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I am deeply sad to say, the same spirit of carnal secular intellectualism that infiltrated God's college has also infiltrated its magazine—Christ's message in print to a deceived world! I see now articles on child rearing whose approach is the carnal psychology of Satan's higher education and slanted contrary to God's plain teaching in His truth—the Bible.

I see articles, and also booklets now being produced, with a bibliography of source materials of up to 16 secular "authorities.

Let me state my personal evaluation of the situation. I believe the managing editor to be sincere, loyal, desiring to do the right thing—which is God's and not his own thing. I believe he simply needs more cooperation and guidelines from me.

Basic policy outlined

Therefore, I am here outlining some basics, policies, guidelines and directives.

What I had in mind was articles dealing with world conditions and human interest problems—but always in the main content of the article, approaching that problem and dealing with it from a Biblical standpoint, so that in fact it was actually making plain the truth—derived from revelation, not from science or secular scholarship of behavioral science and university-brand psychology.

Today we live in the day of man (enslaved invisibly by Satan) and a civilization that in fact is the world of human nature—Satan's world! The Plain Truth was envisioned and brought into a publication that proclaims the world tomorrow—an entirely different civilization—God's civilization.

Now this is of supreme importance—because the Plain Truth was founded under God's leadership to be one of the two radio stations to be used 1 medium for carrying out the great commission. Some might think radio and television to be our No. 1 means of proclaiming Christ's good news but, without the word of God in print, radio alone could never have built the Work—and actual records show that daily half-hour radio broadcasting has far outweighed television—though the latter, if properly used, may be very effective.

You know, I really died, just over a year ago—that is, by mouth-to-mouth resuscitation they brought me back in 30 or 45 seconds—or perhaps 1½ minutes. God brought me back from death because His church, His work, His college

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LETTER ANSWERING DEPARTMENT (LAD, later PCD) along with a growing and dedicated ministry.

The whole concept of every branch of this Work was to give God's truth to the world and to serve (give to) the brethren and God's church.

This plain, simple, direct program worked! I remember how Bill Tilden used to say, "Never change a winning game —always change a losing game." I am taking steps immediately to restore a qualified and experienced Letter Answering Department, such as we used under Dr. [Clint] Zimmerman and Wilbur Berg. I may have to find time (how, I do not know to do new daily half-hour radio broadcasting.

We reach people 10 times more effectively through the eye than through the ear. True, TV offers both, but TV in the past has not been comparably productive—partly due to the secular, documentary-type programs (see "THE PLAIN TRUTH," page 6).
**Sharing...**

**Pruning for growth**

During Christ’s 3½-year ministry on this earth, He gave many analogies — very descriptive analogies that revolve around farming or gardening in the agricultural rural setting of that time.

One such analogy is found in John 15. Christ said, beginning with the metaphor that He is the vine, and my father is the husbandman (farmer, gardener) — God the Father — “Every branch in me that bears fruit, he prunes, and every branch that bears fruit he prunes that it may bring forth more fruit.”

He says, “Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abides in the vine; so no more can you, except you abide in me.”

**What can we learn from this?**

To develop godly character, God didn’t create an instantaneous character. The reason for our pruning is to bring forth that ultimate shape and form that He can see clearly, but that we sometimes have difficulty seeing in ourselves.

A knowledgeable gardener understands that the best way to produce good fruit and a lot of it is through proper pruning. He knows that by cutting away certain branches you let light through to an area where you want to grow, and the light accelerates the growth. God cuts away some of the debris or the older branches that get in our way, accelerating the growth that He wants in us.

**Maintenance pruning**

I read a manual that explains how to prune almost everything. It outlines an important principle: A good gardener develops a conscientious pruning routine for the maintenance of his trees, shrubs, and woody perennials. Maintenance pruning throughout the growing season keeps plants bearing fruit and healthy. They say there is not a plant that cannot benefit from some pruning, even if it’s simply removal of faded blooms and thinning out. Plants kept in prime condition seldom fall prey to pests and disease. Further­more, pruning kept sharply by fairly regular pruning seldom have to be severely overloaded and thus made inactive for the year so that it takes them longer to recover.

I thought that tied in beautifully with 1 Corinthians 13: 31-32.

“For if we would judge our­ selves, we should not be judged, but judgment should be outside upon us from the Lord, upon the day of Christ, in our behalf.”

In other words Paul is saying if we would examine ourselves, if we would take care of some of the correction of the pruning we need in our own lives, then God would not have to do the other. He’s saying let’s get that needful form and shape He wants us into.

In the manual on pruning it says not to work blindly. Get firmly in mind what you want the finished product, the pruned shrub, to look like — then begin to cut. Occasionally walk around the plant. Prune only on one side. Don’t cut at an angle. Strive for balance and uniformity.

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Part 5

By Herbert W. Armstrong
IN THIS SERIES we began at the beginning. Some was explained, say God raised up the medical profession for our time. Some say they believe God did heal, but they don't know whether it's His will. But what does God say? To answer, we turn to the Bible.

Jesus came in person with a dual ministry. He went about the cities and villages in Judea and Galilee preaching the Good News of the coming Kingdom of God. But also He healed the sick. So, He went from city to public as He encountered there.

He trained His original apostles, and after His resurrection they continued in the same dual ministry. The Church of God was founded on the Day of Pentecost, A.D. 31.

But soon a fierce, violent and organized persecution set in. The Church was scattered by A.D. 33 the day after Jesus ascended into Heaven. Then they continued in the same dual ministry. The Church of God was organized persecution set in. Many were and were beaten with stripes, paying the penalty for broken laws governing physical health, the inspired instruction regarding the Passover, and drinketh unworthily ... that is why? (RSV) ... of the sickness, disease or whatever - sometimes the first death! JOHN 3:4 is TRANSGRESSED PHYSICAL LAW! And WHAT WAS THE RESULT? They were physically weak or sick or had died. THAT WAS THE PENALTY. THEY did not in faith accept God's broken body as payment of the penalty, which, if they had, would have been by a God-given miracle removed from them, and they should have been healed!

But now it is important to note carefully that the result of this lack of sufficient faith did NOT DISBELIEVE them from the Church! Disbelief is the penalty for cursing divisions and offenses. (Romans 16:17-18). Is that important? If one in the Church of God today lacks the faith that he should have, the penalty is not dishonor to the Church. The penalty is that he still pays the penalty in the form of sickness, disease or even death. He himself pays it!

Too bad - when Christ already had paid it for him. But he should be helped to receive faith that he now needs. BUT HE should be helped to receive faith that he now needs! Rather than being the answer with another too expensive - So he packed in a suitcase a full supply of crackers and cheese. After three days' sailing, he was becoming truly fed up on crackers and cheese. A steward had noticed this then passenger never went into the ship's dining room and asked him: "Oh, I can't afford to eat there;", replied the passenger. Then he learned that meals were included - no extra charge! How many in God's Church today are on a crackers-and-cheese ration, when HEALING IS INCLUDED! JESUS CHRIST PAID FOR YOUR HEALING!

Why do you go on paying the penalty or else paying the Doctor BILLS or probably both, when Jesus Christ paid it all! The weak in faith HELPED, not condemned!

Now notice the important teaching in Romans 14:14. "Him that is weak in the faith receiveth ye" - do not condemn or dishonorship - "but not to"�� disputations over opinions," (Rom. 14:14), although one believes (has faith) to eat meats, another, weak in faith, eats only vegetables. But the very fact he has not yet received full faith from God does not bar him from God's Church. Rather this chapter in Romans teaches, RECEIVE HIM - help the weak in faith. The ministers should teach him more about the way to achieve more faith. And so with the member of God's Church who has not as yet achieved full faith to believe God's PROMISES for the physical healing. He should have that faith. He may pay himself the penalty of the sickness or disease if he lacks faith to believe his paid for the penalty for him - rely on God's promise to heal. So therefore, if a member has not yet grown in the faith of Christ to absolutely know he can rely on God's recorded blessing — and if this member does call in the doctor or go to the medical profession for help, God's Church does not condemn him - but rather, God's ministers should encourage such a one to grow in faith until he can rely on God instead of relying on man.

Once more to the question, Did God raise up the medical profession for our day? EUMATICALLY NO! Remember, God sentenced Adam's world to cut off from Him for the 6,000 years now almost ended. God said in effect: "You, Adam, have made the choice for your human family. You have rejected ME. Go, therefore, and form your own governments, your own religions, your own human concepts of the gods you will serve and worship - develop your own false knowledge." God, however, reserved the prerogative of calling to its service such comparative few as He should choose for some missions to which God called them.

To whom God has called, He has revealed in His word to them that He is Jehovah Rapha - the One who heals those who believe. What is the medical profession? What, then, is the medical profession? Remember it is only one of several of the so-called healing arts of the human being. My parents, when I was a young boy, used a homeopath doctor. There are osteopaths — although they now also practice medicine and are accepted by the medical profession. They are called doctors of chiropractic. And I personally knew the founder of chiropractic, B.J. Palmer of Davenport, Iowa.

But the medical fraternity is by far the largest in number. They have allotted a very huge sum of money to operate a Lobby in Washington, D.C., to influence government legislation. The medical profession has become so powerful that an MD could quarantine even the President of the United States and enforce his virtual imprisonment in the White House. In such an instance, the medical profession has even more power than the President of the United States!

It is well to understand this! The medical profession has had control of our health care all along. A well-meaning, Bible-believing man and wife (not medical professionals) learned the Church of God (had an 1-year-old son with diabetes. They had been administering insulin as prescribed by medical (see HEALING, page 6)

The Plain Truth: About Eating
Sermon Summaries from Ministers of the Worldwide Church of God

The Good Samaritan

If you combine all of God's laws (as Christ did), all of God's laws and precepts come to two great principles — love toward God and love toward your neighbor. But there's a problem. If you don't know who your neighbor is, how can you love him?

Reading in Matthew 22:39, that came to Christ, and he said, "Which is the greatest commandment?" And Christ answered, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind — this is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Who is your neighbor?

We take it for granted that we know who our neighbor is. But there have been times when people didn't quite know. It seems some of us in the Church of God don't know either.

Interestingly enough, the first part — love toward God — is taught by humans as a whole because man doesn't know God. How can you love someone you don't know? The Church of God should do better than someone in the world. But it seems some in the Church of God don't know who their neighbors are better than we do.

I want to show you who your neighbor is. John 4:20-21 in effect says, "If you don't love your neighbor, you cannot love God . . . for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?" And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

Now of course you say, "Well, you're talking about a brother, not a neighbor." But you see, there's our problem. Often times we think only our brother is our neighbor. We don't realize that people in the world — others, strangers, enemies — are also our neighbors. We should have toward them the same attitude that we have toward our brothers.

Samaritans and Jews didn't talk about each other. Samaritans and Jews were enemies. The Jews disliked the Samaritans because the Samaritans were of a slightly different race and certainly not pure Israelites. They even considered their hybrid religion to be worse than paganism. Samaritans and Jews didn't talk or have any relationship with each other. But here's a man who has enough courage; he stops. Why? Because he had compassion (verse 33).

When you have compassion, action follows. Verse 34: The Samaritan "went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own beast and brought him to the inn and took care of him."

This Samaritan was not ignorant; he knew how to take care of the injured. He must have been busy. But he stopped whatever he was busy doing, because to him the half-dead man was much more important. He stayed at the inn with the person, took care of him all night. Afterward he gave money to the innkeeper, "Take care of him: and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back."

Fanciful! Christ said (verse 36), "Whichever of these three do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?" Of course, the lawyer could give no other answer than a grudging, "The one who showed mercy."

And Christ said, "Go and do likewise." As you can see, only a stranger — one outside the true religion — knew how to love his neighbor as himself.

Could you or I be guilty of priest or Levite reasoning in our activities? Do we sometimes just pray about someone who is in need when actually we can do something for him? We should pray. But sometimes we can do much more. After you pray, if there is something else you can do, you better do it.

Proverbs 3:28 shows one principle: "Do not say to your neighbor, Go and come again, tomorrow I will give it — when you have it with you."

Living the Golden Rule

Actually it is much harder to love our neighbor as ourselves than to love God. It takes much more conversion because sometimes the neighbor hates you, is your enemy, maybe doesn't deserve it.

In Isaiah 58:6-7, God says, "Look, what do I care about your fasting if you don't do the right attitude?" What does He care about your praying if you don't do what Job's self-righteous fool priest said? But what does God want? "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, to bring the homeless, poor, into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?"

How often in the Church when you have heard from the pulpit that there is a need for something or someone have you actually volunteered?

Church people used to say, "Well, you only have to love the brethren, no one else." It was, of course, misunderstanding but we had the attitude of looking down upon people in the world. Our love toward our neighbor was limited. I hope we know better today.

Christ says, "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them." (Luke 6:32). He's putting us right on the same level as sinners. That's an awful strong statement to us.

And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?" (verse 34). The good Samaritan had no idea who the man was. He had no expectation the man would repay. "But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return" (verse 35). You might add, expecting evil in return sometimes, but help even if evil is returned for your good. He concludes, "[then] your reward will be great."

In Luke 14:12 Christ explains another principle: "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite the friends or your brothers or your kinsmen or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid."

There is nothing wrong with having your friends. What's wrong is the last part — "lest they invite you in return." Invite because you want to help — that's a different story.

So He says in verses 13 and 14: "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

So when you find someone who needs help, who cannot help you back, you know who your neighbor is.

Looking at the outside

Now let me tell you an old European story about a Turkish priest named Hoja, who must have been a philosopher. One day he is invited to a banquet, and he goes, but he wants to see if people like him or like him for what he is. So he goes with very poor clothing, unsanctified. And people look at him. No one talks to him and finally they push him into a corner. He says: "I see now they don't like me. They like greatness; they like power."

So he goes out, changes his clothes, gets a big fur coat and comes in again. All look at him and they say, "Sir, sit at the table!" They give him the place of honor, then begin serving him. Do you know what he does? He takes his fur coat off; he says to it: "That food is for you, not for me. I can't, nobody even paid attention to me. But you face, coat, because of you I'm being served. You deserve it, I don't deserve it."

James 2 shows the same example: "My brethren, (See GOOD SAMARITAN, page 5)"
Feast of Tabernacles is now the largest annual convention on earth and requires the assistance of virtually every department in the Work, every minister, his local congregation and members family if it is to be successful.

Support appreciated

Brettmann, thank you for your wholehearted support of the Festival this past year! It takes a combined effort on all our parts if the Feast of Tabernacles is to be a success for year after year. We have noticed a renewed eagerness and support for the administration of the Festival through the Festivals Office over the past two years. We appreciate the many letters you have sent us regarding your impressions of past Festivals, suggestions for improvement and gratitude as a result of your own personal experiences at the Feast.

Not only have we received many letters of this kind, but have been thankful to see the financial support through title of the time for the first time in five years! We have made every effort to improve our services in the Festival Office to try to be deserving of this financial support. We look at time of the title of a sort of trust fund sent to us by member families to provide for them in case they could not provide as well for themselves. These services include site selection, administration, contract payments, negotiations with chambers of commerce, local and national officials, production of the brochure, distribution of financial support for the other Festivals during the year, assistance to international sites, procurement and distribution of Festival housing, distribution of assistance to needy members; development of a strong speaking schedule which will ultimately make the final decision concerning this year's selection of speakers.

Again this year, Mr. Armstrong wants several of the evangelists and other ministers to travel between sites for the opening and closing sermons.

In addition, this year we plan to schedule a Bible study one evening at each site. We pioneered the program last year and found the demand so great for indepth studies that they are now a part of our regular schedule. These programs will not replace a regular service, but will be another site service on the schedule that day. Please watch for the announcement in the Bible study everyone is invited!

Mr. Armstrong's schedule

On the Sabbath of July 22, Mr. Armstrong videotaped a complete Festival sermon for the first annual Sabbath and a shorter keynote address for the opening session the previous evening. These two messages will be transmitted from the video tape in 16mm film for showing at each site. It will not be quite the same as you missed your annual visit at the Festival but will enable everyone to receive the specific message he felt necessary - in his living voice. These two programs are being made available to the international sites as well.

In addition to this, Mr. Armstrong is presently planning to visit these three sites in person. To avoid the possibility of encountering inclement weather late in the autumn, these will be southern sites. Mr. Armstrong's schedule for this year will include St. Petersburg, Fla., Tucson, Ariz., and Big Sandy, Tex.

Impact of the Feast

The impact of the Feast on the Church and the community is tremendous. In the first place, there is nothing to compare with it in the cities in which we are meeting. Not only is the combined attendance the largest annual convention on earth, but it is in the most significant single influx of people all year long!

Following the Feast of Tabernacles, city officials (some state officials even) businessmen and residents have had reaffirmed to them the identity of the Worldwide Church of God and what it stands for through the lives of thousands of members.

This year fully one half of all U.S. Festival sites - Savannah, Ga.; Norfolk, Va.; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Phoenix, Calif., and Seattle, Wash. - are brand new. People in these cities, unfamiliarly familiar with Mr. Armstrong, the Work and the broadcast/telecast are now in the process of becoming acquainted with the Worldwide Church of God through (See "78 Festival, page 7"

FEAST TIME: Herbert W. Armstrong greets a longtime member, Mrs. Eddie Eckelt, at the Tucson, Ariz., site, during the 1976 Feast, left, and addresses Feastgoers in Big Sandy, Tex. Mr. Armstrong plans to speak at three sites this year and will be seen at each site on 16mm film. (Photos by Klaus Rothe and Scott More)

Good Samaritan

show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man with shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, Have a seat here, please, while you say to the poor man, Stand there or Sit at my feet, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Have they not all one father? Indeed we have our common origin in Adam, and we are all under the penalty of death, for not only the one sinned in Adam, but all persons swell in Adam's sins.


Stephen, as he was being stoned to death, prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he knelt down and cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them." (Acts 7:59-60). Would you honestly have this thought if you were being stoned? Do you realize that unless you would, you won't make the Kingdom of God?

When Christ comes in His glory to separate His sheep from the goats, He will say to those on His right, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom." There's a reward based on the very story of the good Samaritan, believe it or not. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." (Matthew 25:36).

The interesting part is that His hearers have no idea what He is talking about. They never saw Christ hungry, naked or thirsty. Then He will tell all the goats, "Depart from me, "because I was hungry and you did not feed me, I was thirsty and you did not give me drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, I was naked and you did not clothe me, I was sick and you did not visit me, I was in prison and you did not come to me." (Matthew 25:41-43).

There's your answer to giving to help him. And it's still not sufficient until you go over and above like the good Samaritan did.

So look at what Christ says to you and to me, Luke 17:10. "So you also, when you have done all that is commanded of you, say, We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.

Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind. This is loving your neighbor in its simplest form, doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

You shall do no injustice in judgments. If you have to decide something for another person, you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

That's Old Testament. No, it's very much New Testament. But so far, it's easy - a passive religion. What makes it difficult is that you are to love your neighbor in very active way. Verse 14: "Bless those who persecute you. If someone says something bad to you or about you, what do you do?" (Luke 6:29).

Verse 15: "Rejoice with those who rejoice." That's Old Testament, too. If you have less by giving more. "Weigh souls," verses 13-14, "I'm sure that most of us would not be here . . ." you answer back? Well, answer something nice. Don't run evil for evil.

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So look at what Christ says to you and to me, Luke 17:10. "So you also, when you have done all that is commanded of you, say, We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty."
The Plain Truth About HEALING

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The "divine healer" came along, I knew nothing of the powers of this healer except what I read in the newspapers — he certainly was not a minister of the Worldwide Church of God.

This "divine healer" anointed and prayed for the day, and the parents took him off theink.
The parents, according to news dispatches, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the credibility of this healer escaped, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the credibility of this healer escaped, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the credibility of this healer escaped, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the credibility of this healer escaped, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the credibility of this healer escaped, were staunch in faith — but after removing the insulin the credibility of this healer escaped.

In the case of the illness of a child, your best bet — but remember Jesus said, "According to your faith be it unto you." If those who have the faith that, with lack of faith, utilize the services of the medical profession. God's Church merely says to you, HEALING IS INCLUDED — Christ already has paid for it — it is a promise of God (with conditions of obedience and faith) and it is one of God's benefits that is INCLUDED in the gift of His grace!

Speaking of God's benefits reminds me of a case in point. I had been called to the bedside of an elderly lady for assisting and prayer for healing.

"If I anoint you and pray for you, God will heal you," I told her — and the child, the parents certainly ran the risk of criminal prosecution if they have failed to keep their com-

The above was sent out to the parents had called a doctor.

It is quite evident that this is not healing today in the same manner or to the same degree that He did in new-

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To prepare to participate in the best Feast ever, it is important to remember that a part of our witness to the world lies in our personal conduct at each Festival site.

The best ever?

We can do our part in the Festival Office hopefully improving from year to year, but reality will be a bit less dependent on the attitude of others attending. In other words, if this Feast is to be successful, it is the responsibility of each parent to prepare his/her family spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically to participate successfully. It is our responsibility as members to focus on the future - garner any sagging spirits, rally each other for the work and times ahead - and renew our loyalty toward and support of Armstong as the human leader Christ has provided. Let's point toward the Feast of Tabernacles, 1978! If this Feast is to be successful for every member, we have to prepare for it. Get into the spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles and develop a Feast attitude. Now is the time to renew the Feast to your family in vivid terms, pursue its obligatory attendance biblically and prepare yourselves to attend theologically, emotionally and physically, to do our part in the Festival Office hopefully improving from year to year.
SCATTERED HAPPENINGS

PITTSBURGH, Pa., church Aug. 5.

Don Lawson, the church's present pastor, has long been committed to the Pittsburg church, commenting that "Pittsburgh was the mother church of the entire Northeast area. At that time Pittsburgh was the second church east of the Mississippi.” On the Holy Days people came from as far as Wayne County, Ohio, and Michigan.

Following the sermons, Ed Misid, coordinator of the Cincinnati area, and Larry Seibert, pastor of the Washington, D.C., church, served as program leaders in the Pittsburg church, commenting that "there was a kind of a sweat, gathering on the floor of the church." In a typical gathering at the Pittsburg church, people from the Pittsburgh congregation, represented by Birmingham members and visits from the Broadway congregation, spent a quiet afternoon meandering around the scenic Cannons Hill Park and Nature Center. An evening social was attended by Birmingham members and visitors and included hot-air-balloon races, a pancake breakfast, canoeing, softball, skateboard barbecue, and wall posters. The evening social was sponsored by Birmingham.

The BRANDON, Man., members enjoyed a dinner and a question-and-answer period with the church's pastor, Mr. Lawson. A special feature was the welcome cake had been baked and donated by Bill and Dorothy Eberwine of Brandon, who had just returned from a trip to the United Nations.

In PITTSBURGH, some 300 brethren gathered in the Soldiers and Sailors building where 30 people met for the first Pittsburgh church gathering on June 7, 1958. In contrast, 1,900 brethren attended the church's 50th anniversary service, the majority of them traveling from surrounding areas that originally sprung from the Pittsburgh congregation.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

ETHNIC LUNCHEON — Modeling their costumes at an ethnic luncheon given by the SMART Set, the teens turned out to help an Asheville deacon at a luncheon where the planned ice-cream churning proved successful. The ice cream turned out to be the symbol for the SMART Set, a youth group started to help the church welcome young people.

MINISTERIAL RETREAT — Les McCullough, center, director of the Canadian Work, addressed British Columbia and Alberta ministers and their families at their annual summer conference. The church's band entertained with a jam session that featured gospel music.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY — Barry Griffins, longtime member of the Birmingham, England, church, ceremonially cut the cake at a celebration marking the 18th anniversary of the church. Observers were Arthur Suckling, left, and mayor of cemeteries Ian Martin. (See "Scattered Happenings".) Birmingham, this page.)

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

LEESBURG, Fla., church July 29, sponsored by the MONTREAL, Que., church. The meeting followed a combined English-French morning Sabbath service conducted by Pastor pastor Dare Hampton, who preached the biblical message "The Beast's Head." The service ended with a church-tery turkey shoot. The young set participated in a youth rock meet, "Margis Morong.

Members of the CINCINNATI (Ohio) church July 29 at the Long Beach (Calif.) church for the Combined English-French morning Sabbath service conducted by Pasadena pastor Frank Holits and John Clark won the men's softball games, the women's basketball games, and the Bible trivia trials. Mr. Douglas had just returned from a trip to the United Nations.

ROSA, Calif., church sponsored a luncheon July 28, attended by 40 guests. Members of the SMART Set drew names from the guests to attend the SMART Set meeting and described some of its recent activities and services.

COLUMBUS, Ind., church at a luncheon July 26, attended by the local librarian, who taught the children an Arabic folk dance. Edna Clawson, Dana Collins, Judy Miles and Sandra Brown wrote, directed, and acted a short play for the ladies. Linda Bland won the cake that was raffled off by the church's women's mission society. Winnie Fondon won the door prize. Judy Miles won for the first time with the BOREALIS, Ariz., brother, at a get-together July 5 at the Metro Center ski-lacing event. Slipping and falling to the ground, the members lost their balance and the art of skiing.

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Almost $500 was earned, of which a portion was donated to the local library. Everyone departed for home, convinced that getting up early Sunday morning wasn't so bad after all.

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While in Denver, the YOU officers for the coming year were appointed: Bobby Johnson, president; Monty Farr, vice-president; and James Fertig, secretary-treasurer. Local coordinator was John Erman, who is assisted by David Prine.

The previous Saturday, July 29, the Camp tema held YOU Day, taking over many of the Sabbath duties, including serving refreshments after the service.

Debbie Johnson.

The HARRISBURG S.P., PA., YOUcheerleaders have begun preparing for the district competition in February. With money raised from a bake sale sponsored by the Harleysburg Women's Club, the cheerleaders, Charles Young, Deb Lanners, Lance Shackle, Janie Wachter, Lisa Wadsworth and Edie Younger, and their coach, Faye Board, attended the National Cheerleading Association Frederick/Clinic August 7 through 10, where they learned new cheers, chants, jumps, partner stunts and pyramids. The event concluded with the girls performing their routines in front of the judges.

A country fair for all children under 12 was sponsored by the DICKSON, TENN., YOU chapter July 30. Festivities began with a chili dinner, followed by a watermelon seed-eating contest. After the carnival the teens presented a 45-minute talent show, then prizes were awarded. The final Sunday, July 30, was Open House. This can better be translated: "With the permission of the Bishop." The chapter has been cooperating with the home for the past few months and included activities: riflery, photography, building a tent and serving refreshments.
BIRTHS

BUCHANAN, Elwin and Terry (Silver), of 3917 Perry Line Rd. 252, Rapid, Tn., Aug. 19, 1978. 10:01 a.m., 8 lbs. 3 oz. and a boy.

CASE, Norman and Mary (Halen), of Mound Road and 18th Street, Aug. 9, 1978. 10 a.m., 4 lbs. 12 oz. and a girl.

COOPER, Thomas and Cheryl (McKee), of 105 1st Ave. S., Des Moines, Tt., Aug. 10, 1978. 10:45 a.m., 6 lbs. 9 oz. and a boy.

DAY, John and Diana (Bonte), of Emmetsburg, Aug. 4, 1978. 5:58 p.m., 7 lbs. 10 oz. and a girl.

DENZ, Richard and Mary Ann (Nedrow), of Carman, Lta., Aug. 30, 1978. 7:40 a.m., 7 lbs. and a boy.

HEND, Mary and Mary Jane (Yers), of Port Huron, Mich., Aug. 4, 1978. 10:20 a.m., 8 lbs. 2 oz. and a boy.

HUFF, Larry and June (Peters), of Ray, Ohio, Aug. 18, 1978. 2:45 p.m., 7 lbs. and a boy.

HUFF, Mary and James (Fay), of Port Huron, Mich., Aug. 31, 1978. 1:20 p.m., 9 lbs. 10 oz. and a girl.

WHEATCROFT, Dennis and Dotty (Heindel), of Ashland, Ohio, Aug. 15, 1978. 10:36 a.m., 8 lbs. and a boy.

HUFF, Tony and Joyce (Pundt), of Ray, Ohio, Aug. 25, 1978. 10 a.m., 7 lbs. and a boy.


Ongs, Rex and Nune (Taylor), of Tipton, Ind., Aug. 8, 1978. 10:15 a.m., 7 lbs. and a boy.

WALLACE, Bob and Janel (Middleton), of Wooster, England, boy, Christopher Anthony, Aug. 29, 1978. 1:20 p.m., 7 lbs. 6 oz. and a girl.

WALLACE, Robert and Klis (Hugger), of Des Moines, Tt., Aug. 29, 1978. 10 a.m., 6 lbs. 14 oz. and a boy.

SHOEMAKER, Lowell and Carol (Lehman), of Flamingo Resort, Aug. 21, 1978. 10:20 a.m., 6 lbs. 12 oz. and a boy.

GAMBRELL, Donald and Jerri (Wright), of St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 13, 1978. 10:30 a.m., 9 lbs. and a girl.

OVERSTREET, David and Mauleen (Hoskey), of Manchester, Tt., Aug. 11, 1978. 10:30 a.m., 9 lbs. 7 oz. and a boy.

ZEMAN, Zlakko and Delma (Hewitt), of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., Aug. 27, 1978. 5:15 p.m., 7 lbs. 1 oz. and a girl.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Joseph David ratek, of 3215 Meade Dr., Rapid, Tt. The wedding is planned for Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. (Toni) Brown of Greenwich, Conn., are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Robert, to Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dorr, of New Canaan, Conn. The wedding will be Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sladon of Spring Lake, N. J., are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dorr, of New Canaan, Conn. The wedding will be Oct. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan L. Wright are happy to announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Rosemary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dorr, of New Canaan, Conn. The wedding is planned for Oct. 12.

MR. AND MRS. WARE CRIMES

Karen Yamag, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Yamag, of 1000 22nd Ave., Lee's Summit, Mo., and Robert Francis Crimes, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crimes, of 301 21st St., Lee's Summit, Mo., were married June 14. Rev. Donald of the Pilgrim Church, Lee's Summit, Mo., performed the ceremony. The couple resides in Lee's Summit, Mo.

WEDDINGS

Barbara Utley and Robert Davis were married on June 29, at Lima, Ohio, by the Rev. Donald of the Pilgrim Church, Lima, Ohio. The couple resides in Lima, Ohio.

MR. AND MRS. TERENCE COOPER

Debra Sue, daughter of Alva Whitmire of 104 W. 1st St., Winter Garden, Fla., and Howard Terence Cooper, of 45 S. 2nd St., Winter Garden, Fla., were married June 25, at Winter Garden, Fla., by the Rev. Dr. James E. Corbin, of the Winter Park Church, Orlando, Fla. The couple resides in Winter Garden, Fla.

MR. AND MRS. MERRILL BOSTON

Pauline and Robert Boston of 301 21st St., Lee's Summit, Mo., were married June 24, at Lee's Summit, Mo., by Rev. Donald of the Pilgrim Church, Lee's Summit, Mo. The couple resides in Lee's Summit, Mo.

MR. AND MRS. TERRY ROEMHILD

Vida Lona Henke, 25, daughter of Harold and Marjorie Henke, of Clinton, Iowa, and Robert Roemhild, 25, son of Russell Roemhild, of Clinton, Iowa, were married June 24, at Clinton, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Donald of the Pilgrim Church, Clinton, Iowa. The couple resides in Clinton, Iowa.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 50th anniversaries Sept. 10 to Donald and Mary Lee, to Donald and Virginia, to Donald and Norma. We wish you many happy years ahead and a lifetime of love and happiness.

Ms. Ross and Olaf, happy 50th anniversary Sept. 1, to Olaf and Ross, to Olaf and Ross, to Olaf and Ross. We wish you many happy years ahead and a lifetime of love and happiness.

Dr. John and Dr. Ross, happy 50th anniversary Sept. 10, to Dr. John and Dr. Ross, to Dr. John and Dr. Ross, to Dr. John and Dr. Ross. We wish you many happy years ahead and a lifetime of love and happiness.

MEMBERS HONORED

At this time, The Good News wishes to announce the following activities and honors and to extend its appreciation to all members of The Good News.

Mrs. Richmond was born June 14, 1961, in Baca, Kan. She married David T. Richmond Feb. 19, 1967, in Baca, Kan. She has attended The Good News Church for many years. The couple resides in Baca, Kan.

Mrs..hadoop was born June 22, 1961, in Los Angeles, Calif., and attended The Good News Church for many years. The couple resides in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark are longtime members of The Good News Church and have been serving as deacons for many years. They have raised their family in The Good News Church and have been involved in various church activities. They remain active members today.

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**The Plain Truth About HEALING**

(Continued from page 6) and 40 nights, Satan said twice to be the Son of God, 'That little overthrow Christ. 'Satan inspired Monday, Sept. 11, 1978 was used by Satan in trying to it in this Theological Project to that kind of teaching — and the well! that Satanic-inspired teaching is write it) has been disfellow­

**God's promise**

Now that diabolical teaching about the passages in James 5:14-15 requires a complete refu­

**Faith is a condition**

The point is made in this now null­and-void teaching — a condition. Is that true — but what conditions? Within the very statement in James 5:13, plainly says: ‘... the prayer of faith... ’Yes, faith is a con­dition. In some instances where Jesus healed, the faith for healing was supplied by the one healed — like the woman who had spent all she had on physicians and had grown worse. Jesus said to her, ‘Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole.’ Again Jesus said elsewhere, ‘... according to your faith be it unto you.’ But, in other cases the one healed did not supply faith for himself. ‘... faith Himself Did so! What does this teach us? Definitely healing is conditioned on faith — either on the part of the one needing healing or on the part of the minister of God who prays and anoints. I have prayed for and anointed hundreds. There have been miraculous healings. Some with cancer in advanced stages were healed; others at this stage were relieved of the intense pain though they died and will have the healing in the resurrection. More on this a little later. One woman, in the hospital with apparently less than 24 hours to live, with leukemia, and with tubes in her ankles for blood transfusions, tubes in her nose for oxygen — a hopeless situation — was healed instantly when I anointed and prayed for her (without looking at her) in the room. She left the hospital the next day.

On the other hand I have prayed for others where I myself had the same faith, yet they were not healed — because they lacked the faith.

In James 5:14, the very first verse gives a condition — ‘... the prayer of faith... ’

**Keep His Commandments**

Also, 1 John 2:22, mentioned before, ‘... and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.’

In a preceding installment, I mentioned the experience of a man who wanted healing, but stubbornly refused to keep God’s Com­mandments, and was not healed. Yes, there are conditions — but God tells those conditions. But God has said: ‘If it’s God’s will — never!’ Rather, God’s Word says, ‘Be not faithless, but believing, standing firm in God’s promise!’ (2 Cor 1:20). As sure as the rising sun will rise, so God will not contrary to His Word.

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But God’s people should be taught that healing is a miracle and not to be considered lightly. The biblical definition of a mirac­le is: ‘... an event beyond the power of any known physical laws to pro­duce; a supernatural occurrence produced by the power of God.’

Healing definitely is a miracle. But we must never forget our God is a miracle-working God, not the supernatural man — not man. Yet He intended man to have a direct and intimate communication with God through Christ. Those called are to become His betrothed children, and by growing Faith and Christ’s knowledge in spiritual character, to be born, by a resurrection, into the very God family. The human poten­tial is that we are sons of the very GOD — even as Christ — first­ born of many brethren — al­ready.

And His people, whom He has called, must remember that ‘... without faith, it is impossible to please him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he exist, and that he reward them of them that diligently seek him’ (Hebrews 11:6). And He is the GIVER OF FAITH.

**China**

(Continued from page 2) New York Times, Financial daily, The Journal of Commerce, opened that as a result of the Sin­o-American accord, we could: ‘... although C. H. Horsfield, foreign affairs commen­tor of The Christian Science Monitor analyzed this remarkable turn of events this way: ‘... Moscow could have won the competition with China easily, had it not been for an imaginative and political flexibil­ity. Nothing more graphically attests to the plucking out of weak Chinese roots than Russia’s failure to see the advantages of competition. The Russians could not see the deal with Japan, when it had the resources. With China, they did; and also its failure to see the danger to its interests by having China obtain Japanese help. The United States in 1968 gave China to Japan the Ryukyu Islands includ­ing Okinawa. In 1976 the Soviet Union refused to give back the southern Kurils. Thus, for the sake of the few square miles of volcanic land swept by fog and bone-chilling winds, whose economic value is slight or­dinarily in fishing (mostly for crabs), Moscow missed the chance to enlist Japan against China."
PASADENA — United States area coordinators of the Worldwide Church of God began four days of meetings with Wayne Cole, director of the ministry, and other headquarters Church personnel Sept. 5. The meeting centered on general administrative needs. Among topics discussed were manpower, area coordinator administrative responsibilities, elections, new churches and communication techniques.

The Spanish Department is now placing 45,000 copies of the Spanish version of La Pura Verdad in newsstand outlets around the country.

The newsstand distribution campaign was launched in January, 1976, by the Spanish Department, which has its headquarters office in Pasadena.

Los Angeles alone boasts over 100 outlets for the magazine, with another 150 outlets scattered in New York, Florida, Texas, the Southwest and large urban areas inhabited by large numbers of Hispanics.

According to Walter Dickinson, director of the Spanish Work, the newsstand copies are moving very well.

The United States, now the fifth largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, also has its own Spanish-speaking church located in Pasadena. The church, attended by 105, is pastored by Robert Flores and Fernando Barajas.

Resident pastors serve brethren

Besides the push in the United States, the Spanish Department is now engaged in an effort to place resident pastors in as many areas as possible in the United States.

Bogota, Colombia, brethren have a resident pastor after a four-year effort to place Pablo Gonzalez in that country. Mr. Gonzalez left July 25 from Juan, Puerto Rico, where he had been serving the Spanish-speaking brethren in the Caribbean since 1974. He often visited the Bogota brethren over the years, but was unable to get permission to reside in Colombia until now. Another minister, Mario Segilte, is scheduled to join him, it is hoped, before the year is out.

"Up until this time we have just been able to make a pass at reaching people," said Mr. Dickinson. "Now wherever we get a visit request, we have people in the field who can reach them probably within two weeks to a month. This is far better than the two or four years it used to be."

Full-time ministers

Full-time ministers reside in the United States, Mexico (Tom Turk, Bob Flores and Alfredo Mercado); Central America (Herbert Cisneros); Puerto Rico (Albert Sessa); Argentina (Luis Chavez); and Chile (Pulido Illesca).

"We are beginning to get the first beginnings of a ministry established so that we can begin to do full-time work in these areas and reach people," said Mr. Dickinson. "Before we were only able to reach people when somebody went through for the Holy Days, a baptizing tour or something else."

Ten ministers now serve in the Spanish Work along with six ministerial servants. Churches number eight along with 22 Bible studies. There are 897 ministers within the Spanish Work.

Mexico springboard

A good portion of the activity in the Spanish Work is sent regularly (in Spanish only) to all ministers representing various parts of the United States, the Caribbean Islands and South Africa.

Mrs. Jackson has been a member of the Church for 20 years and has served as a deaconess for the past 10 years.

The couple will live in Lagos. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson of the Church for 20 years and has served as a deaconess for the past 10 years.

The magazine rack, being checked by a member, is one of over 450 outlets for the magazine in the United States.

God’s Work is experiencing an upsurge in demand for its Spanish publications in the United States, the world’s fifth largest Spanish-speaking nation. By 1980 as many as 22 million Hispanics will reside in the United States, a great percentage of whom read or speak Spanish.

If you or any of your friends or relatives read Spanish, please request La Pura Verdad for display in your home. Likewise, a bulletin that features news and developments of the Spanish Work is sent regularly (in Spanish only) to ministers and co-workers throughout the United States. With your help we can make God’s message available to a greater number of people than ever before.

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