

Pastor general addresses 4,600 during trip to Big Sandy campus

By Ken Tate
BIG SANDY — Many described it as a one-day return to the Feast of Tabernacles.

More than 4,600 brethren, mainly from three states, gathered in the Festival convention center March 15 to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach deliver a sermon during his first visit to Big Sandy Ambassador College as pastor general.

Ken Tate is the editor of the Ambassador Portfolio in Big Sandy.

Church areas included in the special combined services were Big Sandy, Dallas East and West, Fort

Worth, Longview, Lufkin, Paris, Sherman, Texarkana and Tyler, Tex., Eldorado, Ark., and Shreveport, La.

In addition, brethren came from as far north as north Arkansas, as far south as Houston, Tex., and as far east as Florida.

Sabbath sermon

The Sabbath message was the focal point of a busy three-day visit for the pastor general. In it Mr. Tkach called on the brethren to appoint themselves as a committee of one to beseech God to bless the work and move it forward more dynamically than ever. "The army of God is moving!" he exclaimed.

Mr. Tkach warned the brethren to be aware of the influence of Satan.

"Deception is his name and destruction is his game," Mr. Tkach said, adding that Satan is "out to rob us of our heritage" as the sons of God.

"Don't get so wrapped up in the world," he exhorted the congregation. "We have been collectively called to do a great work, not just to get 'salvation.'"

A portion of Mr. Tkach's message was a reflection on his youth and early adulthood.

Mr. Tkach's stay on the Big Sandy campus began Friday, March 14, when he and his party arrived in the Church's G-III jet on the college airstrip at 1:05 p.m.

Traveling with Mr. Tkach were evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley; Ralph Helge, Church legal counsel, and his wife, Ingrid; Kermit Nelson, Youth Opportunities United (YOU) coordinator for Church Administration; Myrtle Horn, Pasadena Ambassador College's women's guidance counselor; Roman Borek, house manager for the Ambassador Auditorium; Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant; and Esther Apperson, a secretary

for Pasadena Church Offices.

Weekend events

After their arrival, Mr. Tkach joined evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor of Big Sandy Ambassador College, for a luncheon with the college's faculty.

After lunch, Mr. Tkach and his party toured some campus facilities, led by Mr. McCullough.

On the Sabbath, after services, Mr. Tkach, for more than an hour, personally greeted and shook hands with more than 3,000 of the 4,600 brethren in attendance.

Mr. Tkach then conducted a meeting for ministers, faculty members and their spouses in the Science Lecture Hall. The pastor general updated the ministry and faculty on events taking place in God's work, including the status of the Big Sandy campus.

Mr. Tkach officially began the last day of his visit with a brunch with student leaders Sunday morning, March 16, followed by more—
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FORMER PRESIDENT — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach meets former U.S. President Richard M. Nixon (far left) before a Los Angeles World Affairs Council meeting in Los Angeles, Calif., March 6. Roy Anderson (center) of Lockheed Aircraft, and Armand Hammer (far right), president of Occidental Petroleum, look on. [Photo by Ellis La Ravia]

European prospects improve

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — Prospects for airing the *World Tomorrow* telecast throughout Europe "are steadily improving," said David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing.

"We said previously that 1985 would be a watershed year for international media," Mr. Hulme told *The Worldwide News* March 13. "In 1986 it appears that the water is now cascading down the other side. This year promises to provide increasing opportunities for the *World Tomorrow* program in Europe — which is a relatively untapped media market for us."

Mr. Hulme; Larry Omasta, director of Media Services; and Donald Mitchum, president of BBDO/West (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn); traveled to Europe the
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Former U.S. President gives address

Mr. Tkach meets Richard Nixon

By Gene H. Hogberg
PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach spoke briefly with former President Richard M. Nixon March 6.

Mr. Nixon was in Southern California to deliver a major foreign policy address at a luncheon meeting of the Los Angeles World Affairs Council in the Bonaventure Hotel. About 1,100 guests attended.

The speech, Mr. Nixon's first before the council in 31 years, received media coverage around the nation. Titled "The Pillars of Peace," it represented Mr. Nixon's assessment of the state of U.S.-Soviet and U.S.-Chinese relations.

At the luncheon table Mr. Tkach was joined by evangelists Ellis La Ravia, Dibar Apartian, Herman L. Hoeh and Leroy Neff; Michael Feazell, personal assistant to Mr. Tkach; Douglas Horchak, assistant to Larry Salyer in the Church Administration Department; and Editorial Services personnel Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, Gene H. Hogberg and Dan Taylor.

Before the meeting officially began, Mr. Tkach, accompanied by Mr. La Ravia, met the 37th President in a reception.

Carrying with him a copy of Mr. Nixon's book, *Real Peace*, Mr. Tkach told Mr. Nixon that he en-

joyed his remark on page 4 that "because of the realities of human nature, perfect peace is achieved in two places only: in the grave and at the typewriter."

Mr. Nixon autographed Mr. Tkach's copy of the book.

Mr. Tkach remarked that Mr. Nixon "seemed to be a down-to-earth man, easy to converse with."

During the half-hour reception the pastor general met other dignitaries including Armand Hammer, president of Occidental Petroleum; Edmund "Pat" Brown, former governor of California; Walter F. Annenberg, former American ambassador to Great Britain and close friend of President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan; and Roy Anderson of Lockheed Aircraft Corp. Mr. Anderson introduced Mr. Nixon at the luncheon.

With regard to the former President's wide-ranging speech, Mr. Tkach said it "displayed a realistic, insightful view of Soviet-American relations."

"His conclusion was far more meaningful than he could have even intended," Mr. Tkach added. "He said: 'Let this generation of Americans be remembered not for presiding over the twilight of an old civilization, but for helping to usher in the dawn of a new era in which the bloody 20th century was followed by a peaceful 21st century — an era in which people everywhere had a chance to enjoy the blessings of freedom, justice and progress which have made America such a good and great country.'"

"Truly, America's 'goodness and greatness' will be totally eclipsed in the not-too-distant future by just such an era — an era that *God's elect*, spiritual Israel, will help to usher in — under the world-ruling government of God with Jesus Christ as supreme King!" Mr. Tkach said.



SABBATH GREETINGS — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach talks with brethren after delivering the Sabbath sermon in Big Sandy March 15. [Photo by Lori Nicholson]

PERSONAL FROM
Joseph W. Tkach

My Dear Brethren,
How great God is! The rich blessings He is giving His Work are of great encouragement to all of us.

God will bless us as long as we obey Him, striving individually and collectively to do His will, and to follow Jesus' instruction to "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

We are living in *serious* times. The apostle Paul spoke of these closing days of this age in II Tim-

othy 3:1-5. He said, "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

That way of life is today clearly seen all around us. It is trumpeted in entertainment, in advertising, in dress style, in education and in politics. But in the midst of it, God's people are *different* — pecu-
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Europe's nuclear third force takes shape

PASADENA — Behind Soviet offers to cut back on medium-range missiles in Europe is Moscow's concern over the growth of the independent British and French nuclear forces.

Soviet apprehensions were intensified with a March 5 announcement by the French Defense Ministry that a French submarine successfully fired a multiple-warhead missile a distance of 6,000 kilometers (3,720 miles). The development surprised even Western defense experts, who believed that the range of the missile, the M-4, was closer to 4,000 kilometers (2,480 miles).

"The announcement and the disclosure of the greater range," reported the March 6 *New York Times*, "were seen by military experts as a signal that France intended to press ahead with modernization of its nuclear forces despite Soviet objections."

World's No. 3 nuclear power

The missile's greater range will make France's improving fleet of nuclear attack submarines more secure against detection and counterattack by giving them a larger

area of ocean to hide in.

The French spend vast sums to develop and deploy their own nuclear weapons systems. They have a good base to build upon in that France's domestic nuclear power industry is perhaps the world's most extensive.

The British, on the other hand, have elected to depend on American technology. Between them, the two nations have 352 nuclear warheads — and could have as many as 1,200 by the early to mid-1990s.

France's program worries Moscow the most. Quietly and steadily, France has solidified its position as the world's third-strongest nuclear power.

In May, 1985, the French Force Oceanique Strategique unveiled its most advanced nuclear submarine, the *Inflexible*, the first French sub equipped with MIRVed (multiple independently-targeted reentry vehicle) missiles.

The *Inflexible* can fire 96 warheads — 16 missiles with six warheads each.

The warheads from this one long-range submarine alone, according to a report in the Summer, 1984, issue of *Foreign Policy*, are capable of

destroying a good portion of the Soviet industrial complex, with several left over to attack key civilian and military targets such as Moscow, Murmansk, Leningrad, Stalingrad and the missile-testing center at Tyuratam.

Eventually France will field

by French aircraft to communicate with their nuclear subs.

The British underwater nuclear fleet continues to grow in power as well. Britain plans to construct four submarines that will be equipped with American-supplied Trident II missiles. This will increase the

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



seven missile-firing submarines with a total of 592 warheads.

While the French program is largely self-generated, it is known that American technological assistance has been provided.

The French purchased a number of Cray I supercomputers enabling French scientists to solve nuclear warhead problems that had stumped them. Also, the United States is supplying France with low-frequency radios and other advanced electronics that will be used

British arsenal from 64 single-warhead Polaris missiles to more than 500 and possibly close to 1,000 warheads. (Each Trident missile is capable of carrying from eight to 17 warheads, depending on the explosive force desired.)

The Trident system packs an



Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

'I am a grandfather'

Twenty-four years ago I became a father. I shall never, never forget the day (or should I say days, because Shirley was in labor for 72 hours). There had never been a day like it before, at least for me.

I felt a new exciting sense of responsibility and importance. I felt real happiness. I was the father of a little towheaded boy whom we named Nathan Timothy, which means gift — honoring God.

Now 24 years later that little boy has grown to be a man and has married a lovely young woman, and they have produced through the miracle of birth Stephen Laurence, which means crown of laurels.

Over the years I have from time to time asked myself, "What does it really mean to be a father?"

I can assure you that my understanding and knowledge of fatherhood, after 24 years of being one, is much different than the insight I had when I first became a parent.

After all these years, I think I'm finally becoming a father in the true sense — and now a grandfather — and I really like it. Better yet, I think God likes it. It has been a long journey, and I'm still learning some valuable lessons that God has probably been trying to teach me for years. I appreciate the support and encouragement from my wife as well. It has been a team effort.

Not long ago I wrote to our first-born son, and new father, about the joys and responsibilities of fatherhood. Please let me share my thoughts with you. I hope this might help fathers and future fathers in God's Church. My Dearest Son:

Today, you and Melody have made your mother and me two of the happiest people on the earth. I hope Stephen brings you both as great joy and happiness as you have brought to us. Congratulations Dad!

How does a father describe his feelings when he hears the cry of his newborn baby that is his own flesh and blood? I thanked God for giving us new life, new joy, new experiences! Stephen's birth took place the evening before the death of Mr.

Herbert W. Armstrong. As your brother put it in his toast to your newborn son, "Here's to the end of a great man's life and the beginning of another great man's life." I hope with God's help and the efforts of his parents little Stephen can live up to that noble toast.

As the proverb states, "A wise son maketh a glad father." May I pass along to you some concepts of fatherhood that I have learned and tried to live by?



GRANDPA — Dexter H. Faulkner's first grandson, Stephen, was born Jan. 15. "I try not to take this responsibility lightly," he said.

As a father, you are responsible for the livelihood of your family. You have an important duty to provide the best you can. Sometimes this will mean sacrifice on your part. You may have to give up personal pleasure to provide for them. You will have to learn how not to be self-centered but more family centered.

You are also responsible for the spiritual welfare of your family. Ask God to give you strength of steel. Make it a habit to pray with your family, especially at meals, and to pray for your family daily. Take time to read the Bible with them and encourage them to read God's Word. Never forget good fathers don't demand respect — they earn it. Be a living example for your family.

You are responsible for the morale of your family and to help provide a positive happy atmosphere in your home. Work at this

daily because Satan would love to get you down.

Learn how to play with your family. Plan family fellowship and recreation. You must provide time to relax with your family and to enjoy various family activities. Strive for a balance.

Be available at all times to encourage. Remember good fathers practice the art of "being there." This means you must carefully observe and listen to your family, learn to read their needs and moods. When one of the family is discouraged or disheartened, be there to assist. Ask God to give you more wisdom, patience, understanding and compassion daily.

Equally important is that you are responsible for celebration when it is called for. Express your happiness when one of your family is successful or recognized for some accomplishment. Let them know you are proud of them and share their joys — big or small. Communication must become a way of life for a good father. Listen to your family. Remember, communication is more than one way.

You are responsible for your family's health. You will have to go above and beyond to provide for their physical well-being. Daily ask God to protect them and do not neglect to call for the elders when they are sick.

You are responsible right along with your wife for the guidance of your children — in education, choice of career, marriage. This means you must be careful not to be overbearing in your advice and help. This is your way of giving to your family. What you get in return will be love, respect and great joy. I know, son, because your mother and I are still experiencing this with our family.

I'm still learning to be a good father and now grandfather. I try not to take these responsibilities lightly. I hope you won't either.

One thing I have learned in my many years of being a father is that God has always been ready and willing to lead and guide me with my responsibilities. If there is success for me, or for you, we owe all the credit to God the Father.

Start early, my son, and work regularly at being a godly father. You will never regret it. I am reminded of Proverbs 17:6, "Children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers."

Love, Dad
P.S. Mom read this and says it applies equally to being a good mother.

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



World leaders in danger

BOREHAMWOOD, England — The shocking assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme is a stark reminder that nearly any world leader can be a victim of violent outbursts.

Some who disagree with government policy no longer hesitate to register their grievances with unacceptable behavior. Some throw eggs. Others don't stop at murder. Such behavior adds up to the same thing — hatred of authority! Is there any other word that arouses such instant aversion? We live in an age that has little appreciation of authority. It doesn't like symbols of authority.

Those who direct public affairs are inviting targets. Leaders can no longer safely mingle with their constituents.

Make no mistake about it. Most democratic politicians would love the freedom to walk about at random. Ten or 20 years ago maybe. But not now!

A world we have lost

The *International Herald Tribune* editorialized about a world we have lost. It said in the March 3 issue: "[U.S. President] Harry Truman's early morning walks and sidewalk interviews are a distant memory. American presidents and even ambassadors stopped walking the streets long ago. Uniformed police carrying submachine guns are a fixture in Paris streets. The London bobby ceased long ago to be a jovial, unarmed father figure. In Italy . . . armor-plated cars became standard equipment for ministers eight years ago when the Red Brigades kidnapped and then killed the former prime minister, Aldo Moro."

Even the fabled British royal train is no exception to stepped-up security. The new train will be armor-plated to withstand high velocity rifle fire. Windows will have armored glass. A special security coach will lead the consist. Completion is scheduled for 1989.

This is a time of unprecedented violence and terrorism. The *Tribune* editorial continued: "Democracies find they can assure the lives of their leaders only by keeping them behind protective shields far from the people."

Not so long ago you could walk up and down Downing Street in London. You could pause and have

awesome punch. According to the *Foreign Policy* report: "One fully equipped Ohio-class Trident submarine . . . is the most awesome deterrent ever created by man, possessing the capacity to destroy every large- and medium-sized Soviet city."

No wonder the Soviets are concerned — Americans should be as well!

Encouragement from America

It would appear now that the French and, secondarily perhaps, the British strategic nuclear forces will form the strategic nucleus of a European third force in the future. What if such awesome power should someday fall under the control of unsavory quarters in a united Europe, a Europe, moreover, divorced from and at odds with America?

Yet curiously, not a few voices in America encourage the further development of an independent, united defense structure in Europe, coupled with the phased withdrawal of U.S. forces from the Continent.

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a look at No. 10 where the British Prime Minister traditionally resides. No more. Judged too dangerous since the Maze Prison hunger strikes in Northern Ireland.

One academic reminisced about the New Zealand prime minister's private telephone number some 30 years ago. It was in the public directory. You could call the prime minister at his private residence and have a chat. No more.

Reality closes in

The Queen began her walkabouts in New Zealand. Sometimes known as Little England, the country has a reputation for the quiet life. But egg-throwing and buttock-baring incidents marred an otherwise successful royal visit there in late February.

March 10, *Time* magazine said: "New Zealanders know for their appreciation of the quiet life were (See **LEADERS**, page 5)

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liar, if you will.
 God is blessing the Work He is doing through us, because we respond to Him, rather than to the influences and dictates of the world around us. Brethren, that's the way it should be, and that's the way it must CONTINUE to be. God has committed to us the most important task given to any Church era, and we must be about fulfilling it! God is holding all of us — you and me — personally responsible.

It saddens me to have to report to you that some few in God's Church, and I do believe this only affects a few, feel that now that Pastor General Herbert Armstrong is no longer with us, that we can let down a little, compromise a bit with God's holy, spiritual laws and government.

Reports have come to me that some women in God's Church are wearing make-up on occasion and with their member husbands' approval and encouragement. Brethren, did you think the ruling on make-up came only from Mr. Armstrong's personal feelings about the subject?
 No! It was a directive of God's government INSPIRED BY GOD. God's law applies not only to deeds but to attitudes of mind. As Mr. Armstrong said so often, God's spiritual law is expressed in just one simple four-letter word — LOVE. We then apply that law to given circumstances.

At Mt. Sinai, Jesus, as YHWH (Yahweh), expanded the law into 10 points — the first four defining the principle of love toward God; the last six love toward neighbor. From there it expands in principle to cover any and all questions that may come up.

Have you considered what motivates man to sin? Clearly, it is self-exaltation, vanity, coveting, self-centeredness, desire to get, envy, competition, rebellion against authority.

Those women who are using make-up are NOT MOTIVATED by the desire to please and to glorify and to exalt God. Make-up is worn to exalt SELF, not God. God knows that it is pure vanity. He is not deceived, even if some few of our women are.

And you men who do not

disapprove of your wives wearing make-up will be held responsible by God for your actions. Let's come out of this world!

This world — Satan's world — dictates what is considered beautiful in society today. Television, movies, newspapers, magazines set the world's standards. Are some so immersed in this world's entertainment that they can't recognize what is real beauty and what is false?

Men, tell your wives you appreciate their natural, wholesome beauty. God LOVES the way our women look. They stand out in this deceived world as spectacular beauties to Him. Let's have the mind of God! Maybe some few of you husbands need to repent of your own vanity in wanting your wives to wear make-up so you can "fit in" to the world around.

This world is on its way down and out. It's a sinking ship. Brethren, don't go down with it.

Let's not compromise with sin! GOD DOESN'T! He gave up His only begotten Son so we wouldn't have to die. Passover will soon be here. How much we should appreciate the vast riches of God's mercy He has bestowed upon us!

We are to be a light to this world! An example in every

way, including appearance. "You are the light of the world ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

Some of you who have yielded yourselves to the fleeting vanity of "the pride of life" (read carefully 1 John 2:15-17) in this way have not considered the fact that you have allowed yourselves to become a STUMBLING BLOCK to other women! God will hold you accountable for that.

He warns in Mark 9:42: "And whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea." This fact alone ought to help some of you to grasp the need to change.

Women, exalt and glorify God, not self. Let's look at beauty God's way. God says: "Do not let your beauty be that outward adorning of arranging the hair, of wearing gold, or of putting on fine apparel; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible ornament of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God" (1 Peter 3:3-4).

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make-up. Would any argue that such wearing of make-up ... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

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the world. WE ARE FACING IT NOW! Judgment has begun at the House of God!"

Brethren, God LOVES us. His perfect law is for our eternal good. He wants us to deeply recognize the vast difference between the ways of this world and His way that leads to eternal life. Let's not allow the leaven of hypocrisy, vanity and self-will to mar the Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread.

Notice what God tells us in Revelation 18:4. "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues."

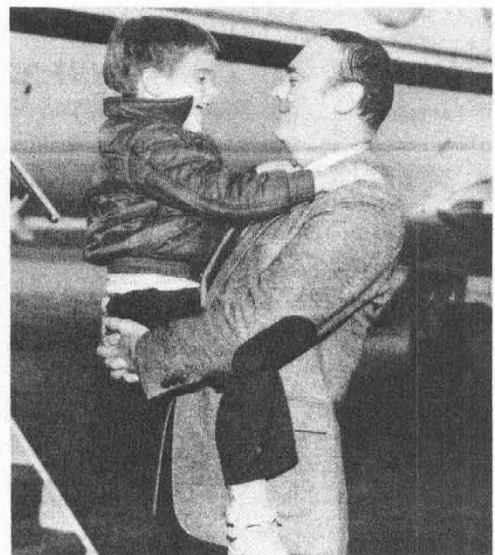
Let's realize God's great love for us and rededicate ourselves to PLEASING HIM in every area of our lives. God is with us. He is blessing His Work. Let's be sure we stay close to Him in daily fervent prayer, daily Bible study and regular fasting. Study also the booklets, the Correspondence Course and other Church publications. God is teaching us — if we will learn.

My prayers are with you daily. Continue to pray for me. I need God's inspiration and direction always. Thank you for your loyal support and faithfulness to God.

With much love, in Jesus' name.
 Joseph W. Tkach



TEXAS VISIT — Above, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach pauses for a photograph March 16 with a signed card presented by the student body at Big Sandy Ambassador College. Thomas Mansanarez (center), a Big Sandy sophomore, painted the portrait of Mr. Tkach on the card, and Anthony Marcinelli (left), student body president, presented the card on behalf of the Texas students. Right, Mr. Tkach holds his grandson, Gregory Horchak, 5, after returning to the Burbank, Calif., airport March 16. [Photos by Ken Tate and Nathan Faulkner]



Letters TO THE EDITOR

Regional director reports
 Thank you so very much for the reports from the regional directors throughout the world in the Jan. 27, 1986, *Worldwide News*.

It truly comes in handy as a prayer list. We don't always know what to pray for in other areas, but this certainly will be a help. It was nice to see pictures of the directors and their wives also ...

Also the report at the end of each area was interesting. I found myself looking at a map to try and see all the areas covered by each regional director.

Betty L. Gregory
 Aurora, Ill.

I am writing this letter to thank you very much for the articles from the different offices around the world which were in *The Worldwide News* of January 27, 1986 ...

I have read and re-read these articles and wrote out all the problems to pray for in the different areas and filled six pages! It is wonderful to know specific problems to pray for in the various areas (See LETTERS, page 4)

Prospects

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evening of March 1 to attend a television cable conference and meet with government and advertising officials.

Mr. Hulme, Mr. Omasta and Mr. Mitchum met with officials of the British Cable Authority in London, England, about airing *The World Tomorrow* on British cable.

"We had an excellent set of meetings, and prospects look quite encouraging," Mr. Hulme said.

The group then met with a British television producer, "who may be able to help us determine how to proceed with broadcasting in the United Kingdom," Mr. Hulme said.

Mr. Hulme, Mr. Omasta and Mr. Mitchum had lunch with officials from BBDO/Ltd., in London and had dinner with evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the British Regional Office, and Francis Bergin, business manager for the regional office.

Tuesday, March 4, the group be-

gan two days of meetings at the *Financial Times* Cable and Television Conference.

"These meetings provided very good background and information on where television in Europe is going," Mr. Hulme said.

"It seems God is granting us favor in the eyes of various European agencies and television executives. We still would appreciate brethren remembering these very important opportunities in their prayers," he continued.

Thursday, March 6, the group "made a quick visit to Duesseldorf [West Germany] to pay a three-hour courtesy call to the BBDO offices there," Mr. Hulme said.

There the group was briefed on negotiations to place a German-substituted version of *The World Tomorrow* on German television.

"Negotiations are proceeding smoothly to begin testing *The World Tomorrow* with German subtitles sometime in 1986," Mr. Hulme said.

The group returned to Southern California during the weekend of March 8 and 9.

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touring of campus facilities. Included in the Sunday morning tour was a stop at the telephone response area, where Mr. Tkach viewed a "ring-in" at the end of an airing of *The World Tomorrow* and monitored operators answering Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) calls.

The tour completed, Mr. Tkach and his party concluded a full weekend with a 4:30 p.m. flight back to California.

Response of the brethren

Many commented on the extremely positive effect of Mr. Tkach's trip.

Evangelist Burk McNair, pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler churches, said that many of the brethren attending the special combined services had not seen Mr. Tkach in person.

"I thought he was received extremely well," Mr. McNair said. "I was very pleased with the response

of the brethren. This has been a tremendous opportunity for many of them to get to know him."

Kenneth Swisher, pastor of the Dallas East congregation, said that the brethren particularly appreciated Mr. Tkach's personality.

"He came across as one who is very down-to-earth," Mr. Swisher noted. "The way he presented himself made everyone feel very comfortable."

Mr. Swisher also noted that the large number of brethren present made the special services like a mini-Feast.

"It was so much reminiscent of the Feast of Tabernacles — not only in physical bodies there, but in the excitement that was generated," he said.

Charles Calahan, pastor of the Sherman and Paris churches, said that the brethren found Mr. Tkach to be "very personable."

"They were very encouraged — not only by hearing Mr. Tkach speak, but by gaining some insight into him as a person," Mr. Calahan said. "They felt they could relate to him."

Church plans official biography about Mr. Armstrong's life, work

PASADENA — The Worldwide Church of God announced today that it will authorize publication of an official biography of Herbert W. Armstrong, the apostle and former pastor general of the Church, who died here Jan. 16.

The Worldwide News received this press release from the Pastor General's Office. It was distributed nationwide Feb. 24 to publishing media.

Mr. Armstrong, who led the 80,000-member Church for more than 50 years, was also founder and chancellor of Ambassador College; founder and chairman of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation; and founder and editor in chief of the *Plain Truth* magazine, which is published in seven languages and has a worldwide circulation of more than eight million.

In making the announcement, Joseph W. Tkach, pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God, said that negotiations would begin shortly with several publishers. Dodd, Mead published Mr. Armstrong's most recent book, *Mystery of the Ages*, in 1985. Mr. Tkach

said that the Church "would be willing to discuss publication rights with any established publisher."

Mr. Armstrong was widely known for his weekly appearances on the *World Tomorrow* television and radio broadcasts, which are carried by more than 350 television and 30 radio stations worldwide. He was the author of several other books including *The Missing Dimension in Sex* (1969, revised 1981), *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* (1967, revised 1980), *The Wonderful World Tomorrow* (1979), *The Incredible Human Potential* (1978), and his autobiography.

As author, radio and television broadcaster, and editor in chief of several magazines, Herbert W. Armstrong was well versed in world events. His travels included numerous visits with world leaders. These meetings with emperors, kings, presidents and prime ministers gave him a unique perspective on world affairs and were a continual focus of his writing and broadcasting.

Among those with whom he had personal audiences were His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand, King Leopold III of Belgium,

Emperor Hirohito of Japan, King Juan Carlos of Spain, King Mahendra of Nepal, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, King Hussein of Jordan, the late President Salvador Allende of Chile, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Great Britain, the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of India, Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel, the late President Anwar el-Sadat and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt, President Suharto of Indonesia and all of the Japanese prime ministers since 1970.

Mr. Armstrong had been recognized by members of the diplomatic corps as an unofficial "ambassador of world peace" and a "builder of bridges between peoples everywhere."

Acapulco accepting 550 transfers

Mexican site open for Festival

PASADENA — Space is available for 550 transfers to keep the Feast in Acapulco, Mexico, according to Thomas Turk, office manager of the Church's office in Mexico City, Mexico.

Mr. Turk said that Acapulco suffered no damage from the earthquake that ravaged Mexico City before the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles.

English translations

This will mark the fourth consecutive year Acapulco has served as a Feast site. As in previous years Festival services will be conducted in Spanish with English translations. Headsets for translations will be available to rent for \$15 a set for the entire Feast.

Hotel costs are \$40 a day for a standard double room and \$60 a day for a one-bedroom suite.

Acapulco, a seaside resort, enjoys about 350 days of sunshine a year, and temperatures rarely fall below 80 degrees Fahrenheit (27 Celsius).

Brethren transferring to the Mexican site will lodge in the Acapulco Plaza, one of the newest hotels in the city.

Feast transfers available to site in West Germany

BONN, West Germany — For the 10th consecutive year the Feast of Tabernacles will be conducted in the Black Forest city of Bonndorf in southwestern West Germany.

This article was received from the Church's Regional Office in Bonn, West Germany.

The site, at an altitude of more than 2,500 feet, will play host to European guests, as well as transfers from English-speaking countries.

Simultaneous translations into English will be available on infrared equipment. Several messages, including those from headquarters in Pasadena, will be in English.

A variety of family-oriented activities will include a welcome evening with German folklore; a singles cocktail party in the Kurhaus in Schluchsee, West Germany; a concert evening presented by the Bodensee Symphony Orchestra; an excursion to the financial capital of Zurich, Switzerland; and a formal dance evening.

Most guests will be housed in



ACAPULCO FEAST — The Festival site in Acapulco, Mexico, offers activities for young and old alike, according to the Spanish Department. [Photo by Dixon Cartwright Jr.]

apartments or hotels in the vacation village of Schluchsee, which is about 8 miles (13 kilometers) from Bonndorf.

Lodging costs will be between \$15 and \$50 a night for each person, depending on the type of accommodations requested.

For further information, U.S. and Canadian visitors should write to Ambassador College, Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or call 1-818-304-6140. All other transfers should write to Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-5300 Bonn 1, West Germany, or call 228-260050.

God's Church will sponsor family-oriented recreational activities for brethren.

Mexico offers a wide range of places to visit including the Aztec pyramids of Teotihuacan, and the museums, art and culture of Mexico City.

The Spanish Department asks that brethren request applications and other Festival information from the following address:

Spanish Department

Acapulco Application
300 W. Green St.
Pasadena, Calif., 91129

Please do not go through other Church departments. Include a mailing label from *The Worldwide News* with your request for an application.

Do not plan to drive to the Feast site, because driving poses unacceptable risks through some parts of Mexico.

Feast activities

Water sports, including parasailing, are major activities in Acapulco. Shopping bargains and restaurants featuring food from various cultures worldwide are also available at the site. All age groups will find suitable activities.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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It also made me appreciate how very fortunate we are to live in Canada and the U.S.A., where we still have much freedom. If I have ever complained about anything, certainly I hang my head in shame now — for our lives here are surely blessed.

Mrs. Pat Kelm
Erskeine, Alta.

Thank you so much for including in *The Worldwide News* the individual reports from each regional director. This really helps us "powder down" our prayers and to really feel part of the family of God.

It inspired me to begin a permanent prayer list in a notebook with plenty of room to update as we receive more detailed news about our brothers and sisters around the world.

Cathi Nowlen
Jenkinsville, S.C.

Tribute Issue

If you did not receive your Feb. 10 issue of *The Worldwide News*, the full-color tribute to the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, you may request one by writing to *The Worldwide News*, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129. Please do not request another copy if you already received one because supplies are limited.

Feast in Brno, Czechoslovakia

BONN, West Germany — Applications are available for brethren interested in keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Brno, Czechoslovakia. Please write immediately to the Festival Office, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, or Ambassador College, Poppelsdorfer Allee 53, D-5300 Bonn 1, West Germany. If you have already requested an application, please submit it as soon as possible.

Regional office conducts ministerial conference

By Robert C. Boraker
BOREHAMWOOD, England — Nearly 100 ministers and wives took part in a ministerial conference Feb. 23 to 25 at Selsdon Park Hotel in South Croydon, England.

Robert C. Boraker, a preaching elder, works in personal correspondence for the British Regional Office.

This was the first nationwide conference since the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong conducted a conference in 1981. Two ministers from Scandinavia also attended.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the British Regional Office, opened the conference by ordaining Philip Gray, a ministerial trainee serving in the London and Baisdon, England, churches, to local elder; and Anthony Goudie, pastor of the churches in the Irish Republic, to preaching elder.

After covering news of God's Church and its transition under Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach following the death of Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Brown narrated a slide presentation that covered the areas administered by the British Regional Office.

Using charts and illustrations, Mr. Brown explained how God's Church has grown in income, circu-

lation and membership.

Mr. Brown attended the second session of the fourth Ministerial Refreshing Program Jan. 29 to Feb. 11 and described the material being covered in the program.

Other ministers presented lectures on stress and health, sermon preparation, unity, marriage and the family, youths and teenagers, Church administration and fund-raising projects.

During a dinner that capped the conference Paul Suckling, director of Church Administration for the British Regional Office, presented a sterling silver salver with gilt edging and two crystal wine glasses to Mr. Brown on behalf of the ministry and office employees.

An inscription on the tray noted Mr. Brown's service as British regional director over the past decade.

A card with photographs of the ministers and their families was presented to Mr. Brown by Mr. Gray. Mrs. Brown received a bouquet of flowers.

Many commented that the conference was a "timely booster" following the death of Mr. Armstrong.

One minister said, "Words cannot convey the thrill of being part of such an inspiring occasion, which served to give us all a taste of the unity and spirit of excitement and anticipation which God is giving to His work at what many would have expected to be a low point."



BRITISH CONFERENCE — Pictured are ministers and wives taking part in a ministerial conference conducted by the British Regional Office Feb. 23 to 25.

Leaders

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not entirely happy over all the fuss." But that's the point! We're running out of places to lead that much-sought-for quiet life. Mr. Palme reputedly considered Sweden as "the most civilized nation on earth." On the night of his assassination, he gave his security people the night off. He liked to think he could "live like any other ordinary man in Stockholm." Such simply was not the case.

Much has been made of Sweden suddenly losing its innocence. And indeed it has — along with the rest of the world.

An age of lunatics

Not only do we live in a time of terrorism, but also in an age of lunacy. It is interesting to note that the last assassination of a Swedish ruler — King Gustav III in 1792 — was the work of a deranged nobleman. Today, many people with unsound minds walk the streets.

John Hinckley, who shot President Ronald Reagan, was just such a person. So was Sirhan Sirhan — murderer of U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy.

At this writing it is not clear who was responsible for the Swedish prime minister's assassination. It may have been the well-planned work of a terrorist organization. There are people of that ilk in Sweden. But until the facts are known, we cannot rule out yet one more lunatic.

This promises to be a year of many changes of government. Al-

ready Mr. Palme was gunned down on the streets of Stockholm. Haiti's strong man, Jean-Claude Duvalier, fled to France. The Egyptian government has been rocked. President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines.

A March 2 *Sunday Times* editorial began, "The flight of Ferdinand Marcos is the latest stunning example of the advance of democracy throughout the world and the yearning of all people to be free."

Let's not jump the gun. It remains to be seen whether the people of the Philippines will really be free. With all best wishes to the new Manila government, the democratic track record of Southeast Asian regimes is nothing to shout about.

The *Sunday Times* mentioned three other governments that "could be engulfed by the demand for democracy, if President Reagan decides to pull the rug."

One doubts whether that is the President's intention. The overthrow of human governments by

other humans rarely brings peace and stability. Usually it creates a climate of uncertainty and instability.

Isaiah's prophecy

The prophet Isaiah wrote of their time. He said it would be a period when "the people will be oppressed, every one by another and every one

by his neighbor; the child will be insolent toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable" (Isaiah 3:5, Revised Authorized Version). Certainly Mr. Palme was an honorable man; the assassin a base murderer. Isaiah showed that a time would come when politicians would not be so anxious to rule. The costs of power would be too high. Politicians

would willingly pass over leadership in favor of someone else — realizing that they are unable to solve national problems. Their cry would be: "Do not make me a ruler of the people" (verses 6 and 7).

That time has not yet arrived. Many still seek the reins of power. But it may not be as far off as you might think.

Force

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In the Winter, 1985-86, issue of *Foreign Policy*, Christopher Layne, an American expert on the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), called for the Marshall Plan II. The original Marshall Plan put Western Europe on its feet economically after World War II. Now it is time, Mr. Layne said, for the United States to "complete its historic postwar mission and devote to Western Europe and Japan full re-

sponsibility for their own defense." He maintains that the United States should phase out its forces in Europe, possibly over 10 years.

An article in the Aug. 27 *Wall Street Journal* advocated a similar plan. Jay Winik called for "the gradual dissolution of the NATO alliance and the creation of an all-European Defense Community."

The United States, said Mr. Winik, "should consider phasing out its ground troops over a period of 10-15 years . . . and rescind its strategic nuclear guarantee."

Greater European self-defense, added Mr. Winik, would furthermore act "as a symbol of a rejuvenated . . . European cultural community, the heir to the continent's more than 1,000 years of common cultural and religious ideals."

In the past few years, several other articles have appeared in leading American newspapers and political journals encouraging the Europeans to go it alone on defense.

Articles about the growing French and British nuclear power logically focus upon them as posing an additional threat to the Soviet Union only. Americans would be totally unprepared should this power be someday launched west-

ward instead of eastward.

In an article in the Feb. 9 *Los Angeles Times*, Norman Cousins, former editor of *Saturday Review*, pointed out a serious flaw in America's nuclear defense posture.

He wrote: "Perhaps the most basic flaw of all in the computer alert system is that it doesn't allow for third-party complicity. The computer can, of course, tell something from the shape and a great deal from the early location of a radar blip, but not all blips are picked up at site of origin. After only a few minutes, the precise source can be something of a guessing game. A missile launched by a submarine, for example, provides no automatic or certain information about the identity of the sender . . ."

"A nuclear war could erupt without anyone having a clear idea of what went wrong. Human scientific genius has created the ultimate irrational situation in which the conditions of life could be shattered beyond recognition or repair, with the survivors, such as they are, left to guess how it all started."

Continue to watch developments in Europe as the nations of the Continent move inexorably closer economically, culturally and militarily.

Schools need coupons

PASADENA — The administration and faculty of Imperial Schools thank brethren for their response to the school's request for Campbell Soup labels, said Michael Huff, a teacher at Imperial Schools.

"We would appreciate brethren continuing to send in the front portion of labels from Campbell Soup products, including Recipe Dog Food, Swanson soups and dinners and Franco-American and Prego

pasta and sauces," he said. This year's goal is 250,000 labels.

Last spring the school exchanged 170,000 labels for \$4,000 worth of audiovisual aids, sporting goods and computer software that could not have been otherwise purchased, according to Mr. Huff.

Labels should be sent to Imperial Schools, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129, Attention: Michael Huff.

PLAIN TRUTH CIRCULATION WORLDWIDE

PASADENA — *The Plain Truth* reaches an average of 1 out of every 615 people on earth. The following list shows the magazine's circulation in 196 of the 202 commonly defined countries and territories in the world.

Topping the list with 100,000-plus circulations are the United States, 5,136,744; Canada, 971,788; South Africa, 266,583; the United Kingdom, 258,262; Australia, 234,291; and the Philippines, 115,148.

The areas with the highest proportions of *Plain Truths* to their population are Canada, with 1 in 26; the U.S. Virgin Islands, 1 in 34; New Zealand, 1 in 45; and the United States, 1 in 47.

Although *Plain Truth* circulation varies from month to month, circulation as of Jan. 23 stood at 7,942,772.

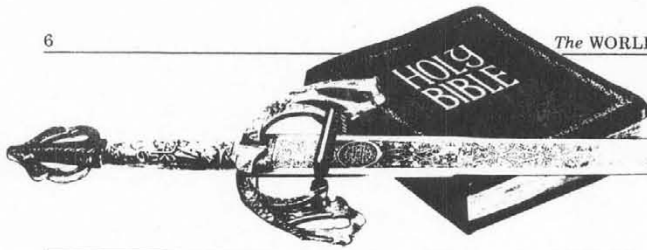
Country or Dependency Circulation

Afghanistan	5
Albania	1
Algeria	1,431
American Samoa	45
Andorra	23
Angola	139
Anguilla (Britain)	34
Antigua and Barbuda	255
Argentina	29,044
Australia	234,291
Austria	9,486
Azores (Portugal)	2
Bahamas	2,388
Bahrain	783
Bangladesh	895
Barbados	1,293
Belgium	26,983
Belize	462
Benin	451
Bermuda (Britain)	563
Bhutan	16
Bolivia	2,784
Bophuthatswana	3,773
Botswana	1,734
Brazil	4,271
Brunei	310
Bulgaria	12
Burkina Faso	81
Burma	351
Burundi	31
Cameroon	892
Canada	971,788
Cape Verde Islands	0
Cayman Islands	75

Central African Republic	51
Chad	3
Chile	12,077
China (People's Republic of)	142
Ciskei	690
Colombia	13,607
Comoros	12
Congo	358
Cook Islands	73
Costa Rica	4,025
Cuba	0
Cyprus	345
Czechoslovakia	54
Denmark	17,988
Djibouti	48
Dominica	799
Dominican Republic	7,449
Ecuador	4,204
Egypt	579
El Salvador	3,961
Equatorial Guinea	17
Ethiopia	240
Faeroe Islands (Denmark)	177
Falkland Islands	7
Fiji	8,520
Finland	3,067
France	62,928
French Guiana	39
French Polynesia	137
Gabon	79
Gambia	11
Germany, East	7
Germany, West	85,387
Ghana	6,038
Gibraltar	106
Greece	2,606
Greenland	74
Grenada	775
Guadeloupe (France)	2,510
Guatemala	6,675
Guinea	20
Guinea-Bissau	4
Guyana	12,774
Haiti	3,032
Honduras	2,277
Hong Kong (Britain)	4,903
Hungary	245
Iceland	245
India	15,615
Indonesia	3,230
Iran	3,583
Iraq	34
Irish Republic	14,344
Israel	1,177
Italy	75,021
Ivory Coast	241
Jamaica	15,951

Japan	3,655
Jordan	335
Kampuchea (Cambodia)	0
Kenya	15,681
Kiribati	46
Korea, North	1
Korea, South	267
Kuwait	678
Laos	0
Lebanon	200
Lesotho	1,449
Liberia	103
Libya	536
Liechtenstein	56
Luxembourg	654
Macau (Portugal)	25
Madagascar	384
Malawi	3,624
Malaysia	24,395
Maldives	1
Mali	27
Malta	4,886
Martinique (France)	2,710
Mauritania	20
Mauritius	9,236
Mexico	41,081
Monaco	75
Mongolia	0
Montserrat (Britain)	43
Morocco	1,421
Mozambique	19
Namibia (South-West Africa)	2,103
Nauru	155
Nepal	93
Netherlands	45,305
Netherlands Antilles	428
New Caledonia (France)	128
New Zealand	72,874
Nicaragua	0
Niger	25
Nigeria	20,254
Niue Island	35
Norway	19,260
Oman	792
Pakistan	892
Panama	1,297
Papua New Guinea	3,852
Paraguay	849
Peru	13,470
Philippines	115,148
Pitcairn Islands	1
Poland	1,951
Portugal	4,115
Puerto Rico (United States)	13,207
Qatar	367
Reunion (France)	29
Romania	142

Rwanda	127
St. Christopher and Nevis	239
St. Helena (Britain)	2
St. Lucia	1,295
St. Vincent	605
San Marino	1
Sao Tome and Principe	1
Saudi Arabia	1,809
Senegal	112
Seychelles	18
Sierra Leone	75
Singapore	4,323
Solomon Islands	523
Somalia	34
South Africa	266,583
Spain	22,173
Sri Lanka	18,094
Sudan	503
Suriname	443
Swaziland	1,367
Sweden	16,958
Switzerland	21,335
Syria	135
Taiwan	1,203
Tanzania	1,565
Thailand	300
Togo	343
Tokelau	1
Tonga	1,074
Transkei	1,985
Trinidad and Tobago	13,526
Tunisia	583
Turkey	5,857
Turks and Caicos Islands (Britain)	29
Tuvalu	7
Uganda	1,783
United Arab Emirates	1,241
United Kingdom	258,262
United States	5,136,744
Uruguay	2,475
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	27
Vanuatu	1,008
Venda	1,450
Venezuela	4,342
Vietnam	2
Virgin Islands, British	59
Virgin Islands, U.S.	3,061
Western Samoa	901
Yemen Arab Republic	76
Yemen, Democratic Republic of	12
Yugoslavia	951
Zaire	1,095
Zambia	6,616
Zimbabwe	17,806



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Observing the Spring Festivals: be an example to nonmembers

By Herman L. Hoeh

Here is what everyone of us needs to know about observing God's Spring Festivals!

God wants us to be happy. He is not the stern God He is so often pictured as by people in this world. One primary way God has provided for our happiness — as well as our growth and development in the true Christian life — is through the annual festivals.

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh is editor of *The Plain Truth*.

You can have real happiness at the coming Spring Festivals if you know what to do and how to be an example to any nonmembers of your family. There may be difficulties, it may take time, but you can achieve peace and harmony even if other members of your family do not observe these festivals.

What is a festival?

A festival or feast is a part of time ordained by God for our physical, as well as spiritual, rejuvenation.

The first annual festival of God is the Passover (Leviticus 23:4-5). (The Sabbath, also a festival of God, is observed weekly.) The Passover is the only festival that is not a Sabbath (unless it happens to fall on the seventh day of the week). But the Passover, as well as every other annual festival, is a commanded assembly — a time of convocation.

We are, of course, to worship God the Father in spirit and truth no matter where we may be (John 4:21-24). But whenever it is possible to assemble we are commanded to do so. And most members of God's Church are able to assemble.

Only the converted members assemble for the Passover, but the whole family is to attend other annual feasts whenever possible (Deuteronomy 16:11, 14, 16). Jesus came with Joseph and Mary to the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread (Luke 2:41-42).

How to observe the Passover

The Passover comes the day before the great Spring Festival of Unleavened Bread (Numbers 28:16-17). Since the Passover is not a Sabbath day, work may be done on it. That's why the Passover is called a day of preparation (Matthew 27:62).

The Passover is a very solemn and sacred time of the year. Jesus set us an example on the day of His death so that we might know how to keep the Passover.

Although the Passover is the day before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, it was customary among the Jews to use unleavened bread on the Passover day. That is why the Passover is called a day of unleavened bread (Luke 22:7).

No leavened product is ever to be used with the Passover service — which, in the professing Christian world, is sometimes improperly termed the "Lord's Supper" (1 Corinthians 11:20). The morning after the Passover service, which is still the Passover day, is probably the most convenient time to remove any remaining leavening agents or leavened bread.

Be sure that all leaven is removed

from your premises. Don't store it in some other room. Removing leavened products that cost a few cents is just one way God has of testing you to see how much you prize obedience above money and the pleasures of this age. If you follow His will, God has promised to give you more in this life in return for what you give up in loving obedience to Him (John 10:10).

It is wise to arrange your purchases so that when the Passover comes there will be little leaven to discard. Remember, there is nothing wrong with leaven. It is merely used in the Feast of Unleavened Bread as a symbol of vanity and sin (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

A leavening agent is any substance that is used to puff up or produce fermentation, causing dough to rise. Yeast, soda and baking powder are such products. Bread, crackers, cakes, some prepared cereals and pies contain leaven and should be avoided at home and at restaurants during the festival. Beaten egg white on pies is not a leavening agent.

Homemade unleavened pies, cereals and unleavened bread are to be used instead, together with all the regular meats, milk, fruits and vegetables you normally eat, for the Festival of Unleavened Bread following the Passover.

At first it may seem strange to do without leaven in a festival, but once we come to know the mind of God and of Jesus Christ, we see the lesson of obedience it teaches. Happy are you if you do these things, Jesus said (John 13:17).

As there are many products containing leaven, be sure to examine the labels of all products on your shelves. In all probability, there will be some leavened material that somehow escapes — a good type of the hidden sins that we don't always discover immediately upon conversion. We must always throw away this forgotten leaven — a type of sin — upon discovering it.

Festival of Unleavened Bread

Here is the great Spring Festival, midway in the first month of the sacred calendar, when the people of God are to assemble with one another wherever possible and rejoice over the wonderful new year ahead. The feast is a seven-day period, beginning the day after the Passover.

The Festival of Unleavened Bread, although seven days long, has two annual Holy Days or Sabbaths, occurring on the first and last days of the feast. The intervening days are not annual Sabbaths and ordinary work (except for any intervening weekly Sabbath) may be done on them.

Cooking may be done on annual Sabbaths. But all other forms of ordinary business or work are not to be done. Exodus 12:16 in the Revised Authorized Version reads, "No manner of work shall be done on them; but that which everyone must eat — that only may be prepared by you."

Although the intervening days are not Sabbaths and work may be done on them, be sure that the usual routine does not stop you from realizing the purpose of the entire festival. It is to be a time of rejuvenating yourself spiritually and physically. The entire festival is meant to be a

special period of happiness. Spend extra time in studying and reading your Bible.

The use of unleavened bread

In this feast, no leavened bread should be in your home for seven days and no leavened products should be eaten. Use unleavened bread instead, together with your customary meals.

Children should be trained by their parents to eat unleavened bread during these days, and also taught the meaning for so doing. This will be a wonderful experience for them. Nutritious unleavened bread can either be bought, or baked simply. Unleavened products are sold in most stores. Just ask your grocer or check the ingredient listings on packages of crackers or flatbread.

What about relatives?

If families are divided concerning religious observances, difficulties may arise. Perhaps you are a husband or a wife whose family does not observe these annual festivals. Don't let that worry you. Never force your will on others. Don't force them to use unleavened bread against their will. This festival is a matter between you and God.

Where the entire family participates, all leaven must be removed by the beginning of the festival. If the husband of the family does not observe this festival, all leaven should

Milestones in Church's work

March, 1955 — Six months after the late Herbert W. Armstrong's campaigns in Great Britain, the first permanent office in London, England, is established.

March 1, 1957 — Joseph W. Tkach is baptized in Chicago, Ill.

March 27, 1968 — The Loma D. Armstrong Academic Center is dedicated on the Pasadena campus of Ambassador College.

March 15, 1972 — Mr. Armstrong meets with leaders in the Japanese government, including a 40-minute meeting with Prime Minister Eisaku Sato.

March 9, 1973 — Nagendra Singh, a judge of the World Court, plays host at a dinner at his home in Mr. Armstrong's honor. Present are ambassadors from Afghanistan and Ethiopia.

March 18, 1975 — The Ambassador International Cultural Foundation is started to conduct cultural, humanitarian, charitable and educational activities of the Church.

March, 1985 — During a six-day trip to Japan, Mr. Armstrong meets with Japanese government officials and representatives from Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Thailand and Israel.

March 19 to 26, 1985 — Queen Sirikit of Thailand visits Ambassador College in Pasadena.

be removed if he does not object. But if he objects, rather than provoke arguments, it is better to reckon the house as his responsibility, and not remove the leaven.

However, a wife who does not need to bake can take all leaven from the kitchen where she works, if no objections would be raised. Allow your husband his freedom to eat leavened products if he purchases them or demands you bake them.

Sometimes it is necessary to explain this festival to your family if they do not understand. You have to be "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Matthew 10:16) in explaining, however.

If opposition will likely develop, it would be better, before saying anything, to delight other members of your family with unleavened

products long before the feast so that they will not think anything strange when you first mention it. It is surprising how many people today know little or nothing about unleavened breads, but who enjoy them from the very first. Perhaps if other members of your family really enjoy it, nothing need be said about the festival and you can use unleavened bread for the entire week.

The first annual Sabbath or High Day of Unleavened Bread is the only other night convocation that is commanded after the Passover (Exodus 12:42). What could be more pleasant than beginning a festival with an enjoyable dinner with members of your family and converted friends in thanks to God? (See accompanying article on the Night to Be Much Observed.)

Self-examination and humility must be part of foot washing

By George M. Kackos

Soon we will be gathering to observe the Passover — the solemn celebration of Jesus' sacrifice for us. Before partaking of the symbolic bread and wine, we must first wash one another's feet.

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But why should we wash one another's feet? Before the Passover we need to consider the reason God instituted the foot-washing ceremony before the taking of bread and wine.

During biblical times, foot washing was a necessity because of open-toed sandals and dusty roads. Upon arrival, guests would be given water to wash their feet, or have them washed by a servant (Genesis 18:4, 19:2, 1 Samuel 25:41).

An example for us

On the night of His final Passover, Jesus performed this simple act of service for His disciples. Afterward, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given

you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" (John 13:12-15, Revised Authorized Version throughout).

Think about that. Jesus, our Creator and soon-coming King, humbled Himself to perform this lowly act of service — an act that illustrated His love and humility. It is a powerful example of the attitude we must have. Consider: Do we carelessly ignore this example?

Physically washing someone's feet on the night of the Passover doesn't indicate that you have a right foot-washing attitude. Remember that the Pharisees performed many overt acts of "righteousness," yet these acts were not pleasing to God (Matthew 23:25-26).

The same indictment can be rendered against those who wash feet, but do not wash their attitudes clean of unrighteousness. To casually overlook this required inner cleaning means to miss the lesson and real meaning of the physical, symbolic act.

Just as bread and wine symbolize the broken body and spilled blood of Jesus Christ, the physical act of foot washing symbolizes our cleansed attitudes and behavior. It marks that we have examined ourselves (1 Corinthians 11:28) and, through the Spirit of God, had our minds cleansed of sin (Psalm 51:2, 10).

Speaking of the relationship be-

tween the symbolic act of foot washing and the willingness to accept Christ's sacrifice for our sins, Jesus told Peter, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me" (John 13:8).

This act was placed by God before the taking of bread and wine to remind us of the need to prepare ourselves spiritually, emotionally and mentally. We need to fully appreciate the immense magnitude of Christ's sacrifice and its meaning for us.

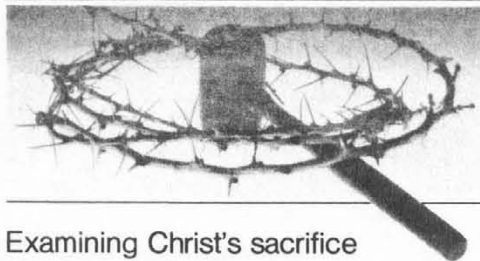
Prepare yourself

To avoid the mistake of looking at this ceremony too casually, we must strive to develop the right foot-washing attitude before the Passover.

Are you striving to overcome the carnal attitudes of selfishness and pride? You must humble yourself and love others with the help of God's Holy Spirit.

It's essential to be close to God to be filled with these qualities (James 4:8). Spend extra time studying your Bible and praying to God to reveal your "secret faults" (Psalm 19:12).

Realize this: Before you wash someone's feet you should have examined yourself. Draw close to God. When we wash one another's feet we should reflect and reveal Jesus Christ living His life within us (Galatians 2:20, Philippians 2:5).



FOCUS ON THE PASSOVER AND DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

Examining Christ's sacrifice

What Passover means to God

By Earl H. Williams

Have you ever wondered what goes through God's mind at Passover time?

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Passover is a meaningful and solemn occasion in God's Holy Day plan. The Passover deeply moves and sobers every truly converted Christian. Through Christ's Passover sacrifice, we may receive forgiveness of sin.

But what about God and the Passover? Have you ever thought about what the Passover means to God the Father and Jesus Christ? These are, after all, the "feasts of the Lord" (Leviticus 23:2, Revised Authorized Version throughout). The Father and the Son created them and, more importantly, are living them.

What is not written — what no one ever talks about — is the anguish God the Father felt. His pain was as great as Christ's.

In the next few moments let's ex-

perience the Passover sacrifice through the eyes and feelings of God.

Loved from the beginning

To better understand God's love for us, we must first understand the closeness and love God the Father and Jesus Christ shared from the beginning.

Picture, if you can, two beings who lived together forever (John 1:1-2). Imagine how close they were — in perfect harmony, inseparable. Jesus said, "I and My Father are one" (John 10:30). You can't get closer than that!

They became one by doing things together. They created and worked together building the vast universe. They experienced the full range of godly emotions together. They laughed at the many humorous facets of creation (just look at some of the animals, and you'll laugh, too). They played and sang beautiful music together. They no doubt cried together as they saw the angels and man hurt themselves through sin.

The Father and the Son shared

perfect love, without one single thought or act of selfishness. Their love, "the bond of perfection" (Colossians 3:14), solidified their oneness. They gave themselves totally to one another throughout time. We can only imagine the deep relationship this giving built, for no two humans have ever loved so truly. We can only imagine the depth behind Jesus' statement, "For the Father loves the Son" (John 5:20).

Now realize the sacrifice God made in giving up the one with whom He had shared eternity! God's love for us is greater than most of us have realized.

But when did man come into the picture? Long ago, God and the Word perhaps imagined how wonderful it would be if others could share the happiness and joy they experienced being God. So they designed a plan to reproduce themselves — and to begin by creating man.

But what if man decided to go contrary to God's way — to go the way of death? How could man be redeemed? God knew that only life could beget life, and that only God life could produce God life.

The solution was that one of them would have to die. Can you imagine God's feelings and thoughts at that moment of truth? Death was a concept that had not existed, let alone happened. And the death of a God — unthinkable! Yet now it had to be considered. For the first time in their long existence, the possibility existed that they would be separated.

Who would it be — which one of them would die? Being unselfish, perhaps they at the same time said, "Let it be me!" Then they realized someone would have to stay to guide and strengthen the other. So the Word volunteered to go, and the Father reluctantly gave His approval.

John speaks of Christ as "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). Out of pure godly love for us, Christ willingly gave His life. Jesus said, "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself" (John 10:18).

It was a sacrifice for the Father, too, for He loved Christ more than we can fathom. He knew all of the horrible things Christ would have to suffer. He understood the enormous risk Christ was taking — one sin and a God would be lost forever, and the whole plan of salvation, as it

(See PASSOVER, page 11)

Celebrating special night of year

By Jeff E. Zhorne

How can Christians make the Night to Be Much Observed a memorable, joyful affair? Obviously this feast, picturing Israel's thankfulness and rejoicing in coming out of Egypt, and our deliverance from sin, is no paper-plate affair.

Everyone — hosts, hostesses and guests — can help produce a quality, meaningful evening that will be long remembered. And it doesn't have to involve spending large sums on new china and silverware.

Here's an illustration: John Halford, a pastor-rank minister working in Media Services in Pasadena, once gave a sermon about Ambassador quality. He mentioned brethren in some parts of Africa who live in remote areas in thatched houses with dirt floors.

How does Ambassador quality come to play in Africa? asked Mr. Halford. He explained that African brethren may not have Ambassador quality, but they do have Ambassador standards.

He described one family who always made sure their dirt floor was swept out Friday before the Sabbath began. The whole family participated in tidying up the home and making sure it was as clean and neat as possible.

Though their diet was normally limited to staple items, this family managed to serve special foods on the Sabbath.

The lesson? Though the Sabbath, Holy Days and other Festivals certainly call for bringing out the best we have, fine china and silver alone

will not display Ambassador standards.

More important are social amenities — the attractiveness and value not of real estate and personal possessions, but of a pleasant and gracious atmosphere that is both inspiring during the Night to Be Much Observed and for years afterward.

Filet mignon and cherries jubilee will not make an evening memorable if the company is not assembling in like mind, of one accord.

On this evening brethren should fellowship "in an attitude of thankfulness and rejoicing for the deliverance from sin which we as New Testament Christians experience," as mentioned in the March 27, 1981, *Pastor General's Report*.

Instead of looking critically at the condition or contents of the home to which you have been invited, or worrying that brethren will think your home, possessions and other material goods do not measure up to a certain standard, call to mind that God looks on the heart, the attitude (1 Samuel 16:7). No one expects you to do better than your genuine best.

A good social mix

Since the Night to Be Much Observed does not include a service or Bible study, hosts and hostesses should strive to make the evening momentous through Christian fellowship.

To provide an atmosphere conducive to Christian fellowship, check to see that all guests are seated comfortably. Perhaps you could provide

hors d'oeuvres and arrange seating to best prompt conversation.

Think ahead. Will most of your guests tend not to be talkative? If so, you might invite to your home some who are more outgoing and gregarious. Try for an agreeable social mix.

Roman Borek, house manager of the Ambassador Auditorium, said: "In a family environment like the Night to Be Much Observed, you need a cross-section of people in the sense of age categories. Have some senior citizens, Mom and Dad, some teenagers, maybe some young infants.

"You can see the different groups interact with each other," Mr. Borek added. "It's a tremendous, learning environment. There is an appreciation that is cultivated and developed, as each age group learns and keeps current on the others."

"Mr. [Joseph] Tkach has emphasized the fact that the Night to Be Much Observed pictures coming out of Egypt," said Mr. Borek. "Each guest might tell how he or she learned about the Church and God's truth."

Creative touches

Don't forget finishing touches. They go a long way to make an evening memorable. These might include creative designs of these sitting atop natural-grain crackers or special treats.

For my wife, Wendy, who grew up in God's Church, one high point of the Night to Be Much Observed was fudge cheese. Every year her father would buy this special cheese for his family and guests.

Nanci Petersen, from Sundre, Alta., offered these suggestions: "Our children were very involved in the plans and preparation . . .

"Our children made a mural (a collage) of the Passover and Exodus events, which we hung on the wall by the table," Mrs. Petersen said.

The evening is to be much observed by all — including the hostess. If she spends all of her time cooking, serving and coordinating she might not have time to concentrate on the significance of the evening.

This is where guests can pitch in — both before and after the meal. By lending a hand, singles or students away from home may feel they have found a new home.

Above all, strive to make the evening memorable for everyone!

Eliminating the leaven requires wise strategy

By Gary Antion

God commands us to remove all leavening from our homes for the Days of Unleavened Bread (Exodus 12:15-20).

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How diligently we do so is an indication of how badly we want to put sin out of our lives.

A plan of attack

So what we need is a strategy to get rid of leaven from our homes. Obviously we can't do it too soon, or we'll be keeping more than seven days of unleavened bread. But we should have a deadline.

You might, for example, begin by organizing leavened products in one area in your kitchen and use them until the final day you plan to have leaven in the house.

Involve the whole family in the de-leavening project. All the cleaning shouldn't fall on Mother's shoulders.

The ancient Israelites took great care to free their homes of leaven, even searching every corner with a lighted candle. Now in those early days it might have been rather easy, especially if you were living in a tent. You could just move your tent, or sweep it out.

But we in this modern, mechanized age have such items as toasters and microwaves and ovens and shag carpeting into which crumbs can fall.

Helpful suggestions

You may want to attack the kitchen first to avoid bringing leaven into rooms you've already cleaned. Work on dining areas,

Check into the cookie jar that maybe you haven't used for weeks or months. Maybe you forgot to wash it when you quit using it.

Remember, too: It's not the days of unleavened beer or unleavened wine, nor is it the days of unleavened toothpaste. However, baking soda, baking powder and yeasts, agents used to make bread rise, must go.

Search cabinets, shelves, cupboards. Remember your toaster. Especially take a look at the drawers near the working area of the counters. They might have been open a bit when you were making bread or baking a cake. Take a look at butter and jelly or jam dishes. They might have bread crumbs from when you put butter or jelly on toast.

Be sure to check between the cushions, under the sofas and chairs and in the car.

Once you have done all your vacuuming, remember the vacuum-cleaner bag. This might be a good time to discuss with our families the meaning of these days. It would be easy to put sins out of our lives if we could always see them — just take the vacuum cleaner and whisk them away. But some sins are deeply imbedded, and though we struggle, we can't always get rid of them, like the crumbs in the cracks of the floorboards.

Use intelligence. You can go overboard in cleaning and be exhausted when Passover comes. You won't have studied or prayed or examined yourself. You won't be ready spiritually. We should not clean physically to the extent that we will not be prepared in a spiritual way for both God's Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread. Begin preparing physically and spiritually early enough that neither area will be neglected (1 Corinthians 5:7-8).

Test Yourself

Test yourself! Here is a set of questions about information that appeared in the March issues of *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*. See how many you can answer accurately. In parentheses after each question is the page number on which you can find the answer.

- (1) What two significant pieces of overseas territory is Britain in the process of relinquishing? (March *Plain Truth*, page 4)
- (2) What do the 10 toes on the two feet of Daniel's image imply in terms of the final resurrection of the Roman Empire? (March *Plain Truth*, page 7)
- (3) What is the key to saying helpful rather than hurtful things to others? (March *Plain Truth*, page 9)
- (4) True or false: Receiving God's Holy Spirit removes human nature from a person. (March *Good News*, page 2)
- (5) The Great Tribulation is the same event as the Day of the Lord. (March *Good News*, page 13)
- (6) What makes an object or experience a blessing? (March *Good News*, page 20)

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Areas stage talent shows, fun nights

TULSA, Okla., brethren attended a talent show at the Claremore Junior College auditorium Jan. 25. Charles Johnston was master of ceremonies.

The show featured performances by children and adults, including instrumental and vocal numbers and skits.

"Turning the Hearts" was the theme of a winter social for the GRAND RAPIDS and MUSKOGON, Mich., churches Feb. 1 at Grand Valley State College. About 120 brethren attended the event.

Popcorn and beverages were served throughout the evening, and a buffet featuring meatballs, cheese, relishes and assorted breads, fruits and nuts was served.

A craft room was provided for the younger children, and their creations were displayed. A movie, *The Explorer*, was shown for their later, while adults and teens played cards or danced.

A skit featuring the Lonnie Neff family at a dinner table reminiscing about past events served to introduce acts in a talent show. Acts included Marie Helmers, piano solo; Richard Napierkowski, vocal solo accompanied by Stan Briggs, guitar; Carol Anne Campau, Jeff and Melissa Hallack and Matt Helmers, song; Keith Eggerstedt, vocal and guitar; and a slide presentation focusing on families in the churches.

The evening's activities were organized by John Helmers, Mr. Neff, Mike Quisenberry, Bob Tennant and their families.

More than 400 HOUSTON, Tex., WEST brethren and guests attended a potluck and family fun night Feb. 15.

Master of ceremonies C.B. Johnson introduced 26 acts in a show titled "Family Productions." All of the acts were performed by families, and many featured the children. The show included singing, dancing, comedy and poetry.

For the grand finale Kenneth Giese, pastor of the Houston West and Victoria, Tex., churches, invited the audience to join the cast in

singing "How Good and How Pleasant," composed by Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services at Pasadena Ambassador College.

Milwaukee High School of the Arts in MILWAUKEE, Wis., was the location of the sixth annual area talent show Feb. 16.

Under the direction of Dave Kroll, brethren from Waukesha, Milwaukee, West Bend and Kenosha, Wis., entertained with vocal, instrumental, comedy and dance numbers. The combined orchestra launched the show, and Mr. Kroll was master of ceremonies.

Acts included the Taylor family, song; girls group, dance; the Kohler sisters, song; Laurie Morstatter, piano solo; Jim Kitts, vocal solo; Amy Taylor and Heidi Morgan, tap dance; Nathan Domnick, piano solo; Jerral Richardson, vocal solo; and Jean and Amy Taylor, vocal duet.

Jim Kitts, comedy skit; Lorene Kloska, dance; Eric Wertzler, saxophone solo; Lori Behling and Cathy Folker, vocal duet; Amy Taylor, vocal solo; Eloys Dinwiddie, narration; Melanie Kitts, comedy skit; Arnold Boyd, Jerral Richardson, Chris Dohrmann and Dennis Ramlow, song; Milwaukee and West Bend cheerleaders, dance routine; and a sing-along.

FLORENCE, Ala., brethren attended a potluck and talent show Feb. 15.

After Sabbath services and the potluck Loyd Howell served as master of ceremonies for the talent show. Twenty acts performed by children and adults included comedy, piano solos, singing and a fashion show. The evening concluded with the group singing "Old MacDonald" and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

"Up, Up and Away" was the theme of a KITCHENER, Ont., dinner and talent show Feb. 8.

Miniature air balloons decorated each of the 32 dinner tables. Church women prepared a variety of international cuisine. During the meal slides and a film showed scenes from Feast of Tabernacles

sites and various countries.

In a hot-air balloon that reached from stage to ceiling, pastor Terry Johnson served as travel agent (master of ceremonies) for the talent show. Nine pre-YES (Youth Educational Services) children opened the show with a medley of children's songs.

Other acts included harmonica, violin and piano solos; vocal solos and quartets; a skit and a poem; a trumpet and drum arrangement; a Ukrainian dance by Walter and Fran Szafranski; a YOU combo; and the junior choir singing "Up, Up and Away."

Geri Mason, Harvey Wierenga Jr. and Arthea Younts, Ronald F. Davis, Cathy Folker, Jan Old and Marnie Hills.

Brethren attend socials, pool party

GLENDALE and RESEDA, Calif., brethren combined for a YOU and widows dinner and social Feb. 15.

After playing hosts for the dinner, youths put on a variety show, which ended with cast and audience singing "How Good and How Pleasant," composed by Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services at Pasadena Ambassador College.

After the show a sing-along took place around the piano.

The WASHINGTON, Pa., church's annual social took place Jan. 25 at the Lone Pine Center in Lone Pine, Pa. Belle Vernon, Pa., brethren were invited.

A potluck meal was served after combined Sabbath services. The theme for the evening was "The Parable of the Talents." Brethren brought arts and crafts to be displayed, and others exhibited their talents in the entertainment portion of the evening.

The event ended with dancing and a cakewalk won by Lillian Lyda and Connie Eler.

Brethren from the PITTSBURGH and BEAVER VALLEY, Pa., churches attended a winter social at Quigley High School in Baden, Pa., Feb. 22.



YOUNG PERFORMERS — Pre-YES (Youth Educational Services) children open the Kitchener, Ont., church's talent show Feb. 8 with a medley of children's songs titled "Rug Rat Romp."

A dinner of fried chicken or roast beef, salad, vegetables, fruit and pasta, bread and rolls and desserts was served at 6:30 p.m.

After dinner Beaver Valley defeated Pittsburgh 42-40 in a basketball game. Other activities were games for all ages and a videotape of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley talent show, which took place a few weeks before.

After the Sabbath Feb. 8 MAIDSTONE, England, brethren partici-

pated in their third annual pool party at an area leisure center.

Activities included family roller skating, squash, badminton, table tennis and swimming. Tables and chairs were set up around the pool for the evening meal, drinks and fellowship.

Music was provided by Stuart Channon and his Ambassador Band, and Young Ambassador tapes.

M. Flynn, Tony Mercante, Ann Lee Russell and Barbara Bearman.

Anniversaries celebrated

The WHEELING, W. Va., church observed its 21st anniversary Feb. 1. After services brethren ate a potluck meal. Tables were decorated with snowmen and green and yellow streamers.

After the meal the group played a table game. Games and a movie were available for younger children. Coffee and an anniversary cake, baked and decorated by Sandy Feiock, were served.

The CLEVELAND, Ohio, WEST church celebrated its 10th anniversary with a potluck after Sabbath services Feb. 1.

Laverne Witting wrote a poem, which Tracey Rogers, church pastor, read during Sabbath services. Mark Graham composed and sang a song using the names of all the families in the Cleveland West church.

Feb. 28, 1976, Cleveland West brethren attended the church's first Sabbath service at Gargus Hall in Lorain County, Ohio, after 17 possible sites were evaluated.

Mr. Rogers and his wife, Jean, were transferred to Cleveland in 1980. Mr. Rogers has since served as pastor.

TONASKET, Wash., brethren marked the church's 10th anniversary Jan. 25. Guests from Penticton and Kelowna, B.C., attended the activities.

After a Bible study and a break for coffee and tea, Sabbath services

were conducted by Harold Smith, pastor of the Tonasket, Pasco, Quincy and Yakima, Wash., churches. A taped message from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach was played, and Mr. Smith gave the sermon on the work of Elijah.

After services a meal of baked salmon, roast beef, barbecued chicken, salads and desserts was served. A 10th anniversary cake baked and decorated by Mrs. Rod Silverthorn was cut.

The group played games, fellowshiped and listened to musical talent to conclude the evening.

Kathleen Kennedy, Robley Evans and Renee Williams and Ed Purdy.

Singles ski, attend dance, visit zoo

About 50 singles from Wisconsin and Minnesota attended a snow party sponsored by the WAUSAU, Wis., church Feb. 8 and 9.

The weekend began with a Bible study and Sabbath services, followed by a social at the John Muir Middle School in Wausau. Evening activities included a talent show, cake-baking contest, cards, children's games and dancing.

At a silent auction items were displayed on tables. Bids were made on slips of paper net to each item. A time limit was set, and the highest bid at the end of the time limit purchased the item.

Feb. 9 after breakfast the singles went cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and tobogganing at Sylvan Hills in Wausau.

Then the group went to an area member's house for chili soup. A group photo was taken by a bonfire.

"Putting on the Ritz" was the theme of a singles dance sponsored by singles from the BELLE VERNON and WASHINGTON, Pa., churches at the Lone Pine Center in Lone Pine, Pa., Feb. 1.

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Dinners, dances, formal events take place

The SAN DIEGO, Calif., church's annual dinner and dance took place Feb. 8 at the Town and Country Hotel in Fashion Valley, Calif.

The Pasadena Ambassador College Young Ambassadors and band, directed by Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services at Pasadena Ambassador College, provided music.

About 450 attended, including guests from Garden Grove, Long Beach, Pasadena and San Bernardino, Calif., Yuma and Tucson, Ariz., and Tijuana, Mexico.

During the evening, the Young Ambassadors presented an hour-long show. The group arrived Friday afternoon, Feb. 7, and stayed with Church members. Don Turk, a local church elder in the San Diego church, handled the arrangements.

The NORTH BATTLEFORD, Sask., and LLOYDMINSTER and BONNYVILLE, Alta., churches met in the Legion hall in Lloydminster Feb. 8 for combined Sabbath services, a potluck and an annual three-church dance. Music was provided by the church band, and a talent program was also presented.

The stage was decorated with a 9-by-20-foot mural of the old English countryside. The mural was painted by Nettie Wohlberg, assisted by wives of band members.

GRANDE PRAIRIE, Alta., brethren attended a formal social evening Feb. 16 at the Trumpeter Motor Inn.

A smorgasbord dinner, which in-

cluded roast beef, fried chicken, cold cuts, salads, beans almondine and fresh fruit, was served. After the dinner the group danced to a variety of music taped by Bruce and Bonnie Wagar.

Entertainment was provided by nine chorale members accompanied by the church band, which was conducted by Pieter Michielsens, pastor of the Grande Prairie and Fort St.

Pinewood derbies organized

Youth Educational Services (YES)-age children from the BIRMINGHAM A.M. and P.M., BESSEMER and JASPER, Ala., churches participated in an annual pinewood derby in Bessemer Feb. 15. The derby took place after Sabbath services and a potluck, and more than 200 attended.

Jeremy Seales took first place in the boys division. Michael Perry placed second, and Chris Kelley was third. In the girls division Bernice Cowden placed first, Amy Mays, second, and Kelli Nichols, third.

Each child purchased a kit, carved out a car from an enclosed wood block and added individual touches. No car could weigh more than five ounces. Jim Brewer of the Birmingham P.M. church built the 32-foot track.

Girls who baked and contributed goods in a bake-off received ribbons for participation.

John, Alta., churches. The group performed selections from *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Sound of Music*.

During the evening a set of wall hangings was presented to Mr. Michielsens and his wife, Joy, in honor of the couple's 29th wedding anniversary.

Susan Karoska, Mrs. Peter Savoy and Sherry Dumont.

The ROME, Ga., girls club attended an adopt-a-grandparent day Jan. 25. The adopted grandparents sat with the girls during Sabbath services and were treated to a potluck meal with the boys club after services.

In the afternoon parents and children answered Bible trivia questions, and after sundown the boys had their annual pinewood derby. The first place winner was Heath Haywood; Mark Clark was second; and Eli Jennings placed third.

The trophy for the best designed car went to Michael Abernathy; second place went to Joshua Abernathy; and Paul Lawler was third.

After the derby 50 people participated in an open race. The winning trophy went to Mark Salcedo, and Bill Norris received the trophy for the best designed car.

Helen F. Garrison and Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Abernathy.

Church areas commemorate anniversaries

Jan. 11 marked the 12th anniversary of the church in NASSAU, Bahamas.

Kingsley O. Mather, pastor of the Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas, churches, recapped the growth of

the Church in the Caribbean in the past year.

Members and Church youths celebrated the occasion Saturday evening with a get-together that featured a talent show, refreshments and a variety of games. Basil Lord was master of ceremonies for the talent show, which included recitations and songs accompanied by piano and guitar, a skit and a number performed by the church choir.

Mr. Lord also called an unsuspecting member from the audience for an impromptu act.

A winter storm marked the first anniversary of the SYDNEY, N.S., church Jan. 4.

Sixty-two brethren attended the anniversary service—41 more than last year.

Jack Kost, pastor of the Sydney, Digby and Halifax, N.S., churches, gave a sermon on the origins of Christmas.

After services a buffet-style dinner was served. Plans for an evening of card and board games were canceled because of the weather.

F. Pritchard and William Delaney.

Teams play basketball

More than 300 brethren from Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Iowa participated in the annual DES MOINES, Iowa, invitational basketball tournament Feb. 23.

First place teams were: men's A, Omaha, Neb.; men's B, Minneapolis, Minn., South; YOU A, Peoria, Ill.; YOU B, Rochester, Minn.; and women, Minneapolis South. Preteen games also took place.

The tournament was organized by Larry O'Connor. Dan Carlile handled the score tables, and Gary Garrett took care of game and referee scheduling. Larry and Nancy Thompson handled food concessions. Ruth O'Connor.

Brethren stage talent shows

ROSEBURG and COOS BAY, Ore., brethren attended combined Sabbath services, a potluck and a fun show Jan. 25.

The fun show included Hazel Miller, Reed Nielsen and Lisa Reed, who did poetry recitations; Joe Murphy and Peter Pulis, duck acts; Jody Keeler and Almira Pulis, flute solos; Carla Johnson and Almira and Joycelene Pulis, piano solos; Shannon Pulis, violin solo; Teresa Desmond and Kitty Thrush, dance; Geri Nielson, Laura Roberts and children, featuring Eva McPherson and Jeff Ellenwood, songs; Paula Keeler, origami demonstration; Kathy Poland, Rachel and Desi Wandell, Tracey Bullock and David and Julie Rand, pantomime; and Kermit Barrett, Walt Gile, Pete Pulis and Richard Rand, cowboy quartet.

Artyce Makinson from the Eugene, Ore., church accompanied several numbers, and Warren Poland was master of ceremonies.

The ERIE and FRANKLIN, Pa., churches combined Feb. 1 for a spaghetti dinner and talent show. The senior citizens did the cook-

Meals feature ethnic themes

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., brethren ate a Mexican dinner, which was followed by a cake auction, Saturday evening, Feb. 8.

Thirty-eight cakes, some of which were baked by Church youths, were auctioned, and a net total of \$1,965 was raised. Part of the proceeds will be used for a YOU trip to Gatlinburg, Tenn. The rest will go into the local church fund.

ing, and Church youths served. Roger Lambert was master of ceremonies for the talent show, which featured 28 acts. To end the evening's activities Jim Smith read a poem written by Madelyn Yokes as a tribute to the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong.

Pete Pulis and Cathy Cummings.

Singles

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Dancing began after a potluck meal. John Dobritch, pastor of the two churches, served as disc jockey, and Dale and Debbie Crouch helped with the music. More than 100 singles from more than 12 church areas attended.

MIAMI, Fla., singles spent a morning at the Miami Metro Zoo Feb. 9. Afterward they had an international potluck at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Pearson.

After the meal the group listened to a Bible study by Allan Barr, pastor of the Miami church.

Kay Knaack, Tony Mercante and Suzy Jimenez.

Church teens from the WACO, Tex., church sponsored a dinner and social with an oriental theme Feb. 22.

The teens served chicken chow mein with rice, snow peas, fried wontons and homemade Proverb cookies.

Entertainment for the evening was a videotape of the Little Ambassadors of Shanghai. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas displayed objects and handmade items they brought back from the Feast of Tabernacles in China. Handicrafts and oriental objects were sold by the area YOU as a fund-raising project.

Decorations included centerpieces of handmade silk flowers, feather butterflies, origami and peacock feathers. Oriental plaques, life-size figures, fans, Chinese clothing, ornamental lamp shades and flags representing Eastern countries decorated the walls.

Wicker furniture, parasols, plants, brass fixtures and a background of rice paper formed a setting where portraits were taken. Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Elliott were photographers.

Gay Chaney and Jo Gail Fry.

Club shares ladies night

A MONROE, La., Spokesman Club ladies night took place Feb. 8.

Club members led by Ben Canales prepared a meal of Mexican food and wine.

Gary Hartley was topicsmaster, and John Knaack, associate club director and assistant pastor of the Monroe and Alexandria, La., and Natchez, Miss., churches, evaluated the first half of the meeting.



PUBLIC LECTURE — Church literature is displayed at one of eight Bible lectures conducted in Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9 and 16. Almost 600 new people attended the lectures. [Photo by Keith Van Pelt]

Area conducts Bible lectures

Eight Bible lectures attended by 595 new people took place in TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 9 and 16.

The lectures were conducted by Neil Earle, pastor of the Toronto East and West churches; Percival Burrows, Toronto West assistant pastor; Paul Linehan, Toronto West associate pastor; and Laurie Nyhus, Toronto East associate pastor.

Invitations were mailed from the Vancouver, B.C., Regional Office

to those who subscribed to *The Plain Truth* for more than a year.

Literature was displayed at the lecture sites, and several people requested visits.

One hundred forty-five of the new people attended follow-up lectures Feb. 16 and 23, and 14 have attended regular Bible studies. "It just goes to show the fields are already white unto harvest," Mr. Earle said. Ella Neale.

Inventories raise funds

MIAMI, Fla., brethren raised about \$3,000 by participating in two department store inventories.

Forty-nine worked at Burdines Jan. 12, and 106 worked at Bloomingdale's Jan. 14. Both stores invited the church to participate in summer inventories.

Brethren participated in an inventory at Miller & Rhoads department

store to raise \$1,920 for the RICHMOND, Va., church activity fund Jan. 12.

Seventy-six took part in the inventory, while others baby-sat. Some opened their homes Jan. 11 so brethren would not have to make a long drive the next morning.

The opportunity to participate in the inventory came after Norfolk, Va., brethren inventoried at Miller & Rhoads there. After Norfolk store managers said they were impressed with the work of the Norfolk church, the management of the Richmond store contacted the church and asked for help with their inventory.

Sixteen members who attend the APTOS, Calif., church took inventory at a department store in Pacific Grove, Calif., Jan. 29. Funds raised went to the church's activity fund.

Shirley Segall, Mike McDaniel and Marie Gutierrez.

The Baby Bat

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS
By Shirley King Johnson

Major had never seen a bat before, and he was startled by its strange appearance. The tiny, furry thing crawled across the ground near the windmill in the lengthening shadows of dusk.

"Woof!" With three quick bounds he covered the ground to it, but the dark creature slipped between two rocks and curled up.

"Woof! Woof!" Pawing the ground, he tried to dig it out.

"What do you have there, boy?" Jim asked, walking over. Susie stayed a little behind her brother as she went over to check out Major's excitement.

"It's a mouse!" Jim exclaimed. "No, it's a bat! A teeny, tiny bat! Don't let it get away. I want Grandfather to see it." Grabbing up an empty water pail that hung on the windmill, he turned it upside down over the rocks. "Sit on that pail for me, will you, Susie? Major might knock it over if you don't, and he'll dig and dig around the rocks."

"Oh, no, I don't want to," Susie replied. "I don't like bats. It'll get in my hair." And she covered her arms over her head.

"Please, Susie. Pul-leese. Do it for me."

"OK," Susie said reluctantly. "But hurry, will you?" She sat down on the pail.

"Thanks." Jim ran to the house for Grandfather and slammed the back door. Major walked around Susie, sniffing at the pail as he circled, tail waving.

Susie shook her head. "No, Major. You can't have it."

Grandfather came out of the house, pulling on work gloves, and Jim followed. When they arrived at the windmill, Jim put a hand on Major's collar to restrain him.

Susie got up and watched fearfully as Grandfather turned over the pail.

The bat emerged from between the rocks. Grandfather picked it up in one gloved hand. "Look at this little fella," he said, and a broad smile spread over his face.

"What'll we do with it?" asked Jim, leaning down. Major tried to nudge his way in between Jim and Grandfather,

but Jim pushed him aside. "Back, boy. Leave it alone."

"I think the best thing to do is take it to the barn where its mother can take care of it." Grandfather rose and started toward the big, red barn at the bottom of the hill. "I've seen several bats hanging at the corner rafters. This must be one of their young. They only have one baby at a time."

"Why was it here on the ground?" Jim asked.

"It must have wandered out and isn't strong enough to fly back yet."

"Why don't you kill it?" Jim asked.

"I wish you would," Susie chimed in. "I don't want bats in my hair."

"You don't have to worry about that," Grandfather assured her. "That's an old saying that's totally erroneous. Totally unjustified."

"He means it's not true," Jim told Susie in his "big brother" voice.

They walked on down the hill, and Jim opened a barn door. It was dark and quiet inside. Grandfather slipped the baby bat into the bib of his overalls, climbed up the ladder into the hayloft and tucked the bat into a rafter corner. He climbed back down. "There we are.

All safe where the cats can't get it. Or Major." Removing his gloves, he gave Major's ear a loving rub.

"Why did God make bats?" Susie asked as they left the barn.

"To eat mosquitoes," Jim answered.

"And other insects," Grandfather added.

"Why did God make mosquitoes?" Susie asked next.

"It's all part of His plan," Grandfather explained.

"I'm part of His plan, too," Susie said. "I learned that in my YES lesson."

Smiling, Grandfather nodded his head and smiled. "And have you proved that God exists?"

Susie hesitated. "I know He does. You told me so!"

With a hearty laugh, Grandfather gave her a warm hug. "Someday you'll prove it for yourself. But that'll do for now. Let's go on into the house and wash up. It's almost supper time, and your grandmother's been simmering a vegetable soup. You'll like it. It has an uncanny flavor."

As they moved on up the hill, Major wagged his tail and smiled.

Passover

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had developed, would be ended. Yet, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Are you coming to see the enormity of God's love and sacrifice?

And they waited

So God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness" (Genesis 1:26). Following the Father's will, the one who became Jesus Christ knelt down in the clay and formed a man who looked just like them (John 1:3).

Christ may have stared long at the clay model of Himself and realized He would probably have to die for him. He "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being" (Genesis 2:7).

God instructed man in the two ways of life — give and get, symbolized by the two trees (Genesis 2:9, 16-17). Then God watched to see which way man would choose. We only think of man's destiny being

decided with Adam's choice, but did you realize that God's destiny was also at stake? Have you considered the impact of Adam's decision on the future of God Himself?

When Adam decided to go the way of get, it not only meant his death, but the death of Jesus Christ! As Adam reached for that forbidden fruit, a chill must have raced down God's spine. This act sealed God's fate. Now it was only a matter of time before the universe would be minus one God.

God wanted man to understand that his sins could only be atoned for by the shedding of blood — the giving of life (Hebrews 9:22). So God instructed man to offer animal sacrifices picturing the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The most notable of these sacrifices was the Passover lamb. Each year at Passover time for hundreds of years, through millions of lambs, the Father and the Son lived through the symbols of their real sacrifice. When lambs were roasted with fire, the Word thought about the fiery trials of persecution, rejection and torture that He would have to endure.

But each time, God thought about what His sacrifice would mean for us. He thought about the forgiveness and eternal life it would bring to all mankind.

The moment of truth

And then it was time to part — time to sever God from God. It was time to begin their literal sacrifice.

Now the great gulf of mortality would gape between them.

The thought of one of them no longer existing as God must have been sobering. They loved us so much that Christ, "being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men . . . He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:6-8).

The Father's heart must have been rent. His best friend, the one He loved so much, would have to leave and suffer one of the most excruciating deaths in the history of man. Then, when the moment had come, perhaps the Father and Son looked into one another's eyes, embraced and the next split second Christ was gone. Heaven had only one God.

The Father, by the power of His Spirit, begat Christ in the virgin Mary. Through the years He watched His Son grow up before Him. With the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ was the perfect child. Christ matured, constantly drawing closer to His spiritual Father, preparing to fulfill the destiny for which he was born as a human.

Although Christ never sinned, there may have been some tense moments. Christ "was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). One slip, one compromise, would have meant the end. Yet Christ, with the help of the Father, overcame sin. The Father said of Him, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

Christ began His ministry, preaching the good news of the Kingdom of God. But His own people did not receive Him (John 1:11). They wanted to kill Him! At times Christ had to flee for his life (John 8:59). Did the Father have to restrain Himself at times from destroying man?

Though Christ knew man would reject Him, the reality must have hurt. The very creature to whom He gave physical life and offered eternal life sought to take His life. What a paradox — what a sacrifice! What love He expressed, to endure "such hostility from sinners against Himself" (Hebrews 12:3).

The night of nights

For thousands of years and with great anticipation, the Father and Son looked forward to the Passover of

A.D. 31. Agony mixed with ecstasy, joy with sadness, not wanting it to happen, yet wanting it to be over.

Jesus knew His hour had come, and He observed His last Passover on earth with His disciples. He washed their feet, an act of humility and service that served as an everlasting tribute to God's dedication and love for man.

He blessed and broke the bread, and as He did Christ and the Father thought about the literal breaking of His own body — about the fists that would pound Jesus' face — about the rods that would bruise His head — about the whip that would shred His back. Christ's flesh was so tattered and torn that He said prophetically, through David, "I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint . . . I can count all My bones" (Psalm 22:14, 17).

Christ was beaten so badly that "His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men" (Isaiah 52:14). Tortured beyond human recognition! The bread, Christ's body, was broken for you and me: "And by His stripes we are healed" (Isaiah 53:5). The Father and the Son paid the penalty for our breaking the physical laws of health.

Christ also took the cup of wine, symbolizing His blood, and He and the Father thought about the imminent reality. In less than 12 hours, Christ's life would be poured out, and the Father would watch His beloved Son die.

What God went through for us

On that fateful afternoon of the Passover, the Son of God was nailed to a stake. The Father watched a Roman soldier hammer the square nails through the hands that did no evil, and through the feet that only came walked in righteousness. It was

painful for the Father to watch as the nails tore through the Son's flesh and sinew.

Hanging from that stake, they both knew that their suffering was about to end, and the way for man's salvation was about to begin.

But two climactic sufferings had yet to be endured in this sacrifice of sacrifices.

It was now time for the most painful part of their sacrifice. Now it was time for the Father and Son to be separated — not by mere flesh and spirit, but by the great gulf of sin and death!

All the sins of the world were placed upon Christ. He who knew no sin became sin for us. It is sin that separates us from God, and our sins separated the Father from the Son (Isaiah 59:1-2). For the first time in eternity, the Father and the Son were not one.

Out of the deep pain of mental anguish, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'" (Matthew 27:46).

A burly soldier thrust his spear into Christ's side, rupturing vital organs and causing blood and water to spew out. Again the Father looked on in horror and grief, yet for our sakes He restrained Himself. Shortly thereafter Jesus died.

God ultimately triumphed. Yes, all of this for all of us — the greatest sacrifice of all — the greatest love of all. This is what our God went through for us. This is what the Passover means to God the Father and the resurrected, glorified Christ.

With this understanding of what the Passover means to God, let this Passover and all others to come mean much, much more to you!

Obituaries

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SALMON ARM, B.C. — John McLaughlin, 101, died Feb. 7. Mr. McLaughlin was born in 1884 in Hilden, N.S., and was baptized in Vancouver, B.C.

YORKTON, Sask. — Minnie Koch, 70, died Jan. 28 after a battle with cancer. She has been a Church member since 1984.

Mrs. Koch was preceded in death by her husband. She is survived by four sons and one daughter.

Funeral services were conducted Jan. 30 by Dennis Lawrence, pastor of the Yorkton, Sask., and Dauphin, Man., churches.

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — E.F. Burdette, 65, died Feb. 20. He was baptized in 1985.

Mr. Burdette is survived by his wife, Reba, also a Church member; one daughter, Marcia Hankins; three sons, Terry, Andrew (assistant managing editor of the *Youth Bible Lessons*) and Christopher, all of whom are Church members; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were performed by Steven Botha, pastor of the Charleston, Parkersburg and Logan, W.Va., churches.

Preteens tour caverns in Alabama

Thirty-two MONTGOMERY, Ala., preteens and their parents visited the Desoto Caverns near Childersburg, Ala., Jan. 19, for a glimpse into Alabama's history and geology.

Before the cave tour the children ate a picnic lunch and played at a playground. The group saw Indian relics and remnants of a Confederate saltpeper mine and formations. After the tour some of the group saw a covered bridge and grist mill. Fred Cargill.

Youths go gliding, riding

Twenty-three GRAFTON, Australia, youths went gliding at the Grafton Gliding Club Jan. 26.

After the 645-pound two-seater aluminum glider was given a full safety check, the teens took turns as passengers. An instructor explained the control panel, answered questions and allowed the teens to take over controls.

Church youths from the MACHO, Ill., church went on a three- and four-wheeler all-terrain vehicle

(ATV) outing Jan. 26.

Hosts for the event were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kerr, who supplied shelter and gave instructions for beginners. Larry Cortelyou and Barry Brown helped oversee the group.

After rides the group gathered around a camp fire to roast hot dogs and drink hot chocolate. The activity continued at the Kerrs' home where refreshments were served.

Suzanne Reeves and Mark Schuermann.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

STUDENTS EXPERIENCE 'FOUR-STAR' DINING

BIG SANDY — The dining hall was transformed Sunday, March 16, into The Bronze Swan, a four-to five-star restaurant, for the first of two restaurant nights. Half the student body attended, with the other half serving the meals.

Food Services provided a menu including a choice of chateaubriand, duck a l'orange or salmon coquilliac for the entree. Students dined to dinner music provided by other students. Men asked ladies and made reservations, just as they would if they were going to a real restaurant.

The purpose of the evening is to expose students to as elegant a dining experience as possible without having to leave campus, according to Big Sandy Portfolio editor Ken Tate. The occasion teaches the students proper etiquette in dining situations as well. The idea was originated by Steve Sparks, chief chef, in 1983, according to Mr. Tate.

The second restaurant night will take place March 30.

SENIOR CITIZENS ATTEND BANQUET

PASADENA — "Deutschfest"

was the theme of the annual Ambassador College Outreach elderly banquet March 9 in the Student Center club rooms, according to Donald Duchene, Outreach director. Outreach is a service organization overseen by faculty adviser Gary Antion. One hundred senior citizens and 35 other guests attended.

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach made opening comments before a meal of Wiener schnitzel (a breaded veal cutlet) was served. The senior citizens presented Mr. Tkach with a porcelain beer stein with a naval motif. Outreach also gave him a beer stein.

After the meal, which began at 4:30 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, the group adjourned to the Fine Arts Recital Hall for entertainment, which carried through the theme of the evening with German music.

STUDENTS HAVE BARN DANCE

BIG SANDY — Students dressed in their best Western wear attended a barn dance March 8 at the farm on the Big Sandy campus. The college dance band provided music under the direction of faculty members Martin Yale and Randy Duke.

Aside from the dancing, there was entertainment, games, a "bull" ride (a steel drum with a saddle on it) and door prizes. Tractor-pulled hayrides that included sing-alongs also took place throughout the evening.

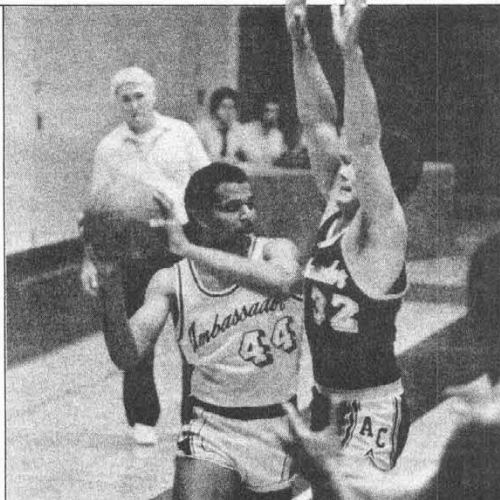
ALL-STARS MEET FOR BASKETBALL ACTION

PASADENA — All-star basketball action took place here Saturday night, March 8.

The underclass men's team came from behind to defeat the upperclass 73-61. Early in the game the upperclass team led 15-5.

The Junior-Freshman women's team opened the evening with a 48-46 victory over the Senior-Sophomore team. The score was tied eight times.

"One thing that I have enjoyed about playing in the all-star game is that we can relax, have fun, yet at the same time keep up the quality of talent and play that would be representative of the talent here at Ambassador College," commented upperclass captain Don Campbell. During the evening, the Ambassador dance team presented their coach, Marsha Suckling, with a dozen roses to thank her for her assistance this year.



BASKETBALL ACTION — Perry White (left) of the upperclass team tries to pass around underclass defender Mike Pliuksis at the all-star game March 8. (Photo by Barry Baker)

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

PASADENA — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach assigned evangelist Dean Blackwell to serve on the Pasadena Ambassador College faculty.

"Mr. Blackwell will teach several theology courses and will help take some of the burden off Mr. Richard Ames and Dr. David Albert so they can devote more time to the *Church Tomorrow* program," Mr. Tkach said.

William Stenger, registrar for the Pasadena campus, said that Mr. Blackwell is teaching advanced homiletics during the spring semester.

"Since some of the faculty will transfer to Pasadena from Big Sandy after the campus closes there this spring, we haven't confirmed what courses Mr. Blackwell will be teaching next fall," Dr. Stenger said.

Dr. Stenger said that fall teaching assignments will be completed "by late spring."

Mr. Blackwell and his wife, Maxine, lived in the Philippines from 1984 to 1985, where Mr. Blackwell conducted a Ministerial Education Program (MEP) for the Philippine ministry.

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PASADENA — The Church's telephone response area received an unexpected response to the *World Tomorrow* program *The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday* more than a week before the program aired March 22 and 23, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

"The program is distributed on the TeiStar 301 satellite to about 130 stations throughout the United States during the week before the program's scheduled air date," said Lee Pettijohn, chief engineer at Media Services here.

"Apparently someone with a private dish antenna tuned into the [satellite] transponder that carries the program, watched it and called the toll-free number in response," he continued.

Evangelist Richard Ames, who presented the resurrection pro-

gram, told *The Worldwide News* that he found the response "very, very encouraging. Since this is the first program I have recorded, it was very encouraging to know that the program received at least one response," he joked.

The program *What Is Man's Destiny* presented by David Albert received a similar call before it aired March 8 and 9.

"We have also had this phenomenon occur during the Festival satellite transmission," said William Butler, supervisor of the MPC telephone response area.

"People have tuned into Mr. [Herbert] Armstrong's Last Great Day message on the satellite and called us to request any literature we might have. It sometimes takes our operators a second or two to determine where they're watching the program," he said.

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PASADENA — More than 1.2 million copies of *Mystery of the Ages* have been requested by individuals worldwide, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center.

INTERNATIONAL DESK A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — South African State President Pieter W. Botha announced to a combined meeting of all three houses of the South African Parliament that the state of emergency was to be lifted throughout South Africa March 7.

According to the South African government, the state of emergency was imposed on 13 percent of South Africa's 265 districts July 21, 1985. It was imposed in response to prevalent violence in those areas.

"We are thankful for the rela-

"Never in the history of God's work have so many copies of a single book been distributed in such a short time," Mr. Rice said.

The book, written by the late Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong, was requested by 290,000 people in areas outside of the United States.

More than 700,000 books were requested by *Good News* and *Plain Truth* subscribers in the United States, the evangelist said.

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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway, Irish Republic, churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder Feb. 23.

Gary Smith, associate pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., A.M. and P.M. churches, was raised in rank to preaching elder March 8.

Philip Gray, a ministerial trainee in the London and Basildon, England, churches, was ordained a local elder Feb. 23.

Donnis Robertson, director of College Publications for Pasadena Ambassador College, was ordained a local elder Feb. 22.

Four preaching elders were raised to pastor rank Dec. 31. They are Edmond Macaraeg, San Pedro and Imus; Pedro Melendez Jr., Quezon City; Pedro Ortiguero, Urdaneta and Lingayen; and Jose Raduban, Manila and Puerto Princesa.

Three local elders were raised to preaching elders: Bermevon Dixon, San Fernando, Pampanga, and Olongapo; Patrocinio Matas (associate pastor), Davao and Tagum; and Bernardo Rosario, Zamboanga and Pagadian.

Seven ministerial trainees were ordained local elders: George Escara, Malolos; Gil Llaneza, Cagayan de Oro, Butuan, Ozamis and Musuan; Jose Luzuriaga, Bacolod and Iloilo; Crisostomo Mago, Baguio; Honesto Rustia Jr., Santiago and Roxas; Teodoro Sernal, Tacloban, Catbalogan and Liloan; and Andrew Teng, Cebu, Dumaguete and Tagbilaran.

Napoleon Meimban of the Urdaneta church was ordained a local church elder Sept. 16.

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PASADENA — Chuck Johnson, *Plain Truth* and *Good News* sales representative for R.R. Donnelley & Sons, which prints the two magazines, retired Feb. 28 after 38 years of service.

Mr. Johnson, who worked with the Church for the past 10 years, was honored at a farewell luncheon Feb. 27 in the Church's Publishing Services Department, attended by Publishing and Editorial staff.

According to Roger Lippross, Publishing's production director, Mr. Johnson helped reduce *Plain Truth* printing costs and made format transitions in past years as smooth as possible.

happy to see that the Church's work is going forward and that the telecasts are successful. They are in good spirits and are excited about new developments that relax restrictions barring them from receiving Church literature.

Personnel in the Bonn, West Germany, Regional Office can now write "theological literature" on the envelopes, and East German brethren receive literature directly from the Bonn Office.

Turkish restrictions

The government of Turkey has prohibited the distribution of *The Plain Truth* in their country, reported the British Regional Office in Borehamwood, England.

The subscription list will be kept and updated so distribution can resume when government restrictions are lifted.

Also from the Borehamwood Office, a new Bible study was begun in Likpe-Mate, Ghana, by Josef Forson, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches.

Seventy-one people, mostly prospective members, attend the study. Most had been meeting to study the Bible with the aid of Church literature.

Elijah Chukwudi, associate pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, continues to battle cancer.

He wrote to the Borehamwood Office: "I thought it . . . needful to write and send my wholehearted thanks to every one of you for your love to me and my family. This you have all shown by your fastings and prayers for my healing.

"In addition, I have been inundated with numerous letters, cards and notes of encouragement and good wishes, and they still keep on coming! These correspondences came from Church congregations, families and individuals in far away places like the Philippines, Canada, New Zealand, the United States of America, Great Britain, and East and West Africa," he continued.

"It is not possible for me to write every one of you personally. This is why I have chosen this media [the office's monthly report] to convey my deep-rooted thanks to you all for such wonderful expressions of love.

"I am making a steady and gradual improvement in my health. I hope to be completely healed as time goes by, and as we continue to pray for one another more in this evil age."



PUBLISHER'S APPROVAL — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach approves the cover for the June issue of *The Plain Truth* March 6. "As publisher, Mr. Tkach is fully involved in the overall planning and production of the Church's publications," said Dexter H. Faulkner, executive editor of *The Plain Truth*. [Photo by Dexter H. Faulkner]

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