, 5605 S. Oth, Los Angeles, Calif. 90032. Now 21 yrs., 5'10", gentle, outgoing, keen interest in music, drama, reading, travel.

20 in gr. 16, olive, 5'6", desires to correspond with a boy. Address: Mrs. Berton E. Smith, 735 14th Ave., Elkhart, Ind. 46515.

14 in gr. 16, desires to correspond with a boy of the same age. Address: Mrs. Joseph W. Combs, 1526 W. 8th St., Montclair, Calif. 91763.

5 in gr. 16, desires to correspond with a boy. Address: Mrs. Thomas S. Butler, 634 Symmes St., Columbus, Ohio 43203.

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Thoughts to our friends and members in all parts

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We were touched by the presentation of the

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Realizing that he had a very poor chance to live, we

Harold said, "you have no idea what it's like to be

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The orchestra will move its executive

office to Pasadena. The foundation

was particularly satisfying to see

Melaka was the original European

scheduled. I warned the audience not
to use a different approach,

"What do you think?" Riding the

Mr. Halford reports: Hotel, 56 nonmembers

arrived. The evening was a

Well, we didn't make the 200 on

"I don't think I could avoid..."

There are so many different
countries within Asia, and we

But once again, the "mysterious East"
was going to be unpredictable.

With the clock ticking away, an hour
before the scheduled start, we

In June the Good News members
began to show an interest in

We are writing this letter to thank
during the reception arranged for our
50th wedding anniversary. We really
appreciate the understanding.

All Praise to God for our Church's
two daughters and five grandchildren.

She lived with Los Angeles, her
friend and companion who acted as her
nurse, while Mrs. Payne acted as her

Annie, was under so much stress.
It is difficult to express. Annie

I have a large brown basket

there are a few people who

I'd like to have our 50th

The Bible story was very

The campaign, which began June
3, was held in four different
"Malaysian population. Plain Truth
readership is important to us.

To use a different approach,

The 15th century when a Portuguese

Perhaps the secret mission in any

campaign is the half-hour before the

All the preparation has been
done. Booklets have been arranged
to the 15th century when a
Portuguese explorer

This is why we

"I think we could..."

But the evening turned out to be

The calm atmosphere of the
campaign, especially at the

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia — The
Southeast Asian churches have
just completed their first Plain Truth
campaign in the capital of Malaysia.

We plan to have our next letter at home.

Would you like to use a different
approach, or have you already

We had always recommended, I had
mentioned by the results.

The capital of Malaysia, a

Sharon Darraco, where are you? Please contact

1006, Ikeja, Lagos State, Nigeria.

Kuala Lumpur, the final town on
our schedule, we didn't quite
know what to expect. Kuala Lumpur
is the capital of Malaysia, a
delightful country with a
population of 13 million people. Plain Truth
readership is important to us.

By the law of averages, we could expect a crowd
of 200.

But we had an ambitious evening
planned for the night of the
sporting event of the year, the local soccer
cup final. Booklets were given out
throughout the stadium, and
counterpoint half hour was a
heart-stopper.

Well, we didn't make the 200 on
the first night, only 199 people came!

And the following evening about half
returned, along with 59 people who
ever came on the first night.

The Kuala Lumpur crowd
showed great interest in the Church. There is
a lot of interest in Christianity among
young Chinese and Indian
Malaysees in Malaysia. Many told us about
the church, officiated at services here July
2. A member of God's Church since
October 1977, he attended the first
campaign. Plain Truth services were
conducted by N. Hassan, July 14.

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

FLINT, Mich. — Robert Folden, 53,
died after a long illness with cancer July
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October 1977, he attended the first
campaign. Plain Truth services were
conducted by N. Hassan, July 14.

The Southeast Asian churches have
just completed their first Plain Truth
campaign in the capital of Malaysia.

"I don't think I could avoid...

We made sure of an ample supply of
Mr. Armstrong's booklet on this sub-
ject. Nearly everybody picked one up
before leaving.

Our second campaign was
scheduled for Johor Bahru, south-
ernmost town of Malaysia, just
across the causeway from the island
capital of Singapore.

Malaysia is a Western country,
and it is forbidden under the constitu-
tion to proselytize any other faith among
the indigenous Malay people.

It is, however, permitted to preach
the ethnic minority people — the
Indians. Naturally we abide by these
restrictions.

For preparing that talk proved to be
very interesting. But the evening
turned out to be a success, with
about 50 people also coming to
listen.

The Kuala Lumpur chapter
establishes residence in Auditorium

PASADENA — The Los Angeles
Chamber Orchestra has accepted
an invitation from the Ambassadors
International Cultural Foundation (AICF) to become the official orchestra of
Ambassadors Auditorium announced Stanley R. Bass, executive vice
president of the foundation and Morton B. Jackson, president of the
Los Angeles (Calif.) Chamber Orchestra Society, June 23.

"The residency of the Los Angeles Chamber
Orchestra at Ambassadors Auditorium
ward which we have been working for a long time. This brilliant
orchestra has gained a great deal of
reputation based on the performances
and the excellent music programs it has
brought to the Southern California community.

This is only the first of several major
projects now in planning stages through
which the foundation hopes to
emphasize its long-range commit-
tment to the performing arts.

Mr. Jackson, speaking on behalf of
his board of directors, said, "This
new arrangement will assure the
security of a home, something we
had always needed. It will also allow
us to expand the scope of our
performing programs, to initiate a more
amphibious recording program and
most importantly, to reach a vast-
larger musical audience than we
have been able to in the past. Also we
will benefit from the professional as-
sistance of the foundation staff."

The residency at Ambassadors
will not interfere with the orchestra's pres-
ent series of concerts at the Wilshire
Ebell Theater in Los Angeles.

The orchestra will make its execu-
tive offices to Pasadena. The founda-
ton will provide the orchestra with
box office, publicity and other essen-
tial services, enabling patrons to
purchase tickets in Pasadena for both
the orchestra's Ambassadors perfor-
mances as well as its Wilshire Ebell
series and assist it in functioning with
greater efficiency.

The Los Angeles Chamber
Orchestra was formed in 1963 from
its inception, performed under the
leadership of Neville Marriner.

Some 40 concerts and recitals were
scheduled for 1978-79, including its series at
the Wilshire Ebell Theater, its per-
formances at Ambassadors Auditorium and
related music events at such areas as
Phoenix, Ariz., and San Francisco, Calif.

Monday, July 31, 1978

The GOOD NEWS

LA orchestra establishes
residence in Auditorium

BARCELONA — The Barcelona
Orchestra, the newest orchestra to
become part of the orchestra world
of the 20th century, will be seen and
heard this week in spectacular pro-
grams that will thrill audiences.

Large, exotic works from the
great Spanish composers and
from internationally known
living composers will be featured.

The orchestra was founded
in 1977, and its first appearance was
in the fall, when general director
Antonio de Monasterio conducted
the orchestra in the first of its four
concerts.

On Saturday, the orchestra
will present a programme of choral
music, the first time the orchestra
has appeared in its full strength.

The programme will include
works by Gaudi, Goya, and
Pereira, and a new work by
Ricardo de la Vega, composer of
the national anthem of Spain.

The concert will be held in the
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'78 YOU TRACK-AND-FIELD FINALS

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MOVING ON — Left: Lea Gaudreouc of the Winnipeg, Man., church runs in the 880-yard event. Above: Athletes from six regions run the 80-yard low hurdles. Right: A member of the South Central team wears his gold. Below: The Southwest Region squad holds the first-place trophy after a come-from-behind victory.

HIGH JUMP — Above: Shelly Goughale of the Tacoma, Wash., church high-jumps to second place. Right: Mickey Perry of the Washington, D.C., church rests while his long-jump attempt is measured. Far right: Richard Johnson of the Portland (Ore.) West church pole-vaults to first place. Below left: Ann Small of Jackson, Miss., left, came to Pasadena to watch her daughter Tammy, right, win the girls' two-mile run.

TOURNAMENT SIGHTS — Left: Darlene Parks of the Windsor, Ont., church encouraged her teammates. Below left: Carol Bennett, left, of the Regina, Sask., church and Michele Messier of the Sylvan, B.C., church represent a north-of-the-border contingent. Below right: Timekeepers crowd the finish line. Right: Lila Rose Blake of the San Jose, Calif., church was named female most valuable performer the second year in a row. Above: Phil Greenwood of the Southwest Region and Dave Dodson of the Southeast were named male most valuable performers.