Once again Ambassador to be full four-year college—GOD'S College!

PASADENA — I think you ought to know how Ambassador College came to be opened and what is back of it. Now we are getting things back on the track. Everything had gotten off the track. This college was started for a definite purpose, and it was started to be God's college.

To understand you have to go back to the very beginning. Too many of us want to look at the picture as it is today and get all muddled up because we don't know what led to it. We don't know what came before and so our thinking gets muddled.

Angels on earth

You have to go back to the fact that there had been angels on the earth — a super angel — Lucifer, a cherub, was placed on the throne with rule to the government of God. Now they were put here to finish the creation of the earth. God created everything in duality and in dual stages. First the main basis of the earth was created, and it was all perfect. But it was not finished. There was more to be added yet and God intended those angels to work in the materials on this earth.

Now they had to have team work. They had worked together, so God gave them his government to govern them in his way. And his way is based on love. Now love is first to God, in realizing that He is our maker. He is the supreme power, that He is the great giver — that He is one who first loved us and wants everything that is good for us. And therefore we must obey Him because He only wants what is good for us, and He knows better than we do what is good for us. So we must obey, we must worship Him and no other because that is for our good, not just for His good.

God's government and turned the opposite way — the way of vanity, exalting himself instead of God, the way of hostility against God, resentment, embitterment, feeling that God had not given him a square deal — and he began to work on his angels and to tell them that God is holding the whole universe and He's only given us this little earth. God hasn't been fair and so we had better get jealous, we'd better get envious and get into a spirit of competition, strife, rebellion — instead of construction and adding and being part of the creation.

Well, they were entirely disqualified and chaos came to this earth. Chaos came to the entire universe.

There is no evidence in the Bible or otherwise that there ever was any life on those other planets. Our moon is the same way. When they got there they found it — was in a state that would not contain life.

These angels flubbed it. They were tried and found wanting. And now God has set out to reproduce Himself — that is, He created man in His own image. But He created man out of matter.

Then this Lucifer rejected

These comments were excerpted from a forum given by Herbert W. Armstrong to the Ambassador College faculty and student body Sept. 19.

so if we start off and make the mistake that these angels did and go the wrong way, we can repent and God can grant us repentance and God can bring us back.

Jesus Christ was the Word who was with God, has always existed. He was not the son of God. He was without father, without mother, without beginning of days or end of life. He has always existed. Your mind can’t quite grasp that — don’t try. I don’t care whether you are a freshman student or whether you are seasoned ministers from the field. You can’t grasp that. No mind can.

Always we think that there had to be a time when it began. There was a time when matter began, when there was no matter, and then a time when God produced matter.

First man created

God created the first man. But the first man had to undergo a test.

He had the potential of becoming the king over the earth and replacing the discarded Lucifer. God talked to him first as He had talked to Lucifer and the angels first before He sent them there. God had explained all about His law, about His way and how love and giving and outgoing and producing is the right way and not the incoming way of just greed and vanity and lust and envy, jealousy, competition, strife, hate, revenge, all that sort of thing. That is what Lucifer and the angels turned to.

Now there were two trees in the Garden of Eden. I think the trees were literally there, but that doesn’t make any difference, they represented something — they were symbolic. And the Tree of Life was symbolic of Adam receiving the Holy Spirit of God, which would have imparted him as a begotten Son of God. And then in due time God would have changed him from matter into spirit and from mortality into immortality and everlasting life.

He could not take of the Tree of Life until he had come to know about what the angels had done and had rejected that way and turned to God’s way. He had to qualify by overcoming Satan. When Jesus Christ (the second Adam) came, He couldn’t just start out because He Himself was holy. He had to meet and overcome and conquer the Son of Satan. And He did. And if we are ever going to rule with Him in this time now, we have to overcome Satan, to sit with Him in His throne.

Satan is still here

Now after Christ comes Satan will be put away and it will be an altogether new ball game. You’ve got to remember it is different now. Satan is still here. God left Satan there because Adam had to overcome that. He had to be aware of it and have to overcome it.

Satan was very clever so he got to Adam through his wife Eve. So when Eve reached out and took to herself the knowledge of good and evil — that is determining what is right and what is wrong. That is God’s prerogative. They took a prerogative of God, to make themselves God. Satan’s idea was to kick God out and to replace God.

Adam then followed Eve. Adam said, in effect, “God, I will decide for myself what is right and wrong. I’m not going to listen to you telling me what to do and what not to do. Your way is the way of love. Your way is the way of right. I’m going to reject that way and decide for myself what is right.”

God then, in effect, said, “Adam, you have made the decision for yourself and for the family that will mean the whole world: we have all come out of Adam.” And He said, “Therefore, you have decided, and I am sentencing you to 6,000 years of being cut off from me.”

Only few called now

Now get that because that is important. God says: “I am cutting the world off from me, but I am going to call into this world and I am going to call into this world and I am going to call into this world. God is going to call some few that I need for special performance to provide and build ahead for my Kingdom, which is going to follow after this 6,000 years. But I am only going to call because I have some special performance that I want them to perform.”

It isn’t a case that just anybody can be saved who wants to. Jesus (See ONCE AGAIN, page 3).

In our next issue

As a follow-up to the "Treasurer's Report" in the Sept. 25 edition, The Good News will present a consolidated report from around the World Church of God and Ambassador College in the next issue, scheduled for Nov. 6.
Minister asks schools not to penalize children for Holy Day observance

By Moshe Ben Simcha

JERUSALEM — Since the winter of 1973-74 quadrupling of oil prices, the United States of America has been coming under God’s end-time curse on modern Israel at a steadily increasing rate. “The stranger that is in the midst of you shall you not despise,” he said. “There shall be among you a stranger, and you shall love him as your own.”

By Michael A. Phipps

SAUDI ARABIA: A sandpit for oil

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General contributions, Holy Day $9,205,745.55 $9,463,805.04
Offerings, Festival Fund 273,107.74 726,652.28
Church assistance fund 186,910.23 257,086.45
Plain Truth income 0.00 0.00
Sub-total $10,152,952.52 $10,444,543.77

State and property 19,864.34 87,220.09
Other income 96,869.70 436,311.40
Special offerings 850.00 0.00
Total Income $12,411,276.58 $1,073,075.26

A 7.1 percent increase for the first quarter.

Stanley R. Rader Treasurer

The Good News

Monday, Oct. 9, 1978

Minister asks schools not to penalize children for Holy Day observance

AROLILLO, Tex. — Possible charges of religious discrimination may be filed against the Amarillo Independent School District if the district endorses a policy of limiting the number of religious holidays for which students may be excused from school.

Jeffery P. Booth, pastor of the Amarillo World Church, which meets in the Senior Citizens Center, 1311 S. Tyler, told school board members last night the church’s legal counsel is “prepared to file suit if it is necessary to protect the rights of our children not to be penalized” for missing work because of religious observances.

About 150 parents and children attended last night’s school board meeting.

Current school policy limits the number of religious holidays for which a student may be excused to two days per year.

The Worldwide Church of God, founded by Herbert W. Armstrong, observes seven annual Holy Days.

Booth said that 11 of 12 school board members have agreed that the present policy is discriminatory.

Booth said the board might want to eliminate such a policy from the curriculum for the possibility of legal entanglements.

Tarrant County Sheriff Ted Nichols asked Dr. David Austin, acting superintendent, if other churches had made similar requests.

“It is popular to have churches ask to have students excused from school in the mountains,” he said. “It takes only a fellow teacher here and an individual assignment or test. This is a means of discouraging abuses.”

Booth said the students could lose standing in the school if they fail to observe the Holy Days.

Nichols asked if adults took time off from work for the Holy Days.

“We hold our jobs as important, but our Church is more important,” he said. “Even if it means losing a job, we observe the seven annual Holy Days.”

Booth stressed the need for the school board to make a quick decision because the first Holy Day observed will be Oct. 2. Several other religious holidays also are observed in the United States, the only country where these types of religious holidays are legal.

The Saudi oil ministry has been coming under God’s end-time curse on modern Israel at a steadily increasing rate. Saudi Arabia’s economy is heavily dependent on oil, despite the pressures from other oil-producing nations; its annual hydrocarbon exports are 1.5 million barrels a day.

The $9,205,745.55 of contributions and gifts to the American church and educational institution is a testament to the fact that God is able to provide for His people.

In any case, parents should take time to help their children with their schoolwork and, even more importantly, provide time for their children to do their work. While this may be difficult for many, you as the parent or parent (the child) to go to the teachers and politely explain that you and your children will be away attending a Church convention and politely ask permission for your child to be excused from classes for that purpose.

You should let the teachers know that you will be happy to see that the child keeps up with schoolwork and request the teachers to assign work in advance to avoid doing the work for you later. Some few teachers may resent making up advance schedules, but most will not mind because they have already made up general plans for the child and will be happy to have a child who really wants to learn.

Many teachers will be prone to overreacting — overstating the progress the class will make while your child is gone. So the teacher who does all the assignments may not only be caught up on returning, but may actually be ahead in some areas, allowing the child the chance to spend extra time catching up on other things (such as coping and studying a friend’s lecture notes). Missing the actual class experience nearly always puts a child at a disadvantage, so every little bit of work done in outside assignments is important.

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CHRIST came 4,000 years later saying, “No man can come to me except the Father who has sent me, draw him.”

You know, the churches have a song, “Whosoever Will, May Come.” Did you ever believe that in the Bible? Well, it’s there. But it’s only in one place and that is the fourth verse from the last verse in the whole Bible in the 22nd chapter of Revelation, speaking of a time to come when Satan will be here no more, when God will be calling everybody. But that is not true today. When God cannot come, he cannot call us God calls them. They just simply can’t. I have wondered why people who come to hear the truth and they hear the truth and they don’t get it. They can’t get it. Their minds are blinded.

The spirit in man

God made man with a spirit. He made man out of matter. He made animals out of matter. He put a brain in man. He put a brain in animals. But you take the brain out of animals, especially the larger animals who have brains about the size of a man, like, for example, an elephant or a whale or a dolphin. If you take them out and look at them physically they will be exactly the same with such a slight difference — well, maybe 1 or 2 or 3 percent difference — but when man has a mind with maybe a few thousand percent greater output, I can’t account for that on physical grounds. You have to account for it by the fact that there is a nonphysical component in the human brain that does not exist in the animal brain. And that nonphysical human component is in a spirit.

There was one spirit put in man. But man needed another spirit — the Holy Spirit of God — that was on the Tree of Life. But when Adam chose the other tree God sent him out and shut him up from the Tree of Life lest he go back and take of it and live forever. In other words, he and his family after him are shut off and they go back and take of it and they die. The angels have to live forever. They are reversely. They are in outer darkness. They are in a condition of hopeless despair, of frustration and they will be forever and ever. Now they knew that, they knew they were immortal, and that decision it was all on them and there is no way they can be changed. Spirit does not change.

Creation not complete

Again, I say, God creates in dual stages. When He created angels their creation was not complete until character had been decided, and that had to come from experience and by their own decision. God showed them the right way but they had to decide to go that way. But He had equipped them with minds to reason, to think and to decide whether they wanted to go that way or to think of other ways. And that is what they made the mistake of doing. And nobody is responsible for that except themselves.

Man was shut off from the Holy Spirit of God. Now here is the important point that comes down in the Ambassador College. That mind of man is confined to the physical, the material. That one spirit in man imparts the power of intellect to the brain. The spirit does not see, it does not hear. It does not receive knowledge of itself.

The brain sees through the eye.

The brain hears through the ear. The brain smells through the nose and the sense of taste or feel are physical things. Spirit is something you can’t see. They say matter is anything that occupies space and has weight. Spirit does not and it is invisible to our physical senses. The Spirit of God, man could not know anything of the things of God. He was cut off from spiritual knowledge. In other words, he was only half there. His creation was only half complete.

Dual stage

Man’s creation is in a dual stage. Adam was the first stage of that creation — the physical stage. It is the material for God to build the second stage, which is the spiritual stage. The first Adam cut himself off from the Holy Spirit of God and the result is that man has quite a great mind, but it is confined to the physical and the material. It is cut off from the spiritual — and so our greatest minds get to thinking but here is a creation and they have to have the help of God.

How could that creation get here without the preexistence of a Creator who designed it and who produced it? So they came up with the theory of evolution. Now that shuts God out.

Higher education is based 100 percent on the carnality of that one spirit that is only half there and it could be, the greatest minds are into the spiritual things and the things of God. I have said a few times that the greatest minds and the highest educated people on earth are the most ignorant. And that is true because their education is all confined to the physical, and being that they misconstrue so many things, and it is so filled with error.

Letters to the Editor

(See FULL FOUR-YEAR, page 5)

I especially enjoyed the article about Stanley Rader in The Good News. If you know him or how he came to be your missionary, I pray for him now, which I didn’t do much of before. Just knowing more about him and how important his job is to you and how his life was changed by your example really touched me. We hope to learn more about him and the organization of the ministries also.

Sherry Callender  
Montez, La.

Thanks for the continuing instruction and correction.

I read only once to the recent Good News article on gossip. The Bible is very plain on the subject and is also very clear on who the “accuser of the brethren” is.

May God continue to strengthen and guide you as you extend us back to the “faith once delivered.”

Stanley Daniels  
Babylon City, N.Y.

Life is beautiful and the cross is great but the Good News has been present since the former Good News and Tomorrow’s World magazines were discontinued.

David Verheuette  
Anoka, Minn.

I received The Good News for August just a few days ago and read through them cover to cover as fast as I could get it. I want to thank you so much for the articles you and your staff publish in the paper. It seemed as though everything was written just for me. Since you are back on the track, I have received so many spiritual blessings that I just know God is very pleased.

Mrs. Nathaniel Schlich  
Nevillsville, Wis.
We used to hear comments about the income at Bible study. Why don’t we have reports like that anymore? I think there’s a difference of opinion in whether services would be a good place to discuss it. I would think in our budget would be a good place to discuss it. Really, to Mr. Armstrong’s personal minds only on things that are more immediate. Contact with all of Japan society. The answer here is he’s not been reinvested in Japan. Therefore Mr. Golob will go to Japan. Mr. Golob in the sale of Bricket Wood involved on that basis, if and when we prove the sale and the paperwork is bener to slide maybe a foot or so by "Quest." magazine? weekend. before I read it because I can’t imagine that the Plain Truth isn’t that efficient. "Quest" magazine? weekend. because I can’t imagine that the Plain Truth isn’t that efficient. I think it is - the Plain Truth isn’t that efficient. And I’m not saying that isn’t the case. But we are planning now to visit some of our overseas projects. And I think it’s very plain; it’s a very significant thing to follow. Unfortunately, as I said in Church a few months ago, I can kind of get through life, so that the thought process with you. We know that there are a lot of people who have never listened to our radio program, have never viewed our television program, have never seen the Plain Truth and really will not. We are actually trying to contact as many of those same people are very influential to our society as it is constituted and instead of an advertisement in a local newspaper or on the first line of an issue of any of our international publications, we have heard about us in a negative way. They have had bad publicity about us, which attacks us not for what we stand for, not for what we represent, not for the good we promote, but for what some people have been doing. Consequently, we decided that we wanted a public-relations vehicle - a vehicle that would work in a certain amount of respect and reach people with a certain amount of impact. They would soon realize that if the same people produce a magazine such as "Quest," sponsor a concert series as we have here, they must be people who have really something to say that might be important for them to listen to and to look into. I think it was supported very well by a publication that has never been given to us, and written by [Rupert] Murdoch. Mr. Murdoch is a very wealthy, controversial publisher from Australia and the Worldwide Church of God, and he has offered to publish a magazine under our supervision for him, which he also owns, too, a page and a half last September and dedicated it to us. And said, "Two years ago no one ever heard of the Worldwide Church of God." And then they went on to say, "Now, not only does everybody know about the Worldwide Church of God because of the concert series, but everybody now wonders what they believe." Now that’s what I predicted would happen when we thought about "Quest" and we thought about the concert series and it happened, that is why we think that is the case. That is the constituent, you might say, of the thought process. We can pick up the magazine, they see Mr. Armstrong’s name, they see my organization’s name, they trace it back to the Church and then suddenly begin to think, Maybe there is something about that Church that we ought to know about. I think it’s very plain. It’s very simple thing to do. Unfortunately, as I said in Church a few months ago, I knew that we might have some problems in the Plain Truth, which is bener to slide maybe a foot or so by "Quest." magazine? weekend. before I read it because I can’t imagine that the Plain Truth isn’t that efficient. I think it is - the Plain Truth isn’t that efficient. And I’m not saying that isn’t the case. But we are planning now to visit some of our overseas projects. And I think it’s very plain; it’s a very significant thing to follow. Unfortunately, as I said in Church a few months ago, I knew that we might have some problems in the Plain Truth, which is bener to slide maybe a foot or so by "Quest." magazine? weekend. before I read it because I can’t imagine that the Plain Truth isn’t that efficient.
Mr. Rader . . . has heard several times in the past few weeks about the college maybe going back to a four-year institution. Also, will Mr. Armstrong conduct campaigns in this country, perhaps minicamps?

I think Mr. Armstrong answered your first question, in a section of his forum. He said he has started the college program all over again. He has started with the first-year class, and so next there will be two classes and then three classes and so forth. As far as minicamps in this country are concerned, we will make appearances around the country, and I think they will probably be of two types—one will be appearances before such groups as the AICF [Ambassador International Cultural Foundation] activities, which will produce a series of events around the country that will give him and others an opportunity to go into the area to speak to the civic leaders, to also speak to the laymen at the same time and to ministers. It worked very well in Milwaukee and in other places where it will be held, and others have taken places in New England and in Florida and Pennsylvania.

Well, I hope it has been of some use to you and I hope it has relieved some anxieties and at least let you know that we do want to communicate with you effectively, to learn what you think about matters. Don't take my suggestions about the insignia box lightly, I think it is important. We have a lot of young people and they have a lot of ideas. If we don't do something then that is a very valuable resource going to waste. I have always stated that in this Work we have many very interesting resources and in order to get this Work done we have to utilize those resources properly and as fully as we can. And those are our financial resources, our material goods (our auditorium, our buildings, things that exist), our human resources (which I don't think we are taking advantage of, that is why I mentioned it), our time, and also, but perhaps more in importance, our spiritual resources. Those are the four major areas of resources for the Work and if we are to really work together and maintain the maximum of those resources—in every effort, I think we should be successful at doing what we are doing.


dated on page 3) and with false hypotheses that they don't realize it themselves, but in their egotism they think they are highly educated.

God said, "You go build your own system of education, you go build your own religious foundation, you go and build your own religious foundation [out of your imagination] gods." And that is what man has done. He said, "Go and devise and build your own civilization." That is what you and I are living in and, consequently, these people know more than our men in this physical, material realm so it goes to their heads, and they think they are really great and they are.

I knew we needed a different kind of college. I knew that the universities and colleges in this country had gone in to crusades materialism, and naturally they had minds that could not be opened to the spiritual because they didn't have the Spirit of God.

A new start

Now this year, I have had to start all over with one freshman class now. Now we're going to teach you things that God said. And if God has not opened your mind to understand it, I can't help that. That's what we're going to teach and hope it will make sense to you.

Now we're having to start all over again. God is back to his old college, and it is not like other colleges. And the way of life on this college is different and going to be different.

We haven't been able to do it all at once. And some of you students have come in from high schools and from other places and you still want to go to college. And there is another college, and it is not like other colleges. And we may have a major in Spanish or French, or at least let you know that we have a college that is not of this world and is not going to be of this world.

Now we're not going to go down to the place where you have to get permission to go to the prayer room and someone keeps tab on how many minutes you spend in the prayer room, and where you have to get permission if you need to go to the toilet. But this is going to be God's college. We've had to start it with the one freshman class only.

The only reason I needed a college is that he had called me into His Work. And I was hosting evangelical campaigns up around in Oregon and Washington six nights a week and very often for six weeks in a campaign. And there were converts. And I baptized people. So I tried to form them into little churches, but there was no minister. And not one of those churches ever lasted past about six weeks. And most of them didn't last long at all. And I came to see that we had to have a school to train not only ministers, but also to have an educated personnel for all the administrative jobs that are coming along in this fast-growing Work that has now grown worldwide—a great worldwide Work.

Planner students

You are the pioneer students. And a whole lot of what goes on here depends on how well you and I do this year. If you still love the world, you will also love Satan's way, if you still want to go to school, you will probably get expelled before the year is out. And I mean business. On the other hand, we're not going to rule

Now you're on trial, just as man has been on trial, just as angels were, to see if the college can go on.

I hope that next year we can add another class and you who are now freshmen will then be sophomores. The hope is that we can add another freshman class and we'll have then three classes just like we have now. And I hope we go on till this is a four-year college once again. But it will be 100 percent God's college.

Additional courses needed

Now let me give you just a little outline of what I hope we will be able to have. We need a speech course and one in journalism. We need a course in home ec or domestic science. And we need a course in history, especially connected with biblical history and with the prophecies of the Bible. We need one in international relations.

Then we need one on practical problems that's really different from the psychology they are teaching in this world's universities.

Then I want a course on a survey of the arts. But that's looking ahead from it from what I mean, and what are the arts in the world and how much of it is right in God's sight and how much of it is the devil, and we ought to have something on health and nutrition.

I want to teach a course once again, and a music department. We had a fine music department.
Member says handicap is asset in overcoming

By Mark Seigle and Carol G. Sarah.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Sabbath services had ended and I was in hurry to get back to my mind. The warm roast and strawberry shortcake awaited me in the living room. Why do people bunching up in the aisle leave? I asked myself, and what is holding up this line?

Eventually moving my way up through the line the answer became clear. Directly ahead a young man, who can ambulate only with the aid of crutches, is methodically at work moving me like ants as rapidly as he can as he attempts to keep pace with the crowd.

Unfortunately his progress is slow and behind him people are dying one with another in this attempt to work their way past the young man impeding their progress.

For John Patrick Twedt such an experience is a daily way of life whether it is coming down for breakfast at the hotel in downtown San Diego or where he lives, walking down the street, entering a crowded bus or manipulating his way through the crowd before leaving after Sabbath services.

The answers are always the same: Hurry up, hurry up, John. there is much to do. Hurry up, I asked the other in their attempt to get things done, but for John it was over concern with the task at hand and the space he needed. John gained confidence through his faith in God and his parents — he was able to walk with a cane.

John was born 1983 and in 1984 and learned that he can't join but are methodically at work in overcoming.

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To fully appreciate the achievements one needs to review the circumstances in John's life, home and his foster parents —were adopted.

John Twedt has succeeded in accomplishing much for granted, have been a great asset in his spiritual overcoming.

If Gilbert Thompson of the U.S. Geological Survey led an expedition to what is now the interior of Mexico, even symbols are not uncommon even.

Mr. Coston's parents were Alonzo and Edna Banks Turner, and they lived in Lenoir County, close to Linston, during the years she was growing up.

Mrs. Coston recalls that once during her father's long illness with typhoid fever there was no food for three weeks except combated and mushroom tea. For those readers who don't know what mushroom-med tea is, Mrs. Coston explained that confirmed is browned on the stove and then boiled with water.

"You have a very nutritious here," she assures. Another time when her mother was very ill, Mrs. Coston plowed the fields with a mule, mended fences and cropped tobacco as the family had no

skill.

Undeterred by all this John gained admission to Johnstown Engine College at Harriswod, Iowa, and spent what he describes as "the hardest 25 years of my life." But the effort was worth it. John earned an associate-arts degree.

John first came into contact with God's Work back in 1963-64 and learned that we can't join but are methodically at work in overcoming. In the early years of his conversion he was over concerned with the task at hand and the space he needed.

"Now," says John, "I don't worry about it anymore. God can use me without healing me."

And perhaps God has, in a way John does not realize.

But, if leaving Sabbath services with three children of her own.

Mrs. McLean, 58, actually the only full-blooded aborigine in God's Church worldwide, was baptized in 1973 following the death of her husband, Charlie. Mr. McLean was baptized in 1971. He died of a heart attack in 1975. The couple, natives of Queensland, on the return journey from their first feats made the news in Blackheath, New South Wales, some 2,500 miles from home. Mr. McLean was remembered for his determination and faith, and had an over­ power­ ing desire to attend God's Feast of Tabernacles.

Aborigines were the first people to inhabit Australia. Early, Mr. and Mrs. McLean belonged to one of the 300 original aboriginal tribes. These tribes had a culture that was semi­ nomadic and a lot of their time was spent hunting and searching for food using weapons such as spears and bows and arrows.

Mr. and Mrs. McLean spent most of their early married life in Apirama Aboriginal Mission near Cooktown, in northern Queensland, where in the year 1943 they first heard Herbert W. Armstrong on the broadcast on short-wave radio direct from the United States.

A short time later during World War II, they had to be evacuated to Weebahnda, near Rockhampton, Queensland, another 700 miles south. This is where Tabitha was born sometime 28 years ago.

Upon returning to northern Queensland the McLeans took up residence at the Goore Mission, just 52 miles north of Cairns, and attend the Cairns church.

DAUGHTER TABITHA BARNEY

Mrs. McLean has been a member of the Worldwide Church of God of Jacksonville for almost 25 years and attended church regularly until three years ago. She says her desire for church fellowship has helped to keep her active over the years and has left her with many precious memories.

Her deep faith in God has sustained her through the 96 years she has lived and when asked what she attributes to her long life to, Mrs. Coston says, "Faith in God, hard work and being happy."

Identify personal property.

Put your number on it

ODessa, Tex. — Property identification techniques date back as far as 3,000 years. Ancient Chinese rulers used their thumbprint in wax to stamp from a seal of authenticity identifying the item bearing the thumb seal as belonging to and originating with the person whose print was embedded in the wax. The use of a fingerprint seal

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has been used as recently as 1882 when Gilbert Thomas of the U.S. Geological Survey led an expedition to what is now the interior of Mexico. He used the thumbprint seal technique to verify the purity of precious orders. It seems that even among the ranks of his trusted followers there were those whose thumb impressions were something less than desirable.

Times have changed and so have (the methods used to identify personal property. Industrial patterns and symbols have long been used to represent the signature of the one. In fact such symbols are not uncommon even today in the interior of Mexico, among even the educated classes.

Distinctive symbols, which are properly registered and recorded, are used to identify livestock. Sometimes these symbols are little more than that which an ear is marked with. In more frequent instances the use of metal tags and tattoos are employed, although branding with a hot iron is widely used to identify horses and cattle.

All valuable property should be marked with an identifying mark that sets that property apart from one or more or a family or family. You have an identifying number like no other and it should be placed on valuable property. It is your driver's license number. If you are lost or stolen and recovered later it is likely that your condition and your property, if it is still in your possession, can get your address from driver's license records and return the proper­ ty to you.

It's best to deny the thief access to your property. However, if all else fails, your best chance for property recovery is to mark your valuables with your seal, your driver's license number.
NIAH MOOLAH

Member
baptized in
Thailand

By John Halford

PASADENA - Niah Moolah, first member of the Worldwide Church of God in Thailand. Niah Moolah first wrote and asked for baptism many years ago. He had corresponded frequently with the Australian Office, but in spite of several attempts to rendezvous with him, no baptism tour had ever been able to meet him.

Moolah lives in northern Thailand, in the jungles of Chiangma province, not far from the ill-famed opium producing area called the Golden Triangle. Because of his refugee status, he is not permitted to travel beyond his home land and a refugee in Thailand.

A wanted man

Moolah, you see, is not a Thai — he is a friend neighboring Burma. In his younger days he became caught up in rebel activities, joining a guerrilla army that operated from a Thai base. He is therefore a wanted man in his homeland and a refugee in Thailand. Because of his refugee status, he is not permitted to travel beyond Chiangma province. He has never been able to reach him because of tight schedules on baptizing tours.

Last June, however, after visiting Church brethren in Burma I found myself with one full day to spare in Thailand between plane connections. A quick check with the Thai domestic airline showed it was possible to fly to Chiangma in the morning and get back to Bangkok in time to meet my onward flight.

I flew to Chiangma on the first flight June 25. I had arranged to meet Moolah at a local hotel, and even enough he was there waiting. He has been faithfully keeping God's laws for several years, and I was able to baptize him without delay. I believe that this is his first baptism in Thai land in this age.

After answering some questions and discussing the Work for a couple of hours, we had lunch. Then Moolah took me to visit some of his friends, including some ex-guerrillas who had been badly wounded in the war.

Weary not the way

Today, Niah Moolah realizes that warfare and terrorism are not the way to solve problems and injustices. But he is between the powerful rock and a hard place. His refugee status depends upon his continued involvement in the army, yet he cannot easily return to Burma. He's really in an awkward position, and he is able to maintain a non-combatant status at a staff position at present.

Please remember Niah Moolah, his wife and children in their lonely jungle outpost in northern Thailand.

WEIGHTLIFTER - Dave Shaw, Pasadena member, lifts 804 pounds in the dead-lift event. (Photo by Brian Knowles)

By Brian Knowles

PASADENA — In the Nov. 7, 1977, edition of The Worldwide News, the power-lifting feats of Dave Shaw, a member of the Auditorium A.M. church, were reported. At that time Dave weighed 259 pounds and lifted a total of 1,882 pounds in three lifts — squat, bench press and dead lift.

At this year's Senior National Power-Lifting Championships, Dave moved closer to his ultimate goal. The meet was held at the Hyatt Hotel near the Los Angeles airport, Aug. 27. Dave placed fourth in the competition in his weight category. (This year he weighed 264 pounds.)

Personal records broken

Dave, 28, shattered his own records of last year's meet. In the 1977 event, Dave performed a 472-pound bench press (lying on the back and pushing the bar up from the chest). That year he upped that pound-age to 504. In last year's competition, Dave achieved a 710-pound squat (a deep knee bend with an Olympic barbell on the shoulders). In the recent event, the impressive giant upped that poundage to 733. He was going for 800, but a hip injury, incurred at a meet three weeks before, prevented him from moving up to this incredible poundage.

In spite of the injury, Dave Shaw performed a herculean dead lift (in this lift the bar is elevated from the floor simply by straightening up with it in an upright position), upping his poundage from 699 pounds to a spectacular 804. This lift represented the heat record since the meet record of 754 pounds was duplicated in a heavier body weight division of 365 pounds.

Dave Shaw, undoubtedly the strongest Church member, physically speaking, upped his total pound-age from 1,882 for the three lifts to 2,018.5 in this year's event.

March to the top

Dave, determined to become the first national-power-lifting champion in the super-heavyweight division, continues his inexorable march to the top. His growth has been spectacular to say the least. (Dave's belt now measures 216 inches cold! Check yours and see how you compare.)

In Dave Shaw's corner is a devoted family. His parents, two brothers (all Church members) and a member of other relatives and friends were out in force to support Dave at his own pool, his high school, his university, his work and his Church.
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For once the turn out and for the second time in two years the cows followed the Grand Charity Fete sponsored by the BRICKET WOOD, Pennsylvania, on the University of Pittsburgh campus Aug 27. Helicopter rides, pony rides, acrobatics, a free-admission-as-a-wrestle and soccer match were some of the events offered to the 4,000 who attended.

Among the funds of last year's Queen's Silver Jubilee, which was accompanied by the city and district councils, 9,800 and raised more than 5,000 pounds for selected charities. An additional attraction this year was the Capital Radio Fun Bus, which provided a four-hour radio disc show and went in requests for future broadcasting on the London commercial station.

Twenty-one charities ran stalls at the event, including the British Heart Foundation, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Cancer Research Campaign, the Leukaemia Research Fund, the Spastics Society, the Guide Dogs for the Blind and the Standard, 8 organization to help people inside-outside. Together they raised almost 5,000 pounds for their own hands.

Also in evidence was a colorful display of brochures and Plains Tube sets by the Capital radio stations in the area prior to the evening. The proceeds of the day, more than $475 despite numerous garage sales and swap meets, were grossed about $475 despite numerous garage sales and swap meets, as the capital one television-radio-cassette players from Alcoholics Anonymous and their first jobs after graduation. They are, the world; alcoholism and recovery, a gift to the major contributions from the National Council on Alcoholism and home for an informal dessert and coffee with friends, family and relatives of the Gauls. Mr. and Mrs. John Cass, who participated in the wedding ceremony, 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One son, also, is a member of the Church. From the Leftside.

FLYING A BALLOON - Inflatables, left, were popular with the children at the Grand Charity Fete held on the former Ambassador campus in Bricket Wood, England, Aug. 27. The Capital Radio Fun Bus, right, provided a four-hour radio disc show for the 4,000 people who attended the fete. (See "Scattered Happenings," Bricket Wood, this page.) (Photos by Philip Stevens)

MOONLIGHT CRUISE — Despite high winds, 209 Toronto, Ont., brah- men enjoyed a moonlight cruise on Lake Ontario Aug 24. 24 of theаблус, Toronto, Ont., brah- men enjoyed a moonlight cruise on Lake Ontario Aug 24. The trip was originally launched in 1910. The cruise ended with a fireworks display celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Canadian National Exhibition.
DENVER, Colo. — He picked up his first copy of The Plain Truth, free, at the supermarket. It was interesting to read, he thought, and he brought it to his home regularly. He told his special circle of friends about what he was reading and how he found one of these church meetings on Saturdays in the church parking lot where the members of the club met. The club members did not suggest that every member should vote on the club’s decisions. The club met in Denver, Colorado, on a special occasion when they held a special meeting to decide on what he decided to see for himself what it was like.

The smiling people seemed nice; they shook his hand and said hello. He sat through a sermon, music and a poem. Afterward, more people came and said hello and shook his hand. But he was more interested in who turned him away. He had not grasped most of the service in the first place, and now he decided that was not the place for him after all.

There are 100,000 hearing-impaired persons in Colorado, most of whom live in the Denver area, according to Earl Higgins, art director of the Colorado Advocacy Council. The club meets weekly. The club members do not suggest that every member should vote on the club’s decisions. The club met in Denver, Colorado, on a special occasion when they held a special meeting to decide on what he decided to see for himself what it was like.

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MOTHER'S AIDE CO-ORPORATE — Instructor Ruth Hammons, center, demonstrated a variety of techniques for bringing together eight girls from the San Diego, Calif., church, at an American Red Cross-sponsored co-educational summer camp. The camp was attended by 10 other children from the congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, who were members of the church's school-age group.

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BIRTHS

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ENGAGEMENTS

We wish to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of Donald and Patricia ( seriously) of Spokane, Wash., to John and Eunice (D минимальный) of Tri-Cities, Wash. The couple were married at the First Presbyterian Church in Tri-Cities, Wash., on Aug. 15 at 2 p.m.

CLINE, Dan and Karen, of Wasilla, Ak., are happy to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The couple were married at the Wasilla Community Center on Aug. 16 at 2 p.m.

Baker, Bill and Sheryl (Main), of Palm Springs, Calif., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 11:07 a.m., a 5-pound, 1-ounce boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baker, of Palm Springs.

BRYANT, Carl and Phyllis (Smith), of Ogilthorpe, Tenn., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 7:34 p.m., a 7-pound, 7-ounce boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bryant, of Ogilthorpe.

MATHEWS, Donald and Alela (Clark), of Visalia, Calif., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 8:57 a.m., a 7-pound, 14-ounce girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Matheus, of Visalia.

OVERMAN, David and Jeannene (Barker), of Oroville, Wash., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 4:34 p.m., a 9-pound, 1-ounce girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. David Overman, of Oroville.

REECE, Joe and Joyce (McGill), of Huntington Beach, Calif., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 11:14 a.m., a 6-pound, 6-ounce boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Reece, of Huntington Beach.

SEYMOUR, Terry and Diana (Sermo), of Solvang, Calif., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 7:30 a.m., a 9-pound, 1-ounce girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Seymour, of Solvang.

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RUSSELL, William and Davina (Simpson), of Poland, Me., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 22 at 3:49 p.m., a 8-pound, 6-ounce girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, of Poland.

WEBSTER, Roger and Patricia (Peters), of Kansas City, Mo., were welcomed into the world on Aug. 23 at 8:19 a.m., a 7-pound, 1-ounce girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Webster, of Kansas City.

Outouaries

AMARILLO, Tex. — Allen Mann, 41, a miner in Coal's Church, died Sept. 23 after suffering heart failure (see "Update," page 12). Funeral services were in Storm Lake, Iowa, Bryan House, pastor of the Kansas City, Mo., church, officiated.

Mr. Mann was survived by his wife, Mabel; their daughters, Donna Mann, 30, three sons, Nathan, 7; and Daniel, 15; and one granddaughter.

CLOVIS, Calif. — Graveyard services were held for Joseph Bernet, 79, a longtime resident of Upper Merion, Pa., who died Sept. 19. The services were held at the Upper Merion Memorial Gardens, Upper Merion, Pa.

JOSEPH BARNES

Mail your announcements to: Announcements, The Good News, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A.
AMARILLO, Tex. — Allen Manteufel, 83, a longtime minister of the Church, died Sept. 23 following an 11-day coma that was the result of heart failure (see “Update,” GN, Sept. 25). Funeral services for Mr. Manteufel were at the Sunset Funeral Home in Stockdale, Texas, Sept. 27. Bryan Hoyt, pastor of the Kansas City (Mo.) North church, officiated.

Mr. Manteufel was ordained a preaching elder by Herbert W. Armstrong following graduation from Ambassador College in 1956. He was assigned at that time to serve in the Corpus Christi, Tex., church. In 1960 he was transferred to the Wichita, Kan., church. After that he pastored churches in Chicago, Ill. (1962 to 1969), and Demore, Mich. (1969 to 1971). In 1971 he became the Ambassador College faculty in Big Sandy, Texas, as an instructor in history. Upon the closure of the Big Sandy campus in 1977, he relocated and was serving in the Dallas City area according to the Ministerial Services Department in Pasadena.

Mr. Manteufel is survived by his wife, Sandra; a daughter, Dorothy; two sons, Nathan, 15, and Daniel, 15; and one granddaughter. Cards can be sent to Mrs. Manteufel at 1915 Gulfcrest, Apt. 116, Longview, Texas, 75601.

VANCOUVER, B.C. — Patricia Ann Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wayne Cole of Pasadena, was married to Howard Davis, son of Howard C. Davis of Grand Rapids, Minn., Aug. 16 in the International House on the campus of the University of British Columbia here. The bride's father, who also gave the bride away, performed the ceremony attended by more than 300 relatives, friends and business associates.

The bride was attended by Kay Strayer of Vancouver as maid of honor; Jody Dannon of Seattle, Wash., and Huud Johnson and Marty Johnson, both of Grand Rapids, as bridesmaids. The groom's best man was Norman Strayer of Vancouver. Other attendants of the groom were Randall Cole of Pasadena, and Glen Davis and Matthew Wilson.

The groom attended the University of Minnesota prior to attending Ambassador College from which he graduated in 1972. The couple will reside in Seattle where Mr. Davis is executive vice president of the Wil- lacean Development Corp. and on the board of directors of Cavoac Engineering Inc. The bride resides as assistant to the managing director of Southwestern British Columbia Tourist Association and will be seeking a new position.

The wedding was an especially memorable occasion for the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Twenty-Five-year after the wedding party, previously on Aug. 16, 1953. Mrs. Cole (formerly Darce Lee Allen) walked to an altar in the lower gardens of Ambassador College on