

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

August 6, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Mail receipts for the month of August are starting out very well. As of Thursday noon we had well over thirty per cent increase in both categories compared to the same period of last August. It appears we will have over twenty-two thousand letters for the week which seems to be about the normal count for this summer. The total number of letters received for the year through July is 682,060 which represents a 24.8 per cent increase over that period of 1964. The total money increase through July is 22.7 per cent. This is counting mail income only.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I have been reading your material and have not found anything else like it. It's the most up-to-date on world-wide events (and probably ahead considering prophecy), even for a religious magazine. When I say religious, I didn't mean mere religion, but true religion. Astonishing though it may seem, there is something to look forward to in reading. The other worldly magazines didn't make sense, even MAD Magazine has shown more intelligence than the other trash literature put on the newsstand today. Your magazine and booklets are truly intelligent and more understanding, and your authors must have common sense. They evidently do not try to please everybody. If they did, your magazine would then be just as bewildering as the other worldly literature. But they don't! And the subscribers better be glad. I am!" Man, Georgia

"We are in receipt of The PLAIN TRUTH, the world-circulated news magazine, which the educational program of the Ambassador Colleges publishes as a public service each month. These issues are a very valuable addition to our shelves, and we thank you for placing material of such an informative nature at the disposal of the public through the use of their local library. We are grateful for being included in your mailing list." Librarian, Cranston, R.I.

"I have been receiving The PLAIN TRUTH now for more than three years. You say my subscription has been paid by someone, so I would like to contribute so that someone else may have a subscription and receive the enjoyment and pleasure that I receive from reading The PLAIN TRUTH." Man, Ashton, Ill.

"I thought you might get a chuckle out of what happened when my new issue was delivered the other day. I was standing on the balcony of my apartment, which overlooks the street, and saw the postman reading something as he came down the street toward the house. He dropped mail in my letter box on the door and continued on down the street, reading something that seemed to be really absorbingly interesting. In the middle of the next block, he suddenly stopped

'dead-still,' turned around, came back, carefully folded what he was reading and tucked it in my mail box. It was the new issue of The PLAIN TRUTH." Woman, San Francisco, Calif.


"Four or five days ago I wrote for you to cancel The PLAIN TRUTH and Bible Correspondence Course after 2 1/2 years sent to me. Just received an enlightening letter from your Letter Answering Department with which I have been in touch for some time. As we all are aware of, we 'humans' have our bad days and also as I feel I am still a novice when it comes to Bible study and feel I am the one wrong in my attitude concerning our Holy Bible. Please place my name on the mailing list again of your Bible Course and The PLAIN TRUTH." Man, Florida.

"I am writing to ask you to stop sending The PLAIN TRUTH, The Bible Correspondence Course, and other literature to me. I believe everyone has a right to his own opinion and I have to go by what my Bible says. I believe that the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence in speaking in other tongues is still in effect for us today." Woman, Jasper, Texas.

"I have just finished reading 'The Bible Story' in the latest edition of The PLAIN TRUTH. I am a 20-year-old girl and I would like to tell you and Mr. Wolverton that out of your whole magazine, I enjoy this feature the most, although the rest of the magazine is always very interesting also. Mr. Wolverton's writing and translation into modern English makes understanding and learning from the Bible so much easier." Young lady, Columbia City, Ind.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I have wanted to drop you this note to personally thank you for your radio work. I have just recently begun listening to your program, but already I look forward to it in the evenings before I go to bed. As a college student, I appreciate many of the points which you make to attempt to stimulate and awaken your radio audience to the realities of today's world." Woman, Bakersfield, Calif.

 "I have listened to The WORLD TOMORROW for the last three years on WPTF, WCKY, and WLAC radio stations. My conclusions are that in your own way, you are doing as much damage to this country as Radio Moscow is, if not more so. I, for one, don't appreciate this one bit! If you are going to preach a message, why don't you say something optimistic and positive for a change. The kind of thing you preach around the world instills either disgust or terror in people. You do, however, print some very good publications, such as 'How to Have a Happy Marriage,' and 'The Seven Laws of Radiant Health.' These things are positive and good. Fear and terror are not. Maybe you don't have respect for America, but I do. I live here!" Man, Raleigh, N.C.

"I am a Negro, and I have really enjoyed your magazine and radio program. I came upon your program by mistake. I was trying to tune in another station and I heard someone say The PLAIN TRUTH, so I just left your program on. . . . I am glad I did! I tried to get my friends interested but they just laughed at me so I gave up trying to convince them. The PLAIN TRUTH is so interesting I just couldn't keep all this knowledge and truth to myself. I am thankful I found all this out when I did, because I was about to turn to the Muslim faith." Man, Ohio.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"Things here at camp have been going real fine despite rain, poison ivy, chicken pox, burns, and hives. Everyone has been having a real nice time with the swimming, canoeing,

archery, riflery, etc. This campus here at Orr is just another of God's great blessings. I sincerely hope it is appreciated by all of us who attend and work here and those who have made it possible through tithes and offerings." Ambassador College Student, Orr, Minnesota.

"Recently an issue of the Duluth News Tribune newspaper carried a feature article which literally shocked me when I read it. The article which pertained to the new school being built by you near Pelican Lake near Orr, Minnesota, took me by complete surprise, as I was unaware that such a project was being carried on. I have been interested in visiting the Ambassador Colleges, but have usually disregarded the idea because of the long distance involved, the knowledge of a new school only thirty miles away is indeed a wonderful surprise." Man, Minn.

"It is with great joy in my heart that I can now tell you that I have quit smoking. After having read your articles on smoking, I became pretty disgusted with myself and after much praying and faith in Christ, He helped me to quit this vile habit. Believe me, I feel much better. My throat doesn't burn constantly, I don't have that filthy taste in my mouth, I'm not as short of breath or anything. I couldn't have stopped without the Lord fighting for me though. Satan tried in every way to tempt me to take that cigarette the first day but by the grace of God I didn't. It has been close to 3 months now and I don't even want one anymore." Woman, Maryland

"Mr. Armstrong, there have been thoughts in this community that you and Ted are the 'Beast and False Prophet'... I said, 'No,' you had been going longer than 3 1/2 years which is their limited time." Woman, Tateville, Ky.

"It is continually claimed that only Ambassador College teaches people how to live. In some future edition of The PLAIN TRUTH, how about some comparative statistics on the following: 1. The crime, suicide, and divorce rate of graduates of Ambassador College compared with graduates of other church-sponsored colleges. (No fair using state institutions). 2. The juvenile delinquency rate of children of Ambassador College Graduates compared with graduates of other church-sponsored colleges." Man, East Ely, Nev.

"An enclosed article asks as follows: 'Are Big Cathedrals on Way Out?' It is interesting to note that Ambassador College would never waste its money on such useless overgrown stone barns. Ambassador College as I can plainly see gets the most mileage from its money; i.e., restoring fine old estates and where new buildings are needed, erecting the most tasteful and functional structures of contemporary architecture. (The proposed new auditorium at Pasadena is an excellent example). The motto of the Ambassador College building program could well be 'Useful, Functional, Beautiful.'" Man, Worcester, Mass.

"I just finished your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality'. It is an understatement to say it is one of the finest and most enlightening books I have ever read. I plan to be married in a few days and your book has been such an inspiration to my future wife and me that we both thank you from the bottom of our hearts for this so badly needed blessing in the form of a book." Man, Tenn.

"I am taking pills for high blood pressure, pills for the heart ailment, diabetic pills, pills for arthritis and an antibiotic to keep from getting infection in a bad ingrown toenail. I also have sinus trouble pills. I take 450 pills per month, and I am so tired of taking pills. I believe that Christ healed the sick, but Christ delegated the power of healing to ministers. I am asking a special prayer for healing, following the apostle Paul's example." Woman, Missouri

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"This Donation has a strange background -- it was sent to another ministry but in some strange way I neglected to put the box number on the envelope so it was returned. I will not resend it because I firmly believe it was the Lord's hand guiding me away from the first place and since you are my most respected program, mainly because you never ask for donations but put your full time to giving out the 'Word,' you win thumbs up." Woman, Bellflower, Calif.

"I wanted to tell you about my brother's experience. He read the letters you got from people about tithing in The PLAIN TRUTH. He often joked about them and really couldn't believe them, but he decided he would tithe anyway. He had a job with long hours and low pay. He had only sent in \$15, which was a tenth of his month's salary, when a new filling station opened in our town and he went to put in an application to pump gas because the hours were shorter with more pay. Instead of getting the job pumping gas, they asked him if he would like to be manager of the station. He just couldn't believe it could happen to him. He not only gets a higher salary but a percentage of all that is sold. We all know now that tithing sure can bring a blessing. My husband and I are going to start tithing out of this week's check because we know it is the right thing to do. We are not doing it to get something better in return but because we want to help you help others as you have our family." Woman, Paducah, Ky.

"The letters on tithing in The PLAIN TRUTH were very interesting and heart warming. A year and a half ago we had the same experience. I strongly believed in tithing but my husband didn't; he said we couldn't afford to give that much. At that time (winter months), he was only working three days a week. I asked him to try it and give God a chance to prove His power, so he did. He got in a full week's work and as we continued to tithe God continued to bless us. Six months ago my husband was made foreman, and the Lord is still blessing us." Woman, Lynden, Wash.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I am a lady 73 years old and crippled with sores on my left leg but they are healing fast since I asked you for prayer for my healing. One large sore is completely healed. Thank you and thanks to our great Healer God and Jesus for our healing through prayer." Woman, Tex.

"I wrote you for prayer about a month ago for my husband. He entered the hospital on June 17 and was very ill. They took X rays, and told me that his lungs showed cancerous tumors, and nothing could be done for him. June 18 we couldn't get him awake for he had coughed so much, and they had given him a shot so he could rest. The next day he was awake and knew us but was still confused. He hadn't been eating and had lost a lot of weight before he entered the hospital. Then he started to eat his meals and ate real well. The doctor was so surprised at his recovery that he ordered more X rays be taken. These showed that his lungs were clear, and we brought him home on the 8th day. We had placed the healing cloth that you had sent us on his body, and I believe God delivered Him. I told the doctor that God had touched him, but he explained that the X-ray men had probably made a mistake in reading those first X rays. The doctor said that my husband had pneumonia and that explained the spots on his X rays. He said he had given him some very potent medicine too. We thank God for his recovery." Woman, Pa.

"A year ago I asked for a prayer request for a small boy with a brain injury and you helped him. Before placing the cloth on his head he was like a vegetable, but since he has learned to talk, walk, feed himself neatly, and play with other children." Woman, Placentia, Calif.

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July 30, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The percentage of increase in letters is holding well above the thirty per cent mark for the month, while the increase in money is close to twenty-five per cent. We expect to finish the month with better than 95,000 letters -- which would represent a thirty-three per cent increase over last year. Several questions have come in asking whether we believe in reincarnation. Many people are commenting enthusiastically about the July PLAIN TRUTH, especially the color cover and the 'Personal from the Editor.'

COMMENTS ON THE PLAIN TRUTH

"Well, you did it again! My copy of The PLAIN TRUTH arrived yesterday and it was the wee hours before I got to sleep, and it will be like this until it's read from cover to cover. The covers, with their breath-taking colors, are absolutely the best I've seen on any magazine. Thanks again for the PLAIN TRUTH and the tremendous effort put into the many articles which must be prepared each month." Man from Toledo, Ohio.

"Could you please send me another July PLAIN TRUTH. I got one, but we had company over the weekend. When they left, my PLAIN TRUTH went too. Someone must have taken it, but I don't care. It may do someone a lot of good (I hope), but I didn't even get to read it. I miss it like I would a good friend. Please send me another if it isn't too much trouble." Mo.

"I would like to say that I hope you will soon be continuing your 'Autobiography' in The PLAIN TRUTH. Please don't ever think that it bores people because it doesn't. It is tremendously interesting and through it we get to know you better." Woman from Ohio.

"I have just finished reading your 'Editorial' reply to a woman who doesn't want to read The PLAIN TRUTH any more because you want to do away with 'Easter.' I consider it a most masterful piece of writing -- I felt like saying, 'Hurrah for our side!' when I had read it all. But do you know -- I'll bet that woman won't read it, and if she does, she'll be like my grandmother used to say, 'a fool convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.'" California

"Brother Armstrong, I hope we don't have any more worldly-appearing picture covers (such as the March cover) for The PLAIN TRUTH. It has caused so much painful criticism and the work of God has been classed cheap, such as, 'just another selfish religious organization.' I fear it is hindering God's great work." Man from Texas.

"I was returning from the Air Force Basic Military School at Lackland AFB, Texas, last evening and as I sat on the airplane, I could not help seeing what the man beside me was reading. As I pursued to find out what kind of periodical the man was reading, I found that the periodical was one that I had never heard of, but the articles seemed so unbiased and straightforward. The man explained to me that The PLAIN TRUTH was only revealing the facts and was not out to make profits or sell anything but the truth. I would certainly appreciate it if I could be added to your mailing list so that I may know the 'Plain Truth.'" Man from Oklahoma.

"I do want to thank you for the booklets you have sent me, but The PLAIN TRUTH is the best book ever printed. Why? -- Because it is so easy to understand and I've learned so many things I didn't have right or was confused about. It should be in every home, and not only read once, but studied thoroughly." Woman from Colorado.

"Take my name off your mailing list! Your God makes it impossible to serve Him. I am throwing your junk in the trash can without reading it and tearing it up so no one else can. That goes for anything you've got!" Man from Fresno, Calif.

"A comment on the cover of the June PLAIN TRUTH -- at first glance I thought it was a copy of TIME Magazine and then at once I realized it was THE magazine which I so eagerly look for each month and the one and only one in which I read the articles several times." Calif.

"After reading the article, 'Have You Found God's One True Church?' by William H. Ellis in the July PLAIN TRUTH -- the answer is no, we have not -- Mrs. Rosen, our daughter Patricia and myself, William E. Rosen. We are ready to be baptized by the true servants of Jesus Christ into God's one True Church. We wish to tithe this small amount of \$5.00 at this time." Man from Fullerton, Calif.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I realize that you are very busy, but I hope you will read my whole letter. As I said, I came upon the program by accident as I was tuning in my favorite station. One night I happened to catch a stirring voice and just out of curiosity I listened to it. The station was not very clear, however, the genuine sincerity of this voice made me listen all the more ardently. I was disappointed when the program stopped at 9 o'clock -- I could have listened all night. Mr. Armstrong mixed humor with fact and showed he truly believed in what he said. As a result of tonight's lesson on the existence of God, I truly see now the awesome majestic power of the Almighty. I truly believe that he has helped me become a better Christian, and I want to thank him and may God bless his efforts. Good luck to you and Mr. Ted Armstrong." Man from Texas.

"I often listen to your broadcast on Sunday morning; it gives me courage and hope. I am nineteen, and an orphan. I spent a year in a convent, and during that time I prayed for everyone. I enjoyed doing it. But now I don't seem to be able to pray any more; I feel that I have sunken into sin. However, I know that God has not abandoned me, even though I don't have any faith any more. Please help me find it again and keep it." Girl from Le Havre, France.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

x "I am so thankful God prepared a beautiful place as He has for the Summer Camp this year. Words just can't describe the beauty. I am so thankful I have gotten to go. I am enjoy-

ing it very much -- wish it could last forever; it must be a foretaste of what The WORLD TOMORROW will be like. I just wish all the children of the Church could go. It is a tremendous blessing!" Teenage girl from Sharon Springs, Kans.

"Every day I thank God for the minister (Mr. and Mrs. Bass) who came and talked to us. What a chastening he gave us with his tongue! But we deserved it, and that was just what we needed to awake us from our apathy." Woman from Ruston, La.

"Since last corresponding with you, I have had the opportunity to talk with a representative of the Church of God, Mr. George Meeker, and also, to attend the last 2 Sabbath day assemblies in Milwaukee. Words can not convey my thanks for having been provided with these rich experiences. Mr. Meeker and I had a very informative visit at which time all my questions were answered. I enjoyed this conversation immensely! As a result of our discussion my desire to learn more of God's way was certainly stimulated. Mr. Meeker extended an invitation to me to attend the Church of God assembly a week ago last Saturday. I did attend; I saw; I heard. The experience was simply a wonderful blessing!" Man from Milwaukee, Wis.

"I'm sitting on my porch in base housing on Yokota AFB, right by the highway. In the few minutes I've been here there have been two students and one truck driver yell, 'Yankee, go home!' One can feel the gradual change in the Japanese people toward Americans. Although in our many travels overseas we've sensed that the people are secretly contemptuous of any person or country so generous and lavish with gifts and money." T/Sgt. stationed in Japan.

"I wish to thank you for the articles I have received in the past, for I have learned more about the Bible in the last year than I learned in over 25 years of church membership. And it seems that what I did learn didn't make sense, but since reading your articles and checking and studying the Bible, I can understand why. I am also receiving your Correspondence Course and it is a lot of help." Man from Pennsylvania.

"I recently visited your Ambassador College in Pasadena. Everything was more beautiful than your PLAIN TRUTH some months back described. I was very impressed with your beautiful college. There seemed to be an air of contentment and joy among the personnel and all the people we met on the tour around the campus." Woman from Indiana.

"I enjoy my lessons and my study in the Bible Correspondence Course and get so interested in them that I study 2 and 3 hours, and sometimes 4 hours at a time without a break. I would go on, but I have a family, and after so long a time I have to get some work done." Woman from Tennessee.

"I would like to send you some money, but I did send some once and it was returned to me. It does not seem fair that you should have all the expense for such a wonderful magazine." Woman from Highland Park, Mich.

"Your book, GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality,' has been, and is being, read by many persons. All have praised it, and, in fact, some stated 'Why did I not read this book 25 years ago? What a great difference my life would have been!'" Man from Columbia, South America.

RESPONSE TO OFFERING PUBLIC LIBRARIES THE PLAIN TRUTH AND THE NEW MORALITY

"We are very pleased that someone has given our library a subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH. We are also looking forward to receiving the book, 'The New Morality.' The sample

copy of The PLAIN TRUTH was wonderful and interesting reading, and I am sure our patrons will enjoy it, too. Our thanks to our thoughtful friend." Librarian from George West, Texas.

"We received our first copy of The PLAIN TRUTH. We are indeed grateful for the gift and your thoughtfulness in sending it to us." Librarian, North Bend, Ore.

"Thank you for the sample copy of The PLAIN TRUTH which we received yesterday. It is a very attractive magazine, and all of the articles are of timely interest. I hope our patrons will appreciate its value. We will try to keep track of how much it is read, and any comments. It may take a while before we know, as it is so 'different' from the reading which most of them are doing." Librarian from Forest City, Iowa.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"God has truly blessed me. Last summer I was unable to find employment. However, a few days after sending Him a free-will offering, I received 5 offers for employment, one of which I accepted, and still a few days later I was fortunate enough to win a beautiful 1964 Cadillac in a drawing. I recently sold the car, and enclosed is God's tithe for His blessing. Please continue to teach His word to all nations before the time of the end." Man from Illinois.

"Since I started tithing I have been richly blessed by God. Praise God, I am only 14, but I own 3 cars and have my own job where I make \$15.00 a week. So I know it pays to tithe." Teenager from Thompsontown, Pa.

"I am 10 and I made \$2.00 by watering somebody's yard. Here is the 20¢ tithe I made from the \$2.00. Youngster from Westfir, Ore.

"I just wanted to let you know how blessed I have been because of tithing. I have a new job and am earning twenty rand (\$28.00) more than in my other job. This just goes to show that God does bless us for giving." Woman, Johannesburg, South Africa.

"I am enclosing a cheque for 10 pounds. I am sure this had been made possible by tithing. I am still a corsetiere and it is surprising how many clients ring me up after I'd made up my mind not to seek any more business. Could you please see that this money goes towards the life of this book." Woman, Coventry, England.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"It delights me to give my offering and God's tithe to the Church which truly belongs to God. I am most grateful to you and the staff. It is nearly 2 years since I have taken any medicine and I was real sick as a diabetic before. Truly God has healed me. I'm nearly 70 years old. Isn't God good?" Member from Hart, Michigan.

"I must tell you that my husband is steadily improving after doctors told him he would have to have his leg amputated. Your healing cloth didn't do it but faith did -- faith that if it was God's will he would in his own time cure him. And he is." Co-worker from New Brunswick.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

We are receiving some comments about the L.A. Riots. The initial letters came from individuals who were exposed to it either directly or indirectly. Comments showing the reaction from the other parts of the nation are just starting to come in. Several articles in the August PLAIN TRUTH are bringing a very enthusiastic response. These are "Hiroshima," "Christian Manhood" and "Will We Ever Learn?" Several have asked for an article on true femininity. Mail receipts are lagging slightly behind last week. We have not gained in percentage of increase but just about held even through most of the week with a 26% increase in money and 15% in letters for the month.

CARIBBEAN BAPTIZING TOUR

Messrs. Apartian and Kelly

"This proved to be a most needed and helpful tour. There were 57 scheduled to meet, but 96 showed up, of whom 22 were baptized. Many more will be ready by next year. Wherever the program is heard clearly 7 days a week, the response is excellent. People are generally in a good attitude and eager to learn the truth, but are handicapped first of all by illiteracy, and secondly by the difficulties of keeping the Sabbath in the plantation work they do. In Martinique, where Mr. Apartian preached Friday night, Sabbath morning and afternoon, Mr. Louis Jubert was ordained a local elder."

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I am currently a subscriber to the tape recorded edition of The PLAIN TRUTH. I have read two issues and have found them most interesting. I particularly like the articles dealing with international affairs. Please send me at your earliest convenience the talking book recording of the booklet on the proof of the Bible. Also if it is available, I would like to read a booklet mentioned in the July issue of The PLAIN TRUTH called 'A True History of the True Church.' I'm sure I am expressing the sentiments of many other people as well as myself in expressing my gratitude to Mr. Norman Smith and all the other persons who are making your magazine and other literature available to the visually handicapped." Man, Illinois.

"I just received my PLAIN TRUTH today. I just read the article on Hiroshima. This is about the most stirring article I have read in The PLAIN TRUTH yet. I hadn't even realized that anything this terrible had ever happened. I had heard about Hiroshima and the bomb, but I just never had thought of it in a way as real as this article made it. I must thank you for

putting this article in The PLAIN TRUTH, as it woke me up to the facts. Another article that was really needed was the one on Christian manhood. I truly enjoyed this article and would love to see one telling the women to be more feminine. Well, I just think the August PLAIN TRUTH is truly the best issue yet, of the best magazine in print." Woman, Alabama.

"Your article on the A-bomb dropped during World War II was really an eye-opener to what an atomic bomb can do. I never realized that it could be like that and never comprehended it that way about such damage on mankind. That article is certainly an eye-opener. Everyone should read it. Please pray that we may escape such things that are to come in the future." Ala.

"The August PLAIN TRUTH came yesterday. I've looked at it and studied the pictures and have read a little. Really, somehow, looking at the pictures, if one will stop and think for a moment it's quite enough to hold one 'spellbound' because having an open mind one doesn't have to read very far into any one of the articles to know it's all true. Will we ever learn? A great big 'No, we won't.' Not until we are forced to. That is about 95% of us. 'Yes, people will scoff.'" Man, California.

"The PLAIN TRUTH this month is very interesting. The article about what Christ is really like is very good. Could you have an article on what a woman should be like? The cover is beautiful and frightening." Man, California.

"I like the title 'Will We Ever Learn?' page 13 of the August PLAIN TRUTH. But the answer is 'No,' as people do not want to know the truth or they would open the New Testament and follow the rules that Christ set forth for His Church. It would probably convert them." Man, West Virginia.

"You are absolutely correct in telling the world that 'There is NO magazine like The PLAIN TRUTH.' The articles in it are 'all meat,' free of bone, gristle and fat." Woman, Kans.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"As a Pan American Airlines crew member, I listen to your program in all parts of the world. Whenever I'm in an airport at the right time, I always pull out my PLAIN TRUTH radio schedule and check for the nearest station and time schedule of your broadcast and tune in on my transistor radio. Last week I heard you in Barbados at 9:30 A.M. I'm ever eager to hear your broadcast and never tire of it. It sort of lifts me a little higher than my jets do and they only go to 41,000 feet." Man, Florida.

"I look forward to hearing The WORLD TOMORROW each day. There isn't another program on the air like it because the others aren't interested in pleasing God by preaching the whole truth. Ministers of today want to tickle their listeners' ears by preaching what the people want to hear." Woman, Virginia.

"The WORLD TOMORROW is heard in our home every night on WCHS. It is a challenge to my pet ideas and handed-down, worn-out notions about the Bible. The present series (the Panorama of the Gospels) truly represents Christ as He is, the Son of God." Man, W. Va.

"In my opinion, your radio program is one of the best on the air today. I hear you nightly over WHP radio in Harrisburg. Your program is consistently fascinating with invariably stirring interpretations of the Scriptures. Compliments to you on such a superb job." Pa.

"Is it all right if I ask for a subscription to be sent to my father? He has listened off and on to The WORLD TOMORROW since the 1930's and would never write in and request a subscription for The PLAIN TRUTH. He didn't want to be 'hounded' for money. I told him I've been receiving The PLAIN TRUTH for almost a year and never been asked for money. He doesn't believe me. He introduced me to the broadcast and I'm now attending church in Chicago, and words can't tell how much I love learning God's Truth. I would love for my father to have your magazine as I have given him some of my copies. I don't know if a person can subscribe for another person or not. If so, I would be ever grateful. I would love for him to have the July copy if possible. I know there are several articles in there he would be interested in." Ill.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE LOS ANGELES RIOT

"I can certainly see your teaching coming true with this terrible riot in Los Angeles. A person thinks it can't happen here, but see how wrong one can be. While other parts of the country have been hit with floods, drought, and such, I have often wondered what sort of tragedy would hit our town. I suppose my answer has at last shown its ugly head. I can only pray for Divine protection for my loved ones and friends. The riot area is not far from my place of employment. It certainly is a different story when something like this hits close to home. When you hear about Alabama, Dominica, Viet Nam, and the rest, you think its so far away, a person can't realize the full meaning of the terror and destruction. But here it is at our own front door. It makes you want to cry." Man, California.

"I hope they punish those Negroes for damage they have done in Los Angeles. I just don't understand it. I hope there will be an article in the next issue of The PLAIN TRUTH about this mess." Man, Oregon.

"I am in the middle of the mob's destruction of property. There is not a market here that is not smashed or burned to the ground. At 111 St. and Main St. a whole block of business is burned to the ground; they even threw rocks at my car when I went to work." Man, Los Angeles.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"I have been with the Indiana State Police for ten years and I see the public in every 'light' and character. I try to fight (alone) a drinking problem which goes up and down when I can't consciously disregard the many pressures of life and the influence of so-called friends around me. The WHY of the things in life which involve death, poor deformed people, dreaded diseases, seeing poor babies and children dead and mutilated, and horrible murder and rape of the innocent stir through my mind. I know you get letters like this all the time, but the individual, such as me has to knock that shell from around him sometime! I've listed over the months many articles I've been wanting to study. I would also like to enroll in the Ambassador Bible Course." State Trooper from Indiana.

"I have been a Christian for years and I must say I often get disappointed at the nonsense I hear from worldly preachers who do not know the truth or preach to please the people. It does my heart good to hear the truth as it is in the Bible. I am now 106 years old and yet I feel that I do not yet know all I should concerning God's will." Man, Little Rock, Ark.

"I often wonder how a person like you can keep on going in the face of such overwhelming obstacles. But then I guess you don't have much choice, for like Jonah you were called to do a job and it's either do it or land in the belly of a whale." Man, Ore.

"One church member told me when he found out I was receiving your literature that the time would come when you people would request 30% of my income. Well, I told him I would cross that bridge when I came to it -- and nothing would make me happier than to know I could afford to give 30% of everything I made, in tithes. That also, so far I hadn't found anyone, or any group that had tied so many loose ends of the Bible together for me in such a short time." Woman, California.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I am so happy I can hardly write -- the Lord has healed me of cancer. I can't express it in words, but I thank Jesus and I thank you all for praying for me. I feel fine and I am able to do all my house work and all my freezing and canning. I know I was better when I could work in my garden. Thank God for it." Woman, Georgia.

"I must tell you that I have been healed by God. I used to have asthma very badly. This summer I went on the wheat harvest and ran a combine. I also ate all good foods. Life seems worth living to me now and I thank you for your helping me to live this new life the right way before God." Man, Kansas.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"This is the first tithe I've paid for several years. I decided a few years back that I'd have to get out of debt before I could pay God what I owe Him. Can you beat that? I was so foolish that I thought it more important to pay worldly accounts than it was to pay God. Well, believe me He showed me. Things kept getting worse and worse financially until we finally went bankrupt. Even then I thought I best wait a while till I really got on my feet again before starting to pay my tithe. To bring that lesson home, one of our creditors took us to court and on a trumped up charge, won the case and we have to pay some \$3,000.00 to them. I had to quit at the institution where I was working so I could get my retirement money to help us out of the mess. This is my tithe on that money. At present, I'm not even working. My husband's paycheck is not sufficient to pay our current bills. I have to help out. But I'm at last trusting God, in spite of the persuasion otherwise from Satan." Woman, Wash.

"We always thought we couldn't afford to send God our tithes, but we decided to start sending them even if we couldn't pay our bills. We have just been able to pay our bills and not have any money left over. Now we are paying our tithes and our bills and still have a few dollars left. God does keep His promises." Woman, Kansas.

"For almost six years I have been able to only save and maintain a balance of \$11.00 in my savings account. After learning of God's tithing law and using it -- I have been blessed with a wonderful job which pays \$125.00 weekly. I have worked only six weeks and now have \$250.00 in my savings account. I thank God for blessing me and for being my partner. Since tithing, I also have a keener sense of budgeting and managing money." Woman, Ind.

"Here are God's tithes and offerings. We are especially thrilled being in His work right now, for this is our third tithe year and we have a bigger part in it this year. We just bought our first new car -- a 65 and have gotten out of debt for the first time in our marriage." Woman, Ravenna, Ohio

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

August 27, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Mail Receipts for this week have been comparable to last week in both letters and money. The percentage of increase in letters rose to 20 per cent for the month as of Thursday noon. The money increase stands at about twenty-six per cent. Excellent comments continue to come in regarding the August PLAIN TRUTH. The articles on "Hiroshima" and "Christian Manhood" are receiving a majority of the comments. White mail is up considerably over what we received last week.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I love every issue of your PLAIN TRUTH, and I must admit that I thought it could not reach any higher standard of excellency. However, after receiving the August issue, I am forced to revise my opinion. Although your magazine had already been a magazine of much higher quality than any other on the newsstand, with the August issue you have reached the highest pinnacle of excellence that I deem possible (although, with the September issue I may be forced to revise my opinion again). The cover photograph is the most eye-arresting I have ever seen anywhere, and the contents of the magazine live up to, and in some cases surpass, the cover's promise. Every single article can be read by a 14-year-old without seeming pretentious, or by an adult without seeming like a first-grade primer. May I congratulate you on a wonderful magazine." Man, Modesto, Calif.

"That 'Personal from the Editor' just made the hair stand straight up on my head to think some are living like they think the time will go on like it is now. But I tell them that it won't and I am glad I can try to live as good as I can and believe what is in the Bible -- some of them don't." Woman, De Queen, Ark.

"I enjoyed the 'Autobiography' very much as it also told some incidents in the lives of Richard and Garner Ted Armstrong. It is inspiring and helpful to read the accounts in the lives of Mr. Herbert Armstrong and his son and all those who are overcoming." Man, Ohio.

"We just today got our August PLAIN TRUTH, and are presently reading the article 'Christian MANHOOD -- Is It a 'Lost Cause'?' Please tell Mr. Roderick C. Meredith it was superb. We are 20-year-old girls, and I can say most girls, young women, would want a man after that sort, after God's masculinity. Could Mrs. Armstrong write a few articles on

'femininity' for younger ladies like us. I am certain it would be a great help, especially to those less endowed in physical beauty. By what we have gathered of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong's marriage, it is beautiful indeed! She is very feminine and has had lots of valuable experience so near a man like her husband. Please tell her of our request." Young women, Wisconsin.

"Please do not forward any more of your PLAIN TRUTH's to me, as I wholeheartedly disagree with much that you or your associates write. It would seem that you and your associates seem to imagine that you have 'cornered the wisdom of the world,' and therefore are perhaps the only 'enlightened' people. Such arrogance and self-assumed egotism grate upon the sensitivity and intelligence of well-informed and sophisticated Americans." Man, White Plains, N.Y.

"I read your magazine last week for the first time sitting in the dentist's office. I was only able to read one article, but I really enjoyed the little I read. I would be interested in receiving this magazine and would appreciate advice as to how to obtain this monthly." N.J.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I travel the U.S. quite extensively and tune you in on stations all over the country. Each Sunday when I visit some local church I make it a point to ask the minister if he has heard your program. In most cases he has but doesn't quite understand how anything can be carried on so extensively without pleas for money. However, you are having a greater influence on people than you think. I would estimate that your non-writing audience is far beyond your estimates." Man, North Miami, Fla.

"I hear your program on Station KFYZ in Bismarck. It is broadcast at 7:00 P.M. seven nights a week. I enjoy Garner Ted's series on the Gospels, and also his comments on the current events of the day. Many of your predictions concerning the Common Market have already come true, as have your predictions on Germany. She certainly is preparing for another war and will be just as strong, if not stronger, than the first time. Many of the nations of the world, including our own, don't seem to be aware of that fact as yet, and if they are, they prefer to ignore it. Hope we wake up before it is too late." Woman, Fargo, N.D.

"I have been listening to your broadcast in DZAQ, Manila. Your voice resembles that of your son. Both of you possess a good voice with fluent enough English to captivate the listeners to keep on hearing your program." Man, Masbate, Philippines.

"I allow myself to congratulate the speaker on Le MONDE A VENIR -- simply but sincerely. What depth of thought, and what clarity and simplicity!" Catholic Priest, France.

COMMENTS FROM OUR FOREIGN OFFICES

"I have enclosed this note to inform you that your literature has made the Bible more important to me. Several wrong ideas that I had before have been disproved and I realize now how stupid they were. I was very glad to see that the proofs of your literature were based on firm logical grounds bringing out the importance of the Bible without using a lot of abstract, incomprehensible ideas, like so many of the modern preachers." Man, Lancashire, England.

"Mr. Armstrong says in his article ('How SOLID is the ROCK of Gibraltar?') that Britain will lose Gibraltar because the British have forgotten their God. We, the people of

Gibraltar, consider ourselves 100% British, so I suppose we come under that category. Again, I ask Mr. Armstrong -- has he ever been to Gibraltar; does he know what the people here are like; is he not being a bit presumptuous in saying that we have forgotten God? What about our neighbors across the border -- are they remembering the words of God, 'Love thy neighbor as thyself?' ... Mr. Armstrong further states that the U.S.A. and Britain have lost and are continuing to lose territories all over the world. I do not know very much about American policy as regards their overseas territories, but as far as Britain is concerned, I do not think that to have given countries that belonged to the British Empire their independence is a disgrace to any nation. On the contrary, I would say it is something to be proud of." Woman, Gibraltar.

"In our paper the other evening I read of a piece where a young girl was boarding a bus home and was attacked by an African from behind -- he tried to take her handbag. Although men were sitting on the bus, not one of them attempted to help the girl. The combined 'driver-conductor' did not even move in full view of the incident. The girl's sister was the only one to help. When the driver was asked by the girl why he did not help her, he replied, 'What can I do?' It's so true, as shown in different articles of The PLAIN TRUTH, what this world is coming to." Reader, South Africa.

"Mr. Armstrong, candidly speaking, the truth is I am a Catholic. I studied in Catholic schools and graduated in the oldest Pontifical university, The University of St. Thomas, in Manila, with the degree of LL.B. I am at present a law practitioner here, but really the PLAIN TRUTH is giving me new pleasure and interest and I do not see anything wrong with it; on the contrary, my family and I are learning a lot from its various articles and all its other contents. Regarding your Bible Correspondence Course, will it be all right if you consider me enrolled in the same? You see, I am very interested in the search for truth and knowledge." Man, Vigan, Ilocos Sur, Philippines.

"It's true that all the gold in the world could not pay for the treasure that I have had since I have known Le MONDE A VENIR broadcast, La PURE VERITE, The Bible Correspondence Course, and your booklets. I never grow weary of plunging into them at every leisure moment, however short. May God pour out blessings upon you, and upon all those who preach the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." Woman, Nogent-en-Bassigny, France.

"The PLAIN TRUTH is a wonderful magazine, and I am delighted in digesting its contents time and again.... So far, I have received 2 issues, and am eagerly looking forward to the next issue. I wish I was at Pasadena to tell Mr. Armstrong and his associates how happy I feel in reading the useful articles which they write and publish for readers at large. I know this is only wishful thinking, for I am already past 72." Mr. Abraham George's Uncle, India.

"I was pleasantly surprised when the postman brought me the letter and the envelope containing the literature requested plus others. The honest truth is that I thought I would have had to wait for about 4 weeks for it. But the great surprise was yet to come, and that was when I began reading them, for they were just the type of Biblical discourses I was hoping to see someone write." Man, Trinidad, West Indies.

"I read your article about tithing. I am a barber here and have a typewriter repair and reconditioning service on the side. For one month I never sold or repaired a machine. So I sent you a tithe of \$1.00. The same day that my receipt arrived I sold 2 machines and one machine came in for repair at \$12 and one family came in to browse. So the results are rather astounding -- a total of \$83.50 for one day for a \$1.00 investment. I certainly require no further proof of the importance of tithing." Man, Ontario, Canada.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"My mother receives your magazine every month. Naturally I read it. I am 17 years old and I think that this world in which we live has gone beserk! The laws of the U.S. are unbelievable. I don't see how the human race has survived life itself. My father and I were arrested for sitting at home, when a drunk man burst the door down, beat up my mother and sister and tried to kill a little baby. I hit this man with a soft drink bottle and my father shot a gun over his head to scare him off my mother. I am underage, but the laws of this state let this man take a warrant out for me. The laws of this state (incidentally, I used to respect them) are cheap and dirty. If you've got money, that's all it takes to bribe any self-respecting (?) law officer. I don't see how any officer could be cheapened so!" Teenager, Kings Mt., N.C.

"I am shocked to hear of the terrible disorders that have been occurring in the Watts section of Los Angeles in the last few days. It is terrible to hear of the animal rage and madness that has suddenly struck those poor deceived people to taking the law into their own hands. Surely, it appears that the devil must have been licking his chops at such outrages. One thing that struck me hard was reading about a 12-year-old looter who was crying, not because he was caught, but angry because every time he got hold of a transistor radio, a bigger person would take it away from him. Some day God will open the eyes of those people and set them straight." Anon, Sioux City, Iowa.

"I just returned from Orr, Minnesota, where I attended the Summer Program. There I learned many things, but the most important was the fact that this Work of God's was not just my parents' religion, but that it is for me. That is why I am requesting The PLAIN TRUTH and Bible Correspondence Course. I want to thank you and God for that wonderful Summer Education Program and I hope I may attend it again next summer." Teenager, Somis, Calif.

"You might be interested in another way that mankind shows his utter disregard for his fellow man. On our way home from town this afternoon, we were driving in the left-hand lane of a four-lane road. I noticed that cars were stopping in front of us and then pulling into the right lane and going on. Suddenly, I saw a person lying on the ground. I called to my husband who stopped the car and we both jumped out. A car had begun to make a left turn onto the street and had hit a lady who was leaving the cannery where she worked. Her two friends stood across the street, just watching. In the window of the office stood more people, just looking to see what was happening (they didn't want to miss anything.) No one was moving to help her. They just let her lie there in the street. I picked her up and helped her into the office and to a seat where she waited a minute or two for the policeman to come. Why do people just stand and watch when someone is hurt? This just goes to show how much this nation is going down. People used to help others; now they just watch!" Couple, Modesto, Calif.

"I have read what you said about the younger generation. It is certainly true. I'll admit that I'm a lot like that, although I don't commit serious crimes that call for court hearings, but you have showed me where I was wrong. I know that I should obey my parents and I'm trying harder. I'm 14 years old." Negro miss, Nashville, N.C.

"I am writing to let you know that my 7-month-old son who had the measles was healed. I was at sea on a ship when Edward broke out with the measles, and my wife Evelyn called Mr. Kunz in Lakeland. Mr. Kunz sent an anointed cloth. My wife received the cloth on Thursday and anointed Edward. By the next day the measles had completely disappeared and so had his fever." Man, Mayport, Fla.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

September 3, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

We ended the month of August with a 28% increase in money and a 21% increase in letters over the same month of 1964. September is starting out rather slow in mail receipts. The white mail has been especially low for several days this week. We expect it to start climbing again as the week ends. Comments regarding the August PLAIN TRUTH are holding up quite well. The articles on "Christian Manhood" and "Hiroshima" are receiving a continued response over a longer period than is normally expected for most PLAIN TRUTH articles. Many good tithing comments have been received this week also. There has been an increase in the number of people asking to be placed on the subscription list for The PLAIN TRUTH.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"Your PLAIN TRUTH is beautiful in its new color dress, but more important still is what is between its covers. I look forward to every edition and still wonder how you do it. It's a very enlightening and beautifully illustrated magazine. After I read each issue I think to myself -- 'Wish I had the vocabulary to express my thanks and thoughts about its contents.'" Man, Davenport, Iowa.

"I received my issue of The PLAIN TRUTH last week, read it from cover to cover, and wish to say it is the most interesting issue I've yet read. The new color cover really makes it an eye-catcher. It makes me feel good to know there is one piece of reading material where one can find the Truth. Thank you and thank God for this wonderful work." Man, Missouri.

"Please be so kind as to remove my name from your mailing list. I just received the latest copy of your magazine and I am disappointed in your misunderstanding of Bible prophecy and history. If you want to continue as a 'prophet of doom' that is your constitutional right. I don't have to be on the receiving end of your discourses. THAT is my constitutional right." From an airman first class at McClellan AFB, Calif.

"The children reported they saw The PLAIN TRUTH in our city library. We hope they also have a copy of the fine book, GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' It's needed!" Man, St. Charles, Iowa.

"I visited a dear friend in Michigan and she told me about your wonderful magazine. I started to read it after she went to bed and by the time I looked at the clock it was 2:00 A.M. I nearly read the whole magazine -- what wonderful truths! I do certainly believe a lot of what you write is coming in even my lifetime, and I'm 50 years old." Woman, Butte, Mont.

"One rainy day this spring I found part of your magazine all wet and muddy. I picked it up and took it home and read it to see what it was all about, and I enjoyed it so very much. Please send it to me and I would like to send you a love offering. I have been a Unity Member for many years." Woman, St. Louis, Mo.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I truly enjoy your program. The first time I heard it I was driving from Portland to Klamath Falls, Oregon. I was so interested in your program I pulled off the road so as not to miss any of it. I have listened to your program ever since, and my family and I thank you for it." Man, Klamath Falls, Ore.

"Never have I heard a man like you, who speaks the truth so boldly. Every other minister speaks in a weak, smooth voice. Most of them just leave out the parts of the Bible they don't like or give them wrong meaning. Most of them really don't believe in God and in the coming of Christ. I am sick of them and don't want to hear them. I dislike their preaching and teaching. Satan uses all these religions to fool people. I don't want to be confused -- I want to know the truth!" Man, Arizona.

"I heard your talk on radio and enjoyed it very much. It's the first time I've heard someone on the air mix politics and religion and not come out smelling like a communist." Man, Delano, Calif.

"Thank you again for a wonderful program. I am the father of 6 wonderful children, ages 6 to 17. They, too, have an interest. I am not a religious fanatic. I am a Catholic trying to get through life the best way I know how. You'd be surprised how many Catholics I know who listen to your program." Man, Phoenix, Ariz.

"Since I listened to The WORLD TOMORROW I seem to have fewer personal problems. But I still have at least 1 that I'd like to ask about (although it is not so much as it used to be). The fact is I am a bitter anti-Yankee fan and when I am in a bad mood, I get extremely angry when the Yankees win -- sometimes as far as tearing my shirt or some of my books. Fortunately I have not done this lately because of 2 reasons: (a) The Yanks are so far behind in the Pennant Race this year and (b) I think the Spirit of God is helping me lessen my anti-Yankee prejudice." Man, Watertown, Conn.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"First, I would like to thank you for the book GOD SPEAKS OUT on the 'New Morality.' What words can be found to describe the wonderful effect it has on the heart and mind of the reader? All the adjectives are too weak in themselves to describe such a book. I rejoice in the new knowledge and thank God for it. I now have a new attitude concerning sex and marriage. I refuse to read any articles written by psychologists on how to have a happy marriage. I remember some of them I read before I received your book and they do not give the answers, for, like you said, they do not have the true complete knowledge. Psychologists can tell me nothing about it for I have found the truth from God and I believe what He tells me." Woman, Ill.

"Last spring I sent for your book 'The New Morality' as revealed by a Christian. I read about half of it, but my sister was having marital problems and I was led to send this

book of yours to her (she was admitted to a state institution but after a period of time she is allowed to come home). Now she has been adjusting herself and dropped divorce proceedings. I do not want to ask her to give the book back, so I'm wondering if you still have copies on hand and could send me another one for our own use." Woman, Defiance, Ohio.

"Did you happen to see Art Linkletter's program when he had some word definitions sent in by a schoolteacher? When a child was asked to define what a minister was, the reply was 'A man who is always asking for money in church.'" Couple, Issaquah, Wash.

"I did want to write to let you know how much I enjoyed the new illustrated Lesson 40 and the new test (10). Words cannot express the feeling I have for The PLAIN TRUTH and The GOOD NEWS. It is a sense of pride -- not a puffing-up, but of a job well done -- like the feeling you get looking at a beautiful sunset. You yourself didn't do it, but nevertheless it's a job well done and you can't help feeling love toward the person who did it. And The ENVOY -- I wouldn't miss a single year's copy! This is 'my' college. I have never been there, and probably never will. But I love it because it's God's and is run God's way -- again, I feel this 'pride.'" Woman, Tinley Park, Ill.

"I have been a Methodist all my life and it is the truth that we don't even know the books of the Bible. I am getting so much more out of the Bible since listening to you." Woman, Pa.

"Both The GOOD NEWS and PLAIN TRUTH were joyfully received at our house this past week. The articles in both are so helpful in reshaping our thoughts and ways to conform to Christ's. We especially enjoyed and became excited as we read about the visit to the radio-ship Caroline, and being shown what God is doing to warn Ephraim. It is difficult for us here in America to comprehend the miracle God has performed by providing these two radio ships so that the Broadcast could be heard in Great Britain. This article makes it so plain and graphically clear. It is real to us now." Couple, Dallas, Texas.

"There was an article in The SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE this morning on adultery now being accepted among official and successful business groups for a convenience and also sometimes to help an otherwise dull marriage. This is so awful -- it's an abomination and unbelievable. Surely we are living in days like those of Sodom and Gomorrah. The end of time is here, at our very door." Woman, San Mateo, Calif.

"I work at Longview, Texas, and I go by your Church and school there. The man who rides with me (my helper) said he thought that your place was a communist front. Of course I told him he didn't know what he was talking about. I gave him a copy of The PLAIN TRUTH. Now he is asking for more copies. This man told me yesterday he thought he'd send his girl to your school. This man, along with 9 other men in my crew, read about your college in Pasadena. They were very much impressed." Man, Marshall, Texas.

"God really continues to bless me with wonderful weather. This has been one of the best growing seasons anyone here can remember, with plenty of rain. But it is another story just 35 miles from home where I work at construction work. With one hail storm after another laying everything flat and damaging hundreds of new cars. I can't remember one single hail stone falling on all my land since I started tithing and letting my land lie idle every 7 years and this is the truth." Man, Boomer, N.C.

"I am happy to say that my husband, who thought I was crazy for reading your material, is now as 'crazy' as I am." Woman, Beulah, Michigan.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"I am 18 years old, and I read your write up about tithing in the June issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, so I am sending in my first tithe. It is only \$.50, but you see I had rheumatic fever at the age of nine and still have the effects of it, so I don't hold a job. I get a quarter each week for an allowance which adds up to a dollar a month, but in June for my birthday, I got some extra money, so I'm sending you fifty cents. From now on after this I'll only send you a dime each month. I know it isn't much, but Jesus said to give you one tenth, and that is my one tenth." Teenager, Milwaukee, Wis.

"Being on Old Age Assistance, my case worker wrote and said she would be around last month, so the money I had for tithe I put in an envelope and hid it, as they always want to know every penny one has on hand. Well, I hid it so well that I have not been able to find it myself now. Perhaps that is my punishment for not sending it when I should have. I haven't found it yet!" Woman, Seattle, Wash.

"Here is our first tithe and an extra offering. God has been blessing us very much. Our blessings didn't come all at once. At first I just could hardly make it. Lots of times I would only have 25 or 30 cents in my possession. But now I am very thankful to God. He has blessed me with a good job and a very beautiful future wife to go with it. Now we are able to put \$50.00 a week in the bank and still get by very well. I am 19 and my fiance is 20 and we both are baptized in God's Church. We just wish to express our thanks to you and the many other men for doing a great job in carrying out God's work here on this earth." Man, Michigan.

"Here are two weeks' tithe. I have only sent one offering and already I can see results. My husband got a job and we are finally seeing a way to a house to live in. God truly is wonderful." Woman, Monterey, Tenn.

"Both our boys firmly believe in giving their tithe to God, although in past years it was in the churches of the world. Thomas, age 17, who has tithed for several years said, 'I have to tithe. As long as I tithe God always sees to it that I have money I need when I need it, and through the winter I have short, odd jobs as well as various, but steady jobs through the summer.' This is the first time for Paul, age 14, to tithe and he has been amazed at the money he has made this summer from mowing lawns and other odd jobs from the neighbors. He realizes that he has been able to work when many men with families are out of work. The money the 2 older boys have earned has helped tremendously with purchasing their school clothes, etc., for this fall, especially since my unconverted husband's own income has fallen off considerably." Woman, Springfield, Mo.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"Your letter and cloth came here Wednesday morning the 18. I placed the cloth on my sore left side, then finished reading your letter and placed the cloth in our barrel for burning paper on the back porch (now burned). No improvement was noticeable the first few hours, but the next day my back and left side were much better and since that time I have been without pain." Man, Phillips, Wis.

✓ "My grandson had polio when he was 3 and was afflicted in both legs. You prayed for him and sent an anointed cloth. I placed it on his legs and God answered, and blessed him. He can walk and work, also ride a bicycle (he is now 14)." Woman, Cypress, La.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

September 10, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Our percentage of increase for mail took a rather sharp drop this week. We expect it to pick up from the dip it took after the Labor Day weekend. A national holiday such as Labor Day or even the storm now threatening the South will cause a drop off in mail that we never make up. Requests for an article on femininity are continuing to come in. Questions on how to use second tithe and how to attend the Feast are also increasing. Since school will be starting soon, people are asking whether children should be given vaccinations and some are wondering if their children should attend public schools at all.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I would just like to tell you briefly how much I appreciate your ministry. It has made quite a change in my life. Your magazine is probably the best religiously-oriented magazine I have ever read, and the writers are to be commended on their positive approach and research. I am repeatedly amazed to find articles in each new PLAIN TRUTH that deal with something I may have just started wondering about. Whether this is a result of the careful planning of materials in the earlier numbers or Providence, I don't know. I like to think that perhaps the Lord may put these questions into my head, knowing what is coming from His ministers." Calif.

"When my husband told me a couple of months ago to send for your PLAIN TRUTH, I hesitated for a while thinking it wouldn't even be worth the time and trouble. After he told me the second time I finally sent for the magazine and was really happy that I did. I think I have read The PLAIN TRUTH more than my husband has. I think this is what I have been searching for to help me understand the Bible more. I am also learning about the world happenings which I have been missing out on, just by not taking time out to read the newspapers." Woman, North Carolina.

"Could you please send me another copy of the latest PLAIN TRUTH. It seems like every once in a while one of ours turns up missing. Our postman must like it too well to leave it in our box!" Woman, Dallas, Texas.

"Please cancel my subscription to your PLAIN TRUTH at once. I find the ideas expressed are highly irrational and present a narrow-minded view of the world. The ideas tend toward defeatism and escapism, very typical of people who cannot face the world." Man, Winfall, N.C.

"I have been reading The PLAIN TRUTH now for about 2 years and I find it really is the plain truth. Since it hasn't cost me anything, I would like to pay 2 years for someone

else. So far I haven't found anything wrong with your doctrine, but I'll keep trying. This is one thing I must be sure about." Man, Jasper, Ark.

"I have been reading your PLAIN TRUTH for a long time and I expect to keep on reading it as long as I can. The only trouble I have is that I have got to wait until my wife finishes reading it, and she never stops until she reads every page in it. She is 79 years old and says she thinks you and your son are the best she has ever heard because you tell the truth and are not afraid. I told her that's because you are men of God." Man, Pennsylvania.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"As I was riding along in my car one evening, I turned on my radio and heard someone making statements that I felt everyone in the world should hear. That someone turned out to be you. Never before have I heard anyone speak as you did, using the Bible as the book to read and understand so one will understand today's happenings. I wish you were somewhere around the White House. Will you please send me those 3 pamphlets you mentioned to read for basic information. If you ever appear on the air again, I hope I will not miss hearing you. If you appear often at some regular time, will you let me know?" Woman, N.C.

"I am a listener to the 11:00 P.M. broadcast of Garner Ted Armstrong. The program is a blessing to me. I am a minister of the gospel and need all the spiritual help I can receive." Minister, Russellville, Ala.

"I have been a steady listener since sometime in the 30's, on the first radio I ever owned, and will be as long as the Lord permits you to be on the air." Man, Houston, Tex.

"You might find it interesting to know that as we were in the super market Sunday night a few weeks back we enjoyed shopping to the tune of Mr. Armstrong's voice booming over CKLW. The last week after the program was over at 5:30 in the morning on WLAC there was about a full minute's silence before the disc jockey woke up to say, 'Oh, I was just sitting here smoking my pie and listening to Mr. Armstrong.' We momentarily wondered how long he might be smoking that pipe into the future." Couple, Hamburg, Mich.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"My parents are not in the church and really resent God's Work. My father is a minister in the Amish Church. I used to hide all the literature between my bed mattresses so I could read it before I went to bed, as it was about the only time I could get away with it. Finally, one day my mother found it all. She said if it were God's Word it wouldn't burn. Of course, I realized it was only paper with some printing on it and knew it would burn. It was sort of funny though, because since the booklets had been well cared-for and kept pressed from my weight on the bed, they wouldn't burn right away. Mother was real nervous after trying about 3 matches, and quickly snatched the kerosene can, threw on some kerosene and tried it again and finally accomplished her purpose. I am now living at a different location where my booklets are safe. So please, if it's possible, and if you want to, send me all your literature except the book, GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality,' which I already have." Man, Washington, D.C.

"Would you please send my husband your Bible Course? I've got him interested, and don't know how else to get mine back!" Woman, Central Point, Ore.

"I just received Lesson 40 of the Bible Correspondence Course and wanted you to know that I find the course even more thrilling than before. The pictures certainly help to impress various facts upon the mind and cause the eyes to open wider in understanding." Woman, Ohio.

"I used to run my home -- my poor husband didn't have a say in anything. If I didn't have my way it would be too bad. He knew to give in to me or I would pack my clothes and leave. But I'll tell you one thing, it's different now. I'm ashamed to look back and see how I acted and treated him. Brother Armstrong, I love my husband more now than ever before in my whole life. He's the head of this home. My children are even different; in fact, it seems like we are living in a different world. I'm happier now than I've ever been. He treats me wonderfully and I treat him like a real he-man." Woman, El Mott, Texas.

"I am a Sunday School teacher and find all of your booklets helpful, although I do not agree that all other churches are pagan. Sure, we got some of our Christmas and Easter accessories from the pagans, but they are only symbols. The point is that the birth of Christ and His resurrection are being celebrated in a way that makes them important to children." Mo.

"On your radio program tonight you asked the question, 'If men are completely saved when they receive Christ, why are they not removed to heaven at once?' The answer to this question should be obvious! If everyone who got saved was immediately removed, there would be no one left to tell others how to be saved." Man, Bonner Springs, Kansas.

"The literature you sent arrived today, and I have not been able to put it down -- even to study my academic subjects. I never before realized such statements, profound truths, history and prophecy were contained in my Bible which lay dusty on my shelf these many years." Man, Chapel Hill, N.C.

"I am 78 years old and a substitute school teacher. In all my life I have never seen children so disobedient and so bad. I love the profession, but not the discipline, which is often useless. Across the hall one day where a young man was teaching a math class, a girl asked to leave the room. He told her she could as soon as he completed some phase of the work. Without one word, she went up and drew her hands with long fingernails down from his forehead, taking out chunks of flesh. He was sent to the hospital where he is having skin grafted over the deep wounds. In another room, a 7-year-old kicked his teacher, drawing his heavy boots down on her leg, exposing the bone. She, too, was hospitalized. Often we're told to 'go to hell.' Can you believe all this? You do, if you read the papers. I am happy to say that Illinois has a bill before the House to permit us to spank again. We have been strictly forbidden to touch any child and the children know it. Now we can paddle them in a place God made for it." Schoolteacher, Decatur, Ill.

"I have been sitting here thinking, writing, reading and searching my Bible, for I am an extremely confused person. I don't know who or what to believe. People say the Bible says this or that and they quote scripture. Recently, two people quoted scripture to me to prove two different views on a subject, and they quoted the same verse! I go to the Bible as the source and I get bogged down, for I don't know where or how to start. HELP!" Woman, Harper, Kans.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I wrote you last week for an anointed handkerchief. My 16-year-old girl was very sick with a fever and her foot was swollen and red. The doctor told me it was Cellulitis. He

prescribed some medicine for her and I gave her this medicine until I received the anointed handkerchief. I know when you received my letter and prayed for my child for God started His work of healing her foot. When I looked at it the redness was going away. Today it has been 5 days since I received your letter. No one could tell my child was ever sick."

"I am writing to say 'thank you' from the bottom of my heart for all of your wonderful works. Recently I had an ear infection so I wrote to you and requested prayer. Shortly after I mailed the letter, the ache just gradually got milder and finally stopped. I went back to my doctor; he checked my ear and was rather puzzled when he finished the examination. He just couldn't believe that the infection was gone in so short a time and without having been treated. I would like to say to each and every 'doubting Thomas' -- God does heal, and only God can." Woman, Stringtown, Okla.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"Since I am a little skeptical about the 'truth' of The PLAIN TRUTH in the first place, and I read everything with a critical mind, I have accepted practically nothing as an absolute truth. However, I do see a possibility of an attempted proof of God through the act of tithing. But I want a real proof of this, a conclusion which would eliminate all other possible explanations. Is there anything I can do, read, or get from you that will really convince me of the joys of tithing? Please don't ask me just to try it. I am happy and satisfied now, and simply paying 10% out of my salary does not seem like a way to increase any happiness which doesn't need increasing in the first place." Man, Akron, Ohio.

"I wrote last time that I had been sending only about 5% of my wages and then decided to try the 10%. Well, this month I made more wages than I ever made in my life. Of course, I worked a lot of overtime and lost some sleep, but I didn't mind. I guess the Lord kept me strong enough to do the work, so here is my 10% from this. I more than tripled, in overtime, the amount I sent last time. I wonder what will happen next?" Man, Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.

"This might seem like a coincidence to others but it definitely is not to me. I started to tithe two paychecks ago, and prior to this time I never had more than \$1 or two, if any at all, left by pay day. However, when I received my paycheck Monday, I still had several dollars left in my wallet and also discovered that I had paying for all my gas for my car instead of charging it. This sort of disproves my motives in the past for not tithing sooner; namely, my thinking that I will pay my bills this time and start tithing next month, only to find that next month I had more bills to pay and God would have to wait until the next month, etc. Thank you so much for showing me the truth." Woman, Wauwatosa, Wis.

"Enclosed you will find a check for \$7.50, my tithes for last week. I received \$229 gross this week. After my commission was paid I netted \$195. I cannot pay tithes on this amount yet as I am swamped with expenses from July. We will be broke after we clothe our boy for school. I do not mean to avoid paying them. I guess it comes from lack of faith. I will try to catch up as I go and I ask you to pray that the burden be made a little lighter so I can at least meet the essential bills. I feel God has helped me a considerable amount and I know He will continue to do so." Man, Pennsylvania.

"We have truly been blessed by paying God what is His and have never missed the money. My income has gone from \$50.00 a week to as high as \$120.00 a week, even though it varies some. I now receive on the average double my original income, and know it pays to tithe." Mich.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

September 17, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The mail count this week has been somewhat above that of last week. The money total is just about the same. However, the percentage of increase has been lagging in both letters and money. At one point the letter increase dropped to only two per cent above the same period of last year, and the money increase dropped to fifteen per cent. Both figures have improved somewhat by the end of the week. Some people are commenting about Hurricane Betsy and telling something of the destruction wrought. Many are asking about the Feast, and some are giving excuses as to why they cannot attend.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I have been reading your PLAIN TRUTH and some of your booklets for the last few months, and I really find them to be extraordinary. With proofs like yours, how in the world did the rumor get started that a person cannot really prove that there is a Christian God? You and your staff have done and are doing a remarkable job." Man, Morris, Minn.

"I have read the August issue of The PLAIN TRUTH from cover to cover twice. All of the articles are wonderful, but the Autobiography of Mr. Armstrong is marvelous. After reading it a couple of times, I felt as if I knew a little more about Europe -- kind of like I too had gone on the tour. There is no doubt about the voice-personality of Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong attracting millions and influencing more people than anyone else on earth. I hate to miss one of his broadcasts, and often at midnight, or 4:00 in the morning, I can turn on my radio and pick up his broadcast. I had rather listen to him than anyone I have heard and I am sure that there is no one who knows more about the Bible than he does. May God bless him and protect him." Woman, Columbia, S.C.

"I have been reading your magazine The PLAIN TRUTH. I find many of the ideas printed in your magazine conflicting with the teachings of my church. Reading the Bible has convinced me that many of the church's teachings conflict with the Bible." Man, Shelton, Conn.

"A few months ago, I asked you not to send me The PLAIN TRUTH any more, and now I wish I hadn't. I miss it more than anything I can think of. I can't say I enjoyed all of The PLAIN TRUTH. The news is so horrible that sometimes you cannot enjoy reading it. But The PLAIN TRUTH did help me to understand. If you will send me the June, July, and August issues, I will never ask you again to take my name off the mailing list. I would rather be without food. I don't think I would get as hungry." Woman, Dalton, Ga.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I am a Catholic. A month ago I thought I was a pretty good one at that, until you got me going and wondering. I spent considerable time the past week researching my Bible and Catholic dictionary and it has me sick. I was led to you by the outstanding example of one of your followers I work with and the invitation to listen to The WORLD TOMORROW broadcast on KSAY on my way to work. When I first met this man and found out he didn't observe Christmas and he believed in Christ, I thought he was some sort of nut. This got me wondering. Since then, we have become good friends and he has helped me considerably. My wife is angry and tells me I had better quit listening to the 'joker' on the radio and quit sending for that 'junk' and see a priest and get myself straightened out. Or does she mean back in the same old rut?" Man, San Jose, Calif.

"I awoke this morning at 5:00 and I couldn't go back to sleep, so about 5:30 I tuned my radio to KGBS and who did I hear? Garner Ted Armstrong. Don't you ever sleep?!" Woman, Calif.

"I was listening to you on the radio a few minutes ago and believe me, it was the only true explanation I have ever heard for the riots and trouble in the world today. Keep up the good work!" Man, Seattle, Wash.

"Yep I've been listening to you again. Tonight as usual you started out with a tirade about how some people see religion as a sentimental little old thing down in our little old hearts. Then you went into a tirade about missionaries. After a while you read a verse of scripture to tell how we should have deep emotion and know in our hearts that we have broken the laws of God. I turned you off right there. Let us say that I am going to Africa to tell those people about Christ. I go all excited to tell these heathen people the good news. When I get there, I go running up to a group and say, 'Hey, fellers, Jesus Christ is gonna come here and rule your country with a rod of iron and I'm gonna help Him. Gurgle, gurgle, groan.' Don't send me any more of your literature." Man, Springfield, Mo.

COMMENTS FROM OUR FOREIGN OFFICES

"I listen to you every Sunday morning on Europe No. 1, before going to mass. Your preaching pleases me very much -- not all of it, but almost. I have just read your booklets on Israel and about Job. They are good; it's too bad we can't hear this knowledge more often. I enjoy hearing your talk about God -- something which is rare in the midst of today's materialism! I am a Catholic, and I know some priests who also listen to you." Man, Vitrolles, France.

"I was once a believer of Hinduism but now -- thank God -- I have come to realize the true way to eternal life and happiness. I am still a young boy aged fourteen and a half years and every time I receive articles of yours, and having read them, I learn more about the true Christian way of life. Now after a year I am converted (although not yet baptized as I read your booklet on baptism which states one should rather be baptized at an older age to make sure one has truly repented); already members in the family circle are persecuting me telling me that you are just a propagandist, etc., and that I should not believe you. But I tell them that it is the Bible I am believing; not you!! And that I consider you as a preacher of the Gospel." Teenager, Transvaal, South Africa.

"Thank you again for your helpful broadcasts to which I listen eagerly. Both Radio Luxembourg (Monday and Tuesday) and Radio Caroline North (every night), although still fading at times, are becoming clearer and stronger as the nights become dark sooner. So although I enjoy summer and being able to work in the garden and watching the beauty which God creates; I still look forward to the winter months with their own beauty, and having time to work indoors at nights (oil painting) and being taught by my Lord to try and create beauty with my heart and hands." Lady, Huddersfield, England.

"I received my ENVOY and am going through it slowly, page by page, so as to absorb it all. I feel I must get down in writing what I think about the ENVOY, and that is, that at every turn of the page I am delighted more and more with what is portrayed, except the first fifteen pages about this miserable world. I am absolutely enthralled, thrilled, encouraged by each page. In fact, I cannot really express the joy I do feel about having the yearbook about God's Work. I just wish EVERYONE in this whole world would wake up to what life is all about. I truly hope and pray that I will be in the first resurrection so that I can help people to the true values and understanding. Please accept my very grateful thanks for the very finely produced and printed ENVOY of 1965." Man, Warwickshire, England.

"As a reader of The PLAIN TRUTH, as a student of Mr. Armstrong's Correspondence Course, and as a listener of The WORLD TOMORROW program, I was attracted along with my husband to attend the Calvary Temple service, as indicated on the (enclosed) clipping (announcing a sermon entitled 'The Plain truth about Herbert W. and Garner Ted Armstrong'). I was truly shocked at the vehemence with which Pastor Barber attacked the Armstrongs, using as his basis the booklet 'Mr. Confusion' and reading 'bits' from the articles which have appeared in The PLAIN TRUTH. I am sure, however, that this type of criticism isn't new." Couple, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

"May I say a million thanks for the literature you have sent to me lately. I am quite pleased to say that I have been helped quite a lot by your books, 'What Do You Mean, Born Again?' and the book 'Just What Do You Mean -- Salvation?' These booklets have answered a multitude of questions that have been bothering me for some time and I think that there must be a Higher Power helping Mr. Armstrong to give such lucid explanations to subjects that have bothered men for ages." Man, St. Vincent, West Indies.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"I am an inmate in a penal institution in the state of Maryland. It is my goal in life to reform completely from any type of criminal behavior. There are two guards here that discuss the Bible with me at every opportunity. Both have helped me to gain a much better understanding of the Holy Scriptures. They gave me your address and strongly recommend your Correspondence Course." Man, Jessup, Maryland.

"It is not that I am in complete agreement on all issues of tenet and doctrine discussed, but I am a Christian believer who is really able to appreciate your invitation to a searching for the truth as revealed in the Word of God. In the light of the fact that the very veracity of it is under attack from many of those today who are supposed to be our religious leaders, it is striking that they are proving themselves to be so much rather the apostates who were prophesied by Jesus Christ more than nineteen hundred years ago." Man, Baltimore, Md.

"Could you please tell me who to go to when my mother and father disagree? One tells me to do one thing and one tells me to do the other. I am 10. I've been doing wrong in my life and I've decided to repent. The more I think on it the closer the Heavenly Father seems. I would like you to send me 'Why Were You Born?' and 'The Proof of the Bible,' and the Correspondence Course Lesson II. I did Lesson I on a borrowed book. But I thought I would like one. I think the Course is fun and easy to do. I have a Bible of my own, and I've got several of your books. Thank you." Boy, Sturgeon Lake, Minn.

"Will you please discontinue the Bible Course and PLAIN TRUTH? I just can't believe with you that down through the ages that none has preached the true gospel until you started preaching. I can't believe all the great preachers are wrong. I also think you are wrong about the Trinity, and confused about salvation. You seem to take what you want to from several churches making it a mixture of the doctrines of Jehova Witnessism, Seventh-day Adventism and others, but you still regard all these as Satanic counterfeits, and still you have borrowed parts of their doctrine." Woman, Modesto, Calif.

"This may sound like a 'dumb' question, but who created the vacuum in which all things were made? Was it always there or did the Lord through the Father make the vacuum in which all things were created? I just happened to think of it and I think it's a natural question -- do you think it is fit answering?" Man, Los Angeles, Calif.

"I am 14 years old and have been going to church for almost five years. I am very much interested in your Bible Correspondence Course, and I would like very much for you to please send them to me. I use my father's but I would feel much better if I had my own. It's getting to be that once I put it down, I can't wait to pick it up again. It's just so interesting. So would you please send it to me?" Teenager, Pikesville, Md.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"We started paying God's Third tithe last October and immediately our income began to double and triple! God certainly has blessed us this past year beyond measure. We find it pays to tithe and also do His will to the best of our ability." Couple, Wisconsin.

"This is the money for our tithe of a tithe for the Feast of Tabernacles. I just read the article in the November 1964 GOOD NEWS. This will be our first time to attend as we have just been in the church about 6 months. How thrilled and privileged we feel. We have been blessed so much in that 6 months. My husband just called to say we had gotten another raise -- \$25.00 more a month. This is our third raise in 6 months. There just aren't words to tell how we feel, but I know that you understand." Man, Edmonds, Wash.

COMMENT ABOUT HEALING

✓ "I went to the doctor two weeks ago, and he found some sugar and an increase of weight. So he put me on sugar pills, one a day. The following week, I was up to 4-plus, the highest percentage of diabetes. I went to the Church and afterward was anointed. This was one day after I went to the doctor the second time. Brother Armstrong, then I was given the shock of my life. I had no trace of sugar whatsoever, and had lost 18 pounds in three weeks. If God can do this for me, I am sure He knew what He was talking about when He quoted, 'Thy faith has made thee whole.'" Woman, Dallas, Texas.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

September 24, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Mail receipts for the week have been comparable to those of last week. It appears at Thursday noon that we may have just a few more letters than last week with just slightly less money. The money increase over the same period of last year has begun to climb somewhat. It stands at about twenty-three per cent as of Thursday. The number of letters received for the month is about 64,000 which represents approximately a six per cent increase. Comments about the September PLAIN TRUTH have just begun to come in this week, and quite a few people are complaining about not having received their copy yet.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I get your PLAIN TRUTH and it is a real blessing to me. The September issue on debt was so great. I wish I had had it years ago. Believe me, I'm getting out of debt and staying out!" Woman, Canada.

"Each issue of The PLAIN TRUTH is better than its last. I find it more interesting more challenging and more revealing than ever. Allow me to congratulate you on the coloured cover of the July 1965 issue showing astronaut White in space with the curvature of the earth with its clouds and oceans below. We earthlings must look very insignificant to God from such a height. I think I can appreciate Isaiah 40:20 far better now. Thanks also for your expose of the space race and the new colour booklet 'Who Will Rule Space?'" Young man, Australia.

"I would like you to send me The PLAIN TRUTH. My 2 younger brothers and I are regular listeners of The WORLD TOMORROW programme over 7HT in Hobart and as a result have changed our ways of life completely. I have overcome a serious illness simply because I changed ways of living -- eliminating alcohol, drugs, late nights, etc., and instead switched to real food, rest and a good mental attitude. God surely does help those who help themselves. At 23 years of age I am looking forward to a full and happy life instead of sickness, misery and ignorance." Young man, Australia.

"I have been visiting my grandma for 3 weeks. I have enjoyed reading and looking through the stacks of PLAIN TRUTH's she keeps. I am only in the sixth grade but would really love to receive The PLAIN TRUTH every month. I understand The PLAIN TRUTH is free. It's a very interesting magazine. I think it will help me in my school work. Thank you." Sixth grader, N.M.

"Thank you with all my heart for letting me know the time has come to renew my subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH. Mr. Armstrong, for me to live without The PLAIN TRUTH

would be just like living in a room with no windows. Everything in The PLAIN TRUTH makes sense. The PLAIN TRUTH is the only name for this precious magazine. I know the Good Lord is pleased with this magazine. It satisfies the heart and mind. Please continue my magazine to me. Thank you." Woman, Pittsburgh, Pa.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I've been listening to you for several years now on WNAX. It's the shortest 30 minutes in my life. You are a teacher and not a preacher -- I could listen to you for hours at a time. No mysteries, trinities, beads, trinkets to wear or hang on the wall, no pictures of unshaven, long-haired men to look at, no saints or 'Virgins' to pray to, no Fathers, priests, Popes, Bishops to forgive my sins (for some cash, of course), etc., etc. It's just great to be able to read along in the Bible and know just what in the world the worldly joker's talking about. I've been wanting to write to you for so long, but I hated to let anyone know I wrote to you or have any mail from you with your name or address on it because, unless one believes in some of the things I mentioned or one of the many things I haven't mentioned, he's a kind of joker or crackpot and my vanity kept me from wanting to join you in the 'ding-a-ling' club." Man, Gayville, S.D.

"I have recently heard some good broadcasts by Garner Ted Armstrong. Tonight I heard one on tithing. I considered it a masterpiece. In my 72 years of life I have heard nothing from any pulpit to compare with it. I have concluded that our preachers and their families don't tithe and they naturally don't and can't preach it. Some Bible truths, it seems, don't need to be mentioned from the pulpit, so we would be taught to believe." Woman, Texas.

"Sorry not to hear the program on the local station KCPX anymore. They substituted for it a musical program. I think the disc jockey gets his records from the garbage dump." Utah.

"It was only by chance that I first heard your broadcast as I work from 4:00 P.M. to midnight. I turned on the radio one night when I got home after midnight and I happened to get your broadcast. I sat spellbound right through your broadcast. I had never heard anything like it -- you made everything so plain. I'm getting a lot of knowledge and understanding since studying the booklets and I am also reading the Bible, something I have never done, and the whole world has a different look. I have peace of mind now and my whole life has changed since listening to The WORLD TOMORROW." Man, New Zealand.

"I listen to your program as often as I can. I am worried about what will happen to the world because there are so many wars and disagreements between different countries. I get them mixed. I think I am a normal 15-year-old, but is it right that I should worry about a political crisis?" Teenager, New South Wales, Australia.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"I am writing this letter in thanks for the wonderful Summer Educational Program. It was such a blessing. What God does bless us with! All the activities were just marvelous, and meeting so many kids and teachers, and working in the Dining Hall was also very enjoyable. I am so thankful for the correction that was given me. It was difficult to take, but it made me more respectful. I now hope and pray I can go again." Teenager, Canton, Texas.

"I invited my immediate supervisor to lunch last week and talked to him about the Sabbath and the Holy Days. He quickly agreed to allow me to observe them. In speaking his opinion to me he said, 'You have a job to do whether it takes 30 or 70 hours a week. You have been working longer and harder than I have. Your work is excellent and you follow through each project or assignment with no prodding, and you work efficiently and well. Work on your own enough hours to do a good job and work any hours you see fit -- Sundays, nights, etc. Take off the Holy Days this year and you can use your vacation next year to cover the Holy Days then. The only possible problem I foresee is that you may be hindered in advancement up the direct supervision ladder. However, let's worry about that when the time comes.'" I was truly surprised that he was so understanding and full of praise for me. I intend to keep working hard so that his opinion of me will remain unshaken. Surely God did answer our prayers." Man, Ohio.

"You certainly have proved all the literature is free. If anyone doubts it, you can tell them I have around 25 pounds." Man, Lexington, N.C.

"I recently received the book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' Having read it, I think it is very enlightening. It really made me think about things I had never understood before in the light of God's Word. I work in a library and we would like very much to have about 3 copies for circulation if they are available, as the young people here really need to recognize the truths as you have explained them." Librarian, Marcus Hook, Pa.

"I have just finished reading your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' which was loaned to me and I am wondering how I can obtain a copy for our own family. We have asked various people here and nobody knows where it came from or anything about it. My friend is a Nursing Sister and she found it in the ward garbage container, of all places, and we can't find a clue on how it got there or who it belonged to. Would you be able to send me a copy or tell me of anywhere in New Zealand that it may be available. I would like to say that it is the best book on the subject that I have ever read and it's a pity that it is not more widely known. I see in the front that it is not for sale, so I gather there is no point in sending money for it." Woman, Ashburton, New Zealand.

"This is to inform you that your program is welcomed enthusiastically in my home. Although I am a Jew myself, I find myself disagreeing with you, a Christian, seldom. The general impression I get from most Christian ministers today is that all that is necessary for salvation is to believe that Jesus of Nazareth was the Son of God, the Messiah promised to the Jewish people, but you are to be commended for rightly pointing out that Jesus Himself said He came not to abolish the Torah (law) and the Prophets but to fulfill the law. I wish there were more Christians like you who would emphasize the necessity of keeping the Ten Commandments of God as well as 'believing on the "Lord" Jesus Christ.'" Man, Pasadena, Calif.

"In June my wife and I drove down through Texas...but on the way, when at Big Sandy we inquired of the little bank, 'Is there an Ambassador College here?' the answer was, 'YES INDEED. Go east through the underpass and you will see the pretty brick entrance on your left.' This we did and what a glorious surprise. Your registrar gave us a complete tour of the entire facilities in a most gracious manner. We then took him to lunch at the little cafe near the entrance, where he answered our questions. If I were younger I would like to sign in as a freshman again, but at 71 I feel that I would be depriving a deserving younger person who could have a longer working life and could be of more value." Man, Duncan, Okla.

"We are in the midst of a severe drought here. Water is very scarce, pastures are burned, and the leaves on the trees in many places are yellow. Of course, it is prophecy come

true! My well is about dry. I can pump only about one bucket of water per day from it. Unless God hears my cry for my need of water I will be forced to have water hauled. But I know this is working out for my good, as God's word says. I'm just so thankful that there is water to be hauled." Woman, Medley, W. Va.

"Please send Lesson 2 of the Bible Study Course. Did you say study 30 minutes each day? For me, that's impossible. Once I start studying I can't seem to put it down until the whole lesson has been gone through, not one time but many times since I received the first lesson some time ago." Woman, Marietta, Ga.

"The June - July GOOD NEWS is wonderful, right from the Radioship Caroline on the cover to the raw applesauce on the last page. We are happy to have directions for canning with honey and are glad it is to be continued. We did not know if we were to use pectin or not, thus we did not use it. This is a big help. Thank you." Members, Claremont, N.H.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"Enclosed is the tithe of the money that I have earned by working a few days this summer. I am 12 years old and receive The Correspondence Course. I am now waiting for the 12th lesson." Young man, California.

"As I am a new listener and wish to be a partner in faith, I will send my tithes from time to time, small or large. I noticed when I sent in my first offering it wasn't very long until I received a thank you letter. My offering was small that time, but how much I appreciated that thank you letter. I have donated quite a few dollars to other religious organizations, churches and evangelists, and have yet to receive a word of thanks from them -- believe it or not!" Okla.

"Enclosed please find my check for \$50.60 which I am sending as a tithe, also find a check from a Catholic priest whom I pulled out of a ditch near our farm. I don't want his money so I am hoping you can put it to better use than I! Please endorse his check plainly and distinctly." Man, Hazard, Neb.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"It's been almost a month now since I prayed to have God take away this awful arthritis. Since that day a month ago I have not had another attack. It is simply wonderful. I thank God day and night. I believe I'm getting my hearing back too, slowly but it's coming. I know when I deserve to hear again God will grant me my wish to hear." Woman, Kansas.

"It is with joy and thanksgiving I am writing this letter to you. The Lord is continuing to bring back my vision, just a little each day. Today I can see the large black type in the newspaper, not to read it, but I can see it. Two weeks ago I could not see anything out of my right eye -- it was black as the darkest night. I know God will heal me completely." Ohio.

"I wrote you July 8 and asked you to pray for my son. I received the prayer cloth and was careful to do just as you said in the most minute detail. He was away in the hospital at Birmingham, but I sure did cry out to God for him and burned the cloth just as you said. He called the next morning and said he was doing fine. In every way he seems to be completely well. Man, West Blocton, Ala.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

October 1, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

We have been gaining in the percentage of increase in both letters and money this week. Through Thursday noon it appears we will finish the month with a 36% increase in money and 12% for letters. The white mail has looked very good this week making up over 30% of the total letter count. There have been numerous comments the past few days from many who were blessed for tithing and from others who were cursed for not doing so. Again this year we are getting a number of letters from those who wait until the last minute to ask for information about the Feast of Tabernacles.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"Many thanks for my subscription to your PLAIN TRUTH. I would be very pleased to have it coming as always. My mailman has also subscribed for your magazine and has told his minister and the congregation. The missionary has also been very thrilled to read your findings. Thanks. May God give you and yours the strength to carry on this wonderful work." Woman, New Jersey.

"These wonderful, beautiful, full-color PLAIN TRUTH's should be sold for 50¢ a month, for there is much more information dealing with up-to-date news, and the peoples of this generation than LIFE, POST and other so-called good magazines. There is only one good magazine, and that is The PLAIN TRUTH, and the world should know about it." Man, S.C.

"I am going to be among the 2% to write to tell you to discontinue my subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH. It is not the fact that I disagree with your interpretations of the Bible in some places that has caused me not to renew my subscription. It is the fact that you seem to insist that you -- and only you -- are correct in your interpretation. When conservative scholars, who truly believe the Bible to be the inspired word of God, can, and do, disagree I do not see how any of us can be certain that our interpretation is the only possible correct answer." Man, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"I was walking along the street past some garbage cans, and I saw The PLAIN TRUTH. I picked it up and was surprised how interesting it was. I would like to receive the magazine." Man, Tacoma, Wash.

"We listen to your program daily and are receiving your PLAIN TRUTH, which we only receive by air drop about every 2 months. We live in the bush and it is 30 miles to our nearest neighbor. There is no road and our only means of communication is by bush pilots who drop our mail to us when flying over the area." Listeners, Falkeetna, Alaska.

"I am receiving regularly your PLAIN TRUTH since October last. I have very much pleasure to inform you that one of essential needs of this village library is fulfilled with your magazine, which is received free of cost, but invaluable to the frequentors of this library." Librarian, Assam, India.

"Several weeks ago when your letter came including me in the inner family of co-workers, I carefully placed the letter where my husband could see it. He read it and said, 'I know I must start paying tithes.' So we discussed it and agreed that we had received more spiritual help through The PLAIN TRUTH than from any other source. Even though I have been a Christian for years and teaching the Bible several years, I really realized how ignorant I was about its contents until you opened my eyes (or God did through you)." Woman, Houston, Tex.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I listen to your broadcast every day and I think you are doing a marvelous job of getting God's word to people everywhere. I very often talk to people about the broadcast, then later they tell me they heard it, so the word spreads. I think what attracted me to the broadcast is the fact that you spit it out and let the chips fall where they may. So many ministers seem to take one verse of scripture and hold to that through the sermon and never expound to my satisfaction." Woman, Coeburn, Va.

"I started listening to you on radio when you were in Eugene, Oregon, and have always remembered that even during the war you predicted that Germany would rise again -- no one else thought so -- and it was and is fantastic!" Woman, Canada.

"A few days ago it was my pleasure to listen to your discourse on vanity, jealousy, lust and greed on Station KFOX. This is the most sensible and logical talk I have heard in years. It corroborates what I have contended all my adult years, specifically in regard to politicians. There never has been, or ever will be, such a thing as an honest politician because of the 4 vices which you mentioned." Man, Paramount, Calif.

"I first started listening to your programme about 3 months ago. I have never listened to another programme so real, so interesting and wonderful. If only people knew how important a book such as the Bible is. When I was at school there was never a lesson so boring as religious instruction to me. But now I have left school. I have never found a book so honest as the Bible. I am only fifteen and a half years old and a regular listener." Teenage girl, England.

"...I realize now I have never understood the Bible. It was always someone else the Sunday School teacher was talking about. Now, reading your booklets and hearing your broadcasts, the Bible has taken on a new meaning for me. To think I was ignorant of the true meaning of the Bible until I listened to one of your programmes, quite by accident as it happened. You see, the television had broken down. Now I listen in to The WORLD TOMORROW." England.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"I know your prayers must already be with the victims of 'Betsy.' In our area we were most fortunate in getting off as lightly as we did. Some of our neighbors across the river were not so fortunate. The damage to property was horrible, but the loss of lives to the flood waters

was sickeningly high. I feel I should express my thanks to my Maker that my 4 children, my husband and myself were not harmed. We stayed at home as we felt we were as safe here as any place else. Especially since our new baby was only 2 weeks old and carting him around in wind and rain didn't appeal to me at all." Man, Westwego, La.

"One can surely see God's protection when a storm hits on one side of you and on the other and we were protected. Peoria had damage and Bloomington had damage -- all we had was heavy rain. Many had fallen trees and broken windows. We didn't even have hail. So God did protect us." Couple, Normal, Ill.

"Thank you for sending me The PLAIN TRUTH. I enjoyed reading the articles. I do think, however, that you are way off-base on a belief that Hitler may still be alive and active. A man 76 years old would hardly be behind some big movement. I'm aware that you can cite scores of active seventy-sixers, but for every one that you can name I can name a thousand who are either dead or in nursing homes. Well, I'm sure that you don't expect us all to agree with you. If we did, then all your listeners would immediately join YOUR church." Man, Va.

"I was born in Germany in 1890. I am Jewish, my husband is Episcopalian. My husband is 92 years old. In the Hitler-time, I was deported and I was 3 years in a concentration camp. My beloved mother was killed in the gas chambers. All my relatives were killed. I write this and I hope it doesn't make any difference to you that I am Jewish. I know the New Testament very well and I love the service." Woman, Cleveland, Ohio.

"...I received a copy of your booklet about 'The Ten Commandments' some few months ago. I hadn't finished reading it before my brother, who is a teacher, got it from me for lessons about the commandments for his pupils. Unfortunately, the book was stolen on the very day he put it on his table. Search was conducted throughout the school, but it was not found. Please send me another one to enable me to continue what I have started." (Mail reader's comment: 'Hope someone reads the 8th commandment!!') Reader, Ghana, West Africa.

"We have been blessed by the arrival of a beautiful little daughter.... The doctor kept talking of the different drugs he was going to use during delivery. But I had asked God for protection against such things before entering the hospital, and for some reason, he never got around to giving the drugs he mentioned. At the last few minutes of the actual delivery the nurse attempted to place a gas mask over my face but the doctor stopped her, because at that instant our baby was born. That doctor was overjoyed. He said, 'Oh good! Now she won't have all that terrible drugged feeling in the morning.' How true that was. Next morning was just another day and I've felt fine. God certainly does care for His own." Couple, Ohio.

"Every day I see with my own eyes many of the things I've read in The PLAIN TRUTH and heard Mr. Armstrong say so often over the air. Here in this Asian Island of Taiwan, I have come face to face with real poverty for the first time in my life -- where the 14 hour day is necessary to realize an average income of \$175.00 a year; where money is more of a 'god' than even in America (if you can believe that). To their credit, however, these are the hardest-working people I have ever seen, extremely patient and almost totally ignorant of the true Living God." M/Sgt., San Francisco, Calif. (APO)

"May I add a word of admiration for the beauty of the Ambassador College campus at Pasadena. About the end of August I visited the campus with a friend and was courteously guided by one of your students. As it was Saturday, your offices and the library were of

course closed, but the colorful beauty of the buildings and grounds made the trip worthwhile. The photographs in the college catalogue just do not do justice to the careful manner in which every detail in the landscape has been thoughtfully attended to." Man, Seoul, Korea.

"I would like to express my appreciation for allowing me to attend the Summer Educational Program in Minnesota this summer. I attended 2 years ago in Texas, but this year topped it by far. It was truly an education, work and recreation program in near-perfect balance. Thank you very much for the most wonderful time in my life." Teenager, Lemon Grove, Calif.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"This month I promised the Eternal I would give 20% tithes for August, and in addition to this I will give \$20.00 for the safety and protection for my automobile, instead of paying insurance to man. I want to give it where it will help to spread the gospel of the Kingdom, started by Jesus and His chosen disciples." Man, Gordonville, Pa.

"Well, here we are writing again and sending another tithe. It seems every time we get behind in sending it everything goes wrong. The brakes gave out on our car when we were about 10 miles back in the country on a dirt road, but we got home all right, and numerous other little things that happen seem to remind us that we were behind in our tithes." Couple, N.Y.

"Enclosed is my donation for last month and this. Last month I didn't think we could afford to pay God -- I found out if we had paid God His part it would have been real cheap. My husband hurt his back and was off work for several weeks. His brace alone cost \$75.00, medicine \$22.00, 2 doctors \$30.00 and the bone specialist hasn't sent his bill. So I can see it doesn't pay to steal from God." Couple, Kansas City, Mo.

"I am enclosing \$61.00 tithes. Boy, tithing really works! Everybody asks, 'How does your pay check go so far?' It is God, there is not doubt about it! They say you don't have to tithe, but they can take the consequences. I am giving God His part." Woman, Washington, D.C.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"On August 2 we were all in a terrible automobile accident. Our children were not harmed; my husband has a large scar on his forehead. I was pinned in the car. We were all taken to the hospital. The doctors there told me I had a broken neck and broken bones in both feet and a fracture on my left cheek bone. I prayed to God that He would heal my neck as I knew a broken neck is almost always fatal. God answered my prayers and healed me. When I came home, my husband called Mr. Tkach and he came to our home and anointed me. I thank God for placing His ministers close enough so that I could receive help when needed so badly. After Mr. Tkach left, I was relieved of almost all my pains. I have the casts off now and am nearly well. I know now that God surely protects His own chosen people and we are so very thankful that God heard our prayers and answered us." Couple, Sauk Village, Ill.

"How God answers prayers! I am the lady you sent the handkerchief to and prayed for about 3 months ago. God gave me my eyesight back. He not only gave me that back, but He also healed my body of an infection in the blood. My husband and I are very happy for what God has done for me." Woman, Sioux City, Iowa.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

October 29, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The letter count has been rather low this week, but is running somewhat ahead of last week. We have just over 13,000 letters through Thursday noon. Moneywise we are considerably ahead of last week, but have only about a fifteen per cent increase for the month overall. People are already asking questions about Christmas. Some want to know how to go about not keeping it this year. There have been several good comments on the book, GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' this week. Several requests came in from Washington state after a woman mayor recommended the book to a Business and Professional Women's Conference.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I just finished reading the October issue of The PLAIN TRUTH and I think it is one of the best magazines ever printed! Money could not buy a better monthly magazine. Wish it were a weekly, or better still, a daily magazine. I'm sure your readers would never tire of it. I am unable to work and don't have any money. If I did I sure would make you a donation." N.C.

"Several of my customers have asked why I don't have your magazine in my shop, so I found a friend who had a copy and got your address. Could you put my name on your mailing list?" Man, North Hollywood, Calif.

"I have just read a sample copy of your magazine which was in our public library and I was greatly impressed by it. Each article was informative and significant to me. Therefore, would it be possible for me to receive this excellent magazine regularly. I am sure it will be of great value to me." Man, Southington, Conn.

"I have an elderly neighbor -- very smart, 82 years old, who takes complete care, alone, of his ill wife. Your PLAIN TRUTH is the great event of his life! I truly believe it keeps him from growing old and discouraged. I wish you could see the sparkle in his eyes as he reaches into his roadside mailbox and pulls out his PLAIN TRUTH. It is his one joy and bright spot." Woman, Middleboro, Mass.

"I feel guilty in saying this, but I never give my roomer his PLAIN TRUTH until I have read it, so will you please send me the magazine so I can ease my conscience? It's a wonderful magazine and I read it from cover to cover. Thank you so much." Woman, California.

"If you all stop my PLAIN TRUTH, they'll have to hog tie me up or I'll be hitchhiking my way to Pasadena to learn the reason. As a rule I read each issue over 3 or 4 times before I pass them on to my friends here in Philadelphia. Yes, The PLAIN TRUTH is the best ever and if I missed one issue it seems I'd be lost." Woman, Philadelphia, Pa.

"I want to tell you how much we enjoy your PLAIN TRUTH. I am 87 years old and live in the Rathbone Home with 41 other old ladies. I pass the magazine around when I get through with it and they enjoy reading it, too." Woman, Evansville, Ind.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I got the last part of a broadcast by Garner Ted this morning in which he said that we are nearer world war now than when the guns were silenced at the end of WW II. I am glad to know that someone else is thinking along the same lines as myself. The more I read of happenings over the world the more I am convinced that the few of us who have been reading between the lines are not the crazy, mixed-up bunch we sometimes fear we are." Man, Oklahoma.

"Your program on our local station WZOK is the most sensible and worthwhile program on the air today. I have been listening for several weeks and the approach to our problems seems so clear as they are outlined by 'T. W. Armstrong.' I would appreciate your sending the literature mentioned at the end of the program." Man, Jacksonville, Fla.

"Quite by accident, I picked up your broadcast from Station WCKY, Cincinnati. Actually I learned little that I did not know before. What amazed me was to have it all summed up in such a short interval. I would very much appreciate a few copies of this thought-provoking discourse, if it is available for distribution. If it is not, may this small contribution help a little to spread such vital information. I will be on hand for your broadcasts in the future." N. Y.

"I am a little girl, 9 years old. My mother listens to your broadcast every day. I listen too. When I grow up and finish high school, I want to come to Ambassador College. I want to learn the truth about God's Word while I learn my reading, writing and arithmetic." Girl, Morgantown, W. Va.

"We find we can get your program on KHQ in Spokane evenings if we put the electric coffee pot behind the radio on the piano, otherwise we get the program only when it's overcast or in the winter months." Woman, Colville, Wash.

"I appreciate your program very much. I hear it over the radio at 7:00 every morning before I go to school. It certainly does encourage me to know that we still have a few good men who are not afraid to preach the real truth. I'm glad that there IS a real and living God, even though the world may scoff and ridicule and try to say it is all a myth. I especially appreciate your current series on human nature as the real cause of the world's problems today." Student, Beaver, Pa.

"I have often listened to you with great interest as I do other preachers from time to time. I am a Catholic priest and feel we all could profit from one another's messages when we are sincere and zealous, as I believe you are and have been for a long time. May God wake up many people before it is too late to avert the disasters lurking all about us." Priest, Ind.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"What a privilege to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Squaw Valley this year! It was our first time and I simply cannot tell you the joyous uplifted feeling I had. Words can't express how one really feels, but God knows.... I only wish the whole world knew now of God's great

plan. I wait, very impatiently I'm afraid, for the day when we can teach them. But, too, even though I am so happy and rejoicing and look forward to our change, I realize there is much overcoming for me to do and with determination and God's help, I can do it." Woman, Calif.

"I attended the Feast at Big Sandy again this year. I just wanted to thank everyone who had part in making this such a wonderful Feast for everyone. You could really see God's government at work there. God's ministers spoke with such power and authority. It truly was a blessing to be one of the called." Woman, Illinois.

"I would like to thank you for your check for second tithe funds making it possible for us to go to the Feast at Jekyll Island this year. It was the first time for my 9 children and myself; and probably the last in attending Jekyll Island, as they are talking as if there will be a new site here next year. The children are really excited about the whole thing as they have never been able to be on such a wonderful trip as this. All the people are so helpful in God's Church. They are really concerned in helping us single ladies (I'm divorced and there are others who are widows, etc., who get the same attention.) So I really wish to thank you again for this help." Woman, Burton, Ohio.

"Your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' was recommended by Mayor Kemper of Fife-Milton, Washington, who is also 'Youth Power Chairman' for the State of Washington 'Business and Professional Women's Clubs.' I would appreciate a copy of this book mailed to me and will accept any costs pertaining to same." Woman, Seattle, Wash.

"Would you please send us your book entitled GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' If there is any charge, we will be very happy to pay for it. Our Sunday School class is going to go by your book during our 13-week study on 'Marriage and the Home.'" Couple, Ill.

"Thank you ever so much for your book entitled GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' I requested it with the intention of helping my children know what morality really is. What a surprise I received! I found there were many things I didn't know and many things I thought I knew but didn't understand until I read your book." Woman, Seattle, Wash.

"Just a note to say thank you for my 40th lesson and I think it is wonderful. I just received it last night and read it over before going to bed. It just amazes me that God should let an old clod of dirt, a know-nothing, nobody like me, know all these great, wonderful things that are coming to pass even now -- that an uneducated person like me should know these things and people, preachers for example, can't or I guess, don't want to know them, amazes me. But I thank and praise God that He chose me." Woman, East Brady, Pa.

X "I would like to express my gratitude to you and your staff for the fascinating tour of Ambassador College I received when I was in the Pasadena area a week ago. Although I attend one of the largest universities in the world, the University of California, I can truthfully say that Ambassador College far surpasses U.C. in the beauty of its campus grounds, the elegance and good taste of its buildings, and in the wonderful attitude of its students -- the most polite, helpful and happy students I have ever seen." U.C. Student, Berkeley, Calif.

"Chapter 81 of 'The Bible Story' by Basil Wolverton was just wonderful and so simply told and so easily understood. I would like to know if the whole book has been published and if I can get one. I'm a school teacher and would like to read the book to my children." Teacher, Mariana, Fla.

"I just finished your booklet 'The Plain Truth about Child Rearing.' First, I must say it was much larger and more detailed than I expected. Can I ever thank you enough for its contents? Ever since my oldest child was born 7 years ago my husband has been telling me the same thing about discipline that I read in your booklet." Woman, McKeesport, Pa.

"A few broadcasts back I heard Garner Ted make mention that much of our fruit was being embalmed these days. I just wonder if he knows just how thoroughly this is being done? October 1, 1963, I purchased some red delicious apples from Washington. I discovered they had been treated. So I placed one in my cupboard under 70 degree temperature and left it till April 1964. I then placed it in the refrigerator where it has remained to this day. Today, after years have passed since harvest, this apple seems as sound as the day picked and could be sold along with the 1965 crop. The lesson learned -- buy fruit only from the orchard of the small grower, never that sold commercially." Man, Casper, Wyo.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"Enclosed is my tithes for the money I earned the last few days. Since I have started tithing regularly I have been getting more work and everything is looking much brighter. Before too long I hope to start my own business." Man, Anderson, Calif.

"I am sending you this month's tithe of \$15.00. I failed to send you my 10% last pay-day and my husband lost his job. I know now that it truly pays to tithe. When my husband gets another job we will send you 10% of his pay." Woman, Monterey, Tenn.

CHILD
"Here is my first tithe out of my allowance my father has given me. I am 9 years old. I realize that it pays to tithe, and God blesses those who do tithe. Before, when I got allowance, I couldn't save it. My mother and father would need some of it. And I realize I wasn't tithing to God. Now I am starting to tithe I can save more of my money. I really do want to tithe and I love God's work very much." Boy, Ravenwood, W. Va.

"I'm dropping a few lines to say hello and to send my tithe. I have been blessed by having regular work and getting more money since I have been sending in my tithes. I have gone from \$2.00 per hour to \$4.75 an hour." Man, Leon, Virginia.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"My life was very suddenly, violently and miraculously altered in September 1960, when during the course of a normal day I was thrust with the jolting abruptness of lightning into the very jaws of death at the hands of my best friend! His new .38 pistol had not known its first day with him before it had done its business in the quickest and deadliest way imaginable. It was all I could do in that moment of mortal anxiety to shake my senses into reasonable order and to realize that this was indeed the terrible and grizzly moment of death; to realize that I had been shot at close range directly in the temple! The question was not if I should live, but for how many more seconds! I prayed the prayer that is known to few but soldiers in futile combat for their lives. Mr. Armstrong, that prayer was heard! It was heard even though the prospect was so dark that from the doctor's advice my family had begun to think of what should become of my belongings. But I did not die! My recovery was so direct and miraculous that my doctors are to this day amazed. I am much more than amazed; as I ponder that almost impossible and frightening accident I become more aware of the existence of a personal and powerful God than I am of my own being." Man, Logan, Utah.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

November 5, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The letter and money count is beginning to pick up. Through Thursday noon we had about a 36% increase in money and a minus 8% in letters. We have received some enthusiastic comments about the Feast of Tabernacles and about the record of the Messiah. We are getting letters from people who ask how to go about letting their relatives know they no longer keep Christmas. Also, a number of wives have written in with serious complaints about their husbands. They want to know what to do when their husbands are drunkards, cruel or show no interest in them.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

✓ "I hope you are not so busy that my one letter will escape your attention. Recently our T.V. went out (thank God) and therefore my husband, who is an avid T.V. watcher, turned to the radio. You come on at 8:00 every night and we all listen to you from the first word to the last, even my husband, who won't go to church and is very much lost. He spoke Sunday morning about you and in his exact words, 'He is the best. I like him -- he knows what he is talking about and he calls a spade a spade. He isn't like most of these mealy-mouthed preachers today.'" Woman, Weatherford, Tex.

"I heard you talking about races and you spoke about my race. You told the truth and it made me angry so I stopped sending you money. Will you forgive me and remember me in your prayers. Thanks be to God I can send this little bit." Man, Pittsburgh, Pa.

"Having listened to your broadcast for nearly a year, I suddenly realize that you really have something to say. All along I have listened, only being partially aware of the significance of what was said. I had always looked on the Bible as an ancient old historical work, as I believe you yourself referred to some of us calling the Bible this. Hearing your broadcast has brought to life the meaning of the Bible, not as a document of yesterday, but as a way of life for today and tomorrow." Man, Jacksonville, Fla.

"After listening to your broadcasts of Oct. 13 or 20, I am insulted at your comments about our Catholic religion. For a man of your intelligence, I am rather shocked that you are allowed to broadcast in such a manner. When it comes to religion we all have the right to worship as we wish -- this is still a free country, and to make the statements you made about 'medals,' 'statues,' 'pictures,' and holy representations of Jesus, is just plain 'out.' Believe me, I do not support you any longer, Think it over!" Woman, La Jolla, Calif.

"I am 8 years old and a listener to your messages over Radio Rediffusion. I am delighted with them and pray that God will bless you to continue His work. I am also asking that you pray for me. I now take this chance of asking you to send a magazine for me, please." Girl, B.W.I.

"Thank you very much for the enlightening magazine, The PLAIN TRUTH and your excellent radio broadcast, The WORLD TOMORROW. I listen to you on KFAX, KRAK, XERB, and KFRC. It is indeed heartwarming to hear from one who not only reverently speaks of God, but also of the vital necessity of strict respect and obedience to His most fair laws. It is sad that there are so many who declare that they love and worship God, but at the same time flagrantly break or dilute, pollute and distort the Ten Commandments. The fact that your broadcasts are heard daily instead of only once or twice a week makes these fine sermons all the more effective." Man, Elk Grove, Calif.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I am a minister of the Gospel, and was visiting in the home of friends recently. I chanced to pick up a copy of The PLAIN TRUTH, which in turn led to the subject of '1975 in Prophecy.' I was simply astounded at learning how little I really know about the Bible and prophecy, even after 18 years in the ministry." Minister, Lake Wales, Fla.

"One year has passed since I began to read The PLAIN TRUTH. I agree with many others that there is none other like it. I have learned so much about the Bible that I did not know. It is interesting, thrilling and exciting, just as you said it would be. The PLAIN TRUTH has opened my eyes to world happenings in the light of Bible prophecy. The readers are able to become familiar with the nations, their leaders and their objectives. I have learned the truth about many of the leading nations that I did not know. I look forward to reading it each month." Woman, Bossier City, La.

"A few years ago I asked to have my subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH cancelled because I was 'no longer interested.' The real truth is that I was 'scared silly.' I didn't want to believe everything because it seemed too earth-shaking and frightening to believe. Since then my mother subscribed to your wonderful magazine and the results have been downright embarrassing! Most of my old theories have been disproved and I have come to believe in the validity of the Bible. I'm sorry I quit when I did but at least I'm reading your magazine again." Man, Natick, Mass.

"I am Postmaster in a small town. One of my patrons moved away and I am forwarding his mail. I glanced through his PLAIN TRUTH, then read it before I sent it on. Will you please put me on your mailing-list. I will pass it on to others when I am through-with it. It is one magazine I want to read." Woman, Albion, Wash.

"When I first looked at The PLAIN TRUTH for September, I thought I was seeing a Christmas picture -- 'Oh no, it can't be!' Then I really looked and then it was the Pope in his Babylonian get-up. I must say it is a very good picture." Woman, Cleona, Pa.

"A short time ago I asked you to put my father's name on your mailing list, since I was sharing my books with him. I no sooner asked than he received. Now I'm asking for his mother, my grandmother who is 75 years old and feels like we know something she doesn't. She came to visit with me tonight and instead, sat there and read The PLAIN TRUTH and then wanted to know why we hadn't bought this for her before. She said that in her 75 years she thought she understood the Good Book but she can see she has a whole lot to learn and a short time to learn it in. So, please rush an issue to her so she can start seeing the plain truth as we do." Woman, Tampa, Fla.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"Thank you for making it possible for all of us to have 'The Messiah' record. I doubt if I'll ever tire of listening to it. This record is a special blessing to us who are unable to attend Sabbath services regularly because of distance and expense. Thanks again to you and those you made responsible for getting the job done. Thanks to the students who took part also. I do hope all in God's Church will not neglect owning this extraordinary record." Man, N.H.

"The record is just beautiful and we are grateful to have something like this in our home. It surely is inspiring and uplifting. We would sure enjoy an album of some of the most frequently sung hymns from the Church of God song book. Could this maybe be arranged? If everyone loves these hymns as much as I, they should be willing to donate more than \$1.50 or \$2.00 for an album by the Ambassador Chorale." Couple, Hattiesville, Ark.

"It was my privilege on October 8 to tour the beautiful campus of Ambassador College. It was a great disappointment not to be able to see a classroom or the library except via windows from the outside and not to meet a single member of the teaching administrative staff -- but we were most pleased with the young man who was our guide. Eric Shaw was an outgoing, poised, courteous young man. If he and the few other students whom we met in passing and engaged in conversation are typical of your system, small matter WHAT your curricula or accreditation. Fortified with the firm grounding in principles of right conduct which Eric exemplified, young folks can make their own way creditably anywhere. I was particularly interested in your student labor system." Doctor, Columbus, Ohio.

"As I was sitting here in home last evening and felt the earth tremors, my first thoughts were of The WORLD TOMORROW, and of how we are warned of earthquakes in different places. It seems as though it couldn't happen here in the middle of the United States, but apparently it did." Woman, Springfield, Mo.

* "I would like the article you have on child rearing. My sister says everyone should have it and I can see the results, as her baby is obedient, loving and the way I want to teach mine to be. People just don't believe me when I tell them my niece is only 11 months old and minds her mother. Ever since she's been crawling, she could put her hands on or into something where they did not belong and her mother would say, 'No, no' to her and she would not bother it." Woman, Tulsa, Okla.

"I had a copy of your 'Child Rearing' booklet once, but I gave it to my sister who was frustrated about the conduct of her children. It hurt me to see her so upset over her 2 children all the time. Seeing the TRUTH in your booklet, I thought she might want to know the truth also. I sent it to her and the day she received it, she read 10 chapters straight through without stopping! I called her to see if she found any comfort in the booklet. She said, 'God bless you! I just threw Dr. Spock in the waste basket!' She said she was always afraid of giving her children a complex with so much spanking. But she realized that loving punishment and training is not harmful no matter what mere man (psychologists and the like) might say!" Woman, Downey, Calif.

"Some time ago I planned to write to you for the new book on sex and marriage, GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' Since I do considerable counselling on domestic problems, I am sure that it would be beneficial in counselling if I am permitted to use knowledge from the book and have your permission to do so. I need not tell you that the cases of divorce are on

the increase and that the people having mental problems are on the increase. Much needs to be done in these fields, in my opinion." Marriage Counselor, Lawyer, Des Moines, Iowa.

"A couple visited my wife and me recently. They saw the book, GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' that I had borrowed from my mother. My friend's wife started teaching school this year and she said, to my surprise, that the principal of the school required every teacher to read the book. If only every teacher could read it!" Man, Jackson, Miss.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I wrote to you for prayer when I had sugar diabetes. Well, the Lord healed me and I can eat anything I want and I haven't taken any more shots for sugar. A preacher told me that if I got healed, it was of the devil for God did not heal these days. But God says He never changes. Oh, I know He can heal for He has healed me." Woman, Blairsville, Ga.

"I wrote a letter some time ago about my son Nelson. He was pronounced mentally retarded September 23, 1964. They also said Nelson would not be able to go to public school because he had the mind of a 3-year-old child. You people sent us a prayer cloth in the name of God, and God did hear our prayers because we took the child to special doctors 2 weeks after school started September 15. The doctors all said, 'This child seems to be normal now. He is a little slow in learning, shy, and has a little trouble walking, but other than that, he is fine.'" Woman, Kansas City, Kans.

"I am writing a few lines to let you know I have been healed of a cataract. About a year ago I went to an optometrist to have my glasses changed. He gave me a thorough examination, then said he couldn't fix me any glasses better than the ones I had. He said I was going blind. Of course, he wanted me to be operated on. My son was with me; he wanted me to go ahead and be operated on. He said I could have one eye opearted on at a time. I just laughed and said I would get a seeing-eye dog if I went blind. So I was anointed the next Sabbath by Mr. Don Lawson. It wasn't long 'til I could see better. Yesterday I went to the same place, but a different doctor. I wanted to have some sun glasses made, so he had to test my eyes. They were so much better he thought the other doctor was wrong, but I know he wasn't. I just couldn't see. He said I was not going blind; my eyes are fine. So I thank God and Mr. Lawson and all the wonderful people who prayed for me. I just thought you would like to know about my eyes being healed. I am 73 years old. I have been healed several times, but this is the most wonderful." Woman, Springfield, Ore.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"I know it would be almost too much to ask, but I hope God will forgive me for not sending my tithes. I thought it would be a good idea to send them once every month. Well, you can probably guess what happened. Every time I tried to get the money together I ran up against a blank wall. I've learned my lesson, but good. God has been punishing me ever since. We've got so many bill collectors after us that I'm afraid we may lose what little we do have." Woman, Van Horne, Iowa

"Though I am not a Christian, I'm sending you my tithes anyway. I had started paying them but I stopped, but I had one trouble after another since I quit. So I'm going to start all over again, and this time I don't intend to stop." Man, Baton Rouge, La.

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MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

November 12, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

Mail receipts for the week have been substantially lower percentage-wise than this same period a year ago. Last year at this time we were receiving a good response from the letter announcing "God Speaks Out on the NEW MORALITY." Consequently, we had a 15% decrease in letters through Thursday. Since the post office curtailed service for Veterans' Day our increase was further hurt. Money has shown only an 18% increase over this week last year. White mail has provided the main bright spot this week. Even though it lessened, it still comprised over 25% of the total letter count. A number of people are still commenting on the Feast and the blessings they received either while at the Feast or after they returned home.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"The current series of programs on 'The Ten Commandments' is the best you have done in my opinion. At the beginning of the series was a program describing the scene at Mount Sinai when God gave the Commandments to the children of Israel. The description was tremendous! Anyone who listened to that broadcast would never again think of God as being dead or helpless. Since then, the series has continued on from that high point with good continuity, conviction, power, and best of all, with pertinent information." Man, Portland, Ore.

"I listen to your programs on KAAY and I enjoy them very much. I like the way you say your thoughts. You don't whine and sound like you're dying, and you don't beg for money like most preachers I know. I'm glad you don't ask for money and gifts because the first time I hear a preacher ask for money, I begin to distrust him. Your sermons are like the argumentative paragraphs we had to write in English. You give the reasons why or why not certain things are so. I agree with you about Germany and Hitler returning to power again. I have read many of your booklets and I have enjoyed every one." Woman, Wilmar, Ark.

"Before continuing I would like to say that I consider myself an intellectual. I am a Sociology-Philosophy major, and a junior at St. Peter's College, Jersey City. Mr. Armstrong's show was a wonderful 30 minute lie. He does not realize the necessity to teach children fables (as Fromm has pointed out the practice is common to humanity). This is not lying to them, but giving them a psychological basis to desire more knowledge and thus prove salubrious to their socialization process. These were termed as 'vicious and black lies.' Mr. Armstrong does not have any idea of Christ's message or the proper way of interpreting the Bible." Man, N.Y.

"You know, I think other ministers listen to The WORLD TOMORROW and try to imitate it, but they can't quite make it. There is a minister, A. A. Allen, who precedes you on Wheeling, W. Va. each week night, and I usually hear the last couple of minutes of his broadcast. He is now announcing that his magazine is free of subscription price to anyone who writes in for it -- but then he or his announcer asks the listeners to write in and please make their gifts generous. I just wanted to tell you that I still appreciate your letting God lead you and guide you in His work." Woman, Vanceboro, N.C.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"May I take this opportunity, Sir, to inform you that I have been enjoying every bit of The PLAIN TRUTH received from you every month, but one offer I will like to be accorded me by you is that a friend of mine has been borrowing my edition of The PLAIN TRUTH every time it arrives and often brings it back to me very late. I, therefore, beg you very much to send a copy of this very important book to him any time you are mailing mine. I am sure this will help me read my edition very thoroughly." Man, Accra, Ghana.

X "I want to express to you and Ted how much I enjoy reading The PLAIN TRUTH. I have now received three issues and I have read them from cover to cover even though it necessitates my reading on the bus to and from work in order to find time to do so. It is one of the very best magazines I have ever read, and that is a very poor word to describe all I feel about it. It is even so much better than any newspaper or other articles. You have made so plain and clear a number of world and national matters that I have only been able to glean vague ideas about before and have wondered a lot about. You seem to get right to the very core of every subject. They are all most interesting, as well as 'eye-opening.' You have caused me to do a lot of thinking." Woman, Arco, Idaho.

"Please enroll my name as one of your monthly readers of your high class magazine, The PLAIN TRUTH. I would like you to know that The PLAIN TRUTH is so indispensable that one is incomplete without reading it monthly. Please, I look forward to seeing my own copies very soon." Man, East Nigeria, West Africa.

X "I certainly do wish to compliment you on this month's PLAIN TRUTH. Especially the articles on Germany. It seems so plain, and I don't see how all the people cannot see the true meaning of Bible prophecy. I realize though that this is not the time for all to see and do, but that time is not far away. God hasten that 'World Tomorrow,' for the sake and safety of us all." Man, Maysville, Okla.

"I read the autobiography of Mr. Armstrong and was highly disappointed because there was not enough of it. It ended shortly after Mr. Armstrong hired himself a job at the Merchants Trade Journal. I enjoy reading the installments that appear in The PLAIN TRUTH; but between the job hiring and the visit to the Holy Land I know nothing of it, except of Mr. Armstrong working for God." Man, Greenville, S.C.

"I certainly did appreciate the article in The PLAIN TRUTH on Almost Creating Life by Mr. Bill Dankenbring. It makes a person aware of the very small amount of knowledge man has been able to compile in relation to that which does exist. We too seldom take time to marvel at and thank God for all of the intricate life about us. Man, Georgetown, Ind.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"I lost my job when I took off for the Feast. When I got home I asked God to direct me to the job He wanted me in as He knew what was best for me. Well, guess where He placed me? I have a wonderful job in the Communications Department of the Morton Salt Company. I only deliver messages now but they said that if I would get my typing up they would train me on the teletype, and that it was up to me. By the way, I received \$10.00 more a week also. So I know that God does truly bless the tither." Young lady from Chicago, Ill.

"We have just returned home from our first Feast. We have notebooks full of notes to study, and the beauty of Jekyll Island overwhelmed us. We are thankful that we could hear the wonderful truth explained so well by God's own chosen ministers." Couple, Boone, N. C.

"We would like to express our appreciation to the Ambassador students for the special music and entertainment at the Feast of Tabernacles in Squaw Valley. We enjoyed it so very much." Couple, Edmonds, Wash.

"May I take this occasion to say that this Feast of Tabernacles has been the best I've attended. God has blessed me in many ways. This is the first year I have been excused from school to attend the Feast. The sermons provided the needed 'meat in due season.' Nowhere else could one find such wonderful fellowship. We all came home with a warm, lasting glow inside. Upon arriving home, I received an unexpected check from which I am enclosing tithes. The greatest blessing of all is that I was able to attend the Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minnesota, this summer. I only wish that every child in the Church could have this opportunity. This blessing will affect my entire life. Thank you very much and God bless you all." Girl, Lakeview, Ore.

"I have a son who has been in the Navy for 21 years. I got a letter from him saying that some of the wildest boys are now coming into the Navy, and that they have no respect or reason. He said if they could, they would kick the captain out and tell him to go to hell. His General said it had gotten so bad during the past five years and he was wondering how bad it would get in the next five years." Man, Bryson City, N. C.

"Dr. Ted, your argumentative ability is unmatched. Glad you are on the Lord's side." Man, Fort Worth, Tex.

"Your July Editorial in La PURE VERITE upset me, because I found that I was wrong on all points, I must admit that I have never read the Bible, partly because it was forbidden to me as a child, and also because I didn't know how to learn from it a practical lesson that's applicable to modern life. I would be very thankful to you if you would enlighten me." Man, Switzerland.

"Mr. Armstrong, do you know what is going on in Barbados? Since the people are speaking of your preaching so much, they're being told not to listen to you, that you are a hypocrite, but it only makes what they said about Jesus, about Paul and all God's true servants. Even the people from my church keep coming at me. When I tell them I am not coming back, they tell me I am deceived." Man, Barbados, B. W. I.

"About 2 months ago I received in the mail a poorly prepared and poorly printed form letter in Polish and English bearing a Connecticut postmark (town not legible). The form letter was without identification or signature -- warning me that I would be stricken with some strange malady or sickness which would manifest itself by blemishes having an 'apple' configuration, appearing on the skin if I continued to listen to false prophets. Unfortunately, I threw this letter in the trash can. Needless to say the blemishes have not materialized. I am a Catholic by birth. Thank you for all past favors." Man, New York Mills, N. Y.

"I am a police officer and part of my job is to operate a city jail. We keep from as low as twenty-five in the summer time to as high as seventy-five in the winter. As a local jail we are supposed to act as a holding house until a trial can be arranged which sometimes can be up to four to six months. We also get all kinds and races of people. The public takes the position that all real bad men are in the state penitentiary but every man in the penitentiary went through

a local jail somewhere. The problem I am concerned with is the juvenile. We have too many juveniles both male and female in jails. The FBI report said that juvenile crime has increased 21% in the last five years. That dates back to about the time that so much talk was made about Bible reading and prayer in the public schools. With no one to teach children right from wrong and to have respect for law and order, there is only one way for us to go and that is down. Why don't preachers and churches sponsor a program to teach our youth right and respect? Something has got to be done before it is too late." Police Officer, Virginia.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

* "I haven't been paying tithe for very long but I'm already beginning to receive blessings. Not in money but something that means a lot more to me than money ever could. God has helped me to study in school harder than I ever have before, and today I received the best grades on my report card that I've gotten in a long time. Thank you for opening my eyes." Young man, Mo.

"After the Feast, I began my third tithe year. Well, I sure was surprised when I received my pay check today as there was an increase of \$60.00 over the month. I do gratefully thank God for this increase as it came just at the beginning of my third tithe year. God blesses us in so many ways as we obey His laws." Woman, Marion, Ill.

"This is the first time I have sent my tithes in. I am eleven years old and have saved this three dollars and 32 cents for about two years and now I can send it in. I hope it can have a part in God's Church." Boy, Pueblo, Colo.

* "I have been tithing only two months and already have received a wonderful blessing. After having asked time off work to observe God's Feast Days, I was convinced when summoned to my boss's office that this could be only one reason -- the termination of my employment. However, the outcome of the interview was quite startling. Handing me my pay slip for the month, the area accountant informed me that my salary had been increased by fifty pounds a year. When I had recovered sufficiently from the elation of this news to pen my pay slip, I realized that the money I had earned during the previous month had been calculated at the new rate!" Man, Cheshire.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I wrote several weeks ago for healing, and almost immediately after I received the prayer cloth and applied it, God began to heal these painful veins. I have to almost hunt to try to find where the hard knot was behind my right knee. The pain, which afflicted both legs, is all but gone, and the veins are even looking much better." Woman, Woodbine, Ga.

* "Last summer I was stricken with a strange terrible illness. I wrote and asked you to pray for me. Within two or three days an airmail letter arrived for me; it told me what to do to be cured. I followed the instructions and that evening I was able, for the first time in over a month, to enjoy a full night's sleep. Subsequently, more of my symptoms disappeared daily until I was completely cured. Yes, God does heal today. Despite the fact that I was persecuted by my family for employing a so-called 'witchcraft,' only I know how desperately ill I was and how, from the day I received your letter, I was quickly and thoroughly healed by the power of God." Man, Weatherford, Tex.

Weekly Comments

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MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

November 19, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The big trend in the comments this week has been about the broadcast. There have been a large number of very favorable comments about the series of broadcasts on the Ten Commandments. Members continue to write in about the Feast of Tabernacles. Through Thursday noon we had 21% increase in money and a minus 16% in letters. A contributing factor in the lower letter count has been an unexpected drop in the white mail for this fall. This is the time of year the white mail count should begin to climb, but instead is just about staying even with last spring.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I had read extensively and listened to every radio sermon I could, without learning how to make sense out of the Bible as a whole. I had been looking openmindedly for an overall, unified purpose in the Bible since I was about 9 years old. When I heard The WORLD TOMORROW one night in 1962, I soon realized that Mr. Armstrong, being so different, either had the truth or the most obvious errors of any preacher. So I sent for the booklets and learned the truth. I deeply appreciate God's guidance to the truth, since the worldly educational institutions are so filled with error and the end is so near. I was happy to be made a co-worker and hope to be made to feel ready for baptism soon." Man, Whitehall, Mich.

"We are certain that you would be interested to know that we listen to your broadcasts over station WPIT, Pittsburgh, and have always enjoyed listening to your program at 7:00 every morning. Just over a month ago Radio Station WPIT made a program change whereby your broadcasts were heard at 3:30 P.M. each day. Since this time schedule made it impossible for us to hear your broadcasts, we contacted WPIT and complained about their change in the schedule of your broadcasts. We were amazed by the number of people in this area who were making the same complaint as we. In fact, the telephone answering service was so swamped with calls that the radio station was forced to reschedule your broadcast to the noon hour, 12:00 to 12:30. The announcement of this change was made every 15 minutes during the day for several days, to relieve the telephone answering service of the heavy burden of telephone calls." Man, Wexford, Pa.

"I listen to your program from San Diego XERB, I believe, on my way home from work every evening and I have never heard such a convincing sermon on the Law as I have been hearing the last few evenings -- 'What's wrong with the law?' That text, Jude 4, is one I never heard before but it is exactly right." Woman, Calistoga, Calif.

"Just a note to tell you how much I am enjoying Garner Ted's sermons on God's law. The half hours I spend taking notes and concentrating on his explanation of these laws are like finding an oasis in a dry, hot desert of hopelessness." Woman, Ash Grove, Mo.

"This evening I was on my way to the grocery store in my car, and I absent-mindedly turned the car radio on for a little music. Your broadcast was in progress, concerning marriage and divorce rate and the fact that the Ten Commandments are still in effect today. I became so interested that upon arriving at my destination, I stayed in the car to hear all of it." Man, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.

"I have just listened to Garner Ted's message on KAAV, Little Rock. He carried me away back to my school days when he mentioned his grandmother. I know all he was saying was true. I did everything she did. I am 83 years old. God watched over me and brought me to all of these conveniences Ted mentioned and I am thankful. I thank Him for the good ice water I have to drink. Ted knows just when to chuckle a little. I do love to hear him." Miss.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"While sitting in a local barber shop I picked up a recent copy of The PLAIN TRUTH and once started reading, I spent my whole hour lunch period engrossed in its contents. I've heard your programs over the years and heard about your publications but never thought it worthwhile until now that I actually read a copy. I'm sure my entire family and friends would benefit from your fine publication and I'd like to request your magazine be sent to my home on a regular basis. I'd also like to contribute to your fine cause of truth and will desire information on that also. Thank you." Man, Roy, Utah.

"I would like to inform you that I have moved. My old address was Fort Eustis, Va. My new address is Viet Nam. Your PLAIN TRUTH is really enjoyed by most of the company over here in Viet Nam. Keep up the good work." Pfc. from Viet Nam.

"The picture of the Pope on the cover of the new PLAIN TRUTH is very eye-catching. What articles I've read so far are most interesting and informative. Thank you so much." Calif.

"The PLAIN TRUTH of this month came yesterday. I sat and read every page -- oh why can't it be 148 pages instead of 48 pages? I am a glutton for all of your spiritual explanations. The colored photos on the front page, also the regular in-between photos surely open one's eyes. I wish what's in my heart could be in dollars to show my appreciation." Woman, Minneapolis, Minn.

"Those 2 articles on Germany in the September PLAIN TRUTH were tremendous. When I was in the Army, I was in Germany and I can testify that what you said is true. Their militaristic ways are almost frightening. Those people have a GOAL. You can feel it in the air. It seems like the very atmosphere is charged with their drive and nationalism." Man, Md.

"We get The PLAIN TRUTH every month and have for about 3 years now. It has been sent to us free. When I wrote and asked for the magazine, I just knew there had to be a catch to it somewhere, because you just don't receive something for nothing. I saved the magazines so I could send them back when I received a notice that my subscription price was due. I have never gotten a notice and I am still saving my magazines, but not to send back. I use them as a reference to study along with my Bible. It is the greatest magazine ever printed." Couple, Kans.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"It was a real pleasure having the Radio Church of God people as our guests. They were all wonderful people and a real joy to have here. Their rooms were all left in perfect condition.

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It is so nice not having a dirty ash tray or a waste paper basket filled with ashes to clean, not to say anything about the cigarette burns and airing the motel rooms to put up with." Poco Beach Resort, Tahoe Vista, Calif.

"We purchased the MESSIAH record at the Feast. Both the looks of the record and the cover are simply beautiful to us. We were surprised at the quality of the record, but shouldn't have been (since we now realize that you wouldn't put out anything that is not quality.) We want to thank you very much for making this record. The whole record is most inspiring!" Member, Dallas, Texas.

✕ "If the most important questions of life have baffled the greatest thinkers and philosophers, I prefer to stay with them -- rather than join with you -- because it does seem strange you should find 'the true answers are plain and simple.'" Catholic, Stockton, Calif.

"Thank you and your Letter Answering Department for the letter and booklet on the 'Truth about Make-up.' I could plainly see why God forbids its use. I had in my possession about 10 tubes of lipstick, eyebrow pencils, mascara, etc. I immediately threw them into the trash. I did not wait for Satan to show me ways and reasons of 'no harm' in using it. I told myself, 'why ponder over it. If you want to obey God, obey Him. Harden not your heart, then He will unveil more truths.' I feel wonderful about doing so and appreciate so much the booklet explaining God's way." Woman, Meadville, Pa.

"One of your Belgian readers asked if you belonged to the Jehovah's Witnesses and you answered, 'No, we do not; we follow the Bible exclusively.' The Jehovah's Witnesses, whose magazine I also read, pretend that they, too, follow the Bible to the letter. Moreover, I recently became acquainted with some Pentecostals, and they also claim to follow the Bible. I am confused! However, when I spoke to them about your magazine -- with which they are well acquainted -- they told me that their ministers had advised them not to read it." Man, Paris, France.

✕ "I am 20 years of age and am very interested in hearing the truth. I am now going to Eastern Washington State College. It is very hard to bear the lies which are taught here. It is impossible to tell most of my instructors if they make mistakes. We have a psychology book which is riddled with indefinite statements but you can't voice a sensible opinion unless you want to be scoffed at by a group of 'all-knowing' know-nothings. If I had the money I wouldn't hesitate to enroll in one of your schools. My parents would never lift a finger to help me and they would more than likely try to stop me. My grades are beginning to drop because I am searching for something which these people just don't know exists -- the TRUTH! The more I learn of God's way the more I pray that some way will be found, some door will be opened. Perhaps I pray in vain but I shall continue to learn of God's great laws until the day I die." Student, Cheney, Wash.

"I just returned from Bible Study which I am able to attend every week in Peoria. As one who lived for almost 8 years without a local church or Bible Study to attend, I can't put into words what a blessing this is. I hope I never take it for granted. I often think of how quickly I would have fallen by the wayside if there would have been no PLAIN TRUTH or GOOD NEWS or WORLD TOMORROW. What a necessary discipline the Bible Correspondence Course was and is! Thank you for all this and more." Woman, Tremont, Ill.

"God has blessed me in letting me live in peace with an unconverted husband. My husband was going to leave me 2 years ago over Christmas. I know I didn't use wisdom in a lot of things

and it was my own fault. As Christmas approaches now, it isn't anywhere near what it was then. This year when we came home from the Feast, he had bicycles for the children and made it a big time for them. He also went without a lot of things he had wanted for himself, so that we could go and enjoy the Feast. I sometimes wonder if I truly appreciate everything God has done to smooth the trials and lead us out where we have no control over the situations. Life is so wonderful when we recapture the true values, by God's being Number One in our lives." Member, Lynwood, Calif.

"I have just finished reading your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' It is most revealing and once more I have been amazed to learn the Bible really does speak to us today. I can't possibly think of any words to describe what a wonderful feeling it is for me to learn of this wonderful knowledge from my Bible through your lessons and literature." Ky.

"I am beseeching you good people to send me a replacement copy of GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' To tell the truth, this is the third request. It seems every time I start reading, some poor soul with troubles confides in me so I give him the book, hoping that it will help him to overcome his problems. If you will accept my plea, I assure you I want to keep it and study it for my very own." Man, Reading, Pa.

"Will you please send me one of your new books, 'The New Morality,' a book on sex. I have 6 children, 3 teenagers, and I have been told that this is the greatest book ever printed, except the Bible." Woman, Dallas, Texas.

"This is belated, but I do want to thank you for the book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' It was really enlightening. I cried in some places. If only I had had such a book when I was growing up; I think my life would have been different. My mother and dad never told me about things I ought to have known, and I had to find out the hard way. I imagine I am not by myself in that point. But I want you to know my girl won't have to grow up ignorant, nor my boys either." Woman, Palmetto, Fla.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I wanted to tell you how wonderful it seems to know God's healing power over our bodies. (I know that you know it.) When my husband went back to the kidney specialist after he had the anointed cloth, the doctor seemed really amazed, but my husband didn't say anything except that, 'It does seem like a miracle, doesn't it?' He only has to go back after 2 months for a check-up. The doctor said, 'Willis, you got away with murder. You were a very sick man.'" N. Y.

✓ "I wanted to let you know of another miraculous healing in our family. My mother-in-law had a heart attack and could not move. The doctor told everyone to get prepared for her death because she would never get up from her bed. We took her a healing cloth immediately after Sabbath service and today she is up walking around and is gaining her strength back, with God's help. She is so thankful and so are we. God truly is our one and only Healer." Calif.

COMMENT ABOUT TITHING

"To show that God does bless His tithe-giver as well as those who give freely, I can say that I am a living example of such. . . . When the ministers say that God has a bigger shovel to send back the blessings for more than man can ever put into God's work, they are telling the truth. God's shovel is the biggest I've ever seen." Man, Alexandria, Va.

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MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

November 26, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

First returns from the Semi-annual Letter came in Wednesday morning. There were seven in this first response -- five from Members and two from Co-workers. Comments from these first returns show much enthusiasm both for the letter and for Volume IV of The Bible Story. About 200,000 of these letters have been mailed out as of Wednesday morning. This includes all the Members and Co-workers and most of the Regulars on the East Coast. We expect the returns to be coming in quite heavily by the end of next week. Mail so far for November has not been very encouraging, especially in letters. We are still running a considerable deficit compared to the number of letters received last November.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"Could you please mail me a copy of the November PLAIN TRUTH? I am looking forward to it but as yet have not received it.... Maybe my mailman is not through reading it yet. Last month, he passed by my house reading, got one house down and came back to my house with the magazine. Today, I will tell him how to get his own." Woman, Hayward, Calif.

"I have just finished reading the article 'What's Wrong With Today's Music?' I wish to thank you very much for this great truth. I have been listening to rock and roll described in the article. I am 13 years old." Teenager, Puyallup, Wash.

"I have just read the November issue of The PLAIN TRUTH and I was very interested in the article 'What's Wrong with Today's Music?' by Eugene M. Walter. Here at Caltech I hear this loud, obnoxious, 'teen beat' NOISE constantly, and I, too, have been wondering 'what's wrong with today's music?' Now I have the answer! Last week we played a record of Handel's MESSIAH -- and compared to the Rolling Stones, the Beatles, Sonny and Cher, and the Hot Nuts -- what a contrast! And the sight of these writhing, contorted, SEXUALLY MESMERIZED dancers listening to 'Satisfaction' or the loud, screeching sound of 'Yesterday' is positively UNBELIEVABLE! Student, Caltech, Pasadena, Calif.

"I do not believe it is man's nature to rebel, riot, and fight wars. These demonstrations and race riots appear to be instigated by the Communists and the Jew Zionists. These people have a lust for making trouble. I receive material from so many good sources, who I know are not being influenced by these dastardly people, that time does not permit being wasted on any publications even if only a suspicion of Jew control exists. Please remove my name from your mailing list." Man, Appleton, Wis.

"Thank you for your 'Autobiography.' It helps me to feel closer to you, your family and God's Work. It gives me a reason to pray zealously for God's Work. When I read in the August PLAIN TRUTH the examples of God's top ministers, it helped me to realize more fully why God is using them." Member, San Luis Obispo, Calif.

"I enjoy all of your fine PLAIN TRUTH. I have never had much Bible teaching and all of this, all of a sudden, is a little hard for me to understand. Hours pass like minutes and I can't find words to thank you enough. May God bless each of you." Woman, Hinton, W. Va.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"As I was listening to your program this evening over KUMA, Pendleton, Oregon, I became very furious when you read the letter from the man who thought policemen were bullies. That man must be very stupid if he thinks that. I am a girl, only 14 years old, and I know more than he does. The police are here for our protection. If he thinks it is wrong for policemen to resort to whatever they can to help citizens from being hurt, he better stop and gather his facts together. It is wrong to burn the property of and harm innocent people as the rioters did in the large Los Angeles riot. The police did what they had to because the rioters would listen to nothing. I don't claim to know everything but anybody knows if we didn't have laws and policemen to help enforce them the whole human race would go to (pardon the word) hell." Teenager, Adams, Ore.

"I listen to KBLE, Seattle at noon. It's evident on the air that your hunting trip to Colorado has refreshed, rejuvenated and added even more power, zip and conviction to your broadcast -- it's continually increasing." Man, Bellevue, Wash.

"I have occasionally listened to your broadcasts over Radio Station WPTF from Raleigh, North Carolina, for the past several years. At first, I was not impressed with your speeches, as your voice seemed too strong and loud for a sermon speaker, so I barely heard what you had to tell and finally turned to another program for some music or news. About 6 months ago, I listened again to one of your 10:30 P.M. broadcasts and I was so well pleased by what you said that night that I suddenly decided that your program really IS worth listening to, by all means. In fact, the way the world is nowadays, I think you should really YELL at the people. They certainly do NEED to listen." Man, Sanford, N.C.

"I listen to your program on Station KAAY and I must say that it is without equal in religious broadcasting. There is no double-talk, no sickening sentimentality and no begging for money. How refreshing it is to hear a message that appeals to reason and not blind emotion." Man, Iowa.

MISCELLANEOUS FOREIGN COMMENTS

"When I first got The PLAIN TRUTH to hand, I felt a bit annoyed and put it away with the thought 'another anti-German paper.' But I found all other articles very interesting, and at last came to the conviction that even what I thought to be anti-German is the very truth and an eye-opener to me, and should be to many Germans, too, if they have the courage to read your magazine." German lady, Australia.

"Three months ago the readership of your magazine in this little town of Enugu increased considerably and increased the good work of your paper in putting more and more into the path of God. An idea was conceived by me one Saturday afternoon after reading one of the copies of the magazine. When a friend came in to borrow the magazine, I suggested to him that it was of some need to form a club for all readers of the magazine. Soon this idea spread and we formed 'The PLAIN TRUTH Readers' Club.' At the first meeting of this club we had about 80 readers who avowed to become very active members. And so that is how we started. One of

our cardinal aims for establishing this club was to provide a common forum where readers of the magazine can sit together and talk about what they had read in the magazine. And this is just what we are doing although our Clubhouse is still the balcony of my house." Man, Africa.

"I hope this letter will meet your approval. I am a student in Bible College. This year is my final year. I have seen your magazine in our college library and I do enjoy its contents. I wish you to enroll my name as one of the regular readers of the magazine. Student, West Africa.

"In my native Guinea Coast we suffer from severe economic straits; political independence has not improved the fortunes of millions in this West Africa. The native worker almost daily negotiates through trade union organisations for better conditions of service, and consequently, strike actions are widespread. We have several more decades to march towards economic stability. Only then shall we really claim to be free." Man, West Africa.

"I am enclosing a check as tithe owing for October. This leaves me with about 2 shillings in my account until next wage comes through. Too often I have sent the last tenth and not the first tenth. Though it is more convenient for me to send the tithe in monthly, I am going to send it weekly until I learn that it must come first." Man, Cumberland, England.

"I received 2 issues of La PURE VERITE that you sent me. I read them immediately, and checked each verse you cited in my own Bible. I must admit that I have been wrong, and you are right. I never knew that the Hebrew word 'Elohim' meant more than one person. I also used to stumble over the first verse of the Gospel according to John, but now it offers me no more difficulties. Instead of arguing with you, I should have admitted my ignorance much sooner." Man, Escaudain, France.

"Studying your literature is giving me a great deal of satisfaction. Having received religious instruction in the Roman Catholic Church, I knew little about the Bible, and I had only leafed through it for bits of information of an artistic nature. In my childhood, reading it was forbidden by the Church. I thank you for helping me to discover it. That will help me to better understand and eventually find God. I used to believe in a superior being, but there was too much confusion in what I was taught. I had given up trying to understand." Woman, Paris, France.

"This morning before 6:00 A.M. on Radio Europe No. 1, I was able to pick up your broadcast. I am very impressed by the zeal which you put into exhorting the world to repent and in preaching the good news of The WORLD TOMORROW. I wish with all my heart that your efforts be rewarded by a large number of repentant people. Alas! Our poor world is corrupted, and finds itself in the same state of mind as before the flood!" Woman, Draguigan, France.

"Your articles on a resurgent Germany are very interesting. I was over there in the Canadian army twice (1951-1953) and again from (1955-1957) as a civilian. I made a third trip last year, this time through East Germany to Berlin, also the Soviet Sector of Berlin. The people like to talk politics and I can see the people are very restless. God help us all when they acquire arms." Man, Golden, B.C., Canada.

"I heard a man complain about your programme on our Radio CKOY on 'Live Wire' at 9-10 A.M. I set my alarm for 5:30 A.M. to listen to your programme as I naturally am never up at that hour. I found nothing wrong with your programme and in fact enjoyed it. I called our station here and spoke on the programme and told how I enjoyed it and found nothing wrong with what was said. Just what denomination do you speak for? The programme I heard was 'present-day Ten Commandments.' I was told you were a very wealthy organization and worldwide. Also

that you were in favor of keeping the Negroes in their place, Jews, etc. Also you might be in favor of the K.K.K. How much truth is there in this? Personally, I could find nothing in what the speaker said to indicate any of these stories." Woman, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

"We would like to express our appreciation of our first Feast of Tabernacles. We just found the Church in time to get organized and know about the Feast. We would not have gone even then, but a deacon pointed out the scriptures commanding our presence there. I shrugged my shoulders, smiled and said, 'Guess we have no choice.' I thought it would be more games and sports and wasn't too enthusiastic at travelling 800 miles to play games. I'd walk 800 miles to the next Feast." Couple, Pa.

"I received your PLAIN TRUTH. I would like to have your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' I am 10 years old. My aunts are trying to take me out on dates. My mother is gone; she married another man, so I have to take care of myself and 2 brothers. My father works in the mines. He takes your book and is studying the Bible. He tells me to read the Bible. I have read 105 pages of the Bible and want to read more. Thank you for your copy of the magazine." Youngster, Guage, Ky.

"Wow! At last!! How I have looked forward for Volume IV! The Bible Story was very instrumental in the conversion of my three brothers and sister-in-law. They are now baptized members of God's Church. At the present time, Volume I is in the hands of a young woman, a friend of our family. She is not a member yet, but attended her first Sabbath last week. My sister-in-law also read it to her two daughters seven and four years old. It also helped my father-in-law and mother-in-law. They are now baptized members. No price can be put on the Bible Story. Words fail me in expressing the gratitude I feel for the hours spent by Mr. Wolverton, yourself, and others on the Bible Story. Just look at the fruit it helped to produce." Cal.

"It just came over the TV the other day about our water supply being polluted. You've already been telling us for years that our water was in danger. I wish some of those dummies running this country would wake up. I suppose if they did wake up they'd die of fright." Iowa.

COMMENT ABOUT TITHING

"It works! This is only my third tithing check but already God has blessed us. All my bills are paid up to date and we were able to put a little in a savings account. For years I was one of those who 'couldn't afford' to tithe. I'm afraid I'll never catch up with one debt -- the one I owe God for leaving Him out of consideration for so long." Man, Portland, Ore.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"God answered your prayers for my healing. In September I wrote to you from the hospital, telling you about my sickness. I had cancer and was bleeding so severely that I was unconscious. The doctors had given up. I have been home one month and I am healed." Ill.

✓ "In 1959 I had a severe throat ailment which had cost me my voice. The doctor told me it would never be completely well. I had just begun to read The PLAIN TRUTH. I asked for prayer and received the cloth subsequently. I was healed immediately. My voice was clear the next day, and I have not had any more trouble. That was 6 years ago." Woman, Ala.

Weekly Comments

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December 3, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The response to the Semi-annual Letter is starting to pick up. We expect returns from the East Coast to begin coming in heavily next week. Many people say they have been waiting a long time for Volume IV. The comments about the book are enthusiastic; close to 100% of the people responding to the letter ask for it. Overall the comments about the November PLAIN TRUTH are very favorable. A few modern women got ruffled at the article "True WOMANHOOD -- Is It a Lost Cause?" They say all this was fine for Eve and Sarah but not for them.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I just picked up one of your magazines that was directed to our office as a mistake by the Post Office. This is the November issue. 'Interesting' is the word for your magazine. I'm not supposed to read magazines on duty, but I couldn't help myself. I have to reroute this magazine back to the Post Office so it can reach its rightful place. But what will I do for one? Can you send me a copy, please?" Man, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

"I received my November PLAIN TRUTH the 16th of this month. It is very interesting but I miss the Autobiography of Mr. Armstrong. That is about the first thing I read, that and 'What Our Readers Say.' Well, I must go for now." Woman, Corinth, Miss.

"I never thought I would see the day when you would print the picture of the Pope in color on the front page of your magazine. I can just visualize some Catholic magazine with a Protestant pastor's picture on it. There's no brainwashed red necks living at this address and if you can't find anything better than the stinking Pope's homely puss to print, please don't litter up our mailbox with such trash!" Man, Santa Clara, Calif.

"You have a very attractive cover and I have found that all your articles that are backed from God's Word are interesting, informative and correct. . . . I am Baptist and those of my family also are Baptists. Your magazine has truly increased my knowledge of God's Holy Word. Thank you for this excellent magazine." Man, Beaumont, Texas.

"Yesterday I received the November issue of The PLAIN TRUTH. I read your wonderful article on modern music and then put it on my cord organ to read later. Between then and now, I don't know what happened to the magazine. I do know a little neighbor girl came in, a Catholic. She probably thought it was a Catholic magazine because of the color picture of Pope Paul on the front. I don't know if she took it or not, but I miss the magazine." Woman, Redondo Beach, Calif.

"I sing and play lead guitar with a longhaired Rock and Roll group called the 'Spiders.' What Mr. Walter wrote about today's music did hurt. I always liked this magazine but now I

don't know what to think. I think it would be better if you stopped my subscription because I wouldn't enjoy it. That's all I have to say." Man, Shelbyville, Tenn.

"My congratulations to Mr. Eugene M. Walter on his article 'What's Wrong with Today's Music?' His views coincide almost exactly with those I expressed in an article earlier this year. I was glad to find someone who can see as I do the basic barbarism of most popular music." Texas.

"I have enjoyed The PLAIN TRUTH for 5 years this month, but this month's is the most inspiring I have ever received. The 2 articles about marriage will make me a better wife and mother. Thank you and thank God." Woman, Garland, Texas.

"When I'm in school I opened the envelope and inside it is a magazine and titled The PLAIN TRUTH (a magazine of understanding). While I was reading it a group of my classmates gather around me to read then they shouted, 'Oh! It's a very interesting magazine. Can you lend it to us? Can I borrow it afterwards; could you allow me to bring it home after dismissal?' These were the questions uttered to me when they saw and read the magazine, for it's their first time to see this kind of magazine. I enjoyed reading your magazine. I'm very much in love with this magazine because it's very educational and there's no other magazine that can defeat it. I had considered it as the most interesting magazine I've ever read. Even in our library some teachers crowded around us to read... Sir, our librarian is asking samples if you have any for our library, for this coming issue. We students, teachers and office personnel thank you all for the samples you shall send us." Student from the Philippines.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I am not one who is 'nuts' over radio preachers but I really enjoy The WORLD TOMORROW. Your program represents what I believe and how it should be given to your millions of listeners. Mr. G. T. Armstrong and his father are making 'things' plain and simple to understand. I strongly admire them for doing their job to the letter!" Man, Mannford, Oklahoma.

"Here in Louisville, Kentucky, we have a new station WFIA -- a Christian religious station and they have a program where different subjects are discussed. Your name was brought up as pertaining to applying the Bible to different subjects in objection or as an answer to those subjects. The way it was explained, I would certainly be interested in receiving your paper called The PLAIN TRUTH. It was brought out that you will not accept money but if this is on a subscription basis, please write and let me know how much I owe you." Woman, Indiana.

"Your broadcasts are full of truth and conviction and truly patriotic. We feel they are a refreshing change from the usual trash on radio and television." Couple, Hinckley, Utah.

"I am a Southern Baptist and have used some of the programs I heard by Garner Ted as a basis for my Sunday School class lessons to young people of different age groups. You are doing a wonderful work." Man, Milan, Tenn.

"I feel so happy that The WORLD TOMORROW is now on Station KMON, Great Falls, Montana. It almost seems like an answer to my prayers to God, and my requests to you over the past 2 years. This station has a large coverage area. It is doing much good. I feel that I can tell a change in attitude in some of the school children this year. (I am a high school English teacher.) The radio station has completely changed its musical programming format,

and although in my opinion, there is still much left to be desired, the improvement is great. I have given my November PLAIN TRUTH to our band and musical instructor here at school so that he might read the article on music. In my opinion the articles in The PLAIN TRUTH are getting better and more forceful each month. Keep up the good work! Also keep laying it 'on the line' in your broadcasts!" English teacher, Rudyard, Montana.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"I just got to thinking about the Pope of Rome and his visits around the world and came up with some amazing thoughts. The Pope went to India and blessed them; not long afterwards they went to war. The Pope came to New York and blessed them, and look what happened -- the largest power failure in America's history. I sure would hate for him to bless me. God only knows what might happen! P.S. God help you people there in Los Angeles if he comes there and blesses you." Man, Miranda, Calif.

"I am 10 years old and I am in the fifth grade. I would like to take the Bible Correspondence Course. I read The PLAIN TRUTH and some other articles my mother receives. I am willing to be converted and I am tithing 6¢ out of my 50¢ allowance." Youngster, Camp Hill, Pa.

"I have had a Sabbath problem on the job for about 2 years, but they had been reluctantly going along with me. After we came home from the Feast, I was told I must come to work on the Sabbath or be penalized the following Monday. Well, that Monday I was laid off and Tuesday I was told if I didn't report for work Saturday I would be fired Monday. Well, that Monday the personnel manager said he hated to have to fire me. because I had been with the company 18 years and had a perfect work record. By 9:00 I was fired and by 9:45 I was hired at another company, with Sabbath and all Holy Days off." Man, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"I would like to thank you for making the Bible Correspondence Course a completely tuition-free course. One could almost expect it to be free if it was a cheap and rather ridiculously made Bible test BUT it is the most interesting and thoughtfully constructed course I have ever seen. Since I started taking the Bible Course I have learned more than I ever could have learned by trying to do so without help. Enclosed is my tithe. I am very grateful that the Bible Correspondence Course is free, because if it had a price I am sure that I could not afford it." Calif.

"I received the Bible Study Course Lesson 39 with pictures. Do I love it! It makes studying so much more interesting when one can look at the pictures and bring events clearer to the mind. Thank you so much." Woman, Turlock, Calif.

"Should I go to my pastor and tell him that I don't want to be a Lutheran any more? I certainly CAN'T go RUNNING AROUND WITH 2 RELIGIONS -- what do you think? I have been waiting an awfully LONG time for your representative. I almost went to the extreme of baptizing MYSELF IN THE BATHTUB, WITH MY TAPE RECORDER SAYING THE WORDS. But with all foolishness aside, I do really need baptism FAST. So I wish you would please tell them to hurry (as soon as they can), because I need it!" Man, Portland, Ore.

"I would like you to know that your broadcasts, pamphlets, The Bible Correspondence Course and The PLAIN TRUTH, totaled, is the best and most important happening in my life. For I have found the true meaning and purpose for life itself. I want to thank you, your staff, and especially your son, Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong, for the help you have given me, so unselfishly." Woman, Pasadena, Md.

"For the first time in my life the Bible and God make sense. Not a lot of ritual spiced with threats of eternal punishment for breaking any of the rituals. You see, I was raised a Roman Catholic. As I grew older all the pomp of the church left me uneasy. Now I know why. I was merely a spectator in a house not established by God. Whatever else happens, Sir, you have pointed me in the right direction." Man, Crockett, Calif.

"My husband had never read the Bible much until one year ago, but always listens every evening to your broadcast. He is retired and will soon be 60 years old. He was complaining this winter of nothing to do, so I suggested he write for the Bible Course. After receiving it, he spent 8 to 10 hours a day on it. After sending the answers to the first test, he began worrying, afraid he would not make high enough grades to continue. He received a grade of 90, and is working on his 5th lesson. You can't imagine how thankful I am." Woman, Caplinger Mills, Mo.

"Since I am writing, I must tell you that since we have found the true Church, we have had so many blessings. Our 6-year-old boy has been sickly all his life. He is now bubbling over with life. He was healed instantly twice this year after being anointed. He started school as the slowest child in his class -- he finished with one of the highest grades. My husband lost his job because he wouldn't work on the Sabbath (he had worked there for 16 years!) His wages for last year totalled \$8,500. He was offered a job yesterday making a minimum of \$9,400 with all Sabbaths and Holy Days off." Woman, Griffin, Ga.

"I am writing in to request a copy of your book entitled GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality.' My wife and I are taking a 13-week course at our church taught by the minister, and he recommended your book rather highly." Man, Urbana, Ill.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"I thought you might like to know that since I have been tithing, God has more than doubled my income in a period of about 3 years. It's hard to believe but it's true. What a miracle." Ohio.

"I just want to say that tithing must pay, due to the fact that since I have been tithing, we have gotten an opportunity to take care of a 5-unit apartment house and have a six-room, huge apartment, partly furnished to us, rent-free with just our gas and light bills to pay. I have more room than I've had in years, and I do thank God for it! I have been wanting this kind of setup for years, I mean a good apartment house and rent property. God really knows best." Tex.

"At the closing of our third tithe year, we gladly send our regular tithe. We truly have been blessed with our every need, both physical and spiritual. Besides the 4 raises in pay, we had a practically brand new washer given to us when ours went out (this was going to be thrown out but \$1.90 put it in perfect running condition). There are so many things I could name, like the sweeper, youth bed, vegetables that my wife canned and more, all given to us; an \$80 heating bill for the entire year; and a trouble-free year with the car; add to this a darling baby girl. But the biggest blessing of all, we would have to consider, is a local church and minister, Mr. Gary Antion. We thank God for all these things." Couple, Rochester, N.Y.

COMMENT ABOUT HEALING

"I would like to thank you and the other ministers, Mr. Armstrong, for your prayers and anointed cloth which you sent me in September. I wrote and requested prayer for an ear affliction which had been painning me for nearly a year. I give thanks to God as my ear is now completely healed." Woman, Huron, S. D.

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December 10, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

We had a fantastic week financially. New income records for the weekend, a single day and the week were all set by Wednesday. As of the eighth of the month we had an 83% increase in money and a 72% increase in letters. We are receiving a very good return from the Co-worker letter: response to the Semi-annual Letter picked up but we had not hit the peak returns by the middle of the week. There have been a lot of very good comments on the November PLAIN TRUTH; especially about the articles on marriage and true womanhood.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"For a number of years now I have listened to The WORLD TOMORROW, even while I was in Germany from January 1964 to July 1965. I must say there is no other programme like it on the face of the earth, because no other programme preaches the scriptures and analyzes world events like you do. Your broadcasts have brought me much understanding, not only of the Bible but in the other phases of life as well." Man, Ecorse, Michigan.

X "I've listened to your program almost against my will, and so have decided to try to do something positive about my religion, as it seems to be quite passive, and so I'm sure you can help me. Many thanks for some very straightforward and broadminded programs in a 'language' one can understand." Lady, West Germany.

"As a regular listener to your WORLD TOMORROW programme on Radio 390 and Radio London, I should like to express my deep appreciation of the sheer sense you broadcast on these programmes. I, for one, am learning a great deal through your programme, your magazine, and your literature." Listener, London, England.

X "You will be interested to learn that reception of Radio 390 is excellent whilst Radio London has been unobtainable at The WORLD TOMORROW time. Lancaster has been a poor area for reception of the 'pirate' stations, so Radio 390 should be popular here." Man, Lancs.

X "I am blessed at the moment by just having heard part of The WORLD TOMORROW on Radio City, and at 7:00, turning to Radio 390, I will hear the part I missed. I used to envy the many stations in the USA where The WORLD TOMORROW could be heard all day, but now I have that chance. Thank you for thundering out the truth." Man, London, England.

"I am writing this letter to thank you most greatly for putting The WORLD TOMORROW on Radio CFCW, Camrose. Your program always used to be a highlight in my life when it was on CFRN, but for some reason it was taken off, and for about 6 months it seemed like something

was missing every day in my life. Hearing your challenging and spirit-stimulating message once again caused me to jump with joy. I could not catch your program on any other station during the past 6 months. I hope you have a great response from this area so that the program will not be removed again." Co-worker, Edmonton, Alberta.

"Of late I have been listening to your program by Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong. As a matter of fact, my husband, who is a professed agnostic, had been listening and got me started. I enjoy your program because when you finish, I don't have to wallow around in a pile of vague terms and references." Lady, St. Albans, W. Va.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

X "Thank you so much for the fine article by Mr. Roderick Meredith, 'True Womanhood -- Is It a "Lost Cause?"' Tell him he has done us women a great service. I thank him. I also thank God as this is an answer to prayer. . . . I not only read the article but I am outlining it, too. Already frustration is gone and housework has become more interesting." Woman, Pa.

"I especially liked the articles about womanhood and marriages. We housewives and mothers often get the feeling of being downtrodden or in a rut. Articles such as these open our eyes to the fact that we are important and needed in the home at all times. It is a great boost to our morale! Thank you again for the wonderful articles." Woman, Dallas, Texas.

"I am very grateful for having this opportunity of receiving your magazine for one year, free. It is such an interesting magazine that once I start reading it, I find it almost impossible to put it down until I have completed it. In our house alone (which is a huge double storey) ten more people anxiously await to read The PLAIN TRUTH after me." Woman, South Africa.

X "Keep up the good work; perhaps you'll get through some of today's thick heads. That is, if humans don't blow themselves off the face of the earth first. But, please lay off the criticism of 'Rock & Roll.' It never hurt anybody yet. And if you think you could do better than the Beatles, then I'll be waiting for your first record." Teenager, Great Falls, Mont.

"I am receiving The PLAIN TRUTH and like it fine. I don't know how you could have found a better name for it, but there are 2 things I find wrong -- it is too small and doesn't come often enough. I can hardly wait until it comes." Man, Arkansas City, Kans.

"How I am moved by such a beautiful, dignified, and truthful magazine! I have never read such a beautiful magazine. It deserves to be called La PURE VERITE: it really is the only true one, and the only one where we can find the 'plain truth' of Christ in these sad times." France.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

X "Last evening after entertaining guests at dinner in Pasadena, we very accidentally passed by your college on our way home. We noticed the lights on at the swimming pool and it looked so lovely we decided to stop and look in. As we were admiring the building, the pool and the garden, a very nice young man asked if we would like to see the inside. He introduced himself as one of the students and was so very polite and friendly we eagerly accepted his invitation. As we entered the building we saw several other young men about to leave, but when they noticed our group, each

man came to us personally, asked if he could show us about. They turned on the lights, very graciously answered our many questions and did not leave until we assured them we had more than enjoyed our 'unexpected tour.' As we turned to leave they asked us to drive about the grounds and enjoy the beautiful flowers and the buildings. We just wanted you to know we wish every person who has any doubts about the college men and women of today could have been with us. We only read about the few who make headlines and so-called 'news' and so many people believe this is the 'majority.' We know it is not and it was certainly proved last night. Our congratulations to your school and your faculty on their accomplishments." Couple, South Pasadena, Calif.

"I am a custodian in our high school, and you should see how our teenagers tear up their classrooms (why do they even go to school?). It looks to me like they go there just to get away from home. It seems to be more of a playhouse for them than it does a place of education. They are worse than the little first graders. They turn their desks every which way, scatter candy and gum paper all over the place, and stick gum all over in these rooms. I can see why there are such few that qualify for college." Custodian, Klamath Falls, Ore.

✱ "Our 7-year-old daughter has amazed us with her ability to read and understand. She was reading the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20, and suddenly made the announcement that Saturday is the Sabbath -- not Sunday! With the help of Collier's Encyclopedia, I have found that she is right! It seems that we have been following a decree of Tertullian instead of obeying a commandment of God." Woman, Grundy, W. Va.

"My wife and I are both 60 -- were good 'Catholics' or in other words, 'Bible ignorants,' until I happened to catch your radio program 5 years ago. Oh yes, -- my wife had bought a big Catholic Bible at the door from some salesman about 15 years ago. It cost about \$50.00, but for 10 years it just gathered dust on a corner shelf until about 5 years ago. On the radio Mr. Armstrong told me to blow the dust off our Bible. I did, and it has never gathered any dust ever since, and will not for the REST OF OUR LIVES." Co-worker, Windsor, Ontario.

"I was thrilled to get your letter this morning announcing the 4th Volume of the Bible Story ready to be sent to those who request it. The children and I enjoy The Bible Story very much and go over the other volumes with great enjoyment, and they always ask for it to be read as soon as the new PLAIN TRUTH comes in. So it is with great joy that I request the 4th Volume of The Bible Story. Please thank Mr. Wolverton for his time and effort on The Bible Story and the pictures he includes, which are very realistic." Woman, Gladewater, Texas.

"Thanks to your publications, I am discovering a revelation. It is the answer to all my research during these past years. Through you I have found the only true religion that has always existed, that of the early apostles who themselves, like us, were awaiting the return of Jesus Christ. I cannot express my happiness, but you must know what it is like for a man who has finally discovered the truth of the Bible and who knows that he will be able to draw from it all the days of his life." Man, Neuville-sur-Loire, France.

"In a few months' time I will be married, and I think that this book contains the full knowledge a married person should have. As you see from my address, I live in Malta, and unfortunately, my country is still dry and hungry of this kind of knowledge. It is still indecent and sinful to talk about sex in Malta; this is not a lie but it is a fact which you can check for yourself. Our libraries are dry from this kind of knowledge on this educational subject. Our parents cannot teach us because they themselves were kept ignorant until their marriage. The little they know is by experience through life. After all, I will be very pleased if you send me the book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' because it contains real knowledge to store in mind and in the library." Resident, Malta.

x "Today I purchased a little booklet from a bookstore called 'Mr. Confusion,' referring to Herbert W. Armstrong. It cost me 5¢. However, this booklet almost convinced me that he is more right than I thought. The confused description by this confused man has almost de-confused me." Man, Wichita, Kansas.

"I request that no more booklets be sent to this address unless requested by me. Send NONE at the request of my husband or they will be returned." Woman, Blackwell, Okla.

"I have read the publications (Correspondence Course) with great interest, and it is refreshing to read the truths of the Bible which have been obscured by traditions and customs that have been accepted for so many years. What I have read has caused me to review my own opinions in a radical way, and as I am responsible for teaching children and teenagers the Christian faith Sunday by Sunday, I naturally wish to ensure that I, too, will impart the Bible truths to them, just like you have and are doing. Would you kindly place me on your mailing list not only for your Bible Correspondence Course, but also for your magazine The PLAIN TRUTH." Man, Kent.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"God has given us a darling baby girl since I wrote to you some months ago. She was our third child, and since I am Rh negative and my husband is positive the doctor was sure her blood would have to be changed, especially since it was beginning to show in my blood. I wrote to you and asked for prayer and God did answer our prayers. Her blood was fine and she is perfectly healthy." Woman, Wetumka, Okla.

"Two and one half years ago the Lord healed me from diabetes, a miserable disease, and am leading a normal life without any shots or pills for it. Only the Lord has power to keep me alive, for I was very ill and near death. Mr. Frank McCrady in Grand Rapids anointed me and I am thankful. Life has been wonderful since -- especially since becoming a member of the Church of God." Woman, Phoenix, Ariz.

"I want to write you and thank God's ministers for their prayers for my healing. Once I called in for their prayers. I had a nail wound that came almost through my foot. It was very painful. I spent a good night's rest; the next day I could walk and I was healed before I received the cloth." Woman, Monroeville, Ala.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"I am slightly confused in regard to the question of tithing. I am of the firm opinion that my church (The Anglican Church) uses my tithe to propagate a political dogma rather than a religious movement. My problem is -- why should I go on tithing to an organisation which is using religion as a cover for political propaganda?" Man, Rhodesia, Africa.

j "Please find enclosed a cheque for 5 pounds. It is a long time since I last gave any money for God's Work, and since I stopped tithing, I just seem to have gone from debt to debt and crisis to crisis. In fact, just as I have read in The PLAIN TRUTH, only of course, I thought with me it was different, and that just as soon as I got myself 'sorted out' I could go back to giving God His share. Only, of course, I could not afford anything else either, and I just seem to have been getting deeper and deeper into debt." A Londoner.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

December 17, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The mail has taken a sharp drop compared to last week. This could be due in part to the clogged mail because of the Christmas rush. In spot checking the Semi-annual Letter returns we found letters from some of the states in the eastern part of the nation but very few from the mid-west. Nearly all of the articles in the November PLAIN TRUTH are getting many comments. The article "What's Wrong with Today's Music?" is getting the most response. Some do not agree with what the article said. Response to the latest Co-worker Letter has just begun to come in Thursday morning.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"I am 20 years of age, a junior in college, and a Roman Catholic. Last night while searching for my favorite radio station, I came across your program. Never have I heard anything in class, on the radio, or from the pulpit which has had such a moving effect upon me as your lecture. Its logic and reasonableness was undeniable and overpowering." Student, Pa.

"You speak with such authority. How can you? In this world of a thousand or a million voices proclaiming the 'Gospel,' how can I recognize the truth? I must say that you certainly expound logical statements and conclusions." Man, Hannibal, Mo.

"I had your program on last week when the household pest exterminator came on his monthly visit. After a few moments he said to me, 'Who is this fellow, he makes sense, he's not pulling any punches.' I was very glad to have the opportunity to tell another person about your program and The PLAIN TRUTH." Woman, Miami, Fla.

"How wonderful if we could hear Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong daily again. But his 'Personal' in the PLAIN TRUTH packs such a wallop, who could ask for anything more." Woman, Eugene, Ore.

"I feel I had to write and tell you how helpful I have found your radio programme. I must say it was quite by accident that we came to hear your programme. We had been decorating our living room, and the television had been disconnected, my son brought in his transistor radio and had it tuned into Radio London for some 'Pop Music' then, out of the blue, came your voice announcing The WORLD TOMORROW... You have been used by God to bring His message so plain to us." Woman, Rochford, Essex, England.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"Let me congratulate you for the spectacular job you are doing on The PLAIN TRUTH cover. It has surpassed the covers of NEWSWEEK, TIME and US NEWS and WORLD REPORT. I might also add that your staff of writers have mastered the art of writing clearly, concisely

and without all the double-talk that is so common among writers and journalists of today. You always set your target, aim and let us have it right between the eyes -- every time. The PLAIN TRUTH has certainly turned my life rightside up!" Man, Casselberry, Fla.

"I must say the article in your November issue 'What's Wrong with Today's Music?' drastically lowered your usual high standard of articles in my opinion. It was a rash generalization and without any depth! It was an entirely one-sided article. The very group pictured on the first page of your article has a song out 'Turn, Turn' which is a direct quote from the Book of Ecclesiastes (3:1-8). This story seemed to say that anyone who listened to modern music is compelled to jump up and down. I feel that this condemns something without presenting the whole truth which is not your usual style." Man, Canton, Ohio.

"The November issue carried a very penetrating and eye-opening article by Mr. Walter, titled 'What's Wrong with Today's Music?' Since I am a so-called disc jockey at an FM radio station here in Seattle, I was very interested in the contents of that article. And I concur emphatically with its conclusions." Man, Seattle, Wash.

"I have just finished reading 'Our Mad, Mad Marriages' and 'True Womanhood -- Is It a "Lost Cause"?' in this month's PLAIN TRUTH. I thought they were both outstanding articles. I just wish all those people who have troubled marriages could read that article. It makes me want to try twice as hard to keep mine happy. I'm going to try every moment I live to be the kind of woman you (and the Bible) described in the article on 'True Womanhood.' I can see where I've been so wrong in so many ways. I want to thank you and your staff for opening my eyes, as I'm sure you did for many other women." Woman, Plant City, Fla.

"I received my first PLAIN TRUTH (November) and read the entire magazine in one sitting. I particularly enjoyed the article 'What's Wrong with Today's Music?' I will frankly admit that I have experienced 'the hypnotic effect of the "big beat".' Do you think you could have a subsequent article on Op-Pop art that is now so popular in our pseudo-cultural society? If you already have, could you tell me when it was written, so that I can get hold of a copy." Student, Ill.

"Now, Mr. Armstrong...here is the reason for my writing you as I have in previous letters -- I am asking that you take my name off the mailing list. Yes, the magazine is good, TOPS...also the other literature, and I know you send it out free as well as your reason for doing so. Yes, I understand it costs money. And, I for one am not going to ride a free horse to death. 'Not me!'" Man, Springville, Cal.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"My husband and I visited Ambassador College at Big Sandy, Texas, and had lunch there. We certainly appreciated the true hospitality that was bestowed on us by the young people. As you have stated on your radio broadcast, we were amazed at the friendliness of the students. There was no 'smart aleckness,' just pure, honest smiles and courtesy and kindness." Woman, Tex

"If anyone has any doubts about receiving, free of all charge, any of the literature, The PLAIN TRUTH, or anything else, then all he has to do is just write me and I will send him plenty of proof. I have been receiving the Bible Course for a very long time now. I am on the 39th lesson and no one has ever asked me for a cent. I have received a lot of the booklets offered over the air, and I haven't even paid the postage. I have received the wonderful book GOD SPEAKS OUT

on 'The New Morality,' a book that can't be secured from any other source, but if it would be, I am sure it would carry a price tag of not less than \$10.00 (and I didn't even pay the postage). I have received each volume of 'The Bible Story,' all free of charge. I have received The PLAIN TRUTH since 1950 and have never been asked for one cent. Is this enough proof that the Radio Church of God and The WORLD TOMORROW mean what they say -- it is all free!" Man, Colo.

"Your wonderful letter and envelope (semi-annual letter) arrived today at such an important time. Today was payday. I am enclosing \$37.20 in cash. The reason I am sending in cash is that I'm afraid that by tomorrow I would change my mind about sending the tithe as we are in -- and always seem to have been in -- financial difficulties. I know this tithe will be spent in a much better and right way than if I were to spend it even to pay one of our bills. I know it won't rain 'money from heaven' as part of God's blessing, but I feel I am in much need of His many blessings and financial blessings is not one of them." Woman, Bishop, Calif.

"I have enclosed my offering to help you out in the Work of Christ. I am giving you what was to be my down payment on my house. I thought over your letter and I came to the conclusion that you could use this for the benefit of many people and I could only please myself." Man, San Leandro, Calif.

"We received your S.O.S. today -- so I'm writing this in the car while Bill has gone into the bank to get the money order...which we are sending you. Sorry, we can't double it. We are rushing this to the Post Office (five miles) so it will go out today and we are hoping to make it back home before the Sabbath." Couple, York, Pa.

"I received your wonderful Semi-annual Letter, and I really thank God for you because you always remember your co-workers, whereas others never think of them." Woman, Mich.

"I just received your airmail letter minutes ago. Knowing it must be urgent I opened it right away. I have already sent my tithes for the first half of this month, but God has given me enough money to meet my debts as I ask Him, so I am glad to give him back double my tithes in time of need, now. Hope you will forgive me for using the back of your letter. I am in my truck and didn't have any paper, an knowing how you need the money, I stop and send it right back..." Man, Nederland, Texas.

"Your continued fault finding as regards celebrating the Sabbath, Easter and Christmas is irrelevant to the TRUTH of God and if persisted in, can, and will do you and your good work for Christ, His Kingdom and Anglo-Celtic Israel Truth great harm." Man, Oak Park, Mich.

"I hope you will have another good record to offer next year. Handel's MESSIAH is the only record I have ever had that does not get tiresome to listen to when played often. It is full of meaning. May God bless, guide and protect you and the Work." Man, Kimballton, Iowa.

"The 3 big earthquakes I've seen and felt up here in the Pacific Northwest since 1943 are the most frightening of all! Never has a minute seemed more like an hour! It's one thing to read about something, but something else to actually experience it. The slight tremors we've had, following the April 29th quake have left me limp from attacks of nausea. Mr. Garner Ted has pointed out that bigger ones are to occur in different places, and I certainly want to have the assurance that I'll be protected! I know, from experience, that there isn't much time to pray when a shock occurs. The one we had on Thursday, April 29, measured 7-7 1/2. I didn't realize until afterwards that the birds were silent for an hour before. Afterward, when the earth

and I were quiet again, the birds started singing. They've never sounded as sweet. One expects to see a big body of water ripple, but watching the ground ripple is a bone-chilling sight." Was

"I am writing a letter with regard to the book on 'The New Morality.' It is not an easy letter to write. It's like writing to Shakespeare, if he were still around, and telling him his plays are pretty good." Lt. Col., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

"It was indeed a pleasure to receive your letter of November 30th. Thank you for pointing out our obligations so clearly to us and allowing us to have a part in this most important commission on this earth! We need these letters to get our minds on God's Work and off our own minute problems. Thank you for clearing the fog once again." Couple, Ventura, Calif.

"We received your Semi-annual Letter and found it very interesting and helpful. We were very glad to receive the information about your early religious life as we have been told twice within the last month by people at our door that you were formerly a Jehovah's Witness." Couple, Phoenix, Ariz.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"Recently I was sick with a nervous condition and I requested your prayers for God to heal me as commanded in James 5:14-16, and God sure kept His promise. I began to heal gradually, and now I am doing fine. I am very thankful to God. If it hadn't been for Him, I don't know how long I would have been sick. I thank you for being an instrument of God in this miracle. May God bless you as you please Him." Man, Lexington, Ky.

"I believe it was in February of this year that I requested prayer for a gland trouble. You responded and I haven't been back to a doctor since. I cannot say that I am completely healed of the ailment but I am much, much improved. For this I wish to thank God and yourself and I again say thanks." Man, Hope, Ark.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"By following God's law of tithing for a short time, God has allowed us to purchase a home that was probably \$2,000 under market value, that has more space and room than we need and payments less than any rent we've ever paid." Man, Denver, Colo.

↓ "Enclosed is my tithe from money I have received this summer. I am just 8 years old, so I am not big enough to make a lot of money, but I want to learn to tithe on my earnings. Dad is writing this letter for me." Youngster, Highland, Ill.

"We are in our third tithe year and we don't even miss the money. My husband was blessed yesterday to work on a Sunday and he made about \$50.00. God is truly blessing us this year." Couple, Chicago, Ill.

"I must admit that I couldn't believe that everything you say was pure truth but now I do believe. Lately I have tried God. I prayed for help in financial matters and God gave me, not one, but 2 raises!" Man, Newport, Mich.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

December 24, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The mail has been fairly heavy this week. With returns to the latest Co-worker Letter and Semi-annual Letter coming in we had the second highest week in the history of the Work in money. However, even though we have a very substantial percentage of increase in letters, the count has not been as high as was expected. The financial response to the Semi-annual Letter is very encouraging. After only four weeks it has brought the second highest financial return with prospects of breaking the alltime record. The number of copies of Volume IV of The Bible Story requested to date is approximately 55,000.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"After I reached the age of 20, some years ago, I just did not believe in exchanging gifts at this time of year anymore. I really did not know the truth about Christmas until I started listening to your broadcast. I have now proved it to myself by your guidance through the scriptures. It is so good to know when you know the truth that nothing worldly can take it away from you." Man, Irving, Texas.

"By accident one day I turned the radio on and heard Mr. Armstrong talking, so I listened. Each day whenever I could, I kept listening but I didn't take it very seriously until one day he said, 'Most professing Christians couldn't name the first 4 books in the New Testament, and I couldn't! So I picked up my Bible and looked. I read a little and found a few things that were quite different from what I have ever heard.'" Man, Cleveland, Ohio.

"More often than not I disagree with your platitudes night after night. But, it occasionally happens that I agree with you over some point. Most of the time, though, I'm saying to you, 'You're nutty, you're opinionated, you're rabble-rousing.' But you make me think about things that are otherwise too easy to ignore. So (it's like asking for springtime sulphur and molasses) please send me the following literature. I want to be further agitated about things that are largely ignored, glossed over, pooh-poohed, sneezed at, shrugged off, scorned, disregarded, minimized, slighted and over-looked (to parallel the usual Armstrong phraseology.)" Man, Mich.

"Please thank Mr. Garner Ted Armstrong for me. His broadcasts keep getting better all the time. I would like to put my order in for the new 'Earthquake' booklet that he mentioned in his last broadcast. Without ever seeing this booklet, I know that if it's from God's ministers it 'has' to be good. Thank you once again." Man, Bronx, N.Y.

"The WORLD TOMORROW program is TERRIFIC! Could hardly like it any better if I wrote it myself. Like your speaking style, too. It is so easy to listen to. Wish we had more preachers with brains enough to see the truth, and guts enough to tell it." Woman, Atlanta, Georgia.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"On Sunday, December 5 the minister of the church I attend gave a sermon out of your May 1965 issue of The PLAIN TRUTH -- 'Germany to Rise Again?' It was very interesting because I could follow him very closely, as I remember rather well reading that article. People sat rather quiet in church while he talked." Man, Minerva, Ohio.

"I have been reading your PLAIN TRUTH magazine for a long time. I wanted it for several years before I got one in the mail. A friend in Texas had you send me one without my consent. I wouldn't ask for it because it was free. I knew it had to cost somebody something, but now I have found out more. I will go along with you." Man, Itasca, Texas.

"I always read 'What Our Readers Say,' and the 'Personal from the Editor,' and I can't figure out how you can have a great-grandson and you are just 39 years old." Woman, Tenn.

"I have enjoyed reading The PLAIN TRUTH ever since I got 'something for nothing' earlier this year. My wife and I read your magazine from cover to cover and have, I believe, established a relationship between us which was not there previously. I can't explain what it is. There is less bickering and the harmony has pervaded the entire family." Man, Calif.

"I just finished reading Mr. Meredith's article on 'True Womanhood' and here is scripture that should be in book form and in every home. What a blessing it should be to every teenager to know this -- what a blessing it could have been to millions of teenagers had their parents known and lived by same. I lost the woman and mother of 2 wonderful babies through divorce, her choosing, but now I know we were both in the same boat -- we were both ignorant. Neither of us had the teaching nor the knowledge of real life, real love, nor God's love, which I am now learning one must have to live a full, wonderful happy life in real success. Oh, how I and so many others are suffering because we were ignorant of God's laws and God's love for all of us. I would never have learned all of this had it not been that God led me to the true Church of God. I am so thankful to Him, and all of you." Man, Lansing, Kansas.

"Like many others I could not believe that a magazine would continue to come to me free of charge. It has arrived regularly for over a year now, and I learn so much from every copy. Your letter to subscribers spoke of the world being full of gimmicks, come-ons and deceptions. Very true, and perhaps that is why there is little trust in humanity anymore. I am somewhat ashamed because I made The PLAIN TRUTH prove itself. Rather sad, not to trust the 'truth' without suspicion, isn't it?" Woman, Ohio.

"Many are the times I have had The PLAIN TRUTH on my desk or table and my customers would look them over and become interested. I'd give them the address and ask them to write to you, and tell them it was free -- no cost to them. I was told several times to quit my kidding -- that no one would be so foolhardy to print and mail such a magazine without a cash subscription. I'd tell them to write to you, which some did, I suppose, and 2 came back to tell me that they are receiving the magazine." Man, Yorktown, Texas.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS AND QUOTATIONS

"It was the reading of your booklet 'The Plain Truth About Christmas' that enables me to send this (\$100.00) check. I used to be one of the mad shopping crowd, but never again, thank you and most of all, I thank God for you and your family." Woman, Marion, Ky.

"Several days ago, I wrote you telling of the unfavorable household conditions which have resulted from my not observing Christmas, while my wife does observe it. I asked for help in working the situation out satisfactorily to me and her, without my compromising my duties toward God. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Please cancel the request I made of you because I have just received the October-November issue of The GOOD NEWS and it contains precisely -- and in full -- what I want. It is the article titled 'The Christmas Problem' by William F. Dankenbring." Man, El Paso, Texas.

"I appreciate the material you have sent me. I am attracted to your point of view but have not decided whether you are a prophet or a heretic with a clever presentation. As soon as I know enough to make up my mind which you are, I shall either start to support your work or quit bothering you. I hope the former." Man, Springdale, Pa.

"I raise cattle here in Iowa and the last 3 years have lost a lot of money. 1963 and 1964 were too dry and then this summer we got too much rain (24.1 inches the first 20 days of September). Cattle and all livestock seem to get sick very easily and the vets don't know what's the matter. The beef imports from Australia really hurt our domestic beef prices and we're being 'squeezed' by high costs. American people don't appreciate their supply of food, but they will in a few more years. I was in Germany 3 years ago and it's really built up since the war. The German people are beginning to feel important. Rome is really bustling with activity also. I double-check you on all your literature and so far have found it to be the 'Plain Truth.'" Man, Ottumwa, Iowa.

"I received a long letter 3 or 4 days ago from you which I haven't been able to read because I can't see and then yesterday got another letter by airmail from you. I can't read it either but decided it must be important and I think you must be reminding us to send in our tithes that are needed, so I am sending mine which is \$10.00 and hope all other co-workers do the same." Woman, Nowata, Okla.

"I received your airmail letter yesterday and in answer I am sending double the amount of my normal tithes and offering. I'm just very sorry that I haven't more to send." Woman, Mich.

"I am asking again for 'The New Morality.' I returned your card asking information about my age. I am 65 and my husband is 72 -- are we too old to receive it?" Couple, Minn.

"I might mention that I did not worry so much about keeping out of Christmas until I became involved in public schools this fall. I have had a terrific time just practicing what I believe without causing bitter feelings among faculty and administration. I could write a book about the truthfulness of many of your articles and booklets concerning the effects of modern child rearing. I am a disillusioned teacher. Also, this educational system we have in our small town is not bent upon helping the children, but upon personal gains among the administration. The classes are never under 45 in number of students and no one is concerned about what we teachers teach the students -- just whether we are in the classroom." Woman, Okla.

"Now this is the way I feel about this great work you are doing. If I am helping furnish this broadcast and magazine to 549 people, I suggest you drop 500 of these free riders so the rest of us interested people can still receive your magazine, booklets and broadcast. I am afraid if you keep these free-loaders on your mailing list, you will close up shop." Man, Mo.

"Our minister doesn't approve of you but I do. And I always tell my children that Herbert and Ted Armstrong will be in the Kingdom of Heaven to greet our minister when he gets there." Pa.

"I would greatly appreciate a copy of your book on sex and marriage called 'The New Morality.' I need it for instructions for my 10-year-old daughter. I also have 2 younger children and dread the day when I shall be asked questions about sex." Doctor, Md.

"I would like to thank you for making the record of The MESSIAH available to us. They make wonderful gifts to our unconverted relatives. My son, daughter-in-law and daughter and son-in-law are enjoying the records I brought to them from Jekyll Island." Woman, Pa.

"Sure I know that we are in perilous times. I also know that things are going to get no better fast from here on out. I think that the U.S.A. as a nation has about as much chance of survival as a lone bottle of beer at a German picnic." Dripping Springs, Texas.

"Enclosed is a \$1.00 offering. When I received the co-worker letter I thought I did not have a cent in the house. So I said a prayer that if I found any money in the house I would send it. Well, I was dusting and this dollar bill turned up. So, even though it is only a dollar, it proves God hears and answers prayers." Woman, Kansas City, Mo.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"God has done miraculous healings for me, from crippling arthritis I had suffered for 3 years. I was healed over night. After prayer and anointing for a protruding goiter I had suffered with for 40 years or more, in a month's time it disappeared completely, reducing my blood pressure and fast heart. God is our Great Physician. On December 22 I will have been baptized 2 years. My age is 80 years." Woman, San Pedro, Calif.

"I am so thankful my eyes are healed. I did as you told me and God has healed my eyes. I don't put any drops in them thanks to you all and Jesus Christ my Healer. I am praying that instead of Christmas presents people will send in their tithe." Woman, Va.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"I surely do believe in tithing. I just started this summer and already the Lord has sent me a brand new 1966 Ford Station Wagon. Local grocery stores were giving 10 of them away in a contest. I prayed my head off and made many promises if He would let me have some of the riches (or surplus) of this world. One of my promises was to tithe faithfully or else mark it down if money was not available. We lost a 1964 Ford Wagon in May 1965.... There were 7 million entries and it was a 7-state contest according to the fellow who presented me with the keys. So, in the future I will be sending tithe money to you for your work and keep it up, I haven't found anything wrong with it yet!" Woman, Minneapolis, Minn.

"Since I've been in God's Church, my income has increased about 30 to 50% each year. I used to wonder and fret about tithing and doubt God. I knew I owed God everything I had and even more, but I had never tithed before and I was well off, I thought. I had everything paid I owed to man and had \$4,000 in the bank. I didn't think I needed to be increased, so my mind tricked me into being skeptical. God really taught me a lesson then -- He allowed me to lose everything! I couldn't grasp what was going on. After about 8 months of going backwards I suddenly caught on. I began to tithe and after about 3 months I could see things were going much better. I am now in my third tithe year and can see that after paying 3 tithes and offerings we have more than ever before in physical and spiritual blessings." Couple, Washington, D.C.

Weekly Comments

from

MAIL RECEIVING DEPARTMENT

December 31, 1965

WEEKLY SUMMARY

The mail has been very low this week. We were hoping that since Christmas was on a weekend rather than on a week day, the drop would not be as much as in previous years. Just the opposite seems to have happened. We have received under 2,000 letters for three days in a row. Through Thursday we had a 43% increase in money and a 32% increase in letters for the month. The number asking for a subscription to The PLAIN TRUTH has been very high the past few weeks.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE BROADCAST

"On your program of November 29, you said that you were in Dallas. You said you saw a fellow on the street screaming with a Bible in his hand, and only three kids listening. Brother, that man was me! I get and preach a lot of things I learn from you. You can see me on the streets from Florida to Texas. I live and travel by faith. Now brother, I feel that you did both God and me wrong. Pray for me, don't knock me!" Man, Grand Prairie, Texas.

"I listen to your programme, The WORLD TOMORROW on CKLG. I have been listening to it for about two weeks and I wish to partake of the literature that you are distributing. My parents' marriage like many others is dissolving and through God's power I would like to see them firmly united. On one of your programmes you stated that a young fellow wrote you that the marriage (of his parents) was reunited through your literature. I, too, would like such literature for my parents and us kids to read." Girl, Burnaby, B.C.

"I find your talks very interesting. Your logic and wit and constant questioning takes them far out of the 'preaching' so many of us have come to dislike. Too many religious radio voices rant and rave and try to shove a narrow dogmatic view down our throats. But you invite us to think, in fact, challenge us to think! You prod us with logic, sharpened with wit. Surely you must be doing a marvelous work for the minds of people everywhere." Woman, Laurel Hill, Fla.

"When I was in the very early grades of elementary school (1947), our family used to sit around the radio with our father and listen to your program. I can remember seeing him read The PLAIN TRUTH and other material he had been sent. He died in 1950, and until a year ago, I had not heard your program. As I was turning the dial of the radio in my car, I thought I heard a familiar voice. Later in the program I found out it was your son, Garner Ted Armstrong." Man, Dallas, Texas.

"I bought a London newspaper at a Bahnhof, train station, here and checked out the programs on Radio 390 listed in the Daily Mail. At 7:00 A.M. London time, it listed The WORLD TOMORROW. In connection with this news, I tuned in the station and heard an announcement

that the (British House of) Commons plans to close down Radio 390. They appealed to all their listeners to write in asking for the station to remain on the air. So I immediately wrote off a strongly-worded letter to the House of Commons in London. I really let them know how small they are, by telling the Postmaster he is definitely wrong. Let's hope enough people are for the station to remain on the air so that it will not close or be shut down." Soldier, Germany.

COMMENTS ABOUT THE PLAIN TRUTH

"I have received your magazine for some years, and enjoy it very much. You describe current events better than any newspaper or slick-paper magazine, and get beneath the surface, telling us what motivates these events. You say the Bible does not need interpreting, but the very fact that YOU differ from us shows that it does. So be careful what you say about Catholics, sir; you have lots of Catholic readers, and while they like your magazine, they resent any derogatory remarks about our Pope or our fellow Catholics." Woman, St. Louis, Mo.

"The article on 'True Womanhood' was beautifully written as are all your fine articles. Did anyone tell you that all of your articles sound as if they have been written by the same person? They all have the same personality. Is this how Jesus works through His human ministers?" Md.

"I have been visiting my mother, one of your members and subscribers. A habit of mine is to read after retiring at night and soon would be asleep. However, I picked up one of my mother's PLAIN TRUTH's, the May issue. At 1:30 A.M. I was up looking for the June issue. Had I known where to find the July issue I would have gotten it, too. Every article was so helpful and full of rich information. I was wide awake, wanting to learn more." Woman, Okla.

"I hope that some day an index will be developed so that your magazine can become more useful. Since I am a minister of the gospel, I would especially appreciate such an index as a research tool. By the way, I have recommended your magazine to a young attorney, who plans to start a magazine similar to TIME Magazine but written with a Christian perspective. He has estimated that it will cost \$500,000 to get the magazine started on a national basis. I told him that in my estimation the color work on the cover of The PLAIN TRUTH was unexcelled and that your general format and journalism would be worth investigating." Minister, Tarentum, Pa.

~~"I did some research on how much people are spending for Christmas for Number 5,~~
'Get the Facts' Speech for Spokesman Club, and found that the expected rise over spending for last year is 10%. That's going from \$27.7 billion to about \$30.5, or an average of almost \$170.00 for every man, woman and child in America! This is taking the \$27.7 billion for last year and the expected 10% increase from the December 6 NEWSWEEK. No wonder it's a strain on the budget!" Man, Newton, Kansas.

"While listening to a news report the other day, I was absolutely shocked at what I heard. Constantly I read in your articles and hear on your program the words 'United States of Europe.' It never really aroused me in fear as much as a statement made by Chet Huntley on his report of the French elections. He said concerning one of the lesser-noted candidates that this person favored and encouraged the United States of Europe. He didn't say 'United Europe' or 'Europe more unified,' but the very same words I've heard so many times from you. Now that, to me, was quite a sensation. For the first time in my short life I heard history before it happened. I have already read your pamphlets on prophecy but now I am going to study, not read, them again. Time is shorter than I thought, as you also repeatedly say." Man, Leoti, Kans.

"I just received my GOOD NEWS. What an inspiration it is to me. I haven't yet been able to attend one of God's Feasts because my unconverted husband is not willing that I should go. But when listening to the ministers messages when they return, obtaining notes from friends who were blessed with the privilege to attend, then reading the account in our GOOD NEWS, I feel almost as if I had had a share in person. I know I have shared in the inspiration and loving fellowship with God's people." Woman, Daly City, Calif.

"I am glad to still be considered a co-worker in what we might call the last round-up. After that they shut the corral gate and get the sorting done. I hope I will be in the right pen." Man, Albion, Neb.

"I wish to thank you for the splendid job you have done on my husband; now he is almost as sadistic as you are! On behalf of the rest of us poor uninformed pagans, I wish to wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year. It would indeed please me to see this letter in print in your little two-bit, full-color-covered wonder." Woman, Minneapolis, Minn.

"Your book GOD SPEAKS OUT on 'The New Morality' will be a valuable guide in talking to my 12-year-old son about the beauty of marriage and of the relationship between man and woman as God had intended. He knows the truth about Creation, as questions came up they were answered in truth and not the stork story. In this day and age when the young people are being bombarded through radio, television, newspapers, magazines, books and the music they listen to with SEX, it is impossible to set a straight course for your children without CHRIST AND THE WORD OF GOD. Advertisers hardly speak of product quality any more. Instead they instill the idea that if you ride, wear, or use their product, you become a sex magnet, attracting the lusts of the opposite sex and that this is the only purpose of life." Man, Glen Ellyn, Ill.

"I decided it was high time I complimented you on your good work. I particularly commend you on your fairness to all religions in your articles and broadcast programs. Had it been I writing the articles or making the broadcasts, I'm afraid that sometime or other I would have inadvertently berated or shown ill-feeling toward individuals of other beliefs, because it is often hard for me to see how they can be so deceived in their beliefs. But, having listened to your broadcasts and read your articles for nearly four years, I can truthfully say I have never seen you persecute any religion or individual. Although at times you have told what Satanic deeds some great religion is prophesied to do, or told what is wrong with this world's religions, you never berate or set up prejudice against the individuals of those religions. You show complete fairness and tolerance, and I greatly respect you for this." Man, Cambridge, Ohio.

"I am NOT sending any money because I am still convinced that you do not teach all the truth and that some of what you teach is error! However, some of your work is very good! Honestly, I do not want to contribute any of my money to your cause since I am convinced that you are a false 'prophet,' but please keep sending your paper, etc." Man, Tenn.

"You said that God was blessing me, but I don't see or feel a blessing, just the opposite. However, it must be my fault since God doesn't withhold blessings for nothing. I think I've got the wrong attitude. I just sort of hate everybody's guts and resent God saying that I should love others, even though I know He's right." Man, Hartwell, Ga.

"Thanks for reminding me of my laxity in contributing to what I think is a most important and worthy business. No wonder I've been having so many problems -- I've been neglecting the Giver of all these wonderful blessings that my family has." Man, Breese, Ill.

"I received your letter this morning of the work being in a bind. I have already given an extra offering because of the tight situation, but did some figuring and decided to send another \$25. Late this afternoon I received a call from the County Welfare office saying that I would be cut \$399 next month on my Rest Home. After a few minutes of thought I called the Capitol at Pierre and asked for the State Representative for the Rest Home. They seemed surprised that the county was about to do this, for an order would have to come from them. I was told to say or do nothing until I heard from them the next morning. About 10 minutes later the welfare called and was told to forget everything they said, there would be no cut. They had just received a call from Pierre. Whatever is the scheme or plan, there is a God who watches over us. I did some more figuring and will make the check \$50. When I think back 7 1/2 years ago, I wouldn't have been able to pledge 50 cents a week. God is letting me have the pleasure of being able to give what I do." Woman, Watertown, S.D.

COMMENTS ABOUT HEALING

"I must also thank you for your prayers -- God healed me. I thank Him for His mercy. I sent for a prayer cloth as I had cancer on my lips and thank God he healed me." Woman, Wyo.

✓ "I had sent to you for a prayer cloth for my ear. I hadn't been able to hear out of my right ear for 47 years and I got some infection in my other ear and was about to lose the hearing in it. The result was that God has healed both my ears." Man, Eddyville, Ore.

COMMENTS ABOUT TITHING

"Enclosed please find money for our tithe of tithes. This is our third tithe year and blessings are flowing in like never before. A new sewing machine was given to us. We have a new baby daughter and almost every time something is needed for her; it is provided with no cost to us! Our house payment has been reduced. My husband has had unexpected overtime, and that extra is always needed for miscellaneous items. Our cup runneth over!" Couple, Kans.

✶ "On October 1, we decided we had to start giving God His money, even if we were late on the bills. When it came time for our third check for tithes, things were really tight. When we figured our bills and wrote checks, including tithes, we had \$7.00 to last a family of five for two weeks. He decided we had better mail it in a hurry before temptation got the better of us. So, trusting God to take care of us, the check was mailed immediately. Within the next few days, we received \$20 we would never have expected. We are gradually getting out of debt. Although we are still behind on some bills, I have not had a nasty bill call in three weeks, which is quite a change." Couple, Raleigh, N.C.

ATTN: 1005 "Here is such a definite proof that God rewards those who answer the call for additional offerings. I am in business for myself and heretofore the 2 or 3 weeks before Christmas presented quite a problem in making ends meet, as there just wasn't any business. However, when I received the co-worker letter asking for help I had but \$60.00 in the bank. My overhead runs an average of \$10.00 per day, so you can see that \$60.00 is just a drop in the bucket to what I need to meet these expenses. I trusted God that He would provide for me if I sent in an offering anyway. The very next day I received phone calls for 2 big jobs and the week wound up with a gross of \$214.00. This was just one week before Christmas when ordinarily I wouldn't receive any calls. God does bless those who have their hearts in His work." Man, Kansas.