

PASTOR GENERAL SPEAKS IN HONG KONG AND BANGKOK

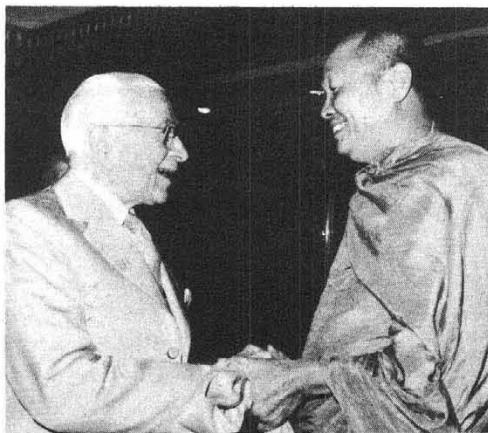
Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong wrote the following article Jan. 31 in-flight from Bangkok, Thailand, to Manila, Philippines.

By Herbert W. Armstrong
I will bring you up to date on the present trip so far. Sabbath, Jan. 23, I spoke to the brethren at the regular Sabbath service in Honolulu, Hawaii. There was a nice increase in membership since I last spoke there a year before.

Sunday, the 24th, we flew on to Hong Kong, crossing the international dateline. Suddenly it was Monday. It was Chinese New Year in Hong Kong. All businesses and shops were closed. Wednesday evening I spoke about an hour and 20 minutes to about 200 readers of *The Plain Truth*.

There seems to be a real interest there and apparently God has people there He is calling. I left David Hulme [media liaison] there to purchase time, if possible, on television and/or radio in Hong Kong. If we are successful in obtaining a good time on the air there, I feel sure we shall have a new church in Hong Kong within a year. We already have about three members there.

Thursday we flew down around the southern tip of Viet-



THAILAND GREETING — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong greets Abbot PhraThepsopon of Wat Thai (Thai Temple) of Los Angeles, Calif., at the Oriental Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. The abbot had carried Mr. Armstrong's personal letter to King Bhumibol.

nam and over to Bangkok. Friday we flew north to Chiangmai. I was met at the airport by the mayor and other officials, and they supplied a car to a local hotel. At the hotel the king's mountain jeep van was waiting to take me, with Aaron Dean, my personal aide, and the Abbot PhraThepsopon of the Buddhist religion (a rank similar to cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church) up to the king's northern palace atop the mountain. There I had a fourth personal visit with King Bhumibol.

The abbot had arranged the

meeting by telephone from Los Angeles, Calif., after visiting me in my home in Pasadena. The abbot had been much impressed by the splendid performance of students and graduates from Ambassador College, serving in the refugee program to the north of Chiangmai at the Thailand border. These Ambassador men and women have certainly let their light shine in Thailand that people there have seen and warmed up enthusiastically from their good works.

In Hong Kong the newspaper headlines were filled with seri-

ous bad news and evil in that part of the world. The Thursday morning Bangkok newspaper headlines were filled with news in big front-page headlines, of serious drug smuggling from surrounding nations across the Thai borders, in order secretly to smuggle such drugs as opium and heroin out of Bangkok ports to other parts of the world.

When I talked with the king, he had a new worry. Some 10 years ago, when I first talked with him for about an hour and a half, he pleaded with me to help him. At that time his hill tribes, illiterate nomads, had forsaken raising vegetables and food-stuffs and turned to poppies for the opium traffic. Through the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation (AICF), we provided six portable schools to teach them, and educate them to drop poppy raising and go back to food. Last time I saw the king, six years ago, he told me we had wiped out 90 percent of the opium raising.

But on this visit he had a new problem and worry. We had virtually wiped out the poppy raising of the Thai hill tribes. But now Communists and underground agents were smuggling in opium and heroin from neighboring countries, using Thailand as a means of getting these drugs smuggled out over the world. Even the United States government and the United Nations are seriously concerned, and threatening to use force to stop this drug traffic.

When we returned to the hotel in Chiangmai from visiting

the king, the evening newspapers were off the press, and my picture, landing at the airport, was prominently on the first page. My picture also appeared with a news story in the English-language Bangkok newspaper. At Chiangmai a supreme court justice and other officials of high rank were at either the airport or the hotel to welcome me.

Yesterday, Sabbath afternoon, I held a 1:30 p.m. service for *Plain Truth* subscribers in the ballroom of the Oriental Hotel. About 250 interested readers came, and I spoke for about an hour and 20 minutes. This, as well as the Hong Kong speech, was recorded for television by our own TV crew. Portions of these meetings will be seen on our own TV program within a few weeks.

As I proceed along, I am growing more and more bold in proclaiming the coming Kingdom of God, and Christ's return as the world's only hope. And I think people are more willing to listen to God's truth than they were seven to 10 years ago. As conditions worsen all over the world, Christ's message seems to strike a more responsive chord.

I find it may even be possible to put *The World Tomorrow* on TV and/or radio in Bangkok. Truly we are becoming a **WORLDWIDE Church!** Satan's opposition will increase, but more and more people are becoming reachable.

As usual Madam Sunirat (See **BANGKOK**, page 3)

Two-day campaign in Manila attracts overflow attendance

Pedro Melendez is a preaching elder in the Manila, Philippines, North church.

By Pedro Melendez
MANILA, Philippines — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong conducted two campaigns during his visit here Jan. 31 through Feb. 8.

The campaign took place at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) Feb. 6 and 7. This was the same hall used in Mr. Armstrong's campaign here in January, 1981.

An enthusiastic and responsive audience overflowed the 4,200-seat convention center during both meetings. An estimated 4,500 people heard Mr. Armstrong each afternoon. About half in the audience were *Plain Truth* readers. The rest were people who responded to campaign advertisements, or friends and relatives who went along

with some 1,000 Church members.

Mr. Armstrong was introduced by Professor Marcos Herras, vice president of Adamson University here. Professor Herras introduced the pastor general as "a great religious leader" and "friend of the Filipino people."

On the first afternoon Mr. Armstrong began by saying how he liked being back in the Philippines because it is "a happy place — full of happy people with warm smiles and handshakes." He then remarked that the world as a whole is not a happy place. "People don't get along with others. Leaders in government can't solve problems," he said.

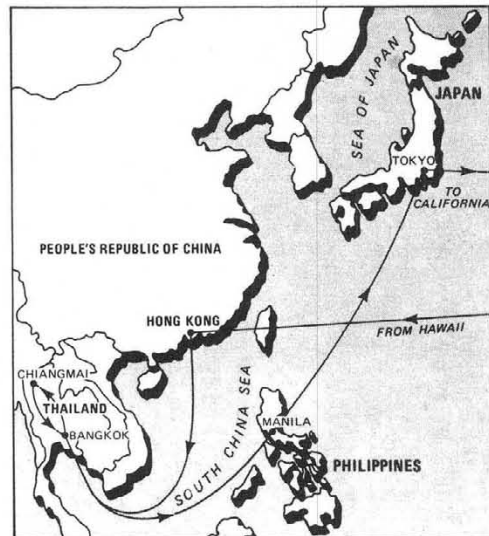
Mr. Armstrong went on to trace the root cause of all troubles and unhappiness to the origin of human civilization. He explained how the first parents chose the wrong tree — the tree symbolic of the knowledge of good and evil, which could only give self-acquired knowledge of physical, material things through

the five senses. This, he said, could not give man the spiritual knowledge of how to get along with others and how to have a right relationship with the Creator.

Mr. Armstrong showed that mankind needed to partake of the other tree — the tree of life, which was also a tree of knowledge — symbolic of God's Holy Spirit, of revealed spiritual knowledge from God, handed down through His written Word, the Holy Bible. The Worldwide Church of God is the only church that believes the Bible, he said, and his is the only voice teaching God's truth.

In his second message at PICC the pastor general continued to explain how mankind could acquire the knowledge that would solve human troubles — by receiving God's Spirit through believing the Gospel, repenting and being baptized. Mr. Armstrong explained the meaning of repentance and the true

(See **MANILA**, page 3)



FAR EAST — The above map shows the route Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong took on his trip to the Far East Jan. 22 to Feb. 11. [Map by Ron Grove]

Danger of reopening 'German question'

PASADENA — "There is a new strain of conservative isolationism in the land. Its proponents, the direct descendants of those who advocated Fortress America in the 1930s and lamented our entry into World War II, would like to see us batten down our hatches and let Europe fend for itself."

So goes the lead editorial in the Jan. 20 issue of *The New Republic*, entitled "Our German Problem." It analyzed the growing mood among many people in the United States — from the intellectuals to the man in the street — to turn America's back on Europe.

Cynical view toward Europeans

The *U.S. News & World Report* (Feb. 1) ran an article "Where Are America's Allies?" detailing the reluctance on the part of Western European leaders to follow the U.S. lead in levying sanctions against the Soviet Union and the military government of Poland in the aftermath of the Dec. 13 crackdown in Poland.

Far more interesting than the article was the reaction of readers to the article. Of the five letters printed two weeks later, four of them were extremely critical of the European countries. Here are excerpts from three of the letters to show the depth of feeling of the writers:

"It seems the only time we have

allies in Europe is when they want us to shed our blood to save their necks or feed them to get their socialistic governments out of a hole. Who needs enemies when you have good allies like France, Germany, England and Italy?"

"I am certain that our ally France will always be there when she needs us."

"After being drawn into two European wars at the expense of American lives, money and natural resources, and rebuilding their economies, we seem to be unappreciated and unwanted. Let us close our bases, return our troops and equipment to this country . . ."

Pull out U.S. troops?

The same issue of *U.S. News & World Report* contained a pro-con debate over the question, "Pull U.S. Troops Out of Europe?"

The "pro" interviewee responded that it was at least time to threaten the Europeans with a troop pullout to wake them up to doing more for their own defense.

To the question, "If we withdraw, is there a danger of a nationalistic West Germany rearming, with no NATO control over use of its troops?", the answer:

"That is a *disturbing possibility*, but very unlikely, since, if anything, West German political and social trends are in the opposite direction . . ."

The "con" argument by former U.S. undersecretary of state, Robert Komer, was clear and direct: To pull U.S. troops out of Europe would be the height of folly. He said:

"Western Europe is the greatest prize in the East-West struggle. It has the greatest concentration of economic, technological and industrial power on earth. Its gross

is almost too obvious to state. If we allow Western Europe to fall under Soviet sway or even to be Finlandized, the balance of power everywhere would irrevocably and fatally shift in favor of the Soviets.

"It would be economically, politically, and perhaps most important, morally disastrous for the U.S. To abandon our allies because they are lagging is the ultimate act of shoot-



national product is greater than ours and far greater than Russia's. That economic strength, added to what Russia already has, would transform the Soviet Union into a *super superpower* . . .

"The idea of throwing the baby out with the bath water just to express our frustration or make some political point is simply criminal."

The folly of such thinking was also brought out by the editor of the *New Republic* article, quoted at the beginning of this column, who added:

"The foolishness of such a policy

ing oneself in the foot."

Forgotten reason behind NATO

Another expert, R.G. Livingston, former president of the German Marshall Fund, added his "two cents" to this growing controversy in an article he wrote for the *Washington, D.C., Post*. He put his finger on the real danger that would result from "pulling our boys back home" — reopening the as-yet-



Positive action essential in determining success

Positive and negative — words far apart in their meanings and implications. The territory between them, however, is the arena where success or failure is determined, and where the happiness or misery of lives is decided.

Success tends to favor those who march under the positive banner. They have trained themselves to think actively. What *actions* am I going to take?, instead of wondering passively. What will happen to me next? As Christians, we are promised our reward will be according to our *works* — our positive actions and deeds.

All of the progress of civilization — as with all individual progress — has come from positive, constructive thinking. Bible and secular history abound with the deeds of men and women who said, "I can." It is silent concerning those who sat back and said, "I can't." Positive people believe it is better to fail than not to try at all.

Enthusiasm

Benjamin Disraeli (British prime minister 1868; 1874 to 1880) once noted that "every product of genius is a product of enthusiasm." Enthusiasm — a key element in being positive — is a necessary ingredient in living our lives successfully. Great works are often performed not so much by strength as by enthusiastic perseverance. Remember the example of Joshua and the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-21). Positive enthusiasm generated by faith in action!

Know your objective

To think positively, one must be goal oriented. Life is drab and

meaningless without well-defined goals. If life is viewed as a torrent of events without form or purpose, one has nothing to hope or to work for, and negativism is the result.

We must set the right goals in life, of course, to reach those high standards. We must continually emphasize what is important and essential. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

The desire to achieve success should be positive, purposeful, energetic and creative. But you must keep your eye on where you want to go.

Making decisions

Thinking positively also affects making proper decisions. A Christian may go through his allotted span seldom confronted by large life-or-death questions, the decisions of which would determine the course of his future. But everyone is required to decide smaller matters daily. And one's overall approach — whether positive or negative — plays a big part in how decisions are made.

When you come to a fork in the road, you have several options: sit down, step out on one of the diverging paths, or turn around and go back home. The positive thing to do, however, is to actively seek the facts — to find out enough about each option so that you will be in a position to reach a reasonable decision.

As the saying goes: "People who hesitate between being positive or negative are in an unfortunate position. By remaining in the middle of the road they incur the danger of

being run over by both lanes of traffic instead of only one."

The Christian who wishes to make decisions — physical or spiritual — with confidence, needs to keep in mind that skills in decision making are developed through positive practice, through relating newly learned information with facts and principles already known. This is why daily Bible study is so important in Christian growth.

If we always sit on the fence, not positively committing ourselves or making a firm decision, we live an unrewarding life. Doing nothing has its consequences just as surely as doing something.

Constructive attitude

A constructive attitude is also needed to think positively. Bright ideas and good works don't arise out of fault-finding minds. Too many times we hear, "We can't change the world." That may be true, but we don't have to give in and join the deteriorating elements in it.

Thinking positively doesn't mean rushing in where "angels fear to tread," however, expecting everything good to happen immediately. A lot could be said here about patience. Remember Job's example.

The positive Christian not only senses when something is wrong, but has the patience and fortitude to find the best answer to the problem — or perhaps just a good answer — and put it into effect. Define the situation, then positively apply known principles and methods. Don't look for contradictions where there are none.

Fear and frustration

One of life's great triumphs comes from being able to meet fear and frustration positively. We can expect our full quota of frustrations. They are a part of daily living. Making a mistake is part of the learning process, and everyone is wrong some of the time.

Being positive means shifting your thoughts from things that are against you and focusing them on the vast Power that is for you. And after making up your mind to do something positive, spare no pains — do it thoroughly and well. It's the positive use we make of our capabilities that determines the success of our efforts.

'Fine example of loyalty' Church pastor's wife dies

PASADENA — Ethyl Penn Washington, 56, wife of Abner Washington, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., church, died of cancer Jan. 13. Services were conducted at Mountain View Cemetery in Altadena, Calif., by Stan Bass, regional director of God's Work in the Caribbean.

Mrs. Washington graduated from Prairie View University in Prairie View, Tex. She married Mr. Washington Nov. 16, 1946. Eighteen years later she was baptized. She served with Mr. Washington in New York City, Philadelphia, Pa., Atlanta, Ga., Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, and Los Angeles.

"Mrs. Washington served as the silent half of Mr. Washington's ministry," said Joseph Tkach, director of Ministerial Services in Pasadena. "She set a fine example of loyalty and support."

An elementary school teacher by profession, Mrs. Washington taught part-time in New York and Georgia. While living in Ghana in 1976 and 1977, she enjoyed sewing and gardening, said Mary Wesley, a longtime friend, who attends the Trenton, N.J., church.

"She often wrote me letters from Ghana about how high prices were and how rugged traveling was," noted Mrs. Wesley. "The Washingtons didn't have a car for some time and had to travel by foot when they couldn't get a cab. Mrs. Washington

unresolved "German question" in the heart of Europe. He wrote:

"It is bizarre to be hearing calls to pull our troops out of Europe . . . brandishing our ultimate leverage may unhinge a good deal more than we imagine . . ."

"NATO was conceived to provide security not only against a Russia that is aggressive but also against a Germany that once was aggressive. Together with the European Economic Community, the alliance is a framework within which German talents and energies turn to constructive and cooperative use." (Emphasis ours.)

West German sovereignty, noted Mr. Livingston, is uniquely limited: "Germany renounced having its own army and placed the *Bundeswehr* under NATO — U.S. — command. It also foreswore production and ownership of atomic weapons. The West Germans — all our NATO allies, in fact — exacted a corresponding price from us, of course, U.S. soldiers on the ground, and in sufficient numbers to make it inconceivable that we would ever sacrifice them."

"Start to remove U.S. troops and to degrade NATO, and we invite the Germans to consider nationalism, neutralism and collusion with Russia."

America 'naive'

American officials accuse the (See QUESTION, page 12)

surely enjoyed Ghana though." Survivors include her husband; two sons, Ronald, a minister in St. Louis, Mo., and Darryl of Pasadena;



ETHYL WASHINGTON

one brother, Nathaniel A. Penn of Dallas, Tex.; and one sister, Anny Penn Roberson of San Francisco, Calif.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Cameroun member

Please know that the efforts of your staff and yourself do help us here in these far-flung antipodes, God's Church in Cameroun.

The Church of God here has no minister to faithfully feed her every passing day. No Spokesman Club. No YOU activities. No Young Ambassador films. No HWA broadcasts. No official recognition by the government. Sometimes even no frequent contact with brethren since members are scattered all over the country.

So in these circumstances, you can guess the degree of anticipation with which I wait for my copy of *WN* or *GN*.

Richard R. Mandeng
Ndikimeneki, Cameroun

Church finances grow in 1981, reserves build, says treasurer

By Leroy Neff
 PASADENA — Each month I have been writing a brief article for the *Pastor General's Report* about the business and financial picture of the Church in the United States. Since the records for 1981 have now been compiled for both the U.S. and international offices, we have prepared a report for the Church membership worldwide.

In the United States we ended 1981 with a 17.4 percent increase in income over 1980. This increase, though healthy, is not nearly as great as the Work was blessed with in the early years. But, it is a good increase that we should appreciate and thank God for. The cost-of-living increase for the year is now estimated at 9 percent; therefore, the net increase is about 8.4 percent in purchasing power.

It is still necessary to use great care in how the funds are used, so that we might continue in a sound financial condition. Our bank

reserves at the end of the year were substantial and adequate and much improved over a year ago. Many new radio and television stations were added, and the *Plain Truth* circulation increased above four million worldwide for the first time ever.

Leroy Neff is the treasurer of the Worldwide Church of God.

The 1981 audit team from Arthur Andersen & Co. has been working for some weeks now doing preliminary work for the U.S. audit. They gave the standard unqualified opinion in their 1980 audit, which was produced some months ago. You may be interested to know that our major offices are audited by local auditing firms; a few of the small ones are not yet audited.

The 1982 budgets were submitted to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and approved in December. With this approval, we have a

balanced budget with a projected increase to reserves. The budget provides for approximately a 40 percent increase in media and immediate support areas, while most other budgets were set near a 10 percent

increase. The financial office has prepared income and expenditure figures for the last two years worldwide, which are presented here for your inspection. This is the first time such combined figures have ever been prepared and published. The figures were compiled from United States and international office reports, and the expense figures reflect the format Mr. Armstrong presented in March concerning the organization of the Work.

These figures are unaudited for

two reasons. One, the 1981 audit, which is in process, will not be completed for several months. Two, in order for such combined figures to be "audited," it would be necessary for one auditing firm to audit all offices. As it is, there are many different auditing firms around the world who audit our records.

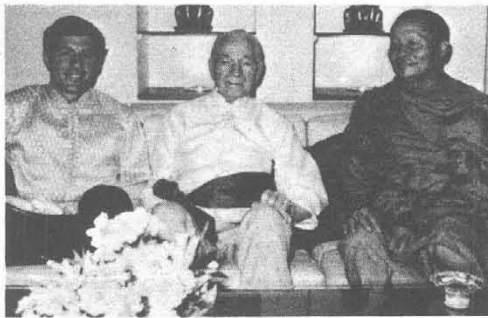
We hope that you are urgently praying that God will bless His Church with greater increases so that we can continue to expand even more rapidly in sending His message to the world.

WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD COMPARATIVE WORLDWIDE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES* FOR 1980 AND 1981 (Unaudited)

	1981	1980	Change	Percent of Change
RECEIPTS				
Contributions	\$ 71,723,000	\$ 60,913,000	\$ 10,810,000	+ 17.75
Festival	5,062,000	3,845,000	1,217,000	+ 31.65
Church assistance	8,621,000	6,832,000	1,789,000	+ 26.19
Holy Day offering	14,261,000	11,613,000	2,648,000	+ 22.8
Other receipts	8,691,000	7,109,000	1,582,000	+ 22.25
Total receipts	108,358,000	90,312,000	18,046,000	+ 19.98
EXPENDITURES				
Great commission	41,656,000	34,714,000	6,942,000	+ 20
Church	36,721,000	29,889,000	6,832,000	+ 22.86
Pasadena and regional offices	24,868,000	26,039,000	(1,171,000)	(4.5)
Total expenditures	103,245,000	90,642,000	12,603,000	+ 13.9
Net gain or (loss) to bank reserves	\$ 5,113,000	\$ (330,000)	\$ 5,443,000	

*Includes Ambassador College (Pasadena and Big Sandy) income and expenditures, and grants to the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation.

NOTE: A single set of averaged foreign exchange rates has been used in the translation of local currencies into U.S. dollars for both years for comparison purposes.



THAI CUSTOM — Pictured above are Aaron Dean, Herbert W. Armstrong's personal aide; Mr. Armstrong; and the Abbot Phra Thepsopon of the Wat Thai (Thai Temple) of Los Angeles, Calif. In traditional Thai custom, the abbot presented Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Dean with Thai formal shirts patterned after King Bhumibol's design.

BANGKOK

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Telan, the wealthiest woman in Thailand, put her Rolls-Royce car at my disposal. She's a little wisp of a woman, only 4 feet 8 inches tall (or short). It was

through her that God first opened the door to meet the king. I hosted a dinner in her honor on Thursday evening, and she hosted me and our party at dinner last evening. Along with the Buddhist abbot, she met us at the plane on arrival and saw us off at the plane.

Manila

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Gospel. He challenged the audience to check up on him in their own Bibles.

He also asserted that the Worldwide Church of God is the only true Church, which is preparing itself to help Jesus Christ rule this world and teach people true spiritual knowledge.

Mr. Armstrong wondered if many in the audience would believe his message. "Jesus Christ spoke at one time to a crowd of people about the same size as you here tonight, and only 120 believed," he said.

He pointed out Matthew 24:14, where it says that the Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached in all the world and then the end of this age would come. "You are witnessing the fulfillment of this prophecy right before your eyes tonight," Mr. Armstrong proclaimed.

He remarked that he was now in his 90th year and that this may be his last time to come to Manila to preach a similar message. He challenged the audience to think seriously about his message and to change the way they lived.

At the end of Mr. Armstrong's message regional director Guy

Ames of the Manila Office of God's Work announced that Mr. Armstrong's books *Tomorrow* — *What It Will Be Like* and *The Incredible Human Potential* and the booklet *The Seven Laws of Success* were available for distribution in the lobby.

He also advertised *The Plain Truth* and *Youth 82* and gave the Church's mailing and office address and telephone numbers. Already 5,000 new requests for *The Plain Truth* magazine have been received.

Mr. Armstrong arrived in Manila, Sunday, Jan. 31, on the Work's G-II aircraft from Bangkok, Thailand, where he had conducted a successful Bible study with *Plain Truth* readers.

His other activities in Manila included a luncheon meeting of Manila's Rotary Club of University District, at the Manila Hilton. About 100 club members heard a powerful message about the troubled state of the world today and how it will be solved.

"If there were peace in the world, I wouldn't need to be an ambassador for peace, but we have no peace. We have nothing but troubles... we're all asleep — supposing everybody is so kind and so good that they won't use the nuclear weapons and other

weapons that have been invented that can blast all humanity off the face of this planet. You need to remember that no weapon of destruction has been invented that man hasn't used," warned Mr. Armstrong.

Feb. 3 Mr. Armstrong was the guest of honor and speaker at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Mabuhay Ang Filipino Movement (a national organization integrating all civic organizations) in the Manila hotel. The other speaker that evening was Justice Porfirio Sison of the court of appeals. He introduced Mr. Armstrong as "a voice that brings back men to God," and "the answer to our prayers for the arrival of a spiritual leader who thinks of the welfare of his fellowmen and not just his own church."

Giving a similar message on why problems exist today and how they will end, Mr. Armstrong exhorted the 700 leading men and women gathered there to follow the way of giving, sharing, cooperation and service instead of getting, competition, vanity and violence.

Feb. 5 Mr. Armstrong ordained six elders. Guy Ames was raised in rank to pastor, Pedro Melendez to preaching elder and Jeremiah Ortiguerro, Felipe Casing, Bernardo Rosario, David Oloya to local elder.

responsibility for placing new *World Tomorrow* radio and television programming in the United States and some overseas areas.

Throughout the remainder of 1981, the relationship between God's Church and BBDO proved to be successful, with a 96 percent increase in United States television coverage within six months.

Having concentrated on expansion of *The World Tomorrow* telecast in 1981, BBDO plans to empha-

size *The World Tomorrow* radio broadcast in 1982.

Headquartered in New York City, BBDO is the fourth largest U.S. advertising agency, and sixth largest in the world, with offices and affiliates in most countries worldwide. They now handle advertising and media placement for God's Church in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium (Radio and Television Luxembourg), Spain, Ecuador and most of the Caribbean, as well as the United States.

Print advertising also expanded under Mr. Armstrong's direction in 1981. In many countries, electronic media are government controlled and closed to the Work. Therefore, newspapers and magazines become the main vehicles for delivering Christ's Gospel message. This effort will continue through 1982.

Church attendance grows

Joseph Tkach Sr. is director of Ministerial Services in Pasadena.

By Joseph Tkach Sr.

PASADENA — The year 1981 was truly a year of growth in the churches worldwide, both in numbers and spiritual development. In the United States there were 2,546 baptisms, 20 new churches, 64 ministers ordained and a 17.5 percent increase in Bible study attendance.

An attendance record was set at Bible study in Pasadena, averaging more than 1,200 a week for the whole year. There seems to be renewed zeal for accomplishment. The headquarters' church is growing steadily in every way. God is

blessing the Church with strong, loyal, dedicated laborers.

In the international areas, the results are similar. Last year produced 1,361 baptisms, 20 new churches and 21 ordinations.

Truly, the harvest is plentiful and the laborers are few. But God is granting continued steady growth.

United States

Church attendance, 73,349; *Plain Truth* circulation, subscribers, 1,493,634, newsstand, 1,470,000, total, 2,963,634; *Good News* circulation, 74,496; *Youth 81* circulation, 16,649; *Worldwide News* circulation, 37,359; churches, 368; members, 51,371; full-time ministers, 326; local church elders, 393; Festival sites, 16; radio outlets, 77; television outlets, 89.

269 teens gather for 27 days at first-ever SEP in Australia

By John Curry
LAKE MOOGERAH, Australia — The first-ever Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Australia took place here Dec. 23, 1981, to Jan. 18, 1982. Two hundred sixty-eight teens from all over Australia and one from Malaysia attended the camp at Lake Moogerah, a two-hour drive from the regional office at Burleigh Heads.

Planning for the camp began in May, 1981, when Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved the purchase of the Lake Moogerah property during his trip to Australia.

Camp director David Noller, a preaching elder in the Brisbane North and Caboolture churches, described the camp as a "tremendous pioneering effort." Church members from surrounding areas donated their time to help clear and develop the property. Most of the Australian Office staff spent their annual vacation time instructing in activities from horseback riding and leathercraft to waterskiing and backpacking.

Four Ambassador College students with previous experience from SEP in Orr, Minn., were sent from the Pasadena campus to help with the camp. Juniors Karen Jermakowicz, Susan Sutter and Greg

John Curry, a former World-wide News staff member, is employed by the Australian Office.

Williams and sophomore Bertha Brandon assisted as counselors and instructors.

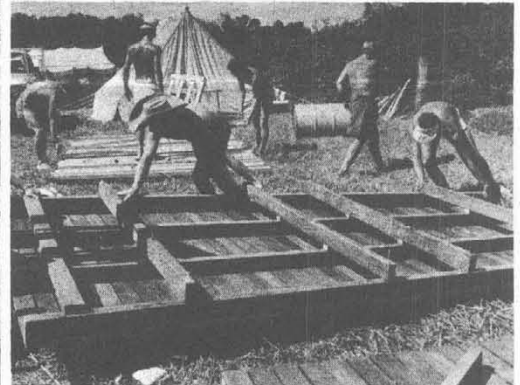
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On Sunday night, Jan. 17, a talent show took place featuring comedy and singing acts by the campers. Awards were presented for excellence in various sports and activities. Mr. Noller summed up the success of the camp by saying, "God obviously blessed our efforts, and we need to give credit to both campers and staff in making the camp work."



SEP ACTIVITIES — Clockwise from top: A water-skier rises up on Queensland's Lake Moogerah; Western Australia campers who traveled 3,000 miles to attend SEP pause for a group shot at the Work's Burleigh Heads Office; Church members help build floating docks for swimming and skiing; campers build a brick path; two campers follow a square-dance routine; and campers prepare for hike and overnight camp-out. Church members donated their time to help clear and develop the property. [Photos by John Curry and Robert Morton]

Sunny 'Sacred Island' site serves as SEP camp in New Zealand

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—Motutapu Island (Polynesian for "Sacred Island") was the 1981-82 Summer Educational Program (SEP) site for 95 teens and 40 staff members from throughout New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga for the largest SEP ever held in this country.

Sunny days and occasional evening showers on the coastal site Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 proved ideal for challenging land activities under the direction of Don Engle, pastor of the Hamilton, Rotorua and Tauranga, New Zealand, churches. Campers aged 12 to 18 took part in archery, bushcraft, rappelling, rock climbing, orienteering, a confidence course, ballroom

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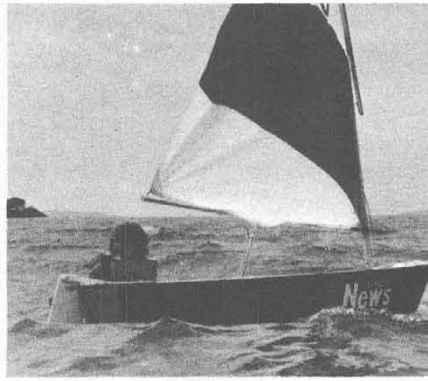
Teens and counselors got up at 6 a.m. every morning but on the Sabbath for a run, swim and Bible study before the kitchen staff served breakfast. After the day's full schedule, campers retired at 9:30.

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finals, a dance, dorm skits and presentation of the dorm-of-the-camp and camper-of-the-year awards.

New Zealand regional director and SEP coordinator Peter Nathan stressed the educational aspect of the camp to those who attended. The camp was aimed, not only to teach campers skills, but help them learn the standards of dress, language, behavior and attitudes pleasing to God.

The camp's resident teacher and the overall camp director, both non-members, said they were impressed by the campers' and staff's standard of organization, cleanliness, care of equipment and willingness to contribute to improving their camp. They said they look forward to more SEP campers next year.



NEW ZEALAND — Clockwise from upper left: Two campers take aim with taut bows; winds catch a sailboat; a camper rappels safely down a cliff; instructor Neil Collier, right, and camper Caroline Dualbe steady a camper's kayak; time for a smile between paddle strokes; and Rimu, Dorm I, members sorting vegetables.



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STUDENTS SPEND SABBATH IN COLORADO

Forty Ambassador College students from Pasadena and 45 students from Big Sandy spent part of their college winter break (Jan. 3 to 10) on a ski trip to Keystone ski resort in Dillon, Colo.

After three days of skiing and fellowship with old friends and new, the students headed back to the two campuses Jan. 8.

The Pasadena students stopped off in Grand Junction, Colo., for the Sabbath. Friday afternoon, the students were greeted by Ron Miller, pastor of the Grand Junction and Meeker, Colo., churches, and several other Church members who provided housing for the night.

Activities on the Sabbath began with a slide show about Ambassador College, presented by Randy Duke, student body president. A Bible study by Larry Salyer, pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, followed.

Students were then treated to a potluck lunch prepared by the brethren. After the meal all participated in a sing-along of Church hymns. A few of the Ambassador men led songs.

Sabbath services began that afternoon with a sermonette by Mr. Duke. For special music the 23rd Psalm was sung by all 40 Ambassador students. Mr. Salyer gave the sermon.

A few tears and a lot of hugs and thank yous Saturday evening, Jan. 9, accompanied the students' good-byes to their hosts before the 17-hour trip

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STUDENTS ATTEND AUSTRALIAN SEP

Four Pasadena Ambassador College students were chosen to attend the first Australian Summer Educational Program (SEP) Jan. 3 to 16.

Three juniors, Susie Sutter, Karen Jermakowicz and Greg Williams, and sophomore Bertha Brandon, left Pasadena Dec. 28. After a 15-hour flight and a two-hour layover in Honolulu, Hawaii, they arrived in Australia Dec. 30. For the next few days they toured parts of Australia.

Miss Sutter and Miss Brandon were counselors, Miss Jermakowicz instructed in waterskiing and dance, and Mr. Williams in archery.

The unity of the Australian Youth Opportunities United (YOU) program is noticeable, said Miss Jermakowicz. During some bad weather the campers, counselors and instructors pulled together to help each other.

All four students agreed the format of the camp there was about the same as at Orr, Minn., with some exceptions. Classes such as horseback riding, bow hunting, hiking and leathercraft were offered. Also, ministers and their wives were counselors.

Miss Sutter said the camp was split into two groups: juniors, ages 13 to 16, and seniors, ages 17 to 19.

"The comment 'God's people all over the world are the same,' has more meaning now," said Mr. Williams. "I saw it firsthand."

Miss Jermakowicz said she came home "with a new perspective of what responsibility is." She added, "We shared with them about America and Americans, and they taught us about Australia."

Bruce McNair and Tim Grauel, Ambassador College students serving as ministerial trainees in Australia, also were counselors. They will return to Pasadena in May.

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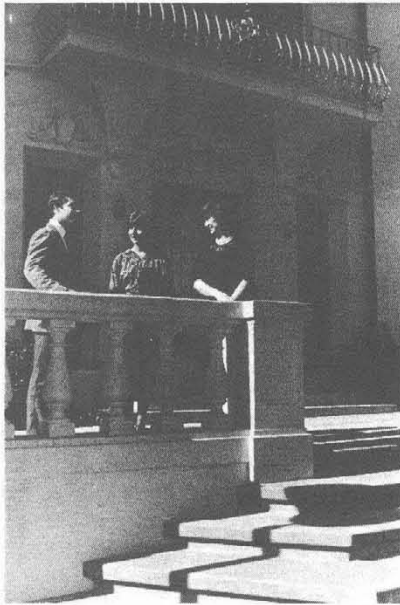
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Others in the program are Greg Gaetzman, Alan Olson, Karl Reinagel, Mike Wallace and Eric Warren. *Richard A. Sedlaczik.*



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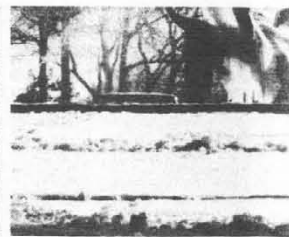
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The BAKERSFIELD, Calif., congregation had an ice cream social at the home of minister Al Mischnick Jan. 10. Everyone fixed his favorite ice cream and topping. *Brad Rosenquist*.

Some 289 BEAUMONT, Tex., and LAKE CHARLES, La., brethren met Jan. 9 in Orange, Tex., for combined afternoon services, followed in the evening by a semiformal dance and talent show. Music for the dance was provided by a group of members from the Houston, Tex., area, under the direction of Clive Nickerson. The hall was decorated by YOU members in a rainbow of colors. The talent show was comprised of 10 vocal and instrumental performances. *Wendell Miller*.

Members of the BELFAST, Northern Ireland, church took part in a barn dance Dec. 5 after enjoying an appetizing meal served by several women in the church. Music was provided by a local band and with the help of a caller, both adults and children were able to participate in dancing to old and contemporary melodies. *Billy Houston*.

BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., brethren enjoyed a potluck after services Jan. 2. After the meal, music filled the air, and members chose partners for an evening of square dancing. *Eleanor Lukoski*.

The BISMARCK, N.D., church's 19-member chorale presented its winter concert Jan. 23. The group is under the direction of Avon Pfund, with Carol Stoebner as accompanist. The performance consisted of 14 songs, which included a number by the children, solos by Bill Defoort, Barbara Hoover and Lyla VanOrman and one selection by the women's group. The song "The Old Kentucky Home" was dedicated to minister Dan Creed, a native Kentuckian. The concert was followed by a champagne and hors d'oeuvre luncheon. *Ron Getzman*.

The first service of the BRICK TOWN, N.J., church took place Jan. 9 in the auditorium of the Veterans' Memorial Elementary School. The congregation is the fifth New Jersey church. The 100 charter members, former members of the Bordentown and Union, N.J., churches, were joined by visiting members from the two parent congregations. Special music, the "Anthem of Dedication," was provided by the Union chorale, led by Clarence Neumann. The sermonette was delivered by John Rupp, and pastor James Jenkins delivered the first sermon. Also present at the services were associate pastor Gordon Harry and his wife Hazel. A buffet of light refreshments, featuring a specially decorated sheetcake, was provided after services. *Robert Karstendiek*.

The CALGARY, Alta., SOUTH church sponsored the fourth annual mid-winter social Jan. 9 at the Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School. Following a potluck, brethren from the Calgary North and South churches were treated to entertainment by Calgary North brethren. Jim Brandenburg did a magic act, and with Jim Baldwin did an Abbott and Costello routine. The singing duet of Muriel Jay and Marjorie Kerr was accompanied on the guitar by Bill Goodfellow. Barry Gordon and Jim Petersen entertained by simultaneously playing a single guitar. Other activities included a movie for children, board games, cards, supervised running games and basketball. The highlight of the social was the volleyball game between the YOU All Stars and the ministers and deacons, which the YOU won 15-13. *Emily Lukoski*.

The CHAMPAIGN, Ill., brethren gathered in the Monticello Community Center for a "South of the Border" evening Jan. 2. Featured were a potluck with many Latin American dishes, awards for the most authentic, the most colorful and the most imaginative costuming and a fun show. Highlights of the fun show were the Cabaret Girls doing a song and dance routine and the Doe No jug band playing "Yakkity Sax." *Garry D. Pifer*.

The CHICO, Calif., congregation

enjoyed a potluck social, talent show and dance Jan. 9. Beforehand, members of the Spokesman Club took Paul King's suggestion and donated cakes and pies of their own baking and auctioned them to brethren at the social. The bidding netted some \$280, which will be used to cover traveling expenses to SEP summer camp for one YOU member. Don Hall served as auctioneer, as well as master of ceremonies for the talent show directed by Paul Guy. Participants included Diane Turley on accordion, vocalists Joyce Jacobson, Sandy Price, Bob Huffman, Dave Neilson and Shauna Turley. Those who provided their instrumental talents were Dick, Dean and Rick King, Mike Kawasaki, Mark Costen, Don Vernon and Mr. Guy. Garey Avey and his 5-year-old son Mark contributed some humorous riddles. *Tom Alexander*.

Members of the recently formed CROYDON, England, church met Jan. 2 for services at the John Rankin High School and in the evening enjoyed their first family social. Minister John Meakin officiated as master of ceremonies, and Chris Barnes and Jim Hughes arranged and coordinated games for adults and children. Andrew Patey chaired a general knowledge and Bible quiz, which John Shank's team won by a clear margin. A meal was served later in the evening, and a family sing-along rounded out the day. *Andrew Patey*.

DENVER, Colo., brethren had the opportunity of housing and having as guests at services Jan. 9 former pastor Ron Kelly and his wife Norva Lee, several other faculty members and about 50 students from the Big Sandy campus. The group had just finished a ski week in the Keystone area of Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly were honored at a potluck after services. The brethren also said good-bye to four Denver students of the Big Sandy campus who had been home for a visit. They were Darcy Asheroft, Lisa Burnham and brothers Monte and Jeff Lindquist. *To Ann Eison*.

DULUTH, Minn., brethren enjoyed an ethnic dinner Dec. 26. They sampled recipes from Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Elaborate centerpieces adorned the dining tables. After dinner, members were treated to a slide show of Jerusalem, narrated on tape by Richard Frankel. Cookbooks of the dishes served that night were made available. *Carol Morken*.

"Do-si-do" was a familiar sound heard at the Western social of the ELKHART, Ind., church Jan. 3. The highlight of the event was the children's costume parade, led by Dan Weiss. The children were taken by "stagecoach" to the Mexican village of El Rico, where they watched a "bullfight" with the famous matador Mark Farmer, who outwitted the bull (Mr. Weiss and Tim Shallenberger). Announcer Larry Shallenberger introduced the next event, which Anita Green and Sandi Weiss performed for the Elkhart brethren. The fiesta ended with a sister. Following chowtime, the children played games and watched movies, and many adults square danced to the calls of Earl Mason. Others played cards, games or fellowshiped. *Mildred Skinner*.

The second annual Starlight Ball of the FORT WORTH, Tex., church took place Jan. 9. Many brethren put into practice what they learned in a series of dance classes conducted by a professional instructor. The ball was family oriented, and music was provided by a band of 17 professional musicians. A buffet was provided by the women, and professional beverage service was available. *Lester Zimmermann*.

The GENEVA, Ala., and FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla., churches had combined services Jan. 9 to hear evangelist Gerald Waterhouse. The services were followed by a roast beef dinner and a family dance. Ken Hicks performed the role of disc jockey. *Betty Hicks*.

Members of the HAMILTON, Bermuda, church enjoyed a day of activity at the annual YOU fun fair Dec. 27. The outdoor games were soccer and netball. Indoor activities were rides, darts and ball and bean-bag throws. The Women's Club set up a used clothes stall to raise funds for *The Plain Truth* distribution, and the women organized a potluck lunch. *Marion Weller*.

The JASPER, Ala., church celebrated its first anniversary Jan. 10. Food was served, and there was fun and festivities for all. The newly organized choir performed, as did several members. The evening concluded with a sing-along led by minister Kenneth Martin. *Nellie Canup*.

Some 300 brethren from the LAUREL and WILMINGTON, Del., con-

gregations met at the Square Club Jan. 2 for combined services and a potluck dinner. The brethren gave a surprise program honoring their pastor and his family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold J. Hampton, who are transferring to Barbados. David Francis was master of ceremonies for the affair. Gifts presented included photos and mementos of the churches, a song written and performed for the occasion, cash and a taped recording of the presentation. *T.W. Davis*.

After services Jan. 2 the LENOIR and BOONE, N.C., members enjoyed a potluck, followed by a Western dance. Highlights of the evening were musical chairs, folk dancing for the children, a cakewalk and a talent show. *Lila Canipe*.

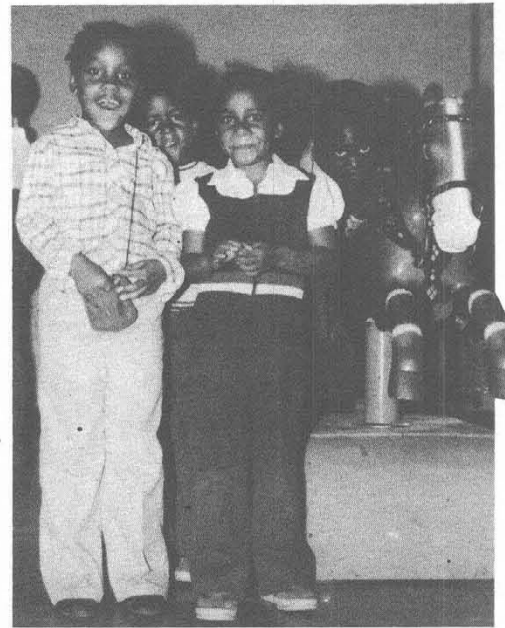
MIAMI, Fla., brethren enjoyed a potluck Jan. 3. Activities included horse-shoes, volleyball, touch football, children's games and a fund-raising cakewalk sponsored by the YOU. *Louetta S. Jones*.

About 25 brethren of the NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, church enjoyed an outing Jan. 10 to the North Egmont Chalet, which is situated at an altitude of 3,140 feet on the slopes of snow-capped Mt. Egmont. The members enjoyed a hearty picnic, a tour through the Information Center and an invigorating bush walk. *Rex Morgan*.

The fourth annual progressive dinner of the PALMER, Alaska, church was Jan. 9. Everyone gathered at the John Orchard home for hors d'oeuvres. Names were drawn to see who would go where for the main course, which was served at the homes of Victor Emery, Pat Rockel, Richard Eckman and Lennarth Fransson. Everyone met at the Ray Reed home for dessert and progressive parlor games. *Linda Orchard*.

The PARIS, France, church took advantage of the long weekend of Dec. 26 to invite other church areas to participate in a ball based on a fancy hat theme. Young people, adults and elderly people voyaged on Thursday from England, Holland, Switzerland and France to attend. The company of 60 people followed an energetic schedule, which included a tour of Paris by car, strolling down the Champs-Elysees, window shopping, sampling Tunisian pastries and admiring artists as they painted. The Sabbath was highlighted by a sermon on prophecy, with English translation. At sunset the hall was transformed into a dance setting. The members wore festively decorated hats and headresses. New folk dances were learned, faces were run, prizes were awarded and desserts were enjoyed. The last carload waved good-bye Sunday. *Marsha Sabin*.

The Imperial church of PASADENA, pastored by Selmer Hegvold, had an ordination ceremony Jan. 16. Ordained local elder was Lincoln Jailal, who will assist Stan Bass in the English-speaking churches in the Caribbean. Mr. Bass, who was in Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program, assisted in the ordination. In the same service, seven deacons and deaconesses were ordained: Mr. and Mrs. Willard High, Melvin Featherstone, Wallace Wendt, Adrienne Pickett, Jim Sampson and Leo Rose. The following Sabbath, Phyllis



FUN FAIR — Children of the Hamilton, Bermuda, church enjoyed horse rides and other activities at a YOU fun fair Dec. 27. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Graham Mocklow]

Rose was ordained as a deaconess.

The PASCO, Wash., church's 10th anniversary was celebrated Jan. 20 with an elegant dinner prepared by deacon Jim Cobb. The gratis, sit-down meal consisted of salad, roast beef, baked potatoes, vegetables and apple pie and ice cream. The dinner was served by formally dressed YOU members. Minister Ed Oetel gave a short pictorial history of church events and socials, and pastor Gerald Flurry thanked everyone for his serving attitude, dedication and loyalty. Paul Heisler directed a musical presentation that featured piano and vocal solos and the church chorale. *Dennis R. Leap*.

The annual PERTH, Australia, church picnic took place at KelmScott Recreation Park Dec. 25. The day began with relays and ball games for the children, tennis, volleyball, races on stilts and fun with a huge ball. Hot dog and popcorn stands, plant and craft stalls and piped music contributed to the festivities. The barbecue lunch was followed by a Frisbee-throwing contest, four-legged races, an egg-throwing contest, an obstacle race and a bag-drag family relay. The day ended with kite flying, model aircraft flying demonstrations and a handicrafts, plant and food auction. *Robert and Marlene Ainsworth*.

The 10th anniversary of the PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., church was celebrated by Prince Albert, Tisdale and Big River, Sask., brethren Dec. 26. During Sabbath services, Kim Wenzel and Terry Roth followed the outlines of the original sermonette and sermon given in the area. The theme of the evening activities was "1971 to 1981, Ten Years of Growth." A

potluck was followed by a slide show of the church and Work the last 10 years, including a taped greeting from Mr. and Mrs. James Wells, the original pastor and his wife Phyllis. Leo Boucher made displays of the Work's activities since 1971, highlighting *Plain Truth* articles during the years. Several photo albums of church activities were displayed. The evening was capped off with a dance. *Lyn Roth*.

The ST. LOUIS, Mo., chorale presented its winter show, "Put on a Happy Face," Jan. 16 for 80 residents of the Christian Old People's Home in Ferguson, Mo. Director Will Malone stated this was the third presentation of the show by the chorale. It was performed before the area Church members in conjunction with a chili and spaghetti supper Dec. 19, and Jan. 2 the group performed at the Calvin-Johnson Nursing Home in Bellevue, Ill. The show will also be presented at other nursing homes and church areas. Ben Mattox was master of ceremonies. After the show, refreshments were served by the home's staff, and the chorale members circulated among the residents. *Bob Nevin*.

The SALEM and ALBANY, Ore., congregations met at Sprague High School for combined services and a square dance Jan. 9. The event began with services by Salem pastor David Mills and Albany minister Randy Stiver. After a potluck, the Mike Lewis Band and Darrell Slocum began playing and calling out square dance steps. Mr. Slocum had a half hour of ballroom dancing after every half hour of square dancing. During the band breaks, Sam Kelchner gave a poem recitation and Mr. Stiver did impressions of several movie stars. *Janice Young*.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., brethren tried their skills at games and enjoyed a variety of foods during their first winter carnival Jan. 10. The social featured a homemade cream-pie eating contest, a cakewalk, a baby bottle rooster drinking contest and a special appearance for the children by *Sesame Street* character Big Bird. Prizes were awarded for best pie and cake and to the top winners of the games. A television was raffled off at the close of the event. *Melba Niggle*.

The SMITHS FALLS, Ont., brethren joined the KINGSTON, Ont., members for a family night Dec. 26 at the Westport Community Center. Activities included skating for all and a pre-YOU broomball game. The YOU challenged the adults to a game of broomball, and the adults outscored them 5-3. The Kingsmiths hockey team members displayed their talents with a hockey practice. Hot chocolate and food followed. *Shirley MacMillan*.

The SPRINGFIELD, Mo., church enjoyed a family dance Jan. 9 sponsored by the Spokesman Club. The film *The Kangaroo and Me* was presented first. Country and western music was provided by Dave Kleindienst and The Country Rangers and the Show-Me Boys quartet from the Columbia, Mo., (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



USED CLOTHES — The Women's Club in Hamilton, Bermuda, operates a used-clothing booth at a YOU fun fair in Hamilton Dec. 27. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Graham Mocklow]

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church. Dorothy Kleindienst and Camilla Oswald helped with the singing. Tables were set up for card and game players. Coffee, punch and finger foods were served. David Bradford coordinated the activity. *Polly Rose.*

Bophuthatswana, South Africa, members Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ramodike traveled to SWAZILAND Dec. 24 to visit Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dlamini and other Church brethren. Mr. Dlamini invited the Khanyes and Mkhwambes of Zululand to visit at the same time. Sabbath, the group of 15 adults and seven children sat in the Dlamini's lounge and listened to a tape by Pretoria, South Africa, pastor Dan Botha. Included in the group were student Michael Chipiko and Lina Khumalo, Mr. Dlamini's sister-in-law, both members. In the evening the group was invited to the Swazi Spa by Mr. and Mrs. Dlamini to help celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Sunday morning's activity was a trip to Pigg's Peak to see Sam Dlamini, Mr. Dlamini's brother, also a member. The group went by Manzi to visit member Obed Dlamini, who runs a motel and served them breakfast and gave them cooked goat meat for provision. The following day included traveling to Big Bend to visit prospective member Albert Dlamini. The Ramodikes returned home Dec. 29. *Mr. and Mrs. Simon Ramodike.*

Members in northern TASMANIA combined for a camp-out Dec. 25 to 28 at the Carnarvon Boy Scout Camp on the Tamar River near Launceston, Tasmania. The campers set up a variety of camping vehicles and tents under the spreading gum trees or bunked in nearby huts. Evening meals were enjoyed together in a communal dining area. A Bible study was conducted in the recreation hall Friday night, and pastor D'Arcy Watson conducted the Sabbath services. The accent was on the family, and combined activities included a Bible quiz session, orienteering and games evening. *Max Hoskins.*

The TERRE HAUTE, Ind. dinner-dance costume ball Jan. 2 was the church's semiannual social. A turkey dinner preceded a fun show, after which the church presented pastor Steve Nutzman and his wife Melania with an album of photos of the congregation and past social events. Costume prizes were awarded to Andy and Mona Higginbotham; best couple, Olive Osborn, best individual; Rick and Julie Shew, most original; and Guy and Jennifer Swenson, most authentic. Runner-up was Mr. Nutzman. Music from each decade between 1900 and 1980 was provided by WJMO stereo (Jeff and Joan Osborn). *Sarah Osborn.*

TOOWOOMBA, Australia, was the location of a combined church family weekend Dec. 19 and 20. The weekend featured family-oriented sermons, family education films, outdoor family activities and special music by the church's junior and teen singing groups. Sabbath sermons were given by minister Graeme Marshall and visiting guest speaker Bill Dixon from Brisbane, Australia. Activities that evening included films and games for the children. Sunday featured films, games, picnic lunch and barbeque and swimming at a campsite near the edge of the Great Dividing Range. Funds donated by the members during the weekend were sufficient to purchase new sound equipment for the church.

Twenty-seven VANCOUVER, B.C., members enjoyed the winter scenery at Queen Elizabeth Park Jan. 1. Families and singles tobogganed down two hills of Little Mountain. Some used inner tubes. The singles met at a member's home afterward for hot chocolate and scones. The group talked around the fireplace indoors and tossed snowballs outdoors. *Fred Whitehead.*

The WAUSAU, Wis., church greeted the new associate pastor in the area, Gene Watkins, Jan. 9. Brethren braved sub-zero temperatures to hear his ice-breaker sermon and to extend a welcome to him and his family. A potluck was served after services. *Louise Doescher.*

Members and families of the WHEELING, W.Va., cleaning crews were treated to pizza, sparkling burgundy and apple juice at the church hall Jan. 2. The event was in honor of the 63 members in the eight crews who serve in cleaning the church hall. Deacon Ed Koher reflected on the service of those involved in preparing the hall for the Sabbath. The eight crew chiefs were quizzed on facts and figures about the hall by Don Pickenpaugh. Mr. Koher's

assistant, Bob Williams claimed the prize of a feather duster, while Robert Messerly and his crew wiped out and had to clean up for the night. *Don Pickenpaugh.*

CLUB MEETINGS

"Wonderful Inspiration From the Eternal" (WIFE) was the Jan. 10 theme for the ALBANY, Ore., Ambassador Women's Club meeting. The speakers included the president, Mrs. Ike Kuipers, secretary-treasurer Pam Penrod, Kimberly Hannaway, Mary Wykle and Susan Wheeler. The refreshments were nutritionally healthful, and the decorations were craftswork made by club members. Director Randy Stiver evaluated the meeting and read from Proverbs. *Susan Wheeler.*

The Executive Speaking Club of ASHEVILLE, N.C., had a wine and cheese tasting meeting in Hendersonville, N.C., Dec. 20. Following the regular speech and tabletopics session, various wines and gourmet cheeses were sampled. Pastor Charles Groce described each of the cheeses and wines before the sampling. *Steve Terzhansky.*

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., Women's Club met at the home of Lee Packer Dec. 26 for an international evening, which included a "Trip Around the World" on a 747. Club members dressed in costumes from the country of their choice, and Pat Bradley, dressed in African attire, won the prize for best costume. Six countries were visited, each country having a hostess represent it. Gayle Doty represented Mexico; Phyllis King, India; Pat Bradley, Africa; Denise Jacques, Turkey; Shelly DeBord, China; and Mabel Maxwell, Israel. Jean Jacques served as flight attendant. *Jean Jacques and Steve Terzhansky.*

The BINGHAMTON, N.Y., Women's Club met at the Lodge in Endicott, N.Y., Jan. 10. Pat Hubbell served as hostess, and Mary Canning as cohostess. Coordinator Hazel Lambert led the business discussion. The meeting featured a tabletopics session led by Sally Trapp. Pastor Britton Taylor spoke on depression. *Eleanor Lukkoski.*

The BLUEFIELD, W.Va., Women's Club and Leadership Training Club culminated the 1981 season with a combined buffet breakfast at the Pipestem



JUNIOR CHORALIERS — Preschool members of Imperial School's Junior Choraliers give an animated rendition of "Wheels on the Bus" at a Pasadena family social Jan. 23. From left are Rachel Kaplan, Nikki Cote and Tania Dean. [Photo by Sylvia Owen]

Resort Dec. 6. A tabletopics discussion began the meeting, and four heart-to-heart speeches were presented. Pastor Charles Crain exhorted club members to accept responsibility as pillars in the Church. The Women's Club advisers—Marilyn Crain, Barbara Wiseman and Lisa Damour—received a presentation in appreciation of their assistance and encouragement.

The CHICAGO, Ill., SOUTHEAST Women's Club met Dec. 20. The first half of the meeting was conducted by hostess Bernie Maxwell. Tabletopics were led by Kathy Criswell. A short break was taken for snacks, and in the second half, pastor Roger Abels gave a lecture on personal strengths. *Linda Halliar.*

The Jan. 14 meeting of the DENVER, Colo., Women's Club took place at



TUGGING — Children of the Perth, Australia, church pull in a tug-of-war at the annual church picnic Dec. 25. (See "Church Activities, page 8.) [Photo by Robert Answorth]

Wyatt's Cafeteria. After dinner, President Donna Myers opened with a short business meeting. Hostess Kathy Puliafico led a tabletopics session. Following a short break, cohostess Carol Meyersick introduced speaker Charlene Benson, a member who is employed by Social Security. *Jo Ann Eisman.*

An informal guest session of the FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., Spokesman Club took place at the Western Steer Steak House Jan. 10. Club director is Paul Kieffer. President Guy Bianco presided over the meeting. Tabletopics were handled by Paul Kruse, and toastmaster was Wayne Blake. Awards were presented to Delbridge Peterson, Most Effective Speaker; Jimmy Womack, Most Improved Speaker; and James Mitchell, Most Helpful Evaluation. Afterward, everyone enjoyed a steak and salad. *Jimmy Womack.*

The HOUSTON, Tex., EAST Ladies' Club met Jan. 19 at the home of Ruth Fischer. Mildred Vandiver, Mary Vanik and Teresa Craven spoke on "Organized Housework." A potluck luncheon was served. *Barbara Morris.*

The Women's Club of LAWTON, Okla., met Jan. 10. The meeting was opened by President Ellen Jackson. Secretary Dorothy Bailey read the minutes, and treasurer Ann Walker gave the treasury report. The meeting was turned over to director Ethel Register, who conducted the program on "Choosing the Right Season of Colors for You," with Mrs. Jackson, Leatus Wilcoxson and Sharon Meek assisting. The meeting

Davis. Director Keith Hudson encouraged each member to improve his word selection and usage. After the meeting, Mr. Gannon led the members on a tour of the facilities, where computer software for automated teller machines is developed and applied. *Brian Pomcier.*

The end-of-the-season meeting of the PARIS, France, Spokesman Club got underway Jan. 10 in the Master's Room of an 18th century castle belonging to UNESCO, the cultural arm of the United Nations. After the club meeting, a five-course meal was served. *Marilyn Kneller.*

At the Dec. 19 meeting of the RESEDA, Calif., Ladies' Club, evangelist Dibar Aparian and his wife Shirley conducted a wine tasting. Mr. Aparian spoke on the proper use of wine and its biblical symbolism. Meta Bechtold coordinated the meeting and Charlotte Lewellen, hostess, conducted tabletopics. A gift was presented to the Aparians in appreciation for their participation. *Melissa Stump.*

The Manasota Women's Club of SARASOTA, Fla., met for its regular meeting Jan. 19 at Kathy Clements' home. The craft committee taught the art of making silk flowers. The flowers were donated for a floral arrangement to be used at church. The scripture for the month was Proverbs 31:11. *Helen Walworth.*

The VICTORIA, B.C., Spokesman Club had a ladies' brunch meeting at the Laurel Point Inn Jan. 10. The topics session was led by Dave Cheperdak, and the speeches were introduced by Bob Morgan. The Most Effective Speech cup went to Joe Cheperdak for his speech on the proof of Noah's Ark. *Peter Crompton.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Members of the Over-50 Club of KANSAS CITY, Mo., participated in a talent show at their meeting Jan. 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mounts. Afterward, chili was served, and director Larry Miller encouraged the members to live an abundant life. *Jerry Pro.*

The senior citizens of the SANTA ROSA, Calif., church played host to a potluck dinner for the YOU members before services Jan. 16. *Edna Ramsey.*

SINGLES SCENE

Forty-four AUCKLAND, New Zealand, singles enjoyed a barbeque and dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Gantner Jan. 16. Food for the afternoon tea was prepared by Petronella Van Tilburg. The main meal included beef sausages, salades and baked potatoes. Dessert was boysenberry pie. After the Sabbath, the newly formed Singles band, consisting of six musicians, played music. *Mauray Gantner.*

Singles of the BILLINGS, Mont., church were joined by singles from the Regina and Moose Jaw, Sask., churches for a week of activities Dec. 24 to 31. Among the events enjoyed were skiing at Red Lodge and Bridger Bowl and swimming. The out-of-town singles, lodged with the brethren and at most of their meals in the brethren's homes. *Lowell R. Knowlen Jr.*

Twenty-two members of the JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Singles' Club

attended a Bible study Jan. 2 conducted by minister Bill Powell. Mr. Powell, assisted by deacon Steven Randolph, gave instructions from 1 Corinthians 7 and related topics. A question-and-answer session concluded the study. *Mike Medina.*

Seventy-eight singles from the MANILA, Philippines, NORTH and SOUTH churches and four guests from Baguio City, Philippines, enjoyed camping at Gulod sa Batalao in the Batangas province Dec. 27 to Jan. 3. The campers played, worked, ate, hiked, sang, exercised and learned together. The meals were provided by Estelita Angel and her staff. Contests took place in archery (with archery star Conrado Cabrera as instructor), riflery, slingshot, mountain hiking, obstacle race and swimming. The families who joined the campers during the family weekend enjoyed the same activities, plus special games prepared for them. Manila North pastor Bienvenido Macaraeg Jr. conducted a series of lectures on planning for marriage. A lecture on social graces was handled by local elder Napoleon Acobron. Sabbath services were conducted outdoors beneath the trees. On the last day, awards were presented. *Gloria G. Angel.*

Singles of the Young Adult Program (YAP) of PRESCOTT and FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., participated in a ski trip Jan. 1 through 3 at the Sunrise, Ariz., ski resort. The singles stayed at the Wallace's home in Eagar, Ariz. Friday, the group fellowshiped around the wood stove. A few hours that day were spent driving to a tubing slope and getting stuck in the snow. A taped Bible study was played on the Sabbath. Bible questions were written by everyone, and the group tested themselves. Sunday, six YAP members enjoyed skiing, three for the first time. Dick Herrold organized the trip. *Arlene Kays.*

SPORTS

The DENVER, Colo., women's bowling league, Lady Pins, is in full swing. As of Jan. 14, the team Bowling Babes is in first place. Members are Cathy McKinney, Vada Hammel and Rowena Trujillo. Leanne Spangler holds the individual high game scratch and handicap with a 216 game. High series scratch is held by Debbie Ellis with a 541, and Lois Doemeland holds the high series handicap with a 670. League president is Alice Reyer, with Sherry Pickett acting as secretary. *Donna Myers.*

The Ontario region YOU volleyball weekend took place in HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 19 and 20. The Toronto East YOU team beat St. Catharines to capture the junior title. The finals were the climax of weekend activities for the 13 Ontario churches. Anthony Wasilkoff, pastor of the Hamilton and St. Catharines churches, began the weekend with the Sabbath sermon. Shelly Hepworth played the piano for the hymns, and Peggy Amos performed a piano solo for special music. A soup and sandwich meal was sponsored by the Hamilton and St. Catharines churches. The evening continued with a games night organized by the Hamilton Singles' Club. The highlight was a Bible quiz, which John Lucas won. After spending the night at members' homes, the volleyball participants met at the L.B. Pearson High School. A hot dog stand was staffed by women of the churches. The weekend culminated with Toronto West pastor Richard Pinelli awarding individual trophies to

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BANWART, Robert and Mary (Bryan), of Albuquerque, N.M., girl, Allison Gail, Dec. 21, 4:50 a.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

CARLSON, Donald and Judy (Doer), of Duluth, Minn., boy, Erik Daniel, Oct. 18, 8 pounds 7 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

CLAYTOR, John and Georganna (Stanley), of Columbia, S.C., boy, Joshua Carroll, Dec. 11, 1:45 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DIXON, Gary and Cheryl (Breedlove), of Amboy, W.Va., boy, Jonathan Robert, Jan. 2, 10:56 a.m., 9 pounds, now 3 boys.

DOLAN, Robert Jr., and Debra (Argueta), of Pasadena, boy, Robert William III, Dec. 7, 8:27 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

GRAHAM, Roy and Pam (Dawkins), of Johannesburg, South Africa, boy, Cameron Ainslie, Nov. 10, 2:22 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys, 5 girls.

GRANT, Brian and Evelyn (Smith), of Aberdeen, Scotland, boy, Lewis, Oct. 31, 2:30 p.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HART, George and Vicki (Wetzel), of Greensboro, N.C., boy, Bryan Mitchell, Jan. 5, 11:59 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MARTIN, Tom and Ginny (Pirog), of Fort Wayne, Ind., boy, Ryan Zachary, Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

MATHER, Kingsley and Janice (Kelly), of Nassau, Bahamas, girl, Janice Lynn, Dec. 29, 8:52 a.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

MONEELY, John and Judy (Springer), of Columbia, Tenn., girl, Ruth Marie, Jan. 15, 8:29 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MOODY, Douglas and Patricia (Flak), of Pasadena, girl, Alanna Renee, Jan. 19, 5:51 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

ODELL, Rick and Donna (Scott), of Penitenti, B.C., girl, Teagan Layne, Dec. 28, 9:37 a.m., 8 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, now 3 girls.

REY, Dennis and Geri (Cymen), of Buffalo, N.Y., boy, Timothy Jared, Jan. 13, 12:23 a.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys.

ROWLAND, Michael and Jeri (Coleman), of Packwood, Iowa, boy, Wyatt Orlan, Dec. 18, 8:17 a.m., 5 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

SCHURKO, David and Karen (Gottschall), of Regina, Sask., girl, Marianne Heather, Dec. 29, 4:50 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

SEDDON, Wayne and Denise (Yearicks), of Hamonton, N.J., girl, Leigh Allison, Dec. 30, 6:12 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SMIT, Aad and Corrie (Sturm), of Bithoven, the Netherlands, girl, Arianne Marja, Nov. 15, 7 p.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SUMMERS, Moses and Yvonne (Ayers), of Tampa, Fla., girl, Amy Caroline, Jan. 8, 12:59 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SUMMEY, Michael and Karen (Smith), of Newberg, Ore., girl, Shana Karen, Jan. 17, 2:17 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

STLBORN, David and Dorothy (Marlin), of Regina, Sask., girl, Sandi Michelle, Jan. 15, 8:56 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

TILLMAN, Frank and Valerie (Stanton), of Birmingham, Ala., boy, Keith Randall, Jan. 11, 11:02 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

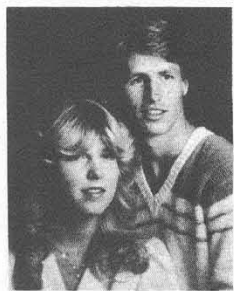
TRISCHUK, Greg and Janice (Pleaser), of Calgary, Alta., boy, Ryan Jeffrey, Dec. 18, 4:30 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

TRONE, Dirk and Kathy (London), of Sacramento, Calif., boy, Tony Dirk, Jan. 10, 8:56 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

ZOELLICK, Herman and Helen (Ettera), of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., boy, Timothy James, Oct. 15, 8:30 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 7 boys, 13 daughters.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Marlene Gay Lynch to Leroy David Rose, son of Leonia K. Rose, Leroy and Marlene attend the Auditorium P.M. congregation in Pasadena. A July wedding is planned in Oklahoma City, Okla.



J.A. PORTER AND R. BECHTHOLD
Mr. and Mrs. Gene A. Porter of Escondido, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Dwan Bechtold of La Costa, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dena to Scott Silabee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Silabee of the Atlanta, Ga., church. An open wedding is planned for March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Elchorn of the Johnston, Pa., church are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Dena to Scott Silabee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norm Silabee of the Atlanta, Ga., church. An open wedding is planned for March 14.

Mr. and Mrs. John Buharowski of Sylmar, Calif., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Roberta Ann to Ronald P. Felton Jr. A May 23 wedding is planned. Mr. Felton is a faculty member at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Wayne and Margaret Hageman of Marysville, Wash., and Victor and Shirley Woodfield of Seattle, Wash., are happy to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their children, Sarah Ann and Vance. Sarah Ann is a 1979 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College. Vance is currently enrolled there. A June 13 wedding in Seattle is planned.

WEDDINGS



DR. AND MRS. KERMIT NELSON

Loila Schmidt and Kermit Nelson were married Dec. 26 at the Festival Administration building in Big Sandy. The ceremony was performed by Lynn Torrance, registrar of Big Sandy Ambassador College. Mrs. Nelson is manager of Junior's Tea Room in Big Sandy and Dr. Nelson is director of physical education for the college. The couple reside on faculty row.

William K. Stough and Betty E. Hedger were united in marriage Nov. 28. The ceremony was performed by Robert Spence, pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., North and South churches. Jean Mitchell was the matron of honor, and Don Mitchell was the best man. The couple now reside at Route 2, Box 84A, St. Clair, Mo., 63077.

MR. AND MRS. GARY BASTIE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bunting and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Bastie are happy to announce the marriage of their children Roberta and Gary, April 29 in Gainesville, Fla. Maid of honor was Robin Bunting and best man was Wes Bastie. Karl Beyersdorfer, minister of the Baton Rouge, La., church, performed the ceremony. The couple reside in Houston, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. RANDY BOE

Taz Anne Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Smith of Jackson, Miss., and Randall Charles Boe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Boe of Sebastopol, Calif., were united in marriage Dec. 20 in the Raintree Room of the Downtown Holiday Inn in Jackson. Both are former students at Ambassador College in Pasadena. Bob Peoples, pastor of the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches, performed the ceremony. Tami Smith, a May, 1981, graduate of Ambassador College, served her sister as maid of honor. Roger D. Boe served his son as best man. The couple reside at 308 Springdale St., Sebastopol, Calif., 95472.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. DON HOEFKER

Don and Jo Ellen Hoefker's two children would like to wish them a very happy 24th anniversary Jan. 31. We want to thank God Almighty for the honor and credit of this anniversary. We love you, Dad and Mom! T.S. Hoefker.

Charles Eades, Happy anniversary March 6. Thank you for your continued love and patience with me. My love to you multiplies with each year. Affectionately, Adnah Eades.

Happy anniversary, Murray and Lorna! We wish ye'll happiness and prosperity for eternity. Buddy and Janice.

Janice, Happy anniversary, Sweetheart, to you from me. Thank you for loving me another year. I wanted our whole Church to know who was the Sweetest Sweetheart of the Year. I love you very much! Buddy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kelly of the Edmonton, Alta., South church celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Dec. 31. They shared this happy occasion with the brethren by having an open house invitation.

William and Gracie Tomlinson celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Jan. 9. They have four daughters and eight grandchildren. Two of their daughters, Inez Langer and Louise Rosenwinke, are baptized members of the Church.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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DR. AND MRS. DUKE GALLOWAY

Weddings Made of Gold

BIG SANDY — Duke and Helen Galloway celebrated their 57th anniversary Jan. 17. They were married in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1925. He, a steelworker, was 22 years old and she, an accountant, 20 years of age. Dr. and Mrs. Galloway graduated from chiropractic college in 1948.
Dr. Galloway first heard Herbert

W. Armstrong over radio station WLS Chicago, Ill., in 1955. He and his wife were baptized in 1958 by Carlton Smith and Roger Foster on a baptizing tour through Ohio.

The Galloways moved to Big Sandy in 1968 following retirement and six years in the Chicago church area.

64, died Jan. 10. He had been a member of the Greenville, S.C., church since 1976. Ron Jameson, pastor of the Greenville church, conducted funeral services.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife Mary; two sons, Wally and Wes; one daughter, Cheryl; and one grandson.

OBERLIN, La. — Hazel Guillory, 53, a longtime member of God's Church, died Jan. 11 after a long illness. Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Doucet, pastor of the Lake Charles, La., and Beaumont, Tex., churches.

Mrs. Guillory is survived by her husband James, one daughter, two sons, six brothers, three sisters and four grandchildren.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Estelle Jennings, 79, of the Philadelphia, Pa., church, died Jan. 14 after a long illness. Carlos Perkins, pastor of the Philadelphia church, conducted funeral services.

Miss Jennings is survived by one brother, Mack Brown, and one sister, Mary Rainer.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Al Sieradzke, 67, died of a heart attack while receiving treatment for cancer Nov. 10. Services were conducted by Leslie Schmides, pastor of the Syracuse and Rochester, N.Y., churches. Mr. Sieradzke is survived by his wife Cathy.

TIPTON, Mo. — Eunice Irene Goff, 82, died Jan. 7 after a series of strokes. Richard Rand, pastor of the Columbia, Mo., church conducted funeral services.

A longtime member of God's Church, Mrs. Goff was baptized 20 years ago when Holy Days were in the Redwood Building in Big Sandy. She is survived by five children, including Marvis Wampler, a member in Collinsville, Ill.; 12 grandchildren, including Tammy (Wampler) Simmons, a member in Long Beach, Miss.; and 21 great grandchildren.

Obituaries

DETROIT, Mich. — Julia Davis Miller, 62, died Nov. 16, Maceo Hampton, a minister in the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches, conducted funeral services.

Mrs. Miller, who was baptized in 1960, is survived by a son, William; a daughter, Carol; six grandchildren; and one brother, Leon Davis.

INMAN, S.C. — Walter A. Smith,

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the winning teams. *Bernard Granka.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

The YOU family weekend of District 33 took place Dec. 12 and 13 in ANNISTON, Ala. The YOU Bible bowl led off the occasion with official Jim Tuck, pastor of the Huntsville, Ala., church and coordinator of YOU District 33. Mont-

gomery, Ala., was the winner, with Birmingham, Ala., second and Gadsden, Ala., third. The Sabbath sermonette was given by Mr. Tuck, and the sermon by pastor Bill Winner. A Saturday night country square dance was for young and old alike. Mr. Winner entertained with his mandolin, and Tom Williams offered his musical ability.

Sunday, adult seminars were conducted on "Marriage" by Don Waterhouse, pastor of the Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., churches, and "Family and Parenting" by Ken Martin. (See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)



MR. AND MRS. TERRY BRAND

Terry James Brand, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Brand of Perryville, Ark., and Sara Leigh Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams of Heber Springs, Ark., were united in marriage Dec. 19 at Carmichael Community Center in Searcy, Ark. The ceremony was performed by Fred Killers, pastor of the Little Rock, Ark., church. The couple reside in Jacksonville, Ark.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID R. BUSSETT

Garnet Gibson and David R. Bussett were united in marriage Sept. 27 in Portsmouth, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by David Trebing, pastor of the Portsmouth and Chillicothe, Ohio, churches. Maid of honor was Sharon Buffinger. Best man was Carl Buswell. The Bussetts reside at 5833 Searing Dr., Apt. B, Indianapolis, Ind., 46254.

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pastor of the Birmingham and Jasper, Ala., churches. The YOU seminars were on "What God Expects from Teens" by Mr. Tuck and "Character" by Paul Kurts, pastor of the Montgomery church.

In the girls' volleyball tournament, the winners were Huntsville, first place; Gadsden, second place; and Montgomery, third place. The all-star tournament players were Kim Blalock, Lana McWhorter, Tina Thompson, Tami Winner, Julie Holiday, Cindy Underwood, Jennifer Montana and Jane Leavelle. The sportsmanship award went to Gadsden, and the Most Valuable Player was Kim Blalock. *Linnie Abernathy and Tiny Verna Johnson.*

The YOU District 21 family weekend took place Dec. 19 and 20 at Concord College in ATHENS, W. Va. The schedule of activities began with Sabbath services, followed by a YOU Bible bowl and the district talent competition in the evening. In the Bible bowl competition, moderated by Roanoke, Va., pastor Bob Persky, Roanoke topped Bluefield, W. Va., 135-25. The talent competition featured the skills of 17 contestants from five church areas. Senior division winner was vocalist Belinda Reed. Melody King placed second, Julia Lanum, third; and Stephanie Bauman, fourth. Junior division winners were flutist Lisa Haskell, first place; Beth Hagy, second; John Lanum, third; and Gary Horne, fourth. Afterward, family night activities continued with billiards, bowling, games for the adults, a dance and a children's party.

Sunday morning, the double elimination YOU girls' volleyball tournament began. Victorious was undefeated Kingsport, Tenn., coached by pastor and Mrs. George Elkins. Placing second was Bluefield. Boone-Lenoir, N.C., received the sportsmanship award. Two girls from each area were selected for the all-tournament team, and Michelle McQuigg was honored as the Most Valuable Player. The Kingsport church won the single elimination basketball competition, leaving Pikeville, Ky., in second place with a score of 53-41. District coordinator is Charles Crain.

YOU members from the BATON ROUGE and LAFAYETTE, La., church areas returned Dec. 25 from a week of winter fun in North Carolina and Tennessee. The group was accompanied by YOU coordinators Warren and Sharon Zehrung and by Ron King. While enjoying skiing and ice skating, the visitors stayed with the Stewarts, McFalls, Greens and Sullivans in the Knoxville, Tenn., area. The Knoxville church sponsored a YOU get-acquainted party for the visitors. *Robert D. Vernon.*

BIG SANDY, became the gathering place for a jam-packed YOU family weekend Dec. 5 and 6 for seven church areas: Big Sandy, Longview and Lufkin, Tex., Texarkana, Ark., and Shreveport, Monroe and Alexandria, La. The event, organized by Monroe and Alexandria pastor Briscoe Ellett, included family-style meals served in the Ambassador College dining hall, a YOU and family question-and-answer Bible study and Sabbath sermon by Shreveport pastor Bill Bradford. The evening was highlighted with an Ambassador College concert, games of bingo, scrabble, darts and different contests. A basketball tournament took place Sunday. *Ken Frasier.*

The family district weekend of the Boise, Blackfoot and Twin Falls, Idaho, and Salt Lake City, Utah, churches took place Jan. 1 to 3 in BOISE. Friday night, pastor Jeff McGowan welcomed the brethren, and Ron Sower led the Bible study. Sabbath began with a pancake breakfast followed by the Boise brethren. The sermonette that afternoon was given by YOU district coordinator Randy Schreiber. The sermon was presented by the pastor of the Salt Lake City church, William Swanson. Following the Sabbath were YOU and family games, under direction of Mr. Schreiber. After the YOU volleyball and basketball games the next day, families formed teams and played other family teams. *Ron Mundell.*

The CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., YOU enjoyed a disco dance Jan. 9. The youths decorated the hall for the event, and disc jockeys Tim Dickey and Dale Penney played taped music. Minister Bill Cowan Jr. and his wife Betty also danced to the songs played. Children under YOU age played games in the back room. After the dance, everyone helped clean the hall. The next day featured basketball games. *Elisabeth Prevo.*

The CINCINNATI, Ohio, WEST YOU had their annual dance Dec. 24 at the Winton Place Vets Hall. The youths pooled their ideas and materials, under the direction of Mel McQueary, to create a Polynesian Paradise atmosphere. Decorations included palm trees and a grass hut to house disc jockey Frank Schilling. *Anna Freese.*

CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST had a turnout of about 45 children for the second annual children's costume party Dec. 23. Children from the Cleveland East congregation were also invited. The parade of costumes started the afternoon, with characters as diverse as cats and a Rubik's cube marching past the reviewing stand of ministers Tracey Rogers and Robley Evans and their wives. Organized games followed, and a fish pond of prizes and a giant green dragon, alias Ray Williams, highlighted the party, which ended with snacks. Even the cakes came dressed up, as R2-D2 and Holly Hobbie. *Janice L. Walsh.*

The DENVER, Colo., district family weekend of Dec. 19 and 20 got off to a start with a YOU Bible bowl before Sabbath services. Denver won the first session and Colorado Springs, Colo., the second. Later that evening, there was a picnic dinner for the brethren, some of whom traveled from Colorado Springs, Grand Junction and Fort Collins, Colo., for the weekend events. The Denver YOU Divisions I and II cheerleaders and sponsors sold refreshments to help pay for their outfits. The Walt Disney movie *The Boatniks* was shown afterward. A skating party and volleyball tournament took place the next morning. *Jo Ann Eisman.*

The EUGENE, Ore., church was host for the first YOU district family weekend Dec. 12 and 13. Events included a Bible bowl following Sabbath services and a square dance in the evening that featured the professional calling of Darrel Slocum, a member of the Vancouver, Wash., church who has been calling square dances for about 24 years. With the aid of his wife Patricia, Mr. Slocum specializes in helping amateurs achieve square dancing skills in a short time. During the district volleyball tournament the next day, YOU and older YES members, aided by parents, provided hot food concessions and desserts for hungry spectators. According to pastor Larry Walker, district YOU coordinator Jim Haeffle was impressed by the spirit of service and the degree of involvement by so many brethren. *Tim and Lin Rhay.*

The home of Winston and Cheryl Davis was the site for a FLORENCE, S.C., YOU cookout Jan. 2. The youths and their families gathered around a crackling camp fire to warm themselves and to roast hot dogs. After the meal, many sang along with the music provided by Mr. Davis and Bill Cherry on guitar. *Charles B. Edwards.*

The YES youths of FORT COLLINS, Colo., enjoyed an evening of fun Jan. 2. The party began with a game of bingo, and prizes were awarded to final winners according to age groups. The evening meal consisted of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and punch. Everyone bundled up in warm clothing and snuggled down in the straw for a hayride and sing-along. The evening ended with glasses of hot chocolate. *Roma Tennison.*

The FREEPORT, Bahamas, YOU played host to a dinner Dec. 12 at the Bahamas Princess Hotel, under the direction of pastor Kingsley Mather. During dessert, Janice Nesbitt, YOU vice president last year, gave opening remarks to welcome those present. Jonathan Glinnton, topicsmaster and former president of the chapter, entertained the group. Introduction of three guest speakers was then given by Barry Lewis.

A volleyball tournament and a district family weekend took place in GAINESVILLE, Ga., Dec. 19 and 20. Combined Sabbath services were attended by brethren from the Macon, Rome, Atlanta, Athens and Gainesville, Ga., churches. Otto Lochner gave the first half of a split sermon. During his sermon he challenged any YOU-aged person to come up and take the contents of a brown bag that he had. Melanie Hopper accepted his challenge and to her surprise pulled out a bar of soap and a \$10 bill. Marc Masterson gave a sermon on the family. The girls' volleyball tournament was the next day. The Atlanta No. 1 team won first place, with Athens-Gainesville second and Macon third. The sportsmanship award was given to the Athens-Gainesville team. For the all-tournament team the judges selected Sharon and Mary Riner, Jane Erwin, Lavetta McCune, Jane Green, Gay Di-

Spain and Anita Gilbert, who was also honored as Most Valuable Player. *Bill Austin.*

Thirty-one JACKSON, Miss., Junior YOU members and parents enjoyed an afternoon of skating at the Funtime Skating Rink Dec. 28. *Ann Quarles.*

Brethren from six church areas converged on JONESBORO, Ark., Dec. 25 to 27 for the first district family weekend. The schedule included a skating party, a Bible bowl, a spaghetti supper and a dance, complete with a talent show. Sunday was highlighted by a girls' volleyball tournament. Medals were awarded to the Memphis, Tenn., players for winning first place, Cape Girardeau, Mo., players for second place and Jackson, Tenn., players for third place. The all-tournament team consisted of Sherry Fitzpatrick, Alicia Franz, Heidi Schatz, Sharon Wells, Sharon Busche, Vera Braswell, Christy Swafford and Teri Boyd. Heidi Schatz was chosen the Most Valuable Player. *Kathleen Holmes.*

The YOU of MACKAY, Australia, had their first meeting Dec. 12 at Blacks Beach. They enjoyed a meal, during which members discussed ideas for future activities. Pastor Bruce Dean covered the rules and regulations of YOU. Charades and a pool swim topped off the meeting. *Bruce Dean.*

MACKAY, Australia, children too young for SEP camp enjoyed an overnight camp with pastor Bruce Dean Jan. 2 and 3. The children traveled north of Mackay after Sabbath services to camp in the bush not far from the farm of a member. Sunday morning after breakfast, the children took a four-hour hike up the creek bed to a swimming hole and back again before lunch and the journey home. The Camerons assisted Mr. Dean at the camp. *E. J. England.*

Reefion Camp, about 60 miles from MELBOURNE, Australia, took place this year from Dec. 24 to 28. The camp was started in 1976 by Rod Dean, then pastor of the Melbourne South church. Reefion is designed on the Ambassador College model of training in social, physical and biblical study. Thursday, after a short night hike, Mr. Dean showed Herbert W. Armstrong's Feast opening address. The next day was full of activities ranging from touch football, volleyball, kayak races and a slip 'n' slide. In the evening the group enjoyed a formal dinner. Mr. Dean gave instructions in etiquette. Sabbath morning featured a Bible study and hymn-singing, and in the afternoon a sermon on marriage. In the evening the Young Ambassadors Feast film was screened, followed by a formal dance. After breakfast Sunday morning Mr. Dean gave a lecture on how to have a purposeful life. Following a hike to a waterhole, lunch was served. Games were played until dinner, which was Western style, followed by a Western dance with Chuck Pearson calling the dances. Monday, Peter Whitting, pastor of the Gippsland, Australia, church, gave a lecture on communication and self-awareness. The afternoon mini-Olympics were greeted with great enthusiasm. Asked about the camp, new member Geoff Davies said, "There was nothing like this" at any of the other camps he had been to. After Monday's dinner, the brethren made their way home. *G. J. Armstrong.*

The MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., NORTH YOU and their families had a potluck Dec. 26. The event had an international theme, and the YOU members served as the hosts, decorated the Civic Center where it took place and planned the entertainment. First-place prizes for the best costumes were given to Diane Benson, Steve Thull and Jeff Skrove. Runners-up were Michelle Gould, Alan Kroka and Jane Nelder. Dance lessons were given by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thull, and Jenny Smiley and Mark Waterbury reported on several countries of the world. The cheerleaders performed for the group. *Sabrina Rust.*

MOJAVE, Calif., YOU members and their families traveled to Los Angeles for their first activity Dec. 27 and 28. A slumber party preceded the journey, and in the morning the nine YOU members and their families boarded the bus and traveled to the Los Angeles Zoo. Griffith Observatory was the next stop, where a light show was seen. Dinner was cooked over an open fire on the Ambassador College campus. The next day the group went to the Los Angeles County Museum for a two-hour tour, and after a pizza lunch, they headed for home. *Melody Anderson.*

The Boy Scout troop of the MONTGOMERY, Ala., church met troops from the Atlanta, Ga., and Chattanooga, Tenn., churches in the Talladega National Forest for three days of camping beginning Dec. 31. Friday and Saturday the weather remained ideal for the planned activities, including Bible study and Bible games. Thunderstorms

crashed through the woods Saturday night, and the decision was made to leave for home Sunday morning instead of afternoon. *Don Moss and Carl Ponder.*

The YOU chapter of MOUNT POCONO, Pa., enjoyed its yearly winter social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gill Jan. 2 and 3. Minister George Evans conducted a Bible study on Sabbath. The evening activities included roller skating, making ice cream and electronic television games. Many stayed overnight and enjoyed sledding and inner tubing Sunday. Pastor Ozzie Engelbart kept the group in good spirits in spite of a few injuries. *John Havir.*

YOU members in the Bahamas had their first district family weekend in NASSAU, Bahamas, Dec. 18 to 20. The event commenced Friday evening with a Bible study conducted by minister Kingsley Mather. Sabbath services were conducted by the former YOU coordinator and Mr. Mather. The YOU chorale sang for special music. The evening of socializing began with a potluck for YOU members and their families. Following was a Bible bowl conducted by Mr. Mather. The highlight of the evening was a quiz between the All Star YOU team and the All Star adult team. The YOU won 158-130. The teens engaged in a few other games before the evening was brought to a close. Sunday afternoon, teens and parents met at the Village Lane Bowling Alley to participate in a match. The weekend terminated with a group lunch at a nearby restaurant, followed by the departure of visiting teens. *Sharon Clarke.*

The first District 35 YOU family weekend took place in ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 11 through 13. Randall Kobarnat, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., minister and district director, planned and directed the weekend's activities. Friday evening, minister Robert Bertuzzi conducted a Bible study in which he fielded questions on the family. Sabbath morning, split sermons were given by ministers Bob Jones and Mr. Bertuzzi. During the afternoon, Charles Chase directed the district Bible bowl, in which Orlando captured top honors. The district talent show, with Harold Davis as master of ceremonies, took place in the evening. John Smith won the senior division, with Travis Reynolds second and Brian Davis third. In the junior division, the winners were Delean Whitecar, Kindra Fisher and Terry Davis.

Three volleyball tournaments filled Sunday's agenda. Sonny Shannon organized and directed a tournament for the Junior YOU. Orlando placed first, Fort Pierce, Fla., second, Lakeland, Fla., third and Tampa, Fla., fourth. The adult Tournament of Laughs, directed by Mr. Chase, ended with the Miami, Fla., Sharks in first place and the Lakeland Lakers in second. Paul Mezza coordinated the YOU girls' power volleyball. The undefeated Miami A team won first place. St. Petersburg, Fla., was second, Jacksonville, Fla., third and Orlando fourth. Carol Brady was named Most Valuable Player. The sportsmanship award went to the team from St. Petersburg. Special thanks were expressed to Al Simms and Ted Japhet. After volleyball, men and women teams tried their strength at a tug-of-war. Winners were the Tampa men and the Lakeland women. *Strich Chase, Shirley Segall and Ed Strickland.*

Elementary needlepoint was the subject of the PALMER, Alaska, Busy Betsys Girls' Club Dec. 26. Each girl received her own kit and learned the stitches needed to complete the picture. Heather Huinick was appointed treasurer, and Cynthia Briss is in charge of the scrapbook. Brenda Registe provided the treats.

The Candles and Lace Homemaking Club took advantage of school vacation to take a trip to Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 30. The day's activities included window shopping, a tour of a mansion, lunch, a tour through an exclusive home furnishings store and a stop to see the movie *Cinderella*. The trip was financed by the club treasury. *Linda Orchard.*

The YOU district weekend in PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 19 and 20 started off with a YOU and family hayride, cookout and sing-along at the Armisteads' ranch Saturday evening. Sunday morning, there was softball for the whole family, and in the afternoon a YOU basketball tournament. Youths from Prescott, Flagstaff, Phoenix East, Phoenix West and Tucson, Ariz., participated in the weekend activities. *Christa Rath.*

About 100 people from the RICHMOND and NORFOLK, Va., and BALTIMORE, Md., churches came to Hopewell, Va., for a family day Dec. 27. In basketball action, Richmond's Division II team defeated Baltimore twice. In Division I action, Baltimore defeated Norfolk and Richmond, and Norfolk defeated Richmond. After these games,

the teams played each other in alternate 10-minute periods. Teens tested their Bible knowledge and quickness in a Bible bowl. Richmond defeated Baltimore, and Norfolk defeated Richmond.

Fifty Richmond teens and parents attended a skating party Jan. 3. In spite of some falls, no one was hurt and everyone enjoyed the exercise. *Chip Brockmeier.*

The ROCHESTER, N.Y., church played host to the YOU girls' district volleyball weekend beginning Dec. 12. Brethren from the Binghamton, Corning, Buffalo, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., and Erie, Pa., churches heard minister Tom Melear speak on our leadership positions in the world tomorrow, and Erie pastor Bill Jacobs speak on friendship. After services, YOU teams participated in a Bible bowl, which was won by the Binghamton-Corning team, with Syracuse second. The auditorium was then decorated in a Hawaiian theme for the dance that was enjoyed by the YOU and parents. The daylong volleyball tournament took place the next day at the Penfield, N.Y., High School. For the first time, women's teams participated in volleyball competition. The Binghamton-Corning teams won the A and B division championships. *Jack Hannold.*

Twelve girls from the ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, church area joined pastor Bruce Dean and his wife Jeanette for a two-day camp-out on the Capricornian Coast, overlooking the islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Dec. 21 and 22. The girls, between 5 and 12 years old, enjoyed perfect summer weather with cooling sea breezes. Activities included fishing, hiking, softball, a sing-along and swimming. The girls learned to cook over an open fireplace and enjoyed all aspects of camping. *Bruce Dean.*

Nine boys from the ROCKHAMPTON, Australia, church joined pastor Bruce Dean and local elder John De Mey for a two-day hike Dec. 28 and 29. The boys, 6- to 12-years old, went to the Blackdown Tablelands and were met by the park ranger, who took them on a three-hour hike down into a gorge. After an overnight camp in the gorge and a long trek out again, the boys finished the challenging two days. *Bruce Dean.*

The SASKATOON, Sask., church sponsored a district family weekend Dec. 5 and 6 for brethren from Saskatchewan. Sabbath service attendance was more than 450. Terry Roth, pastor of the Prince Albert and Tisdale churches, gave the sermon on problems facing teenagers today. Dennis Lawrence, Yorkton pastor, gave the sermonette on our potential responsibilities. After a potluck, the brethren viewed films, played volleyball or floor hockey or entered a challenge relay. A sock hop capped off the evening. The next morning, a brunch was followed by a slide show of past church activities presented by Bruce Ecker and narrated by Jerry Lucky. Many of the YOU, younger children and parents later participated in a Bible bowl. Questions were asked by pastor Maurice Yurkw and Douglas Johnson, Regina pastor. *Harvey F. Tanke.*

The TAMPA, Fla., YOU enjoyed a camp-out Dec. 19 and 20. Saturday night the YOU coordinator's handbook was reviewed. After a winner sock, a college bowl of general knowledge took place. Sunday, the youths participated in football and skeet shooting. *Bill Encinosa.*

The TRAIL, B.C., YOU group enjoyed its first activity of the year Jan. 3. The teens started the day by loading two pickup trucks with firewood at the home of Ian Fraser. They delivered the wood to Clarissa Morris, who gave a toboggan party and cookout. Mrs. Morris gave the YOU members and their parents a hayride in a horse-drawn buggy to the toboggan slope. Lunch consisted of hot dogs, hamburgers and marshmallows cooked on a crackling bonfire. Some of the younger children took turns riding a toboggan hitched to Mr. Fraser's snowmobile. At sunset, the group packed up and took the hayride back to Mrs. Morris' ranch. Then on to the home of pastor Don Mears, where the youths and their parents enjoyed hot chocolate and popcorn while they participated in a Bible study and discussion on dating. *Carol Pinette.*

YOU members from Winnipeg, Morden and Brandon, Man., and Williams, Minn., combined for a YOU weekend in WINNIPEG Jan. 2 and 3. Royston Page conducted a Bible bowl Sabbath morning. After lunch, Mr. Page and Richard Wilkinson took the Sabbath services. The evening activity was a dance. Sunday, John Stryker and Alvin Nordstrom conducted lectures. Following lunch, the YOU members met at Roxey Lanes to bowl. *Doug Aime.*

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Mailing of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's semiannual letter in Spanish brought a "tremendous response," according to Keith Speaks of the Spanish Department here.

This was the first time that one of Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letters had been sent to the Spanish-speaking areas, said Mr. Speaks. Previously, the cost of such a mailing was prohibitive, but by using several more economical methods the mailing was possible. Costs were reduced 80 percent.

Responses are arriving at a rate of 80 to 100 a day from the United States, a response rate of about 24 percent.

Mr. Speaks estimates the response from areas outside the United States will be well over 30

percent. Response from Costa Rica is 40 percent.

Part of the reason for the high response may be that Spanish-speaking members and co-workers have not previously received Mr. Armstrong's semiannual letters. Mr. Armstrong is held in high regard for his knowledge, understanding and wisdom, he said. This has previously influenced the response to Mr. Armstrong's "Personal" column in the Spanish *Plain Truth, La Pura Verdad*.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here reported the following ordinations:

Thomas H. Grede of the West Bend, Wis., church was ordained a local church elder Sept. 29, 1981, by Carl McNair and Felix Heimberg.

Eugene Dumas, a deacon in the Chicago, Ill., South congregation, was raised in rank to local church elder by evangelist Harold Jackson and Allan Barr, pastor of the South church, Jan. 2.

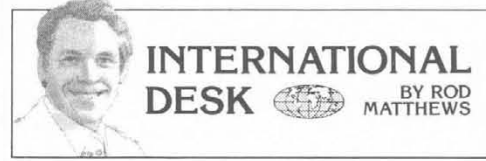
Mike E. Walker of the Lawton, Okla., church was ordained a local

church elder by David Carley Jan. 9. Mr. Walker served the Lawton church as a deacon.

Evangelist Leon Walker ordained Reginald V. Killingley a local elder in the employ of the Work Jan. 16 to serve the Spanish congregation here. Mr. Killingley was a min-

isterial trainee.

Lincoln Jaital, a ministerial trainee in the Pasadena Imperial church, was ordained a local elder Jan. 16 by pastor Selmer Hegvold and Stan Bass, regional director in the Caribbean. Mr. Jaital now assists Mr. Bass in Puerto Rico.



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — Much happened last year in God's Work around the world. The regional directors have filed encouraging reports of accelerating activities. In the next few issues, I'd like to share these with you.

Bob Morton is the regional director for Australia and Asia serving at the Work's office in Burleigh Heads, Australia.

"The highpoint of God's Work in Australia in 1981 was the visit by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong in May. Mr. Armstrong spoke to combined congregations in Sydney, Brisbane and Melbourne, and conducted a two-day ministerial conference in Sydney.

"Regional director Robert Morton traveled throughout the year to visit the Australian churches. He spoke to every congregation in the major church areas at least twice, and to most of the smaller churches at least once. In addition, Mr. Morton traveled to the Asian area of God's Work, administered from Australia, visiting Singapore, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka and Hong Kong.

"The media was an area of exciting growth in 1981. Mr. Armstrong's full-page advertisements appeared in major Australian newspapers, and Mr. Armstrong appeared on Australian television for the first time on *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. The radio broadcast was also reintroduced after a lapse of several years. *The World Tomorrow* is now aired on 29 radio and 29 television stations throughout the country.

"In January a *Plain Truth* program began with 15,000 copies of the magazine being distributed. By October the newsstand circulation reached 150,000, a 1,000 percent increase. Today, *The Plain Truth* has the ninth largest magazine circulation in Australia, ahead of *Time* and *Newsweek* combined. This year the printing of the magazine was transferred from Singapore to Sydney, which has meant an earlier delivery of *The Plain Truth* to readers.

"On the financial side, income showed a healthy increase of 21.5 percent over 1980, with Holy Day offerings up by 30 percent from the previous year.

"In Southeast Asia, Radio Cey-

lon was added to *The World Tomorrow* radio log. It can be heard from the Middle East to Singapore and Malaysia. This past year also saw the addition of two full-time ministers to the area. Colin Kelly transferred from Australia to Singapore, and Mohan Jayasekera was hired full-time in Sri Lanka. Mr. Jayasekera's responsibilities include southern India, working with Spaulding Kulasingam in this vast and populous country."

Church attendance, 4,442; outlying Bible study attendance, 72, total, 4,514; *Plain Truth* circulation, 56,006; subscription, 150,000; newsstand, combined 206,006; *Good News* circulation, 2,162; congregations, 42; outlying Bible studies, three, total 45; members, 2,966; full-time ministers, 32; local church elders, 25; Festival sites, nine; radio outlets, 29; television outlets, 29.

Netherlands

This month, the back cover of the full-color monthly publication *De Kampioen*, of the Netherlands Automobile Association, will advertise *De Echte Waarheid*, the Dutch edition of *The Plain Truth*. *De Kampioen* has a circulation of 2.2 million.

Space was offered to us after the association noticed our flyer in Holland's largest daily newspaper. This door that God has opened could increase the circulation by 75 percent.

Chile

In late December, Mario Sieglie, pastor of the Santiago, Chile, church, conducted four *Plain Truth* lectures in that city, attended by 100 new people. This is about 10 percent of the subscribers to *La Pura Verdad* in Chile's capital city of four million. Forty people attended at least three of the meetings and 10 to 15 show strong interest in the Church.

Note: It was learned that the 50 foot television screen in the main downtown square in Melbourne, which was to carry Mr. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* program to lunch-time crowds, was unexpectedly closed. The decision was apparently prompted by large financial losses to the operators of the screen projected over the year ahead. Prayers are needed that God will open alternative media doors in Melbourne, which, although Australia's second-largest city, has no radio or television coverage.

Snow, ice cut church attendance

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — Reports from around the nation showed that January was one of the coldest months ever. Despite power shortages, frozen water pipes, hazardous driving conditions and 10-foot (300 centimeters) snowdrifts, brethren have been spared major disaster during winter, snow and ice storms and record-setting subzero temperatures.

Bitter-cold conditions prevailed in the southern portion of the United States as well. Roger West, pastor of the Tupelo and Columbus, Miss., churches, reported flooding, icy roads and the coldest weather he has ever seen. Three outlying Bible studies were canceled for two consecutive weeks. "We have no snow equipment around here," remarked Mr. West. "We just wait for the sun to melt the snow and ice."

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With wind-chill factors of from minus 80 to minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit (minus 62 to 73 degrees Celsius), according to Roy Holladay, pastor of the Chicago, Ill., West and Northwest churches, services were canceled Jan. 16. "Most of the brethren came through pretty well though," he said.

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Paul Suckling, a minister in the St. Albans, England, church, reported that "many church services were canceled on the Sabbath of Jan. 9 because for the most part members were immobile, unable to leave their homes."

John Karlson, a minister serving in the Bonn, West Germany, Office, said Bonn was hit by a blizzard Jan. 9, but services were over before the snow got too deep. Services were previously changed from the afternoon to the morning.

Elsewhere in Europe, winter storms during January and February struck in Belgium and France, according to Bernard Hongerlot, a minister who works in the French Department in Pasadena.

"Reports from Belgium said temperatures dropped to minus 20 degrees Celsius [minus 4 degrees Fahrenheit]," said Mr. Hongerlot. "Similar temperatures were in France."

Jean Carion, pastor of the Brussels, Belgium, and Nancy, France, churches, canceled January speaking tours and Bible studies in eastern France because of snowfalls.

"But God has spared His people. They haven't been affected adversely," Mr. Hongerlot stated.

Question

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Europeans of being too timid to "punish" the Soviets and the military junta in Warsaw over the crack-down in Poland.

The Europeans, in turn, claim that the United States is acting naively in the whole affair. They were embarrassed when the U.S. government sponsored a 90-minute-long Hollywood-style showbiz piece entitled "Let Poland Be Poland."

American officials do not appear to understand the consequences of trying to alter the status quo in Europe. This was forcefully argued in another *New Republic* piece, "Poland and the Ghost of Yalta." Author Ronald Steel had this to say: "Any radical political change in Poland would have incalculable consequences for the political balance in Europe.

To alter this status quo is to reopen "the Germany question" — to the dismay of both the United States and the Soviet Union. Author Steel continues:

"Like it or not, the division of Europe is, for the foreseeable future, a fact of life, one that reflects the interests of both superpowers. It

cannot be resolved by force. Any dramatic change could wreck both alliance systems. If Poland suddenly pulled itself free from Russian control, the regime in East Germany would be isolated. Bonn, which has ignored the dream of reunification because it seemed so unattainable, might then be tempted to look East. What German political leader could afford to turn his back on the 'lost territories' if there seemed a hypothetical chance of regaining them?"

"Bonn's hard-forged links to NATO and the Common Market would be called into question. The ominous specter of a unified Reich would suddenly take form, bringing unknown dangers into European politics. With the German question reopened, all the institutions we have taken for granted would be called into question. NATO would in all likelihood collapse, and with it the major instrument for American control over Western Europe.

"If we are to encourage the demise of the Warsaw Pact, we had better be prepared for profound shocks to our own alliance as well."

In pushing for Poland's freedom, and threatening to pull troops out of the Continent, is America creating its own "Frankenstein Monster" in the heart of Europe?



MEDIA TOUR — Recording engineer Don Hunter (left) tours the Work's electronic media facilities with Al Killebrew, a Media Services staff member, Jan. 31. Mr. Hunter recorded Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's *World Tomorrow* broadcasts during the 1930s and 1940s in Mr. Hunter's Eugene, Ore., home. (Photo by John Halford)

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