

FEAST SITES AGAIN AT SQUAW VALLEY AND JEKYLL ISLAND

By Herbert W. Armstrong
Some thousands of our people will be joyously elated to know that this fall we shall be using again, in all probability, both Squaw Valley [Calif.] and Jekyll Island [Ga.] Feast sites.

Already I had announced that we are repairing the big tabernacle at Mount Pocono [Pa.] and will be using it again. About a third of the Mount Pocono tabernacle was ruined by the heavy snow cave-in three years ago. As repaired it will only seat some 8,000, but the registration

building is still intact, and we can again accept two thirds or more of the number who formerly attended there.

Squaw Valley is not 100 percent sure yet, but the management does want us back, and will make certain necessary repairs. I have OK'd it, and I'm sure we will be able to use it, though perhaps not quite as large a number of members can be accepted there as formerly. It will replace Fresno, Calif., this year.

In a sense we still have Niagara Falls [N.Y.]. It will be used primarily by the Canadian churches, but United States members who especially want to attend at Niagara Falls may be able to transfer there, upon

request.

Because of new construction in the area in St. Petersburg [Fla.], there will be parking space for only about 8,500 there, whereas we have formerly accommodated there up to 12,000. So, this year we are again going back to Jekyll Island where 3,500 can be accommodated. A new auditorium facility has been added there that will accommodate up to 3,500. Thus Jekyll and St. Petersburg will together accommodate the same 12,000 combined that formerly went to St. Petersburg alone.

We shall expect a larger attendance of 8,500 at Tucson, whereas we had about 5,000 last fall.

I have asked the Festival Office to reduce the number of Feast sites this year, with larger attendance at several. I felt we were going too far on the number of sites, reducing the number of brethren at each site. I could see it leading to a situation where either each local church would almost stay home and have its own Feast — or, two or three churches in a close area would combine and virtually stay home for the Feast.

God revealed to me, even before or at the time of conversion, that the seven annual Holy Days, or annual Sabbaths, were observed by the New Testament Church and by Christ, and ordained FOREVER! For seven years my wife and I kept them alone, by ourselves. When I explained them and their continuous binding by God to the brethren of the Sardis era in the Willamette Valley of Oregon, they "laughed me to scorn" — (read II Chronicles 30:5-10).

But when the fledgling parent of the present era, Worldwide Church of God, was first raised up, after seven years in 1933, they, mostly converted through my preaching, all began keeping the annual Sabbaths with us.

It was 12 years later, 1945,

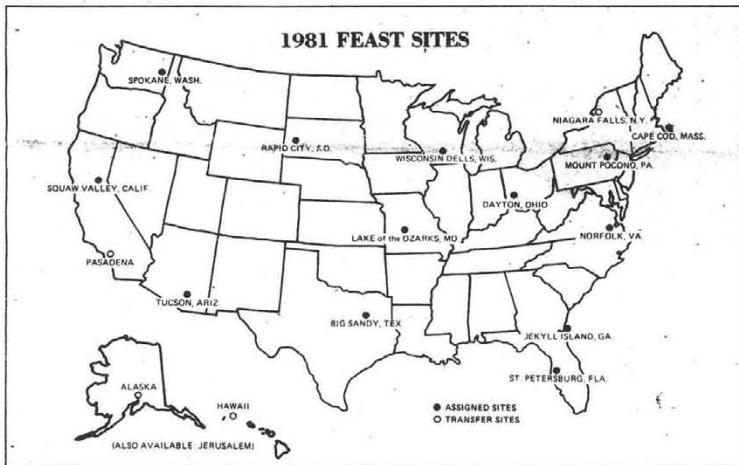
when God showed me the PURPOSE of the Feast of Tabernacles, and that we should leave our homes in this world for eight days and enjoy a forestate of the thousand-year reign with Christ in WORLD PEACE, with Satan gone, as well as the Great White Throne Judgment for perhaps the next hundred years following.

We went that year to the very beautiful little site of Belknap Springs [Ore.] — but 100 attendance overcrowded it. We held the Feast there for seven years. Then, 1952, the one and only site was Siegler Springs, northeast of San Francisco, Calif. Beginning 1953 it was held at Big Sandy, Tex. In the early '60s, we added Squaw Valley, then Jekyll Island, then Mount Pocono — and the number of sites has been growing ever since.

But just to remain home at our own local church does not seem to fulfill God's PURPOSE for the Festival. In old times the people left home and traveled to Jerusalem for the Feast.

Following is a list of revised sites and projected attendance being prepared for the 1981 Feast of Tabernacles:

Big Sandy, Tex., 9,000; Cape (See FEAST SITES, page 11)



'Going into every inhabited continent'

Worldwide News blankets world

PASADENA — Ever wonder how copies of *The Worldwide News* reach brethren around the world? Ten-year-old Jennifer Adams of the Alexandria, La., church wrote *WN* Managing Editor Dexter Faulkner to find out. Rather than simply write Jennifer a reply, Mr. Faulkner directed that the answer be put in the pages of *The Worldwide News* for all of our readers' benefit.

Let's begin at the beginning. After two weeks of writing, editing, proofreading, laying out and typesetting, paste-ups of the *WN* are hand-carried to a printer near Pasadena. After the paper is printed, the printing firm delivers bound stacks of the *WN* to the *WN*'s Shipping Department.

Now to answer Jennifer's question about distribution.

From the Shipping Department the paper is divided up and sent to different departments on campus, with additional copies shipped to the

Work's overseas offices. Of the 57,500 printed copies, 38,000 are sent to the Work's Postal Center [WN, Aug. 25, 1980], where, according to director Eric Shaw, *The Worldwide News* is mailed by second class postage to members in the United States.

U.S. Church pastors receive their copies by first-class mail, according to Church policy. Two hundred copies are carried to the Ambassador College student center, where students pick up their issues.

A Worldwide link

From the Shipping Department, several thousand copies are sent overseas. Since postage rates are more expensive outside the United States, *The Worldwide News* is distributed a little differently, according to Rod Matthews, manager of the International Office of Ministerial Services.

In Australia and New Zealand,

for example, the copies are bulk-shipped to the Work's offices there, where they are later distributed to local pastors. They, in turn, hand out copies to members after Sabbath services.

The offices in Australia and New Zealand also distribute copies to brethren on the Pacific Islands and in Southeast Asia. Mr. Matthews said.

The British connection

Three thousand copies of the *WN* are sent to the Work's offices in Britain, where they are mailed and distributed to English-speaking brethren in Europe, the Middle East and parts of Africa. Copies are also shipped from Pasadena to the Work's South African and Canadian offices, where individual distribution is made.

Going into every inhabited continent, 2,000 copies of *The Worldwide News* are also sent to the Phil- (See WN, page 9)

Pastor general exhorts nearly 3,000 in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash. — A "human Mt. St. Helens" hit the people of Washington and Oregon in the person of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Feb. 14, said evangelist Dean Blackwell, who accompanied Mr. Armstrong from Tucson.

Speaking to an overflow crowd of 2,700 in the Seattle Convention Center, Mr. Armstrong "vigorously exhorted" the people for more than two hours, Mr. Blackwell reported.

"The air was really charged with excitement. Mr. Armstrong was excited; the brethren were excited — when he drove up to the stage the people rose in a tumultuous standing ovation. It was very evident the people of this Church love and support their apostle."

Powerful message

"He's physically in great shape," Mr. Blackwell added. "He was articulate and powerful in his sermon — he really belted it out and the brethren responded."

The pastor general will travel to major cities every two weeks as circumstances permit, according to evangelist Joseph Tkach, director of Ministerial Services. He said that Mr. Armstrong "feels the responsibility of staying in touch with God's people. He's intent on helping brethren prepare themselves to become the Bride of Christ. And he

wants the personal contact."

Mr. Tkach said that Mr. Armstrong is "committed to strengthening God's Church and Work. He's set himself to making new radio and television programs and now is adding these personal appearances in his busy schedule. He's literally a human dynamo." Mr. Blackwell added, "He's one of a kind — no one can keep up with his pace."

Speaking schedule

Other cities being considered for trips include New York; Detroit, Mich.; Dallas, Tex.; Chicago, Ill.; and other major metropolitan centers in the United States and Canada. Mr. Tkach said.

"He's preaching powerful meat," Mr. Blackwell said. "He's saying some new things, setting strong new courses and directing the people toward God and Christ."

Mr. Blackwell added: "He once remarked privately that God really had His work cut out for Him when He decided to change humans to bring them into His family. Mr. Armstrong is determined to do whatever he can to fulfill his role in this."

Mr. Armstrong was accompanied by his wife Ramona, Leroy and Avon Neff and Mr. Blackwell and his wife Maxine on the flight from Tucson.

Latin American turmoil: trouble for U.S.?

PASADENA — The world is waiting apprehensively to see whether the Soviet Union will intervene in Poland to preserve its foothold in Eastern Europe — Moscow's most critical sphere of interest.

At the same time, the United States is slowly losing ground to Moscow-trained agents within its sphere of strategic interest, the Western Hemisphere.

Washington, under the new Reagan administration, shows signs of coming to life after years of excusing the tactics of Cuba, Nicaragua's Sandinistas and other leftist insurgents. Feb. 12, the United States displayed documents proving that the tons of weapons flowing to the leftist guerrillas in El Salvador are supplied by a worldwide network extending from Moscow variously through Cuba, Nicaragua, North Korea, Vietnam, Ethiopia and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Washington to blame

Tragically, Washington itself is largely responsible for the political deterioration throughout Central America and parts of the Caribbean.

Recent U.S. foreign policy contributed to the destabilization of governments, in the name of promoting "change." This unwittingly gave the green light to Moscow and Havana to act as the prime agents of "change."

In an article in the January, 1981, issue of *Commentary*, America's new ambassador to the United Nations, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, reveals how officials in the previous

administration learned the wrong "lessons" from Vietnam and decided that Washington must never again be on the "wrong side of history." They felt that America must henceforth act with "modesty and restraint" in world affairs.

In other words, Vietnam had shattered the pride in America's power!

Regarding Latin America, Washington no longer wished to view trends there in terms of hemispheric security or traditional U.S. interests. America had shed, said President Carter, its "inordinate fear" of communism; there no longer was an East-West struggle in the Americas, regardless of Cuba's support of the revolutionary left.

Latin America was henceforth treated as part and parcel of the mythical "North-South dialogue."

Abstract, lofty goals such as "fairness," and "human rights" — unattainable in this world — assumed preeminence. Tragically, this policy was tailor-made for Communist insurgents, who found it easier than ever to preempt any movement considered by Washington to be a "popular force."

Thanks to this new outlook, the United States insured the Sandinista victory in Nicaragua. While Fidel Castro was airlifting plane loads of arms to the rebel forces, the U.S. government shut off military assistance to the beleaguered government of Anastasio Somoza.

The rest is history. The new Nicaraguan government has slipped almost totally into the Marxist orbit. National elections won't be

held until at least 1985; the public must first be "reeducated" in the meantime to know how to vote.

The Nicaraguan public now realizes this was not what they bargained for when they rose up en masse against the Somoza dictatorship. The Communists cleverly preempted the revolution. As one lady in Nicaragua said: "We haven't fought for this. We were fighting to get Somoza off our backs. That's why we supported them [the Sandinistas] — not to fall into a nearly 100 percent Communist direction."

El Salvador quagmire

The results in Nicaragua did not dampen the Carter administration's support of "forces of change" elsewhere in Central America, notably El Salvador and Guatemala.

What is happening in El Salvador is no civil war, as the press carelessly presents it. The public at large is sick and tired of the violence, which claimed 9,000 lives last year.

There are differences between Nicaragua and El Salvador. In El Salvador, rulership did not take the *Personalismo* form as in the case of Mr. Somoza's government. Neither was there a groundswell of public support to remove the old regime despite inequities within the country.

The issue was rather the attempt on the part of the radical left to ride the tide of *Sandinismo* into power.

What El Salvador is experiencing, one source close to the scene told me, "is not civil war; it is terrorism and vandalism." Crops are torched in the field; terrorists con-

duct daylight robberies in the cities; buses are stopped, passengers told to leave, the vehicles set to flame.

Young people are kidnapped and forced to join the terrorist brigades. Hideous atrocities — dismembered bodies — are commonplace.

The popular press has spectacularized the incidents of right-wing reactionary violence by those opposed to central government's attempts at peaceful economic and land reform. The far more volatile terrorism is from the left.

This terrorism assumed a panicky, indiscriminate form when the government's land reform policies

can societies, unlike middle-class U.S., there is precious little center ground. In El Salvador the government rests on a narrow, shifting sandbar of unsupported, conflicting moderate factions, constantly assailed by tides from the left and the right (who are embittered over the loss of land and control of the economy). In the long run the risky U.S. experiment can't last.

Rose-colored glasses

Ambassador Kirkpatrick states that it is time for the United States to begin "thinking more realistically about the politics of Latin America, about the alternatives to existing governments."

The previous administration, she stresses, "underestimated the fragility of order in these societies and

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BY GENE H. HOGBERG



stripped the leftists of their *causa celebre*. The only option left to them was to try to shoot their way into power. ("First we will win the war, then we will win the people," said one guerrilla.)

For the time being, an all-out leftist offensive in El Salvador has been blunted. Mr. Reagan has promised military assistance for the shaky central government there. But much damage has been wrought already.

Again, the United States bears much of the blame. The United States, following its policy of non-support for "outmoded dictatorships," encouraged the coup d'etat in October, 1979, that brought a "moderate" military-civilian junta into power.

The problem is, in Latin Ameri-

overestimated the ease with which authority, once undermined, can be restored. . . . [I] could not grasp the problem of governments which became the object of revolutionary violence."

It is no understatement that with Nicaragua lost, El Salvador has become the watershed country of Central America. Should the tiny, densely populated nation fall to the radical left, the communist tide will be hard to stem. At stake are other Central American dominoes — Guatemala, Honduras, Belize, Costa Rica and Panama.

The relinquishing of U.S. sovereign control of the Panama Canal — now handling more ships than ever — looms as the most serious U.S. blunder of all in the spreading chaos in Central America.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Western civilization tends to encourage us to seek after material goods more than anything else. It is important to earn more money in order to acquire more property, a swimming pool, more clothes or a second car. These signs of wealth are a source of prestige.

Television commercials make us believe that there are all kinds of things we must have in order to be happy. This world's education and our whole environment compel us to acquire more things and prestige.

On the other hand, within our society are also those people who are struck by misfortune, tragically wounded by an accident or sickness, frustrated by lack of love, lonely or rejected.

And acting as a bridge between the two worlds are various charitable organizations: "Would you like to help build a home for the handicapped or in furthering cancer research?" "Would you like to contribute to this organization or that organization?" There are collections for the unfortunate around the world. Everywhere people are asking for funds for worthy causes.

Moved by persuasive speakers or perhaps by a bad conscience after seeing the misery of others on television, we in the Western world sit down on our comfortable couches and write out a check.

We give up some of our money so that others may have a little more. These forms of giving can be very worthwhile, but they can also be an escape.

A few years ago in Australia a friend and I visited a prospective member. The visit took us to the heart of the inner city. As we were entering the building we saw an elderly woman begging. We did not have any money with us.

My friend stooped in front of the woman, looked directly into her eyes and said, "I am sorry, but I do not have any money." But he said this with such tenderness that the eyes of the elderly woman lit up. For the first time someone had really looked at her, was concerned for her as a person. She looked gently and gratefully at my friend, for she had just experienced a moment of deep joy.

It is good to give money to those needy individuals we do not know, but not for the purpose of justifying failure to reach out to the wounded person close to us. It is far better to personally say by your gestures and facial expressions, "I am concerned about you."

Where does it come from, this capacity to share another's grief or feel another's pain? I remember hearing a sermon on that most famous of all compassion stories, the parable of the good Samaritan. What made the Samaritan respond when the other travelers who saw that crumpled figure on the road to Jericho simply walk by on the other side?

There were three character traits that made the good Samaritan the way he was, the minister pointed out. The first was empathy, the projection of one's own consciousness into another being. When the Samaritan saw the battered victim lying there, he didn't merely observe him, he became a part of him. This identification was so strong that when he went to help the man, he was helping part of himself.

The second was courage. Those who walked by were afraid, afraid of anything strange, afraid of getting involved, afraid that the robbers might come back. The Samaritan

had the courage to push those fears aside, to translate caring into real action.

The third trait was the habit of helping. This was no isolated incident in the Samaritan's life. Through the years he had trained himself to respond affirmatively to other's needs. How? In the same way any of us can, not so much by heroic sacrifice, but by the endless repetition of small efforts.

By going the extra mile. By giving someone in trouble a hand — if you can. At work and in our neighborhood (dare I say even in our local church, maybe even in our own home?) are broken hearts and lives, people suffering from deep-felt needs. We rub shoulders with hurting, lonely people daily. Do we practice Zechariah 7:9-10.

Compassion — the word means "suffering with" — is lacking in all of us. Lack of real compassion is dangerous to our spiritual health.

When were you last "moved with compassion"? To find out if we lack compassion we might ask ourselves how we react when we hear that one of our friends or Christian brothers or sisters, young or old, is ill.

Is our attitude one of "so what," or are we moved with compassion to pray and even fast for that person's recovery? When we hear of others in need because of disaster or misfortune, do we say, "well they deserve it," God must be teaching them a lesson, or I don't have time to bother with their problems, I have problems of my own?

And what about our enemies? Do we have compassion on them and pray for them daily even though they continue to wrong us?

Remember, it was compassion that caused God to send Christ into our world. It was compassion that caused Christ to die for our sins. Significantly "bowels of mercies," or compassion, is the first of the "things that are above" that Paul tells us to seek (Colossians 3:1, 12).

From compassion flows kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forgiveness. These virtues are various expressions of love, which bind everything in perfect harmony (verse 14).

Letters TO THE EDITOR

International scope

It's so easy to forget that other countries . . . are so vastly different. But this paper helps to bring these differences to light and makes us really appreciate the varieties of human life and the unique individuality of each and every person in God's Church.

It also helps us to realize that our brethren around the world have many different hardships — some of which we in the United States have never before encountered. It is truly an inspiration to see our members combat and overcome each of their ordeals.

Tawanda Ray
Hamilton, Ala.

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W/N helpful

The *Worldwide News* has been so helpful to us in every area: articles on marriage; teenage problems; child rearing; Christian living; news about the Work; God's servant, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong; understanding about doctrines; news of the Church . . . I can go on and on.

Keep up the good work and continue to work together for a worthy cause.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robinson
Nassau, Bahamas

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Thanks Mr. Armstrong

We are thankful for your articles in *The Worldwide News*. We are thrilled with the advertisements that appear also.

Marjorie L. Hillman
Southfield, Mich.

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Enormous impact

Just a little note to express my appreciation for *The Worldwide News*. I'm sure you really can't imagine what an enormous impact the W/N has on the members of the Church. How wonderfully inspiring to read of the growth of the Church around the world. To be kept informed of the activities, plans and

hopes of the Work is very rewarding when the Work is the center of our life.

Tony N. McClendon
Albertville, Ala.

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Full-page ads

Your efforts help us realize the many problems that our brethren around the world face continuously, enabling us to pray for them in more detail.

We really enjoy being able to read Mr. Armstrong's full-page ads from *The Wall Street Journal*. Please continue reprinting these ads so all the brethren can see what God is saying to the businessmen of the country.

We greatly appreciate Mr. Rader's "Forum." It answers many questions and gives the "inside story."

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Benizio
Belle Vernon, Pa.

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FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

The following is excerpted from a Sept. 8, 1980, interview between Church treasurer Stanley R. Rader and John Siegenthaler of television station WDCN in Nashville, Tenn.

Hello, I'm John Siegenthaler, and this week on *A Word on Words* our guest is going to be Stanley Rader. Stanley Rader is a lawyer, an accountant, he's a minister, and he's been involved in one of the great struggles involving the First Amendment and the church.

His book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, is what we're going to be talking about this week on *A Word on Words*. Join us with Stanley Rader and *Against the Gates of Hell*.

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Once again welcome to *A Word on Words*. This evening we are going to be talking about church freedom. We're going to be talking about the Constitution. We're going to be talking about a controversial religious fight that involves the World-wide Church of God.

Herbert Armstrong is really the founder of this Church. And the man who is our guest tonight is Stanley Rader. I suppose it's fair to call you a protege of Herbert Armstrong.

Yes, I think so. Your book, *Against the Gates of Hell*, tells about a brutal conflict between your Church and the state of California, the attorney general's office in California and your insistence that the efforts by the attorney general to take over that church was a violation of the First Amendment, which separates church and state.

Let me begin by asking you where you begin with the story. One morning a couple years back, you were in California, you decided to play tennis that morning instead of going to the office as you usually do.

And without notice a receiver appointed by the state of California moved in and tried to physically take over the assets of the Church, the books of the Church, the offices of the Church.

Actually, it was even more than that, of course. He arrived on the scene with armed guards, deputies from the sheriff's office, people from the attorney general's office, all carrying badges and guns.

They threatened our people with arrest if they didn't cooperate. They pointed a revolver at one pregnant woman and told her if she didn't do what they wanted her to do it would be very bad for her. She said, well, so shoot me.

And they simply came in and said things that they now wish they hadn't said. Remember, we are now almost 20 months later. But they said all the property of the Church belongs to the state of California anyway. Consequently, there was nothing for us to fight about.

They said that Mr. Armstrong, who although the modern leader of this Church at what we call its Philadelphia era, was no longer in charge. He had been removed by the state because all church officials, directors and employees work by leave of the will of the state.

And that I was no longer employed, and that the board of directors had been removed and that the Church was going to be changed from a hierarchical structure to something they thought would be better, to wit, a congregationalist system, because this is a democracy.

Now it has been brought on because some of the dissidents of the Church, some members who for a variety of reasons didn't like the way things were going on.

It's my perception they probably didn't like you, they saw you as maybe a manipulative agent. They thought, Mr. Armstrong is now in his 80s, he lives in Tucson, you are there on the scene, so they went and

said a number of things.

One, that you and Mr. Armstrong were paying yourselves enormously. They said that you were draining off the resources of the Church, that you were selling the property of the Church and that the Church was really a charitable trust. And that's a legal term, and I don't know how deeply we want to get into that, probably a little later on we will have to address it.

But basically they said, if you are going to save our Church, if you are going to save its funds, its resources and its spiritual impetus, you are going to have to move in and take over now.

That isn't really what was said at all, but that is what the media perceived because of the way that the actual pleadings were handled.

Actually, six dissident, former members allowed their names to be used. Three never said anything, filed no affidavits whatsoever. The other three said only the following. One man who had never been employed said he had heard from somebody who in turn had heard that we were destroying our records.

His wife, who had never been employed or in any way had contact with the Work as a lay organization under Jesus Christ, said she was a real estate broker and had heard that we were selling off some properties below fair market value.

The third man had worked for a short time as a maintenance man. He said he knew that we were using expensive copper plumbing in our Auditorium and that we had recently purchased a chandelier for \$7,500. He never mentioned the \$250,000 chandelier in the Auditorium. That's all that was said by the dissidents.

But an attorney in the attorney general's office sat down and in an unverified complaint, meaning not

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subject to the penalties of perjury, and just citing other information and belief, not based upon any affidavits that he had, he said that Mr. Armstrong and I had pilfered and siphoned millions of dollars every year for our own benefit.

We were destroying our records to cover up our nefarious scheme. We were selling off properties at less than fair market value in furtherance of that scheme. And the crux was that we were about to sell a piece of property worth \$30 million for \$10 million.

We disproved all of the three last items in court six days later, disproved it even though we had no duty to prove it ourselves. And finally, the first charge the attorney general as recently as three weeks ago in an address to the assembly when he was fighting the Petris bill, said this has never been a question of theft.

Nobody has stolen anything. He said this is simply a question of whether or not I, as the attorney general representing the state of California, would agree with the way the funds of this Church had been spent. And I have the duty and the power and the right to supervise church activities, and to monitor them in the state of California.

Now, let me deal briefly with a matter that is personal, but one you

have addressed very candidly in other forums and in the book.

Your salary plus fringe benefits amounted to \$300,000 over the last couple of years. You did sell a home that the Church helped provide you at a profit, as I read it, of more than \$1 million. If that's not correct, you correct me.

But, when I say that there may have been some Church members who objected to you and who saw you as sort of a manipulative agent moving Mr. Armstrong, who is elderly, you say, absolutely not.

How much did your own lifestyles, your own income, your own, as they would say profiteering, have to do with this movement first of all by these six dissidents. How much did that have to do with what the attorney general ultimately did?

I don't think it had much to do with it at all. First of all, I had been a

And lo and behold, everyone has found out that I'm not too unpopular either. That doesn't necessarily work too well for my own personal benefit, but they found out that I wasn't as disliked as they thought.

Well, you tell of the turmoil that occurred when the receiver appointed by the court moved in, physically took over the property, exercised physical force in some instances.

There was a countermovement by members of the Church who came one day, conducted a sit-in and kept the receiver for a period from coming in. Worked out a compromise, and when the compromise didn't work they pulled another sit-in. So you are right. There is no doubt that there is support for Herbert Armstrong and support for you among the members of the Church.

things about this Church before he comes in. Therefore, the chances of anyone really complaining about things in our Church is very slim.

The attorney general was clever, though. He knew that what was not true in our case was true elsewhere, that other people do not get information of that type, vis-a-vis the other churches.

He wasn't trying just to destroy us or bend us to his will. He was also trying to create a legal precedent for the proposition that he would be the person as self-designated religious arbiter for the state of California, so that all people who were dissatisfied with the way churches were being governed or the way churches were carrying on their activities, could be policed by the state. It was strictly a power play of state vs. church.

Well, the natural question that comes to mind is, why would a state

"He arrived on the scene with armed guards . . . They threatened our people with arrest if they didn't cooperate. They pointed a revolver at one pregnant woman and told her if she didn't do what they wanted her to do, it would be very bad for her. She said, well, so shoot me."



very high earner all of my life, and I had earned these sums prior to becoming a member of the Church. I have only been a member for five years. I have only been a member of the hierarchy for one year. I've only been an employee or an officer or a director of the Church for five years.

When I gave up all of my other activities, my legal practice, my accounting practice, any other activities that I had, at the suggestion of the Church and Mr. Armstrong, we sat down and we decided what would be necessary to provide me, in order to make that possible, just as though they were hiring somebody else off the street, but they wanted me.

And so my income was never a problem. What was a problem for some people was in 1975 I went from nonmember to member. That bothered some people.

Now you had been associated with the Church prior to that professionally. You'd been his adviser, his accountant, his counsel.

And I had about as much sway

Let me ask however, do Church members under this Constitution of ours, the First Amendment to the Constitution separating church and state, do Church members have no recourse at civil law.

I know what you say in the book about criminal penalties, but if members think that the Church is being mismanaged, if they have reason to believe that leaders are being, say, overpaid as some thought you were, or may have thought you were, is there no remedy in civil law?

There is a remedy. As a matter of fact, everyone clearly knows that there's a remedy and that's another way that the attorney general of our state tried to mislead the public, and the media and the courts.

The California legislature, as I mentioned, has just recently passed the bill stripping the attorney general of the very powers he has asserted over churches. Because they recognize that there were adequate remedies in all parts of the civil code of California and the criminal code to protect the public and anyone against any person who violates the criminal law, as well as to protect the members.

But, when you come into court seeking a civil remedy, you're going to have to be able to show that the things that were done were things different from what you had expected would be done, or contrary to what you knew was being done.

In other words, it's not going to be enough to come into court as a member and say, I came into the Church, I tithed \$10,000 over a period of 10 years and I knew what Mr. Armstrong was doing in preaching the Gospel worldwide.

I knew about the fine buildings in Pasadena. I knew about the salaries, I knew about this and that, but now I've decided I don't like it anymore. This is not the true Church, I want my money back. No court would listen to that kind of argument.

In other words, you're going to have to prove your case. You're going to have to prove that you in some way unfairly were dealt with, and justifiably relied on things totally contrary to what you had expected.

That would never be the case in our Church, because we are one of the most open churches in the world. We report fully to our members weekly and monthly and also from the pulpit every Saturday, because we have an unbelievable churchgoing Church.

Furthermore, every person is supposed to prove all things before he comes into the Church. The average Church member takes at least three years before he comes into the Church.

He proves all things about the Bible to himself and proves all

attorney general want to do such a thing? You suggest three or four reasons in the book. One, this was just immediately after Jonestown, Guyana. The complaint came at about the time that was frightening everybody in this country.

You even suggested it might have been personal, that Mr. [Lawrence R.] Tapper [deputy attorney general] was in your law school class and you were high and he was low, in the bowels of the class, as someone said.

The Los Angeles [Calif.] Times used graphic language about the deputy attorney general who was in charge at the moment, having come from the bowels of the class, the same class I was No. 1 in. But that just gives a little personal interest and personal animus.

For years there had been a charitable trust division in the California attorney general's office, very aggressive, which had made repeated efforts, not too well disguised, to assert jurisdiction over churches. They had never been successful.

And then when the legislature passed a new bill, which became section 9230 of the nonprofit corporation code, immediately following that Jonestown incident, that seemed to them to be a signal from the legislature and maybe the courts that churches were to fall within the domain of charitable trusts, and hence, the attorney general had the power. Now the Petris bill, Senate Bill 1493, just simply wipes away 9230.

What about his role of excommunication? I'm not sure that there are many people maybe outside the Roman Catholic discipline who really appreciate what that's all about. How can one be separated from God by the order of another?

The Bible makes it very plain that this is a major ultimate weapon the Church has to use in neutralizing people who would otherwise spread the seeds of discord.

You say, it's more than a suggestion, that Herbert Armstrong is the apostle of God, designated by God and that his successor, whether it's Stanley Rader or somebody else, is going to be picked by God. Now tell me the process by which that takes place.

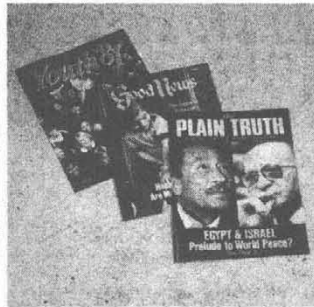
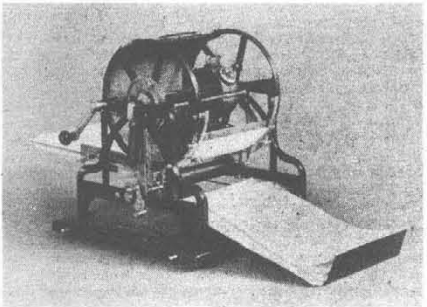
Process, I would imagine if it were to ever take place . . . Well, he's going to die, we know this.

Yes, but we don't believe that we'll ever have to have such a process, because we believe firmly that he will be permitted by God, a living God, to complete the Work that God gave him to do. And that's the way God has always acted if you look throughout the Bible.

If for any chance we have in one (See FORUM, page 11)



STAFF AT WORK — Clockwise from upper left: Tom Mahan, production control manager, and his assistant Mariys Strommen schedule a job; graphics artist Sharon Peters prepares a layout; Heather Olson, operating a video display terminal, sets type, while Larry Miller feeds data into the computer; the first volume of *The Plain Truth* was printed by Herbert W. Armstrong on a Neostyle press in 1934. [Photos by Scott Smith]



Publishing staff pulls together to back Mr. Armstrong, Church

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — An idea became reality in February, 1934, when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong hand-cranked a simple Neostyle press to publish *The Plain Truth* magazine. Since then the Work's Publishing Services Department has grown phenomenally with publications ranging from concert tickets to full-color magazines.

Now, about 80 technicians produce in one year a volume of litera-

ture, which, if placed end to end, would encircle the globe two times, according to Roger Lippross, production director.

These 80 artisans support Mr. Armstrong in carrying Christ's end-time message to the world by publishing the Work's magazines, booklets, the Correspondence Course and *The Worldwide News*.

Mr. Armstrong's books

In 1980, Publishing Services pro-

duced up-to-date versions of Mr. Armstrong's books, *The Incredible Human Potential*, *A Voice Cries Out*, *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, *The Missing Dimension in Sex* and *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Publishing Services employees serve more than 70 departments in the Work. Last year they produced nearly 2.5 million booklets and 26 million magazines in five languages, according to Mr. Lippross.

Production control

From the time a manuscript prepared by the Editorial Services Department reaches Publishing, production control works closely with the customer and schedules all jobs, to ensure they are completed as required by the customer.

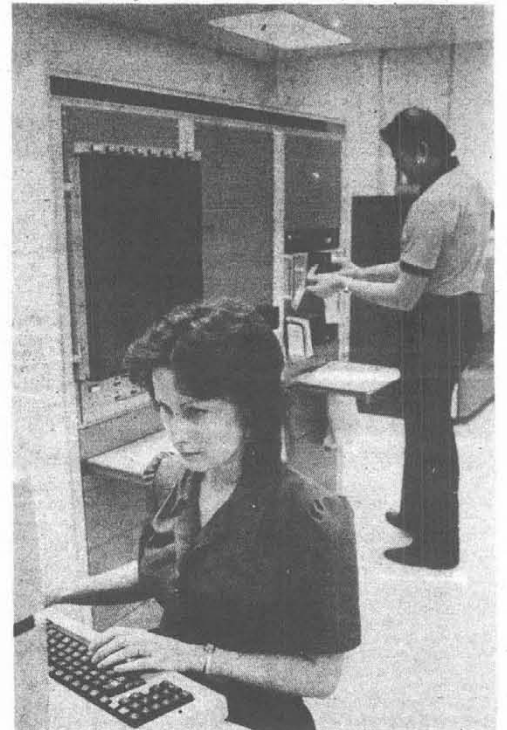
Layouts, pictures and copy for *The Plain Truth* are first priority. Other jobs are scheduled around the magazine.

Design graphics

From production control the manuscript moves into graphics and composing. The graphics departments make ideas come alive in creative designs, artwork and layouts. *Plain Truth* insert cards, booklets and other promotional material are designed according to Mr. Armstrong's time-tested advertising guidelines.

While most jobs are handled in the Ambassador Publishing complex, major publications like *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* are designed and laid out by artists in Editorial Services.

Design graphics personnel also



produce Mr. Armstrong's newspaper advertisements. "His ads in various editions of *The Wall Street Journal* reach up to two and three million readers in any given week," said Terry Warren, design graphics manager.

Composition

In the composing department the manuscript and original layout are turned into print.

Using sophisticated, high-speed computers, composing provides customers with complete typesetting, proofreading and art services. Composing room operators type copy on video display terminals with television-type screens. Other operators work in Editorial Services typesetting *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News* using on-line computer terminals.

"The computerized typesetting system outputs type at the rate of approximately 1,200 words per minute," said Jim Church, composition and systems manager.

The multifaceted computer can store more than 160 million characters in English, Spanish, French, German, Dutch, Portuguese, Dan-

ish and Afrikaans," he continued. "The feasibility of using satellite transmission is currently being studied," said Don Patrick, supervisor of composition and systems. "By satellite our overseas offices could transmit manuscripts at almost 1,000 characters per second."

The original manuscript, now in page form, is one step closer to the mailbox. Next comes film negatives and color separations by outside printers.

Press

From a color photograph, four negatives are produced to represent the four colors of printing — yellow, red, blue and black. Presses then print each color on top of the other to re-create the original panorama of color in the photograph.

When negatives reach the Work's film assembly department, they are arranged into the particular format required for platemaking and later, printing.

Film assemblers must be accurate to within one one-thousandth of an inch, or the microscopic dot patterns will be blurred or low quality.

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PASTE-UP — Leonard Olive arranges copy and artwork for filmmaking. [Photo by Scott Smith]



FINAL STAGES — Jerry Frazier, left, arranges a camera-ready layout to make a film negative; Dale Machi uses a magnifier to line up yellow, red, blue and black negatives in film assembly; and Phil Anderson inspects the finished product printed on a two-color Heidelberg PerfeCTOR press. [Photos by Scott Smith]



AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

JERUSALEM DIG

The second contingent of Ambassador students to participate in the City of David Archaeological Project was announced by faculty member Richard Paige Jan. 27.

Twenty-five students were chosen for the "dig," and will depart for Jerusalem June 29.

Mr. Paige visited Jerusalem during the recent winter break to make arrangements for participation in the "dig" this summer.

The 25 students are: John Andrews, Renae Bechthold, Sandi Borax, Kathy Brunz, Bob Caudle, Gary Childers, Bruce Dague, Peter Eddington, Wade Fransson, Ruel Guerrero, Phil Hopwood, Sue Kopy, Maria Kosior, Mike McAllister, David Mosby, Sylvia Owen, Cheryl Pierson, Jacky Ramsey, Lisa

Ransdell, Mike Rasmussen, David Strong, Kathy Taylor, Peggy Warkentin, Terry Wieclawski and Greg Williams.

STUDENTS TAKE PART IN MPC COURSE

The Mail Processing Center instituted a student training program this semester, according to department director Richard Rice. Nine seniors are involved in the pilot program, which will be offered as a college credit course next school year, if approved by Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong.

Mr. Rice said that in the past many students worked in the Mail Processing area, gaining valuable training in Personal Correspondence, Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines and Terminal Operations.

Clarence Huse, director of

Personal Correspondence, will oversee the program, and the students will be instructed by him. Mr. Rice and the respective department heads. Participants in the program, who are employed up to 20 hours a week are: James Capo, John Curry, Marty Davey, Steve Elliot, Rob Gordon, John Knaack, Steve LeBlanc, Dennis Milner and Gary Shaffer.

SINGLE SENIOR CITIZENS EVENING

Fifty-two widowers and widows in the Pasadena area were wined, dined and entertained at a Single Senior Citizens Evening Jan. 18, put on by Ambassador College Outreach.

The theme of the evening was "Le Cafe International," featuring French cuisine served by students in the faculty dining room from the various Outreach divisions. Evangelist Dibar Apartian of the French Department spoke on age, a "mind over matter" situation.

Dinner was followed by entertainment in the Fine Arts Recital Hall, where students performed international songs, dances and drama. A reception followed, for the guests to meet the entertainers and servers.

Outreach director Barry Dixon was pleased with the project. "We could tell from the beaming faces of our guests that it was a true success, and that God blessed the entire evening," he said.

Outreach is an all-Ambassador student volunteer organization that provides entertainment, visiting and service projects in the Church and community.

FUND RAISERS

A check for \$19,999 was presented to Housing Officer Marvin Plakut by Marshall Wilkings of Olympic Concessions



SENIOR CITIZENS NIGHT — Pasadena widows are escorted by members of Ambassador College Outreach to watch entertainment in the campus Fine Arts Recital Hall. Outreach sponsored a single senior citizens evening for them Jan. 18. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

at a forum Jan. 27. This was the amount earned by students selling concessions at the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1, and at Victory Park the following day where Rose Parade floats were viewed. An additional \$5,322 was raised selling programs at the Rose Parade.

Mr. Plakut said the money will pay for many student body activities. Students participated in a department store inventory Jan. 13 and earned \$1,600. The money was put into a fund to provide spending money for Ambassador students involved in

the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand (ACEPT).

On Jan. 25, \$4,000 was raised for the student body when 150 students answered phones during a UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) telethon.

Student Body President Gary Shaffer explained that the student body was taking advantage of every opportunity to build up the student fund, because the next two Rose Bowl games will conflict with the Sabbath.



SLIP-GLIDING AWAY — Ambassador College students slide downhill on inner tubes at a snowline party Feb. 3 in the San Bernardino Mountains near Pasadena. [Photo by John Curry]

A Voice Cries Out: WHY The American Living Standard Is Going Down!

We are in or close to world chaos!
One factor is the rise and fall of the
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IT'S TIME we awaken to CAUSES! Human survival has become the world's No. 1 problem.

What brought the world to this frightening brink of human extinction? What brought on the myriad problems, upheavals and evils that engulf the world? And, paradoxically, amid awesome progress?

It's easy to become so engrossed in the day-to-day activities that we overlook underlying impending disasters. It's no time to fiddle while America and the world are burning!

Look now to one serious contributing factor—the 20th-century rise and now impending fall of the American standard of living. No nation ever ascended to the high living standard this nation has enjoyed!

But why? How did we come by it? What have we done with it? What basic CAUSES threaten to bring us low now?

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Living standards in other industrial nations have been rising. Ours is on the way down!

It is a competitive world. The way of "GET" is the impelling motive! And "GET" is the overall CAUSE of all world troubles and evils!

Abraham Lincoln knew, and said, we Americans did not come to our unprecedented prosperity and affluence of our own efforts. The Great God bestowed it on us—and is holding us ACCOUNTABLE! We have not used this unearned material birth-right according to God's basic spiritual law

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On Jan. 6, 1914, I was sent as an editorial representative of a national magazine to Detroit to interview Henry Ford about his sensational \$5-a-day wage scale announced the day before. I saw Mr. Ford at the then Highland Avenue plant. But for details I also saw John R. Lee, head of the Sociological Department. It had been Mr. Lee's brainchild and he administered it.

"I understand," I began, "you are now paying the highest wage scale in the automobile industry."

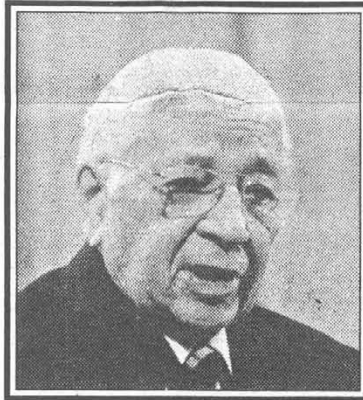
"On the contrary," came the surprising reply, "we are paying the lowest."

Astonished, I asked, "Are you not now paying \$5 per day for an eight-hour day, while the union scale at other plants is \$3.75 for a nine-hour day?"

"Correct," Mr. Lee replied, "but we don't evaluate what we pay in terms of dollars per man-hour, but what we get for what we pay."

Then he explained that Ford alone had production large enough to shift to the assembly-line system. This enabled the company to set the pace of worker production.

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This mass machine production soared industrial profits. But labor leaders were not going to allow capital and management to reap all the luscious benefits. Labor wars ensued. No longer was a single industry a united team of employer and employee. Of course capital and management was out to "GET" all it could by expanded profits from mass machine production. But labor, too, was out to "GET" all it could.

The "GET" incentive led to competition—too often to strife and violence—between the two divisions of the same company or industry.

It is enormously significant that in those years American mass production enjoyed lower actual production costs because of mass machine production. Other nations could not compete. With labor getting its full share of the enlarged prosperity pie, THE AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING SOARED TO A HIGH NEVER ATTAINED BY ANY PEOPLE IN WORLD HISTORY! A huge middle and upper-middle class emerged in the United States.

But Europeans, in due time, provided for themselves a mass market by the European Economic Community, the "Common Mar-

ket." Soon Europe was competing in mass production by the assembly-line system—but with low-cost labor. Postwar Japan followed suit. America now faced a new international competition—European and Japanese assembly-line mass machine production with low-cost labor, against U.S. production with high-cost labor.

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It's time we WAKE UP—and THINK! This is no impractical or superstitious maudlin religious statement. It is the hard cold facts that stare us in the face!

We are going to be made to pay for our transgressions of the basic spiritual LAW of life set in just as relentless motion as the power of gravity!

Then, not because we deserve it, that super strong "Unseen Hand from Someplace" is going to intervene, and save this beloved country—and the world—from ourselves! It will not be done by us, but to us—ushering in the utopian WORLD TOMORROW—world peace, happiness, universal well-being, eternal salvation for all who will!

The time has come! A voice cries out! You have been told! Your acceptance or rejection will not alter what is about to happen!



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Pastor General
Worldwide Church of God

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Thirty-eight AUCKLAND, New Zealand, brethren camped out in Urewera National Park Jan. 1 through 10. Despite rain over most of the park, the brethren enjoyed sunshine in their camp, much to the surprise of the forest ranger. *Russell and Jeanette Kells.*

Brethren of the BELFAST, Northern Ireland, church enjoyed an evening meal together Dec. 22. During the social that followed, adults and children took part in a variety of games, ranging from musical statues to tug-of-war. Later there was dancing, followed by a final round of games for the children. *Billy Huston.*

The BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., churches enjoyed an International Day and Junior YOU variety show Jan. 10. After services the Junior YOU had two Bible bowls for ages 6 and 7 and 8 to 12. Afterward, several people changed into costumes of foreign nations, and the ladies prepared a potluck dinner featuring specialties from all over the world. The highlight of the evening was the variety show presented by the Junior YOU, during which the children sang, danced, recited poems and played the piano. *Greg Lulkowski.*

Members of the BIRMINGHAM, England, church began a social evening Jan. 24 with a potluck. Members presented musical pieces, comedy acts, participative games and a quiz. *Paul Roberts.*

The BISMARCK, DICKINSON and MINOT, N.D., churches had a costume party Jan. 10. Children enjoyed a variety of games and activities, including breaking a pinata. Ribbons were awarded for the most original and most unusual costumes, and the best-coordinated family. Burt Daly won an award for the costume that most improved his looks. A potluck and entertainment show were provided for the party enthusiasts. *Ronald L. Geisman.*

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse spoke to the German-speaking brethren in BONN, HAMBURG, HANNOVER, DUESSELDORF and DARMSTADT, West Germany, Jan. 13 through Jan. 22. He then went to Salzburg, Austria, and on to Basel and Zurich, Switzerland. He spoke to the Paris congregation Jan. 24, finishing his current speaking schedule.

The CALGARY, Alta., NORTH and SOUTH churches had their annual combined Sabbath services and potluck social Jan. 10. Pastor George Patrickson ordained Ed Gray as deacon and Trevor Cherry as local elder. The potluck was served by Alex Smithson, Glenda Raessler, Shirley Stedman and other volunteers. Ernie Von Hollen organized games and activities for all ages. While the preteens enjoyed a Walt Disney film, the ministers and wives played a volleyball tournament against the YOU all-stars, which the all-stars won five games to three. *Dave Robinson.*

The men in the CHADRON, Neb., area played host to a pancake lunch following services Jan. 24. The men prepared, cooked and served the meal that included waffles, pancakes, smoked turkey and scrambled eggs. Services were conducted by Gene Watkins, a minister visiting from the Sheridan, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., area, while pastor Steve Buchanan was in Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Chadron has a twice-a-month Bible study to save about 40 brethren the 200-mile round trip to Rapid City, S.D. *Doug Johanson.*

The CLEVELAND, Ohio, brethren had a winter carnival Jan. 18 at the Brecksville High School Cafeteria with the theme "6001: A Space Carnival." More than 200 "carnists" enjoyed games such as Galactic Gnip Gnop, Space Invaders and the Kingdom Cata-pult. Refreshments included Lunaburgers, Space Dogs and Cosmic Punch. *Jeff Smith.*

The DES MOINES, Iowa, church had a Japanese social Jan. 4 at the Vittoria Lodge. Japanese decorations filled the hall and Japanese music was played. Several members dressed in Japanese clothing. The event started with a variety show, featuring singing, dancing, piano playing and comedy acts. After the show, dinner was served, which included several Japanese dishes. The main event following the meal was dancing. Music and dances from the '20s to the '80s were enjoyed. More entertainment was pro-

vided in the way of old-time movies and games. *Mark Day.*

The DUBLIN, Ireland, brethren heard evangelist Gerald Waterhouse speak Jan. 3. Minister Brian Bedlow presented Mr. Waterhouse with a gift of Waterford crystal on behalf of the church. Extra refreshments were served. *Brendan Behan.*

A mixed social was enjoyed by the DUBLIN, Ireland, congregation after Sabbath services Jan. 10. A children's fancy-dress parade was won by Peter Leonard. Pastor Mark Ellis and his wife came out tops in a Mr. and Mrs. contest, in which couples were asked their opinions on their respective partner's likes, dislikes, observations and habits. Dancing and a quiz completed the activities. *Henry Cooper.*

"A Touch of Class" was the theme of the winter social enjoyed by EVANSVILLE, Ind., brethren Jan. 17. Besides dancing, refreshments and fellowship, the members enjoyed a talent show, with acts ranging from a children's choir directed by Henrietta Kissel, to a recitation by Bessie Shaw. The show was coordinated by Chuck Eades and the social by Don Benningfield. *Kathy Duncan.*

After services Jan. 10 the brethren of the FLORENCE, Ala., church surprised local elder Roland Stanley and his wife Shelba and deacon Billy Joe Campbell and his wife Mary Ann with gifts of appreciation. Anniversary clocks and brass candleholders were presented by pastor Lawson J. Tuck on behalf of the congregation. Mr. Tuck read a poem written by his wife Joan, expressing gratitude to the Stanleys and Campbells for their service to the church. *Jan C. Old.*

A special Sabbath was enjoyed by the FORT WAYNE, Ind., church Jan. 25. In an effort to help all in the area attend, a contribution was collected to pay for gas for those unable to attend each week. After the sermonette by Mel Brady and a piano solo by Diane Carr, pastor Steve Smith spoke. After the spiritual meal, a physical meal followed, with six tables full of food. *Ginny Martin.*

The church choir of GARDEN GROVE, Calif., had its annual banquet Jan. 17. A potluck dinner was followed by skits and songs performed by the choir members. Jerry Andrews was master of ceremonies, and the show included Arliss Gambil with "And That's the Truth," an original song by Art Gambil, pantomimes by Mr. and Mrs. Earle Stanwood, songs by choir members and director Dan Salcedo and a comedy sketch by Dan Rowe. The choir wished farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dominguez, who now live in Longmont, Colo., after 10 years in the area. *Dan Rowe.*

Following Sabbath services Jan. 10 the GAYLORD, Mich., brethren enjoyed a potluck and then watched the movie *Lassie Come Home*, as they munched on popcorn provided by the YOU. *J. Sumner.*

The GIPPSLAND, Australia, church enjoyed a social night Jan. 24 sponsored by YOU. First on the agenda was a Bible quiz, with questions and answers supplied by Kerry Gubb. The quiz was followed by hot soup and socializing. Then came the screening of the film *The Auditorium*, which was followed by hot dogs and drinks served by YOU. The last item for the night was *The Young Ambassadors* film. Bruce Greenaway then closed the night by giving thanks to the organizers and to YOU. *Sandra Inger.*

Brethren of the GLOUCESTER, England, church enjoyed a social Jan. 10. Dorothy Jarvis and Basil Harris organized games for the children and adults, with Beverly Clark and Andrea Symonds providing masks and hats. The Clark family supplied a general knowledge contest, which Ray Bunting won for the adults and Maryann Bedford for the children. A meal of sausages, mashed potatoes and baked beans was followed by ice cream and cakes. *Olive Willis.*

The GREENSBORO, N.C., brethren rejoiced together at a family night Jan. 17. The evening began with a spaghetti dinner. The Spokesman Club provided entertainment with one-minute impromptu speeches, ranging from "How to Change a Diaper" to "The First Resurrection." The rest of the evening there were games for the children, cards, bingo, and a log-sawing contest. *Picki Hari.*

Ninety-five people attended the inaugural service at the HUNTINGTON, W. Va., church Jan. 24 in the Red Man Lodge. Members came from neighboring parts of Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. A potluck luncheon took place after services. Steven Botha is the pastor,

and Timothy Snyder is the associate pastor. *Z. Harlean Botha.*

The HUNTSVILLE, Ala., congregation had a day of appreciation Jan. 10 for local elder and Mrs. Gerald C. Cook, deacon and deaconess Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Holladay, deacons Joseph Montano, Bobby Doss and Tommy Keith and their wives. Each couple received a corsage and boutonniere, and after services pastor Jim Tuck presented each couple with an anniversary clock as a token of love and appreciation for their services. Refreshments were served afterward. *Gay Chaney.*

on brotherly love and righteous judgment, and local elder Jim Russell delivered a sermonette on building godly character. *Daniel L. Robinson.*

CLUB MEETINGS

BALTIMORE, Md., A and B Spokesman Club members, their wives and guests assembled at Shane's Restaurant for a ladies' night Jan. 4. After cocktails and dinner, the speeches and program were presented and then evaluated by associate pastor Ed Marrs. Winners of the Most Effective Speaker and Most Helpful Evaluator trophies were Allen

People Club of FLINT, Mich., Jan. 18. Hostess Louise Anderson suggested that parents use the manufacturer's book, the Bible, to train their children. Co-hostess Joann Price offered helps in teaching youngsters about prayer and faith. Franice Murray gave pointers on teaching a child to think, and Linda Lapp gave guidelines for building happy memories and family traditions. Denise Greenwald gave a humorous self-introduction and description. Grab-bag activities provided a chance for others to take part in sharing ideas. *Joann Whitehead.*

The Spokesman Club of FORT WAYNE, Ind., had its first ladies' dinner meeting of the season Jan. 10 at Goggin's Retreat. Topicmaster Phil Martin started the evening rolling with timely topics. Bob Johnson, toastmaster, introduced the speakers: Jerry Hettiger, Angelo Coco, Roger Rau, Tom Martin and Chuck Swihart. Club director Steve Smith inspired the club to show its best from the start to the finish of the evening. Officers of the club are Mr. Martin, president; Mr. Swihart, vice president; Bob Barker, secretary; Willie Stephens, treasurer; and Bob Fisher, sergeant at arms. *Bob Barker.*

The Women's Club of INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., had its third meeting Jan. 19 in the Lake Nora Arms clubhouse. Marion Merriweather opened the meeting with prayer. Table topics were led by Alvina Dellinger, and icebreaker speeches were given by Linda Grady and Twila Artman. Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Merriweather and Karol Gibbs. *Jayne Schumaker.*

The LAWTON, Okla., Women's Study Club met for its monthly meeting Jan. 11. Points of interest were given by Dorothy Bailey, and topics were presented by Sue Ballard. Guest speaker was member Bill McNeely, a former chief of police, who presented a program on ways a woman can protect herself from assaults. *Jennifer Bush.*

The LEXINGTON-MOREHEAD and LOUISVILLE, Ky., Spokesman clubs met for breakfast and a joint meeting in Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 25. Ray Meyer, pastor of the Louisville church, opened the meeting with vocal exercises. Craig Spencer, president of the Louisville club, presided over the first half of the meeting, in which Bob Adcock led the topics session. Mr. Meyer then evaluated the first portion of club. The second half was presided over by Bill Razzor, president of the Lexington-Morehead club. Four speeches and evaluations, two from each club, were given. Mr. Spencer received the Most Effective Speaker award, James Humphries the Most Improved Speaker award and Martin Denton the Most Helpful Evaluation award. *Gerry Russell.*

The combined MONTPELIER, Vt., and CONCORD, N.H., Spokesman Club had a ladies' night banquet in White River Junction, Vt., Dec. 28. The evening began with a potluck, followed by the regular meeting and the giving of awards. Music was provided by pianists Jim Herrick and Gary Densmore, vocalists Lana Kangus and Christine Rogers, and guitarists Phil Bell and Dave Curson. *Colleen Belanger.*

The second annual winter carnival of the MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Women's Club took place Jan. 11. Activities included games, prizes, cake-walks and bargains from the Kuntry Store. The YOU cheerleaders performed a routine and managed their own concession stand. A potluck was served, during which minister Darris McNeely auctioned off many donated items. More than \$750 was earned from all the activities. *Wendy Lowless.*

The PASCO, Wash., Women's Club met Jan. 21 at the home of Bonnie Ritt. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9.)



CLOWNING AROUND — Jim Shannon of the Murfreesboro, Tenn., church holds Jeremy David Puckett Rowland at the annual Women's Club winter carnival Jan. 11. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Fred Rowland]

The LAWTON, Okla., brethren enjoyed a social evening Jan. 17. Following a potluck supper, members viewed two Walt Disney movies and played games of dominoes and cards. *Jennifer Bush.*

The LOUISVILLE, Ky., church presented its annual winter dance Jan. 10, with live professional entertainment by Saturday Night and special entertainment by magician Scott Carter. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages were served. *Robert Adcock.*

The NASHVILLE, Tenn., church talent show took place Jan. 10 at Whites Creek High School. Acts included soloists, disco dancers, instrumentalists and comedy routines. George Greenwood was master of ceremonies. Following the show, a sing-along was led by pastor James Friddle, Dave Duncan and Ron Young. *Mary Hutcheson.*

The PASADENA AUDITORIUM P.M. Thursday A Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the year Feb. 8. Milton Huston led a lively topics session, and speakers included Philip Stevens, Karwin Klasky, Ralph Levy, John Payne and Leo Bredehoff. Director William Kessler gave the overall evaluation. Refreshments were provided, and each lady was presented with a long-stemmed rose. Mrs. Kessler received a vase full of roses. Arrangements for the meeting, which took place in the Ambassador College Student Center, were handled by Wayne Merrill, John Payne and Scott Hamrick. *Norman Shaaf.*

One hundred fifty-six members from the PASCO, YAKIMA and QUINCY, Wash., churches conducted a year-end inventory for the Bon-Marche department store in Kennewick, Wash., Jan. 17. Members contributed an average of three hours each and earned \$1,600 for church funds. *Dennis R. Leap.*

The RIVERSIDE, Calif., brethren had a social after services Jan. 24. Guests came from the Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., churches for the potluck dinner. Earlier, pastor Jim Peoples spoke

Harris and Dennis Gruzinski, respectively. *H. Wald and H. Jankowski.*

The BOWLING GREEN, Ky., Women's Club met Jan. 25. Under the direction of hostess Joan Bowling, the meeting covered personality development, being a helpmate and responsibilities and qualities of Proverbs 31. The speakers were Alana Fennell, Brenda Hayes, Sheri Blue and Geri Hahn. *Marta Cropper.*

Members and guests of the EVANSVILLE, Ind., Ladies' Club heard Dorothy Lathrop speak on hair care Jan. 4. Hostess was Nancy Miller, and Carol Brooks led table topics. Refreshments were provided and served by Jennie Ambrose, Brenda Eades, Henrietta Kissel, Pat Merriweather and Dorothy Webb. Club director Diane Bailey assigned speeches for the next meeting. *Kathy Duncan.*

"Teaching and Molding Children" was the theme of the Concerned About



SPACE CARNIVAL — Dressed as characters from the movie *Star Wars*, these children of the Cleveland, Ohio, church participate in the annual winter carnival Jan. 18. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Bob Schemfield]

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tenberg. Table topics were given by Paty Sexton, and Linda Maxwell presented the theme of "Woman's Responsibility in Taking Care of Herself," with a question-and-answer period following. Refreshments and fellowship ended the evening. *Carolyn Gemmill.*

Spokesman Club members from the PASCO, YAKIMA and QUINCY, Wash., churches had a combined meeting Jan. 18. The Pasco club prepared and served a pancake breakfast to the members, wives and guests. The director and overall evaluator was local elder Rex Sexton. Don Henry, president of the Pasco club, presided over the meeting. The speakers taught members how to organize their time, taste wine, survive a speech, use the word church properly and not desire the baptism of fire. *Dennis R. Leap.*

The RESEDA, Calif., Spokesman Club had its second annual wives and



MIXING THE BATTER — Vernon Rockey, a deacon in the Chadron, Neb., area, prepares pancake batter for the noon meal prepared by the men in the area Jan. 24. (See "Church Activities," page 8.) [Photo by Doug Johannsen]

children's breakfast Jan. 11 at Ambassador College. The club started with a variety of food and finished with four speeches, with topics after each one. Best Evaluator was Joe Martire, Most Improved Speaker was Rudy Otero and Most Effective Speaker was Richard Harry. *Albert C.S. Kang.*

The Spokesman Club of RICHMOND, Va., had its ladies' night dinner Jan. 10. After dinner five speakers spoke on topics ranging from energy-saving tips to visiting people in the hospital. The Most Improved Speaker and Most Effective Speaker awards went to Bob Brockmeier. John Fox received the Most Helpful Evaluator award. *Chip Brockmeier.*

The first combined Spokesman and Ladies' club meeting and dinner in ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., took place Jan. 17. Husbands and wives participated in the table topics. Speeches included such topics as the elderly, the homemaker and the worrywart. Pastor David Sheridan exhorted everyone to show himself friendly, especially to new Church members. *R. Cecil Fudge.*

The newly formed ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Ladies' Club had its first official meeting Jan. 13. After the business session, which was conducted by President Eileen Haley, members enjoyed a smorgasbord of refreshments served by Gail Congdon, Carol Rust and Karen Liebold. Icebreakers were then given by each member, followed by a discussion by club director Robert Jones. *Karen Liebold.*

Pastor Robert Jones was the guest speaker of the Manasota Women of Tomorrow Club of the ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., church Jan. 20 at the home of Jackie Duray. Mr. Jones conducted a discussion on marriage and the role of a woman in the marriage union. The door prize of a small wall calendar was won by Mr. Jones. Plans were finalized for a costume party for February. *Hazel Worth.*

The WHEELING, W. Va., Spokesman Club met Dec. 29. Vice President Ron Kennedy presided for the evening. Tony Padden was the topicsmaster, and toastmaster Pete Bernardi introduced the five speakers and evaluators. Maurice Preteroti admonished members to

appreciate, not criticize each other's differences. The theme for the Jan. 5 meeting was "Texas," because Reinhold "Shorty" Fucsel, the new area minister, was raised there. President Bob Williams conducted the business session, and Mr. Kennedy conducted the topics session. Toastmaster was Jeff McDonald. Mr. Fucsel asked each member to write a one-page autobiography.

At the Jan. 12 meeting, Mr. Fucsel talked about the speech manual. Michael Gable was the topicsmaster, and Richard Easthom was the toastmaster. The club had its first ladies' night of the year Jan. 18. Champagne was served with a steak dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams conducted the table-topics session. Jim Kocher was the toastmaster, and Mr. Kennedy was the acting president. *Jim Kocher.*

The church in SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif., had a potluck Jan. 10 in the Grange Hall. The evening was highlighted by large amounts of food, and was topped off with Laurel and Hardy films. *Jack Hamblin.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Widows and widowers of the DULUTH, Minn., church wined and dined Dec. 27 on a menu of fried chicken, salad and dessert. Bingo games followed the meal. *Rhonda Saarela.*

SINGLES SCENE

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., singles met for a dinner and dance at the home of Patricia Stepp Jan. 10. The evening began with a meal of roast beef and many desserts. Live entertainment was provided by Patricia Stepp on guitar, David McMahan on piano and chaperon Steve Tershansy also on piano. A sing-along was followed by dancing and more entertainment.

The singles and other brethren met the evening of Jan. 24 at the Dana Community Center for a potluck and welcome-home party for Sandy Hendrix, who has been attending Ambassador College. Phyllis King was the hostess. Blue Grass music was played by Ben Anders on fiddle, Edwin Stepp on banjo and Betty King on piano. *Steve Tershansy.*

The Intermountain Singles of the BOISE, Idaho, church had a Western dance and country evening Jan. 17. Games included checkers, dominoes and cards. The old-time country store sold out of crafts and baked goods. Snacks



COURT OF HONOR — Tom Greider, 14, who was awarded a first class badge, gives a recognition pin to his mother, Lillian Greider, at a court of honor ceremony for Boy Scout Troop 60 in Pasadena, Jan. 22. [Photo by Sheila Graham]

and beverages were served at a Western bar. On Jan. 25 Larry Lindsley invited the singles to his home for wine and spaghetti. *Joel Trusta.*

Nine members of the CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH singles' club traveled to Somerset, Ky., Jan. 10 to attend services and fellowship with the singles in that area. The following day the group toured Mammoth Cave before returning home. *Mike D. Wiesman.*

At EDINBURGH, Scotland, singles from Dundee, Glasgow and Kilmarnock attended a Bible study on Proverbs conducted by pastor John Meakin Dec. 20. In the evening the group joined the church social, where the ladies provided a meal. *Geoff Wright.*

SPORTS

The CALGARY, Alta., SOUTH YOU had its second annual volleyball tournament and dance Nov. 29 and 30. Music was provided by the Buck 'n

Strings band and by tapes from Ambassador College. In the volleyball tournament both junior teams from Calgary North placed in the top two spots. The senior team from Evansburg, Alta., won the senior division, with Calgary North following up first in its division and second place overall. *Marjorie Kerr.*

Sunday, Jan. 18, was a day of basketball in CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., for YOU, men's and women's teams from Knoxville, Tenn.; Rome, Ga.; and Chattanooga. Chattanooga won against all opponents. Knoxville was second. *Barb Keeper.*

The MELBOURNE, Fla., invitational basketball tournament took place Jan. 1 to 4. On Thursday seven games were played and on Friday five. After services on the Sabbath the group enjoyed a potluck dinner and then that evening had a dance in the teen center. On Sunday the final games were played. Winners in division 1 were Gainesville, Fla., first place; and Melbourne, second place. In division 2, first place went to Orlando, Fla., and second to Melbourne. The sportsmanship trophy went to Jackson-

ville, Fla., and a trophy for the best banners went to Orlando. *Tammie Young.*

SAN JOSE and SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., teams played a basketball game Jan. 18. Carol O'Dell and Dave Ball from San Jose sang the national anthem before the game. Hot dogs, popcorn and beverages were enjoyed as 87-year-old Alice Anderson sang "Going Back to Michigan." The Mamas, in their jeans and bobby socks, performed alongside the team cheerleaders with equal enthusiasm. YOU basketball player Jeff Smith was one of the outstanding players. *Robin Merritt.*

The SPOKANE, Wash., YOU played host to a basketball tournament and dance Jan. 24 and 25. The dance on Saturday night featured a jai. The basketball games the next day were played in four gyms, with A and B teams from Seattle, Wash.; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Kalispell and Missoula, Mont.; and Spokane. *Kathy Farver.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The YOU of the CALGARY, Alta., NORTH church had a toboggan party Dec. 25. The day's activities ended with hamburgers and a game of pool. *Marjorie Kerr.*

The HARRISON, Ark., YOU had a skating party at the Rock and Roller Skating Rink Jan. 13, where about 50 YOU members and brethren enjoyed an evening of fun and fellowship. *Evelyn Westcott.*

Ten campers of Boy Scout Troop 220 of MONTGOMERY, Ala., braved 10-degree weather at a camp-out at nearby Camp Takabatchee Jan. 10. After a hot breakfast the group hiked and worked on merit badges. Leaders were Dave Hilton, Carl Ponder and Randy Loveman. *Don Moss.*

Twenty-eight RICHMOND, Va., brethren attended a pizza party at a member's home Jan. 10. After dinner the youths enjoyed many types of board games. *Chip Brockmeier.*

The YOU of ROANOKE, Va., had a combined Bible study, turkey dinner and disco dance Jan. 13. Minister Robert Persky conducted a Bible study on "Seven Steps to Decision Making," which was followed by a short business meeting. A turkey meal with all the trimmings was then served. At the dance that followed, Mr. Persky, his wife Brenda and a few other chaperons demonstrated several dance steps, along with tips on dance etiquette. Julia Lanum and Benny Lance won the dance contest prize of a pizza dinner. *Julia Lanum.*

WINNIPEG, Man., EAST and ROSEAU, Minn., YOU members and parents enjoyed a dance Jan. 17. Prizes were given to the winners of the spot dance, elimination dance and the limbo. Refreshments were available throughout the evening. *Douglas Aime.*

BY CAROL SPRINGER

FRISBEE'S FRIENDS



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ippines, where the staff distributes issues to members there.

Members in isolated areas are not neglected either, according to Ron Urwiler of the International Mail Department. His office is responsible for mailing bulk copies to the Caribbean and South America, where they are either handed out in services or mailed individually.

The International Mail Depart-

ment also sends copies to brethren in India and Sri Lanka, which the brethren receive in services. This same procedure is followed in East and West Africa, except where members are unable to travel to services. These individuals receive copies through the mail, he said.

The International Mail Department also sends bulk copies of *The Worldwide News* to the students participating in the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand (ACEPT).

Non-English-speaking brethren are serviced in part by the Spanish-

language *El Comunicado* and the German-language *Die Gute Nachricht (The Good News)*. These publications, produced by the Work's Spanish and German departments, carry articles published in the English *Good News*, as well as articles from *The Worldwide News* from time to time, according to Rod Matthews.

In closing

Included in Jennifer's letter was a poem about God's Kingdom. Since her request precipitated this article, we are reprinting it here.

Thy Kingdom come
I hope the Kingdom comes soon;
On one sunny afternoon.
My mother and father always say,
"Just wait — it will be here some day."
It will be such a sight;
No more hate — no more night.
And it will be beautiful throughout the land;
With the help of God's great Hand.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

AVILA, Michael and Melody (Mountford), of Perth, Australia, boy, Joel David, July 8, 8:33 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 boys.

BAUMGARTNER, Rick and Michele (Purdy), of Missoula, Mont., boy, Jason Edward, Jan. 17, 7:18 a.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BECKER, Wayne and Anita (Wickham), of Spokane, Wash., boy, Joseph Wickham, Dec. 25, 2:40 a.m., 5 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BINNON, Bruce and Debra (Gourlay), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Steven Robert, Jan. 22, 1:05 a.m., 7 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

BROOKS, Michael and Margaret (Gray), of Jackson, Tenn., girl, Ashley Carol, Jan. 10, 1:35 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

BROWN, Martin and Mavis (Tate), of Chelmsford, England, girl, Helena Isabel, Jan. 17, 8:20 a.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

BURT, David and Sotira (Menalis), of Johannesburg, South Africa, girl, Nicole Marigo, Jan. 12, 7 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

BUTLER, Harold and Donna (Fink), of Monroe, La., girl, Sharon Rose, Nov. 21, 8:59 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CAIN, Mike and Rhonda (Moody), of Oklahoma City, Okla., boy, Daniel Levi, Jan. 1, 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CALLHAM, Ed and Carol (Maeker), of Hackell, Ark., boy, Thomas Henry, Nov. 21, 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys.

COOPER, Keith and Jackie (Czerovick), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Karen Michelle, Jan. 4, 10:38 p.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

COSTON, Marty and Teresa (Hewell), of San Angelo, Tex., boy, John Roy, Dec. 8, 7:15 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

CURTIS, Malvin and Joan (Marlin), of New York, N.Y., boy, Lamont Jehonathan, Sept. 21, 5:25 a.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 5 boys, 3 girls.

DANIEL, Tim and Teresa (Booher), of Cantonment, Fla., girl, Cressia Eileen, Jan. 5, 4:17 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

DUNN, John and Melva (Mickelson), of Luton, England, boy, Michael Allen, Dec. 22, 7:45 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ELLIOTT, James and Sondra (Vincent), of Wheeling, W.Va., boy, James Joseph, Dec. 21, 9:51 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

FEUERBORN, David and Jeanne (Carpenter), of Ardmore, Okla., girl, Holly Nicole, Jan. 22, 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

FOSTER, John and Susan (Graf), of Canton, Ohio, boy, Timothy Shawn, Jan. 9, 9:42 a.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

FROLOFF, David and Violet (Murray), of Sunnyvale, Calif., girl, Debra Dorena, Jan. 17, 1:43 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

GRIFITHS, Roger and Diane (Fischwey), of Gold Coast, Australia, girl, Emma Kathleen, Jan. 2, 10:40 a.m., 4 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

HART, Wayne and Mary, of Regina, Sask., girl, Alyssa Jane, Nov. 25, 8:54 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HEAD, Ariand and Terry (Webb), of Fort Worth, Tex., boy, Aubrey Weston, Jan. 10, 10:20 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

HONGERLOOT, Bernard and Linda (Wiles), of Montreal, Que., girl, Charla Rachelle Elizabeth, Jan. 6, 1:30 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HOOVER, John and Jeanne (Dowd), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Amber Michelle, Dec. 23, 8:48 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

KELLEY, Ronald and Nancy (Christopher), of Logan, Ohio, girl, Jennifer Leigh, Jan. 3, 9:50 a.m., 3 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KOSTER, Thomas and Rolanne (Gable), of Middletown, Ohio, boy, Matthew Thomas, Dec. 31, 5:50 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

MARIN, Marcellus and Rosa, of Guasco, Trinidad, boy, Nyvill Renaison, Dec. 1, 2:15 a.m., 5 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

MARQUIS, Thomas and Sarah (Wilson), of Columbus, Ohio, boy, Benjamin Aaron, Jan. 13, 3:06 p.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 4 boys, 3 girls.

PENMAN, Kinneer and Carolyn, of Palmerston North, New Zealand, boy, Kinneer David, Jan. 3, 8:50 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PETERSON, Michael and Ellen (Hutchins), of Lakeland, Fla., boy, Matthew Christopher, Nov. 2, 7:47 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 4 boys, 2 girls.

PLAGENZA, Sai and Pam (Haut), of Modesto, Calif., girl, Ramielne Jill, Oct. 29, 7:19 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 6 boys, 2 girls.

SABOURIN, Ed and Marie, of Loyminster, Alta., girl, Heidi Fleurette, Dec. 9, 10 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SICKLES, Ralph and Vera (Proctor), of Russells Point, Ohio, girl, Susan Elizabeth, Dec. 3, 5:09 p.m., 11 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

STOWERS, Gary and Brenda (Callison), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Amanda Leigh, Jan. 15, 5 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 girls.

THOMAS, Greg and Betty Jean (Warzycki), of Cleveland, Ohio, girl, Kaye Jean, Jan. 20, 9 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

TODD, Alan and Bonnie (Page), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, James Wesley, Jan. 13, 3:31 p.m., 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

VON HOLLEN, Don and June, of Red Deer, Alta., girl, Amy Roseanne, Dec. 9, 3:57 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

WHEAT, Kenneth and Carolyn (Fridrich), of Garland, Tex., girl, Deborah Ashleigh, Jan. 5, 1:40 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

WISEMAN, Thomas and Barbara (Phillips), of Beckley, W.Va., boy, Matthew Thomas, Nov. 23, 9:15 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wepler of Watakin, Alta., would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Donna Mae Wepler, to Terry Brent



**TERRY NEILSON
DONNA MAE WEPPLER**
Neilson of Edmonton, Alta. The wedding is planned for May 17.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT DAVID
Kimberly Sue Fenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Fenner of Hillsboro, Ohio, and Robert C. David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. David of Detroit, Mich., were united in marriage Aug. 23. Reinhold Fausel, pastor of the Wheeling, W. Va., church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Detroit.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES NEFF
Glenda Jo Garner and James Neff of the Texarkana, Tex., church were united in marriage Dec. 20 in Texarkana. Lynn Torrance, a minister in the Texarkana church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Queen City, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. GARY NEFF
Jo Ellen Schiomer and Gary M. Neff of the Texarkana, Tex., church were united in marriage Jan. 9 in Texarkana. Lynn Torrance, a minister in the Texarkana church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Texarkana.

Happy second anniversary March 10 to our children George and Vickie Ferguson. We love you, Dad, Mom and Howie.

ert and June Johnston; a brother, Kraig; a sister, Debbie Pierson; a grandfather, Chester Hart; and grandmother, Pauline Johnston.

Obituaries

CASPER, Wyo. — Robert T. Johnston, 20, baptized in 1979, was killed in a one-car accident Jan. 11. He attended Ambassador College in 1978 and 1979. Services were conducted by Wheat-



ROBERT T. JOHNSTON
land, Wyo., pastor James Jenkins. Mr. Johnston is survived by his parents, Rob-

DURANT, Okla. — Polly Anderson, 75, died of a heart attack Oct. 27. She had been married 53 years and a member of the Church for more than 20 years. Funeral services were conducted by Gerald Witte, pastor of the Denison, Tex., church. Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband, Vern; a son, Jerry; and two grandsons, David and Don.

EDMUND, Wis. — Alfred Arneson, 84, a Church member for 22 years, died Jan. 17 after a long period of gradually declining health.

He was buried near Sturgeon Bay, Wis., where he ran a dairy farm for many years. Mr. Arneson is survived by an adopted son and a sister-in-law.

ELKHART, Ind. — Dorothy M. Johnson, 59, died Jan. 10 in her home after a brief illness. Services were conducted by Elkhart pastor Rand Millich. One of the pioneer members of the Elkhart church, Mrs. Johnson was baptized in 1961 and ordained a deaconess in 1965.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by five children: Bob of Decatur, Mich.; George of Decatur; Jon of Bakersfield, Calif.; Winston of Elkhart; and Penny, living at home. Also surviving are six sisters and 10 grandchildren.

GORDON, Wis. — Shirley Lichau, 56, of Minong, Wis., and Magnus Dybsund, 65, of Spooner, Wis., were killed in a two-car collision while returning home from Church services Dec. 14.

Mrs. Lichau is survived by her husband Chester, two daughters and four sons. Mr. Dybsund is survived by a brother and two sisters.

PASADENA — Kenneth H. Ott, 60, a member of God's Church since 1968, died Jan. 16. Pasadena Auditorium A.M. pastor Larry Salyer conducted funeral services.

Mr. Ott attended the Milwaukee, Wis., church until he moved here in 1974. He is survived by his wife Myrtle, two sons, Dale and Denis; and two granddaughters.

SALEM, Ore. — Bertha Stiller, 75, died Dec. 27 after a prolonged illness. She is survived by three nephews living in Michigan. A Church member since 1962, Mrs. Stiller was born in Germany.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy eighth anniversary Feb. 17, John. Thank you for being my husband and daddy of our two children. Thank you for seeing us through our trials. May God continue to bless our marriage and family. I truly love you. Your Spanish eyes.

Publishing

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By use of a magnifying glass the dots in a color photo in *The Plain Truth* can be easily seen.

Rather than print individually designed foreign editions of the magazines, film assembly personnel use the same color negatives with only a text change to make foreign language translations.

Printers

The film is then shipped to printers in Glasgow, Ky.; St. Albans, England; Auckland, New Zealand; Singapore; and South Africa.

"We no longer print our major magazines, booklets or full-color work in-house," noted Mr. Lipp-

ross. "The work is divided among 25 of America's best printers, like R.R. Donnelley, because they can buy paper in larger quantities at considerable savings."

In-house machines print and bind letters, reply cards, stationery, concert tickets and business forms because short runs can take as little as 10 hours instead of the four days usually required by commercial printers.

The departments comprising Publishing Services work together to streamline costs, yet provide customers with high quality.

With the original manuscript now transformed into an attractive publication, the next phase is circulation. But that will be another article explaining how Christ's printed message is distributed.

ONLY TOMORROW

Only tomorrow my son
will this heartache be erased.
You left us that horrible day
Your life was stilled
Our world stopped!
The unbelievable horror
The shock, numbness
Questions without answers.
Why were you — a jewel shining brightly —
allowed to die?
So much love you gave
so much joy.
Our hearts warmed at your sight.
Our day better because of your presence.
What does your death mean, my son?
What should we learn?
It can't be! we cried
not our child!
A mistake!
Dear God, it can't be!
He's so still,
so very still.
Oh God, our hearts ache.
Comfort us now
Not more than we can bear, you said.
Help us to pray,
to remain steadfast and strong.
Help us to cherish our memories
to remember the truth you've shown.
Life! What is it?
Appareth for a little while
then vanisheth away.
God shall call and you will answer, my son!
To live is Christ and to die is gain.
While you sleep, dear son, we wait
we remember —
the backpacking, hunting, floating the river
the picnics, barbecues, the homemade ice cream
that you made so well.

The loving teasing with your brother,
inseparable, the two of you were!
The protectiveness toward your sister.
How you would have loved the child you
never knew she was carrying.
Oh God! Why is he gone?
We love him so!
You grew so big and strong
Six feet two you stood, shoulders wide as a door
Blond hair glistening in the sun.
Blue eyes dancing with delight
A smile that brightened any room
Your heart big as all outdoors.
You father's eyes are so sad, my son.
He loves you so.
Loved working with you day by day
loved the gentle harassment
of a father and son.
We've grown old, Bobby
We hurt so badly.
You are everywhere with us.
Every car we hear is yours coming home.
We wait for you to come down to dinner.
Your laughter ripples through the house.
You smile at us from your pictures.
You touch us from the things you made.
You inspire us with the things you wrote.
Twenty short years we had you with us.
It won't be long now, my son.
Oh, how we long for that day —
"Thy Kingdom come" — we pray!
We want to be there
to see you smile again —
to hold you in our arms again.
Goodbye — sleep well, it is —
Only tomorrow — dear son — only tomorrow!

June Johnston
Casper, Wyo.

Mrs. Johnston wrote the above poem following the death of her son Robert. See "Obituaries," this page.

FORUM

WITH STANLEY R. RADER

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way or another misconstrued that Great Commission so that Mr. Armstrong would not be able to fulfill it himself, God would then show us who that person would be.

But your question was a good one. It's a fair one. I've been asked it again and again. I've been unable to put that matter to rest, and no matter how hard I tell people it will not be me, it seems that people still would like to make it as such, that I could be considered as a possibility.

I am actually going to be making an announcement very soon, which I've already made in several churches around the country. I spoke just recently in the Carolinas. I spoke this week in Miami [Fla.], where I'm making it very plain that as soon as this lawsuit is completed and as soon as we have been totally vindicated, and the attorney general is on his knees fearing the living God, I will return to private practice.

And if for any reason at all Mr. Armstrong should be unable to continue with the Great Commission prior to that time, I will even earlier return to private practice and con-

television and radio, to spread the word and raise money.

You point out in the book that the Worldwide Church does not do that.

And finally, let me deal with the question of those who would use the word, the gospel, for political or social aims. Would you address how those in the society first of all, who pay taxes and don't like it because churches are absolved from paying taxes, how they can protect themselves or defend themselves from that, or is that really a price we pay for First Amendment freedoms?

Those are all very important issues. First of all, you're quite right, we do not raise money by use of radio, television or the printed word. Others do and I feel it's their right to do so, and I do believe in that sense it's one of the prices that we pay. We also, however, do not proselytize; others do. Again I feel that is a price we must pay for the First Amendment.

I feel that the matter of being free from taxes is much misunderstood, because no society has ever taxed anything but the source that earns the money.

We don't earn any money, we receive contributions. If we did earn money from unrelated business income it would be taxable; we do not. We are free from property

We, on the other hand, again others do not, we're not saying they should, we are the second largest property taxpayer in Pasadena, Calif. Because Mr. Armstrong felt our Church should be the best kind of citizen and because we had the wherewithal, we should pay something voluntarily and not elect to be totally exempt. But again, the other churches have a right not to do it that way and perhaps they cannot afford it.

The bottom line, though, of all of this is really what you are concerned about and I am, too, as a person who is not only a lawyer but a law professor, and I hope to return to both professions. What is the proper role of government in this area? Who will rule the churches, Christ or Caesar, is another way of saying it.

I feel the last bastion in the private sector that has heretofore remained free from government interference and the bureaucrats and the so-called secular humanistic approach to life has been the area of the churches, because it's been protected by the First Amendment.

Take down that wall, and we will have the bureaucrats and the politicians running all of our lives. And then we'll have the kind of problem that we had prior to the time we had our Constitution.

And I feel this movement from

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Let me touch, in the three or four minutes that we have left, on Guyana as one set of circumstances, and then separate that and deal with the so-called electronic gospel by which many ministers now use the media,

taxes, but the Supreme Court has said the reason for that is the First Amendment, not to give a benefit.

Because to involve the government in the process of, shall we say, assessing the tax rates and collecting the money, maybe having to confiscate the property for failure to pay, would unnecessarily intrude the government into the affairs of the church. That would violate the First Amendment.

the Moral Majority and others of that sort, is a danger that may bring that about sooner. Because I don't believe that there should be church activity in the partisan political process. We avoid it and we tell our members to stay out of that.

We do, however, get involved in teaching on social issues, but never in such a way as to have that construed as any part of the political process.

New Zealanders escape injury when car crashes through fence

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — The days of miracles have not passed, according to Pat Richards, a Church member here. Together with her husband George and their 2-year-old granddaughter, the Richards were divinely protected in a traffic accident when traveling from Auckland to Christchurch for last year's Feast.

Traveling at night, Mr. Richards missed a turnoff. He continued along a strange road until he reached a marked intersection and continued toward Christchurch. "From then on strange things began to happen, which looking in retrospect,

you have the feeling that events just didn't happen," wrote Mrs. Richards.

As Mr. Richards approached a curve on a hill, he tried to turn the steering wheel, but it would not respond. The car remained on a straight course.

"We both knew what was going to happen, as we could see the fence looming up in front of us," continued Mrs. Richards. "George quietly said, 'Oh God, save us,' as we crashed through the fence."

The car careened down the hill, went through a second fence and between two posts with only inches

to spare on each side. Instead of rolling over, the Richards felt the car turn 60 degrees and continue down the 80-foot incline.

Instead of gaining speed, the car slowed down, she said. It came to a stop with the front of the car in a creek inclined at a 45-degree angle. In their path, 3 feet away, was a large tree.

None of the passengers suffered injury, and the car sustained only minor damage. The Richards continued their journey the next day as planned, after the car was pulled out and received minor repairs.

Showers bring drought relief

By Roger Rye

NEWCASTLE, Australia — After a prolonged period of drought, rain came Jan. 2, bringing partial relief to Newcastle Church members' homes and farms.

Del Richards, a member owning property in the Hunter Valley, was thankful for the four inches of rain in 48 hours.

His dams dry and pastures dust-blown, Mr. Richards had asked Newcastle pastor Gary Harvey and the brethren to pray for rain. Within three days, torrents covered most of

Hunter Valley, one of Australia's richest agricultural areas. Some rain also fell near Narrabri and Tamworth, where other farmers were suffering.

Despite the rainfall, drought still continues regionwide. Last growing season, farmers lost thousands of acres of wheat. Many couldn't meet milk quotas.

An Australian newspaper reported last April that scarcely a blade of green grass could be seen outside irrigated areas from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific.

According to the article, 1980 began Western Australia's third year of drought. Three years ago, Queensland Premier Johannes Bjelke-Petersen set aside Jan. 15 as a day of prayer for rain.

Although Newcastle water supplies were partly replenished by the rain, water restrictions in force this past summer were increased.

Homeowners can water their gardens for only eight hours a week. Newcastle's largest supply of drinking water, Grahamstown Lake, increased 1 percent because of the showers.

FEAST SITES

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Cod, Mass., 6,000; Dayton, Ohio, 8,500; Jekyll Island, Ga., 3,500; Lake of the Ozarks, Mo., 8,000; Mount Pocono, Pa., 6,000; Norfolk, Va., 8,500; Rapid City, S.D., 3,500; Spokane, Wash., 6,000; Squaw Valley (or Fresno), Calif., 5,000; St. Petersburg, Fla., 8,500; Tucson, Ariz., 8,500; and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., 5,500.

Transfer sites: Hawaii, Jerusalem, Pasadena, Alaska (operated through the Canadian Office), Niagara Falls, N.Y.

(operated through the Canadian Office), and other international sites to be listed later.

It is planned that full information on the Festival sites will be included in an April issue of *The Worldwide News*. All of the housing information and other details will be included in this special issue. In the April issue of *The Worldwide News* we will have all housing establishments and the best rates verified at that time for the benefit of Church members.

Campers develop skills at SEP in South Africa

By Bob Klynsmith

ESTCOURT, South Africa — Overlooking a massive dam, surrounded by rugged hills and mountains, Wagonrift Resort set the scene for the South African Summer Educational Program (SEP) here beginning Dec. 16.

More than 100 young people participated in the two-week event that included rock climbing, canoeing, orienteering, wind surfing, waterskiing, basketball, softball, soccer and dancing, according to SEP director John Bartholomew.

An obstacle course presented a major challenge. In groups of eight,

campers had to devise quick, effective methods of overcoming various obstacles. The activity was designed to test physical and mental resources such as initiative, problem solving, leadership, team spirit and endurance.

On an overnight camping trip, the youths set up tents and built fires in the wilderness.

Campers hiked the Drakensberg range and climbed steep 10,000-foot peaks.

On the final evening young people gathered around a camp fire for a final sing-along.



SEP FUN — Gary Pierce shoots rapids at the South African Summer Educational Program (SEP), above. Below, campers carry "Matilda" (a steel drum) through the obstacle course. Annual sessions are opposite those in the Northern Hemisphere, accounting for the summer program taking place in December. [Photos by Cordell Hull]



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

UPDATE

CHIANG KHONG, Thailand — Members of the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand (ACEPT) met Queen Sirikit of Thailand when she made a surprise visit to the Ban Thong refugee camp Jan. 4, according to Gladys Whyte of ACEPT.

Mrs. Whyte said she and other members of the ACEPT staff participated as honor guards during the queen's visit. She said the queen spoke with staff members and learned that ACEPT originated at Ambassador College.

Some staff members spoke briefly with the queen when she departed later in the day, she said.

Mrs. Whyte is a 1980 graduate of the Ambassador College Biblical Studies program.

UTRECHT, Netherlands —

January saw more increases in mail and mail income for God's Work in Dutch-speaking areas, according to Abraham "Bram" de Bree, regional director of the office here.

Total mail set new records, with January showing a 60 percent increase over the record-breaking year of 1980. Records show that mail income increased 64 percent, and church attendance rose 26 percent. Mr. de Bree noted that the Dutch-language church in Europe grew 12 percent since January, 1979.

Commenting that the mail activity was "a very good way to start the year," Mr. de Bree reported that nearly 6,000 pieces of literature were mailed during the month, including Dutch-language copies of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's book, *The Incredible Human Potential*.

WASHINGTON — More than 500 representatives gathered here Feb. 17 and 18 from Roman Catholic, Protestant, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish bodies to "plan strategy against what they termed government incursions into religious affairs," according to an Associated Press (AP) wire service report.

Religion editor Russell Chandler of the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times* quoted conference chairman William P. Thompson (an attorney and executive officer of the United Presbyterian Church) as stating, "We must make it clear that we will not stand mute and let secular forces pick us off one by one."

The AP account reported that about 90 percent of organized religion in America was represented, along with about 300 legal and religious experts in church-state relations and constitutional law.

Included in these were Harvard law professor Laurence H. Tribe, who said that religious "autonomy is at the core of the Constitution." Dean Kelley of the National Council of Churches was also present.

Charles M. Wheland, a Jesuit priest and law professor at New York's Fordham University, discussed the Worldwide Church of God's defense against the California attorney general. Noting that the

God's Festival Days for 1981

- (Apr. 5 First Day of Sacred Year)
- Apr. 18 Passover (Evening Before)
- Apr. 19-25 Days of Unleavened Bread
- June 7 Pentecost
- Sept. 29 Feast of Trumpets
- Oct. 8 Day of Atonement
- Oct. 13-19 Feast of Tabernacles
- Oct. 20 Last Great Day

attorney general had dropped the case, he stated that charitable trust laws "can be [a] sword as well as [a] shield."

He also pointed out that the California attorney general and the low-

er courts contended that "the public owns the churches" and thereby could control church finances.

Chairman Thompson said that government intervention into religion is "alarming."

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PT PROMOTION — The United States *Plain Truth* Circulation Department is distributing "tip-ons" with copies of the newstand *Plain Truth*, according to Boyd Loeson, circulation manager. The above "tip-on" encourages readers to listen to *The World Tomorrow*, while the one below encourages readers to subscribe to *The Plain Truth*.

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Students selected for 1981 SEP

PASADENA — Ambassador College students selected to work at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn., were announced in a forum Feb. 10, by Greg Albrecht, dean of students. The Youth Opportunities United Office here received more than 200 applications.

The students and their responsibilities are: Canoeing: Margi John, Bruce McNair, Bertha Brandon, Karen Jermakowicz, Craig Mink, Scott Gjesvold and Robert Taylor. Cheerleading: Ronda Kelly. Dance: Bobbie Bulharowski. Rifery: Dave Fergen.

Rock climbing: Lisa Tanksley.

Dale Warren, Kay Jermakowicz, and Chris Crawford. Softball: Greg Gaetzman. Skiing: Dave Douglas, Stuart Huse, Cathy McNiel, Melody Machin, Jim Marion and Eileen Dennis (nonstudent).

Swimming: Kathy Austin and Debbie Burbach. Water polo: Steve Wendling (nonstudent), Jeff Caudle and Joe McNair. Wilderness skills: Tim McQuoid. Dining hall monitor: Craig Millar.

Custodial: Dennis Berry and Paul Brown. Grounds: Galen Davenport. Kitchen: Carla Abbey, Cheryl Lamore, Lynda Samson, Darvia Herold, Robert DiAngelo, Todd Warren and Doug Benner.

Infirmary: Ali Ruxton. Maintenance: Todd Drawbaugh, Martin Richey, Malcolm McClure and Joel Rissinger. Office: Becki Suboski, Agnes Youngblood and Victoria Murney.

Security: Gary Shaffer. Transportation: Jonathan Rakestraw, Mark Mounts and Ted Welch.

Counselors: John Knaack, Eric Warren, Tim Grauel, Rob Gordon, Mike Limanni, Rick Shallenberger, Rees Ellis, Tom Sweat, Dan Wetzel, Hannah Pope, Lori Richardson (nonstudent), Sharon Sarfert, Patricia Palacios (nonstudent), Donna Ramon, Janne Barrett, Lois Weber, Sonia King and Susan Sutter.

INTERNATIONAL DESK



BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — With 1980 behind us, many of the international offices have summarized their activities and the accomplishments God has given them.

From Britain

The Radlett Office reports that advertisements were placed in two million continental newspapers and magazines. Seven million newspapers in Scandinavia and 59 million in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

This brought 52,000 requests for *The Plain Truth*. Another 11,500 came from English-speaking people in Europe and the Middle East as a result of mail advertisements.

The Plain Truth was advertised by display boards and dispensers at 24 exhibition sites throughout the United Kingdom. More than 800,000 leaflets and 100,000 sample copies of *The Plain Truth* were distributed using this medium.

Circulation figures at the end of December (with percentage change from December, 1979) were:

United Kingdom and Ireland, 68,250, up 86 percent; Scandinavia, 13,700, up 156 percent; Middle East, 4,160, up 169 percent; East and West Africa, 18,760, down 9 percent; and Europe (English), 15,000, up 73 percent.

Income for 1980 was up 30 percent over 1979.

Philippines

The year ended with nearly 96,000 pieces of mail having been received — up 17 percent over 1979.

Plain Truth magazine subscriptions have risen steadily, at a rate of 2,000 a month, to 44,500. Another 5,500 are put on newstands.

Responses to advertisements went up 376 percent in 1980, largely because of 4,366 requests for the booklet *Does God Exist?* as advertised in *Panorama* magazine in August.

Over the years, nearly 15,000 students have completed 12 lessons of the Correspondence Course. Another 3,180 are active students.

Baptized members reached 2,165 (up 2.6 percent over 1979) and 157 new prospective members were added in 1980 (up 54 percent).

New Zealand

Last year was an exciting and inspiring one for God's Work in this part of the world. Attendance at Sabbath services passed the 1,000 mark for the first time late in the year.

Since January, 1979, income has run at about a 30 percent increase every month, with the year-end increase at 27.4 percent.

Nearly 82,000 letters were received in 1980, 80 percent of these coming from New Zealand and the rest from other Pacific Islands. Mail from New Zealand was about the same as last year's total, but Pacific Islands mail was 55 percent higher than 1979, mainly because we opened post office boxes in Fiji and Tonga.

Major *Plain Truth* promotions brought in 18,000 new subscribers. More than 6,000 requests came in for *Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like and The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, offered to *Plain Truth* subscribers.

Toward the end of the year three ministers were transferred to Australia, including Bob Morton, who had been the regional director of God's Work in New Zealand since December, 1975. Peter Nathan

arrived in October to replace him, and Lyall Johnston, a native New Zealander, and Don Engle moved from the United States.

Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse's visit in October was a high point of the year for God's people there, and a most successful Summer Educational Program camp in December brought the year to a splendid close.

Cameroon

Ray Clore is continuing his adventurous life in Cameroon. In his letter of Dec. 18, he wrote: "Last Sabbath, we went to preach to the brethren in Makak and Libamba. About 22 persons (children included) were present. Apparently, several from Minka couldn't come because of no transportation. I made two trips (6 kilometers) from Libamba to Makak to pick up several who couldn't find a taxi."

"I distributed Mr. Armstrong's book on human potential, and left two Bible dictionaries and concordances with the deacons, as well as two issues of the *WN* from the 10th and 24th of November."

"The film about China and the one of the Young Ambassadors were shown to the brethren of Edea, one week earlier. The brethren were profoundly touched and very enthusiastic to see Mr. Armstrong in action."

"They were equally thrilled to see the Young Ambassadors film, during which several were so happy they sprang up and began to dance. These films certainly had a good impact on the brethren here."

Escape

Two months ago, Bobby Teh, a member in Malaysia, escaped death when a construction van in which he was traveling went off the road into a ravine. The van was full of pipes and construction material, any of which could have injured the occupants.

Instead of plunging down head-first, the van "slowly went down, as if supported by parachute, and landed on its wheels," local minister Yong Chin Gee reported to the church in Kuala Lumpur.

Bobby Teh and the driver were badly shaken and bruised, but suffered only a few minor cuts. Bobby Teh managed to throw a rope from the equipment up to a startled motorist who stopped to inspect the wreck. The man then pulled them up. An ambulance happened to be passing, and they were taken to a hospital for examination. Bobby Teh doesn't remember how he had the strength to throw the rope.