



JAPANESE VISIT — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong presents a copy of the March *Plain Truth* to Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone (right) Feb. 15. (More photo coverage of Mr. Armstrong's Asian trip appears on pages 6 and 7.) [Photo by Warren Watson]

Australian brethren escape hurt as fires incinerate southern coast

By John Curry
BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — What were described as the "worst ever" bush fires in Australia took the lives of 70 people, destroyed more than 2,000 homes and burned thousands of square miles of farmland and uninhabited bush during the last weeks of February.

John Curry, a former Worldwide News staff writer, now serves as an assistant to Robert Morton, regional director for God's Work in Australia and Southeast Asia.

A large number of Church members live in the fire-affected areas, and several had dramatic experiences as the fires raced toward their homes. Thanks to the miraculous intervention of God, no members' lives were lost and none suffered injury or lost their homes.

At one stage 54 separate outbreaks were being fought in the state of Victoria alone, with one fire advancing on a massive front up to 70 miles (112 kilometers) wide as it burned through South Australia and into Victoria.

The fires, fanned by 60 mile per hour (96 kilometers per hour) winds of 105 degrees Fahrenheit (40.5 degrees Celsius) or more, created their own firestorms as they raced through the drought-stricken, tinder-dry bush and outlying towns. A professor in forestry at Melbourne University said one particular blaze, which took 27 lives, was about 30 times more intense than a normal fire, and was equivalent to the blast of a small atomic bomb.

The fires, advancing sometimes

at 60 or more miles per hour (96 kilometers), leaped through the treetops exploding houses in their paths.

One member witnessed the burned-out remains of a firefighting vehicle that had melted down to roughly 2 feet high (60 centimeters) because of the intense heat. Inside were the remains of the fireman who was unable to escape.

The fires extended into the outer hill suburbs of the city of Adelaide. One newspaper reported that "the devastation in the fire stricken areas is at times unbelievable... the ground is blackened as far as the eye can see, the trees stripped bare of all the foliage, as if the area had been thoroughly smothered in napalm."

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75 percent not affiliated with Church

Youth 83 reaches new audience

PASADENA — *Youth 83*, entering its third year, now goes to more than 100,000 subscribers, 435 percent more than its original circulation of 21,000 in February, 1981, according to Boyd Leeson, circulation manager for the magazine.

The publication's extraordinary growth comes as a result of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's advertising *Youth 83* on his television broadcast and in the *Plain Truth* magazine.

"About 75 percent of our readership has had no connection with God's Church," said Dexter H. Faulkner, managing editor of the Work's publications.

"Mr. Armstrong has always visualized the magazine as a junior *Plain Truth*," Mr. Faulkner added. "I think we're close to achieving that, judging by the quality of letter response from both the teens and the adults."

Referring to Malachi 4:5-6, Mr. Faulkner said that the main goal of *Youth 83* is to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers and the parents to the children. Parents should be reading the magazine too, he said. "Young people are under the same pressures and have many of the same problems, whether connected with the Church or not. Parents can learn a lot about the stresses their children are under and how to help their teenagers deal with them by reading the magazine."

To hold the interest of a young audience, *Youth 83* articles are written at young people's level, in language they understand.

"We don't have a captive audience," Mr. Faulkner said. "We're vying for their time — they have no obligation to read the publication."

Mike Bennett, associate editor of *Youth 83*, said the magazine tries to be positive and give youths hope in a world that has little hope to offer. "When we write and edit the publications, we realize we are primarily

addressing an audience that has no understanding of God's Holy Days or other doctrines of the Church. But, after reading one or two short articles in the 'News & Reviews' or the 'News That Affects You' columns, many do become sufficiently interested to read a more thought-provoking article such as on God's plan for young people," Mr. Bennett said.

The "Teen Bible Study" feature in *Youth 83* points young people to the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, and other articles encourage readers to request books and booklets written by Mr. Armstrong.

Also, each fall a special Feast of Tabernacles insert is included in a pre-Feast issue for Church teens.

Letters come in daily to the magazine's editors from *Youth 83* readers around the world. One teenager wrote: "Thanks for the past year of exciting articles in the *Youth 82* magazine. I can not believe how

many teens have the same problems that I do."

"It's encouraging to receive those kinds of letters," Mr. Faulkner said. "It means that we're presenting the issues that the kids are tuned into — the ones they need the answers to."

He added that even the negative letters provide insight to the problems of adolescents. "A non-Church teen will write in and argue that experimenting with sex or smoking marijuana is OK. That just gives us the opportunity to explain God's teaching and solution to the problem."

"We feel that it's evident that God is using the magazine to reach and help young people, judging from our letter response," Mr. Faulkner said. "Here again, we hope that we have the prayers of brethren for God's inspiration and guidance. Both the writers and editors need all the insight and help they can receive to work with teens in today's world."

Deaf program conducts sign language seminar

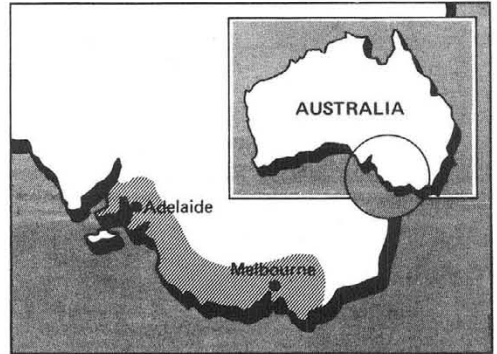
PASADENA — A workshop took place Feb. 13 to Feb. 17 to formulate guidelines for developing a Church sign language program to serve deaf members, according to Selmer Hegvold, pastor of the Imperial congregation and director of the deaf program.

"Listening to Church services for deaf members is mostly a matter of reading notes from other individuals or having interpreters. Many of these interpreters were trained by the deaf brethren themselves when the need arose, so no standard of training developed," said Mr. Hegvold.

American Sign Language (ASL) will now be the official sign language used by the Church. Certain signs had to be developed for words used by the Church, but not used by the general populace.

Other areas covered in the workshop were possible teaching aids and a Church awareness project to acquaint hearing members with problems of deaf members, according to Mr. Hegvold.

Ninety-two deaf people attend services, with 67 of them baptized members. The Church has about 63 sign language interpreters and trainees, Mr. Hegvold said.



COAST DISASTER — Above map (based on Associated Press reports) shows area affected by bush fires in Australia in February. Seventy people died from the blazes. [Map by Ron Grove]

WATS uses new system

PASADENA — The Mail Processing Center (MPC) now uses an Automatic Call Distributor (ACD) to allow more calls to be received on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines, according to Bill Butler, supervisor of the WATS area, Feb. 23.

ACD routes incoming calls to the lines that haven't received calls in the longest time. Each operator receives about the same number of calls, and the whole system can now handle more calls, he said.

ACD is part of a phone system designed and manufactured by Northern Telecom, Inc., used by the Church offices and Ambassador College here.

The Pasadena offices began using the system Jan. 19, according to Fred Gilreath, manager of Communications Services. The WATS area began using the ACD Feb. 5.

According to Mr. Butler, the ACD allows calls to be answered faster than the former system. He said that the former system, though adequate, would sometimes overload and delay calls. With the influx of calls immediately after a telecast, up to a 15-second delay would sometimes occur between calls.

The ACD, however, does not overload in this way, according to Mr. Butler. He said: "Every second counts when a massive amount of

people call at the same time to request literature. Many calls can now be answered up to 15 seconds faster."

According to Mr. Butler, the new system now has 161 phone lines, including the local lines for California, Alaska and Hawaii. The former system had 124 lines.

He added, "We can now take more calls with fewer operators, which is more economical for the Work." The new phone number for California, Alaska and Hawaii is (213) 304-6111. The WATS number for the rest of the United States remains (800) 423-4444.

Mr. Butler said that the new phone system has less static and noise generated within the system itself.

Since carphone headsets are used as well as conventional phone receivers, operators can now have both hands free to write down address information. He added that some WATS operators in an experimental program use computer terminals to record information instead of literature request cards. The headsets are a special benefit to those operators.

"In this case the phone operator and the terminal operator are one person. This further increases accuracy since whenever a card is handled, the chance of a mistake increases," Mr. Butler said.

Upheavals, bloodshed grip Africa, India

PASADENA — According to a top Saudi Arabian official, should OPEC and its mandated world oil price structure collapse, the world could be driven into "chaos." If that does happen, perhaps a good example of the type of economic-social disruption to be expected, especially in the Third World, has already occurred.

Jan. 17, Nigeria abruptly announced it was ordering between one and two million foreign workers — about half of them from Ghana — out of the country. The alien workers, attracted years ago to Nigeria during that country's now flattened-out oil boom, were given a

mere two weeks to leave.

Trying to meet the Jan. 31 deadline, trucks and buses piled high with people and cargo were backed up along the old slave route road stretching nearly 300 miles (480 kilometers) from Nigeria across the countries of Benin and Togo and into Ghana. Thousands of others clamored aboard horribly overloaded freighter ships for the return trip home.

It is remarkable that comparatively few lives were lost during the hasty exodus.

The refugees' homecoming in Ghana was hardly a welcome one. Repatriated earnings of the Gha-

naian workers in Nigeria had been vital to Ghana's economy, one of the poorest in the world. Not only will this money not be coming, but Ghana will be extremely hard pressed to feed more than a half-million more people.

Few returnees will find work in their nation, beset with few industrial jobs and a collapsed agricultural base.

Some experts fear that political upheaval is just around the corner. Influential radicals, says a former Ghanaian army officer, would "like to turn Ghana into a Cuba overnight and get rid of the last vestiges of private enterprise."

For Nigeria, the oil boom, which had provided up to 90 percent of its foreign earnings, is over. The country's foreign exchange reserves, with which it pays for imports, are rapidly drying up.

Food will be a problem for Nigeria's more than 80 million people, since agriculture has been sorely neglected since independence. Once Africa's largest food exporter, Nigeria has become the continent's biggest importer of food.

severe worldwide repercussions . . . but the exodus from Africa's biggest and most populous nation has sparked little outrage either at home or abroad."

We may now be witnessing the first stages of post-colonial Africa's descent into a new dark age of economic despair and political upheaval. *U.S. News & World Report*, in its Feb. 14 issue, took a look at what it headlined "The Desperate Straits of Black Africa":

"Nigeria's mass expulsion of more than 2 million alien workers underscores the economic crisis that is ravaging black-ruled nations of Africa and setting the stage for an



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The fate of chronic cynics

"Cynic? Who, me?" Isn't that our typical response? It isn't that we don't recognize it in others; but do we as Christians see it in ourselves? Are you a "Christian" cynic?

The dictionary describes a cynic as a critical person who is pessimistic about almost everything. A cynic doesn't trust anything or anybody, and takes delight in poking fun at what others consider sacred or important.

Some people, including many journalists, law enforcement officers and teachers, pride themselves on being hard-nosed, pragmatic cynics. Nobody can pull the wool over their eyes. They've seen human nature at its rawest. They've been conned by the best. They know human beings are selfish and that human conduct is wholly motivated by self-interest.

They're turned off to politicians, religionists, philanthropists, do-gooders at all social and economic levels. They've found too many times that behind the shining facade of altruism lies a dark, ugly desire for self-gain — get in the disguise of give. Have you ever tended to agree?

God certainly has a lot to say about human nature in His Word. You might even say Jesus Christ — the Creator of human beings, the One who suffered the most as a direct result of the acts of all of our human natures — may have the best reason to be the world's greatest cynic.

Jesus can see through the hypocrisy of human beings, and He understands human nature. But, in actuality, He's not our worst critic. He's our Mediator before God the Father day in and day out.

As members of God's Church we have also come to understand our own human natures and how they work. We can quote Jeremiah 17:9 and other scriptures that show the innermost motivations of human beings.

Should we be the world's greatest cynics then? If not, should we be "balanced" in our cynicism — just critical enough to let everyone know we're nobody's fool, that we aren't easily taken in?

I think too many of us have taken that route. Some of us pride ourselves that we can handle it — the truth, that is, about what really happens behind the scenes and why. We heard that Mr. So and So really said what he did in that sermon or Bible study because of the actions of Mr. Whoever Else.

Certain decisions were made in the Work — you know some little-

known reasons why — but it doesn't bother you. You're a "balanced" cynic, a "Christian" cynic, if you will.

You can read dissident literature, and it won't matter because you're strong. You understand this is God's Work and true way of life and nothing human beings, no matter what their leadership positions are and no matter what they do, will deter you from it. Why not talk about it? What's the harm?

Is that the way you feel?

What about your mate or your children? Are they strong enough to withstand your cynical remarks about God's Work and His leaders? Or will you be chagrined to see them become jaded, unresponsive to God's ministers and God's truth, your children uninterested in attending God's college because they've heard so much ridicule and criticism over the years? Could you even be responsible for others leaving the Church because of your cynical comments (Matthew 18:6) even though you remain a member?

Let me give you an example. You are on the way home from Sabbath services with your family. Are you quick to criticize the sermonette and the sermon — or even the song leader — because they weren't up to your standard? Or, coming home from a YOU event, do you judge the way it was refereed or disagree with a particular call?

Or maybe you've been critical of the *Plain Truth* cover because of your involvement in the newsstand program, or the content of the Work's publications. Remember, cynics love faultfinding. Let's not forget God is in charge of His Work and not off somewhere asleep.

As someone so aptly put it: "A cynic is a man or woman who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing."

What about your friends? Are they strong enough to be "balanced" cynics along with you? Or have you noticed some of them dropping along the wayside over the years?

Cynicism in scripture is usually referred to as scorning or scoffing, and is strongly condemned in both the Old and New Testaments. It is a bent of the spirit that God cannot accept.

Proverbs depicts a cynic as unyielding: "A scoffer does not listen to rebuke" (13:1). Revised Authorized Version throughout). Receiving correction requires a teachable spirit or attitude, a desire to improve and an acknowledgement that others may know more

than you do — attitudes not found in a cynic.

Cynics are locked into a negative response pattern that requires them to see everything as sham, pretense and hypocrisy. This is the opposite to what Paul wrote to us in Philippians 4:8. "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things." So even if the information we have is true, we are not to meditate on it if it is not noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report or has any virtue.

Who is the world's greatest cynic?

None else than Satan the devil, the accuser of the brethren. And not only is he the world's greatest cynic, he's the world's first. He was the first to cast aspersions on God and His plan for humankind in the Garden of Eden. He told Eve the "real" inside story of why God didn't want her to eat of the fruit and the "real" motivations behind God's commands.

The world's greatest cynic, Satan, who accuses us night and day before God, views all others, including God, through his own weaknesses. And whenever you criticize, beware, you may well be revealing your own most personal problems to your family and friends.

God's purpose for us is not that we should be each other's critics. We are here to grow and develop in Christian character. If we are forever picking at others, questioning motives, faultfinding, how can we work on our own shortcomings and prepare for a high position in God's Kingdom? Those guilty of cynicism are probably far behind other brethren in their development toward rulership in the Millennium.

How does God expect us to think about our brothers then? Read Philippians 2:3: "But in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."

Matthew 7:1-2: "Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you." Jesus continues in the next few verses to show who we should be examining and criticizing — ourselves, especially at this season.

This world, ruled by Satan, has become a vile, disappointing, ever-worsening environment for human beings to live in. At every turn we're cheated, lied to, betrayed, maligned, hoodwinked by human beings deceived by Satan.

But no matter, let's not allow what happens to us in the world to affect our attitudes toward God's Work and His ministers and other leaders. Let's not let the world's greatest cynic instill his negative, critical, faultfinding attitude in us.

Put simply, God cannot abide cynicism (see Proverbs 3:34, 21:24). It is as foreign to His nature as anything imaginable. Where cynicism is, God cannot be.

WORLDWATCH

BY GENE H. HOGBERG



Nigerians as a whole approved of their government's decision on the alien worker issue. The foreigners had been blamed for many social ills in the country. Foreign observers, however, were stunned by the manner in which the foreign workers were thrust out of Nigeria.

"Scapegoats for an Oil Glut," headlined an article in Britain's *Financial Times*, Feb. 4.

And in the United States, a United Press International report noted this paradox: "Had the United States or any other Western nation expelled illegal aliens as abruptly as Nigeria just kicked out hundreds of thousands of unwanted foreigners, there would have been

explosion of unrest . . . Many states that won independence in relatively prosperous times after World War II lack the institutions or skills to cope with intractable, seemingly permanent problems.

"The World Bank recently cataloged some of them — corruption, inefficiency, excessive government spending, overvalued currencies and neglect of agriculture. By far the most pressing concern is the continent's foreign debt, currently topping 60 billion dollars and way out of proportion to what African states take in from abroad."

Social upheaval is by no means limited to Africa. On the heels of the (See BLOODSHED, page 4)

Letters TO THE EDITOR

Enduring hardships

The economic hardships mentioned about Argentina [*W/N*, Jan. 24], but most especially the day-to-day terrorism faced by the brethren in El Salvador and Guatemala, touched me very deeply and very spiritually. I cried — because those articles evoked in me such a deep spiritual love for and pride in these, my brethren in God.

For them to endure such hardships in order to obey God's laws should inspire brethren around the world to grow more spiritually as it does me. I want them to know that persevering under these conditions provides inspiration for others and not just themselves.

Robin Jackson
Holly Hill, S.C.

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Haitian brethren

The *Worldwide News* story on the Haitians [Dec. 27] was even more heart-rending to me than it might otherwise have been since I just spent a day being grumpy about not having enough money to go to the January clearance sales. Thank you for the story. But most of all I thank God for straightening out my perspective. We have received a great many material and spiritual blessings here of late for which I am truly grateful.

Cecily Smith Garnett
Lubbock, Tex.

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The following letters are in response to articles about single parenting in the Jan. 10 issue.

Single parenting

Your section on single parenthood in the Jan. 10 issue shook me up. That's good! I am a bachelor, yet these articles did more for me than any other series of articles has so far.

Name withheld

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We had, in the last two years, the opportunity to share the life of a single father and his two preschool sons. The object of our way of life is to "give" not "get" — but in "giving" to these three young men we all "got" much more than we gave.

What we gave was time and love. What we got was another "son" and two fine, loving kids that call us Aunt and Uncle. Our older children . . . gained a close friend, our younger children . . . gained another older brother

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FESTIVAL RECEPTION — At 1983 British Feast sites, city governments will be hosts to civic receptions for brethren, such as the 1981 affair shown above. [Photo by Phil Martin]

British Office prepares for Feast with Irish, British, Scottish sites

God has opened up to the Church exciting new locations for the Feast in the areas served from England, even though certain of the holiday camps brethren have used are not available. Members can have rich spiritual food and also a choice of atmosphere, environment and scenery according to the site they choose.

The sites in Britain and Ireland are: Galway, Ireland; Eastbourne, England; Dunoon, Scotland; and Douglas, Isle of Man.

Since the Feast is earlier this year the British Office recommends that those from abroad get their applications in as soon as possible. All visits

are welcome, and all international transfers will be accepted, however you are still obligated to fulfill all transfer procedures required in your country of residence.

For those in the United States don't forget to have the information about where you are going included when the computerized attendance sheet becomes available.

This information about Feast sites in the United Kingdom and Ireland was submitted by David Gunn of the Borehamwood, England, Office. Conversions from British pounds to U.S. dollars are based on Feb. 28 exchange rates.

If you are interested in attending any of the sites listed below, please write immediately for further information and booking forms to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire WD6 1LU, United Kingdom. Telephone 44 (1) 953-1633.

Last year the British Office offered for those coming to this area a three-day tour of London and Windsor after the Festival. If you are interested in adding this optional tour to your Festival plans, please tell the office this when you write.

Dunoon, Scotland

Dunoon, Argyllshire, in the west of Scotland, is a new site. Situated about 30 miles (48 kilometers) west of Glasgow across the Clyde Estuary, the town of Dunoon is nestled on the eastern edge of the Cowal Peninsula with its beautiful scenery with lochs, mountains and open countryside.

Services will take place in the Queens Hall close to the ferry pier at which most members will arrive. Though the Cowal Peninsula is connected to the mainland, the quickest route to Dunoon is by ferry.

Social events are planned in the Queens Hall, including a civic reception and dance, with bagpipes.

There is a lot to do in the area. You can take boat rides on the Clyde or even rent a boat and go sailing or fishing. You can also go riding, walking or diving. Afternoon excursions are a must! Some of the mountain passes have interesting names (such as, Rest and Be Thankful).

Inverary Castle, the home of the Duke of Argyll, is nearby, and there are other historical places. The adventurous may want to take excursions to some of the more isolated islands such as Iona and the tiny Staffa, where you can see Fingal's Cave carved out of natural, hexagonally fluted basalt.

There is a large variety of hotel and guest house accommodations in Dunoon, with bed and breakfast starting at £8 (about \$12.50) a day and half board (dempension) from £11 (about \$17) a day. There is a large number of small hotels so you will be able to hunt around for the best deals. Self-catering accommodations are available.

Eastbourne

For the third year in succession, the Feast will be celebrated at Eastbourne, about 60 miles (96 kilometers) south of London. It is easily accessible by train and road. Those coming from abroad can get there easily either from London's Heathrow or Gatwick airports.

Eastbourne is considered to be one of England's better quality resorts and seeks to attract people looking for a family holiday rather than daytrippers. The town has 73,000 inhabitants and a good shopping center plus a variety of hotels and guest houses.

Eastbourne is well-known for its broad promenades more than 3 miles long (about 5 kilometers), which have up to three levels with extensive gardens. In all there are more than 200 acres of parks and gardens in the borough.

The Festival will take place as before at the King's Holiday Park and Country Club. It is about two miles (3 kilometers) from the town center. The main clubhouse auditorium at King's is comfortable with excellent acoustics, high quality seating and improved lighting over last year. In addition the cafeteria and lounge in the main clubhouse building have been modernized and completely refurbished. Swimming facilities are at the leisure pool.

Accommodations come in basically two divisions. The British Office has reserved about 120 bungalows and apartments in the park that surrounds the main King's auditorium where services and most social events will take place. These each accommodate four to six people.

Also, Eastbourne offers a variety of hotel and guest house accommodations for those who prefer to be catered to, rather than have to do their own cooking. The seafront hotels, in particular, offer a good view and pleasant environment.

Subject to demand, bus tours will be offered for those wishing to visit places of interest, such as Battle — the site of the Battle of Hastings of 1066. In addition, again subject to demand, there will be a day tour of London. Those wishing to do something really different can even get a hovercraft across to France for a few hours during the Festival week. There will be a civic dance in the winter gardens the evening of the Last Great Day.

King's Club, Eastbourne, will be the only site in Britain and Ireland this year where a large number of members can stay on the site where meetings take place.

Galway, Ireland

For the second time in three years God has placed His name at Galway, the gateway to Connemara, Corib country and the Aran Islands. It is an ancient city with a recorded history of almost one millennium. Adjoining Galway is the seaside suburb of Salthill, and it is here at the Galway Leisureland Recreational Centre, where services will take place.

The recreational center also has other rooms for activities and light catering, and includes a heated indoor swimming pool. Salthill is one of Ireland's most popular holiday resorts with fine beaches, a promenade and an 18-hole golf course.

Galway has a variety of accommodations ranging from guest houses to castles, where some members stayed last year. Apart from castles other self-catering is available.

Travel within Ireland is by road or train. The roads are quiet, but the freeway era has not come here so give yourself time to cross the country. You can get to Ireland from Britain by ferry or airplane. The British Office is arranging conference rates for the ferries from England. Visitors from abroad can fly to Shannon, which is only an hour away from Galway.

Ireland is an interesting blend of life-styles. On the one hand the way of life is peaceful and calm, and the pace pleasantly more relaxed than in most Western cities, but on the other hand the Irish are a friendly people and you will enjoy the atmosphere when they and you get together and have social activities.

There is also, of course, ample (See BRITISH, page 4)

Smorgasbord provides 'all you can eat'

Denmark site set for 1983 Feast

The Feast in Scandinavia will take place in Denmark, a country consisting of the Jutland Peninsula and about 500 islands. The Feast site is the Vingstedcentret, a leading sporting and conference center. It is on the eastern side of central Jutland outside the village of Bredsten, 13 kilometers (about 8 miles) from the city of Vejle. Services are in English.

For applications to attend the Feast in Denmark write to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1LU, United Kingdom, or call 44 (1) 953-1633.

There is a new 300-seat auditorium for services and there is a library, television room, billiard room and several bars. In the center of the complex is the 200-bed hotel, comprised mostly of pairs of twin bedrooms having shared facilities, ideal for family accommodation, and 35 single rooms, most of which can be made up into twins.

There is a 200-seat dining room serving both smorgasbord and hot meals. As the Danes love their food, you will not be disappointed in the abundance — as much good quality food as you can eat! Alcohol costs a little more than in some countries, but you can bring your duty free allowance with you into the country.

Adjoining the hotel is the 25-meter Olympic swimming pool and children's pool and saunas. There are two 1,000-square-meter (3,300 feet) gymnasiums equipped for indoor football, handball, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, squash and indoor athletics.

In the vast grounds there is a running track, trampolines, football pitches, pistol shooting gallery and 200-meter (660 feet) and 300-meter (990 feet) rifle ranges. There is fishing in the river, and many marked nature trails to follow. Opposite the hotel is a camping area for those wishing to take their own caravans (trailers).

The cost for an adult in a twin-bed room, full board, is D.Kr 286. Half board is D.Kr 236; single-room supplement D.Kr 59 a day. Children under 3 are free; children under 12 half-tariff sharing with their parents. Therefore, at present rates of exchange, for the full nine-day period it would cost about \$300 for full board per person or about \$250 for half board per person. Use of all facilities is included except for the hire of certain equipment.

For those traveling to Denmark

from England, there are two basic options — sea or air. By sea, special group rates are being arranged with Danish Seaways from Harwich to Esbjerg for passengers, cars and caravans (trailers).

The overnight voyage across the North Sea is more like a minicruise on the luxurious 15,000-ton ferries. Besides excellent accommodations there is a choice of restaurants, cafeteria, shops, children's play area, cinema, bars and dancing to live music in the evening.

On the return voyage there will be the opportunity to attend Sabbath services on the ship. The Vingstedcentret is one hour's drive from the port. Passengers without cars may wish to take the special boat-train direct from London, which will take them to the ship. Transport will be arranged if there is sufficient demand, to convey passengers to the

Feast site.

By air there are flights from London and Manchester, England, to Copenhagen, Denmark, to connect with a group flight to Billund, which is only 20 kilometers (about 12.5 miles) from the Vingstedcentret. Coaches will be waiting to transfer passengers to the Feast site. Some overseas visitors might like to take a few days before or after the Feast to have a day or two sightseeing in Copenhagen, which is the capital.

There will be dances, a display of national folk dancing, a youth den, a barbecue, a sing-along and special activities for all ages. Taking your car along will make sightseeing enjoyable, but there will also be coach tours to Aarhus, Denmark, to visit the old city and the museum of prehistory, and to Odense, Denmark, to visit fairy tale writer Hans Christian Andersen's house.

Mediterranean site open for 1983 Feast transfers

Once again God has opened the door of the beautiful island of Malta as a site for the Feast of Tabernacles. It is renowned for its warm and friendly people and its delicious foods, fruit and wine. Malta has been at the crossroads of most of the major civilizations, and is steeped in history and tradition.

For applications to attend the Feast in Malta, write to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Elstree House, Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, WD6 1LU, United Kingdom, or call 44 (1) 953-1633.

It was awarded the George Cross in World War II because of the tremendous valor of the islanders. Together with its sister isles of Comino and Gozo it presents an ideal site for the Feast of Tabernacles and a Mediterranean holiday.

The island is only 12 miles (about 19 kilometers) by 8 miles (about 13 kilometers) and the Feast site, the Corinthia Palace Hotel, is about in the middle, making easy access to all parts of the island.

The Corinthia Palace Hotel, where meetings will take place, is a deluxe (four star) conference hotel. Services will be in English. The conference hall is a modern, air-conditioned facility providing fine acoustics and opportunity for simulta-

neous translation.

As well as being a conference hotel, it is also a holiday hotel with restaurants, a high quality night club, full gymnasium including squash courts, indoor swimming pool, weights, sauna, steam baths and massage facilities. Also available are tennis courts and a complete outdoor pool facility.

Several types and categories of accommodations are available in Malta ranging from the conference hotel at about £350 (\$545) a person sharing a room for nine nights (including air travel from London) to about £210 (\$327) for nine nights (including air travel from London) in the Sun Valley Court self-catering apartments where four or five people share the apartment.

Besides these two there are lower priced hotels and more expensive apartments. The Corinthia Palace Hotel also has a seaside water sports and sunbathing area, the Luzzu Lido, situated at St. Paul's Bay, where water activities are available in the Mediterranean.

Because of Malta's mild climate many activities are centered on the beaches and water sports. The harbor with its fortifications and its new deep-water dock is a particularly popular tourist site and is well worth spending a day enjoying the history, beauty and modern-day (See SITE OPEN, page 4)

Dutch Office secures site to allow capacity Festival

By Johan Wilms

UTRECHT, Netherlands — The setup of the Feast in the Netherlands will be different from the previous eight Feasts. The reason is that the Church has outgrown the Hunzebergen Feast site in Exloo. This year's Feast will take place at De Tamboer in the town of Hoogeveen.

Johan Wilms is business manager for the Work's Utrecht, Netherlands, Office. For application forms to attend the Feast in the Netherlands write to Ambassador College, Box 333, Utrecht, Netherlands, or call 31 (30) 31-7117.

De Tamboer means "the drummer." In Hoogeveen they would drum up people for attending important events or meetings. They did not toll the bells as they still do in some provincial towns.

Hoogeveen is not far from the previous Feast site. It is in the northern part of the country about 60 kilometers (about 37 miles) south to southeast of Groningen. The area around Hoogeveen provides one of the most beautiful, peaceful, natural environments of the country. Heather, woodlands, brooks, farmlands, lakes and villages form a peaceful and beautiful setting.

Merged in the landscape are bungalow, or chalet, parks, seemingly made to order for Feast accommodations, not only for the Dutch-speaking brethren, but for visitors as well.

Last year 470 people kept the Feast in the Netherlands, 335 from Holland and Belgium and 135 visitors from outside the Benelux countries. This year the Dutch Office expects 360 people from Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, and 150 people are welcome from elsewhere. Services will be in Dutch, with simultaneous English translations through earphones.

De Tamboer is suitable for family entertainment such as a talent show, a dance night with a professional band or a combined dinner-dance, square dance night and film nights.

The Dutch Office has an option on four quality bungalow parks until March 31, but for visitors this option can probably be extended until June or July. Accommodations are first come first served.

There is no public transport service to the bungalow parks, but the Dutch Office is in negotiation with a private firm for a shuttle service between the center of Hoogeveen and one of the parks.

The bungalow parks are at distances from the meeting hall varying from 5 to 8 miles (8 to about 13 kilometers). All are first class.

Most bungalows are of the two and three bedroom types to accommodate families up to six people, or two or three singles. Price per bungalow varies from 360 to 450 guilders (about \$135 to \$170 at Feb. 25 exchange rates). These charges apply whether you are with one or four to six people in one bungalow. The price is for the period of the Feast, Wednesday, Sept. 21, until Thursday, Sept. 29. Additional days can be arranged.

Application forms for the Feast in the Netherlands will be sent on request. After approval the Dutch Office will supply addresses of the bungalow parks so that members can arrange their own booking directly with the managers of the chalet parks.

Bungalow parks are mainly for people having their own transportation. Only motels are linked with public transport service. There is a good motel in the direct vicinity of Hoogeveen — bus service every half hour. But this motel charges 61 guilders (about \$23) per person per night including breakfast. A two bedroom place is 74 guilders (about \$28) per night.

The chalets and bungalows at the bungalow resorts feature gas stoves with an oven, a full array of silverware and cutlery for six persons, central heating (which will probably not be needed at the end of September), roomy dining and living room areas, running hot and cold water, full electricity and other necessary facilities. All of this is included in the rental price, including occupancy for up to six persons.

Supermarkets are conveniently near the meeting hall and also on the chalet resorts. Restaurants are also near the main hall, while the main hall (De Tamboer) prides itself on the best restaurant and the best quick service. They have a new full-fledged restaurant and a large recreation lobby or hall, besides the auditorium. Luncheons for any number of people can quickly be served in this professional complex.

Bloodshed

(Continued from page 2) chaos in West Africa came the news of the outbreak of communal fighting in Assam state at India's extreme northeast tip. The issue is complex, but in essence revolves around the influx over the years of about four million immigrants flowing into Assam from neighboring overcrowded Bangladesh as well as Indian Bengalis from West Bengal.

For three years Assamese university students have campaigned for the expulsion of the immigrants. They accuse the energetic and largely Moslem newcomers of tainting their Assamese Hindu culture and costing them jobs and farmland.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's decision to let the immigrants vote in recent national elections set off an explosion of violence and terror.

To date, more than 3,500 people have been killed in the three weeks of bloodletting. Whole immigrant villages have been wiped out.

Assamese tribal warriors, responsible for most of the killings, first sought the blessing of *Kali*, the Hindu god of destruction. The priests demanded the god be wooed with decapitated rabbits before their

British

(Continued from page 3) opportunity for walking, fishing, horseback riding, boating and sight-seeing.

Isle of Man

The Isle of Man, home of the Manxmen and cats without tails, is an island 30 miles long (48 kilometers) and 10 miles wide (16 kilometers), rather mountainous in nature and set right in the middle of the Irish Sea, between England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

The island itself has an unusual history and is semiautonomous within the United Kingdom, having had its own government, the Tynwald, for 1,000 years. The island has just celebrated its millennium, so it fits the theme of the Feast.

The Festival will be at Douglas, the capital, largest town and chief resort of the island. There is a fine facility called the Villa Marina where services and all other associated activities will take place. There is plenty of room for all the events that make the Feast such a notable occasion.

There are some interesting aspects that visitors can enjoy. A steam railway still runs from Douglas to the southern end of the island and antique-looking trams run up the northern side of the island along

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WORD SEARCH — See if you can find the following words associated with the Days of Unleavened Bread in this puzzle sent in by Jeff Smith, 18, of New Castle, Del., and Dave O'Brien, 19, of Elkton, Md. Words are horizontal, vertical, diagonal and backward. One is done for you. Betrayed, blood, burnt offering, Christ sacrifice, crucified, death angel, Egypt, Feast, firstborn, firstfruits, footwashing, holy convocation, Holy Day, Israel, Jerusalem, Judas, lamb, leavening, Leviticus, Matthew, matzo, Moses, Night to Be Much Observed, Passover, Pharaoh, Pilate, plague, remission of sins, resurrection, son of man, tithe, unleaven, wine.

mission was "blessed."

The result so far has been the worst spree of communal violence since about two million people were killed in the riots that erupted when India and Pakistan became independent in 1947.

U.S. News & World Report, Feb. 28, showed how fragile is the makeup of India's society, and the grave potential for further disruptive actions: "In her [election] campaigning, Gandhi stressed nationalism and unity, warning that regionalism can easily turn to separatism. It's a trend that frightens her. Only last October, millions of Sikhs in Northwest India demanded autonomy. Indians have scores of cultures, speak hundreds of languages, worship countless gods. Fading nationalism is the glue that holds the country together."

To give in to pressure in Assam, Mrs. Gandhi believes, could lead to Sikhs, Nagas, Mizos, Manipuris, Kashmiris, and other Indian nationalities, all attempting to break away, to form their own separate nations.

In an attempt to appease the independent-minded Sikhs of the Punjab, Mrs. Gandhi granted them the right to carry their ceremonial daggers aboard Air India domestic flights.

The outbreak of communal

the coast. You can even get a tram up the highest mountain on the island, Snaefel (2,034 feet or 620 meters).

Ice cream on the island is made only of natural ingredients. There is good locally brewed beer too. There is also a sports center in Douglas and many places to see and visit in other corners of the island.

This will be the biggest Feast site in the British Isles this year, with about 1,800 people attending. The Manx people have extended a warm welcome to us, and of course, there will be the usual civic dance and hospitality.

Accommodations are either self-catering or in hotels and guest houses, and are cheaper than on the mainland of Britain. Half board (dempension) can be obtained for less than £10 (about \$15.50) a night in places, though of course, there is a range of more expensive hotels as well.

There are also quite a number of self-catering facilities available within a short distance of the Villa Marina. The British Office has obtained a low ferry rate from England to the Isle of Man — £12 (about \$18.70) round trip for an adult, and a car will be £45 (about \$70) round trip. A travel agent on the island will look after all travel, booking forms and arrangements for members, but please contact the British Office for brochures.

fighting on the Indian subcontinent recalls the time during the 1930s when Winston Churchill, as a backbench member of Parliament, tried to prevent the emergence of an independent India having dominion status with its own central government.

Mr. Churchill believed that there were "fifty Indias," not one, and that on the subcontinent there existed "bitter theological hatreds."

In the new book, *Winston Churchill, The Wilderness Years*, author Martin Gilbert writes on page 31:

"The centre of Churchill's argument was that there was no single group in India capable of taking responsibility for the whole of India, or prepared to act in the interests of the many different conflicting Indian interests. Only the British Parliament could do that."

"The individual provinces of India, each one many times larger than Britain, could indeed, he believed, be governed by Indians. But the control of all-India, the linking together of the wider needs, the

safeguarding of minority interests, these could only be done fairly and effectively by a British-controlled central government in Delhi and an ever-vigilant and beneficent Parliament at Westminster. This [had] always been Churchill's view of Empire."

Mr. Churchill's forebodings, so horribly realized in 1947, hold true to this day.

One thinks of the future. Similar to the British Empire, the government of God in the world tomorrow will also act as an umbrella government over the nations.

Though undoubtedly still deeply suspicious of one another at the onset of the Millennium, the various nations and tribal groups will all look to this new all-world government for help and protection.

Unlike the British Empire, however, the government of God will educate all nations and peoples in God's one way of life, eliminating the world into conflicting and competing cultures and religions.

God's "Empire" is the one that will succeed for all time.

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technology on view.

Day trips by ferry to Comino and Gozo are added attractions as is an open boat ride to the blue grotto caves. The handicrafts village where one can see glassblowing, wood carving and handmade pottery being produced and also the Roman Villa, prehistoric temples, the silent city of M'dina (the ancient capital) are also high spots for the tourist.

A midweek barbecue at the new



MEDITERRANEAN FEAST — Brethren meet for services at the Corinthia Palace Hotel on the island of Malta during the 1982 Feast. The hotel will again be the site of services for the 1983 Feast.

Jobs: apply principles of success

By Graemme J. Marshall

Getting a good job is easy for some — especially those who have a talent that few other people have. But not many of us are like that. Some can think of things to do that no one else has done before. But how many of us are that smart? We are not likely to outwit the multiple millions who are all trying to think up something different.

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Most of us are influenced by local conditions, financial necessity and job availability. Job availability is affected by cutbacks, strikes, mergers and layoffs. For a Christian there are even more difficulties — Sabbath and Holy Days and principles of integrity, honesty and morality.

These are often viewed as negative factors by a potential employer — though they are a big plus with God and with us. Sometimes it seems a difficult lot for a Christian, but it need not be. Applying a few principles of

success can make all the difference.

Equal chance

If you apply for a job and find that 25 others also applied, give yourself an equal chance by applying for many job opportunities. Too many apply for one or two — and then give up — is limiting your chances.

It is normal to be turned down in your first few job applications. It isn't necessarily failure on your part. However, it does mean that extra effort is required to put yourself on an equal footing with others.

Be enthusiastic in your job search. Be alert. Learn as much about the company and job before an interview. Be neat and respectable in dress and appearance.

People in general are not prepared to lower their standard of living. They are not interested in going out of their way, going above and beyond, to get a job.

And unemployment benefits make it easier not to bother with unattractive work. This narrows the competition for you. It improves your chances. Go above and beyond and be humble.

You probably are not attracted to physically demanding, mundane and dirty work, but, neither is anybody else, and this is something you can exploit as a jobseeker.

Unseen partner

Don't forget that God is your unseen partner in life. Ask for His help and influence on your behalf. You tithe to Him; He blesses you. Trust Him to work things out to your advantage (Psalm 127:1-2).

We long for the world tomorrow when we can work at our true skill, interest or talent. But, what of now? How can we make the best of things until the new age dawns?

Following are tips to improve your employment situation:

1. If you are working in an unchallenging job, keep active in your real skill by taking classes and courses. Keep your true interest alive and wait until you have the chance to pursue it fulltime even if that means waiting until the world tomorrow.

2. Follow your interest as a hobby. You may even be able to find a

part-time job in it.

3. Keep current with the latest publications on your interest. Don't let your talent die simply because you are unable to work at it now. This is only a temporary age. A new one is coming when you can devote yourself to that which really absorbs you.

Seek advice from those established in various careers. Ask them why they work at what they do. Or what they would prefer to do and

why. Consider the advantages and disadvantages of various roles in life. What would be the job now (or the closest to it) that would make you happy?

Be positive about your job future. Even in the Great Depression most people were employed. And most who are unemployed today usually get jobs eventually. And you have the advantage of God as your unseen partner to help work things out for you.

Fires

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Also, the Dandenong ranges just behind Melbourne were the scenes of some of the most intense fires. Melbourne South minister Ken Lewis said, "The fires strike me as at least a mild foretaste of predicted end-time events."

Newswriters turned to the Bible for headlines to adequately describe the magnitude of the awesome destruction. One individual even described the holocaust as "a visitation from God."

Some members' homes stood in the paths of the various fires. Mr. and Mrs. G. Mabley, who live on a

farm near Melbourne, had a dramatic escape. Around sunset, Feb. 17, after an extremely hot and dry windy day, Mr. Mabley saw a pall of smoke ascending into the air about 4 miles (6.5 kilometers) from his home. He said that as night fell the sky began to glow from the flames, reminding him of what he had seen in London, England, during the wartime blitz.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabley began soaking the walls of their house with water in case the fire came their way. He could feel the heat of the fire on his neck, even though it was still some distance away.

"By this time, five minutes later, the whole range of hills facing our farm was in flames." (See FIRES, page 12)

Children's Corner

Put It Out!

By Vivian Pettijohn

After a roast beef dinner the Ellison family walked into the living room. Mother, Chris and Debbie sat on the couch. Dad sat on a chair across from them.

"For our family Bible study tonight," Dad announced, "we are going to talk about two things — things to put out. Chris, do you know one thing we should put out?"

"Put out?" Chris asked, frowning. "Oh, oh! Did I leave the light on in my room again?"

"No, son, not this time," Dad said, smiling. "Debbie, what do you think should be put out?"

"I don't know," she answered slowly, looking puzzled. "Before dinner I put Chessie out for a few minutes, so I guess you don't mean her."

"No, I don't, honey," Dad said. "Your mother and I will give each of you a clue and see if you can figure it out for yourselves. Beth, do you have the clues ready?"

"Yes, dear," Mother replied, picking up a wall calendar and a Bible from the coffee table. She handed the calendar to Debbie and the Bible to Chris.

"Now, Debbie," Dad said, "look at the calendar. Find today. Then see if you notice anything special about certain days coming up soon."

Debbie found it on the calendar page for March, and then she spotted some red pencil marks.

"Well," she answered, "Mommy always marks special days with a red pencil — you know, the Sabbaths and the Holy Days. Oh! It's almost time for Passover, the Night to Be Much Observed, and the first Spring Feast, isn't it?"

"Yes, it is, Debbie, you've been a good detective following up your clue. Now, Chris, your clue starts in the third book of the Old Testament. Please read aloud Leviticus 23, verses 4 through 8."

After Chris read all five verses slowly and clearly, Dad said, "Now turn to Exodus 12:15 and read that verse."

Chris turned to the second Old Testament book and read: "Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the

first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel."

Chris laid the Bible on the table. "I found an answer, Daddy. When you remove leaven from a house you put it out — so, leaven is one thing to put out. But, what is the second thing?"

"Well," Dad said, "first let's ask Mother to explain about what leaven does to crackers, bread, cakes and such things. Then we'll talk about the second thing to put out. Beth?"

"Children," Mother asked, "remember the unleavened bread we made last year? How would you describe it, Debbie?"

"It was real flat," Debbie replied. "It was so flat I think we probably could have slid it under the kitchen door!"

Both children laughed at the funny picture that made in their minds.

"Maybe so," Mother agreed, smiling. "The bread was flat because it had no leavening in it — no baking powder, yeast or baking soda — nothing to make it puff up or become light and fluffy. Now, think about how leavening puffs up. Listen to Daddy and see if you can figure out the second thing we must put out."

"Chris," Dad asked, "do you remember last year when you won that second-grade art contest at school? And, Debbie, do you remember when that woman at the grocery store told you what a pretty little girl you were? You both got all puffed up, didn't you? And when you started acting puffed up, other people didn't like to be around you."

"When you, Chris, thought you were so talented and smart, no one else thought you were any more. And, Debbie, when you thought you were pretty, you didn't seem as pretty any more. What caused you both to act puffed up? It wasn't the leavening in you, was it?"

"No, Daddy," Chris answered, wrinkling up his nose. "It was because we got vain and proud. I remember when we talked about it, and you said it was a sin to act vain or proud."

Chris paused and his eyes opened wide. "Oh, I know the second thing to put out — it's sin! That is what the leavening stands for, isn't it? And during the Days of Unleavened Bread we're supposed to try extra hard to put sin out. I heard Mr. King talk about that in his sermon last Sabbath. Is that what you mean?"

"Yes, son," Dad agreed, "and I'm glad you listened to the sermon. You know, sometimes children — and older people, too — begin to believe they hardly ever sin. They think they're already as perfect as they need to be. But Proverbs 20:9 asks an important question that we must think about. Beth, would you please read that question? And, children, listen carefully."

Mother read slowly, "Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?'"

"No one," Dad explained, "has ever been able to truthfully answer by saying, 'I can!'"

"What about Jesus?" Debbie asked.

"Jesus didn't have to make his heart clean," Dad answered, "because he never sinned. However, we need to realize that we do sin — every day. And, Debbie, even though we want to be perfect, until we do become like God, how must we treat sin?"

"I know — keep putting it out," she said. "But, when we finally become God's children and we're spirit beings, we won't have any sin to put out, will we?"

"No, we won't, honey," Dad answered, "and that is a wonderful time to work toward!"

"Next week," Mother added, "we'll talk more about Passover, the Night to Be Much Observed and the Days of Unleavened Bread. Daddy will help us make plans then for putting the leaven out of the house — and car — and garage — and anything else we are in charge of, such as your school desks."

"I'm glad you children are good helpers. It makes the work so much easier when you both do such a fine job. Oh, oh — I had better not brag on you too much or you might get puffed up and there will be that much more sin to put out!"

"Well," Debbie said, grinning mischievously, "since it is during the Days of Unleavened Bread and we are supposed to put sin out, I guess Chris and I can go ahead and fuss — and gossip — and give you trouble until then, right? Then we can put sin out!"

"No, ma'am!" Dad said as he stood and pretended to swoop down on Debbie, growling, "Grrrr! My girl, that makes one more thing to put out — such a bad thought as that!"

"Oh, by the way," Mother said, smiling, "I made a big bowl of fruit salad for dessert tonight. What should I do with it? Throw it away? Or take it from the refrigerator and put it out — in bowls on the dining-room table?"

Both children jumped up excitedly, saying: "Put it out! Put it out!"

So, with their eager help, Mother put it out.

Questions & Answers

WHO CAN SAY, "I HAVE MADE MY HEART CLEAN, I AM PURE FROM MY SIN"?

(Proverbs 20:9)

Under certain letters in the above verse are numbers. Take the letters above the numbers and print them on the blanks below that have the same numbers. (For example, the letter L has a number 1 under it. Print an L on the number 1 blank below.) When you are through, read your answers to these two questions:

(1) What does Exodus 12:15 say we are to put out of our homes just before Passover?

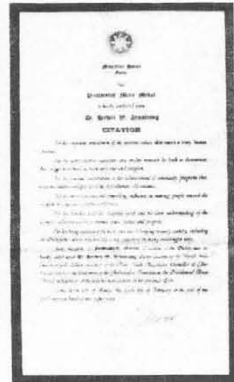
(2) What should we put out of our lives every day?

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CHRIST'S APOSTLE



APOSTLE HONORED — Above are awards presented to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong during his 25-day Asian tour. Top left: (first three photos) Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos (left) confers the Presidential Merit of Award upon Mr. Armstrong and then proposes a toast in the pastor general's honor Feb. 10 in Manila, Philippines; Mr. Armstrong (center) examines a plaque presented by the Thailand Ministry of Interior recognizing the Ambassador College Educational Project in Thailand (ACEPT), while (from left) Abbot PhraThepsopon, ACEPT manager Steve Pelry and Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's personal aide, look on; the pastor general accepts a photo album of the Philippine ministry from regional director Guy Ames at a ministerial meeting in Manila Jan. 30; the pastor general types the Feb. 17 co-worker letter on Prince Mikasa of Japan Prime Minister Prem Thai decoration Feb. 17; the pastor general is welcomed at the Bangkok March Plain Truth was welcomed at the Bangkok after a Sabbath B



This Presidential Merit Medal is hereby conferred upon Dr. Herbert W. Armstrong.

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For his consistent articulation of the positive values that invest a truly human existence;

For his comprehensive education and media network he built to disseminate these values worldwide to reach every race and religion;

For his generous contributions to the advancement of community programs that train the underprivileged for a life of productive self-reliance;

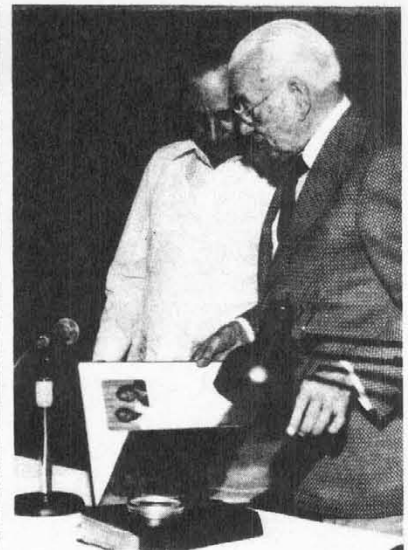
For his moral presence and compelling influence in moving people toward the creation of a just and peaceful world order;

For his kinship with the Filipino spirit and his keen understanding of the country's collective resolve to promote peace, justice and progress;

For his being a citizen of the world and thus belonging to every country, including the Philippines whose national life he has enhanced in many meaningful ways;

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APOSTLE IN ASIA



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co-worker letter en route to Pasadena from Tokyo, Japan, aboard the Work's G-II jet; Mr. Armstrong and Prince Mikasa of Japan examine artifacts in the Tokyo Middle Eastern Culture Center Feb. 18; Thailand Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda congratulates Mr. Armstrong after the pastor general received a royal Thai decoration Feb. 3; text of the Feb. 10 Philippine presidential citation; Mr. Armstrong discusses the March *Plain Truth* with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone in Tokyo Feb. 15; Mr. Armstrong is welcomed at the Bangkok, Thailand, airport Jan. 31; the pastor general performs special Sabbath music after a Sabbath Bible study in Mr. Armstrong's Tokyo hotel suite Feb. 12. [Photos by Philippine government and Warren Watson]

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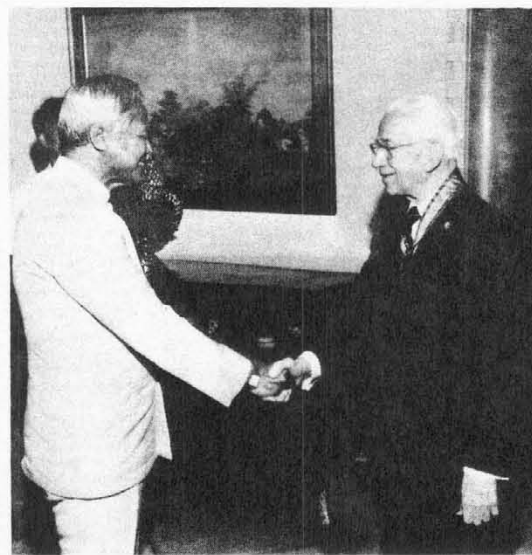
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LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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ALEXANDRIA, La., members and guests attended a potluck dinner after services Jan. 29. A square dance followed, and members swung their partners to the music of Jimmy Scott, Glen Farnsworth, Earl Farnsworth and Tony Henderson. Bill O'Neal was the caller. Entertainment was presented during intermission. Glen Chandler, H.L. Triplett and minister Harold Richards performed some country and western songs. Funds for the event were raised by a bake sale by the Ladies' Club. *Delia D. Arnold.*

Sixty **AMARILLO, Tex.**, members piled into the church bus and van Jan. 29 and traveled to Dumas, Tex., for a barbecue meal at Carroll's Smoke House. *Faith V. Williams.*

A family weekend was sponsored by the YOU for the **AUCKLAND, HAMILTON, TAURANGA, ROTORUA, NEW PLYMOUTH and WHANGAREI, New Zealand**, brethren Jan. 29 to 31 at Auckland. The theme of the weekend was participation. The wide-ranging program included a Bible study by Don Engle, pastor of the Hamilton, Tauranga and Rotorua churches; a men's brick-holding contest encouraged by pastor Jack Croucher; a model airplane display; a Bible bowl; dressmaking; and nail driving. Meals included a brunch prepared by the singles. A high point of the weekend was the square dance in the decorated hall. Sunday night featured a concert with Linda Pike singing to the accompaniment of the Singolos band. *Linda Cavanna.*

The **BRADFORD, HULL and SHEFFIELD, England**, churches combined Jan. 29 for services and a social. Paul Suckling, pastor of the St. Albans and Borehamwood, England, churches, was the guest speaker. The evening's theme was "Variety and Quality Are the Spices of Life." The social included a potluck and entertainment. In a paper airplane contest Stuart Powell won the prize for the best decorated plane. Brian Rhodes won the adult section of an original-design headwear contest. Samuel and Paula Whiting won the junior prizes. A pass-the-parcel game for children and adults finished off the evening. *David W. Magowan.*

CASTLEGAR, B.C., and KETTLE FALLS, Wash., brethren joined for a potluck fancy dress social Jan. 29. After the meal Bruce and Kathy Winterburn led the children in balloon races and musical chairs. Some members danced while others enjoyed board games, conversation and Ian and Diana Fraser's punch. Several brethren provided entertainment. A sing-along was led by a band consisting of Bob Bertuzzi, Philip Morris and Gary Jameson. Pastor Donald Meart awarded prizes to Sonny Pohoda, best adult costume, and Heidi Johnston, best children's costume. *Beth Mears.*

Square dancing was the high point of the **CHICO, Calif.**, church's social Jan. 29. After a potluck dinner members organized a talent show featuring the bluegrass combo of Wilbur Treat, his wife Esther, Lloyd Brokaw, Mark Costen and pastor Marc Segall. Other performers included vocalists Shauna Turley and Orval Strong, Paul Guy on piano and Dick King and Mr. Costen on fiddle. John Turley, who served as master of ceremonies, staged a dancing number with his family. Members of the Spokesman Club, with John Blake as auctioneer, had a cake auction. About \$356 was raised to finance a YOU member's trip to SEP this year. *Tom Alexander.*

The **CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST** members had a potluck dinner Dec. 25 that was coordinated by Becky and Tim Swope. *Renee Williams.*

The third annual dinner-dance of the **COLORADO SPRINGS and PUEBLO, Colo.**, churches took place Jan. 30 at Pueblo. A catered roast beef and chicken dinner was followed by dancing to the Royal Ambassadors Band of Denver, Colo. Door prizes were given away throughout the evening by pastor Clint Zimmerman. *Susan Peterson.*

The **COLUMBIA, S.C.**, congregation said good-bye to pastor John Ritenbaugh

and his family Jan. 22. More than 300 brethren, including guests from neighboring churches, attended Sabbath services and the dinner-social that followed. Minister Burgin Baity presented gifts to the Ritenbaughs from the congregation as tokens of appreciation for their 7½ years of service. A group of about 60 sang a farewell song written by Paul and Cathi Nowlen. Mr. Ritenbaugh has been transferred to the Chicago, Ill., area, and Keith Thomas will replace him and be assisted by associate pastor Carlos Nieto.

The brethren attended a supper social Jan. 29 and learned several basic dance steps from a professional caller-instructor. The Columbia-Augusta, Ga., Spokesman Club sponsored the concessions, with the proceeds being used to help a young person attend SEP this summer. *Paul Nowlen.*

Brethren of the **DETROIT, Mich., WEST** church enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fun Jan. 29. After Sabbath services members went to the cafeteria area of Stout Junior High for a meal. A sing-along in the auditorium was followed by a dance, while family oriented films were shown in the auditorium. An arts and crafts sale was part of the evening's activities. *Steve Holsey.*

The **DULUTH, Minn.**, church had a potluck dinner Jan. 29. In a demonstration after dinner Bob Cox stressed fire prevention and fire safety and displayed several types of fire extinguishers. In a second demonstration Mark Springer and assistant Joel Cox gave an overview of basic first-aid techniques. To round out the evening, games were arranged for the young children, while older children and adults played bingo and other table games. *Carol Morken.*

A potluck dinner began the **EVERETT, Wash.**, church's family night Jan. 29, which had a ski-lodge atmosphere. The latter half of the evening included ballroom dancing and a variety of games and activities for all ages. *Glen Franklin.*

The 27th anniversary of the **FRESNO, Calif.**, church was celebrated Jan. 29. Special music was presented by the Visalia, Calif., church choir, and a duet was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reynolds. Pastor Glen White polled the congregation during services and found four charter members were present. Finger sandwiches and cake were served after services. *Sandy O'Malley.*

GALWAY, Ireland, brethren and their families attended their first church social Jan. 22. Homemade soup was served by Paul Quinn, after which members adjourned to a hotel where they got to know their newly assigned pastor, John Jewell. Home movies of earlier Feasts and of last summer's church picnics were projected by Paddy McDonagh. A Walt Disney cartoon was shown for the children. The evening ended with a miming game devised by Chris and Marian Murray. *Christopher Patrick Murray.*

At their annual country fair Jan. 30 **GREENVILLE, S.C.**, brethren tried their skills at the game booths, including ring toss and bowling. Homemade crafts and other items were sold in the country store. Barbara Collins placed first in the pie judging, and Joyce Wrenn won first place in the cake baking contest. Hobia Blackman had the top game score for the day, and Annette Burdette won the bean guessing contest. A prize for the best costume went to Grace Britt. The Country Kitchen, designed and built by John and Linda Rollins, took first place in the booth judging. A talent show, with Ronnie Poole as master of ceremonies, included musical numbers, a poem and a juggling act. *Paulette Jameson.*

At a social after services Jan. 15 the **HOUSTON, Tex.**, WEST brethren bid farewell to departing pastor John Ogwyn and his family, and welcomed arriving pastor Dennis Van Deventer and his family, who arrived from the Corpus Christi, Tex., area. *Gale La Fleur.*

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., members feasted on an array of Mexican food Jan. 15 and then participated in a sing-along led by Wyatt Holladay and Dan Bunting. *Gay Chaney.*

The **IRVINE, Scotland**, church had a family social Jan. 17. About 40 members and their families enjoyed an evening of dancing and entertainment, with Bobby Borland as master of ceremonies. The children's choir, directed by Sadie Currie and Nancy Smith, sang two songs. A newly formed group consisting of Linda Smith on piano, George Mitchell and Alex Jack on guitar, Norman Irvine on trombone and vocalist Myrtle McCracken performed two numbers. Minister Jim McCracken accompanied his daughter in a song. Irene Boyne gave an impromptu

solo, and Elsie Hamilton sang a number. Winners of the various games played were Ruth Currie, Cavan Irvine, Alison Smith and John Muir. A turkey salad buffet was arranged by Myrtle McCracken and Heather Borland. *Olive Jack.*

The **KITCHENER, Ont.**, church staged an international night Jan. 22. Harriet Stryker and Cindy Faw provided international posters, and flags for the decorations. Henry, Joan and Cheryl Planta came dressed in authentic Dutch costumes, and Angela Kschesinski wore a dress from her native Yugoslavia. Games, floor hockey, volleyball, basketball and table games completed the evening. *Marnie Hills.*

The **LONG BEACH, Calif.**, church played host to the newly baptized members at an hour of refreshments and fellowship Jan. 29. Men were presented with carnations and the women orchids provided by Rose Norgren. Members then viewed a movie and enjoyed refreshments. *Lucy May.*

A Mexican atmosphere greeted members and guests at the **LUFKIN, Tex.**, church's midwinter social Jan. 29. After the Sabbath services' main message by former Lufkin pastor John Ogwyn, a Mexican potluck was served. The Houston, Tex., North Country Band provided music for an informal dance. A program at intermission, with David Wilson as master of ceremonies, included Brandon Lovell's Spanish-speaking puppets, a Mexican hat dance by the YOU members and a band from the Longview, Tex., church. The event was coordinated by the Ladies' Club. *Maria Covington.*

The **MIDDLESBORO, Ky.**, church had a potluck social after services Jan. 22. Present for the evening's activities were pastor and Mrs. Dennis Diehl. After the meal, which was coordinated by Edna Hoskins, the members traveled to a gym where the Middlesboro and London, Ky., YOU basketball teams had a scrimmage. *Charlotte I. Hensley.*

The first social of the year for the **MOJAVE, Calif.**, church was Jan. 29. Following a potluck members participated in a fun snow, in which Jenni Cadenehead performed an American sign language interpretation to a musical number. Brad Arend performed a mime. Michael Look played a guitar solo and Charles Woolers and Pat Teague played guitar duets. The evening closed with the audience participating in several folk dances under the direction of Mari Lane. *Faith Anderson.*

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DANCE MUSIC — The newly formed Ambassador Band plays at a combined formal dance of the St. Albans, Borehamwood and Luton, England, churches Jan. 22. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by Phillip Halford]

English church took part in a winter social Jan. 22. Curling, skating, broomball, as well as parlor games, were the activities. In a pie contest prizes were awarded to Dale Marcellus, Anita Vandray and Carol Chappelle. *Dovile Matulaitis.*

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zerland, French-speaking church enjoyed their annual supper Jan. 22 at the DuPeyrou Palace. Children and YOU members, directed by Anne-Lise Luginbuehl, performed musical entertainment. *Mireille Gnaque.*

A family evening took place for the **PLYMOUTH, England**, members Jan. 15. Competitions were organized by John Terrett. A potluck buffet was served, and Kathleen Hills interrogated couples in a Mr. and Mrs. game. Focal point of the evening was a parade of outrageous hats. Mr. Terrett's creation was judged the best in the adults' section, and junior winners were Martin Carne and Christopher Deacons. *Kasey Jones.*

Twenty senior citizens and 23 YAP (Young Adult Program) members from the **PRESCOTT and FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.**, churches traveled to Pasadena to visit the Ambassador College campus Jan. 21 to 23. Sabbath services in the Auditorium and a Sunday morning tour of the campus were followed by a concert in the Auditorium Sunday afternoon featuring Roger Bryant and Ruth Walters. Members of the Imperial congregation housed the travelers. The trip was organized by ministerial trainee Paul Luecke. *Dick L. Herrold.*

"Winter Wonderland" was the theme for the third annual semiformal dance of the **PROVIDENCE, R.I.**, and **BOSTON, Mass.**, churches Jan. 22. Decorations were hung under the direction of Raymond Blouin at the Masonic Lodge in Cumberland, R.I., where the brethren danced to the tunes of Trillium and enjoyed hours of o'ceurs, cocktails and coffee throughout the evening. *Kathleen Herd.*

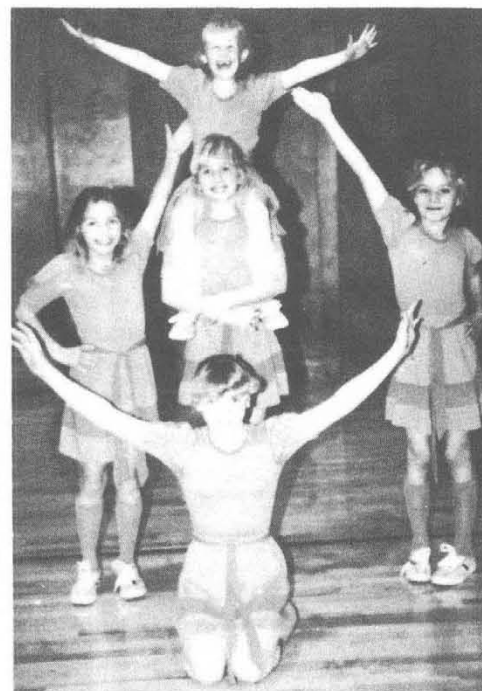
RIVERSIDE and GARDEN GROVE, Calif., members enjoyed a dance Feb. 5. A band composed of Pasadena members, under the direction of Mike Hale, provided music for the evening. Garden Grove minister Keith Wells introduced the entertainment: Monica Kovanis with a violin solo, Roy Tower and Art Ferdig singing, Madeleine Fiske with two accordion pieces, Elmer Davis with a piano solo and vocalists Darlene Heller, Arlene Baker and Leona Forst. Door prizes were won by Alice Dickey, Don Matthews and Kevin Kirschner. *Russell Hendee.*

The Bible study in **ROXAS, Philippines**, was turned into a regular church Jan. 8. Services conducted by pastor Felipe Casing were attended by 28 adults and 11 children. Visiting brethren included Tito Mina and his wife Manuela. Before services Mr. Casing baptized Mr. and Mrs. Segundo Carig and Hilario Carig and her daughter Estela. *Val U. Martin.*

The **ST. ALBANS, BOREHAMWOOD and LUTON, England**, churches had a combined formal dance Jan. 22 at which time the members danced to the music provided by the newly formed church band, a group of 11 instrumentalists put together by Stuart Channon. Entertainment was presented by Neil Jackson, Brian Vartey, Jennifer Fowler and Mr. and Mrs. George Henderson. *Paul Suckling.*

The Jan. 29 social of the **SPRINGFIELD, Mass.**, church featured a carnival night conceived and organized by Jim Powers. Following a salad and sandwich bar, activities conducted at more than a dozen booths included ring toss, penny arcade, bean-bag toss and video games. Many enjoyed a computerized video Bible quiz program by chorale director Mark Lucia. Players earned tickets to win various crafts and prizes donated by the brethren. Proceeds went into the church's social fund. *Ken Blanchard.*

About 170 campers from the **SYDNEY NORTH and SOUTH, BLAXLAND and BATHURST, Australia**, churches enjoyed four days of activities Dec. 24 to 27. (See **CHURCH NEWS**, page 9)



CHEERING SISTERS — Clockwise, beginning from left: Marie, Tara, Tina, Marlena and Tammy Kepler practice a cheer for the Tyler, Tex., church basketball team. The sisters, who began practicing after their parents bought them matching outfits, are trained by Mary Budro. [Photo by Patricia D. Creech]

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 28 at the McMaster's Beach Camp, now in its 14th session. Tom Middlemiss and his wife Shirley organized the meals and work crews. The Sabbath included a morning study, midday walk and afternoon services. Activities included games at the beaches, swimming, family games, singing, quizzes and walks. *Orest Solyma*.

A midwinter get-together for the SYRACUSE, N.Y., brethren Jan. 22 began with combined services for the Rochester, N.Y., and Syracuse churches. Rochester minister Fred Diehl gave the sermonette, and pastor Leslie Schmedes delivered the sermon. A potluck was served afterward, followed by a square dance social with music by the Landry Family Band. During an intermission John Peterson served as master of ceremonies for a talent show, which included a barbershop quartet, a girls' group and solos by Jeff Blouin on violin, Wendy Murphy on piano, Zane Peterson on banjo and Joyce Mitchell dancing the Charleston. A barnyard corner was set up for the children, as well as entertainment for them in the movie room. *Marilynn Denny*.

The annual winter social of the TISDALE, Sask., church took place Jan. 23. Activities for the day included hockey, skating, curling, table games and cards. Louise Weins won the baby picture contest. Photographs of past events were on display. Peter and John Weins initiated a game of curling in the dark with the aid of flashlights. A potluck supper brought the day's activities to a close. *Donna Bird*.

Twenty-seven Exeter, England, members met at the Batten's farmhouse Jan. 29 for a games evening, plus drinks and food. Exeter and Taunton, England, brethren now meet in TIVERTON, Francis Cann. At a social Jan. 28 the TORONTO, Ont., EAST members viewed the movie *Snowball Express* and then played table games or socialized. Each family contributed to the refreshment table. *Kenneth G. Parker*.

Evangelist Leroy Neff spoke at the Jan. 15 services of the VANDOVER, B.C., church. After dinner in the cafeteria a movie presentation began in the auditorium of the Thompson School. A clothing exchange took place before and after the movies. *Fred Whitehead*.

The first social event of the year for the VICTORIA, B.C., members occurred on Jan. 8. After the children had a YES lesson review, the brethren ate brown-bagged lunches and socialized. Following dessert, which was potluck, the members viewed the Young Ambassadors Feast Film. *Laurel E. McCrea*.

YORKTON, Sask., members took part in a crafts and card social Jan. 29. A potluck supper was followed by a display of crafts created by the brethren. A whist tournament concluded the evening, with the women's high scorer being Donna Almqvist and the men's Ed Windysh. *Elin Pedde*.

About 200 YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, and MERCER, Pa., brethren enjoyed an evening of movies, refreshments and fellowship Jan. 22. Some comic shorts and a double feature were shown, and a variety of food was available, with proceeds going to the churches' social fund. *Clifford Redanz*.

CLUB MEETINGS

"Sources of Learning" was the theme of the ABBOTTSFORD, B.C., Ladies' Club Jan. 23 meeting. Five book reviews were followed by a presentation on the theme. Hostess Linda Flynn introduced the speakers: Julie Hope, Sylvia Poxon, Michelle Messier, Ethel Wiggins and Rose Hoolstema. The members brought a favorite book and took part in a book swap. Director was Dan Hope. *Pamela C. Bailey*.

The ASHEVILLE, N.C., Women's Club met Jan. 29 at Lee Packer's home. The opening prayer was given by Margaret Painter. Kathy Williams was hostess for the evening. Once the business section was completed Joan Jacques presented the topics portion. After a refreshment break the women divided into six groups to learn various arts and crafts that were demonstrated by Bessie Brown, Margie Silvers, Bertie Doty, Betty Dikeman, Voneta Stillwell and Margaret and Patricia Painter. Each member took home a souvenir art or craft she made. *Kathy B. Williams*.

Sixty-five attended the BEAUMONT, Tex., Spokesman Club's first ladies' night of the season Jan. 15. Topics were presented by Ron Dillon, and secretary Sid Jannisse acted as toastmaster. Speeches were given by President Scott Miller, Vice President Joe Alexander, Earl Sullivan, Ralph Redline and treasurer Hal Boardman. Director Gene Koch evaluated the evening's events. *Bob Hanks*.

Members of the CHICAGO, Ill., NORTHWEST Women's Club met Jan. 23. Assistant pastor Lowell Foster opened the meeting, and the business portion followed. Helena Crumbliss gave her icebreaker, after which Jackie Crumbliss presented tabletopics. The program for the meeting was a mother-daughter fashion show narrated by Michelle LeBeau and Maria Madarasz. Refreshments were served after the meeting, and secret-pal gifts were exchanged. *Silvia Bernat*.

The 3-H Club of the CHICAGO, Ill., WEST church sponsored a formal dinner Jan. 15. The five-course dinner was served by the Singles' Club. Dinner music was provided by Karin Jaros on the piano. After-dinner entertainment included vocalist Angie Brown, with Douglas Bragg accompanying; Mrs. Gerald Beecham singing to the accompaniment of Jerry Bernardo; and Karin Jaros and Mr. Bernardo playing a duet. *Ruth Weinmeister*.

The COLUMBUS, Ga., Spokesman Club had a ladies' night Jan. 26. The evening included a steak dinner, after which President Mike Richardson took charge of the meeting. Topicsmaster was Ray Collins, and the toastmaster was Rob Deavours. The Most Improved Speaker trophy went to Elijah Johnson, and the Most Helpful Evaluation cup was shared by Will Searcy and Roy Varnadore. The first half of the meeting was evaluated by minister Ed Pope, and the second half by director Michael Henley. Pastor Otto Lochner concluded with a lecture. *Bob Spurlin*.

Some 200 members and guests of the two DENVER, Colo., Spokesman Clubs and one Graduate Club had their semiannual ladies' night Jan. 22. The theme for the evening was the family, and before four speeches on the topic, eight YOU members served a buffet roast beef dinner. An evaluation was given by deaf member John Reitz and interpreted by Bob Vigil. The South Spokesman Club has two deaf members, Mr. Reitz and James Karcher. Afterward the church band, Solid Sounds, under the direction of minister Norm Myers, played a variety of dance music. Several soloists were featured. *Barbara Korthis*.



COOKIE TIME — Laura Nickle, daughter of Bobby and Elaine Nickle, samples the refreshments at the Montvale, N.J., church's family recreation night Jan. 29. (See "Church Activities," page 8.) [Photo by Mike Bedford]



FASHIONABLE FASHIONS — Participants in the fashion show of the Kansas City, Mo., East Ladies' Club Jan. 30 pause for a group picture. (See "Club Meetings," this page.) [Photo by Paulette Williams]

Members of the DETROIT WEST and ANN ARBOR, Mich., Spokesman Club and their guests enjoyed an informal night at the home of one of the members Jan. 22. A home-cooked meal was served, and the evening concluded with a game of charades. *Steve Holsey*.

The first ladies' night of the season for the ELKHART, Ind., Spokesman Club was Jan. 18. The meeting was under the direction of associate pastor Randy Stiver. President Billy Kumar welcomed the guests, after which the group enjoyed a smorgasbord. The topics session was conducted by Don Frisz, and Wayne Kidd acted as toastmaster. Speeches were given by Ed Burns, Jim Wine, Scott Williams, Mr. Kumar and Chuck Woods. *Ed Burns*.

The Jan. 3 meeting of the FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., Women's Club took place at the Ramada Inn, where a buffet breakfast was served. Each member introduced herself, and pastor Larry Greider gave the first in a series on "Women's Position in the Government of God." The meeting concluded with a question-and-answer session. *Sybil Smith*.

The FORT WAYNE, Ind., Ladies' Club, Graduate Club and Spokesman Club and their spouses met for a combined meeting and dinner-dance Jan. 22. Director Stephen Smith presented Jim Nickelsen with a check for \$200, which was raised by

the clubs and the church to help defray Mr. and Mrs. Nickelsen's expenses to Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program. Toastmaster Robert Borton introduced speakers Jack Pfeister, Vickie Swihart, Ron Martin and Lowell Blackwell. The topics session was led by Mr. Nickelsen. *Carolyn Rudek*.

The GARDEN GROVE, Calif., B Spokesman Club had an informal midyear ladies' night Jan. 31. The evening began with entertainment by Daniel Baker, Carlos Ayala and David Matson. Pizza, beer and wine were then served. A tabletopics session led by director Curt Price followed the meal. The evening was rounded off with a guitar solo by Mr. Price, a duet sung by Lee Allison and Bruce Bell and an impromptu performance by Young Ambassador Kathy Pierce. *Bruce Bell*.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Ladies' Club members met Jan. 29 and shared information and ideas on home management. Hostess Paula Ross introduced topicsmistress Michelle Templeman. Pastor Bill Miller evaluated the speakers and directed the meeting. *Audrey Reynolds*.

Ladies' night for the GREENVILLE, S.C., Spokesman Club took place Jan. 29 at the Trustees' Dining Room at Furman University. Tabletopics were presented by Eddie Bowers. A meal of roast beef and baked potato was served by some of the Furman students. Tim Titus, acting as toastmaster, introduced speakers Ray Tedder, Randy Stevens, Raleigh Blackman and Wes Hope. Pastor Ron Jameson gave the overall evaluation and a lecture. *Paulette Jameson*.

The Ladies' Club of KANSAS CITY, Mo., EAST met Jan. 30 with Denise Crosby presiding. Minutes were read by Donna Reading, and the treasurer's report was given by Shirley Everman. Hostess Diane Gieselmann introduced the theme, "The Well-Dressed Woman." Tricia Sooter led tabletopics. Dorothy Fried's speech on accessories was assisted by her daughter, Lori Sanders, who demonstrated with scarves and jewelry. Linda DeBerry spoke on grooming. Carol Bishop narrated a fashion show in which members and their children modeled handmade garments and creations. Photographer Paulette Williams captured the events on film for an album. Pastor Russell Duke gave closing remarks. *Donna Reading*.

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Members of the MONTREAL, Que., English Ladies' Club invited their husbands or dates to their monthly meeting Jan. 16. For lunch the group had a potluck with an international menu. Hostess Cathy Rahel introduced Maureen Whitelaw, who gave tabletopics; Andrea Ghazarian and Ferronia Calka, who gave icebreakers; and Trudy McDonnell and Nicole Posiak, who spoke on the theme "How to Treat a Woman." *Stephen Posiak*.

The P-31 Club of MUNCIE, Ind., met Jan. 22 at the home of Delana Bailey. The business session was conducted by Linda

Grinnell, minutes were read by Elaine Caylor and the treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Merrill. Topics were presented by Elaine Caylor. A sign language solo was performed by Coco Bill. Director Garvin Greene completed the meeting with a talk on depression. *Linda Nicholson*.

The annual winter carnival of the MURFREESBORO, Tenn., Women's Club was Jan. 30. The women sold handmade crafts, along with other items, in the country store. Jim Shannon, dressed as Uncle Bill, the church clown, entertained the children. The club members presented Debbie McNeely with a pitcher and wash bowl set in appreciation of her leadership in the club. After a potluck pastor Darris McNeely auctioned off items left in the country store. The club made a profit of \$1,800 from the day's event. *Bertha Haigt*.

"Color Me Beautiful" was the theme of the mother-daughter evening of the NEW ORLEANS, La., Women's Club Jan. 22. Betty Varnado, with her daughter Susan assisting, gave a demonstration on choosing right colors for one's skin tone, with Sandra Letellier and Sonja Daniels serving as models. Shirley Dixon was hostess. Norma Nicholas presented tabletopics and Lynn Little gave a speech. Pastor James Servidio concluded the meeting with a lecture. *Miriam Sison*.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Spokesman Club members were hosts to their wives and dates at the club's first ladies' night of the season Jan. 22. President Randy Finden gave opening remarks, which were followed by Mike Neely with tabletopics. Toastmaster Jim Hathaway introduced the speakers by giving the original meaning of their names. The speakers were Frank Quimby, Gene Hughes, Ralph Winder, Gary Johnson and Chuck Downey. Mr. Downey received the Most Effective Speech award, Mr. Johnson was the Most Improved Speaker and Ron Voeberg gave the Most Helpful Evaluation. Director Gil Goethals completed the evening with a lecture. *Ron Voeberg*.

The Ladies' Club of PIKEVILLE, Ky., had its first meeting of the year Jan. 8. Codirector and acting chairman Marti Heaton was in charge of the business session. Hostess for the evening was Gail Hunt, who served a formal tea during break. Tabletopics were given by Rachel Mullins. Speeches were presented by Judy Roberts, Fran Kelly and Kitty Bumgardner. Director Warren J. Heaton III gave evaluations and closing comments. *Judy Roberts*.

The third annual combined dinner meeting of the ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland, Spokesman and Women's clubs occurred Jan. 22. President Aubrey Nofall welcomed the guests, and hostess Cathy Sheridan invited the men to a Women's Club in March. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burke gave tabletopics, followed by speeches by Newman George, Violet Fudge, Perry Fowlow, Valerie King and Malcolm Whalen. Pastor David Sheridan gave closing comments. *Aubrey Nofall*.

The SAN DIEGO, Calif., Women's Clubs (A.M. and P.M.) joined to form one club, with an initial meeting Feb. 1. Mary Ann Aust was presiding hostess. Associate pastor Jerold Aust addressed the club on at-one-ness. Stella Dwinell presented tabletopics, and icebreakers were given by Lillian McMullin, Mary Bales, Wilma Shoquist, Mary Gordon, Lila Stein, Margitta Van Eiten, Betty (See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BOYLE, Michael and Patricia (O'Sullivan), of Dublin, Ireland, girl, Caroline Bernadette, Jan. 26, 4:20 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

BRUMGARD, Robert and Marjorie (Garrison), of New Freeport, Pa., boy, Christopher Adam, Jan. 28, 9:44 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

BRUNEAU, Daniel and France (Lambert), of Montreal, Que., girl, Naomi, Jan. 19, 10:52 a.m., 6 pounds, first child.

CAMPBELL, John and Robin (Baker), of Houston, Tex., boy, David Alan, Jan. 31, 10:45 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 boys.

EKAMA, Jerril and Kathleen (Wong), of Paris, Ohio, boy, Nathan Samuel, Jan. 4, 10:13 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

EVANS, Gary and Sue (Brown), of Portsmouth, Ohio, twin boy and girl, David Jonathan and Rebekah Sue, Jan. 29, 8:49 and 8:50 a.m., 7 pounds 14½ ounces and 6 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

EVANS, Joseph and Melinda (Doss), of Chillicothe, Ohio, girl, Christina Renee, Jan. 11, 8:34 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

FRY, James and Kathleen (Morehouse), of Fargo, N.D., girl, Erka Joan, Jan. 9, 8:29 p.m., 5 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

GERSTNER, Dale and Bluejean (DeLaur), of Fayetteville, Ark., boy, Brandon Micah, Dec. 6, 6:35 a.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, now 3 boys.

GERSTNER, Glen and Georgia (Holmes), of Fayetteville, Ark., girl, Rebecca Jane, Jan. 26, 9:10 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

GOLDSMITH, Bruce and Deborah (Thompson), of London, England, girl, Kristy Jayne, Jan. 23, 3:40 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HAGEN, Dwight and Barbara (Wilson), of Tisdale, Saskatchewan, boy, Adriel Ian James, Jan. 10, 12:45 a.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 3 girls.

HALLIAR, Mark and Jennifer (Vandermeulen), of Chicago, Ill., girl, Jessica Lynne, Jan. 27, 9 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KELLER, William and Eileen (Dove), of Hammonont, N.J., girl, Cathleen Rochelle, Dec. 19, 7:23 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 girls.

KELLEY, Don and Marcia (Williams), of Muscle Shoals, Ala., boy, Lucas Ian, Dec. 14, 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KING, Rod and Shayne (Cox), of Canberra, Australia, girl, Laura Elizabeth, Jan. 26, 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

KLINE, Richard and Susan (Metz), of Pasadena, girl, Erin Kaye, Jan. 10, 4:14 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LAPER, Raymond and Linda (Neff), of Texarkana, Tex., girl, Jessica Juana Mae, Feb. 1, 3:47 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

LARSON, David and Penny (Pawlowksi), of Sioux Falls, S.D., boy, Neal Albert, Jan. 5, 2:36 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LLOYD, David and Margaret (Pearce), of Cambridge, England, boy, Stephen James, Jan. 6, 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 girls.

MASSEY, Randy and Sharon (Kelle), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Samantha Lynn, Dec. 27, 11:06 p.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

MCLEAN, Keith and Beverley (Manwaring), of Sydney, Australia, boy, Geoffrey George, Dec. 29, 8:30 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys.

MCNEELY, Stephen and Mary (Sloan), of Big Sandy, girl, Kristina Renee, Jan. 20, 12:15 a.m., 4 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

MOEN, Dale and Joan (Skinner), of La Crosse, Wis., girl, Sally Ann, Jan. 22, 4:06 a.m., 8 pounds, now 4 girls.

NICHOLS, Gerald and Brenda (Marshall), of Mobile, Ala., boy, Gerald Micah, Feb. 9, 11:40 a.m., 9 pounds, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

NESSEN, Jeffrey and Leica (Mabry), of Trenton, N.J., girl, Michelle Lynn, Dec. 24, 3:22 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

O'CONNOR, Michael and Patricia (Ardey), of Reno, Nev., boy, Ryan Patrick, Jan. 26, 1:20 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

OSBORNE, Daniel and Rastina (Hovemala), of Pikeville, Ky., boy, Aaron William, Jan. 20, 3:48 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

PARONISH, Nicholas and Wanda (Taylor), of Johnstown, Pa., boy, Jason Christopher, Jan. 29, 3:02 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

PEPPER, Gary and Erna (Bothick), of San Antonio, Tex., girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 8:24 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

PRICE, Lawrence and Brenda (Ashworth), of Houma, La., girl, Sara Elizabeth, Jan. 5, 11 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 3 girls.

RIPP, David and Carolyn (Dunlop), of Richmond, Ind., boy, Robert Grant, Jan. 6, 5:11 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RITTENHOUSE, Frank Jr. and Tara (Jones), of Herndon, Mass., boy, Nathan James, Jan. 20, 9:59 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

SEM, Larry and Gayle (Jackson), of Wetsaskwin, Alta., girl, Lana Marlene, Jan. 25, 1:15 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SPENCER, Daniel and Julie (Graham), of Kalspell, Mont., girl, Amy Dawn, Jan. 19, 4:25 p.m., 7 pounds ½ ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

THOMPSON, Larry and Nancy (Blond), of Des Moines, Iowa, girl, Jennifer Leigh, Feb. 4, 2:44 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

TOLLIN, Curtis and Patti (Currie), of Austin, Tex., boy, Christopher Jay, Jan. 29, 5:21 p.m., 9 pounds 12½ ounces, now 3 boys.

TRANQUADA, Martin and Nancy (Dorman), of Pasadena, boy, Andrew Joseph, Feb. 12, 5:16 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

VANDEPOLDER, Corky and Karen (Walters), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Laura Beth Margaret, Feb. 4, 9:50 a.m., 6 pounds 9 ounces, now 2 girls.

VAN LAECKEN, Murray and Cindy (Hansen), of Sioux Falls, S.D., boy, Joshua Ervin, Feb. 15, 2:45 a.m., 5 pounds 9½ ounces, first child.

VAN PELT, Rick and Carol (Duffield), of Pasadena, girl, Britny Nicole, Jan. 11, 11:03 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

WEBSTER, Donald and Joyce (Fletcher), of Seldovia, Alaska, girl, Jennifer Dawn, Aug. 30, 4:31 p.m., 6 pounds 11½ ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

WHITE, Henry and Beanie (Doty), of Detroit, Mich.,

girl, Joanne Lynn, Jan. 7, 10:02 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ZUBROWSKI, Gerard and Linda (Burford), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Scott Ryan, Nov. 23, 10:19 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS



DEBBIE HERST AND PAUL URSEM

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herst of Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Debbie to Paul Ursem, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ursem of Uden, Netherlands. The couple are planning a July 7 wedding in Carrickfergus.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hagelie of the Pasadena Imperial church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Joanne Carol Childs to Daniel Lee Worland. The wedding is planned for March 20 in Pasadena.

Nancy Donnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gunther of Hartland, Wis., and James Capo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capo of Long Island, N.Y., are pleased to announce their engagement. A May 29 wedding is planned at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Thibault of Kelowna, B.C., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Diane of Edmonton, Alta., to Mario Therrien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Therrien, also of Edmonton. The wedding will take place July 31 in British Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Luik are pleased to announce the engagement of their second daughter, Marina Annette, to Jacob J. Sudeman. The wedding will take place May 1.

WEDDINGS

Frances Sheppard and John Young Harbison were united in marriage Dec. 19 in the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Sheppard of Ada, Okla. The ceremony was performed by David Carley, pastor of the Ada and Lawton, Okla., churches. After a honeymoon in Colorado, the couple are at home at Rt. 1, Box 42, Pattonville, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIE HIGGINS

Willie Higgins and Maureen Crompton-Nicholas were united in marriage Dec. 12 in Kingston, Jarvis, Ontario. The wedding was performed by Charles Fleming, associate pastor of the Kingston congregation. The bride's sister Michelle was the chief bridesmaid and the groom's father, Clifford Higgins Sr., was best man. The couple reside at 2620 11th St., Apt. 15, Santa Monica, Calif., 90405.



MR. AND MRS. OLEG ZAJAC

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zajac and Mr. and Mrs. John Gould are pleased to announce the marriage of their children, Oleg Joseph and Renee Irene, July 18. The ceremony was performed in English and Ukrainian by Victor Kobak, pastor of the Minneapolis South and Lake Crystal, Minn., churches. In the Ambassador Auditorium, Mr. Zajac is a 1952 graduate of Ambassador College, employed by the World, and Mrs. Zajac is a senior at Ambassador College. The couple reside in South Pasadena.

Timothy Mark, Cockrill and Cathy Jean Lucas were united in marriage Aug. 7. Bruce Gore, pastor of the

Kansas City Kan., South and Kansas City, Mo., North churches, performed the ceremony. The couple reside at 9240 Eastern, Kansas City, Mo., 64138.



MR. AND MRS. BEN HOFER

Julie Pansky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pansky of Fort MacLeod, Alta., and Benjamin Hofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hofer of Salkirk, Man., were united in marriage Aug. 15 in Lethbridge, Alta. The ceremony was performed by Ken Webster, pastor of the Lethbridge church. Maid of honor was Tammy Bump, with Hardy Hofer as best man. The couple reside in Edmonton, Alta.



MR. AND MRS. MURRAY POLUSHIN

Patricia Marko of Crystal Springs, Sask., and Murray Polushin of Calgary, Alta., were united in marriage Sept. 12 near Rimbey, Alta. Neil Earle, pastor of the Calgary North and South congregations, performed the outdoor wedding. The happy couple reside in Calgary.



MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WALLACE

Mr. and Mrs. Edward James Gaddon of London, England, have pleasure in announcing the Jan. 23 marriage of their only daughter Jane to Kenneth

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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



Our coupon baby this issue is Seth Daniel Vieira, son of John and Jean-nie Vieira of Pasadena.

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*Including newborn

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James Wallace, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Backfash of County Durham. The bride was attended by Elizabeth Adlington and Joanne Wallace, the groom's sister, and the best man was David Adlington. Robin Jones, pastor of the London and Bealton, England, churches, performed the ceremony. The couple live in Milton Keynes, England.

anniversary March 17. Love from Rose, Mike and Russ.

Happy 25th anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Ullrick of Kent, Wash. Even though we are miles apart, we think of you both often. Much love always, Tim and Christina.

ANNIVERSARIES

To my Pumpkin: March 3 is our ninth anniversary. Happy anniversary, dear. I love you more each year. Thanks for making this year extra special! As always, your Muehlman.

Happy 30th wedding anniversary to Dad and Mom Backfash April 7 from Gilbert, Debbie, Eric and David. Steve and Patricia, Greg, Marie and Kristi, Jim and Joan, John, Kim, Christy and Baby, Dan, Anita and Baby, and Rosie.



MR. AND MRS. DENNIS MESTYANEK

The Reno, Nev., church honored Dennis and Virginia Lee Mestyanek with a surprise party on their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 8 at Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Loper's home. Mrs. Mestyanek was toasted by her husband, and the church presented the Mestyaneks with a money tree and gifts of silver. They have four children, Gary, Debbie, Darlene and Mark, and three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bennett: Have a very happy 27th

Obituaries

NEODESHA, Kan. — Robert E. Allemen, 54, died Jan. 24 of an apparent heart attack.

He was a deacon since 1967 and had served in the Minneapolis, Minn., and Independence, Kan., churches. Services were conducted by Vice Szymkowiak, pastor of the Joplin, Mo., and Independence churches.

Mr. Allemen is survived by his wife Vera, one son and two daughters.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — William L. Golder Jr., 63, a member of God's Church in Pittsburgh since 1974, died Jan. 12.

He is survived by Louise, his wife of 32 years; his mother Laura Golder; sons Don and Dave; and a sister, Laura Napier.

Dan Hall, associate pastor of the Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches, conducted the funeral service.

RENO, Nev. — Leslie Branson Jr., 68, died Dec. 30 at his home.

Mr. Branson was a jeweler for most of his life and was a member of the American Gem Society. He had been a member of God's Church since 1963.

Surviving him are his wife Zetta; son (See ANNOUNCEMENTS, page 11)

Weddings Made of Gold

JASPER, Ala. — Les and Bess Smith, members of the Church here, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 24. They were married here in 1932. Mr. Smith began listening to Herbert



MR. AND MRS. LESTER SMITH

W. Armstrong in the early '60s and both he and his wife were baptized Feb. 19, 1972.

Two years ago the couple fulfilled a dream and built a rustic log home.

They have three children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Alfred and Lois Williamson were honored by their four children and families for their 50th wedding anniversary.



MR. AND MRS. ALFRED WILLIAMSON

The Williamsons were married Dec. 11, 1932. They were baptized Sept. 18, 1969, by Ray Wooten, now pastor of An Arbor and Detroit, Mich., West churches.

The Williamsons attend the Atlanta,

Ga., West church and have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

PEORIA, Ill. — Carl and Lillian Schoenbein celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 31. Mr. Schoenbein, a retired farmer, is 91 and Mrs. Schoenbein is 86. They have lived their entire married life in Morton, Ill.

They have eight children, two of whom are deceased. They have 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Schoenbein was baptized in 1960. Baptized members of the family who attend the Peoria congregation are their sons Dayton and Irvin Schoenbein; son and daughter-in-law Donald and Shirley Schoenbein; daughter and son-in-law Walter and Beth Birkey; and grandson Wes Birkey.

LONDON, Ky. — Jan. 29 the London, Ky., church joined in the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Alcorn.

Pastor Dennis Diehl gave the sermon and then read the life story of Mr. and Mrs. Alcorn from their childhood to the present.

A potluck meal took place in their honor, and cake and punch was served.

CHURCH NEWS

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Herman, Rosalie Turk and Dottie Fick. Susan Karoska.

The **SPRINGFIELD**, Mo., Spokesman Club had its first ladies' night of the season Jan. 24. Overall director is pastor George Meeker, and president for the evening was David Bradford. Tabletoplets were led by Vice President Ken Mooneyham. After a break during which wine and hors d'oeuvres were served, toastmaster Dean Bruton introduced speakers Joe Bryan, Dave Kilgore, Dave Carson and Ray Little. Evaluators were Collin Campbell, Bill Mason, Billy Green and John Kilgore. Awards were presented to Mr. Carson, Most Effective Speaker; Mr. Little, Most Improved Speaker; and Mr. Campbell, Most Helpful Evaluation. *David Burton.*

After Sabbath services Jan. 29 the regular meeting of the **WAUSAU**, Wis., Women's Club took place. Minister Donald Mathie gave a biographical sketch of Rachel. Tabletoplets were led by Margaret Schlegelmich, Florence Stauber and Alleda Lindner. After an intermission members shared stories on how they met their mates. *Louise Doeschner.*

"In Search of Your Talents" was the theme of the **WICHITA**, Kan., Women's Club meetings Dec. 19 and Jan. 29. Pastor Judd Kirk gave a two part Bible study on developing talents. Adviser Terri Kirk organized an activity to show the women how to choose and develop a talent by setting goals. *Dee Spicer.*

A combined luncheon meeting of the **WILMINGTON** and **LAUREL**, Del., Women's Clubs took place at Dover, Del., Jan. 23. Women from five states attend the two clubs, which are under the direction of pastor Dave Register. The theme was "Building Unity Between God's Daughters." Hostess for the day was Betty Rutter, chairwoman was Mandy Richards and tabletoplets hostess was Debbie Baker. Speeches were given by Virginia Dickerson, Beth Wallace, Lou Ann Hitchens, Deirda Keib and Louise Coker. *Barbara Culp.*

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Thirty-four **BIG SANDY** Silver Ambassador Club members, along with four Ambassador College students, traveled by bus to Tyler, Tex., Jan. 23 for lunch and a trip to the museum to view the Gutenberg Bible that is on tour throughout Texas from the University of Texas at Austin. Sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Nytle accompanied the group. *Minnie Jauch.*

Candlelight and music of the '30s and '40s set the atmosphere for the sixth annual **BUFFALO**, N.Y., Silver Ambassadors' banquet sponsored by the Women's Club Jan. 22. The 85 guests were served a turkey dinner, and they received handcrafted miniature needlepoint baskets, which were made under the coordination of Roberta Kowalczyk. Scrambled word games and a drawing for door prizes opened the evening's festivities. The final prize, an Afghan made by Clara Schultz, was won by Mary Tronolone. Wall decorations were provided by Elfriede Ferguson.

Debbie Issler and Dennis Rey began the entertainment with a song. Ray Anderson was the announcer for the show that featured a mime, a dance routine, a comedy routine by Jim Cicero and Bob Natello and two songs by Carol Wojkowski, Robin Ailing and Karen Hickok. After a sing-along led by Mr. Rey with Shirley Pack, Linda Natello, Cindy Schmitt and Pat Vogan, the evening closed with the unveiling of the members' wedding photographs. *Amber Davis.*

Sixty **ERIE**, Pa., senior citizens and grandparents attended a lasagna dinner Jan. 29. The evening honored four widows, Ann O'Neil, Mary Winslow, Gertrude Gausman and Dorsel Remington, who were presented a corsage and a plaque. A poem was read by Jim Smith. After-dinner entertainment was a musical program organized by Madeline Yokes. The evening ended with slides shown by Bill Scrafford of his trip to Alaska. *Jack Graves.*

The Young At Hearts of **JACKSONVILLE**, Fla., sponsored a wine and cheese tasting social Jan. 29. Musical entertainment was provided by Doyce Bullock, pastor Allen Bullock, Laurena Eden, Phyllis Johnson, Hoke Welts and Ezra and Henry Swarey. Mary Kukta performed a song she wrote for her husband Steve in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary. The Kuktas' shared their an-

niversary cake with the group. A sing-along wrapped up the evening. *Sharon Shiver.*

SINGLES SCENE

The fourth annual winter dance of the **BIRMINGHAM**, Ala., singles took place Jan. 29. The dancers included visitors from four other states. Several singles congregated for breakfast the next morning at a restaurant. Fred Mobley is president of the singles' group. *Helen F. Garrison.*

Thirty-five singles of the **CHICAGO**, Ill., **NORTHWEST** and **WEST** churches went to see a performance of the play *Brigadoon* Jan. 23 at Marriott's Lincshire Theatre. *Arnold Jaros.*

Pastor Ron Jameson's home was the location for a get-together of the **GREENVILLE**, S.C., singles Feb. 5. A meal of casseroles, vegetables and desserts was provided by the group. Mr. Jameson gave a Bible study, and plans for future activities were discussed. *Paulette Jameson.*

Jan. 29 was the date of a singles' square dance at the **MONROE**, La., church building. Planning was done by David Brown and Debbie Martin. Singles from seven other church areas attended the social. Cold cuts were served at noon, with a Bible study in the afternoon by minister Nick Rogers. A chili supper was enjoyed before the square dance began. The Western decor was created by Benny Canales. A late breakfast the next morning ended the weekend of fellowship. *Kenneth D. Collinsworth.*

Members of the **SAN JOSE**, Calif., Singles' Club went to the Oakland Coliseum Jan. 30 to see the Harlem Globetrotters basketball team. John Jester obtained the tickets. Beforehand the singles enjoyed a potluck coordinated by Tina Kuo. The club's monthly educational night was Feb. 9. Jim Marshall gave a presentation on barbering, assisted by Jim Murphy. Mr. Jester told about his responsibilities as a deacon, and Charlie Davidson led the group in the topics session. *Mike Light.*

Fourteen singles from the **SARASOTA** and **FORT MYERS**, Fla., churches enjoyed a morning of horseback

riding Jan. 23. After a cookout at Myakka State Park, Randy and Nancy Atkins led a sing-along. Pastor Dan Bierer led a discussion, and plans were made for future activities. *Janice Walworth.*

SPORTS

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., YOU members and their families enjoyed a day of snow skiing Feb. 6. Pastor Larry Greider started off the day with a few basic skiing tips. Funds for the trip were raised by a YOU refreshment stand at a district basketball tournament. Transportation to the ski site was provided by Robert Nunery, Walt Latham and Norman Rachels. *Lloyd Rachels.*

The **MUNCIE** and **RICHMOND**, Ind., YOU were hosts for the second Yorktown, Ind., invitational basketball tournament Jan. 30. In the opening game the Louisville, Ky., Cardinals defeated the Indianapolis, Ind., team 44-30. The second game pitted the Fort Wayne, Ind., team against the Dayton, Ohio, team, resulting in an 84-58 victory for the Fort Wayne team. In the consolation game the Indy Stars defeated Dayton 73-65. The fourth game resulted in a championship victory for the Fort Wayne team against the Louisville Red Birds 52-43. In the B division Dayton was toppled by Lafayette, Ind., for the championship. District 25 coordinator Garvin Greene presented the awards to the champions. *Ed S. Rudel.*

The **SAN DIEGO**, Calif., church sponsored a basketball invitational Jan. 30. A and B teams from Riverside-San Bernardino, Long Beach, Garden Grove, Glendora and San Diego, Calif., participated in the day's activities. Cheerleaders supported their teams. A concession stand served a variety of refreshments. In the afternoon a YOU girls' basketball team from Riverside-Glendora challenged the girls from San Diego. The San Diego men's team, which included Norman Smith, Jerry Aust, Dan Jager, Roger Blekeberg, Jeff Welchel, Glen Bechtold, Kyle Smith, Tim Merriman, Ron Sharp and Robert Powell, scrimmaged a team composed of YOU members from Glendora and San Diego. *Mary Ann Ault.*

Brethren from the **SARNIA**, Ont., church got together at Pin Deck Lanes Jan. 22 for a minisocial of bowling. Bob Maruschak had the highest score of the evening. Afterward several members met at Girisi for pizza and fellowship. *April Lynn Smith.*

Thirteen **WINDSOR**, Ont., brethren, including some YOU members, took part in an evening of nighttime skiing in southern Michigan Feb. 5. *Patricia Klem.*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Twenty-one **BUFFALO**, N.Y., YOU members and 13 adults met at a restaurant Jan. 23, rolled up their sleeves and made 840 pounds of beef sausage, which was ordered by members and later distributed by the singles. The activity contributed \$1,100 to the social fund. *Erika Ferguson.*

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gay were hosts to a pizza party for the **CANTON**, Ohio, YOU members Jan. 30. The girls defeated the guys in round-robin table games. Each member of the winning team was awarded a gift certificate from McDonald's restaurants by pastor John Foster. *Norma Costello.*

Dec. 26 was the date of the **CLEVELAND**, Ohio, **WEST** church's annual children's costume party. The green dragon (played by Ray Williams) was present again this year. Children's games, refreshments and family games were organized by Merilee Abbott and Diane Webber. *Renae Williams.*

CROYDON, England, YOU members attended a meeting at the home of Sheila Francis Jan. 15. From there the youths made their way to Streatham ice rink where they spent the evening skating. *Ian Bearman.*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., YOU members had a pizza and bowling party Jan. 22. The teens and parents met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Drexel Shiver for pizza and soft drinks and then drove to Orange Park Fairlanes for two hours of bowling. The high scorer for the evening was Charles Sikes. *Sharon Shiver.*

The weekend of Jan. 22 the **MERIDEN**, Conn., YOU had a pizza and bowling party. The teens and about 10 adults enjoyed a pizza meal Saturday night and then played games and had a Bible bowl at a member's home, where they also enjoyed a cake baked for the occasion by a Church member. The weekend was rounded off with bowling. *Janet Jepson.*

The YOU funds of the **MIAMI**, Fla., church increased by \$700 earned C.C. Williams from a garage sale. Deacon C.C. Williams was the coordinator, with Mattie Johnson serving as fund raiser for the event. Used clothing and household and other merchandise were donated by the members. The proceeds from the sale will go toward expenses for a planned trip to Nassau, Bahamas, by the youths this summer. *Shirley Segall.*

YOU members and parents of the **SAN DIEGO**, Calif., church gathered at the Sundance multipurpose room Jan. 29 for an evening of learning to dance. Chris Moon from Pasadena, along with his wife Angela, gave the dance instructions. At one of the breaks the youths served cookies they had baked. *Mary Ann Aust.*

TAMPA, Fla., YOU members and their families attended a monthly YOU Bible study Jan. 29 conducted by pastor Ron Lohr. Refreshments and a dance followed. *Bob McClelland.*

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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most who aren't single parents will not read that article or some may not read any. It would have been better to entitle one of the articles "How Members Can Help Single Parents."

Gloria Fuller
Bronx, N.Y.

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Family letter
The *W/N* is somewhat like a family letter that is passed among family members. My father's family had such a letter for many years as long as most of the 13 family members were living. We are anxious to know the welfare of

our family members who make up the Body of Christ and to share their joys and sorrows, and to see how we should conduct our prayers to God on their behalf.

The *W/N* truly fits a need and we would be lost in some ways without it. I find it easier to pray for the trials as well as the joys if I take notes on a small note pad as I read, then it is easier for me to pray about them in a more orderly manner. Like the conditions of our brethren in Haiti and the trials and hardships of God's ministers in Ghana and other countries where their very lives are in grave dangers constantly.

Mary B. Stein
Columbus, Ohio

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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David of Conroe, Tex.; mother Grace Branson and sister Margaret Branson, both of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; brother Fred of Burbank, Calif.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Branson had just celebrated 49 years of marriage in Texas with their family.

Jim Chapman, pastor of the Reno and Carlin, Nev., churches, conducted graveside services.

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Josephine Rice, 90, died Dec. 5. Mrs. Rice, born in Walworth County, S.D., was a member since 1960 and attended the Santa Rosa church.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. — Kaity Suzanne Lewert, 3 months old, died Jan. 30 at the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, N.Y.

She is survived by her parents Robert and Christine Lewert; two brothers, Ronald and Scott; and one sister, Tina.

Funeral services were conducted by Jim Jenkins, pastor of the Union and Brick Town, N.J., churches.

WINNEMUCA, Nev. — Carrie E. Morgan, 40, died Dec. 11.

Jim Chapman, pastor of the Carlin and Reno, Nev., churches, conducted the funeral service.

Mrs. Morgan was born in Albuquerque, N.M., and was a member of God's Church since 1971. She is survived by her husband Daulton; two daughters, Carol and Kay; son Mike; parents Mr. and Mrs. Evert Ernest of Estancia, N.M.; and three sisters.

ASHLAND, Ky. — Mosie W. Hicks, 80, died Jan. 22.

Mrs. Hicks was baptized in 1963 and was present at the start of the Charleston and Huntington, W.Va., Lexington and

Morehead, Ky., and Portsmouth, Ohio, churches.

She is survived by her husband Joe, a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Botha, pastor of the Huntington, Parkersburg and Charleston, W.Va., churches.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Louise Bradford, 79, died Feb. 9 after a long illness. A member for 13 years, Mrs. Bradford also attended the Fort Worth, Tex., church.

Graveside services were conducted by Arnold Clauson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches.

Burial was at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Oklahoma City.

HAWKINS, Tex. — Marion J. Osborne, 56, a Church member since September, 1970, died Jan. 16 of a heart attack in Tyler, Tex.

Mrs. Osborne is survived by her husband DeWayne; and three daughters, Gladie Bjoraker of Hawkins, and Glenda Pearson of Palm Harbor, Fla., both members, and Gail Hopkins of Burbank, Ohio; five grandchildren; and two sisters.

The funeral service was conducted in Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 21 by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Mercer, Pa., and Youngstown churches.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — George Paul Liverman, 82, died Jan. 25.

Baptized into the Worldwide Church of God in July, 1958, he was the first Spokesman Club member in Birmingham to receive a graduation certificate, and was an original member of the Birmingham church when it began in February, 1962.

The graveside service was conducted by Birmingham pastor Kenneth Martin.

Survivors include a brother, Walter of Tuscaloosa, Ala., and three sisters, Belle Crosby of Montgomery, Ala., and Anna Laura Thompson and Eugenia Gordon, both of Houston, Tex.

CONCORD, N.H. — Patricia Sandsmark, 38, died Dec. 23 of cancer. She had been a member of God's Church since 1966.

Mrs. Sandsmark is survived by her husband Roger, son Jonathan and daughter Elizabeth.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 26 by Kenneth H. Williams, pastor of the Concord, N.H., and Montpelier, Vt., churches.

BRADFORD, England — Mary Vingris, 59, a member since May, 1978, died Jan. 31.

Survivors include her husband Kazimirs; daughter Helen; brother Trevor; and sister-in-law Mary.

Funeral services were conducted by David Magowan, pastor of the northeast England churches.

COOLVILLE, Ohio — Richard Vance Auville, 40, died Dec. 26 of cancer.

Mr. Auville was baptized in 1972 and was a member of the Parkersburg, W.Va., church since its inception. He is survived in the Church by his wife Carole and children Ricky and Becky.

Funeral services were conducted by Steve Botha, pastor of the Charleston, Parkersburg, and Huntington, W.Va., congregations.

FLORENCE, Ala. — George Stovall, 71, a member of God's Church since 1969, died at home Feb. 5.

Funeral services were conducted by Lawson J. Tuck, pastor of the Florence and Huntsville, Ala., churches.

Mr. Stovall is survived by his wife Lillian, a Church member, two sons and four grandchildren.

GARDEN GROVE, Calif. — Joe Michel, 48, a Church member since 1959, died Jan. 27, 1982, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Mr. Michel was born Sept. 26, 1933, in Dunbury, Conn. Funeral services were conducted there, and he was buried with his father.

Survivors include his wife Jean, son Derek, sister Jeanne Preston and his mother, Evelyn M. Hays.

MEDFORD, Ore. — Esther Womack, 66, a member since 1967, died Jan. 5 of respiratory difficulties.

Graveside service was conducted in Weaverville, Calif., by Marc Segall, pastor of the Chico and Eureka, Calif., churches.

Mrs. Womack is survived by her son Gary and granddaughter Kim Vicklund, members of the Medford church; and four nieces, Roianne Koster of Broken Arrow, Okla., Mary Sanner, Elizabeth Janich and Becky Nichol of Salem, Ore., all members of the Church.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Richard J. Morrison, 87, a resident of Bosque Farms, N.M., for 40 years, died Jan. 26. He had been a member of God's Church since 1967.

Mr. Morrison is survived by his wife Virginia; two sons, Roy T. of Bosque Farms and Delbert Lee of Los Alamos, N.M.; one sister, Bessie Lowe of Albuquerque; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Walter M. Dickinson, pastor of the Albuquerque and Durango, N.M., churches.

MODESTO, Calif. — Myrtle Stallings, 76, died Dec. 22.

She was baptized by evangelist Herman Hoeh July, 1959, and attended the Fresno, Calif., church for six years, and the Modesto church for the past 17 years.

She is survived by one son, four daughters, 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Noel Hornor, pastor of the Modesto congregation.

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Beginning this fall, all incoming freshmen at both campuses of Ambassador College will only be accepted for an associate of arts degree program, according to an announcement made by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong Feb. 20.

Under the current program students accepted to Pasadena can receive a bachelor of arts degree, while students accepted to Big Sandy can receive the associate of arts degree. The new program means students, after completing the two-year degree program, must first be accepted in order to continue an additional two years.

Mr. Armstrong wanted to make the chance of attending four years available to all students at both campuses, said Raymond F. McNair, Pasadena deputy chancellor.

Mr. McNair explained that Mr. Armstrong wants the students who show the greatest leadership and potential to go on to the four-year program in Pasadena. Mr. McNair said, "Now we will take the best students from both campuses and pool them."

Mr. Armstrong in making the announcement at the Speech Banquet and Sophomore Ball, said: "That makes it absolutely fair for the students over at Big Sandy, as well as for the students here . . . It will be those

who have proved qualified, and everyone can make the grade if he is good enough."

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PASADENA — More than 6,300 copies of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's hardback books have been distributed to public and school libraries in the United States, according to Boyd Leeson, U.S. Plain Truth circulation manager, March 3.

The program, which started in May, 1980, has distributed the following:

• an estimated 1,475 copies of *The Incredible Human Potential*.

• an estimated 1,450 copies of *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*.

• 1,704 copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

• 1,735 copies of *The Missing Dimension in Sex*.

Mr. Leeson said: "One reason for the program is that public libraries have very little information about Mr. Armstrong and the Work. Usually the only literature a library has about the Church is published against us. The balance is helpful."

"Also, some people want to learn more about the Church without



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM — Ministers, ministerial trainees and wives attending the Feb. 7 to 17 Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena pause for a photo Feb. 10. The session included ministers and wives working in the French area of God's Work. (Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.)

anyone knowing. Though nobody knows about it, they are being witnessed to, and it is another adjunct to preaching the Gospel," he said.

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PASADENA — Ambassador College students who will participate in the Jordan project (see "Updates," W.N., Feb. 7) were announced by Joe Locke, principal of Imperial Schools and director of the project, in an assembly in the Ambassador Auditorium Feb. 24.

The students selected are seniors John Andrews and Ramona Chitwood and juniors David Baker, Bruce Dague, Stan Daniel, Cathy McNeil, Keith Olson and Anita Wil-

son. Alternates are junior Abby Docken and sophomore Gary Campbell.

The students will work at the first two sessions of the Summer Educational Program at Orr, Minn., and then they will leave for Amman, Jordan, around Aug. 1, according to Mr. Locke.

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PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following itinerary for evangelist Gerald Waterhouse.

March 7, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; March 8, Cookeville, Tenn.; March 9, Knoxville, Tenn.; March 10, Kingsport, Tenn.; March 12,

Boone, N.C., morning Sabbath services; Lenoir, N.C., afternoon Sabbath services.

March 13, Marion, N.C.; March 14, Asheville, N.C.; March 15, Murphy, N.C.; March 16, Greenville, S.C.; March 17, Charlotte, N.C.; March 19, Greensboro, N.C., Sabbath services; March 20, Fayetteville, N.C.; March 22, Jacksonville, N.C.; March 23, Raleigh, N.C.

March 26, Norfolk and Richmond, Va., combined Sabbath services; March 27, Richmond, Passover services; March 29, Roanoke, Va., first day of Unleavened Bread; March 30, Beckley, W.Va.; and March 31, Summerville, W.Va.

Fires

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property was a roaring inferno. Trees were exploding into flames and sparks were shooting into the air," he recounted. "Suddenly the awful realization came upon me that we could not cope and were going to perish."

The Mableys ran into their house to protect themselves and knelt in prayer to God, asking Him to spare their lives and their animals.

Mr. Mabley then went outside again where he said he heard a roaring noise like an express train approaching. A powerful blast of wind, lasting about five to six seconds, came from the opposite direction to the fire, blinding them in a cloud of dust and ash.

Mr. Mabley then looked up to the surrounding hills, and all he could see was a dull fiery glow in the sky. The blast of wind had virtually blown the fire out.

The next morning Mr. Mabley spoke to one of the firefighters who said, "I don't know what happened, but something blew that inferno down into the gully." He could not understand why the fire had suddenly been blown away from the Mableys' home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Raston, living in the foothills around Adelaide in South Australia, also had their home spared in the fires. Mrs. Raston was at home Feb. 16, when she noticed that the temperature in the house was rising steadily. The outside temperature that day was more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius), and so she thought that the air conditioner was not functioning properly.

Suddenly she noticed sparks coming in the air vents, and when she rushed to the window, she saw a wall of flames almost at the house. The fire had started farther down the hill from their house and had already devastated the hill from the bottom.

Mrs. Raston ran to the phone and called a neighbor who came and evacuated her and her young son Ross. At one stage their vehicle was cut off by the flames, and they had to wait for a section of fire to die down before they could proceed to the nearest country fire service check-point.

Ross had been affected by the heat and was taken by helicopter to a medical center. Subsequent tests showed that he was all right.

Meanwhile, the fire continued to sweep through the area, completely destroying the home next to the Rastons'. The fire had lifted up over their home and then continued to burn on the other side of it. Some damage was done to an outbuilding,

a car was gutted and a small amount of their equipment was destroyed.

Adelaide minister Kerry Gubb said that the fire had come to within 10 feet (3 meters) of the house, and then it was protected as if by an invisible shield, stopping the fire from coming any farther.

He added, "In the aftermath, one can hardly believe the sight of black charred earth stretching for miles

on end, strewn with dead livestock and destroyed buildings, with the Rastons' home standing out like an island in the midst, not even stained by the smoke."

God also miraculously protected a camp that is often used by the congregations in the Melbourne area for youth and singles activities. The Reefton Camp, owned by a technical school, is in an area where 30

houses were burned out.

Member Mike Bundy who works at the camp said that the fire headed straight for the camp, separated, and went around. "It now looks like an oasis in black bush," he commented.

Bruce Barrow who has a farm on the Victoria and South Australia border, lost about 50 sheep from a fire. As the fire headed for his house and farm buildings, the wind suddenly changed direction leaving them untouched. His brother (not a Church member) who lives about 2 miles away (about 3.2 kilometers) was completely burned out by the fire.

Several other members had similar experiences. While houses around them were burned, their homes were left untouched. Regional director for Australia, Bob Morton, said: "Truly God has shown His power to protect His people when all the forces of nature are bent on destroying them. We are all very grateful to God Almighty for His merciful protection."



PASADENA — After totaling figures reported from the Work's seven English-language mail receiving offices in the Caribbean, 1982 proved to be a year of unprecedented growth. Mail received shot up 88 percent over 1981 with more than 79,000 items received.

Regional director Stan Bass reported: "For the first time in the history of the Caribbean region, income topped US\$1 million — up 35.5 percent over 1981. Expenditure also rose by the same amount. The churches experienced physical growth with average church attendance reaching 1,542, up 29.6 percent."

There are now 829 members attending 12 churches and three outlying Bible studies in 12 countries. Membership rose 10.8 percent in 1982. And Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong visited Bermuda and Jamaica at the end of the year.

Australia and Asia

Regional director Robert Morton filed a year-end report from which the following summary is drawn.

"December ended the year of 1982 on a very encouraging and positive note. Members and co-workers have been seriously affected by the depressed economy, high unemployment and a gloomy national outlook.

"However, in response to Mr. Armstrong's recent co-worker letters, extra offerings boosted our

income for the month. Final income figures for the year resulted in a 17.4 percent increase over 1981.

"At the end of the year the Plain Truth mailing list for Australia stood at 63,640 subscribers, a 13.6 percent increase over the same period last year. Throughout 1982, new subscribers requesting the Plain Truth magazine in response to advertising in T.V. Week Magazine, the newsstand program and the television and radio broadcast, totaled 31,937, a 168.9 percent increase in new subscribers over 1981.

"In Asia the Plain Truth mailing list at the end of December stood at 41,450 readers, a 30.7 percent increase over the same period last year. Primarily through word of mouth, or seeing a friend's copy, new Asian subscribers requesting The Plain Truth throughout the year totaled 10,778 — a 57.2 percent increase over 1981. Seventy-four percent of subscribers renewed their subscription when asked.

"Mail received and processed for the whole of 1982 totaled 222,585 letters — a 6.3 percent increase over 1981. Total envelopes containing booklets, articles and letters mailed out for the whole of 1982 was 762,881 — a 33.2 percent increase over last year. Our co-workers throughout 1982 increased by 9.3 percent to 1,633; and the donor list grew by 6.8 percent to 7,185 contributors.

"Three hundred two people in Australia and Asia wrote in during

the year asking for a visit from a minister or requesting contact with the Church — a 77.6 percent increase over 1981."

Netherlands

Although national unemployment is still rising and thousands of businesses filed for bankruptcy during 1982, God's Work in the Netherlands started off in the month of January with a 10 percent increase in income.

Also in January a new advertising campaign was started with a newspaper insert in 200,000 copies of the Saturday edition of *De Telegraaf*. A good response has brought the circulation of the Dutch edition of *The Plain Truth, De Echte Waarheid*, to 47,863. This gives a year-to-date subscriber circulation increase of 62 percent.

Regional director Bram de Bree reports that in the Dutch-speaking area of Holland and northern Belgium, with a population of 21 million, one in 438 people receives a copy of *De Echte Waarheid*. Of course it is normal for a single copy to be read by more than one person.

The Work in the Dutch language has 196 members who provide 60 percent of the income for doing the Work there. Co-workers and donors provide the rest. God has blessed this dedicated group of members, few of whom are unemployed. The brethren meet in four locations — Bithoven, Tilburg and Zwolle, Netherlands, and Antwerp, Belgium. Mr. de Bree is assisted by local church elder Harold van Lerberghe.

The Dutch Office staff last year worked on the translation of seven new booklets, and now 47 booklets and articles are available in Dutch.

The number of Correspondence Course students increased from 1,783 to 5,213 in 1982 — up 192 percent.

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