

## Herbert Armstrong addresses colleges' theology curriculum

PASADENA — Beginning with the spring semester, freshmen and sophomores at Ambassador College will receive additional instruction in theology, according to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong officially made academic changes during a trip to the Big Sandy campus Dec. 27 and 28.

"The two-year associate of arts degree had previously contained the normal first- and second-year Bible classes, and it had never been discussed as to whether this was the best for two-year students," said Aaron Dean, personal aide to the pastor general.

"Since many students who graduate with the two-year associate degree don't go on to the third- and fourth-year required Bible classes, Mr. Armstrong wanted to address the Bible curriculum they would receive before they leave Ambassador at the end of their two years," he continued.

Leaving at 10 a.m. Pacific Standard Time (PST) aboard the Church's G-III jet, Mr. Armstrong was accompanied on the trip to Texas by Mr. Dean and evangelists Raymond F. McNair, Pasadena deputy chancellor, and Richard Ames, director of admissions for the Pasadena campus.

In Big Sandy Mr. Armstrong conducted about six hours of meetings with evangelist Leslie McCullough, Big Sandy deputy chancellor; Donald Ward, dean of faculty; Larry Salyer, dean of students; Mr. Dean; Mr. McNair; and Mr. Ames.

"Mr. Armstrong wanted to make sure that both campuses were doing the same thing with their curricula," Mr. McCullough said.

"Our basic changes will involve adding some additional material on the history and inspiration of the Bible for the second-year theology course," he continued.

According to Mr. McNair, the fundamentals course will include one semester on the origins, history and inspiration of the Bible.

Mr. Ames explained that under the new theology requirements approved by Mr. Armstrong, all freshmen will be required to take life and teachings of Jesus; sophomores, fundamentals of theology; juniors, biblical prophecy; and senior students, doctrines of the Worldwide Church of God.

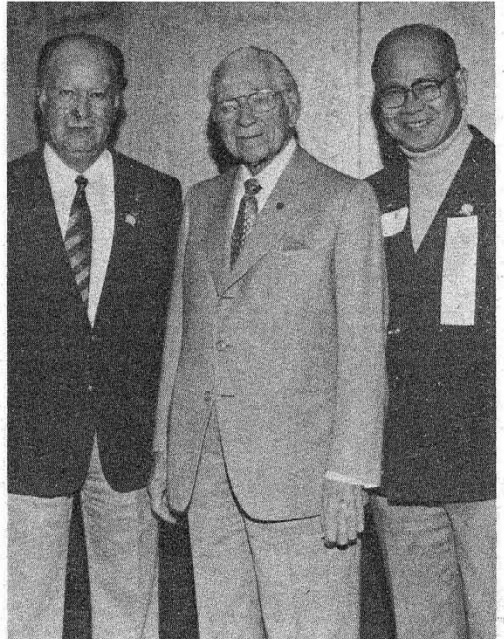
Mr. McCullough added that Mr. Armstrong also covered some administrative matters involving the licensing of the Texas campus to do business, and other topics.

Mr. Dean said that the pastor general is writing a supplementary textbook to be used in the second-year required theology course.

"It will include material that Mr. Armstrong covered in his 'A Voice Cries Out' series that was published in *The Plain Truth*," Mr. Dean said.

After conducting two hours of meetings in the morning, the pastor general went to the campus faculty dining room for lunch with the Big Sandy faculty before his 2 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) departure.

Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Dean, Mr. McNair and Mr. Ames returned to Pasadena Dec. 28 aboard the G-III, arriving at the Burbank, Calif., airport at 3 p.m. PST.



**ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON** — Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was host to a Rotary International luncheon Jan. 1 on the Ambassador College campus. Left, Carlos Canseco of Monterrey, Mexico, president of Rotary International, a worldwide organization with more than 950,000 members who attend more than 20,000 Rotary Clubs in 159 countries and geographical regions. Right, M.A.T. Caparas of Cuyapo, Philippines, was nominated Rotary International president for 1988-87. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

## AC Bible course passes three decades of printing

By Richard Rice

PASADENA — December marked the 30th anniversary of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. More than two million people enrolled in that time.

Evangelist Richard Rice is director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

In 1984 students were added in record numbers. Through November 225,000 enrolled in the United States. The Mail Processing Center expects that figure to rise to a quarter of a million after December statistics are compiled. This is about 10 times the number who enrolled in 1970, when less than 25,000 students enrolled.

Thirty years ago the first Bible Correspondence Course lesson was published. It fulfilled Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's desire to provide an in-depth Bible study course for listeners to the *World*

Tomorrow broadcast and readers of *The Plain Truth*.

Under Mr. Armstrong's direction the late evangelist C. Paul Meredith became the first editor of the course in 1954. In December of that year 8,194 people received the first lesson published.

Through the years certain editorial changes were adopted, retaining the original Bible study format. In the early years each lesson was eight to 12 pages of unillustrated copy. Today, lessons have 16 pages of copy and illustrations.

Booklets and reprint articles to supplement the study material are offered. The lessons are available in English, German, French, Dutch, Spanish, Italian and Norwegian.

Richard Sedliacik, managing editor of the course, and his staff have nearly completed updating the first 12 lessons, which survey basic Church beliefs. Lesson 20, entitled "In Training for Rulership," is scheduled to be mailed later this month.

## 36 hours' work earns \$45,000

# Brethren serve at Rose Parade

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — More than 1,350 volunteers — up 42 percent from last year — from the Church and Ambassador College worked Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 at the 96th Tournament of Roses Parade.

"This was probably the best weather we've had in years and one of the prettiest parades," said John Kennedy, an Auditorium P.M. assistant pastor.

Brethren and students ushered at 42 grandstands (all but nine on the parade route), handled parking for 51 lots, maintained seven concession stands, sold programs and film and provided a security force for Church and college properties.

According to Robin Webber, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, fund-raising activities over a 36-hour period provided a profit of more than \$45,000 for the Church and college activity funds.

After the parade, Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was host to a Rotary International luncheon in the faculty dining room on the Ambassador College campus here. Officials attending included Carlos Canseco, Rotary International president.

Meanwhile, about 600 people attended a Big Ten luncheon in the Ambassador College Student Center. [The Rose Bowl football game annually pits a team from the Big Ten conference against a team from the Pacific Ten conference.]

The largest portion of funds raised by the Church is from contracts with Sharp Seating Co., which maintains all but nine grand-

stands on the parade route, according to Mr. Kennedy.

The Church has been involved with Sharp Seating Co. for 19 years, ever since evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Ministerial Services, initiated the local church's involvement in the parade to coincide with the already established student body involvement. Mr. Tkach continues to oversee the headquarters churches' involvement in the parade.

Volunteers, including brethren from Glendale, Glendora and Reseda, Calif., churches, finished cleaning up the grandstands and parking lots at 6 p.m. Jan. 1. Sharp Seating Co. said this year's cleanup was rated as the best ever, Mr. Kennedy added.

Sharp Seating Co. was "overjoyed with everything we did," said Mr. Kennedy.

"They were very concerned that in four years the parade would fall on the Sabbath, the 100th anniversary of the parade. Well, we checked a perpetual calendar and discovered that 1988 is leap year, so Jan. 1, 1989, falls on a Sunday."

When the Church is unable to donate manpower during the parade because of the Sabbath (like the 1983 parade), Sharp Seating must solicit personnel from numerous other groups, according to Mr. Kennedy.

Mr. Webber said that the money earned will be divided equally between the college and Pasadena churches' activity funds.

Mr. Tkach asked Mr. Webber to write the following letter explaining the Church's involvement in the

annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

"I am happy to convey to you the Church's stance on the Tournament of Roses activities and why we participate in this yearly civic enterprise. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong long ago — and I'm talking about the 1950s — approved of college students being involved with fund-raising efforts.

"The Tournament of Roses, which is a dual event of parade and football game, has its origins in civic pride, not false religion. In the 1880s the Valley Hunt Club, an exclusive country club just down the road from us on Orange Grove Boulevard, decided to stage a 'Chamber of Commerce extravaganza' by dressing up some carriages and wagons with roses and flowers, which were in full bloom in the Southern California winter. This was to give their Eastern cousins a hint that maybe they ought to reconsider where they live and join the family in sunny Southern California.

"Over the years, the Rose Parade has expanded with technology and media exposure. This naturally attracts thousands of people to the Pasadena area over a three-day period. As merely one part of a civic effort to host and supply needs for Pasadena's guests, we are not responsible for their actions, merely supplying parking and food (no liquor).

"There are no sanctioned New Year's parties or activities the preceding evening as this is not the

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**PARADE CLEANUP** — Sandra Buffington, a member who attends the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church, cleans up after ushering in the 96th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena Jan. 1. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

# Winston Churchill's view of Higher Power

**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — Jan. 24 marks the 20th anniversary of the death of Winston Churchill, the man of the century.

Forty years ago he guided Great Britain through to the conclusion of World War II.

Mr. Churchill was the subject of the "Personal" in the February, 1965, *Plain Truth*, followed by a feature article in March ("This Was Their Finest Hour").

Many American and British magazines have adequately covered the experiences of the man generally credited with staving off the Nazi war machine in the critical months and years before the United States entered World War II.

What perhaps would be of special interest to our readers is Mr. Churchill's view of God. His theological thinking went a lot deeper than many people think.

He wrote, "Certainly nothing could be more repulsive... than the spectacle of thousands of millions of universes — for that is what they [astronomers] say that it comes to now — all knocking together forever without any rational or good purpose behind them" (*My Early Life*, page 126).

In the late prime minister's speech before the American Congress he said: "There is a purpose being worked out here below," implying the working of a Higher Power in the affairs of mankind.

Much earlier, as a young war cor-

respondent, Mr. Churchill found himself desperately trying to avoid recapture by the Boers in South Africa. He recorded his intimate thoughts at that critical and dangerous juncture in his life.

"I dreaded and detested more than words can express the prospect of being caught and dragged back to Pretoria. I found no comfort in any of the philosophical ideas which some men parade in their hours of ease and strength and safety. They

Churchill was moved to give thanks to God at the conclusion of yet another war. With deep emotion he resolved, "That this House do now... give humble and reverent thanks to Almighty God for deliverance from German domination." God was given official thanks and honor in Parliament for the Allied victory near the close of World War II.

In his essay on Moses, Mr. Churchill took a swipe at leftwing theo-

logical conception, will find its fullest satisfaction in taking the Bible story literally... We may be sure that all these things happened just as they are set out according to Holy Writ.

"We may believe that they happened to people not so very different from ourselves, and that the impressions those people received were faithfully recorded and have been

transmitted across the centuries with far more accuracy than many of the telegraphed accounts we read of the goings-on of today" (*Thoughts and Adventures*, page 293).

We would not presume to draw any unwarranted conclusions with regard to Mr. Churchill's religious beliefs based solely on a few excerpts from books and speeches.

Nevertheless, his words and thoughts quoted here bespeak a mature thinker whose religious reflections would benefit many in this troubled and chaotic world.

## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



seemed only fair-weather friends.

"I realized with awful force that no exercise of my own feeble wit and strength could save me from my enemies, and that without the assistance of that High Power which interferes in the eternal sequence of causes and effects more often than we are always prone to admit, I could never succeed.

"I prayed long and earnestly for help and guidance. My prayer, as it seems to me, was swiftly and wonderfully answered" (*My Early Life*, page 290).

Nearly a half century later, Mr.

gians. He wrote: "We reject, however, with scorn all those learned and labored myths that Moses was but a legendary figure upon whom the priesthood and the people hung their essential social, moral and religious ordinances.

"We believe that the most scientific view, the most up-to-date and

"Worldwatch," by Gene H. Hogberg, will appear in the Jan. 21 *Worldwide News*.

## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner



### Slow down!

Run, run, run! Appointments, activities, assignments — run, run, run! Demands, decisions, deadlines — run, run, run! Schedules, services, Bible studies, seminars — run, run, run! Plans, programs, meetings, people — sound familiar?

Stop, halt, cease, pause a moment!

Step aside a minute and sit down with me. Let's let our motors idle down and think for a change. Think about our pace — our busyness.

Is this God's way of doing things? How did we get trapped in this revolving squirrel cage? What is it down inside our boiler rooms that keeps pouring the coal on the fire?

Caught your breath yet? Take a glance back over your shoulder, let's say three or four months. Can you list any significant accomplishments? Any problems overcome? How about feelings of fulfillment — very many? Probably not, if we are honest.

Busyness rapes relationships, substituting shallow familiarity for deep friendships. It feeds the old ego, but starves the inner man. It fills a calendar, but fractures a family.

Have you heard people brag about how active their families are in the Church? "Something every night of the week for every family member." That can be a problem!

God inspired David to write "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" (Psalm 46:10, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Week after week, Holy Day after Holy Day God's ministers instruct us in righteousness. But, do we stand still long enough to think about and assimilate into our lives these valuable truths God has given us?

God must shake his head when

He sees the frantic, compulsive, agitated motions we put ourselves through.

In place of growing, responsive, spiritual development we offer Him an inner washing machine — churning with anxiety, clogged with too much activity and spilling over with resentment and impatience. I'm sure He must watch our convulsions with a heavy sigh.

Remember it isn't enough just to be busy. The real question is what are we busy about? Are we overcoming daily? Do we take time to think about and put into practice God's instruction?

Are we taking time to do as Paul exhorted in Philippians 4:8-9? "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you."

Look at your schedule. Are you using activity as a cheap drug to deaden the pangs of an empty physical and spiritual life? You, along with many others in God's Church, will not make it into the Kingdom if you continue to take this activity drug.

Searching words for all of us — but true just the same. Want to make some changes? Here's how to start.

• First of all, admit it. You are too busy. Say it to yourself, your family, your friends. Openly and willingly acknowledge that what you are doing is wrong and something must be done — now.

• Second, analyze your life. How much time are you spending getting closer to God? How are you and your mate getting along? Are you

having problems with your children? Get your priorities straight.

Put the brakes on, stop it. Start today, now, cutting back on activities. Be bold and ruthless. For so is the clock. Time is a limited commodity. Some may have an endless supply of money and others a mound of possessions. But everyone gets the same amount of time.

• Start saying "No." Practice saying it aloud a few times. If feasible, resign from a committee or two. Quit feeling so important. They can get somebody else.

• Maintain your new schedule. It's easy to start fast and fade quickly. Discuss with your family some ways of investing time with them — without television or video movies, without apologies for playing, talking and laughing and doing simple, fun things, without lots of money having to be spent to entertain you.

• Share what you've learned. It won't be long before you begin gleaming the benefits of putting first things first. See Matthew 6:33. Tell others. Share your meditation with your mate and children. Share your thoughts with God in prayer. Take time, stand still and think on God's law and precepts.

Infect others with some germs of your excitement. Believe me, there are a lot of activity-addicts within the Church of God who'd love to stop running — if they only knew how.

Let's help each other find the balance.

Someone once wrote:

- If we are... too busy to read a book or booklet that promises to widen our horizons;
- too busy to keep our friendships in good repair;
- too busy to maintain consistent Bible study;
- too busy to keep warm, vital loves of our fireside burning;
- too busy to conserve our health in the interest of our highest efficiency;
- too busy to cultivate the sense of personal contact with God;
- too busy to spend quality time listening and learning with God's people on the Sabbath;
- too busy to teach God's ways to our children;
- too busy to listen to others... Then we are indeed too busy.

## Letters TO THE EDITOR

### Mr. Armstrong's travels

I am so glad that we have the opportunity to read of your [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's] travels and the activities you are involved in through the accounts written by Mr. [Aaron] Dean. It is like reading the book of Acts; the travels of [the] apostle Paul combined with inspiring miracles that God performed in delivering His Gospel to the people of that time.

Another thing that "strikes" me when I read of your encounters with heads of nations and their people, is that the American people are really blind to the great work God is doing.

Jan Malcolmson  
Rochester, Minn.

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### Young reader

Tonight I read "Grandfather Loves His Neighbor" [Nov. 26] and I thought it was very nice. I appreciate the section you have in *The Worldwide News* just for kids.

P.S. I pray for you [Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong] always.

Lisa Metzel  
Age 9  
Macedonia, Ohio

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### In-law success

I would like to especially thank Mr. Dexter Faulkner for his recent article in the Nov. 12 *Worldwide News* entitled "Succeeding With In-Laws".

It showed that the real answer lies in cooperating and everyone treating each other as he would want to be treated. It is a painful experience even in the best of circumstances, but we usually learn our most precious lessons through sorrow and pain.

Mrs. W.C. Bounds  
Plain Dealing, La.

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### "No Pain, No Gain"

I wish to thank Mr. [Dexter] Faulkner for his "No Pain, No Gain" article in the December 10th publication of *The Worldwide News*.

I am a newly baptized member of the Church. I was baptized in early August of this year. This time in my life is the first really big set back I've encountered in my Christian life. I've felt as if the growth that I was experiencing has suddenly stopped. I was beginning to lose faith in a lot of things and felt abandoned

by God. That was until I read Mr. Faulkner's article.

I'm thankful that Mr. Faulkner's article was published when it was, so that I was able to read it before giving up. Now since I have read the article, I am motivated to strive on through thick and thin towards the goal of developing godly character with the trials and sufferings that mold our character.

I hope to remember the lesson taught in Mr. Faulkner's article that... "Individual character is forged on an anvil of pain." And that... "Purest gold is produced by heat, heat carefully and repeatedly applied."

Name withheld

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### Dwight Armstrong

We were sorry to learn of Mr. Dwight Armstrong's death. We all realize that he is at rest and peace and the suffering is over for him. God used him in a wonderful way to provide the

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# Audio professionals recognize invention of Church engineers

PASADENA — A sound-system design aid developed by Ambassador's audio engineers is receiving international attention, according to evangelist Ellis La Ravia, director of Facilities Management.

The invention, conceived by John Prohs and developed with the assistance of David Harris, maps sound-wave projection patterns and room plans on plastic calibrated globes.

Optional equipment shines light from the center of the clear sphere to project sound patterns on a blueprint or scale model of an auditorium or similar facility. A special screen for photographic purposes was also developed, according to Mr. Prohs.

The *Syn-Aud-Con* professional audio newsletter published by Synergetic Audio Concepts said: "In *Syn-Aud-Con's* opinion this particular breakthrough [developed by Mr. Prohs and Mr. Harris] most satisfactorily solves a long term fundamental problem that has plagued our industry from its inception."

Sound-system designers develop the maps by first studying the floor plans and seating charts of an auditorium and entering the measurements into a computer. The computer analyzes the data and prints out the various coordinates needed to draw a map of the room on the sphere as the equipment would see it, Mr. Prohs said.

Next, transparent sound-wave patterns are overlaid on the room map. From this and the computer results the designer is able to predict the performance of the equipment being considered.

"This mapping technique shows the designer where he needs to place

speakers and other sound reinforcement devices," Mr. Prohs said. Mr. Prohs is technical supervisor for the Ambassador Auditorium, technical coordinator for the U.S. Feast sites and manager of the Technical Support Department of Ambassador College. Mr. Harris is a programmer and an audio engineer in the department.



**COVER STORY** — John Prohs, technical supervisor for the Ambassador Auditorium, was featured in the October, 1984, *Sound and Communications* magazine.

"Before this system was developed, designers had to look at methods which don't accurately show what the sound in a given facility is really doing," Mr. Prohs continued.

Mr. Prohs and Mr. Harris presented a technical paper on this method at the 1982 Audio Engineering Society's national convention. Since

then articles based on their paper have appeared in the *Journal of the Audio Engineering Society* and other publications. In addition, Mr. Prohs and Mr. Harris have been asked by a number of firms and professional associations to lecture and conduct seminars and workshops on how to use their design tool.

"This usually works out very nicely with our Feast duties," Mr. Prohs said. Many of the seminars are near U.S. Festival sites, and Mr. Prohs said he is often able to combine a seminar with Church business.

"For example," he pointed out, "in December I was a guest speaker in Florida and afterwards I was able to check the sound system in the auditorium in Pensacola." Pensacola, Fla., is scheduled 1985 Feast site.

Mr. Prohs added that the traveling expenses for the seminars are paid for by companies who invite him to lecture.

Mr. La Ravia noted that activities of this caliber bring positive exposure to God's Church. In a cover article about the system in *Sound and Communications*, Mr. Prohs was asked why he is making the method available to others in the field.

In the article Mr. Prohs replied, "Well, one of the views of the Worldwide Church of God is that we should all help other people, and this is one way we can make a contribution to others."



**NEW DESIGN** — Above, John Prohs, technical supervisor for the Ambassador Auditorium, explains how audio patterns mapped on a plastic globe can aid audio designers. Below, Mr. Prohs and Steven Szabo, senior audio engineer in Media Services, measure speaker efficiency in a Media Services studio in Pasadena. [Photos by Nathan Faulkner]



## MPC gives tips for preventing bounced checks

# Mistakes cost time and money

By Ed Stonick

PASADENA — Although most Church members are conscientious about checks sent to the Church, in the past two months about 800 checks, totaling nearly \$100,000, bounced, according to John Wilson Sr., co-worker officer.

*Ed Stonick is response analyst for the Mail Processing Center (MPC).*

Evangelist Richard Rice, MPC director, added: "Not only was that amount of money not available for the Church to use in its commission, but it cost the work needless time and money. Our employees must spend dozens of hours to process the bad checks, change donation records and notify each contributor."

Processing these checks is often more difficult because of other problems such as a check written by one person, but intended for another person's offering. Check signatures and cancellation dates may be hard to read after being sent back and forth between banks.

MPC takes several steps to solve the problem. First, the amount of the check is subtracted from the person's donation record. Then, all accounts are rebalanced, because the auditors are concerned about every change made in accounting records.

After rebalancing, the check is returned to the sender with a letter explaining the action that was taken. Finally, this information is updated on the person's computer record.

Although the Church does not charge for bounced checks, the sender's bank does. So it costs the individual writing the check when it is returned.

"Some of the checks that bounced were for \$5 to \$25," said Gladys Anderson, who works in MPC's donation file control section.

"The people who sent these checks may now have to pay more in bank fees than the amount of their check. And they still haven't really paid the title or offering they thought they were paying."

"A certain number of bounced checks usually show up just after the Feast," according to Cledice Decker, in charge of MPC's member file control. "Some people write a check knowing they do not have adequate funds, but they hope to make a deposit later to cover it."

"Offerings at the Feast are deposited that same day or the next day, at the latest. People who try to beat their checks to the bank can't possibly do it."

An occasional mistake around Feast time might be understandable, according to Mr. Wilson. However, about half of the bounced checks were contributions for regular tithes and offerings. And, most of the checks were from members.

MPC offers these tips to help avoid problems:

- Please be careful to write only valid checks. It is better to give a smaller offering or wait until you have sufficient funds than to send a check that will bounce.
  - Keep careful records and maintain an up-to-date balance in your checkbook. This should help eliminate writing checks for more than you have in your account.
  - If writing or sending a check on behalf of someone else, please let MPC know whose donation record the contribution should be credited to. You can do this by writing their name on the face of the check. If possible, it's a good idea to let the other person know your intentions.
- Mr. Wilson summed up by saying: "Accidents occasionally may happen, but let's please try to decrease this problem. It's an affront to God to repeatedly bounce checks."



**SOUND ANALYSIS** — David Harris of the Church's Technical Support Department reviews audio data on a Tecron TEF (Time, Energy, Frequency) computer. Mr. Harris helped write the TEF computer program for a sound-system design aid developed by John Prohs. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]



## Calendar Still Available

A few copies of the 1984-85 Sacred Calendar are still available for those who did not receive one. Still useful for several months, the calendar provides a colorful look at God's work. For a copy, write to our address nearest you. The 1985-86 Sacred Calendar will be mailed to member heads of household later.



**BOUNCED CHECKS** — Mail Processing Center (MPC) employees prepare letters to send out with bounced checks. From left, John Wilson Sr., co-worker officer, Renee Aukland and Gladys Anderson, donation file control personnel. [Photo by Nathan Faulkner]

# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

## Youths perform at district family weekends

The PHOENIX, Ariz., EAST church was host to a district family weekend Dec. 1 and 2, with 106 teens and their families from Prescott, Flagstaff, Tucson, Phoenix West, Ariz., and Las Vegas, Nev.

Seminars were conducted Sabbath afternoon by Bernard Schnippert, Kingman, Ariz., and Las Vegas pastor, who spoke on how to resolve conflicts among teens. James Turner, Phoenix West pastor, spoke on recapturing true values of sportsmanship.

Carl McNair, Tucson and Sierra Vista, Ariz., pastor, informed the group about resolving conflicts in relationships between parents and teens. Mark Cardona, Phoenix East and Mesa, Ariz., pastor, discussed the purpose and principles of friendship. The weekend theme was "Getting to Know You," and each teen was encouraged to make new acquaintances.

After the seminars, teens put together two 50-foot burritos with all the trimmings. After the meal, girls volleyball and boys basketball games began. In the final volleyball tournament, first place went to Phoenix West, second to Phoenix East and third to Prescott and Flagstaff.

Sunday was spent in novelty olympics, with teens and families participating in cracker-eating contests and various races and games.

The District 51 volleyball season came to a close in LAUREL, Miss., Dec. 1 and 2, beginning with Sabbath services in Hattiesburg, Miss., at Sanger Theater. Marc Segall, pastor of the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches, gave a sermon entitled "What Is the State of Your Home Life?", including four points on how to be a peacemaker in the home.

After Sabbath services, 10 Bible bowl teams played a Bible bowl match with questions from the book of Acts and the booklet *Just What Do You Mean—Born Again?* First place went to Pica-yune, Miss., and the Laurel team took second. As a fundraiser, a Mexican dinner was then served by the Hattiesburg church.

Laurel finished first, and Mobile, Ala., second in a double elimination volleyball tournament that began Saturday night and ended Sunday.

A DENVER, Colo., family weekend Dec. 1 and 2 featured special Sabbath services, a family dance and a volleyball tournament. More than 100 visitors from outlying

churches attended.

On the Sabbath, James Reyer, pastor of the Denver churches, welcomed the visitors and spoke on the importance of knowing and obeying the entire Bible. After services Denver brethren were hosts for a potluck. That evening the Denver church band provided dance music.

Sunday, 19 volleyball teams in three categories competed in a tournament. In the YOU girls division Fort Collins, Colo., came in first; Denver No. 1, second; and North Platte, Neb., third. In the YOU boys division Denver took first; Fort Collins, second; and Colorado Springs, Colo., third. In the adult mixed category Denver No. 3 and No. 5 tied for first, and Durango, Colo., was third.

Meals at the tournament were served by Denver YOU members and parents.

The GADSDEN, Ala., church was host to 1,241 brethren who attended a District 33 YOU family weekend and volleyball tournament Dec. 1 and 2.

Sabbath services were at 12:30 in the Wallace Hall auditorium of Gadsden State Junior College with song leading by Stephen Smith, pastor of the Gadsden church. Kenneth Smylic, pastor of the Birmingham A.M. and P.M. and Jasper, Ala., churches, gave a sermonette instructing parents in three ways to love their children. The sermon was given by Don Waterhouse, pastor of the Geneva, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., churches, who admonished both youths and adults to seek God in their daily lives, bringing out that God only blesses those who diligently seek Him.

After services, eight Bible baseball teams participated in a single elimination tournament with Ralph Orr, pastor of the Montgomery, Ala., church, as the moderator. Teams were asked questions from the book of Matthew. Pastors served as judges. The Huntsville-Florence, Ala., team placed first, and the Gadsden team came in second. Certificates of merit were presented by Jim Tuck, district coordinator and pastor of the Huntsville and Florence churches. That evening volleyball tournament matches began at the Coliseum followed by a family sock-hop dance.

Sunday, Dec. 2, the volleyball tournament was concluded. The B league tournament ended with Gadsden winning first place and Birmingham placing second. The Gadsden team also placed first in the A league games with the Montgomery girls taking second. Awards were presented to first and second place teams.

Woodburn, Ore., was the site for the District 82 Girls Volleyball Tournament Dec. 2. The weekend began Dec. 1 with Sabbath services in SALEM, Ore. Nelson Haas, district coordinator and pastor of the Portland, Ore., West church, gave a sermon titled "Dare to Be Different."

Saturday evening the Salem church was host for a YOU family dance, with Robert Slocum from Vancouver, Wash., as disc jockey.

Sunday morning at 8:30 the double elimination marathon journey began with nine A teams and four B teams participating. The matches continued until 4 p.m.

In the A division, Albany, Ore., took first-place honors, Medford,



**WINNING COMBINATION** — The Laurel, Miss., team, coached by Jonathan Grimes (left) won the District 51 girls volleyball tournament Dec. 1 and 2 in Laurel.

Ore., came in second and a combined team from Roseburg and Coos Bay, Ore., placed third. In the B division Portland South won first place and Medford took second.

Concessions were provided by the Portland South and East churches.

District 82 had its YOU talent contest Sunday, Nov. 25, at Day Music Co. in PORTLAND, Ore. There were six participants.

In the senior division Eddy Labaron from Portland East took first place performing Mendelssohn's piano solo "Capriccio Brillante." Second place was awarded to Dan DesJardins, also from Portland East, playing "Chariots of Fire" on the piano.

Winner of the junior division was Athena Watson from Vancouver, Wash., playing "Moonlight Sonata" on the piano. Second place went to Ruhmone Sumption from Salem playing a trumpet solo entitled "Gonna Fly Now," from *Rocky*.

Judges were Bob Day, Earl Minor and Doug McKern.

Sherry M. Goyer, Laura Diaz, Michael Grovak, Jim Tuck and Liane Haas.

## Brethren take part in activities

Singles from the JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, church attended a water sports day Nov. 18, organized by the singles committee. Events included wind surfing, swimming, volleyball and a *braai* (barbecue).

Singles who own wind-surfing boards taught aspiring sailors the basics of the sport. Some rowed rubber dinghies to "rescue" stranded sailors who were unable to return to their instructors.

WODONGA, Australia, brethren shared a chicken and champagne brunch and fashion parade Nov. 25. The hall was decorated with a yellow and white theme by Marie Jacob and her helpers. Music provided by Kevin Mott set the mood for a relaxing meal.

Pink and white spumante accompanied a fruit cocktail entree, salad and a chicken and spinach quiche. A dessert of gâteau was served with tea and coffee. Waiters Craig and David Thomson, Mark and Peter Selzer, Adam Ots and Danny Kennedy, dressed in navy and white with bow ties, served the food and were supervised by Heather Parkes. Helen Ots coordinated the catering.

Pat Harris was master of ceremonies for the fashion parade, organized by Barbara Turner and Louise Murison. Thirty items of handmade clothing included baby and children's outfits, suits, dresses, knitwear and lounging robes. Max Reid, Brian McGorlick and Adrian Lathley modeled along with the women.

After the Sabbath Nov. 24 TIVERTON, England, brethren shared a social with games for children and a quiz for adults. Head judge for the quiz was Melvin Rhodes, associate pastor of the Tiverton and Plymouth, England, churches. Janie Deakins was declared the winner, with Heather Swain coming in second.

Master of ceremonies for the evening was John Swain. Refreshments were prepared by singles and YOU members, with money raised going for the church youth program.

A DETROIT, Mich., EAST Thanksgiving social Nov. 17 featured turkey, stuffing, beans and pies. A talent show was presented afterward, and brethren then played cards and fellowshiped.

GRAND RAPIDS, Minn., brethren had a potluck party after their final Sabbath services at Harris Town Hall, Nov. 24.

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## Churches commemorate anniversaries

The Big Apple, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y., became the Silver Apple Nov. 24 as area brethren commemorated the 25th anniversary of the churches here. From its mustard seed beginnings Nov. 21, 1859, God's Church in New York City has branched into 35 congregations from Maine to Delaware. More than 2,400 brethren from all parts of the United States gathered in the Imperial Ballroom of the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Many of the original members returned to take part in the celebration, including ministers who have served in the area: Stan Bass, Edward Faulk, Richard Frankel, Calvin Mickens, William Pack, Leslie Schmedes, R. Carlton Smith and Keith Thomas.

Robert Fahey, pastor of the Manhattan, Westchester and Long Island East and West, N.Y., churches, coordinated the anniversary.

Mr. Bass, Caribbean regional director, who served in New York from 1963 to 1965, gave the first message. He exhorted the brethren to endure to the end. Carlos Perkins, one of the original members, now pastor of the Philadelphia, Pa., church, encouraged the group to look forward, emphasizing the importance of keeping the vision of the Kingdom of God.

Then the first pastor of the New York City church, Mr. Smith, now pastor of the San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara, Calif., churches, instructed brethren on keeping that vision in their minds by staying close to God.

Representing Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong from Pasadena was evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, who expanded the vision of the future of God's work. He showed the potential of reaching Asia, the earth's most populous area, and exhorted brethren to look ahead to the next 25 years of God's work in this age and the age to come.

After services more than 1,000

brethren ate a meal and danced to the sounds of City Lights. At the conclusion of the evening, Mr. Armstrong called from Sri Lanka to congratulate the New York church and to share news of his visit to Asia. Mr. Armstrong encouraged brethren to look to the future. He said there is still much work to be done.

Brethren from the BATON ROUGE, La., church celebrated their 20th anniversary Nov. 15. The Baton Rouge church was established Nov. 28, 1964, with Vernon Hargrove, now pastor of the Columbus, Ohio, A.M. and P.M. churches, serving as pastor. The first sermon was given by Kenneth Swisher, now pastor of the Dallas, Tex., East church, with 149 in attendance.

The church is now pastored by Alton Billingsley, and attendance is almost 300.

Nov. 17 was a day filled with reminiscing and reflection. Willis Grice, a deacon, gave the sermonette, and John Lee, a local church elder, gave the sermon. After services a potluck

meal was served.

The pioneer members were introduced to the brethren. Wilson Grice called everyone forward. A group picture was taken behind a decorated table with a cake. The pioneer members then dined at special tables decorated with flowers and tablecloths.

The pioneer members honored were Mr. and Mrs. David Ardoin and family, Nettie Ardoin Bazer, Valerie Ardoin Hamilton, Mervyn Burns, Alma Burns Higgins, Moise Butler, Edith French and family, Donna French Weber, Virginia Forest, Harvey Bordelon, Robert Bradford, Wilson Grice, Willis Grice and family, Agnes Herrington, Joe Demchok, Mr. and Mrs. D.R. Lanier, Mary Humble, Mrs. Pat Louvier, Les Meitzler, Wes Meitzler, Lee and Betty Myers, Hazel Poole, Harold Richard and family, Delores Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Toups, Wayne Herndon and family and Frank Frederic.

Earl H. Williams and Cheryl Richardson.



**QUARTER CENTURY** — The combined choirs from Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan and Long Island, N.Y., perform at Sabbath services Nov. 24 to commemorate the New York church's 25th anniversary.

## 'Plain Truth' lectures conducted

A series of Plain Truth Bible lectures were sponsored by BROOKLYN, N.Y., brethren Nov. 10 and 11 at Katherine McCauley High School.

Plain Truth subscribers from the Flatbush section of Brooklyn were welcomed by associate pastor Robert Bragg, who gave an overview of God's Church worldwide as well as in the Brooklyn area, where 500,000 magazines are distributed annually to 1 in 25 households.

Two musical selections, "The Lord Is My Light" and "If With All Your Heart," were performed by Ronald Forbes. Brethren served refreshments, displayed publications from Ambassador College and provided free literature.

Translations of the lectures were available in Spanish and in sign language for the deaf. The lectures were attended by 140 new people, many of whom attended the follow-up Bible study Nov. 28 at the same location. Jacki G. Jones.

# Brethren

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William Gordon, pastor of the Grand Rapids and Duluth, Minn., churches, spoke to 149 brethren who were seated upstairs and downstairs. At least 40 were guests from other church areas. Brethren started meeting at the Grand Rapids Holiday Inn Dec. 1.

The PIKEVILLE, Ky., church was host to a Mexican square dance Nov. 24 at the Perry Cline Community Center in Pikeville. Following Sabbath services and a Bible study, brethren enjoyed a variety of Mexican dishes including chili con queso, tortillas and guacamole, tacos and enchiladas.

Dayton Richardson, a member

from the Logan, W. Va., church, was the square dance caller. Between sets Mr. Richardson demonstrated a line dance called the Ruby and the bunny hop for the children.

The ninth annual PAINTSVILLE, Ky., church bonfire took place Nov. 24 at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Kelly in Flat Gap, Ky.

Sixty-three people attended, including 10 YOU members from the Huntington, W. Va., church area. The group was warmed by two wood fires. Hot dogs, chili, coleslaw and hot apple cider were served. Hayrides were also included in the evening.

Alan G. Roberts, Jan Wyatt, Francis Cann, Penny Mylchreest, Jane Freeman, Debby Bailey and Christine Griffith.

# Youths share winter events

EL DORADO, Ark., brethren were hosts for a Region 5 YOU talent contest Nov. 11 at the Southern Arts Center. Six juniors and 11 senior contestants came from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Tennessee.

A plaque and \$75 went to Charles North from Idabel, Okla., who placed first in the senior division with a saxophone solo. Second place, \$30 and a plaque, was awarded to John Smith from Beebe, Ark., for a piano solo. Third place, a tie, was awarded to piano soloists Debra Parrish from De Soto, Tex., and Ted Wells from Ridgeland, Miss. Both were awarded \$25 and a certificate.

First place in the junior division was Phyllis King from Springfield, Mo., who performed a piano solo and received \$50 and a plaque. Second place, \$25 and a plaque, went to Bridget Davis from Big Sandy for her flute solo. Third place, a tie, was awarded to Elizabeth Odom from Hurst, Tex., for a clarinet solo and Ishman Hunter from Houston, Tex., for a trumpet solo. Both were awarded \$15 and a certificate.

The four judges at the event, which 188 people attended, were Carole Deputa, Laurie Carson, Bobbie Jones and Peter Arnold.

An evening of elegance marked the first grand ball of the KINGSTON, Jamaica, YOU, conducted at the home of Edna Chin Nov. 10. Seventy-one people, including pastor Charles B. Fleming, attended the dinner prepared by the parents of YOU members.

Opening speeches were given after dinner by Michael Milwood and Tina Tabois. David Depass and Marie Pennant, the first YOU members to turn 19, were given farewell speeches by Terrina Chin and Peter Gordon.

Mr. Fleming toasted the YOU members for their hard work on the ball. After a videotape of the Young Ambassadors, the group took part in a dance session.

Sixty RICHMOND, Va., YOU members and their parents met at the home of pastor Kenneth Giese and his wife, Kathy, Dec. 8 to plan next year's activities.

Activities discussed included ice-skating, a pool party and trips to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., the Virginia Science Museum and the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Members were excited to hear of a scheduled winter trip to Disney World in Florida.

After the meeting the group played games such as Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit, and had refreshments of punch, popcorn and cookies.

YOU members of the NORTHAMPTON, England, church organized a social after Sabbath services Nov. 10 at Weston Favell Upper School. A children's pass-the-parcel game was followed by a "guess the personality" question-and-answer game.

After a meal Graham Mitchell's "World-Famous Bible Bowl" was contested by eight teams, with Dun-

can Harradine's team emerging as the victor.

Martin Clarke was auctioneer for a home-baked cake sale, including the sale of a cake made of genuine rock and a bicycle restored by Arthur Johnson. All proceeds went to SEP and YOU funds.

Two skits, "The Sick Man" and "The Life of a Bubble Gum" were performed by YOU members, and Sharon and Tracey Harradine performed a ribbon dance. YOU members put on a one-act play, "Jack and the Discontented Giant," written by YOU member Madalyn King.

The evening was rounded off by a sing-along, accompanied on guitar by Peter Mills, Stephen Aabs and Robert Gilkes. YOU organizer and master of ceremonies was Ken Wallace.

During the Feast of Tabernacles in SCARBOROUGH, England, groups of youths took part in Ye Olde Y.O.U.E. Treasure Hunt, a treasure hunt originated by David Magowan, pastor of the Bradford, Hull, Middlesbrough, Newcastle-on-Tyne and Sheffield, England, churches.

Some of the clues contained questions, which, when answered correctly, counted as points and led the teens to the location of the treasure, 200 pounds (about \$240).

The treasure was buried in a globe situated just below the podium in the main auditorium. The winners were Kim Brown of the Newcastle church, Rachael Howard of Hull, Gwyneth Salter of Nottingham, England, and Emily Walters of Brighton, England. The money is being put toward this year's SEP.

Some of the parents joined their children in the treasure hunt and had opportunity to explore the ancient town of Scarborough.

Lisle Bergmann, Tina Tabois, Tena Jamison, Peter Williams and Ron Grove.



**TALENT FINALIST**—Julia Ann Bonnett, accompanied on piano by her mother, Shirley, sings "The Ladybug" at the Canadian YOU National Talent Contest in Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 2. Julia was one of 17 contestants who performed in the North Vancouver Centennial Theatre. (Photo by Michael Guidolin)

# Canada sponsors national talent contest

The Canadian YOU National Talent Contest got under way Dec. 2 in VANCOUVER, B.C. Some of the 17 contestants came from as far away as Nova Scotia. After a tour of the Church's office, Thomas Ecker, pastor of the Vancouver church, spoke to the finalists about the importance of sharing their God-given talent with the Church.

Sabbath, Dec. 1, a prime rib brunch was served at Vancouver's Quarry House Restaurant in Queen Elizabeth Park. Colin Adair, regional director for the Church in Canada, and his wife, Margaret, joined the group, and Mr. Adair welcomed the contestants.

A Sabbath sermon by Glen Weber, pastor of the Prince George, B.C., church, praised the contestants for developing wholesome musical talent and encouraged parents to cultivate a hearty desire for music within their young children.

Evening entertainment was arranged by John Dyck, house manager of the Queen Elizabeth Playhouse Theatre and member who attends the Vancouver church. A dinner of salmon preceded a live stage performance entitled "Terra Nova," the 1911 to 1912 race to the bottom of the earth between the British and the Norwegians.

After a morning rehearsal Sunday, Dec. 2, the contestants boarded a gondola lift for a ride up to an area ski resort and meal at Grouse Nest Restaurant. A view of the Fraser River delta, majestic mountains and metropolis was meant to inspire yet relax the con-

testants before their performances.

After sight-seeing and shopping, the finalists walked on Capilano Suspension Bridge, the world's largest unsupported suspension bridge, made of wire, rope and wood, spanning 400 feet (120 meters) across a 300-foot deep canyon.

The talent contest began at 7:30 that evening in North Vancouver's Centennial Theatre. The theater purchased a Yamaha Baby Grand piano that was delivered five days before the contest, saving the church \$600 in rental fees.

Mr. Ecker, the evening's master of ceremonies, announced the winners while Mr. Adair presented the awards and trophies. First place in the senior division went to Marcel Schnee, 17, from North Battleford, Sask., for his accordion solo *Czardas* by Monti. Second place went to Kirs-

ten Hardy, 17, from Sundre, Alta., for her piano solo *Prelude in C# Minor* by Rachmaninoff. Mike Little, 19, from Prince George, took third for his piano solo entitled *Clair de lune* by Debussy.

First place in the junior division was awarded to Karen Hamilton, 14, from Brandon, Man., for her piano solo *Nocturne* by Chopin. Nancy Asselstine, 15, from Edmonton, Alta., performed "Anitra's Dance" by Grieg for second place, and Shauna Pettenuzzo, 15, from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., took third for her piano solo, *Sonatina* by Diabelli.

In his final comments Mr. Adair said the videotape of the contest could be aired on area television stations, adding that he would present a copy of the performance to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on his next trip to Pasadena. Joel King.

# Members honor ministers

Guests of honor at a smorgasbord dinner Nov. 10 in the home of Lloyd and Beverly Norheim in PASADENA were Peter Shenton, pastor of the Aarhus, Denmark; Oslo, Norway; Stockholm, Sweden; and Ipswich and Norwich, England; churches, and his wife Heather, who were in Pasadena for the Ministerial Refreshing Program Oct. 31 to Nov. 13.

More than 50 people came to meet the Shentons and express their interest and support for God's work in Scandinavia. Many of the guests were Scandinavian or Finnish.

Other guests were evangelist Dean Blackwell and his wife, Maxine; Ralph Helge, Church attorney, and his wife, Ingrid; Gene Hogberg, *Plain Truth* world news editor, and his wife, Barbara; Selmer Hegvold,

pastor of the Pasadena Imperial church, and his wife, Iris; and Sidney Hegvold and his wife, Mary, Ambassador College faculty members.

The GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., brethren bid farewell to pastor William Miller and his family Oct. 27 with a potluck meal and a presentation of gifts. Cheryl Erickson sang a soprano solo accompanied by Kathy Miller playing the omnichord.

Mr. Miller was transferred to the Appleton and Green Bay, Wis., churches after serving the Grand Rapids church for 10½ years.

George Kackos, the new pastor, and his family were welcomed to the area Nov. 10 with a refreshment buffet following his afternoon sermon. Elisabeth D. Pedersen and Arthea Younts.



**GUEST OF HONOR**—Peter Shenton (left), pastor of the churches in Scandinavia, chats with Ralph Helge, Church attorney, in Pasadena Nov. 10 at a dinner honoring Mr. Shenton, during the Ministerial Refreshing Program.

# Letters TO THE EDITOR

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psalms put to music for all of us to sing and praise God by, each Sabbath.

Mrs. Arthur Tarvin Barnhart, Tex.

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### True Church booklet

I just read your book called *Where Is the True Church?* and I found it totally astounding. If what you're saying is true, then this whole nation has been deceived greatly. And I need to make a total rearrangement in my life and how I live. It's unbelievable and leaves me in a state of shock.

David Dash Petersburg, Va.

We just finished reading *Where Is the True Church?* Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong, we've been listening to and reading your material over the past several months—always checking out what you say and every so often listening to another man preaching, to compare. We

believe finally there is a man from God, and why we never heard you before I don't know unless the time wasn't right. Never have I heard a man speak the way you do, and I gave up ever expecting to hear one year ago. We want to thank you for bringing understanding and hope to this miserable world.

Nancy O'Connor Durango, Colo.

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### Student appreciates approach

Just a short note to let you know how much I appreciate your magazine. I am an 18-year-old student in teacher training, and I have learned much from your informative, unbiased articles, particularly the "When Peace Comes to Ireland" [Oct. 24 *Plain Truth*] article.

Seldom are such articles, which present both sides of the coin in relation to the present Irish situation, published.

"Hope for the Latchkey Child" [Oct. 24 *Plain Truth*] also made me sit down and think. So often these problems are overlooked. People look but they do not see. Hopefully this article will bring this ever increasing problem to light. After all, what is more important than providing a better and a more lovely environment for the future adults of tomorrow.

D. Quinn Wicklow, Ireland



# Netherlands' first member sets example of loyalty, dedication

**By Thomas C. Hanson**  
NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands — The first person baptized in the Dutch-speaking area more than 21 years ago is not Dutch. H.H. Ong is a man born in Indonesia of Chinese descent, and at 85 he is the oldest member in the Dutch area.

"Mr. Ong is a very fine, outgoing gentleman, has an excellent sense of humor and is an outstanding example of loyalty and dedication to God's Church and Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong," according to Bram de Bree, regional director.

Mr. Ong was born in Menado on the island of Celebes in Indonesia March 27, 1899. He emigrated to the Netherlands in 1952 after Indonesia was granted independence by the Netherlands. He lives in Zoetermeer, east of The Hague, and attends the De Bilt church.

### Contact with Church

Mr. Ong came into contact with the Church in 1961 while visiting a daughter in Salt Lake City, Utah. He heard Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on a car radio.

A son in Boston, Mass., had already come into contact with the Church and gave Mr. Ong some booklets. The first one he read was *All About Water Baptism*.

In 1963, back in the Netherlands,



H.H. ONG

Mr. Ong wrote to the Church Office in Bricklet Wood, England. A reply came from evangelist Raymond F. McNair, who at the time was deputy chancellor of the Ambassador Col-

lege campus there.

Mr. McNair was hesitant to baptize Mr. Ong because he felt Mr. Ong's English wasn't adequate for him to understand the Church's doctrines. However, Mr. Ong convinced Mr. McNair his English was good enough and that he understood the basic Church doctrines. Mr. Ong told Mr. McNair that he didn't want to return home unbaptized.

So, Mr. Ong was baptized June 23, 1963, by Mr. McNair and Gary Antion, who graduated from the college there that year. While he was on the campus Mr. Ong met Mr. Armstrong and attended his first two Sabbath services.

Mr. Ong then returned to the Netherlands, where Sabbath services began in 1967 with visiting ministers from England and West Germany. Each year he traveled to England to keep the Feast.

### Early years

Mr. Ong previously worked for the Department of Transportation in Indonesia for 26 years. He married the former Johanna Rooyer, a German Malaccan girl of Jewish background, April 28, 1927.

When Indonesia was granted independence he was given the option of choosing Dutch or Indonesian citizenship. Mr. Ong chose to accept Dutch citizenship and emigrate to the Netherlands.

Mr. Ong retired in the Netherlands at age 53. He decided to give his wife a vacation because he felt she had done so much to care for the family. He asked his wife to teach him how to cook, and he took over the cooking duties.

Mr. Ong and his wife were married 29 years. After his wife died unexpectedly Aug. 16, 1956, Mr. Ong lost hope for the future. A doctor told him that if he didn't leave the house where he lived with his wife he would be dead in a month. He told him to move away and find rest in his heart. With that advice Mr. Ong decided to visit his children in the United States.

From the Ongs' seven children came 31 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. The four generations live in the Netherlands, the United States and Australia.

Mr. Ong enjoys cooking at home and visiting with brethren.



**YOUNG AMBASSADORS** — Joel Meeker, student body president of Pasadena Ambassador College, sings "Daisy," a selection from a medley of songs entitled "The Silver Sing-Along" that was performed for senior citizens in the Pasadena area churches Dec. 9 at the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center mall. Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong attended. [Photo by Ford Burden]

# English widow attributes years to God, life-style

**By Roger L. Clark**

NORTHAMPTON, England — Daisy Kirkland, at 96 one of England's oldest members, is now the sole survivor of 12 children. She was born in the Essex village of Magdalen Laver in 1888.

*Roger L. Clark is a deacon in the Northampton, England, church.*

Mrs. Kirkland speaks highly of her late husband, Jim, to whom she was married for 52 years. "He always put the family first," she said, "and was considered a gentleman as well as a craftsman by his working colleagues."

Mrs. Kirkland's first contact with God's Church came in 1959, when she saw an advertisement in *Reader's Digest*. But it was not until 1976

that she felt her search for the true church, teaching the truth of the Bible, had come to an end, and she was baptized.

Today she still attends Sabbath services in Northampton, traveling an hour each way from her home in Coventry.

She attributes her long life to proper attention to diet, religious conviction and reliance on God, hard work and an energetic life-style.

She has three children, one of whom, Joan, is a Church member and lives with her; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Despite arthritic trouble in her legs and the need of a walking stick, Mrs. Kirkland cooks dinner for herself and her daughter and helps with the gardening and household chores.

# Library position open on Big Sandy campus

**BIG SANDY** — Big Sandy Ambassador College has an opening for a director of library, according to Donald Ward, academic dean.

The director works under the general direction of the academic dean and oversees the library in support of the curriculum of the Texas campus, serving the students, faculty, ministry and local Church members.

Requirements are a master's degree in library science and at least five years experience performing various functions in a medium-to-large library, Dr. Ward said.

Applicants should have a knowledge of principles, practices and organization of professional library work, standard library tools, circulation practices and procedures, file organization, reference tools and techniques and

supervisory techniques.

Those applying should be able to organize and supervise detailed clerical operations, train and instruct others in library systems, methods and procedures, perform skilled reference work, speak and write effectively, analyze situations and take effective action and deal effectively with people at all levels in the organization, according to Dr. Ward.

The position requires good health and alertness. Some physical exertion can be a factor as the work involves frequent movement, constant handling of books and close operations.

If you are interested and meet all of the qualifications, please send a resume to Dr. Donald Ward, Academic Dean, Ambassador College, Big Sandy, Tex., 75755.

# Children's Corner

## Grandpa wears a crown

**By Vivian Pettjohn**

"Oh, no!" Jeff objected, frowning as he and his family left the dining table following Sunday brunch. "Why does Grandpa Winfield have to come here to visit? He's old!"

"Yeah, and he isn't much fun!" Rocky agreed. "Remember how he always looked sad when we went to see him — back in Tennessee before we moved away?"

"Now, wait a minute, boys," their father said as they got seated on the living room couch. "You have a wrong impression of my father. He looked sad because Grandmother was sick for so long — and then died. He is very lonely now and needs us! And we need him!"

"Why do we need him?" Jeff asked.

"I can answer that," Mrs. Winfield

said as she and Kathy joined them in nearby chairs. "Grandpa Winfield is a wise and wonderful man, a member of God's Church! He can help us a lot by sharing some of the lessons he has learned in life. Of course, we can help him by giving him lots of love and respect, and by making him feel welcome!"

"But he is real old!" 4-year-old Kathy protested. "He's even got white hair! I remember that!"

"Children," Dad asked, "did you know the Bible refers to Grandpa's white hair as a crown?"

"A crown?" Rocky asked, surprised.

"Yes," Dad answered. "Here, let me read about that."

Picking up a Bible from the coffee table, he turned to Proverbs 16:31 and read aloud: "The hoary head [white

hair] is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

"I just thought of another appropriate scripture," Mother said, reaching for the Bible and reading Leviticus 19:32: "Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord."

"I see now," Dad observed, "that you children don't remember Grandpa very well. I should have been telling you more about him." Suddenly Dad smiled. "I know what I'll do. Starting today, I'll tell you a true story about Grandpa each day. Then, when he comes to visit us next month, you'll know him better and you'll appreciate him more! For instance, did you boys know that as a young man he played shortstop on his hometown's baseball team? And do you know that he used

to be an amateur radio operator?"

"He played shortstop? Wow! He must have been good!" Jeff exclaimed.

"And he has been a 'ham'? Great!" Rocky said, excitedly.

"Daddy," 6-year-old Jeff said, "I'm really sorry I complained about Grandpa coming for a visit. I know now that wasn't nice. Mommy, would you help me write him a letter? I want to tell him I can hardly wait for him to get here. And I want to ask him to show me how to hit a baseball better!"

"I'm going to write, too," Rocky stated, "and ask him to help me learn the Morse code punctuation symbols while he's here!"

"And, Mommy," Kathy added, "please tell him for me I can hardly wait to give him a big hug — and to see my Grandpa's crown!"

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

# UPDATE

PASADENA — Measured by convention industry standards, God's Church exceeded one million delegate-days for the first time during the 1984 Feast of Tabernacles, according to evangelist **Ellis La Ravia**, a member of the Festival coordinating team under Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**.

Delegate-days are daily attendance multiplied by the length in days of a given convention. Evangelist **Joseph Tkach Sr.**, director of Ministerial Services and also a member of the Festival coordinating team, reported official worldwide 1984 Feast attendance at 126,254 at 83 Festival sites.

"The figure would be even higher if we included attendance at opening services in the total attendance count," said **Mark McCulley**, Festival planning coordinator and an assistant to Mr. La Ravia.

He added that the average delegate-day count for a three-day convention is 10,000.

Quoting statistics compiled by the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC), Mr. McCulley said that Festival attendance "has been growing at a rate of 5 to 8 percent since 1979."

He reported that worldwide attendance was 71,000 in 1970. "That level," he explained, "held steady or grew only moderately until the end of the 1970s, when the Feast started experiencing some robust growth in attendance."

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PASADENA — Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** approved three sessions of the Church's Summer Educational Program (SEP) at Orr, Minn., and one three-week session of SEP at Big Sandy Ambassador College in 1985, according to **Kevin Dean**, director of Youth Opportunities United (YOU).

In a Dec. 17 meeting in his Hall of Administration office the pastor general "reemphasized the importance of SEP and Church youth programs in general," Mr. Dean told *The Worldwide News* Jan. 2.

SEP tuition for the 1985 Orr and Big Sandy camps will be \$250 a person. "This amount includes a copy of the annual yearbook, *The Diplomat*," Mr. Dean said. *The Diplomat* includes coverage of SEP camps worldwide.

Dates for the camps are: Orr, June 11 to July 1; July 3 to July 23; and July 25 to Aug. 13. Big Sandy: June 26 to July 17.

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PASADENA — U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation set a record during 1984 when 1.3 million people asked for a personal subscription, according to **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services.

The previous U.S. record was 1.2 million new subscribers, set in 1982.

"We had seven full months when we received over 100,000 new subscribers," said **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

He added that a month receiving 100,000 new subscribers was a "relatively rare phenomenon" until 1982.

Mr. Wright said that the 7.4 million people receiving *The Plain Truth* "want the magazine." He based his comment on a new PT renewal policy instituted by Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**.

Under the policy a subscriber receives 10 issues of *The Plain Truth* unless he or she renews. The previous renewal policy allowed 13 issues to be sent before the subscriber was dropped from the subscription list.

PASADENA — Youth Educational Services (YES) transferred the editorial production of YES Bible lessons to Editorial Services here in December, according to **Kevin Dean**, YES director.

"We wanted to maintain the same high quality as other Church publications as *The Plain Truth*, so Mr. [Herbert W.] Armstrong approved the transfer of the editorial production to Editorial Services," Mr. Dean said.

He added that the YES program would continue to be administered from the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) Office here. The YES testing program will also be administered from YOU.

**Dexter H. Faulkner**, managing editor of Church publications, said that **Andrew Burdette** of the YES program moved to the Editorial Office here and will be the coordinator of the YES lessons. Primary writers of the lessons will continue to be Pasadena-based ministers and faculty of Imperial Schools here, he added.

YES lessons, designed for nine



**SPANISH EDITION** — A 16-page signature of the January *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) is inspected by from left David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager in the Borehamwood, England, Office; Colin Passmore, managing director of Ambassador Press; Keith Speaks, circulation manager of *La Pura Verdad*; and evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas; at Ambassador Press in Radlett, England, Dec. 12. (See "International Desk," this page.)

educational levels, are distributed to more than 27,000 children in 78 countries. The nine levels are being translated into Dutch and French.

About 10 percent of the lessons

go to individuals not attending God's Church, Mr. Dean said.

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

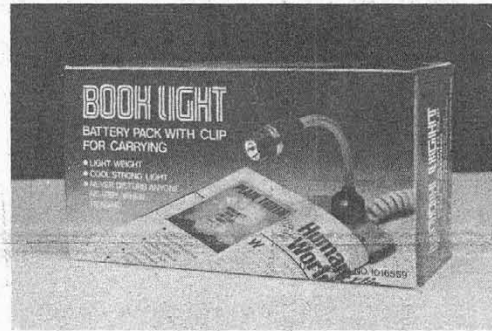
Dec. 24, 1984, to Feb. 1, 1985 — Australia; Feb. 1 to Feb. 24 — New Zealand; Feb. 24 to Feb. 26 — Fiji; and Feb. 26 to Feb. 28 — Tonga.

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PASADENA — *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) lectures took place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Dec. 8 and 9. The lectures were conducted by **Herbert Cisneros**, pastor of the San Salvador, El Salvador, and Guatemala City, Guatemala, churches.

About 1,500 invitations were sent out, and 104 people (about a 7 percent response) attended. Forty-eight of those wanted to attend follow-up Bible studies.

One man saved tithes for 10 months and, after coming to the meeting, decided that this was the church he should give them to.



**FREE ADVERTISING** — God's Church receives some unexpected free advertising on a product package from the H.K. Co. in Hong Kong. *The Plain Truth* ad, written by Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong**, is part of the international *Reader's Digest* campaign and appeared in the Hong Kong edition in November, 1983, according to **Michael Riley**, a graphic artist in Publishing Services here.



PASADENA — The visit to England Dec. 4 to 13 of evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, **Keith Speaks**, circulation manager for *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*), and **Roger Lippross**, production director, marked a milestone in the printing of *The Plain Truth* in England.

With the commencement of the printing of the Spanish edition in Britain, along with the addition of the Caribbean English and Asian English editions, the total print run for January was just more than 1.2 million magazines. This run included the six non-English editions (French, German, Dutch, Spanish, Italian and Norwegian) plus four editions of the English magazine.

Ambassador Press was owned by the Church and was designed and built to Church requirements for printing international editions of *The Plain Truth*. Unusual for such facilities in Europe, the printing presses at Ambassador Press are designed to print American-size magazines, rather than European size.

Since the Church sold the plant at the end of 1981, the Passmore Print Group has invested in the facility, installing plastic-wrap equipment, prepress equipment, high-speed binding equipment and a two-color web press. Both four-color presses have been refurbished.

This investment allowed them to match the increase in the Church's pressrun, which rose more than fourfold over the past three years. They produce the increased quantities in the same time as they did three years ago. All editions are out of the plant within 10 working days of the arrival of the film from Pasadena.

The British Post Office offers a variety of delivery services at reasonable prices allowing the Church the option of sending magazines by surface mail, an air-speeded publisher's service or by airmail. The United Kingdom has air freight and sea freight services throughout the world.

#### Scandinavia

Advertisements in the Norwegian and Danish editions of *Reader's Digest* are drawing good

response rates. The Norwegian edition pulled 1.26 percent, while the Danish achieved a still noteworthy .8 percent.

The Church has an inventory of 11 Norwegian booklets, with six more due for delivery. The first six lessons of the Correspondence Course are being printed.

#### Europe and the Middle East

The growth of English-language *Plain Truth* circulation in Europe and the Middle East is in a lull because of the renewal program, but growth is evident, particularly in the *Good News* and co-worker lists. November figures showed that *Good News* circulation in Europe increased 13.6 percent over October to 2,063; the co-worker list increased .9 percent to 109.

In November in the Middle East *Good News* circulation increased 10.9 percent to 804, and the co-worker list increased 2.6 percent to 40.

#### United Kingdom and Ireland

*Plain Truth* circulation is 72 percent more than November, 1983, although it dropped slightly from October because of renewals. United Kingdom circulation stands at almost 148,000. *Good News* circulation is growing steadily, and is expected to double in 1985, after direct-mail promotion. The Church sends 8,200 copies to readers in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Growth in the Church is continuing with a 6.5 percent increase in baptized members over last year.



**HERBERT CISNEROS**

There are six members and 2,400 *Plain Truth* subscribers in Honduras.

## Parade

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basis for the parade in the first place. If there were, we would need to re-evaluate our involvement in the Tournament of Roses.

"We are certainly blessed twofold by our participation. One, we are allowed to let our light shine in a very positive and friendly manner by serving people good, hot food, and secondly, we are able to derive much-needed funding for our local church activities."

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