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Pastor general conducts services for 5,130 on Sabbath, Holy Day

By Michael A. Snyder
PASADENA — Continuing his trips to meet and speak to brethren, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach flew to Oklahoma City, Okla., June 6 and Stockton, Calif., on Pentecost.

"If there is one central theme on the trips I've been making, it is that brethren have been consistently friendly, warm and responsive," Mr. Tkach said in a June 18 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

"I certainly appreciate the attitudes of brethren I've met and am encouraged by their support and concern. Many have told me that they're praying for me, and I definitely appreciate that!" he continued.

Oklahoma City visit

After flying from the Burbank, Calif., airport June 6, Mr. Tkach was greeted by "a large, enthusiastic crowd of ministers and brethren" at the Will Rogers World Airport, according to Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant.

"We were greeted with a great deal of warmth and hospitality," Mr. Tkach said.

"We also enjoyed the unusually mild weather in Oklahoma City," he continued. "The weather was forecast to be hot and humid, but God blessed us with excellent weather — something He seems to have done at each site we've visited."

Aboard the Church's Gulfstream III jet with the pastor general were Aaron Dean, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation and personal assistant to the pastor general; Dean May, director of the Fleet and Transportation Department; Mrs. Escat; Julie Stocker, an executive secretary; and Michael Rasmussen, an assistant to Mr. Tkach.

Flight crew serving on the G-III were captain Ken Hopke and co-captain Lawrence Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich is a local elder in the Long Beach, Calif., P.M. church.

"Jay Brothers was scheduled to serve again as the G-III's steward, but he developed blood poisoning and was unable to make this trip."

"We're grateful that he is now out of danger and able to resume his duties," Mr. Tkach said June 18. (Mr. Rasmussen filled in as steward on the Oklahoma trip.)

At Sabbath services in the Great Hall of the Myriad Convention Center June 7, Mr. Tkach was presented with a brass centerpiece, plated with 24-karat gold, on behalf

of the area churches. The churches also presented a greeting card that played *Hail to the Chief*, a fanfare often used to greet U.S. Presidents.

Before Mr. Tkach's sermon on walking with God, Mr. May delivered a sermonette about having spiritual vision, and Terri Kirk and Randy Fahrenholtz performed a piano duet of two Slavic dances composed by Anton Dvorak. Mrs. Kirk is the wife of H. Judd Kirk, pastor of the Wichita, Kan., church.

About 1,930 brethren from six churches in Oklahoma and Kansas attended, with some driving more than 600 miles (960 kilometers) from other parts of Kansas and Texas to attend.

Gerald Flurry, pastor of the Oklahoma City and Enid, Okla., churches, said that the pastor general's sermon was "the type of sermon that is good for the ministry and can pave the way . . . for the type of sermons we need to be preaching to God's people. It left all with the feeling we need to become more on fire for God's work, inspiring us to be more enthusiastic and involved."

Mr. Tkach said that he felt that "God inspired the sermon. As I spoke I brought up subjects that I had not

planned. The thoughts just came immediately into my mind while I was speaking from the pulpit."

Mr. Tkach met with brethren for nearly two hours after the service. Mr. Kirk, in a letter to the pastor general, said that the visit promoted "a real, sincere sense of family, which made us all feel more a part of you and the work."

Mr. Dean, who served as the late Herbert W. Armstrong's executive assistant and was making his first trip with Mr. Tkach, said: "To me the most inspiring portion of the visit was seeing the transfer of loyalty and appreciation from one pastor general [Mr. Armstrong] to the next [Mr. Tkach]. Mr. Armstrong told me on several occasions: 'I really miss not being able to get out and mix with the people of God.'"

"His health would not permit it," Mr. Dean continued. "I think the time that Mr. Tkach spent meeting the Church members means the same thing to him that it did to Mr. Armstrong, and it was reflected in the eyes and the smiles of the members and their physical leader."

Mr. Tkach also met some brethren who attended the Chicago, (See SERVICES, page 6)



OKLAHOMA VISIT — Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach greets a youngster after services in the Myriad Convention Center in Oklahoma City, Okla., June 7. [Photo by James Goodwin]

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

Hello again! I deeply appreciate these opportunities to write to you personally in *The Worldwide News*.

We had a most enjoyable and profitable visit with the first session campers and staff at our summer camps in Orr, Minn., and Big Sandy, Tex., June 26 and 27.

I will have more to say about this subject next time, but I do want to say now that I was greatly impressed and frankly moved by the tremendous job the camp staffs are doing. Their diligent and earnest work in successfully bringing out the best in our young people is truly inspiring.

I can tell you from firsthand observation that we indeed are passing on the knowledge of the truth God has given us to our young people at these camps. I wish each of you could have seen the exceptionally well-planned and superbly run activities based on the principles of God's law.

Those youngsters were turned on to God's way. I am confident that the reports coming back from the Summer Educational Program (SEP) this year are going to reflect a turning point in the education and training of young people in God's Church. The staffs of both camps, people who care about setting and promoting a godly example, are to be commended and applauded.

I am well pleased with the top rate, sharp and enthusiastic pro-

formed around the country.

And through her efforts "Just Say No" clubs are being developed by youngsters who are striving to make it easier for themselves and others to say no to drugs.

But Mrs. Reagan went further in this speech. She said: "I feel very good that we've succeeded in raising the level of awareness. We are more aware of drug abuse than ever before — but now it's time for the next step. It's time to let people know they have a moral responsibility to do more than simply recognize the problem. They have an obligation to take a personal stand against drugs."

God gives us the formula for taking just such a personal stand. It's called *repentance*. You've probably heard the saying, "If you want to change the world, start by changing yourself." The example of one who is obedient to God stands out! It gives encouragement and support to others who desire to do what is right. It strengthens others who need help to overcome.

That principle was illustrated by one young person who, during Mrs. Reagan's question and answer period, told her before the entire group, "Thank you for making it so much easier for teens to just say no!"

Positive peer pressure, though harder to initiate, can become a strong influence to do good, just as negative peer pressure can lead one to do wrong. Some of us underestimate the power of a positive, godly example in helping others make needed changes.

Sometimes we strive to get out the splinter we see in our brother's eye before we consider the beam in our own (Luke 6:39-45). On the other hand, we all

need to be receptive to correction, accepting it in humility rather than rejecting it because the person giving it is not perfect!

Thursday evening, June 19, I attended a special ceremony at the Pasadena city hall building in honor of the 100th anniversary of the signing of Pasadena's city charter. The ceremony included a powerfully majestic and moving rendition of "Battle Hymn of the Republic" sung by a chorus of more than 800 voices (more than half were our own local members and Ambassador students) with special lighting effects and accompanied by a special centennial band.

While listening, I couldn't help but think how much more splendid and awe-inspiring the events awaiting God's people will be! Surely the most stirring and meaningful experiences of this physical life are only small foretastes of the unparalleled joy we will feel at the return of Christ, and the marvelous exhilaration of being changed from mortal to immortal! As one person wrote recently: "I just returned home from the first Holy Day and how uplifting, inspiring and joyous it is to be with God's people, and to hear sermons expounded with such clarity! I'm just so thankful to be a part of the Body of Christ and to know the truth. It is worth more than all the gold and silver one could possess in a lifetime."

I hope we all feel that way. God has given us "exceedingly great and precious promises" (II Peter 1:3-4, Revised Authorized Version). We have the most fantastic and thrilling future ahead that the human mind can grasp. Let's put our hearts into preparing for it!

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Troubles escalate on continent of sorrows

PASADENA — "Thy Kingdom come": This petition from Jesus Christ's model prayer should be our daily supplication. But perhaps it seems a bit remote to those of us living in the relative comfort of the advanced Western societies.

Not so for our brethren in Africa, the continent of sorrows. Life in western, eastern and southern Africa is full of uncertainties and dangers.

Two thirds of the world's least developed nations are in Africa. Moreover, most of Africa's governments are unstable, the majority of them either dictatorships or one-party states.

Since 1956, according to the Aug. 12, 1985, *U.S. News & World Report*, "the continent has seen 56 successful coups... Benin has had six takeovers, Ghana five, Nigeria four. Even democratically oriented Zimbabwe and Kenya fear tribal ferocity."

Perhaps no one will ever know how many thousands of Ugandans have been killed in fierce, largely tribal fighting since 1971. The name of Idi Amin, Uganda's leader from 1971 to 1979, entered the lexicon of world madmen, but the regime that followed under the now-deposed Milton Obote was considered by many even worse.

Killings became so common in the Luwero Triangle, north of the capital, Kampala, that it became known as Africa's killing fields—a parallel to parts of Cambodia in the mid-70s.

Uganda's new leader, Yoweri Museveni, promises a "new era," an end to tribalism and, said one

source, "an end to the killing that made Uganda the nightmare of Black Africa for so long." Only time will tell whether Mr. Museveni can succeed.

Northeast of Uganda, in Ethiopia, the nightmare continues. The Marxist government in Addis Ababa has taken shrewd political advantage of Ethiopia's droughts and famines. Authorities are forcibly relocating up to two million peasants — not just any peasants, but those who live in areas that resist communist rule.

Evidence suggests, said the April *Commentary* magazine, that "re-settlement itself may be responsible for more deaths than famine, which has abated with improved rainfall."

Nightmare in the south?

It is in the context of the rest of Africa — not principally the American racial experience — that the troubles in the southern part of the continent of sorrows must be viewed. For here too, a nightmare is unfolding.

In the June 19 San Diego, Calif., *Union*, journalist Raymond Price wrote: "Nightmares end. The present nightmare in South Africa will eventually end. But when it does, what will that country's people wake up to?"

Taking note of the severe legislation that sailed through the U.S. House of Representatives calling for a virtual ban on trade and investments in South Africa, Mr. Price wrote: "It is always easier to prescribe [solutions]... for a distant country than close at home. That is, it is easier to be glib about remedies

when we're not responsible for the consequences..."

"American liberals look at television film of South African blacks rioting in the streets and cry: 'How desperate those people must be! What moral courage!' But when South Africans see those pictures, they have to wonder whether they're looking at their next government. And they can be forgiven if

worse evil. The calculated campaign of murder now sweeping South Africa itself — blacks burned alive by other blacks for the crime of being insufficiently radical — is also a worse evil.

"For the most part, post-independence Africa has been a disaster on a continental scale. It is not only the whites of South Africa who look north and fear what they see. It is

WORLDWATCH

By Gene H. Hogberg



they conclude that it is not how they want to be governed."

Some charge that apartheid (legalized separation of the races) is the worst evil in the world today; that South Africa's European-descended peoples are cruel, even monstrous, people; that they are guilty of Hitlerian genocide. Even activist church leaders engage in such hyperbole.

Again, journalist Price tried to put this highly charged issue into balance: "The mass, forced evacuation and planned starvation of tens of thousands of Ethiopians by their own government — which still continues — is a worse evil. The grotesque, sustained orgy of torture and murder that left more than 100,000 Ugandans dead at the hands of their government was

also many of those educated blacks on whom hopes for a successful transition depend."

In perspective

One of the world's leading political analysts, Conor Cruise O'Brien, longtime columnist of *The Observer*, also tried to put things in perspective in a thought-provoking

article in the March *Atlantic*.

In it he said this about South Africa's ruling Afrikaners, the whites descended from the country's original Dutch, German and French Huguenot settlers: "Afrikaners are neither the uniquely virtuous folk of their own rhetoric... nor yet the moral monsters depicted by outside rhetoric. They are ordinary human beings, with the normal human quotas of greed, arrogance, and so forth, operating within a unique predicament, which they have inherited... I suspect that some of the righteous who denounce them from afar might be quite like them if they were caught in a similar predicament."

The Afrikaners are indeed not uniquely evil. They have sinned, but no more so than other people (Romans 3:23). Perhaps they would be justified in asking their detractors to cast the first stone (John 8:7).

Over the years, in my editorial responsibility, I have met many officials of all races from South Africa. I know that nation's consul general in Southern California quite well. I have always felt these individuals were sincere in their search for a peaceful solution to their nation's awesome dilemma.

In this light, the outstanding British weekly newsmagazine, *The* (See CONTINENT, page 11)

European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Norway: a snapshot view of a strategic country

BOREHAMWOOD, England — My last visit to Scandinavia was in the aftermath of the assassination of Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme. All eyes were on Stockholm. By contrast Norway seemed the epitome of peace and contentment. It is a country that conjures up what the Millennium might be like. The geography is gorgeous.

Normally Norway is a pleasant refuge from a troublesome and chaotic world. Or so it seemed. Nowadays even the most idyllic places are not immune from infectious world troubles.

Legacy of oil

Norway is No. 2 in European oil exports. Right behind Britain, it benefited immensely from the North Sea strike. But the road to oil riches was rudely interrupted. The bottom dropped out of oil prices. Long faces now abound in Oslo.

The Saudi decision to flood the oil market brought a succession of troubles to Norway. First, oil plummeted in price; then the worst labor dispute in a half century. Finally the government fell, followed by a 12-percent devaluation of the Norwegian crown (krone).

Oil is a two-edged sword in Norway. Not only does it cut deep when the price falls, it also strikes at the country's culture.

The oil bonanza caused much migration. Oil-related jobs are not everywhere in Norway. Men had to move. Longtime social networks were disturbed. Family structures became somewhat disjointed. Suicide rates started to soar.

Norway in perspective

Still, Norwegian suicide rates are only half those of the Danes. The inflation rate is relatively low at 6 percent, and unemployment almost nonexistent by Western standards at 2.5 percent. Seventh in the world in terms of per capita gross national product (*World Bank Atlas*, 1985), the country has an enviable cushion

of foreign exchange reserves. Even with its troubles, Norway is far better off than most countries.

For much of its history Norway has been controlled by either Sweden or Denmark. Independence came in 1905. In the Nov. 25, 1985, *Times* of London, correspondent Tony Samstag described Norway as the poorest country in Europe at the turn of the century and "the Eu- (See NORWAY, page 9)

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Just one more thing

By Dexter H. Faulkner

A touch of love

I frequently take home a briefcase filled with manuscripts and paperwork that need my attention before the next day's activities and deadlines.

I did so last night and at the office this morning when I opened my case, to my surprise, in the left-hand corner was an object that had not been there before.

There smiling at me was a two-inch ceramic teddy bear holding a yellow sign that said, "I love your hugs."

I laughed, realizing my wife had gotten her message across again. You see, hugs are very important in our family.

You need a hug

Have you had your daily minimum requirement of hugs today? We all feel better when someone touches us in a warm, caring way.

If we could all adopt the attitude of babies, we'd be much better off. Babies touch everything and everybody. They act as if they know it's good for them. Studies show that when given love, hugs, stimulation and touch, babies thrive.

As we grow up, unfortunately, we learn all the taboos about touch. In some cultures and families touch is reserved for special occasions — usually celebrations and tragedies. But what about the rest of the time?

What about hugs that say, "I'm so glad you're part of my life," or "I love you, thanks for being my..."

You know, all those sweet things we used to say to each other when courting. I would dare say that if husbands and wives shared several hugs a day, there would be far less marital problems in God's Church. Loving, human, physical contact

is an essential ingredient in health and wholeness.

Christ touched others

Many of Christ's miracles incorporated touching. Many times, we are told, He "reached out his hand" to comfort, to console, to heal.

When Jesus was transfigured, Peter, James and John became terrified and fell with their faces to the ground. But Christ had compassion on them: "But Jesus came and touched them and said, 'Arise and do not be afraid!'" (Matthew 17:7).

The three men were frozen with fear on seeing Christ in this glorified state. But they were comforted by this concerned touch. I'm sure this was just one of many times He touched the disciples. John evidently felt comfortable leaning against Him during the Passover supper (John 13:23).

Of course, Christ did not reserve this expression only for the 12. Literally hundreds felt His hands during His 3½-year ministry. Christ readily laid His hands on the blind, lame, lepers and others who needed healing (Matthew 20:34).

Touching the sick was not necessary for the cure to occur. As Christ demonstrated through the healing of the centurion's servant, He needed only to give the word. Why did He touch, then? His touch was meant to convey a loving concern, to personalize the act and to add meaning to the healing event.

In all cases of setting apart or ordination, in fact, where laying on of hands occurs, this same concern is implied as the symbolic physical act takes place.

It would seem that since touch and compassion played such a key

role in Christ's ministry and His example for us, that it can and should play an important part in our Christian lives as well. A firm hand on someone's shoulder, an arm around the back, a warm embrace — all of these can communicate a powerful message — sometimes more than a thousand words could.

Of course, there is a right time and place for everything. We need to use wisdom in sharing physical contact. Singles, for instance, should take special note of this point. Discretion and a right attitude must rule.

Husbands, hug your wives

But, just one more thing... I want to talk to husbands and fathers in God's Church. Wives and children need our hugs and touches daily. It's our job to set the pace and set the example.

Hugs, kisses and gentle touches do more for marriage and child rearing than gifts or money or job security or even long vacations. There is something warm, secure and meaningful and trusting about a good, tight hug. Something that says you're mine and I'm yours.

There's something beautiful about showing proper affection for your mate. It's catching. First to your mate and then to others who on occasion might observe you in action. Who cares who is watching? Better to have an audience (such as your children) for a good hugging match than to not let others know your love flows deep with warmth as well as with commitment.

In Ephesians 5:25-33, the command to husbands is to love their wives. Wives need daily hugs, expressions of the love that Paul is talking about. Everyone needs to be touched at times, but some people are chronically starved for contact. Their need is obvious if you'll just look for it.

Husbands, let's be the leaders God wants us to be, lets set the pace. Have you hugged your mate, your children today? Are you thriving, growing, giving of yourself to others? Real, outgoing, concerned love is a significant part of the conversion process.

Ministers meet with members in Spanish-speaking regions

By Jeff Zhorne

PASADENA — Evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas, and visited brethren in Colombia and Costa Rica during the Pentecost season, and Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, churches, visited brethren in Spain and Portugal in May.

Colombia, Costa Rica visits

June 1 Mr. Walker, accompanied by his wife, Reba, left Pasadena for Colombia, where Mr. Walker spent a week discussing financial matters, South American tax laws and instructions from headquarters in Pasadena.

Mr. Walker met with the brethren at a social June 2 in the home of Eduardo Hernandez, Bogota pastor. "There we had a chance to talk, and I could answer questions in an informal manner," said the regional director.

The regional director attended a Bible study June 3 in Medellin, Colombia, where about 50 attend each month. After the Bible study a social was conducted in the home of one of the members. The group ate native foods and watched folkloric dancing.

In Costa Rica, Mr. Walker attended Sabbath services, June 14, and Pentecost, June 15, with 76 in attendance. He also visited the probable 1986 Feast of Tabernacles site in Puntarenas.

"The hotel has been remodeled and open for only a few years," he said. "There is a beach nearby, boating facilities — very adequate for our needs."

Spain, Portugal potential

Mr. Barriga visited members and prospective members in Spain and Portugal with his wife, Acelia. He told *The Worldwide News* that he was encouraged by the number of new people he had not met before.

"I was also encouraged that they were so advanced in their understanding — you can tell by their questions," said Mr. Barriga. "And they are willing to do whatever they have to to solve their problems. They want to obey."

"Some have been saving their money for a number of years in order to attend the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles."

Mr. Barriga also commented that many have family problems. He said: "Unconverted relatives may despise their mates when they make a change of diet, stop wearing makeup, change activities on Saturdays

or take time off for the Feast. Husbands have problems with their wives who tithe."

Mr. Walker told *The Worldwide News* June 24, "We need a minister in Spain, because you can sow the seed but then you have to cultivate it — to work it."

"But we just don't have the manpower right now," Mr. Walker continued. "We need to pray for more laborers for the harvest, because Spain and Portugal are a potential harvest ready to be worked with," he said.

Portuguese members

Mr. and Mrs. Barriga left for Madrid, Spain, May 4, and after Mrs. Barriga obtained a visa, they went to Lisbon, Portugal.

Mr. Barriga conducted a Bible study there May 10 for four members, two prospective members and five children.

May 12 Mr. and Mrs. Barriga visited Ponta Delgada in the Azores, an Atlantic island group west of Portugal, where Mr. Barriga counseled with Ana Maria Furtado. She plans to attend her first Feast this year in Cullera, Spain.

From there the Barrigas went to Porto, Portugal, where the hotel they were scheduled to use was being repaired.

"I found out later that a prospective member had come about 100 kilometers (60 miles) to see me at the hotel, but he found I wasn't there," Mr. Barriga related.

"So he called every hotel in the city until he found me. He was very much interested and has been reading [Church] literature for about four years. That really struck me — he really went out of his way to get the answers he needed."

Mr. Barriga conducted a Bible study in Porto for three members and brought them up to date on activities at headquarters and in Spanish-speaking areas.

May 16 the Barrigas traveled to northern Spain by train and spent the Sabbath the next day in La Coruna with Generosa Lopez Rios, the oldest member in Spain.

"She's about 73, and she's quite a lady," Mr. Barriga said. "She was bedridden for three months in 1960. She told me it seemed like God was telling her that, since she didn't seem to have enough time to study, He would put her in bed and give her the time."

"That's how she started to read literature" and requested a visit in the early '60s by Benjamin Rea, then director of the Church's work

in Spanish-speaking areas, and attended the Feast in Big Sandy.

After visiting members and prospective members in Carballino, Salamanca, Madronera, Malaga and Almachar, Spain, the Barrigas traveled to Las Palmas, Canary Islands, May 23 to meet with Maurice De Laet, a member, and to baptize his wife, Concepcion, after Sabbath services the next day.

May 26 they met with a married couple, Fernando Morell Torrens and Joaquina Perello Carrio, in Orba, Spain. (Last names are often dissimilar, because, by custom, many women in Spain retain their maiden names.) "His wife had a stroke, and he really takes care of her," said Mr. Barriga.

After visiting members in Barcelona and Figueras, Spain, the Barrigas traveled to Palma and Inca, on the island of Majorca, before spending the Sabbath, May 31, with three members and five children in Capdepera, Majorca.

After returning to Madrid, Mr. Barriga conducted a Bible study there June 7 for four adults and seven children.

Present at the study was Mario Ferrer Valero, who receives the Church's mail in Madrid and forwards it to Pasadena.

The Barrigas returned to the United States June 8.



SPANISH COUPLE — Fernando Morell Torrens and Joaquina Perello Carrio, a married couple who live in Spain, are pictured in their home in Orba, after they attended the 1985 Feast of Tabernacles in Cullera, Spain. Fernando Barriga, pastor of the Tijuana and Mexicali, Mexico, churches, visited the couple May 26. [Photo by G.A. Belluche, Jr.]

Nancy Reagan: America faces a 'drug and alcohol epidemic'

By Sheila Graham

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Making our way through the crowded, noisy, oversized Los Angeles Ballroom of the Century Plaza Hotel, we looked over the tops of dozens of gold tablecloths, wondering if we would ever locate table 19. Finally we saw Ellen Escat, Mr. Tkach's administrative assistant, beckoning to us from the lower level in front of the stage.

We walked down the steps by a formidable number of photographers and other media people waiting to record Nancy Reagan's address to the Los Angeles World Affairs Council here June 24. The World Affairs Council is the main public forum for dignitaries visiting Los Angeles.

"Ambassador Foundation, #19." It was our table all right and at such an advantageous location. The large round table, seating 10, was already being served.

As we hurriedly seated ourselves in front of our salads, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and a couple of his assistants arrived. Table 19 was Mr. Tkach's table.

Pastor general's guests

The pastor general had invited a few of the women who serve as secretaries and assistants in God's work to sit at his table and to hear Mrs. Reagan speak. Including those at his table, Mr. Tkach invited 59 Church, Ambassador College and foundation officials, and their wives to attend the luncheon.

All rose and applauded as Mrs. Reagan entered the room to be seated at a gold-cloth-covered banquet table draped with red bunting. Centerpieces of red roses punctuated the long table stretching across the stage.

Her 25 to 30 guests included William French Smith, former U.S. attorney general, Edmund "Pat" Brown, former governor of

California, and Armand Hammer, chief executive officer of Occidental Petroleum.

After the entree of chicken Kiev, accompanied by steamed carrots and rice with green peas, chocolate cake with a chocolate mousse filling was served. Although the confection melted in the mouth, those who were concerned about their weight followed Mr. Tkach's example and only tasted the cake.

Looking closer to 44 than 64, Mrs. Reagan, in a straight, long-jacketed white suit with a black necklace, began her speech with a quick reference to her husband. "The great communicator sends his regards," she said with a smile to the amused audience. Then she began to seriously tackle her subject — drug abuse.

"Ladies and gentlemen, there's a drug and alcohol epidemic in this country and no one is safe from its consequences — not you, not me and certainly not our children."

In her low, well-modulated voice, she described the 1960s when she first became aware of the problem. The Reagans reared two children — Patricia and Ronald — in those turbulent years. "Trying to raise children in the '60s was a terrifying experience. It seemed everything was against you — mainly your children."

Personal comments

Esther Apperson, Pasadena Church Offices secretary, was impressed with Mrs. Reagan's speaking ability. "Such a lady — quiet and dignified. She seems to be speaking directly to you."

Mrs. Apperson told Mr. Tkach, however, that she thought it was too bad they didn't ask him to speak on the subject. "All they are doing is trying to put out fires. They don't know where the problem originates," she said.

In a question and answer session

following her talk, Mrs. Reagan said the best way to help our children to avoid drug abuse was to set the right example yourself. Mr. Tkach agreed, but mentioned to his guests that right education was also an important factor.

Mrs. Reagan's question and answer session was open to questions on any subject. Donna Patillo, secretary to evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer, appreciated the friendly questions. "I thought that the questions were in good taste, in deference to her and her position."

Julie Stocker, secretary to David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations, also appreciated the respectful questions. "Mrs. Reagan was so gracious. She seemed very comfortable with the group there. I was also impressed with her obvious support of her husband."

Seated at Mr. Tkach's table were Myrtle Horn, Ambassador College women's guidance counselor; Mrs. Apperson; Wayne Shilkret, Ambassador Foundation performing arts director; Michael Feazell, one of Mr. Tkach's assistants; Lois Weber, secretary to Mr. Tkach; Mrs. Patillo; Miss Stocker; Sheila Graham, *Worldwide News* senior editor; and Mrs. Escat.

"I thought it was a wonderful opportunity that Mr. Tkach would invite and share this with us," said Miss Weber. "To be so close to Mrs. Reagan and see her warmth and character and concern. She was so obviously dedicated to her topic. It was uplifting to see that even though she is in the position she is in, she was so down to earth and personable."

Mrs. Horn also enjoyed the luncheon and "especially enjoyed sitting at Mr. Tkach's table and being able to hear Mr. Tkach's comments as well." All of Mr. Tkach's luncheon guests agreed. From all of us to you, Mr. Tkach — thank you.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

To Mr. Tkach

I just wanted to let you know that it has been a great blessing, privilege and honor for me being here in Ambassador College for two years.

I have learned a lot! Classes, Forums, Assemblies, Bible studies, Sabbath services, work, Ambassador Club, Ambassador Chorale, Outreach program, dorm life, social activities, new friendships and the rest, have provided invaluable experiences, knowledge and lessons that I will never forget . . .

I will do my best to put into practice all the things I have learned here. I will try to be a good Ambassador wherever I go.

I am physically leaving Ambassador College and its beautiful campus, environment and people. But I am taking it all with me in my mind, in my heart and in my memories.

I am glad that God inspired Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong to found this college and that God has chosen you to continue with the work ahead.

Thank you very, very much for your hard work, your inspiring example, your love and instruction and for being our

Pastor General.

Pasadena Ambassador College

Debbie and I and our families were very touched by the lovely flowers you sent to the memorial service for our mother. A number of the ministers have mentioned in sermons and Bible studies that one of your God given talents and deepest area of concern is for the widows and orphans among the brethren.

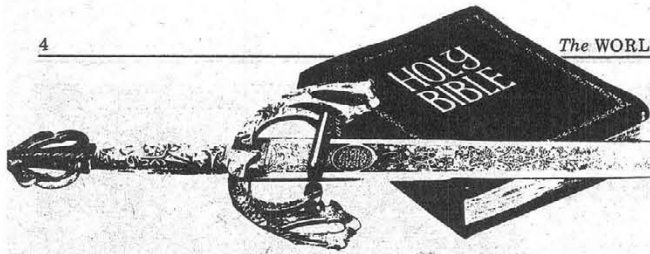
That you personally sent flowers to the service very vividly illustrates that "give" attitude for these two groups of people.

We hold up your hands in completing the commission for this work. You are in our prayers that God will give you sufficient strength to go out and do God's work so that the whole world can have the benefits of the kingdom. That is the hope that keeps our eyes on the goal and our feet on the course.

Santa Barbara, Calif.

Thank you so very much for the beautiful paperweight with the Ambassador logo.

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IRON SHARPENS IRON

Don't be a passive husband: how to gain your family's respect

By Paul M. Linehan

The dictionary defines *passive* as "not acting, inert, not actively resisting."

Sad to say, this definition describes millions of husbands today! More and more husbands are opting out of their God-given responsibility to lead their families.

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A marriage counselor asked one woman what her husband was doing wrong. "Nothing," was the reply. "He is doing nothing — and that is the problem!"

It all started with Adam, who went against his better judgment and gave in to his wife, Eve, weakly following Eve's bad example and partaking of the forbidden fruit. Instead of refusing, Adam compounded the problem.

Adam blazed the trail for all henpecked husbands to follow. He became the world's first passive man.

"Too tired, too busy, too distracted," passive husbands plead.

1 Peter 3:7 tells us to live with our wives "according to knowledge." What knowledge? The Bible gives a plethora of necessary information. But what we read or hear is not necessarily what we do. We often travel along our well-worn ruts.

Is the passive man always just a wimp who is so weak he can't make any decisions? No. A passive man may be very decisive at work but negligent at home, shirking his responsibilities because of tiredness, insensitivity or fear of involvement.

"One reason men have lost the respect of their families is because they have become spectators in the family situation," writes H. Page Williams. "I asked one little boy what his father did, trying to learn what his occupation was, and the boy replied, 'He watches.'"

"I asked, 'You mean that he is a night watchman?'"

"Oh, no," the little boy exclaimed, "he just watches."

"Well, what does he watch?" I asked.

"He watches TV, he watches Mom do the housework, he watches for the paperboy, he watches the weather, and I think he watches girls, too," he said, with an impish grin on his face. "He watches the stock market, football games, all the sports, he watches mother spank us, and he watches us do our homework. He watches us leave to go to church and PTA and shopping. He watches my brother mow the lawn, and he watches me rake. He watches my sister clean up the dirty dishes, and he watches me wash the dog. He watches Mom write letters, and he watches me play with my dog. He watches Mom pay the bills. He watches me a lot — but mainly he just watches," said the little fellow, with a note of sadness in his voice.

"This dad, and thousands like him, has contracted a contagious disease — spectatoritis" (*Do Yourself a Favour: Love Your Wife*, page 5). Part of God-plane leadership is setting the pace by example. In God's plan the husband is supposed to be the chief servant.

Why do some men act so

selfishly? It is often encouraged early in life by mothers who pamper their sons, doing practically everything for them. Some males grow up thinking it's their divine right to be served and catered to by women. In marriage millions of men often expect their wives to treat them just like mother did. Men who lead properly in the home are in the habit of serving — early.

Then there's the other extreme — the workaholic husband. Such men do not know how to relax and thus make others around them tense. Even when they retire and become grandparents, they still have no time for their grandchildren, because a lifelong habit has been established.

But more common is the grumpy, irritable husband — a far cry from the tenderhearted husband who lovingly oversees his wife and children and is solicitous of their welfare.

What it boils down to is that God's definition of a husband and father is a much bigger job than we ever imagined.

Most of us were trained to think that all we had to do was provide the money. But what about being the chief servant, devoting our lives to our mates and children? Ephesians 5:23 speaks of the husband being, symbolically, the savior of the wife. Verse 25 says that we are to give our whole selves.

No husband — including the one writing this article — is in a continual state of self-sacrifice. But Jesus Christ certainly was. Husbands need to see themselves and measure their performance by Christ.

Need for planning

"I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do," said Jesus in John 17:4. This tells us two things: (1) Jesus knew what work was, and (2) He had a plan to complete it. A real leader is one who knows the needs of those under his care and is providing those needs as best he can.

Many of us are frustrating our wives because there's no overall family planning, no strategy. One of a wife's greatest needs is security, to feel she is being taken care of.

A husband may be putting his wife under intolerable pressure by not shouldering the burden of paying the bills. Financial difficulties are a prime cause of marriage difficulties.

1 Timothy 5:8 is tough: "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

We usually think of this verse in terms of money, but it also includes emotional provision. This is an area in which many men are poorly equipped. Do we have a financial plan? Do we plan regular dates with our wives? Do we carve out time to spend with our children?

Sometimes we have to be ruthless in making time for that which is most important! We can't keep allowing circumstances to buffet us around. We must take control of our lives.

So often when things are wrong our wives complain, but we don't respond. "Stop that nagging," we say, oblivious that our lack of leadership creates much of the fuss.

One area the passive husband is usually active in is faultfinding. Many of us were raised in an environment where we constantly heard about our mistakes. We may have received negative instead of positive reinforcement. Unconsciously, almost, we pass this along.

But Colossians 3:19 says, "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them." Being bitter is being negative, harsh, vindictive, holding grudges.

Be positive

It's easy to see our mate's faults

Vital role of motherhood

Do you represent the Church?

By Ricky Sherrod

Mother!

What does that word bring to mind? Security? Good home-cooked meals? Comfort in times of sadness or disappointment?

You probably thought of these things and many more. Many mothers, sad to say, have failed to fulfill even these basic responsibilities associated with motherhood, but most of us would probably still relate to these characteristics in principle.

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But did you know that a mother's job — the way she fulfills needs like the ones that came to your mind — has a far greater and transcendent importance and purpose than we often realize?

The mother of us all

Writing to first-century Christians in Galatia, Paul described the Church as "the mother of us all" (Galatians 4:26). The role of motherhood is a type of what the Church of God has done and is doing today.

By being a "virtuous woman" (Proverbs 31:10-31), a mother can help her children to better understand God's Church, its purpose and its practices. Through a good example, every mother can build a strong foundation that will prepare her children to respond to God's calling when those children reach adulthood.

The human marriage union is a God-plane relationship where husbands and wives act out their roles as Christ and the Church. The wife who fulfills her proper role as a mother can literally represent the Church as she discharges her duties and responsibilities.

The description of the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31 illustrates three important characteristics of motherhood that are also prominent features of the Church of God.

Trustworthiness

The virtuous woman is one in whom "the heart of her husband doth safely trust" (verse 11). She is totally loyal and devoted to her mate. Even in his absence, her husband can depend on her to faithfully govern the home as he would and to

and our children's shortcomings, but so hard to perceive our own. Romans 15:2 urges edification, or building up. But many of us are in the demolition business, tearing down our families with our tongues.

We must turn this around. Along with necessary correction, God sees the good and encourages. We must learn to praise our mates and children. Deuteronomy 24:5 speaks of husbands cheering up their wives. How does your wife feel around you? Buoyed up? Encouraged? Happy to be your wife?

"Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her" (Proverbs 31:28). The husband is in the habit of praising his wife. Analyze yourself: How often do you praise your wife and children? How often do you praise your wife and children? We have to reprogram our minds to look for and point out the good. Nega-

tivism can bring about two reactions in children: anger and discouragement (Ephesians 6:4, Colossians 3:21).

To sum it up: The manager of a company is responsible for the overall performance of that company. In the same way, a man is responsible for the atmosphere in his home. We need to start comprehending just how much we have been robbing our mates and our children by failing to act in these important areas of leadership.

God-plane leadership leaves no room for the passive husband!

Remember, 1 Peter 3:7 encourages us: "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge." Let's go on a crash course to study the necessary knowledge of God. Let's begin to crave it and practice it for our families' sake — and reap the rewards!

effectively use the family's resources.

This fidelity and responsiveness to the desires of her husband is a type of the Church's faithfulness to the will and direction of Christ, the Head of the Church. The Church finds pleasure in living life God's way. Eager to come out of Satan's world (Revelation 18:4), the Church no more embraces old and errant ideas, thoughts or practices than a faithful wife would flirt or consort with another man (Ephesians 5:27).



Artwork by Monte Wolverton

A mother who is faithful and in submission to the authority of her husband sets a golden example for her children. Without saying a word — by her life-style — she can teach those children a beautiful lesson about Church government and the critical importance of faithful obedience to God's laws.

Providing family needs

From beginning to end, the description of the virtuous woman resonates with one clear message: Home and family are of prime importance. The family's needs come first!

From the early morning hours before daylight until late in the evening, she seeks "wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands," brings "her food from afar" and gives "meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens" (Proverbs 31:13-15). She "layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff." She "looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness" (verses 19 and 27).

In like manner, the Church of God diligently provides for the spiritual needs and nourishment of its individual members (John 21:15-17). Like a mother who is a gourmet

cook, the Church serves up spiritual feasts to her spiritual children.

During the present Philadelphia era, the Church has enjoyed relative freedom to pursue this task with greater vigor and effectiveness than any other Church epoch since the first century.

The mother who follows in the steps of the virtuous woman — who works hard to ensure that her children will be properly clothed, fed and cared for — teaches an important lesson through her example. As her children grow to maturity, they will more readily understand that the Church, like their concerned mother, nourishes and cares for its membership.

A hand to the poor

The virtuous woman is concerned not only for her own family, but she selflessly sees the needs and distress of those less fortunate around her. "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor" and "reacheth forth her hands to the needy" (Proverbs 31:20).

Likewise, the central role of God's Church in a world gone awry is to announce a message of hope to the spiritually impoverished (Matthew 24:14, 28:9-20).

An important example is set by the mother who exhibits concern for and gives help to the unfortunate, the sick and the misguided of her immediate community and the world at large. Her children will better understand the purpose of the Church in preaching the Gospel to a sick, perverted, troubled world.

A powerful example

A mother who strives to be a virtuous woman provides her children with something no one else can. As her children grow to adulthood, they will come to see clearly the nature and mission of God's Church in this end time. That solid, righteous example that their mother lives before them will teach those children lessons that nothing else — not even eloquent and persuasive words — can do.

If you set your sights high — if you strive to be a Proverbs 31 woman — you'll not only be a blessing to your family (Proverbs 31:28), but you will help prepare your children to become a part of God's Church in this age and enter God's Kingdom in the age to come.

What is the most precious gift you can give your children?

By Richard Rice

Think for a moment! What gift could you give your child that would have the greatest impact on his or her life? What would contribute more to his or her happiness, success and ultimate well-being than any other gift you could possibly bestow?

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

Would it be good health, or material necessities such as food, clothing and shelter? Would it be a good education, a career or financial security so that your child's needs for life would be supplied? What about your own personal love and devotion?

Granted, these gifts may be important if your child is to enjoy a measure of success and live a well-adjusted life. But there is yet another gift that supersedes them all.

What is it? The greatest gift you can give your child is the proper knowledge and fear of God. That's right. It is laying a solid, spiritual foundation at an early age so that he or she will come to know and honor God as Creator and Ruler throughout life.

God's viewpoint

Let's approach the question from God's perspective. He openly declares in His Word that our children are His heritage and occupy a special place in His plan (Psalm 127:3). He even tells us that angels have been specially assigned to watch over their lives and protect them from harm (Matthew 18:10). The ultimate purpose God has in store for our children is to produce sons for His Family and to give them eternal life (John 1:12, I John 3:1-2).

Do you now begin to understand what an awesome and sobering responsibility you as a parent have been given in rearing a holy seed for God (Malachi 2:15)? The eternal destiny of your children could well depend on the training you give them and the attitude they develop toward God.

Teaching your children how to love and obey God is a direct command of Scripture — a responsibility requiring your time, patience and diligent attention.

Wise King Solomon said: "Train up a child in the way he should go; and [even] when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). What is this way? It is the way of life God has commanded us to live — the way of His holy, righteous laws and the knowledge that leads to His Kingdom! This way involves instilling godly principles in your child's mind until those principles become fixed habits of character.

Paul reinforced the command to keep God at the center in Ephesians 6:4: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Moses also stressed the importance of diligently bringing up your children in the knowledge and practice of God's laws (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

How to teach

One of the most effective methods of teaching is by example. This is especially true in teaching young children to properly honor and fear God.

Unless you as a parent have an ongoing relationship with God and walk in obedience to Him, it is impossible to "train them in the way they should go." Your words are effective only to the degree that you personally are living them day by day.

Here are several other vital areas to concentrate on in teaching your children to know and fear God.

• **Family Bible study and prayer.** As your children reach an age when verbal communication is possible, it is important to establish a program of daily family worship. Many have found that the most effective time to do this is while the family is together at the breakfast table.

The teaching part of your family study needn't have a rigid time limit. The key is to make God's Word simple and easy to understand, and applicable to circumstances in their daily lives.

A good place to begin might be with selected verses in the book of Proverbs. Explain these verses in language they can relate to and understand, making them interesting and colorful. Show your children the plain common sense of God's Word. Get them involved by asking questions and guiding them to the right answers.

Be sure to present God and His ideals in the most encouraging and positive way you can. Make this a time they enjoy and look forward to. Avoid preaching at them or boring them with long-winded lectures.

After the session is over it is advisable to kneel together for family prayer. Generally, the father should lead, followed by the mother and each of the children. The goal to strive for is to teach your children how to pray themselves.

One important advantage in teaching your children to pray is to demonstrate that God truly does hear us when we look to Him in faith. When you teach them to ask God for certain blessings, their faith in Him will grow and deepen as they see Him fulfilling His promises.

• **Teach them through creation.** One of the simplest and most effective ways to teach your children about God's existence is through creation. Children are naturally fascinated with the world around them. They become ecstatic over a puppy, kitten or bug.

Take time to discuss the myriad aspects of creation in their environment — leaves, flowers, trees, animals. Point out that these things didn't just happen or evolve as some people think, but were created by the hand of an all-wise God for our use and enjoyment, and that we should be thankful.

• **Instill a proper conscience.** Instill in your children a consciousness of God; teach them to do what is right even when you're not present to remind them. This involves teaching them self-discipline. Children should be taught that God knows of their actions, but is willing to forgive their sins when they confess them and try to please Him.

• **Pray for your children.** Commit them to Him and pray for them daily. Pray fervently that they will have a teachable, humble attitude and will be protected from the evil influences of this world and the wiles of Satan.

Ask God to give you the insight and discernment to detect any wrong attitudes or self-will that may start developing. Also ask for patience and long-suffering when you become discouraged with their behavior. Remember that when you let down your guard and become inconsistent, you open a door for Satan to infuse his destructive moods and tendencies.

Cannot convert your children

Keep in mind that you cannot convert your children — God reserves to Himself the right to call them when He will (John 6:44). Your responsibility is to lay the

groundwork and prepare your child's mind to accept God's call when it comes.

Remind yourself regularly that the ultimate destiny of your children rests largely on the conscientious and prudent training you give them day by day. Allow nothing to distract you! Then, when you have done all within your ability, claim God's promise to call them.

Can you think of any greater gift you could give God than your own children, whom you've helped train to occupy a position of glory and honor in His Family?



SPRING FEAST — Church members assemble in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tapuluki Samasoni in Honiara, Solomon Islands, for the Night to Be Much Observed, April 23, to sample foods from India, China, Australia and Greece. [Photo by Brian Hose]

Brethren meet in Solomon Islands

Holy Days observed in Pacific

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — Christopher Hunting and Brian Hose traveled to the Solomon Islands to conduct services on the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread and then flew to Papua New Guinea to meet with members, prospective members and interested *Plain Truth* readers.

Mr. Hunting is associate pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, South and East churches. Mr. Hose is a deacon in the Sydney, Australia, South church.

Mr. Hunting and Mr. Hose first visited members on the island of Ranongga. To get to the island they flew an hour from Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands, to Gizo and then took a dugout canoe with an outboard motor.

Mr. Hose gave the sermonette, and Mr. Hunting gave the sermon there on the Sabbath, April 19. They counseled with and baptized Dorothy Jiru and returned to Gizo the next day, where they counseled with one prospective member before returning to Honiara.

Twelve members took the Passover in Honiara in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tapuluki Samasoni. For the Night to Be Much Observed, "we enjoyed the tastes of India, China, the islands, Australia and Greece with the local families in the Samasonis' home. The occasion was even more cherished since we had not been together since the Feast of Tabernacles," Mr. Hunting said.

Thirty-two people attended services on the first day of Unleavened Bread. In Honiara, Mr. Hunting and Mr. Hose met with five new

people and made arrangements for the Feast of Tabernacles there.

Next Mr. Hunting and Mr. Hose traveled to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, where they met with a student and a couple who are interested in God's work.

They also met a prospective member in prison. "The experience was quite disturbing," Mr. Hunting said. "We walked by the solitary confinement area and then observed hundreds of men dressed in their prison grays working in teams under supervision . . . Fortunately the man we visited is being released in two or three months. We were sad to say good-bye to someone whom God is calling under such circumstances."

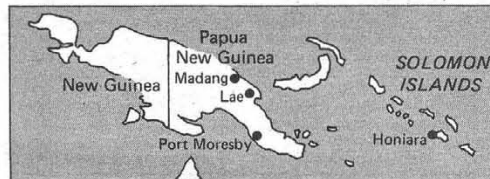
Mr. Hunting and Mr. Hose visited 16 people in Papua New Guinea. "During one stage of the trip we had to fly from Madang to Lae. Even though we had confirmed our flight tickets, and were on a waiting list. The flight was full, and so it left without us. We were advised that the only alternative was

... flying a small Cessna 405, which might have one seat available.

"The plane finally arrived and . . . we both were given seats . . . We finally arrived at Lae to find that our original flight had been unable to land there due to the weather conditions, and had proceeded on to Port Moresby . . . We were grateful for God's intervention so we could meet those waiting to see us."

The people Mr. Hunting and Mr. Hose visited are police detectives, customs agents, the owner of a timber yard, a health and guidance supervisor for a village of about 20,000 people, students, a malaria consultant, a politician and a businessman.

Papua New Guinea is a potentially wealthy country, according to Mr. Hunting. "However, a disease has recently infested both coffee and sugar crops, and there is considerable concern for the economy as both these crops form a significant part of the nation's income. The country is also suffering from an increasing breakdown of law and order," he said.



SOUTH PACIFIC VISIT — Christopher Hunting and Brian Hose visited brethren in the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea in April. [Map by Ronald Grove]



FESTIVAL MEETING — Brethren from Ranongga, Solomon Islands, pause with Christopher Hunting (center, background), associate pastor of the Melbourne, Australia, South and East churches, during the Days of Unleavened Bread. [Photo by Brian Hose]

Foundation helps Pasadenans commemorate city's centennial

The city of Pasadena celebrated its centennial during the month of June. The Ambassador Foundation provided assistance in setting up spectator stands in front of city hall and audio and lighting support for various events and presentations. "We also loaned the Centennial Commission virtually the entire [Ambassador] Auditorium technical and ushering crews and provided musicians and musical direction," said evangelist Ellis La Ravia, a vice president of the Ambassador Foundation. This article appeared on the front page of the June 19 Pasadena Star-News and is reprinted by permission.

By Becky Bartindale

PASADENA — In the beginning they were all alone. Even their phone calls rarely were returned. That was 16 months ago, when the task of planning Pasadena's Centennial celebration and raising the \$400,000 needed to stage it stretched ahead like a long, isolated march across an empty desert. "The first six months were the lonely ones — that was when everyone was telling us it couldn't be done," remembers Patricia Bond, executive director of the non-profit organization that has coordinated or sponsored many of the Centennial year's events.

Bond can perhaps be likened to

the Centennial's Pied Piper, and lined up behind her is a cheerful, unsung cast of about 1,000 people.

"This is a story of heroic proportions on the part of the community," said Carolyn Carlburg, an attorney who has learned the value of volunteer talent.

Chairwoman of the Centennial programs marking Pasadena's 100th anniversary, Carlburg becomes misty-eyed when she describes how taking part in the celebration has moved her.

One reason for that is that she and her committee of volunteers had to beg, borrow and steal close to \$230,000 worth of time, expertise and talent to put on today's programs.

That's in addition to the \$400,000 in cash raised by Bond, her staff and other Centennial committee members to underwrite the rest of the year's Centennial events. Bond said other in kind donations push the total contributions past \$1 million.

Contributors to today's programs are varied, just as it's been throughout the Centennial year. Churches, professional musicians and dancers, schools and Pasadena employees all have a part. An especially large role belongs to the Ambassador Foundation, a major cultural organization affiliated with Pasadena's Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God.

Among other things, the foundation is providing the technical staff

to handle tasks ranging from rigging and lighting the giant stage to coordinating the evening light-and-music show, from set design to script. The script, which Carlburg depicts as a moving tribute to the people of Pasadena, was written by Michael Keenan of Altadena [Calif.], who directs productions at Pasadena's American Academy of

Dramatic Arts/West.

The involvement of so many people from all walks of life has produced new friendships — a phenomenon Bond likens to that developed by war buddies together in the trenches.

"It's been a very unifying experience," she said.

Others who have taken part also sound stirred when they talk about their Centennial experience.

Although today's programs are an excellent example of Centennial volunteerism, other examples abound.

Jess Angotti, 78, who retired after 35 years with an air condition-

ing contractor, has lived in the area for 42 years. His first direct involvement with the city came as a result of the Centennial — since then, he has signed up for more through the city-run Volunteers Involved for Pasadena.

He walked into Bond's office a year ago in May, and soon was licking envelopes — a member of what Bond calls the lickers, stampers and stuffers who have sent out thousands of mailings. Eventually, Angotti was picked to preside over the "Energetic Eighties" decade in Saturday's Centennial Parade.

"That was a delight to me," he said. "I'm sure I got much more than I gave."



HAND-PAINTED GIFT — Aaron Evans (above), son of Lee and Patricia Evans, members who attend the Oklahoma City, Okla., church, presented this watercolor to Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach during Mr. Tkach's June 6 to 8 visit to Oklahoma City.



(PDT) flight were Mrs. Escat, Mr. May and Esther Apperson, who serves as secretary in Pasadena Church Offices.

The flight crew included Mr. Hopke, Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Brothers and his wife, Felicia. Mr. Brothers, who had recovered from blood poisoning, served as the steward. Mrs. Brothers helped as the stewardess.

Mr. Tkach and the group were met by area ministers at the Stockton Metropolitan Airport. "As we flew in, I was amazed at the beautiful landscape — it was like an intricate patchwork quilt," Mr. Tkach said.

Pentecost services were conducted in the Spanos Center at the airport. More than 3,200 brethren — about 500 more than were expected — from 14 California and Nevada churches attended the Holy Day services.

Mr. May said that the attitude of the brethren "seems to be one of wholehearted desire to serve God faithfully — supporting and backing the government God has placed in his Church."

"I was very pleased with the offering," said Mr. Tkach, who conducted the offertory. "In some Church areas these brethren face unemployment rates as high as 20 percent. Yet they provided an excellent response with a 50 percent increase over last year!"

"Mr. Tkach explained clearly how giving an offering helps us develop godly character in preparation for becoming members of God's family," Mr. May said.

Mr. Dietrich, who delivered the sermon before Mr. Tkach's sermon, said the high points of the trip for him were "the very powerful sermons delivered in the morning by Mr. Arthur Docken and in the afternoon by Mr. Tkach."

Mr. Docken, who spoke on stirring up the Spirit of God, is pastor of the Fairfield and Santa Rosa, Calif., churches.

Personal stories

In his sermon explaining how to use God's Holy Spirit, Mr. Tkach recalled many personal stories of his involvement in the Church. "Mr. Tkach's sermon was certainly 'meat in due season,' said Mrs. Apperson. "His 'personals' were appreciated by the members."

After the pastor general finished speaking, James Chapman, pastor of the Reno and Carlin, Nev., churches, presented a solid brass sculpture of an American bald eagle and a gold nugget to Mr. Tkach on behalf of the churches attending.

"We wanted to present something to Mr. Tkach that reflected his duties," explained Oswald Englebart, pastor of the Modesto and Stockton, Calif., churches.

"The sculpture portrays an American eagle zealously guarding a gold nugget," Mr. Englebart said in a June 20 interview with *The Worldwide News*. "We felt that the sculpture reflected Mr. Tkach's zeal and duties in protecting God's Church."

After services ended Roy and Cathryn Critchfield presented a handmade clothwork of a pyramid embroidered in the colors of Israel's tabernacle. Mr. Critchfield is 98 years old. "Mr. Tkach told him he would see him again when he turned 100," Mrs. Apperson said.

The pastor general met brethren for more than an hour and a half after services. "I finally decided to cancel the planned ministerial meeting so I could meet everyone who wanted to talk to me," he said. "I think I must have met everyone who attended, as the lines were so long."

"His visit and his obvious concern for the brethren were a tremendous encouragement to everyone who attended," Mr. Englebart told *The Worldwide News*.

After meeting brethren Mr. Tkach and his traveling group went to a room in the Ramada Inn for refreshments with area ministers and wives. "I think we finally stopped after 10 p.m. [PDT]," he said.

During the trip Mr. Tkach met with longtime friends Phillip and Waueda Fowler. Mr. Fowler, a local church elder serving in the Stockton church, and his wife became friends with the pastor general when Mr. Tkach worked in the Chicago churches.

Mr. Tkach and his group returned to Pasadena June 16, with the pastor general going straight to his office in the Hall of Administration.

"We arrived back here about 1 p.m. and got straight to work," the pastor general said. "After all, God expects us to keep up the pace."

Services

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Ill., churches he helped pastor in the 1960s. "These people seem to be everywhere," he joked. "They said they were still hanging in there in the faith."

Afterward, the pastor general conducted a 45-minute ministerial meeting where he talked about growth and unity in God's work.

"I also conducted a question and answer session, and one question came up that I am often asked: Will I make a program for *The World Tomorrow?* The answer is yes. Keep watching next season."

After the meeting Mr. Tkach and his group went to Mr. Tkach's suite for refreshments. "We talked with several ministers and wives from about 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. [Central Daylight Time]. It was a very nice get-together," he said.

"I also kept up my exercise program by taking long, brisk walks with Mr. May and Mr. Dean," Mr. Tkach said. The pastor general recently directed the ministry to begin exercise programs. Mr. Tkach takes two or three mile daily walks for exercise and weight control.

The pastor general returned to Pasadena June 8.

Pentecost trip

The pastor general again boarded the Gulfstream jet June 15 for a morning flight to Stockton, Calif., where he conducted Holy Day services. On the G-III with Mr. Tkach for the 9 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time

For the record

PASADENA — Bharat and Urvashi Naker also attended the formal tea conducted by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach for full-time ministerial trainees and wives May 5 (see "Be a Servant," *Urges Mr. Tkach*," *W/N*, May 19).

Mr. and Mrs. Naker, whose names did not appear in the *Worldwide News* article, are scheduled to serve in Australia and India. Mr. Naker received a bachelor of arts degree from Pasadena Ambassador College in May.

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Track star goes the distance, stops short of God's Sabbath

By Huddie Kaufman
Scholastic Sports Editor
LIGONIER, Pa. — Ed Dunn is a sensible teenager who plugs along through life realizing it's not a bed of roses.

The Ligonier Valley senior is a scholastic track star. He has run the

This article about Ed L. Dunn Jr., 19, who attends the Indiana, Pa., church, appeared in the April 5 edition of the Greensburg, Pa., Tribune-Review and is excerpted by permission. Ed set a national Youth Opportunities United (YOU) record in the two-mile run with a time of 9:41.5 at a YOU regional meet May 25 in Cambridge, Ohio.

mile (1600 meters) faster than any other competitor in the history of the Westmoreland County Coaches' Meet.

Those familiar with the exploits of the distance ace know he will not compete on Saturdays. He is a

member of the Worldwide Church of God, which observes Saturday as its sabbath.

The past two summers, Dunn has been deprived of his major goal, competing in the PIAA event at Shippensburg [Pa.]. This season, Dunn will not only miss the states, but unfortunately the county meet on April 30.

"It's a Holy Day — the Last Day of Unleavened Bread," Dunn said. "I could run after the sun goes down, but it will be too late," he added. The LV senior will also miss the Mountain Conference Meet and the conference relays.

"It's kind of frustrating," Dunn said, "but I'm more concerned about my health and not by the circumstances."

Dunn has been handicapped by a severe chest cold and has missed at least two weeks of the season. He's now back in practice and attempting to hone his running talents for the Mounties' track campaign.

There was some discussion between Dunn and his veteran coach, Gene Seiling, over the possibility

the county record holder would run the 3200. "I think it could be his best event," Seiling stated.

"I just don't like it," Dunn said. He will run some 800s and anchor the mile relay team when he is available. Dunn's brother, Tom, also a senior, and sister, Laura, a junior, also track and field performers, do not participate on Saturdays or on any Holy Days because of their religious beliefs.

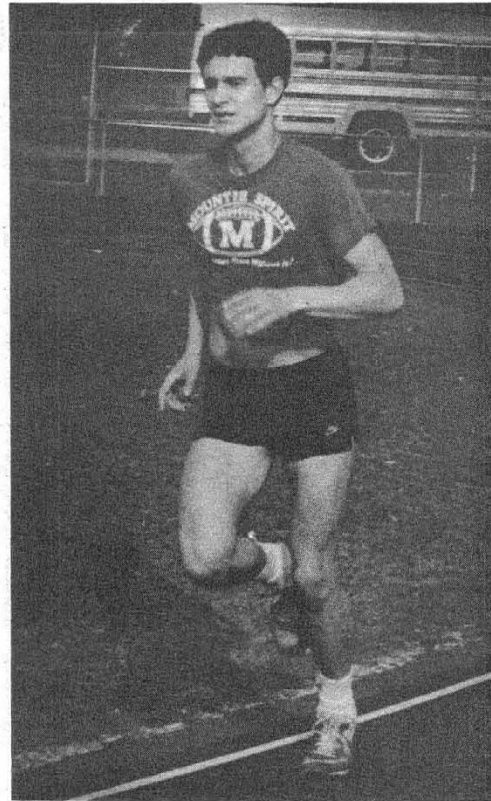
Dunn bettered the existing county record last year at Latrobe's Memorial Stadium with a 4:19.9 following a duel with Norwin ace Pat Noll.

Dunn has three goals this season: get healthy, slice his 1600 mark to 4:12 and qualify for the state meet. Ligonier Valley qualifies out of district 6 and Dunn is expected to have little problem gaining a passport.

If he qualifies, he will compete in Shippensburg on Friday, May 23 in the semifinals [he placed second] in an attempt to gain a berth in Saturday's race for the gold medal. His place will be taken by another competitor.

Dunn loves the athletic competition on the track. "It takes a lot of dedication with all the running during the winter. The pain is not very fun, but it gives me a sense of accomplishment," he said.

Dunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dunn of Ligonier, will head west following his graduation. He and brother Tom have been accepted at Ambassador College in Pasadena, Calif., which is affiliated with the Worldwide Church of God.



DISTANCE ACE — Ed L. Dunn Jr., 19, who attends the Indiana, Pa., church, was a championship miler at Ligonier Valley, Pa., High School and also participated in Youth Opportunities United (YOU) track meets. [Photo by Susan A. Wilson, courtesy of the Greensburg, Pa., Tribune-Review]

Letters TO THE EDITOR

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sador College seal and name imprint. It is such a privilege to be employed at Ambassador College and I am so happy to be a part of such an exciting organization . . .

Thanks again for your generosity and for your concern in us new employees.

Pasadena

Thank you for showing the House Staff of the Auditorium your appreciation. I washed dishes throughout the whole banquet (before the first performance of the Kirov Ballet) and I missed . . . serving as a waiter. But after your talk to us, I felt like my job was as important as any, and I felt a happiness that I could support you even in the kitchen. I knew that before, but when you said it, it truly hit home.

Pasadena Ambassador College

We would like to express our deep appreciation for the opportunity to personally get to know you and for the . . . tea.

Thank you for instructing us on how we can become profitable, loyal servants.

Summer ministerial trainees
Pasadena Ambassador College

I read your fine "Personal" in the new *Worldwide News*. May I say, sir, you have my deepest feelings as I lost my dear wife 12 years ago on April 2. My sympathy is with you . . . May our God and great Father show you His great affection . . . May He ever and always be ready to show us His great love.

Ocala, Fla.

Pentecost preparation

You're awesome! Thanks for the extra time Friday afternoon [for Church employees] for Sabbath preparation. We'll use it happily.

Pasadena

Budgeting God's way

Ever since I read your [Dexter H. Faulkner's] article in the [February] *Good News* on budgeting I've been wanting to write and tell you how our budget has improved since we put these principles into use. This morning I read your "Just One More Thing" in the May 19 *Worldwide News* and decided now is the time to write . . .

My wife and I ultimately decided that the instructions you gave regarding budget weren't really your ideas but God's. And if God wants us to do something then by all means we will be able to. Well it's been some months now since we began to budget God's way and I want to encourage you by telling

you we find it really works!

Jim and Linda Lowe
Sperryville, Va.

Young people tithe

I'm sending in my first tithe of \$10 which I earned from my paper route. God has blessed me very much with a job, and I'm glad I'm able to tithe from the profit I make.

Rebeka Redanz
Harleysville, Pa.

My name is Jarrett. I am in level 5 of the YES [Youth Educational Services] Lessons. I am 10 years old. I have enclosed my tithe for this year. I love to tithe. This is the first year I have saved second tithe . . .

Thank you for sending me my own Holy Day envelopes. I really enjoy getting them and putting my offerings in my envelopes, instead of right in the basket.

Jarrett Kaminsky
Sugarloaf, Pa.

Early this summer I received a paper route from the neighborhood paperboy who was getting "old for his job." I started out only delivering 24 papers. I was not bringing in too much money, but still I enforced God's law of tithing. Through this job I have learned the responsibilities of tithing and how it backs up God's Work. Today my paper count has almost doubled. The reason being that God is blessing my paper route, because I have kept his law of tithing.

Dan Redanz
Harleysville, Pa.

Patient enjoys magazines

Enclosed is a letter from a thankful patient of mine which I wanted to pass on to you. After reading your magazines, *The Plain Truth* and the *Good News*, I then placed them in my waiting room and was thrilled to find the following letter recently:

W.H.
Bonn, West Germany

Dear Doctor! In your waiting room I found the enclosed magazine which I found so interesting that I took it home and finished reading it. With thanks and apologies I am herewith returning the *Good News* magazine.

J.D.
Bonn, West Germany

Not ignored

All you people at headquarters and all the ministers are doing us a great service and we don't always think to say "thank you."

So when you feel you're being ignored, you're not. We are soaking up your articles, learning from them and being encouraged.

Vivian Bresmakan
Calgary, Alta.

Ambush: Member survives raid

By Augusto C. Cernol
OZAMIZ, Philippines — Roderick "Eric" Roble, a member who attends services here, was the lone survivor in an April 8 ambush that claimed the lives of six companions.

Mr. Roble, a supervisor with the Philippine Coconut Authority, was to be the main speaker at a *barangay* (village) seminar on coffee intercropping, 12 kilometers (about 7 1/2 miles) from Sinacaban.

Roderick "Eric" Roble, a member who attends the Ozamiz, Philippines, church, related this account of how he survived an ambush, to Augusto C. Cernol, a local church elder in the Ozamiz church.

Mr. Roble and companions: the municipal council secretary, the municipal budget officer, a *barangay* captain, an unarmed militiaman, a Muslim student and the driver were riding in a Nissan jeep on the fateful morning of April 8.

At about 10:30 a.m., as the jeep was negotiating an incline, Mr. Roble, who was seated at the back with the militiaman and the student, bent down to pick up his sunglasses, which fell from his pocket.

Suddenly a mysterious force pushed him hard on the back of his head so that he fell flat on the vehicle floor. Almost simultaneously bedlam broke loose as automatic gunfire from an estimated 30 armed men raked the jeep from two sides.

Amid the yellings and groanings and the deafening staccato of machine-gun fire, Mr. Roble prayed, "God save me; God save me."

He felt the weight of his two companions as they staggered and slumped lifeless on his back. Fear and shock almost overwhelmed him when he felt and saw fresh warm blood all over him.

After about 15 seconds, the shooting stopped. Mr. Roble

breathed hard to find out if he was hurt. He was not. He was so grateful he laughed involuntarily. That triggered another burst of gun fire, and for the next 15 seconds the vehicle shuddered at the incessant impact of metal against metal.

This time Mr. Roble felt as if his left leg was on fire and some numbing sensations. He wanted to cry, but the fusillade stopped abruptly and a shout rang out, "Surrender and throw down your weapons!"

"I surrender sir, I am wounded," was the immediate answer of Mr. Roble. He did not hear anything from his companions except for the soft crying of the woman budget officer who had a crushed left arm.

The rear door of the Nissan flew open, and Mr. Roble found himself staring at the business ends of four high-powered rifles.

One of the armed men peered into the blood-soaked vehicle. He looked surprised when he confronted Mr. Roble.

"You are not armed?" he asked. "No sir. In fact we are taught not to use firearms by our religion," Mr. Roble blurted his answer.

"What is your religion?" "Worldwide Church of God, sir."

The armed men put their weapons at ease and inspected the bodies. They found only a small caliber sidearm on the body of the municipal council secretary.

One of the men approached Mr. Roble and apologized: "Sorry, we're very sorry. It was a mistake. We hope you will understand our side. Here, take these capsules to stem the flow of blood."

Encouraged by the turn of events, Mr. Roble implored the men to provide them with transportation to the nearest hospital. Surprisingly the men readily agreed and sent one of their women companions to request a copra dealer nearby to bring the dead and wounded to town.

After almost two hours, Mr. Roble and the budget officer were treated at the Misamis Occidental Provincial Hospital in Oroquieta, while the dead men were brought to Ozamiz.

Mr. Roble, who sustained four gunshot wounds and five shrapnel wounds, was at first classified as seriously wounded. The budget officer appeared less seriously wounded.

Mr. Roble immediately instructed his wife, Marife, to wire Jessup Bahinting, pastor of the Cagayan de Oro, Kiara, Musuan and Ozamiz, Philippines, churches.

Mr. Bahinting sent a telegram through a deacon to Augusto Cernol, a local church elder in the Ozamiz church. Mr. Cernol traveled for 3 1/2 hours by motorcab, jeepney, boat and bus to Oroquieta. Mr. Cernol arrived at 8:15 p.m., April 9, and anointed Mr. Roble. Mr. and Mrs. Roble were in good spirits.

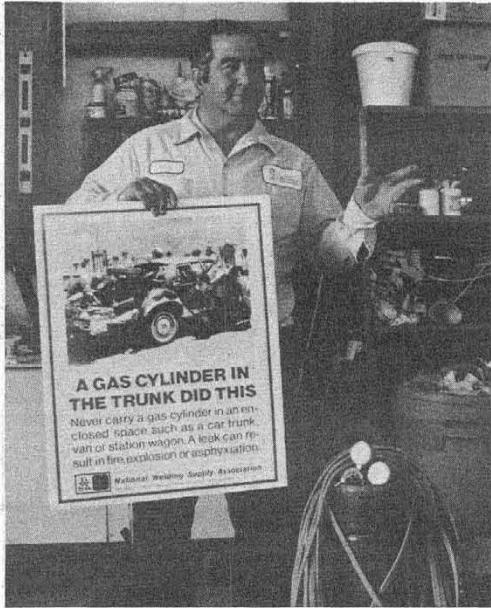
Although Mrs. Roble is not yet baptized, she declared God intervened mightily to save her husband from sure death. While Mr. Cernol was at the hospital, the female budget officer succumbed to her wounds. That left Mr. Roble the lone survivor of the ambush.

Almost all of the Ozamiz brethren have visited Mr. Roble at the hospital. The episode was a great inspiration to them for a renewed faith in a loving God who is always ready to protect His people. At the hospital the doctors and nurses were amazed at Mr. Roble's rapid recovery.

They could hardly believe that not one bone was broken. Police authorities are baffled as to how Mr. Roble survived the ambush. The bullet holes were three inches apart at their widest, and the jeep was practically full of holes — like a sieve!

His townmates, fellow employees and friends call Mr. Roble very lucky. Of course, they are blind to the hand of God.

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH



WELDING PRECAUTIONS — Don Griffith, a member who attends the Durango, Colo., church, explains how to safely handle oxygen tanks when welding June 1 at a work fair in Durango. [Photo by Pete Brown]

Miniolympics, fair sponsored

Brethren of the **BRISBANE**, Australia, **SOUTH** church participated in their 11th miniolympics at the Q.E. II Jubilee Sports Centre May 4. There were about 600 participants and spectators.

The Brisbane South blue team scored the most points. Individual champions were Tanya Ogilvie in the women's division and Tim Clarke in the men's.

The event ended with a sausage sizzle and sing-along.

The **DURANGO**, Colo., church presented a work fair for adults and Church youths June 1.

The goal was to provide Church youths and adults with a "taste of a variety of job skills. In today's difficult job market, the experience might

provide a lead to a profitable line of work," said Gary Pendergraft, pastor of the Alamosa, Colo., and Durango churches.

Skilled workers conducted a seminar on safety in the home and on the job. Dangers in working with electricity, autos, power tools and chain saws were pointed out.

The afternoon featured individual seminars. Church youths tried skills required for surveying, auto mechanics, computer programming, electrical work and welding. Adults sharpened their skills and asked questions about different fields. A sewing seminar dealt with sewing in the home or as an occupation.

Daphne Affleck and Denise Coulter.

Spokesman Clubs meet for activities

The **PORT ST. LUCIE**, Fla., Spokesman Club graduation and ladies night took place May 18.

Seventeen members and their wives or guests, and Craig Bachelder, pastor of the Port St. Lucie and Cocoa, Fla., churches, gathered for a prime rib dinner at the Sheraton-Regency resort hotel in Vero Beach, Fla.

David Berger was topicmaster, and James Perrow was toastmaster. Speakers were Bill Starling, Frank Scramlin, Luciano Cherin, Don Pooley and Ben Moore. Evaluators were Don Congdon, Brent Reynolds, Cliff Harding, Frank Scott and Frank Mancuso.

Mr. Cherin received the Most Effective Speech trophy; Mr. Pooley was Most Improved Speaker; and Mr. Harding and Mr. Mancuso tied for the Most Helpful Evaluation. Graduation certificates were awarded to Mr. Cherin, Mr. Moore and Mr. Scramlin.

The **FREDERICTON, SAINT JOHN and MONCTON**, N.B., Spokesman Clubs combined for a ladies night May 18 at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Fredericton.

The theme for the evening was "The Seven Falls of Success."

Speakers were Michael Cunningham, Andrew Gerber, Guilmont Ringuette, Steven O'Toole and Robert Raven. Mr. Cunningham received the Most Improved Speak-

er trophy, and Mr. Raven gave the Most Effective Speech.

Spokesman Club Certificates of Merit were presented to graduating members George Neufeld and Richard Duplain.

The **MOUNT VERNON**, Ill., Spokesman Club sponsored a ladies night May 10 in a banquet room at the Ramada hotel in Mount Vernon.

After a meal of chicken, green beans, almonds, fruit, salad and cherry pie, club President Don Hatchett introduced topicmaster David Harper.

Dan Creed, club director and pastor of the Mount Vernon and Belleville, Ill., churches, evaluated the first half of the meeting.

Toastmaster Dennis Clifton introduced speakers Ted Vanmeter, Dan Vanmeter, Randy Harlan and Ron Webb. Evaluators were Danny Hawthorne, Bruce Reynolds, Dick Harlan and Robert Grove.

Mr. Creed evaluated the second half of the meeting and presented graduation certificates to Leroy Sullivan and Mr. Clifton.

The **GRANDE PRAIRIE**, Alta., Graduate and Spokesman clubs concluded the club year with a formal social May 18.

The evening began with a meeting directed by Pieter Michielsens, pastor of the Grande Prairie and Fort St. John, Alta., churches. Six members gave impromptu

Members participate in fund raisers

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., and **FLORENCE**, S.C., brethren gathered at a farm leased by Dunbar Foods Inc. and a Fayetteville local church elder, and Lawrence Greider, church pastor, supervised the activity. After the work was finished Mr. Greider invited the workers to his home for rest and refreshments.

Pepper plants are grown on the farm until they reach a height of about one foot. Then they are pulled up by the roots, packed in crates, loaded on a truck and shipped to other farms where they are replanted and grown to harvest the peppers.

Church members pulled more than one million plants in seven hours. They earned more than

\$1,500 for the two church activity funds.

Kenneth Wrench, an employee of Dunbar Foods Inc. and a Fayetteville local church elder, and Lawrence Greider, church pastor, supervised the activity. After the work was finished Mr. Greider invited the workers to his home for rest and refreshments.

CAMBRIDGE, England, brethren gathered at the farm of deacon Harold Peacock May 25 for a fund raiser and barbecue.

White elephant items, cakes and drinks were sold from stalls in a barn. Proceeds were donated to the transportation fund for youths to attend the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Loch Lomond, Scotland.

Later brethren barbecued sausages, hamburgers and chickens. **YOU** members from the Ipswich and Norwich, England, churches who were on a weekend camp-out arrived in time for the meal.

In the afternoon 5-year-old Ben-

jamin Peacock completed a sponsored walk to aid the SEP. Benjamin, who suffers from a congenital dislocation of the hip, which prevents him from using his legs easily, walked a distance of 800 meters (about half a mile) — further than he can normally manage at once.

The afternoon concluded with an auction conducted by John Fippen. A total of about 350 pounds (about \$525) was raised.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., brethren conducted their annual spring yard sale May 4 and 5 in Pinellas Park, Fla.

Activities began at 4:45 a.m. with breakfast for the early crew and unloading of three trailers of sale items collected from members, friends and neighbors. The first customers arrived at 5:45 a.m.

The activity grossed more than \$5,300 and involved most of the congregation. The sale was coordinated by Lavene Vorel.

Charles B. Edwards, Philip Stevens and Lavene L. Vorel.

Family events take place

The **AUCKLAND**, New Zealand, church sponsored an annual family weekend at Glenfield Center May 31 and June 1. Four hundred forty-five people attended, some coming from as far as Wellington, New Zealand, 500 miles (800 kilometers) away.

Activities included New Zealand's first church swim meet, a square dance called by Errol Collier, novelty olympics and a talent show. Master of ceremonies for the swim meet and novelty olympics was Peter Nathan, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Donald Engle, associate pastor of the Auckland church, was master of

ceremonies for the talent show, which included a variety of vocal and instrumental acts, poetry and prose readings and skits.

WODONGA, Australia, brethren attended a family day in Bright, Australia, May 11.

The activity began with a drive along tree-lined avenues. A barbecue lunch was served at Millcreek Park. Church youths rode on a skateboard track and bicycles. Others played miniature golf, roller-skated and attempted to walk on stilts. Pony rides were available for the children.

Brian Gray and George and Linell Kusz.

District meet conducted

The District 82 **YOU** track meet took place in **SALEM**, Ore., May 18.

The Salem and Albany, Ore., team placed first with 143 points. The Portland East and Hood River, Ore., team and the Medford and Klamath Falls, Ore., team tied for second place with 139 points each.

Individual winners were Brian Nixon, senior boys, with 25 points and first place in the 400-, 1600- and 3200-meter runs and the 400- and 1600-meter relays; Jeff Hill, junior boys, 18 points, first, 400-meter run and 400- and 1600-meter relays; Tonja Berge, senior girls, 24 points, first, 100-meter low hurdles, 200- and 400-meter runs and 400-meter relay; and Regina Wilbanks,

junior girls, 25 points, first, discus, 100- and 200-meter runs, 400-meter relay and 800-meter relay (senior division). *Nelson C. Haas.*

Churches bid farewell to pastor

LEGAZPI and **SORSOGON**, Philippines, brethren said farewell May 20 to pastor Dionisio Catchillar, and his wife, Magdalena, who were transferred to Manila, Philippines, and welcomed their new pastor George Escara and his wife, Pamela.

On behalf of the brethren, deacons Oscar Jimenez and Jesus Dawal expressed appreciation for the services that Mr. Catchillar and his wife rendered. David Oloya, a local church elder in the Legazpi church, presented the couple with a certificate of appreciation signed by the brethren.

Mr. Oloya then welcomed Mr. Escara and his wife. He also welcomed Church youths who returned that day from a 15-day Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Baguio, Philippines.

Ruth Concepcion, a staff member at the camp, gave an overview of the SEP activities.

Jose Manzano, a deacon in the Legazpi church, played harmonica, and Mr. Oloya played his handmade violin. The group sang "Auld Lang Syne" and ate ice cream. *Linneo C. Narvaja.*

Youths take cruise, go rafting

Aboard a triple-deck houseboat, 93 **JACKSON** and **GREENWOOD**, Miss., Church youths and parents took an all-day cruise on the Ross Barnett Reservoir May 25.

The cruise featured dancing on the top deck, a grilled steak meal, card games and charades. The main event of the activity was the presentation of **YOU** awards. Marc Segall, church pastor, presented gifts, trophies and certificates for participation and excellence in **YOU** activities throughout the year. Coaches were also honored.

About 55 Church youths from **COLORADO SPRINGS** and **PUEBLO**, Colo., went white-water rafting on the Arkansas River May 25.

The group left from the Lazy J Ranch west of the Royal Gorge and went through two of the river's most famous rapids, Cottonwood and Texas Creek. The trip lasted 3½ hours and covered 12 miles of the river.

The rafters returned to the ranch for a potluck lunch with their families. Afternoon activities included horseshoes, fishing and volleyball.

H.B. Wells and Karen Sloma.

speeches. Graduation certificates were awarded to Ted Dageforde and Herb Ellis, and the officers for next season were announced.

Dinner featured roasted cornish hens, Swiss steaks, cold cuts, salads and ice cream topped with strawberries and whipped cream.

After dinner brethren danced to music provided by Bruce Wagar, (See **CLUBS**, page 9)

Brethren gather for meals

About 400 **AUSTIN** and **WACO**, Tex., brethren combined for a picnic May 25 on the property of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley of Salado, Tex.

Activities included volleyball, softball, horseshoes and Frisbee throwing. Al Alonso and Malcolm Elliott organized a water-balloon toss, a tug-of-war and a team race. Several tried the board-walk.

Before lunch Mr. and Mrs. Dan Girouard and Mr. and Mrs. David Buchanan gave dance instructions to Church youths.

Lunch included steak burgers, salads, beans and desserts.

More than 300 **HOUSTON**, Tex., **WEST** brethren gathered at Brazos Bend State Park May 18 for their annual church picnic.

Morning activities included volleyball, horseshoes, softball and a water-balloon toss. The children

participated in relay races. Some toured the park and watched deer, rabbits and alligators.

After lunch the group participated in a family carnival. The picnic activities were organized by deacon Chuck Gwin.

The congregation presented cards, gifts and a plaque commemorating 20 years of service to Warren Heaton Jr., a local elder, and his wife, Arlene.

Thirty-two senior citizens from the **APTOS**, Calif., church were treated to a buffet May 17 at the mobile home park where Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson live.

The meal was prepared by women from the Aptos church, and Nancy Mason made cheesecake for dessert. A movie, *I Remember Mama*, was shown in the clubhouse.

Randy Gregory and Jo Gail Fry, Ron Davis and Marie Gutierrez.



ORIGINAL TUNE — Tito Naman, a member who attends the Vancouver, B.C., church and a 1984 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, performs a song he wrote, titled "As a Friend," at a singles gala in Vancouver May 18. (Photo by Michael A. Guidolin)

Singles meet for dinners, dancing, lectures

TORONTO, Ont., singles sponsored a singles weekend in Toronto May 17 and 18.

Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications, and his wife, Shirley, were special guests. Mr. Faulkner gave the sermon in the Toronto East and West churches May 17.

The Toronto singles presented entertainment at a dinner and dance Saturday evening. Paul Linehan, associate pastor of the Toronto West church, provided dance music.

Sunday Mr. Faulkner conducted a seminar on communication, listing keys to good communication. Heshowed films of the late Herbert W. Armstrong speaking to the magazine writing class at Pasadena Ambassador College and techniques used in preparing the *World Tomorrow* telecast.

In the afternoon Mr. Faulkner spoke on making decisions. He emphasized the importance of and gave guidelines for making decisions and setting goals. The seminar ended with a question-and-answer session. Mr. Faulkner was assisted in answering by Mr. Linehan and Laurie Nyhus, associate pastor of the Toronto East church.

Karl Moore, coordinator of the Toronto Active Singles group, presented Mr. and Mrs. Faulkner with gifts as mementos of their visit.

Singles from the LAS VEGAS, Nev., church attended a picnic May 18 at Spring Mountain Ranch.

Activities included volleyball,

horseback riding and Frisbee throwing. The ranch, formerly owned by billionaire Howard Hughes, is in the mountains of Red Rock National Park near Las Vegas.

About 65 singles from the MIAMI and FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., churches attended a semi-formal dinner in a private dining room at Horatios. The event capped off the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 30.

VANCOUVER, B.C., singles sponsored their second annual gala weekend May 16 to 19 for more than 150 singles.

Gregory Albrecht, dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, was guest speaker. He gave a Bible study and spoke at Sabbath services May 17.

A dinner and dance took place at the International Plaza Hotel Saturday evening.

Other activities were a reception at the Canadian Regional Office Friday evening, May 16; a Sunday brunch and gondola ride at Grouse Mountain; tours of the Maritime Museum and Planetarium; a talent show presented by the Vancouver singles; and an optional day of sight-seeing and touring of Expo 86 on Monday.

Thomas Ecker, pastor of the Vancouver church, presented a thank-you card to John Kohoot, a Vancouver local church elder, for his efforts in organizing the weekend.

APPLETON and GREEN BAY, Wis., singles sponsored "Spring Break '86" May 23 through May 26 at Oneida, Wis. About 80 singles from six states attended.

The activity took place at the Norbert Hill Center, which is equipped with dorms, meeting rooms and a cafeteria with kitchen staff. The grounds contain fields, a man-made lake, baseball diamonds, hiking trails and volleyball, tennis, basketball and handball courts.

The theme of the weekend was

the role of singles in the Church. Daily Bible studies were given by Gary Ehman, a Green Bay local church elder; William Miller, pastor of the Appleton and Green Bay churches; and Joel Lillongreen, pastor of the Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., churches.

A square dance took place Saturday night, May 24. Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches, called the Virginia reel and other dances.

Sunday afternoon the group participated in novelty olympics, which included basketball shooting, three-legged races, an obstacle course and rubber rafting. Volleyball, softball, croquet, swimming and a tennis tournament were also available.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., singles were hosts for their fourth annual formal dinner and dance May 25 at the Los Angeles Marriott Hotel. More than 250 singles from California, Arizona, Nevada and New Jersey attended.

The evening began with cocktails and a dinner of prime rib, baked potatoes, broccoli, carrots and dessert.

After dinner the Los Angeles church band, directed by Hardy Eason, provided dance music. Clarence Bell of San Diego, Calif., was guest singer.

Three door prizes were awarded during the evening. Renee Barnes of Pasadena won an alarm clock; Valerie Rideout of Long Beach, Calif., won a travel iron; and Wanda McClellan of Santa Rosa, Calif., won a clock radio.

Masters of ceremonies for the event were Mauro Viscarra and Stephanie Robinson. Dale Simmons coordinated the event under the direction of Abner Washington, Los Angeles church pastor.

Ella Neale, Lyndon B. Graves, Pam Wilson, Michael A. Guidolin, Julie Muenster and Loretta Evans

Areas honor high school graduates

A dinner honoring BATON ROUGE and LAFAYETTE, La., Church youths who graduated from high school in 1985 or 1986 took place May 19 at the home of Richard Avert, a local church elder, and his wife, Sandra. Alton Billingsley, pastor of the two churches, was host.

The evening, fashioned after the late Herbert W. Armstrong's dinners for Ambassador College seniors, was intended to give the teens an opportunity to talk to the ministry and experience dining in a formal setting.

Church youths who attended were Mark Avert, Danielle Herrin, Janerio Tillotson, Rodney Jongetjes and Tyrone Washington.

After appetizers a meal of tossed salad, rolls, filet mignon, asparagus spears and cherries jubilee was served. Church youths John Overton, Gina Tillotson and Courtney Avert assisted in preparing and serving the meal.

An afternoon tea garden dance took place in WASILLA, Alaska, May 18 to honor 1986 high school graduates. Honorees were Wendy Wegh of Anchorage and Maudie Zorn and Terry and Shari Franke of Soldotna, Alaska.

Guests participated in ballroom dances, including the grand march, Virginia reel and ribbon dance. A variety of teas and tea cakes were served, and family portraits were taken by Vic Bruns.

John Vaught served as host for afternoon entertainment. An ensemble, featuring Glen Woodworth on harpsichord, Wayne Childers on baritone, Tara Orchard on clarinet and Wendy Eckman on flute, played chamber music; Lara Blake sang "Songs My Mother Taught Me"; Pat Rockel sang a song about graduation and life; Wendy and Mandy Eckman played a piano and flute duet; and Mr. Childers played two baritone solos accompanied by Mr. Woodworth

on harpsichord.

Each graduate received a copy of *Halley's Bible Handbook* with his or her name engraved on the front.

Alton Billingsley and Linda Orchard.

Norway

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ropean equivalent of a modern Bangladesh" 150 years ago. Truly the Norwegians have come a long way. Their troubles are minor in comparison to the past.

God's work in Norway

These Norwegian troubles come at a time when the work of God is beginning to have an effect on the nation. Perhaps Norway will pay more attention to God's warning message.

For years the work in Scandinavia made little impact. The English language *Plain Truth* was mailed to less than 5,000 subscribers in 1970, rising to 10,000 in 1979. In 1973 a newsstand program was started in Norway, and by mid-1974, 20,000 magazines were being distributed. This tailed off to less than 2,000 in 1980 when the program was closed. By the end of 1983 there were only about 12,000 subscribers.

Meanwhile several of the key booklets were translated by Diedrick Zernichow, a local church elder in Oslo. By the end of 1983 most of these were in print. The time seemed right to launch a Norwegian edition of *The Plain Truth*. There was an obvious gap in the witness going out to this part of Israelitish Europe. While many people in Scandinavia understand English, a large minority do not. They could not be reached adequately through existing language editions.

The first issue of *Den Enkle Sannhet* was cover dated February-March, 1984, and coincided with the 50th anniversary issue of *The Plain Truth*. The pressrun was 25,000.

This edition was first offered to readers of the English language

Plain Truth in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Around 1,500 accepted — about a 15 percent response.

World Tomorrow telecast

Norway is one of the first countries in Western Europe to air the *World Tomorrow* telecast. The first program went out Sunday, May 5, 1985, at 10:30 a.m., on Norway's largest cable network. Since then the telecast has been aired every week in English, and is now being subtitled in Norwegian.

Starting Feb. 26, the Church accepted an offer of a Wednesday evening slot.

Response to the program that aired March 12 was higher than the figure recorded for February. The future holds further possibilities for airing elsewhere in Norway.

Scandinavian churches

Peter Shenton, pastor of the Ipswich and Norwich, England, and the Scandinavian churches, reported an "inspiring and profitable" Passover season in Scandinavia. The Passover was conducted in Oslo; Arhus and Copenhagen, Denmark; Goteborg and Stockholm, Sweden; and Helsinki, Finland.

Mr. Shenton counseled several people for baptism. One, in Copenhagen, was baptized and became the first fruit purely because of *Den Enkle Sannhet*. Seventy members live in Scandinavia. Attendance during the Days of Unleavened Bread was 22 percent more than last year, and offerings were up by 39 percent.

In Oslo, Mr. Shenton made three visits. Two visits were requested by readers of the Norwegian *Plain Truth*. All three prospective members were invited to attend services.

God's work in Scandinavia is beginning to see steady and consistent growth.

Clubs

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disc jockey for the evening.

Club members presented Mr. Michielsen with a brass music stand to show their appreciation for his help and guidance in the past year.

The WAUSAU, Wis., Spokesman Club and the WISCONSIN DELLS, Wis., Graduate Club combined May 18 for a ladies brunch and graduation at the High Court of the Century Plaza Insurance Building in Stevens Point, Wis.

A buffet meal featured beef and chicken. Each woman received a rose.

John Torgerson was toastmaster. Brian Waters gave a quiz on world news, and Mike Waters gave a *Good News* quiz. Other speakers were Skip Meyers, Don Kline, Lee Familetti and Mike Lasceski.

Norman Strayer, pastor of the two churches, gave the overall evaluation, and a graduation certificate was awarded to Walter Baldwin from Wisconsin Dells.

FINDLAY, Ohio, Spokesman Club members and guests attended a ladies night and graduation May 3 at the Imperial House in Findlay.

A cocktail hour began at 6 p.m., and a prime rib, fish and chicken buffet began at 7.

"Family Unity" was the theme for the evening. Tabletopics included the gift of children, disunity in the United States, family recreation and family unity.

Graduation certificates were awarded to Lyle Druckenmiller, Gary Kidd, Orville Burnett and John Smedbach.

Mrs. Norman Ardeeser, R. Duplain, Marilyn Harper, Sherry Dumont, Patricia Gauden and Nanette S. Cogley.

Etiquette dinner takes place

PARIS, France, brethren attended an etiquette dinner May 5, organized by Samuel Kneller, Paris pastor, and his wife, Marilyn.

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for the Church in French-speaking areas, conducted the dinner. He was in Paris for a two-day conference for ministers from Switzerland, Belgium and France.

During the dinner Mr. Apartian gave instruction in correct table manners including demonstration of the proper use of utensils. He contrasted the European and Amer-

ican ways of eating and explained that politeness and discretion are ways of showing love toward neighbors.

Mr. Apartian also discussed rules governing good conduct and decorum in many social situations, described how negligent personal habits can affect others and conducted a question-and-answer session.

Tables were served by area ministers. A videotape of Mr. Apartian's presentation was made for future audiences. *Marsha Sabin.*

Brethren camp in state park

COLUMBUS, Ga., brethren camped out at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Pine Mountain, Ga., May 16 to 19.

Cabins for two to six people each were available. Six meals and snacks were served, and activities included softball, swimming, walking, games and fellowship.

David Mills, pastor of the Columbus and Macon, Ga., churches, conducted Sabbath services in a pavilion. Sunday morning the group viewed the *World Tomorrow* telecast on a portable television.

Marie Gutierrez and J.M. Sprinkel.

Obituaries

(Continued from page 10)
 Anthony Burt, 24, died May 7. He was born July 20, 1961, in Sacramento, Calif. His father and stepmother are Church members.

Mr. Burt is survived by his wife, Lola, and sons John and Jimmy of Chattanooga; parents, John and Madeline Burt of Mellette, S.D., and Karl and Kathy Lampart of Ooltewah, Tenn.; sisters Tammy Cramer of Minot, N.D., and Elizabeth Lampart of Ooltewah; step-sister Sylvia Beaton of Lake Isabella, Calif.; and brothers John Jr. of San Diego, Calif., Thomas of West Germany, and Thad and Blake of Mellette.

WACO, Tex. — Carol Stanley, 78, died May 25. She has been a member of God's Church since 1969, and attended services first in Fort Worth, Tex., and then in Waco.

Mrs. Stanley was born May 17, 1908, in Falls County, Tex., and lived in central Texas and Bryan, Tex., before moving to Marlin, Tex., last year.

Mrs. Stanley was preceded in death in 1985 by her husband, Edwin. She is survived by five sisters, Grace Watson of Fort Worth, Delva Hengst of Aztec, N.M., Carolyn Cook of Belmead, Tex., Billie Strangmeyer of Marlin and Jerry Mae Webb of Bryan.

JACKSON, Miss. — George T. Kurts Sr., 79, died April 28 at home. Mr. Kurts was baptized with his wife of 56 years, Martha Louise, in 1976.

Mr. Kurts is survived by his wife; two sons, George T. Jr., a member who attends the Jackson church, and Paul, who will serve as associate pastor of the Nashville and Murfreesboro, Tenn., churches; a daughter, Pattie McGee, a member who attends the Houston, Tex., West church; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by Marc Segal, pastor of the Jackson and Greenwood, Miss., churches.

EAST PEORIA, Ill. — Margaret Scogin, 87, formerly of Pekin, Ill., died May 24. She was born July 18, 1898, and has been a member since 1962.

Mrs. Scogin is survived by one son, one daughter and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her husband,

Joseph, also a Church member, died in 1981.

Funeral services were conducted May 27 by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Peoria and Macomb, Ill., churches.

ROSWELL, N.M. — Pearl Brasher, 86, died May 21 at the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center here of complications from a fall after Sabbath services April 26. She was born Feb. 18, 1900, in Liberty, Tenn.

Mrs. Brasher began attending the Radio Church of God in Eugene, Ore., with her husband in the 1940s. She was baptized in 1962.

Mrs. Brasher is survived by a son, J.E.; a daughter, JaVaunda Riggs; a brother, Alfred Grizzle; a sister, Lorena Grizzle; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She lived in Roswell for 13 years.

Graveside services were conducted May 24 by David Dobson, pastor of the Lubbock, Tex., and Roswell churches.

MIDLAND, Mich. — Wes Behmlander, 35, died of a brain tumor June 1. He has been a Church member since 1972.

Garvin L. Greene, pastor of the Midland and Cadillac, Mich., churches, conducted funeral services in Bay City, Mich.

OTTAWA, Ont. — Elizabeth Hetherington, 79, of Luskville, Que., died May 13 after a long bout with cancer. She was baptized in 1971, and attended the Ottawa church before her illness.

Mrs. Hetherington is survived by a daughter, Dorothy Stephens; a son, Brian; and a grandson, Scott; all of whom attend the Ottawa church. She is also survived by a daughter, Isabelle Fletcher of Cobden, Ont., and grandchildren, Elizabeth and Colin.

Funeral services were conducted by John Adams, pastor of the Ottawa church.

CADILLAC, Mich. — Eva Marshall, 74, died of cancer May 22. She has been a Church member for three years.

Funeral services were conducted May 25 by Garvin L. Greene, pastor of the Cadillac and Midland, Mich., churches.

AMARILLO, Tex. — Caroline Agnes Goodnow, 71, died April 27. She was

born Nov. 8, 1914, in Kansas City, Kan., and has been a Church member since 1969.

Mrs. Goodnow graduated with honors from North Texas State University with a degree in music. She was a scholarship student with Silvio Schonti and toured the United States with Phil Spitalny's All Girls Orchestra. She taught piano and organ and was a pianist for the Amarillo church and accompanist for the choir.

Mrs. Goodnow is survived by her husband, Robert; a son, David; her mother, Winifred Pestor; a brother, Herbert Pestor Jr.; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at The Chapel of Memories by James O'Brien, pastor of the Amarillo church.

MANILA, Philippines — Lolita Refuerzo Sibayan, 51, died of cancer May 12 at the University of Santo Tomas Hospital. She was born Jan. 1, 1935, in Tubao, Philippines, and has been a Church member since 1978.

Mrs. Sibayan is survived by her husband, Evaristo; and five daughters, Annie Laurie, Kathryn Dorothy, Myrtle Stephanie, Frances Gretchen and Holly Marie.



LOLITA SIBAYAN

Funeral services were conducted in English and Ilocano at the Loyola Memorial Park in Marikina, Philippines, by Pedro Ortiguera, pastor of the Lingayan and Urdaneta, Philippines, churches.

VANPORT, Pa. — Joseph Kusior, 68, died May 16 after a brief illness. He was born March 28, 1918, in West

Point, Ohio, to Joseph and Margaret Kusior.

Mr. Kusior is survived by his wife, Mary, a Church member of 10 years; a daughter, Melanie K. Miller; a son, William J.; a sister; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and two sisters, Hazel and Margaret, all of whom were Church members.

Funeral services were conducted May 20 at the Eells-Leggett Funeral Home by David Orban, pastor of the Pittsburgh and Beaver Valley, Pa., churches.

MOUNTAIN LAKE, Minn. — John A. Worms, 71, died of a heart attack April 28. He was born in Delft, Minn., Oct. 2, 1914, and has been a Church member since 1970.

Mr. Worms is survived by his wife, Hilda, a member who attends the Mankato, Minn., church; one son; and two daughters.

Funeral services in Mountain Lake were conducted by Victor Kubik, pastor of the Mankato and Minneapolis, Minn., South churches.

GLEN ULLIN, N.D. — Gus Permann, 82, a member of God's Church since 1965, died April 4. He attended the Bismarck and Dickinson, N.D., churches.

Mr. Permann is survived by his wife, Ruth, a daughter, Sonja, a brother and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted in Hebron, N.D., by Jeffrey Barnes, pastor of the Bismarck, Dickinson and Minot, N.D., churches.

Continent

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Economist, in its Feb. 1 issue counseled for understanding and restraint. "Their dilemma demands sympathy," *The Economist* wrote of the South Africans. But how much sympathy is offered today?

One of the best books by a non-South African about South Africa was written 19 years ago by American author Allen Drury. He wrote *A Very Strange Society* after an extensive visit to South Africa. He criticized South Africa's discriminatory practices. (Much of what he was critical of is past history. Even today's revolutionary leaders admit that apartheid is no longer the issue; they openly profess they want total political power.)

At the conclusion of his book Mr. Drury gave farsighted recommendations. He too counseled patience and tolerance. "With time and patience and compassion," wrote Mr. Drury, "Africa will enter upon a fabulous era. If... not, the continent will very likely be dragged down to destruction in the course of a bitter vendetta that may destroy South Africa but will also destroy

her Black sister states...
 "It is time for the outside world to grow up... This is a serious matter, involving the fate of a major nation and an entire continent..."

"The way to help them... is to be patient and tolerant, offer them genuine understanding and friendship... [giving them time] in which to make the changes that must be made if the Republic is to survive and Africa is to have the natural leader that she must have to emerge from the half-formed darkness that has succeeded the hasty abandonment of Western responsibilities."

Of course, the revolutionaries know that time is their enemy. "They make haste to shed innocent blood" (Isaiah 59:7).

It's obvious that Mr. Drury's words of wisdom are not being followed. Instead there are angry outbursts in international forums and calls for virtual economic warfare.

One wonders if the ominous prediction issued by South Africa's former Prime Minister John Vorster will come true. The alternative, he said in 1974, to peace and cooperation in the subcontinent of Africa is "too ghastly to contemplate."

Children's Corner

Kathy's Answer

By Vivian Pettijohn

After Sabbath services several children hurried to a favorite visiting corner near the front of the church hall.

"Hi Georgie," 6-year-old Kathy Winfield said. "I just heard that Mr. Newman got hurt yesterday at work. Isn't he your track and field coach?"

"Yes, he is," Georgie responded. "Is he OK? Was he hurt much?"

"Well, I heard that he fell and broke an arm — and maybe something else!" Kathy said. Georgie moved on.

Mrs. Winfield approached, talking with her neighbor, Mrs. Ellison.

"Mommy, excuse me," Kathy interrupted excitedly, "but I heard that Mr. Newman fell and broke at least one arm!"

"Really?!" Mrs. Winfield exclaimed. "Does he need anything? Do you know, Beth?"

"No, I don't," Mrs. Ellison answered. "I was told he was only hurt a little when he fell. Let's ask a deacon about him."

As the two women left Kathy, four girls joined her.

"Hi! Did you hear?" Kathy asked. "Mr. Newman broke his right arm — and maybe something else!"

Sheila responded: "His right arm? I heard it was the left one — or was it the leg?"

The girls hurried off to tell others the bad news about the popular coach.

In a few minutes Mrs. Winfield returned. "Kathy, I want to talk with



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you about something."

"Just a minute, Mommy," Kathy said, glancing around. "I want to tell the other kids about Mr. Newman."

"That's what I want to talk with you about," Mother said. "I just learned that what you have been telling others is only hearsay or rumor, not fact. And the children you told have been passing on your rumor and adding to it. Why, I heard just now that Mr. Newman has two broken arms and a broken nose! God doesn't like for us to tell things that aren't true — and these aren't, so it must stop immediately. On the way home we'll discuss it."

On the way to the car, Mother explained to Dad about the rumor situation. Dad glanced inside his Bible as he walked, then handed the open book to Mother. "On the way home, dear," he said, pointing to a verse, "please read this to the children."

As Dad pulled the family car out of the parking lot, he said: "Children, we must get rid of this rumor problem, and King Solomon's wise words can help. Listen to this from Proverbs 15:28."

Mother then read aloud: "The heart of the righteous studies how to answer, but the mouth of the wicked

pours forth evil" (Revised Authorized Version).

Kathy sat silently in the backseat between Jeff and Rocky. Finally, she asked in a worried voice: "Daddy, that doesn't mean I was wicked does it? I just told something I had heard. Is that so bad?"

"Yes, it is, honey," Dad replied. "You should have made sure of the facts before telling anyone anything. People will be less likely to believe you next time — until you prove that you're trying hard to tell only the truth."

"I'm sorry," Kathy said in a subdued voice.

Rocky asked, "Mom, what is the matter with Mr. Newman?"

Mother replied: "A deacon said that Mr. Newman's ankle was badly sprained when he fell. But he's doing OK and can go back to work in a few days, even if he's on crutches."

"Daddy," Kathy asked meekly, "do you think I should apologize to Mr. Newman the next time I see him for not finding out the truth — instead of passing on a rumor so that I would sound like I knew a lot?"

"Yes, that would be good," Dad replied. And what does the proverb say you are to do from now on?"

She thought for a moment, then replied, "Well, before I talk to people I'm going to study what I should say."

"Honey," Dad said, smiling, "that is a wise answer!"

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

UPDATE

PASADENA — God's Church reached the No. 1 position in number of stations airing the *World Tomorrow* telecast in Canada, according to David Hulme, director of Media Purchasing and Public Relations.

"We have achieved the No. 1 position in Canadian religious programming by airing on 36 stations across the nation," Mr. Hulme said in a June 24 interview with *The Worldwide News*.

Mr. Hulme also announced that three television stations in French-speaking areas offered time for the *World Tomorrow* telecast with over-dubbing in French.

Instead of using French subtitles, the telecast now features the voice of Bernard Hongerfoot, a local elder and assistant to evangelist Dibar Apartian, recorded over the voices of the three *World Tomorrow* speakers. (Mr. Apartian is regional director for French-speaking areas.)

Stations in Quebec scheduled to air the French-dubbed telecast are CIMT-TV in Riviere-du-Loup (Sunday, 9 a.m.), CHAU-TV in Carleton (Sunday, 9:30 a.m.) and CFJP-TV in Montreal.

"CFAP in Quebec City is an affiliate of CFJP and will begin airing *The World Tomorrow* in September," Mr. Hulme said.

"For the first time we will shortly have a French-dubbed telecast airing in these major French-speaking areas," he continued.

"We're very pleased because these offers indicate the growing acceptance and strong forward momentum of the *World Tomorrow* telecast," Mr. Hulme said.

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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Despite continued violence here, God is protecting His people, according to Roy McCarthy, regional director for southern Africa.

In a telex to Larry Salyer, director of Church Administration, Dr. McCarthy reported that Pentecost services took place despite the state of emergency in South Africa.

The report said that some black Church members are being harassed and intimidated by radical blacks in certain areas.

Reporting for Dr. McCarthy, Peter Hawkins said that one black member was ordered out of his vehicle to face execution and the burning of his vehicle.

The member faced what is called a "necklace" death, where rubber tires are placed around the victim's feet and neck, filled with gasoline, and ignited.

"Thankfully," Mr. Hawkins wrote, "God worked out circumstances so he [the member] was able to drive on safely."

South African Church members appreciate the prayers of brethren around the world, Mr. Hawkins said.

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PASADENA — Brochures developed for the *World Tomorrow* telecast will not automatically be sent to heads of households in God's Church, according to evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Church's Mail Processing Center (MPC).

Brochures offered on the *World Tomorrow* telecast include *What Is Man? Sexually Transmissible Diseases, To Hell and Back and The Authority of the Bible*.

Mr. Rice said that these and other planned brochures are developed from previously published articles in *The Plain Truth* and *The Good News*.

"Of course, members should feel

free to request these if they wish, but please keep in mind that it is best to avoid calling on our United States WATS [Wide Area Telephone Service] lines during busy weekend periods," the evangelist said.

"We are encouraging the brethren in the United States to avoid calling the WATS lines to request literature on Saturday morning, Sunday morning and Sunday evening," he continued.

"With the recent dramatic growth in incoming calls, our phone facilities are being taxed to their maximum," Mr. Rice explained.

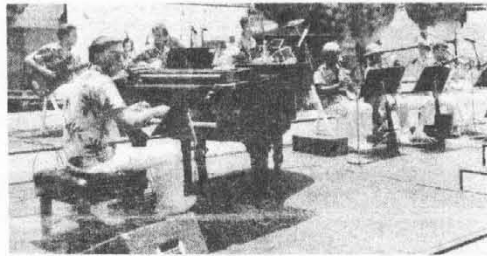
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PASADENA — Church Administration released the following ordinations.

Steven Andrews of Garden Grove, Calif., was ordained a local church elder on Pentecost, June 15.

Manuel Armendariz, a deacon in the El Paso, Tex., church, was ordained a local church elder June 15.

Merle Mullins, a deacon in the Louisville, Ky., church, was ordained a local church elder on the



GALA AFFAIR — Ross Jutsum, director of Music Services, leads the Centennial Band during the 100th anniversary celebration of the city of Pasadena June 19. (See article, page 6.) [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

last day of Unleavened Bread, April 30.

Duncan Murphy, a deacon in the Kelowna, B.C., church, was ordained a local church elder on the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 24.

Charles Speck, a deacon in the Abbotsford, B.C., church, was ordained a local church elder April 24.

Hollis Wells, a deacon in the Jackson, Miss., church, was ordained a local church elder June 15.

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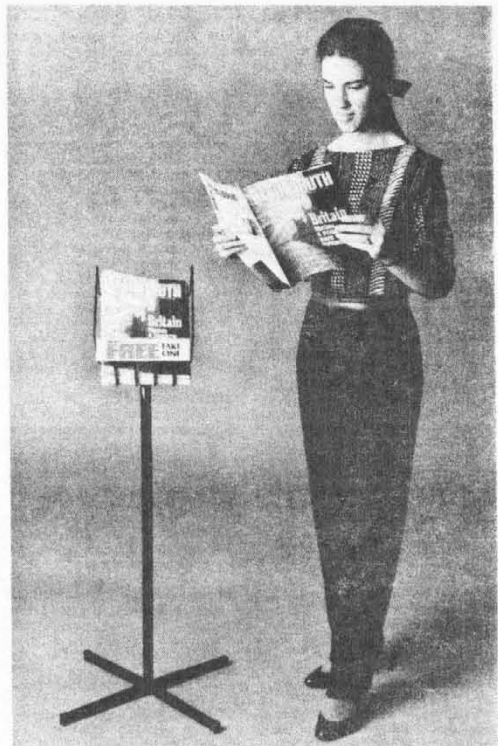
PASADENA — The summer session of classes opened June 23 with 94 students on the Ambassador College campus here, according to evangelist Raymond F. McNair, deputy chancellor.

The Big Sandy campus does not offer a summer session because of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) operating there.

Classes offered on the Pasadena campus include theology, mass communications and other undergraduate courses.

"The summer session helps some people lighten their academic load during the regular school year by taking classes during the summer," explained William Stenger, registrar for the Pasadena campus.

"Some students stay on campus to help bolster the student work force needed in various Church departments here," Dr. Stenger con-



NEWSSTAND PROGRAM — The above pedestal stand was developed for use in the *Plain Truth* newsstand program, according to Publishing Services. About 500 stands are in use in the United States and international areas, including four embassies in Cairo, Egypt.

tinued. "We also have a few special students who come to Pasadena just to take theology and other courses."

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BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia — The five-star Fariyas Holiday Resort in Lonauli is the site for the 1986 Feast of Tabernacles in India. Lonauli is 100 kilometers (62

miles) southeast of Bombay in the Sahyadri Hills.

The resort features air conditioning, private bathroom facilities, telephones, piped music, swimming pool, sauna and exercise room, two restaurants and a poolside cafe. The auditorium seats more than 300 people.

The Australian Regional Office recommends that overseas brethren stay at the resort. Costs will not exceed 225 rupees (\$18.75) a person, double occupancy, each day for accommodations and meals. Costs for single occupancy will be 425 rupees (\$33.41) a day. The exchange rate is about nine rupees to the Australian dollar and 12 rupees to the U.S. dollar.

For more information or to apply for transfer, write to the Festival Office, Worldwide Church of God, Box 202, Burleigh Heads, Queensland, 4220, Australia.

The hall is much needed since Mr. Sousa will be conducting follow-up Bible studies in the Argentine capital after a series of *Pura Verdad* Bible lectures are completed there in July.

Netherlands

A full-page color advertisement placed on the back cover of the Dutch Automobile Association magazine brought a response from the publisher of the National Health Insurance magazine, *Welzijn*.

Welzijn, with a circulation of 5.5 million that goes to every household in the Netherlands, offered the Church space on the back cover for a full-page ad in the fall, according to Bram de Bree, regional director.

"Since we do not have access as yet to radio or television we depend entirely on the printed media for exposure," he continued. "The reaction of a magazine as *Welzijn* proves again that God is keeping this door open."

New Zealand

Response to *The World Tomorrow* on radio in New Zealand is "an exciting trend that is still gathering momentum," with responses running at 3½ times the amount received last year, reported Peter Nathan, regional director of the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

"We're now having to look seriously at increasing our number of phone lines to cope with the volume of calls," Mr. Nathan said. Some other statistics show that "the potential for Church growth in the near future is really looking good," he added.

New visits are up 104 percent over 1985.

INTERNATIONAL DESK

A WORLD VIEW FROM CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PASADENA — Plans are proceeding for the Feast of Tabernacles in Honiara, Solomon Islands, despite the effects of a typhoon that battered the island chain May 19.

"Honiara... was not as badly hit as the rest of the country," said Robert Morton, regional director for Australia and Asia. (See "Update," *WN*, June 2.)

Mr. Morton also noted that preparations are under way for a Summer Educational Program (SEP) camp in Malaysia July 28 to Aug. 8.

"Twenty-eight campers will gather at our campsite on a member's rubber plantation just outside of Kuala Lumpur [the Malaysian capital]," he said, adding that a camper from Sri Lanka and one from India will also attend.

"We have been blessed with a well-qualified activity staff of local members who are highly rated professionals in their field," he said.

"These will be complemented by a number of experienced SEP staff from Australia and Dusti Howell, a Pasadena Ambassador College senior serving on the Ambassador Foundation project in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka," he said.

Paraguay visit

For the first time, Alberto Sousa, pastor of the Buenos Aires and Ezeiza, Argentina, and Salto, Uruguay, churches, visited

someone in Paraguay, according to evangelist Leon Walker, regional director of the Church in Spanish-speaking areas.

Mr. Sousa met the man in Asuncion, "and it turns out he's a big German man in his mid-30s," Mr. Sousa told Keith Speaks, *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) circulation manager in Pasadena.

He lives on a remote Mennonite colony and doesn't speak Spanish.

About five years ago Paraguay had only 10 *Pura Verdad* subscribers; today there are 1,028.

Mr. Sousa reported that he began a new Bible study in Montevideo, Uruguay, June 7 for about 15 people. This was made possible after *Pura Verdad* Bible lectures in Montevideo.

Mr. Sousa said the church in Buenos Aires lost its meeting hall, a YMCA building.

"Mr. Sousa thinks that we lost the room because we are not Catholic," said Mr. Speaks. "He has been looking for a new place but has encountered resistance when meeting-room managers find out he represents a non-Catholic religion."

Mr. Sousa asked that brethren pray for a new meeting hall for the 40 who regularly attend Sabbath services in Buenos Aires. The group is temporarily meeting in a hotel, "which is not very private," said Mr. Speaks.

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