

## 440 graduate from Pasadena, Big Sandy campuses

### Texas confers 216 degrees in ceremony

By Ken Tate

**BIG SANDY** — "This is not the end... It is truly the beginning of fulfilling your incredible human potential," Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach told 210 graduating Ambassador College students at commencement exercises here Wednesday, May 21.

Mr. Tkach's comments were included in his first commencement address as chancellor of Ambassador College.

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The class was the largest for the Big Sandy campus since it reopened in 1981.

More than 1,500 students, faculty, parents and guests attended the ceremony.

The pastor general, on a whirlwind stop that allowed him only about three hours on the Texas campus before returning to Pasadena, delivered the keynote commencement address at the fifth graduation ceremony since the college here reopened.

In his address, "The Best Is Yet to Come," Mr. Tkach explained that an Ambassador College education is not an end in itself.

"Knowledge is of no use, unless it is put into action," he continued. "Therefore Ambassador College graduates of 1986, you are to be an asset to your God, to His Church, His Family, and to your employer and your country."

Mr. Tkach told the graduates that wherever they find themselves in the future, they will be an extension of the college.

#### Commencement speakers

Larry Salyer, former Big Sandy dean of students, now director of Church Administration, gave the invocation. This was followed by a welcome from evangelist Leslie McCullough, deputy chancellor.

John Hanson, sophomore class president, then presented his discourse, "This Transitional Life."

The Ambassador College Choral, directed by Roger Bryant, presented two selections, "Hallelujah" by Beethoven and "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem" by Maunder.

Mr. Tkach's commencement ad-



**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES** — Left, Graeme Wallace congratulates Marie Myers after commencement exercises May 21 on the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College. Right, Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach presents a diploma to bachelor of arts graduate Edward Paradis in Pasadena. The Pasadena graduation took place in the Ambassador Auditorium. [Photos by Tim Robinson and Nathan Faulkner]

dress preceded the conferring of degrees and the presentation of diplomas.

One hundred forty-four associate of arts degrees in theology were presented; 72 associate of science degrees in data processing, business administration and home economics were also awarded. Six people received two degrees.

In addition to the two-year de-

grees, three men, Larry Johnson, Gilbert Norman and Ken Tate, received bachelor of arts degrees from Pasadena Ambassador College. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Norman are faculty members at the Big Sandy campus; Mr. Tate is an assistant in the Speech and Journalism Department.

#### 1986 graduates

Following are the 1986 graduates

of Big Sandy Ambassador College:

#### Associate of Arts

**With highest distinction** (cumulative grade point average [GPA] of at least 3.80): Nancy Ann Blouin, Charles Wallace Davis Jr., Nick Efthymoulos, Sharon Louise Ellis, Todd Winston Gibbs, Gary Richard Roth, Harlan E. Schatz, Cheryl Kay Strelow and Warren Morris Zehrung.

**With high distinction** (cumulative GPA of at least 3.50): David Ramsey Andrews, Robert James Baxter, Karla Sue Burnham, Eric Alan Conner, Lisa Spencer Davis, Steven Michael Elam, Donna Eve Frick, Andrew Donald Graham, Celesta Michelle Hochstetler, Pamela Jean Jermakowicz.

Karen Lee Jonas, Sheila Ann Jones, Kimberly Sue Kuver, Edward J. Mentell Jr., Samuel A. Patterson, John Robert Pike, Timothy John Rule, Monica Rae Shaw and Brenda Jean Todd.

**With distinction** (cumulative GPA of at least 3.20): Michael Evan Ackley, Mervin Leslie Boyle, Thomas Francis Bulharowski, Susan Lona Bumbulis, Nicholas Gregory Chalaris, Michael Joseph Cook, Thomas Charles Cutshall, Michael James Cutter, Theron Blaine Denison Jr.

Stephanie Hope Diaz, Stephen C. Dickey, Timothy Carl Dickey, Harry James Doak, Darla B. Douglass, Suzan Christie Fish, Julie Rae Fultz, John C. Hanson, Larry Brent Hardin, Laura Beth Hirschler, Linda K. Hirschler, Matthew Blake Hodo, Julie Maria Holladay.

Marjorie Anne Klaus, Kelly Lynn Kuykendall, Walter C. Levisee, Darrell Edward Lovelady Jr., Jennifer Ann Montano, Mark Noland Morris, Marie Kristine

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**PERSONAL FROM**  
*Joseph W. Tkach*

Dear brethren,

Time marches on! Another academic year has come to a close on our two Ambassador College campuses.

Commencement exercises took place in Big Sandy May 21 and in Pasadena May 23.

Between both campuses 142 seniors received their B.A. degrees and 298 sophomores were given A.A. or A.S. degrees.

Of the seniors, we were able to hire about 63 men and women directly into various positions in the Work. Those we were not able to hire now will be settling into church areas all around the world becoming, we hope, over time with experience, strong examples and pillars in their congregations.

In this "Personal," I thought you'd enjoy my sharing with you portions of this year's commencement address. I delivered basically the same address at both campuses.

Commencement Address  
Pasadena  
May 23, 1986, 3 p.m.

Class of 1986, this is our day to bestow honor and recognition upon you for your educational achievements. Your enthusiasm, your effort, and yes, your en-

durance and tenacity in completing your Ambassador College career.

Today I want to share with you a preview of what is yet ahead and encourage you that the best is yet to come. As Charles Dickens once wrote in his novel *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." We live under similar conditions today in a society that is hell-bent on destruction.

Yes, Class of '86, we pause with you today on a bridge between youthful dreams and hopes and adult realities and responsibilities. And as we hold on to the railing and safeguard of God's law, we look down into the troubled waters of a society and a world rapidly reaching the boiling point, stirred by the current of human nature.

Time is running out on this civilization. The handwriting is on the wall. The evidence is all around us, except for those who refuse to look.

World War III is just around the corner, and it's coming closer with each passing day. Nuclear proliferation, terrorism, incurable diseases and economic upheaval are but a few of the insurmountable problems to which this world's leaders do not have the answers.

Whether it be in the coasts of (See **PERSONAL**, page 3)



### Pasadena conducts 36th commencement

By Michael A. Snyder

**PASADENA** — "Yes, Class of '86, we pause with you today on a bridge between youthful dreams and hopes and adult realities and responsibilities," said Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach to graduates and guests in the Ambassador Auditorium here May 23.

"And as we hold on to the railing and safeguard of God's law, we look down into the troubled waters of a society and a world rapidly reaching the boiling point, stirred by the current of human nature," he said.

*Portions of Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach's commencement address appear in his "Personal."*

One hundred forty-two seniors received bachelor of arts degrees, 62 sophomores received associate of arts degrees and 26 sophomores received associate of science degrees in the 1½ hour ceremony.

About 1,200 people attended the ceremony in the Auditorium, and another 250 watched through a closed-circuit television link in the Imperial Gymnasium.

The 36th graduating class occupied one third of the ground-floor seating area in the Auditorium. Media Services set up television monitors in the aisles so families and friends with an obstructed view could better view the ceremony.

#### A new beginning

After evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor of the Pasadena campus, opened the ceremony with prayer and officially welcomed the group, Paul Bennett, student body president, delivered the discourse.

In his discourse, titled "A New Beginning," Mr. Bennett encouraged the graduates to continue learning and serving. Referring to historical figures, Mr. Bennett asked the graduates: "Can we convict ourselves of what we've been taught? ... The direction is now set. Now is the time for a new beginning."

After Mr. Bennett's discourse the Ambassador College Choral and Orchestra performed "Oh God, Thou Art My God" by Sven Lekberg and "Onward, Ye Peoples!" by Jean Sibelius. John D. Schroeder conducted the choral and orchestra.

#### Chancellor's address

"This is our day to bestow honor and recognition upon you for your educational achievements," said Chancellor Tkach.

Mr. Tkach outlined world conditions for the graduates and guests. (See **PASADENA**, page 9)

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### Kirov Ballet of Leningrad

The June 16 *Worldwide News* plans to feature two articles and photographs of the Kirov Ballet of Leningrad, Soviet Union, which performed in Los Angeles, Calif., May 21 to 26. The Los Angeles performances were sponsored by the Ambassador Foundation.

# Protectionism: U.S. teeters on trade war

PASADENA — May 9 I returned from Tokyo, Japan, where, along with other members of the *Plain Truth* and *World Tomorrow* staffs, I covered the annual seven nation economic summit conference.

After three days of closed door meetings, the leaders of the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Italy, Britain and Canada emerged to announce that they were generally pleased with their accomplishments. The Tokyo summit was said to have been more productive and substantial than most of the preceding 11 economic summits.

In the Tokyo Economic Declaration, which they drafted, they said: "We, the Heads of State or Government of seven major industrialized countries and the representatives of the European Community... have reaffirmed our continuing determination to work together to sustain and improve the prosperity and well-being of the peoples of our own countries."

To implement their intentions, the leaders agreed in principle to establish a surveillance and intervention plan that could restore some order to the wildly fluctuating values of the world's major currencies.

The summit leaders, backed up by their foreign and finance ministers, reaffirmed their "commitment to halting and reversing protectionism, and to reducing and dismantling trade restrictions."

The words on the paper were hardly dry when U.S. President Ronald Reagan arrived home to face mounting pressure in Congress to enact stiff protectionist trade legislation. Congress threatened to undo everything that he and his fellow heads of state or government thought they had achieved.

The steaming issue in Congress came to a boil May 22 when the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed an omnibus trade bill that would restrain imports and mandate trade retaliation against certain foreign competitors.

Politics was a big — perhaps the biggest — component of the legislation. "Confident that trade will be a sure-fire political issue in November," reported the May 23 *Los Angeles Times*, "the Democratic leadership that produced the bill attracted almost unanimous partisan support."

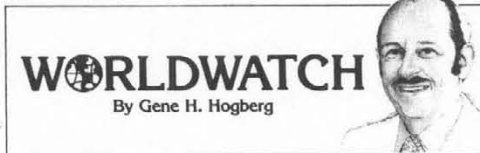
President Reagan labeled the House bill an "openly and rankly political [document which]... would plunge the world into a trade war, eroding our relations with our allies and Free World trading partners."

Mr. Reagan is likely to veto the final bill (after modification by the Senate), but the big question is whether he has enough votes to sustain the veto.

As approved, the House bill eliminates some of the President's discretionary authority in dealing with trade complaints. One of the more

controversial provisions would require nations with "excessive trade surpluses" with the United States — namely Japan, Taiwan and West Germany — to reduce the surpluses by 10 percent a year or face higher

tariffs and quotas. Furthermore "it would mandate retaliation against Third World exporters whose manufacturers do not conform to wage-and-hour labor standards advocated by U.S. industrial unions," said the *Times*.



## WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg

tariffs and quotas.

President Reagan's opponents, struggling to find a winnable 1986 Congressional campaign issue, have elevated the problem of the U.S. trade deficit out of proportion to its importance.

Alan Reynolds wrote in the May 9 *National Review* under the foreboding title: "A Trade War Could Wreck It All": "The U.S. economy has been experiencing the strongest and possibly longest expansion on record, with more than eight million new jobs since President Reagan took office..."

"After three years of waiting... for assorted crises that failed to oc-

cur, critics of Reaganomics have turned in desperation to the trade deficit. The U.S. is said to have 'lost jobs' to foreign competitors, though the U.S. has added far more jobs [admittedly in the service sector]

than all other industrial countries combined...

"Why then is it so easy to incite concern about the trade deficit? Partly because appearances deceive. Some of the most powerful U.S. industries — electrical machinery, chemicals, printing — are not as visible as those that produce

consumer goods." It is in consumer goods where most manufacturing jobs have been lost.

The trade deficit is not nearly as serious as the U.S. budgetary deficit, which deals essentially with government living year to year beyond its means, piling up enormous indebtedness covered by massive borrowings each year.

The trade deficit is a different issue, explained Mr. Reynolds: "A foreign exporter who trades goods to U.S. buyers in return for dollars has only two options for how to employ those dollars, both of them beneficial to the United States. He can use those dollars to buy U.S. goods, or he can use them to buy U.S. assets (stocks, bonds or real estate) — that is, to invest in the United States... In large part this is a tribute to the current strength of the American economy."

This foreign investment creates jobs. In 1984 alone, direct Japanese investment created 80,000 jobs in the United States.

It's amazing to see legislation (See TRADE WAR, page 11)



## European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

# Soviet nuclear disaster: the wider implications

BOREHAMWOOD, England — At this writing the facts of the Soviet nuclear power station disaster are in dispute. Certain basic principles may be drawn from the Chernobyl nuclear disaster though.

Columist Hugo Young paints a vivid word picture of the possibilities. He wrote in the May 1 *Guardian*, in an early report three days after the disaster became known: "A picture of thousands of square miles of land unusable for, it was stated, a thousand years; of isotopes let loose which retain their radiation for longer even than that; of a predicted 10,000 deaths from cancer within a 30-mile radius of the disaster, let alone further afield; of unknowable numbers of genetic consequences inflicted on persons who might not even know that they had been exposed to risk. All this was said, coolly and clinically, by scientists with no obvious axe to grind."

It is becoming clear that the Soviet Union can no longer live comfortably in secrecy and isolation. Wayward technology is gradually forcing them into the 20th century. Said *The Columbia History of the World*: "World civilization is becoming more uniform, as the West imposes its techniques and ideas... Isolation has become impossible" (page xvii, 1972).

The May 1 *Guardian* lead editorial is right on target when it said: "This Russian secretiveness is, of course, older than [Novelist Fyodor] Dostoevsky [it predated communism], but it is aggravated by the knowledge that the Soviet Union is a superpower only in the military sense... It is in everybody's interest that the Russians should catch up with other industrialized countries [especially in power-station technology] and not continue to bear the giant chip at present on their shoulders."

### Something must be done

Contiguous nations can no longer tolerate what the May 1 *Daily Telegraph* lead editorial termed a "Bad Neighbour." The *Telegraph* analysis began: "Over the potentially hazardous dust drifting over the wrecked Chernobyl nuclear

on the status and to ask him to pray for God's intervention. As I turned to return to the labor room I thought of a list that I had in my pocket of all the people who had said 'call me when the baby is born.'

### Early morning calls

"I thought to myself that if these brethren were interested enough to know when the baby is born they probably would not mind praying for the safe delivery of same, so at 5 a.m. I called the first person on the list, told them there were problems and asked them to pray immediately for God to intervene. Then I asked them to call the next few people from the list.

"What happened next was one of those things that could only happen in an organization like God's true Church, where people really care and love each other. The few people that I called took it upon themselves to call other people, who took it upon themselves to call other people, etc., etc.

"This was not known to me at the time, but what I did know is that within 10-15 minutes of returning to the labor room where my wife was, all indicators of the health of the fetus had made a 180-degree turn around, and as I mentioned earlier the baby was born without any health problems.

"Many people mentioned to us that they had received three to four calls in 10 minutes. This was truly a case of God's intervention. The 'righteous prayers of these people did avail much!'

"Every time I hold my little girl in my arms and think of these events it never fails to give me a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye. I pray to God to never let me forget how precious little Sarah-Jane is and to help me give her the proper instruction so she can be a princess in the World Tomorrow."

Isn't that a marvelous epilogue to the story? And what an example of the power and compassion of our Almighty God and Father! Truly a miracle. But that's not all. My secretary is no longer my secretary. She had to resign because after 18 years of marriage she became pregnant, and now she and her husband are the happy parents of a beautiful, healthy baby boy!



## Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

# An unexpected solution

Several years ago a couple in the Church wrote me about a trial they were suffering. The couple could not have children, and they graphically described the frustrations and pain they and other childless couples go through. It was a moving letter.

As it happened, my secretary of many years and her husband were also childless. I asked her to read the letter and to write down her feelings as well.

From the letter and my secretary's comments a column was born. But as it turned out that column wasn't all that was created. Let me share with you a letter I received from the same couple who wrote to me about their desire for children.

### Prayers answered

"I wrote to you approximately three years ago to explain a trial my wife and I were going through which prompted you to write a column titled 'The Loneliest Problem' [May 30, 1983]. This letter is to thank you for the advice you had given to us, and to tell you of the many blessings God has given us in the last three years.

"The first part of the good news is that we have been blessed with a beautiful, healthy baby girl... I'm sure you can understand when I tell you that she has brought a dimension to our lives that we never would have thought possible. Our little future God is giving my wife and me the opportunity to experience on this earth what it will be like to be Gods in the World Tomorrow.

"This leads to the second part I would like to share with you, the lessons we learned through our trials.

"The months and years we spent and sometimes wasted agonizing over our childless state were not in vain. God continued to work out his

purpose with us. Our thanks go out to you on behalf of ourselves and other childless couples we know for writing the column to bring things out in the open.

"It is almost like a fear of the dark. If you turn the lights on you realize there is nothing to be afraid of. After reading the column we came to realize that we have a trial in our lives that is different but no less real than any other person's trials.

"We had lost sight of the purpose we were on this earth, which is to grow in holy righteous character. We had to try and be happy in whatever state God put us in. This did not mean that we were instantly transformed to never get down over our trial, but rather it gave us the proper perspective in life.

"Even once my wife had a confirmed pregnancy, [but] it did not mean our learning opportunities (trials can have such a negative connotation) were finished. There were problems with the pregnancy.

"On the way to the Feast my wife had a threatened miscarriage, which God healed instantly after she was anointed. At eight months she experienced a very uncomfortable rash over most of her body, which was supposed to continue until after delivery, but again was healed instantly!

"The most recent and definitely the most moving was at the time of delivery. After a very long labor there were indications on the fetal monitor that the fetus was not in a very happy state, in fact it was indicating that its heartbeat was stopping, and when it recovered it was not going much above 40-50 (average should be 120-185).

"When I realized the seriousness of the situation I went to a phone and called our pastor to update him

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## PERSONAL

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Lebanon, or the mountains of Afghanistan, the tropics of Central America, the plains of the Ukraine or the ghettos of our inner cities, and yes, even in the fabric of our own homes — where one out of three are being knocked down by the wrecking ball of human nature — vanity, selfishness and greed are motivating this world and its society.

Years ago one of the great generals of the American military, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, said these words before Congress: "Men since the beginning of time have sought peace. Various methods through the ages have been attempted to devise an international process to prevent or settle disputes between nations. . . . Military . . . balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path. . . by way of the crucible of war.

"The utter destructiveness of war now blots out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door. The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence. . . . It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

Gen. MacArthur touched upon the missing dimension in the solutions to man's problems. Because of that missing spiritual element in education which Gen. MacArthur recognized, Herbert W. Armstrong founded Ambassador College almost 40 years ago. Not on man's higher learning, but on God-revealed knowledge that the great minds of the 20th century have been totally ignorant of.

The difference between the two men, Gen. Douglas MacArthur and Herbert W. Armstrong, was not the vision but the solution, because Mr. Armstrong went a step further and established an academy for world peace, Ambassador College, a West Point training center, training an elite corps — you graduates of 1986 — not for the preparation of war, but for

the perpetuation of world peace as ambassadors of the world tomorrow.

And you graduates received the spiritual education that contains the answers to man's problems, the solutions to all of man's woes, his suffering, his heartache and pains. Yes, answers that mankind has failed to find in 6,000 years of human experience.

And now I say to you parents who are sitting here today, viewing the successful achievements of your son or your daughter, that every day of their college career your sons and your daughters have walked under the inscription of Ambassador Hall: "The Word of God is the foundation of knowledge," which I commissioned to be inscribed over one of the doorways of the Big Sandy campus.

At Ambassador we are in the process of recapturing true values. I said process, because it is a lifelong endeavor. Here at Ambassador College you have been given the basics, a foundation for future development, growth and expansion. This is not the end of your educational career. It is another beginning.

However, I would like to inject a word of caution here today. Knowledge is of no use unless it is put into action, into practice in your everyday lives, living up to all of the facets of your training. Therefore Ambassador College graduates of 1986, you are to be an asset to your God, to His Church, His Family and to your employer and your country.

And this requires a doer, a self-starter, a go-getter, one who sees a job and does it before he is told to do it. This is what God is looking for in you young Ambassador graduates as you continue your education.

So our goal as ambassadors for the world tomorrow, is as the apostle Peter stated 1,950 years ago, to honor all men, to love the brotherhood, to fear God, honor the king — to perform our duties once we recognize them, once we observe a job to be done. The Bible is a manual, or a blueprint, a lay-out of how to achieve world peace, genuine success and true happi-

ness in this life, if we heed and accept the advice that God has given to us.

Unfortunately, today's world and its educational system have bogged down in the quicksand and the mire of status seeking — all predicated on get, not the way of give. It is predicated on materialism, self and the passing enjoyment of the five senses. Today we see the tragedy of such a way all around us. The evidence is indisputable. Again, I say, we need to look, to observe and to behold.

For you graduates the best is yet to come, because today you stand on the threshold of the greatest opportunity in your life. You need to use this day now as a springboard to tackle the challenges that yet lie ahead. Over a century ago Abraham Lincoln stated, "I will study to show myself approved, so that if an opportunity ever presents itself I will be ready." We need to follow the same procedure.

Class of '86, now is the time as the baton of opportunity is passed to you and your classmates. You are now no longer spectators, ones who only observe, but full participants in life. A participant is one who gets involved, who is actively doing something. So it's up to you what you do with it. Over 20 years ago when I entered Ambassador College, little did I realize what God had in store for me.

So I say to you graduates of 1986, never limit God, never limit what He can do in and through you. Because with God the impossible becomes possible, the difficult is made easy, the unbelievable becomes believable. With God all things are possible.

And as the apostle Paul said in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ [who] strengthens me." Not of one's own strength. Not of one's own talents. Not of one's own abilities, but through Christ, who will strengthen us, who will see us through a difficult task, a charge that may be given to us. Let Christ do it, and be a willing tool and an instrument in God's hands.

You graduates from Ambassador College, remember never leave it. You may leave these halls, you may leave its premises, but in reality you never leave it. You merely become an extension of it as an ambassador of a way of life. Let's not make any mistakes. If we do let mistakes hinder us, use mistakes as stepping stones to achieve the success that God desires.

So, Class of 1986, I commend you for a job well done. Now continue in like manner. In conclusion I would like to leave you with God's instruction and encouragement, as He encouraged Joshua, who went from being a student of Moses, such as you experienced for either two or four years here,

to the role as the leader of Israel. I quote from Joshua 1:6: "Be strong and of a good courage [so, you graduates of '86, be strong and of good courage]."

This is not the end. Your graduation is an accomplishment that you can be well pleased with, because it prepared you for the real job, the big job ahead. It is truly the beginning of fulfilling your incredible human potential, preparing you to give meaning and hope to a dying world. So let's keep the faith and let's be about our job in spreading it. [Applause]

Brethren, I hope we all realize just how important this subject of education is. God is teaching or educating each of us, His firstfruits, in His way of life. He is training us in the way that results in peace and true, lasting happiness. But we must do our part. We have to really, deeply see, believe and understand how important it is that we learn that way. We have to see the value of it.

Once we see the need, then we have to get to it! We have to put our hearts into that learning process, and we have to put our energies into doing what we learn!

Thank you again for your prayers. The Work is moving forward as God gives the increase. Let's wholeheartedly get behind what He is doing!

With deep love,  
Joseph W. Tkach

## Passover, festival services conducted

# Officials report Holy Day trips

By Jeremy Rapson

**BOREHAMWOOD, England** — Three officials from the British Office traveled to Africa, the Middle East, the Mediterranean and the European continent to conduct services and meet with brethren during and after the Spring Holy Day season.

Evangelist Frank Brown, regional director for the Church in the British Isles, Scandinavia, English-speaking Europe, the Middle East and East and West Africa,

traveled to East Africa.

Paul Suckling, director of Church Administration for the British Office, traveled to Malta, Greece, Cyprus, Jordan, Oman, Egypt and Yugoslavia.

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David Stirk, business manager for East and West Africa and pastor of the Dunstable and Basildon, England, churches, traveled to West Africa.

### Regional director trip

Mr. Brown was accompanied to East Africa by his wife, Sharon. Mr. Brown conducted the Passover for 22 members in Nairobi, Kenya. The group assembled in the home of John Andrews. Mr. Andrews assists Owen Willis, pastor of the churches in Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya; Tororo, Uganda; and Blantyre, Malawi.

The Browns kept the Night to Be Much Observed April 23 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Muli with Mr. Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Clement Obuba and their family. Mr. Obuba is an employee in the Church's Nairobi Office.

The evangelist conducted morning and afternoon services for 91 brethren on the first Holy Day. Friday, April 25, the Browns flew to Nanyuki to conduct Sabbath services in Kibirichia.

Torrential rains cut short the April 26 Sabbath service, but Mr. and Mrs. Brown were able to personally greet each of the 72 members.

"The rain was very welcome [since Kenya is prone to droughts]," Mr. Brown said. "But too much rain can be a curse as many of our members are subsistence farmers and the topsoil tends to get washed away."

The evangelist said members of God's Church in Kenya would appreciate the prayers of members worldwide. The Browns returned to

England April 27.

### Mediterranean trip

Mr. Suckling conducted Passover services for 19 Church members in Malta. This group was joined by five prospective members and 17 children for services on the first Holy Day.

Increased Plain Truth circulation and television coverage of the World Tomorrow program on the Italian station Retequattro has stimulated growth in this island nation.

Mr. Suckling flew to Athens, Greece, to conduct Sabbath services for six members and one prospective member April 26. The group assembled at the home of Michael Moschidis.

In the Greek sector of Cyprus, Mr. Suckling met with two prospective members, a Canadian woman married to a Greek Cypriot and a Lebanese political refugee.

Mr. Suckling conducted services on the last day of Unleavened Bread for Ambassador College students working on the Ambassador Foundation education project in Amman, Jordan.

May 2, Mr. Suckling traveled to Oman to meet with a Church member and three prospective members. He left Oman two days later to visit a member and prospective member in Dubai.

After flying to Cairo, Egypt, May 6, Mr. Suckling spent two days visiting three prospective members: a Coptic Christian, the Finnish wife of an Egyptian and a Filipino man.

Before returning to the British Office, Mr. Suckling flew to Belgrade, Yugoslavia, to meet two individuals who requested ministerial visits.

### Cameroon and Nigeria visit

Mr. Stirk left London, England, April 20 to fly to Douala, Cameroon. From there he traveled to Limbe, Cameroon, in the English-speaking province. (English and French are official languages.) Mr. Stirk was in Cameroon for the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread.

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## Ministerial transfers announced

**PASADENA** — Church Administration released the following ministerial transfers and men hired into the ministry. Transfers are church pastors unless noted.

### Transfers

George Affeldt, Johnston and Huntingdon, Pa.; Rick Beam, Amarillo, Tex.; Wilbur Berg, Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho; Michael Blackwell, Fargo and Grand Forks, N.D.; Thomas Blackwell, Abilene and San Angelo, Tex.

Steven Botha, Manhattan and Westchester, N.Y.; Robert Bragg, Russellville and Mena, Ark.; Keith Brittain, associate pastor, San Francisco and Oakland, Calif.; Allen Bullock, Dallas, Tex., East; James Chapman, Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla.

Thomas Damour, Laurel and Meridian, Miss.; Stanley Deveaux, associate pastor, Long Beach, Calif., A.M. and P.M.; James Duke, associate pastor, Anniston and Gadsden, Ala.; Wayne Dunlap, associate pastor, Sacramento, Calif.; Arthur Dyer, Philadelphia, Pa., and Vineland, N.J.

George Elkins, Columbia, S.C., and Augusta, Ga.; John Elliott, Sioux Falls, Watertown and Yankton, S.D.; John Foster, Harrisburg, Pa.; Roger Foster, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; James Friddle, Reseda, Calif.; William Gordon, Joplin, Mo., and Independence, Kan.

Lyle Greaves, site undetermined in Canada; Ted Herlofson, associate pastor, Denver, Colo., East and West; Leonard Holladay, Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minn.; Greg Johnson, associate pastor, Cleveland, Ohio, East and West; Frederick Kellers, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Charles Knowlton, Harrison and Mountain View, Ark.; Randall Kobernat, Kingsport, Tenn., and Norton, Va.; Paul Kurts, associate pastor, Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Ronald Laughland, Hammond and Michigan City, Ind.; Edwin Marrs, associate pastor, New Orleans, La.

Kenneth Mattson, Moultrie, Ga., and Tallahassee, Fla.; Thomas Melear, Portland and Bangor, Maine; James O'Brien, Parkersburg, Charleston and Logan, W. Va.; Allen Olson, ministerial trainee, Birmingham, Ala.; Vincent Panella, Canton, Ohio.

Gary Pendergraft, Liberal and Scott City, Kan.; Carlos Perkins, Brooklyn, N.Y., North; Gary Petty, associate pastor, Houston West and Victoria, Tex.; Raul Ramos, associate pastor, Miami, Fla.; Phillip Rice, associate pastor, Fresno and Visalia, Calif.

John Ritenbaugh, Glendale, Calif.; Tracey Rogers, Chillicothe and Portsmouth, Ohio; James Rosenthal, Trenton and Middletown, N.J.; Delfino Sandoval, asso-

ciate pastor, Tulsa, Okla., A.M. and P.M.; Randy Schreiber, Reno and Carlin, Nev.

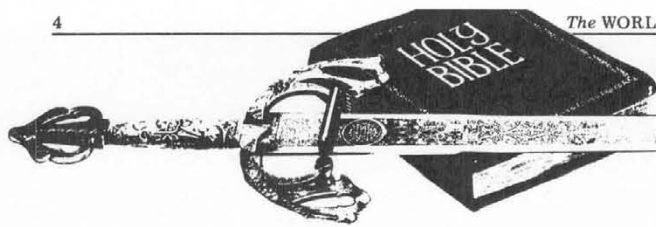
Rex Sexton, associate pastor, Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Kenneth Swisher, Little Rock and Searcy, Ark.; Vincent Szymkowiak, Detroit, Mich., East; David Treybig, Spokane, Wash., and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Hugh Wilson, Fort Collins, Colo., Wheatland, Wyo., and Scottsbluff, Neb.

### New hires

The following men were hired as assistant pastors. Carrol Bryant, Dayton, Ohio, A.M. and P.M.; Gary Demarest, Rochester and Syracuse, N.Y.; Lloyd Garrett, Brooklyn South and Queens, N.Y.; Hasadore Hall, Atlanta North and Rome, Ga.; Donald Henson, Salem and Albany, Ore.

Willard High, Washington D.C., and Front Royal, Va.; Rodger Ludwig, Philadelphia, Pa., and Vineland, N.J.; Ernest Prociw, Wichita, Kan.; Ricky Sherrord, Chattanooga and Murphy, Tenn.; Andrew Silcox, San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex.

James Kissew will serve as an associate pastor of the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches; and Lynn Torrance will be associate pastor of the Longview and Lufkin, Tex., churches. Mr. Kissew and Dr. Torrance serve on the Big Sandy Ambassador College faculty.



# IRON SHARPENS IRON

## Taking God's truth for granted: Do you appreciate your calling?

By Thomas A. Tullis

Several summers ago, I found myself doing something most of us hate to do — cleaning out a desk! It seems desks were made to collect odds and ends we wonder why we saved.

I was with my family visiting my mother in my hometown of Cincinnati, Ohio. At her urging, I waded into the old desk I used years before as a child.

I found childhood memorabilia that I had not seen in years. One find was of special interest, because it brought back fond memories of a hobby my father and I enjoyed: coin collecting.

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The find was an old, yellowed newspaper clipping. I cut it out years before, since it was about an unusual coin, a 1913 Liberty Head nickel.



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

The title of the article was "Nickel Worth \$25,000 Goes on Display Here." As I read the clipping, I remembered vividly the time my father and I visited the coin show where this nickel was on display. I recalled talking to the owner of the coin, a short, stocky man who seemed to enjoy all the attention his coin brought.

As I read the article, a particular comment struck me about the attitude of the owner of this rare coin. A coin dealer and friend of the owner was quoted as saying: "He's quite a guy. He has shown that coin around so much, it's become commonplace with him."

You might wonder how someone could come to view something so rare and valuable as commonplace, and yet all of us in many ways do just that.

### What about our calling?

We have a saying: "Familiarity breeds contempt." It seems the longer we are associated with a company, job, technological advancement, person or whatever, the easier it is to take these things for granted and not appreciate them as we should.

We can even do this with spiritual truths, as illustrated in Matthew 22:1-14.

This parable is about a wedding feast. Those who were invited first made various excuses not to come. Finally, the king instructed his servants to call others, both "bad and good" (verse 10), so the wedding hall would be filled with guests.

The king noticed one man who was improperly dressed, and who could offer no explanation when

confronted. This man was then cast "into outer darkness" (verse 13), and the story closes with the warning of verse 14: "For many are called, but few are chosen."

One lesson from this parable is that of taking our calling for granted, just like the wedding guest who was cast out. It is obvious from the story that he was complacent about his calling to the wedding, and did not properly prepare. Our adversary, Satan, would love for us to treat God's calling superficially, and not to appreciate it as we should. How can we prevent this?

### Developing appreciation

To begin, we should realize how personal God's calling is. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him" (John 6:44). God Himself does the calling. God the Father wants to develop a close relationship with us. Should we not delight in this opportunity to get close to God?

In 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Paul tells us that "not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called," but that God is choosing "the weak."

How wonderful it is that God is willing to deal mostly with average, ordinary, unexceptional people. On occasion, God calls those who are above average, but this is the exception. God does this so we can glory in His calling, willingly yield ourselves to Him and grow and overcome, looking to Him and not to ourselves.

How different this is from the way man thinks. Appointees to positions or jobs are selected on their qualifications. In the United States, it is normal for a newly elected President to select a new Presidential Cabinet, and those chosen are picked because of their qualifications and training, as well as political considerations.

God, on the other hand, chooses us first, and then provides the training so we can qualify to receive a spiritual responsibility as part of the gift of our salvation.

### Through God's mercy

Notice another aspect of how God calls us. In II Timothy 1:9, Paul tells us that God calls us "not according to our works." How comforting it is that a merciful God does not hold our past mistakes in mind as He chooses to deal with us. How many of us would God call if He called us according to our works? Few, if any!

I Peter 2:25 gives us another benefit of God's calling: "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and

Bishop of your souls." As verse 21 brings out, this return comes through God's calling.

Few animals are as helpless and vulnerable as sheep — especially sheep cut off from their shepherd. Spiritually speaking, humans are much the same without God. Satan is even likened to a roaring lion who is on the prowl seeking victims (I Peter 5:8). God's calling provides protection and safety through Jesus Christ the chief Shepherd.

Galatians 5:13 gives us another benefit of God's calling in which we can rejoice. Paul wrote, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto

liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."

Before God called us, we were "servants [or slaves] of sin." (Romans 6:17). The Bible pictures this situation as spiritual bondage, with Satan the devil as an evil taskmaster. Worries, fears and frustrations, in addition to sins, keep many people under servitude and slavery.

God's calling, however, provides us with liberty and the freedom to live an abundant life. God's law is a "law of liberty" (James 2:12), and through God's mercy and calling we can achieve true freedom from sin.

### A high calling

In II Peter 1:3-4, we learn that through the calling of God "exceeding great and precious promises" are made available to us. God's Word is filled with these promises, and God Himself stands back of every one of

them. Included in these promises are such benefits as protection, salvation, forgiveness, mercy, help and encouragement, strength and prosperity. All of these can be ours if we respond to God's calling and yield ourselves to Him.

It is easy to see why Philippians 3:14 talks about a "high" calling. To be one of those with whom God is dealing is a great privilege.

In light of all of these points, let's not be like the rare coin owner who took his asset for granted. God's calling is much more precious.

As you appreciate what God is doing in your life, remember Peter's advice in II Peter 1:10-11: "Brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

## Being accepted may carry a price

# What if you're called 'different'?

By Karla Lyon

When I was 6, I knew what it took to make it in life. I realized that all successful people had three things. They had a pogo stick, a Snoopy lunch box and a 64-pack of crayons with a built-in sharpener. All the cool first graders had them, and all I needed was to have them, too.

*Karla Lyon, a native of Grand Junction, Colo., graduated from Pasadena Ambassador College May 23. This article is adopted from a speech Miss Lyon gave during the college's spring speech banquet.*

Mom just didn't understand. She didn't see any reason why I needed 64 crayons, when we had an old eight-pack of my sister's that would work just fine.

When it came time to color, the girl next to me pulled out her 64-pack with the built-in sharpener and said: "I'm going to color my house periwinkle blue. What about you?"

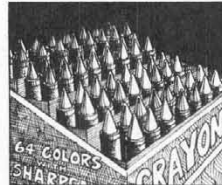
Embarrassed, I pulled out my crayons. My orange was broken, my red was almost gone and I didn't even have a blue. I remember how embarrassing it was to be different.

When I was 12, I realized how silly I had been at age 6. From my aged position, I realized that the answers to life didn't lie in lunch boxes or crayons. After all, everyone knew that happiness was found in going steady, John Travolta and Friday night football games.

Everyone, that is, except my mom. She said it wasn't right to go

steady at age 12, and that going to Friday night games was breaking the Sabbath. And would you believe she didn't even know who John Travolta was? She tried to tell me that those things weren't really important, anyway. I knew she was wrong.

Just look at my friend Laura. She had all 18 John Travolta posters, almost as many boyfriends and she went to all the games. Look how



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

successful she was. She was the most popular girl in school. If I could just have these three things, I'd be happy. That's all I needed.

Think back to grade school. Wasn't there something you *had* to have, or *had* to do, in order to be one of the "in" group? A few years later, wasn't it something completely different? You see, it wasn't the *things* that really mattered. What mattered was fitting in — feeling like you belonged.

In high school it became a much more serious situation. No longer was it just crayons and posters. Being "in" now meant going to parties, drinking, taking drugs or getting involved in sex. We all knew it was wrong to go along with these things, but to go against the crowd isn't an easy thing to do.

You see, there's a stigma attached to being different. Someone who is different is destined to life with few friends, and a lot of persecution.

I'm sure we can all remember the "different kid." I remember when I was in second grade. I had a boy in my classes named Richard. Richard was different. He sat by himself in the back of the class, scribbled on his desk and he ate his crayons! It wasn't even cool to be seen with Richard.

I went to school with Richard for years. He turned out to be a pretty decent guy. But every time I saw

him, I thought, There's Richard, the weird guy who ate crayons in second grade. Once you've been labeled different, that image usually sticks.

Those of us who grew up in the Church had to fight this problem more than most. Face it, it was not cool to be religious in school. It's hard to hide the fact that you're different when you belong to God's Church.

Not that most of us didn't try. We could make up excuses for not going to Friday night activities for a long time. We could even make some of the differences sound good.

Take the Feast. You could tell your friends: "I'm going to Hawaii for two weeks. I think I'll hit the beach. Do a little surfing, take it easy. Have fun here with your homework!" But that eventually fails, too. Have you ever tried to explain Atonement to someone and make it sound like a good time?

No, sooner or later, people discovered you were different. The pressure that put on us wasn't easy. For some it was too much. Surely all of us have had friends who have succumbed to the pressures to conform with the ways of this world.

The pressure to conform didn't end with high school, and our parents aren't here to make decisions for us. We're going to face it all of our lives — whether it be the pressure of following today's fads, to get ahead in the business world or to work on the Sabbath. Many times, things on the outside are going to look better than things on the inside.

Think back to the things that used to be important to you years ago. Do they matter any more? Well, a few years from now, or on into the Millennium, we're going to look back at the pressures we face now and say, "Why was that ever important to me?"

Being part of the accepted crowd may seem wonderful at the time, but it carries with it a price — a price we may pay for the rest of our lives.

On the other hand, the embarrassment of being different is short-lived. The benefits of fighting the crowd can last forever. Besides, we've got God on our side to help us fight. And *that* is really all we need.

## Milestones in Church's work

**June, 1931** — Herbert W. Armstrong is ordained to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

**June 15, 1951** — The first graduation takes place at Ambassador College; two students receive degrees.

**June 3, 1963** — Joseph W. Tkach is ordained a local elder.

**June 7, 1967** — *The World Tomorrow* is first aired from Jerusalem.

**June 13, 1981** — At Sabbath services in the Ambassador Auditorium, Mr. Tkach presents Mr. Armstrong with a plaque commemorating 50 years in Christ's ministry.

**June 23 to July 5, 1985** — Mr. Armstrong participates in the 40th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations charter in San Francisco, Calif. (He attended the original conference.) Mr. Armstrong takes part in the 20th anniversary of the Des Moines, Iowa, congregation.

# Music, fellowship, chili attract 1,500 brethren to family activity

By Mark Flynn

PASADENA — From pony rides to petting llamas, from country and western music to Yiddish dixieland, Family Day, U.S.A., May 18, offered a variety of entertainment and activities for more than 1,500 brethren who gathered on the Imperial Schools grounds.

*Mark Flynn is a member who attends the Glendale, Calif., church.*

Glendale, Reseda and Los Angeles, Calif., churches were hosts for the occasion, an annual event for the Southern California churches.

What began three years ago as an invitational chili cook-off has grown into a pageant of ethnic, historical and international costumes and entertainment.

Joining in the festivities was Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, who assisted in presenting several awards and expressed enthusiasm for the spirit of unity that bonds brethren of such cultural diversity.

"Family Day, U.S.A., pictured the unity that characterizes the Church, with members from different backgrounds, ethnic origins and walks of life."

This year's cook-off, which Mr. Tkach helped judge, included entries from churches as far away as El Paso, Tex., and Las Cruces, N.M.

### Winners

Daniel Rojas of the Santa Barbara, Calif., church earned first-place honors with his chili entry. Winning the Youth Opportunities United (YOU) cook-off was Andrew Castle of the Los Angeles church. Walter Teper of Glendale won in the chili-tasting category for correctly guessing the judges' decisions.

Bake-off awards went to Sue Coimbra of Reseda in the pies category, Elsie Wolfe of the Long Beach, Calif., P.M., church for cakes, and Dan Fletcher of Reseda took first place for cake decorating.

Along with Mr. Tkach, judges included Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; Aaron Dean and Joseph Locke, personal assistants to Mr. Tkach; Mordakhai Joseph, an Auditorium P.M. local church elder; Michael Snyder, international

news editor for *The Worldwide News*, and his wife, Cynthia; and Harry Snieder, director of executive fitness.

YOU entries were judged by Mark McCulley, Festival planning coordinator; Andrew Burdette, Youth Educational Services (YES) assistant managing editor; Ed Graham, Imperial A.M. member; Sheila Graham, senior editor of *The Worldwide News*; and Michael Bennett, managing editor of *Youth 36*.

Other contest winners included: jumprope — Sophia Francis with 424 consecutive skips; root-beer drinking (from baby bottles) — Julio and Felix Monterrosa; balloon toss — Julio and Felix Monterrosa (about 30 yards); log sawing (using a two-man saw to cut an eight-inch log) — Marvin Wegner and Dennis Sexton, 16.99 seconds; guessing the number of chili beans in a jar — Joe Baird.

Winning the grand prize of the day (a family trip to the Disneyland amusement park) was 10-year-old Steven McNally of Reseda. Steven selected the best name for the Family Day mascot — Regal Eagle.

Setting the theme for the day's activities was the performance of the song "Family Day, U.S.A." during the opening ceremonies. The song, which celebrates family unity through God's law, was composed for the occasion by Attila Galamb, a member who attends the Glendale church.

### International unity accented

Entertainment alternated throughout the day between the main stage and a turn-of-the-century gazebo constructed by Reseda Church members.

Performances included samplings from Russian folk songs, country and western music, Scottish songs and dances, Hawaiian and Polynesian music and dancing, a barbershop quartet, John Phillip Sousa marches, Klezmer (Yiddish dixieland) music, a children's preschool choir and Latin American music.

Adding to the diversity of entertainment was Hebrew dancing to "Hava Nagila," clogging, a formal dance routine in the gazebo by

Church youths and Ambassador College students, and Mexican folklorico dancing. Denver Rhodes of Glendale was master of ceremonies throughout the day.

Other carnival-like activities included bobbing for apples, game booths, an animal petting zoo and photo booths. At the general store, members sold plants and crafts.

Performers, many in Victorian era costumes, formed a parade around the Imperial grounds at noon. Joining the procession were five people dressed as Kernel Korn, Chili Beanie, Tomato, Jalapeno Pepper and the newly dubbed Regal Eagle — all of them children pleasers. Minihayrides were offered in campus maintenance carts.

For the finale, children gathered on stage to sing "It's a Small World," accompanied by the Unity Band.

The song, Mr. Tkach commented, served as a fitting conclusion to the seven-hour event that flourished because of cooperation and unity. "It is this united spirit," he added, "that characterizes God's children worldwide from all racial and ethnic backgrounds."



**FAMILY DAY FUN** — (Clockwise from top) Regal Eagle, the Family Day, U.S.A., mascot, looks on as Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets children; Glendale girls Stephanie Coultas (left) and Julia Laughland dance the Highland Fling; log-sawing winners Dennis Sexton (left) and Marvin Wegner in action; Melissa Stump stands guard over her pot of chili. [Photos by Sheila Graham and Thomas C. Hanson]



## Cullera, Spain, named Feast site for 7th year

PASADENA — For the seventh consecutive year the Feast will be kept in Cullera, Spain, where services will be in Spanish, with no translations, according to the Spanish Department.

Cullera, south of Valencia, Spain's third largest city, is nestled on the slopes of Monte de Oro, an isolated promontory about 700 feet above sea level.

An ancient city where you can see the remains of a 4th century B.C. Iberian town, Cullera was frequented by Phoenician, Greek and Roman merchant ships. An Arabic castle overlooks the town, witness to five centuries (A.D. 740-1240) of Moorish occupation.

The scenery around Cullera includes the majestic, meandering Jucar River, lakes Estany and San Lorenzo, the pinewoods of Santa Marta (a popular camping area) and the ubiquitous orange groves. There are many sight-seeing, recreational and educational activities to enjoy in the Cullera and Valencia area.

About 18 brethren from Spain and seven from Portugal will attend

this site with their families. The brethren in Portugal and Spain have diverse backgrounds and represent other countries including Angola, India, Denmark, Belgium, Iran, Venezuela and Uruguay.

Space is available for 50 transfers. Maximum attendance will be about 125, which lends a family-like atmosphere to the Festival. Brethren who speak Portuguese are also encouraged to transfer to this site.

Convenient flights from New York, N.Y., Los Angeles, Calif., and Miami, Fla., to Valencia (transferring in Madrid, Spain) are available.

The secluded, modern four-star Hotel Sicania, which fronts the Mediterranean, will again house transfers. Rates are 3,600 pesetas (about \$22) a day for lodging and meals for anyone more than 5 years old.

Please send your request for further information and a transfer application to: Spanish Department, Spain Transfer Application, 300 W. Green St., Pasadena, Calif., 91129.



# Class of '86: The b

## Big Sandy

COMMENCEMENT 1986 — Family, friends and students deliver his first commencement addresses as chancelor Pasadena Ambassador College May 23. [Photo cover Robinson, Ken Tate and Warren Watson]



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# Class of '86: The best is yet to come

Big Sandy

COMMENCEMENT 1986 — Family, friends and students gather to hear Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach deliver his first commencement addresses as chancellor at Big Sandy Ambassador College May 21 and at Pasadena Ambassador College May 23. [Photo coverage by Nathan Faulkner, Hal Finch, Scott Moss, Tim Robinson, Ken Tate and Warren Watson]

Pasadena





# ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



**CLUB BANQUET** — Monte Wolverton (left), art director of *The Plain Truth* in Pasadena, who attended a Portland, Ore., Spokesman Club banquet April 26, is asked to define the word *flocinaucinihilipilification* by Nelson Haas (right), Portland West pastor, and deacon Steven Vink. (Photo by Woody Corsi)

## Churches put on activities

**BACOLOD, Philippines.** Brethren attended a beach outing April 27 at Balolan, a resort of coconut trees, sand, sea and sun in Manapla, Philippines.

The group of 87 played volleyball, chess, badminton and word games. Other activities were swimming, sunbathing, building sand castles and singing.

At noon the group ate a potluck of rice, roast beef, chicken, fish, unleavened cookies, native dishes and beverages.

After lunch games resumed, and some participated in sing-alongs, rope climbing, skipping rope and a tug-of-war. Petronilo Leyson, church pastor, coordinated the activity.

After Sabbath services and a potluck April 26 **RENO, Nev.**, brethren gathered at O'Brien Middle School for an evening of activities.

Children participated in a ball-throwing contest, pin the tail on the donkey and fishing for gifts. Adults cheered the children and played board games.

A talent show, which included a vocal duet, piano solos, a drum solo, clogging and a 5-year-old's vocal solo, took place. The evening ended with a balloon stomp.

After Sabbath services March 15 **CARDIFF, Wales**, brethren ate a traditional Welsh meal prepared by the women.

Colin Dent was master of ceremonies for entertainment performed by members and children, including piano and vocal numbers and an ancient Welsh folk tale ex-

## Singles perform in two shows

The debut of a **TORONTO, Ont.**, singles outreach program took place April 6 in the Ontario Federation of Labor auditorium in Toronto. Seventy-five singles presented two shows to audiences of Church members and relatives.

The show, titled "Those Were the Days," featured news items, songs, dances and comedy from the '20s, '30s and '40s in front of a backdrop, painted by Patricia Stephens, of the Toronto Palais Royale Dance Hall and Vaudeville Theatre.

Choreographers for the show were Jill Lee and Amelia Ocampo. Stage managers were Al Kosteniuk and Tom Matthews. The singles plan to take the show to nursing homes and senior citizens' residences.

pressed in story and song.

Later the group participated in family games organized by Terry Fitzgerald. Jaine De Sarzec and Eric Wood handled food and beverage arrangements.

*Solomon Bayani Jr., Naomi Yutzy and Tony De Sarzec.*

## First Passover in Freeport

Services on the Passover and the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 22 and 24, were conducted for the first time in **FREEPORT, Bahamas**. Twenty-four took the Passover, administered by Kingsley

## YES children run track, present play

A **CHARLESTON, S.C.**, church picnic and Youth Educational Services (YES) track and field day took place April 13 at Givhans State Park.

Teams were divided into age categories. First place winners were: balloon toss — Becky Frye and Lovie Elliott, Adrian Salley and Scarlet Smith, Mikell Frye and Allan Brinson, and T.J. Jackson and Kelvin Frazier; wheelbarrow — Sonnie Elliott and Livia Persky, Johnathan Cain and Brian Salley, and Leander Landrum and Israel Wright; race — Lovie Elliott, Johnathan Cain, Bradley Persky and Kelvin Frazier; and softball toss — Israel Wright.

Activities concluded with a YES softball game.

Sixty-five **KANSAS CITY, Mo.**, EAST YES children performed a Passover play after Sabbath services, April 19.

The one-hour event depicted the story of the first Passover and the miracles surrounding it. The children enacted the series of events from the plagues in Egypt to Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea. A chorus sang "There Is a Plan, Hear Israel (Sh'ma Yisrael)," "Little Moses" and "Hava Nagila (This Night Is for Rejoicing)."

The event was organized by Paul Hays. Others assisting were Loretta Ross, director; Linda Hays, stage and scenery; Donna Reading, costumes; Irvin Kresse, sound; David Reading, sound effects; and Ralph Pierson, chorus director.

*K.D. Jackson and David Reading.*

## Spokesman Clubs conduct banquets

A **BUFFALO, N.Y.**, SOUTH Wednesday Night Spokesman Club ladies night took place in the Camp Road Holiday Inn banquet room April 5. Seventy attended.

A meal of steak, chicken or turkey was served, and John Ewen conducted tabletoasts.

After the meal toastmaster Jack Whalen introduced speakers Marty Turkiewicz, Hank Guillmain, Larry Kelly, Ron Ongley and Rich Vanorder. Evaluators were Harold Hazen, Bill Lippold, Alex Ariemma, Warren Rissenger and Rick Work.

Mr. Kelly received the award for the Most Improved Speaker; Mr. Vanorder gave the Most Effective Speech; and Mr. Work gave the Most Helpful Evaluation.

More than 400 attended the **PORTLAND, Ore.**, Spokesman Club graduation banquet April 26 at the Jantzen Beach Red Lion. Those attending represented the area's five clubs.

Bryan Hoyt, pastor of the Portland East and Hood River, Ore., churches, was master of ceremonies for the evening.

During cocktails and dinner, pianists Doug McKern, Earl Minor, Nancy Vink, Sandy Smith and Glen Sheppard provided live music. Richard Schumann and Jim Steele sang "Never Say No." and the Port-

land West men's ensemble performed "I Love to Laugh."

Speakers for the evening were Ray Wasner, Duane Wubben, Harvey Werner, Mike Russum and Larry Noe, president of the Hood River club.

Nelson Haas, pastor of the Portland West church, selected five men to give an impromptu definition of the word *flocinaucinihilipilification*. One of the men selected was Monte Wolverton, art director for *The Plain Truth*, who was visiting. The word, according to Mr. Haas,

means "something that is worthless."

Graduation certificates went to Jim Davis, Bob Kennedy Sr., Ted Porth, John Rassdale and Mr. Werner of Portland West; Carl Childs, Paul Pederson, Mr. Russum, Les Schlosser, Franklin E. Smith and Thomas F. Stone of Portland South; Wayne Rogers of Vancouver, Wash.; and Ron DeWilde and Mr. Noe of Hood River.

*Joanne M. Koenig and Woody Corsi.*

## Dinners, dances take place

**WAUKESHA, MILWAUKEE, WEST BEND and KENOSHA, Wis.**, brethren combined April 27 for a spring formal-semiformal dinner and dance at the Red Carpet Hotel. "The Big Band Era" was the theme for the evening.

Four hundred seventy-two brethren ate steak or chicken dinners and danced to the music of Bill Sargent's Big Band. Dance cards encouraged singles to dance with several people.

About 150 **BOISE, Idaho**, brethren attended a formal dinner and dance at a ballroom in the Owyhee Plaza April 26.

A banquet featured a choice of broiled top sirloin or Pacific Coast salmon, with an Alaska crepe for dessert. Floral centerpieces arranged by Sarah Jorgensen decorated each table.

The Gib Hochstrasser Quintet provided dance music. The evening was organized by deacons Brooks Tish and Fred Whitlark.

Brethren from the **KETTLE FALLS, Wash.**, and **CASTLEGAR, B.C.**, churches met April 26 for combined Sabbath services and a formal dinner and dance.

After services a buffet of roast beef, salads and vegetables was served.

Dance music was provided by an area three-piece band. Door prizes

were awarded during the evening.

Two hundred eighty-four **DAYTON, Ohio**, brethren and guests attended the fourth annual spring dinner and dance April 26.

A four-course dinner featured prime rib and was accompanied by live music.

Ray Meyer, church pastor, and Michael Blackwell, associate pastor, presented a 25-year plaque to Nancy Grosella and 30-year certificates to Bill Logan and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Swihart.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Dayton men's chorus, Carolyn Ripp, Steve Wyke and Dick Byrum. The Ron Meyer Band performed a variety of music for dancing. Jean Dawson served as master of ceremonies for the evening's activities.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.**, brethren attended their annual spring formal dance April 27 at the Dulles Marriott Hotel.

The group ate a buffet meal and danced to live music. Entertainment included performances by Richard and John Frankel, sons of Richard Frankel, pastor of the Front Royal, Va., and Washington churches; a quartet, Bill Tisdale, John Fitchett, Jerome Holloman and Tino Moten; a duet, Pat and Vickie Quick; and Fred and Doris Lyles.

More than 300 **FLINT and LANSING, Mich.**, brethren attended their annual spring dinner and dance April 26 at Baker College in Owosso, Mich.

The Lansing Band provided dance music. Mike Joseph coordinated a two-part talent show. Hosts were Bion Baker of the Lansing church and Mike Rose of the Flint church. Selections included comedy skits, a trumpet solo, a women's barbershop quartet, a poetry recitation and vocal numbers.

"Spring Lace" was the theme of the **DETROIT, Mich.**, EAST annual spring ball April 27 at the Imperial House in Fraser, Mich. One hundred sixty-three brethren from the Detroit East and West and Ann Arbor, Mich., and Windsor, Ont., churches attended.

Tables featured handmade flowers in lace arrangements created by the Detroit East women's craft club. They were later awarded as prizes in a get-acquainted contest. Door prizes were also awarded.

Church photographer Elbert McDonald took pictures for the church photo album.

More than 200 **NEW ORLEANS, La.**, brethren attended a semiformal dinner and dance March 22 at the Chateau Country Club in Kenner, La.

The meal was catered, and dance music was provided by the area church band. During an intermission in the dance, skits mimicking business advertisements were presented.

*Cathy Folker, Susan J. Whitlark, Jennifer Wassink, Gene Fox, Dorothy Johnson, Joann Whitehead, Leroy J. Pletten and Maurice Ledet.*

Mather, pastor of the Freeport and Nassau, Bahamas, churches.

On the first Holy Day the Freeport chorale, under the direction of Basil Lord, made its debut by providing special music for morning and afternoon services.

In previous years brethren traveled to Nassau to observe the Spring Festival. This year William Pearson, a local church elder in the Miami, Fla., church, conducted services in Nassau on the Passover and the first Holy Day. *Cynthia Lindsay-Hall.*

## Youths assemble for events

Eighteen **MACOMB, Ill.**, Church youths attended a trapshoot and gun safety outing April 6. Their hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Kerr.

After instructions in gun safety the group practiced with a BB gun, an air rifle, a .22 rifle and a 20-gauge shotgun.

High scorers for the day were Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Macomb and Peoria, Ill., churches, Cory Hart, Gina Parrick, Missy Hahn and Shirley Scheuermann.

The activity ended with refreshments at the Kerr farm.

Thirty Church youths from **PARIS and LILLE, France**, and **BRUSSELS, Belgium**, combined for an activity weekend April 4 to 6.

The group visited Walibi amusement park near Brussels. On the Sabbath, April 5, the group attended services in Brussels, participated in a Bible bowl and ate dinner at the home of Roland Verlegh, a local church elder, and his wife, Christiana.

Sunday activities included a tour of Brussels conducted by Marco Wanjon and Pierrann Grieve. The group visited the Royal Palace, the Justice Palace, the Grand Place, the

Atomium (constructed for the 1956 World's Fair) and the Lion of Waterloo (commemorating the defeat of Napoleon).

The weekend ended with dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rees Ellis. Thirty-six **GOLD COAST, Australia**, Church youths and family members took a 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) hike to Mt. Cougall April 6.

The group ate lunch on the way down and learned trail cooking.

More than 50 **SAN PEDRO, Philippines**, brethren participated in an eight-kilometer (five miles) morning jog and walk April 27.

The event was organized as a warm-up activity for 20 Church youths who will attend the Philippine Summer Educational Program (SEP), but several families joined the group. Motor vehicles assisted those who could not finish the distance.

The joggers were served fresh and boiled bananas, salad, juice and jackfruit. Afterward Edmond Macaraeg, church pastor, coached the teens in target shooting.

*Mark Scheuermann, Jean J. Carion, David Churchland and Virgilio Alvaran.*

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# Pasadena

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 "As [English author] Charles Dickens once wrote in his novel, *A Tale of Two Cities*. 'It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.'

"We live in similar conditions today, in a society that is hell-bent on destruction," he continued.

Referring to "the wrecking ball of human nature," Mr. Tkach said there are three main motivating factors in today's world: vanity, selfishness and greed. He added that the way of get embodies status-seeking, materialism and seeking the passing enjoyment of the five senses.

### 'Academy for world peace'

Quoting an address made to the U.S. Congress by the late Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Mr. Tkach said: "We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system [of government] Armageddon will be at our door."

"Now coming from a man of war, a man of destruction, he says that the problem [preventing world peace] basically is theological, and involves a spiritual . . . renewal or improvement of human nature and human character," the chancellor said.

"He goes on to say that 'It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.'"

Pointing out that Gen. MacArthur touched upon the solution to world troubles, Mr. Tkach said that the major difference between Gen. MacArthur and the late Herbert W. Armstrong was that Mr. Armstrong "went a step further and established an academy for world peace, Ambassador College . . .

### 'The best is yet to come'

"And you graduates received the spiritual education that contains the answers to man's problems," the chancellor said. "For you graduates, the best is yet to come, because today you stand on the threshold of the greatest opportunity in your life. You need to use this day now as a springboard to tackle the challenges that yet lie ahead."

After closing his address by quoting Joshua 1:6-8, Mr. Tkach was joined by Mr. McNair, Gregory Al-

brecht, Pasadena dean of students; and Mary Hegvold, professor of home economics; for the conferring of associate and bachelors degrees. Mr. Tkach distributed diplomas to graduates.

### 36th graduating class

Following are the 1986 graduates of Pasadena Ambassador College:

#### Bachelor of Arts

**With highest distinction** (cumulative grade point average [GPA] of at least 3.80): Michael Anthony Belloni, James Drew Efimov, Karla Jean Lyon, Gilbert Quinton Norman, Robert Mark Rodzaj, Kathleen Annette Roys, Gunther Sio Qui Sing Niam Shia and David Stephen Strong.

**With high distinction** (cumulative GPA of at least 3.50): Heather Lynn Aikins, Charles Bennett Allen, John Edward Bearse, Kenneth Michael Bellamy, Arthur Verne Braidic, Kathy Ann Burch, John Evangelos Chalaris, Bruce Thomas Dague, Cara Lynne Edwards, Kerry Lynn Flaman, Edith Ann Herrmann, Larry Darrell Holm.

Susan Edith Mary Kipfer, Robert James Larson, Linda Ruth Lee, Susan Leslie McDonald, Robert Wayne Meade, Steven Curtis Myers, Kathryn June Newell, Raymond Leonard Rex, William Robert Riemen, Lisa M. Steenport, Kenneth F. Tate, George Kermit Townsend Jr., Donald Ray Turgeon, Wanda Kay Waller and Deborah Kay Wright.

**With distinction** (cumulative GPA of at least 3.20): Steven Arnold Bearman, Mary Annette Clark, Kimberly Lorene Cox, Kirby Wallace Farnan, William Frederick Flaman, Rachel Marie Gentry, Paul Shannon Hadley, Lawrence Wayne Johnson, Merry Noel Knowlton, Grant George Ledingham, William H. Linge, Harvey Neil Matkin, Steven Arthur McAfee.

Phillip Daniel McCollum, Randall Duane McGowen, David Erwin McMahan, Jonathan Alan Middleton, Kimberly Annette Mosley, William Edward Palmer, Melodie Lynn Powell, Neil Andrew Reynoudt, Geoffrey Michael Robertson, Sophia Paula Victor, Wesley Barry Webster, Michael James

Paul Wells and Claire Yourassoff.

Flavia Marcellina Adkins, Jennifer Dawn Atkinson, Barbara Ann Barnett, Susan Louise Benavides, Paul Scott Bennett, David Walter Boyd, Deborah Ann Boyll, Christopher Arthur Brumm, Carl Helen Burbeck, Robin Anne Burns, Lynn Louise Burrows, Donald Gregory Campbell, Sarah Bonita Campbell, Thomas Boyd Carmichael.

Thomas Lewis Clark, Darrell Dougall Clutton, Carlos Humberto Colon, Mayra Colon, Dominic John Damore, Kevin Scott Daugherty, Timothy Martin Davidson, Laura Leah Diaz, Daniel T. Dowd, Marguerite Dubois, Donald Alphonse Duchene Jr., Stephen Charles Durham, Allan Michael Ebeling, Eric George Evans.

Sondra Lynn Fielder, Wanda June Gilbert, Diana Harkins, Monica Jean Harrigan, David Michael Hillman, James D. Holder, Rose Earlese Johnson Huff, Glenda Lee Jackson, William Larry Johnson, Yolande Chango Jones, Rebecca Ruth Kelley, Kevin Harold Kenady, Laura Ruth Kisel.

Eugene Igo Kubik, Christiane Yvette Laramy, Glen Bryant La Ravia, Susanne Louise Lee, Ralph Jay Lucia, Wayne H. Mandel, William Lawrence Mason, Jacqueline E. McCalla, Kristine Lorraine McMorris, John W. McMorris, Cathy Elaine McNeil, Michael Anthony Mitchell, Dean David Newcomb, Connie Alice O'Bryan.

Michael Anthony Okamura, Edward Leland Paradis, Clifford Douglas Parks, Clara Sue Perich, Terence Thomas Piasecny Jr., John Thomas Wayne Christopher Power, Elisabeth Lynette Prevo, Lauro Alberto Roybal, Kelly Diane Seaborn, Valerie Jean Simons, Carmel Rose Smith, Karin Stick, Simon Pierre Suffrin.

Brian Mark Summers, Mary Patricia Tabar, Anita Mary Wilson Tarkington, Thomas Lewis Taylor, Eke Oruada Udeagha, David Gene Vandegriff Jr., Lyn Marie Vernich, Edith Hartman Weaner, Daniel Patrick Weed, Robert West, Perry Heldon White and Ana Maria Djer-naes Zambelli.

#### Associate of Arts

**With highest distinction:** Randall

Clark Gordon and Paul Kim Heisler.

**With high distinction:** David Templeton Armitage Jr., Scot Wyndham Dixon, Joanna Marie Fahey, Matthew Charles Fenchel, Donald Douglas Wentworth Gardner, Andrew Calvin Lee, Christine Maria Novak, Richard Theodore Ritenbaugh and Audrey Unfug.

**With distinction:** Mitzi J. Aho, Pedro Luis Caro, Janine Davies, Jennifer Jeanne Fenchel, Michael Joseph Little, Mary Candace Martin, Diana Beth May, Linda Evelyn Nowak, Rex David Pieper, Benjamin Alexander Pink, Victoria Sue Reed, Audrey Lynn Schmedes, Karen Danette Smith and Daniel Zachariah.

Dawna Lee Borax, Carolyn Louise Brath, Joseph Patrick Campbell III, Laura-Beth Catherwood, Sharie Kay Catherwood, Joseph Lucien Costantino, Teresa Marie Damore, Jules C. Dervaux Jr., John Edward Fentress, Harold G. Flores, Javier Arnoldo A. Flores Briseno, David Gordon Fraser.

Myrna Loy Gardner, Ruth Elaine Grabbe, Liana Irene Graham, William David Halbe, Jill Allison Heine, Douglas Edward Hill, Neil Hunter, Mary Ellen Kulesza, Barbara Anne Lee, Charl-

ton Carlos Lester, Selena Valerie Martin, Abraham Mbaabu Mathiu, Justin Leon Murray.

Anita Anne Peine, Michael Pluikis, Sandra Lee Rex, Michael Richard Ringuette, Carla Marie Rodzaj, Mary Anne Schemm, Elias Sevapsistidis, Aletha Marie Smith, Deborah Leanne Solima, Aubrey Charles Warren, George Daniel Wegh and David Harold West.

#### Associate of Science

**With highest distinction:** Mark Zoilo Tabladillo.

**With high distinction:** Nathania G. Curling.

**With distinction:** Ngubi Marie-Therese, Janet Renee Penney, Denise Diane Warren and Edna Justina Weyman.

Margaret Lucy Benedetti, William M. Bradford, Corrine Lee Braun, Jeanine Marie Broughman, Stacey Mary Cole, Brenda Lynne Colson, Kelli Marie Dax, Philip Curtis Dick, Kathryn Jane Forehand, Rebecca Ann Hendrickson, Donna Michelle Hunter, Aldrin P. Nyasha Mandimika, Shari Jill Palm, Toshia Louise Peters, Thomas Henry Piasecny.

Anthony Stalling, Paul Walter Sternberg, Grace E. Udeagha, Julia Ann Wernli and Roxonne Celeste Wright.

# Trips

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From Cameroon, Mr. Stirk flew to Lagos, Nigeria, where he delivered the sermon at morning Sabbath services April 26 and conducted an afternoon Bible study.

April 28 and 29 Mr. Stirk visited the Church's office in Lagos, where he met Dapo Adebayo, the office manager.

Mr. Stirk conducted services for 254 brethren at the Isolo Community Center in Lagos on the last Holy Day. Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Benin City and Owerri, Nigeria, churches, gave the sermon in morning services, and Mr. Stirk spoke in the afternoon.

Before returning to England, Mr. Stirk stopped in Accra, Ghana,

where he conducted Sabbath services for 227 brethren May 3.

Sabbath afternoon Mr. Stirk toured the Church's farm project with Josef Forson, pastor of the Accra and Kumasi, Ghana, churches.

After returning to London May 4, Mr. Stirk said that Church members living in Cameroon suffer from a lack of fellowship, and poor mail service, which hinders distribution of Church literature.

In Nigeria, Mr. Stirk said, members face economic depression because of the drop in oil prices. This causes a scarcity of food supplies.

Mr. Stirk conveyed good news from Ghana, where plentiful rainfall has led to good harvests and a relative abundance of food.

Throughout the African region "our brethren are shining lights in lands hostile to the true Christian way," Mr. Stirk concluded.

# Major's wild ride

STORY FOR YOUNG READERS  
 By Shirley King Johnson

(Continued from last issue)

Grandmother stepped on the accelerator and the car lunged forward, swerved down the graded embankment and plunged into the creek. A spray of water showered the hood and windshield.

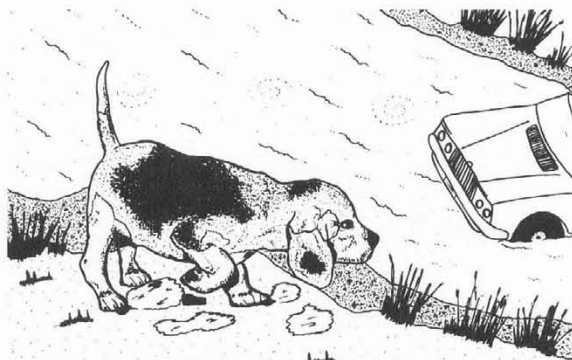
"Dear, oh, dear," Grandmother said, reaching to switch off the motor. "Look where we are now — in the middle of the creek!"

"We're OK," Susie said cheerfully.

"The water's not very deep. We can wade to shore." She unbuckled her seat belt with a click and reached to open the door.

"Don't do that, dearie," Grandmother said, grabbing her arm. "It's not safe. You just stay in the car until your Grandfather comes. He'll wonder why we don't get home after a while and will come scouting for us. Oh dear, I wish I hadn't stepped on the accelerator quite so hard."

"Yes'um." Susie began to roll down the car window. She stuck her head out. "Lookie, Grandmother, the water's only half way up on the wheels. I can wade to the bank and run for



Artwork by Alisa Ferdig

Grandfather to bring the tractor to pull us out."

"Stay put, honey bun. There could be holes in the creek bed that we can't see. You'd step into one and be swept away."

"Then let's tell Major to go," Susie suggested.

Grandmother looked down at the beagle. "That's a good idea. Go back home, Major. Get help! Home, boy, GO HOME!"

"Wait! I'll get the window rolled down," Susie said, winding the window fast. "There you go, Major. Go home!"

Major took a look at the creek below, gave a leap and landed with a splash in the water. It was so shallow he didn't have to swim. He waded to the bank and shook himself. Turning, he gave the car a puzzled backward glance. It stood silently out of place in the shallow water.

"Go, Major, go!" shouted Susie's small voice.

He started up the embankment at a trot and kept up the pace all the way up the road to the corner. Then he picked up the pace for the half-mile run up to Grandfather's farm. When he arrived at the driveway, all breathless and wet, Grandfather stepped out of the row of tomato plants and walked out to meet him.

"What's going on?" he asked the beagle. "Why are you wet? Why aren't you in the car?"

Major turned and started trotting back down the road. He stopped and looked back.

"He wants us to follow him," Jim said. "Then we'll find out."

"It's got me puzzled," Grandfather said as they started down the road behind Major. "Are Susie and your Grandmother in trouble?" He took longer, faster steps and Jim had to trot to keep up.

It seemed a long way to the corner in the warm sun. They reached the turn at last and were almost at the bridge when Grandfather saw the top of his car in the creek bed. He broke into a frantic run. Hurrying down the newly graded embankment, he splashed out to the car.

(To be continued)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS

**AVILA**, Michael and Melody (Mountford), of Perth, Australia, girl, Jessamy Dawn, March 29, 9:15 a.m., 9 pounds 7 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

**BAKER**, Pamela (Daniels), of Detroit, Mich., girl, Carrie Ann, April 2, 2:37 a.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

**BEERS**, Robert and Bonnie (Howard), of Las Vegas, Nev., girl, Rachael DaNae, Feb. 1, 3:53 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**BLAKLEY**, Jeffrey and Darlene (DeGarmo), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Michelle Darlene, April 9, 11:11 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

**BURTON**, Kerby and Ellen (Douglas), of Portsmouth, Ohio, boy, Daniel Tyler, March 28, 4:17 a.m., 10 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

**CANTRELL**, Arthur and Joann (Bugrin), of Pittsburgh, Pa., girl, Colleen Jennifer, March 15, 1:04 p.m., 9 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**CROCKER**, Larry and Donna (Donovan), of Huntsville, Tex., boy, Jason Kenneth, April 21, 7:19 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**CRUZ**, Luisito and Patra (Romero), of Quozon City, Philippines, boy, Patrick David, April 3, 9:40 a.m., 7 pounds, 15 ounces, first child.

**GRIFFIN**, Byron and Cindy (Rusack), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Daniel Cullen, April 7, 11:40 a.m., 8 pounds 6 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**HICKS**, William and Lorna (Brown), of Harrisburg, Pa., boy, William II, April 18, 12:35 a.m., 7 pounds, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**KRIEDEMANN**, Willemore and Elaine (Rotsouw), of Cape Town, South Africa, girl, Dalene, Feb. 16, 5:20 a.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**LEAVER**, Nick and Mary Jo (Wheatcroft), of Pasadena, boy, Grant William, Feb. 12, 3:30 a.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**LIM**, Bob and Betty (Nwab), of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, boy, Benny Sang Lee, April 5, 4:26 a.m., 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**LINCOLN**, W. Conrad and Jeanette (Morgan), of San Diego, Calif., boy, Zane Esport, April 29, 1:53 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

**MARLOW**, Dexter and Ann (Farmer), of Knoxville, Tenn., boy, Jonathan Dwight, April 18, 10:41 p.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 3 boys.

**McMILLIN**, Shawn and Elizabeth (Childers), of Austin, Tex., girl, Amber Dawn, April 24, 11:19 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

**MILLER**, John and JoAnn (Foster), of Salem, Ore., boy, Roger Lee, April 25, 1 p.m., 7 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

**MOHLER**, Ken and Hope (Harkins), of Pasadena, girl, Angela Dawn, April 6, 12:05 a.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**NULL**, Robert and Pamela (Clark), of Poplar Bluff, Mo., girl, La Dona Caroline, April 4, 2:10 p.m., 9 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**O'QUINN**, Russell and Sue (Lamie), of Pasadena, boy, Chad Russell, April 15, 2:10 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

**ORTH**, David and Elaine (DeBord), of San Antonio, Tex., boy, Jeremy James, April 30, 7:34 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

**PLUNKETT**, John and Patricia (Siggers), of Ottawa, Ont., girl, Kathleen, April 25, 4:30 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 4 girls.

**ROBERTS**, Keith and Kathleen (Lovett), of Tunjunga, Calif., girl, Krystal Kay, April 19, 1:45 p.m., 9 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

**ROLLINS**, David and Sue (Buckner), of Fairview, N.C., girl, Elizabeth Rose, April 25, 6:52 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 4 girls.

**RUIZ**, Joe and Maria (Martinez), of Corpus Christi, Tex., boy, Joseph Brian, April 13, 10:09 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

**TAYLOR**, Kevin and Chrissy (Roberts), of Westchester, N.Y., girl, Elizabeth Margaret, April 13, 9:26 p.m., 9 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**TERAND**, Gerard and Rita (Belter), of Pasadena, boy, Dominic Robert, Dec. 13, 1985, 10:14 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 3 boys.

**TREGG**, Michael and Earlene (From), of Ladysmith, Wis., girl, Amanda Jane, March 11, 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 3 girls.

**TRENT**, Ronnie and Tina (Day), of Kingsport, Tenn., boy, Stephen Alexander, April 21, 6:29 a.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

**WATKINS**, Michael and Virginia (Read), of Knoxville, Tenn., girl, Heather Rachael, April 8, 3:07 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**WALLACE**, Hanson and Gloria (Cahoun), of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., boy, Hanson Edward Jr., April 23, 5:46 p.m., 8 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**WOODFIELD**, Vaughn and Lori (Morden), of Seattle, Wash., boy, Vaughn Scott Jr., May 5, 8:04 a.m., 10 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, first child.

**WROZEK**, Terry and Angela (King), of Lansing, Mich., boy, Stanley Parker, April 27, 3:43 p.m., 9 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. John K. Lambert of Cookeville, Tenn., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Doris Ann to Larry Michael Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Clarksville, Tenn. An Aug. 22 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Samson of Huron, Ohio, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lynda Jeanne to Allen Dean Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oleson Olson of Pierre, S.D. An Aug. 24 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Laurena Pike and Barbara Pike of Auckland, New Zealand, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Lynda Jean to Pastor Andrew Turczan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Turczan of North Haledon, N.J. A July 6 wedding in Auckland is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Aukland of Pasadena are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Renee to Robin Watkins, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Watkins. An Aug. 31 wedding is planned.

Hugh D. Carlton, a local church elder in the Ballymena, Northern Ireland, church, and Eleanor McCormick are pleased to announce their engagement. A July 31 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Wright of Gold Coast, Australia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Nurelle Leigh to Richard Burnett Bent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Colin Murray of Gold Coast. An Aug. 31 wedding is planned.

## WEDDINGS



**MR. AND MRS. JOHN CURRY**  
Rosilyn Venwater and John Curry were united in marriage Feb. 23. The ceremony was performed by Robert Morton, regional director for the Church in Australia and Asia. Michelle Venwater, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Robert Kelly was best man. The couple attend the Gold Coast, Australia, church, and both work in the Australian Retail Office.



**MR. AND MRS. GEORGE KELEMEN**  
Elaine A. Jennings of the Baker, Ore., church and George L. Kelemen of the Spokane, Wash., church were united in marriage March 29. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Ray, a minister in the Baker church. The couple reside in Cottonwood, Idaho.



**MR. AND MRS. DAVID LERAEN**  
Annette Berke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Helmut Berke of Plymouth, Wis., and David Leraaen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leraaen of Cascade, Wis., were united in marriage March 15. The wedding was performed by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches. Chris Berke, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dale Dupont was best man. The couple reside in Sheboygan Falls, Wis.



**MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WALTON**  
Jean Marie Knowlen of Billings, Mont., and Kenneth J. Walton of Augusta, Ga., were united in marriage April 6. The ceremony was performed by Carlos Nieto, pastor of the Columbia, S.C., and Augusta churches. Anedia Walton, sister-in-law of the groom, was maid of honor, and George Walton, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Augusta.

Mary Ann Kerby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Kerby of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Lee L. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Canton, Ohio, were united in marriage Aug. 18, 1985. The ceremony was performed by Bob Leaguy, pastor of the Cincinnati North and South churches. Maid of honor was Delores Weisman, and Norman Miller, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Canton, Ohio.



**MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW TURNER**  
Angelica Leon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leon, and Matthew M. Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turner, were united in marriage Sept. 1, 1985, in Pasadena. The ceremony was conducted by Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Tijuana and Mexcala, Mexico, churches. The maid of honor was Nina Chacon, and the best man was Rafael Soto. The couple reside in Las Vegas, Nev.



**MR. AND MRS. DARRYL WHITE**  
Diane Boudreau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Boudreau of Dartmouth, N.S., and Darryl White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon White of Orange Park, Fla., were united in marriage in Jacksonville, Fla., March 29. The ceremony was performed by Allen Bullock, pastor of the Jacksonville, Gainesville and Ocala, Fla., churches. Suzanne Denimore, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Douglas White, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Duluth, Ga.



**MR. AND MRS. DEREK MENDYGRAL**  
Derek P. Mendygral of Wollongong, Australia, and Kerry S. Kelly were united in marriage March 15. Peter Whiting, pastor of the Wollongong and Canberra, Australia, churches, performed the ceremony. Peter Grack was the best man, and Gwyneth Cooper was matron of honor. The couple reside in Wollongong.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Mark, my cherished love: May God keep blessing our hearts, in our life together, with warmth, peace and joy that last forever, just as He has blessed us by bringing us together in love. We have made a promise to each other and God that we will cherish each other through many beautiful days together, and this is one of those days! Happy second anniversary. Thank you for the guidance and strength you give me every day. You'll always be my love. Lena.

Congratulations to Rag and Elizabeth (Kahle) Gates of the Orlando, Fla., church, on your first wedding anniversary, June 15. Our best wishes go with you both. Mr. and Mrs. Billy Kahle, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Congratulations Dad and Mom for spending 25 beautiful years together. We love you, Melanie, Gary and Jeff.

Happy 25th anniversary June 10 to Gerard and Arion DeGeorge. Hope the next 25 years together will be as loving as the first. With all our love, your children, Larry, Phyllis, Lana and Gary.

Surprise! Happy 21st anniversary Mama and Daddy

### Announcement Reminders

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## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

We'd like to let the readers of *The Worldwide News* know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born.



Our coupon babies this issue are Isaac and Aaric Willard, sons of Daryl and Judy Willard of Vancouver, Wash.

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\*Including newborn 6-86

(June 26). Hope you'll have a good one. Bet you didn't even think I'd be this smart. Filled you... again. I love you! Your No. 1 pain, Helen Newby.

Happy seventh anniversary June 9 to Art and Lani Thodes. Thanks for your love and care, for being God's blessing in our lives, for being our Dad and Mom. Your children, Amy, Bunsby, Chuck, Chel and Scotty.



**MR. AND MRS. JASON GORDON**  
To my husband, Jason: I want to thank you for making our marriage so wonderful and happy. God couldn't have given me a man more warm and loving than you. I am proud to be your wife and of all that we've accomplished together. Happy anniversary June 2. I love you, Debby (forever).

Dad and Mom (William and Helen Gordon): Congratulations June 28 on your 40th anniversary. We send our love and many thanks for all that you do for us, and hope one day we can show you the same. Hope your day is full of joy. Love, your kids, Jason and Debby.



**MR. AND MRS. GARTH WHITOME**  
The Tisdale, Sask., church gathered after Sabbath services April 26 to honor Garth and Donna Whitome, deacon and deaconess, on their 25th wedding anniversary. A display of wedding and family pictures was prepared by Dan and Lana, the couple's children. David Sheridan, pastor of the Tisdale and Prince Albert, Sask., churches, gave them a silver

candelabra and anniversary cake on behalf of the congregation.

Happy 40th anniversary June 15 to our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Kabler of Gladewater, Tex. We love and miss you, your children and grandchildren.

Happy 20th anniversary Mom and Dad. We love you both very much. David and Vanessa.

Thank you, Hon, for 20 great and wonderful years. Love you always, Rudy.

To our parents, John and Toni Reina of Stockton, Calif.: Happy 30th wedding anniversary May 18. Congratulations also on more than 17 years in God's Church. With much love, Jerry, Kim, Jaclyn and John.

Happy 28th anniversary to two very special people in my life. Poppa and Mamma Strawn. Thank you for everything. Love you lots, Shirley M. Blythe.

Happy 38th anniversary to Jim and Joan Jameson of Victoria, B.C. We are so proud of your examples of love and commitment. They are a tremendous inspiration to all of us. Love, Jim, Tina, Tim, Elaine, Bill, Rose and grandkids.

Happy fourth anniversary to Evan, an exceptional husband and fine father. Looking forward to even more years together with you. Your loving wife, Kathy.

## Weddings Made of Gold

WICHITA, Kan. — Mr. and Mrs. Ray P. Schellenger celebrated 71 years of marriage April 14. About 35 Wichita brethren surprised them at a luncheon and gave them corsages.



**MR. AND MRS. RAY SCHELLENGER**  
The Schellengers have been Church members more than 25 years. Mr. Schellenger is 97, and Mrs. Schellenger is 93. They live at home, where she does the cooking and he washes the dishes.

## Obituaries

DAYTON, Ohio — Arthur G. Clark, 86, died April 16. He has been a member of God's Church for more than 25 years.

Mr. Clark is survived by a daughter, Nancy Grosella, a member who attends the Dayton A.M. church; another daughter; a son; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted April 19 by Ray Meyer, pastor of the Dayton churches.

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Burton E. (See OBITUARIES, page 11)

# Trade war

(Continued from page 2) moving through Congress to punish the Japanese for their trade surpluses with the United States — while at the same time, state and municipal legislators vie with each other to see who can offer the best deals to Japanese companies to build automotive or electronics assembly plants in their areas.

This leaves the Japanese nothing but confused. Their worldwide trade surplus (\$56 billion last year, \$50 billion with the United States) is not going to disappear overnight, or quick enough to satisfy political demands in Washington. In fact it will rise still further simply because Japan pays a lot less for oil, one of its biggest imported products.

With the prospect of fewer dollars earned from sales of products to America, U.S. customers in Asia and Europe are already beginning to cut back on their productive capacity. This means they will be purchasing fewer raw materials, synthetic fibers and machine tools, much of which was previously purchased in the United States with dollar earnings.

Protectionism then, far from pro-

tecting certain industries that probably wouldn't survive in any case, threatens to ratchet down the entire world economy, inch by inch. The fear then, said Mr. Reynolds, is of a trade implosion that will become unstoppable leading to a crippling world depression.

Since the end of World War II, the United States has been the world's dominant economy. Now, finally the tables have turned. The Japanese yen has increased 30 percent in value since last September. The four largest banks of the world are Japanese.

The West German economy has recovered from the doldrums of the late '70s and early '80s to become strong again. It ran a trade surplus of \$10.2 billion with the United States last year.

The United States, meanwhile, is turning inward. Its officials generally blame other nations for problems that are essentially of its own making. They have tried to get the Japanese public, for example, to save less money, to spend more, to adopt more of the wasteful consumer habits of America, such as greater credit purchasing. "Stop being so successful," is the message that comes across from Washington to Tokyo.

While I was in Japan, two of Japan's four English-language dailies presented in-depth reports on the increasing cooperation between Japan and the Common Market nations.

W. Dekker, president of Philips, the European electronics giant, told the *Mainichi Daily News* that "global cooperation will be of interest to both regions" — referring to Japan and Europe.

Watch for this development to accelerate in the months and years ahead, as the yen and the deutsche mark — maybe even the European Community's ECU — replace the dollar as the kingpin of world trade — perhaps after a bumping recession or depression that Europe and Japan emerge from, but not the United States.

# Soviet

(Continued from page 2) and that old ones which don't meet the standard be taken out of commission. The export of hazardous radioactivity is forbidden by international law."

### Not the Soviets only

However lacking Soviet power station technology may be, it is not a question of blaming the Soviet Union. As *The Guardian* pointed out: "No country can for all time be regarded as beyond reproach when it has a potentially hazardous plant on its territory."

The truth is that this world is sitting on a nuclear powder keg. This horrific incident should serve as a reminder to all nations of the catastrophe that could happen to any nation with nuclear power stations.

Said Mr. Young in his May 1 commentary: "The case it exposes is not that a nuclear accident is more likely, but that, in the improbable event of a major accident occurring [in the West], the scale of the consequences is almost unimaginable. It doesn't matter how 'safe' the industry is making itself, still less how safe it has been in the past, if the outcome of a single failure is so unconsciously destructive as this one was, or as Three Mile Island in Pennsylvania very nearly was."

It is all too easy to forget past atomic horrors. Hiroshima occurred a generation ago. It was not, however, an accident — but the result of careful military planning.

Most have forgotten that "the meltdown of the Enrico Fermi fast breeder reactor at Lagoona Beach, Michigan, in October 1966, came close to a catastrophic 'runaway.' It amply justified the title of the recent book *We Almost Lost Detroit*" (Ronald Higgins, *The Seventh Enemy*, page 123, 1978).

Yet there is a vital difference between Hiroshima and Chernobyl. The damage in Japan was intention-

ally inflicted in time of world war to produce a definite result — total surrender. There was then little Allied sympathy for the Japanese plight.

At Chernobyl those concerned (Soviets or not) are anxious to minimize the damage and save as many lives as possible.

Author Jonathan Schell in his book, *The Fate of the Earth*, aptly described how the world normally reacts to the nuclear threat. "At present, most of us do nothing. We look away. We remain calm. We take refuge in the hope that the holocaust won't happen, and turn back to our individual concerns. We deny the truth that is all around us. Indifferent to the future of our kind, we grow indifferent to one another. We drift apart. We grow cold. We drowse our way toward the end of the world" (page 230).

The late Herbert W. Armstrong said the same thing in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*:

"Most people we know only too well, will take this serious warning lightly — put it out of mind — turn to other immediate interests of no importance by comparison."

Chernobyl gives the world a chance to concentrate on potential nuclear disaster — worldwide. Chernobyl is merely a microcosm of what could happen to the entire planet.

Secular prophets like Mr. Schell are warning the nations in their own way. So is this Church in a much more comprehensive manner. But we know that the nations will not heed God's warning message. After the initial horrors, the world will soon find ways to dismiss Chernobyl.

But we in God's Church dare not "drowse our way toward the end of the world." Remember the apostle Paul's admonition: "Let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober" (I Thessalonians 5:6, Revised Authorized Version).

# Obituaries

(Continued from page 10) Neundorff, 70, died at home April 10. He has been a Church member since 1965.

Mr. Neundorff is survived by his wife, Eunice; a son, George; and a daughter, Eileen Eckles; all Church members. Mr. Neundorff is also survived by three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches.

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Josephine Burtner, 77, died Oct. 17, 1985, after a four-month bout with cancer. She has been a Church member since 1953.

James Turner, pastor of the Phoenix West church, conducted the graveside service.

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# Children's Corner

## The Firstfruits

By Vivian Pettijohn

"Rocky," Jeff called from a row of young onions in the family garden, "remember the proverb we learned today about firstfruits? Well, can these onions be called that kind of fruit?"

"I think so," Rocky replied, pulling weeds as he moved slowly toward Jeff. "The way I understand it is that any of the first food that is produced in a season can be called a firstfruit. But we had better ask Daddy about that."

"Did I hear my name, boys?" Dad asked, smiling. He placed a bushel basket nearby, to be filled again with weeds.

"Yes, Dad," Rocky answered. He pushed a lock of dark, curly hair away from his eyes. "Jeff asked if onions can be called fruits. I said I thought so if you are referring to firstfruits. Is that right?"

"Yes, it is," Dad replied. "And one reason I asked you to memorize Proverbs 3:9 is that it fits in so well with the next Holy Day, Pentecost. Jeff, can you quote that proverb?"

"Yes, sir," Jeff answered. "It says 'Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase' [Revised Authorized Version]. Right?"

"Right!" Dad said. "And there is another type of firstfruit that is very important. We'll hear a lot about it on Pentecost. Do either of you remember



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which firstfruit I mean?"

"Huh?" Rocky screwed up his nose. "Uh... oh, I think I know. Are you talking about certain people?"

"Yes, I am," Dad answered. "And we will discuss that during dinner. Now do you think you can get one more row of the garden weeded before Mother calls us to come in and eat?"

Rocky and Jeff nodded and got back to work.

Later, while eating dinner Jeff asked, "Daddy, would you explain

now about the other kind of firstfruit — the kind connected with Pentecost? I can't remember yet what it is."

"All right," Dad answered after swallowing a bite of baked chicken.

"Maybe you'll remember when I explain." Dad wiped his mouth with a napkin. "At this time there are only two personages in the God Family — God the Father and His firstborn Son, Jesus Christ. But right now God is also calling a small number of people out of the world. These are the people

in His Church, the 'early small harvest' of people God is going to add to His Family. Later, when many thousands, and even millions repent and obey God, it will be a huge harvest as His Family grows rapidly. But for now, as part of God's great plan, we in the Church are His firstfruits."

"Explain some more, Daddy," 6-year-old Kathy said, "because I don't understand how I can ever become a firstfruit — or even a second fruit. What would I be... a banana?" She giggled at the thought, and the boys snickered briefly.

"Kathy!" Mother cautioned, smiling. "I realize you can't fully understand these facts yet. But each year as we discuss firstfruits you'll understand a little more. And someday it will become plain to each of you."

"By the way," Dad noted, "that proverb also says we are to honor the Lord with our possessions. On Pentecost, of course, our family will turn in a money offering at services. But you children could try to earn money so that you can add an offering of your very own. Maybe our neighbors would pay you for pulling weeds so that their firstfruits can grow better?"

"OK, Daddy, I'll try," Kathy agreed. "And I hope to earn enough that I can also buy you a Father's Day gift. But what can I buy for a firstfruit?"

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

PASADENA — The *World Tomorrow* program, *Is There a Real Hell Fire?*, drew 38,089 telephone calls when it aired May 17 and 18.

Presented by evangelist **Richard Ames**, the program pulled the highest number of calls for a program that did not have a prophetic theme. Response was the third highest in the history of the *World Tomorrow* program, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

The *World Tomorrow* program, *What Is the Authority of the Bible?*, pulled 29,600 calls May 24 and 25.

"This is the fourth highest number of calls for a program that did not feature prophecy," said Mr. Rice. The program was presented by **David Hulme**, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations.

Twenty-six stations preempted the program to air the Indianapolis (Ind.) 500-mile automobile race, which was subsequently rained out and rescheduled.

"An additional 2,000 calls would have been received had these preemptions not occurred," Mr. Rice said. "It was also a [U.S.] holiday weekend, which normally reduces our calls."

Mr. Rice noted that about 100 people called in to request Church literature even though they were unable to see the program because of the preemptions.

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PASADENA — A Summer Educational Program (SEP) for teenagers from Mexico will be conducted at the SEP camp in Orr, Minn., Aug. 12 to 24, according to Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach**. "Mr. Tkach and Mr. [Leroy] Neff [Church treasurer] requested that I examine the possibility of having a Mexican SEP this year," said **Kermit Nelson** of Church Administration. Dr. Nelson coordinates SEP and Youth Opportunities United (YOU) activities under **Larry Salyer**, director of Church Administration.

"After considering the various options and possibilities I recommended to Mr. Salyer that we have the Mexican SEP at our facility in Orr, and he gave his approval," Dr. Nelson said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for the Mexican teens, and we're certainly very excited about it," said evangelist **Leon Walker**, regional director for Spanish-speaking areas.

"The facilities and geography at Orr are very much different from what the Mexican teens are used to, and they will have the opportunity to travel through the American heartland on their way to SEP, which is something many of them probably never expected to experience," the evangelist continued.

Seventy-five campers are expected to attend the Mexican SEP. According to Dr. Nelson, **Gilberto Marin**, pastor of the Juarez and Chihuahua, Mexico, churches, will serve as assistant director of the Mexican SEP.

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PASADENA — The response to the *World Tomorrow* program, *Mystery of the Ages* (aired May 10 and 11), pushed U.S. requests for the book, *Mystery of the Ages* by the late **Herbert W. Armstrong**, over the one million mark, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center (MPC).

"This is only the 10th book or booklet to pass the one million mark in the United States," Mr. Rice said. "Although it took many years

for other publications to reach this milestone, *Mystery of the Ages* passed it in less than eight months from publication."

International distribution of the books and booklets that have passed the one million mark are: *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 5.7 million; *The Seven Laws of Success*, 2.9 million; *Why Were You Born?*, 2.8 million; *The Wonderful World Tomorrow*, 2.4 million; *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last!*, 2.4 million; *The Plain Truth About Christmas*, 2.1 million; *Does God Exist?*, 2.1 million; *Never Before Understood — Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Evils*, 1.6 million; *Mystery of the Ages*, 1.4 million; and *What Is Faith?*, 1.3 million.

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PASADENA — Final preparations are taking place for Summer Educational Programs (SEPs) in Orr, Minn., and at Big Sandy Ambassador College, according to **Kermit Nelson** of Church Administration.

Two sessions will take place at each SEP, with a total of 1,152 campers attending. "We had an outstanding response this year, with over 2,670 teens applying to go to camp," he said.

He said that most of the teenagers who were turned down this year "were 13- to 15-year-olds. We tried to give priority to older campers since the younger ones will have another opportunity to attend. We want to make sure that the older teens have at least one opportunity to experience SEP."

Three hundred thirty-six campers are scheduled to attend each Orr session, and 240 campers are scheduled to attend each of the Big Sandy sessions.

The two Orr sessions are June 18

to July 10 and July 16 to Aug. 7. The two Big Sandy sessions are June 17 to July 9 and July 9 to 31.

Dr. Nelson added that "we had an excellent response to Mr. [Joseph] Tkach's SEP scholarship letter."

The scholarship fund enabled 133 campers to attend SEP. "Another 58 campers were directly sponsored by brethren, which means we didn't have to turn any teens down because of lack of funds to attend SEP," Dr. Nelson said.

"We are very appreciative to those who contributed to this fund," he said.

Dr. Nelson will be camp director in Orr, and **Larry Haworth**, a college faculty member at Big Sandy, will direct the Texas camp.

## Big Sandy

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Myers, Floyd Randall Orrell, Daniel Louis Phillips, Linda Jean Pike, Linda Marie Quast, Tina Marie Randall, Mark Alan Ray. Abraham Eric Stores, Debra J. Thompson, Kenneth Ian Thomson and Robert Timothy Waddell.

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Church members in the Solomon Islands are safe after Typhoon Namu battered the 900-mile island chain for 17 hours May 19.

The storm, the worst in history to hit the Solomon Islands, left 90,000 people (about one third of the nation's population) homeless, at least 100 dead and 300 missing.

**Christopher Hunting**, associate pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, East and South churches, made contact with **Colin Darcy**, a member in Honiara, Solomon Islands, May 26. Mr. Darcy said that all Church members in Honiara weathered the storm safely, but he had not heard from two members who live in the areas worst affected. Later **Tapaluki Samasoni**, another

Honiara member, reported those brethren were also safe.

The storm caused severe flooding on the main island of Guadalcanal and several other islands. Newspapers reported that the main crops of palm oil, sweet potatoes and rice were wiped out. Food and safe drinking water are in short supply. Food restrictions were imposed. Inhabitants face a possible major outbreak of dysentery.

The next months will be difficult for brethren in the Solomon Islands since the economy was devastated.

**Robert Morton**, regional director for the Church in Australia and Asia, said the Church will assist those in need of financial aid. The brethren there need the prayers of God's people around the world.

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George Alar Litavsky, Rhonda Lynette Loper, Jenna Inger MacLearnsberry, Thomas Trent Mansanarez, Linda Ann McDonald, Rodney Joseph McFall, Elizabeth Meidinger, Sheri Colleen Merjil, Jeff Miller, Malva May Miller, Mark Scott Miller, Michelle C. Miller.

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### Associate of science

With highest distinction: Michael John Bechthold, Christina B. Charles, Janice Mary Dion,

much time here on the Night to Be Much Observed and the first Holy Day, giving many a chance to talk with the Schnees," said Paul Kiefer, pastor of the Hannover, Hamburg and West Berlin, West Germany, churches.

On the last Holy Day, Mr. Schneec spoke to 247 brethren from the Stuttgart, West Germany, and Basel and Zuerich, Switzerland, churches, assembled in Schluchsee, a 20-minute drive from the Feast of Tabernacles site in Bonndorf, West Germany.

During his visit there, Mr. Schneec toured the Church's office in Zuerich, which is primarily used for receiving mail.

### Activity in Malta

"Much is happening on the tiny Mediterranean island of Malta (known as Melita to the Romans and the apostle Paul — Acts 28:1)," said evangelist Frank Brown, regional director of the Church in Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

"Despite a strongly Roman Catholic environment, the Maltese congregation has flourished," Mr. Brown said. Fifty attended services during the Days of Unleavened Bread — 15 more than last year. Offerings were up 50 percent.

Maltese hear the *World Tomorrow* telecast over the Italian television station Retequattro and pick up copies of *The Plain Truth* from newsstands on the island. The newsstand program distributed 1,200 magazines of the June issue.

A four-night Bible campaign is planned in Valletta, Malta's capital, around Pentecost. Invitations were sent to 1,200 *Good News* readers, and up to 300 are expected to attend the campaign, according to Mr. Brown.

## INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW  
FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — William Sidney and his wife, Daphne, returned to India in April to resume pastoring the Bombay, India, church and Bible studies in Cochin, Goa, Hyderabad, Madras, New Delhi and Trichy, India, reported **Robert Morton**, Australian and Asian regional director.

After waiting for seven months, the Sidneys were approved for temporary visas. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney attended the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena in May.

Mr. Morton said that one of the first things Mr. Sidney did after arriving was to visit the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles site in Lonauli, India, 100 kilometers (about 60 miles) southeast of Bombay.

The regional director also reported that the Australian Department of Aviation ruled that the distribution of free publications in airports must be limited to travel, tourism and government information.

The lighted *Plain Truth* newsstands that were placed in major airports in Australia last year must be removed after each contract expires.

Displays were removed from the airports in Brisbane, Melbourne, Coolangatta and Canberra.

The lighted newsstands in Adelaide, however, installed before the government ruling was imple-

mented, and in the Sydney TAA terminal, where the Department of Aviation has no jurisdiction, can remain.

"Although the government ruling is a setback, it does not mean we will not have a lighted display program," Mr. Morton said. "Already we are investigating other high-traffic areas, where these eye-catching displays can be located."

### Festival in West Germany

In April, Frank Schneec, regional director of the Church in German-speaking areas, and his wife, Esther, continued their circuit of visiting the churches in the German-speaking area.

The Passover took place in eight locations in West Germany, with 534 members attending. Services on the Holy Days were conducted in Bonn, Hannover, Darmstadt and Schluchsee, West Germany, and Salzburg, Austria. The average combined attendance for each Holy Day was 830.

April 19 Mr. and Mrs. Schneec drove to Darmstadt, where the regional director addressed 109 brethren. April 22 he conducted the Passover in Hannover.

The Schneecs spent the first day of Unleavened Bread in Ronnenberg, a suburb of Hannover.

"The brethren appreciated Mr. Schneec and his wife spending so

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