

Teamwork, unity: main themes at fourth Pasadena conference

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — "Teamwork is good and it serves a purpose," said evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration, who opened the fourth international regional directors conference here Nov. 18.

"But our relationship here in the work of God and as the servants of God goes beyond teamwork," he continued. "As... Spirit-filled members we are much closer in relationship than what teamwork expresses as far as the world's standards are concerned."

Referring to the meeting as a summit conference for God's sons, Mr. Tkach read an advance copy of Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong's Nov. 25 member and co-worker letter to begin the four-day conference.

Mr. Armstrong participates

Speaking by a telephone linkup from the campus Social Center,

Mr. Armstrong addressed the regional directors Nov. 18.

The pastor general said he was "sorry I can't be over there with you" in the science hall of the Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center.

Explaining his illness, Mr. Armstrong thanked the ministers for their prayers. "I do need them," he said. "I have a temperature every day. Usually it's normal in the morning, but the temperature comes on during the day."

"And I haven't had a complete, normal day now in several months... My blood pressure is low. I don't seem to be getting it back."

After asking the ministers to continue praying for him, Mr. Armstrong said, "I'm keeping in daily touch with the work constantly and doing what I can."

Throughout the four-day conference technicians from Media Services provided a direct video and audio link between the meeting room and the Social Center so Mr. Armstrong could watch the presentations.

12 regional directors

The 12 regional directors presenting reports were Colin Adair, Canada; Guy Ames, Philippines; evangelist Dibar Apartian, French Department; Stan Bass, Caribbean, Bram de Bree, Netherlands; evangelist Frank Brown, Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East; Carn Catherwood, Italian Department; Roy McCarthy, South Africa; Robert Morton, Australia and Asia; Peter Nathan, New Zealand and the South Pacific; Frank Schnee, West Germany; and evangelist Leon Walker, Spanish Department.

Year-end summaries from the regional offices are scheduled to appear in the Jan. 27, 1986, *Worldwide News*.

Department heads and Church

officials making presentations during the conference were (in order of appearance) Mr. Tkach; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; Dexter Faulkner, managing editor of the Church's publications; evangelist Herman L. Hoeh, *Plain Truth* editor; evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center; evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College; and Larry Omasta, director of Media Services.

Business managers from the regional offices and other Church officials also attended the meetings.

Conference comments

Commenting on the conference, Mr. Walker told *The Worldwide News*, "These meetings are always important, because they provide much-needed personal contact between the regional directors who are scattered around the world."

"When we have these meetings, it's really the proverb 'Iron sharpens iron,' in action," Mr. Walker said, referring to Proverbs 27:17. "By sharing our experiences, each regional director is able to benefit from the problems and successes of others. We go back to our respective areas better equipped to fulfill our area responsibilities."

After the final presentation of the conference Nov. 21, Mr. Tkach said, "I want to admonish and encourage every one of you to go back with renewed zeal and effort and drive, determination, to strive for more and more and greater unity such as we have never had before."

"When you do leave, remember let's keep the faith... And let God use us as a tool and instrument to carry out His will and not our own."



CONFERENCE OF UNITY — Evangelist Joseph Tkach Sr., director of Church Administration, explains teamwork within God's Church during the fourth regional directors conference Nov. 18. [Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner]

Operation grows to 95 lines

Texas WATS calls top 500,000

By Frank Parsons

BIG SANDY — More than half a million calls have been received on the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) lines here since they went into operation March 6, 1984. Seventy percent of the calls are from first-time callers.

Frank Parsons supervises the Big Sandy Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) Office.

The WATS operation has grown from 16 lines in a house on the Ambassador College campus to 95 lines in a renovated two-building complex in the former Imperial Schools area. Included are 32 terminals where operators can enter requests directly into the computer while taking a call.

The number of calls increased from 400 the first week of operation to a July record of more than 10,500 in one week. On some weekends operators receive more than 1,000 calls an hour.

The Big Sandy WATS Office opened after Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong approved a plan by evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC) in Pasadena, to move a portion of the Pasadena WATS operation to the Big Sandy campus.

Students and area Church members take calls. Employees include 206 students and 68 nonstudents. A Sabbath crew of 406 provides a corps of volunteers for the weekly Sabbaths and Holy Days.

Between calls the Big Sandy staff assists MPC by handling routine mail received from Pasadena. For example, volunteers have processed 300,000 new *Plain Truth* subscriptions.

Visitors to the Big Sandy campus are welcome to visit the WATS Office and, when possible, take a few calls.



TEXAS FACILITY — Top photo: Employees of the telephone response area in Big Sandy answer calls in response to *The World Tomorrow*. Above, an operator uses direct terminal entry (DTE) to feed response directly into the Church's computer. [Photos by Dianne Schermm]

Response Reaches 25,000

PASADENA — Telephone response to Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong on the *World Tomorrow* telecast topped the 25,000 mark Nov. 23 and 24, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"Record-breaking response to the *World Tomorrow* program *Revelation: Catastrophic Event*, inundated the Pasadena and Big Sandy WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] offices over the weekend," Mr. Rice said. "A total of 25,552 calls were answered. This is more than 5,000 calls — 25 percent — over the previous record."

The record was 20,064 calls, set July 13 and 14 by the program *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

The Revelation program "has been televised four times previously and produced all-time records on three occasions," the evangelist said.

When the program first aired in April, 1982, it set a record of 10,468 calls. When it last aired in October, 1984, it pulled 13,940 calls, another record.

"Even after its fifth airing, this program continues to add a large number of new people to the *Plain Truth* subscription list," Mr. Rice said. "Over 70 percent [19,000] of those calling were making their first contact with God's work."

A special on superstation WGN-TV from Chicago, Ill., preempted *The World Tomorrow*. "Had WGN not preempted the program, we would have received at least an additional 1,200 calls," he said.

Tale of two summits: Geneva and Belfast

PASADENA—For the past several weeks world attention has focused on the summit between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

From all indications the extraordinary one-on-one meetings cleared the air in many areas of dispute.

No concrete breakthroughs were reached. The profound differences on world and security affairs between the two superpowers remain as fundamental and unbridgeable as before. But the level of tension between Washington and Moscow appears to have lessened, leading Mr. Gorbachev to say that, in his view, "the world has become a safer place in which to live."

The two leaders agreed to meet again in 1986 and 1987. This should add momentum to the dialogue now opened.

It is to be hoped that the outcome of the Geneva, Switzerland, meetings will have a positive impact on God's work as well. Perhaps more doors will be opened with the societies of Eastern Europe — much in the way that contacts with the People's Republic of China blossomed after Washington and Beijing established diplomatic relations in 1979. Progress in God's work is intimately connected to the moods and shifts in world affairs.

Belfast compromise

That said, the events in Geneva overshadowed another critical summit. Friday, Nov. 15, outside

Belfast, Northern Ireland, Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher of the United Kingdom and Garret FitzGerald of the Republic of Ireland signed a historic pact.

The two leaders hope that their agreement, which concluded 15 months of secret negotiations, represents the first step toward ending sectarian strife in Northern Ireland, or Ulster, which has taken nearly 2,500 lives since 1969.

But a temporary relaxation of tension between the two superpowers may be easier to achieve than concrete steps toward peace in tiny Ulster.

At the risk of offending other parties on Ulster's complex stage, the London and Dublin governments devised a historic compromise. For the first time, the Irish government will be granted an advisory role in the affairs of Ulster, with the specific aim of assisting Northern Ireland's minority Roman Catholic population in areas of their concern — the economy, security and legal matters. The accord provides for the establishment of an Anglo-Irish council, made up of representatives from both governments.

In return for this concession, the Irish government agreed to explicitly recognize British sovereignty over Northern Ireland and to put off indefinitely its demands for unification of both parts of Ireland under the tricolor flag of the Republic.

Both governments hope the accord will appeal to reasonable people on both sides of the cultural line in

Ulster. If a detente can be achieved, Ulster's sluggish economy should pick up, benefiting Protestants and Catholics alike. Prospects of peace should enable the authorities to tap foreign capital, especially American development funds. (The U.S. administration and Congress heartily approved the pact.)

Both London and Dublin want to cut the ground out from under ex-

ten reaction, in this instance from the majority of Ulster's Protestants. The agreement seemed to stun her opponents in Ulster at first — it surfaced so suddenly. But charges of sellout, treason and treachery were soon heard.

Protestant politician and minister Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, pledged to destroy the agreement, which he la-

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



tremists, especially the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), whose political arm, the Sinn Fein, has been growing at the expense of a more moderate Catholic political party. The IRA "will not like this agreement," admitted Mr. FitzGerald. The IRA showed its displeasure by initiating new terrorist attacks.

Charges of treachery

The pragmatic Mr. FitzGerald does not enjoy full support in his own country for the treaty he helped engineer. Opponents in his main political opposition, the Fianna Fail party, accuse him of compromising the objectives of Irish unity.

But it is Mrs. Thatcher who is bracing herself for the most outspo-

beled a conspiracy. "It represents the end of Northern Ireland as we know it and is the beginning of joint Dublin-London rule," he said. Another Protestant leader, James Molyneux, spoke of "the stench of treachery and betrayal in London."

The Unionists see in the agreement an "undisguised Trojan horse"



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Being a good example

In the early years of the Christian Church the apostle Paul was inspired to write an encouraging letter of commendation to a group of people who were the right kind of examples to their family and neighbors.

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father . . . so that you become examples to all . . . who believe." (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, 7, Revised Authorized Version).

Often the little things we do make a big difference in the way others see and respond to us. Making guests feel welcome in our homes, sending an encouraging card, giving the attendant at the store, restaurant or gas station a courteous smile, offering a polite word to someone who accidentally steps on our toes or pushes in the shopping line. All such actions add up to a life of helping and caring for others.

All of us need to back off once in a while, step out of the dense forest of our daily responsibilities, and take a close and realistic look at ourselves, our labors and our accomplishments, and our daily example.

Why our example is important

After a friend of mine purchased a used car, I asked, "What model is it?"

"It's not a model," my friend retorted, "it's a horrible example." Are we models of God's ways or are we horrible examples?

Our words and examples need to match up; they must not conflict. The old question applies here —

"Do you practice what you preach?" As Christians we must practice what we say, what we have been taught, otherwise we become a false example, a false witness of God's way!

Christ should be our example in everything we do. "For even hereunto were you called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).

I will never forget reading Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong's statements in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course many years ago about the character and example Christ set for us to follow:

"Jesus Christ was a perfect spiritual man. But he did not go about using mushy language. He was not a girlish, effeminate, sentimental or emotional weakling.

"He was a strong, virile, masterful, yet kind and gentle man. He possessed leadership, strength, purpose, supreme strong will — and yet these masculine qualities of strength and power were perfectly blended with wisdom, judgment, knowledge, understanding, justice and also patience, compassion and mercy. He was filled with peace, love, and faith.

"And his will, strong as it was, was totally yielded and obedient to God. All this was the character of God. He is our pattern. We must imitate him — copy him."

Christ possessed leadership. What kind of an example does a leader set? The stamp of a leader is credibility. As future leaders in the Kingdom of God we must practice credibility in our daily lives. Although it is sometimes difficult to achieve and maintain credibility, the steps are easy to identify and teach:

- *Always tell the truth.* Failing to do so indicates an intention to deceive — whether planned or not. Any inconsistency between what you believe and what you hope another will believe, because of what you do or say, destroys credibility. Example: see Proverbs 26:18, 19.

- *Admit your mistakes.* We are all still human and make mistakes. Why pretend otherwise? When we say, "I was wrong," it tends to strengthen our credibility when we say, "I'm right."

- *When you don't know or understand something, admit it, say so.* Remember God is going to hold us accountable. The small advantage that might be gained momentarily by bluffing is far outweighed by the possibility of losing credibility.

- *Always keep your promises.* I might add even if it hurts. The reaction to an outright lie or a forgotten promise may range from rage to annoyance, but breaking a promise makes the other person, mate or child or acquaintance, feel cheated or forgotten.

Credibility is believability on the highest level. One of the highest compliments any of God's people worldwide can hear is, "If he (or she) says so, you can bank on it." We should hope that Christ will look on us this way and say when He returns, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:21).

Example is contagious. Our conduct will be imitated by those with whom we work, play and worship. Most important, our children imitate us. If the parent or leader has set a poor example, then everyone in the family or group pays the price for it.

Don't do as my father jokingly said to me as I was growing up: "Don't do as I do son, do as I say!" Rather, follow Abraham Lincoln's advice, "There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go and that is to travel that way yourself."

Example can be used as a tool to help build the family team, both physically and spiritually. It always inspires growth.

Never forget, a good example is worth a thousand sermons. Let's spread the word with our example.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Voyages to America

BOREHAMWOOD, England — The year 1492 was a benchmark year for many Europeans: The Continent was in a state of discouragement and despair.

Men lamented decaying institutions, the incursion of an alien Turkish empire. Much of southeastern Europe had passed to Ottoman rule.

Christendom was in bad shape. The papacy hit bottom in 1492

when the notorious Rodrigo Borgia became Pope Alexander VI.

The Nuremberg Chronicle talked about "the calamity of our time . . . in which iniquity and evil have increased to the highest pitch." This respected newspaper gave its readers six blank pages to record happenings between 1493 and the Day of Judgment.

This particular edition gloomily forecast the end of the world soon! Such was the state of Europe in the early 1490s.

Four voyages west

Things always are darkest just before a new light dawns. Enter Christopher Columbus — a man imbued with vision. A

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Letters TO THE EDITOR

Festival comments

A week ago we returned from our first trip abroad, the Feast in China. It has been the trip of a lifetime for us — a fantastic, unprecedented opportunity for travel and education! Any trip abroad must make us more aware of the great blessings God has bestowed on this country.

The Chinese we met were warm and friendly, hospitable and serving, interested in teaching us about their history, society, and country. Some of our tour guides spontaneously expressed their joy in "building a bridge of friendship" with the people of Ambassador Foundation.

We thank you from the heart for the years of work that made possible our trip as guests of the government of the People's Republic of China. We appreciate and understand the work of Ambassador Foundation as never before.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Hill
Anchorage, Alaska

I am grateful and truly pleased to have seen the film *Behind the Work*. It was so skillfully and wonderfully put together. The sound effects were also the work of talented people. It was another proof that this Work is certainly the Work of the living God. This film even held the attention of the small children because of the interesting manner in which it was portrayed.

E. Anne Boddie
Linderwald, N.J.

Hello Sir [Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong], my name is Jack. I will be 15 in December. I am at my first Feast in the Lake of the Ozarks [Mo.]. On

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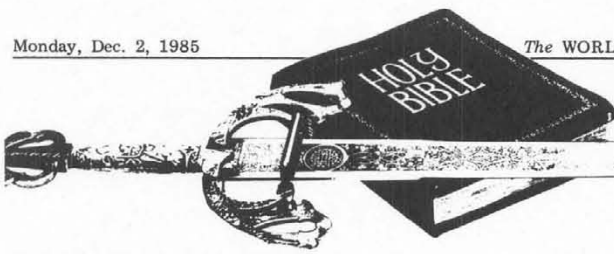
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IRON SHARPENS IRON

Are you embarrassed about asking ministers for counsel?

By George M. Kackos

"Why didn't you call me?" I asked.

"I was too embarrassed," she replied. "I didn't want you to know how bad things were."

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Her words echoed a sentiment that many of us feel when we have a problem. We simply don't want to reveal our difficulties and weaknesses, even if it means cutting ourselves off from needed counsel — even possible solutions!

Hiding problems

Adam and Eve were the first to follow this approach. After taking of the forbidden fruit, they tried to hide from God (Genesis 3:8). When discovered, they were evasive in their answers (verses 9-13). Ever since then, mankind has followed their example of hiding sins and camouflaging them with deceit (Jeremiah 17:9).

What about you? Are you guilty of hiding your problems? Are you too embarrassed to tell your minister that you need help? Are you evasive and deceitful if he questions you? Do you resist the counsel he gives you?



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If so, consider this: God already knows about your problems, and He is judging you for the way you are handling them. Hiding them doesn't impress Him. He promises to reveal your hidden sins unless

you repent of them: "For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad" (Luke 8:17).

So what should you do if your problems overwhelm you — if you are no longer able to solve them without help? This is when you should consider getting counsel.

The ministry is there to help

God has called and trained His ministry to help you overcome your difficulties and grow to perfection.

He is using the ministry to remove the spots and blemishes from His Bride, the Church: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

Coming to the ministry requires faith that God will work through them, humility to acknowledge your problems and determination to change. Through prayer, God can grant you these essential ingredients (Matthew 7:7-8). He can lead you accurately and thoroughly reveal your problems.

When He does, the results will be

encouraging. Your problems will be examined in the penetrating light of God's truth. Then corrective action can be taken to help you solve your difficulties.

As the apostle Paul said to the Corinthians, who applied his instruction: "For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter" (II Corinthians 7:11).

Not only will you clear yourself of the matter, you will experience the joy of solving your problems and living a more successful and God-centered life. So why be embarrassed by your problems? God has given you a way to solve them!

Body must function together

By Gerald Waterhouse

Have you felt this way?

Some brethren feel they are not a vital part of this great work because they are not being used as ministers or full-time employees. Perhaps they have no direct responsibility in their congregations.

The result? Some let feelings of discouragement and despondency come over them.

Why? Could it be that the adversary — Satan — knows discouragement and despondency are the easiest ways he has of keeping us from doing our part?

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Satan is desperately trying to get each of us to neglect the gift of God's Holy Spirit (I Timothy 4:14). If he can succeed, we will become unprofitable — unqualified to enter the Kingdom of God (John 15:6)!

Satan is against God's Kingdom

The one thing Satan hates above all else is for the Kingdom of God to be established on this earth. Naturally! Because Satan and his demons are going to be stripped of their authority when this great event occurs (Revelation 20:1-3).

No wonder they are striving day and night to prevent our conversion into the Kingdom at Christ's return to this earth (I Peter 5:8).

Few understand a major device used by the devil against God's people today. Satan is trying to make us feel that the power imparted to each of us through the Holy Spirit of God is not real, important and effective. Because of this satanic device, some are not stirring up the Holy Spirit of God that He has so graciously given. It is time we wake up to this danger.

Christ gave His Church the great commission of preaching the Gospel to the whole world, a work that cannot possibly be fulfilled without the Holy Spirit.

Consequently, Satan tries to render useless the human instruments through which the Holy Spirit is working. And herein lies the danger to each of us. We must remain yielded to God so He can keep us filled with His Holy Spirit.

With this power, we can complete the work God has given us to do. Without it, we will utterly fail.

Unless every member of the Body functions properly, the Body is not going to be as effective as it ought to be in executing Christ's mission.

Satan introduces fifth column

Satan knew he could not stop the spreading of the Gospel by attacking the ministers and lay members who were filled with God's Holy Spirit — those who were determined above all else to carry out the

commission given to them. So he had to try another maneuver by which he would attempt to destroy God's true Church.

Satan introduced a fifth-column movement. He stealthily worked in false brethren or turned different ones in the Church against the ministers God had placed in office over them. Satan knew that the leaders could do little if they didn't have the Church's support, just as a front line of an army, without any supply lines to back it up, can do little.

Through this method, Satan set out to break down the very power of the Church. And he is still working in the same manner, trying to get some of us to find fault and accuse the ministers, or else get us to let down, become lethargic and not do our part in supporting this work of God. We need to recognize just whom we are following whenever we fall into these conditions.

Some people, when they get bitter against the ones God is using to perform His work, begin to speak presumptuously about them and, yet, appear sincere to those not growing spiritually (II Peter 2:10-15).

These individuals become disgruntled if they cannot be the "mouth" to speak God's message. They are unwilling to be the hands and feet of Christ's Body. Satan knows that if he can disconnect an individual member from the Head of this Church — Jesus Christ — that person will dry up spiritually (Colossians 2:19).

This satanic maneuver renders useless another of the vitally needed members of the Body of Christ — a member needed not only in this time when laborers are so few (Ephesians 4:15-16), but a future member of the Kingdom of God who could have inherited eternal life.

We need to bring "into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians 10:5), and let Him instruct us through those He has called. We need the same Holy Spirit working through our minds that is working through the minds of those God has placed over us for our spiritual growth and perfection (Ephesians 4:11-13).

If we zealously do the part God has called us to perform, instead of seeking to do another's job, we can say with all confidence, "Christ in me is my hope of glory!"

Remember, we are a part of the Body of Christ now, only if we as a group do what Christ did in His earthly body!

Don't let Satan steal your time

By Robert C. Taylor

"Time is running out!" Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong boldly tells his audiences. World events will soon reach a grand-smash climax culminating in the return of Jesus Christ.

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There is only limited time for us to do God's work and build the character necessary to be a part of the God Family. Satan knows this as well as anyone. From his perspective, he has limited time to thwart our progress (Revelation 12:12).

The apostle Paul wrote that we should not let Satan get an advantage over us; after all, we are not ignorant of his devices (II Corinthians 2:11). One of Satan's favorite devices, particularly in this modern age, is to waste our time.

Too busy for God

Satan knows that the more hectic, busy and jam-packed our lives are, the less time we will have for contact with God. He wants us to become preoccupied with various projects, errands and responsibilities — the more, the better, so long as God is crowded out of our thoughts.

Are you a victim of this tactic? Sometimes at the end of the day do you suddenly realize that you have devoted little or no time to spiritual pursuits? Bible study and prayer can easily be overshadowed and nudged out by other activities and distractions.

It's amazing how quickly time can slip away. We may wake up one morning with just enough time to get ready for work. When we come home that evening, it's time to unwind, socialize with the family and enjoy our evening meal. "It's still early," we assure ourselves. "There will be plenty of

time for Bible study later."

At 6:50 we receive a phone call, at 7:15 one of our children comes to us for help on his homework, at 7:45 we catch a glimpse of an exciting television program that hooks us until its 9 o'clock conclusion. The list grows. Soon we are drowsy and ready for bed — too late for quality Bible study, prayer or meditation.

Obviously, many of the things we do each day are important. We cannot simply ignore them. How can we squeeze everything in without neglecting our spiritual lives?

Consider Martha's dilemma. She was given the privilege of having Jesus Christ and a few of His disciples dine in her home. Naturally, she wanted everything to be just right, and that takes time and energy. This project became the most important thing on her mind.

Her sister, Mary, was more concerned about hearing Christ's words. When Martha protested, Jesus was careful to put the priorities in perspective: "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful; and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:41-42).

Martha had failed to recognize the most important use of her (and Mary's) time.

Jesus clearly summarized that No. 1 priority: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

Here is the solution for getting everything done that needs to be done. If we faithfully and consistently put God first, He will make certain there is time for everything else that is of importance.

Redeem the time

Yes, time is running out. "Behold, I come quickly," Christ warns (Revelation 22:12). Every day should count toward the moment when Jesus Christ returns to rule

this earth. We must be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16).

How can we redeem the time?

The following points should help:

- Recognize your own tendencies to lose time and to let priorities slip.
- Make a commitment to pray and study every day, without exception. Choose a time when you are mentally alert and there will be few, if any, interruptions.
- Keep Bible study organized. Have a purpose and goal in mind.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

Glean as much as you can in the time you have. Prayer time, too, should be well spent.

- Maintain contact with God throughout the day. The transition time between projects, for example, might be a good time to send up a short, silent prayer.

- Review your progress every week. If priorities got jumbled, figure out why and plan to do better before wrong habits are established.

- Continually seek strength and encouragement from God. He knows we cannot do it all ourselves, and He is more than happy to help us.

Don't let Satan waste your precious time. Make a commitment, now, to put first things first, "knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11).

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Youths take part in district contests

Sept. 14 brethren from the TRENTON and VINELAND, N.J., churches were hosts to the District 12 YOU dinner theater and talent contest at the Meadow View School in Chesterfield, N.J.

After Sabbath services YOU members served 550 brethren a meal of oven-fried chicken, green beans, potato and tossed salads, rolls, carrot cake and beverages.

The evening's program began with a song by The Missing Dimension in Bluegrass, an area group led by George Van Lieu. Pastor Vincent Panella, was master of ceremonies.

The audience was treated to performances by 20 contestants that included piano and organ pieces, vocal numbers and two violin solos.

First place in the senior division went to Cynthia Anderson of the Union, N.J., church; second was Debbie Jacobus from Middletown, N.Y.; and third, Diane Aversa from Vineland.

Conway Kuo from Trenton won first in the junior division; Novella Francis of Brooklyn, N.Y., took second; and Mark Bastian of Trenton was third.

James Jenkins, pastor of the Union and Middletown, N.J., churches, presented awards afterward.

ROCHESTER, N.Y., brethren were hosts to this year's District 13 YOU talent contest at the Scribner Road School in Penfield, N.Y., Sept. 22. Thomas Melear, associate pastor of the Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y., churches, was master of ceremonies.

Sherri L. Granka of Syracuse and Norma Foote of Rochester judged the contestants on technique, rhythm, interpretation, tone and deportment.

Jeffrey Blouin of Syracuse was the senior division winner with his violin solo titled "Praeludium & Allegro." First place in the junior division went to Tara Peterson of Syracuse with a vocal rendition of "The Rose."

Leslie Schmedes, Rochester and Syracuse pastor, presented certificates to the contestants.

Twenty teens from the AP-PALACHIAN areas of Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas displayed their

abilities at the District 21 YOU talent contest Sept. 8 on the campus of Emory & Henry College near Abington, Va.

Brethren from the 14 district churches were entertained by vocalists who displayed a variety of vocal and instrumental talent.

In the senior division, first went to Lia Haskell from Kingsport, Tenn., and second was awarded to Gretchen Bauman of Boone, N.C. Michael Tyler from Bluefield, W.Va., placed first in the junior division.

The YOU District 22 talent contest took place in AKRON, Ohio, at the Roswell-Kent Jr. High School Sept. 8. Milan Chovan, a local church elder serving as host for the event, introduced 20 participants from the junior and senior divisions.

Winners were judged by six members who attend area churches. District coordinator Tracey Rogers, pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, West church, announced the finalists.

Senior division winners were: first, Heidi Klett from Toledo, Ohio; second, Sherry Stief, Akron; and third, Doug Klar, Toledo. In the junior division: first, Matthew Williams, Cleveland West; second, tie, Ken Peace and Rachael Jahns, Akron; and third, Linda Purdy, Akron.

Certificates were given to the winners.

The District 82 annual YOU talent contest for OREGON and southwest WASHINGTON took

Ohio singles throw picnic for seniors

Singles from the YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, church were hosts to a picnic dinner in honor of grandparents in the area.

The picnic took place at the home of Herold Webber in Vienna, Ohio. Sixty brethren attended the activity, which took place inside because of weather. Singles provided and served food and drinks. *Steve Nosel Jr.*

Brethren share activities

Brethren from the PLYMOUTH, England, church met at the riverside home of Neville and Sue Hutchinson for a treasure hunt Aug. 25.

Teams of two to four people explored the Cornish town on foot, looking for features to provide answers to a set of clues. On arriving back at the house, some played basketball, while the hosts served barbecued beefburgers, sausages, baked potatoes and salad.

First prize for the treasure hunt went to four teams that tied, so each team will hold the cup for three months. Other prize winners were Tony Hicks, Frank and Jill Steer, John Gillard and Colin and Pam Ellison.

Thirty YOU members and chaperons from ST. LOUIS, Mo., visited Florida's coastline and beaches at Panama City Aug. 17 to 23.

Once at Panama City, YOU members were formed into groups and assigned specific duties.

Daily activities included volleyball, swimming, bodysurfing, building sand castles and walking on the beach. The group visited a water amusement park Aug. 20 and walked along a pier that evening. The next day they traveled by boat

to an offshore island to collect seashells and feed seagulls.

Other first-time activities were observing a school of porpoises and watching pelicans dive into the water for fish. Some YOU members learned how to sail in the open sea.

The return trip included a drive along the beaches through Biloxi, Miss., and a tour of New Orleans, La.

About 250 brethren attended the TRENTON and VINELAND, N.J., fall fun day Nov. 10. The event took place at Mr. and Mrs. James M. Ferrell's farm in Jobstown, N.J., and included fellowship and games such as volleyball, football and quilts.

Mr. Ferrell, who attends the Trenton congregation, provided hayrides throughout the day. Refreshments included birch beer, hot chocolate, apple cider, coffee and beer, in addition to various snacks.

The group dined on chili, which was prepared and donated by each family that attended. As the unseasonably mild weather began to cool, the group gathered around a fire for a sing-along.

Kasey Jones, Rory A. Ries and Terry D. Cole.

place Sept. 16 in Salem, Ore., before an audience of about 200. Judges were Doug McKern from the Portland, Ore., South church and Jim Steele and Earl Minor from Portland East.

The five contestants in the senior division were Daniel Des Jardins from Portland East; Trisha Stone, Portland South; Alan Werings, Portland West; Edwin LeBarron, Portland East; and Tammy Smith, Portland West.

The two contestants in the junior division were Reggie Miller from Salem and Robert Erskine from Albany, Ore.

While the judges tallied up the scores, Sheila Honbeck from Salem performed a ballet to "Piaçto."

The senior division winner was Edwin LeBarron, and second place was awarded to Tammy Smith. Reggie Miller was the junior division winner.

The second district family weekend for NEW SOUTH WALES, Australia, which was played host to by the Sydney, Australia, churches, began the morning of Aug. 24 with a family Bible study. Mark Ellis, pastor of the Sydney South church, spoke on preparing for adulthood.

Afternoon Sabbath services were conducted by Robert Morton, regional director for the Church in

Australia and Asia, who gave a sermon on responsibility to about 950 brethren. Most stayed to dine together before the talent show.

Darrell Muche, master of ceremonies at the talent contest, announced 10 youths from New South Wales who were judged by John Goodare, Nancy Bailey and Joy Hawkins.

First place went to Adam Mavros, who will represent New South Wales at the national finals in

Chinese families meet in Australia

Families of Chinese descent from four nations met at Sabbath services in the SYDNEY, Australia, NORTH church Sept. 28 on their way to various Feast sites.

The families are Gary and Claudia Loo and their children, Leslie, Daniel, Lianne and Jonathan, from Pasadena; David and Carol Yin and their children, Ryan, Leon and Leanne, from New Zealand; Dick and Rose Marr and their son, Lawrence, from Fiji; and Brian and Lynette Liu and their children, Trevor, Debbie and Suzanne, from Sydney. *Andrew Marcaros.*

Melbourne, Australia; second was awarded to Susanne Liu; and third went to Marian Shepherd.

The next day, Aug. 25, about 350 were on hand for the YOU track and field meet. Nine churches throughout the state were divided into three teams, based on last names. The yellow team (Mc to Z) took first with 600 points; the blue team (Feb to Mc) was second with 586 points; and the red team (A to Fea) was third with 580 points.

Terence Villiers, New South Wales YOU coordinator and pastor of the Sydney North church, presented awards.

The SAN ANTONIO, Tex., YOU talent team created a special evening for area brethren with a performance Aug. 24 at Beethoven Hall.

Twenty acts were presented at the formal event, including piano, violin and flute solos and duets. The 10 team members who performed were to go on to the district contest.

Dance, drama and four young adult performances were also presented in formal concert style.

The grand finale combined talent team members and the audience in the song "God Bless America." Talent coordinator is Eleanor Cogburn.

Lester H. Miller, Jake Hannold, George Trent, Lori M. Orosz, Nelson C. Haas, Terence Villiers, Darrell Muche and Neville Rowe, and Lu Anne Girard.



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America

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Spanish-speaking Catholic from Italy, having Hebrew ancestry, he didn't exactly find what he was looking for.

But it turned out all the better for the flagging European spirits. His vision was to find a shorter route to the Indies in Asia. What Columbus found was a body of land that came to be called America (the name courtesy of a German geographer in honor of Amerigo Vespucci, another explorer and a contemporary of Columbus).

Financing the first voyage did not come easily. Columbus and his brother Bartholomew spent eight long years trying to sell his vision to the royal courts of Europe. His persistence paid off. Queen Isabella of Spain got a glimpse of Columbus' vision. She and joint ruler, King Ferdinand, agreed to underwrite the enterprise.

Armed with a letter of introduction to the emperor of China, Columbus set sail in command of *The Nina*, *The Pinta* and *The Santa Maria*. The date was Aug. 3, 1492.

But do not think this voyage was without its problems. In spite of good sailing weather almost all the way, the men mutinied Oct. 10. Only Columbus' powers of persuasion saved the day, and his sailors agreed to travel west for three more days.

Near midnight the next day Columbus spotted a dim light

ahead. Just what the light was (this was before electricity) has not been fully explained. Possibly it was a brushfire. Nonetheless, on Oct. 12, 1492, the island of San Salvador in what is now the Bahamas was discovered.

Columbus made three more voyages to the shores of America. To sum up in his own words: "Over there I have placed under their highnesses' sovereignty more land than there is in Africa and Europe, and more than 1,700 islands. . . . In seven years I, by the Divine Will, made that conquest."

With nearly 500 years of retrospect, who can doubt that his magnificent discovery was by the divine will. More about that later.

Bought with a price

Of course, Columbus was not the only discoverer of the New World. There was the much-earlier Leif Ericsson of Norway, and many later adventurers.

The sailing hazards were many. There was no modern navigation equipment. No steam power. No auxiliary engines. No easy-to-handle crews. They possessed no modern yachts.

Brave men were charting new territories and new harbors — never before occupied with European ships. Some paid with their lives. As one eminent historian expressed it, "North America became a graveyard for European ships and sailors."

Both those who discovered and those who emigrated had to pay a

high price. But the discovery, despite human tragedies, was worth it. All of Europe was to benefit — immensely!

Every American schoolboy and schoolgirl is asked to commit to memory the dates 1607 (first permanent English settlement established at Jamestown, Va.) and 1620 (pilgrims on the *Mayflower* arrived in Plymouth, Mass.). Other less-well-known dates are equally significant in American, Canadian and Latin American history.

Wave after wave set sail for

American shores. The northwest European pioneers left their homelands for various reasons — mainly religious and economic. In the 13 colonies they built together what has come to be known as the American dream. The losers of Europe would make good in America.

The Irish came in the wake of the potato famine. Many Germans came in the 1890s. My own paternal grandparents emigrated from Oldenberg, northern Germany, in 1892. The United States came to be known as a

melting pot.

The year 1892 is a signal date in the European-American story. That was the year Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong was born. Four hundred years earlier Columbus had made his epochal voyage to America.

In the late 1920s Mr. Armstrong came to understand the true significance of this Euro-American story — the real reason a land of promise — now the United States and Canada — was pioneered and developed by courageous northwest Europeans.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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October 3, we saw the film *Behind the Work*. I liked it very much.

We have been in the Church just over a year now. I feel very, very lucky that God called us to His Church. One day I wish I could meet you. I really want to go to Ambassador College. But right now I want to play basketball on the YOU team. We just wanted to let you know how much the kids in God's Church love you and depend on you.

Jack Martin (age 14)
Indianapolis, Ind.

I am eight-and-a-half years old. I have

blue eyes and blond hair. I am a female. I really enjoy your films and broadcasts. I have been attending God's Feast and obeying His laws since I was born. I can't wait until the world tomorrow comes. . . . I am trying as hard as I can to obey God and obey my parents so I can be in the world tomorrow.

Whitney (age 8)

Tom's River, N.J.

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Power of music

Quite often in my life, I listened to popular music. The voices are so powerful and the music seems like pure magic. I've heard the teaching of Satan being behind this type of music. I never thought it to be true. . . .

I was listening to one of the nation's top musical groups of today [Van Halen] this afternoon. This group's music has been for so long a great part of my life. It gave me a feeling that the world was ugly, worthless, and nothing, and I

didn't have to care about anybody. As I listened to the album full blast, I spotted my parents' Festival of Music cassettes on top of our stereo.

I took Van Halen out, put the Young Ambassadors in. Suddenly, I heard a powerful, high quality type sound, equal to the power of the other type of music. The only difference was, I felt good inside, almost as if something had touched me from the outside and came into my heart. I suddenly felt things *did* matter. I thought, "If I don't care, who will?" Today, I felt the beauty of God's way, and in the past I felt so different with the other music. God was not behind that music. Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong, you were right all along. Thank you, Young Ambassadors, for the beauty I've seen for the first time. I wish your music could touch all the hearts of the young people in America.

Sharon Mooney
Supply, N.C.

Summits

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One analyst . . . suggests that it is as if a citizen of the U.S. were asked to accept direct Canadian or Mexican consultative input into how the U.S. is ruled."

A British 'Lebanon'

More than three years ago, British political commentator Conor Cruise O'Brien, a former Irish politician, warned that the Ulster Protestants would turn violently against the British government should they perceive the government was in the process of handing them over to their "hereditary Catholic enemies" (*Worldwide News*, March 29, 1982).

The Ulster Protestants, wrote Mr. O'Brien "mean to stay in Ulster . . . they will not be included in any political structure in which Irish Catholics are in a majority.

"The determination of Ulster

Protestants to remain in Ulster is comparable to the determination of Israelis to remain in Israel. And the refusal of Ulster Protestants to be incorporated in a Catholic-majority Irish state is as stubborn as the refusal of the Israelis to be incorporated in an Arab-majority Palestine."

Mr. O'Brien said, "If they were faced with such an attempt, Ulster Protestants would not turn toward a united Ireland; they would turn against Britain . . . [and embrace] a policy that a minority among them now advocate: an independent Northern Ireland."

Then the real trouble would begin. "We shall have our Lebanon."

Supporting Mr. O'Brien's predictions, spokesman for the Ulster Defence Association, the self-described private Protestant army, grimly warned that should the worst fears of his supporters be confirmed, "then this is the beginning of the end . . . We have the ingredients here for a civil war."

By Allen Dance

PASADENA — For U.S. donors to the Church and Ambassador College, 1985 may prove to be one of the best tax years in a long time, because the charitable deduction ceiling for those who do not itemize on their federal tax returns was lifted. This deduction was limited to \$75, but in 1985 it has been increased to 50 percent of donations to a qualified organization.

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As a general rule, however, this will not affect homeowners or other taxpayers with large interest, state tax or other deductions. Instead, it can help those people who barely qualify to itemize, and those who do not qualify.

The deduction is similar to a "deduction for adjusted gross income"; in other words, it reduces the taxable income dollar for dollar. The

itemized deduction on the other hand, is a "deduction from adjusted gross income," which means that the taxpayer must first subtract his standard deduction (\$2,390 for singles, \$3,540 for married filing jointly) before he can subtract the excess from his taxable income.

Even if a person normally itemizes, it may save tax dollars to not itemize and take this newly increased deduction instead (you cannot take both).

Take the following example: A married taxpayer who earns \$20,000 a year and has itemized deductions of \$3,600, of which \$3,000 is attributable to charitable contributions, has an excess itemized deduction of \$60. This is obtained by subtracting the standard deduction (\$3,540) from the itemized deductions (\$3,600).

However, if he does not itemize and takes the charitable contribution for nonitemizers, he receives a \$1,500 deduction on his income tax. That's a difference of \$1,440 or, assuming he is in an 18 percent mar-

ginal tax bracket, about \$260 less in taxes.

Whether or not you can profit from this tax break depends upon your own individual circumstances. In 1986, the provision is scheduled to increase to 100 percent of qualified charitable contributions and then expire in 1987.

On the other hand, the new tax reform proposals by President Ronald Reagan call for the repeal of the provisions, effective after 1985, a year earlier than scheduled. Congress, in turn, has talked of again setting a percentage limit.

Either way, this could be the last year to benefit from such a law, at least in the present state. Donors may wish to take advantage of the tax savings in 1985 and at the same time give to God's work.

Both the Church and college are approved by the Internal Revenue Service as qualified charitable organizations. Any donations postmarked by Dec. 31 will be credited to the member's donation record in 1985.

Children's Corner

A Good Neighbor

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Mom," Debbie called into the kitchen, where her mother was cooking. "May I go over to Aunt Frances' house for a while? Please?"

"Wait a minute!" Beth Ellison said. "Why do you want to go this time?"

"I want to play with Michael and Gina," Debbie answered excitedly. "They're both so cute! It's nice having relatives next door to us now, especially a 3-year-old boy and a 5-month-old girl!"

"Yes, it is nice, honey," Mother answered. "However—" She paused. "Ask Chris to come into the kitchen so I can talk to you together."

As soon as Mother, 11-year-old Chris and 9-year-old Debbie got seated at the kitchen table, Mother said: "We're going to have to set up some

rules about when — and why — and how often you can go over to see Uncle Ivan, Aunt Frances and your cousins. Yes, they are family, and I know you're glad they've moved here from San Diego, but you can't just run in and out of their house whenever you wish. You must show them the same thoughtful consideration you had to learn about visiting the Corelli family when they lived there — or when you visit the Winfields across the street."

"But, Mom," Debbie said, "Aunt Frances said, 'Come over anytime.'"

A car horn sounded briefly in the driveway.

"Oh oh," Mother said, jumping up. "Your father is home early. Go ahead and set the table. Then you can help Daddy carry the tuna casserole, salad and apple streudel over to Aunt

Frances'. I know my sister is too tired from unpacking today to cook."

After the Ellisons delivered the food to the tired and grateful Harris family, they returned home and sat down to their own meal. As they ate their dessert, Dad said, "Your mother reminded me that we need to set up some rules about visiting next door."

"Well . . . OK, Daddy," Debbie agreed reluctantly. "but I wish I could just run over there and see Mike and Gina real often. I even wish there wasn't a fence between our yards."

"Good fences help to make good neighbors, honey," Dad explained.

"King Solomon knew that, and he even wrote some proverbs about how to be good neighbors." Dad got up and brought a Bible to the table.

"Here, Chris," Dad said, "read

Proverbs 25:17. This will be one of our visiting rules."

"It says," Chris read, 'Seldom set foot in your neighbor's house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you' (Revised Authorized Version).

"Of course," Mother hurriedly explained, smiling, "No one over there is going to hate us, but people can certainly wear out their welcome fast if they visit too often — or at the wrong time — or stay too long. So let's be careful not to do those things."

"That's right," Dad agreed. "And Debbie and Chris, if you really want to see the children often, then learn all you can about how to care properly for them. Then you can help Aunt Frances by babysitting when she needs you. In that way you'll learn to be helpful. And that is being a good neighbor!"

Obituaries

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Jasper, Ala., churches, conducted the chapel service Oct. 18.

Mrs. Booth is survived by three daughters, Norma, Carole Sue Stephens and Glenice Claire Wilson, all of Hueytown, Ala.; two sisters, Clairene Jones and Mrs. Johnny Ruth Burt; and three brothers, Carley, William and Rolf Harrison.

HARRODSBURG, Ky. — Maurice E. Voorhies, 61, died Aug. 24 after a heart attack.

Mr. Voorhies was baptized in January, 1982, and attended the Lexington, Ky., church.

He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Margie, also a Church member; one son, Douglas; one daughter, Sue Carol McCoy; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by David Havir, pastor of the Lexington and Mount Sterling, Ky., churches.

BALTIMORE, Md. — Mary Miles, 84, died on the Day of Atonement, Sept. 25.

Mrs. Miles has been a Church member since December, 1970. She is survived by two daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by James Servidio, pastor of the Baltimore church.

PEORIA, Ill. — David C. Hillebrand, 49, drowned in a canoe accident at the Wisconsin Dells, Wis., Oct. 3. His body was recovered Oct. 28.

Mr. Hillebrand is survived by his wife, Sharon; a son, John David; and a daughter, Lisa; all Church members. He is also survived by a daughter, Susan, a YOU member.

Mr. Hillebrand was born May 7, 1936, and was baptized June 12, 1965. Funeral services were conducted Nov. 1 by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches.

LA PLATA, Mo. — Virginia "Ginger" Marshall, 47, died Sept. 15 after a short illness.

Mrs. Marshall has been a Church member since 1970. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; three sons, Terry, Paul and Kevin Thrasher; one stepdaughter, Gina Marshall; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert Cloninger, pastor of the Des Moines and Ottumwa, Iowa, churches, in La Plata.

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Cedric J. Fletcher, 71, a resident of Carson City for 25 years, died at home Oct. 2.

Mr. Fletcher has been a member of God's Church for 31 years; he was baptized in 1954 in Turlock, Calif. He attended services in Fresno and Sacra-

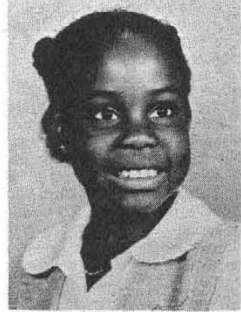
mento, Calif., then Reno, Nev. Among Mr. Fletcher's survivors are his wife, Florence, a member for 29 years; two sons, Jim and Jack; eight grandchildren; and one sister.

Graveside services took place at Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City, with Jerry Center, a minister in the Reno church, officiating.

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Cynthia Suzette Frazier, 11, died Oct. 12 and was buried Oct. 14 in Givhans, S.C.

Cynthia is survived by her parents, John and Cathy Frazier, Church members; one sister, Rona Margo; one brother, Kelvin John; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, all members of God's Church; and one great-grandmother, Bertha Walker of Miami Beach, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted by Robert Persky, pastor of the Savannah, Ga., and Charleston, churches.



CYNTHIA SUZETTE FRAZIER

WACO, Tex. — Hilda Evelyn Ray, 62, died Sept. 29 of injuries from an automobile accident that occurred while Mr. Ray and her husband, Forrest, were on their way to Big Sandy to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.

Mrs. Ray was baptized in 1975 and attended services in Waco. She was born April 29, 1923, and lived in Hamilton, Tex.

Surviving are Mr. Ray; a son, Curtis; and two daughters, Mrs. James Craig and Mrs. Frank Spivey; all Church members who attend services in Waco. Also surviving is a daughter, Mildred Dossey; sons, Tommy and Ronnie; and 17 grandchildren.

Harold Lester, pastor of the Waco and Austin, Tex., churches, conducted funeral services Oct. 1 in Hamilton.

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Ruth Weinland, 81, died Sept. 6 after strokes suffered in January, 1983.

Mrs. Weinland attended the Mesa, Ariz., church since 1973. She is survived

by five children, 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. One grandson, Ronald Weinland, is associate pastor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, North and South churches.

PLATTSBURGH, N.Y. — Aaron J. Rock, 15, son of Virginia Rock, a member who attends the Plattsburgh church, died Sept. 12.

Aaron is survived by his parents and a brother, Greg.

Funeral services were conducted by Philip Shields, pastor of the Cornwall, Ont., and Plattsburgh churches.

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Barbara Jane Kurr, 60, died Oct. 9 at her home in San Marcos, Calif., one day after returning from the Feast in Tucson, Ariz.

Mrs. Kurr is survived by her husband, Raymond; two daughters, Mrs. Michael Allen of Escondido, Calif., and Mrs. Dan Foley of Eureka, Calif.; a sister, Phyllis McDougall of Stockton, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

Jerold Aust, associate pastor of the Yuma, Ariz., and San Diego churches, conducted graveside services at El Camino Mortuary in Sorrento Valley, San Diego.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — Clayton Marne Dinger, 63, died in a car accident Sept. 21.

Mr. Dinger has been a Church member since 1958. He was ordained a deacon in Johnstown, Pa., in 1979.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; a son, Larry of San Diego, Calif.; daughters, Leila Hegvold of Pasadena and Debra Barleson of Hill City, S.D.; and eight grandchildren; all Church members.

Funeral services were conducted by Arthur Dyer, pastor of the Johnstown and Huntingdon, Pa., churches.

REGINA, Sask. — Brian Bradley John Stilborn, 5½ months, son of Dave and Dottie Stilborn of Regina, died Sept. 11. Brian was born 3½ months premature and was confined to a neonatal intensive care unit until his death from respiratory complications.

Brian is survived by his parents; one sister, Sandi; one brother, David; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin of Calgary, Alta., and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stillborn of Moosomin, Sask.

Douglas Johnson, pastor of the Regina church, officiated at the service conducted Sept. 13.

MORTON, Minn. — Violet Mae Clemets, 82, died Aug. 16 after a long illness.

Mrs. Clemets was born Aug. 20, 1902, and has been a member of God's Church since 1962. She last attended in Mankato, Minn.

She is survived by one brother. Funeral services took place in Redwood Falls, Minn., and burial was in Morton.

MANILA, Philippines — Filipina E. Mendoza, 62, died Sept. 14 in her home in Quezon City, Philippines, after a long bout with cancer.

Mrs. Mendoza is survived by her husband, three sons and a daughter.

She has been a Church member since March, 1965, and was ordained the first deaconess in the Philippines June 11, 1977.

Mrs. Mendoza was employed by the Manila Office of God's Church in February, 1967. Until her retirement in



FILIPINA E. MENDOZA

March, 1983, she served as secretary to three successive regional directors in the Philippines. Burial took place Sept. 15. Pedro Melendez Jr., pastor of the Quezon City and Malolos, Philippines, churches, officiated.

OCALA, Fla. — Amelia Ann Howard, 60, died Sept. 14.

Mrs. Howard was baptized in June. She is survived by her husband, Major; eight children; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Stephen Brown, associate pastor of the Ocala, Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla., churches.

HART, Mich. — Arthur G. Eye-stone, 71, died of a heart attack Sept. 14 after Sabbath services in Grand Rapids, Mich. He has been a member of God's Church since April, 1981.

Mr. Eye-stone was retired from Teledyne Continental Motors Corp. in Muskegon, Mich., and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, a Church member; four sons, including Kelly, also a Church member; one daughter; five sisters; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in Hart Sept. 18 by George Kackos, pastor of the Grand Rapids church. Burial was at Mount Ulyssa in Crystal Valley, Mich.

DAUPHIN, Mon. — William John Fydrichuk, 73, died Sept. 18 from an aneurysm of the aorta in Dauphin Hospital.

Mr. Fydrichuk has been a Church member since 1968. He is survived by his wife, Nettie; a daughter, Matilda Wingie; a son, Arthur; four grandchildren; and four sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Lawrence, pastor of the Yorkton, Sask., and Dauphin churches.

MONTREAL, Que. — Janis Lynne DiTrapani, 30, a Church member since 1974, died Sept. 12 after a three-year struggle with cancer.

Mrs. DiTrapani is survived by her husband, Sal, also a Church member; two children, Rachel, 5, and Jonathan, 2; a sister, Peggy, a Church member; and her mother.

The funeral service was conducted by Cecil Maranville, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que., English churches.

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Alice Elizabeth Johnson, 74, died in her home Aug. 17.

Preceded as a member of the Church by her daughter, Alice Elizabeth Merritt of California and a granddaughter in Paris, France, Mrs. Johnson was baptized Nov. 26, 1967.

She is survived by one brother; nine children; 34 grandchildren, several of whom are members; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in New York Aug. 21 by Edward Faulk, pastor of the Trenton and Vineland, N.J., churches, and the burial took place in Maryland Aug. 22.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Joseph A. Perez Jr., 6, died Sept. 28 from leukemia.

Joseph is survived by his parents, Joseph and Yvette; a brother, Dominique; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill E. Aguirre of New Mexico and Mr. and Mrs. Juan V. Perez of Arkansas.

Other survivors include numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Graveside services were performed by Robert Pettit, a minister in the San Antonio church, Oct. 1.

PASADENA — Shirley Kuipers, 55, died Oct. 23 after a long struggle with cancer.

Mrs. Kuipers was baptized in the Pasadena area in 1956.

She is survived by seven children, Gloria Mason, Janice Young, Ike, Rachel Gaston, Susie, all members; Bonnie Kuipers (now residing with Ike); and Linda Montalvo; and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Clint Zimmerman, pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

WEEKEND SHOWS TURNABOUT'S FAIR PLAY

PASADENA — Turnabout Weekend, an annual event in which women ask men for dates, took place Nov. 15 to 17. Some coeds treated their dates to brunches, desserts and picnics.

Saturday night, the students gathered in the student center for a movie. Popcorn and punch were served.

Sunday evening, a square dance took place in the college gym. Professional caller Don McWhirter kept the couples moving with dances like the Amos Moses and the Virginia reel.

"I learned how much planning and organization it takes to prepare for a date," said junior Retta Parsons.

"I think it was a good experience for both parties. I think it showed the guys the importance of dating and how we should be serving our sisters on campus," commented senior Larry Johnson.

STUDENTS TOUR AREA SITES

PASADENA — Thirteen buses carried about 700 students, faculty members and their families to three sites on

Educational Field Day Nov. 6. The group toured the Church's G-III jet, watched a planetarium show and visited the Los Angeles (Calif.) Zoo, according to Geoff Robertson, student body vice president, who helped organize the day.

Students were taken to the Burbank, Calif., airport where they walked through the G-III and had their pictures taken on the plane's stairs.

At Griffith Park Observatory, students watched a show about Halley's comet. They viewed a giant pendulum, meteorite samples and video presentations.

Animals from such places as Africa, India, Australia and North America entertained students at the Los Angeles Zoo. The monkeys were favorites, as well as the sea lions and penguins. The students met for lunch in a park area inside the zoo.

A family style meal in the student center for all who participated ended the day.

RAIN MOVES MOVIE NIGHT INDOORS

BIG SANDY — Outdoor movie night became indoor movie night Nov. 16, when rain

made the ground around Lake Loma too soggy to show the movie there.

The animated version of *Robin Hood*, produced by Walt Disney Studios, was shown in the dining hall.

SEMINARS COVER GROOMING AND IMAGE

BIG SANDY — Women's Club and Ambassador Club seminars took place here Nov. 10 and 12.

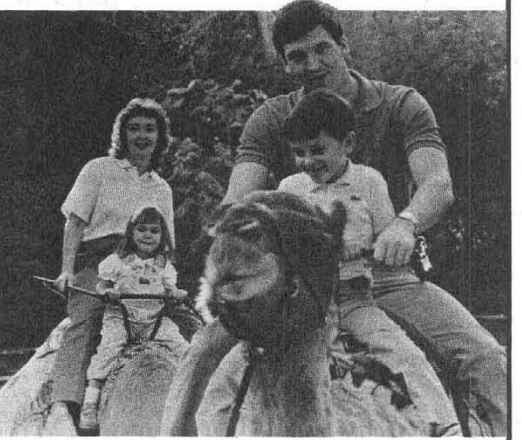
"Beauty at Its Best" was the theme for the Women's Club seminar. Speakers were Anabel Johnson, Home Economics Department chairman; Laura Worthen, overall Women's Club coordinator; and Brenda Hockenbury, a freshman who is also a hairdresser.

Dr. Johnson spoke on weight control and the importance of knowing what, when and why to eat. Miss Hockenbury spoke on hair care, and Mrs. Worthen gave general grooming tips and presented a slide show put together by Women's Club D. "Grooming is the fine tuning in your dressing," she said.

The Ambassador Club seminar was given by Larry Salyer, dean of students for Big

Sandy Ambassador College. He addressed the assembled students on the image of proper manhood. Ambassador

Club is a place to build character and proper taste in dress, music and other aspects of life, he said.



ALL ABOARD — Married student Al Ebeling and his wife, Cheryl, join Kerrie-Anne and Nicholas Green, children of married student Gordon Green and his wife Marilyns, for a camel ride at the Los Angeles (Calif.) Zoo. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — The Mail Processing Center (MPC) received 96,721 letters in 10 days, after Pastor General **Herbert W. Armstrong** offered *Mystery of the Ages* to 480,000 *Good News* subscribers, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, MPC director.

The responses represent a 20.1 percent return. The highest previous response for a 10-day period was 9.2 percent six years ago when *Tomorrow... What It Will Be Like* was offered.

Response is expected to top 40 percent for *Mystery of the Ages*, according to Mr. Rice.

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PASADENA — Seventy-three

1985 Ambassador College graduates were hired by the Church, according to evangelist **Raymond McNair**, deputy chancellor of Pasadena Ambassador College. This includes 61 who received bachelor of arts degrees and 12 who received associate of arts degrees.

"This news should be very encouraging. It shows God's college continues to train its students for service in God's work," Mr. McNair said.

In 1983 the Church hired 71 graduates, and 89 were hired in 1984.

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PASADENA — No Church members or prospective members

were affected by the Nov. 13 eruption of Colombia's largest volcano, the Nevado del Ruiz, according to evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

"We have no members living in that region, although we have about 50 subscribers to *La Pura Verdad* [Spanish *Plain Truth*] there," the evangelist said.

The death toll from the Nov. 13 eruption is expected to top 20,000, according to the Colombian Red Cross. Armero, Colombia, was buried under mud, rocks and trees following the eruption.

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PASADENA — **Colin Passmore**, managing director of Ambassador Press in St. Albans, England, met with Church officials here Nov. 13 and 14.

Ambassador Press, formerly owned by the Church, prints international editions of *The Plain Truth* and other Church publications.

"It was a good opportunity for Mr. Passmore to view our operation here in Pasadena and meet with some of the regional directors who use the Ambassador printing facilities in England," said **Dexter Faulkner**, managing editor of the Church's publications.

Besides meeting with officials in the Editorial Services and Publishing Services departments, Mr.



PUBLISHING VISIT — Colin Passmore (far left), managing director of the Ambassador Press in England, reviews Church publications with (from left) Ronald Nelson, publishing coordinator; David Gunn, *Plain Truth* circulation manager for the British Regional Office; Roger Lippross, production director; Johan Wilms, business manager for the Netherlands Regional Office; and Mr. Wilms' wife, Miek. (See "Update," this page.) [Photo by Warren Watson]

Passmore met with evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, regional director for French-speaking areas; evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas; and **Carn Catherwood**, regional director for Italian-speaking areas.

"We also discussed overseas production of *The Plain Truth* for Europe, South America and other areas of the world," said **Roger**

Lippross, production director of Publishing Services.

"**David Gunn** [*Plain Truth* circulation director for the British Regional Office] and Publishing officials also met with Mr. Passmore about schedules for international editions," Mr. Lippross said.

Mr. Passmore last visited the Ambassador College campus here in 1983.

Letter covers PT article

This letter to the editor appeared in the Oct. 6 issue of *The Sunday Observer in Sri Lanka* and is reprinted by permission.

The *Plain Truth* in its July-August issue has given wide coverage to Sri Lanka in an article titled "Sri Lanka — A Time of Testing." The report spread on five pages and vividly illustrated with colour photos on life and development in Sri Lanka has been compiled by a special team sent down by the publishers, The Worldwide Church Of God, California, USA.

The *Plain Truth*, an international magazine of understanding, has a worldwide circulation of over seven and a half million copies. Incidentally, the magazine's founder and Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, recently arrived in Sri Lanka to have friendly discussions with President [Junius] Jayawardene, Prime Minister [Ranasinghe] Premadasa and various other political and religious dignitaries on matters of mutual interest.

The magazine article deals with the Accelerated Mahaweli Development Program, the Village Reawakening Movement highlighted by the Gam Udawa Project and the prevailing ethnic problem.

The article says, "For nearly a decade Sri Lanka has been the scene of a number of enlightened programs designed to benefit her people.

"These have been largely unnoticed and unreported in a world press that has focussed primarily on communal and ethnic differences. Yet the implementation of these programs has shown courage and foresight on the part of Sri Lanka's present leaders."

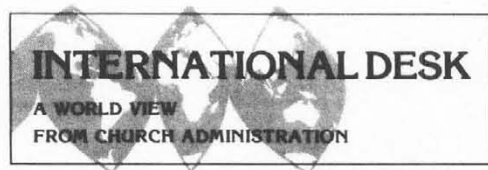
The article has special praise for President Jayawardene and Prime Minister Premadasa on their concentrated efforts towards moral upliftment of the people.

On the ethnic issue it says, "For centuries the Sinhalese and Tamils have coexisted side by side reasonably peacefully. However, a group claiming to represent the Tamil minority has stepped up a political campaign of terrorism to attract world attention to its claim for a separate Tamil State in northern Sri Lanka."

The report ends up with the following paragraph, "Unless and until man has learned how to control himself, his remarkable progress in shaping his environment will always be in danger of being thwarted. Every where one finds signs of progress and reason for hope in this world today, it seems that there must also lurk fear and contention, threatening to undo what has been accomplished. This is the paradox that frustrates even the best intentioned

and most visionary of today's world leaders."

"May the Creator God help them to find the way out. Only he can." Hector Jayawardhana Madulkelle



PASADENA — Since July, people in Uganda have lived under a "reign of terror," according to **Owen Willis**, pastor of the churches in Blantyre, Malawi; and Kibirichia and Nairobi, Kenya.

In early November Mr. Willis visited nine Church members in Uganda.

"Nine of our 11 members and most of the prospective members live near Tororo in the relatively quiet eastern region," Mr. Willis reported.

"We have struggled in vain to contact two members — a husband and wife — who live in a dangerous area," he added.

Continuing his report, Mr. Willis said, "The members are well, although the strain of the tense situation shows."

"During Dr. [Milton] Obote's reign Mr. Steve Leblanc [assistant pastor of the churches in Kenya and Malawi] and I started visiting Uganda rather frequently," he said. "A monthly Bible study was established in Tororo, and we even had our first Feast of Tabernacles (for four days) last year."

"But misfortune came when the government was ousted and the roadblocks restored. Treatment became worse than ever. Men were losing their lives at the roadblocks because they had no money. Women without money were forced to become soldier's wives."

Mr. Willis explained that communications in Uganda are difficult, and looting is common. Political and tribal murders are increasing there.

The scheduled Feast of Tabernacles in Jinja, Uganda, was canceled because of looting, but 49 brethren kept the Feast in a member's home.

Mr. Willis closed his report by asking, "Please pray for the brethren in Uganda."

Middle East PT circulation up
"In the Middle East phenomenal growth has been experienced with many thousands of letters arriving over the last few months from

Iran," said evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for the British Regional Office.

The British Regional Office oversees the Church's work in the Middle East.

He said that more than 10,000 requests from Iran had arrived at the regional office in Borehamwood, England.

Mail from Iran "has obviously been delayed due to difficult conditions in that country, but now things seem freer," Mr. Brown said.

Brethren ill in New Zealand

Peter Nathan, regional director for New Zealand and the Pacific region of God's Church, reported that illness is increasing in New Zealand.

"Over recent weeks a large number of cases of sickness of Church members have arisen, particularly of our elderly brethren," Mr. Nathan said.

"A number of the pioneer members from the beginning of God's Church in this country in the 1960s are now quite advanced in years and experiencing failing health.

"With this in mind," he continued, "the special day of fasting and prayer [Oct. 27] for the health of Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong and other sick members was particularly relevant and poignant."

Festival reports

The following Festival reports were received from guest speakers who traveled during the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles.

300 in Ghana

The Festival atmosphere in Accra, Ghana, "was charged with the spirit of love," reported evangelist **Harold Jackson**, guest speaker there. Three hundred attended at the Star Hotel.

A farming project operated by the Church there produced the food served during the Festival, Mr. Jackson said. "The entire venture was made possible by volunteers, supervised by those experienced in

farming and led by the minister, Mr. Josef Forson."

Nigerian Feast

The harmattan (dust-laden wind) caused respiratory and asthmatic problems for some brethren attending the Feast in Kano, Nigeria, according to Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson spent the last half of the Feast in Nigeria.

The evangelist said that respiratory problems did not "dampen the spirit of those attending."

Spiritual growth in Kenya

"It was indeed gratifying to see the spiritual growth that had taken place since my last visit to Kenya" in 1983, said **Abner Washington**, pastor of the Los Angeles, Calif., church.

Attending the Feast in Naro Moru, Mr. Washington said, "Kenya is a place where a man would be laughed at if it were known that he was helping his wife in any area where it would be considered 'women's work,' for example, cooking, helping with the children; or even walking side by side with one's wife."

He said that Kenyan women in the Church are "deeply appreciative" of the help their husbands give them and "openly expressed their happiness."

Dutch Feast

The small size of the Feast site in the Netherlands provides a "family atmosphere where everyone meets and gets to know everyone else," said **Pieter Michielsens**, pastor of the Grande Prairie, Alta., church.

Translations from Dutch were heard simultaneously over a new infrared sound system. "Though the Dutch brethren worked hard all summer to provide this expensive equipment for everyone's benefit, they themselves benefited the most spiritually in learning to work together in harmony, cooperation and love under the director of the work in Holland, Mr. Bram de Bree," Mr. Michielsens said.

"Truly this was an example of the type of cooperation, rather than competition, we will experience in the world tomorrow," he said.

Inspiring Feast in Ireland

"The music and messages for the eight days were all quite inspiring, and the theme of unity was always evident" in Kenmare, Ireland, said **Sidney Hegvold**, a preaching elder and assistant professor at Pasadena Ambassador College.

"The music and entertainment

were enjoyed by all, and the children were thrilled with the appearance of Big Beak," Mr. Hegvold continued. Big Beak, portrayed by **Michael Hale**, responsible for graphics in *Youth 85*, appears in the Young Ambassadors Festival productions.

Unity in Scotland

"Unity and a desire to learn to fear the Eternal were themes surrounding the people and their attitudes in Dunoon, Scotland," said **Frank Parsons**, a local elder and supervisor of the telephone response area in Big Sandy.

"All of the activities were family-oriented, which helped to boost unity," Mr. Parsons said. "Mr. Colin Wilkins, Festival elder, organized a smoothly running schedule of services and activities."

"The sharing, caring attitude present seemed to blend over into the local community as well," Mr. Parsons continued. "The local council head made favorable comments regarding the music and attitudes of the brethren. One lady from the local community remarked during lunch on the Last Great Day how she had never seen so many happy, smiling faces."

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