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HWA visits SEP, Church offices in New Zealand, travels in G-III

By Aaron Dean and Rex Morgan

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong left the Burbank, Calif., airport Jan. 2 at 2 p.m. Pacific Standard Time en route to Auckland with a stopover in Honolulu, Hawaii.

In this article The Worldwide News covers Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's visit to New Zealand. Next issue we will continue coverage of Mr. Armstrong's trip. The article was written by Aaron Dean, Mr. Armstrong's aide, and Rex Morgan, a minister in the Church's Auckland, New Zealand, Office.

The pastor general flew on board a demonstrator G-III jet that the Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. allowed the Church to test before the Church's G-III is available. (See photos in the Dec. 19 *Worldwide News*.)

Before the departure Mr. Armstrong attended a luncheon with William E. Skelton, Rotary International president, in the campus Student Center after the Tournament of Roses Parade. (See article, page 3.)

On board with the pastor general were his aide, Aaron Dean, and his wife, Michelle; Kevin Dean, Youth Opportunities United director, and his wife, Carol; and Judith Omasta, wife of Larry Omasta, manager of Media Services in Pasadena, who joined her husband in New Zealand. Also on board were nurse Elaine Brown, the G-II crew and an additional captain and mechanic from Gulfstream Aerospace.

Everyone was impressed with the smoothness and quietness of the G-III. The cabin pressure in the G-III

is 2,000 feet lower than in the G-II, which made the trip a bit less tiring and made the distance seem shorter.

The party arrived in Honolulu at 5 p.m. local time after a five-hour flight. From the Honolulu airport the group drove to the Kahala Hilton, where Honolulu pastor David Fraser and his wife, Katharine, met them for dinner. Mr. Fraser told Mr. Armstrong about the growth of the church in Hawaii and hoped that Mr. Armstrong could speak to the church there on a future trip.

Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 10 a.m., the G-III left Honolulu en route to New Zealand. After a fuel stop in Pago Pago, an island in the South Pacific, the group landed in Auckland on the opposite side of the international date line.

Mr. Armstrong was met by Peter Nathan, regional director, and his wife, Karen, and then welcomed in a special lounge at the airport by most of the ministers and wives from New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga.

PASTOR GENERAL'S ITINERARY

Jan. 2: Arrives in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Jan. 4: Arrives in Auckland, New Zealand, after crossing international date line.

Jan. 6: Visits and speaks to campers attending the SEP on Motutapu Island, 6 miles from Auckland.

Jan. 7: Speaks to brethren in Sabbath services in Auckland.

Jan. 8: Gives Bible study in Wellington, New Zealand.

Jan. 9: Departs for Brisbane, Australia.

Afterward the group was taken to the Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Armstrong was surprised and delighted to see a piano in his suite, compliments of the New Zealand Office.

Thursday morning, Jan. 5, Mr. Armstrong visited the Church's Auckland Office, where he spent more than one hour meeting with Sir Edmund Hillary, mountaineer, explorer, author and the first man to climb Mt. Everest, on the border between Tibet and Nepal.

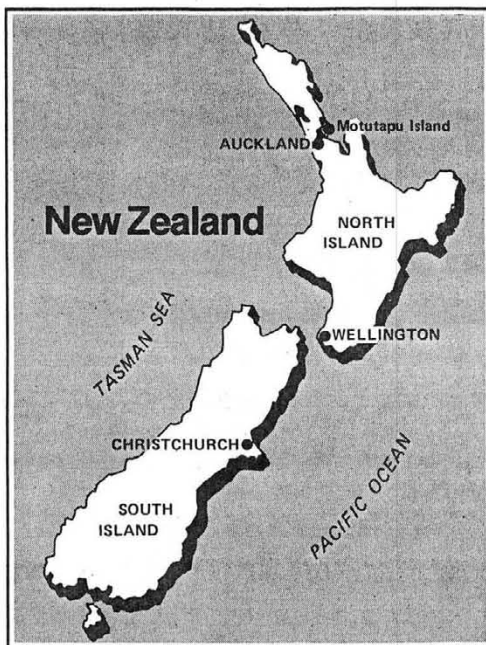
Sir Edmund more recently has been involved in establishing schools for the people of Nepal.

This gave the two men common ground, since Mr. Armstrong met with the king of Nepal three times, most recently at a Los Angeles World Affairs Council meeting in Beverly Hills, Calif., Dec. 15.

Mr. Armstrong then toured the office. After lunch at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan, he was given an update by Mr. Nathan on the progress of God's Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Friday, Jan. 6, the pastor general and his party flew by helicopter to the New Zealand Summer Educational Program on Motutapu Island, 6 miles from Auckland. Mr. Armstrong visited several activities there, including sailing, canoeing, waterskiing, swimming, archery, the obstacle course and an education class.

Mr. Armstrong had lunch and



NEW ZEALAND VISIT — Map shows places visited by Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the North Island of New Zealand. (See article, this page.) [Map by Ron Grove]

viewed the presentation of the weekly awards. Mr. Armstrong was given a picture of the tree of life bearing the Ten Commandments as its fruit, painted by a group of little children of the staff members.

In the afternoon Mr. Armstrong spoke to more than 200 campers, staff and ministry. In a warm, personal and fatherly address, he encouraged the campers to use their minds and plan (See HWA, page 3)

World Tomorrow airs in Italy

PASADENA — *The World Tomorrow* featuring Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong began airing on Italian television Jan. 1, according to David Hulme, director of media purchasing for the Church.

The program features Italian subtitles and originates from a Monte Carlo station. The signal is picked up by other transmitters and aired at noon on Sundays through "densely populated areas of Italy," Mr. Hulme said in a Jan. 3 interview.

"By negotiating the contract we have been able to stay within budgetary constraints mentioned by Mr. Armstrong in his Dec. 18 co-worker letter," Mr. Hulme said. In that letter Mr. Armstrong said budgetary reasons were forcing him to cancel the planned move to air the telecast in Italy.

"Further," he added, "TV time [for *The World Tomorrow*] in Zimbabwe has been accepted. *The World Tomorrow* will be aired on the government station ZTV beginning January, 1984, at no cost."

Reviewing 1983

In a Dec. 21 interview with *The Worldwide News*, Mr. Hulme discussed the Church's work in media during 1983. "This year we took a good, objective, long-range view of our radio and television involvement and are now making changes so the whole effort is more effective," the director of media purchasing said.

"Most of 1983 was spent consolidating the new opportunities that opened up to us the previous year," he said.

"We're now rationalizing our radio coverage," the media purchasing director continued. "That's an industry term for maximizing and strengthening coverage."

The Church is reducing the number of U.S. radio stations airing the *World Tomorrow* broadcast, retaining stations that cover thousands of square miles, such as the 50,000-watt stations in New York, N.Y. (WOR), and Salt Lake City, Utah (KSL).

"Our experience this past year showed us that the role of radio in delivering *The World Tomorrow* has changed significantly," Mr. Hulme said.

"Since the program's inception in 1934, the U.S. radio audience and format has changed," he continued.

He described the U.S. radio audience as "enormously fragmented," adding that the radio industry has 15 categories of broadcast formats alone.

"The formerly massive U.S. radio audience for general programming has declined tremendously," Mr. Hulme said. "But on the other hand, the audience for television has increased in almost direct proportion."

Upgrading television

He pointed out that television produced a much higher number of responses to the *World Tomorrow* program than radio. "Television is a much more responsive medium, producing almost 10 times the response of radio," he said.

"Accordingly, what's our plan for 1984?" he asked. "We will continue

to upgrade time slots — both in television and radio — as well as add additional stations and markets that justify the expansion."

He said more attention would be given to international markets during 1984, saying that the Church had shifted its European advertising account from BBDO/U.K. (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn in the United Kingdom) to BBDO International.

"Both are in London [England]," Mr. Hulme said, "but it will give us a more centralized operation for the English, French, Scandinavian and Italian advertising."

The Church retains another branch of BBDO, Gislis & Gislis, Zurich, Switzerland, to handle German-language advertising in Switzerland and Austria.

On the Caribbean front the *World Tomorrow* broadcast may soon be aired again in Grenada. "We are currently negotiating with a radio station there," he said. (See "International Desk," *WN*, Dec. 5.)

The *World Tomorrow* telecast with French subtitles featuring Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong now airs in Monte Carlo and Luxembourg, reaching Belgium and northern and southern France.

An offer from a television station in Hong Kong to air the telecast was turned down during 1983. "Unfortunately, the offer simply wasn't acceptable," he said.

"We feel 1984 will be a good year," he concluded. "We are taking steps to ensure continued good response to the end-time message this Church will deliver."

Treasurer reviews history of finances for Church

By Leroy Neff

PASADENA — The year 1983 has come and gone, and I am sure you are interested in finding out how we did financially in the United States. But before telling you about the mail and Holy Day income figures for 1983, let me give you some information about the previous two years.

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

In 1981 we had a nice increase of 17.1 percent more than 1980. However, when this increase was adjusted for inflation, it was actually only about a 6.1 percent increase. In 1982 we finished the year with an 11.2 percent increase, but inflation cut this back to an actual increase of about 4.8 percent.

We have just finished 1983 with about a 12 percent increase. When this is corrected for inflation, it is an actual increase of about 8.5 percent. From these figures it should be evident that 1983 was a good year and that it ended with more adjusted increase than either of the preceding two years and, in fact, was a better

increase than we have had since 1969. We should all rejoice and be thankful to God for this increase.

Even though the increase was good, it was not quite as good as we had hoped. The 17 percent combined increase for September-October possibly caused us to be overly optimistic concerning November and December. These two months dropped back considerably.

Some may conclude that December is normally a low month and this should be expected. However, this reasoning does not take into account the fact that we are comparing the same period for the previous year.

I realize that the severe weather, which affected income, and the postal system, accounted in part for a lower than expected income for November and December. But, during this same time, retail sales around the nation were up considerably, apparently much more than the income for God's Church.

Even though we had a comparatively good year, the bank balances on Dec. 30 were lower than a year ago. The lower balance is caused by several (See FINANCES, page 3)

Lutheran church inches closer to Rome

PASADENA — The year 1983 passed into history with two significant trends in religion. First, there was the growing relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran bodies. Second, Vatican suspicions over the faithfulness of the Catholic Church in the United States reached a new level of serious concern.

On the first point, the 500th anniversary, Nov. 10, of the birth of Martin Luther provided Catholics and Lutherans alike the opportunity to take a fresh look at their relationship.

Strangely enough, the iron-willed ex-Augustinian monk who broke with Rome, who called the papacy "the seat of the true and real Antichrist" and the church of Rome the "whore of Babylon," is being held up today by both Protestant and Catholic theologians as an ecumenical beacon to enlighten the path toward church unity.

As *Time* magazine summed it up in its Oct. 17 cover story, "The reformer who fractured Christianity... has latterly become a key in uniting it."

Pope attends Lutheran service

The new interest in Lutheranism reached a peak Sunday, Dec. 11,

when Pope John Paul II, in a conciliatory gesture, visited a Lutheran church in Rome. It was the first time any pope had ever visited an ordinary Protestant church to participate in a service.

In his address at tiny Christ Church, Pope John Paul II said, in German: "I have come... in the search for full Christian unity... In the 500th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther, we seem to discern from far away the dawning of an advent of a recombination of our unity and community... We desire unity, we work for unity, without letting ourselves get discouraged by the difficulty we encounter along our way."

In consideration of Lutheran sensitivities, John Paul appeared without his miter — the symbol of the papacy. In addition, the service did not include communion, a sacrament that the two churches celebrate differently.

The papal visit was announced a month earlier in a letter by John Paul praising Luther for his "profound religiousness." In the letter John Paul also called for a reevaluation of the man who shattered the unified Catholic Church in the West.

The papal letter avoided reference to the excommunication pro-

nounced against Luther by Pope Leo X. It is seen to be comparable to Pope John Paul's public pronouncement on the personal integrity of the astronomer Galileo Galilei, which did not touch on doctrinal questions or on the behavior of Rome at the time.

are still of a cautious nature, giving the clear impression that any concrete movement toward unity would have to come mostly from the Lutherans in the direction of Rome.

Church 'rebellion' in America

If the worldwide Lutheran com-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



An editorial comment in the Nov. 11 *National Review* (published by William Buckley, a conservative Catholic) had this to say about the Lutheran phenomenon:

"The world into which the Saxon miner's son was born five hundred years ago still shows like a rippled lake the effects of his passage. John Paul II says that he prays every night to know how to heal the breach, as Lutheran and Catholic theologians wrestle with their doctrinal differences."

Most analysts stressed that the pope's overtures to the Lutherans

community can be said to be slowly rediscovering its roots, the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is veering away, in some cases wildly, from fidelity to Rome.

"The American Church," reported *National Review* Nov. 25, "has all but turned its back on Rome. Dissent has become its orthodoxy, rebellion its rule. A good bishop is

of us than can take place step by step. Many times we must learn to crawl before we learn to walk spiritually.

Growing pains

A crisis can be a definite deterrent to our growth, or it can cause us to grow more than ever. I think we decide within ourselves which it will be. In his letter to the Romans, Paul says, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

This verse does not say that everything that happens to us is good. It says that God will take everything and work it together so that the end result is good. This is growth.

God allows suffering in humanity in order that we grow in character. He has also promised that the difficulties will not be beyond our capacity to handle, and neither will they last indefinitely (I Corinthians 10:13). If we follow Jesus Christ's example in times of trouble, we need not grow weary or fainthearted (Hebrews 12:2-3).

What about your spiritual growth? Take some time right now to do some evaluating. No one else can do it for you. Here are some helpful suggestions:

- Take an honest look at where you are in your spiritual growth and where you would like to be.
- Make some positive growth plans. Write them down. Put them on your Holy Day calendar. Review them on the seven high days.
- Be willing to share with others how you are doing and ask their help if you feel you need it. Seek counsel from your minister. Ask God for help daily.
- Don't be afraid to take and make new commitments to grow.
- Don't let others dictate your growth patterns. Spiritual growth is not a race — it's a lifelong journey. You don't need to strive to be more spiritual than someone else.

We do need to reexamine our lives now and then and perhaps readjust our goals. Each phase of life offers a specific challenge to grow in the deepest purpose of our life — to qualify for the Kingdom of God.

Yes, the best is yet to happen, when we shall experience what is written in I Corinthians 2:9: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him" (NIV). For those who grow and qualify.

Let's get going — get growing.

hard to find. But the Pope is going to have to start finding some, and soon."

Realizing that conditions are rapidly getting out of hand, John Paul II delivered a series of unusually blunt addresses to American bishops last September.

In one, noting the *National Review*, the pope, "using the strongest terms he has yet employed... told them that the question of ordaining women to the priesthood is closed and there is to be no more discussion of it, warning them to 'withdraw support' from groups that advocate it. He went on to deplore the decay of sexual morality and told the bishops that they must oppose contraception, divorce, premarital sex and homosexuality."

Yet the pope's admonitions appear to be taken lightly.

The three broad dissenting constituencies, summarized the *National Review*, are "priests reticent under the discipline of celibacy, women (mainly nuns) who want to become priests and laymen who reject the traditional teachings about divorce and contraception. Everything that now happens in the

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



A look at the Isle of Man

DOUGLAS, Isle of Man — Perhaps the most outstanding fact about the Isle of Man is simply its location. Situated in the Irish Sea virtually equidistant from Scotland, Ireland and England, you can see the coasts of five countries on a clear day — England, Scotland, Wales, the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. If the British Isles have a central point, then the Isle of Man must be that point.

The National Geographic Society classifies this island as a major island. The Isle of Man is not a part of the United Kingdom even though it is classed as a self-governing dependency of the British crown. Islanders can elect, however, a member to sit in Parliament in London.

This ancient isle has its own day-to-day government, banks, money and postal system. The Tynwald is the oldest elected parliament in the world.

Island affairs are chiefly administered by the Legislative Council and the House of Keys — the two chambers of the Tynwald. Many parliamentary sessions are presided over by a lieutenant governor representing Her Majesty's government.

Operating a government is not easy even on a relatively small island — 227 square miles. Modern communications tend to spread societal ills to every nook and cranny of this world.

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

'The Day After'

I have just finished watching two hours of the TV show "The Day After." The earthshaking reality of the terrible times ahead has sunk in to me...

I hope and pray the show had the same sobering effect on others and that perhaps now they will change their lives and repent. I hope too it stirs all [of] us in the Church to rededicate ourselves to serving God and finishing this vital work.

Carl Rupp
Morristown, N.J.

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Teletext viewers respond

Your messages, books and magazines have been a real blessing to us. For years the Holy Bible has been our church. Much of the Bible we did not understand too well. We listened to many broadcasts of the various churches and were more confused than ever. Then we happened to receive your message over TV one morning and our answers to many questions became more and more clear. Now, we have most of your books and magazines.

We are old people, crippled to some extent with arthritis, so we have time to think and study God's Word. Sometimes I think our afflictions are really a blessing after all. My husband will be 91 in April and I will be 94 in May. But we have so much to be thankful for. God has been so good to us, and we bless and pray for you too. Thank you for the hope you are sending to our troubled world.

Mrs. Paul M. Howard
West Sacramento, Calif.

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Letters of appreciation

Thank you again for those informative letters from Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, including the one typed Nov. 8, 1983, as prophecy is being fulfilled in

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

The best is yet to come

Recently I sat captivated in front of our television watching a documentary about the endless versatility of the human brain. Scientists say we have far more possibilities at our disposal than we ever realized. The problem is to find how we can make use of them.

One scientist explained that the largest computer is nothing more than a quick idiot compared with the human mind. In comparison with our brain cell information exchange system, a telephone exchange is a stupid thing, he said. One neuron cell can accomplish more connections a day than all the phone exchanges in the world put together.

Our brain contains many million neuron cells, all having connections with each other. Such a capacity results in trillions and trillions of possibilities.

After turning off the program, I thought and prayed that God would help me to continue learning and developing and to make better use of what I already had learned.

It is a humbling thought that we Christians hardly have begun to use our potential. Yet our brain can grow and develop even into old age. In light of this we can expect that the best is yet to happen.

Spiritual immaturity

The Bible teaches that the most fascinating aspect of creation is growth. God gives us innumerable possibilities to develop and to bear fruit, to grow throughout our lives.

The Bible speaks a lot about growing. Writing to the early Church at Ephesus, Paul says, "Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15, Revised Standard Version).

The apostle Peter tells us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18, RSV).

In his first letter, Peter states: "So put away all malice and all guile and insincerity and envy and all

slander. Like newborn babes, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation" (I Peter 2:1-2, RSV).

Jesus Christ, in His earthly ministry, talked repeatedly of growth and used many agrarian examples to illustrate His points. He spoke of planting seeds, growing wheat and harvesting crops.

Christ Himself was our example of proper growth: Throughout His life "Jesus increased in wisdom (in broad and full understanding) and in stature and years, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52, Amplified Bible).

This shows us the development of the whole person, as desired by God — physical, spiritual and social. All done in balance with God's Word as the foundation.

Growth necessary

How many of us have become spiritual dwarfs? That is precisely what we are if we don't continue to grow mentally and spiritually, if we don't tap the inexhaustible resources at our disposal — God's Word, the Church's publications, sermons.

Christ says no less than, "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48, New International Version). The word *perfect* here means full grown, mature in godly understanding and character.

Paul talks about us growing "until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13, NIV).

None of us, of course, can expect to attain spiritual or physical maturity all at once. That would be unnatural. As one father said to me: "I would feel cheated if my young son, by some miracle, became an adult instantly. I want to enjoy every phase of his development. I want to help him with it."

This is also true in our spiritual development; God wants to help us with it. He doesn't expect any more

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Rose Parade: service marathon

PASADENA — Patrolling campus grounds, serving hundreds of hot dogs, hawking programs and ushering thousands of people to grandstand seats were among the service and fund-raising activities performed by more than 950 brethren Jan. 1 and 2 at the 95th Tournament of Roses Parade.

Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong participated in the weekend's activities as a host of a Jan. 2 Rotary International luncheon in the faculty dining room on the Ambassador College campus here. Officials attending included William E. Skelton, Rotary International president and dean emeritus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The fund-raising activities, spread over a 36-hour period, provided a profit of more than \$40,000 for the local church and college activity funds, according to evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of

Ministerial Services.

"As I've said before, Church brethren provide the 'grease and oil' that makes the Rose Parade run a little smoother," said Robin Webber, an assistant pastor in the Auditorium P.M. congregation.

Frank Fish, an assistant to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, said "Tournament of Roses officials" say much the same thing to me — they've said that the parade would lose some of its luster if the college weren't involved."

According to Mr. Webber, brethren usually receive compliments for their extra service. "The Church and college reputation is that we come early and stay late," he said, adding that footage of brethren cleaning grandstands after the parade appeared on a television newscast.

Lending order to what Lt. Rick Emerson of the Pasadena Police Department termed "controlled chaos," the Church and Ambassador

College volunteers began their assigned duties between 6 and 8 a.m. Jan. 1.

Potential for violence and vandalism grows during the parade weekend, when between 300,000 and 400,000 people camp out on Pasadena streets, said Lt. Emerson. An estimated audience of more than one million people viewed the parade in Pasadena.

To lessen the potential trouble, more than 190 brethren volunteered to strengthen the campus security force, providing extra foot patrols to prevent mishaps and accidents, according to Jim Snook, director of campus security.

Mr. Webber said that the money earned during the parade will be divided equally between the college and church activity funds. It is used for Youth Opportunities United activities, church dances, senior citizens' luncheons and other activities.

Finances

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factors. We had an extra payroll that normally would have been paid in January; there were additional expenditures in some outside services, such as utilities; and higher than normal or expected year-end expenses. This, coupled with a lower than expected increase for November and December, brought the bank balances down.

It is my opinion that it is necessary that they be increased, and we are endeavoring to do our part in holding back expenses so that bank balances might increase.

We historically have had two low points in bank balances during the year, which before 1979 were covered by temporary loans. Since we are not having such loans now, we have to have sufficient balances in the bank to cover such low points, and hopefully to cover any other temporary emergencies.

In December we got into an unexpected low point because of the problems that I have already mentioned. We are determined to do all we can to prevent a crisis in this area.

Now, for 1984, we finally have a balanced budget, but it is a tight one. In order to have a balanced budget for 1984, it was necessary to set the budget income estimate higher than we would like.

This year, as was mentioned in the Dec. 19 *Worldwide News*, we are having to pay social security tax for most employees for the first time. The cost relating to this social security expense, either directly or indirectly, is about \$3.4 million.

We have included an automatic pay increase for the employees who are affected; however, this increase will not adequately cover their additional expense. The fact is that the employees will have an effective decrease in income.

This is especially going to be difficult

for employees who must pay high rent or housing costs, such as in the expensive Pasadena area. Hopefully, increased income above projections will permit us to make increases later to permit some relief for these employees.

It seems that in 1984 there are greater financial needs if we are to continue the present levels of activity in publishing, as well as radio and television. In addition, the support departments are also having increasing needs.

Some departments, and I think especially of Ministerial Services, are badly in need of greater increases than can be granted in the budget.

Our field ministers in the United States are stretched about as far as we can stretch them, and we need to employ more ministers. We have qualified graduates of Ambassador College who are elders, and we believe they are qualified to be employed as full-time ministers, but the present budget will not permit such new employment.

I hope all of you will pray that God will give us a considerable increase above what we have been experiencing so that these and other needs can be met.

Lutherans

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Church is filtered through those glasses."

An example of the type of rebellion the pope faces was expressed by one archbishop in a letter to the pope's admonition regarding women and the priesthood means "more oppression coming down" on women.

Even more startling is the comment by a parish priest in Norfolk, Va., who wrote, in a letter to a secular newspaper, that now is the "time for revolt" and suggested that American priests call a "selective strike" against the Vatican.

One particularly troublesome case as far as the Vatican is concerned is what to do with an archbishop in the northwestern United States who happens to be an outspoken anticlerical activist (and refuses to pay half his income tax as a protest against defense spending). This official has also welcomed homosexual groups to his cathedral and allowed radical liturgical experimentation.

Setting a bad example

The problems within the Catholic Church in America are particularly difficult because of the influence that the American church — the richest and fourth largest (51 million members) national branch of Roman Catholicism — has throughout the world.

According to Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago, Ill.: "It is wrong to say that the Pope considers the U.S. church worse off than the others. But he does see it as a very important link with the rest of the world. Whatever happens in the U.S., it's just a matter of time before it happens elsewhere."

Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul, Minn., summed up the situation in a baseball analogy: "If a .150 hitter goes into a slump, it doesn't make much difference to the team. But if a .350 hitter goes into a slump, the manager really gets worried."

Just how big a slump American Catholicism is in was described by Andrew M. Greeley, himself a liberal American priest. Writing in *The New York Times Magazine* (Oct. 10, 1982), Mr. Greeley said in an article entitled "Going Their Own Way":

"Shortly after the beginning of the Second Vatican Council, 20 years ago... Pope John XXIII told a visitor that he intended to open the window and permit fresh air to blow through the Roman Catholic Church. In the United States, the papal breeze turned into a tornado..."

"There is no reason to think that the storm will stop blowing for the next two decades... The American Catholic Church will continue to be a noisy, contentious, disorderly place."

It is curious that the skid of the Catholic Church in America comes at the time when the United States has, after a lapse of 116 years, reestablished full diplomatic ties with the Vatican. The new relationship went into effect Jan. 10.

For the United States government, the reasoning behind the action was that John Paul II is too influential a world figure to ignore diplomatically. For the Vatican, the opportunity to assert greater influence over Catholicism in America appeared to be a significant reason.

The implications for the future are thus quite grave. What if the Vatican should, in the future, consider the Catholic Church in America beyond help?

Faculty names students for Jerusalem excavation

PASADENA — Richard Paige, Pasadena Ambassador College faculty member and coordinator of the Jerusalem dig summer program, returned Dec. 29 from a trip to Jerusalem, Israel, and Dallas, Tex.

Mr. Paige flew to Dallas Dec. 19, for a convention of the American Schools of Oriental Research. There he spoke with Yigal Shiloh, director of the City of David Excavations in Jerusalem, who was a featured speaker.

Mr. Paige left Dallas Dec. 21 and arrived in Tel Aviv, Israel, Dec. 22. He went to Jerusalem to negotiate prices for touring, housing and transportation for this summer's dig program.

Mr. Paige was met Friday, Dec. 23, by the Ambassador College students who are teaching mentally handicapped children at the Bunyat Center in Jordan. They came to Jerusalem with Joseph Locke, principal of Imperial Schools and director of the Jordan program, and with Richard Weber, project manager, and his wife, Patricia.

Mr. Paige gave them walking tours of Jerusalem, met with them for Sabbath services Dec. 24, and showed some of the group more of Jerusalem, Sunday, Dec. 25.

"It was good to be able to see them," said Mr. Paige. "They looked happy, and I think they are

Editorial Needs Back Issues

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Isle

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There is much to admire about the Isle of Man. For a relatively small place its variety of scenery is unsurpassed. The people are friendly and effort is made to make one's stay as pleasant as possible.

Although the Isle of Man has a reputation for being a virtual crime-free society, there is increasing evidence that mainland cultural trends are beginning to seriously impact Manx life-style.

The summer of 1983 brought an uncharacteristic increase in juvenile crime on the Isle of Man. The community is concerned. One civic-minded person

suggested that juvenile offenders be publicly named even though under 16 years of age. This produced a public outcry. Parents don't want to see the family name besmirched.

Also, for example, wife beating. Said the *Isle of Man Examiner*: "There is evidence that quite a lot of it goes on in the Isle of Man (Sept. 23, 1983).

Such problems are not necessarily visible to the visitor. Nonetheless newspaper editorials make you aware that all is not well even on the Isle of Man — an island seemingly well isolated from mainland concerns. It serves as a reminder that world afflictions are becoming global in every sense of that word.

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their futures based on God's revealed knowledge. He used the picture of the tree of life on several occasions to illustrate points.

On the Sabbath, Jan. 7, Mr. Armstrong had lunch with many of the area ministers, during which he was presented with a limited edition fine china piece of New Zealand's national bird, the kiwi, on behalf of the brethren. The first of these kiwi china pieces stands in the parliment building of New Zealand.

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The pastor general then spoke to 768 brethren at Sabbath services in the Auckland Sheraton Hotel. In a powerful sermon, he compared this world, its civilization and society to a building, built on the foundation of Adam and the decision he made. That is to be replaced by the building of God's government, built on the foundation of the second Adam, Jesus Christ.

Before the sermon Brenda Peterson, a Pasadena Ambassador College junior who is a member of the Young Ambassadors and a counselor at the SEP here, sang "Like Little Children" for special music. The 170 campers and staffers traveled by ferry to hear Mr. Armstrong's sermon.

After the service Mr. Armstrong addressed the ministers and wives, discussing the state of God's Church.

Sunday, Jan. 8, the pastor general flew to Wellington, New Zealand's capital. He was met at the airport by ministers from southern New Zealand, 60 cyclists participating in a three-week, 600-mile (960 kilometer) tour of New Zealand led by Larry Haworth of the Physical Education Department in Big Sandy, and many enthusiastic brethren.

The cyclists formed an honor guard through which Mr. Armstrong walked to his car, and then formed a "cyclocade" to escort Mr. Armstrong's party to lunch at the Park Royal Hotel. Traffic patrolmen controlled traffic to let the cyclists proceed without disruption.

After lunch with the ministry, Mr. Armstrong gave a Bible study to 375 brethren from the South Island and the lower part of the North Island.

The pastor general spoke for two hours, and then enjoyed an afternoon tea with the Ambassador College students and faculty members who were part of the cycle tour.

Mr. Armstrong returned to Auckland, and left on the G-III at 3 p.m., Jan. 9, for Brisbane, Australia.

Members of the Church's Media Services Department videotaped Mr. Armstrong's visit, the SEP and the cycling tour.

Mr. Nathan summed up the visit as "an incredible boost to the brethren, preparing the way for a very exciting year ahead."

finding their experience a very rewarding one."

Five or six of the students who are serving in Jordan will participate in the dig next summer. The other students who were chosen to go to Jerusalem for the dig are:

- From Pasadena: seniors Kathy Sarfert and Mike Stangler; juniors Kathy Bellamy, Lori Bugdale, Becky Dayhoff, Sue Faw, Sue Harkins, Dave Hillman, Gerard Landreth, Christine McMorris, Dean Neuls, Jane Ramberg, Emily Raynes and Michael Rice; sophomores Paul Bennett, Grant Ledingham, Sio Oui Shia and Robyn Herbert; and freshmen Randy Zacharias, Steven Myers and Larry and Blanca Roybal.

Alternates are juniors Dorric Drown, Millie Gonzalez, Becky Harden, Lorilyn Holum, Ralph Lucia and Randy McGowan; and freshmen Mary Letitia Johnson and Roger Zacharias.

From Big Sandy: sophomores Tom Clark, Dominic Damore, Brian Gray, Julie Meeker, Bob Rodzaj, Dena Roller, Angie Showalter and Jim Stanley; and freshmen Virnell Campbell, Victoria D'Amelio and Randy Urwiler.

Alternates are sophomores Brian Davis, Shannon Jackson, Randy Mos-teller and Camille O'Neal, Terri Pfister; and freshman Carla Parks.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Job seminar helps remedy unemployment

Area ministers organized the second in a series of job seminars to help unemployed brethren in VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 11. Lyle Simons, a minister who coordinated the seminar, discussed the need for motivation and goal-setting when seeking a job.

"Adopt work habits that make people successful," said Mr. Simons, adding that it is "important to work for more than money." Men have ideas about achieving success, he said, but God's way is the only true formula.

Edwin Schedler, a local church elder, spoke about loyalty to employers. "A trustworthy individual is rare," he said and pointed out that Satan has preached disloyalty from the beginning.

Deacon John Kohoot gave tips on gaining employment. He recommended making up a folder containing references, letters of commendation, awards, certificates and other material that bear witness to personal achievements and a good work record.

Mr. Kohoot also advised job seekers to use employment bureaus to obtain interviews, and to help with resumes and backgrounds of companies.

In a mock interview, Frank Groom, a deacon, and George Scott,

Six graduate from last club

A final Spokesman Club meeting of the combined NAPIER and PALMERSTON NORTH, New Zealand, churches Dec. 3 featured a ladies' night with a buffet.

Ben Brunning led tabletopics after the meal. A shortened speech session included speeches by a grandfather and his grandson: Arthur Greenwood and Brett Parsons.

Six men graduated from the club this year: Warwick Emmerson and Peter Blick from Palmerston North and Stan Bull, Keith Curle, Ron Foster and Warren McGhie from Napier. David Kleener.



FAREWELL PARTY — Singapore brethren bid farewell Dec. 9 to Ian and Carolyn Porter, who returned to Australia after Mr. Porter worked two years in Singapore. (Photo by Clement Lim)

Weather clears for softball

Despite heavy rains that left ditches overflowing and fish in backyards in FORT MYERS, Fla., 10 Florida churches spent a dry weekend Dec. 17 and 18 at the softball diamonds at Rutenberg Park, site of the annual Fort Myers Winter Invitational Softball Tournament.

After sundown Dec. 17 brethren ate a spaghetti supper and played

a Church member, showed the importance of being friendly and having an alert mind, a sincere interest in the job and a desire to work hard. A question-and-answer session followed. After a lunch provided by the church and organized by deaconess Betty Fielder, Lorne Davies, a local church elder, spoke about the things an employer looks for.

"Put yourself in the employer's position," Mr. Davies said. He ex-

Yard sale brings in \$5,400

The annual ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., autumn yard sale Dec. 4 and 5 in Pinellas Park, Fla., raised more than \$5,400 for the church's activity fund. The sale, advertised as having "Everything Imaginable," offered clothing, books, knickknacks, appliances, furniture and tools.

The church found that a successful

Youths learn about Church around fire

TULSA, Okla., YOU members and their families met at the home of Bernie and Sarah Storjohann after the Sabbath Dec. 10 for an evening of roasting hot dogs over a bonfire.

The group gathered around the fire for a question-and-answer session conducted by associate pastor Philip Rice. YOU members were asked to comment on questions such as "Why do you come to Church?", "What problems do you face at school?" and "What questions do you have about what the Church teaches?"

Youths gained a deeper understanding and better appreciation of the hope offered by God's Church.

Two cakes shaped like grand pianos were prepared by Linda Case as a surprise for Ruth and Mary Hinman, who won in the senior and junior divisions of the regional talent contest Dec. 3 in Denver, Colo. Sandy Hinman.

plained that employers look for people who do quality work, want to help the company and are reliable, loyal, self-starters, enthusiastic and positive.

Other information was given by Lee Bonnett, pastor Thomas Ecker, Bob Hutchison and ministerial trainee Philip Hopwood.

"Keep throwing out the seeds and look to God to give the growth," Mr. Ecker concluded. Philip Hopwood.

sale depends on active, enthusiastic participation by members in babysitting, preparing lunch, controlling traffic, pricing, hauling, repairing and selling; saving and collecting items year-round; choosing a busy traffic location with easy access; obtaining business support; advertising in newspapers, television, radio and at flea markets; and asking for God's blessing.

The church's fund-raising projects are confined to two sales a year — a spring and a fall sale. This has eliminated the need for numerous smaller projects and given the members more free time. Lavene L. Vorel.

Churches take time for social events

CONCORD, N.H., brethren enjoyed an evening of family entertainment at the church's annual talent show Dec. 17. Performers contributed with acts ranging from musical comedy and clowns to piano works. Acts included a foreign-language number by Francesca Catapano and humorous readings by Gloria Suiter and Jim Baldwin, a local church elder.

Jim Herrick, master of ceremonies, provided a commentary that culminated in a rendition of "Dueling Fingers" on the grand piano with Gary Densmore.

After Sabbath services Dec. 17 APTOS, Calif., brethren in Western dress savored a chuck-wagon dinner and country and western entertainment. Red-checked tablecloths and miniature chuck wagons set the theme.

Country and western music was provided by Al Jacobson, Dave and Kathy Berggren, the Mark Regnier family, Frank Canepa, Bill Mason, Eloise Lear, Eileen Schofield and Bill Lear. Decorations were provided by Larry and



ISLAND VISIT — During a visit to Bermuda, Colin Adair, Canadian regional director, and his wife, Margaret, were guests at a reception in the Bermuda church office Dec. 15. (Photo by Graham Mocklow)

Carol Warner and Helen Lear.

About 500 RIVERSIDE and GARDEN GROVE, Calif., brethren attended an international potluck Dec. 10 in the Orangewood Academy gymnasium wearing costumes that reflected native dress from different countries.

Dishes were prepared with information cards attached describing the history and origin of the foods. Internationally flavored entertainment was performed by Curtis Price, a local church elder, who played a flamenco guitar piece. Solos were sung by Leona Forste, Ken Frick and local church elder Daniel Salcedo. Stacia Price and Mr. Salcedo sang a duet, Jack Koto told jokes and Madeline Fiske played a polka on the accordion.

The second in a series of autumn and winter socials for the NORTH-AMPTON, England, church took place Nov. 19 at Weston Favell Upper School.

Organized by the United Singles, the evening began with family games followed by a meal. Roger Clark conducted a Bible quiz on the life of

the apostle Peter, and Gwen Aabs gave basic ballroom dancing instruction.

Robert Crick led a sing-along with country and western flavor, accompanied by guitarists Phil Lewis, Stephen Aabs and Robert Gilkes. Mr. Crick also played a xylophone. Words to each song were displayed on an overhead screen. The evening concluded at 8:30 p.m. with the singing of the national anthem.

A Mexican fiesta was the fare Nov. 26 for COLDWATER, Mich., brethren who met at the Lincoln Elementary School gymnasium, festively decorated with streamers in Mexico's national colors of red and green.

An evening potluck of Mexican food ranged from tortillas and enchiladas to Mexican rice and cornbread. After the meal brethren went to Roosevelt gymnasium to play volleyball and basketball. Younger children played table games.

Kenneth H. Williams, William K. Lear, Russell Hendee, Peter Williams and Shirley Smith.



NATIVE ATTIRE — Riverside and Garden Grove, Calif., brethren wear international attire for a potluck Dec. 10. Pastor Terry Mattson is third from right.

Church member tackles task of teaching the handicapped

By Lynnette B. Madison
HARTSELLE, Ala. — Teacher's aide Shirley Holladay brings a warmth inside the old fieldstone building behind Sparkman Elementary School that its summery yellow walls and huge, brown heater can't provide.

She brings patience, love and smiles to the old cafeteria, now used as a classroom.
 For the past six years, Shirley has worked as a teacher's aide with the county's only severe, profoundly mentally retarded and multiple handicapped class. She teaches chil-

dren who have few or no communication skills, children with cerebral palsy or spinal bifida, and children with a combination of these problems.

Since September, Shirley has tackled the teacher's job, with the help of another aide, because the certified teacher, Dehone Toney, was on maternity leave.

Last month, a four-person review board from the state Department of Education cited her as having one of the finest special education classes in the state. They sent Shirley a personal commendation to the Morgan County School Board.

This article, written by Lynnette B. Madison of the Hartselle, Ala., Enquirer, is reprinted by permission. Shirley Holladay, a deaconess, is wife of Wyatt Holladay, a deacon in the Huntsville, Ala., church. The Holladays have been Church members for 22 years and have four daughters, Marcia Hendrix, Phyllis Allen, Jan and Julie.

Superintendent Wes Thompson in turn responded by writing a letter of commendation to Sparkman principal Ferrell Clemons.

Shirley admits the letters are a lot of nice hoopla, but she only asks for the love she gets from the children in her class.

"They are some very special kids," she explains matter-of-factly, as she coaxes a youngster who refuses to hold anything to take a toy. "It takes a lot of patience, but the rewards are tremendous. What seems small to outsiders is big to us. It's a slow process, with a lot of repetition."

"I remember last year at the end of school one of the students laced and

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CHILDREN'S INSTRUCTOR — Shirley Holladay, a member of the Huntsville, Ala., church, holds a mirror so a handicapped student can see himself. The mirror holds his attention and teaches him eye contact, she says. [Photo courtesy of Hartselle, Ala., Enquirer]

From family of musicians

Director chronicles musical past

By Joel Rissinger
PASADENA — When John Daneri Schroeder came to Ambassador College in 1958, he never dreamed he'd conduct the Pasadena Church Choral, the Ambassador Chorale and several orchestras. Today, Mr. Schroeder directs concert works for the Worldwide Church of God and Pasadena Ambassador College.

Joel Rissinger is a Pasadena Ambassador College senior.

Mr. Schroeder directs the Pasadena Ambassador Chorale in Festival films produced at Ambassador College. The chorale performed in the last two films and recorded music for the cassette tapes distributed during the 1983 Feast of Tabernacles.

"Not all the things I love about the AC Chorale are musical," said Mr. Schroeder. "One teacher tries to outgive 60 people. He gains 60 to 1."

John Schroeder grew up in Coronado, Calif., near San Diego. His father was a community leader and didn't want his son to pursue a musical career since he didn't consider music practical. However, since his mother and father were musically talented, they encouraged him to continue studying for the sheer joy of it.

Mr. Schroeder expressed an interest in music from an early age. "My kindergarten teacher told my

mother that I should be a musician," he said, "but everyone in the family could make music, so it was not considered special or career-worthy."

He began taking piano lessons, which he disliked and discontinued.



JOHN D. SCHROEDER

Mr. Schroeder taught himself to play the accordion and took clarinet lessons. "My father was as good as any professional singer you ever heard," he said. This example went a long way in formulating his future.

Like his father, Mr. Schroeder has interests in math, people and music. He feels these disciplines are closely interrelated. A musician has to feel the mathematics of music with beats and subdivisions of beats, said Mr. Schroeder.

During his search to find a career, Mr. Schroeder prepared to study medicine at San Diego State University for about a year and a half. He was changing his major to math and physics when he became interested in God's Word.

Mr. Schroeder, encouraged by his best friend, Carl Cain, now a member in Montana, began listening to *The World Tomorrow* in 1956. He decided to apply to Ambassador College, much to the chagrin of his family.

It was at Ambassador College that Mr. Schroeder discovered a talent for singing. He began singing in the chorale and taking voice lessons.

Once he was offered a lucrative job as a singer in Las Vegas, Nev., but turned it down to avoid being caught up in the wrong world of entertainment. "That was one tough decision," he said.

Between his junior and senior years, Mr. Schroeder was asked to go to San Francisco, Calif., to get a job and serve in the church area wherever possible. He worked in plumbing and sales during this time and helped start a church choir.

While in San Francisco, Mr. Schroeder met and married his wife, Michelle Olinger. His son Benjamin was born before he returned to Ambassador in 1968. Today, the Schroeders have two children, Ben, 16, and Jennifer, 12.

After graduating from Ambassador in the spring of 1969, Mr.

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FOCUS ON YOUTH

SISTERS PLACE FIRST IN TALENT CONTEST

DENVER, Colo. — About 750 brethren attended a YOU regional weekend here Dec. 3 and 4.

Ruth Hinman, 15, of Tulsa, Okla., daughter of Robert and Sandra Hinman, took first place in the senior division with a piano solo. Second place went to Rhonda West of Rapid City, S.D., for her vocal solo and third place went to Wendy Wegh of Oklahoma City, Okla., for her violin solo.

Mary Hinman, 13, placed first in the junior division with a piano solo. Heidi Sorenson and Teresa Milich, both of Denver, tied for second place. Heidi performed a flute solo, and Teresa performed a piano solo.

Gerald Schnarrenberger, a local church elder in the Denver church, was master of ceremonies for the regional talent contest.

In Sabbath services Dec. 3, Philip Rice, a local elder in the Tulsa and Oklahoma City churches, gave the sermonette, and Gary Pendergraft, a minister in the Durango and Alamosa, Colo., churches, gave the sermon.

After services YOU members participated in a Bible Bowl and then joined brethren for a potluck dinner.

The activities continued Sunday, Dec. 4, with a family roller-skating party and the Rocky Mountain Region invitational YOU girls' volleyball tournament.

North Platte, Neb., placed first and Denver I finished second. Other teams were from Casper, Wyo., and Colorado Springs, Fort Collins and Grand Junction, Colo. The Amarillo, Tex., team participated as a guest and was undefeated. *Tamara Steensma and Barb Korhuis.*

IMPERIAL TAKES FIRST IN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAY

PASADENA — The Imperial church team netted first place in a girls' district volleyball tournament in the Ambassador College gymnasium Sunday, Dec. 4.

The Auditorium P.M. No. 2 team placed second, and a sportsmanship award went to the Auditorium P.M. No. 1 team. Other teams in the tournament were Auditorium A.M., Reseda, Glendora, and Glendale, Calif.

According to Selmer Hegvold, district YOU coordinator for volleyball and pastor of the Imperial church, each of the teams attended volleyball clinics given by Elmer and Nancy Collins, coaches of the Imperial team with experience in volleyball technique.

"The teams that followed through with the instructions they were given in the clinics came out on top," said Mr. Hegvold.

Ben Faulkner, regional YOU coordinator, said that the skill of play has improved and the games were more exciting than in the past.

"The attitude of play was exceptional," he added. "We didn't see bad attitudes. When girls on one team made a good play, girls on the other applauded."

YOU SPONSORS FALL DANCE

COLUMBIA, S.C. — One hundred four YOU members and college-age singles from surrounding areas attended a fall dance at the Church's meeting hall here Saturday evening, Dec. 3. Kerosene lanterns, checkered tablecloths and a harvest bounty of

fruits, leaves and pinecones helped set the mood for the dance, which was sponsored by the Columbia YOU.

The music and fall decorations were provided by YOU members, and refreshments were supplied by Church members.

The YOU "did a beautiful job with decorations," said Keith Thomas, pastor of the Augusta, Ga., and Columbia churches.

"There was a wide variety of music, and we did have everyone dancing at one time," he added. The dance, which began at 7 p.m., ended at 11. *Donna Frick.*

EUGENE PLACES FIRST IN DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL

EUGENE, Ore. — A YOU district volleyball tournament took place here Dec. 3 and 4. Fourteen teams from nine churches competed in double-elimination play.

In Division A, first place went to Portland, Ore., East Medford, Ore., placed second and Albany, Ore., was third.

Eugene took first place in Division B. The Roseburg and Coos Bay, Ore., team was second and Albany third.

Fred Davis, pastor of the Medford church and YOU district coordinator, said he was pleased with the attitudes and sportsmanship displayed as well as the quality of play. *Tim and Lin Rhay.*

PIANIST TAKES FIRST IN TALENT CONTEST

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Ivan Raykoff, 16, of Buffalo, N.Y., son of Atanas and Mai Raykoff, took first place in the senior division of the Region 1 YOU talent contest at the United Steelworkers Union Hall Nov. 19. Jeff Blouin, 14, of Syracuse, N.Y., son of Roger and Sandra Blouin, placed first in the junior division.

Six judges selected three finalists in each division. Six hundred points were possible, and judging was based on technique, tone, rhythm, interpretation and deportment.

Ivan, whose winning performance was a piano solo titled "Ballad in D Minor," had 579 points. Jeff, who won with a violin solo, "Second Air Vaire," scored 553 points.

In the senior division, second place went to Sharon Brown, 19, of Queens, N.Y., with 554 points for her vocal solo, "Medley from South Pacific." Fawn Leasure, 16, of Hagerstown, Md., took third place with 534 points for her piano solo, "Medley of Popular Tunes."

In the junior division, Cynthia Kendall, 15, of Montpelier, Vt., with 531 points, placed second with her piano solo, "Rhapsody in Blue." Third place went to Diane Aversa, 14, of Vineland, N.J., with 510 points for her vocal solo, "You Light Up My Life."

Other contestants were David Kangas, 16, Concord, N.H.; Sandra Swanson, 16, Boston, Mass.; Abigail Rodriguez, 18, Montvale, N.J.; Ginny Regoord, 18, Buffalo South; Carolyn Brath, 18, Hagerstown; Laura Dickinson, 13, of Wilmington and Laurel, Del.; Kim Dunlap, 17, Charleston, W.Va.; and Tammy Turci, 19, Youngstown, Ohio.

Before the contest, Reinhold Fuessel, Region 1 coordinator and pastor of the Wheeling, W.Va., and Cambridge, Ohio, churches, gave an afternoon sermon on the importance of YOU sports activities: how they provide opportunities for exercise, teamwork, submission to authority and building character. *Gordon S. Long.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

ARMSTRONG, Brent and Janet (Murphy), of San Jose, Calif., boy, Sean Miles, Dec. 11, 3:13 a.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BARIGAR, Dale and Janet (Strouth), of Baltimore, Md., girl, Amy Kristine, Dec. 16, 6:20 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BECKER, John and Elizabeth (Mahringer), of Perth, Australia, boy, Steven Karl, Dec. 5, 11:46 p.m., 8 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BINNON, Bruce and Debbie (Gourley), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Phillip James, Dec. 20, 12:30 p.m., 8 pounds 3/4 ounces, now 2 boys.

BOMAGORSO, Brian and Bonnie (Bossanook), of Santa Rosa, Calif., boy, Justin Christian, Oct. 1, 1:05 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

BRASCHAYKO, John and Linda (Gingst), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Nancy Allison, Dec. 9, 6 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 5 girls.

BREMER, Gerald and Deborah (Robinson), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, Jason Matthew, Dec. 7, 9:09 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

BROMFIELD, Joseph and Virginia (Fenstermacher), of Bethlehem, Pa., girl, Erin Kathleen, Nov. 18, 1:26 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 girls.

BROWN, Larry and Linda (Boone), of Phoenix, Ariz., girl, Suzanne Michelle, Nov. 10, 10:44 p.m., 9 pounds 13 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

BRYANT, Gary and Patricia (Dressler), of Somerset, Ky., girl, Amy Sa'dawn, Nov. 29, 8 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

BURRELL, Keith and Fran (Harris), of Bremerton, Wash., boy, Jason Thorp, Dec. 6, 10:55 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

BYE, Wayne and Tina (Hine), of Hamilton, Ont., girl, Rebecca Lee, Nov. 6, 8:31 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 5 girls.

CLAUSON, Arnold and Patty (Panella), of Oklahoma City, Okla., girl, Stephanie Anelle, Nov. 30, 4:53 a.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

COTTI, Raymond and Doris (Beck), of Seattle, Wash., girl, Natasha Finneas, Dec. 20, 3:50 a.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 2 girls.

DEMORIE, James and Debra (Francis), of La Porte, Ind., girl, Sasha Marie, Nov. 11, 7:15 a.m., 5 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

DILK, Wally and Gloria (Gaspard), of Cabanatuan City, Philippines, girl, Rachel Elizabeth, Oct. 13, 6 pounds, first child.

EUBANKS, Donald and Ava (Czekis), of Madison, Wis., boy, Douglas Marshall, Nov. 1, 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

FERTIG, Ronald and Lori (Perman), of Wheatland, Wyo., boy, Ronald George Jr., Nov. 29, 7:24 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

FISHER, Bruce and Dorothy (Reddekopp), of Red Deer, Alta., girl, Kaylyn Lynette Elizabeth, Nov. 27, 5:17 a.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

GRIFFITH, Don and Mary (Caldwell), of Durango, Colo., girl, Mary Ann Nicole, Dec. 7, 8:15 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

HALVERSON, Marlin and Cassandra (Thomas), of San Bernardino, Calif., boy, Mikael Levi, Oct. 27, 4:09 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

HENDERSON, James and Shirley (Hegvold), of Borehamwood, England, boy, Fraser Scott, Dec. 14, 8:25 p.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HENDERSON, Kent and Mary (Chavez), of El Paso, Tex., girl, Darlene Lorie, May 11, 3:17 a.m., 8 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 girls.

HIRST, R. Allen and Sandra (Heaman), of Spokane, Wash., girl, Heather Marie, Oct. 22, 11 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

HOLT, Tracy and Teri (Whipkey), of Oxnard, Calif., boy, Heath Daniel, Nov. 23, 8:31 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HUMPHREYS, Pat and Patti (Sovero), of Victoria, B.C., girl, Kristi Ann, Sept. 28, 3:20 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

HUNTER, Dale and Debbie (Schuman), of Tecoma, Wash., boy, Jason Ryan, Dec. 19, 2:45 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

JACKSON, James and Sharon (Cole), of Wheeling, W. Va., girl, Megan Ann, Nov. 27, 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 girls.

JONES, Roger and Phyllis (Stauffer), of Kalamazoo, Mich., boy, Garrett Lee, Sept. 16, 1:26 p.m., 7 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

KOPPES, Lloyd and Jean (Cameron), of Columbus, Ohio, girl, Michelle Anne, Dec. 12, 12:32 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

LEE, John and Susan (Koppas), of Dallas, Tex., boy, John Daniel, Nov. 13, 12:14 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

LUCAS, Syd and Lorraine (Pickering), of Ottawa, Ont., girl, Amanda Beth, Nov. 24, 1:13 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

MARIN, Marcellus and Rosa, of Trinidad, boy, Dylan Rhett, Oct. 31, 8:07 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 4 boys.

MASON, Paul and Mary (McCauley), of Long Beach, Calif., boy, Larry Edward, Oct. 25, 10:32 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 5 boys, 2 girls.

MILLER, David and Marie (LeMoine), of St. Paul, Minn., boy, Abraham John, Nov. 15, 9:19 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 4 boys.

MORSTATTER, Timothy and Laurie (Taylor), of Milwaukee, Wis., boy, Andrew James, Dec. 10, 2:50 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys.

MURDOCH, Tony and Tania (Hamra), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Brede Marshall, Oct. 10, 12:40 a.m., 8 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

NEFF, David and Phyllis (Byssane), of Tazarkana, Tex., girl, Rebecca Jean, Oct. 25, 8:37 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

OLIVER, Edward and Claudia (Hoeffling), of Breitenborn, West Germany, boy, James Edward, Nov. 13, 5:30 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

OTHENO, William and Jecca (Alono), of Tororo, Uganda, boy, Katani Othieno Ochwo, Nov. 10, 12:30 p.m., 10 pounds, now 4 boys, 1 girl.

PARKER, Peter and Judy (Dolot), of South Lake Tahoe, Calif., boy, Zeb Andrew, Dec. 7, 9:12 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

PERKINS, Phil and Mimi (Thomas), of Pasadena, boy, Ryan Timothy, Dec. 16, 10:37 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ROSS, Ken and Brenda (Moore), of Columbia, S.C.,

girl, Linda Annette, Nov. 30, 4:18 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 girls.

ROURE, Jacky and Brigitte (Leveau), of Lyon, France, boy, Gael, Nov. 29, now 2 boys.

SHOWELL, Allen and Gay (Watkins), of Bishopville, Md., girl, Carole Tahela, Dec. 8, 7:24 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 girls.

SZALANKIEWICZ, Edward and Linda (Moenich), of Pittsburgh, Pa., boy, Matthew Edward, Nov. 17, 12:41 a.m., 5 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

TEELE, Ralph and Sheila (Crowswell), of Prescott, Ariz., boy, Stephen William, Dec. 11, 1:02 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

VOYDA, David and Sandra (Roman), of White Bear Lake, Minn., girl, Emmalee Ann, Sept. 16, 11:30 p.m., 7 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, now 2 girls.

WALDEN, Myles and Myrna (Ray), of Raleigh, N.C., twin girl and boy, Jenny Mae and Jesse Ray, Dec. 8, 1:12 a.m., 5 pounds 1 ounce and 6 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WESSE, Terry and Virginia (Budro), of Tyler, Tex., boy, Terry Steven, Nov. 29, 7 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

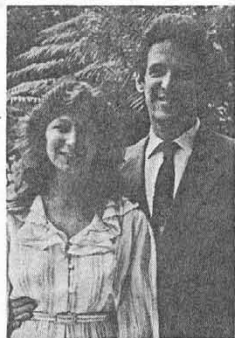
WELCH, Jim and Mary (Jurkowiak), of Waukegan, Wis., girl, Amy Elizabeth, Dec. 11, 4:24 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS



N. FAULKNER AND M. MACHIN

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitchell of the Houston, Tex., North church are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Melody Machin to Nathan Faulkner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Faulkner of Pasadena. Nathan and Melody will be married May 20 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. A reception is planned in Houston in June.



LISA SPROTTE AND DAN GIROUARD

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sprotte of Austin, Tex., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lisa Ann to Daniel Girouard. The wedding will take place June 3 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sutton are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Tammy Sue Sutton of Lufkin, Tex., to David Spencer Ghan Ewert of Tyler, Tex., son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Ewert. A February wedding is planned.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS MEYER

Rebecca Hutchins of Bradenton, Fla., and Douglas Meyer of Tampa, Fla., were wed Sept. 11 in Sarasota, Fla. The ceremony was performed by Daniel Brier, pastor of the Sarasota and Fort Myers, Fla., churches. Janice Walworth served as maid of honor, and Jerry Meyer as best man. The couple reside in Seffner, Fla., and attend the Tampa church.



MR. AND MRS. MARIO THERRIEN

Diane Thibault, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Thibault of Kelowna, B.C., and Mario Therrien, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Therrien of Edmonton, Alta., were married in Kelowna July 31 by Charles Ratchie, pastor of the Kelowna and Pentlitz, B.C., churches. The couple reside in Edmonton.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS PABIN

Marian Eileen Spears and Thomas Pabin were united in marriage Nov. 28 at the Chaney High School auditorium in Youngstown, Ohio. Eugene Noel, pastor of the Mercer, Pa., and Youngtown churches, performed the ceremony. Best man was Donald Dufresne of the Cleveland, Ohio, church, and maid of honor was Anita Kyle of the Youngstown church. The couple attend church in Youngstown, and will reside in Newton Falls, Ohio.

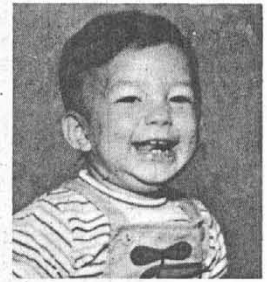


MR. AND MRS. STEWART PIPER

Stewart T. Piper and Georgia Ruth Cooper were married Dec. 11. Carlos Nieto, a minister in the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga., churches,

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's born.



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performed the ceremony. The matron of honor was Edwina Reeves, daughter of the bride. Best man was Donald E. Piper, son of the groom. The couple attend the Augusta church, and reside in Waynesboro, Ga. A widower and widow, both were previously married 49 years.

Anita Louise Buntain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buntain, became the bride of Fred Bromford in Port Huron, Mich., Oct. 18. Richard Widig, pastor of the Sarnia, Ont., church, performed the ceremony. The couple honeymooned in Montreal, Que. They make their home in Troy, Mich.

Elizabeth de Jager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gert de Jager of Cape Town, South Africa, and Roland Gevers, son of Hanna Gevers of Eastcoot, South Africa, were united in marriage Dec. 12 in the Pretoria, South Africa, City Hall. Daniel Botha, pastor of the Pretoria and Pieterburg, South Africa, churches, performed the ceremony. The couple will attend the Johannesburg, South Africa, church.

ANNIVERSARIES

Happy 25th anniversary to Norm and Eltona Bronnum. Love, Pam and Sherry.

To my mom and dad: With all my love I wish you, Ken and Rosemary Johnson, the happiest 25th anniversary (Dec. 19) anyone could ever desire. May God continue to bless your joyful lives together forever, as in the past. Love from your daughter Karen.

To John and Jackie: Happy 81st anniversary (Jan. 9). Love, Lina, Dovie and Nicole.

Obituaries

MARIETTA, Ga. — William S. Florence, 70, died Nov. 5 of leukemia. He was baptized in 1974, and attended the Atlanta, Ga., West church.

Mr. Florence is survived by his wife, Martha; daughter Anne F. Hester of Powder Springs, Ga.; son William S. Florence Jr. of Bishop, Ga.; sister Annie Hall of Tallahassee, Fla.; and three grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted by Kenneth Martin, pastor of the Atlanta churches.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Beatrice Julia Anthony, 52, a member since Aug. 23, 1981, died Nov. 8 after a short illness.

Mrs. Anthony is survived by her husband, five children, six grandchildren, four sisters, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law.

GADSDEN, Ala. — Venetia Colette Thornton, 2, died Nov. 15 after a short illness.

Survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Thornton, who attend services here.

Steve Smith, pastor of the Gadsden church, officiated.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Ruth Copeland, 92, died Sept. 14 in Shawnee, Okla. She and her husband, Charlie, were baptized in 1957.

Mrs. Copeland is survived by two sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Her daughter Mrs. Jess Cobb, granddaughter Mrs. (See OBITUARIES, page 7)

Weddings Made of Gold

together in April, 1970, and attend the Peoria, Ill., church.

The Hunters have two children, Bob and Sandy, and three grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. JOE LAVERGNE

EUNICE, La. — Joe and Evia Lavergne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 4 with a party and dance given by their children.

They have four children: Joe, Verna Ward and Lionel of Houston, Tex., and Margaret Ryan of Texas City, Tex., who attends the Houston East church. The Lavergnes also have 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, which represent four generations attending services.

The Lavergnes attend the Lafayette, La., church. Mrs. Lavergne was baptized in October, 1959. Mr. Lavergne was baptized in October, 1980.



MR. AND MRS. FLOYD BABB

BARNWELL, S.C. — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Babb celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary here Nov. 6. More than 150 attended.

The Babb's have three children and five grandchildren. Mr. Babb was baptized in 1971, and attends the Columbia, S.C., church.

LaSALLE, Ill. — Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter were baptized

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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this end time and also the article by Mr. [Gene] Hogberg "Violence Wrecks Dim Prospects for Peace" [Nov. 7] and the article by Mr. John Ross Schroeder "Grenada in Perspective" [Nov. 7].

Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb
Wichita, Kan.

I want to thank you [Gene Hogberg] for your well-researched and informative "Worldwatch" articles. Most of the information we would never receive from worldly publications. You are acting as eyes and ears for us as you help us to watch.

Surely world events are shaping up to the final crises. Eagerly I await the coming of God's Kingdom to this unhappy, strife-torn world.

Gertrude C. Yeary
Overland Park, Kan.

I think the new format in ["Accent on the Local Church"] is very good. It helps to keep up with what is going on in each church area and give others more ideas how to improve.

Mattie Zobel
San Bernardino, Calif.

'A Test of Love'

Your article in *The Worldwide News*, ["A Test of Love," *WN*, Nov. 21] was excellent. It not only showed the husbands places they needed to improve, it pointed out for the wives how they should appreciate their husbands more. Many times when we have things (love from our mates) we take it for granted. We (wives in God's Church) have a special blessing that no other women on earth have. Husbands that are taught to love us, care and provide for us according to God's plan.

By the way, my husband scored 9.5 on the test.

Mazelle Rowell
White Oak, Tex.

Reader responds

Thank you very much for forwarding your booklets... I have been interested in philosophy and comparative religion since my midteens. At the moment I am at university having Marxism thrown at me from all quarters ad nauseam; your literature... is some of the most stabilizing I have encountered for a long time, and indeed, carries the most sense.

J. M. Grigor
Orpington, England

Gratitude

I want to express my gratitude for the concern and prayers that were given on my behalf as I was recently a burn patient in Chadron [Neb.] Hospital. My stay was five days. I'm home now and feeling well. God has answered your prayers. My burned skin has healed.

Robin Gill
Oelrichs, S.D.

Director

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Schroeder worked with the Pasadena Church Choir. He was employed full-time in the Mail Receiving, Personal Correspondence and Editorial departments.

Mr. Schroeder studied conducting under men such as Herbert Blomstedt, director of the Dresden State Orchestra in East Germany, Sir David Willcocks, director of the Royal College of Music in London and Howard Swan of Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif. This helped him to prepare for his appointment as director of the Ambassador Chorale in the spring of 1980.

Since becoming a conductor, Mr. Schroeder has conducted the Arizona Opera Orchestra, the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the Victoria, B.C., Symphony and others.

Obituaries

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Bob Hill, and great-granddaughter Marlene Lynch, are members of the Oklahoma City church.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Byron Taylor, 84, died Dec. 14 in Veterans' Hospital in La Jolla, Calif.

Mr. Taylor and his wife, Mary Ethel, observed their 62nd wedding anniversary in September. Both were baptized Nov. 27, 1961.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Taylor is survived by a daughter, Barbara Ann

Brent of La Mesa, Calif., and grandsons Robert Lee and Ronald Ray Brent.

Interment was at National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif., with graveside services conducted Dec. 20 by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Stanley Arthur Flyger, 85, died Dec. 1 after a fall.

Mr. Flyger, who lived alone since his wife, Annie, died four years ago, was the father of Thea Muldoon, the wife of New Zealand's prime minister. Mr. and Mrs. Flyger were longtime Church members.

Funeral services were conducted Dec. 5 by Jack Croucher, pastor of the Auckland, New Plymouth and Whangarei, New Zealand, churches.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — David C. Jones, 44, died after a short illness Nov. 30.

Though not a member, Mr. Jones had attended services with his family.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife, Anna, a member; daughters Nancy, Susan and Mary; son Stephen; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones.

Carlos E. Perkins, pastor of the Philadelphia church, performed the services.

Teaching

(Continued from page 5)

He tied his shoe by himself for the first time. I had spent the entire year trying to teach him and I had finally given up; I walked away and he did it," she chuckled. "Someone is always doing something you never imagined they would be able to do."

Another accomplishment was teaching one of the youngsters to eat with a spoon. "He couldn't stand anything in his mouth," she said, laughing. "But he loves to eat. A lot of people think you can't teach these youngsters anything, but they're wrong."

She and the aide are now teaching one of the students to stay seated in a chair. The youngster has a short attention span and likes to roam the classroom, she explained.

Shirley, the mother of four daughters and grandmother of three, began her career of working with children in a nursery school. When her husband and family moved to Hartselle, she started working with multiple handicapped children at HART School. When

the county opened the severe, profound class and HART School closed, she and her students moved to Sparkman.

Sparkman also houses a trainable and an educable mentally handicapped class.

"I like working with small children and this is much like that," she said. "They get attached to you and you get attached to them." She has worked with several students in her class for seven years.

"A lot of people feel uncomfortable around our students, but Shirley doesn't. She really cares about them. She's always doing extra things for the students," the teacher, Mrs. Toney, said. "For many of the students in our class, this is the highlight of their day (several are in nursing homes)."

"When school's out at Christmas or during the summer, Shirley will drop by to visit with them at the nursing home. Sometimes she carries them something and sometimes she just helps them remember their school work," she continued.

The students learn self-help skills such as feeding themselves, bathroom skills, brushing their hair and

dressings. They are also taught motor skills through puzzles. And, because many of them have a short attention span, they are taught to pay attention.

The children also listen to music and take an adaptive physical education class.

"I like working with small children and this is much like that," she said. "They get attached to you and you get attached to them."

"Sometimes I get the feeling Shirley knows more than I do," Mrs. Toney said, laughing. "In fact, before I came they were without a teacher and Shirley had everything so organized I didn't have to change anything."

Shirley also drives one of the buses for the children.

"We are very lucky to have her," said Marthelle Stover, director of the county's exceptional children programs. "Her classroom is warm, cozy and friendly. When she was personally commended by the review committee, we were pleased because we know how smoothly she runs things."

"Shirley has been... well, just say I appreciate her."
So do the children in her class.

Children's Corner

The 'Honey Be' Lesson

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Kathy, honey, be quiet a minute, please," Mrs. Winfield said. "I have something to tell all three of you children. The Ellisons have invited you to spend the night tonight at their house across the street—and stay until late tomorrow afternoon."

"Oh, goody, goody!" Kathy exclaimed as she jumped up and down, her dark, wavy hair bouncing. "We get to have a slumber party at Chris' and Debbie's!"

"That's right," her mother said, "that is, if each of you promises to be good while you are their guests."

"We will! We will!" 4½-year-old Jeff promised. "And I can watch Chris run his train and switch some cars."

"All right, children," Mr. Winfield interrupted, "it's time to wash your hands before dinner."

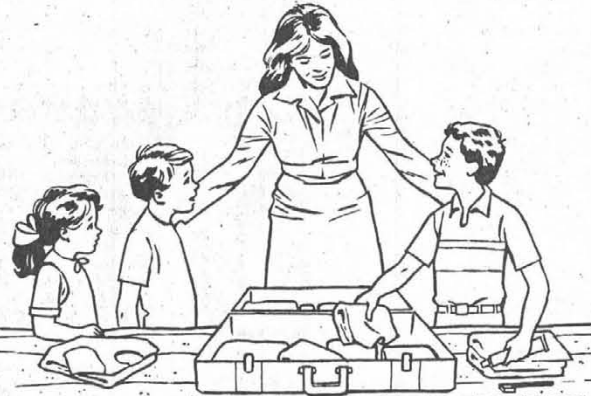
After Mr. Winfield asked God's blessing on the Saturday evening chicken dinner, the children were so excited they could hardly eat.

"While we're eating," Mrs. Winfield said, "your father and I will just remind you of certain rules you must obey while you're visiting the Ellisons. Ready?"

"First, Rocky," his father said as he passed the mashed potatoes, "remember to be polite and say thank you and please when you should. You know you sometimes forget."

"I will, Dad," Rocky said, smiling. "And if Jeff and Kathy forget, I'll remind them."

"Good, son," Mr. Winfield said. "Next—Kathy, be sure you mind Mr. and Mrs. Ellison. They are God's people, too, and they won't ask you to



Artwork to color, by Ken Tunell

do anything you shouldn't do. So, honey, be obedient."

"I will, Daddy," Kathy said, sitting up straighter in her booster chair.

"And," Mrs. Winfield continued, pouring milk into Kathy's glass, "honey, be careful not to spill anything or make a mess."

"I'll try, Mommy," Kathy answered as she took a sip of milk and carefully placed her glass again on the table.

"Another reminder," Mr. Winfield said, "before you go to bed tonight, Jeff, what are you to do with a brush and a cloth?"

"A brush and cloth?" Jeff answered, puzzled. "Oh—you mean brush my teeth and wash my face and hands. Right?"

"And, Rocky, what else," Mrs.

Winfield asked, "are you all to do before you go to sleep and when you wake up in the morning?"

"We are to... Rocky swallowed a bite of food. "Sorry. I didn't mean to talk while I was chewing." Rocky wiped his mouth. "Before going to sleep and first thing in the morning we are to talk to God, and I am to read some proverbs from my Bible."

After dinner Mr. and Mrs. Winfield called the children into the boys' bedroom for a final word.

"Maybe you children think we give you lots of instructions—more than you want to hear," Mr. Winfield said, opening his Bible, "but do you know why we must remind you, over and over, about the right way to live?"

"I guess," Rocky answered, his blue eyes sparkling, "it's because God says

for parents to do that."

"You're right," his father replied, smiling. "And here is one place God reminds us to obey His laws, which we help teach you. It's found in Proverbs 6:20-22: 'My son, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep, they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak with you.'" (Revised Authorized Version).

"Daddy," Kathy asked, "did you say we're supposed to do something around our necks? Do you mean like a necklace? I like necklaces!"

"Not exactly, honey," he answered. "It really means that you are to put God's laws in your mind. Then you'll always have them with you, wherever you go."

"Yes, that's right," Mrs. Winfield agreed, "and one more thing you need to do. While you're packing your night-clothes, toothbrushes and other things here in Rocky's blue suitcase, be sure to pack some 'honey bees,' too."

"Honey bees?" Rocky asked, frowning. "What honey bees?"

"Why, Rocky, you know," his mother said, laughing, "all those reminders we give you. Remember? We say 'honey, be polite; honey, be obedient; honey, be sure you brush your teeth; honey, be sure to pray; honey, be good.' See?"

"Oh, Mother!" Rocky said, grinning. "Come on, kids. Let's pack this suitcase—but leave some room for taking along all those 'honey bees'!"

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved a 1984 Summer Educational Program (SEP) on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus, according to Kevin Dean, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU).

Kermit Nelson, a Big Sandy faculty member and camp director for the Texas SEP, was in Pasadena Dec. 27 to Jan. 5 for meetings with the YOU staff.

"The Big Sandy faculty will again assist in the SEP program as last year," Dr. Nelson said. "We're hoping to employ about 35 AC students and 35 high school helpers to assist in the program."

The Big Sandy program will have one three-week session from July 3 to July 23. "Those in their last year of YOU membership and those who previously attended SEP at Orr [Minn.] will be given first opportunity for attending," Dr. Nelson said.

He said that the SEP "will be basically the same as 1983," with the possibility of adding half-day sessions for campers "to serve and gain experience in the various departments on campus." Work areas under consideration include data processing, Transportation, the campus library, telecommunications and the Business Office.

Mr. Dean said that Mr. Armstrong plans to address campers at the Texas SEP during the July session.

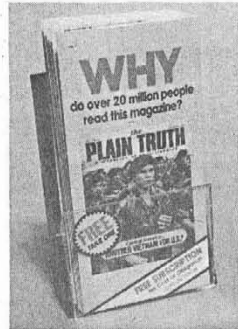
PASADENA — The Church is testing a new *Plain Truth* subscription brochure in Ada and Lawton, Okla., and San Jose, Calif., according to Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services.

"The brochure gives more information about what *The Plain Truth* is than our *PT* cardholders," said Boyd Leeson, U.S. circulation manager for the magazine. "It's designed for high-traffic locations such as cash registers where there is not enough room to place a regular *Plain Truth* counter-top display."

The circulation manager said 7,500 brochures were placed in locations at the beginning of November. "We

already have an excellent 2.6 percent response," he said.

The brochure was developed after David Carley, pastor of the Ada and Lawton churches, suggested it. It was designed by the graphics design area in Publishing Services.



'PT' BROCHURE — Publishing Services in Pasadena is testing the above *Plain Truth* subscription brochure in three cities. (See "Updates," this page.) [Photo by Warren Watson]

Mr. Leeson said that the brochure will be evaluated for more

widespread use after the test is completed.

PASADENA — Response to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's semiannual letter helped make 1983 a record year for mail received by the Church, according to Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

Mr. Rice said the department received 3,865,580 pieces of mail in 1983, slightly more than the previous record set in 1982.

Contributing to the new record was a one-month record of 574,165 pieces of mail received in December, a 31 percent increase over the former single-month record of 438,300 set in November, 1982.

Another record was set the weekend of Dec. 17 to 19, when 88,947 pieces of mail were received. According to Paul Shemet, an assistant to Mr. Rice, this broke the single-weekend record of 78,087, set one week earlier.

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

Feb. 1, Corpus Christi, Tex.; Feb. 2, Harlingen, Tex.; Feb. 4, San Antonio and Uvalde, Tex., combined Sabbath services; Feb. 11, El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M., combined Sabbath services.

Feb. 12, Tucson, Ariz.; Feb. 13, Phoenix, Ariz., East and West, combined Bible study; Feb. 14, Prescott, Ariz.; Feb. 15, Flagstaff, Ariz.; Feb. 16, Kingman, Ariz.; and Feb. 18, Las Vegas, Nev., Sabbath services.



JANUARY GRADUATE — Evangelist Raymond F. McNair (left), deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College, awards a bachelor of arts diploma to Clifton Veal at a ceremony Jan. 6 in Mr. McNair's fourth-floor office in the Hall of Administration. Mr. Veal graduated with high distinction (cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher). [Photo by Barry Stahl]

PASADENA — Ministerial Services here announced that Kenneth Sparks Jr., was ordained a local church elder Dec. 24 in Portland, Maine, by Leonard Holladay, pas-

tor of the Portland and Bangor, Maine, churches. Mr. Sparks is a 1979 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College. Before his ordination he was a deacon.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — The 213 Church members in Nigeria experienced a change of government in their country Dec. 31 when Brig. Gen. Saleh Abacha of the Nigerian army unilaterally took control from President Alhaji Shehu Shagari. The new leader cited the economic situation in Nigeria as the reason for the coup.

Communications with Nigeria have been difficult since then, and Ministerial Services here has had no direct contact with Lateef Edalere,

the pastor of the churches there.

Nigeria, population 82.3 million, is the most populous country in Africa. Oil produced about 90 percent of Nigeria's income, but the glut on the world market reduced those revenues and brought economic hardship.

The two churches in Nigeria are in the capital city, Lagos (attendance 180), and in Oguta (attendance 90). Sixty brethren attend an outlying Bible study in Benin City.

More than 12,000 subscribe to

The Plain Truth in Nigeria, and 332 receive *The Good News*.

The Church in Nigeria employs Elijah Chukwudi, a local elder, to assist Mr. Edalere. Lazarus Ekwebelem and Bayo Ogunlase are local church elders. Samuel Dada is a deacon.

German-speaking areas

At the end of November Frank Schnee, regional director in German-speaking areas, and John Karlson, office manager, traveled to Czechoslovakia for meetings with officials about the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles in Brno. Two hundred sixty people can be accepted for the Feast there, with about 180 of those coming from overseas.

Mr. Karlson said that God has held this door open so that the East German brethren can experience a Feast the way that God intends. According to Mr. Karlson, the Czechoslovakian officials said that keeping the Feast in Brno has had a positive impact on those that the Church members come in contact with. They mentioned there is no other convention like it and that they are desirous of our people coming to Czechoslovakia for the Feast.

November saw records broken by responses to the advertising campaign that began in October, 1983. A total of 37,344 subscribers were added to the *Klar & Wahr* subscription list in November — more than the number added in all of 1980; 10,313 came from an ad in *Der Spiegel*, a weekly newsmagazine.

But the best results — 24,334 — came from *Das Beste*, the German edition of *Reader's Digest*. These advertising responses gave the Bonn, West Germany, Office a 75 percent increase in mail for November over November, 1982. The year-to-date mail was up 26 percent.

Promotions update

In New Zealand, more than 1,900 responses to the 231,000 full-color newspaper inserts advertising *The Plain Truth* were received. More than 550 responses came in from the June, 1983, *Reader's Digest*, and returns from the second ad

placed in December are coming in now.

In Australia, an ad placed in the November edition of *Reader's Digest* brought in 1,221 requests so far. A blow-in card placed in the October edition of *The Plain Truth* offering the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course resulted in 1,972 requests by the end of November; a 3.3 percent response.

In Canada, 24,796 responses came in during October from direct mail promotions — a 3.5 percent response, which is a little lower than expected to date.

The November *Reader's Digest* ad is bringing a much better response than its counterpart of June, 1983. The first English edition brought 1,936 cards and coupons, but the current one, after barely one month, has brought 2,677 replies. In the French language the same holds true.



RECORD RESPONSE — Charles Singleton, an employee of the Mail Processing Center in Pasadena, examines some of the mail received the weekend of Dec. 17 to 19. The department received 3,865,580 pieces of mail in 1983, making it a record year for mail received by the Church, according to Richard Rice, MPC director. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

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