

CHURCH NEWS

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and girl were John Lanum, who came as Jan Laffie, and Sheila Rigney, who dressed as Abraham's wife, Sarah. Games played included a baby-picture contest and knots. Chaperons were minister Robert Persky and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Puckett, who organized the party, and Mr. and Mrs. John Crissinger, YOL coordinators. Punch and hors d'oeuvres provided by the teens were served as refreshments. *Julia Lanum*

The SAN ANTONIO, Tex. Royals preteen cheerleaders entertained residents of the Southern Manor Nursing Home July 31. The 13-member squad performed various cheers and two dance routines to the music of the Flukeys, Pokes and the Bunny Hop. After the program, the girls, ranging in age from 4 to 11, served the residents punch and cookies. *Kathy Bell*

The YOL camp in SCOTLAND took place at Peebles June 22-25. Campers arrived Friday evening and settled in on the banks of the River Tweed. The next

morning a Bible study was given by YOL coordinators George Davidson and Bob Storrier and included guest speaker Marjorie Daves, a student from Ambassador College. The campers roasted a deer over

an open fire for their evening meal. Sunday the local youth club leader, D. Close, arrived with a fleet of canoes and gave the campers instruction before their trip down the fast-flowing River Tweed. *Craig Miller*

The Junior YOL of SHREVEPORT, La., had a fun-filled weekend July 19-20. While the boys and their dads went on a camping trip, the girls gathered for a slumber party. The young ladies de-

signed their own sock puppets and entertained each other with plays based on familiar Bible stories. *Becky Barks*

Mr. and Mrs. Brady Veller of TAMPA, Fla., played host to a going-away party July 27 for Mary Lynn Johnson, Angie Cooper and Sandra Fike, who will be attending Ambassador College this fall. YOL members and families attended and enjoyed various games and rounds of Bible charades. The honored

guests received gifts, and then everyone joined in a sing-along. *Sandra Fike*

The WHEELING, W. Va., YOL had a car wash July 13. For seven hours in front of the church hall, the group washed dirty cars, vans and trucks. A policeman came in and watched as the soapy teenagers cleaned his patrol car. The youths were able to raise \$91 for a trip to Disney World in Florida in August. *Jeff Fozard*

Lock doors

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working components. You may know a mechanic who can give you a quick course in emergency repair. If not, your automobile dealer will assist you for a small fee.

If you purchase gasoline on a credit card be sure the amount of purchase written in by the station attendant is the same as stamped on the receipt with the credit card machine. If those two figures are not the same, don't sign it. Have him fill out a new receipt.

Keep in mind that the trunk of your car is a far safer place to store expensive items like cameras. Don't trust the security of a motel or hotel room — too many people have keys. If you spend the night in a motel that has a through-the-door peephole, be sure that it has not been reversed. If you can't see out, it has been tampered with. Be sure to cover the inside with tape to keep prowlers from looking in.

Air travel

If you travel by air, remember. Maintain complete control over your valuables. Carry traveler's checks and other valuable papers such as visas and passports on your person while en route.

Preventing crime isn't impossible. In fact it is really quite simple. Remove the easy opportunity and you will less likely be a victim. Unfortunately, thieves are still thieves and they will commit criminal acts. The point is, you don't have to be the victim.

Caution

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it was eventually recovered.

This can apply to any expensive and easily removable personal possessions. That which is easily seen is often easily stolen.

Beware of deals that sound too good to be true. Things that sound too good to be true usually are. Whenever people with money gather, other people gather to try to take it away from them.

You might want to inspect your motel room before you pay for the full eight days. If it's not what you asked for, or if it's not what your confirmation said it was, you might ask for a refund or another room.

Finally, if there is any situation at home that may need attention during the Feast, don't forget to tell someone where you will be and leave a telephone number.

This year's Feast of Tabernacles promises to be a memorable one spiritually. With a little care and a lot of prayer, it can be memorable physically as well. Let's do our part to see that it is.

Mr. Attorney General of California:

The battle lines are drawn!

Your office launched a State vs. Church lawsuit—to test the strength, power and the very existence of the Constitution of the United States.

THIS, MR. ATTORNEY GENERAL, is a battle you can't win! Realize it or not, you have chosen to do battle against the living God! You have engaged in an unconstitutional fight to take over, own and operate (or destroy) God's Holy Church—to run it by the will of politicians instead of the will of God! God's Church belongs to GOD—and when you attack it you attack Almighty God!

The giant Goliath once challenged the people of God. The soon to be King David, then only a lad, said, "Who is this Philistine that he should defy the living God?" The giant lost that battle—and his life!

Our forefathers came to America to escape religious persecution from human government. They established a Constitution whose First Amendment guarantees the religious liberty they fled, fought and died to secure for us!

That Constitution shall stand inviolate! But even if we, as they, had to flee to other countries for a base from which to spread God's TRUTH, we would remove beyond your jurisdiction! There is no way you can stop us!

This nation is becoming aware that your massive civil lawsuit actually is the first REAL TEST of the freedom of CHURCH against political encroachments of STATE! It is a battle to decide whether politicians of the STATE can take over, own and operate all CHURCHES according to political will instead of the will of God!

It is a political onslaught to determine once and for all that the CHURCH of the living God may be governed by His according as He directs through His chosen apostle, as revealed in His Word, the Holy Bible!



HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD once existed over the earth—a fact unknown in only one place in the world—in God's Church!

The first created man, Adam, rejected that government OF and BY God FOR the people. Our first forefather chose government OF and BY the people. Unfortunately self-motivated political rule has developed—sometimes evil.

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD is government from the top down—from God, through Christ as living HEAD of His Church, and on the human level the apostle of Christ's choosing, then in administrative office, evangelists, pastors, preaching elders and teachers (Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Corinthians 12:28). No prophets ever served in administrative capacity in the New Testament Church.

And as His chosen apostle, I say to you in the authority of Jesus Christ the POLITICAL STATE cannot and shall not take over, govern or administer the affairs of the Worldwide Church of God. By that authority, far transcending yours, Mr. Attorney General, this Church shall continue to operate, not by

the will of politicians, but by the will of the eternal God as revealed in His Word!

Your jurisdiction extends only to the boundary lines of the state of CALIFORNIA. The jurisdiction of GOD'S GOVERNMENT is limited to the voluntary assent of its baptized members worldwide.

Within the jurisdiction of human political government in all matters, aside from an attack to take over, own and operate God's Church, according to political will, our members are willingly subject to whatever government of man that has jurisdiction over us. We are respectable, God-fearing, law-abiding citizens in whatever country we live. We practice the law of outflowing love toward neighbor equal to self-concern. But our God is a jealous God (Exodus 20:5) who will not tolerate another usurping His rule! And in this case He will fight for us!

Mr. Attorney General, we are not in politics nor shall we be. But when your office assumed it was launching this supreme TEST CASE to test the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States you grossly underestimated God's Church! If your office assumed you were attacking a very small, weak, though a sufficiently established Church to serve as the first domino of a domino theory—that we would simply lie over and "cave in"—you must have known very little of us.

Those with us are far more powerful than any power seeking to destroy us! The Church of God is imbued with a STRENGTH greatly underestimated! God will give us the victory!

HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG
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