

Mr. Armstrong inspects G-III; addresses campers at Texas SEP

PASADENA — In a two-day trip July 11 and 12, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong addressed the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Big Sandy and inspected the Church's newly completed G-III jet in Savannah, Ga., according to Aaron Dean, the pastor general's personal aide.

July 11 he left the Burbank, Calif., airport aboard the G-II at 8 a.m., Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), for Savannah, where he inspected the G-III at Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. and had his flight chair fitted.

"Since Mr. Armstrong does a great deal of writing when he's traveling, it's important that the chair be comfortable and fit him well," Mr. Dean said.

The pastor general was accompanied by evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of the Big Sandy campus; Mr. Dean; Robert Smith, an interior designer for the Church; and Mr. Armstrong's nurse, Elaine Browne. Mr. McCullough was in Pasadena for meetings with Mr. Armstrong, chancellor of Ambassador College, and was returning to Big Sandy.

The Gulfstream Corp. was host to a reception at the plant for the pastor general and presented him with a handcrafted model of the G-III.

The G-III is scheduled to be deliv-

ered to the Church in late July or early August, Mr. Dean said.

After the reception Mr. Armstrong left for Big Sandy at 5 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT), arriving at the Big Sandy Ambassador College airstrip at 6 p.m., Central Daylight Time (CDT).

Mr. Armstrong was met at the airstrip by Kermit Nelson, SEP camp director; Donald Ward, academic dean; Larry Salyer, dean of students; and members of the SEP faculty and staff.

Before retiring, Mr. Armstrong watched a basketball game with faculty and SEP campers on both teams at 8:30 p.m., Dr. Nelson said.

Thursday, July 12, Mr. Armstrong visited SEP activities with Dr. Nelson, Mr. Dean and Mrs. Browne.

The first stop was the golf activity. "On the putting green Mr. Armstrong made putts in two strokes from 10, 15 and 20 feet," Dr. Nelson said. "He has a real good touch."

"Mr. [Jim] Kisse [financial aids officer at the college], who runs the golf activity, told Mr. Armstrong that if he wants to direct the putting station, he's ready to hire him. That drew a laugh," Dr. Nelson said.

The three went on to the video activity, where campers practice putting together newscasts. Twen-

ty-eight campers divide into groups of four and produce a newscast. They then watch a videotape of their presentation and receive advice on how to improve.

"After watching them, Mr. Armstrong talked to the group for about 10 minutes and gave them tips on how to improve their voices and how to increase their audience appeal," Dr. Nelson said.

After watching a demonstration in dance class, Mr. Armstrong looked in on an education class conducted by Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches.

The group was discussing proofs of God's existence. "The area Mr. Armstrong enjoyed the most was where campers gave examples of design in nature that would require a Master Designer," Dr. Nelson said.

At 11 p.m., Mr. Armstrong addressed more than 300 campers, faculty and staff. "He explained the purpose of life, the present and future responsibilities of the campers, and he challenged them to study the Bible, to know it more thoroughly," Dr. Nelson said.

After lunch in the faculty dining room with SEP faculty and staff, Mr. Armstrong reviewed construction in the administration wing of the campus field house with Mr. McCullough.

Mr. Armstrong left the campus aboard the G-II at 3 p.m., CDT, arriving at Burbank at 4:30 p.m., PDT.



BIG SANDY SEP — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong tries his hand at putting at the Big Sandy Summer Educational Program (SEP) July 12. Kermit Nelson, camp director, looks on. [Photo by Aaron Dean]



ORR VISIT — Top photo, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong operates the electronic baseball scoreboard July 5 at the Orr, Minn., Summer Educational Program (SEP). Kevin Dean, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) director, is at left. Bottom photo, Mr. Armstrong visits the communications area at the camp. [Photos by Larry Omasta]



Media reports on Norwegian PT

By Roy Oestensen
BOREHAMWOOD, England — *Den Enkle Sannhet*, the Scandinavian edition of *The Plain Truth*, goes to more than 14,000 subscribers in 30 countries and areas. Published in Norwegian, it is the seventh-language edition of *The Plain Truth*.

Roy Oestensen is regional editor of Den Enkle Sannhet, the Scandinavian edition of The Plain Truth.

The magazine was launched March 6 at a press conference in Oslo, Norway (*WN*, March 26). An extensive ad campaign followed in March and early April in 19 newspapers and magazines.

As of June 19 that campaign brought in 15,944 requests for *The Plain Truth*, bringing the circulation for the various language editions to 25,000 in the Nordic countries. That breaks down to 13,000 in Norway; 4,600 in Denmark; 4,400 in Sweden; and 3,000 in Finland.

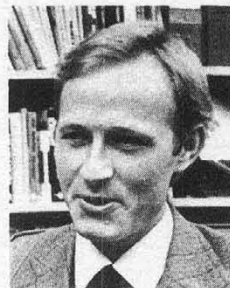
Circulation is expected to climb to 35,000 by the end of the year. The advertising campaign caught the attention of some newspapers. Response is mixed — some positive and some negative.

Dagen, the leading religious newspaper in Sweden, wrote in its March 23 issue. "Many also in Sweden have through the years read the colorful and interesting magazine that [the Worldwide Church of God] publishes. There is no adver-

tising in it, and the articles often cover interesting questions on life.

"Elegant color pictures and other picture material illustrate the not-cheaply done magazine."

Being a religious newspaper, *Dagen* attacks the teachings of the Church, which is to be expected. But at least most of it is factual.



ROY OESTENSEN

The article mentioned: "Humans are not only the images of God, but are to be God"; "Worldwide Church of God is the only true announcer of Christian belief today"; and "God revealed in three persons, the trinity, is false teaching."

Korsets seier, a newspaper published by the Pentecostal movement in Norway, published an article March 23 titled: "Warning to Students and Schoolchildren — 'The

Plain Truth' Now in Norwegian." Instead of outside sources, the author quoted Church literature.

The article says that the teaching through *The Plain Truth* is not "plain" at all, but rather complicated, and that it "surely must create faith conflict among those groups that mostly read it. . . . The Norwegian Christianity should survive, also without all the colorful literature which lately has come to us from America, from movements who believe themselves to have an absolute demand on the 'truth' in a world where everyone else is wrong."

Both articles mentioned the Church's teaching on Israel.

A *Plain Truth* subscriber wrote to the Church: "I would . . . like to know more about this church. . . . I would very much like to keep Saturday holy and live according to the Ten Commandments, but since there is no such church here where I live, how can I manage it all alone? My husband doesn't want any of it either, but now when I know better I just can't turn my back to it either, I can't think of anything else."

Certain booklets and lessons of the Bible Correspondence Course are available in Norwegian and Danish. Most are translated by Diedrik Zernichow, a local elder serving in the Oslo, Norway, church. There are 14 members in Denmark; six in Finland; 24 in Norway; and 17 in Sweden; making a total of 61 members out of a population of 22 million.

Ministerial Refreshing Program III

Session 7, July 11 to July 24



Guy & Helen Ames
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Philippines



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Oklahoma City, Okla.



Jeff & Geneva Barnes
Church pastor
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Alton & Madeline Billingsley
Church pastor
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Robert & Shelby Bragg
Associate pastor
Brooklyn, N.Y.



Keith & Marian Brittain
Church pastor
Las Cruces, N.M., and El Paso, Tex.



Leonard & Katherine Brown
Local church elder
Windsor, Ont.



Allen & Doris Bullock
Church pastor
Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla.



Lorne & June Davies
Local church elder
Vancouver, B.C.



Stanley & Grace DeVeaux
Local church elder
Houston, Tex., West



Lawrence & Catherine Dickey
Local church elder
Athens, Ga.



William & Patricia Dixon
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Pasadena Auditorium P.M.



Gerald & Barbara Flurry
Church pastor
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Warren Jr. & Arlene Heaton
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Willard & Brenda High
Local church elder
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Church pastor
Macon and Columbus, Ga.



David & Mary Magowan
Church pastor
Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne and Sheffield, England



Kenneth & Barbara Martin
Church pastor
Atlanta, Ga., East and West



Bryan & Ina Mathie
Local elder
Johannesburg, South Africa



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Church pastor
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Lester & Penola McCole
Church pastor
Long Beach, Calif., East and West



Jeffery & Judy McGowan
Church pastor
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Gary & Tamara Moore
Church pastor
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Owen & Kim Murphy
Church pastor
Bonnyville and Lloydminster, Alta. and North Battleford, Sask.



Harold & Loree Rhodes
Church pastor
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Phillip & Lili Rice
Assistant pastor
Tulsa, Okla.



Ronald & Doreen Robinson
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Nick & Shirley Rogers
Local church elder
Monroe, La.



Daniel & Esther Salcedo
Local church elder
Garden Grove, Calif.



Lee & Florence Sefcak
Local church elder
Banning, Calif.



Steve & Barbara Smith
Church pastor
Gadsden, Ala.



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Local elder
Director of Accounting
Pasadena



Guy & Dorothy Stilborn
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Flint and Lansing, Mich.



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Church pastor
Ann Arbor and Detroit, Mich., West

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Brethren bid farewell, welcome to pastors

Eisenhower Park, Long Island, N.Y., was the site of a farewell picnic June 3 in honor of pastor Frank McCrady Jr. and his wife, Charlene, before their transfer to Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. McCrady will pastor the Indianapolis, Columbus and Terre Haute, Ind., churches. Brethren from the **MANHATTAN, WHITE PLAINS and LONG ISLAND, N.Y., EAST and WEST** churches

were on hand for the event. Games were offered for the children, and the singles served a luncheon for the senior citizens. Mr. and Mrs. McCrady were given a variety of gifts, including a Steuben crystal apple. Young and old gathered for a finale sing-along to round off the affair.

After Sabbath services June 23 **YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio,** and

MERCER, Pa., brethren bid farewell to Eugene Noel, pastor of the two churches, his wife, Jan, and their daughter, Amy. Mr. Noel is being transferred to pastor the West Bend and Milwaukee, Wis., churches.

A party honoring them took place at Chaney High School in Youngstown. Brethren presented the Noels with lead crystal stemware and other gifts. Refreshments included cake, potato chips, mints and beverages. Brethren signed a farewell card picturing sheep, designed by Donna Trickett.

After Sabbath services and a potluck June 23, **EUREKA, Calif.,** brethren served cake and punch to welcome their new pastor, Ray Lissman, his wife, Kathy, and two daughters, Christie, 8, and Stephanie, 5.

Albert P. Crino, Libbye Kebrle and Kathleen Buck.



FAREWELL — Eugene Noel, pastor of the Youngstown, Ohio, and Mercer, Pa., churches, and his wife, Jan, are shown at a good-bye party June 23 in Youngstown before their transfer to pastor the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches.

Singles sponsor social

Memorial Day weekend, May 26 to 28, the **MANHATTAN, N.Y.,** singles club invited singles from surrounding states to their first dance and social.

Robert Fahey, pastor of the Long Island, Manhattan and White Plains, N.Y., churches, gave a sermon in

Manhattan on the problems and frustrations of single life. After services the group spent the remainder of the evening fellowshiping in New York City.

Sunday, May 27, events began at La Maganette restaurant at 2 p.m. with a Bible study by John Larkin, associate pastor of the Long Island, Manhattan and White Plains churches. A veal dinner followed.

At about 5 p.m. the dance portion began with music provided by City Lights. For the next three hours more than 190 brethren danced to a variety of music.

Monday, May 28, those remaining joined for a barbecue at one of the single women's homes, where chicken, burgers, salads and desserts were served. *James R. Hills.*

Clubs conduct graduations

These Spokesman Clubs concluded the 1983-84 club year and presented graduation certificates to the following members:

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, Mo. (June 12): Orville Payton III, Ray Roberts, Mervyn Rothrock and Tom Smith.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, NORTH and SOUTH (June 17): Steve Darymple, Greg Kelly, Greg Partin and Tony Taylor (all from the North church).

The following Spokesman Clubs conducted year-end meetings and ladies' nights:

TJUANA and MEXICALI, Mexico (June 25); **SOUTHAMPTON, England,** June 24 (combined with Graduate Club); **BRADFORD, England,** June 24; **CAMBRIDGE, LUTON and NORTHAMPTON, England,** June 24; **NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE, England,** July 1; and **CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST,** June 17.

Areas attend track meet

Fort Collins, Colo., with 260 points, took first place in a YOU regional track-and-field meet in **FORT COLLINS** June 17. Colorado Springs, Colo., placed second, with 119 points; and Denver Colo., was third with 73 points.

Other church areas participating were North Platte, Neb., and Wheatland, Wyo. All events included junior and senior boys' and girls' divisions.

Awards were given by James Reyer, regional YOU coordinator and pastor of the Denver churches, and Chuck Zimmerman, district YOU coordinator and pastor of the Scottsbluff, Neb., Fort Collins and Wheatland churches. Joe Millich, from Denver was announcer for the activities.

A concession stand, set up by Fort Collins brethren, helped fund further YOU activities. *Roma Tennison.*

15th anniversary celebrated

The 15th anniversary of the **MONROE, La.,** church was celebrated on the Sabbath, June 16, at the church-owned facility in Monroe. Brethren from Shreveport and Alexandria, La., and El Dorado, Ark., attended. Guest speakers were Kenneth Swisher, pastor of the Dallas, Tex., East church, and Jack Elliott from Longview, Tex.

Refreshments were organized by Hannah Knaack, wife of John

Knaack, assistant pastor of the Monroe and Alexandria churches, and provided by Monroe women. A three-tiered cake was made for the occasion by Dorothy Carson and Era Martin. Those who attended the Monroe church when it began in 1969 served refreshments.

Brethren provided pictures of social occasions, ball games and picnics during the past 15 years. *Shirley Fulford.*

Dozen churches take on white-water rapids

Singles from about a dozen church areas participated in a white-water rafting trip down the New River near Fayetteville, W. Va., sponsored by the **DAYTON, Ohio,** singles' group June 24.

The outing began in Portsmouth, Ohio, with Sabbath services June 23. Ray Meyer, Dayton pastor, gave the sermon. A potluck and singles'

Bible study took place afterward.

The group then traveled to Fayetteville to camp overnight. Though Sunday morning dawned wet and cloudy, a group of 103 boarded 15 rafts provided by the Rivermen River Co. and tackled rapids. If splashing water wasn't enough to get most wet, bailing buckets were used to soak rafters.

By lunchtime the weather cleared and the singles were ready to take on the largest rapids. Some fell overboard, but no injuries occurred. The guides encouraged everyone to swim through one rapid rather than take the rafts. Nearly all did.

The rafting ended by 2:30 p.m., and the singles returned to camp to clean up and dry out. *John Davies.*

Brethren take part in cricket games, canoe trips, camping

Talbot and Diane Koselke produced and directed the musical.

ALEXANDRIA, La., brethren took part in a water fun picnic Sunday, June 17, at the newly opened picnic grounds and beach at Kincaid Lake near Alexandria. Local church elder Harold Richards brought his bass boat, and Briscoe Ellett II, pastor of the Alexandria and Monroe, La., churches, brought water skis to add to the afternoon's activities.

Church women provided a covered-dish luncheon with watermelon for dessert. Brethren spent the day swimming, boating, skiing, fishing, playing horseshoes and fellowshiping.

BISMARCK, N.D., brethren spent the first Sunday of summer playing volleyball, badminton and horseshoes, swimming, fishing and canoeing June 24 at McDowell Dam. A noon meal was served before the afternoon challenges of a nail-driving contest, a water-balloon toss and a tug-of-war. Homemade ice cream was also served.

RENO and LAS VEGAS, Nev., brethren camped at Turtlecock Campground near Markleeville,

Calif., June 22 to 24. Friday afternoon, June 22, a group of mostly YOU members, led by Roger Olson, was driven to the top of a ridge of mountains. From there they hiked 4 miles down a canyon overlooking a green meadow and forded streams to arrive at the Grover Hot Springs for a hot and cold swim before returning to camp.

Sabbath morning services were conducted in the clubhouse on the grounds by Cleo Dawson, a Las Vegas local church elder. After an afternoon of fellowship in the campsites the group returned to the clubhouse for a barbecue.

Afterward the YOU members attended a monthly meeting. Sunday morning early risers watched the inflation of a hot air balloon. Some rode in it to the top of a 100-foot tether rope for a view of the area.

YOU cyclists, led by Rob Moncur and Dennis Lawrence, pastor of the Dauphin and Yorkton, Sask., churches, biked 30 miles to join other brethren at Good Spirit Lake for the annual **YORKTON** church picnic June 24. Brethren ate a pancake breakfast prepared and served by the

singles under supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Greba.

Baseball, organized by John Sadowski, started the day and was followed by children's races, supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Andrusko. Children took part in sack races, tire-rolling races, bean-bag races and toddler races.

A novelty of the day proved to be the walking race, which Bill German won. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Britz then set up a volleyball game. To close the day, a barbecue and pie buffet was served.

June 23 **SYDNEY, Australia,** **NORTH** brethren presented Music Hall '84, featuring events ranging from a chorus singing "There's No Business Like Show Business" to a closing sing-along. Produced by Ted Jay with Bill Houghton as master of ceremonies, the varied program included duets and vocal and piano solos.

A YOU septet performed a selection of "Hooked on Classics" and the North Sydney choir sang "Ciri Biri Bin." Rounding out the program were a group, Rock Salt, and the

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LITTLE AMBASSADORS — The Yakima, Wash., Little Ambassadors sang a selection from the musical *Sir Oliver's Song* at an international potluck June 23. (Photo by E.W. Purdy)

JUST FOR YOUTH

A page for kids 5 to 105

LEMONADE LESSON

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Get your lemonade here — only 20 cents!" 10-year-old Chris called out. "Lemonade! It's refreshment time!"

On this hot summer afternoon four lawn chairs were set up near the Ellison lemonade stand on Lauderdale Street. Each chair was shaded by a brightly colored beach-type umbrella clamped to its back. Several red and blue balloons tied to the stand danced in the breeze. Music from the Young Ambassadors' *Festival of Music* tape album played softly in the background.

As two customers left the booth looking refreshed, the mailman stopped and held out two dimes. He was soon joined by a delivery man. While they sat in the shaded chairs and sipped their drinks, two tired teenage boys, pushing lawnmowers down the sidewalk, paused for a glass of cold lemonade. In a few minutes these customers left, smiling, and more customers arrived.

Among them was a white-haired man who reported: "I just had some lemonade at a stand a couple blocks away. But the drink was so weak it had almost no lemon taste! Those children claimed they had to stretch their lemonade so they could get more money. But they didn't have many customers. They probably won't make any money, but you children seem to be doing well. That means you must have a good product!" He held out a quarter. Debbie thanked him, served his drink and gave him five cents in change.

As she wiped the booth counter, she turned to Chris. "That reminds me. Remember that Bible proverb Daddy said we should use as a guide today? Would you read those verses again? Let's make sure we're doing what the proverb says."

Chris picked up the card on which Mr. Ellison had printed Proverbs 11:24-25: "One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." (New International Version).

Debbie frowned. "I don't really understand that." Chris explained: "Remember last year, sis, when we had our first lemonade stand? We tried only to make money, and we didn't do very well. But this year we're really trying to refresh people, and this time we're doing great! And that means we'll have extra money for Church offerings and to spend at the Feast!"

As Mrs. Ellison came out of the house to join them, Chris said: "You know, Mom, we found King Solomon is right again! The more we try to refresh our customers, the more we end up being refreshed. How about a glass of lemonade? It's refreshment time!"

Essay contest winners named

PASADENA — More than 1,000 Youth Opportunities United (YOU) members answered the question, "What I think I will be doing in the world tomorrow" with their entries in the 1984 YOU Essay Contest, according to Jeb Egbert, YOU business manager.

The first-place essay in the senior division, ages 16 to 18, was written by Eric Frantz, 16, of Seymour, Mo. Second place was awarded to Connie Olson, 16, of Columbia, S.C.; and third to Johannes Marce, 18, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

In the junior division, ages 13 to 15, Minette Burks, 13, of Shreveport, La., captured first place. Second place went to Jill Brandon, 14, of Oakville, Wash.; and third to Melinda Chalmers, 13, of Lansing, Mich.

Eric envisioned his life as a schoolteacher in the Millennium. "At 9:15 my second class of the day begins, I lecture on the fundamentals of Christ's reign on earth..." he wrote. "Although I'm a teacher at the classroom level, myself and others in God's church are teachers every day by example."

Minette wrote: "I can picture washing a tiny face that had never known anything but the mud in the dreary streets. Or braiding the thin black hair of a little... girl, and teaching her how to tie a bow."

Mr. Egbert said this year's entries, the largest number of responses in the history of the contest, were read at the YOU Office in Pasadena. What were judged the best entries were sent to Editorial Services, where the staff determined winners. Names and addresses of entrants were removed and the entries were numbered in Editorial. Names of winners were not known until the judging became final.

"The understanding of the youths in God's Church about

what's going to happen is really incredible," said Mr. Egbert.

He had some advice for next year's contestants: "Build your essay around the theme itself." He said that some fine essays were disqualified because they didn't address the assigned theme. He also stressed adhering to the rules

and regulations in the pastor's manual.

Prizes were: senior division, first — \$100, second — \$50 and third — \$25; junior division, first — \$50, second — \$25 and third — \$15.

Honorable mention went to 46 entrants. Editorial Services sent each a letter of recognition.

Teen receives \$200

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Penelope Savoia, 17, a 1984 graduate of Gainesville High School, received the Kate C. Weber award May 18. The award is presented annually by the Home Economics Department for cooking and sewing.

Penelope placed first in the cooking competition with an Italian manicotti dish for which she received a cash prize of \$200. A panel of four judges from the school board and the community evaluated entries on quality of taste, table setting, centerpiece and poise and personality of the cook.

Penelope said she used a red-and-white checkered table cloth, which matched her dress, for her setting and a basket filled with fruit and a bottle of wine for her centerpiece. The contest took place in a classroom where Penelope took a food and nutrition class.

Cooking is not new to Penelope. She has been cooking for about five years, "ever since my mother died and my sister went to college... I do most of the cooking for my family when they are home." The recipe for her prize-winning dish was her own.

Penelope has five brothers and two sisters. Her sister Gina is a senior and her brother Michael is a sophomore at Pasadena Ambassador College. "I've applied once for Ambassador," Penelope said. "I wasn't accepted, but they encour-

aged me to apply again, so I guess I will."

Some of Penelope's other interests include roller skating, horses and dancing. She has studied piano for eight years and is an accompanist in the Gainesville church.



PENELOPE SAVOIA

She also likes to sing and has performed special music with Mary Brown, wife of Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., churches.

Teens honor parents

BONNYVILLE, Alta. — The YOU here sponsored a dinner as a tribute to their parents on the evening of Father's Day, June 17.

After dinner four YOU members presented speeches to honor their own parents. They were Cheryl Bouchard, Guylaine Dumoulin, Marcel Vachon and Jan Jantzen. Master of ceremonies was Eric Jantzen.

After the speeches a Bible study about building bridges between parents and children was presented by Kim Wenzel, associate pastor of the Bonnyville and Lloydminster, Alta., churches. Kathy Wenzel.

District plays football

BRISBANE, Australia — A district YOU touch football carnival took place at Mansfield High School in south Brisbane May 27.

Tim Clark's Brisbane South team took first place. The Grafton, Australia, team placed second.

A composite YOU team chosen from all teams in the district (Grafton, Brisbane City, Caboolture, Brisbane South, Gold Coast and Ipswich) by John McLean, pastor of the Brisbane South church, was challenged by the Brisbane South adult team.

The adult team won, and refreshments were served afterward. Ronald Ion.

MAJOR MEETS TORNADO

By Shirley King Johnson

Major stretched out in the sun in Grandfather's driveway and settled down to take a short nap. Summer vacation had arrived at last and Jim and Susie visited their grandparents for a week. Of course, Major accompanied them.

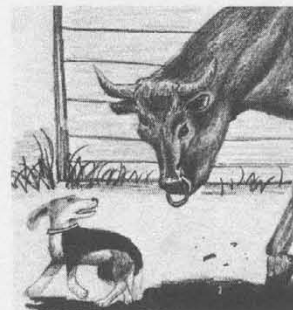
Half an hour ago the neighbor boy, Harry Sterner, had brought Prince, his Clydesdale horse, galloping down the road and Jim had climbed up behind him on the saddle to take a ride. Grandfather and Susie had driven off down the lane in Grandfather's old red truck. He wanted to check fences between his land and the neighbor's.

Mr. Sterner had purchased a black bull yesterday at the sale barn and Grandfather wanted to make sure he would not be coming through a fence. A bull is not something you want to meet unexpectedly in a pasture or along a country road.

Major had not seen the bull. Harry had told Jim that the bull was being kept in the feedlot until he got accustomed to his new surroundings. "He has horns and a ring in his nose,"

Harry had explained. "And he's as wide as a barn door! His name is Tornado."

Major sat up. It might be a good idea to stroll up that way and look at the big bull. When he reached the top of the hill, he paused by the Sterner mailbox opposite the fenced-in yard and house. As he looked down the hill to the feedlot, Major



Artwork by Judith Docken

saw the lot was empty. Strange — Tornado was supposed to be confined there. Where was he? The gate to the feedlot stood wide open.

Curious to find the bull, he trotted on to the Sterner driveway and turned in. A black animal, almost as wide as he was tall, stood in Sterner's double garage. He rubbed his massive head on the rear wheel of the new pickup truck. It was Sterner's new bull — Tornado.

This animal was loose and no one seemed to know! Major began to bark. "Woorrff! Woorrff!" That would make the Sterners look out to see their bull was standing in their garage — instead of in the feedlot where he belonged.

The bull stopped rubbing his head, turned and glared at Major.

"Woorrffff! WOORRRFFF!" Major repeated, though he felt it might be a good idea to get out of there. Not pleased to see the beagle, the bull snorted and stamped the cement floor with a powerful front hoof. Then he started toward Major, head down.

(To be continued)

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — Ministerial Services here released the following ordinations:

Dennis Johnson, a local elder in the Glendale and Reseda, Calif., churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder July 24 at the final dinner of the seventh session of the third Ministerial Refreshing Program. Mr. Johnson and his wife, Karen, are being transferred to Las Cruces, N.M., and El Paso, Tex., where Mr. Johnson will serve as church pastor.

Roberto N. Gopez, was raised to preaching elder June 21. He serves the churches in San Fernando and Tarlac, Philippines.

Keith Haab, a deacon in the Ann Arbor, Mich., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Walter Hawk, a deacon in the Canton, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder June 9.

Neal Kinsey of the Cape Girardeau, Mo., church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Thomas McCrimmon, a deacon in the Fairfield, Calif., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Clarence Miller, a deacon in the Canton, Ohio, church, was ordained a local church elder June 9.

Gary Petty of the Uvalde, Tex., church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Ernest D. Prociw of the Kingman, Ariz., church was ordained a local church elder June 23.

Raised in rank to preaching elder on Pentecost, June 10, was **Orest Solyma** of Mackay, Australia.

Lavene Vorel, a deacon in the St. Petersburg, Fla., church, was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

Barry Williams of the Devonport, Australia, church was ordained a local church elder at Pentecost services June 10.

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PASADENA — Olympic athletes training at the Ambassador College campus here are attracting "positive international attention to God's Church from the media and Olympic officials," said **Harry Snieder**, director of executive fitness for the Church.

The college track was the site of a pre-Olympic high jump meet with **Dwight Stones** and other Olympic athletes July 27. Mr. Stones is coached by Mr. Snieder and trains here.

Explaining Ambassador College's Olympic involvement, a July 22 article in the Pasadena *Star-News* reported: "As director of executive fitness at Ambassador, Snieder's programs have served the school's faculty, administration and student body for 17 years.

"For much of that time, they have also served the needs of many of the world's finest athletes. Several will be in the field when the Olympic Games begin to unfold Saturday [July 28] in the [Los Angeles Memorial] Coliseum . . .

"But if Snieder has developed a specialty area, it's track and field. He has trained pole vaulter **Dan Ripley**, high jumpers **Leo Williams** and **Greg Joy** and **Debbie Brill** of Canada, sprinters **James Sanford** and **James Gilkes**, distance runner **Francie Laurieu** and horizontal jumpers **James Butts** and **Henry Hines**."

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PASADENA — Eighty-eight students and six staff members from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, arrived here July 22 for three weeks of English classes,

cultural activities and social events, said **Arthur Suckling**, financial aids director for Ambassador College here and director of the Japanese program.

The students are staying in campus dormitories. Besides English classes they may take elective classes in photography, macrame, leather work and other handicrafts, Mr. Suckling said.

Utaka Uto, director of the Department of English and leader of the group, said that here at Ambassador College you show the qualities of kindness, sympathy and generosity, which I hope we can learn.

"They feel that their experiences with the college's educational system help improve their communication and conversation skills," Mr. Suckling added.

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BIG SANDY — Twenty-two new Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines were added to the 28 installed here to answer telephone responses to the *World Tomorrow* program, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center in Pasadena.

The 22 new lines were temporarily installed in the campus field house, pending completion of a telephone response facility in the old Imperial Schools complex. According to **William Butler**, supervisor of the telephone response areas in Pasadena and Big Sandy, the 50 lines will be consolidated in the new facility by the end of August. **Frank Parsons**, a local elder, is the office manager for the Big Sandy facility.

Mr. Butler said that the Texas telephone response area handles "about 25 to 30 percent of all WATS calls, and will be handling a larger area of the United States after the lines are reinstalled in the



JAPANESE VISITORS — A group of students from Bunkyo Women's Junior College in Tokyo, Japan, tours the Pasadena Ambassador College campus July 23. [Photo by Kevin Blackburn]

new buildings."

The Pasadena telephone response area has 124 lines. Mr. Butler said the Big Sandy facility "is especially helpful in taking calls during the peak ring-throughs on Sunday and the Sabbath."

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PASADENA — Ninety-nine people attended four *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish Plain Truth) lectures in Bahia Blanca, Argentina, June 23, 24, 30 and July 1.

Albert Sousa, pastor of the Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, who conducted the lectures, reported that 48 new people, or 6 percent of those invited, attended the lectures.

Turnout for the lectures was affected by postal strikes, which delayed delivery of some of the letters announcing the lectures, and

cold weather on lecture nights.

Of those who attended, 39 requested literature, 34 requested further lectures and three asked to attend services.

Mario Seigle, pastor of the Santiago, Chile, church, completed 11 Bible studies, which were given as a follow-up to his May *La Pura Verdad* lectures.

Thirty-five people were still interested after the last Bible study and 12 of those are attending Sabbath services regularly, he said.

Lectures are scheduled for September in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and for Tijuana, Mexico City and Guadalajara, Mexico, in October and November. According to **Keith Speaks**, promotion director for *La Pura Verdad*, the lectures are the first scheduled in Mexico. Mexico is the largest Spanish-speaking country in the world and has about

42,400 *La Pura Verdad* subscribers.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — "Those who have been approved to transfer to a British Feast site, but have not yet booked their housing should do so as soon as possible," said **David Gunn** of the British Regional Office here.

"The Church's agent, Group Travel International, wishes to complete all travel bookings by the middle of August," he said. "At some sites housing is becoming difficult to find, so it is imperative that housing forms are returned immediately."

Mr. Gunn said that cancellations of bookings at this time may cause the loss of deposit. He advised visitors to the British sites to take out travel insurance if they think they might cancel reservations after making full payment. "Full payments are nonrefundable," he said.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England — Space is available for brethren to transfer to Denmark for the Feast of Tabernacles, according to **David Gunn** of the British Regional Office here. Interested brethren should write to The Worldwide Church of God, Festival Office, Box 111, Borehamwood, Herts., WD6 1LU, England.



INTERNATIONAL DESK

BY ROD MATTHEWS

PASADENA — The Church's Regional Office for southern Africa in Johannesburg, South Africa, reported fine growth for the first six months of 1984. Roy McCarthy, regional director, summarized the progress in a half-year report excerpted below.

Radio and television are not open to the Church in the region, and the *Plain Truth* magazine is the sole means of reaching people. A direct-mail letter to 700,000 households during the first six months of this year brought in 38,180 new subscribers, a good 5.5 percent response. In the next six months 500,000 letters in Afrikaans will be sent out to continue the program: 50,000 in July, 150,000 in August and 100,000 a month for the following three months.

An advertisement in the February *Reader's Digest* brought in 29,000 responses, a 6.1 percent response, which was favorable compared with other areas. Further ads will appear in August and October.

The newsstand program is successful, and two additions, Jan Smuts International Airport and the Central Station, both in Johannesburg, should increase the distribution to more than 50,000 a month. Already this year, more than 97,000 subscribers were added to the mailing list — a 221 percent increase over the same period last year. This

is 10,000 more than the entire number added in 1983.

There are 192,070 subscribers in the countries administered from Johannesburg. *The Plain Truth* is printed in both Zimbabwe and South Africa, enabling funds in Zimbabwe to be used well. Subscriber and newsstand circulation is 244,000.

Membership is 1,521. Baptisms for the first half of 1984 were up 24.5 percent over the same period last year.

A regional conference for ministers and their wives took place May 20 to 24 at the picturesque Drakensburg Garden Hotel in the mountains near Estcourt, South Africa. Nineteen ministers attended, and Dr. McCarthy brought them up to date on international and area developments in the Church.

He encouraged the ministers to focus on communication with God, and teamwork and individual improvement in supporting Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong and serving the members and those God is calling. The fellowship during free time and the evenings was also much appreciated.

Australia

In Australia, the first half of the year was also productive. The Burchfield Heads Office reported that just less than 30,000 subscribers

were added to the mailing list, up 200 percent over the first six months of 1983. The majority of those came onto the file by the *World Tomorrow* telecast, newsstand program, magazine advertisements, cardholders and the library-waiting room program. By the end of June, the number of *Plain Truth* subscribers rose to 85,455, up 45.7 percent over June, 1983.

In some areas, placing the television program previously met with resistance, but this year the Australian Office reported a dramatic change. Several stations not carrying *The World Tomorrow* opened their doors to the program, and the Church accepted 25 additional stations and relays, bringing the number of outlets to 96.

It is estimated that 95 percent of the viewing audience in the country has the capacity to see the broadcast. *TV Week* magazine is continuing to advertise the broadcast.

The increase in co-workers is encouraging. Co-workers numbered 2,684 at the end of June, up 46.7 percent over June, 1983. The number of readers requesting visits increased 23.4 percent. Membership in Australia reached 3,177.

Asia

Advertisements placed in *Reader's Digest* in four Southeast Asian countries during the first half of this year added thousands to the subscription list. The results were: Taiwan, 804 responses (8 percent response); Hong Kong, 1,707 responses (7.4 percent); South Korea, 158 responses (1.3 percent); and Malaysia, 6,509 responses (11.2 percent).

Plain Truth circulation in Asia was 42,326, up 3.2 percent over last year.

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