

## 205 graduate from Big Sandy, Pasadena campuses

### Texas confers first degrees since 1977

**By Jeff Zhorne**  
BIG SANDY — Associate of arts and associate of science degrees were presented to 87 Ambassador College students here May 11 in the field house auditorium, according to Larry Salyer, dean of students.

The last Big Sandy commencement exercises took place May 12, 1977, when bachelor of arts degrees were conferred on 111 graduates. After four years of being consolidated with Pasadena, the Texas campus was reopened as a two-year institution by Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong in 1981. (See *WN*, March 16, 1981.)

With Mr. Armstrong in Europe, evangelist Herman L. Hoeh delivered the commencement address, "The Social Problems Underlying the Crisis in Education," to the graduates, faculty members and guests.

Before Dr. Hoeh's address, Ralph Lucia, student body president, gave an overview of the Big Sandy campus, pointing to the importance of the new program where all students will be accepted for two years. (See "Updates," *WN*, March 7.)

The graduates marched in procession to "Pomp and Circumstance" played by the Denver, Colo., church band, under the direction of Norm Myers.

The Ambassador Chorale, directed by Roger Bryant, performed "Blow Ye the Trumpet" and "Hallelujah" from Handel's *Messiah*.

In his address Dr. Hoeh explained the "missing focus" of the National Commission on Excellence in Education that released its findings early this month after an 18-month study of public education.

The commission suggests, among



**33RD COMMENCEMENT** — Herman L. Hoeh, left photo, evangelist and *Plain Truth* editor, delivers the commencement address at Pasadena Ambassador College May 13 at the request of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, who was in Europe. Right, evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor at Pasadena, presents student body president Gary F. Richards with his diploma. (Additional photos of Pasadena and Big Sandy graduations appear on pages 6 and 7.) [Photos by Barry Stahl and Craig Clark]

other things, a stiffer curriculum, more homework assignments, tougher textbooks, higher teacher salaries and less teacher discipline.

"But they have failed to come to grips with the fact that these problems are the result, not the cause," said Dr. Hoeh. The cause, he said, lies in the home.

Dr. Hoeh added that the bulk of problems in secular education go back to a lack of discipline and responsibility in the home.

"The breakdown of the family has left children without proper supervision," he continued. Parents have abandoned their responsibility to maintain "total awareness" in child rearing, "that is, the child's spiritual, emotional, physical and educational needs."

Faculty member Richard F. Ames, who spent the past school year in Big Sandy, presented the Watson Wise Incentive Award to freshman Roxanne Campau of Zeeland, Mich. The award is given to the student "deemed most worthy in exemplifying the qualities of industry, scholarship and other activities within the area of Christian citizenship."

Diplomas were handed out by Deputy Chancellor Leslie L. McCullough to the Class of 1983. According to the Registrar's Office, those who received associate of arts and associate of science degrees are:

With highest distinction (at least 3.80): Patricia Eileen Briggs, Paul E. Jarboe, William L. Johnson, Kerri J. Miles, Frank Sherman Parsons III, Raymond Leonard Rex and Linda Arlene Snuffer.

With high distinction (at least 3.50): John E. Bearse, Cleta Lea Devine, Jean Marie Dusek, Cara Lynne Edwards, Donald R. Hornsby, Janet L. Johnson, Jeffrey Garland Lewis, Harvey Neil Matkin, Teresa Ann Meisner, Rodney M. Nowak, Annie C. Price, Rodney C. Shrader, Lisa Marie Steenport and David Witt.

With distinction (at least 3.20): Mariam Curry, Renee Detrieh, Jeffrey Brent Franklin, Dominick Modestino Furlano, Cynthia Lynne Gray, William Blair Henderson, Rick Ryan Howell, Heidi Dawn Korthuis, John Michael LaBelle, Heather Legere, Raymond R. Munson Jr., Douglas Franklin Tomes and Megan Arletia Williams.

Alanna Adkins, Dean G. Ames, Diane Lynn Ames, Annette Benningfield, B. Wayne Benningfield, Donna Marie Benningfield, Wendell Ray Benningfield, Nancy A. Brumm, Carol Helen Burbeck, Eric Earl Case, Kimberly Joy Courtney, Laura L. Diaz, Niels Christien

(See *TEXAS*, page 6)

### Pasadena conducts 33rd commencement

**By Michael A. Snyder**  
PASADENA — "We have to make our young people aware that this world will not solve its problems, but the God who made it will," declared Herman L. Hoeh, evangelist and *Plain Truth* editor, to 118 graduating seniors and more than 1,000 guests at Pasadena Ambassador College's 33rd commencement exercises here May 13.

The *Plain Truth* editor was asked by Chancellor Herbert W. Armstrong to give the main address, as Mr. Armstrong was scheduled to be in Europe during both the May 11 commencement exercises in Big Sandy and the Pasadena commencement.

Under overcast skies shortly after 4 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), the 118 seniors marched in procession down to the lower gardens, the traditional site of Pasadena graduations. The seniors, men wearing dark suits and the women wearing white formal gowns and carrying red cut roses, marched to "Pomp and Circumstance," performed by the Ambassador College Band.

Evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor of the Pasadena campus, gave the invocation and welcomed the degree candidates and guests.

Outgoing student body president Gary R. Richards encouraged the degree candidates to employ teamwork throughout their lives. He said that teamwork was "one element that has been neglected in our society."

The Ambassador Chorale, directed by John D. Schroeder, performed "The Road Not Taken," and "The Lord's Prayer."

Dr. Hoeh followed with his address entitled "The Social Problems Underlying the Crisis in Education."

Dr. Hoeh traced the origins of modern problems in education from the period after World War II. "As you would generally assume," he said, "all of the [education] panels... treat, in general, the effects and not the causes" of problems in education.

"They [the problems] really did not arise in our school system," he continued, "they arose before our young people entered the system."

Dr. Hoeh pointed out that "the home is the area where many of the problems should have been resolved that educators are trying to resolve. Education, of course, is a lifelong process — and we should have realized that it begins before we enter school."

After defining the needs of right child rearing to produce strong character in young people, Dr. Hoeh said: "If Mr. Armstrong were here, he would want all of you to realize, however, that even though we know all this, and even if we did everything right henceforth — we will not solve the world's problems."

To solve the problems of education, it will need God's "intervention in world affairs to set this (See *PASADENA*, page 6)

## Texan, 14, wins junior division of YOU essay writing contest

PASADENA — Vicki Kathleen Fuesel, 14, captured first place in the junior division of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) essay contest with her essay "The Keys to a Happy Family," announced Kevin Dean, YOU director, May 4.

Second place went to Elana Sargent, 16, of San Antonio, Tex., and third place was awarded to David Logan, 15, of Sepulveda, Calif.

Vicki lives in Eola, Tex., and attends the San Antonio church with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold V. Fuesel Jr.

"Overall, the YOU staff and those assisting with the contest were very impressed with the quality and diversity of approaches in the essays," said Jeb Egbert, YOU business manager and coordinator for the contest.

Mr. Egbert also commented that the contest's family theme was chosen because "that is the No. 1 theme

of YOU — promoting family unity and strengthening relationships within the family unit."

The winners were chosen from more than 450 entries in the junior division. According to Mr. Egbert, the YOU staff first read every essay to begin narrowing down the choices. "After the YOU selection committee read all of the essays, those essays that survived the first round were sent to English teachers on the Imperial Schools faculty," he said.

The English teachers narrowed the field down to 15, and those were forwarded to the Editorial Services Department for final judging.

Once in Editorial Services, the essays were photocopied with the individual names and addresses blanked out.

"We gave the 15 essays to *Plain Truth*, *Good News*, *Youth 83* and *Worldwide News* editors and edito-

rial assistants," explained Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the *Work's* publications. "Since the names were blanked out, the editors had no idea who wrote the essays while they were judging them."

Mr. Egbert said that the essay contest "reveals a different aspect of the young people in God's Church. The essay contest also offers a totally different way to participate in YOU, and helps develop and show character in teens outside the YOU athletic program."

He also said that judging for the senior division of the essay contest has already begun, with more than 600 entries now in the initial judging phase.

Vicki's first-place essay begins on page 3 of this issue. The senior division winner's essay, when selected, is also scheduled to be printed in (See *CONTEST*, page 5)

# The fire rages while the U.S. Congress sleeps

PASADENA — The United States is poised on the brink of disaster close to home.

April 28, President Ronald Reagan took the extraordinary step of convening a joint session of Congress — during prime television air time — to tell the nation's lawmakers and the American public at large that the national security of all the Americas is at stake in the mounting chaos in Central America. Earlier in the day he remarked that "there's a fire started and burning in America's front yard."

Central America, Mr. Reagan told Congress, "is much closer to the United States than many of the world trouble spots that concern us . . . El Salvador is nearer to Texas than Texas is to Massachusetts. Nicaragua is just as close to Miami, San Antonio, San Diego and Tucson as those cities are to Washington where we are gathered tonight."

The goal of the Communist-backed guerrilla movements in Central America, continued the President, "is as simple as it is sinister — to destabilize the entire region from the Panama Canal to Mexico. If you doubt me on this point, just consider what Cayetano Carpio, the now-deceased Salvadoran guerrilla leader, said earlier this month. Carpio said that after El Salvador falls, El Salvador and Nicaragua would be

'arm-in-arm and struggling for the total liberation of Central America . . .'

"Must we sit by?" asked Mr. Reagan, "while independent nations of this hemisphere are integrated into the most aggressive empire the modern world has seen? Must we wait while Central Americans are driven from their homes . . . creating another tragic human exodus?"

The President then spoke of the grave implications of a Communist sweep in Central America upon the entire U.S. position in the world.

"If Central America were to fall, what would the consequences be for our position in Asia and Europe, and for alliances such as NATO? If the United States cannot respond to a threat near our own borders, why should Europeans or Asians believe we are seriously concerned about threats to them? . . . Our credibility would collapse, our alliances would crumble and the safety of our homeland would be put at jeopardy."

## Congress disagrees

Despite the stark realities revealed by President Reagan, many of his congressional critics remained unconvinced. They fear he is trying to lead them into the sinkhole of another Vietnam, with endless U.S. involvement.

The critics almost universally opt

for pressuring the embattled democratically elected Salvadoran government to work out a negotiated settlement with the rebels — even though most of them should realize that Marxists never share power for long, Nicaragua being the latest case in point.

Nevertheless, Congress now has the upper hand in foreign policy.

could not obscure the deeper reality that the President stood before Congress, hat in hand, begging for the right to be able to direct his own foreign policy."

## 'Green light' for revolution

An example of presidential wing-clipping by Congress occurred May 2, less than a week after the Presi-

## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



The office of the President of the United States — once the most powerful position in the world — has been chopped and quartered since the Vietnam-Watergate era.

According to James Ceaser, an associate professor of government at the University of Virginia: "A President today must speak loudly because he carries a small stick. President Reagan's dramatic appearance before Congress to appeal for support for his Central American policy had all the trappings of power: ceremony, applause and media attention. But all this pomp

and the speech. On that date majority members on the House Intelligence Committee pushed through a measure that would cut off covert aid for anti-Sandinista forces in Nicaragua.

The Reagan administration supports such groups inside Nicaragua primarily in an attempt to interdict arms moving out of Nicaragua into El Salvador.

Even though the legislation faces an uphill battle in the Republican-controlled Senate, and possible presidential veto, it flashes an initial green light to Moscow, Havana and Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, that "all systems are go" for the military overthrow of the entire isthmus.

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Let's look at Jeremiah 7:8. Hypocrisy is using religion as a cloak for evil. "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and then come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations?'" (Jeremiah 7:8-10. Revised Authorized Version).

Do we say we're righteous, yet commit sins?

Do we lie — shading truth, white and black lies, misrepresentation? Telling people what we think they want to hear?

Do we cheat? Do we repay debts, cheat on tithes or taxes, pilfer from our employer?

Do we murder? If we even hate someone we're murderers.

Do we commit adultery? Lust in your heart is adultery.

Do we smoke secretly? Drink excessively? Break the Sabbath — just going to church doesn't mean that you observe the Sabbath.

Do we use cosmetics secretly? Taking it off for church while just using a "small amount" while on the job? We're playing the actor, trying to change outward appearance. The word used for hypocrite in the original Greek of the New Testament meant actor.

God notices it all.

Whether we're pretending to other brethren or to the public, we're playing the hypocrite.

We're supposed to be coming out of sin, not being overcome by sin. Just one more thing . . . well, maybe two.

First, if you tend toward being a little hypocritical in any form, stop it now!

Second, practice sincerity daily in everything you do. Mean what you say. Flattery is from the teeth out, and sincerity is from the heart out.

We also need to be honest with ourselves, considering our own strengths and weaknesses. We need to be honest before God, recognizing that He knows all about us anyhow, but expects us to confess our sins to Him (1 John 1:9) and to seek His help through prayer and counsel with God's ministers.

Hypocrisy is an abomination to God; don't let it encompass you or yours. Live and practice 1 Peter 2:1-2.

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## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

## 'Acting' like a Christian

Centuries ago the prophet Isaiah condemned insincerity (Isaiah 1:10-15), and in one of His most stinging speeches Christ criticized the religious leaders of His day for their hypocrisy (Matthew 23).

When Christ preached His sermon on the mount, there wasn't a Pharisee within range who didn't want Him dead. They hated Him because they pretended to be pious and devout, but in reality were self-centered, dishonest, arrogant phonies.

What about us as members of God's Church today, could we be guilty of the same sins of the Pharisees?

The apostle Paul's pen flowed with heated ink when he told Timothy that hypocrisy would characterize the latter days of this society (1 Timothy 4:1-2).

The word *phony* implies something bad, and most of us would like to apply it to someone else — or to another church.

When students and other people criticize us for being insincere, we ignore it or pass it off as the irresponsible prattle of idealistic youths. It's uncomfortable when we are called hypocrites, but God placed it in His Word as a reminder to look at ourselves.

Remember that Christ reserved His strongest and longest sermon for hypocrites, glory hogs, legalists — present-day Pharisees. It's a checklist for us — are we on target or are we doing as the Pharisees? We need to test ourselves.

Read Matthew 6:1. How do you score?

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them . . ." (New American Standard Bible).

In other words, stop showing off! Stop looking down your nose at others who don't fill your preconceived mold. (This might be the way they dress or their eating habits.)

Stop calling attention to your righteousness. Stop lusting to be noticed. (Big briefcases — just like the ministers. Or volunteering for everything, yet neglecting your family.)

Matthew 6:2 talks about when you give alms or when you are involved in acts of charity assisting others in need. Christ says don't "sound a trumpet" when you do this. Keep it quiet, even secret (verse 4). Stay out of the picture, remain anonymous.

Matthew 6:4 talks about what to do when you pray. Pharisees love syrupy words and sugar-cruled platitudes spoken for all to hear.

Jesus says, Don't show off when you talk with the Father. Whether in private or at services our prayers need to be simple, honest and sincere, not phony or put on.

Matthew 6:16 talks about what to do when you fast. (Note, not *if* you fast.) Now that's the time the show-off really hits his or her stride. He or she works overtime trying to appear humble and sad, hoping to look hungry and exhausted.

This chapter and chapter 23 are looking glasses for all of us — take time to reread and study them carefully.

Let's face it. Christ spoke with jabbing, harsh words concerning the Pharisees. No less than eight times in Matthew 23, He pronounced "Woe to you" — unfortunately, Pharisees are terribly hard of listening.

At one time or another we are all guilty of hypocrisy. Some come to church to hear the words, have a big smile, pat the minister on the back, then go home and forget the words of the sermon.

Some only come for Passover service. We do not see them the rest of the year. Reminds me of worldly churches and Easter services. Same applies to Holy Days, you rarely see some at any other time.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



## Britain's day of decision

BOREHAMWOOD, England — Election nerves hit Great Britain with a bang. Other news is all but forgotten. As the May 10 *Daily Mail* expressed it: "The election trumpet . . . heralds a day of decision for us all."

John Ross Schroeder is The Plain Truth's British regional editor and senior writer at the regional office in Borehamwood, England.

Two paths are before the British people. One is to continue down the road Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has taken them with all its pluses and problems. The path offered by the Labor Party is radically different in character.

Conservatives are painting the Labor manifesto as the road to doomsday. The pound would collapse; foreign investment would dry up; money would be printed and borrowed; inflation would return with a vengeance; Britain would leave the European Economic Community; and unilateral disarmament would surely come, leaving Britain virtually defenseless.

Charges and countercharges will continue right up to election day — June 9. It is merciful that the British electoral process is short by comparison to its American counterpart. Some campaigns are as short as three weeks. The last one lasted 35 days; this one will end in a month's time.

## Election fever

Once the prime minister has

At the same time, the measure approved by the committee authorized \$80 million for overt funding to threatened Central American nations to assist them in capturing arms shipments once they pour in from Nicaragua, Cuba or other nations.

This means that the U.S. Congress, claiming it wants to avert another Vietnam, is ironically doing that very thing — committing the United States to fighting a war Vietnam-style.

Why? Because during the Southeast Asian conflict, the United States placed the main aggressor, North Vietnam, off limits for the most part. It permitted weapons to flow from the Soviet Union into the north, virtually unimpeded, then tried to bomb them from the air as they moved down the jungle-shrouded tributaries of the Ho Chi Minh trail network.

In this war, the main weapons-forwarders, Cuba and Nicaragua, are also placed off limits.

The whole concept of letting the arms in and then trying to hunt them down along the way is ridiculous — much like snatching bullets in the air after they're fired from a machine gun.

## Vietnam's consequences

The scene is set, to use sequential movie parlance, for *Vietnam II*.

In a May 2 *Wall Street Journal* article entitled "Don't Let El Salvador Become Another Vietnam," former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon warned: "There are chilling parallels between what is happening in El Salvador and what happened in Vietnam . . . Before making that decision [to cut aid to El Salvador] Congress should remind itself of what happened in Vietnam."

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# PT promotion literature receives 'special recognition' at banquet

**By Terry Warren**  
**PASADENA** — Three of the Work's advertising-promotion pieces received special recognition from the Western Publications Association (WPA) at the 1983 Maggie Awards Banquet April 21 in Anaheim, Calif.

*Terry Warren is manager of the design graphics area of Publishing Services in Pasadena.*

Plain Truth promotion pieces were selected as three out of five finalists for "Best Subscription Promotion Program of the Year."

They were the Plain Truth newsstand counter display, the Plain Truth newspaper insert that appeared in New York City and Boston, Mass., newspapers and a full-color brochure used to promote the Plain Truth newsstand program to retail managers.

The Maggie Awards are annually presented to publishers whose magazines or promotion pieces represent the highest standards of edito-

rial and design excellence.

According to Ray Wright, director of the Church's Publishing Services, "Forty-seven categories were represented in the final competition, which featured entries from such prestigious publications as *Arizona Highways*, *Oceans*, *Honolulu*, *Learning*, *California Business*, *Chevron U.S.A.* and *Westways*."

Mr. Wright said: "The Western Publications Association, with its 250 members, is the largest publishing association in the world. It's an honor for our work to be chosen as among the finest promotion programs of the past year."

"Although we did not receive a Maggie Award [for first place among the finalists] in our category, we were one of only three publishers to be honored with three final entries in the same category."

The counter displays were designed by Sharon Peters and Bill Wilson. The newspaper inserts and the newsstand brochure were designed by Mike Riley. All three

pieces were written by Terry Warren and produced by the design graphics group within Publishing Services. All promotional pieces were reviewed, edited and approved by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

According to a WPA spokesperson, "This year the WPA had a record number of entries for the 1983 Maggie Award."

More than 800 representatives of leading publishing companies attended the awards banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.



**GUYANA FAMILY** — Jimmy and Rachel James, pictured with their children, are the only Church members in Paramakatoi, Guyana. [Photo by Paul Krautmann]

# Guyana minister recounts trip

**By Paul Krautmann**  
**GEORGETOWN, Guyana** — Paramakatoi, 200 miles (320 kilometers) deep in the interior of Guyana, South America, high in the Pakaraima Mountains is home of

the Patamona tribe of Amerindians and the home of Jimmy and Rachel James, members of God's Church.

I had a memorable visit with them in November. After an hour-long flight from the coast in a 19-seat Twin Otter aircraft to the top of Kaieteur Falls (741 feet or 222.3 meters), about five times higher than Niagara Falls in North America, we flew past the towering Kawa Mountain, over the dense green carpet of jungle, and landed at Paramakatoi.

*Paul Krautmann pastors the Georgetown, Guyana, church.*

Almost the whole village was there to greet the airplane. There is only one flight every two weeks, if the airstrip is dry enough for aircraft to land.

Jimmy is part Cherokee Indian and Scotch-Irish through his father, and part Macushi Indian through his mother. Rachel is of pure Patamona Indian stock.

The life of an Amerindian in this part of the world is hard. There is no means of transportation except by foot. Everything must be carried in a backpack, or *wairishi* in the Patamona language. One-hundred-pound loads are routinely carried for miles in the scorching sun up and down the Pakaraima mountains, by the women as well as the men.

Having been born and reared in England, I thought I knew all there is to know about walking up and down hills. But I was in for a shock when I, against Jimmy's advice, insisted on accompanying them to their farm a few miles away at the foot of the mountain on which Paramakatoi is situated.

We set off. Everything seemed

fine — it was downhill all the way, with beautiful scenery all around. When we arrived at the farm, which is simply a clearing in the forest, Rachel and Jimmy began digging up giant yams with their cutlasses (*machetes*); a long and arduous task.

It took a couple of hours, clambering up and down the slopes, searching and digging, to collect the yams. Then they were loaded into the *wairishis*, and we began the ascent back to Paramakatoi.

After an hour or so of climbing through the steep forested slopes, I was ready to call it a day, but Jimmy and Rachel kept plodding along.

Every time we reached a turn in the track, I thought, Good, not far to

# Work receives unusual requests

**PASADENA** — Even though the booklet *What Will You Be Doing With Your Next Wife?* is not published by the Church, the Mail Processing Center (MPC) has received a request for it.

"The Work continually receives unusual and humorous requests from sincere and well-meaning people on the [Plain Truth] subscription list," said Richard Rice, MPC director.

Following are some of the unusual titles and statements received by the mail receiving and telephone response areas of MPC:

*True Gossip; Easter Was Not on Sunday; The Revolution Was Not*

*on Sunday; The Reservation Was Not on Sunday; Why Were You Here?*

*Is This the Only Day of Hell Fire?; The Hole Bible; Glory for the Birds; Theory for the Dogs; Our Osmosis Universe; Where Is the Free Church?*

*Drugs and Coffee; How You Can Be Imbued with the Power of Goldie; Free Destination; All About Walter's Baptism; The Four Horses of the Acropolis; All Four Books about the Apostrophe; The Wild Horse — False Religion; The White Hose.*

*Internal Life; The Unpaid Sin; The Expandable Sin; The Unpar-*

*donable Din; "I'd like the book, Toll-Free"; Seven Rules to a Wife's Decision; In the Belly of the Beast; Revelation Reversed at Last.*

*Eating Your Financial Worries; The Third Dimension in Sex; The Unfinished Dimension in Sex; The Amazing Dimension in Sex; The Mixing Determination in Sex; Do We Have Mortal Soles?*

*The Silent Epidemics; The Plain Birth; The Plain Tithe; The Naked Truth; The Planet Truth; The Roarin' Truth; The United States and Britain in Paradise.*

*U.S. and Great Britain in Rhap-sody; United States and the British Commonwealth in Profits; The Book of Great Britches and the United States; The United States and Hawaii in Prophecy.*

*Reward of the Unsaved; What Is the Reward of the Decay?; What Is Conversation?; Who Is the Monster?; Who Is the Bee?; Who Is the Animal?*

"Please send your booklet, *Upon Request; Invalid at Last; Everything Unveiled at Last!*"

Mr. Rice added that the right literature corresponding to the above was eventually sent and that the above list is "in no way intended to make light of our subscribers."

# Letters TO THE EDITOR

**Law center address**

I am very glad that you [Herbert W. Armstrong] were able to speak before the USC Law Center and that you were so well received. That is tremendous to me. I see the Work being accomplished more and more.

Synde Frenzel  
 Karnes City, Tex.

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**Money-saving steps**

That was a very timely article in *The Worldwide News* [March 21], "MPC Lists Money-saving Steps." I have always been careful not to bounce a check and to make sure the checks were signed, but I have been guilty of not using the envelopes which you provide and of filling out my checks improperly. I do wish to cooperate fully in the future. You are all to be commended for a very efficient and productive operation.

Doug Ayers  
 Carnegie, Pa.

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**Prayers for brethren**

A special thanks to you, Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner, for "Just One More Thing" [April 5]... It seems to give the rest of the paper a new perspective, especially in this issue, when I realize just how blessed we are. As I pray for the brethren you spoke of, I try to picture them, their faces, their homes, their trials, and I wish I could reach out and touch them and say, "It won't be long now." Thank you for this glimpse of my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Corra S. Reft  
 Eagle River, Alaska

**'Children's Corner'**

Thank you, Jeff Zhorne, for introducing me to Vivian Pettijohn in the April 18 *WN*.

I don't feel a bit ashamed to admit that I get a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye each time I read a "Children's Corner" story. And I thank our great God for Mrs. Pettijohn and pray that children (and we are all children — 1 John 2:1) around the world will all benefit from these inspiring lesson-stories.

Hank Berger  
 Diana, Tex.

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**First decade**

Congrats upon completion of *The WN's* first decade and thanks much for the splendid publication and the tireless efforts of all of you. Please maintain its current format, which is exciting, rewarding and highly informative to all of us!

Keith Crockett  
 St. Joseph, Mo.

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**'Dust, Guns, Roadblocks'**

Thanks so much for the article ["Just One More Thing," April 5], "Dust, Guns, Roadblocks" in the last *WN*. It really gives us an insight, as to what the ministers and brethren there are facing, so we can pray for them.

Makes me realize more how thankful we should be (and I am) that we live in a country where we can go to services without fear of our lives. Sometimes we take this privilege for granted.

Bessie Brown  
 Asheville, N.C.

# Youth shows how to use 'keys to a happy family'

**By Vicki Fuessel**  
 You might hear at some time heard the saying, "a family that works, plays and prays together, stays together." If you really think about it, this phrase is very true and applies to those families that have happy, energetic, fun-filled and rewarding lives.

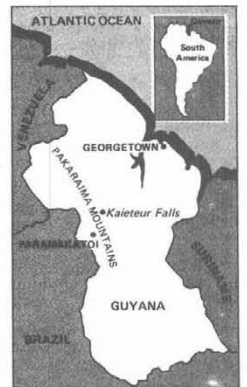
*Vicki Fuessel, 14, of Eola, Tex., captured first place in the junior division of the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) essay contest with this essay.*

Seeing a family that works together to get jobs done is something really special. Family responsibilities such as yard and field

work, housecleaning and miscellaneous jobs can be done by the whole family and turn out to be happy times. Many times a job that generally might be boring, could turn out to be something very enjoyable if all of the family will join in and make it so.

In my family there has always been work to do. My parents have always lived on a farm and everyone participates in the work. From the time the crops are planted in the spring to the time they are harvested in the autumn, there are many long days of hard labor.

During the summer, we work especially hard to rid the crops of weeds and to cultivate the soil. This (See **YOUTH**, page 5)



**SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY** — Braving rugged country in the Pakaraima Mountains is daily rig-or for Church members Jimmy and Rachel James in Paramakatoi. [Map by Ron Grove]

go now, only to look up and find many more turns ahead. In the end, willpower triumphed over fatigue, and we reached the top, and then on back to Paramakatoi.

However, it was no great triumph for me — all I was carrying were a camera and two sticks of sugarcane. Jimmy and Rachel carried the loaded *wairishis* all the way to the top. I tried, but gave up — it was difficult enough to walk with a *wairishi* on level ground, let alone a steep mountain track.

While we were climbing I thought of Galatians 6:5: "Every man shall bear his own burden" (King James Version). The Greek word for burden refers to a load or backpack to be carried by one person.

I realized that we all have to bear our own responsibility toward God — no one else can do it for us.

We have to study. We have to pray. We have to fast. We have to keep all of God's commandments. (See **GUYANA**, page 11)



# AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

## FACULTY VISIT CAMPUSES IN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PASADENA — Evangelists Leslie McCullough, Big Sandy deputy chancellor, and Roderick C. Meredith, Pasadena professor of theology, participated in the Ambassador College faculty exchange program in April.

Mr. McCullough said: "The program is designed primarily to maintain communication between the two campuses... It also gives the students exposure to the faculty of the different campuses."

Mr. McCullough visited Pasadena April 17 to 22. While here he spoke to the student body at an assembly and taught the life and teachings of Jesus and epistles of Paul classes. Mr. McCullough also met with Pasadena administrators, discussing acceptance of new students for the coming year.

Dr. Meredith visited Big Sandy April 14 to April 24. Dr. Meredith said, "The program brings the campuses closer together by having the very teachers from each campus visit."

While in Texas, Dr. Meredith gave two Bible studies, a sermon in Big Sandy, a sermon in Tyler, Tex., and taught the epistles of Paul, life and teachings and first and second year speech classes.

During this school year, evangelist Raymond F. McNair, Pasadena deputy chancellor; Greg Albrecht, Pasadena dean of students; and Larry Salyer, Big Sandy dean of students, also participated in the program.

## STUDENT LEADERS NAMED AT BOTH CAMPUSES

PASADENA — Student leaders for the 1983-84 school year were announced at both campuses of Ambassador College.

Student leaders in Pasadena are Joe McNair, student body president; Dan Girouard, student body vice president; Steve Glover, senior class president; and Debra Chapman, overall Women's Club coordinator.

Student leaders in Big Sandy are: Dean Newcomb, student body president; Bob Vestal, student body vice president; and Terry Walter, overall Women's Club coordinator.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong announced the Pasadena student body



**PASADENA OFFICERS** — Student leaders named for the 1983-84 school year at Pasadena Ambassador College are from left: Steve Glover, senior class president; Joe McNair, student body president; and Dan Girouard, student body vice president. (Not pictured: Debra Chapman, Women's Club coordinator.) [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

president, vice president and senior class president in a student body forum May 3. The other leadership positions were announced by evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor, March 24 in forum.

Evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor, announced the leadership positions for the Big Sandy campus in forum April 26.

## CHORALE PERFORMS FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

PASADENA — The Pasadena Ambassador College Chorale and Chamber Orchestra performed the annual spring concert April 27 in the Ambassador Auditorium. The chorale sang selections of German classical music and songs from the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong attended the concert, which included both spiritual and secular selections. Some of the pieces for the first half were: "Lo Speziale," "Gute Nacht," "Lift Thine Eyes" and "Standchen." Faculty members John Beaver and Gerald Bieritz sang a vocal duet. Senior John Sullivan narrated the first half of the concert.

John Schroeder, director of the chorale, said: "We wanted to feature the women's and men's sections of the chorale separately, and these particular pieces lent themselves well to this."

The second half of the concert featured 12 choreographed scenes from *Fiddler on the Roof*. Mr. Schroeder said: "There are tremendous parallels between the lives of these Russian Jews with the lives of true Christians. Church members can relate to many of the songs from the musical." To explain the various scenes, junior Eli Chiprout and Edit Platau, a member of the Pasadena church, narrated.

Mr. Schroeder said, "Some of the scenes were brilliantly staged, since the Auditorium is exceptional for producing special effects." The special effects included fog on the stage, lighting requirements and a sunset.

Mr. Schroeder explained that in addition to the chorale and orchestra, special effort was required for choreography, lighting, sound and costuming.

consistently well. Of course, the 'Hallelujah' chorus is everybody's favorite."

Mr. Bryant added: "The three pieces, 'Surely He Hath Borne Our Griets,' 'With His Stripes We are Healed' and 'All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray' were particularly moving, not only from the text, but from the music as well."

Accompanying the 75-member chorale was a 26-member orchestra with Kathryn Ames, wife of Big Sandy faculty member Richard Ames, as concertmistress.

The orchestra was composed of Ambassador students, members of the East Texas Symphony and the Longview, Tex., Symphony and Carole Deputla, a member of the Lufkin, Tex., church. Ruth Walter, Big Sandy faculty member, accompanied on harpsichord.

## SOPHOMORES WIN PASADENA FIELD DAY

PASADENA — The sophomore class won the Pasadena Ambassador College Track and Field Day May 11.

The overall scores were: sophomores, 119; juniors, 69; freshmen, 52; and seniors, 25.

The individual winners in the men's division were:

**Discus** — Mark Williams, 131' ½"; **shot put** — Paul Bennett, 42' 1"; **long jump** — Gary Campbell, 20' 5½"; **triple jump** — Don Campbell, 41' 9½"; **high jump** — Todd Martin, 5' 10"; **100-yard dash** — Mike Huff, 10.2; **200-meter dash** — Phil Greenwood, 23.00; **400-meter dash** — Don Campbell, 52.8; **800-meter run** — Rick Walker, 2:05.3; **1,500-meter run** — Warren Pyke, 4:27.4; **5,000-meter run**

He said, "The concert was by no means only the chorale's performance."

The Ambassador College Chorale consists of 67 students. The Chamber Orchestra consists of 40 musicians, including students, Church members and professionals.

## CHORALES PERFORM CHORUSES FROM MESSIAH

BIG SANDY — The combined Ambassador College and Big Sandy Church Chorales performed 14 choruses from Handel's *Messiah* for the annual spring concert May 1, according to Roger Bryant, chairman of the music department and chorale director.

Mr. Bryant said: "All of the choruses were performed



**LAST LAP** — Sophomore Tim Prince completes his last lap on the way to victory in the Big Sandy Ambassador College Triathlon May 9. He swam one-quarter mile, bicycled 50 miles and ran 5 miles in three hours, 32 minutes and 33 seconds. [Photo by Dominick Furlano]

— Rick Walker, 17:15.9; **400-meter relay** — sophomores (Greg Achtemichuk, Raynard Eddings, Mike Huff, Todd Martin), 45.5; **1,600-meter relay** — sophomores (Ken Bellamy, Gary Campbell, Sheldon Monson, Robert Walker), 3:37.7.

The individual winners in the women's division were:

**Discus** — Bertha Brandon, 104' ¼"; **shot put** — Bertha Brandon, 35' 3"; **long jump** — Cheryl Cooper, 15' 5½"; **high jump** — Ardyas Parman, 5' 4"; **100-yard dash** — Cheryl Cooper, 12.4; **200-meter dash** — Cheryl Cooper, 27.6; **400-meter dash** — Cheryl Cooper, 59.7; **800-meter run** — Gayle Travis, 2:40.1; **1,500-meter run** — Gayle Travis, 5:36.2; **3,000-meter run** — Gayle Travis, 11:47.9; **400-meter relay** — seniors (Renae Bechthold, Debbie Efimov, Sue Lang, Ardyas Parman), 67.1.

## FRESHMEN WIN BIG SANDY TRACK MEET

BIG SANDY — The freshman class defeated the sophomores 197½ to 130½ in the 1983 Ambassador College Field Day here April 21.

First place finishers and times in the men's events were:

**Discus** — John Bearse, 108' 8"; **shot put** — John McMorris, 37' 3"; **high jump** — David Noggle, 5' 9½"; **triple jump** — Eugene Kubik, 39' 8¼"; **javelin** — Richard Taylor, 149' 3½"; **long jump** — Richard Taylor, 18' 7½"; **cycling (5-mile sprint)** — Rodney Schuler, 11:18.28; **110-yard high hurdles** — Rick Redding, 18.10; **100-yard dash** — Eugene Kubik, 10.90; **220-yard dash** — John Campau, 26.1; **440-yard dash** — Lowell Vice, 56.5; **880-yard run** — Dusti Howell, 2:12.92; **1-mile run** — Dusti Howell, 5:12.6; **2-mile run** — Frank Parsons, 11:06.36; **440-yard relay** — sophomores, 48.4; **sprint medley relay** — sophomores, 1:50.2; **tug of war** — sophomores.

First place finishers and times in the women's events were:

**Shot put** — Nancy Brumm, 28' 7"; **long jump** — Karla Lyon, 13' 11¾"; **high jump** — Lisa Steenport, 4' 4"; **110-yard low hurdles** — Karla Lyon, 17.64; **cycling (3-mile sprint)** — Heidi MacLearnsberry, 8:08; **discus** — Nancy Brumm, 85' ½"; **100-yard dash** — Donna Wood, 13.1; **220-yard dash** — Donna Wood, 30.7; **440-yard dash** — Flavia Adkins, 1:16; **880-yard run** — Shady Goracke, 2:32.7; **1-mile run** — Shady Goracke, 5:49.9; **2-mile run** — Shady Goracke, 12:14; **440-yard relay** — sophomores, 61.3; **sprint medley relay** — freshman, 2:13.1; **tug of war** — sophomores.

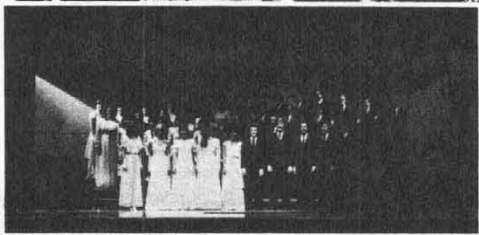
Students and faculty participated in the first triathlon on the Big Sandy campus May 9. Participants swam one-quarter mile, cycled 50 miles and ran five miles to complete the event. The top four finishers were: Tim Prince, 3 hours, 32 minutes, 33 seconds; Frank Parsons, 3 hours, 47 minutes, 57 seconds; Scott Close, 3 hours, 48 minutes, 49 seconds; Shady Goracke, 3 hours, 55 minutes, 19 seconds.



**PASADENA CONCERT** — Senior John Sullivan portrays Tevye in Pasadena Ambassador College's excerpts from *Fiddler on the Roof* during the spring concert April 27. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

# GRADUATI BIG SANDY

**COMMENCEMENT SCENES** — Ambassador College students, faculty and guests share in commencement activities in Big Sandy (left), where associate degrees were conferred on 87 students, and Pasadena (right), where more than 1,000 guests watched 118 seniors receive baccalaureate



## Pasadena

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world aight. It's going to take the authority of His government — that to change no knowledge of — to change not only the educational system . . . but to change above all the area that needs changing today, which is the home."

After Dr. Hoch's address, associate professor David Albert presented the Watson Wise Incentive Award to junior Perry M. Worthen. Mr. Wise, a Texas businessman, began the scholarship at Pasadena in 1978 and designated it be given to the student "deemed most worthy in exemplifying the qualities of industry, scholarship and other activities within the area of Christian citizenship," according to the Pasadena Registrar's Office.

Deputy Chancellor Raymond F. McNair conferred degrees on the graduates.

According to the Registrar's Office, those who received bachelor

of arts degrees are:

With highest distinction (at least 3.80): Ann Christine Hays, Phillip Campbell Hopwood and Scott A. Warner.

With high distinction (at least 3.50): John Edwin Andrews, Sandra Dawn Atkinson, Michael Paul Benjegerdes, Kevin Hall Blackburn, Robert Matthew Di Angelo, Steven Donald Falk, Jeffrey Hugh Fall, Josef Awotwi-Kwest Forson, Susan Jane Francis, Scott Alan Gjesvold, Lynn B. Hebert, Linda Marie Webber Lulkoski, Michael E. McAllister, Malcolm Stuart McClure, Bruce David Andrew McNair, Michael D. Morrison, Victoria Rae Murney, Ardys Leigh Parman, Brenda Sue Purkapile, James Alan Ramsay, John Aloysius Sullivan III, Peggy Lynn Warkentin and Renee Irene Zajac.

With distinction (at least 3.20): Renae Sharlene Bechthold, Darrell Bentley, Nathan Eric Berg, Carol Ann Bricker, Norman A. Brumm III, William Jeffrey Caudle, Peter William Eddington, Jay Lloyd

Fields, Timothy James Grauel, Philip John Gray, Betty Lorraine King, Dolores Koetter, Eric Damon Larison, Michael A. Limanni Jr., Triessa Howington Meredith, Gregory Arthur Peitz, Carla Irene Reinagel, George Eli Relic, Raul Herrera Reyes, Lori Lynn Riddle, Christine Louise Schlote, Marcella Marie Scates Sidars, Karen Kaye Woodbridge and Deborah Yavelak.

Dale James Barta, Rose Marie Bennett, Terry L. Blue, Jay Clark Brothers, Sandra Joanne Buffington, Michael Thomas Cain, James A. Carter, Athena Darlene Caruth, John Robert Caudle, Ramona L. Chitwood, Linda Carole Christian, Susan Carol Cullepper.

Germaine Marie Damore, Allen Wayne Dance, Janet Dattolo, Michael R. Dunne, Deborah Louise Efimov, Rees Ellis, Robert Albert Fergen, Perrie Jay Forehand, Philip Greenwood, Ruel Hamor Guerrero, Robin Marie Ham, Perparim Derivish Hasankolli, Darvia Herold, Colin William Howie.

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Gay Jones, Sonia Janet King, Maria Anne Kosior, Judith Laverne Laney, Susan Paulet Lang, Karen Nadine Lee, James Walter Marion Jr., Suzanne L. Marshall, David Michael Matemiuk, Sheila Ellen McCullough, Michael Rea Meredith, Janette Elaine Merriman, Deborah Elizabeth Tara Mink, David John Mosby.

Debra Ann Newsome, Wilma Rose Niekamp, John Ferris Norstrom Jr., Cathy Jo Taylor Novick, John Andre Novick, Sherry Kathleen Pierce, Jeremy Rapson, Cyrille Joseph Richard, Gary R. Richards, Martin Evan Richey, David Leroy Rose, Jerry Dale Ross, Elizabeth Ann Rucker, David Wesley Ruppert, Alice Lyn Ruxton.

Lynda Jeannine Samson, Martine Camille Savard, Steven Arthur Schemenauer, William Emil Schnee Jr., Dianne Kay Seelhoff, Stephen Earl Sidars, Michael James Suder, William A. Vernich, Gregory H. Walburn, Scott Alan Weiner, Terence Wiclawski and Leston Greg Williams.

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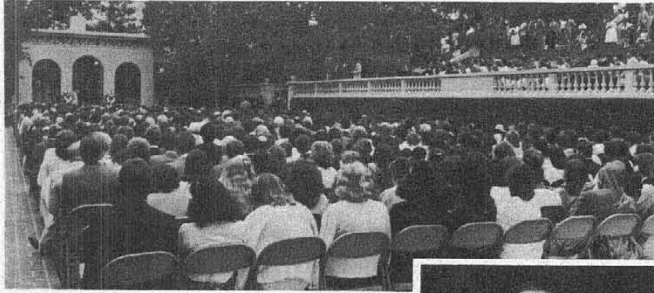
Jeffrey Alan Garden, Kelly Opal Harper, Tina Lynn Jacobs, Randy Bruce Jackson, Douglas Alan Jordan, Eugene I. Kubik, Mark Christian Larsen, Sylvia Shawn Lovett, Jan L. Malcomson, Wendy H. Martin, Lauryal L. Meisel, James Meyer Miller, Patrick L. Miller, Kimberly Annette Mosley.

James Anthony Newby, David Joshua Noggle, Byron Alexander Norrod, David Steve Novak, Connie A. O'Bryan, Eric W. Patterson, Paula S. Pierce, Steven Scott Purkapile, Mark Kevin Salcedo, Jeffrey David Sawyer, John Stephens Schatz, Phillip Kirk Sena, Martha Laura Springmeyer, Mary Stewart, Jason Beckley Stone.

Amy Beth Thomas, Troy Leon Todd, Rocky Lee Ware, Amy Beth Weiner, Amy Wellmaker, Jerry Wilson and Nancy Gaye Wold.

# ION 1983 PASADENA

degrees. Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh delivered the graduation address because Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was in Europe. [Photos by Craig Clark, Dan Dowd, Brett Ebright, George Hague and Barry Stahl]





# Youth

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involves getting up early in the morning and working until late at night. Of course, the work itself is not all that enjoyable, but our labor has paid off. Almost every year, God has blessed us with a wonderful crop and also the opportunity for our family to grow closer together.

Many times I find myself comparing my family to other families who do little work together. I realize that because many families do not have the opportunity to work together, their life is not as fulfilled and their families are not as close.

I also remember very clearly many of the times when my family has played together. All of our family attends church services and some area activities. The Feast of Tabernacles has always been the highlight of the year for our family. Every Feast our family does at least one very special activity together —

maybe dining at an elaborate restaurant or riding a riverboat.

I remember riding the "Ducks" at Wisconsin Dells, attending the LaComedia Dinner Theatre at Dayton, seeing the breathtakingly beautiful falls at Niagara Falls and taking the Chesapeake Bay Harbor Tour at Norfolk.

The whole family also shares the fun of opening and playing with gifts they received at the Feast. Even though I was only 4 years old, I can still vividly remember how excited I was at Wisconsin Dells when I received my first Feast doll, and how when my nephew received a video game at the Lake of the Ozarks and we stayed up late playing it.

Seeing friends we haven't seen for a long time and doing things with them is also very exciting.

The Feast of Tabernacles is not the only time for fun though. Sharing recreational activities together such as attending socials, going to movies and dances, or flying kites at the park together can really help to draw families closer together.

A lot of times on Saturday night after sunset our family plays an exciting game of cards or dominoes and then pops up some popcorn. Also, having friends over is really a great way to fellowship, too.

One more thing our family does that is especially important is family prayer. Our day is opened early by my mother's delicious breakfasts together — the only exceptions being because of an illness or if a family member spends the night at a friend's home. Every one of our meals is led by a prayer to God to thank Him for our food.

After we finish eating, my father reads to us from *The Plain Truth*, *The Good News*, *Youth 82*, *The Worldwide News* or the Bible. Then before we all go our separate ways we kneel and pray to God to ask Him for safety throughout the day. You get a very comforting feeling knowing that your day will be started by family Bible study and prayer.

All of this has definitely paid off for our family. My parents

came into God's Church 29 years ago and are still actively involved. There are five children in our family, and all of us still attend the Worldwide Church of God. The three oldest have all graduated from Ambassador College at Pasadena, have been baptized for a number of years and have mates in God's church. My oldest brother is a minister, and my sister is a minister's wife.

Although our family is now separated by many miles, we still look forward to the times when we can get together. In addition to vacation time and visits back to the farm, the Feast of Tabernacles is still the greatest highlight of the year for our family. We try to attend the same Feast sites if at all possible.

Even though we do not live as close to each other as we would like to, we still follow these three basic principles. We work together to get some of the harder jobs done, we play together by attending recreational activities together, and we start each day with fervent Bible

study and prayer before we each separate for the day.

Because my parents have tried to follow these three basic principles, applied God's truth to their lives and set examples for us to follow, our family has truly stayed together.

# Contest

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*The Worldwide News.*

Receiving honorable mention in the junior division are: Dean Sargent, San Antonio; Colleen Canaday, Medford, Ore.; Nathan Ernest Rozentals, Observatory, Republic of South Africa; Debbie Roller, Claremore, Okla.; Karen Mitchell, Laurel, Miss.; Dan Partin, Cincinnati, Ohio; Karen Watkins, Pleasanton, Calif.; Leigh Holmes, Jonesboro, Ark.; Patricia Lantz, Jonesboro; Jerome Wentt, Merrill, Wis.; Yvonne McAulay, Dumbar-tonshire, Scotland; and Eleanor Carrington, Barataria, Trinidad.

# Children's Corner

## Firstfruits

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Daddy," Chris announced at the dinner table, "today I studied the words of that proverb you wanted Debbie and me to learn about Pentecost, but I have a question."

Dad put down his fork and wiped his mouth with a napkin. "Yes, son? What is your question?"

"Well, that verse, Proverbs 3:9, says 'Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all you increase' (Revised Authorized Version). I don't remember what firstfruits are. Does that mean the first fruit that gets ripe in the spring? If so, then in different parts of the world that would mean different fruits, wouldn't it?"

Before Dad could answer, Debbie touched his arm. "Daddy, I have a question, too. You said we have to count 50 days from the weekly Sabbath during the Days of Unleavened Bread and that day is the Feast of Firstfruits, or Pentecost. I marked the calendar in the kitchen. But what does fruit have to do with this Holy Day? Instead of eating unleavened bread do we eat fruit this time?"

Chris put one hand over his mouth so Debbie wouldn't see him smile. When Mother shook her head and frowned, he put his hand down and tried to look serious.

"Well," Dad responded, "you both have asked good questions. But we shouldn't hurry through the answers while we are still eating. So, after dinner I'll give you a puzzle to solve, and we'll talk about Pentecost — and firstfruits — and counting 50. Now, Chris, would you please pass the bowl of fruit for our dessert?"

While Mother and the children cleared the table after the meal, Dad got a sheet of white paper. Then he printed, using a black crayon, large letters in two columns. The letters in the column on the left side, reading from top to bottom, spelled *first*. The column letters on the right spelled *fruits*.

When the family was seated again at the table, Dad opened the Bible to Leviticus 23. He read verses 9 and 10, which said that a sheaf of the firstfruits of the spring harvest should be given to the priest.

"When the people were told by God to bring the very first part of their grain

to the priest," Dad explained, "that was to remind them to put God first. That is the way we do when we give back to God the first 10th of whatever we receive as income. And, Chris, back to your questions. If you'll remember from last year, the people were to bring the first of their grain, which is considered as fruit of the ground. It doesn't mean oranges, bananas, figs, apples or other fruits of that kind, though we should tithe on them during the year. Understand?"

As Chris nodded, Mother asked, "What is this puzzle you made, dear?"

"Here," Dad answered, holding up the paper, "are two words made from the one word *firstfruits* — *first* and *fruits*. Debbie, you look it over. What is the one extra letter in the right-hand column that isn't in the column on the left?"

Debbie looked over the puzzle, then grinned. "Oh, the word *fruits* has the letter *u*. Otherwise, the two words are spelled with the same letters."

"All right. Now, Chris," Dad said, "you draw lines between the letters that are the same in the two columns. See if Debbie is right."

Chris drew the connecting lines. The letter *u* was left over. "What shall I do with the *u*?"

"Put a circle around it," Dad replied. "Now think about the letter *u*. Jesus was the first son to be born to God — right? That makes Jesus God's firstfruit, the first son of God's fatherhood. But God wants others besides Jesus to be His firstfruits — His children. And He's calling some of them now. Whom does God want now, do you think?"

"Oh!" Chris exclaimed. "I know — *u* — meaning *Y-O-U!* And that means me, too, doesn't it? And Mommy? And Debbie? And the rest of the people in God's Church? I once heard Mr. King say in a sermon that the Church people are God's firstfruits. Right?"

"Yes, son," Dad agreed. "Now, Debbie, let's look at that kitchen calendar you've marked that shows where you've counted 50 days. On what day of the week are we always to observe Pentecost?"

Debbie skipped to the kitchen and brought in the calendar. She pointed to the day she had colored in with red pencil and said, "The day marked with the last number, 50, is on a Sunday."

"Right, honey," Dad said, "and we have to count those 50 days each time, since Pentecost is on a different date each year, depending on when the weekly Sabbath occurs during the Days of Unleavened Bread. It's important to count right."

"Just think — what if the disciples hadn't counted 50 days correctly in A.D. 31? They wouldn't have been together on that Sunday, June 17, the day God's Church was started. Some of them might have been out fishing, or they might have scattered to various other places and would not have received God's Holy Spirit."

"So remember that when God says to do anything — whether it is counting or anything else — there is an important reason for it, and we must obey."

Turning to Mother, Dad asked, "Now, Beth, have I left out anything we should talk about tonight before these children get too sleepy?"

"Well," Mother answered, "you might explain that the spring harvest in the Holy Land is a small one. That is compared with the early spiritual harvest of souls — the small number of people God is calling now. And then you could explain that the fall harvest is much larger, representing the many, many people who will receive judgment later. Those people can then choose if they want God's truth and become His children — His later fruits."

"I don't need to explain, honey," Dad said, laughing, "because you just did it! Tomorrow we'll discuss Pentecost some more and what it means. But, Debbie, in the proverb you are learning, what does the first part say we should plan for?"

"The first part?" Debbie asked. "It says something about honoring God with my possessions. I don't think God wants me to give Him one of my dolls — or some of the figures on the model railroad in our basement. So I guess you mean we should plan ahead for our Holy Day offering. I'm ahead of you this time, because I've been saving money for my offering since the last Holy Day. Is that what you mean?"

"Yes, it is," Dad replied, hugging her. "And it should be an offering of thanks to God that He has called our family to be part of His firstfruits. However, we must be careful that we don't become like some fruits that

don't have proper care, the ones that spoil on the vine or tree — or go sour and become useless. We want to become like ripe and sweet fruit, full of God's Spirit in our lives."

"That reminds me," Dad continued, smiling, "let's end this Bible study tonight by thinking about the fruits that should be growing in us as part of our character. Remember the *fruit* verses, Galatians 5:22-23?"

Dad and Mother led the children as they repeated together: "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Debbie laughed and said, "I'm beginning to think that God really likes fruit!"

## Connect and Spell

After you have read the story, work

the puzzle below in the same way that

1 2

Chris and Debbie worked it. Draw

3

connecting lines between the letters

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that are alike in the two columns. Then

5 6

circle the one leftover letter Chris

7 8

found in the right-hand column.

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Now, using the numbered letters above, print those in the blanks below to spell the New Testament name for the Old Testament Feast of Firstfruits:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

# LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

The AKRON and CANTON, Ohio, churches invited dancers age 16 years and above to participate in their annual formal dance, the Greek Ball, April 2 at the Northern Building in Akron. Entertainment was performed by the Stardust Band and the Akron Octet. During a break Enoch Frierson played selections on the piano. Door prizes were given, and a cash bar was available. *Lori M. Orszak.*

Brethren of the BALLARAT, Australia, church attended a potluck tea after Sabbath services April 2 to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Rod McQueen and their family, who are moving to Texarkana, Tex. During the evening all present gathered for a group photo. Members presented Mr. McQueen with cash to purchase a new Bible, because it was noted at a Bible study that his Bible was missing a book in the New Testament. Any cash left after the purchase is to be used to replace an electrical appliance for Mrs. McQueen. *Dianne Cramer.*

The YES children and church band entertained the BARRIE, Ont., members April 2 with a stage production entitled *Toylard*. Dressed as toys the performers sang and danced in a variety of solo and group numbers. Final-year YES member Kristine Gosse was mistress of ceremonies for the evening. The show was preceded by a picnic-style supper. Unleavened desserts were sold to raise money for the social fund. After the show table games were played. *Sharon Gosse.*

More than 200 members from several churches in southeast England attended a dance at BASILDON, England, March 12. The evening's activities, organized by Len Maylin, included something for everyone. Adults danced to music provided by a band of Church members led by Stuart Channon. Cabaret entertainment of guitar playing, singing and piano recital was provided by David Plumley, Julie Trayhorne, Carol Brownsey, Mike Davies, Stephen Robson and George and Sue Henderson. Children enjoyed their own party, while a nursery was provided for the very young. A buffet meal was prepared by the women of the Basildon church. *Stephen L. Cornish.*

Thirty-seven members of the BATON ROUGE, La., Young Adults' Club met for an evening of fellowship and dining at the Baton Rouge Dinner Playhouse April 2. The cast of the dinner playhouse performed a play after the buffet meal. Before the evening's main event, the young adults met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Horchak for a champagne and wine tasting party. *Robert D. Vernon.*

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, members enjoyed a barn dance March 19 organized by the United Singles. A candlelight meal was provided, and after the meal a This Is Your Life sketch for Laura Gaul was presented. Before the dance got underway pastor John Jewell presented Audrey Foreman with a present on behalf of the singles. Dance music was provided by the Miskelly Dance Band, and a high point of the dance was the awarding of prizes for the most original fancy hat. A wall poster characterizing the members in cartoon style was provided by Mark Stewart and Jane Watson. *John Harris.*

Members of the BINGHAMTON and CORNING, N.Y., churches met together April 2 at Endwell, N.Y. After the sermon, which was delivered by visiting pastor Lyle E. Welty of the Albany, N.Y., and Springfield, Mass., churches, the annual formal dinner-dance took place. Brethren enjoyed a steamship round of beef buffet dinner. Dinner music was supplied by Octavia Hubbell, Charlie Piscitello, Janet Powers and Chuck Malynieux. During the dance children under 10 were entertained with games and were taught how to make puppets by Sheri Hotaling in an adjacent room. *Eleanor Lukoski.*

The BOISE, Idaho, church had its fourth annual spring formal dinner-dance April 2. Music was provided by the Jim Knapp band. Ten fresh floral centerpieces were given away in a drawing at the end of the evening. The occasion was organized by Diane Sower. *Irene Zeppenfeld.*

Family night for the BRANDON, Man., church was April 2. The evening began with a potluck supper, followed by a YOU team meeting and a novelty olympics for the entire family. Team One was the grand winner. *Heather Bowerman.*

The BRISBANE, Australia, SOUTH church had a bush dance April 9. The theme for the family evening was "Early

Australian," with decorations including a slab hut entrance, hay bales and fences. Many came dressed in appropriate costumes. Music was provided by the Verandah Bush Band. Drinks were served throughout the evening, with supper available to the dancers. *Greg Paxton.*

The annual spring formal dinner-dance of the BUFFALO, N.Y., church was April 2. About 230 people started the evening with a prime rib meal with all the trimmings. The newly formed church band, humorously called the No-Name Generics, under the direction of Dennis Hussak, provided dinner and dance music. John Dunlap gave a guitar solo, and Rick and Pat Vogan joined Dave Bilowus on electric piano in "It's Polka Time" and "The Hokey Pokey." Masters of ceremonies Henry Marek and Ed Kowalczyk told jokes, and the singers were Robin Ailing, Karen Hickok, Carol Wojkowski and Cindy Schmitt. Bottles of wine were given away as door prizes. *Gall Ann Biegalski and Val Matuzkiewicz.*

Fifty CLEVELAND, Ohio, brethren attended a performance of *The Music Man* at the Carousel Dinner Theatre in Ravenna, Ohio, March 31. Barbara Langner, wife of choral director Paul Langner, was the main organizer of the evening.

The Cleveland West church played host to the East church for the annual dinner dance April 2 at the Westlake, Ohio, Holiday Inn. Dinner was prepared by the inn, and music was provided by the church band, The Notables II. Entertainment for the night was written, produced and directed by Mark Graham. The theme for the entertainment was "Television in the World Tomorrow." *Jeff Smith and Renee Williams.*

Members of the CUMBERLAND and HAGERSTOWN, Md., and WINCHESTER, Va., churches met at the Venice Inn Ballroom in Hagerstown April 2 for their annual spring dinner-dance during the Days of Unleavened Bread. The Imperials, a professional band, provided dinner and dance music. Master of ceremonies was associate pastor Grant Spong, who also sang. Other singers were Brian Drawbaugh, Laura Kisel, Fawn and Jane Leasure, Dawn Meadows and Jodie Varner. They were accompanied at the piano by Wendy Peck and Fawn Leasure. *Gerald Dulaney.*

After combined services April 9 the DAVENPORT and IOWA CITY, Iowa, brethren enjoyed a potluck salad luncheon and an evening of square dancing. The professional caller also taught a variety of mixer type dances. A demonstration dance was presented by four couples who are regular square dancers. *Linda Holmes.*

A formal evening of dining and dancing at the Marriott Hotel was enjoyed by DAYTON, Ohio, brethren April 2. Members and guests dined on prime rib and then danced to the music of the Mel-low Express Band, which includes several church members. Plaques were presented to members who have been in God's Church for 25 years or longer. Honored were Albert and Mary Boocheer, Mary Buck, Jean and Jeanie Dawson, Bill and Garnett Logan, Sarah Sprinkle, Joe Seab and Robert and Phoebe Swihart. *Gene Fox.*

A dinner-fashion show was presented by the DES MOINES, Iowa, church March 6. Following the dinner Jack Kirstein acted as master of ceremonies while 57 participants modeled clothing they made. Emphasis was on mother-daughter projects. For variety humorous outfits featured a 14-karat dress by Pat McLemore, Scarlet Geiger in a fall-apart suit, the many-layered look by Bob McLemore, Lindy Gardner as a well-dressed bald woman and Adina McLemore wearing a balloon dress. Zenda Cloninger, in a Big Bird costume made by pastor Robert Cloninger, appeared throughout the show. *Judy Rhodes.*

"Precious Moments" was the theme of the April 2 spring dinner-dance of the DETROIT WEST and ANN ARBOR, Mich., churches. Brethren from surrounding churches also attended the affair, which took place at the Webbers Inn in Ann Arbor. After dinner members danced to the music provided by the Philadelphians band. *Steve Holsky.*

About 100 members and families attended the ENID, Okla., church's spring formal April 2 at Gantz Center of Phillips University. The evening began with a prime rib dinner served by the Spokesman Club members. During the dance intermission, entertainment was provided by members. Photographs were taken throughout the evening, and children and adult game tables were available. *Jerry Elliott.*

Young adults of the EUGENE, Ore., church met at the Northwest Natural Gas building April 9 for a potluck dinner and a Bible study and discussion led by minister Glenn Harmon. *Tim and Lin Rhy.*

Rod Matthews, who works in the international area of Ministerial Services in Pasadena, conducted Passover services for the EUREKA, Calif., brethren March 27. He also conducted services the first day of Unleavened Bread March 29 and presented a slide show of the Work in international areas. *Kathleen Buck.*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., brethren celebrated the church's 20th anniversary April 4 at Sandy Point restaurant in Holland, Mich. Roxanne Sherrod played organ music during the family-style dinner. Guests included pastor Frank McCrady Jr. and his wife Charlene of the Long Island, N.Y., church and pastor Gerald Witte and his son Jade from Denton, Tex. Pastor Bill Miller presented a plaque to minister Roland VanSlooten commemorating his 30th year as a member of God's Church. Those who attended the first service in 1963 were presented with plants. Entertainment consisted of a six-piece dance band, vocalist Patty Smith and guitar-vocalists Noah and Irene Carver. *Virginia Waters.*

Dining and dancing were the activities at the GREENVILLE, S.C., church's annual spring social April 2. A catered meal was served at the Quality Inn. Children enjoyed a treat when Miss Strawberry Shortcake arrived to give out balloons. While the adults danced to music from the '60s, the children viewed several movies. Pastor Ronald Jameson was master of ceremonies for the program, while Ray Tedder supplied the taped music. *Tim Titus.*

HOUSTON, Tex., EAST brethren attended an all-day barbecue April 10 at Galveston County Park. Baseball, vol-



FRIENDLY ADVICE — Julie Pryor tells Maria Alvarez to "Look the World in the Eye" during the Minneapolis, Minn., South church's talent-fun show April 2. (See "Church Activities," this page.) [Photo by David Malcomson]

leyball, horseshoes and other games were played by young and old alike. *Shirley Scott.*

About 200 HUNTSVILLE, Ala., brethren enjoyed a feast of unleavened food April 2. A fun show, consisting of singing, comedy skits, piano and flute performances, followed the meal. *Gay Chaney.*

Youth Day was observed in the IOWA CITY, Iowa, church April 16, with the DAVENPORT, Iowa, YOU members also present. Deacon Lyle Holub and minister John Bailey directed their messages to the youths. After services the YOU members left for their annual spring prom in Des Moines, Iowa. The brethren and children enjoyed a lunch of barbecued hamburgers. After sundown the YES children presented a program. Vocal selections were performed by Natalie Rehor, Nichole Rehor, Tracy and Sandy Swartzendruber and Teresa, Marsha and Julie Holub, who were accompanied on the accordion by their mother, Jean Ann Holub. Pianists were Marsha Holub, Billy Ritzman and Beth Ross. A saxophone solo was presented by Julie Holub, a guitar solo by Jeremy Bushlack, a song and dance by twins Nichole and Natalie Rehor and a storybook presenta-

tion by Johanna Bushlack. Games and snacks completed the evening. *Geraldine Tenold.*

The fourth in a series of two-night public Bible lectures for *Plain Truth* readers took place in LONG ISLAND, N.Y., April 9 and 10. Fifty-six people attended the lectures for the first time, bringing to 167 the number of new people contacted through the lecture series. Pastor Frank McCrady Jr. conducted the lectures, and 19 individuals requested further counseling and many expressed interest in attending regular weekly Bible studies. *James E. Cappo.*

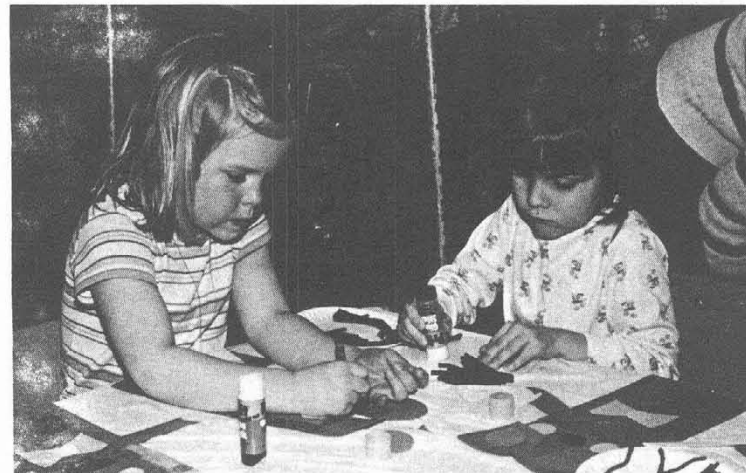
Forty-four MAURITIUS brethren took part in a church picnic April 3. The group traveled in a rented bus to Plain Champagne, a high plateau in the southern area of Mauritius. The members visited the Gorges, an area with steep valleys, and the Alexandra viewpoint, where the families picked wild *goyaves de chine*, a fruit of the guava family. Next the brethren traveled to Baie du Cap, a beach in the south of the island. Here the group enjoyed lunch under the shade of filao trees. Peter Hawkins, the minister visiting Mauritius for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, accompanied the group. *Prem Goolaup.*

The Schlitz Belle banquet hall (an authentic reproduction of a Mississippi riverboat) was the setting of the MEMPHIS, Tenn., church's annual spring dinner-dance April 11. Brethren enjoyed a buffet of roast beef with all the trimmings. Music for the dance after dinner was provided by tapes from Pasadena. Free beer was compliments of Stroth's Brewery. *Maryna N. Gustafson.*

A presentation of Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* was performed by the MERIDEN, Conn., church choir April 9. The prophet Elijah was portrayed by pastor Larry Woodbridge and Obadiah by guest soloist Robert Spencer. Soloists included Ellen Anderson, Rita Kamen, Kate Smith, Karen George, Jan Zachlod, Joseph Barocsi and Edward Rubin. Timpani accompaniment was played by Jeff Gutterman and trumpet by Jeff Kamen. The choir presented the guest organist, Robert Agee, with a music box and the conductor, Peter Kamen, and his wife Rita with a plaque. *Karen George.*

Brethren of the MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., SOUTH church and surrounding church areas met for combined Sabbath services April 2 at Apple Valley, Minn., High School. An unleavened potluck after services was followed by a semi-formal dance and talent-fun show. *David Malcomson.*

The MOBILE, Ala., and BILLOXI, (See CHURCH NEWS, page 9)



FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES — Whitney Allen, left, and Andrea Pujat color and paste at the Union and Brick Town, N.J., churches' family social April 9. (See "Church Activities," page 9.) [Photo by Glen Prokesch]



# CHURCH NEWS

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Miss., churches combined for Sabbath services April 9 at the home of Robert Dick, who was pastor of the Mobile church from 1966 to 1971. Mr. Dick presented the sermon and assisted pastor Steve Moody in conducting the Sabbath Bible study. Afterward the brethren met at Bellinghush Hall in Mobile for a potluck. *Treba Jackson.*

The evening of April 2 the **MONROE, La.**, members met at the church's building for a dance. Refreshments were available and a bar was set up for the enjoyment of the brethren. Decorations set the mood for the lighthearted festive occasion. The children participated in activities in a nearby room. *Joyce Brown.*

Members of the **MONTVALE, N.J.**, church met at the Holiday Inn in Suffern, N.Y., April 2 for a formal evening of dinner and dancing. Many members of the newly formed White Plains, N.Y., church (formerly of Montvale) also joined in. *Mike Bedford.*

Prime rib of beef topped the menu at the **OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.**, church's spring formal April 10. Pastor Arnold Clauson and associate pastor Charles Holaday served the meat to more than 325 brethren. After the meal at the Midwest City Community Center, the members and guests were treated to a puppet show and dancing with records spun by George Thomas. Roy Martin was host for a fun show that included talent from all age groups. Performers were George and Susie Thomas, Laura Kliever, Michelle Wegh, Herb VanCuren, Dan Wetzell, Henry Mez, Lawrence Burchett, Gary Burchett, Ron Griffith, Kelly Manek, Melody Hoppe, Ervin Lenhart, Cheri Avilez, Sharon Wilkins, Rebecca Robinson, Levi Moody, Steve Manek, Shari Clauson, Danny Wegh, Bruce Walker, Shellie Clauson and Mr. and Mrs. Clauson. Roy Burney took photographs of couples throughout the evening. *Mike Crist.*

The theme of the **PEORIA and MACOMB, Ill.**, churches' formal dance April 2 was "A Time to Remember." Assistant pastor Gary Smith and the social committee organized the event. David Davison was music coordinator and disc jockey. The evening of dancing was interspersed with entertainment, including a skit by the children depicting Israel's leaving Egypt, modernized by Daryl Keisel and Greg Strien; a musical interlude by Cathy, Kim and Chris Adams; and Irvin Woelfle and Mike Stanczak in a commercial. Activities were provided for those under age 13. *Janice Kefer.*

The **PHOENIX, Ariz.**, church had a fun-fund raiser church fair April 9 at the Tower Mall parking lot. Among the attractions was a hot air balloon owned by Richard Rapp. Also included in the fair was a Space Walk Tent where children jumped on air-filled mattresses. There were game booths with prizes, a bake sale, a rummage sale, arts and crafts and a food and beverage stand. The day was organized by the pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cardona. *Nanette Lyons.*

The annual dinner-dance of the **PHOENIX, Ariz.**, WEST church April 2 had a Hawaiian theme, complete with orchids for the women, Polynesian food and colorful floral decorations. More than 170 brethren dined and danced to the music of pastor Jim Turner and Tom Tannehill, and during a special segment were entertained by the singing talents of Arlene Brinkman, Mary Reid and Richard Schumann, who were accompanied at the piano by Betty Griswold. Evangelist Ellis La Ravia and his wife Gwen attended as guests. Minister Jim Nork and his crew organized the social. *Jon Hoffman.*

Thirty **RICHMOND, Va.**, brethren participated in a wood-cutting party April 10 to raise funds for the Spokesman and Graduate clubs, as well as the YOU. By the end of the day the group had cut 15 cords of wood. The wood will be stored until the fall, at which time it will be sold. The women contributed to the activity by providing food and drinks for the men.

More than 60 Richmond brethren attended the Young Adults' pancake supper at a member's home April 16. The young adults brought drinks and toppings, while the pancakes were provided.

The annual rummage sale fund-raising activity of the Richmond church was April 17. The event raised more than \$1,000. Some of the items sold were a truckload of wood and lawn mowers. The funds raised will be used to finance church activities, and a contribution will be sent to Pasadena. *Chip Brockmeier.*

**ROCHESTER, Minn.**, brethren were joined by LaCrosse, Wis., and Mason

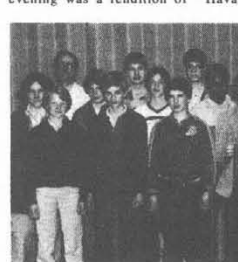
City, Iowa, members for services the first day of Unleavened Bread March 29. Gerald Melby, Donald Sniiker and Duane Triplett were ordained as deacons, and Vivian Malcomson and Norma Nelson as deaconesses. Between services brethren fellowshiped over a catered noon meal. *David Malcomson.*

**ROCHESTER and SYRACUSE, N.Y.**, brethren attended combined services and a dinner-dance April 2 in Syracuse. Speakers for the afternoon services were deacon John Peterson and pastor Leslie Schmedes. Special music was performed by the combined choir, conducted by Charles Sumner. After dinner the dancing began to the music of the Landry Family Band. A backdrop created by Craig Tracy depicted "The Road to Happiness." During an intermission Harold Maybury was master of ceremonies for a talent show. Performers were Jeff Hawser, Roger Davis, Alan Bukowski, Barbara Vara, Mary Gnage, Carla Beilstein, Wendy Murphy, Deanna Dowd, Katie Harrigan, Judy Kulesza, Dan and Ron Beilstein, Robert Gnage, Dick Mitchell, Melissa Bonser, Darrell Spencer, Dan and Brian Landry and Mr. Schmedes. *Marilynn Denny.*

The annual spring dinner-dance of the **ST. LOUIS, Mo.**, churches took place April 2 at the Kolping House. After a steak dinner the brethren danced to music provided by the newly formed church band led by Bob Mahoney. The members surprised pastor and Mrs. Robert Spence with a cake and gifts to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. The cake was a three-tiered unleavened cake prepared by Jean Mitchell and Jean Palozolo and decorated by Shirley Scheele and her mother, Rose Schroepfer. Gifts included a handblown crystal bull for Mr. Spence and a rose for Mrs. Spence, a ceiling fan and two flower arrangements. A quintet serenaded the couple with a tune that was popular in 1943. *Bill and Betty Stough Sr.*

Afternoon services of the **ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.**, church April 9 were followed by a potluck buffet dinner and an evening family dance, with music provided by the Sunrise Sound Express. The sermon was given by Ron Wallen, who pastored the church during 1972 and 1973. Also visiting was Gene Noel, pastor of the Youngstown, Ohio, church. Mr. Noel called a Virginia reel during the midpoint intermission in the dance. *Lavene L. Vorel.*

Ninety-eight **SALT LAKE CITY, Utah**, members donned formals and tuxedos or dinner jackets for an evening of dining and dancing at the Airport Hilton Inn April 2. Willis Ryerson provided the recorded music, as well as serving as master of ceremonies for the occasion, which included a floor show of church talent. Vocal solos were performed by Mr. Ryerson, John Ryerson, Walt Mosher and Ellie Kurzawa, and duets were sung by Donna and Larry Mosher, Betty Armstrong and Ellie Kurzawa and Walt and Michelle Mosher. A high point of the evening was a rendition of "Hava



**DISTRICT WINNERS** — The winning teams in the YOU District 23 Bible tournament in Lansing, Mich., April 10 are Grand Rapids, Mich. (top photo), in the Bible baseball contest and Flint, Mich., in the Bible bowl. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.) [Photo by Bill Miller]



**PARTY TIME** — Junior YOU members of the Brisbane, Australia, South church express their enthusiasm at a party during school holidays April 7. (See "Youth Activities," page 11.)

Nagila" played by Sarah Ryerson, while Albert Kurzawa led the group in a hora, a circle dance. Marsha Mosher next played waltzes on the piano while couples danced. The evening ended with Ed Armstrong accompanying an impromptu sing-along around the piano. *Ellie Kurzawa and Phyllis Taylor.*

The **SEATTLE, Wash.**, church had a spring concert April 3 entitled "More Joy of Overcoming." The program, narrated by pastor Dennis Luker and his wife LeeAnn, offered two hours of songs performed by members of the congregation. Some of the songs were composed by Mike McDermott especially for the concert. The concert was written, produced and directed by Steve Moir. *Gary Crouse.*

At the second anniversary of the **SUMMERSVILLE, W. Va.**, church April 4 the members presented pastor and Mrs. Charles Crain with a handmade quilt and matching pillows. The quilting party took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Woodcock. While the women quilted, the men cared for the children and barbecued goat, deer, lamb, chicken and hot dogs. Mr. Woodcock took the children for a hayride. *Helen Woodcock.*

The winter activity program of the **UNION and BRICK TOWN, N.J.**, churches came to a conclusion April 9 with the last monthly family night of the season. Among the events were basketball, women's aerobics, movies and crafts for the children and table games. *Henry Stueck.*

Some 188 people attended the **VANCOUVER and ABBOTSFORD, B.C.**, churches' annual dinner-dance April 10. A buffet was provided, after which couples danced to the music of Al Wiebe's band. Master of ceremonies Lyle Simons awarded door prizes and spot dance prizes. *F. Whitehead.*

April 2 was the date of the spring for-

mal dinner-dance for brethren of the **WICHITA, Kan.**, church. A steak dinner with all the trimmings was served by the Broadview Hotel's staff. Couples then danced in the hotel's ballroom to the music of the Hull-Redke band. *John Williams.*

## CLUB MEETINGS

A joint meeting of the **BELFAST, Northern Ireland**, and **DUBLIN, Republic of Ireland**, Spokesman Clubs March 20 was a ladies' invitation lunch club. About 80 people gathered at the Fairways Hotel in Dundalk, Ireland, for a pre-lunch drink and fellowship. Over lunch tabletopics were conducted by Richard Wood. After an interval during which coffee was served, Ray Jordan acted as toastmaster, introducing speakers Frank Watson, Seamus McKenna, Brendan Behan and Gordon Hall. The Most Effective Speech award was presented to Mr. McKenna. *John A. Jewell.*

The **BRAINERD-GRAND RAPIDS, Minn.**, Spokesman Club had a meeting April 9. After opening prayer and vocal exercises by director Stan McNeil, President Jess McAllister took charge of the meeting. John Rankin conducted an impromptu topics session, and following the refreshment break toastmaster Andrew Freeman introduced five graduate speakers: Al Haapasari, Ralph Mayer, Roger Robb, Daryl Kirt and Mr. Rankin. Mr. McNeil evaluated the speakers. *Andrew L. Freeman.*

The concluding meeting of the **CHARLESTON, W. Va.**, Spokesman Club was a ladies' night April 2. A buffet at the Holiday Inn Charleston House preceded the meeting. Toastmaster was Gary Baker, with Todd Carden as topicsmaster. Speeches were given by club officers Burdell Buck, Harry Riddle, Bill Morell, Elly Burgess and Lester Pauley. *Z. Harlean Botha.*

The **CROYDON, England**, Spokesman Club had a ladies' night April 12. A three-course meal was served with wine and coffee. Bob Pearson was topicsmaster, and Mark Elkins acted as toastmaster. The award for the Most Effective Speech was shared by Chris Barnes and Doug Bass. The Most Improved Speaker award went to Roy White. Bob Price received the award for the Most Helpful Evaluation. John Meakin, in his overall evaluation, said he felt the evening had been outstanding. *Don Beard.*

The April 10 ladies' brunch presented by the **DETROIT WEST and ANN ARBOR, Mich.**, Spokesman Club took place at the Flaming Pit restaurant in Ann Arbor. The theme for the day was "Teamwork and God's Family." Kyle Burkett was topicsmaster. The speakers, introduced by toastmaster Randy Massey, were Karl Harbeck, Steve Browning, Austin Sanders, Tom Dishaw and Fred Withrow. Minister Ken Graham evaluated the first half of the meeting. Overall director is associate pastor Maceo Hampton. *Steve Holsley.*

The **GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.**, Spokesman Club conducted a meeting honoring the senior members of the church April 7. Attending the club were Nedra Benham, Helen Driver, Mary Hart, Albert Oates, Edmund Kudlicki, Ken Wadsworth and Archie Woodbury. Trophies were awarded to Mike Quisen-

berry for Most Helpful Evaluation, Jacob Tatum for Most Improved Speaker and Tim Burch for Most Effective Speech. Director Bill Miller admonished the club to apply the seven laws of success to club. After the meeting refreshments were served during the fellowshiping. *Bill Leonard.*

Fathers and sons, as well as singles and their guests, teamed up for a father-son meeting of the **MONTVALE, N.J.**, Spokesman Club April 5. Topics were presented by graduate and guest Gerald Backhus. The timer was Art Gost, and Mike Bedford served as toastmaster. Speeches were given by Paul Russo, Bob Diorio, Matt Cardona, Ozzie Rossland and Steve Vincze. *Mike Bedford.*

The **MUNCIE-RICHMOND, Ind.**, Graduate and Spokesman clubs had a combined breakfast meeting April 10 at Mac's Restaurant in New Castle, Ind. After the meal club members and wives participated in the topics session. Following a break the club had alternating toastmasters, who introduced six speeches by undergraduates. Summarizing and exhortative comments were made by director Garvin Greene. *Ed S. Rudick.*

The **PORTLAND, Ore.**, area Spokesman Clubs had their graduation banquet April 2. Bryan Hoyt, pastor of the Portland East church and director of the East and Hood River, Ore., clubs, was toastmaster for the evening. Graduate addresses were given by Ron Melland, vice president of the Portland East club; Dave Stambaugh, treasurer of the Portland South club; Wally Browning, treasurer of the Vancouver, Wash., club; and Brian Wulf. Receiving their graduation certificates were Earl Minor, David Cleland, Daniel Cooper, Ken Graham, Larry Kellerman, Mr. Stambaugh, Larry Conner, Gerald Mullen, Bruce Rose, David Sill and Mr. Browning. Musical entertainment was provided by a men's octet accompanied by Chip Chuprinko, a women's ensemble accompanied by Mr. Wulf and the Portland choir with soloist Karen Hewitt and accompanied by Sandy Smith. *Woody Corsi.*

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

The **SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.**, church had a luncheon to honor the Golden Agers in the San Bernardino, Banning and Riverside, Calif., churches April 17. A musical program was presented by Robert Nelson on clarinet and his wife Genevieve on piano, with Fred Richardson on drums. A sing-along of old-time songs was led by associate pastor Wally Neufeld. Door prizes were presented by pastor Jim Peoples, and each Golden Ager received a corsage. Special honor was given to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mullenix who are approaching their 46th wedding anniversary. *Jan Fagerstedt.*

## SINGLES SCENE

About 45 singles from the ACCRA and KUMASI, Ghana, churches attended a dance at the home of pastor Melvin (See CHURCH NEWS, page 11)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

ALLEN, Daniel and Pamela (Fox), of Wimpole, Man, girl, Abigail Heather Elisabeth, March 7, 9:07 a.m., 9 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

ANDERSON, Andy and Teresa (Williams), of Elkton, Ky., girl, Brittany Jean, March 26, 7:02 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

BANDA, Kambani and Selina (Mwale), of Lusaka, Zambia, girl, Tineneni, April 4, 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BAUGHER, Daniel and Debra (Grimes), of Hantaville, Ala., boy, Jason Daniel Douglas Lee Aze, March 9, 2:35 a.m., 6 pounds 10 1/2 ounces, first child.

BLAND, Edgar and Mona (Clark), of Memphis, Tenn., boy, Jeffrey Fulton, April 1, 9:05 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

BRACKETT, Robert and Diana (Platter), of Kent, Wash., girl, Ananda Marie, April 6, 8:20 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

BURNETT, Larry and Sara (Day), of Dayton, Ohio, boy, Jacob Daniels, April 7, 9:33 a.m., 6 pounds 2 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

COX, Gary and Sandra (Albertson), of Fort Smith, Ark., girl, Jessica Britaine, Jan. 8, 7:27 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DOYLE, James and Shalee (Blossom), of Portland, Ore., boy, Elijah James, Feb. 21, 5 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

DREADEN, Art and Sandra (Epleker), of Mayer, Ariz., boy, Tyler James, April 10, 9:30 a.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys.

EDINBOROUGH, Dean and Lynda (Jones), of Duaneville, Kan., boy, Shane Andrew, March 28, 4:23 p.m., 6 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

FERRERA, Oscar and Rhonda (Edelman), of Escondido, Calif., girl, Ashley Nicole, April 10, 9:30 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

GADDIS, Rodney and Annetta (Evans), of Champaign, Ill., boy, Jason Rodney, April 7, 5:30 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

GEA, David and Nancy (Solinko), of Houston, Tex., girl, Kathleen Elizabeth, March 31, 9:15 p.m., 6 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, now 1 girl.

GRIMM, Steve and Rose (Graham), of Clarksburg, W. Va., girl, Jennifer Lynn, March 16, 7 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

HARRELL, Elvis and Vonelle (Chapman), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Kevin Daniel, March 31, 12:27 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys.

JONES, Elton and Lois (Davis), of New Orleans, La., girl, Bridget Michelle, March 20, 6:53 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

KENNEBECK, Lon and Kathy (Packer), of Big Sandy, boy, David Lon, April 6, 6:39 a.m., 9 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LABELLE, Yvonne and Monique (Cote), of Montreal, Que., girl, Catherine, April 6, 6:52 a.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MCCONACHE, Ken and Brenda (Screen), of Calgary, Alta., girl, Cheryl Anne, March 5, 9:00 p.m., 9 pounds 16 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MCKEAN, Scott and Dawn (Huff), of Columbia, Ohio, girl, Melissa Suzanne, April 5, 8:31 p.m., 7 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

MILLER, Richard and Donna (Sancho), of Lansing, Mich., boy, Isaac Jacob, April 1, 1:12 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys.

MONAGHAN, David and Mary (Bishop), of Pasadena, girl, Jacqueline Marie, March 17, 4:05 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

NICHOL, Dwayne and Irene (Thompson), of Edmonton, Alta., girl, Tamara Irene, March 27, 1:30 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

SARRELA, Daniel and Rhonda (Marlow), of Duluth, Minn., boy, Peter Daniel, March 9, 3:57 a.m., 9 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

SHERIDAN, David and Cathy, of St. John's, Nfld., girl, Diana Hazel, April 10, 11:07 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

SHORT, Phil and Shannon (Elliott), of Wichita, Kan., boy, Seth Elliott, April 11, 8:16 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

STEPHENS, Hubert and Jamie (Jenkins), of Jackson, Miss., boy, Richard Todd, March 4, 9:56 p.m., 10 pounds, now 3 boys.

SWANEY, William and Sharon (Spencer), of Dallas, Tex., girl, Sarah Marie, March 14, 2:21 a.m., 9 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

TISHRANI, Tony and Linda (Bernard), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Tanya Amanda, April 4, 4:57 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

VALEKIS, Jim and Becky (Cormak), of Birmingham, Ala., girl, Stephanie Lynn, March 17, 8:54 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

VANDAMME, Larry and Carol (Bennett), of Kitchener, Ont., boy, Aaron Patrick, April 3, 11:44 p.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

VANDERSTEEN, Don and Carol (Brenneis), of Westlock, Alta., boy, Daniel John, March 22, 8:38 p.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

VERMILION, Disco and Pam (Morris), of Muncie, Ind., boy, Robert Michael, Feb. 20, 8:27 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys.

WALLIS, Neil and Isalla (Horjuz), of Pretoria, South Africa, girl, Minette Mari, Feb. 7, 7:25 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

WHITE, Greg and Pat (Tuck), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Timothy George, March 1, 1:17 p.m., 9 pounds 1 ounce, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

WILLIAMS, Robert III and Denise (Brown), of Chicago, Ill., boy, Robert IV, March 21, 8:34 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

ZIMMERMAN, Galen and Janet (Pies), of Yankton, S.D., girl, Erin Renee, April 11, 8:22 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John Sadowski of Canora, Sask., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lorie Cheryl to Gary Heiko Rea, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rea of Pasadena. A late summer wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith van Pelt of Toronto, Ont., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Jeannette to Chris Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Anderson of Salem, Ore. The wedding is planned for Sept. 15 in Pasadena.

LeiLani Juanita Dickson of Medford, Ore., and Steven LaRoy Maugh of Coos Bay, Ore., are happy to announce their engagement. An autumn wedding in Medford is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. PAUL E. MORGAN**

Paul E. Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Morgan, and Janet L. Blewitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Blewitt, were married Sept. 4 in Knoxville, Tenn., by David Orban, pastor of the Knoxville church. The wedding was in an early 1800s Mediterranean-style home. The bride's parents are members of the Knoxville church, as well as the mother of the groom. Paul and Janet make their home in Oak Ridge, Tenn., and attend the Knoxville church.

Randy W. Beatty and Anne C. Teri were united in marriage March 19 by William Pack, pastor of the Hagerstown, Md., church. Laura Montgomery was maid of honor, and Phil Montgomery was best man. Joe Gurley gave the bride away.



**MR. AND MRS. ROBERT ROUTH**

Venita Kim Moore and Robert Joseph Routh were united in marriage March 19 in Kansas City, Mo. The wedding was performed by James Wells, pastor of the St. Joseph, Mo., and Topoka, Kan., churches. The matron of honor was Anna President, and the best man was Dava McCrory. The happy couple reside in St. Joseph.



**MR. AND MRS. HOWARD S. MULDER**

The wedding of Ade C. Carlisle and Howard S. Mulder took place after the afternoon service of the first day of Unleavened Bread in Oklahoma City, Okla. Arnold Claesson, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, performed the March 29 ceremony. Michelle Carlisle was the maid of honor, and James Barlow was the best man. The couple will reside in Mustang, Okla.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN LIKELY**

John Likely and Marie Parham were united in marriage Nov. 23. The ceremony was performed in

the home of William Miller, pastor of the Grand Rapids, Mich., church. The couple reside in Grand Rapids.



**MR. AND MRS. STANLEY BAKER**

Joan Marie Bush and Stanley Baker were united in marriage March 12 by James Duke, associate pastor of the Tyler, Tex., church. Amy Bush was the matron of honor, and Wayne Woodring was best man. The newweds reside in Tyler.

Marleen Pittman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M.E. Pittman, and Norman Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Edwards, were united in marriage Feb. 20 in Garland, Tex. Kenneth Swisher, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., church, performed the ceremony. Maureen Bailey and Russell Edwards were matron of honor and best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN W.H. LINKE**

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thull of Minneapolis, Minn., North, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Nancy Anne to John W.H. Linke, son of Chris and Emma Linke. The wedding took place March 6 at the Miranda Ballroom. Pastor Larry Walker performed the ceremony. The Minneapolis North and South churches were invited to the wedding dance and reception. The couple reside in Thunder Bay, Ont.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 8th anniversary, Elaine! Thanks to you for me, I have had more organization and purpose to this life than during my first 50 years. Yes, what central Minnesota soil, central Illinois gained when God joined your beautiful rethatched self to me. Love, your William.

Happy 18th wedding anniversary May 26 sweethearts: Thank you for being a Proverbs 31 wife. Thank you for being a loving and caring wife and mother. May we continue to grow in love, and let us continue to allow God to guide and direct our life together. With all my love, Prue Face. Happy anniversary, Mom and Dad, Jeff.

Happy 8th anniversary May 27 to my wife Judy — for the best years of my life. Love, Kit. And to Mommy for all the years of my life. Love, Tiffany.

To my Eddie Pooh Bear: Happy anniversary! Thank you for all the love you've given to me in the past three years. I love you. Your Honey Pot.



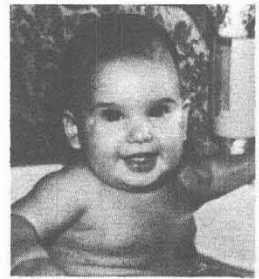
**MR. AND MRS. DENNIS BOLLING**

MESA, Ariz. — Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Bolling celebrated their 55th anniversary April 4. They have been in God's Church since 1957. The Bollings have two daughters, Gail and Denise.

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Earl and Gilite

## 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 David Gregory Blanchard, son of Ken and Meri Blanchard of Springfield, Mass.

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## Obituaries

UDEN, Netherlands — John Ursem Sr., 63, a Church member since 1967, died April 1 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Ursem was born Feb. 2, 1920, in de Beemster, Netherlands. He served as a deacon in the Tilburg, Netherlands, church.

Mr. Ursem is survived by his wife Lillian, also a member, three nieces, two nephews, two grandnieces and one grandnephew.

Funeral services were conducted by Bram de Broe, regional director of the Work in the Dutch-speaking areas.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Ralph Cole, 64, died April 18. He was baptized November, 1981.

Mr. Cole is survived by his wife Lillian, also a member, three nieces, two nephews, two grandnieces and one grandnephew.

Interment was in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. No burial service was performed.

PADUCAH, Ky. — Bertha Collier, 78, a member of God's Church since 1965, died March 28. She was a resident of Hickman, Ky.

Mrs. Collier is survived by one sister. Services were conducted by John Cafourek, pastor of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Paducah churches.

KAMLOOPS, B.C. — Ann Elizabeth Murphy, 72, died of a massive heart attack March 9.

She is survived by her husband Gilbert, seven sons, five daughters, 43 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one brother.

Mrs. Murphy was a member of God's

Church since 1965. She was ordained a deaconess May 18, 1968.

The graveside service was conducted by Charles Bryce, pastor of the Vancouver, B.C., church. The commitment prayer was given by Rainer Salomaa, pastor of the Kamloops and Salmon Arm, B.C., churches.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Leora E. Lanke, 75, of West Allis, Wis., died of a blood disease Dec. 11.

She was baptized by evangelist Dean Blackwell September, 1958, and attended the Milwaukee church.

Mrs. Lanke is survived by her husband Harold, daughter Donna and son-in-law Lyle Vershowske, all members of the Milwaukee church; grandsons Eric of West Allis and Todd of Cheyenne, Wyo., and their wives Dorothy and Laura; great-grandsons Christopher, Bryan and Leigh; sister Vera Perkins; and brothers Altis and Barnett Standiford.

Funeral services were conducted by Felix Heimberg, a minister in the Milwaukee church.

WASHINGTON, Pa. — Ben Brooks, 85, of the Washington church died at home March 5 after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Brooks was a member of the Church since 1961.

He is survived by his wife Pearl and daughter Kathy. Funeral services were conducted in Washington by pastor David Johnson March 8.

BEAVER VALLEY, Pa. — Blanche I. Dean, 95, a member of God's Church since 1966, died March 11.

Mrs. Dean is survived by sons Bill, Haze and Howard, and daughter Naomi Malters. She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons and two daughters.

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

SYDNEY, Australia — Fred Lowe, 91, a member since 1976, died March 29.

He was born in 1891 in Yorkshire, England, and emigrated to Australia before World War I.

He is survived by one son, two daughters and four grandchildren.

THUNDER BAY, Ont. — Charles F. Howland, 96, died Feb. 11. Mr. Howland was a retired train engineer.

Mr. Howland is survived by his wife Agnes and one son, Harry.

Paul Lincham, a minister in the Thunder Bay church, conducted funeral services at Jenkin's Funeral Home.

RICHLAND CENTER, Wis. — Loraine E. Luttig, 52, died April 1 after a lengthy bout with cancer.

Baptized in 1963, she attended services since 1958 in both the LaCrosse and Wisconsin Dells, Wis., church areas.

She is survived by her husband Rupert, son Dan and his wife Judy, her mother, a brother and a sister. Mrs. Luttig's daughter, Donna Schmidt, and her

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# CHURCH NEWS

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Rhodes April 2. The dance was part of the activities of a singles' weekend extending from April 1 to 3. Other scheduled activities included a beach party. An earlier activity was a social at Accra's Ridge Park for married and single members. *Erasmus Senaya.*

United Singles members of the BELFAST, Northern Ireland, church, along with pastor John Jewell and his son Jonathan, attended the European cup soccer game between Northern Ireland and Turkey March 30 at the Windsor Park stadium, Northern Ireland won 2-1. *Edward Thornley.*

BELLEVILLE, Ill., singles sponsored a day of activities April 9. Twenty-seven singles, four young marrieds and three helpers participated. Events included morning Sabbath services, dining out as a group and an afternoon of fellowship. In the evening dance lessons were conducted by Gary Kern at the home of Gloria Anderson. The evening was capped off with a light meal at the Anderson home, followed by an evening out at a dancing establishment to test their newly learned skills. *Jim Biscan.*

The Singles' Club of the BRISBANE, Australia, SOUTH church launched its first activity for the year March 5 with a dinner-dance. The location was a floating restaurant. The Captain Cook, which glided down the Brisbane River on a 3½-hour moonlit voyage. Dancing to the sounds of the Tooowoomba, Australia, church band followed a three-course smorgasbord meal. *P. and R. Mills.*

The United Singles of PEORIA, Ill., enjoyed a weekend of activities April 9 and 10. The organizers of the weekend were Penni Holt and Joe Kreiter. Saturday evening David Davison led the singles in a variety of games. Prizes were awarded to Joann Woelfle's first-place team. Her teammates were Lorraine Frederick, Louise Barnett, Mike Ackley, Roger Shanklin, Mike Joyner and Gerry Frederick. Associate pastor Gary Smith was the overall director. Sunday Penni Holt and Judy Bush prepared a seven-course meal in which the participants ordered three items at a time. The items had unusual names, so the diners did not know what they ordered until they received their food. Pastor Jess Ernest led the singles in six pantomime routines. The day concluded with card games. Guests for the day included Steve and Brenda Hanshaw. *Joe Kreiter.*

## SPORTS

Sporting brethren of the HAMILTON, AUCKLAND, TAURANGA and ROTORUA, New Zealand, churches met in Hamilton April 10 to play cricket. In one game the Auckland team ran out the winners with a display of skill and application. Afterward cups of tea and cookies capped off the day. *Errol Collier.*

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Junior YOU members of the BRISBANE, Australia, SOUTH church attended a party at the Barberas' home in the country April 7 during their school holidays. The youths played pass the parcel, did the elephant walk, jumped a skipping rope and sat on balloons until they popped so they could get the messages out from inside. A Smurf was there, and there were lots of goodies for lunch. Judy Nelson and Kath Boot organized the party. *Peter and Roylene Mills.*

Fifty-four YOU members and 20 adults of the CALGARY, Alta., church left April 5 for a trip to Spokane, Wash., and Radium Hot Springs, B.C. The group traveled in four vans and three station wagons and stopped at the Frank Slide at Frank, Alta., and the railway museum in Cranbrook, B.C. In Spokane they toured Fairchild Air Force Base and Survival School, viewed a film at the Imax Theatre and visited Riverfront Park. The evening of April 6 they met with the Spokane church and YOU for a Bible study. Later the YOU treated them to a pie social and sock hop. The evening was topped off with a visit to Cliff Park for a night view of the city.

After a shopping trip the next morning the convoy headed for Radium Hot Springs and the Cedar Motel owned by Mr. and Mrs. Alex Kulchychi. Mrs. Kulchychi is a Church member. After spending Friday morning in the hot springs, the

group headed home. The trip was organized by ministers Neil Earle, Don Hilbrand and John Borax. Drivers of the vehicles were Roger Lambie, Jim Baldwin, Al Jones, Gerry Sutton, Merv Steadman, Ken Thompson and Mr. Borax. The trip was financed by several YOU bottle drives. *James S. Baldwin.*

Some 230 young people attended a districtwide junior-senior prom in CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 2 at the Imperial ballroom. The prom honored high school juniors and seniors and last year's graduates. The formal occasion included dinner and dancing to the music played by the church band, The Loving Touch. *Lynn Daley and Tom Hammett.*

EUGENE, Ore., YOU council member Carrie Cannon was hostess for a bowling party April 10. Twenty-three YOU members and several of their parents spent the morning demonstrating their bowling skills and working up an appetite. At noon they met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Summy for a potluck lunch, and pastor Leonard Schreiber conducted a Bible study and an open discussion. *Mrs. L. Schreiber.*

FORT PIERCE, Fla., junior YOU and YOU members and their families went roller-skating at the Treasure Coast Roller-skating Rink the morning of April 17. There were races for the different age groups and two races for the mothers and fathers. Free ice cream and coke were available. *Doris Freeman.*

The GARDEN GROVE, Calif., church sponsored the yearly YOU district weekend March 12 and 13. Saturday evening's activities were a Bible bowl, a chili dinner, games and a dance. In the basketball tournament Sunday Long Beach, Calif., came in first and San Diego, Calif., second. *Mark Davis.*

The HOUSTON, Tex., WEST YOU had its first recital April 3. The senior citizens of the congregation were honorary guests at the occasion. Several of the YOU members displayed their talents and entertained the guests by singing, dancing and playing the piano, flute, trumpet and clarinet. Pastor Dennis Van Deventer was the master of ceremonies. After the recital the YOU members served refreshments. *Eliza Lee and Susan Quinn.*

More than 100 YOU members representing the YOU District 23 churches gathered in LANSING, Mich., April 10 for the biannual Bible bowl-Bible baseball district tournament. The topic of study was the book of Exodus and the Ten Commandments booklet. Each team played three baseball games, which ended up in a playoff between Grand Rapids, Mich., and Flint, Mich. The Bible bowl was single elimination and ended up with the same two teams facing each other. Grand Rapids squeaked by Flint 24-23 in the baseball final. Flint bettered Grand Rapids 370-130 in the final bowl. Moderators were John Campau, Mark Welch and Harvey Wierenga, Sr. *Bill Miller.*

MACOMB, Ill., YOU members participated in an overnight outing April 16 and 17. The youths played Bible games until sundown and then had a chili supper. That evening cards and other games were played. The YOU members stayed overnight at Church members' homes. The following morning a breakfast was pro-

vided by the YOU fund. Then it was off to the tennis courts for some tennis. Later in the day lunch was served, followed by games of volleyball and basketball. Chaperons were pastor and Mrs. Jess Ernest, Barry Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Druein, Mr. and Mrs. John Parick and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Royer. *Polly Royer.*

MOUNT POCONO, Pa., YES members enjoyed the hospitality of Tony and Wilma Wojnar at their home April 2 after Sabbath services. Tony Kolutiva supplied the equipment for the showing of the first part of the film *The Ten Commandments*. The second part of the film will be shown at a future date. A potluck dinner, including an array of unprepared desserts, was served.

The YES children displayed their Spring Festival picture project at services April 4. Scenes from the Passover and the crossing of the Red Sea were arranged for viewing by the members. Gary Kreger

was in charge of the project. *Margie Storm.*

Twenty junior YOU members and nine adults from the MURFREESBORO, Tenn., church toured the Tennessee State Museum and state capitol March 23. Jim Shannon and Sue Hunt were in charge of the junior YOU group. *Everett Corbin.*

The TAMPA, Fla., YOU members and their families went to the Sta-Fit Health Center April 17. Hosts for the event were Marshall and Cheryl Jones. Mr. Jones is Mr. North Florida, and Mrs. Jones is the U.S. national champion of powerlifting in her weight class. The youths participated in a bench-press contest, which Donna Raleigh and Dale Larkin won. *Christine Quade.*

TOOWOOMBA, WARWICK and KINGAROOY, Australia, YOU members, along with adult family members, traveled into central Queensland April 5 for a four-day camp-out and hike into Camarvon Gorge National Park. The trip

began with a five-hour drive to a beef-grazing property where farming Church member Col McAdam had arranged an overnight base camp. Horseback riding and a barbecue tea were enjoyed. Next morning the seven-vehicle convoy began the drive over gravel roads to the park headquarters.

On arrival the hikers set off for a four-hour walk upstream. Camp that night was near Cathedral Cave, an art gallery of aboriginal paintings on the rock walls. Evening entertainment was provided by an impromptu YOU group singing by torchlight. On the return trip downstream the group made stops to explore gorges, ravines and waterfalls. The hike concluded with swimming and diving in a water hole. From the park headquarters it was a three-hour drive back to base camp and a barbecue dinner. Next morning some of the group went horseback riding, while others preferred a hot cup of tea. *Graemne J. Marshall.*

## Congress

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"The last American combat forces left Vietnam 10 years ago after the signing of the Paris Peace Agreement on Jan. 27, 1973. . . . Between 1973 and 1975, Congress cut the arms budget for South Vietnam by 76 percent. The Soviet Union, on the other hand, doubled its shipments of arms to North Vietnam. It is not surprising that in 1975 the North Vietnamese . . . rolled into Saigon.

"What followed was one of the great tragedies of history. The 'liberators' brought ruthless tyranny. Under the Thieu government there were some elections, some opposition, some freedom. Now there is none. . . . There were no boat people before the communists took over. Now 110,000 fleeing their liberators have drowned in the China Sea. . . . In Cambodia alone over three million have been murdered and starved to death. . . .

"The choice now is clear. . . . If they [Congress] oppose the president's request they can justify their action by proclaiming that they are preventing the United States from getting bogged down in another Vietnam. But they cannot escape the responsibility for what happens thereafter. When we get out, the communists will move in. . . .

"There can be no excuses. When the red tide of blood and steel rolls over the 4.5 million people of El Salvador and hundreds of thousands of refugees clamor to come to the U.S., those who opposed adequate aid to the anti-communist government of El Salvador will frantically thrash around looking for someone else to blame. But they will search elsewhere in vain. All they will have to do to see who is at fault is to look in the mirror."

As God foretold through the prophet Isaiah: "O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, And destroy the way of your paths" (Isaiah 3:12, Revised Authorized Version).

The President might "hold the fort" for a while, but the tide of revolution seems to be inevitably sweeping northward. If it continues it will tragically sweep millions of Latin Americans, once dependent upon U.S. protection, into its tyrannical fold.

In addition, it could force millions of refugees, including hundreds of thousands of new boat people, to flee into the United States. The seeds of revolution inside the United States itself could thus be sown as well.

Perhaps a letter in the April 11 U.S. News & World Report summarizes the impending calamity best: "As a former protester against the Vietnam War, I find it interesting to note the concern that El Salvador may become a new Vietnam. I recall one of the hawks' main arguments for fighting in Vietnam was that if we didn't win there, we would be fighting again closer to home. Could it be that they were right?"

## Guyana

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Philippians 2:12 tells us we must work out our own salvation with fear and trembling.

No matter how steep the track or how long the track, we all must climb, bearing our own burden, doing what God expects of us individually. We can't make it into God's Kingdom hanging on to someone else's shirttail.

Romans 14:12 says: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." There's no shirking our responsibility. We have to put on that *wairish* and climb, no matter how painful or arduous.

Rachel and Jimmy make that trip several times a week to obtain food for themselves and their family. They were making this particular trip not for themselves, but for myself and the brethren far away in Georgetown, the capital. Rising prices were making it difficult for members to buy enough food.

Paramakatoi is a quiet, tranquil Amerindian village, far from so-called civilization. Perhaps, right now, Jimmy and Rachel are trudging up the mountainside, their *wairish* on their backs.

## Britain

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ain will know whether Michael Foot is the new prime minister or Mrs. Thatcher remains in power.

If there is a change, the departing prime minister will visit the Queen the same day, the movers will arrive at No. 10 Downing Street and Mr. Foot will be in residence perhaps before nightfall. That's quite a difference from the virtual yearlong electoral process in the United States with its attendant lame-duck period between the defeat of the outgoing President and the arrival of the President-elect more than two months later.

Make no mistake about it. To win, Labor would have to effect the biggest swing between the two major parties since World War II. And at this moment, the major polls show Mrs. Thatcher in a strong position.

Nevertheless a lot of things can happen in 30 days. May 11, more than 1,000 redundancies (layoffs) were announced in the Hartlepool area in northern England. If there is enough bad news before the election it could go the other way.

To some politicians "elections are the sacred moment of contact between the voters and the people they put in charge," wrote Hugo Young in *The Times*, May 8. They are simply enthralled by the so-called democratic process. God does not have so high a view.

### God's view

Humanity has forgotten that His Unseen Hand would be the deciding factor should He choose to intervene. It is God's choice. He can either let matters run their natural course or dip His hand in. He can select any government leader He so chooses.

Daniel 4:17 says "that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will" (King James Version).

Britain is at a crossroads. What path will it take? True Christians are not in a position to determine what political party best serves the country.

Our real job is to help prepare the way for the coming government of God. When God's Kingdom is at last here, no one will worry about political parties and electioneering from that time forward.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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husband Don are members of God's Church in LaCrosse with their three children.

John Bald, pastor of the Rochester, Minn., Mason City, Iowa, and LaCrosse churches, conducted the service April 5.

WACO, Tex. — Druccilla C. Burns, 91, a longtime member of the Waco church, died April 3 after a short illness. Mrs. Burns was born April 9, 1891, in Limestone County near Mexia, Tex. She was baptized in 1958.

Surviving Mrs. Burns are two daughters, Thelma Johnson and Charlotte Ham, both of Mexia; eight grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 57 great-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-great-grandchildren.

Walter Johnson, minister in the Waco church, officiated at funeral services in Limestone County April 7.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Jeannette Waddington, 85, died March 30 of complications in a hospital where she had been confined for nearly six weeks.

Mrs. Waddington was 84 years old when baptized Sept. 19, 1981. She is survived by her daughter Lil-

ian J. Cole, baptized at the same time as her mother, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

DETROIT, Mich. — Raquel Elizabeth Vinson, 5, died April 15 following four weeks' illness.



RAQUEL ELIZABETH VINSON

Funeral services, conducted by Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., pastor, Ray Wooten, took place April 21. Raquel is survived by her parents, Gene and Antoinette Vinson, and a brother, Ryan.

### TIPS FOR BETTER LOCAL CHURCH NEWS PHOTOS

1. Shoot black and white photos. Color photos are sometimes usable but reproduction quality is poor.
2. Don't send Polaroid or instantatic pictures.
3. All photos should be accompanied by captions clearly identifying all persons and explaining what is taking place in the photo.
4. After the caption, write "Photo by . . ." and insert the name of the photographer.
5. Put people in photos even when shooting objects.
6. Avoid obviously posed shots. People in your pictures should look natural.
7. Shoot a variety of shots. Give us several to choose from.
8. Shoot action shots.



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

# UPDATE

FRESNO, Calif. — No brethren were hurt or suffered major property damage in the earthquake that struck Coalinga, Calif., and surrounding areas May 2, according to **Glen V. White**, pastor of the Fresno church.

Registering 6.5 on the Richter scale, the quake struck at 4:43 p.m. Mr. White, who was 50 miles (about 80 kilometers) away in Fresno, said: "The first shock was hard enough for us to go outside to get from under the building . . . For the Fresno area you call it a real window-rattler."

He added: "We have four members living in Coalinga. No structural damage occurred to their homes, but a few windows were broken."

Mr. White said that two after shocks registering 5 and 5.5 on the Richter scale shook the area May 8.



**EARTHQUAKE** — Map shows area affected by May 2 earthquake in California. No brethren were hurt or suffered major property damage. [Map by Ron Grove]

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PASADENA — During the first quarter of 1983 the Work distributed 15,204,000 pieces of literature, according to **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center, May 10.

This number represents an all-time record and a 20 percent increase over the first quarter of last year. Mr. Rice said: "We are not experiencing a sudden upsurge, but a continuous period of growth. It is strong and steady."

In this quarter the Work distributed about 500,000 lessons of the *Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course*, including the enrollment of 52,593 new students from the United States alone. The increase represents a 122 percent

growth over the first quarter of last year.

The number of co-workers is about 47,000, a 23 percent increase over the same period last year. The number of donors is about 85,000, a 36 percent increase over last year.

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PASADENA — **Erick Dubois**, pastor of the churches in Guadeloupe, and **Gilbert Carbonnel**, pastor of the Fort-de-France, Martinique, church, will switch church areas, according to evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, director of God's Work in French-speaking areas, April 18.

The change will take place after the Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Carbonnel pastored the Martinique church for 10 years, and Mr. Dubois pastored the Guadeloupe churches for six years.

BONN, West Germany — Two Ambassador College students and one employee of the Work's Bonn Office appeared with West German President **Karl Carstens** on the cover of the May edition of *Deutschland Magazin* (*Germany Magazine*), according to **Frank Schnee**, regional director of the Work in German-speaking areas.

**Alfred Hennig**, official West German government photographer, took the color photo of the students and the president at the Youth Garden Party May 26, 1982. [See "Students Meet President, West German Officials," *WN*, July 5, 1982.]

Cover photo shows from left: President Carstens, students **Terri Conti** and **Michael Benjergedes** and former student **Elaine Schnee**, who works in the Bonn Office. Mr. Benjergedes was graduated May 13.



**GERMAN MAGAZINE** — Magazine shows Ambassador students, a Bonn, West Germany, employee and President Karl Carstens.



PASADENA — It has taken some weeks for Spring Feast reports to filter in from corners of the globe. A final tally shows 70,882 members took the Passover in organized congregations this year, a 3.8 percent increase over 1982. Groups met in 47 countries ranging from eight in the Solomon Islands to 52,419 in the United States.

#### Netherlands

For the first time in the history of God's Work in the Dutch-language area, the *Plain Truth* (*Echte Waarheid*) circulation in March passed 60,000.

Advertising fliers were placed in the Saturday edition of *De Telegraaf*, Holland's largest newspaper, and in *De Kampioen*, the magazine of the Dutch Automobile Association.

At the same time a full-page advertisement was run on the back cover of *De Autoerist*, the magazine of the Belgian Automobile Association and *Tros Kompas*, one of the Dutch TV guides.

The newspaper flier in *De Telegraaf* gave the Work the broadest exposure and the best response at 3.57 percent of circulation. This helped incoming mail to be up 46

percent in March.

#### Asia

Twenty-four new people were contacted in southern India on a trip taken by **Mohan Jayasekera**, the minister in Sri Lanka. He baptized three, bringing membership in India to 92.

*Plain Truth* circulation in India is 10,766. Spaulding Kulasingam pastored the congregation in Bombay, and visits brethren in northern India, and Mr. Jayasekera looks after the congregations in Colombo and Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka (formerly Ceylon), and visits there and in southern India as well.

#### French Europe

During March and April a series of lectures for subscribers to *La Pure Verite* (French *PT*) was conducted in France, Switzerland and Belgium.

Evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, regional director for French-speaking areas, opened the series in Strasbourg, France, March 25. Fifty-nine new people attended. Mr. Apartian was interviewed live on Radio Libre, and on the government-controlled radio network FR3.

March 29 and 30 Mr. Apartian

conducted successful meetings in Bienne and Geneva, Switzerland, attended by 30 new people each night.

At Liege, Belgium, **Jean Carion**, pastor of the Brussels, Belgium, church, spoke to *PV* subscribers, of which 50 were new, and in Brussels April 3, 90 new people heard him.

**Sam Kneller**, pastor of the Paris church, finished the series in Paris April 10. More than 150 new people attended along with members, and the deep interest shown in the message was exciting for the members who anticipate future growth.

#### 'Pure Verite'

During the first three months of 1983, more than 11,000 new subscribers to the French *Plain Truth* were added to the file. More than 20 percent came from hearing the *World Tomorrow* radio broadcast in French by Mr. Apartian on Radio Luxembourg, or Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong's** television program, which is shown with French subtitles on RTL-TV in Belgium. Another 19.6 percent came from a fair booth placed in front of the Student Exhibition Hall in Paris.

Other sources of new subscribers included insert or blow-in cards in the magazine, referrals by subscribers' magazine advertising, newsstands and card-holder programs.

#### Scandinavia

After a lull in growth *Plain Truth* circulation in Scandinavia is back up to the 1982 level of more than 12,500. Circulation will be built by advertising, to more than 25,000 by

the end of the year.

There are now six booklets available in Norwegian, which is the most widely understood of the Scandinavian languages, with seven more in various stages of production.

The *U.S. and Britain in Prophecy* and *Does God Exist?* booklets are likely to be completed soon and will be offered to Scandinavian readers when they are available.

Following Mr. Armstrong's directions, studies are now being conducted by the British Office (responsible for the Work in Scandinavia) about the feasibility of producing a Norwegian-language edition of *The Plain Truth* next year. Subject to the outcome of the studies and Mr. Armstrong's approval, the Work could anticipate a new language edition that will help reach Scandinavian peoples.

#### Caribbean

**Stan Bass**, regional director for the English-speaking churches in the Caribbean, had a conference for ministers March 12 and 13 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Mr. Bass said prayers are still needed because of the financial situation there. The Puerto Rican Regional Office operates on a limited budget of U.S. dollars, while the other Caribbean islands receive donations in currencies that cannot be used outside of their countries. (See "Director Deals With Differences Between Nations in the Caribbean," *WN*, Feb. 7.)

Ministers attending the conference were **Charles Fleming** from Jamaica, **Arnold Hampton**, **Barbados**, **Lincoln Jailal**, now in **Barbados**, **Paul Krautmann**, **Guyana**, **Kingsley Mather**, **Bahamas**, **Cecil Pulley**, **Bermuda**, and **Victor Simpson**, **Trinidad and Tobago**.



**SESSION NO. 17** — Ministers and wives attending the May 2 to 12 Ministerial Refreshing Program are pictured above at the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

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