

Court reimposes receivership, bond substitutes during appeal

Don Schroeder, a veteran member of the News Bureau staff, in conjunction with the Work's Legal Department, has written this article about recent court decisions involving the Church.

By Don Schroeder

PASADENA — In Los Angeles County Superior Court March 12 Judge Julius Title reimposed a receivership on the Worldwide Church of God, citing resistance to his March 2 order authorizing a sweeping audit of Church records. Judge Title stated a receivership was necessary to "protect the records" during the appeal of his March 2 order. He seemed unaffected by Church attorneys' explanations that the Church could not comply with the March 2 order because it would mean giving up many constitutional and statutory rights.

The March 2 order lifted the original receivership and would have permitted the attorney general's office to conduct a full-scale, unre-

stricted audit of the Church's records in place of the receivership. Under the order, any records could be reviewed, particularly those with any financial or monetary implications, no matter the transaction. Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader charged that this was nothing but a "fishing expedition" conducted in hopes of detecting some evidence of wrongdoing to justify State interference and legal claims for fees, and that the unrestricted audit was an "unprecedented, unlawful and intolerable" attack on the Church and Church members' constitutional rights.

The March 2 order also authorized the State to hook up a computer terminal to the Church's computer and have full access to all records for the past 20 years. Access to the names of the Church members was denied to the attorney general, although this information could be obtained by court order if the attorney general could show reason for it.

Since under the sweeping audit order the attorney general's represen-

tatives would have access to donation records, third-title recipient records, ministerial reports, administrative memos of financial and personal matters, Church legal-client reports and other privileged information, Church attorneys immediately filed a notice of appeal to the District Court of Appeals. This immediate appeal by Church attorneys temporarily blocked the March 2 court order.

In court March 12, despite efforts by Church attorneys to show no records or assets are being lost or destroyed, and an offer to make the (See COURT, page 5)



PRESS CONFERENCE — Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader addresses a press conference in the foyer of the Ambassador Auditorium March 12. In his statements he answered charges made by the attorney general's office regarding disclosure of Church finances. (See article, page 12.) (Photo by Dexter Faulkner)

Response to appeal 'fantastic'

PASADENA — Response to an appeal for members to contribute sureties and/or cash for a bond to prevent the imposition of a receiver on the Church has been "just fantastic," according to Joseph Tkach, minister in charge of the project and assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church here.

"You have to admit the way they've responded. It shows their loyalty... It's been just unbelievable the way people have been rallying behind the cause," he said.

Bond stays receivership

The calls to members went out after Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Julius Title said March 12 that he would reimpose a receivership on the Church (see story, this page). However, he indicated that he would accept a bond in place of a receiver while his court orders are being appealed.

The bond was originally set at \$1 million in cash, but Judge Title later said he would accept sureties in place of the cash bond, but the amount would have to be doubled to \$2 million. The State Attorney General's Office argued that even that amount was too low, and that it should be

cash only, but both arguments were rejected by Judge Title. The attorney general's office is free to file an appeal within 10 days of the ruling if it feels it can produce sufficient reason to have the bond rejected.

Should the sureties be rejected, the bond would still have to be met in \$1 million cash, half of which has come in to date.

Under state laws covering the situation, only members in California were eligible to pledge individual

sureties, but they were advised not to pledge more than what they felt was within their means. "Collectively," Mr. Tkach said, "it shows what a widow's mite can do." So far \$3,749,689 has been pledged.

Mr. Tkach said the pledges over the specified amount would be needed as insurance, because some of the sureties may be found unacceptable for some reason. The Church is thereby assured of having (See RESPONSE, page 3)

Campaigns in major cities planned for this summer

PASADENA — Director of Pastoral Administration Roderick C. Meredith announced that the Work is planning a series of Personal Appearance Campaigns in major American cities this summer.

Although all planning is still in the early stages, progress is definitely being made, said Sherwin McMichael, appointed director of Personal Appearances. The campaigns are tentatively scheduled to begin by the end of April to continue through the summer. Mr. McMichael hopes that at least 20 campaigns can be conducted this year.

Several evangelists conducted two- and three-day campaigns in many cities across the nation beginning in 1975.

"Results of these campaigns were very satisfactory," Mr. McMichael said. "We still have most of the men who planned these campaigns on our team, so it has been much easier for us to reactivate the program."

Mr. Meredith outlined four reasons for holding campaigns at this time: 1) It would stimulate Plain Truth readers and other interested persons to contact the Work.

2) It would eventually help to add members to the local congregations.

3) It would take advantage of the current wave of publicity the Church is receiving. Many people might want to attend just out of curiosity to see more about the group that has received so much attention in the press lately, which should counteract to some extent the bad publicity and loss of credibility that the Work has suffered.

4) Finally, it gives opportunity for brethren to directly participate in the Work by helping with the contacting, planning, ushering and many other details needed to make each cam-

aign successful.

According to Mr. McMichael up to 10 percent of the Plain Truth readership in any area can usually be counted on to attend the opening night. This falls off on the second night, and by the third night those who come are genuinely interested in the Church and its message.

Church treasurer Stanley Rader has allocated special funds from the media budget to support the new program.

The campaigns will also be featured in the full-page ads running in major newspapers. Smaller ads will be placed giving the time and place for each meeting.

Mr. Armstrong begins new 'World Tomorrow' series

TUCSON, Ariz. — Herbert W. Armstrong began a new series of World Tomorrow television programs here as he was interviewed by longtime friend and World Tomorrow announcer Art Gilmore March 18.

The interview, which lasted almost two hours, covered many aspects of the state of the Work in regard to its legal battles as well as the

history of the Church and its future goals of continuing to spread the Gospel. Three half-hour World Tomorrow programs will be made from the videotaped material.

The interview was held in Mr. Armstrong's office in his Tucson home, giving members of the television crew greater control over lighting conditions, which will improve the technical quality of the programs.

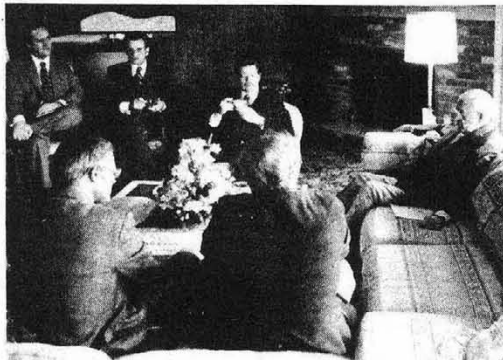
Members of the television crew feel that the home atmosphere and more intimate setting will convey a much closer feeling and grasp of the material when it is presented to a viewer on his home television set, making the programs more effective.

Members of the television crew said that Mr. Armstrong was "very responsive, positive and strong in his delivery."

Mr. Gilmore, who conducted the interview, has known Mr. Armstrong since the late 1930s, when he first recorded some openings for the World Tomorrow radio broadcast. He has been regular announcer for the broadcast and later the telecast since 1958. He has recorded numerous advertisements and commercials for the Work and narrated several half-hour documentary-type programs.

Mr. Gilmore has been in broadcasting since 1934 and appeared regularly in the Doris Day Show, Drag-net and Adam-12 television series in addition to his work as announcer on many other radio and television programs.

U.S. coordinators hold meetings



COORDINATORS' MEETING — Area coordinators meet with Herbert Armstrong at his Tucson, Ariz., home March 21, one of a series of meetings begun March 20 in Pasadena. (Photo by Ronald Kelly)

PASADENA — All U.S. area coordinators met with Pastoral Administration Director Roderick C. Meredith and key headquarters personnel in a series of meetings here March 20 to 22.

The three-day conference included a visit with Herbert Armstrong in his home in Tucson, Ariz.

The coordinators reported that Church members around the country were supportive of the Work during the current trial.

Paul Flatt, area coordinator of Atlanta, Ga., said the churches in his region were strong and stable. "I have never seen the brethren with such a sense of purpose and enthusiasm," he said, "and I hope the momentum we have gained will continue after the current trials have abated."

Ronald Kelly, coordinator of the Denver, Colo., region, said: (See U.S. COORDINATORS, page 12)

High cost of peace, appeasement

PASADENA — Peace in the Middle East will be no cheap pipe dream. Well, pipe dream perhaps — but as long as the "peace" lasts, it will cost plenty.

President Jimmy Carter himself estimates that the Egyptian-Israeli treaty will cost American taxpayers

would be. The latest estimate: U.S. taxpayers will shell out at least \$350 million by the time the canal is transferred to Panama, and the sum could reach \$1 billion.

Since there are so many uncertainties involved in the complicated process, and because Panamanian de-

(and possibly social centers and lodges) in the zone, forcing the congregations to purchase them back.

In view of the rapidly deteriorating situation, some congressmen have introduced a resolution calling for a withdrawal of the treaties' instruments of ratification until the total costs and "full implications" for U.S. citizens "are determined."

One thing is for sure. If the enabling legislation is held up and the Oct. 1 transfer deadline is not met, there will be big trouble in Panama — full-scale rioting and inflamed charges in the United Nations and elsewhere that the United States is going back on its word.

America has had a string of foreign policy setbacks this year, but as the saying goes, You ain't seen nothing yet.

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as much as \$5 billion during the next three years!

However, some U.S. officials are actually elated. "If this is a fair estimate of the cost," said Senate Republican leader Howard Baker, "it's a real bargain." House Speaker Tip O'Neill chipped in, "It's a cheap price." A White House aide quipped, "See, we got it for you wholesale."

Details of the cost analyses are still sketchy, but it appears that Israel will receive roughly \$3 billion in grants and long-term loans with Egypt getting the other \$2 billion (Egypt will not have to abandon and relocate military bases). Both countries are already the largest U.S. aid recipients.

The bulk of the loans are of the long-term soft variety — the kind that inevitably seem to turn into outright gifts in the long run.

In the curious manner in which men and nations do things, the bulk of the money the United States will delve out for the peace treaty will be used for purposes of war (defense).

Israel will use most of her money to relocate military facilities from the Sinai to Israel proper. About \$1 billion will be spent on two new air bases in the Negev.

In addition, Israel will be supplied with additional tanks, armored personnel carriers, artillery pieces and naval guns.

Meanwhile, U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown has offered Egypt an arms package totaling about \$2 billion. It is known that the Egyptian military wants 600 tanks, 70 transport planes, eight destroyers or submarines and a complement of fighter planes.

Saudi Arabia's reaction crucial

The price of peace to the United States Treasury could prove to be even higher than these amounts. The treaty's effect on Saudi Arabia, for example, is a crucial, but as yet undetermined, factor.

The Saudis provide several billion dollars a year in foreign aid to Egypt. They may show their anger at the separate peace deal by reducing or eliminating their grants to Egypt, which amount to more than \$2 billion a year. The United States presumably would have to make up the difference.

The Saudis also could show their displeasure by softening their opposition to oil price increases by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Such a step could cost the United States and other industrial nations billions of dollars.

Egypt will reportedly offer to sell its Sinai oil to Israel, but if it doesn't, Israel has reportedly been guaranteed full access to American petroleum for the next 50 years.

Peace — wonderful peace. Illinois Congressman Robert Michel puts it this way: "When all the diplomatic fine print is exposed, every one of Carter's bear hugs with Sadat and Begin will cost the American taxpayer a billion dollars or more per hug."

Turning over the Panama Canal to Panama — a process scheduled to begin Oct. 1 — is also turning out to be much more expensive than State Department policymakers said it

would be. The latest estimate: U.S. taxpayers will shell out at least \$350 million by the time the canal is transferred to Panama, and the sum could reach \$1 billion.

Angry members of the House of Representatives (who must approve enabling legislation on the turnover of canal property before the treaties take effect) are charging that the State Department deliberately misled senators about the cost of honoring the treaties. They cite Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's 1978 testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in which Mr. Vance said: "The treaties require no new appropriations, nor do they add to the burden of the American taxpayer."

Much of the additional cost will come about if lawmakers accept President Carter's plan to terminate further interest charges collected by the Treasury on U.S. investment in the canal. The President claims these payments will have to stop, or canal tolls will rise too high.

The attitude of the Panamanians as Oct. 1 draws near has also hardly inspired confidence that they won't milk the U.S. Treasury for all it's worth.

Panamanian demands

Sen. Helms charged Panama has been interpreting its powers "beyond the bounds of anything ever discussed in the negotiations or treaty debates." Committee spokesmen say Panamanian demands include the right to collect back taxes from companies and individuals in the still American-owned Canal Zone and the fixing up of all buildings in the zone including a naval base not used or even cleaned up for 30 years. Paying the back taxes alone could wind up putting 140 companies in the zone out of business. All this despite the fact that no retroactive aspect whatsoever is granted in the treaties. There are reports too that Panama intends to confiscate every church

"BEG PARDON"

By Herbert W. Armstrong

In *The Worldwide News*, issue of Monday, Jan. 15, in an article captioned "Affidavit of Herbert W. Armstrong," over my printed signature, appeared the following:

"Herbert W. Armstrong, being duly sworn, upon his oath deposes and says: . . ."

In the heat of battle of the state of California's Attorney General's Office against the Worldwide Church of God, I did not write nor notice, if written when handed to me for approval or rejection, the above-quoted words.

As a minister of Jesus Christ I cannot, and never do, swear to anything, take an oath or raise my right hand, as is customary in this world's legal proceedings. If the above-quoted salutation appeared in the typed copy of what follows, I did not notice it, or I should not have signed it until the words "being duly sworn, upon his oath" had been removed from the statement. I am, however, of the opinion those words were added after I signed the statement.

At no time did I swear to this or take an oath. Jesus Christ taught us to "swear not at all," and all government allows us to merely affirm, which I always do in such cases.

Evangelist 'ready to get going'

PASADENA — After four years away from the speaking circuit, Gerald Waterhouse says he is ready to get going again. Leaving here March 13, Mr. Waterhouse, 52, began a nationwide speaking tour, one of his many national and international tours since he entered the ministry 22 years ago.

"I'm very anxious and excited to get back on the road again visiting with many of the brethren, this time in the United States. Traveling and speaking to our different churches is the area in which I feel I can make the greatest contribution to God's Work," Mr. Waterhouse said.

His trip will include visits to 80 churches in the United States, beginning with Sabbath services in Boston, Mass., and Providence, R.I., March 17 and a Bible study in Albany, N.Y., the following Sunday. (These and several other visits are not listed on the itinerary published in this issue.)

March 24 the evangelist-ranked minister was scheduled to be in Fort Worth, Tex., for services. From there he will work his way through some of the Midwestern states and parts of the South, speaking almost every day through June 3.

Since his graduation from Ambassador College in 1956, Mr. Waterhouse has spent much of his time on the road. He has been instrumental in opening — any of the overseas offices — notably Johannesburg, South Africa; Sydney, Australia; and Manila, Philippines — as well as starting churches in various

countries around the world.

Mr. Waterhouse has conducted five world tours and numerous national tours in the United States and Canada. His last tour was in Canada in 1975. For nine months following the Canadian trip, he served in the Church Administration Department in Pasadena. Later, for 13 months, he was pastor of the San Angelo and Abilene, Tex., churches. Prior to moving to Pasadena in January of this year, he spent almost two years in Florida: one year in Miami and eight months in Daytona Beach. During this time he made a number of visits to churches in the Atlanta region.

Mr. Waterhouse said that his message to the churches will be the "significance of this Work, through which Christ is preparing the way for His second coming." The message will be presented, he said, in the context of the overall plan of God.

Mr. Waterhouse's itinerary

March 24, Fort Worth, Tex.; March 25, Lawton, Okla.; March 26, Ada, Okla.; March 27, Fort Smith, Ark.; March 28, Fayetteville, Ark.

March 29, Tulsa, Okla.; March 31, Wichita, Kan.; April 1, Hays, Kan.; April 2, Salina, Kan.; April 3, Topeka, Kan.

April 4, St. Joseph, Mo.; April 7, Kansas City, Kan.; April 8, Columbia, Mo.; April 10, 12, St. Louis, Mo.; Mount Vernon, Ill.
April 14, Memphis, Tenn.; Jones-

boro, Ark.; April 15, Jackson, Tenn.; April 18, Nashville, Dickson, Tenn.; April 21, Knoxville, Tenn.

April 22, Kingsport, Tenn.; April 23, Asheville, N.C.; Greenville, S.C.; April 24, Charlotte, N.C.; April 25, Jacksonville, N.C.

April 26, Fayetteville, N.C.; April 27, Raleigh, N.C.; April 28, Greensboro, N.C.; April 29, Roanoke, Va.

April 30, Bluefield, W. Va.; May 1, Charleston, W. Va.; May 2, Parkersburg, W. Va.; May 3, Wheeling, W. Va.

May 4, Belle Vernon, Pa.; May 5, Pittsburgh, Pa.; May 6, Youngstown, Ohio; May 7, Akron, Ohio.

May 8, Toledo, Findlay, Ohio; May 9, Columbus, Ohio; May 10, Dayton, Ohio; May 12, Cincinnati, Ohio.

May 13, Portsmouth, Ohio; May 14, Morehead, Ky.; May 15, Lexington, Ky.; May 16, London, Ky.

May 17, Somerset, Ky.; May 19, Louisville, Ky.; May 20, Evansville, Ind.; May 21, Terre Haute, Ind.; May 22, Lafayette, Ind.; May 23, Anderson, Ind.

May 24, Richmond, Ind.; May 25, Columbus, Ind.; May 26, Indianapolis, Ind.; May 27, Campaign, Ill.

May 28, Macomb, Ill.; May 29, Peoria, Ill.; May 30, Rockford, Ill.; May 31, Kenosha, Wis.; June 2, Milwaukee, Wis.; June 3, Chicago, Ill.

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TRAVELING EVANGELIST — Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse is once again on the road through June 3 on a tour of 80 United States churches. (Photo by Roland Rees)

Ministerial director discusses obedience to government rulers

PASADENA — Director of Pastoral Administration Roderick Meredith, during all-day services in the Hall of Administration March 13, explained the intent and meaning of Romans 13 regarding being "subject unto the higher powers," and how Paul's instruction specifically applies to the Church's confrontation with the State of California. Following are excerpts of that sermon.

We have been in a genuine crisis. The State was influenced by dissident former members and former ministers, many of whom have left God's Church in hate and have been fighting us for months directly and indirectly.

God's Church was under attack by the attorney general of California with threats of a change in the government of the Church and the removal of God's apostle whom He called and has worked through these many, many years. Even God's way of life and His laws, as well as His Work, were ultimately at stake. It actually comes down to your and my commitment to the continuance of what we stand for.

Faith without works is dead, and works without faith is dead too. We need both. We just want to do it the right way. As Christians we are to

conduct ourselves in an orderly manner. We are not to boo, harass, shout or otherwise allow our human nature to cause us to react in a wrong manner. This, of course, is not to imply that we should never have emotional content in what we say, do or experience.

Our current crisis began when a court of the State granted a receiver extensive control over the Church, empowering him to even hire, fire and interfere in ecclesiastical matters, then later dissolved the original, unconstitutional receivership — stating that it was serving no valid purpose, and that the exorbitant expense of maintaining it was wrongfully making the Church a victim rather than a beneficiary.

Then when the same court reimposed the receivership with a new receiver, but with the same extraordinary powers over the Church, it should not surprise anyone that brethren in the Church would want to do whatever they could to help. Coming in for a special church service is something we can do in a free country, on our own property and not in violation of the United States Constitution. We can stand up for our rights and put pressure on them to live by their own laws. They have been going against their own laws by denying our constitutional rights!

There are many guidelines in Romans 12 and 13: We are to "recompense to no man evil for evil." "If it be possible . . . live peaceably with all men," and "avenge not yourselves."

God is our protector, and it is in Him that our victory ultimately lies, as Herbert Armstrong has said many times. But when there is something we can do within God's law we should do it. In this matter all we are doing is sitting on our own property and showing support for the Church and God's appointed leadership.

Romans 13:1 says, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers." But notice carefully that it doesn't say "obey" every detail of what the higher powers may tell you to do. Be subject to those higher powers, nevertheless. During Nazi Germany there were laws and programs of the state that you as a Christian would have had to refuse to do. Perhaps you, in many cases, would have quietly, nonviolently disobeyed by omission, being subject to the powers that be and any penalties they might impose.

We are using the law of the land in the present church vs. state battle. The law and the provisions of the law can be used legally to thwart what an individual officer of the law wants to have us do when it conflicts with our constitutional rights. We are now going through the established legal processes, which is our right by law.

We are going to be subject to the law, but if within the provisions of the law we can stall them, or we can quietly not do something that would infringe on our rights or the rights of another, we may have to do so. This principle goes beyond the bounds of the United States. In other countries our brethren sometimes have to disobey technical rulings to be able to meet on the Sabbath or own a Bible (as in East Germany) — in order to do the most fundamental things to carry out our religious faith.

But some out of ignorance — or willful guile influenced by the devil — are trying to twist and pervert Romans 13 to say something that they themselves did not believe in times past.

The Bible shows we are to be subject to the penalty of the law and always honor the men in the office.

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil." As a general principle this is true, but what about those in Nazi Germany? Were they producing overriding good? What about the Soviet Union? Living God's way can be difficult or hindered under certain governments. Of course, it is true that rulers — even bad ones — keep a certain order and prevent anarchy, but sometimes they pervert their office and become depraved and despotic, outweighing the good.

"Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake." We must do this because they are generally carrying out the will of God, who is really over all. But under a totalitarian regime your conscience might tell you to do something otherwise — keep the Sabbath, etc. Remember Daniel's example where he refused to stop praying in spite of having to go against a direct law of the king. Also the three young men who were thrown into the furnace because they refused to bow down before the golden image.

We are to obey God rather than man, but we will submit to man and try to honor the nation. If the current confrontation with the State goes the way we think it will and the way we hope it will, we will have actually done many others (outside our Church) a service by causing the local or state government to see that they should not violate the obvious intent and purpose of the federal government and the Constitution of the United States of America. We are in a battle for religious freedom, which we did not start.

MEMBERS' LETTERS SOLICITED

Letters written by Church members to state and federal officials concerning the constitutional questions and other issues involved in the Worldwide Church of God vs. state of California confrontation would be most helpful. The letters may help to speed up a slow process and could prove of great benefit to the Church in its efforts to resolve its legal problems.

Listed here are the names and addresses of five key individuals to whom letters from members could prove useful:

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C., 20500

The Hon. Warren E. Burger
Chief Justice of the United States
Washington, D.C., 20500

The Hon. Griffin Bell
United States Attorney General
Washington, D.C., 20503

The Hon. Edmund Brown Jr.
Governor of California
Sacramento, Calif., 95814

The Hon. George Deukmejian
California Attorney General
555 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, Calif., 95814

In addition, letters to your own state's senators and representatives in Washington could be of benefit. To obtain the names and addresses of those officials, phone or stop by your public library's reference desk or consult a recent almanac.

When writing to elected officials, assume they know nothing of the Church's case. In the first paragraph briefly summarize in your own words what has happened to the Church, and then go on to explain your deep concern over the constitutional and legal questions involved. Keep your letter as short as possible and to the point. Make sure it is legible — a typed letter is easiest to read. If you don't have access to a typewriter, be sure your handwriting is clear.

Be sure to include your return address and solicit the official's own views on the matter. Above all, avoid hostility and antagonism, and do not insult the official. Yet be firm in stating your strong feelings regarding the conduct of the State of California in our legal case and the dangers you perceive to religious rights and freedoms in the United States.

Finally, be sure to use the correct form of envelope address, the proper salutation and close. Most almanacs and many dictionaries include tables illustrating the proper forms of address for various dignitaries.

Response

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enough to cover the requirement if several thousand dollars in sureties are rejected.

Need for bond questioned

In an employee forum March 21, Stanley Rader, treasurer for the Church, said the need to post a bond in the first place was "like punishment, like making a kid stay after school . . . There should be no bond required because the property does not belong to the State."

He explained that the need to post a bond is based on the false assumption by the State that Church property is a public trust, i.e., owned by the State. Thus, if any damages were to be incurred as a result of not having a receiver in to protect the Church, the loss would be at the expense of the State.

Mr. Rader said that is ludicrous, and that the State would not be able to collect on the bond even if damages were incurred because the property belongs to the Church, not the State. Thus it would be the Church that would bear the financial burden of any damages and would be the proper recipient of the bond.

A spokesman for the Work's Legal Department said: "It's ridiculous. You shouldn't have to bond your own property."

Mr. Rader also pointed out that the original receiver, retired Judge Steven Weisman, who "could do damage, and did, his first day here," was only required to post a \$5,000 bond.

The Church tried to post a bond when the receivership was first instituted in January, Mr. Rader said, but the court would not accept it. However, even after Judge Title accepted the bond, no state bondsmen would finance it for the Church, so Church brethren were called on to help.

After talking with Herbert Armstrong on the phone, Kevin Dean, Church public information officer, said, "He is just very happy that the people were so spontaneous and helpful. He was overjoyed at the fact that the Church is together."

Director comments on crisis

This statement on the current situation in the Worldwide Church of God in the state of California was made Jan. 18 by Dr. J. Gordon Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Evanston, Ill.

In my capacity as director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, I have been an observer of the Worldwide Church of God for many years. During the 1970s it has continued to be controversial, strife-ridden and rent with several schisms. However, until the last two weeks, its problems have been internal and reflective of growth, the natural dissent that tends to arise in religious bodies over doctrines and practices and polemics due to the Church's distinct positions contra mainline Christian beliefs.

In recent weeks this situation has changed drastically. Internal dissent has been brought into the court and based upon as yet unproven accusations, the state of California's Attorney General's Office has entered one area of Church dispute on the side of a group of former members of the Church. The grounds for the entrance of the office into this ecclesiastical dispute in the unheard-of opinion of assistant [Deputy] Attorney General Lawrence Tapper that the assets of religious bodies are somehow "public" property, and in the interests of the people he may seize and examine the Church records to determine if money is being properly spent.

The attempt to redefine the Worldwide Church of God as a "public trust" and its property as "in

a sense, public" is the most flagrant attack on the freedom of religion and the independent status of religious institutions in this country in many years. The intent of Mr. Tapper's action would extend the authority of the government into the private life of a religious institution, and in open disregard of the Constitution, set limits upon how a church chooses to extend its mission, spread its message, obtain and dispose of property and, by extension, what it believes (since action is the natural result of beliefs).

I personally could not be a member of the Worldwide Church of God. It has a theocratic system of government which places all authority in one man, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong. The doctrine of the Church denies major Protestant perspectives on the Trinity, grace and salvation. In the past the Church has tended to be separatist; it has denounced other Christian bodies; it has seen itself as the unique instrument of God in today's world. These beliefs, which make it impossible for me to be a part of it, have also been a major factor in making the Church an unpopular institution in many quarters.

But possibly its unpopularity is the central issue. Would the attorney general's office attempt such unprecedented action against more established religious bodies such as the Roman Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church or the Protestant Episcopal Church? Yet, if the actions of the past two weeks are allowed to go unchallenged and are sustained in the present adjudication, such action will declare all churches, synagogues and religious institutions, operating in the state of California, public

property and subject to State-dictated limitation.

I am a pastor within the United Methodist Church. My congregation is in no sense a public corporation nor are its assets public property. As a pastor, I am in no wise accountable to the State's authority (beyond that, of course, of any citizen were he to commit illegal actions) for how I administer the church's affairs. I am not accountable to former members, either those who might have voluntarily withdrawn or any who might have been put out of the church by due process. I am accountable, my congregation is accountable, only to its present members, the bishop placed over us and his duly appointed representatives and the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church.

One can not help but feel that this ludicrous action of Mr. Tapper and his associates is a rebound from the Guyana tragedy of the People's Temple. Not only are some of the accusations similar (hoarding gold), but the vehemence of the reaction to unproven and now (demonstratively proven) unfounded charges indicates that advantage is being taken of an unusually hostile climate of opinion.

We can not allow either the unpopularity of the Worldwide Church of God or the Guyana fallout to silence our voice. I call upon all committed to preserving the integrity of our religious institutions and the freedom to propagate our beliefs, set our own priorities and participate in the American religious scene, to join forces at this hour. Raise the hue and cry. Let all know that we will not stand by and allow our freedoms to be subverted.

International ministers' wives describe hardships of members

By Sheila Graham

PASADENA — "Look at it this way. After all, it could have been a lot worse. You could have married an Australian! You would have to live in Australia, clear on the other side of the world!" This was Patricia Anne Halford's mother's response when she was informed by her American daughter of her plans to marry an Englishman.

Mrs. Halford, wife of minister John Halford, was subsequently transferred along with her husband to Australia where they lived and served the brethren of the Church for 11 years. Mr. Halford, on sabbatical in Pasadena since January of 1978, has been named staff assistant to Pastoral Administration Director Roderick Meredith and his assistant, Dennis Luker, for the international area.

Mrs. Halford, Lynn Marshall, wife of Graeme Marshall, and Evelyn Fahey, wife of Bob Fahey, spoke of their experiences and personal feelings about their roles in serving alongside their husbands in far-flung areas around the globe at a meeting of the Ambassador Cultural Alliance Jan. 9. The alliance is a women's organization of the church in Pasadena.

Without the comforts of home

Mrs. Halford described how an ordinary housewife from Cincinnati, Ohio, survived a trip to Burma. "I had made several visits to Asia with John, but I'd never gone to Burma, and I was really looking forward to it. I began to wonder what I'd gotten myself into, however, when I got on a Burmese plane and noticed that John and myself made up exactly one half of the passenger list. The in-flight services consisted of the copilot passing out bananas to each of us.

"In some of the poorer countries of the world you must quickly get used to doing without the comforts of home."

As the Halfords were leaving a restaurant in Rangoon they noticed there was one restroom. "Both men and women used the same one — you just waited your turn. After my husband returned I went toward the little restroom. John grabbed my arm and said, 'I wouldn't do that if I were you.'

"I said, 'Why not?'"

"He said, 'There's a huge rat in the toilet bowl that is slowly drowning. And he's making a valiant attempt to get out.'"

Upon arriving in Mandalay, Burma, Mr. and Mrs. Halford experienced food poisoning, and Mrs. Halford inadvertently was involved in the New Year's celebrations. "Their custom is that you pour water over each other, a symbol of washing out the old year, and I got this whole bucket of filthy water poured over me."

Loyalty under difficulty

"As we boarded the plane to go back to our comfortable home in Australia, I couldn't help thinking about the 50-some Burmese brethren we were leaving behind. In spite of all their difficulties, their loyalty and their faithfulness to God and to Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and to the teachings of the Church continually amaze you. It really made me pray all that much harder, 'Thy kingdom come.'"

Second to speak to the women's club was Mrs. Marshall. She and her husband have also been in Pasadena on sabbatical since January of 1978

after being active in New Zealand and the South Pacific area.

Mrs. Marshall, an Australian by birth, has only spent three out of the last 17 years in Australia. "Until I'd left for Brickett Wood [England], at the age of 21, I hadn't been out of the eastern states of Australia. Since

about it. But they don't last. They snap them up for food just like that."

Mrs. Marshall concluded by saying that she hadn't found "any of the hardships a hardship at all," but counted it a "great privilege to have been able to serve with my husband in these areas." The Marshalls now



INTERNATIONAL LIFE DESCRIBED — From left, Pat Halford, Lynn Marshall and Evelyn Fahey address a meeting of the Ambassador Cultural Alliance, a Pasadena church women's organization, Jan. 9. The women, whose husbands were transferred to Pasadena for sabbaticals

then, we've been to many faraway places."

Visiting enjoyed the most

The Marshalls helped pioneer the New Zealand area. "There were 37 members when we began."

Mrs. Marshall remembered: "It was a hectic period. I was constantly visiting with my husband, day and night, because New Zealand is like California. The office and the church were up north, but we had to visit the whole of the North and South islands and be back in time for Sabbath services the following week." But Mrs. Marshall lists visiting people as one of the things she has enjoyed the most during the time her husband has been a minister. "It was like leaving family when we eventually left New Zealand."

Mrs. Marshall was also able to visit with her husband in the Tonga and Fiji areas. She commented on the problems faced by the Tongan brethren.

"Tonga is ruled by a king, and the king's decree is that Sunday is the sabbath, and that's it. It's policed fiercely. It means that your brethren there basically keep two Sabbaths, because if they're seen working outside on a Sunday, it's immediate arrest. They can walk on the beach, but they certainly can't go in and swim. They do a little work indoors, but they have to watch it, so the police don't see them doing it."

The brethren in New Zealand have sent frozen sheep and beef carcasses to the Tongan brethren to help supplement their diet. "They have fruits and vegetables, but they need the protein."

"Ironically," Mrs. Marshall continued, "all over the islands there are pigs running around everywhere. That is where the average Tongan gets his protein."

"The Philippines is the same. We were staying with the [Colin] Adairs for the Feast last year, and their dog got out of the gate. You should have heard the commotion! If a dog gets out your gate, you don't think much

were married two years later.

'Do you get homesick?'

"People ask, 'Do you get homesick? How do you adjust?'"

"At Brickett Wood my first year I was dreadfully homesick. Every time a plane would go over I'd think (from *West Side Story*), 'I want to be in America.' No place for me but America. You miss all kinds of silly things like root-beer floats..."

So that summer I went home and spent the summer and did all the things I wanted to do and saw all the relatives I wanted to see and got the

your children or been in your home for dinner... it starts to get to you. At some point you must realize that there is a good chance your children and your parents will never get to know each other very well. If you are willing to accept that, then you can go on and be happy."

The next period of adjustment, Mrs. Fahey recalled, was when her children started to school. The Faheys were by that time living in South Africa. "Having taught school, American history, you want them to be American and all that that entails."

after serving in the ministry in Southeast Asia, New Zealand and Africa, respectively, spoke on the difficulties experienced by members in those areas, and some of the adjustments they personally had to make while living in various international areas of the Work. [Photos by Sheila Graham]

whole thing in perspective. I never had that same problem again, being homesick in that way. As the years go by, of course, homesickness can well up at any point. There were periods of adjustment that had to be made along the way to remain happy living overseas."

Mrs. Fahey elaborated on several of the phases of adjustment she went through. "After four years of marriage in Australia and two children, and your parents have never seen

Mrs. Fahey expressed how difficult it was for her to accept that her children's national heritage was to be of necessity so different from that of their parents. Her solution: Look to God's Kingdom.

Stating that she shed the women now understood more of what life is like in the international Work for a minister's wife, Mrs. Fahey concluded: "It is thrilling to be out there seeing the Gospel of the Kingdom being preached in all the world."

Crash victim's recovery aided by 'one miracle after another'

JASPER, Ala. — On a foggy morning last Nov. 9, visibility about 30 to 40 feet, 25-year-old David Perry said good-bye to his wife Juanita and left his home as usual to pick up his dad for work. As Mr. Perry approached the main highway he watched a truck pass and disappear into the fog before pulling onto the road.

Things suddenly went black for him. He awoke sometime later feeling an excruciating pain in his chest, where the steering wheel had rammed him. A 3-inch cut across his nose and eye lay open to the bone. Someone was applying pressure to his head to prevent loss of blood.

He had seen nothing and didn't know that an oncoming school bus, empty of children, had suddenly turned left, directly in his path. His little Nova had slammed head-on into the side of the bus.

His mother remembers: "His father and I had started breakfast, but at 6:45, when David should have arrived, Mr. Perry started up the road to see if he had car trouble. He heard an ambulance and somehow knew it was David. He found the wreck and was told it was very bad. He came back by the house, and we called Mr.

[Ken] Martin, our minister, then hurried to the Jasper hospital."

The doctors decided to move the younger Mr. Perry, in critical condition with badly bruised lungs and the possibility of brain damage, to a Birmingham, Ala., hospital where a brain specialist could look at him.

Mr. Perry's mother said: "Mr. Martin was able to anoint David there even before we were allowed to see him. When he, as a representative of a loving and very merciful God, walked into the emergency room, we could feel God's Spirit. Thank God for His Church and ministers. Mr. Martin stayed with us while we waited for David's condition to stabilize."

A doctor said two fingers on Mr. Perry's left hand were useless, and X rays showed that his hip socket was cracked on the right side, and two ribs were cracked. Later, they found several line cracks in his pelvis.

About noon, Mr. Perry's wounds were able to be closed, taking more than an hour. A CAT scan, 10 to 25 times more sensitive than a normal X ray, showed absolutely no brain damage. "In the next few days God performed one miracle after another," said his mother. No brain

damage; lungs, thought to be filled with blood, cleared; none of his injuries as bad as they first appeared to the doctors. In three days Mr. Perry was holding his own and was released from intensive care.

In the space of two months, Mr. Perry went from not being able to move at all in the hospital to walking without crutches.

"We have been so blessed," Mrs. Perry said. "The doctor cannot believe how good he is coming through. Our church has some of the most wonderful people there are. Some of these people, I'm sure, sacrificed to send money [for hospital expenses], and many more times we called Mr. Martin. He's always been there, concerned and caring. God used him to comfort us and see us through this ordeal."

Mr. Perry, a Church member for three years, received a grant and is now attending a trade school studying electronics. The doctor said he should regain full use of his injured left hand.

Mrs. Perry summed it up by saying, "We thank God each day for His Church, His ministers and His people, and we know He's still in the miracle business, for we just had one."

Court

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findings of the auditing firm of Arthur Andersen & Co., now going over the Church records, available to the attorney general, Judge Title said he was reimposing a receiver with essentially the same powers as before.

He then named accountant David L. Ray as receiver and listed his powers. These included virtually the same sweeping powers as before, including the right to fire Herbert W. Armstrong and Mr. Rader after applying to the court for permission, and determining under court decision what is and is not an ecclesiastical matter. Judge Title, however, permitted the Church to post a bond to guarantee the protection of the Church's financial records during the appeal of the receivership.

Overnight, Church members all over the world responded to calls for donations to meet the bond. It was then decided to seek surety statements from members to back the bond and use the money should these sureties not be accepted. However, the use of sureties in place of cash demanded that \$2 million, not \$1 million, back up the bond. More than \$2.3 million in such surety pledges were collected from brethren in California, as only California residents could sign the pledges, according to state laws covering the situation.

Judge Title later accepted the sureties, blocking the imposition of a receiver while the order is being appealed, a process that Mr. Rader says could take more than a year.

Although the new receiver announced he would not set up an office on Church or college grounds, Church members voluntarily responded to calls to protect Church properties. From March 13 through 16 several hundred members from as far away as San Diego and Bakersfield, Calif., attended all-day services in the Hall of Administration. Many families stayed overnight.

In Church services, Pastoral Administration Director Roderick Meredith said that a major purpose of the services and sit-in was to "put pressure on the courts and State to live by their own laws."

He and other ministers emphasized the intent and meaning of Romans 13 and other related scriptures to show that it is not wrong for Christians to go to their own defense in a legal and nonviolent manner.

In various news conferences and reports to the assembled brethren, Mr. Rader pointed out growing evidence of what he called a "conspiracy" against the Church from various groups with different motives that had finally coalesced to bring about the State's action. He also answered allegations that the Church was not giving a proper accounting of its affairs to State officials.

In a press conference March 16 at the end of four days of special ecclesiastical services in the Hall of Administration, Mr. Rader said:

"The State is still an adversary, and under the code of civil procedure, they have certain rights as a plaintiff. They can ask that Church personnel be deposed (have a deposition taken) and, if those persons control any records, the State could demand that those records be brought for examination.

"Each such request they make will be examined," Mr. Rader said, "and if Mr. [Ralph] Helge and our other lawyers determine that they are not entitled to them, that will be addressed in the proper forum.

"I think now that everyone is more aware of the Worldwide Church of God, and in time they will all know what we believe, what we teach, and what we practice," Mr. Rader said.

ATTORNEY GENERAL DECLARES: ALL CHURCH ASSETS AND RECORDS ARE PUBLIC PROPERTY

THIS STARTLING proclamation of the State of California was recently made in court by Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper.

The declaration was made in order to induce a judge to appoint a receiver to enforce the State's claim of ownership to all of the Worldwide Church of God's churches, administration buildings, and contributions.

This intention of the State to claim public ownership of all Church property, was, prior to that date, kept a secret from the public.

The Church has dedicated all of its resources to oppose the State's intended takeover. It is doing this to preserve its own freedom to proclaim the gospel and on behalf of all churches and individuals believing in the principle of the freedom of religion and separation of church and state.

The circumstances giving rise to what the Church attorneys denounce as a confiscatory proclamation are as follows:

DICTATORIAL THREATS

Shocked church personnel were told January 3rd that I, Herbert Armstrong, leader of the Church, and Stanley R. Rader, my personal advisor, were fired and that the Church was in receivership. The State, they said, was now in control of the Church, its finances, property and personnel. Any resistance by any church employee would be met with immediate dismissal.

This terrifying raid of church offices was described by horrified employees as a "gestapo-type nightmare."

The deputies took possession of innumerable cartons of Church documents, records and confidential material, which have not been returned or accounted for.

CHURCH RIGHTS NON-EXISTENT

Constitutional attorneys and church members alike were shocked to hear the State officials proclaim that the Worldwide Church of God has "no interest to protect." That "in effect there are no private interests." That a church is nothing more than a "ward of the

court." That the church's funds are "public money." And that the church is a trust, and the people of the State of California "are the beneficiaries."

These statements punctuated the attempt in court by the California Attorney General's office to seize control of the Worldwide Church of God. Historically, this incident marks the most blatant attack on individual and collective religious constitutional rights since the institution of the Bill of Rights.

In effect, the State claims that the tithes and offerings sent to the Church from all over the world by some 100,000 members and 300,000 co-workers, to be used in spreading the Gospel of the soon-coming Kingdom of God, belong to the State of California.

This strikes at the very heart of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of this great country!

STATE INVASION

On that fateful day, without notice (as required by law), government attorneys, investigators and law enforcement officers stormed Church headquarters, disregarding the character of the institution, the religious and sacred nature of its responsibilities both in the United States and internationally, and its many other cultural and charitable activities.

Exploding into the executive offices in an emotionally violent takeover of Church property, the court-appointed receiver stated that I was "fired and out."

The State insisted that the Church's spiritual leader for more than forty years, was no longer responsible for the Church and demanded access to and control of all aspects of the organization's financial assets, bank records, physical facilities, computer files and addresses of the Church's confidential 100,000-person membership.

This unprecedented invasion was taken outside the bounds of the law; yet, employees of the Church were threatened with jail if they did not submit to the demands.

ILLEGAL HEARING

The basis for this takeover by the State is a suit filed by six former members of the Church. Supported only by the unproved and factually untrue allegations concerning financial misconduct, these dissidents filed their complaint with the Deputy Attorney General only after they had received assurances from a judge that their action would result in the paralyzing receivership.

The action was blatantly illegal; for at the meeting when the judge agreed to sign the receivership order, the case against the church and its officials had not even been filed.

Even after the filing of the so-called "charges," due process of law was denied the Church, as the plaintiffs sought and were granted moves to place the Church in receivership without a representative of the Church present at the proceedings; the takeover of Church property was enacted without even the four-hour notice to be given in cases of severe emergency.

The State joined the dissidents in their effort to take over the control of the Church, its financial resources, its physical plant and its activities worldwide—thereby negating its rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States of America!

IRREPARABLE DAMAGE

During the two months' term of the receivership the Church has lost \$5.3 million in working capital. In addition, normal bank credit lines were destroyed and \$1.3 million in demand notes were called.

The first six weeks saw almost daily press, radio and TV coverage emphasizing the allegations rather than the facts. This resulted in irreparable damage to the Church's moral reputation and its civic and legal credibility.

In the same period of time, neither the receiver nor any of his staff have been able to prove, through audit or investigation, any wrongdoing on the part of either Stanley Rader or myself.

To add insult to injury, the receiver (who had been admonished by the judge to stay out of ecclesiastical affairs) prevented the mailing of a letter from me to the members of the Church.

He then sent his own letter to the ministry of the Church around the world saying anyone sending contributions directly to me would be in contempt of court in California, even if the giver lived outside state boundaries.

LOWER COURTS INSENSITIVE

Historically, lower courts (local and state) have been insensitive to the constitutional rights of people.

One need only recall the monumental effort required by the black people of this country in their attempt to gain equality to understand the situation facing the Worldwide Church of God today. The civil rights movement fought battle after battle in local and state courts—basically to no avail.

It was not until the federal Supreme Court heard their plea for civil rights that the American Black had the opportunity to become free and equal to his white brothers.

As the Supreme Court was necessary in establishing the civil rights of the American Black provided in the constitution, so, no doubt, will the federal courts of this land be required to preserve the freedom of religion and the freedom of speech provided in the First Amendment.

HOW THIS CONCERNS YOU

The unlawful seizure of the Worldwide Church of God by the State of California could sound the death knell of religious freedom!

This action cannot be allowed, otherwise no church, synagogue or religious institution will be safe from the whims of political powers. This heinous and illegal action cuts to the heart the basic freedoms for which our country's founders fought and died to preserve.

Such action affects you and your family, the future of your religion and your other precious freedoms! The State can no longer hide behind the chicanery of alleged financial misconduct within a charitable organization. This action has been an ugly, vile attempt on the part of the State Attorney General of California to assume proprietorship of the Church in direct transgression of the Constitution.

The attempt to reclassify the Worldwide Church of God as a "public trust" and its property as "in a sense, public" is a flagrant attack on the freedom of religion in this country. The effect of this state action is to place all churches ultimately under state control!

All Americans must be committed to the preservation of the integrity of our religious institutions and the freedom to exercise our religious rights.

How can you help—what can you as an individual do?

Let everyone know that you as an American will not stand by and allow our freedoms to be so callously subverted. Contact your church pastor, write your congressman, write your senator, contact the media and let your views be known!

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Foundation aids 1979 Special Olympics

By Keith Stump
PASADENA — In line with its charitable and humanitarian efforts worldwide, the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) is assuming a major role in preparation for the 1979 International Summer Special Olympic Games Aug. 8 through 13 at the State University of New York at Brockport.

The International Games, held every four years, are the highlight of the Special Olympics program of physical fitness, sports training and public athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults. Competing in the games this summer will be some 3,500 mentally handicapped individuals who have qualified through participation in Special Olympics games in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and more than 30 other countries. California will be represented at the New York meet by some 90 athletes.

The Ambassador Foundation's involvement will include sponsoring athletes to the games, production of the official International Games souvenir program and coverage of the games in *Quest/79* magazine.

Volunteer program

The Special Olympics program, founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in the early 1960s under the auspices of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, is designed to contribute to the physical, social and psychological development of mentally retarded participants. It is the largest program of its kind in the world for the mentally retarded. More than 700,000

athletes from Australia, Britain, France, Germany, the Philippines, Brazil and Argentina.

Participants who qualify through the above competitions ultimately move on to the International Games. In addition to the various competitions, all area, chapter and national Special Olympics programs offer year-round training programs to improve participants' physical fitness and competence in various sports.

The Special Olympics program accommodates competitors at all ability levels by assigning them to competition divisions based on both age and performance. Athletes in the lowest divisions may thus advance all the way to the International Games. The Special Olympics offers 12 official sports: track and field, swimming, diving, gymnastics, ice skating, basketball, volleyball, floor hockey, poly hockey, bowling, Frisbee-disc and wheelchair events.

Many well-known sports personalities serve as Special Olympics coaches, including Rafer Johnson, Julius Erving and Bruce Jenner. Soccer star Pele holds the position of International Games coach.

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provide coverage of the International Games by means of an article and/or a photo feature in *Quest/79* magazine, possibly including a cover photo. An interview with Mrs. Shriver, Special Olympics president, may also appear.

The Ambassador foundation has also made a financial contribution of \$5,000 to cover the costs of sponsoring 25 athletes to the New York competition. A donation in that amount places the foundation in the exclusive "President's Club," signifying the highest level of participation. The foundation will also promote through *Quest/79* magazine the Olympics' "Sponsor an Athlete" program — the major source of revenue for the games. Any individual or group can

sponsor an athlete to the International Games with a \$200 contribution.

The Ambassador College track, pool and gymnasium facilities are being used for the training of handicapped persons preparing for the coming area meet in May, as well as for the international meet in New York in August. The area competition itself will be held on the Ambassador campus, involving some 150 mentally retarded athletes.

The mentally retarded have always been told what they can't do. Special Olympics says: "You can do it. All you need is a chance." The Ambassador foundation is happy to have a part in giving that chance to thousands of mentally handicapped persons both here and abroad.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS — A handicapped youngster competes in a race in the Special Olympic Games.

Director of French Work visits members in Caribbean islands

By John Halford

PASADENA — Dibar Apartian, director of the French Work, returned Feb. 11 after a 10-day visit to the French-speaking islands of the Caribbean area.

Mr. Apartian visited Martinique, Guadeloupe and Haiti, meeting with the ministers and the brethren, and conducted three evangelistic campaigns.

First stop was Martinique, where Mr. Apartian held morning and afternoon services for more than 230 members Feb. 3. In spite of the heat and their long travel by public transportation, many members begged for a further impromptu Bible study. Most stayed from 10 o'clock in the morning until after dark.

Next day, Mr. Apartian had scheduled a personal appearance campaign. However, Gilbert Carbonnel, pastor of the Martinique church and responsible for organizing the campaign, found that suitable halls were few and far between. And Mr. Apartian's visit coincided with the official visit of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

The church was able to rent a movie theater that Sunday morning, and Mr. Apartian spoke to 265 people, including 95 who were non-members. This represented about 13 percent of the readership of *La Pure Verite*, the French *Plain Truth*, on Martinique.

Next day he flew across to the island of Guadeloupe, where there are

two congregations of the Church. Guadeloupe is actually two islands joined by a narrow isthmus. A congregation of about 30 people met at Basse-Terre, and 60 people met at Pointe-a-Pitre, the capital.

The pastor is Erick Dubois. Mr. Dubois and Mr. Carbonnel are native to Guadeloupe, though they both spent several years in France. The men went to the same school and played on the same soccer team when they were boys, little realizing that they would one day be colleagues in the ministry.

Mr. Apartian held church services for the brethren and also personal appearances in Basse-Terre and Pointe-a-Pitre. Once again, it was hard to find a place to meet, but Mr. Apartian was able to speak to about 55 people, including 31 new people in Basse-Terre and 110, of which 88 were new, in the capital.

Mr. Apartian is well known throughout the French West Indies through *Le Monde a Venir* broadcast (the French version of *The World Tomorrow* broadcast), and according to Mr. Apartian both audiences seemed interested and attentive.

Last stop was Haiti, a French-speaking independent country that shares the large island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.

The Haitian church of 50 people has had serious difficulties to face as a result of the Jonestown, Guyana, tragedy, reports Mr. Apartian. The

Haitian government investigated all U.S.-based "cults" operating in the country.

There is no minister in Haiti, but the church is taken care of by a dedicated Ambassador graduate who lives there. This man, however, is a U.S. citizen, and the government is insisting that the church be pastored by a Haitian national. It seemed the church would have to disband until a suitable man could be found, but according to Mr. Apartian the government has relented and is allowing the church to continue while they study the situation. Mr. Apartian said the brethren in Haiti need our prayers that their activities be approved to continue on a permanent basis.

Although Mr. Apartian was not permitted to conduct a personal appearance campaign in Port-au-Prince, he did hold Sabbath services and direct a meeting of the Spokesman Club. He said the Haitian members earn perhaps \$30 to \$40 a month, but they are zealous and loyal in every way.

Like so many of the brethren who live in the poorer and less-developed parts of the world, the French-speaking West Indian members have their special trials and difficulties. But Mr. Apartian found them to be strong and totally supportive of Herbert Armstrong and the Work of God. He was deeply impressed that the brethren were not asking, "How can you help us," but rather, "What can we do to help."



PLANNING SESSION — Worldwide Church of God and Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF) employees discuss plans with a Special Olympics representative. (Photo by Roland Rees)

mentally handicapped individuals take part annually.

Participants generally have IQ scores of 75 or less and must be 8 years of age or older to be eligible for the program. There is no maximum age limit. Through successful experience in sports, they gain confidence and build a positive self-image, which often carries over into the classroom, the home and the job.

The program is operated by Special Olympics, Inc., a nonprofit charitable organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Shriver, sister of Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, serves as president of Special Olympics, Inc. The organization is supported in its efforts by some 220,000 volunteers from high schools and colleges, service and women's clubs, parents, sports officials and coaches, youth agencies and a wide variety of business and professional organizations, which contribute time, service and money to the program.

Area games are held in communities all over the world throughout the year. Chapter (county and state) and national (foreign) games are scheduled in May or June of each year. Among the 30 participating countries are Mexico, Canada, Aus-

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CARIBBEAN TRIP — French Work director Dibar Apartian met with these members during his trip to Martinique, Guadeloupe and Haiti.

YES gets 'yes' on youth instruction plans

PASADENA — The Youth Educational Service (YES) program of the Church is being organized under the direction of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Department in Pasadena. According to Ron Dick, coordinator of the program, the underlying principles of the program as well as materials relevant to it were presented to Herbert W. Armstrong last fall for his approval. "We were told that Mr. Armstrong was very enthusiastic and approving of the idea that our young people receive formal biblical instruction on the Sabbath," Mr. Dick said.

All YES materials will be inspected and approved by Mr. Armstrong before distribution. Mr. Dick continued, "Mr. Armstrong wants to be certain that our young people receive the finest teaching we are able to give."

Alex Peck, 29, a 1975 graduate of Ambassador College, is production manager of the YES program under Mr. Dick. For the last 3½ years Mr. Peck has been a faculty assistant at Ambassador College aiding with graduate and undergraduate classes, including a class in Church education programs. Both he and his wife Eva, who assists her husband in program development, have teaching experience in elementary schools and have taught in Sabbath schools. Mr. and Mrs. Peck are originally from Australia.

Mr. Peck said many questions have come in about the progress of the Sabbath education program materials. Following is an update he has prepared showing preliminary plans being formulated now in YES for Mr. Armstrong's approval.

The concept for YES first crystallized in the fall of 1975. Since that time, some churches have developed excellent programs. During the last three years, many valuable insights have been obtained from those programs. We are using much of this material in the development of the YES program.

Ministerial input

In order to develop the best materials we first sent a questionnaire to all Church pastors.

The U.S. pastors received their questionnaires prior to the 1979 ministerial conference. Most questionnaires have been returned, and the preliminary results show needs in the following areas: 1) administrative guidelines, 2) curriculum planning, 3) ideas for lesson plan development and 4) production of YES materials and resources.

After the conference, the same questionnaire was sent to the international pastors. Although there are special needs, the questionnaires re-

turned seem to show that many of the needs of YES are the same worldwide.

In the questionnaire, the pastors were requested to forward curriculum materials to further ideas for development. Many excellent materials have been submitted.

A second request was for pastors to supply the names and addresses of those who have contributed outstanding materials to their programs. We received a large number of recommended individuals, some of whom we plan to ask for assistance.

Many of you have no doubt wondered, "What have they done with the materials we have already sent in? There is good news.

Master file

We have completed a systematic master file of all YES materials. The master file contains two basic divisions, one of which deals strictly with curriculum related materials. In this division we have developed a subject file based on the order of topics and events in both the Old and New Testaments. Any YES materials received from the field can now be classified immediately and will be at the fingertips of writers who need



YES teachers and staff in the future.

One of our immediate goals is to write a manual that will give all church areas guidelines in the organization of their YES program. It was Mr. Armstrong's instruction that we promote overall unity and consistency in the structure and organiza-

tion and improving the quality of individual YES programs.

The manual is now being evaluated by a number of YES teachers, sabbatical ministers and Ambassador College students who are interested in this project.

The revised manual will be presented to the Pastoral Administration Department for editing.

The final edited form of the YES program's manual will be sent to Mr. Armstrong for his approval. Once approved, the manual will be made available on request to every church area worldwide.

Quarterly booklet planned

As the YES manual is being completed, we are laying the groundwork for the production of a quarterly booklet. The booklet will tentatively include information in three areas:

- 1) For teachers: Each booklet will be filled with various lesson plan ideas and suggestions, including relevant seasonal material.
- 2) For children: The quarterly will include direct learning activities for children, which teachers will be able to use in their classes.
- 3) For parents: Each issue will contain many ideas for parental involvement in YES-related activities and learning during the week.

At the same time plans for the development of teacher-training materials are being laid out. We plan to include in these materials a short cassette course, to be made available to every potential YES teacher.

We believe that one of the key factors in the success of YES programs is the teachers. As teachers grow and improve, the overall suc-

cess of the YES program will inevitably continue.

We hope that the goals described will only be a beginning. Other possibilities include the idea of books and cassette stories for children. And in the future special youth-oriented booklets, correspondence courses and perhaps even a colorful youth magazine.

Church plans anniversary celebration

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — The San Antonio church announces its Silver Anniversary celebration to be held Sept. 2 from 4 to 10 p.m. at the La Villita Assembly Hall in San Antonio.

The church invites all members, including those who formerly attended the San Antonio congregation, to come and join in the festivities, which will include dancing, entertainment, food and fellowship. Dress for the occasion will be semiformal.

Out-of-town guests will be provided with housing or reservations upon request, and baby-sitting services will be available.

If you plan to attend, contact as soon as possible for further information: Hayes J. Orth, Silver Anniversary treasurer, 4623 Parkwood Dr., San Antonio, Tex., 78218. Phone (512) 824-1785.



SABBATH SCHOOL — A YES student from the Pasadena Spanish church begins to color his class project, a pictorial representation of a biblical event. [Photo by Sheila Graham]

material in the future. For example, if we receive an interesting and well-planned lesson package on Moses, that material will go into a section on "Moses."

The second division deals with YES administration and organization. Some of the sections in this division include: curriculum design, lesson planning information, resources and aids, local organization, Church format, program evaluation, teacher training and parental involvement.

Again, these topical files will prove invaluable as articles are written for

the various programs. This manual, of course, will allow the necessary flexibility needed for each individual program.

A preliminary draft copy of the manual has been produced. It focuses on seven major areas as follows: 1) purpose of YES, 2) administration and organization, 3) instructors, 4) curriculum, 5) lesson planning, 6) resources and 7) parental involvement.

Each of these areas should provide practical guidelines and suggestions to those who need them for develop-



A HELPING HAND — Left: Don Walls, a member of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, assists a youngster in a Youth Educational Service (YES) class March 3. Right:



Crayon in hand, a student contemplates her Sabbath-school assignment. [Photos by Sheila Graham]

Home garden holds down costs, provides nutrition, members say

By Donna Segal

When Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Stephenson moved into their new home three summers ago they didn't bother planting grass in the side yard. Instead Ralph got out his Rototiller and plowed the ground for a 45-by-54-foot garden.

"The idea began when the couple had dinner at a friend's house. 'She served so many things from their garden, and everything was so tasty! I grew up on a farm in Alabama and decided after that delicious dinner that I wanted to spend my time gardening,'" says Earlene Stephenson.

Gardening also has become a hobby with Ralph. In February he starts planting seeds and nurturing them under fluorescent lamps. In the spring the family helps ready the soil and plants the young starts. Then comes Earlene's turn. She keeps up the weeding, mulching and harvesting.

She freezes and cans almost daily as the vegetables ripen. "I have two freezers which I keep full of home-grown vegetables and a side of beef we buy each year. If everything came at once I couldn't keep up. Sometimes I put it up so fast we have very little left to eat fresh," she continues.

The Stephensons are especially thankful for a big garden this year to help keep down food costs. They have Seana, 2, and are adopting Lowell, 8, and his brother Noah, 6.

"Lowell was a big help with the planting, and Noah helps me weed. Seana likes to pull up the vegetables, so we have to watch her," laughs Earlene. The children like eating the vegetables their parents grow and rarely have in-between meal snacks. "We are big eaters at mealtime, so I usually fix a couple of vegetables for each meal. I don't bake much as I am in the kitchen so much already. Occasionally Ralph will make popcorn after dinner."

Earlene is conscious of good nutrition for her family and of saving money. She buys bushels of fruit from the Farmer's Market to freeze, can and make into jams. A variety of raw vegetables is added to garden salads to stretch the lettuce when homegrown lettuce is gone and to add nutrients and fiber to the diet.

Each year she plants new vegetables to introduce to the family in different ways. If they do not like it one way, she searches cookbooks for other ways to make the vegetable more palatable.

A former teacher, she likes the title homemaker and the responsibility of keeping a home, being a wife and taking care of her children. "I think more emphasis and recognition should be given women who stay at home, whatever their reasons."

When not gardening she is making most of her clothes and those of her children. She proudly shows the brick patio fireplace her husband built and points out the things he has done around the house.

Ralph is a civil engineer and is in the process of writing a how-to book on power tools. He used to be active in scouting, an activity his wife hopes he will resume now that they have Lowell and Noah.

Earlene started canning gradually. "At first I had visions of blowing up the kitchen," she recalls. "I got tips from my friends and reading canning books. The key to doing it right is organization."

She makes sauerkraut for Reuben sandwiches the family often has and accompanies them with homemade dill pickles. Stuffed green peppers served with freezer slaw is another favorite.

This article, about members of the Indianapolis, Ind., church, is reprinted from the Indianapolis Star of July 30.

Best-Ever Stuffed Peppers

6 large green bell peppers
1 tablespoon oil
1 pound ground beef
1 medium onion, chopped
1 to 2 ears corn, cut off ear
Salt and pepper to taste
½ teaspoon basil
1 cup cheddar cheese
1 can tomatoes or 3 fresh

Core and seed peppers, leaving whole; set aside. Heat oil in skillet; saute beef and onion. Stir in corn, salt, pepper and basil and cook until corn is heated through. Turn into large bowl. Wipe out skillet.

Arrange peppers in skillet; fill with meat mixture; sprinkle with cheese. Mash fresh tomatoes. Pour fresh or canned tomatoes into skillet. Cover and simmer 30 minutes or until pepper is tender. Makes 6 servings.

Leftover meat mixture may be frozen to use later in stuffed peppers.

Freezer Cabbage Slaw

1 medium head cabbage
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup vinegar
¼ cup water
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon mustard seed
1 teaspoon celery seed

Shred cabbage. Cover with water and add 1 teaspoon salt. Let stand 1 hour. Meanwhile make syrup. Mix together in a saucepan vinegar, ¼ cup water, sugar, mustard seed and celery seed. Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute. Let stand until lukewarm. Drain cabbage. Pour syrup over cabbage and mix. Put in pint or quart containers to freeze. Makes 6 servings.

Note: When ready to serve thaw and use as is or for variety add to thawed slaw ½ cup mayonnaise, 1 shredded carrot and raisins.

Bread-and-Butter Pickles

1 gallon small to medium cucumbers
8 small onions
2 green peppers
¼ to ½ cup salt
2 trays ice
5 cups sugar
1½ teaspoons tumeric
½ teaspoon ground cloves
2 tablespoons mustard seeds
1 teaspoon celery seed
5 cups white vinegar

Wash cucumbers. Do not pare. Slice crosswise in paper-thin slices. Mince onions. Seed and shred green peppers. Mix salt with vegetables. Add 2 trays ice and mix ice through-out mixture. Weigh down mixture with a plate so vegetables are completely under liquid. Let stand 3 hours.

Meanwhile, mix together sugar, tumeric, cloves, mustard and celery seeds and vinegar. Drain cucumbers thoroughly. Place in a saucepan and pour over sugar mixture; stir with a wooden spoon. Heat until hot being sure not to boil. Spoon into sterilized jars, packing cucumbers down. Place in a hot water bath for 10 minutes.

Zucchini is not a favored vegetable, so Earlene fixes it several ways.

Stuffed Summer Squash

4 small yellow squash or zucchini
2 tablespoons chopped onion
Oil for sauteing
½ cup grated cheese
½ teaspoon salt

¼ teaspoon paprika
Dash nutmeg or cloves
1 egg, beaten
½ cup dry bread crumbs
Butter

Cut squash down middle lengthwise; scoop out pulp leaving a half-inch shell. Chop pulp. Saute pulp and onion in a little oil; combine with grated cheese, salt, paprika and nutmeg; cook until hot. Remove from heat and add egg and bread crumbs.

Rub squash shells with butter. Fill shells with mixture. Place in oven-proof dish and cover the bottom with ½-inch water. Bake at 350 degrees 20 to 25 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Baked Zucchini

1½ cups cracker crumbs
¼ cup melted butter
1 pound unpared zucchini, shredded
1½ teaspoons grated onion
1 egg, beaten
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ cup shredded cheddar cheese

Mix together cracker crumbs and



HOME GARDEN — Mrs. Ralph Stephenson and her three children work in the family's garden beside their Indianapolis, Ind., home. [Photo courtesy Indianapolis Star]

butter; set aside ½ cup for topping. Mix together shredded zucchini, grated onion, beaten egg, salt, pepper and shredded cheese. Place in a

greased 1½-quart casserole. Top with reserved ½ cup cracker crumbs. Bake at 325 degrees for 1 hour. Makes 4 servings.

Job seeker details frustrations

By Philip Stevens

PASADENA — Virtually everyone faces unemployment at one time or other. While some people "breeze" through the experience, for others it can be traumatic and frightening.

Being unemployed can be most depressing for people who have high-status occupations because they lose the respect once given by virtue of their jobs. The people who threw themselves from high-rise buildings in New York during the Great Depression were managers and executives rather than their underlings. Their loss of self-esteem was so great that suicide seemed the only way out.

A sense of worth

So much of a man's sense of worth comes from his job. A Vancouver, B.C., newspaper interviewed a middle-aged executive and his wife a few days after he had been laid off. His wife described an extreme change in his behavior. Whereas previously he had always been the master of the house, as soon as he became unemployed he became plagued with feelings of inferiority and had an attitude of humiliation even in his own home. The company, she said, seemed to take away the confident facade that had been coating him. "It was as if he had secretly believed that he didn't have any value all these years, and now the company had revealed his secret to the world."

At the height of the Great Depression 25 percent of the U.S. labor force was out of work. Currently the unemployment rate is about 6 percent, and it is going to rise as this age comes to a close.

During the Great Depression the University of Pennsylvania published a book of case histories of people affected by unemployment. It is sobering reading. It shows that when an economy is dying, life is no joy ride for those who cannot find jobs.

To the unemployed the nagging ache of financial worry can be all-encompassing. There are terrible problems involved in keeping a family going on meager funds, trying to pay for things like the mortgage, the

English-born Philip Stevens was inspired to write this article after many months of unsuccessful job hunting. Mr. Stevens, 29, has been living in the United States for the last two years after moving from South Africa where he earned a degree in physics. After submitting this article to the WN last November, Mr. Stevens accepted a position at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in Barstow, Calif., as a physicist.

children's education and wholesome food.

An abnormal amount of tension can build up within a family. Worry about unemployment makes a husband irritable and impatient. When he loses his role as provider he tends to lose the respect of his family. And this happens at the time he needs their care and respect the most in order to buffer the effect that job rejections have on his own feelings of self-worth.

Frustration of rejection

To many the frustration of being rejected by prospective employers is second only to the frustration of being rejected by their own family and friends who are unable to empathize with the pain that unemployment can produce.

One of the Pennsylvania case histories includes a statement made by a once-prosperous man some time after he had been laid off.

"If while I was working someone should tell me that it was almost impossible to find employment, I would have found it hard to believe. Yet it is the same with other people who are too busy at their own occupations and cannot possibly realize the enormous amount of suffering caused by unemployment in this prosperous society."

This is Satan's world, and it places too much emphasis on job prestige. The attitudes that the unemployed have to face are unbelievable.

Most an attitude of contempt reigns toward those people who are facing financial problems, housing problems, feed-the-kids problems as well as self-esteem problems. After

all, everyone knows that there are jobs available for those who really want them, and that there are some people who are just lazy, who just want to lounge around all day wallowing in "luxury" on the dole! So the unemployed need subtly to be told "get back to work."

How many "little ones" (Matthew 18:6) coming into the Church, who have perhaps given up their jobs in order to keep the Sabbath, have been offended by these attitudes?

At least two unemployed college graduates who I know of have been told by Church members that there are lots of jobs to be had in service stations and hamburger outlets. Unemployment hits college graduates more than any other group, and it seems that at the very time that they need encouragement to hang in there and to wait until they can find a good job, which will pique their God-given human potential, they are told "any job is better than no job."

This whole attitude toward work is wrong. There is dignity in work (John 5:17), but in this society there is an attitude that says "without work you are nothing."

Satan's world

This is Satan's world where few realize their true human potential, that God has given us the job of growing to become like Him. Those people who do not know about the resurrection tend instead to get their feelings of self-worth from their worldly occupations, and when they become unemployed the world in a sense says that they are worthless.

Sadly, this worldly attitude is still in our midst.

Our identities need to be wrapped up in God, not in our jobs. The Bible says we are sons of God rather than chemists, mechanics or whatever socioeconomic level we occupy in this life.

The social status imparted by men means nothing to God, and if one has respect for the rest in God's Church at the expense of the poor then "ye commit sin" (James 2:1-9).

We need to remember that people have worth because they are potential sons of God, not because of their jobs.

Members, youths recognized

PASADENA — David Walker, 17, received recognition at an Honors at Entrance ceremony at California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, Calif. The presentation was made by the president of Cal Poly in a special program for entering freshmen who had maintained high scholastic standards throughout high school. David graduated in June from Charter Oak High School, Covina, Calif., with highest honors, having maintained a 3.8 average through high school.

David is a member of the National Honor Society and was elected to the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. He attends the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Walker. Mr. Walker is the acting dean of faculty at Ambassador College.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Susan Blackwell, a 1976 graduate of Mount Vernon High School in Fortville, Ind., graduated from the Indiana Barber/Stylist College in Indianapolis Jan. 26.

Susan specializes in men's and women's precision cuts and competed at Atlanta, Ga., in the Western



SUSAN BLACKWELL

Hemisphere Hairstyling Competition Feb. 25 and 26.

After completion of her State Board Examination, she will be styling hair in Warsaw, Ind.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Blackwell of Winona Lake, Ind. The family attends the Fort Wayne, Ind., church.

SEADRIFT, Tex. — Carla Hubbell, seventh grader at Fannin Junior High School, was presented a trophy for first place in the school spelling bee. Carla, whose parents attend the Victoria, Tex., congregation of the church, qualified for the junior high meet by first winning the seventh-grade championship.

Carla will represent the city of Seadrift in the Calhoun County Spell-



CARLA HUBBELL

ing Bee, the next step toward the national competition.

Carla is a first-year YOU member in Victoria, where a new YOU chapter is being organized.

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Christine Karcher, a fifth-grade honor student at Goodwin Elementary School here, was the grand prize winner in the South Carolina State Ports Authority poster contest. She competed

against several hundred entrants in the celebration of National Post Week. She received \$10 and the



CHRISTINE KARCHER

honor of having her poster appear on the SPA's annual greeting card, which is sent all over the world.

Christine, 11, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce P. Karcher, members in the Walterboro, S.C., church.

DELHI, La. — Kenneth Wayne Jones served as top graduate and chief academic marshal during the Dec. 15 commencement exercises for 558 students at Southern University's Felton G. Clark Activity Center at Baton Rouge, La.

Kenneth, 20, completed his work at the university with a 3.86 average. He was one of only two summa cum laude graduates. His specialization is agricultural economics with a minor in agricultural business.

Last spring Kenneth received the university's President's Award, citing him as top academic student.

He has held and maintained an academic scholarship throughout his college tenure.

Other honors have included sophomore class president, Agricultural Economics Fellowship Award, Freshman Achievement Award,



KENNETH WAYNE JONES

dean's list and recognition by the United States Department of Agriculture for superior performance while a summer employee.

Kenneth holds membership in Kappa Phi Kappa Professional Fraternity in Education, Alpha Chi Honor Society and Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society.

Kenneth is a member of YOU. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jones, who attend church in Monroe, La.

PRINCETON, Minn. — At the annual 4-H awards night, recognition was given to outstanding 4-H achievers. Among those honored was Jeff Skrove, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Skrove of Princeton.

Jeff received one of the most distinguished awards presented to 4-H members, the "I Dare You" award sponsored by the William F. Danforth committee of St. Louis, Mo. This award is presented to the most outstanding young man and woman in the county. He also won for creative arts, small engine, outstanding leadership, junior leadership and a self-determined project (he raises

bees). He is attending Mankato (Minn.) State University majoring in mass communication and English.

Also winning awards was Jeff's brother, Glenn, 15, for dairy goats, shop, photography and junior leadership projects. Another brother, Wayne, 12, won for pet and tractor projects.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Eric Jones, a 17-year-old senior at Seminole (Fla.) High School, was chosen to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* in 1978. Fewer than 5 percent of all upperclassmen from the 24,000 U.S. high schools are featured in *Who's Who*.

Eric, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jones, was selected for his outstanding achievements in academics, athletics and church work. His father is pastor of the church here.

Eric was a member of his school's junior varsity basketball team until



ERIC JONES

his junior year, when it conflicted with the Sabbath. He plays on the YOU basketball team and was a high school instructor at SEP for the past two years. Last year Eric attended the National YOU Conference in Big Sandy, Tex., as a delegate from his chapter. Currently he serves as vice president of his chapter. Eric has a younger brother, Mike.

MERIDIAN, Miss. — Brenda Margaret Bane, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bane, was nominated to appear as a member of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

She is a senior at Neshoba, Miss., Central High School, from which she will graduate in May.

Brenda was also an honor roll student and was selected to appear in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* during her junior and senior years. Brenda is a member of the Meridian YOU chapter, where she serves as reporter. She is also an active member on the YOU (Meridian) track team.

Brenda's plans are to attend col-



BRENDA BANE

lege in the fall, majoring in special education with emphasis on the teaching of the blind. She later hopes to attend Ambassador College.

SHERBROOKE, Que. — Sonja Knutson, 14-year-old grade 10 student at Alexander Galt Regional

High School, was chosen to represent her school for the second year in a row in the Society of Distinguished American High School Students. She was chosen for academic excellence and for displaying leadership in



SONJA KNUTSON

extracurricular and civic activities. Sonja, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Knutson, is a member of the Sherbrooke YOU.

PASADENA — Dr. L. Stanton Clark graduated in December as the outstanding senior at Los Angeles College of Chiropractic, Glendale, Calif. The award is sponsored by the Student American Chiropractic Association and was given for service and outstanding scholastic achievement. He also received the Los Angeles College of Chiropractic Executive Council Award for outstanding service to the college and the profession. He was selected for inclusion in the 1978-79 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

Dr. Clark has held a number of associated student body positions: president for two terms, vice president and class representative. He organized an athletic department at the college and has been serving as its director. He is a member of Delta Tau Alpha Honorary Scholastic Fraternity.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark and their two children attend the Auditorium P.M. church in Pasadena.

AUSTIN, Tex. — David Beebe, 17-year-old junior at Round Rock



DAVID BEEBE

(Tex.) High School, was inducted into the National Honor Society at the annual ceremony Feb. 7. Afterward a reception was held in honor of the new members and their parents.

David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Beebe of Austin, is a member of the varsity swim team and band. He attends services with his family in Austin, where he is the vice president of his YOU chapter.

TAMPA, Fla. — James A. "Jim" Webster has been named vice president of the Merchants' Association of Greater Tampa and general manager of the Credit Bureau of Greater Tampa, Inc., an association credit reporting service. Mr. Webster was previously regional manager of the credit card service center for Southeast Banking Corp. of Miami, Fla.

Mr. Webster's promotion was highlighted in the "Business Names in the News" in the Tampa Tribune Dec. 8. He is also secretary and

chairman of the Speakers Bureau of Credit Managers Association.

Mr. Webster said, "A major contributing factor in my business success was the training I received through the Spokesman Club. Spokesman Club training and discipline is an asset and useful tool toward advancement in business."

Mr. Webster has been a member of the Church for nine years and a member of the Tampa area church seven years.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Clay Gentry, 13, was elected president of the student body of Donnelson Junior High School in Nashville. He is a member of the football team and on the staff of the school paper.

Clay attends the Nashville church with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mal-



CLAY GENTRY

colm Gentry, and is active in his YOU chapter and a member of the YOU basketball team.

HOUSTON, Tex. — Rodney Hakes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl H.



RODNEY HAKES

Hakes, received Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light, at a Pack 988 meeting Jan. 16.

Rodney attends the Houston North church with his parents.

Member wins car

BINGHAMPTON, N.Y. — Dick Close, a member here, had a hectic Friday, Aug. 4, interrupted by a phone call informing him he had just won a 1978 Chevrolet.

Mr. Close owns and operates a small garage in Pennsylvania. He had always had a serviceable second-hand car and had never dreamed of being able to afford a new car.

When his sister Eilberta Lehto, a newly baptized member, was told the good news she was elated. According to the Closes she had been praying for some time that God would bless the Close family with a new car if it was His will.

The new car was a promotion of the Agway Farm & Home Supply in Wysox, Pa. Mr. Close had gone in to buy some bean seeds and while waiting for his change he put his name on a piece of paper and dropped it in the box. He promptly forgot about it because, after all, who ever wins at these things?

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

They dubbed it a "Soiree Western," but, apart from true-blue cowpokes like stompin' Claude Rochon, John "Rawhide Kid" Mason and Dominic "Tex" Vincelli, the MONTREAL, Que., French church roundup proved a gathering for nothing but herds of dudes. The setting (a school) and the timing (Feb. 10) seemed right, though the outside temperature was a chilly -22 degrees Fahrenheit. The grub (beans) had what it took to provide necessary energy, and Joe Storzuk and his boys were up for the occasion. Organizers Charles Mayer and Paul Regnier appeared to have thought of everything. But had they?

Well, pardners, those city slickers didn't have the slightest idea what they were doing. The whole shindig started off on the wrong foot. It was discovered that the individuals taking part in *la danse-carree* didn't know a do-si-do from a do-re-mi, and apparently the only people vaguely familiar with the art of yodeling hailed from Switzerland. And, to add insult to injury, the westernmost area represented turned out to be Philadelphia.

After recognizing the chaos exhibited by the 30 or so game-but-unskilled square dancers, the versatile Storzuk possessed galloped to the rescue with a posse of relatively uncomplicated selections. Only then did a good portion of the 300-plus in attendance, including the Montreal English congregation and others from throughout the province, dare occupy the dance floor to any satisfactory degree. (Shucks, Easterners are sometimes harder to budge than a sidewinder riding a three-speed bicycle.) *Dominic Vincelli.*

Two hundred brethren of the BELLE VERNON, Pa., church stayed after the Sabbath service Feb. 17 for a potluck supper and social, rounding out the evening with dancing and entertainment of readings, contests, songs and dances, a cheerleading routine and skits, one featuring Sugar, an old prospector from the hills. The preschoolers also had their crafts on display. *Peggy Henry.*

Members of the DULUTH, Minn., congregation gathered Feb. 10 for an informal '50s sock hop and sloopie-joe potluck supper. Prizes were given for unique socks in several age categories, and movies were shown for the children. *Joanne Christian.*

The LEEDS, England, social began after a Bible study by D. Whiting, with the traditional tea and coffee in addition to beefburgers, salad and assorted cakes available for refreshments. The social featured mass participation in modern American square dancing, involving a good deal of hustle and bustle and swapping of dance partners. A professional caller taught the sprightly Leeds crowd the basics and moved by stages into advanced dancing formations, concluding the social with a final energetic dance. *G. Singh.*

The first "Night at the Movies" this year for the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., brethren was Feb. 24, when the members viewed such films as "Vince Lombardi's The Habit of Winning, A Biography of Jackie Robinson and The Miracle of the White Stallions, a story about the dramatic rescue of the Lipizzaner stallions during World War II. YOU members served refreshments. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

The first VANCOUVER, B.C., social of the year was ushered in by a potluck meal after the Sabbath service Feb. 17. The YES children kicked off the fun with four songs from the musicals *Oklahoma* and *Annie, Get Your Gun*, combined with an exhibition square dance. Following was an adult talent show, movies, games and square dancing to a live band and disco dancing to recorded music. *Lorna A. Lukinuk.*

Storm or no storm, the WATERTOWN, S.D., brethren finally enjoyed their "Appreciation Night" Feb. 17. The annual activity had been postponed for a month because of inclement weather, giving everyone time to polish up his act. Tables were filled with an assortment of handicrafts. Glen Thompson was organizer and master of ceremonies for the evening's entertainment. *Dianne Skorseth.*

The WOODBRIDGE, N.J., church held its formal dinner-dance Feb. 24 at the

Wayne Manor in Wayne, N.J., with about 210 guests attending, including Elbert Atlas, Art Mokarow and other ministers. The roast-beef dinner was served family style at each table. Putting the finishing touches to a gladsome evening, the Jubalaires, led by Bob Lewert, provided live music. Remarkable member Mary Lou Durosky, "It's the best formal I've been to in the last 10 years." *A.L. Legg.*

CLUB MEETINGS

Women of the BOISE, Idaho, church met Feb. 25 to learn crafts that have been somewhat forgotten and some of the newer ones. Classes at the "Craft-In" were offered in tatting, quilting, bead crocheting, ceramics, Russian embroidery and macrame. The women attended the classes of their choice for a small fee, each receiving a kit to put together with the help of the instructors (women of the church who donated their experience). The kits included a plant hanger, candle holders, an apron and pot holder, appliques, a section of lace and a crocheted necklace. Most were able to finish their projects in the time allotted, taking them home to use in their homes. *Lil Wiens.*

Members, wives and guests of the CALGARY, Alta., South church's Graduate and Spokesman clubs and the LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Men's Club, a total of 98 people, gathered at the Flying Inn restaurant in Claresholm, Alta., Feb. 11 for a joint dinner meeting. Lethbridge

Betty Rowles and Jeremy Ropson. Afterwards some 30 people attended a wine and cheese party at the home of Dennis and Betty Rowles. *Francis Cann.*

In the heart of the subtropical lower Rio Grande Valley, the HARLINGEN, Tex., church's Spokesman Club members and guests met Feb. 22 at the Westlaco Pizza Hut for their annual pizza night. The club members include three sets of brothers: Pat and Mike Sitarski, Joe and Dan Flores and Raul and David de la Fuente. Attendance at the weekly meetings is consistently high, though members are scattered over a 40-mile radius and director John Ogywn has a 150-mile journey from Corpus Christi, Tex. The pizza night was presided over by the assistant director, Jay Mayfield. *Ed McQueary.*

The Ambassador Women's Association of the HOUSTON, Tex., West church, under the direction of Tom Whitson, began its second year as a service organization for the church and the community with a meeting Feb. 26. The newly appointed officers and members set forth their goals for the coming year. *Sharon Johnson.*

After weeks of postponement due to inclement weather, the Women's Club of the KENOSHA, Wis., church met Feb. 18 with 19 attending at the home of Conni McClure. Hostess Ann Sorrentino introduced club member Rose Jordan, who spoke about her family's Feast trip to West Germany. Members also watched a film about Germany. Co-hostess Sandi Rendall organized the luncheon. *Conni McClure.*

A champagne brunch was the setting of the combined meeting of the PORTLAND, Ore., West church's



WINNING COMBINATION — The cheerleaders of the Pasadena Imperial church, April Cowan, Eileen Dennis, Romney LaRavia, Mitzi Mansolino, Penney Neller, Rona Spurgeon and Susan Wendt, show their winning style in the Southwestern regional YOU cheerleading competition March 4. (See "Sports," this page.) [Photo by Sheila Graham]

pastor Cecil Maranville officiated as director for the evening, and Larry Madge was acting president. Topmaster Evert Vanderberg's questions ranged from test-tube babies to the new Iranian government. After the prime-rib dinner, Stanley Kitt spoke on the Calgary Graduate Club, Bob Melville discussed the Lethbridge Men's Club, Roger Lamby delivered a No. 7 speech, and Dave Cockbain gave his No. 6 speech, entitled "If You Don't Know Where You're Going, You're Bound to End Up Somewhere Else."

Mr. Maranville topped off the evening with a brief lecture on how to get the most out of living. *Jerry Peterson.*

A letter of appreciation from the Franklin Hospital was read to members of the EXETER, England, church's Combined Club at their Feb. 24 meeting. The letter was in response to a recent fun show the group presented for the patients and staff at the hospital. Speaking at the club meeting were Valerie Cann, David Marshall,

Men's and Ladies' clubs Feb. 11. Steve Wind vink on his experience as a potter, speaking of how God works with people; Barbara Schumann spoke about family communications; Rannie Henson, Ladies' Club treasurer, discussed how she gleaned lessons from memories of her childhood; and Chris Anderson, Men's Club president, drew an analogy between the stock market and the diamond market and human nature and God's nature. Portland West pastor and club director Dan Fricke congratulated the members on their growth in the club. *Woody Corsi.*

The VISALIA, Calif., Spokesman Club held its ladies' night at the Depot restaurant Feb. 17 with Jerry Long presiding. Trophies were presented to Mike Townsend for being the most helpful evaluator, Bill Justice, most improved speaker, and John Vaughn and Louis Barreiro, most effective speakers. Associate pastor Delfino Sandoval and pastor Alton Billingsly evaluated the meeting. *Sharyl Justice.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

"We're glad you're you and appreciate you for what you are" was the theme of the KINGSTON, Ont., "Senior Members' Banquet" given in honor of the members 50 years of age and older Feb. 11. The eight senior citizens attending were served a five-course roast-chicken dinner by Mr. and Mrs. Don Sherrow and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Juozapaitis, followed by a leisurely afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Storey as hosts. *Terry Johnson.*

Members and guests of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., congregation had an exciting afternoon Feb. 25 at an old-fashioned sing-along and box social sponsored by the church's Juniors of Yesterday (JOY). Each of the ladies, young and old, brought a beautifully decorated box of dinner for two. And each of the men came hungry and prepared to bid high enough for a likely looking box of dinner to top the other bidders. Each box was given a number and the owner's identity kept secret until after the auction. Ron Peterson of the Lakeland, Fla., church auctioned off the 29 boxes and was later piano accompanist for the JOY Singers and a you-name-it-we'll-sing-it sing-along. *Warren Miller.*

The Silver Ambassadors of the BIG SANDY, Tex., church sponsored a potluck dinner Feb. 24 in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Wilmer Parrish, who will be moving to the Tyler, Tex., area. Dr. Parrish has worked at Ambassador College, Big Sandy, for a number of years.

Everyone gathered in the former campus dining hall, where the Spokesman Club members helped set up tables and clean up afterwards. Entertainment was under the direction of club president James Jackson, with Bob Luckabaugh serving as master of ceremonies. Marie Dellinger's vocal class, with trio Kathy Crosby, Joyce Coleman and Linda Smith, sang three songs; Jeannie Cooper sang, accompanying herself on the ukulele, and later led in a sing-along; Mr. Luckabaugh and Wayne Weese did a takeoff on the *Hee Haw* show; Don Yale, Phil Edwards and Jeff Erickson played guitars and sang with audience participation; and Norvel Pyle read "Grandma's Receipt for Washin' Close."

Mr. Jackson presented the Parrishes a lead crystal bowl and matching candle holders on behalf of the Silver Ambassadors and the Spokesman Club. The event ended with dancing. Stereo and records were furnished by Louise Moore and Mrs. Cooper. *Lela Fisk.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The seaside camping ground owned by member Joe Pickens at Okara Bay, about 200 kilometers north of Auckland, New Zealand, was the site of a camp-out Feb. 23 through 25. Forty-seven teens and adults of the AUCLAND and WHANGAREI churches attended the outing, which was sponsored by the eight Whangarei YOU members. During the Sabbath service Brett Langford and Michelle Toomer talked about the recent International Youth Conference in Pasadena, and Rex Morgan gave a sermon oriented to the teens. National YOU coordinator Gary Dixon presented awards to Murray and Ian Webb and Janine Ellis. Whangarei YOU members who had been successful in sports activities at the New Zealand summer camp, and Isabel Ellis and Valma Webb were given visas in appreciation for their efforts in providing meals for the camp-out. Following was a barbecue and sing-along, interspersed with jokes by Grant Langford that consistently had the audience in hysterics. *Tracy Birt.*

YOU members of the SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont., church sponsored a costume dance Feb. 17, their first church activity of the year. Guests came dressed in the costumes of the Netherlands, Egypt, Japan, Saudi Arabia and the 13 American colonies as well as comic-book and cartoon characters. Pam Shaughnessy demonstrated the spirit of the occasion, constructing seven of the costumes. John Blanchard as a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader was honored for his "most humorous" costume, Wayne Shaughnessy's Superman costume was named "most original," and Arnold and Joyce Shaughnessy were designated "best couple" for

their Saudi Arabian outfits. The Sault church band supplied the music, and Gary and Pam King provided entertainment. *Debbie Jones.*

The YOU members of the IOWA CITY, Iowa, church held their service day Feb. 17, performing the duties of song leading, giving the opening and closing prayers and sermonette, ushering, greeting members at the door, passing out books and taking attendance. YOU president Mike Arensdorf introduced the teens and spoke about what YOU does for the youths of the Church. Ray Rex, vice president and representative to the third International Youth Conference, reported on his trip to Pasadena, and the YOU chorus and YES members provided special music. Hot punch and cookies were served following the service. That evening about 55 brethren attended a roller-skating party, with the YOU chapter playing host to 10 teens from the Davenport, Iowa, church. *Vern Tenold.*

ALBANY, Ore., YOU members enjoyed snowball fights, cross-country skiing, sledding and hiking at a snow party Feb. 17 and 18 at the Willamette Pass. The 16 teens were joined by the YOU coordinators and four sets of parents, all spending the night in a cabin owned by Pam Penrod's father. Sunday morning brought the arrival of the Albany minister, Leonard Schreiber, and his wife, who were greeted with a barrage of snowballs. *Carolyn Frost.*

Taking full advantage of the schools' mid-term holiday break, six members of the BRISTOL, England, YOU chapter, under the supervision of coordinator Andrew Steel, took 10 of the church's younger children to the cinema Feb. 22. The matinee program was a Walt Disney Production, *Herbie Goes to Monte Carlo*. At the intermission everyone was treated to ice cream and some cake. And upon returning to the collection point, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neale, the group was surprised and delighted to find Mrs. Neale had prepared some drinks and more cakes to round out the afternoon. *David Strong.*

The children of the BRIGHTON, England, church gave their premiere performance of a play based on Noah's ark to a delighted audience of mums and dads Feb. 10. The play, produced by Mrs. V. Spykerman, formed part of the entertainment for a children's party that was organized by members of the Spokesman Club and was followed by refreshments and a variety of games for both children and adults. *P.G. Bowen.*

The preteens of the PALMER, Alaska, church held a skate-athon Feb. 18 to raise money for their clubs, the Busy Betsys and the Trailblazers. Parents and sponsors watched and cheered as 12 boys and girls burned up the ice with a solid hour of skating. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox set up a hot-chocolate pit stop for those needing refueling, and parents took turns punching cards at the end of each lap. First and second places for the Trailblazers went to John Orchard with 75 laps and Joel Emery with 61, and for the Busy Betsys to Tara Orchard with 56 laps and Teresa Wilcox with 37. Total money earned was \$173.59. *Linda Orchard.*

SPORTS

The weekend of Feb. 17 and 18 YOU teams from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California arrived in EUGENE, Ore., for the Pacific Coast regional basketball and cheerleading competition. The weekend began with a special YOU Sabbath service. Abe Stores, Eugene YOU president, presented the sermonette, and Steve Glover led songs with accompaniment from Heidi Werner, who also performed special music. After the Sabbath the Eugene brethren and 200 guests who had arrived for the tournament gathered at the Willamette High School gym for the preliminary competition, concluding the evening with a dance for YOU members and adults, with Glenn Harmon serving as disc jockey.

Sunday-morning action resumed with Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, defeating Salem, Ore., in the consolation game. The championship game pitted Oakland, Calif., against Tacoma, Wash. After a close seesawing game, Oakland squeaked to a 45-43 victory.

The cheerleaders demonstrated their skills before the judges between games. San Jose, Calif., came out on top, followed by Modesto, Calif., second, and Tacoma 1 third. *Steve Glover.*

The Garden Grove, Calif., Wind (formerly known as Santa Ana) for the second consecutive year captured the YOU (See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)

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Southwestern regional basketball championship. The tournament was double elimination, held the weekends of Feb. 24 and 25 and March 3 and 4 in PASADENA. Seven Southern California teams competed: Garden Grove, La Mirada, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena Auditorium, Pasadena Imperial and San Diego. The championship game found the Wind and the Imperial Suns matched in a thriller that was not decided until the final seconds when Jim Murray scored a basket over Donnie Edward's good defense to put the Wind ahead at the buzzer, 51-49.

The all-tournament team consisted of Jim Murray, also named most valuable player for his average of 24 points, 10 rebounds and five assists per game; his brothers John and Bob Murray; Greg Rothwell of Imperial; and Mark Hayes of Long Beach. Named to the second team were Doug Miller of Imperial, Steve Cain of Auditorium, Andre Hayes of Long Beach and Garrett Reid of La Mirada. Garden Grove carried off the tournament by also being awarded the sportsmanship trophy.

Nine cheerleading squads competed for the regional championship. Only one-half point separated the first-place Imperial girls from the runner-up Garden Grove team. Auditorium A placed third, and the Los Angeles girls were awarded the most-spirited trophy. Named to the all-tournament squad were Liz Allen and Cindy Morris of Garden Grove; Sara Api,

Cindy Bicket, Kat Chapman, Aretha Green and Dawn Snook of the Auditorium A and B teams; Eileen Dennis and Mitzi Mansolino of Imperial; and Susan Hanson of Riverside. *Carl Dalley.*

A second-place victory for YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, took place Feb. 25 at the Allegheny regional tourney in Cleveland, Ohio. Participating were teams from Wheeling, W. Va.; Detroit, Mich.; and Akron and Youngstown, Ohio. Akron defeated Detroit to win a berth in the championship game, going on to defeat Youngstown 69-63 to win the regional title. The first- and second-place teams planned to compete in a triregional tourney in Hershey, Pa., March 17 and 18. *Kim Jorza.*

Five energetic DULUTH, Minn., cheerleaders made the 175-mile trip from Duluth to Minneapolis, Minn., early Sunday morning, Feb. 25, for the regional tournament, full of hope and butterflies. After working together as a team for three years, their efforts were rewarded. The girls — Laurie Miller, captain, Darcy Ashcroft, Julie and Jeanne Carlson and Gail Miller — were awarded the first-place trophy by YOU regional director Jim Reyner and tournament sponsor Bill Jahns. *Jennifer Swenson.*

The JACKSONVILLE, Fla., YOU basketball team traveled to the Southeast regional play-offs in Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 16 through 19 and returned home with the championship trophy. After trailing throughout most of the game, the team moved ahead of the Atlanta, Ga., team in

the final minutes to win 47-44. Three Jacksonville players were also named to the all-star team: Bill Brown, Randy Brown and Ricky Culpepper. The team and cheerleaders also enjoyed more than 15 inches of snow that fell during the weekend, causing them and the other teams to stay in Gainesville an extra night because of icy and snowy roads. Most of the teens had never seen that much snow before. *Darryl White.*

An electrifying silence hung over the gymnasium as all eyes were turned to James Kissee, district coordinator, who was to announce winner of the YOU district 83 cheerleading competition held in ROGERS, Ark., Feb. 11. He explained that the judges, Joyce Terminella, Holli Hunnicutt and Tina Jones, all of Fayetteville, Ark., had indicated the decision was a tough one as there was a spread of only 3 points among the three squads. First place was awarded to the Lake of the Ozarks Lakers and second to the Fayetteville Tigers. The Lakers team consists of captain Debra Taylor, Dianna Hinds, Monica Grimes, Marie Grimes, Sherry Hanush and coaches Maxine Hanush and Kay Kissee. Fayetteville cheerleaders and coaches are Tammy Ware (teacher and coach), Shaun Reynolds, Pam Beaver, Diane May, Angie Ware, Lorna Snodgrass, Melinda Creech, Flo Snodgrass (coach) and assistants Nora Ware, Ruth Ann May and Barbara Ware. *Flo Snodgrass.*

The SEATTLE, Wash., B team won the Division II Northwest basketball tournament in Seattle Feb. 25. Nine teams from Canada, Oregon, Idaho and Washington competed, with Seattle winning the championship in the title game with Surry, B.C., 47-32. *Ted Brush.*

The PITTSBURGH, Pa., Panthers



COUNTRY MUSIC — From left, Bill Lipps, Cheryl Davis, Gordian Davis and Winston Davis provide country music for the newly formed Florence, S.C., church's first social Feb. 3.

charged to a victory Feb. 11, defeating Clarksburg, W. Va., 57-44 in district competition. The win gave the Panthers a 4-0 record, first place in the district and a spot in the regional tournament for the first time. Coach Dave Havir has worked with the boys since June, stressing team ball. George Barney, Steve Myers and Jimmy Dewyer of the Pittsburgh Panthers were named to the all-star team. Greg Wagner of Belle Vernon, Pa., was named most valuable player, and the Wheeling, W. Va., team won the sportsmanship award. Belle Vernon placed second in the district and Clarksburg third. *Michelle Loew.*

The WOODBRIDGE, N.J., YOU members held their annual bowling finals

Feb. 17 and 18 in Old Bridge, N.J. The affair was coordinated by members Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, both of whom are league bowlers and are aiding and instructing the teens. Trophies were awarded to the first-place contestants and certificates of merit to all second- and third-place winners. First-place winners were Greg Lewis, senior boy; Sherry Berry, senior girls; Robert Karstendick, junior boys; and Lisa Bruggeman, junior girls. Robert was also high scorer of all boys' divisions with 179, and Lisa was high scorer of the girls' divisions with 106. A round of team bowling ended the tournament, with teams composed of bowlers from each of the four divisions. *A.L. Legg.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BECK, James and Norma (Terwilliger), of Peoria, Ill., boy, Timothy Aaron, Jan. 18, 1:04 p.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 girls.

BLAKLEY, Jeffrey G. and Darlene (DeGarmo), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Adam Wyatt, Jan. 30, 3:54 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

BLAVIER, Jon and Naomi, girl, Amanda Michelle, Feb. 21, 2:25 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces.

BLUMMER, Charles and Lois, of Abilene, Tex., boy, Matthew Rey, Jan. 27, 5 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

BROMFIELD, Joseph and Virginia (Fenstermacher), of Mount Pocono, Pa., girl, Tanya Rae, Feb. 4, 4:35 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

BRUSH, Ted and Margaret (Steicher), of Seattle, Wash., girl, Alexa Shiloh, Jan. 26, 11 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

COWSERT, Dale and Jewell (Kirby), of Jackson, Miss., girl, Jessica Ann, Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CRANE, Matthew and Camellia (Shipman), of Louisville, Ky., boy, Carl James, Jan. 16, 8:35 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

DAVIS, Nolan and Karen (Wolcott), of Buffalo, Wyo., girl, Jaymie Dawn, Jan. 26, 2:05 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DEVIN, Herbert and Karma (Hallie), of Independence, Mo., boy, Matthew Herbert, Feb. 22, 1:30 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

FOSTER, Darrell and Katherine (Stones), of Salem, Ore., boy, Ryan Eric, Feb. 6, 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GOSSE, Winston and Edna (Parsons), of Barrie, Ont., girl, Gina Renee, Feb. 4, 4:09 p.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

HELDEBRANDT, Jim and Debbie (Hendrick), of Mount Vernon, Ill., boy, Brandon Lee, Feb. 24, 1:23 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys.

JELENOWSKI, Wynna and Tina (Lisenbee), of Wasilla, Alaska, girl, Lisa Marie, March 2, 6:26 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

MAWHINNEY, Philip and Barbara (Burman), of Balthus, Australia, girl, Karen Anne, Feb. 9, 4:45 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MEADE, Gregory and Ann (Garlman), of Blotchy, Ky., girl, Jessica Serene, Feb. 6, 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

MILLER, Steven and Mellic (Stout), of Twentynine Palms, Calif., girl, Betty Dawn, Feb. 23, 10:40 a.m., 8 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

NANKIWELL, Richard and Roslyn (Taylor), of Melbourne, Australia, boy, Andrew Robert, Jan. 29, 12:26 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

PLUJAT, John and Mary, girl, Andrea Lee, Feb. 18, 11:51 a.m., 8 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, first child.

RHODES, Melvin and Diane (Hoot), of Accra, Ghana, boy, Kurt Melvin George, Feb. 17, 8:10 p.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROYCE, Mark and Barbara (Hoover), of Eugene, Ore., girl, Heather Star, 1:58 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

Pasadena, Calif., boy, Cary Dwight, Jan. 9, 4:35 p.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

WAIKANEN, Leo and Silvia (Froehlin), of Aura, Mich., boy, Stephen Scanton, Feb. 11, 4:21 p.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

WHITTING, Peter and Charlotte (Cordell), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Jonathan Michael, Jan. 31, 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chappelle of the Montreal, Que., English church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Andrea Gwendolyn to Bernd Ghazarian, son of Gerar Ghazarian. An Aug. 18 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Millerberger of Goshen, Ind., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Jill Jo to Dennis Eugene Beery, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fredrick Beery of Bremen, Ind. A July 22 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Timothy M. Hicks of Phoenix, Ariz., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Julie Ann to Edward Wilson Appleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Appleton of Long Beach, Calif. An April 21 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hostetler of Urbana, Ohio, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter Tamara Sue to Timothy S. Kern, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kern of Columbus, Ohio. Both Tammy and Tim are former Ambassador College students. A May 27 wedding is being planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Nlemeyer of New Knoxville, Ohio, are announcing the engagement of their daughter Dawn Elaine to Jack E. Tremble Jr. of Tulsa, Okla. The wedding will take place May 9 in Lima, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Proddy of Marysville, Wash., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Kathleen Ann "Sasa" to Gary Steven Michaels, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Michaels of Tacoma, Wash. A Sept. 2 wedding is being planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. T. G. BURNSIDES

Joanne L. Yarnell of Pasadena and Thomas G. Burnside of Asheville, N.C., were united in marriage Feb. 10 in Woodland Hills, Calif. Robert Chonger, pastor of the Los Angeles and Reseda churches, performed the ceremony. The couple now reside in Burnsville, N.C.

MR. AND MRS. KIRK HAYDEN

Laura Ann Griffin, daughter of Mrs. William Anderson of Topeka, Kan., and Kirk Elton Hayden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hayden of Rice Hill, Kan., were married Jan. 7 in Wichita, Kan. Charles Rightmeyer, a minister of the Topeka church, performed the ceremony. Maid of honor was Sandy Laxner and best man was James Short. Both attended Ambassador College. The couple will reside at 637 Park Road, Rose Hill, Kan. 67133.



MR. AND MRS. COLIN WUNDER

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Petersen of Brandon, S.D., announce the marriage of their daughter Jill Lynette to Colin Ross Wunder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wunder of Howard, S.D. Feb. 28. The wedding and reception were held at the Airport Holiday Inn in Sioux Falls, S.D. George Alftid, pastor of the Sioux Falls church, performed the ceremony. Honor attendants were Mrs. Kim Petersen and Lea John Wunder. The bride is a graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena. The couple will be living at 413 E. Howard St., Howard, S.D.

Mail your announcements to: Announcements, *The WorldWide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A.

ANNIVERSARIES

Jon and Naomi Blavier: Happy first anniversary Feb. 11, with many more to come, from your sister and new brother-in-law, Love, Mike and Mary Yeary.

Randy and Bertie: Happy anniversary. Warm wishes for today, tomorrow and always. May you always remain as happy as you have been this past year. Love from Dad, Mom, Fred, Jeff, Bobby and Kathy.

Obituaries

ALTOONA, Pa. — Jennie B. Figmick, 74, a member of God's Church since 1960, died Feb. 13 after a three-month illness.

Mrs. Figmick is survived by one daughter, one son, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

BIG SANDY, Tex. — Bernice Nilson, 62, died Feb. 9 after a lengthy illness. She has been a member of God's Church since 1961, attending in Illinois and Wisconsin before moving to Big Sandy three years ago. Selmer Hegvold, pastor of the Gladewater, Tex., church, officiated.

Mrs. Nilson is survived by her husband Alrik; one daughter, Ailrika Pendry; one son, John; one grandchild; one sister; two brothers; and many nieces and nephews.

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. — Austin W. Richardson, 52, a member of God's Church since 1970, died unexpectedly Jan. 19 in the Veterans Hospital in Denver, Colo.

Mr. Richardson is survived by his mother, Reah Richardson of the Binghamton church; one daughter, Claudia Litchfield of the Minneapolis, Minn., church; two sons, Lee and Ben, both of Endicott, N.Y.; one sister, Caroline Rosengrant of Sayre, Pa.; one brother, Chauncey of Owego, N.Y.; one grandson; and several nieces and nephews. His wife Mary, also a member attending the Binghamton church, died in 1977.

CONWAY, Ark. — Wilma Wedge Harmon, 71, a member of God's Church, died Feb. 24. She was the widow of Thomas V. Harmon.

Mrs. Harmon is survived by three sons, four daughters, two stepsons, one stepdaughter, 27 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Eleanor DeStephanus died March 4 after a valiant battle against cancer for three years. Memorial services were held in Georgetown, Ind., with Ray Meyer, pastor of the Louisville church, officiating.

Mrs. DeStephanus is survived by her husband Augustus; three sons, Dion, 13, Darin, 11, and Danny, 7; one daughter, Darla, 3; her parents, George and Irene Howard of Michigan; three brothers, Edward and Bernard of Michigan and Donald of Maryland; and one sister, Evelyn Argue of Michigan.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Larre L. Howell, 39, a member of God's Church, died Dec. 19 of injuries suffered in an auto accident. Funeral services were conducted by Michael Hanisko Jr., pastor of the Kenosha, Wis., and Milwaukee South churches.

Mr. Howell is survived by his wife Eva; six children, Dusti, Rick, Tracy, Terry, Rachel and Lance; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Howell of Fennimore, Wis.; four sisters, June Miller of Pocatello, Idaho, Nancy Unash of St. Louis, Mo., Linda Sabourin of Paweauce, Wis., and Mary Ann Heit of Los Angeles, Calif.; and one brother, C. Budd Howell, also of Los Angeles.

POCATELLO, Idaho — Marshall McCuan, 87, died Feb. 15 following a long illness. Funeral services for Mr. McCuan were conducted by Randy Schreiber, pastor of the Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho, churches.

Mr. McCuan is survived by his wife Mary. Mr. and Mrs. McCuan were baptized six years ago on the same day.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Bessie Parker, 69, a member of God's Church since 1973, died Feb. 21. She attended services in Toledo.

Mrs. Parker is survived by one daughter, Dolores Sutton; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

TOLEDO, Ohio — Elmer Watkins, 49, died Feb. 9 after a long illness.

Mr. Watkins is survived by his wife Jeannette (a longtime member of God's Church); two sons, Timothy and Lawrence; three daughters, Mechelle Lane, Teresa Odoms and Harriet Watkins; and two sisters.

TORONTO, Ont. — Bernard Raghubar, 25, died in Guyana (his native country) Dec. 26 after being struck by a car driven by a drunk driver. He was returning home from playing football with fellow Church members.

Mr. Raghubar was buried Dec. 29 after a church service conducted by the minister of the church in Georgetown, Guyana, Paul Krautman.

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES & EVENTS IN THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD

PASADENA — Larry Salyer, area coordinator for the Washington, D.C., region, was ordained to pastor rank in an area coordinators' meeting here March 22.

Director of Pastoral Administration Roderick C. Meredith, along with his fellow evangelists, Raymond McNair, Ambassador College deputy chancellor, Ronald Kelly, Denver, Colo., area coordinator and regional advisers Dennis Luker and Burk McNair participated in the ordination.

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PASADENA — The March 19 *Pastor's Report* introduced a new section to help keep members more up-to-date regarding recent developments in the Work.

The section, called "News Summary," will normally be two pages in length and is intended to be duplicated in each church area and distributed at weekly Sabbath services. Material for the summary is prepared by the *Pastor's Report* staff.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Five hundred New Zealand members

worked March 11 and 18 to deliver 360,000 promotional cards to mailboxes throughout the country, while 155,000 additional cards were distributed by a professional firm.

The cards offer a free copy of the booklet *The Dilemma of Drugs* and a subscription to *The Plain Truth* magazine. Regional director Bob Morton predicted that the program would "double the size of our *Plain Truth* mailing list almost overnight."

The half-a-million cards distributed reached half the households in the nation, and preparation is under way to distribute cards to the other half later in the year.

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PASADENA — Beginning with the May issue, *The Plain Truth* newsstand program will resume in Canada under the direction of Les McCullough, director of the Work in Canada, and minister David Hulme.

Fifty thousand English- and French-language magazines will be distributed, according to Roger Lippress, director of Publishing Services here. Newsstand racks and other promotional materials will be provided from Pasadena.

Mr. Rader's March 12 statement

PASADENA — The following excerpts from a press release by Stanley Rader March 12 discuss financial accounting and disclosures of the Church and its related institutions to state agencies.

One of the more absurd, false allegations made by Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper and Special Deputy Attorney General Hillel Chodos in the instant action has been the alleged failure of each of the three defendant corporations to render an adequate accounting.

This accusation is particularly surprising and gives further evidence of the bad faith of the Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper and Special Deputy Attorney General Hillel Chodos' harassment in that each corporation has filed with the State of California an annual accounting on forms prescribed by the State and in the detail required by those forms.

Specifically, Ambassador International Cultural Foundation files with the attorney general's office an annual, detailed report (Form CT-2) listing, among other things: the total compensation of each officer, director and key employees; every transaction with each officer or director including any extensions of credit or sales of properties; each transaction involving the purchase or sale of a

security or investment including the cost, fair market value and any gain or loss on the transaction; all distributions to other charities or other recipients; and a balance sheet, income statement, as well as other financial disclosures. This report, although not required to be audited, is audited by independent certified public accountants, and their report, together with the foundation's report, are public documents available for public inspection.

Moreover, the foundation also files an annual statement with the state of California Department of Justice showing each California financial institution (and account number) with which it does business and authorizes disclosure to the attorney general of any and all financial records pertaining to the foundation held by such financial institution.

Ambassador College files a similarly detailed accounting each year with the state of California Franchise Tax Board. Their latest audited report was a 52-page document that required over 250 hours to prepare and which listed each transaction with each officer and director, as well as other pertinent information such as descriptions of each piece of real or personal property sold during the year along with the buyer's name and relationship, the historical cost, fair market value, expenses of sale and gross sales price.

Both the foundation and the college file identical disclosures with

the federal government, and all of these documents are available for public inspection.

Worldwide Church of God also files an annual information return with the Franchise Tax Board, although the State has chosen to require fewer disclosures of religious institutions.

In each case, the level of detail required to be presented in these accountings is dictated by the State, and in every instance each of the defendant corporations has fully complied with such requests for accountings. These accountings are available to all contributors and potential contributors. They are available to the news media. They are most certainly available to the Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper and Special Deputy Attorney General Hillel Chodos.

Therefore, it is clearly a malicious abuse of the legal process for Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper and Special Deputy Attorney General Hillel Chodos to falsely state that no accounting has ever been made and that financial disclosures have been sporadic or incomplete. Because the Deputy Attorney General Lawrence Tapper and Special Deputy Attorney General Hillel Chodos knew these allegations were false, both before a complaint was filed as well as throughout the court proceedings, we can only conclude that such false charges are further evidence of the criminal conspiracy to deprive us of our rights.

U.S. coordinators hold meetings

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"Events at Pasadena have obviously created interest. Most members are keenly and strongly supporting Mr. Herbert Armstrong both emotionally and spiritually as well as with their physical resources." He added, "Of course, members will be overjoyed when these current trials are over, and we can move forward with positive progress in preaching the Gospel."

Edward Smith, coordinator of the Cincinnati, Ohio, region, said that churches and ministers in his area were doing fine, and brethren and ministers were keen and responsive to the needs of the Work at this time.

Dennis Luker, assistant director of Pastoral Administration worldwide said: "Those of us on the team here at headquarters were very pleased with our meetings with the area coordinators. There was a spirit of unity and cooperation as we discussed the various Church and manpower needs in the United States.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed and profited from the visit with Mr. Herbert Armstrong in Tucson," Mr. Luker continued. "We all were encouraged and inspired by his comments on our responsibilities in the

ministry. He talked a great deal about real repentance and conversion and how we must be careful in our counseling with prospective members to be sure they are really yielded to God and His Word."

Mr. Meredith closed the conference with instructions and exhorta-

tion concerning the coordinators' calling as leaders in the ministry. He emphasized that they were bond slaves of Jesus Christ, that they were to be humble servants in Christ's ministry, dedicating their lives to building and strengthening God's Church and Work.



TUCSON MEETING — Above: Ministers attending the area coordinators' meeting March 21 at Herbert Armstrong's Tucson, Ariz., home listen intently. Below: Mr. Armstrong speaks to the ministers about their responsibilities as area coordinators. (Photos by Ronald Kelly)



HOTLINE

The following information was provided by official Church sources to answer many of the questions generated by the crisis in the Church.

Why don't we let them (the State) in to audit?

The State chose to take an adversary position when it filed the lawsuit. Had it simply asked to come over and look at our books things would have been much different. Witness the eight separate audits the Internal Revenue Service had done. Our records will exonerate us. Our fear when the State first came in was that it would destroy the records, since it knew that its allegations were false. If we allow the State in while defending a suit, we would be setting a precedent. Precedents are what make law. There would be no sanctity in any church at any time. All would be exposed to the injury that we have suffered. Not just once, but any time the government felt like it.

Who are the plaintiffs?

The People of the State of California, *ex rel.* Alvin Earl Timmons, Shirley A. Timmons, David R. Morgan, John Tuit, Paula Tuit and Ronald Quinlan.

What does the lawsuit demand from the Church?

In addition to an accounting, an immediate election of new directors and removal of Herbert Armstrong. All new directors to be elected by the members. Also for a receiver to be appointed *ex parte pendente lite* to take possession of the Church and to control all operations. All costs to be paid out of the Church funds.

Do the surety bonds have anything to do with the original suit?

No. The sureties are protection for damages that might result from the receiver not being over the property to "protect" it.

I heard Arthur Andersen & Co. are doing our audit this year. Is this true?

Yes. It is one of the big eight firms and is presently doing its audit. We have specifically asked the firm to

search out any improprieties and to evaluate our system. This audit will be made public when complete. This indicates we have nothing to hide but much to protect and defend, that is, our constitutional rights.

Did Judge Julius Title know he was going to put in a new receiver before the hearing on March 12?

Apparently so. Although there was no time for him to write an order during the hearing, he managed to read off an order at the end of the session. Also, the new "to-be-appointed receiver" just happened to be in the courtroom the entire time.

Does the Church file forms with the government each year?

Financial records have been available to the public. Each year all required forms are filed with the proper agencies. These include the state of California Attorney General's Office, the Franchise Tax Board and the federal government. Each form contains the required information in the required detail and is certified (although not required). These statements are very complete and are all that are required by law. Anything else is unlawful and an unwarranted intrusion of the rights of the Church and its members.

Doesn't the Bible condemn the pledging of sureties?

No, it doesn't. Proverbs 6:1-2 reads, "My son, if thou be surety for thy friend . . . thou art snared [or bound] by the words of your mouth" (King James Version).

This scripture does imply that the pledging of a surety should not be done lightly, that you should not take a foolish risk. However, the key word here is *if*. If you do go into surety you are expected to accept the responsibility for it. But there is no scriptural prohibition against it.

What ever happened to the first court-appointed receiver over the Church?

After resigning as receiver because of "physical limitations," retired Judge Steven Weisman made himself available March 1 as consultant for various governmental agencies and for other assignments at a reduced salary of \$75 an hour.