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BLESSINGS FLOW FOR OUR 'ON TRACK' PERFORMANCE

By Herbert W. Armstrong

We moved to put ourselves "back on God's track." Now God is moving to shower blessings on His Work. IN EVERY WAY THE WORK IS LUNGING AHEAD and God is increasing membership and income.

I have said before that when our lives and performance are pleasing to God, He bestows on us blessings. He is adding conversions. He is prospering us so that financial income is once again increasing as it was during the first 35 years of this Work.

At services on the Unleavened Bread Holy Days, attendance averaged worldwide around 9 percent increase over the year before. Holy Day offering increases were sensational.

First and last Holy Day offerings increased as follows: In Australia, 57 percent and 72.4 percent; in New Zealand, 42.5 percent and 57.8 percent; in Canada, 35 percent and 33.7 percent; in West Germany, 78.1 percent and 31.9 percent (the only country with loss in attendance — 1.2 percent); United Kingdom, 26 percent and 20 percent; United States, 26.6 percent and 24.9 percent; and South Africa, 31.5 percent and 38.7 percent. Even considering inflation, these are splendid increases.

In March, 100,000 new subscribers were added to *The Plain Truth* subscription list — not counting newsstand distribution. This is United States only.

Mail subscribers, 1,090,384; newsstand circulation, 740,000. In the first three months of this year we added 206,000 new subscribers. An estimated 130,000 more were added in April. The present trend indicates close to 1,000,000 new subscribers will be added during the current year.

Newsstand responses — those adding new mail subscriptions — have doubled the past few months. Requests for magazines and equipment are twice what was projected. Newsstand response is 2.35 percent and growing.

Introductory *Plain Truths* are being sent out three times the usual rate. Normal six to seven months' supply exhausted in two months. Cardholder program has added 24,145 new subscribers, and on the waiting room program, 53,000 doctors' and dentists' waiting room copies have been added so far this year. Forty thousand new



ACTIVE APOSTLE — Clockwise from above: Herbert W. Armstrong converses with Ambassador College seniors April 30 in his campus home (see article, page 3); the Work's G-II leaves Burbank, Calif., with Mr. Armstrong and his staff May 5; the pastor general waves to onlookers before taking off for Australia May 5; Mr. Armstrong addresses the ministers in for the Ministerial Refreshing Program April 30. [Photos by Dexter H. Faulkner and Nathan Faulkner]

subscribers have been added in three months by blow-in subscription cards.

The renewal rate for regular subscribers is 54 percent.

In all these 48 years of the Work perhaps no other part of the Work has accomplished as much as *The Plain Truth*. During these 48 years no other facet of the Work has done as much to spread the Gospel message as *The Plain Truth*.

Stop a moment and compare this Work with other professing "gospel" works in the world. Billy Graham conducts crusades. They are usually planned and started a year in advance. Six months in advance local churches who will join in general with the Baptist doctrines begin organizing the crusade.

At what they find to be the proper time in advance of the crusade, committees start work on all church members, as well as the general public, to work up interest and attend the crusade.

Of course many, probably most, of those attending a crusade are church members. Dr. Graham's evangelistic association presents limited literature

to those who "come forward." They also send this to those responding from television broadcasts of the crusades.

But they publish no magazine comparable to *The Plain Truth*. The crusades are followed up by local denominational churches, by inviting church attendance. Dr. Graham closes most of his crusade meetings and telecasts urging people to attend church *next Sunday*, but their association is not a church and they have no program for continually "feeding the flock," and local ministerial contact, counseling and personal continual contact and fellowship.

Just about all radio and television religious programs are limited primarily to the broadcasts, begging the public for contributions, and a very limited (and usually ineffective) literature follow-up.

Up until about 1968 or 1970 we purchased more radio time — with a DAILY broadcast — on numerous major 50,000-watt stations all over the United States and Canada, besides other countries around the world. We were the BIGGEST

PROGRAM ON THE AIR of a religious nature.

This was followed up by *The Plain Truth*, reaching many MILLIONS, and with an Ambassador College educated ministry — besides many booklets and even books — all sent FREE.

There is not, and never has been any program like this program of the living GOD for spreading Christ's message of the Gospel of the KINGDOM of GOD to the whole world.

No other leader of any religious movement — even though deceived into being Satan's movement — has had a program that would remotely compare in effectiveness with God's program. No other leader has gone to as many countries, and to personally invited meetings by kings, emperors, presidents and

prime ministers, opening doors to reach their people.

I just wondered if you realized these facts. We should not take them for granted. We should realize God has planned all this — guided it all — prepared His servant in a very special way even before conversion — for this great and mighty worldwide Work, proclaiming, alone by itself, the real TRUTH of God!

God's Church is positively UNIQUE; none is like it. Take, for example, our publications. There is no magazine like *The Plain Truth*, whether secular or religious. It has the interest of a leading national news magazine, but it views and explains world news and happenings from God's point of view — sees events and their meaning as GOD

(See BLESSINGS, page 5)

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France turns left; Germany looks right

PASADENA — Two momentous elections took place in Western Europe Sunday, May 10.

By a surprisingly large margin — 52 percent to 48 percent — French voters turned out incumbent President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, after his initial seven-year term of office. In his place they selected Socialist Party candidate François Mitterrand. It was a milestone for the French left, marking the first time that a Socialist head of state with full executive powers has ever been elected.

French voters seemed to mainly want a change from 23 years of center-right government under de Gaulle, Pompidou and Giscard. They were impressed by Mr. Mitterrand's level-headed campaigning as much as they were turned off by what they perceived was Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's aloof "monarchial" manner.

As far as issues were concerned, the major one was the domestic economy. The voters ironically overlooked the fact that, under Mr. Giscard d'Estaing's leadership, the French economy grew at a rate even faster than West Germany's. Mr. Giscard d'Estaing instead was blamed for France's rising unem-

ployment rate, now 7 percent.

Even Mr. Mitterrand's promises to expand the federal bureaucracy and to reduce the work week from 40 to 35 hours — clearly inflationary proposals — sounded better to fickle voters than further rises in joblessness.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing also helped seal his own doom by lowering the voting age from 21 to 18. The young voters, many of them affected by unemployment, were predominantly pro-Mitterrand.

Wedge for Communists?

The new president is expected to call for parliamentary elections in late June to try to capture a majority of seats for Socialist and other leftist parties to push through his programs.

Mr. Mitterrand undoubtedly will need help from the Communist Party, which has declined in relative power in recent years, but is still formidable. It remains to be seen whether Communist support in the National Assembly will be extracted for a price — a demand for a portfolio or two in Mr. Mitterrand's cabinet.

The Mitterrand economic program contains the standard litany of

the left, including demands for further nationalization of nine large industrial and financial groups. The mere threat of nationalization was enough to send the Paris stock exchange into a downward frenzy. The French franc plummeted in value.

In foreign policy, Mr. Mitterrand might even take a harder line toward the Soviets than his predecessor. The Kremlin leaders preferred Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, with whom they felt they could work.

Though Mr. Mitterrand is a confirmed "Atlanticist," his party might make it rough for the United States in some other areas of foreign policy. With a more pronounced Third World tilt, the Socialists are expected to condemn U.S. aid to "Latin American dictatorships."

Yet, Mr. Mitterrand is known to be more of a friend of Israel (and a supporter of the Camp David accords) than his predecessor. Prime Minister Menachem Begin was almost overjoyed at Mr. Mitterrand's victory.

One big question is how reliable France would be as a Western alliance partner with Communists in the cabinet, should that occur. The United States has shared con-

siderable information with Paris on sensitive nuclear weapons strategy. Could this continue?

One area of the Socialists' "110 propositions for France," if approved however, could be of great significance to God's Work. The Socialists, in what on the surface appears to be an unsocialistic practice, propose to free radio and television from direct government control. Private radio stations, now illegal, would be allowed, as in other countries. Thus, Christ's Gospel

the growing strength of radical leftists within the SPD.

Some observers feel the current SPD-FDP coalition in Bonn won't survive until the next elections in 1984. That's why West Berlin is a test of the federal coalition's staying power.

Law and order and Strauss

There is little doubt that much of the increased strength for the CDU in West Berlin came from voters demanding that authorities clamp down on spreading leftist-anarchist unrest in the city.

Radical leftists in Berlin and elsewhere have capitalized on West



WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG

message to the modern-day descendants of Reuben could be enhanced!

Schmidt's twin blows

On the same Sunday, West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt suffered two defeats. The first loss was the demise of his political ally in Paris.

Second, Chancellor Schmidt's Social Democratic Party was dealt a stinging electoral defeat in municipal elections in West Berlin. For decades, Berlin had been an SPD stronghold.

In the May 10 elections, all this changed. The conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) won nearly 48 percent of the vote to the SPD's 39 percent.

The CDU will need coalition help in order to govern the city. It certainly won't find help from the radical left "Alternative List" — a curious mixed bag of Marxists, Maoists, down-with-everything anarchists and environmentalists — which showed surprising strength (a nine seats and 7.2 percent of the vote).

The CDU will instead make overtures to the liberal Free Democratic Party (FDP) in an attempt to pry them away from their previous alliance with the SPD. Such a prospect has nationwide implications. If the Free Democrats should now swing to the side of the Christian Democrats in Berlin, the move could encourage some disgruntled Free Democrats in Bonn who have been wanting to split from the SPD and link up with the CDU at the federal level. Many FDP members are increasingly dissatisfied with

Germany's nationwide housing shortage to justify occupying abandoned buildings. "Squatter demonstrations" represent the new wave protest phenomenon in the country.

On one weekend, bands of angry young men and women ran riot in a score of West German towns. In Nuremberg, 141 youths were rounded up — the biggest mass arrest in Germany, according to one report, since Nazi times. The arrests were ordered not by Nuremberg's SPD-ruled city government, but by state authorities in Munich.

Bavaria's Minister-President (governor) Franz Josef Strauss has no time for squatters. Mr. Strauss' tough line on demonstrators contrasts sharply with pleas by West Berlin's SPD rulers urging city police to "show restraint." Says Mr. Strauss: "As long as I am in office, I will oppose quarter demonstrations with all the force at my disposal."

If the present coalition in Bonn collapses, Mr. Strauss may yet have a chance to inject a bit of "law and order" from the federal level. A writer for the New Zealand newspaper *The Dominion* reported from West Germany in an article headlined "Is Strauss On Way Back in Germany?"

"In the federal elections six months ago, Strauss, at the head of the Christian Democrats, was defeated in his bid for the chancellorship. On May 10, Berlin will show whether the tide is turning in his favor."

Many Germans, viewing social unrest in their country, and the leftist victory in France, will no doubt opt for a "strong hand" in the future.



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Spokesman Club, YOU, home Bible studies, Camp Fire Girls, Bible bowls, Boy Scouts, PTA! Have you ever been overwhelmed by activities and yet felt guilty when turning down service opportunities or invitations?

Fund raisers, YOU Bible studies, Church family nights, softball, basketball or volleyball leagues, Church camp-outs and potlucks — all worthy of our time and energies.

In addition, here in Pasadena, AICF concerts, Ambassador College and Imperial School activities, departmental and college social functions, chorale concerts, departmental sports, college recreation classes, evening classes for adults!

Life can get complicated. Even our children experience scheduling conflicts. A Boy Scout outing and a YOU basketball playoff fall on the same weekend. What should Johnny do?

In many of our homes, probably at least one night a week and maybe more, the family scatters in all directions. Dad is off to Spokesman Club, while Mom, on her way to a PTA meeting, drops off Johnny at Boy Scouts, and Jimmy and Susie at YOU basketball and cheerleading practices. And, on many other evenings, at least one or another family member is always absent.

Does this describe your family? All of these activities may be good and some even necessary, but if you're not careful, you'll find you have no time for each other.

God meant for life to be exciting and interesting for His children, but He didn't mean it to be a rat race. A home was designed to be a haven for the family — the ideal place to learn vital lessons, spiritual and physical, impossible to learn anywhere else.

And time is so short. Anyone who has older teenagers can tell you that the 18 to 20 some years you have together goes by all too fast.

"Time is money," Benjamin Franklin said. He was speaking from an economical viewpoint, but let's carry the analogy a little further.

Think about your children individually. How much time have you invested in each? How many hours have you spent in family Bible

study? How many in family outings? How many hours helping with homework? Or encouraging and developing fledgling talents? How much time teaching that particular child the value of work? How many hours of personal, concerned counsel? What about establishing good habits of grammar, cleanliness, organization, money management? The list could go on and on.

The profits of a successful life that your child eventually will gain are directly proportionate to the investment expended.

How important is your child's success in life to you? Not for selfish reasons, but because you desire what's best for him or her? Or have you been influenced by this world's reasoning far more than you would like to admit?

Again, time is limited, so "I must use every bit of spare time available to, first of all, develop my own talents, pursue my own interests, climb the ladder of personal achievement, whether in my job, my community or my church. After all, I must be sure I have qualified for a high position in God's Kingdom."

If this is the way you live, you may be one of those sacrificing your marriage and children for personal gain. Don't blame God if you are. God requires some of our time all right, but not all. God is organized (1 Corinthians 14:33), and He expects us to use wisdom in organizing our own lives.

Some of us literally don't have time to be married and have children. We're just too busy. But, unfortunately for our families, we are married, and we do have children.

Why not list all the activities you are involved in. Divide them under several headings: those you alone are involved in, those you and your mate are involved in together, those your mate is involved in alone, those your children are involved in individually, and those the whole family, or at least several members, are involved in as a unit. Then, for one week, note by each entry the time spent.

Don't list the family sitting in front of the television as family

togetherness. Don't list normal sleep time, but do list time spent together around the table at meals. Don't list your regular work time, but list overtime work and time spent in prayer and Bible study. (This list can also help you determine how much attention you give your Maker.)

If you find your list a bit heavy in the personal activity columns, either yours, your mate's or your children's, try to cross over in some areas.

If your children are of the ages to be involved in YOU or Scouts or similar activities, get involved too. Be at the games or outings, supporting your children. Supply transportation, be a chaperone, whatever you can do.

If you must work overtime, why not use part of that extra money for a family outing. If you're spending 30 minutes or an hour daily in personal Bible study and equal time in personal prayer, maybe 20 or 30 minutes of that time could be spent in family Bible study and prayer. It's yours and my responsibility as parents to guide and encourage each family member and the family as a whole toward God's Kingdom.

It wouldn't be satisfying to be the only member of your family to make it into God's Kingdom. Especially knowing you had neglected investing the time and energy necessary to encourage your mate and children toward that goal.

Church and community activities are important. Our families should be involved in them, but not overwhelmed by them. And such activities, no matter how worthwhile, should never be used as justification for ignoring our responsibilities as parents.

The God Family is our example. God the Father and Christ the Elder Brother are totally involved with their family. They do their Work through the Mother, the Church. Begotten brothers and sisters get the complete attention of their Parents. In fact, the whole plan of God revolves around His begotten children.

Creating righteous, spiritual character in His children until they are changed into spirit beings like Himself is the supreme masterpiece of His creative genius. To Him there's nothing more important!

Herbert W. Armstrong's whole life has been dedicated toward that goal. You ministers have dedicated their lives to serve and encourage you toward that same goal. How well are you doing in your own family?

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Fine example

You have written so many inspiring letters to me over the years that I want to write and inspire you to keep going and let you know that you are very much appreciated and loved.

I have grown up with the Church, and I owe all my knowledge and happiness to God and His Church and to you, Mr. Armstrong. If you hadn't set us such a fine example, your words would have been meaningless to me as a teenager.

I am 26 now with a family of my own, one boy, three girls. I can give them, because of your work and effort, more knowledge on a child's level than I had myself. Thank you for showing us the way to happiness that prevented me a lot of heartbreak through the years. I didn't have to learn the hard way all the time.

Vicki Roemhild and family
Martin, Ga.

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Sabbath note

Just a note this Sabbath to thank you for all the hard work you're doing. The paper is an inspiration and much appreciated by the brethren here on the East Coast.

Charles Edwards
Darlington, S.C.

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Chancellor entertains seniors three evenings in campus home

The following article appeared in the May 8 issue of the Ambassador Portfolio, the student newspaper. James Capo is the editor, and Barry Dixon is a staff writer.

By Barry Dixon
and James Capo

PASADENA — For the first time since the spring of 1977, Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong was host to Ambassador College seniors in his home, and on May 4 he addressed the graduating class at the annual senior banquet.

Mr. Armstrong visited with the students in his Pasadena home the evenings of April 26, 28 and 30.

"This is all here for you," Mr. Armstrong said, gesturing broadly to indicate the fine pieces of furniture, art and sculpture that adorn his home.

"I don't need it. It's here for the seniors," he said, explaining that those in training to be kings and priests should be exposed to the finest in culture as part of their training.

Mr. Armstrong answered questions, conducted a tour of his home, and told stories about the early days of Ambassador College to describe why and how it was founded.

He told the visiting seniors that a

graduate ought to serve in God's Work, be it in the ministry or in a nonordained capacity in a local church.

The chancellor cautioned the seniors about going on to get advanced degrees in other universities, except certain technical and trade schools where the education is not based on the false system of education that pervades "higher education."

He said that the university graduate level has been particularly destructive to the ministers and members of God's Church.

Student Body President Gary Shaffer noted how gracious a host Mr. Armstrong was, despite the flu bout he was contending with.

"He was so warm and personable," said Victor Tillinghast about the evening he will "long remember." Mr. Armstrong greeted each senior at the door and shook hands. "Some of us he gave bear hugs, and he did that to me!" Victor said.

Mr. Armstrong played Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata* on his grand piano and seniors were treated to cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Mr. Armstrong showed pictures that had personally been sent to him by several world leaders.

On the eve of his departure for Australia, Mr. Armstrong spoke to

the seniors at the senior banquet. He was enthusiastically received, and upon seeing women's guidance counsellor Myrtle Horn in the audience, he quipped, "Mrs. Horn, are you a senior?"

Mr. Armstrong spoke about judgment, and life vs. chemical existence.

After his speech, Senior Class President John Curry presented Mr. Armstrong with an eight-record set of the Berlin Philharmonic playing Beethoven's nine symphonies.

Then Mr. Armstrong was presented with a plaque bearing the signature of each graduating senior saying, "We are behind you 100 percent."



SENIOR CLASS GIFT — Senior Class President John Curry presents Herbert W. Armstrong with an eight-record set of Beethoven's symphonies played by the Berlin Philharmonic. Mr. Armstrong also received a plaque bearing seniors' signatures. [Photo by Kevin Blackburn]

Mr. Armstrong selects faculty to serve on Big Sandy campus

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the faculty members for the Big Sandy, Tex., campus. Evangelist Leon Walker, selected by Mr. Armstrong to serve as deputy chancellor, released the names May 7.

Mr. Armstrong wrote in February that he was "enthusiastically elated over the prospect of such a fine and highly qualified faculty — and all dedicated members of God's Church!"

The full-time faculty and their assignments are as follows: deputy

chancellor, Leon Walker, M.A., theology; dean of faculty, Donald L. Ward, Ed.D., theology; dean of students, Ronald D. Kelly, M.A., theology; registrar, Lynn E. Torrance, Ed.D., English.

Clifford B. Anderson, Ph.D., history; Willis J. Bicket, M.A., business; Roger C. Bryant, M.M., music; Luren E. Dickinson, M.L.S., librarian; Larry W. Haworth, M.A., physical education; Annabel M. Johnson, Ph.D., home economics.

Larry Johnson, Ed.D., math and science; James E. Kisse, M.S.,

speech; Kermit O. Nelson, Ph.D., physical education; Verna Parish, Ph.D., English; John S. Robinson, M.A., journalism, speech, theology; Gary Smith, Ed.D., business.

Part-time faculty members are: Lyna J. Bryant, M.M., music; Eugene M. Walter, M.M., music; Ruth M. Walter, L.T.C.L., M.M., music.

Ambassador College Student Body President Gary Shaffer, B.A., will serve as an administrative assistant, and Laura Tomich, M.A., will assist in home economics.

festival update

Kingsley Mather, pastor of the Kingston, Jamaica, and Nassau, Bahamas, churches has released the following information:

The Jamaican Feast at Runaway Bay will once again be open to brethren from all over the world. Last year attendance was restricted to local brethren because of tension and violence generated by the national elections.

This situation has eased. We are happy to announce that those who desire a tropical Feast are encouraged to consider heading "Down Jamaica Way."

The Feast site is again at Runaway Bay—a tranquil and beautiful resort on the north coast. Activities include snorkeling, swimming, golf, tennis and horseback riding, as well as a family fun show, a sports day for the entire family and a Jamaican Night.

For further details write to:

Kingsley Mather
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Nassau, N.P.
Bahamas

Correction: For those English-speaking brethren who would like to go to Puerto Rico for the Feast this year, there will be simultaneous translations into English at all services. It was erroneously reported that services would be in Spanish with no translations. Please refer to the April 6 Edition of *The Worldwide News* for details of the site at Rincon, on the west coast of the island of Puerto Rico.

Space is still available for transfers into Praz-sur-Arly, France, according to evangelist Dibar Apartian. Full room and board is provided for \$20 a day in the inspiring French Alps mountain range. Three meals a day with free French wine is included in the price, he said. For the travel-minded, Praz-sur-Arly is about an hour's drive from Geneva, Switzerland, where the Work maintains an office. Simultaneous translations from French into English will be provided. Write to Mr. Apartian in Pasadena for more information and reservations.



MINISTERIAL TRAINEES — Ambassador College graduating seniors and juniors selected to participate as full-time or summer ministerial trainees pause in the Ambassador Auditorium. Front row, from left: Bruce McNair, Eric Warren, Timothy Grauel, John Knaack, Dennis Milner, James Capo and Karl Reinegel. Back row: Stephen Elliott, Benjamin Faulkner, Steven LeBlanc, Rejean Vautour, Allen Olson, Greg Gaetzman and Douglas Peitz. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

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Educational Services staff works to bring Gospel to handicapped

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — Cassette tapes are the lifeline to God's Word for visually handicapped members of the Church. "We record literature and some sermons for those physically unable to read comfortably," according to Garland Snuffer, supervisor of Educational Services for the Handicapped.

Operating within the Radio Production Department here, Educational Services provides *Plain Truth* cassettes to about 1,000 visually handicapped persons worldwide. Some 400 are on *The Good News* mailing list, and 300 subscribe to *The Worldwide News*.

Staff and volunteers read literature that is recorded on high fidelity reel-to-reel tapes. Nineteen duplicate cassettes can then be produced simultaneously from a master recording.

Transferring the contents of a 60-minute reel-to-reel tape onto duplicate cassettes takes only three minutes. Plans call for a new duplicating machine that will increase the quality of recorded cassettes.

Authors often read their own stories in one of the recording studios. "We've found that handicapped persons enjoy hearing a variety of people," said Mr. Snuffer. "Not only that, but the author knows when to emphasize certain points of his article."

"If somebody wants cassettes of literature," he continued, "all we ask for is verification of their handicapped status."

However, recorded sermons are distributed only to shut-ins (those physically not able to attend Church services). Shut-ins who wish to receive cassette tapes of sermons are

referred to their local pastors, the department supervisor pointed out.

Routed through post offices without charge, mailed tapes are loaned to the handicapped for two weeks cost free.

In addition to cassette tapes for the blind and nearly blind, Educational Services for the Handicapped regularly distributes sermon scripts to 150 deaf brethren worldwide.

"Once in a while we will produce literature in braille," Mr. Snuffer said, "but we don't have the staff to do it regularly. We do have the Church hymnal in braille."

Mr. Snuffer started working for the Work's Radio Department in 1967. A ham radio operator since 1959, he coordinates the Church's Alpha Charlie (AC) worldwide amateur radio network.



HANDICAPPED SERVICES STAFF — Clockwise from above: Robin Ham erases reusable cassettes returned to Pasadena by visually handicapped brethren; Sara Gunn stocks cassettes; Garland Snuffer, supervisor of Educational Services for the Handicapped, reads a sermon script for the deaf on a Vydec word processor operated by Hilary Ransdell; Karwin Klassy checks level readings during master recording on a reel-to-reel tape recorder. [Photos by Scott Smith]

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

AMBASSADOR IS HOST TO TRACK AND FIELD DAY

Ambassador College's resurfaced track was the scene of the annual Ambassador Track and Field Day April 30. Nearly all distances were



FIELD DAY — Junior Tony Bosserman wins the 800-meter run in 2:00.5 at Ambassador College Field Day April 30.

converted to metric equivalents, according to athletic director Jim Petty, which resulted in all winning times establishing new records.

The sophomores and freshmen battled for first place throughout the meet. The sophomores won the final event, the men's 1,600-meter relay, to defeat the freshmen 88-86.

Phil Greenwood accepted the team award on behalf of the sophomore class at an awards ceremony in the Student Center that evening.

Dean of Students Greg Albrecht also presented awards to senior Robert Gordon, most outstanding male athlete, who scored 27 points, and to junior Sonia King, most outstanding female athlete, with 13 points.

Imperial Schools participated in field day activities concurrently with the college.

CHORALE PERFORMS DURING BREAK

The Ambassador Chorale performed special music and gave a concert for the Santa Rosa and Fairfield, Calif., brethren April 25.

They performed the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* at Sabbath services, followed by a concert that evening, with the theme, "For the Joy of Singing." The presentation included pops, classical and spirituals.

Some chorale members sang solos they performed at the

college Variety Show.

Chorale President Gary Shaffer said the chorale used music to show the many aspects of life at Ambassador College.

He said, "The chorale was overwhelmed by the hospitality of the Church members."

Activities during the trip included a visit to a winery in the Napa Valley and a picnic with the brethren in the Sonoma, Calif., central park. The chorale also made a three-hour stop at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, Calif., on the return trip to Pasadena.

SENIORS TRAVEL TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

The 1981 senior class traveled to Granlibakken Ski and Racquet Resort near Lake Tahoe in northern California for their senior trip April 20 to 22, during the college's spring break.

The seniors stayed in condominiums and apartments at the resort. Snow covered much of the area, but melted rapidly in the warm temperatures.

Some of the group skied at Alpine Meadows. Others went sightseeing in nearby Squaw Valley, fished in Lake Tahoe or enjoyed the jacuzzi, saunas and other facilities or walked in the woods around Granlibakken.

The second night featured a meal in the resort restaurant, followed by a sing-along.

The group returned to Pasadena along the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The trip was paid for from funds earned at the Rose Parade Jan. 1 and other fund raisers.

'AMBASSADOR IN STYLE'

The Ambassador College Fashion Show, entitled "Ambassador in Style," took place April 9. Fashions from Sabbath dress to sportswear and from clothes suitable for classes to formal gowns were featured.

Mary Hegvold, chairman of the Home Economics Department, was mistress of ceremonies for the show, which was organized in conjunction

with the Women's Club Coordinating Committee. She explained and demonstrated the value of having a coordinated wardrobe, and how clothes can be adapted to various occasions.

Students of the beginning clothing and tailoring classes modeled clothes they had made, and members of the various Women's clubs demonstrated fashions loaned by the Serendipity dress shop in Pasadena, and some of their own clothes.

Mrs. Hegvold said the purpose of the show was to help students become aware of what is fashionable, in good taste and suitable for the occasions that are a part of life at Ambassador.



SENIOR TRIP — These Ambassador College seniors pause for a photo at Squaw Valley, Calif. Back row, from left: Doug Peitz, Ken Howah, Linda Elliott and James Capo. Front row: Yeng Mak, Rosa Peitz, Tammy Smith and Christy Pendry. [Photo by Steve Elliott]

Team credits strong comeback to 16-year-old Sabbathkeeper

Pitcher Jon Rushing attends the Salem, Ore., church. His baseball team is counted among the top four teams with a chance to make the post-season playoffs, according to Salem pastor David H. Mills. "He sets a good example for the youths in Salem," Mr. Mills said. The Salem pastor added that one person called for a visit after reading the following article. The article appeared in the April 25 Salem Statesman-Journal, and is reprinted by permission.

By Sean Duff.

SALEM, Ore. — Vic Backlund is praying that the Valley League baseball playoffs won't be held on a

Saturday. Any Saturday.

Backlund, the coach at McNary High School, has seen his team rebound from an 0-3 start to win eight consecutive league games, a streak which moved the Celts from last place in the Valley League to a game out of first.

One of the main reasons for McNary's resurgence is the strong left arm of 16-year-old Jon Rushing, whose baseball maturity belies his youth.

But if the Celts should make the league playoffs, and at this time there's no reason why they shouldn't, it would be in their best interests to make sure a playoff game isn't scheduled for a Saturday.

Because if it is, McNary will have

to do without the services of Rushing, whose religious beliefs prevent him from playing from dusk Friday to dusk Saturday.

"I just go to church on Saturday, but I'm not a Seventh-day Adventist," he said. "The whole family goes. We call it the Worldwide Church of God."

Rushing said his mother has been a member of the church all her life and his father has been a member

since he was 16.

Rushing has been forced to miss several games because of his convictions. "I don't even go to any Saturday games," he said. "I missed two (Senior Little League) championship games last year for district and state titles."

His absences, however, haven't prevented him from getting his teams to the big games in the first place.

Back in early April the Celts were 0-3, mired in last place and going against a McKay team that had visions of greatness. But Rushing stopped the Scots on four hits as McNary won 5-2.

"The start of McKay's game was when things started coming together," he said. "The defense seemed a lot stronger."

McNary's defense was flawless two weeks ago when the league's two premier pitchers, Rushing and Sprague's Randy Voigt, matched up in a no-hit duel for 7½ innings. McNary finally won in the eighth on Rob Ridings' two-out single.

"My curveball was real effective that game," Rushing said. "It has been lately. Things just seem to be getting better and better."

It was a significant win for the Celts. Not only did they finally reach the .500 mark in league play, but they handed Sprague its first league loss and beat the Olys' ace to boot.

That win proved to Rushing that McNary could go a long ways this season. "At first I just wanted to

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Severely deformed baby healed; doctors, nurses call it miracle

By Michael Snyder

WALLA WALLA, Wash. — It had been a difficult pregnancy. Evelyn Patterson, daughter of Church member Carolyn Gemmill, was warned by her obstetrician to "expect possible problems."

Nov. 30, 1980, things went from bad to worse. Mrs. Gemmill was called to St. Mary's hospital here, where her daughter was in labor.

"As soon as I got there the head RN [registered nurse] told me that the baby was in great distress," Mrs. Gemmill told *The Worldwide News* by phone. "During her contractions, the baby's heart would stop," said Gerald R. Flurry, pastor of the Pasco, Wash., church.

The worst was confirmed at birth, according to Mrs. Gemmill. Patrick Patterson was born grossly deformed. "His skull . . . from about eye level to the back of his head was missing. His jaw was pushed back against his chin and his nose was flattened to one side," she related.

Patrick was born a "lump" baby. "The doctors started him breathing by artificial means," Mrs. Gemmill added.

Because of the deformity, Patrick was not shown to his mother until later. "The professional staff at St. Mary's expressed no hope for the baby," said Mrs. Gemmill. "The attending doctor scheduled a brain scan to see how much of a brain Patrick had."

"One specialist told Mrs. Gem-



EVELYN AND PATRICK PATTERSON

mill to start looking for an institution to place the baby in," Mr. Flurry said. "Another didn't expect him to live 24 hours. And if he did he'd be a 'vegetable.'"

Prayer request

Drained by the experience, Mrs. Gemmill went to a nearby friend's house to rest. "I had asked my daughter if she would mind if I asked the Church for prayers," Mrs. Gemmill reported. "She attended church as a child and agreed immediately."

After being called, Mr. Flurry contacted several other Church members and asked them to pray also. As Mrs. Gemmill learned later, Patrick began breathing on his own almost immediately after the prayer request and was taken off an artificial respirator.

'Incredible miracle'

The following morning Mrs. Gemmill went back to the hospital. Upon arriving at the maternity ward, the head nurse came up to Mrs. Gemmill and said, "Come see our miracle baby!"

Mrs. Gemmill was stunned to see that "the boy's head was perfectly formed, the skull intact, his jaw line normal . . . It was an incredible miracle! He was kicking and yelling — telling us he was fine!" The doctors canceled the brain scan.

After Mrs. Gemmill told the head nurse of the Church's prayers, the nurse stated, "It could only be an act of God."

"Now whenever the nurses talk about the Patterson baby, they refer to Patrick as the 'miracle baby,'" said Mr. Flurry.

Five and a half months later, Patrick exhibits no signs of retardation or other abnormalities, according to Mrs. Gemmill. "He's growing hair, cutting teeth," she reported. "He laughs a lot and is a very happy, healthy baby."



SABBATHKEEPING SOUTHPAW — Pitcher Jon Rushing of McNary High School in Salem, Ore., is shown in action at a high school baseball game. (Photo by Ron Cooper, courtesy of Salem Statesman-Journal.)

Omaha member captures Mrs. Nebraska state title

OMAHA, Neb. — "It's all about having the right combination of being a wife, mother and individual," said Kristi (Wangness) St. Pierre, citing the basis for her being selected 1980 Mrs. Nebraska. "I think the judges agreed when I said that the family is the core of the United States."

After winning the state title, the 23-year-old Church member represented Nebraska at the week-long Mrs. America Pageant in Las

Vegas, Nev., April, 1980.

"The judges asked some very pointed questions during the national contest," said Mrs. St. Pierre. "Two questions were whether I thought God was a woman and should women be drafted into the military."

Mrs. St. Pierre has been acquainted with state pageants since 1965, when her mother, Ardean Wangness, now a Church member, was named Mrs. South Dakota.

For the record

PASADENA — The Alpha Charlie (AC) shortwave radio network operates at 1500 Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) instead of the time reported in the May 4 *Worldwide News*, according to Garland Snuffer, coordinator of the network.

The Sunday morning network involves more than 70 members in the United States and Canada, he said. Station WB6ZOT at Ambassador College in Pasadena is normally on at this time.

International members who wish to become involved with the network can write Mr. Snuffer at 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91123, U.S.A. His call letters are N6SN.

Now an accountant for an architectural firm in Omaha, the former Mrs. Nebraska spent much time coordinating and promoting the 1981 Mrs. Nebraska Pageant in March.

Mrs. St. Pierre's hobbies include painting in oils, playing piano, singing and playing tennis and golf with her husband Tracy.



KRISTI ST. PIERRE

BLESSINGS

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does, looking down from heaven. No other church or magazine editorship has the KNOWLEDGE to do that.

No other church has a program remotely comparable to ours. In our publications, besides *The Plain Truth*, members receive monthly *The Good News*, feeding them spiritually, and semimonthly *The Worldwide News*, keeping them up-to-date on Church and Gospel-proclaiming happenings, besides so much personal news to keep us all close together in a spiritual fellowship with God and with Christ. Then the new *Youth 81* magazine for the youths of the Church — and a weekly *Pastor General's Report*.

No church — Catholic, Methodist, Baptist or whatever — has a publication program such as God has given us. No church has weekly events — keeping up member interest like God's Church. Take our

Spokesman Clubs, our YOU and YES programs — our basketball and other activities — our annual Feast of Tabernacles and other feasts to hold us together, and keep us growing spiritually. THERE IS JUST NO CHURCH LIKE GOD'S CHURCH!

I think we need to realize HOW DIFFERENT — and how much MORE INTERESTING, how much more spiritually stimulating and invigorating is God's Church.

And our publications are a vital and basic part of the Church — its life, and its growth.

Now the way is opened for us to place *The Plain Truth* in hundreds and thousands of chain supermarkets — Safeway and others. I will describe this in a letter to members.

So much of this growth and spiritual development has come through our publications. Before my conversion, God trained me in the field of publications, and also in public speaking. I think I had not realized, myself, how vital this early training was in building God's Church and Work.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Two people received honors at Sabbath services in **BELLE VERNON, Pa.**, April 11. YOU member Debbie Roberts received a set of art supplies from the Spokesman Club in recognition of her work on a club emblem. Dan Summy, the YOU basketball coach, also received a plaque. *Mark Hardway.*

Residents of Hillcrest Manor, a housing project for the elderly in **BIG SANDY, Tex.**, had an open house to celebrate the completion of a community center March 15. A plaque and clock were given to Church member James Jackson for maintenance of the Hillcrest landscape and grounds. According to local elder

gation enjoyed a barbecue potluck at the home of John and Roberta Daley April 5. Activities included volleyball, badminton and swimming. *Ben and Esther Texeira.*

Some 350 **JOHANNESBURG, South Africa**, brethren met at the Vaal Dam Nature Reserve for a camp-out March 14 and 15. At an open-air Sabbath service local elder Bryan Mathie spoke on lessons to be learned from Old Testament kings. After an evening barbecue members joined in a fireside sing-along. The next day boating, fishing, swimming and waterskiing were enjoyed. *Dan P. Greyling.*

Twenty members of the **KNOXVILLE, Tenn.**, church enjoyed the music of George Gershwin at a dinner theater sponsored by the Spokesman Club April 4. A buffet dinner was served. *Phillip H. Owenby.*

MONTREAL, Que., EAST brethren



YAK CAMP-OUT — Young Action Kids of Wollongong, Australia, enjoy a meal under a shade tree at Easts Beach, Kiama, April 13. (See "Youth Activities," page 7.)

Norvel Pyle, Hillcrest Manor provides homes for 33 Church members, mostly widows. Responsible for their welfare and daily needs are director Faye Carwile and her assistant Oma Hamilton, along with volunteers from the church. *Linda M. Smith.*

The **BISMARCK, DICKINSON and MINOT, N.D.**, churches had their annual semi-formal dance March 28. Decorations portrayed the theme, "A Spring Night on the Prairie." Members prepared an array of finger foods for hors d'oeuvres. Music was provided by The Stardust Three. *Ronald Getsman.*

The **EUREKA, Calif.**, church had its first Holy Day service April 24 at the Eureka Women's Club. Marc Segal flew in from Chico, Calif., to conduct services. *Kathleen Buck.*

The newly formed all-male choir of the **FRESNO and VISALIA, Calif.**, churches gave its first church performance on the First Day of Unleavened Bread April 19. The choir sang two numbers and was accompanied on the piano by Cheryl Meyer. *Lindy Meyer Jr.*

A fancy-dress parade was the highlight of a **GOLD COAST, Australia**, church social March 27. Games for the children and dancing for the adults completed the evening. The church band provided dance music. *Roger Griffiths.*

The **HAMILTON, Ont.**, church presented a variety show April 4. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stinson, the show included skits, piano and violin solos, the children's choir, guitarists, YOU square dancing and a nostalgic look at the history of Canadian railroading. The congregation was joined by members from St. Catharines and Kitchener, Ont. *Lillian R. Toth.*

The **HONOLULU, Hawaii**, congre-

had a formal dance April 4. The evening meal consisted of barbecued chicken, wine, apple pie and ice cream. Eaton Phillips and his Caribbean band provided ballroom and calypso music for dancing. Three door prizes were awarded. *Stephen Gore.*

Eighty-five members of the **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, church took a 17-mile canoe trip down the Alafia River April 12. About midway along the trip the flotilla of 37 canoes stopped and the canoeists enjoyed a riverbank picnic. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

After services April 11 the **SAN JOSE, Calif.**, church had a potluck and then enjoyed a variety show. Assistant YOU coordinator John Jester welcomed the audience and introduced the first entertainer, soloist Lew Brewster. Other performers included David Ball, David Lopez, Donna Lopez, Alva Alvarez, Dana Roohar, Carol O'dell, Sue Crow, Cecil Halbrooks, Doug Burkes, Gladie Tucher and Marty Masters. *Robin Merritt.*

Members and former pastors of the **SHREVEPORT, La.**, church celebrated the 25th anniversary of the church April 4. The celebration included a morning and afternoon service with a dance in the evening. Former pastors and their wives who attended were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Friddle, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Swisher and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Witte. All former pastors in attendance and present pastor Bill Bradford recounted unusual and humorous experiences they had while in the area. The dance was highlighted by a slide show of the history of the church. Gifts were presented to the former pastors and three original members: Lucille Walker, Gladys Myers and Peggy Corley. *Bill Bradford.*

The **VICTORIA, B.C.**, church had its annual bazaar April 9 at the Hillside Shopping Mall and collected more than \$900. *Peter Crompton.*

The fifth anniversary of the **VISALIA, Calif.**, church was celebrated April 11 with an international foods potluck lunch after services. After the meal associate pastor Ted Herlofson presented a farewell gift to Mr. and Mrs. Rhoton Cross, who will serve in the Sacramento, Calif., churches. *Lindy Meyer Jr.*

Grandparents of the **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio**, church were honored at a dinner and social April 5. The Single Adults' Club served the group. Each woman received a plant and orchid donated by Rae Longbottom. Pastor Eugene Noel was MC for a grandparents' feud. *Libby Kebrle.*

CLUB MEETINGS

The **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, Ladies' Club had a Hawaiian luau for its first men's night April 5. The theme was "Broaden Your Horizons Through Travel." Bonnie Coultas conducted table topics, and Pat Frankum and Henrietta Kissel gave speeches. YOU members served and cleaned up after the meal. Sandra Ferriss was MC and in charge of planning the meeting. *Kathy Duncan.*

A Hawaiian luau was the theme of a combined men's and ladies' club meeting and social in **JONESBORO, Ark.**, April 4. A group of ladies, led by Kathy Holmes, demonstrated the traditional hula dance. Hawaiian food and drinks were served. *Tonnie Petty.*

The Ladies' Club of **LAS VEGAS, Nev.**, celebrated its first anniversary March 14 with a costume party, dinner and dance at Macayo Vegas Restaurant. The costumes were judged by some of the restaurant employees. First prize went to Cleo and Mary Dawson, second prize to Juanita Cloud and Jackie Williams and third prize to Jesse and Sandra Throver. *Jeanette Sanders.*

The **LOUISVILLE, Ky.**, Women's Club sponsored a banquet honoring senior citizens March 29. The setting was an island scene, and a Bali dinner was served. Entertainment included a sing-along led by pastor Ray Meyer, followed by table games. *Ina Bunch.*

The **MELBOURNE, Australia**, SOUTH Ladies' Club met for its second meeting April 12. Chairwoman for the evening was Deirdra De George. Carole Lewis presented a variety of topics ranging from masculinity to the effects of television advertising. Jean Bonell introduced the speakers, who all gave icebreakers: Gwen Allen, Val Bishop, Ruth Matthews, Debbie Simmonds and Tina Sippos. In his overall evaluation Ken Lewis gave points on how to organize a speech. *Ruth Garratt.*

The Women's Club of **MERIDEN, Conn.**, sponsored a fashion show and

dinner April 4. The theme was "New York City." Sue Barocci coordinated the meal. Mary White designed the New York scenery for the fashion show, which featured 30 women and one man modeling handmade clothes. Students from Miss Kathy's World of Dancers provided entertainment. The finale was a wedding gown worn by Anita Amato and a wedding gown and tuxedo made by Carolyn Metz for her son Doug and his bride Ruth. *Larry Wooldrige.*

After the business meeting icebreakers were given by Janet Waugaman and Alice Porterfield. A lunch of unleavened goodies and strawberry punch was served. Lavene Vorel spoke to the club about cameras and how to take pictures properly. *Alice Porterfield.*

A combined **SAN DIEGO, Calif.**, Spokesman and Graduate club ladies' night took place April 11. Associate pastor Camillo Reyes presided. Paul Smith served as topicmaster, and Dennis Ryan



SMURF BOATING — Dressed as "smurfs," the Peter Denese family goes boating at a variety show presented by the Hamilton, Ont., church April 4. (See "Church Activities," this page).

The **MICHIGAN CITY, Ind.**, Women's Club had a mother-daughter banquet April 5. The tables were decorated by Peggy Thorne and her committee. Gloria Millich asked God's blessing on the meal. Afterward Linda Huddleston presented a demonstration on the proper use of cosmetics and hair care, using her daughter Treva as a model. *Pauline Fritts.*

The **NEW ORLEANS, La.**, Women's Club had its spring fashion show March 28. The 47 models included a surprise appearance by Church member Sam Lombardo in comical costumes. *Emma Kucewicz.*

The April 8 meeting of the Ladies' Club of **ROCKHAMPTON, Australia**, had an international theme. Speakers Marie De Mey, Fay Davidson, Judy Benson and Marilyn Byrne presented information received from ministers Spaulding Kulasingam of India, Saw Lay Beh of Burma and Melvin Rhodes of Ghana about brethren in those areas. A luncheon of international dishes followed. Hostess Colleen Price decorated the tables with flags of countries where Church members live. *Dawn Bennett.*

The **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, Ladies' Club had a meeting on floral arrangements April 7 at the home of Karen Abramczyk. After refreshments served by Cindy Drew and Roberta Lashua, Wanda Smith gave a flower-arrangement demonstration. A drawing for the finished bouquet was won by Colleen Simonson, who then presented it to the hostess. *Karen Liebold.*

The Manasota Women's Club of Tomorrow met April 25 at the home of Charlene Rush. Gloria Plank and Barbara E. Young were guests for the evening. The members received new cookbooks.

was toastmaster. Pastor Norman Smith spoke on overcoming fears. Other speakers included Gregg Sherman, Steven Sparks, Raymond Hooks and Frank Espinoza. *Dennis Ryan.*

"Oriental Impressions" was the theme of the mother-daughter banquet sponsored by the **SEATTLE, Wash.**, Women's Club March 30. Guests were greeted by girls in Japanese attire. Stella White opened the meeting with prayer. Singing waiters dressed as coolies served the meal. Dinner music was provided by Bill Samuelson at the piano. After an intermission Cathy Jackson was MC for the entertainment program. *Kathy Jewsbury.*

The **VICTORIA, B.C.**, Spokesman Club and guests enjoyed a Victoria Symphony Orchestra concert April 2. Paul Freeman was the conductor, and Steven DeGroote was the pianist in a Beethoven concerto. *John Plunkett.*

SINGLES SCENE

The inaugural activity of the **GARDEN GROVE, Calif.**, Young Adults' Club was a progressive dinner April 5. Organized by Lee Allison, the meal featured appetizers, soup, salad, tacos and enchiladas. In all, 12 homes were visited by various members of the group. They all met for dessert in the clubhouse at Bill Lovett's condominium. There, pastor Terry Mattson addressed the group and encouraged them to sponsor service activities for the church and the community. Tom Bartell was appointed club chairman. (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 7.)



SHOPPING AROUND — Cindy Schmitt sings "Shop Around" at the Buffalo, N.Y., YOU entertainment show April 11. (See "Youth Activities," page 7.) [Photo by Bob Rodkey]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BELCHER, Lay and Faye (Duncan), of Laurel, Del., girl, Sara Rachel Elaine, April 13, 8:10 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

BOESSEL, Ray and Christie, of Bigfork, Minn., boy, Jesse Andrew, April 21, 3:57 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

CAHOW, Don and Evelyn (Wilson), of Kalamazoo, Mich., girl, Christi Cherina, April 14, 7:59 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

CLARK, Keith and Rhonda (Wofford), of Lenoir, N.C., girl, Amber Leigh, April 18, 12 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

FEARLEY, Glenn and Jacqueline (Howard), of Bethmar, Australia, boy, Kurt Harry, March 23, 4 a.m., 8 pounds, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

FERR, Neil and Mone (Dato), of Abbotsford, B.C., girl, Rachel Melissa, March 27, 8:16 a.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

HARRIS, Adrian and Lynette (Fearley), of Temora, Australia, girl, Deborah Anne, March 18, 11:25 a.m., 8 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

MASTIN, Odie and Karen (Ford), of Fayetteville, Tenn., girl, Jennifer Marie, March 13, 10:20 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

McLEOD, James and Karen (Lansford), of Houston, Tex., girl, April Elizabeth, April 4, 10:48 p.m., 5 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 5 girls.

MORSTATTER, Timothy and Laurie (Taylor), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Joshua David, April 6, 11:40 a.m., 9 pounds, first child.

MUKIRA, Paul and Doris (Kalinda), of Meru, Kenya, girl, Kapiu, March 20, 11:15 p.m., 2 1/2 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

NESSEN, Jeffrey and Leica (McBerrry), of Trenton, N.J., boy, Christopher Lee, Feb. 13, 8:32 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

PETERSON, Pat and JoAnn, of Lynnwood, Wash., boy, Erik Trenton, April 12, 7:02 a.m., 5 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

PLAMER, Michael and Jan (McLohan), of Griffin, N.C., girl, Rebecca Elizabeth, April 11, 9:05 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

RENEHAN, Bruce and Joyce (King), of Sakerfield, Calif., girl, Serena Bronnie, March 23, 12:18 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

RIDDICKS, Wesley and Kathryn (Clark), of Fremont, Mo., boy, Joshua David, April 12, 6:56 p.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, now 5 boys, 2 girls.

SCHWARTZ, Norm and Shelley (Henderson), of Prince George, B.C., girl, Heather Rae, March 29, 11:35 p.m., 8 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

SMITH, Don and Julie (Berg), of Pasadena, boy, Logan Evert, March 6, 6:40 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

SPRATLING, Henry and Kim (Bayer), of Miami, Fla., boy, Daniel Allen, Jan. 14, 9:31 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

STEED, Robert and Anetta (Williams), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, Justin Patrick, April 11, 8:57 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

THOMSON, Alexander and Rita (Mathwig), of Pasadena, boy, Weston Ashley, April 5, 6:30 p.m., 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS



S. HARRISON AND J. McFALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. McFalls of Knoxville, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Janet Lynn to Steven Donald Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Conley Harrison of Lenoir, N.C. The wedding is planned for June 27 in Knoxville.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Verwater of Toowoomba, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Yvonne Bernadette Broda, to Martin Eric Davey from Smyrna, Tenn. Both are Ambassador College students. An early summer wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. O.D. Chaffin of Jasper, Ala., and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Keith of Hartselle, Ala., wish to announce the engagement of their children Vanessa Carol and Ricky Lynn. The wedding date is set for July 19.

Steven Allen Weissenbach of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Marahon Page of High Point, N.C., are happy to announce their engagement. The wedding will take place in Burlington, N.C., June 13.

WEDDINGS

Charlene Graham-Horton and Wayne Anthony Thomas were united in marriage April 8 in Rahway, N.J. The ceremony was performed by Gordon Harry, a minister in the Union, N.J., church. Matron

of honor, Marilyn Verries, and best man was James Hill. The couple reside in Plainfield, N.J.

ANNIVERSARIES

Yvonne, Congratulations on your first year of marriage. Donna Shoemaker.

Minnie and Emil Riedel celebrated their 61st anniversary Feb. 25. They attend services in Brainerd, Minn.

Obituaries

BOISE, Idaho — Darwin Wayne David, 73, a member of God's Church since 1967, died unexpectedly April 15. Graveside services were conducted by Jeff McGowan, pastor of the Boise church.

Mr. David is survived by his wife Victoria; four sons, Wayne, Howard, Ralph and Gordon; and a daughter, Sharon.

CARDIFF, Wales — Michael James, 37, died unexpectedly April 9 from a burst in his pulmonary artery. He suffered from Beche's Syndrome, which rendered him blind seven years ago.

Mr. James is survived by his mother Peggy James, also a member of God's Church.

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — Bob Fallstrom, 39, died of brain cancer March 31. Rainer Salomaa, pastor of the Kamloops church, officiated at graveside services. Mr. Fallstrom is survived by his wife Sharon and daughter Tracy.

LINCOLN, Neb. — Dorothy Lenora Brown, 55, died April 18 after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Docken, pastor of the Lincoln and Omaha, Neb., churches.

Mrs. Brown is survived by her husband Richard Sr.; two sons, Richard Jr. and Kenneth; three daughters, Patty, Linda and Catherine; and brothers and sisters.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon baby this issue is Jennifer Nicole Woodring, daughter of Wayne and Joanne Woodring, of Tyler, Tex.

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Pitcher

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have a better season (than last year) and make it to the playoffs," he said. "Now I want to get through the district playoffs, then go to state."

Like most pitchers, Rushing doesn't throw much between starts. He'll rest completely the day after pitching, throw for about 10 minutes the second day and a bit more the third. He's also the Celts' designated hitter, and his .300-plus aver-

age is third best on the team. Once the high school season is over, Rushing will pitch for Backlund's Big League team this summer. Fortunately for Rushing, Big League games are played on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Rushing thinks his religious beliefs could hurt his scholarship chances. But the thought doesn't seem to bother him.

"If I can continue to progress and get better," he said, "maybe I'll overlook that. Teams have rescheduled games before."

CHURCH NEWS

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coordinator, and local elder Keith Wells will serve as group adviser. *Tom Bartell*.

The singles of **INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.**, met April 11 at the home of Rollic and Helen Olmsted in Greenwood, Ind., for a pitch-in buffet meal. Afterward the group played games and listened to music. *Joyne Schumaker*.

SPORTS

A weekend of activities for the YOU of district 32 took place in **ATHENS, W.Va.**, March 21 and 22. Tournament play began Saturday evening. Kingsport, Tenn., was declared the division I champion and Lexington, Ky., division II champion. In division I the Most Sportsmanlike Team award went to Pikeville, Ky., and the Most Valuable Player was Perry Hobbs. The all-tournament team included Kenny Waddell, George Trent, Wesley Brockman, Marvin Ingram, George Diamond, Mark Mullins, Rob Summers, Keith Adkins, Perry Hobbs and Brian Garland. In division II Oak Hill, W.Va., won the Most Sportsmanlike Team award, and the Most Valuable Player was Bob Ramsey. Members of the all-tournament team were Alan Abney, Steve Williams, Steve Price, Jonathan Whitaker, Mike White, Ronald Tackett, Jeff Harper and Bob Ramsey.

Cheerleading took place Sunday. Scoring was done by judges from the surrounding community. Each squad received Most Sportsmanlike Squad awards. London, Ky., Charleston, W.Va., Oak Hill and Parkersburg, W.Va., squads were rated Outstanding, while Bluefield, W.Va., and Kingsport were rated Excellent. *Thomas Damour*.

The Star City Bowlers of the **ROANOKE, Va.**, church's women's bowling league had their third annual banquet April 5. A potluck was followed by the presentation of trophies. First place went to The Pin Splitters: Kay Persky, Myra Stiglich, Sherry Kinzie and Ann Milli-

can. Second place went to The Strikers: Diane Webb, Rosa Einhellig, Teresa Graham and Dorothy Richardson. Other trophies were awarded to Myra Stiglich, Diane Webb, Sherry Kinzie and Dorothy Richardson. The league will sponsor a teen to the 1981 Summer Educational Program. *Sherry Kinzie*.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The **BUFFALO, N.Y.**, church played host to the third annual YOU variety entertainment show April 11, entitled "Riverboat Review." Seventeen acts ranged from poetry reading to jitterbug dancing. David Bilowus accompanied many of the acts on piano and also sang a solo. Masters of ceremonies were Rick Schmitt and Nick Florko. Grandma's Kitchen was open for the sale of baked goods, and the proceeds went to the church activities fund. *Ronald R. Wodjga*.

The **CEBU, Philippines**, SEP took place April 5 through 10 at Marlon Beach Resort, Manilangin, for 36 youths from the eastern and central Visayas regions. Activities included camping, ball games, a dance and lectures on such topics as dating by minister Jose Raduban, Julian Bahinting and some of the leading men of the central Visayas area. Miriam de la Torre supervised the food preparation, and with Fe Posta, conducted a cooking demonstration. *Antilla T. Tambis*.

The **EVANSVILLE, Ind.**, YOU chapter had a steak cookout at the home of Charles and Carol Brooks April 2 for the cheerleaders and basketball players. Activities included softball, volleyball and basketball. A flower arrangement was given to Mrs. Brooks by the cheerleaders for her help in sponsoring them. A dance topped off the evening. *Kelly Block*.

YOU members of **NASSAU, Bahamas**, had a banquet March 28 at the Britannia Beach Hotel. Minister Kingsley Mather, coordinator Desmond Curling



YOUNG AT HEART — Ladies of the Seattle, Wash., Young at Heart group sing at a mother-daughter banquet sponsored by the Women's Club March 30. (See "Club Meetings," page 6.)

and President Vernita Robinson gave welcoming addresses, and the group enjoyed a roast beef meal. Vernita introduced Charlene Wood who led table topics. Toastmistress Nathania Curling introduced the speakers: Flossamace Bowleg, Gregory Ritchie and Mr. Curling. Mr. Mather evaluated the meeting and announced the YOU officers: Vernita Robinson, president; Joseph Wood, vice president; Nathania Curling, secretary; Yvette Harper, treasurer; Rory Harper, photographer; Stephanie Robinson, reporter; Ephraim Wood, sergeant at arms; and Charlene Moss, bulletin-board monitor. A group picture was taken and then the group enjoyed dancing at the Flagler Inn Hotel. *Nathania Curling and Stephanie Robinson*.

The **YOU of NEWCASTLE-ONTYNE, England**, visited Druridge Bay for beach games and a barbecue March 29. Refreshments were provided on the journey home. *Ian Hogg*.

A YOU district weekend in **NEW ORLEANS, La.**, March 28 and 29

included basketball, novelty games, a cheerleading contest, a Bible bowl quiz and movies. *Emma Kuczewicz*.

Members of the Candles and Lace Homemaking Club of **PALMER, Alaska**, spent four hours cleaning for the Days of Unleavened Bread April 5. Each girl was hired by a woman in the congregation to help deaven her home. The earnings will go into the club treasury to help finance a summer activity. *Linda Orchard*.

The **TAMPA, Fla.**, YOU enjoyed a day at Disney World April 12. The Thunder Mountain and Space Mountain roller-coaster rides were the most popular. *Bill Encinosa*.

The **TUCSON, Ariz.**, YES children enjoyed a party sponsored by the Women's Club April 12. A circus theme was portrayed in the decorations. A large cake decorated with a carousel and animals was made by Joyce Steagall, Linda Neff and Carol Malkory. The children were divided into four age groups, and games were supervised by Ann Tannert,

Judy Lowe, Bobbie Velasco and Helen Schmidt. The clowns were Bill Fasser, Ellen Witt and John Vaughn. John Dwiggins wrote the script for a puppet show, and Dixie Gillett led a sing-along. Each child was presented with a wrapped gift and a decorated sack to carry home all his goodies. *Ruth Van Blair*.

Forty-one Young Action Kids (YAK) of **WOLLONGONG, Australia**, enjoyed a camp-out at Easts Beach, Kiama, April 13. The group pitched tents in the dark, and then enjoyed a camp fire and sing-along on the beach. The next day activities included rock fishing, spear fishing, rock climbing, body surfing and boomerang throwing. Associate pastor Chris Hunting got the biggest catch of the day, and Mrs. Hunting got the second biggest. After lunch baseball and other games were played. Camp supervisors were pastor Garin Cullen and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Hunting, Peter and Marilyn Wilson, Arthur Mavros, Jim Thomas, Jim Mottee and Graham and Kath Shepherd. *Graham and Kath Shepherd*.

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

PASADENA — Ministerial Services has released the following ministerial transfers and circuit changes:

Joe Dobson, Lake of the Ozarks, and Rolla, Mo.; **George Meeker**, Springfield, Mo.; **James Friddle**, Nashville and Dickson, Tenn.; **Rowlen Tucker**, Memphis and Jackson, Tenn.

Ronald Laughland, Glendale and Reseda, Calif.; **Jim Lee**, Longview and Lufkin, Tex.; **Bill Bradford**, Shreveport, La., Mena, Ark., and Texarkana, Tex.; **John Ogwyn**, Houston, Tex., North.

Frank McCrady, Manhattan, Long Island and Brooklyn/Queens, N.Y.; **David Pack**, Buffalo, N.Y.; **Les Schmedes**, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y.; **Bob Bragg**, Manhattan, N.Y. (associate pastor); **Ray Lisman**, Bethlehem, Pa.; **Jim Kisse**, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex.

Lynn Torrance, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex.; **Ronald Kelly**, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex.; **James Reyer**, Denver, Colo.; **Bob Cloninger**, Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa; **John Robinson**, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex.; **Dan Hall**, Pittsburgh, Pa., East and West (associate pastor).

Mike Blackwell, Dayton, Ohio (ministerial trainee); **Norm Myers**, Denver, Colo. (ministerial trainee); **Walter Johnson**, Austin and Waco, Tex.

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PASADENA — Ambassador College here will offer 12 continu-

ing education courses this summer for Church members and employees, according to registrar **William Stenger**.

Survey-type courses on the general epistles, Old Testament writings, comparative religion, Hebrew and other subjects will be offered June through August.

Course instructors include **David Albert**, **Gary Antion**, **David Barnett**, **John Beaver**, **Dean Blackwell**, **Kenneth Hermann**, **Mark Kaplan**, **Sidney Hegvold**, **Mary Hegvold**, **Raymond McNair** and **John Siston**.

The classes offer continuing education units (CEUs) upon completion and do not apply to academic degrees from Ambassador.

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PASADENA — Entry forms for



INTERNATIONAL DESK BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Brethren of God's Church enjoyed a meaningful and spectacular Feast of Unleavened Bread this year.

Assembling on the Mediterranean island of Malta, 36 of our brethren from Malta and Sicily assembled for the first time

the 1981 National Youth Opportunities United Golf Tournament should be sent to the YOU Office before July 31.

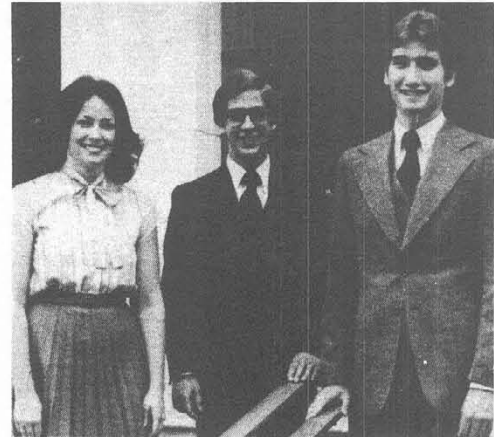
This year the tourney is organized into four divisions for individual play, according to the YOU Office. Teens 16 and older will compete in the senior boys' and girls' divisions. Those 12 to 15 will be in the junior boys' and girls' divisions. Four YOU members of any age may enter the team tournament.

Individuals and teams may enter as many times as they wish. However, each person or team may win only one award.

Awards will be presented for first, second and third places in each of the four divisions as well as in the team category.

To be eligible for the tournament, rounds must be played on a course that has an official 18-hole United States Golf Association rating. Tees must also be approved by the association.

Entry forms are available from church pastors or from district coordinators.



TEXAS OFFICERS — Leon Walker, deputy chancellor of Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., named the 1981-82 student officers May 7. From left: Sherri Means, Women's Club overall president; Mark Mounts, student body president; and Bruce Dague, sophomore class president.

African nation of Cameroon. For the first time all the French-speaking members gathered together to keep the Passover and the Night to be Much Observed. Some came from more than 500 miles to keep the Passover in the home of local elder Ray Clore.

On the Sabbath of April 18, brethren started arriving around 11:30 a.m., and when the service started at 1 p.m., 54 adults and 21 children were crowded into Mr. Clore's living room.

After the sermonette by local elder V. Balinga, and the sermon by Mr. Clore, a refreshment break was taken before showing a videotape of the China trip, by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, the film, "For Even From My Youth" and the Young Ambassadors film.

After the show, the men rearranged the chairs and the ladies headed up previously prepared dishes, and everyone feasted merrily into the Night to be Much Observed.

J.P. Njamta, the deacon, gave the sermonette, and Mr. Clore spoke on how to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread. A fine offering was made, and afterward, photographs were taken of everyone who attended, by church area. The services were conducted in French, with a translator relaying the message into Bassa.

All members in Yaounde pitched in to make those coming from distant areas feel at home and have a wonderful Feast.

British advertising

Space has been booked in three of the top British newspapers to carry Mr. Armstrong's full-page ads. The first, entitled "What's Wrong with Our Education System?", was run May 5 in the *Daily Mail*. The same ad is appearing in subsequent weeks in *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* — a combined circulation of more than 3.6 million.

The campaign will run for nine weeks also using the ads entitled "A Staggering Turn in World Events" and one on science and technology. The advertising agent in London, through whom the ads were placed, said the impact from these ads on the top people in Britain would be greater in two months than five years worth of running smaller coupon advertisements as had been done before.

March was also a record-breaking month in England with the highest mail income ever received at the Radlett Office — up 48 percent over March last year. The year to date figure is now up 31 percent.

Dominica

Brethren on the distant Caribbean island of Dominica (made famous by the devastation wrought by a hurricane nearly two years ago) have been blessed to see Mr. Arm-

strong. Not in person — yet — but by means of videotape. A friend of one of the members generously made his videotape recorder available so that all the brethren could view a videotape sent from regional director Stan Bass.

He recorded three of Mr. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* programs, including *China: Behind the Wall* and the one on the world peace center. WOR New York is received on cable television in Puerto Rico.

Mr. Bass conducts a monthly Bible study in Dominica for our 19 members there, and was scheduled to be there again in mid May.

Northern Ireland

To most of the world, turmoil in Northern Ireland over Bobby Sands' death is a hot news story, but to brethren there it could become an intense question of survival! If violence becomes widespread, nearly 300 members might be affected.

In the 12 years of trouble in Northern Ireland, brethren have escaped involvement. But now, with tensions running high, one Church member said he fully expects to see the day when a Protestant will come up and hand him a gun and say, "Are you with us or against us?" If not, the member expressed the fears of being shot on the spot!

Following is a report on the tense situation by one of our men in Radlett dated May 5:

"My family and I had the opportunity of being with the local pastor and his family in Belfast for the last Holy Day services. Whilst in Northern Ireland we took the opportunity to drive through some of the more wrecked areas of the capital to see the results of the violence and destruction that have taken place on such a large scale. The graffiti, anti-British and pro-terrorist slogans are everywhere.

"*Time* magazine and the media generally are full of the current Northern Irish situation. As the hunger-striker Bobby Sands has died, there has started a violent backlash. People are hoarding food almost with a siege mentality.

"There have been displays of strength by both sides on the street corners involving 2,500 men the other evening in West Belfast. Youngsters are stockpiling bricks, bottles, missiles, etc., in order to use them in the running street battles that are anticipated.

"I mention all of this because the *Church members* have specifically requested the prayers of their brethren for their safety during this tense time. In 12 years of troubles thus far they have virtually escaped any involvement. But with over 300 people attending the two churches in Belfast and Ballymena, we would remind you of this situation and ask you to continually remember them in your prayers to God."



COMMENCEMENT — Eighteen Imperial School seniors took part in graduation exercises at the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center on the Ambassador College campus May 14. Evangelist Ellis LaRavia gave the graduation address, and Imperial Principal Joseph Locke and Vice Principal Bob Cote handed out diplomas. [Photo by Scott Smith]

French-speaking Work grows

PASADENA — Growth, both spiritual and in numbers, is how evangelist Dibar Apartian described the French-speaking churches, when he returned May 4 from a trip to Europe and the West Indies. Mr. Apartian said "the problems are smaller and the blessings bigger" for brethren in those countries.

The evangelist kept the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread in Brussels, Belgium, where all the brethren from Belgium and northern France gathered. During the Days of Unleavened Bread, Mr. Apartian met with all the French-speaking ministers in Paris for a two-day ministerial conference.

The April 21 and 22 meetings fostered a "spirit of unity" among the ministers, who are "very supportive" of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Apartian said. The evangelist said he "kept busy" during the Spring Festival, preaching seven sermons and holding a number of *Plain Truth* Bible lectures for listeners of *Le Monde a Venir*

(*French World Tomorrow*).

More than 100 new people attended the Paris lecture, and 103 new people attended the lectures in Geneva and Lausanne, Switzerland, combined. Follow-up Bible studies will take place for those "with a deeper interest in the Bible," Mr. Apartian added.

Mr. Apartian flew from Europe to the French West Indies, where he experienced a dramatic change in the weather. "When I left France the temperature was about 32 degrees Fahrenheit," he said. "I arrived in the middle of a heat wave in the West Indies, where the temperature was over a hundred."

In the West Indies, *Le Monde a Venir* blankets the area, according to Mr. Apartian. There are only three stations in the area, and the *French World Tomorrow* is on good times on two of them, he said.

"We are so well-known down there," the evangelist related, "that when I went through customs the official recognized my name as

being connected with the program." (Mr. Apartian is the voice of the French broadcast.)

"We have good growth there," he continued. "The West Indies are mostly Catholic, but we have almost 300 people attending in Martinique and several others in Guadeloupe."

Mr. Apartian also conducted public Bible lectures in the French-speaking areas there. Thirty-five new people attended in Guadeloupe and 167 in Martinique, he added.

The evangelist was also interviewed live on the Guadeloupe radio station. "The interviewer gave me plenty of time to talk about the Bible and the Gospel."

Before returning, Mr. Apartian raised local elder Erick Dubois to preaching elder, which was previously approved by Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Dubois pastors the Basse Terre and Pointe-a-Pitre churches in Guadeloupe.

Mr. Apartian said he will travel to Montreal, Que., to conduct a campaign May 31.