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die Reine Wahrheit

Increases Size!

In February, Die Reine Wahrheit -- the German edition of The PLAIN TRUTH magazine -- took its first major step forward! With that issue of this provocative, high quality magazine, there was an increase of 25% in size -- a full EIGHT PAGES! This was the magazine's first such increase since its inception in August, 1961!

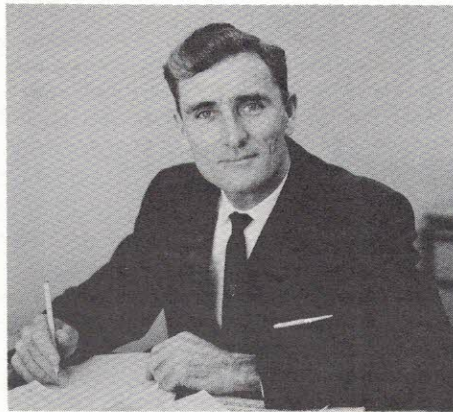
The main reason for the increase is the addition of the Bible Story. Since the February number, the German translation of Mr. Basil Wolverton's Bible Story has been appearing monthly. Also now appearing regularly is an edi-

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Site Chosen For Festival in U.K.

Brethren from Britain and the Continent of Europe will meet at PRESTATYN HOLIDAY CAMP in northern Wales for

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Mr. Tupper Speaks To Brisbane Church!

Sabbath the 14th of March, 1964, was a day that Mr. Ted Tupper of the Sydney Church will be able to regard as a milestone in his life: On that day he flew north to Brisbane with Mr. C. Wayne Cole to deliver his first sermonette!

The brethren of the Brisbane congregation were delighted to have Mr. Tup-

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Philippines Leaders Meet

BY PEDRO ORTIGUERO

As recommended and instructed by higher authorities in God's Church, a conference -- the first to be held in the history of the Church of God in the Philippines and conducted for the first time by a Filipino leader -- was held at Manila from January 31 to February 7.

When the "go" signal was received from God's Headquarters, it was a very short time before things moved quickly. Swift communication and transportation were used to bring the leaders from the Island of Mindanao to Manila. All things were done smoothly and the event was a tremendous success with all enjoying a happy and a profitable time.

Five of the outstanding leaders in



God's Church in the Philippines conferred in a hotel room with the writer. The whole office staff in Manila also attended, alternately. News of God's Church and Work around the world was related, together with lectures on Church government, discipline and policy. There was also discussion of detailed questions on Bible doctrines including the 100 year period following

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Melbourne Church Grows!

The Melbourne Church continues to grow! Recently, five new members were added to the Body of Christ when Mr. W. Winner baptised Mrs. Edith Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clancy and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Alter.

Mrs. Kelly, who has six children, comes from Croydon, about 20 miles from Melbourne. She first became interested in God's Work through reading the articles published by the Church of God in the Reader's Digest magazine. Mr. and Mrs. Clancy have one young child and live at Lilydale, about 25 miles from Melbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Alter have four children, and listened to the WORLD TOMORROW on 3UL WARRAGUL for two years before attending Church. They hail from MORWELL, well known "COAL" town in GIPPSLAND, and travel 90 miles one way each Sabbath!

We extend a warm greeting to each of you on behalf of your brethren in Christ, welcoming you to the Philadelphian era of God's Church!

die Reine Wahrheit

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torial by Mr. Armstrong entitled "Aus der Feder."

In addition to these changes, still further plans are being made for future expansion. Articles such as Dr. Hoeh's "Germany in Prophecy" and Mr. Meredith's "Protestant Reformation" will appear later in serial form. All in all, the seven thousand Reine Wahrheit subscribers have much to look forward to in the coming year.

Couple Wed In Manila

BY PEDRO ORTIGUERO

On February 12, 1964, Mr. Benjamin Ortiguero and Miss Teresita Ricardo became ONE when they were joined together as husband and wife, in the presence of Almighty God and thirty-six witnesses. Miss Ricardo, a pioneer in God's Church in Manila, served Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse and Mr. Guy Ames as housemaid. The marriage ceremony was conducted entirely in the Ilocano dialect by the writer, and in his home.

Both the bridegroom and the bride were baptised into God's Church just one year ago on February 24, 1963, by Mr. Waterhouse.

Following the wedding, a lunch was served for all with an abundance of food -- Filipino dishes prepared by the family members of the bridegroom.

After lunch, the couple, together with several others, drove to the municipal hall before the Justice of the Peace for signatures on the marriage contract. Then, the couple prepared for their



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ortiguero wedding trip to last for about ten days in the beautiful mountain city of Baguio, and the hometown of the bride near the northern tip of Luzon Island. Then on to the hometown of the bridegroom and finally, back to work and housekeeping in Manila.

Editor's Note: God's people "down under" extend sincere congratulations to you, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Ortiguero!

Sydney Social Happy Occasion

"Wow!" "What an evening!" "How long before we have another?" These are only a few of the joyful exclamations heard following the social which was held in the Lane Cove Council Hall on Wednesday evening, March 11, when the Sydney brethren gathered to enjoy a scintillating evening of dancing, games

and variety entertainment.

For this event, many of the ladies were dressed in lovely evening gowns and not a few of the men in tuxedos or evening dress.

The first half of the social consisted of dancing and several games, but the real highlight, prior to intermission, came when Mr. C. Wayne Cole lead



the entire group in a twisting, energetic Bunny Hop! All were grateful for the refreshing pineapple juice and biscuits during the interval.

During intermission, the relaxing dancers were entertained by a Variety Show which was introduced by the riotous Beatles (NO less!!) (The four performers wish to remain anonymous!). The "Beatles" were followed by a delightful duet -- Misses Jessie Emmett and Judy Payne singing Con Dios, accompanied by Miss Nancy Bayley and Mr. Bari Payne.

Next on the list of entertainers was "Swagman" Barry Dawes who gave a recital of Banjo Patterson's, "The man from Iron Bark," and the Variety Show concluded with the "Stan-Francis" quartet "singing" a bracket of favourite Hill-Billy tunes.

The evening terminated with more dancing, and although the official ending was half-past ten, there were some few



determined couples who continued through until 11:30 p.m. -- they could have danced all night! From all indications, everyone is looking forward with eagerness to the next social.

BITS 'n PIECES

A letter from Mr. Gerald D. Waterhouse, Evangelist in charge of the Work of God in Africa, illustrates the growth God is granting the Church in Johannesburg. Mr. Waterhouse related two FIRSTS which have recently taken place! Mr. Ernest Williams, born in South Africa and a graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena, was ordained to the office of Local Elder! Also, Mr. Botha, a local resident in the Johannesburg area, has been privileged to give his first sermonette to the local congregation! Our warmest congratulations to both Mr. Williams and Mr. Botha! Brethren, have you remembered to pray for the growth of this part of the Body of Christ?

● Mark your maps! There are two new Bible Studies in the United States! Mr. George Meeker is leading the monthly study in Richland Center, Wisconsin, while Mr. Roger Foster is leading the study in Kearney, Nebraska. Remember that these meetings need your prayers!

● The first baptising tour ever to go to Tasmania in this era of God's Church has just been completed! Mr. and Mrs. William D. Winner spent a little more than a week counselling and visiting with those who had written to the Sydney office requesting to be visited. Full details will be published at a later date.

● Another new reprint article is now available. "Should We Repeat The 'LORD'S PRAYER'?" (reprint number 422) was taken from the January, 1963, issue of The PLAIN TRUTH.

● A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gubb of the Sydney Church on Thursday, March 5th. The baby weighed a healthy 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Though Mrs. Gubb suffered complications which required God's intervention, everything is now coming along fine. Brethren, don't forget to pray for the complete recovery of Mrs. Gubb, and the health and happiness of the whole family.

● We'd like to introduce those who have lately begun to attend services in Sydney. Mrs. Alison Pike, a septuagenarian, comes to us from the suburb of Earlwood where she lives alone. Happy to have you with us, Mrs. Pike! Mrs. Audrey Jay hails from Blacktown where she lives with her husband and two young children. Welcome, Mrs. Jay, to God's Church! All the way from West Australia comes Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Monger and family. Mr. Monger is a silversmith and plans to open his own shop in Gordon. The Church of God extends a warm welcome also to Mr. and Mrs. McCullough

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the millennium, the question of fasting and cooking rice on the Sabbath day, marriage problems, funerals, worldliness and other topics. The leaders were instructed on Church management and system, following the agenda covered during the Ministerial Conference in Pasadena this year.

There was a picnic for the Church leaders, together with sightseeing, an evening at the movies (Cinerama), and dinner in the house of the writer for all the leaders, office staff and all members in Manila. The leaders returned to their congregations happy and strengthened!

Melbourne Wedding

- - Another First !

On Sunday, 2nd February, at 2 p. m. eighty to ninety relatives and friends gathered to witness the beautiful and inspiring wedding ceremony for Mr. Colin Power and Miss Carolynne McKie. This, the first wedding in God's Church in Victoria, was conducted by Mr. William D. Winner in the Chapel of the Freemasons' Home in Punt Road, Prahran.

The bride was adorned with a graceful gown of magnolia-white Thai silk, plain in front with a slight train gathered by a bow at the back. The bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Robert Lumsden, wore a buttonhole of orange-blossom, while Lynn carried a bouquet of Frangipani and used a sprig of orange-blos-



Mr. and Mrs. Colin Power som on her head to clasp the three-tiered white veil.

The bridesmaid, Miss Sandra Morrison, and the flowergirl, Miss May Murto, wore plain bell-skirted dresses made from apricot continental cotton, set off with crystal necklaces and white accessories. Wearing orange rosettes in their hair and carrying bouquets of delphiniums, they formed a graceful and becoming picture as they led the

bridal procession into the Chapel. Preliminary music of the couple's choice and the formal wedding pieces were played by Mr. Max McCrow, while the bride's brother, Mr. Roger McKie with Mr. Keith Crouch, served as ushers.

Colin and Lynn have been regularly attending Sabbath services in Melbourne together since immediately prior to the Feast of Tabernacles. In that time they have earned a special place in the hearts of the Melbourne people, so their joy was two-fold when, one week prior to the wedding, they were together baptised into the very Body of Christ.

May God continue to bless you, Colin and Lynn, as new members of the Church of the Living God, working together towards eternal life in God's soon-coming Kingdom!

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per with them, and their congratulations on the successful completion of his "ice-breaker" -- a Spokesman Club term for a member's first speech -- were sincere and came from their hearts.

It is a joy to every member of God's Church to see such real growth as Mr. Tupper has shown, and it is felt that he will go on to do much good and effective work in God's service.

Mr. Tupper has endeared himself to all those members of God's Church in Australia who know him, and they pray that this is the forerunner of a great blossoming in the service of the Almighty. Congratulations, Mr. Tupper!

The man in the theater was annoyed by conversation in the row behind.

Man (turning to offending patrons): "Excuse me, I can't hear a word."

And one of the women retorted: "Is that so? Well, what we're talking about is none of your business."

Holy-Day Dates--1964

Passover, after sunset, Thursday, March 26.

Days of Unleavened Bread, begins sunset Friday, March 27, ends sunset, April 3.

Pentecost, Monday, May 18.

Feast of Trumpets, Monday, September 7.

Day of Atonement, Wednesday, September 16.

Feast of Tabernacles, begins sunset, Sunday, September 20, ends sunset, Sunday, September 27.

Last Great Day, Monday, September 28.

BITS — Continued from Page 3 and their two children. The McCulloughs have immigrated to Australia from England. Greetings to Mrs. J. Tracey of Green Valley, who now also attends services. Mrs. Tracey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy of the Sydney Church. Another "new" face seen at services lately is that of Mr. George Greenaway, sheet metal worker. Mr. Greenaway, who comes from Auburn, has also been enthusiastically attending the softball games in Parramatta Park each Sunday. We offer a warm and hearty welcome to each and every one of these new attendants!

● The open sea has of late been a challenge to some from the Sydney congregation. Several groups, including Mr. C. Wayne Cole and his family, have braved the big waves along the New South Wales coast. Some, it seems -- and we won't mention any names -- are not quite the seamen they would like to be.

● We understand that six members of the Sydney Church younger set recently discovered that if they really want to get anywhere, especially in a boat, it is first necessary to pull up the anchor! (It is wonderful how we learn by experience!)

"I don't believe grace will be necessary," said the man of the house as he eyed the leftovers. "I'm sure everything here has been blessed before."

FAILURES: Thinkers who never work and workers who never think.

Canadian Work Grows!

The Canadian office reports phenomenal growth in the Work of God during the first two months of 1964. Over a thousand letters are now being received each week, and an extra room has had to be rented, as well as extra help hired, to assist in coping with the burgeoning work.

In January, over 800 people, the second largest number of new subscribers in the Canadian work, wrote for The PLAIN TRUTH. About 15,000 copies of the magazine were posted to subscribers in February -- a new high for Canada!

The BOOM now evinced in the Canadian Work of God is typical of the growth of God's Work WORLD-WIDE, and is evidence that the day spoken of by our Lord Jesus Christ -- the day heralding His return to earth with great power and glory -- is fast approaching!

GOD'S WORK is GROWING! Are you??

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

	WON	LOST
PRINT SHOP	7	2
M.L.C.	4	4
SPOKESMAN A	1	7
SPOKESMAN B	5	4

SYDNEY BAPTISMS!

TWELVE PERSONS were added to the Body of the LIVING CHRIST on Sunday, March 22, when they received the FREE GIFT of God's Holy Spirit following the ordinance of baptism. Upon receiving the ERNEST or PLEDGE -- the DOWN-PAYMENT -- of God's Spirit, the twelve became SPIRIT-BEGOTTEN CHILDREN of the Almighty, charged with the responsibility of being lights in this sin-darkened world, of living in a manner befitting of children of the Most High God.

The twelve, who now truly are brethren IN Christ are: Mr. and Mrs. W. Gubb, Mr. Les Scott, Mrs. W. Young, Mrs. A. Pike, Mrs. D. Anderson, Mrs. D. Stewart, Mr. P. Parnell, Mr. W. McDonald, Mrs. Stapleton, and Mr. and Mrs. F. Harris. To each we say WELCOME to the Church of the LIVING GOD!

FESTIVAL — Continued from Page 1 the Feast of Tabernacles 1964.

God has directed His ministers to select this central site on the north coast about 75 miles west of Manchester on the Irish Sea. There are many facilities available for sports and recreation and modern chalet lines (motel type) provide good accommodation.

Our brethren to the far northwest are looking forward to the privilege of using this new site and its facilities next autumn during that most important time of the year, and we in southeast Asia rejoice with them over the way God has opened up this new site, placing His name upon it for His fall Festival.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Boys and Girls,

We are now approaching one of the most solemn occasions in God's sacred year -- the Passover -- followed by the Days of Unleavened Bread, a Festival of tremendous significance in God's plan and purpose. Following are a number of questions concerning the Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread, taken from The Bible Story, Vol. II, pp. 59-62, by Mr. Basil Wolverton.

See how many of the questions you can answer. If there are any that you can't, then get your Bible Story book right away and look them up!

1. What is the name God gave to the month in which the Passover is commemorated?

2. On which day of the month were the Israelites commanded to select a lamb from their flocks for the sacri-

fice?

3. What was the lamb a type of?

4. Was the lamb to be without blemish -- a perfectly healthy lamb? Why?

5. On which day and at what time was the Passover lamb to be sacrificed?

6. What were the Israelites commanded to do with the blood of the lamb? Why?

7. Is the Passover a memorial, to be observed for EVER?

8. How OFTEN should we observe the Passover? On a definite date once a year, or once a month?

9. Was Jesus Christ -- the Lamb of God -- slain on the same day and month hundreds of years after the first Passover lambs were slain?

10. Were the Israelites commanded to put all leaven out of their homes during the daylight portion of Abib 14? Are we commanded to do likewise today?

11. What does leavening symbolize?

12. For how many days are we to observe the Festival of Unleavened Bread?

13. Which days are Holy Days -- Annual Sabbaths -- during this period?

14. The Israelites kept the Passover by sacrificing a lamb or a goat and eating of its flesh. How are we to keep the Passover today?

15. What does the broken, unleavened bread represent?

16. What does the wine in the Passover service stand for?

17. Are the weekly and annual Sabbaths a sign between God and His people?

Remember, boys and girls, if you don't know the answers to the above questions, go and get your Bible Story book by Mr. Wolverton and carefully read the appropriate section on pages 59 through 62.