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College Atmosphere at Ambassador

by Rod Meredith

Just what does the day-to-day life of a student at Ambassador College consist of? Are the students here so religious-minded that they have no time for recreation and fun? What is the outlook for an incoming student at Ambassador College?

In the following paragraphs I, Rod Meredith, third-year student at Ambassador, will try to give all interested readers a completely frank idea of how the college "atmosphere" here at Ambassador stacks up to me.

Typical Collegiate Skepticism

Two years ago I was a freshman student at my home-town junior college in the medium-sized midwest city where I had grown up. I was active in student affairs and had been all through high school where I had excelled in such sports as track, football and boxing.

But now I was in college taking a philosophy course and becoming skeptical of the world as a whole.

Yet I was somewhat interested in religion, and had been encouraged by my uncle to listen to "The World Tomorrow" program over XEG. I found that Mr. Armstrong's sermons made my place in the world seem more real than the abstract philosophies I had been studying. He made God seem more definite and genuine to me than the idealistic speculations and political nonsense I heard in the big Protestant church I was attending.

God had always seemed real to me because my parents had taught me to pray when I was a small child. But, as I pored over my philosophy books, disturbing thoughts came into my mind. I earnestly desired to find out—some

way, some how—what life was really all about.

Then I Came to Ambassador

During the next summer a series of circumstances together with a letter of encouragement from my uncle made me determine to come to Ambassador College.

Immediately I began to wonder, "What will my friends think?" Most of them had gone, or would go, to the nearby state university. I had planned to do the same.

At Ambassador I would probably miss a lot of college life,—or would I? I asked myself if the students out there would be like the "Bible college students" I had known in the past. Would they all be either "sissies" or "intellectuals?" Were they a lot of timid people just hiding behind their Bibles, or did they live a full and purposeful life? I wondered—

After I came to Ambassador these questions began to clear up—and how happily!

Because of the small student enrollment that year, I was thrown into intimate contact with every other student. Most of the men students lived on the third floor of "Mayfair," our wonderful student residence.

I had the privilege of rooming with Herman Hoeh, then in his junior year at Ambassador. I found him to be a brilliant student, but also the kind of guy you like to be around. There were a lot of other fellows like that, too. Some of the other students had been on athletic teams, and one of the other new students and I enjoyed telling one another about our "mighty deeds" in the boxing ring.

And, as in every dormitory, we had

some "practical jokers" around. Yes, most of us were still "green" in Bible understanding. But beside our desire for fun and laughter, we all had a serious purpose in coming to Ambassador.

"Pretty Nice, After All"

We let the older students sort of set the pace around the campus. We newer students were inclined to waste a lot of our time at first, but we soon learned that we would have to keep busy in order to make the grade here at Ambassador. I found the courses here were more "rugged" than in college at home. This was partly because of the small size of the classes, the daily personalized instruction, and consequently the necessity of preparing one's lessons for each class.

The academic standards at Ambassador are maintained at a high level, and every professor is of unusual calibre. But I soon discovered another unique thing about our faculty; every professor has a "heart." I began thinking that college life here was pretty nice after all.

The course in Bible under Mr. Armstrong was of primary interest to me that first year. The class was somewhat informal, and all the students really got to know Mr. Armstrong. Also, we were able to discuss freely what the Bible itself said about various points—and not be contradicted by a lot of man-made teachings.

It was a pleasure to know that we could accept the plain, simple statements out of the Bible. We went into a study of the theory of evolution in class, and learned BOTH sides of the question. After studying the TRUE Bible story of

creation, and then reading and discussing the theory of evolution, we agreed unanimously with the apostle Paul when he warned Timothy to avoid the "vain babblings and oppositions of science falsely so-called" (I Tim. 6:20).

The new students soon found that Mr. Armstrong was neither a wild-eyed reformer, nor a sanctimonious person. He is a profound student of the Bible and a man of action. He strives to be a "doer" of the law, and not a hearer only. He believes in serving God and his fellow man with all of his might and strength—and not being sanctimonious about it, but wearing a smile whenever possible.

Indeed, this is the attitude of the church and college here in Pasadena. We try to give God the credit for what is accomplished, though, because we know that it is the power of God's Holy Spirit which enables his servants to perform the great work that must be done.

Life at Mayfair

Our life at Mayfair was a lot different last year than it is now. Since there was only one girl student, Betty Bates, the boys all cooked their meals in a separate kitchen that year. Betty ate with Mrs. Mann, our "house mother." We had a lot of fun at mealtime, and fixed some marvelous "concoctions" to eat. We tried to buy health foods, though, and seemed to get along well. Paul Smith from Louisiana was our chief cook and turned out to be a good one.

All the students were working their way through school, so we had to keep busy in order to work, study, wash dishes, eat and sleep. We all worked around the grounds here at Mayfair or at the college doing such jobs as painting, trimming trees, transplanting trees and bushes, and cleaning up the grounds and buildings. Most of the fellows have come from farms, so we had a lot of fun seeing what the "farm boys" could do and what they liked as compared with the "city boys."

Why We're Here

Once I got adjusted to my new environment, I began to realize more than ever that all the students were here for an underlying serious purpose. We all wanted to learn more about the Bible, and about the God who created us, and our relationship to Him.

We were all in dead earnest about this, yet we didn't want to "swallow" anything. So we studied and discussed the Bible and tried to grow in true Christian living; but we were careful not to go off the "deep end" on anything. Some of us were baptized early that fall. Others waited until later. No one was pressured or even asked why he didn't accept the truth, repent, accept

Christ as personal Saviour, and be baptized.

That is one unique thing about Ambassador College—everyone is recognized and respected as a free moral agent and allowed to make his own decisions completely in such matters.

I was rather skeptical at first and wanted to "check up" on Mr. Armstrong, and the work and college. But I soon learned by the "fruits" that this institution is wholly dedicated to Almighty God, and although human errors are sometimes made, they are admitted and corrected whenever they are discovered. I also learned that this work is based upon the Word of God and is not subject to the error of modern "churchianity." I was baptized in December.

Older Students' Example

In the meantime, the older students had been setting a wonderful example for the newcomers.

They put into practice the principles of Christian living, day in and day out. They were diligent students of the Bible, and were glad to discuss Bible subjects with us. Also, we began to realize that they were keeping close to God in prayer.

Following Christ's example, they made no effort to pray openly. Rather, it was a very private affair. Sometimes we newer students would waken in the very early morning to find our roommates gone for no apparent reason. Often I would accidentally see some student emerging from an empty closet or store-room. Nothing was ever said, but I knew that they had an intimate relationship with God which I lacked.

Their example helped me a lot, and I am sure it helped others. This article may make some of our students self-conscious for a little while, but I want to give you co-workers a really intimate knowledge of them. I am proud of Ambassador College and of our student body, and I know you will be when you learn more about them.

This year we have even more students—especially girl students. Because of the larger student body, we have more rules and regulations to observe, but we also have more advantages.

Our eating habits are uniform now. Mrs. Wallace, our health-food cook, prepares delicious meals which we all eat in the Mayfair dining room. A special course has been introduced under the direction of Dr. Ralph E. Merrill in which the students are taught more about the right kinds of food to eat. We have also had a comprehensive course under Mr. Armstrong giving us God's viewpoint on sex and the marriage relationship as well as the best scientific information available on this subject.

Social Life

In the athletic sphere, we have had many unusual advantages. We have a weekly swimming class at the Y.W.C.A. which has provided a great source of interest and enjoyment.

At the college we have facilities for volleyball, badminton, tennis, and table tennis available to our physical education class and all interested students. We sometimes take trips to the mountains and go on hikes which are always a great deal of fun. During the winter season a special trip was made into the snow-country near Mount Wilson and we went tobogganing and had snowball fights.

We have had several parties this year and one of the most enjoyable was a "childhood party" sponsored by the girls. During the evening, we had a taffy-pull, popped popcorn and enjoyed various stunts and games.

Our student council is the source of many social occasions. One outstanding recent event was a "beach party" where we went swimming or hiking, built a bonfire and roasted all-beef wieners.

One regular college function is a bi-weekly educational movie as selected for the college by an educational film bureau. All of these activities help develop poise and personality, and are an integral part of a student's training here at Ambassador.

Although these are only some of the aspects of students' life, I hope this article will give you a good picture of our college activities.

As a comparatively new student myself, I would like to say to all prospective students: If you like good, clean fun, if you aren't afraid of work, and if you're sincerely interested in learning about the Bible and about the God who made you, if you earnestly want a good education, then be sure to come to Ambassador College next fall.

Don't try to compare Ambassador with other colleges. It can't be done. They may have more buildings and equipment, but you'll get more personal instruction here. Most important, though, this is the *ONLY* college where *God's way of life* is taught and practiced.

In regard to you personally: If you're not a brilliant student, don't be alarmed. None of us are geniuses, either! As to finances, save what you can, but remember that we are all working our way through school.

If you have personal questions about the college, be sure and write to Mr. Armstrong, Box 111, Pasadena. Or, if you wish, write to me or to any of our students at 182 South Orange Grove in Pasadena.

If you're really interested, then by all means come to Ambassador next year. You'll always be glad you did!

HOW TO OBSERVE THE SABBATH

Here are the answers to your most perplexing questions! Should we prepare meals on the Sabbath? Is it a violation of God's law to travel, to care for live-stock, or to harvest crops on the Seventh Day? Does God require us to attend Church? Or, again, is it a transgression of God's law to seek our own pleasure on that day?

by Raymond Cole

FIRST, what purpose did God have in creating the Sabbath? Was it for the benefit of *all* mankind? Or, was it made for one small nation, Israel, *only*?

Christ has given the answer by saying that *the Sabbath was made for MAN*. It was intended for the good of all mankind. And rightly so, for the law explicitly tells us that it is a day of rest—a day on which we cease from all our labors, and worship God. It is a holy convocation, commanded to be observed throughout all generations, *forever!*

Preparation of Meals

God says in Leviticus 23:2-3, "Concerning the festivals of the ETERNAL, which ye shall proclaim to be *holy convocations*, even these are my festivals. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of REST, an HOLY CONVOCATION; ye shall do NO WORK therein; it is the Sabbath of the ETERNAL in all your dwellings,"—A festival is a time of great enjoyment—of good fellowship and rejoicing—a time when we may have the best food to eat.

No work—labor of earning a livelihood—is to be done on the Sabbath! Then, how and when are you going to prepare your Sabbath meals? Turn, now, to Exodus 16, beginning with the 22nd verse: "And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for one man: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the Lord hath said, tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the Lord: BAKE that which ye will bake today (Friday), and seethe (to stew or boil) that ye will seethe; and that which remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning."

Friday is the day of preparation for the Sabbath. Baking, broiling, stewing; and other methods of cooking, which require time and work, are to be done then. On the Sabbath—a day of REST, you may enjoy your meals, *which can be warmed up without the usual time-consuming work required in preparation.*

Again, Christ and His disciples were walking through corn fields on the Sab-

bath. The Disciples, being hungry, plucked ears of corn to eat. When the Pharisees saw it, they were critical of Christ saying, "behold thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath day." (Matt. 12:1-3.)

Jesus' answer found in Matt. 12:3-6 shows that it is permissible to obtain food to eat on the Sabbath. Christ knew how the Sabbath should be observed. Jesus said nothing to the disciples but did rebuke strongly the Pharisees saying, "But if ye had known what this meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, YE WOULD NOT HAVE CONDEMNED THE GUILTLESS. Matt. 12:7. The disciples were not transgressing the law of God when eating on the Sabbath. They were merely violating the traditions of the elders.

Many will ask, "May I kindle a fire on the Sabbath? This question, of course, is quite natural. How could you warm your meals if you had no fire?"

The law against kindling a fire in Exodus 35:3 is *not* to prohibit any fire whatever. Rather it is to prevent unnecessary work in preparing and cooking meals on the Sabbath. Clarke's Commentary, Vol. I, page 479, states: "The Jews understand this precept as forbidding the kindling of fire *only* for the purpose of *doing work or dressing victuals*; but to give them *light and heat*, they judge it lawful to light a fire on the Sabbath day.

The Critical and Experimental Commentary, Vol. I, page 419, explains: The Sabbath was not a fast day. The Israelites cooked their victuals on that day, for which, of course, a fire would be necessary; and this view of the institution is supported by the conduct of our Lord (Luke 14:1). But in early times the Israelites, while sojourning in the wilderness and subsisting on manna, received a double supply on the sixth day, which they cooked also on that day (Ex. 16:23), so that a fire for culinary purposes was entirely unnecessary on the Sabbath day. As the kindling of a fire, therefore, could only be for secular purposes, the insertion of the prohibition in connection with the work of the tabernacle makes it highly probable that it was intended chiefly for the mechanics who were to be employed in the erection; and . . . it was abso-

lutely forbidden to kindle any fire for the sharpening of tools, for the melting of metals, or any other material purpose bearing on the sanctuary."

Hence, according to the spirit of the law—which makes the Sabbath a delight—it would not be wrong to heat previously prepared meals or to warm the home in wintery weather.

Care for Cattle

What about feeding livestock, milking cows, etc.? Jesus taught: "Doth not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? And ought not this woman . . . be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"

Here Jesus was showing His critics that inasmuch as *it did not break the Sabbath* to water and care for livestock, people also ought to be healed on the Sabbath. Stock must be fed on the Sabbath. Cows must be milked. So long as you are not required to take care of these duties on too large a scale, it definitely is no transgression of God's law.

However, when a man runs a dairy requiring the milking of so many cows as to fill the Sabbath day with labor the same as week-days, then perhaps he should change his line of business to one which permits him, and his hired help, to *rest* on the Sabbath.

A brother near Eugene, Oregon, raised turkeys. He ground and mixed his own feed. In late summer and early fall this became a full day's labor. He solved his problem by grinding and setting aside a one-sixth over-supply on each of the six week-days. When the Sabbath came he had the day's feed already prepared.

Christ implied that if a sheep, ox, or an ass falls into a pit on the Sabbath, it is right to lift it out. (Luke 14:5.) *But*—Sabbath "emergency" is a genuine EMERGENCY, not an excuse to break the Sabbath. *BUT*—If our material duties begin to replace our Sabbath observance, we must reduce them and put the kingdom of God first.

SHOULD WE ATTEND CHURCH ON THE SABBATH?

Let us turn back to Leviticus 23:2 for just a moment. "Six days shall work be

done but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an *holy convocation*." A convocation is an act of calling or assembling by summons, an assembly or meeting of persons convoked. Thus, the Sabbath is a time when God summons or commands His people to assemble together. A summons for convocation is not a call pleading you to come if you wish. It is a command from God for you to be assembled before Him on the Sabbath.

Many of you are alone in a community of unbelievers and cannot assemble with true brethren. God realizes the circumstance which prevents your meeting with the brethren. But God has not left you without fellowship in that He has the message come by the WORLD TOMORROW broadcast—not only into your home every night, but also into the homes of thousands of others. Indirectly then, you are in the largest religious fellowship gathered to hear God's word.

Doing Good on the Sabbath

Is it lawful to do good on the Sabbath?—healing and visiting the sick, helping the widows and fatherless, or visiting the oppressed? Christ was asked this question by the Pharisees. He answered them very curtly, saying, "It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath." (Matt. 12:12.) Jesus did these things on the Sabbath. Again, Christ in Luke 6:9, accused the Pharisees of automatically destroying life or doing evil by not doing good on the Seventh Day. Thus, a Sabbath duty where possible is to entreat others kindly.

Many times the Pharisees and Sadducees accused Jesus of breaking the Sabbath. He never broke it, but denounced the traditions of the elders. These traditions began from the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. The Jewish Rabbis had legislated many regulations for the observance of the Sabbath. They had been forced into captivity once because of profaning God's Holy Days. As a result, they were determined not to let this happen again. Due to these conditions, Christ devoted a great part of His earthly ministry to showing the intended purpose of the Sabbath by liberating it from human restrictions.

Pleasures on the Sabbath

Is the Sabbath a day of darkness and gloom? Or, is it a day of delight, happiness, and godly pleasure?

We are to honor God on that Day. Our own ways are to be repressed on the Sabbath as on every day. Pleasures, such as going to a baseball game, football game or going for an automobile ride, are not to be done on the Sabbath. It was created a day on which God is to be foremost in our minds—doing service

which is an honor to Him. Our conversation is to be of a godly nature, not of the matters of livelihood or business. Read Isa. 58:13-14.

God says that if we cease to violate His law, He will cause us (to ride upon the high places of the earth). And, He will feed us with the heritage of Jacob our father. The Sabbath is, then, a day of utmost joy and happiness.

In conclusion, let us say as David did, "Oh how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep thy word. I have not departed from thy judgments: for thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way."

HOLIDAY CALENDAR OMISSION.

The Feast of Trumpets should have been included in the April Good News. This annual Sabbath occurs October 1st.

Choosing Your Tools

by Burk McNair

Are you a carpenter?

You say you're not?

But you really are!

Every day you are using tools to build a house—God's building! (1 Cor. 3:9.) As you haven't thought you were a carpenter, probably you don't know what tools you are using in your construction for God.

What carpenter would use a post mail for a hammer, or a tooth pick in place of a ten penny nail? Sounds foolish, doesn't it? But maybe you are doing just such a thing in your carpentry.

Perhaps your instruments are like those of most Americans. You won't mind if we look into your workshop, will you, to see what tools you have been using?

Like most of your neighbors, I see you acquired your tools from "just anywhere" when you were young. What's this I stumbled on as I opened your workshop door?—discouragement? Of all things! look what is lying next to it—carelessness! And right in the middle on the top of your workbench is distrust.

Say, how do you ever get around in this disorderly shop, anyway? And do you mean to tell me you have been using these which are hanging on that wall there?—pride, lying, hate, lust, deceit, envy.

Do you believe you can build a house with these tools? What is the One who hired you to build the house going to say when He comes to see the work you have done?

What's that under that old dusty canvas in the back of your shop?

Oh, tools you've never used? Some you never learned to use?

You mean you have been using those cheap tools all this time and allowing these valuable ones here to collect dust and cobwebs? Here is love, patience, kindness, gentleness, industriousness, zeal and suffering.

Having hastily scanned your shop, may I see the home you are building?

Not right now. Why?

Oh, everything has gone wrong! "My wife," you say, "is perturbed at my carelessness when I smoke and let ashes fall on the carpet. And I get so angry for her running off to some party. I have about decided to move from this location—I can't seem to make a go of anything; it is all so discouraging!"

So that's the house you have made to be lived in! If you don't want me to come in, what ARE YOU GOING TO SAY when God comes to see what you have been building for Him?

You just haven't thought of that?

THEN IT IS HIGH TIME TO THINK!

Perhaps this has not been you after all. But if it has, it is no wonder you have met with failure, unhappiness and mental worries. You had better use the equipment God gave you when He called you to work for Him instead of what you have always been using.

On conversion, your divine Employer made possible every tool you need to build Him a house, which is your own character. If you would immediately call Him up in prayer and ask Him in faith, you will not only be given the very tools you need, but you can acquire the knowledge of how to put them to use by the study of His instructions and blueprints, the Scripture.

Galatians 5:19-23 tells a little more about these tools to fashion our building. For using the set that comes with the flesh and a carnal mind, we will be fired from our job, put out of the Kingdom. And there won't be any union of denominational clergymen sitting as a board to tell God your work is good. But if you use God's tools, the fruit of His Holy Spirit, then you won't feel ashamed to invite your Employer into your house. He will even make you His son in the very house you built.

Pagan Holidays—or God's Holydays—Which ?

Was the New Testament Church founded on Sunday? What is the real meaning of Pentecost, and why have the churches lost it?

by Herbert W. Armstrong
Continued from April number

IS THIS the *only* "day of salvation?" The worldly churches teach that all who die unsaved, or do not "get saved" before the second coming of Christ can never thereafter receive salvation.

They assume there is a great contest in progress between Christ and Satan. They believe Christ came to save the world, and all these churches in the world are His churches, through which He is desperately trying to "get the world saved."

On the other hand, the clever, deceptive devil is doing all he can to prevent people from being "saved." And they seem to believe there is a time-limit on the contest.

We are now near the time for the second coming of Christ, but when Christ returns to earth *in Person* He will find Himself helpless—utterly unable to save the world from Satan's clutch—because then "it will be too late." "Probation will be closed," as one denomination expresses it.

This paganized teaching represents Satan as far more powerful than God.

The Answer Revealed

The New Testament Church of God did not start on Sunday. But it did start on the *annual* Sabbath-day called "Pentecost," or "Feast of First Fruits," also called the "Feast of Weeks."

The New Testament Church continued, year after year, to keep this annual Sabbath, *Pentecost*, as we shall show.

And God gave this festival to His people in order to reveal, and keep them continually informed, that the present dispensation is only *the first, preliminary* "harvest of souls."

As already explained, God's purpose in giving His Church His annual holydays was to keep His children constantly in true understanding of God's great PLAN.

To accomplish this, God took the yearly *material* harvest seasons as the picture of the *spiritual* harvest of souls.

In Palestine there are *two* annual harvests. First, produced by the early rain, is the spring grain harvest. Second, produced by the "latter rain," comes the

main harvest—the much greater fall harvest. God intended His holydays to picture to *His* Church repeatedly year by year the fact that only those He Himself *calls* during this age can become His begotten children *now!* And they are merely the *first-fruits* of the great spiritual harvest!

The Wave-Sheaf

But let us continue the central passage which summarizes all the holydays—Leviticus 23.

Here we find *all* of God's festivals, proclaimed holy convocations, in the one chapter. First is the *weekly* convocation-day, the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week. Then, beginning verse 4, follow a listing of the *annual* festivals, also *commanded* assemblies, "which ye shall proclaim *in their seasons*."

First of these is the Passover, followed by the days of unleavened bread with the two annual Sabbaths. Beginning verse 9, we find instructions for the wave-sheaf offering.

The Israelites were not allowed to harvest any of the early grain crop until this day (verse 14). Then, on the day following the weekly Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread, in a solemn ceremony of the Levitical priesthood (the rituals were mere substitutes and therefore not practised today) the first sheaf of grain was cut and brought to the priest. The priest solemnly waved it before the Eternal to be accepted for them.

This pictures the *resurrected* Christ being accepted of God as the very *first* human to be actually *born* of God—the first fruits of the first harvest of souls! (John 20:17; I Cor. 15:20, 23; Rom. 8:29; Col. 1:15, 18). This fulfillment of the wave-sheaf offering actually occurred on Sunday, the morrow after the Sabbath during the days of unleavened bread.

How to Figure Pentecost

Next comes Pentecost. The word "Pentecost" is a Greek word, used in the New Testament, but not in the Old. It signifies "fifty," or, literally, "count fifty." In the Old Testament this feast is called "Feast of Firstfruits," and "Feast

of Weeks."

Notice the plain instruction beginning verse 15: "And you shall *count* unto you *from* the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven WEEKS shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh WEEK shall ye *number fifty days*." And that *fiftieth day* is PENTECOST!

"... And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, that it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work therein: it shall be a STATUTE FOREVER in all your dwellings *throughout your generations*." (Verse 21).

All other holydays or festivals come on definite days of definite months. But this one annual Sabbath must be determined by COUNTING. It is very simple and plain. Any child should be able to start numbering *from* a definite day and count fifty. Yet there are three little simple points which seem to confuse some few people so that they observe the wrong day.

It is of very grave importance we figure the right day. This day, and this only, is made HOLY by the Eternal Creator. Suppose at the time the Church of God was founded the Apostles had mis-counted, and "When the day of pentecost was fully come," (Acts 2:1) they, instead of being all *with one accord* in one place were in discord, some having observed the day preceding, and some waiting until the following day!

Three Errors

The first of these three errors is figuring from the day after the first *annual* Sabbath. The erring Pharisees figured that way. But the wave-sheaf was waved on the morrow after *the* Sabbath—the weekly Sabbath. Christ fulfilled that which it pictured on the day after the *weekly* Sabbath. So we always start by counting fifty days *from* a Sunday.

The second mistake made by some is in counting seven *Saturdays* instead of seven WEEKS. As Moses wrote this in Hebrew, the word "*Shabbawth*" was used. This Hebrew word has more than one meaning. It means "seven," and "week"

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as well as rest, and "the Sabbath" or seventh day of the week. Like the English words, "saw," and "bear," it has more than one meaning. Therefore we must put *other* Scriptures together with this to let the Bible itself tell us which meaning is intended.

In eight places in the New Testament this same Hebrew word was used in the original writing to indicate the word "week," as in Mat. 28:1. In Deut. 16:9 we find another instruction for counting this day of Pentecost. Here, a different Hebrew word was written by Moses—"shabua"—which *never* means the weekly Sabbath, but *always* means "week." It says "Seven WEEKS shalt thou number unto thee; begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the Feast of WEEKS." Also Num. 28:26—same Hebrew word. Pentecost is the day *after* these seven WEEKS—"after your weeks be out," and not the last day of those weeks. In Ex. 34, the very NAME of the Festival is Feast of WEEKS. Not feast of "Saturdays." The Moffatt and other translations translate Ex. 23:15 "seven WEEKS shall be complete." In view of these other Scriptures it *cannot* mean anything else, though in the King James translation the word "sabbaths" was used. But the word "sabbath" is merely the English spelling of this Hebrew word which means WEEKS.

Counting FROM

Now if on a given Sunday some friend arranges to go fishing or hunting with you "one week from today," you certainly would meet that friend on the next Sunday. In counting *from* one Sabbath to another, we count seven days. And the first of those days counting *from* a Sabbath is Sunday, the second Monday, and so on until the seventh day from Sabbath is the next Saturday.

This brings us to the third error. Some start counting fifty days *from* the Sunday after the weekly Sabbath of unleavened-bread week, by numbering the very day they count *from* as "Number one," and then come out with Pentecost on a Sunday.

There are TWO ways to count "Pentecost." First, count seven WEEKS from the particular Sunday following the weekly Sabbath in unleavened-bread week, which brings you to the seventh SUNDAY, and then count even to the morrow *after* that seventh week, and you will correctly figure Pentecost to come on MONDAY.

Second, count FIFTY DAYS *from* this same Sunday, and that fiftieth day is Pentecost. It is very simple. One day from Sunday is Monday. Two days from Sunday is Tuesday. And so on until you count *fifty* days from Sunday is Monday.

The simple little word "*from*" means, according to Webster's dictionary, "away out of." The day you count as number

one day *from* Sunday is the very first day that is "*away out of*" Sunday. You cannot number Sunday as the first day from Sunday, because it is not away from it or out of it, but still in it. A carpenter who would count two feet *from* a house would certainly never set his mark two feet *into* the house. The word "*from*" never means "*into*" but exactly the opposite.

Some people get mixed up by saying "A person going *from* Portland to Los Angeles came *from* Oregon to California," and they measure the miles from Portland. They measure the distance clear across Oregon, by beginning at the far end and measuring INTO Oregon instead of away out of Oregon. I would ask such people to measure a distance of 122 miles from Oregon. The way they count, they would measure 122 miles south from Portland, and arrive at Eugene, and say that Eugene is 122 miles from Oregon! Suppose it were exactly 300 miles across Oregon from north to south. Such ridiculous figuring would count that a person standing exactly on the Oregon-California border was 300 miles from Oregon!

Jubilee Settles It

One person brought up the expression "from head to foot." But this is a contraction of the original saying, "from the top of the head to the bottom of the feet." In this case these additional words are understood. Otherwise, in measuring *from* the head toward the foot one would start measuring from the bottom of the head.

But the counting of the JUBILEE YEAR settles the matter. God's entire PLAN is a sabbatical plan. There were the seven days of creation—six of creation by *work*, and the seventh by *rest*. God's PLAN runs seven thousand years. There are seven annual Sabbaths. There was a sabbatical YEAR—every seventh YEAR. To count the Jubilee year, they began counting *from*, (not *into* but *from*) the preceding Jubilee. Seven years from this year was the first Sabbatical Year. Seven of these Sabbatical years were counted. Then the very *next* year AFTER the seventh Sabbatical year—the FIFTIETH year—was Jubilee. Counting to the next Jubilee they never counted that Jubilee year as number one—but the year *following* it, or one year *from* it was number one. That is the way to count PENTECOST. It's ALWAYS on a MONDAY!

Meaning of Pentecost

Passover symbolized Christ's sacrifice for the remission of our sins, and the days of unleavened bread the putting away of sin. Pentecost pictures the *first* part of the Spiritual harvest—the calling

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RADIO LOG

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ON THE CAMPUS

FOLLOWING are articles written by students on student activities. The purpose of this entire section will be to give you the story of our jam-packed lives on the campus. We hope you won't mind if we occasionally poke a little fun at ourselves—striving human beings are always funny—and no matter how serious minded, our frailties wink. (We don't think there is anyone here who would claim to be the acme of perfection.) —thanks! Criticism and suggestions welcomed The Campus Editor

Swimming Class Is Fun

by Calvin H. Allen

Wednesday is a busy day at Ambassador College, but not too busy for the Physical Education Class to go to a swimming pool for an hour of relaxation, learning and fun in the afternoon.

As the time approaches to go, the rush for bathing suits, towels and shampoo becomes quite rapid. Then suddenly Mayfair, the student dormitory, is left silent.

Upon arrival at the pool, we line up to present our physical examination cards like women in front of a department store having a sale of nylon hose. Entering the shower rooms for a soap shower, laughing and talking, one suddenly discovers all the stalls occupied by others of our group. With this delay, we have just enough time to get soaped very well when a voice calls from the pool "in!"

Quickly the boys fall in line like proverbial football fans for tickets to the New Year's game at the Rose Bowl.

With the boys coming in on one end of the pool and the girls on the other, we pause slightly for foot inspection, then with a splash—we have surprised expressions on our faces because the pool still has water in it.

The melodious voice of the instructor soon calls out, "Everyone down to this end of the pool, please. Line up along this wall—shoulders to the wall and with a scissors kick 1-2, 1-2."

After switching from one stroke to another and from one kick to another for about thirty minutes, we are urged to go to the deeper end of the pool. This is a simple test to determine if everyone is capable of swimming the length of the pool on his back.

With feet against the wall in order to start off with a back float, we follow the instructor who says with a commanding voice, "Everyone go!"

We get started well when our neighbor beside us sends a small wave over our face just as we are in the midst of taking a long breath. Hurling the water into the air like a submerging hippo, we must turn over, drain the water from our noses and get set for a new start.

After we have finally succeeded in the task of swimming the length of the pool on our backs (there are other strokes we are learning too), the hour is swiftly coming to an end.

The instructor tells us we have about ten more minutes to play or practice if we wish. This ten minutes passes away like ice water at a picnic on the Fourth of July.

Then the routine must be retracked through the showers and dressing room. We check in keys at the desk and bid the courteous ladies, with a thanks, "so-long" until next week.

One thing we fellows learned in addition to swimming, the girls do not like us to see their hair when it is not as curly and beautiful as it normally appears the morning after a night's work of putting it on rollers. Of course, it is usually denied, but at the dining table on swimming evenings, the bandanas deprive us of the sight of their hair!

Touring Huntington Gardens

by Isabell Kunkel

Since the fine weather arrived this spring, Mr. Elliott, our physical education instructor, has been taking us to places where we may enjoy mental as well as physical recreation. It was almost time for this class on Tuesday, May 8, when one of the students gaily notified us that today we were going to visit the Henry E. Huntington Library and Art Gallery in San Marino!

This sounded good to us. Our interest had already been aroused earlier in the day by the colored slides showing some of the things to be seen there.

After the members of the class had divided their numbers comfortably between Dick Armstrong's car and that of Mr. Elliott, we drove south of the college several blocks and then east down California Street.

Turning into the wide gate, we drove down a short drive and parked in the parking lot. Some of the licenses revealed that some people had traveled great distances to see this place.

At one end of this parking lot was a large round flower bed in which poppies and pansies were blooming abundantly. A short distance to the west of this bed a low stucco building was approached by several steps. Here a man in a black uniform gave each of us a card. These requested us to sign our names, which we did, though for what purpose we never did discover.

Directly north of the wide sidewalk which leads west of this building into the grounds, is the large stone structure which houses the collection of rare books and manuscripts and letters. Farther down, another building similar to the first can be seen. This light gray stone mansion contains the famous paintings and rare old furniture and chinaware. Since our time was limited, we did not inspect these attractions.

We centered our attention on the different gardens and specimens which are a major feature of the estate. The two buildings just mentioned are located on an eminence which slopes sharply to the south and west. On top, around the museums are wide green lawns bordered with various flowers, but on the slope and along the small stream which winds around its base, trees of all kinds are growing. From here, we could see the misty blue hills far to the south.

We were inclined to loiter at each new exhibit, "ooing" and "aahing" at each colorful and unfamiliar plant or scene. Occasionally, our instructor reminded us politely that we would have to step faster if we wished to see more. A label had been placed near each plant or group of plants in the gardens which was helpful to anyone particularly interested in such things.

There are many varieties of camellias and rhododendrons growing in a bed north of the art gallery. The candelabra-like lavender pink blooms of the rhododendrons were especially striking.

Southwest of the art gallery we found the rose gardens and arbor which was clothed with clock vine and wistaria. The fragrance of the pendant pale lavender wistaria blooms was simply enchanting.

Below here was the Oriental Garden. Since it was time to retrace our steps, we

only caught a glimpse of it with its arched bridges and exotic plants. Returning, we followed the brow of the slope. This offered us brief glimpses of the lily ponds, desert plant collection, and palm grove below.

Two hundred acres comprise the complete estate, but only fifty of these are open to the public for exhibition. The remainder are used for experimental purposes.

As we had entered the gate, we had been so eager to see what was inside, that little notice was given to the small building. Now we discovered that here small copies of the pictures that may be seen in the art gallery are offered for sale; also small booklets describing the various attractions of the estate.

As we returned to the college in the late afternoon, I do not believe there was one of us who did not wish we could have stayed longer, and who does not hope to return again to finish seeing what is there.

A Popular Sport at Ambassador

by Rod Meredith

One of the favorite forms of recreation here on the Ambassador College campus is table tennis. Most of the students play, and many are quite proficient at this sport. It is a convenient and exhilarating pastime between classes and studying, and provides a much-needed change of pace for our students and office staff.

We recently conducted our two annual table tennis tournaments—the student tournament and the open tournament, which is for the better student players and those of the office force.

Both tournaments included some very close and exciting matches. One of the best games in the student tournament was between the two older McNair brothers (there are three here now!) Marion and Raymond. Marion played a very good game and employed some unusual chops and cuts on the ball, but the steady playing of Raymond finally won out.

The final match was between Raymond and me. It, too, was a fairly close game. Although my slams and hard shots won many points, the calm persistent returns by Raymond eventually told the tale, and Raymond became the student champion.

Next came the open tournament. After some very hard-fought early matches, the tournament narrowed down to Raymond McNair, the student champion, and Mr. Vern Mattson, Business Manager and last year's open champion. Mr. Mattson plays a brilliant game, employing all kinds of cuts, chops and slams.

His colorful style of play always arouses the instant enthusiasm of the spectators. However, Raymond has developed a unique ability to return almost any kind of shot—no matter how deceptive the cut or how hard the drive.

This final match, with the two opposite styles of play, might be compared to the theoretical meeting of the irresistible force with the immovable body. After a colorful match, with every point being hard-fought, the immovable object "just wouldn't budge" and Raymond McNair became the open champion. The players congratulated each other, and those in the gallery complimented both players, because we all felt that we had seen some thrilling table tennis.

The Good News Comes Off the Press

by Charlene Glover

Ambassador College students visited the Pacific Press in Los Angeles to see the first issue of *The Good News Magazine* come off the press.

What we saw there is just part of the week's work—to turn out one and one-half million magazines, over a million newspapers and a half million booklets and folders.

Nationally known magazines, including *Life*, *Time*, *Quick*, and *Sunset*, are printed at this largest printing plant west of Chicago.

As we walked through the printing room, *Life* magazine was rolling from one of the giant rotary presses at an unbelievable rate of speed. When coming to the mailing room, we found the first copies of *Life* going through the automatic assembling line machinery, where they were mechanically assembled, stitched and trimmed, ready to come to the mailing machines which automatically address all subscription copies.

A month's printing at Pacific Press requires eighty-five thousand pounds of ink, seven and a half million pounds of paper and two million feet of wire.

Think of the time, money and effort put into the printing alone for one of these national magazines, which have so little of the real truth! Filled are pages with pictures of the wretchedness that prevails in every corner of the earth.

But the *Good News* reveals, to those whose understanding God has opened, the one and only right way of life for this age and for the world tomorrow!

How good it seemed to watch the *Good News* rolling, about 3 complete copies per second, off a smaller rotary press, all printed, folded and cut—ready to be brought to our office at Pasadena to be mailed to thousands who have been patiently waiting and hoping.

But the *Good News* didn't originate with us here. It is over nineteen hundred years old. Remember? Jesus published the *Good News* verbally, having received it directly from God.

We are just carrying out the work he started and commissioned us to complete, publishing in print the *Good News* he spoke. Doubtful it is if we realize the seriousness of the responsibility He has placed on our shoulders. With such puny human minds as we possess, how *could* we realize unless we acquire the mind of God (2 Tim.1:7; Phil.2:5).

God is providing *The Good News* for you readers many of whom are making its publication possible. Don't forget to give *Him* thanks and praise for it. We try to do so, for it is a privilege to be His representatives in writing His words to you.

Though it may not be possible to publish this magazine as often as you or we would wish, let's remember that God forsakes no one who trusts Him. We all should be living so close to God by obeying his commands, that no affliction, trial or trouble would discourage us. We should instead rejoice in that we are accounted worthy to go through a small portion of affliction or lack for the name of our King.

The publication of *The Good News* and that of *The Plain Truth* whenever possible will have to be the only channels since the broadcast has been removed from the air. We zealously want to do our part in keeping this magazine going—it looks so good to see it come off the press when we know the joy it will be bringing to some of you!

We can become weary and faint in our human strength, but the God who sits on the circle of the earth beholding us as grasshoppers, knows our every weakness and gives us power that increases strength.

Knowing that it is a great disappointment that the week-day broadcast has been suspended until September, we students will try to help Mr. Armstrong as much as possible so he can better carry on the work. Let us all pull together for the time *is coming* when there will be a famine of the words of the living God.

Seeing Mexico at Ambassador College

by Herman Hoeb

Three Tuesdays per month the faculty, students and sometimes the office staff of the College meet in assembly.

The first one for May, presented for us all by the faculty, and conducted this time by Mr. Walker, was unusual, colorful.

I'm sure most prospective college students
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Passover Held in Texas Just a Beginning

by Herman Hoeb

Something new was begun this year with the Passover season that ought to make us all take note and courage.

For the first time Mr. Armstrong sent one of the College students to hold the Passover service with church brethren in Gladewater, Texas. Though a small beginning, I know, having been the one sent there, what it is going to mean to the Church of God to have fellowship on these annual occasions. Since most of you were not there, I think you want to know exactly what God has begun among His people.

It occurred to Mr. Armstrong about five days before the Passover that services could be held in Texas for some of the many co-workers and church members we have in that state.

Like most accomplishments done by God through human agents, it started in very limited manner. There were not enough days to give adequate notice to those living far away and the need of assembling together on these annual occasions had not been stressed enough so that those notified would be *zealous* in their efforts to attend.

For several days, Mr. Armstrong spent hours, sometimes into the night, calling by long distance telephone those who might possibly have been able to attend. Everyone at the office and college was bubbling with enthusiasm to know that at last a way was being provided whereby listeners could assemble to take the Passover.

You brethren ought to know better how it feels to be alone on these days and on the Sabbaths. But if each of us will zealously serve God and pray to Him, these necessary growths of the church will be accomplished much sooner. How prophetic it is that some who were notified were overjoyed to hear of the meeting but *just couldn't come* due to the circumstances. When Jesus calls us to meet Him, will we be prepared to join him in his work or will there be circumstances in the way?

We hope that articles in this and following issues of the *Good News* on the annual Holy Days will reveal to everyone, God's purpose in these festive days for us. As it happened, with the exception of three brethren, everyone at the Passover service had come to the Feast of Tabernacles held in Oregon. So it is our responsibility to tell you brethren

who haven't heard how these days ought to be observed, just how necessary they are.

The meeting having been arranged for Thursday evening in Gladewater, Texas, I was honored with my first plane ride. Not only was this to be the beginning of greater things ahead for all of the church, but it surely was an educational privilege for me to travel through states in which I had never been before—I was a *foreigner* to Texans.

I do not know how many of you co-workers realize it, but *there are few if any colleges which give so much or mean so much to those students attending them*. All we students can do is to be thankful for the education and practical experience we are receiving for the service of God and then yield ourselves to His wishes as He reveals.

Perhaps some of you brethren have taken planes at one time or another. But it made me think, being up in the air for the first time, what great and marvellous inventions God foreknew when He ordained the natural laws that regulate this universe.

How little sense men have who misuse the great potentialities for good that lie in the vast realms of science! And to see the earth from 17,000 feet up! all cut into little squares for hay, vegetation and orchards.

Traveling from San Diego, California, to Dallas, over the barren wastes of our Southwest, naturally reminded me of the extensive wastes and deserts that cover the land, spots where men can't survive because of the sins of men who have corrupted the earth. But there will be a time when all these wastes will be dotted with pines, box elders, cedars, oak, roses, pastures, springs and streams and fountains when the Creator sends His Son to teach and to enforce the *right way* upon men everywhere (Isa. 41:18-20).

The world surely has shrunk since the days of Paul, for the trip from Los Angeles to Gladewater began Wednesday evening at ten thirty on the coast and ended at eight twenty the next morning. But with such a tremendous task ahead of us in carrying the Gospel to all the nations, these inventions are indispensable.

My plane landed at Longview after leaving Dallas. Here I was taken by my

host to Gladewater where we waited for the brethren to arrive. All were from Texas except two, one coming from Oklahoma City, and the other, the Mother of one of our students, from West Monroe, Louisiana.

Some stayed for the Passover only, but most remained for the night festival of Unleavened Bread and the Sabbath. It surely seemed wonderful to see those whom I have known from the annual fall festival, the Feast of Tabernacles. Because men have rejected God's ways without proof, they don't know what pleasures can be had at these occasions in which we are commanded to rejoice with the prosperity God has bestowed upon us. My one great regret is that this meeting could not have been held for the entire week. But as our vision grows we shall be able more fully to assemble as we ought.

The evening having arrived for the celebration of the Passover, an eternal institution nearly three and one-half milleniums old, we were all gathered in the home God chose for the purpose. With others, who, on this solemn evening, were celebrating it alone or with others of the same spirit, I am sure our hearts were joined as we approached before the presence of God to commemorate the death of His Son to pay the weighty penalties of our crimes.

Though we be but small in the millions of Israel, this initial assembling means *new life is being infused into the church*. It means *we are co-workers together more and more*, being able to exhort each other as the day of vengeance approaches, and learning of the plan by which God is working His purpose out here among men as it is revealed by the annual Holy Days.

Coupled with the celebration of the Passover with unleavened bread and wine, which the world's religions regard as Jewish and sinful, we observed the ordinance of footwashing at the beginning of the occasion. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them (John 13:17)."

While the religious world gropes for impossible solutions of human ills, every one of us was able to lay hold of *happiness and confidence* which words can only inadequately express. The fact that we were gathered together meant

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out of the Church—the called-out-ones—which, for the New Testament dispensation, began on the day of Pentecost, 31 A.D. On that day the Holy Spirit first came to dwell WITHIN all flesh, as prophesied by Joel.

The two wave-loaves were brought out of the habitations of the congregation as the FIRSTFRUITS unto the Lord. So the New Testament CHURCH was gathered out of an apostate, Christ-rejecting congregation (church) of Jews, as the FIRSTFRUITS of His salvation.

Most Not Now Called

God has not cast away His people, Israel. But He blinded them UNTIL the end of Gentile Times, so that thru their fall salvation came to the Gentiles who, thru Christ, are individually GRAFTED IN, or spiritually ADOPTED into the family of Israel.

This is the dispensation when God is calling a people for His name (Acts 15: 14-17—study this anew!) to be KINGS and PRIESTS, reigning WITH Christ in the Kingdom during the thousand years. (Rev. 5:10).

"After this"—after this dispensation of taking out of the Gentiles a people for His name—"I will return," promises the Lord. *What for?* "and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I (Christ, not us) will set it up."

WHY? "That the residue of men might seek after the Lord."

Tabernacle signifies worship. During this present N.T. Church age, the Jews and our people are blinded. Their church "tabernacle" is fallen down. Israel is "in Babylon." After this Christ will return, and then *the rest of men*—blinded Israel, and Gentiles alike, *will seek after the Lord* when Satan is chained, and Christ reigns as King of Kings and Lord of lords!

Those of the FIRSTFRUITS of His salvation, made immortal, will then reign with Him, as kings and priests in the wonderful work of the Kingdom.

During this time Israel is mostly blinded UNTIL the fullness of Gentiles come in, *and so* (Rom. 11:26) *all Israel shall, then, be saved*, for the DELIVERER, Christ, shall come out of Zion!

Now, in this dispensation, Israel has not believed, and the tabernacle of David is fallen down (Rom. 11:31-32), that, thru the mercy of the Gentiles and the small "Elect" in Israel, picked out in this age, acting as kings and priests with Christ, THEY, ALSO, then, may OBTAIN MERCY!

How WONDERFUL is God's great PLAN of redemption, when we understand it, as we see it pictured in these

annual HOLYDAYS! *HOLY* unto the Lord!!!

Only First Harvest Now

In Jas. 1:18, Rom. 8:23, etc., those saints of this dispensation are called the FIRSTFRUITS of God's salvation. This dispensation, and picking out of these people for His name, the Kings and Priests, began on the DAY OF PENTECOST. This feast annually pictures this great event—this great "MYSTERY" dispensation—in God's redemptive plan!

Notice, too, that these feasts, Unleavened Bread, and Pentecost, fell at the BEGINNING of the year, and the great events they pictured occurred at the BEGINNING of the dispensation!

The group of holydays coming at the END of the year all symbolize tremendous events in God's Plan of redemption to occur, yet future, at the END of the dispensation! They all come in the SEVENTH MONTH—and their fulfillment will come in the SEVENTH thousand years since creation!!

The churches of BABYLON today teach that it is the mission of the Church to SAVE THE WORLD. They teach that all who ever shall be saved are being saved, now, in this present dispensation. They teach that "Probation ENDS" at, or prior to, the Second Coming of Christ.

If this be true, what a failure is God's plan! Only a very, very FEW have been truly saved in this dispensation. Two-thirds of all living on earth today have never even HEARD the *only* name whereby we may be saved!

Are they—the majority of all living, eternally LOST because they never HEARD—lost and condemned WITHOUT A CHANCE? The common teaching is that God has cast away His people, Israel, and they are eternally doomed and lost. Had they been KEEPING these annual holydays, commanded to be kept FOREVER—all kept faithfully by the New Testament Church as recorded in Acts and in church history—they would have understood God's wonderful PLAN.

We are not to CONVERT everyone in the world in this age, but to declare the Gospel—what Gospel?—the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM—the Good news of the thousand years of restitution of all things when Christ returns to reign in power and great glory!

Let us understand this. During this time Israel is blinded in part—but only UNTIL the fullness of this Gentile dispensation. During this time, only the minority of Gentiles—Chinese, people of India and Russia, etc.—have even HEARD the name of Christ.

The Good News of the coming KINGDOM was to be preached AS A WITNESS. Many have been called during this time, but only few actually

chosen, and still fewer have remained faithful to the end.

They—the people picked out for His name—shall be made immortal at the Coming of Christ, and shall REIGN with Him, some kings, ruling the world politically!—some priests, teaching the TRUTH—DURING the thousand years of the Kingdom upon earth.

Then Israel's blindness will be removed. They were blinded UNTIL the end of Gentile times. The heavens received Jesus UNTIL these times of restitution of all things.

Those now gathered, since that day of PENTECOST, 31 A.D., are the FIRSTFRUITS, *only*, of God's Plan of Salvation. *This dispensation, then, is picking out ONLY the "firstfruits" of those to be saved.* And they are being tried and tested to qualify for positions as kings and priests in the Kingdom, to affect, THEN, the real salvation of the world.

THEN it is that God shall set His hand again the SECOND TIME to recover the remnant of HIS PEOPLE—Israel. (Isa. 11:11.)

THEN it is that "The Lord will come with fire, and . . . by fire and by his sword will the Lord PLEAD with all flesh. . . . And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape (these plagues) of them unto the nations . . . (Gentile) . . . *that have NOT HEARD* my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they SHALL DECLARE MY GLORY AMONG THE GENTILES." (Isa. 66:15,16,19.)

Then it is that "living waters shall go out from Jerusalem," and the Gentile nations, that have not HEARD, previously, "shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to KEEP THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES!"

Then it is that many nations "shall come and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain (nation) of the Lord . . . and he will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for THE LAW SHALL GO FORTH OF ZION, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares . . . neither shall they learn war any more. . . . *In that day*, SAITH THE LORD . . . THE LORD SHALL REIGN OVER THEM in Mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever." (Does "forever" MEAN forever?) (Micah 4: 1-7). This does NOT apply to our Church, NOW—but to the glorious time of the KINGDOM, *after* Christ returns.

What a wonderful PLAN of REDEMPTION!

Adam sinned. All have sinned. From Adam to now we behold a chronicle of
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Question Box

Your questions answered in these columns! Your opportunity to have those puzzling queries, needing only a short reply, solved. If yours are not here, then write them to us. As space permits they will be printed if an answer is possible. Of course, questions demanding lengthy replies cannot be placed in these columns.

Edited by the Students.

Should a Woman Wear a Covering on Her Head?

The eleventh chapter of I Corinthians has been a puzzle to many. Some believe that Paul taught women to wear veils, hats, uncut hair or just long hair. Still others today teach that what Paul wrote here is not suitable for us today. *What is the truth?*

Before a direct answer, let's get the facts straight. Was it common for women to wear veils in public places of worship in Paul's day? *Smith's Dictionary of the Bible*, article *Veil* gives us the answer. "With regard to the use of the veil, it is important to observe that it was by no means so general as in modern times (at the turn of the century in the Near East). . . . Much of the scrupulousness in respect to the use of the veil dates from the promulgation of the Koran (the seventh century A.D.). . . . In ancient times, the veil was adopted only in exceptional cases, either as an article of ornamental dress . . . or by betrothed maidens in the presence of their husbands, especially at the time of the wedding . . . or by women of loose character for purposes of concealment (Gen. 38:14). But generally speaking, women both married and unmarried appeared in public with their faces exposed, both among the Jews . . . and among the Egyptians and Assyrians, as proved by the invariable absence of the veil in the sculpture and paintings of these peoples."

It was not customary for women to wear veils in Paul's day. It is interesting to note that the church of Revelation 17, the fountain head of harlotry, commands its women to wear coverings over shaven heads in religious orders. What Paul meant is this: as man is head of woman, it is improper for men to have coverings as a symbol of subjection (long hair in the Nazarite vow is a token of subjection for a special time to God); but it is appropriate for women to have a covering of their subjection to man. "Her hair is given her for a covering." It is shameful for men to have long hair, but if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her. Paul, under inspiration, speaks of long hair as the covering, not some hat, veil or piece of cloth.

Paul does not mean, as some say, that

because women have long hair, which nature teaches is proper, that they should wear something over their hair. No, instead, he says that not only he teaches, but "doth not even nature itself teach you, that . . . if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." Because long hair is mentioned, some are afraid to cut their hair at all. The text doesn't read *uncut* hair, it reads long hair. Any head of hair, even though cut, if it be long enough to look feminine and honorable, is appropriate. There is no definite Bible length, save that it appear as a glory to woman. If a woman wants to wear her hair cut so short as to look like a man, then she ought to be shorn or shaven, the symbol of a fallen woman. Men wearing long hair, a fad with the younger generation, is effeminate and no effeminate man shall inherit God's Kingdom.

Does Ezekiel 38 and 39 Mean An Invasion of Canada and the United States by Russia?

This question was extensively answered in the November, 1948 issue of the Plain Truth. These chapters do not picture such an invasion. Those who mistakenly claim so, must cast away all the preceding thirty-seven chapters of Ezekiel. The prophecy is a warning against the House of Israel (Ez.3:4-7) of a coming invasion, which has not occurred since the days of the prophet. It must then lie in the future *now soon to occur*. Ezekiel 5:12 warns our people that two thirds of Israel shall die of war famine and contagious diseases. Isaiah 47:6-9 states that modern Babylon, a union of ten nations of Europe, not Russia will crush our people in slavery. Ezekiel thirty-four brings the story flow of the entire book to the resurrection of David and the second coming of Jesus Christ to rule the nations at which time our people are to be delivered (Jer. 30:3-9). The next chapters describe Israel and Judah dwelling safely in Palestine after being "gathered out of the nations" (Ez. 38:12).

It is now, after the second coming of Christ, with Israel obeying God in the land of Palestine, that Russia and her oriental hordes come to take a prey from defenseless cities. God shall destroy them,

putting an end to rebellious nations after which people will not learn war any more.

IF WE LEAVE OUR CHURCH, WHAT ARE WE TO DO IN THE WAY OF WORSHIPPING? HOW CAN WE FEEL FREE TO CALL ON OUR FORMER PASTOR WHEN IN NEED OF ADVICE?

This problem is fundamental. We are commanded by God in many places to be separate (2 Cor. 6:14-18), to be no part of the world which has its own religious masquerading as Christian (John 17:16). If we are baptized into the church of God by the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 12:13), then we can *not* be part of another church. Assuming that we have been obedient thus far, by leaving this present religious system and coming to God, are we to fellowship this world's denominations because there is no place to worship with the people of God? *NO! Why?*

First, most churches do not hold public services on the day God set apart for worship from the creation. We would be sinning when meeting weekly on any day than is designated by the fourth commandment!

Second, we are to assemble with those of like faith, having the same Spirit. Hebrews 10:25 uses the expression "our selves" meaning true saints. God realizes, however, that many of His people are able to worship Him only in truth and spirit. He is with us just the same no matter how many or how few. And He has provided through the Radio Church of God ways in which many who are separated can come for advice in trouble and receive God's reply! Above all through prayer and Bible study God bestows upon us the wisdom we need to comprehend the will of God perfectly. See James 1:5; 2 Tim 2:15, 3:16.

We are not to go to the devil's churches nor to his ministers for advice on those things which pertain to God. We must separate ourselves from them and their errors. Instead we come to those whom God has set as shepherds of the flock for the advice we need. We should still, however, show love to those of the world although they be enemies for the gospel's sake.

Should We Sell Dogs and Tithe the Income Therefrom?

The text often quoted to prove that dogs should not be sold is Deuteronomy 23:18: "Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the Lord thy God."

The only thing this text says is that the price or value, not the tithe of the price, is not to be given for a vow. Job 30:1 indicates that God does not frown

upon the value of good dogs. They serve many indispensable functions in the farming and hunting world. An income from sale of a dog is not wrong. What Moses meant is this: An Israelite who vows, and it is better not to vow unnecessarily (Ecc. 5:5), was to give a clean animal as a sacrificial payment. A dog is an unclean animal, not fit for food. Although Israelites later did offer dogs (Isaiah 66:3), God refused to accept them. A dog is not a symbol of Jesus Christ as is the sheep or other clean animal.

What Should I Do If My Husband Will Not Tithe? I Have No Money of My Own

This problem arises often where God has not revealed His truth to all the members of the family. The tithe is the tenth of *your* increase, not of another's. That is *his* responsibility. Unless a wife earns or is given money of her own, whatever food, clothing and other articles she uses is what her husband earns as head of the home. It is his place to pay that tithe, but he must not be forced to do so. A wife should tithe that which is *her own*.

God's Holydays

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man without God—of human suffering and failure.

And thus God, in His great wisdom, has permitted men to PROVE to themselves what sinners they are!—how HELPLESS they are, of themselves!

And finally we shall have to learn the lesson that it is only when GOD, HIMSELF, thru sending JESUS to rule with a rod of iron, undertakes to save men that the world can really be saved! And so, those now being saved are a FIRSTFRUITS of salvation, and to have the very great honor of being Christ's assistants in that wonderful Kingdom work of redemption!

THAT is God's true Plan of Redemption, as taught from Genesis to Revelation! And how contrary to the popular teaching! But it is the Plan, nevertheless, pictured in God's annual HOLYDAYS. And had we continued to KEEP these Holydays, we should never have lost sight of this PLAN, and come under the deception of Rome!

Pentecost Observed By New Testament Church of God

Just as we found the True CHURCH OF GOD continuing to observe the Days of Unleavened bread, as well as the Passover, so they continued to observe Pentecost.

Had they NOT been assembled in a HOLY CONVOCATION on the first

Pentecost AFTER everything that was abolished had been DONE AWAY, we never could have read in our Bibles the sublime record of the second chapter of Acts!

Now a "HOLY CONVOCATION" means a holy ASSEMBLY of the CHURCH, convoked under absolute AUTHORITY. Look up the word "convocation" in the dictionary. It is an assembly where everyone is COMMANDED, under AUTHORITY, to be present. The Sabbath is a weekly holy CONVOCATION. We are commanded, therefore, to assemble ourselves together. Each of these annual days is an holy CONVOCATION. The early Church obeyed. Will we?

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord IN ONE PLACE." They were assembled. They were KEEPING this Holy Day. Now WHY, if God's ANNUAL Sabbaths were abolished? Let us answer honestly!

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that we could *share* these fruits of obedience and *carry the inspiration* to our homes. There *is* a genuine purpose for being convoked, which when brethren are alone, can't be shared. But in this age many are scattered, can't do otherwise—which is all according to God's wisdom.

The next morning I spent in study and walking about town, seeing an altogether different atmosphere than I find in Pasadena. I probably noticed what most Texans take for granted, as they would notice as unusual the life of Pasadena that seems commonplace to me.

One thing I learned about the fruit to be had in the markets, the best California oranges are found in Texas and the best Texas oranges are to be purchased in California! What unnecessary *wastes* in shipping and advertising occur just because competitive markets exist!

After purchasing good and healthful food for the night celebration of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, we all awaited the approaching Sabbath which was in this case an annual High Day, too. With the food prepared Friday, we mutually shared the excellent conversation and meal that caused us to be thankful for the spiritual and material blessings God gives.

It is not often Christians can have fellowship with one another (we are often one or two in a family) apart from useless conversation of the world and with food that has *not* been boiled to death, cooked to pieces, poisoned with preserva-

tives, bleached till anemic, or colored artificially to make it look like what it isn't. Instead of a yoke of bondage, these days are to us a cause of rejoicing, real events in our lives, something to look forward to.

That evening, the significance of the Days of Unleavened Bread was the subject of my talk. It can be briefly summarized in this paragraph. God's plan *does not end* with the slaying of Jesus for spiritual sins, else we would perish (I Cor. 15:18). Nor did it end with Christ's body broken for our healing as symbolized by the bread. We, having been forgiven our transgressions, must quit sinning, which is pictured by the feast of unleavened bread. Exodus 13:9 shows God gave the days of unleavened bread *to teach us obedience to the law*. Because most denominations are ashamed to obey any of the annual festivals, the average professing christian does not know that he ought to quit sinning and keep the law. Just as Israel came out of Egypt in his own strength, so we, after repentance, must struggle against sin. As our forefathers found themselves without hope at the Red Sea, so do we today have no hope of ever succeeding unless God should give us His Holy Spirit so that we can have the love of God which fulfills the law (Romans 5:5). The crossing of the Sea through walls of water on either side to protect the people is an apt portrayal of the work of the Spirit of God in and through us. The children of Israel passed through the waters, which were a means of complete escape from their past slavery and which were also instruments of destruction against the enemy. So in the christian life, we must receive the Holy Spirit or else there is no possibility of *being saved* from the sins that beset and enslave us. By the spirit of God we have the germ of eternal life begun in us and we have the enemy sin being destroyed as we yield to God with our whole hearts and minds every day. Just as Israel faced the wilderness, so we face a whole lifetime ahead full of trials and troubles. By rejecting the statutes commanding the observance of the days of Unleavened Bread, the religious world *has lost the knowledge of the purpose of living*.

After this service some of the brethren retired for the night, but I, human as can be, had to lose my key to the apartment. But as all turns out well, one of the ladies present at the services found the duplicates. The previous evening, she had kindly shown two of us the most ultra modern radio studio I have ever seen—having contour plywood walls for the best acoustics.

Sabbath morning was the time for another gathering of the group. The *na-*
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ORGANIZING LOCAL CHURCHES

by Herbert W. Armstrong

THOUSANDS of you, we fully realize, long for local churches of God to be established in your various localities.

We know how you feel. How great is the need for a place where you can fellowship and meet regularly with those who know and love and follow the same TRUTH you hear on *The World Tomorrow* program and read in *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*.

One of the purposes in founding Ambassador College was to train a God-called ministry for this purpose. We are now nearing the time when this activity may be started.

Yet we must keep constantly in mind that the Great Commission—"Preach the Gospel to all nations"—together with our special calling to *warn* our Israelitish nations of prophesied punishment for their sins—is of first importance.

Rapid Progress

Already plans are being considered for carrying the Message to Britain and Europe, starting possibly within a year. Definite schedules are being worked out to put the broadcast on more American stations starting October. And the recent trip of one of our senior students, Herman Hoeh, to Gladewater, Texas, where a number of Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana brethren met for the Passover, is the first small start toward actually getting many of you who have found God's true Way together for regular fellowship and worship.

It does take time. Yet rapid strides are being made. Progress is more rapid than most of you realize. We know how short time is. The work of God is being stepped up accordingly.

We Can't Send Names From Mailing List

Frequently zealous co-workers will ask us to send the names and addresses from our mailing list of those in their vicinity.

The letter will read something like this:

"I'm so hungry for regular fellowship with others who listen to the program and who know and love the truth. I think it would be a wonderful idea if I had your mailing list so I could go around and get all these people to meeting regularly together."

At first glance such an idea may seem splendid. But Scripture teaching and the lesson of experience compel us to refuse. This is difficult for some to under-

stand, so we feel it well to explain.

Sheep Must Have a Shepherd

Jesus compared His followers to sheep. The Bible speaks of ministers as shepherds. It is a most apt comparison. What would happen to a little flock of six sheep on a mountain-side here, and a dozen sheep in a valley there, without any shepherd? And especially if there were a lot of wolves in sheep's clothing seeking flocks to devour.

While Jesus' first and Great Commission to His apostles was to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom to the world, He also commanded, "Feed my sheep."

But to whom was this command given? Not to untrained lay members, but to Peter and the apostles whom He had specially called and educated and trained for this purpose. Jesus' intent was for the sheep to be fed by those He had called to this special ministry—those true and faithful servants properly trained. He did not intend for the sheep to gather *themselves* together, without a shepherd, and try to feed themselves, and guide themselves along the proper path.

Paul solemnly commissioned the God-chosen ministers and elders of the Church of God at Ephesus:

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over whom the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers (bishops or pastors), to feed the Church of God . . . For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. (Acts 20:28-29.)

He warned them that even among their own local members some would rise up to lead the flock astray.

Experience a Dear Teacher

We had to learn this lesson by experience—and the price was costly!

In the earlier days of this work, a number of little flocks were raised up in different localities throughout Oregon and Washington—the result of the personal evangelistic campaigns by your pastor.

But there was no shepherd to leave behind to pastor and guide and feed those flocks. And it was never long until these groups were broken up. They would soon be quarrelling among themselves, or various ones would lead the others off the truth on various wild tangents, or some wolf in sheep's clothing would come along and, pretending to be a true preacher of Jesus Christ, devour and destroy the flock.

That very experience, repeated many times, was the lesson God used to cause us to see the need of establishing Ambassador College. The purpose of this college is to attract here and train those God has called to become competent pastors for such local congregations, in addition to the major purpose of carrying Christ's Message to all the nations of the earth.

We *know* how discouraging it is for some of you dear people to have to remain isolated—way off by yourselves, away from others who also know and *live* God's true Way, surrounded by worldly people and paganized churches. We *understand* your problem in raising your children in such a world. Our hearts go out to you!

That is why we are laboring night and day to prepare true ministers for you.

Let's Be Thankful

But we know also that as long as each isolated member or family is forced to feed only upon the broadcasts and *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* and other literature from our office, these members are all kept individually in constant contact with the shepherd God has chosen and used in their conversion and bringing them to the true light.

And, even though without person-to-person fellowship with others, *they are continually fed on the true spiritual food*.

And no greedy "wolf in sheep's clothing" is going to waste much of his time trying to draw off one single individual or family. The false prophets usually go after whole groups who are without shepherds.

So, let's not grumble! Rather be thankful you are so much better off than before!

Even if most of you are deprived of attending church services, you hear your pastor more often—and right in your home via radio—than most church goers hear their pastors. Every time the "*World Tomorrow*" is on the air, *you are attending* a great church service, in one of the largest fellowships on earth—attended by more than a million others!

Our Own New BIBLE Hymnal

And soon now we hope to have ready for you the beautiful new "BIBLE HYMNAL"—our very own hymn book, which my brother, Dwight L. Armstrong, has for three years been composing.

There is no hymnal like it. In most

hymn books the words of a third to two-thirds of the songs are lies, utterly contrary to Bible teaching. And many of them are mere poetic fluff, conveying no real message.

For years I have wanted to produce a true BIBLE Hymnal. God Himself gave us the words we should sing in praising and worshipping Him. The PSALMS are *songs*, intended to be *sung*. Why do this world's organized churches throw away the beautiful words of truth God inspired for them, and sing poetic lies written by men?

God endowed my brother with special talent in music. He has composed the music, fitted to the Psalms and other poetic portions of the Bible, for the true BIBLE Hymnal.

This is *beautiful* music! The tunes will of course be new to you, but when you learn them, or have heard them several times, *you'll learn to love them!* You'll never want to sing any other hymns.

The cover design for the BIBLE Hymnal is already outlined, and the artist is finishing it. The music copyists in Hollywood already have copied most of the music ready for printing. The book will, I feel confident, be the most beautiful hymn book you ever saw. The pages will be large, and the print large so elderly people can read it easily.

... and BIBLE Hymnal Records

Soon I shall have my daughter, Beverly, (Mrs. James A. Gott), sing one or two of these new hymns for you on the broadcast. Later I will have a full choir sing some of them, so you can hear all four parts of the beautiful harmony.

Then we plan to *record* these hymns, so that we can send you phonograph records of them, and those of you who have record players can hear them in your own homes as often as you like. You can play the records, *and sing along with them!*

Many of you may not have record-players. I will see if arrangements can be made thru some manufacturer whereby we could procure for you, at reduced cost, on a co-operative basis, small record-players. I think we can arrange to supply inexpensive outfits that will play the new microgroove slow-speed long-playing records, some to be attached to and played thru your radio, others having their own loud-speakers. Whatever we can arrange will be announced when ready.

If and when these record-playing plans are completed, I could also send you at certain intervals special recorded sermons on special topics not covered over the air, in addition to the singing of our new hymns.

Thru these media—and now thru The GOOD NEWS magazine—we are doing

all in our power to bring church services and fellowship to you.

For Your Children

And now for your children, I have a real surprise for you—provided, God willing, we can work it out!

Many of you isolated brethren have a real problem—and serious responsibility—in proper teaching and rearing of your children.

I have an idea I think will be wonderful, if God will open the way to accomplish it. It is—*not* an ordinary Bible Story book like those being sold which often teach contrary to the Bible, and merely tell a number of disconnected and unrelated stories—but a continual *series* of books of an entirely NEW kind!

What I have in mind is continual TRUE Bible instruction for children *in comic-strip form*.

All children like comic-strips. The *world* makes use of this medium to reach children. Why should we not put it to GOD'S use, and teach the children TRUTH in this fascinating and interesting form?

About twelve years ago one of the nation's top comic-strip artists, Basil Wolverton, then an atheist, heard our broadcast. It angered him. He listened again to try to refute the truth. Six months later he surrendered to the truth and wrote me a letter. He was converted, baptised, and now is elder of our little church in Portland, Oregon, and a trustee of Ambassador College.

If I *knew* enough people would buy these books of comic-strips so we could finance the publishing of them, I believe Mr. Wolverton would devote his entire time to preaching the Gospel to children in this startling new and effective manner.

I would like to know how much demand there would be for such books.

You all know that I never beg for money over the air. There is no price on The PLAIN TRUTH or *The Good News* or any of our Gospel literature. These media carry the true Gospel *to the world*. We cannot charge the world for the Gospel. It must go FREE, as God lays it on *your* hearts—our members and co-workers—to GIVE generously, and as you are faithful in paying your tithes.

But if we are to produce these beautiful new BIBLE Hymnals, and records, and supply you with low-cost record-players, or produce these comic-strip books for your children, we could not take the money out of the GOSPEL WORK which we must carry on to the outside world. Therefore those who receive these things will have to pay for them.

I do not know how much it would cost to produce such comic-strip books. They would not be flimsy little cheap

books like the worldly type sold on news stands, and each book would be quite large—perhaps 60 to 100 pages or more. Probably it would cost from \$2 to \$3.50 per book—but it would be the most effective possible way to teach your children, and perhaps that's more important than any other way you could spend that much money.

So I'm going to take the proverbial "bull by the horns" and ask you point-blank—WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE IDEA, and *would you order these books?*

Write at once and let me know. If the response shows the idea arouses the enthusiasm I feel it should, it may open the way to get it started and the first book could be published in a few months.

Did you ever know a child old enough to read, who didn't like to read comic books? And do you realize how much *grown-up* "children" still read the comic strips in newspapers? Newspapers couldn't exist without them.

Has there ever been such an effective idea for teaching the children the truth—and *keeping them reading it?*

Now, before you turn to the next article—before you lay this magazine down—write me what you think about it.

On the Campus

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dents would have liked to share it with us. I have no doubt that every one reading this article would also have received much inspiration from watching the slides which were shown.

Mr. Walker, who is interested in photography, presented about one hundred slides, letting us see at one sitting in a single room, the life of the Arizona-Mexican border, the San Diego Zoo, the San Francisco Oriental Gardens, the sunken Rose Garden in Los Angeles, a portion of Catalina Island and even color slides of our own Ambassador College campus.

The cotton gins of Mexico, the Joshua trees of the Arizona desert, the sluggish Colorado River winding its way to the Gulf, the doleful cacti of our Southwest—all these kept our thoughts dancing from one excursion to another.

All of us accounted it most striking to see the various hues and shades of flowers in the oriental floral arrangements shown in the slides. Brilliant cannas and noble banana blossoms interspersed the showing of the renowned Pasadena City Hall and the acrobatic bears of the San Diego Zoo. Where else but in an assembly at Ambassador College could we travel so fast, seeing some scenes from the air of irrigated farming areas of Arizona?

Not neglected, of course, were those

color slides of our own campus. How true it is that the greatest beauty may be at our own doorstep and we not realize it! Immediately outside our College windows are spectacular palms, one of which looks like a giant hand protruding from the green sod, sloping lawns studded with gigantic pines, rubber trees of diverse foliage, and magnolias. After attending Ambassador College for months or years, we come to the realization that some of the most culturally scenic spots don't need to be brought to us in picture—they are *here* for us to gaze upon day and night whenever we wish. What will another assembly hold for us?

A School Outing

by Wayne Cole

Every other Thursday or Thursday evening the students plan some form of social activity to relieve the mind from school and studying. Sometimes our activities take us away from the campus and other times we spend an enjoyable evening right here on the beautiful college grounds.

This particular outing I am going to describe to you is a beach party. You all know what a beach party is, I am sure. It was early in April and I might say a little too early in the year for such a party.

Nevertheless we had it and enjoyed it. Try it yourself if you get a chance.

We left the College, that is, three carloads of us, about 1:30 in the afternoon. The air was warm and the sun was shining. However, when we reached Zuma Beach, no sun was to be found and the wind was quite strong. It really was somewhat of a disappointment, but we were there and the distance home was about 50 miles so we were determined to make the best of it—at least pretend we were enjoying ourselves.

I think, after it was over, everyone could truthfully say he really had a great deal of fun, even if the day wasn't the best. Think of the joy one could have on a beautiful summer day.

Several of us went prepared to do a little ocean swimming, and we were not going to give that up, either. It may seem foolish to try to swim in the ocean on a windy day with the breakers rising several feet high, but that is what four or five of us did.

It was cold and we were blue but still it was fun! You should try it sometime—it's a valuable recreation! Others walked on the sandy beach, watching the billows roll sea weeds on the shore. Several pictures were taken on the beach, but I guess because it was so cloudy and dark, none of them turned out good when the films were developed.

By this time it was getting late in the evening. Three more participants, who had to come late, arrived; so it was time for our meal. We had appropriated a fire that some people had left and were busy trying to keep warm. The all-beef wieners, buns and apple cider were brought out and everyone was poking around in the fire, with a wiener on a stick, trying to roast it without its burning. I believe everyone succeeded and enjoyed the food along with the sand which one is bound to eat at a beach party.

After the eating was finished it was dark and time to leave so we gathered up our materials and started back to good old Pasadena, our home, ending another student activity.

Seeing a Museum

by Herman Hoeb

The first week in May witnessed an interesting event for the History and Bible classes of Ambassador College. This included almost the entire student body. We visited the Los Angeles County Museum.

A third of the students spent most of their time in the main museum building, while the others walked through the world-famous Sunken Rose Gardens and the California State Building.

Some of the students had never visited a Museum before. Perhaps several of you who are reading this article have never seen a Museum in your lives, or you may never have seen one so complete as this. Not only was it a pleasure to see it, but for the history we need to know, the trip added a fund of visual knowledge.

Here's what we saw and learned in the main pavilion. Many rooms are given to ancient and modern art work, varying from the glass utensils of the Near East, Greece and Rome to modern European China and cutlery, showing the bronze and black vases of the Greeks and the porcelain of China, India and Japan.

We saw encased the hideous pagan idols and images of past days—many strikingly like corrupted Bible heroes and events, as the crushing of the serpent by the Savior.

A noticeable feature of these case exhibits, with a few exceptions, is the marvellous craftsmanship of men of nearly two or three thousand years ago. Another is the fact that even the crudest pottery of our ancestors was not unlike the modern productions of the Indians in South America today—in other words, the pottery excavated by archeology does not prove that civilization is as old as men sometimes think.

As a matter of fact the museum exhibits were very accurate with the truth

of history as revealed in the Bible. The error of modern textbooks occurs when men *interpret* history according to a preconceived philosophy.

In a basement room were exhibits of South Sea Islands' peoples, their tools, cocoanut bark clothing, implements for the native "kitchen" and war equipment.

Another part of the Museum Building was given to the remains of the La Brea tar pits, located in the Los Angeles area. There were cases of large hawk-like fowl, saber-toothed cats and giant mastodons. Nearly the entire tar-soaked remains indicated a catastrophic preservation because of the broken and mangled condition of the bones wedged tightly against one another. Actually, these remains are no proof of "ages" but of ecological disposition.

Without the least doubt, the most attractive feature of the entire place is the "Animal Habitats" section, wherein each continent is represented with an absolutely life-like background for stuffed animal and bird remains. In the giant cases where every object is life size, the background pictures are so real that we could think ourselves *right there*. The great stretches of African grasslands accompanied the elephant, the giraffe, the zebra, lions, varieties of native cattle and mountain goats. Australia and the Americas were equally interesting.

Outside, in the Sunken Rose Garden, where there are nearly 15,000 plants of 145 varieties, we had a quite different feeling, as everything here is alive rather than preserved. The reds, pinks, crimsons and whites, as well as the copper and yellow shades, lightened the beds. Most of the roses are quite new, named after noted soldiers and newspapermen, events in recent history and just ideas. For anyone who is inspired by flowers, here is a good chance to see just what a variety of roses will do as there are so many plants of each single kind.

In the third part of our Museum excursion, which really was the focal-point for two-thirds of the group, we saw California, its history, resources, growth, shipping, industry, farming, rainfall—in short, most anything you could think of knowing.

Having been reared in California all my life (there are only two students from this state), I could really appreciate what was so well laid out. One department contained the mineral productions of California. It was arranged so that little lights would represent on a raised map wherever the special mineral was to be found—if I would press a button. In my own Sonoma county I found the mercury mines and the basalt (rock) deposits which paved with cobble stones the streets of San Francisco in days gone by.

Other divisions held the shell crea-

tures that inhabit the coast of California, including the noted abalone, found only on the west coast and in the Mediterranean, whose shell contains a lining of mother-of-pearl that is extensively used in inlaying and for buttons and the like. The bi-valves and right and left hand spiral shells all give mute testimony to the great architectural hand of the Creator.

To me the most inviting part of the entire display was that of the grapes and wine production which is so near my home. A wall picture actually was photographed within a few miles of my home. The various table, raisin and wine grapes reminded me of the hills of Palestine which once did and will again drop down new wine, where "they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit thereof (Amos 9:14)."

Our trip was concluded with a protracted stay at a television production. The highly involved technical equipment was a mild surprise to me.

All these common and rare objects, together with the works of human ingenuity, certainly make our life at our Ambassador College spicy.

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ture, purpose and work of the Spirit of God was the subject of the talk given. This topic is without doubt a most obscure and yet important subject. Lack of knowledge about God's Holy Spirit has prevented the most glorious truth ever revealed to be understood by the people: *that we are to be born literally of God into his family and Kingdom* (Eph. 2:19; 3:15; John 3 and I John 3). To have the spirit of the Living God, the beginning of eternal life growing in us, is to possess *the supreme gift*. It is

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OUR CLASS IN SEX UNDERSTANDING

by Herman Hoeh

heresy to deny that we are to be raised to the likeness, nature and strength and prerogatives of God!

The remainder of the Sabbath day was spent discussing the problems of rearing children, the growth of the church work and similar important questions. To train children, each of whom has individual characters, no two of whom are alike, is a most important and perplexing problem because of the paganized school and social system in which the world is gripped. It takes wisdom and patience and effort on the part of parents to teach and prove to children *what they should do* and what they must *not do for their own good*. Every christian father and mother need to provide for their children those incentives that will make the child want to keep from the vain pleasures of worldly youth. We should also remember, that our teaching can *not* convert children. It takes *the conviction of God's spirit* to bring anyone to repentance. All we can do is *plant the knowledge*

and correct the child when he departs from the right and true.

Sunday morning I had to leave Texas for Ambassador College nearly half-way across the continent. So in the few hours that remained we went into the history of the church of God, tracing its dispersion amid the rising tide of pagan deceivers who crept into the church and cast the true flock away (3 John 10).

There is no adequate church history that gives the true picture of the false and the true church as revealed in Scripture. Almost everyone has labored under the delusion that today's hundreds of denominations represent the various reform movements that were attempts to purify God's church gone wrong. How terrible, that there is not one author of reputation, except Gibbon, who even suspects that the true church of God never apostated, and *to that church we belong today if we have God's spirit*. In our post graduate work, we hope to gather the information which will make a book *proving* the history of the church of God and exposing the false churches as to their true origin.

So concluded my delightful trip to Texas for the celebration of the Passover. We do not know how often these occasions can be arranged, but as *God opens the way* and as *we do our part* there will be more of them at different places in the nation during the three festive seasons.

Mr. Armstrong has himself expressed high hopes of arranging affairs so that he can be in Texas to meet and instruct the brethren as they have need. Sitting before a typewriter as I am concluding this article I can't help but picture many of you brethren awaiting Mr. Armstrong's arrival by plane for the coming year's Passover, just as some of you were waiting for my arrival that signaled a new growth in this, God's work.

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