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Officials of Church evaluate growth in '87, projections for '88

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Surveying growth in 1987 and preparing for the challenges of 1988 were topics addressed by Church officials in the regional directors conference Nov. 15 to 20.

Besides addresses by Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and evangelist Larry Salyer (see Nov. 23 *WN*), regional directors also heard from evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs; evangelist Leroy Neff, Church treasurer; Ralph Helge, the Church's legal counsel; and Bernard Schnippert, coordinator of Media Production Services.

Communications & Public Affairs

Mr. Hulme said, "Our goals are to secure optimum media for preaching the Gospel as efficiently as possible, to support the credibility of the Church and supervise domestic funding for the Ambassador Foundation."

Mr. Hulme continued, "Mr. Tkach has told us to plan for enduring tough times without sacrificing front-line programming."

"Good stewardship doesn't stop in recessionary times," Mr. Hulme said. "Our goal is to reach the world in the most powerful way possible."

The evangelist said *The World*

Tomorrow is now airing on 278 U.S. and 110 international television stations, with a U.S. viewing audience of 1.01 million.

More than 4,000 responses have been received from Sky Channel, which broadcasts the program by cable to 14 European countries with 9.3 million connections.

Responses have also been received from cabled hotels in Hungary and people from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Iceland, who, while visiting in the Sky Channel viewing area, have written the Church after returning home.

Potential media opportunities in Europe include a pan-European satellite, privatization of television in Britain and expanded airings over Radio-Television Luxembourg (RTL) Plus, a terrestrial cable station. RTL is now headquartered in Cologne, West Germany.

Media in Japan

Mr. Hulme told the group that in Japan circulation of the English-language *Plain Truth* now exceeds 18,000, up from 3,676 a year ago. *Good News* circulation in Japan is 586, and there are eight baptized members. (The area is served by Rodney Matthews, Philippine regional director.)

New Zealand, which has been

without private television for years, has announced that Radio Pacific television could reach 90 percent of the country by 1989.

Meanwhile, Public Affairs supports the credibility of the Church's message, Ambassador Foundation, Ambassador College, the publications and other arms of the Church, and seeks to "eliminate barriers to communication by encouraging accurate reporting of Worldwide Church of God activities," according to Mr. Hulme.

Treasurer's report

After discussing the 1987 income projected into 1988, Mr. Neff told the regional directors that general economic conditions in the United States are "very unstable."

"Financial predictions are hard to make," Mr. Neff said. "And

what happens in the country is going to affect in some way what happens in the Church."

The treasurer said Arthur Andersen & Co. is now conducting the annual audit in the United States, Canada, Australia, West Germany, New Zealand, South Africa, the Philippines and United Kingdom.

"Currently, we would expect regional audited financial statements to be delivered to Pasadena by the first week in April of 1988."

From the Legal Office

Mr. Helge brought the group up to date on registration of the Church in various areas.

He told *The Worldwide News* that an official in one country where the Church is seeking registration said: "We don't want problems" and "We don't need any more religions."

"They're very concerned about opposition and resistance. You have a whole different picture over there."

"I told the official that our members are taught respect for the government, and that I had just spoken on the subject to our Church members in Belgium. It seemed to help

soften the situation."

Media Production Services

Mr. Schnippert presented a plan to the regional directors for a central core of booklets to be printed for each regional office.

"When implemented, this plan will enable all language areas to have an essential core of about 35 or 40 of the work's booklets," he said.

"This is a goal that Mr. Tkach, the regional directors and the managers here on the Media team have aimed at for some time, but as yet the goal has not been fully achieved."

Nov. 17 the group met for round-table discussions moderated by Mr. Schnippert and accompanied by evangelist Richard Rice, director of the Mail Processing Center; Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications; Ray Wright, director of Publishing Services; and Larry Omasta, Media Services director.

Mr. Schnippert said, "We covered much important ground about booklet, editorial, publishing, mailing and television matters in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere."

Appointment boosts efficiency, service Coordinator harmonizes media

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Bernard W. Schnippert, newly named coordinator of Media Production Services, composed of Editorial Services, Publishing Services, Mail Processing and Media Services, likens his role to that of an orchestra conductor.

"It's the conductor's job to marry the sounds into a total effect, to set the beat, keep the tempo and ask for more volume from one section, while asking another to play subdued."

"I want to make sure everybody in the four departments is playing in tune and playing together."

"You know, the conductor may not be the best musician—the best violinist, the best trombonist or trumpeter—but hopefully he's skilled in marrying the different sounds."

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, writing to employees of the four departments Sept. 22, said he had come to see "the vital necessity of now establishing thorough coordination of the four crucial and closely interrelated departments."

Mr. Tkach said he appointed Mr. Schnippert, a pastor-rank minister, to "improve overall efficiency, service, production and ease of operation."

Church writer

Mr. Schnippert, 38, who has written for Church publications since 1981, intends to continue writing for the *Youth* magazine and *The Good News* when time permits. He also contributes to special projects such as the Deacon-Elder Lecture Series (DELS).

"Writing is hard, but having written is rewarding," he told *The Worldwide News*. "I enjoy having written."

At age 11 he started attending Sabbath services with his parents, Bernard F. and Irene Schnippert, and sister, Karen, in the early 1960s in Pittsburgh, Pa. The senior Schnipperts now attend the Beaver Valley, Pa., church. Karen married

Charles Lavaty, and they attend the Glendora, Calif., church.

While attending Pasadena Ambassador College from 1967 to 1971, Mr. Schnippert served as president of the freshman class, chorale and an Ambassador Club, played basketball (little wonder, he's 6 feet 9¼ inches tall) and worked as a mail reader for three years.

The summer after he graduated he married Arlene Pratt of McMinnville, Ore., also a 1971 graduate.

After working in the Personal Correspondence Department for a year, he and his wife moved to

Nev., church and and the Kingman, Ariz., church (begun in 1982).

While convalescing, he obtained a juris doctor degree by correspondence. "In most education there is profit, not in all," he said. Mr. Schnippert is qualified to take the California bar exam but never has. "It was good educational and mental exercise for me at that time."

Through a concerted effort of diet, weight lifting and jogging two miles a day, Mr. Schnippert has regained his strength. "My health doesn't seem to bother me much at all now."

Mr. Schnippert was transferred to Pasadena in June to work for Dexter Faulkner, editor of the Church's publications.

"I was delighted," Mr. Schnippert related. "I said I would be happy to serve in the field for another 30 years, yet I was also prepared for a new challenge. You don't want to be fearful of opportunities."

About three weeks before the Feast, "Mr. Tkach approached me and asked me to coordinate the four areas," he said.

Mr. Schnippert said that though his wife and daughters were having to adjust to Pasadena—"my wife is used to the field"—they were thrilled to come to headquarters.

The Schnipperts hope to have some if not all three of their daughters, Crystal, 15, Amber, 12, and Coral, 9, enrolled in Imperial Schools next year.

Mrs. Schnippert enjoys sewing, playing the piano, reading and painting. She has taken two college classes in oil painting, which she finds "relaxing and very creative," and will take a third in January.

Said Mrs. Schnippert, "For me, Pasadena won't be more hectic after a full schedule of duties in the field, so I appreciate painting as a creative outlet here."

Learning curve

Mr. Schnippert, although familiar (See *MEDIA*, page 3)

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren,

Why is it so often the case that people's differences become sources of conflict and controversy?

Contrasting ideas, opposing points of view, varying likes or dislikes, differences in nationality, ethnic origin, economic status—all become sources of dissension, friction and, too often, strife.

Among nations, selfish interests and concerns pose a continual danger to regional and

of life and many divergent nationalities.

But today, that strength in unified divergence has been transformed into contention and conflict. Our differences are no longer a source of strength. Instead, they have pulled us apart.

The Church of God is also composed of individuals from every walk of life, from almost every nationality and ethnic background. But God's Church, unlike the United States, is not weakening, its fabric being torn

God is teaching us how to get along with one another, and more than that, how to love one another! Attitudes of hatred, of bigotry, of intolerance are not of God. God is love, and He is preparing us to become like Him.

even world security. Even within nations, where common nationality should be a unifying factor, dissent and faction are a continual threat to national stability.

The United States, often called the melting pot of the world, once heralded as its strong point the varying talents, skills and abilities brought together into one single unified nation by peoples from every walk

apart by social and cultural division.

Rather, the Church that Jesus Christ founded, built upon a Rock, is growing into a holy temple that is fitly framed together (Ephesians 2:21).

God's people are citizens of a new government—a government not of this world—the government of God. As citizens of that government, we are "no more (See *PERSONAL*, page 4)

The Oct. 20 miracle that saved Wall Street

PASADENA—The story is now out about how close the world stock markets came to an irreversible catastrophe.

A chilling article in the Nov. 20 *Wall Street Journal* reveals that on Oct. 20, the day after Black Monday, the market was perhaps within an hour of a total collapse. But without warning, a sudden wind of confidence buoyed the market, setting the stage, said the *Journal*, "for the salvation of the world's markets."

The stock market is driven by investor and speculator confidence, or the lack of it. Mass psychology easily overpowers reason.

A market collapse at this time, of course, would have destroyed the financial underpinnings of God's work. One can't help but wonder: Who inspired the sudden, unexpected, perhaps even unwarranted, upsurge on Tuesday, Oct. 20. Further, who may have inspired the panic in the first place?

One cannot help but reflect on other events of the Feast of Tabernacles period: the earthquake in Pasadena, the storms in Britain and elsewhere, various coups d'etat and threatened coups.

With this in mind some of the material in this unusual *Wall Street Journal* report makes gripping reading: "A month ago today, the

New York Stock Exchange died. But within an hour or two, it was raised from the dead.

"The previous day, Oct. 19, when the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged 508 points . . . has been dubbed Black Monday. But it was on Tuesday, Oct. 20, that the stock market—and by extension all the world's financial markets—faced one of their gravest crises . . .

"Stock, options and futures trading all but stopped during a crucial interval on Tuesday . . . Investors large and small couldn't sell their stock; there were no buyers . . . The Big Board's [New York Stock Exchange] market makers, or specialists, were overwhelmed by unfilled

pressed dealers any more credit."

Early Tuesday morning Federal Reserve System officials made a critical decision to buy government securities, flooding the system with liquidity. Nevertheless, trading on the various U.S. markets remained sluggish. An early rise began to turn into another rout.

Shortly after noon (Eastern Daylight Time), the Chicago Mercantile Exchange stopped trading in the Standard & Poor's 500, a major futures contract. The Chicago Board Options Exchange had already closed.

At 12:30 officials of the New York Stock Exchange convened to assess the worsening situation.



sell orders, and their capital was devastated.

"Many banks, frightened by the collapse in prices of stocks that were collateral for loans to securities dealers, refused to extend sorely

pressures were mounting to close the Big Board, a truly momentous decision, were it to be made.

Meanwhile, back in Chicago, another critical decision had already been reached. The Chicago Board

said, "From everyone who gives it willingly with his heart you shall take My offering" (Exodus 25:2).

This illustrates the important principle that God has chosen to do His work through human instruments. Part of that work is for God's people to provide the financing.

The response was magnificent. Moses finally had to issue a command *not* to bring any more offerings! "The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the Lord commanded us to do" (Exodus 36:5).

Little things count

How then should we prepare for these important offerings to our Creator?

A special offering or collection that the apostle Paul gathered for the poor saints in Jerusalem gives us an important guideline.

Paul referred to this collection in his first epistle to the Corinthians. "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: On the first day of the week [our Sunday] let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come" (I Corinthians 16:1-2).

Paul wanted the Corinthians to add to their offerings on a *regular basis* each week. Paul didn't want this collection to be a last-minute, hit-or-miss proposition. It should be planned.

I Corinthians was written during the spring of A.D. 55. In the fall of that year, Paul wrote another epistle in which he again mentioned this collection. Apparently the collection had been gathering for some months, perhaps up to a year.

Paul's purpose was the following: "I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you *ahead of time*, and prepare your bountiful gift *beforehand*, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation" (II Corinthians 9:5). Notice again how important the attitude of the giver is.

Preparation the vital key

Paul said the offering should be a carefully planned matter. Also Paul encouraged the brethren to be generous. "But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart,



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

'Have we robbed Thee?'

Do you have a good giving habit when it comes to offerings? Would you like to give more next Holy Day season? Some of you may be missing out on tremendous blessings and rewards because you are neglecting a small principle in offering giving.

The principle is within the grasp of every man, woman and child in God's Church today. If you want to know this little secret of how you can be a bigger help to God's work and receive additional blessings yourself—read on.

Part of God's plan

Offerings are important to God. So much so that He *commands* His people to give them during the Festival seasons. "Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles [this includes the seven annual Holy Days]; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you" (Deuteronomy 16:16-17, New King James throughout).

Though God commands offerings, He does not legislate *how much* each person should give. That's left up to each individual according to "as he is able." How much a person gives, how he or she prepares the offering and with what attitude the offering is given, all become each person's opportunity to exercise proper responsibility.

God isn't interested in huge donations for their own sake. On one occasion Jesus watched people depositing their gifts into the treasury. The rich strode in and left extravagant offerings. Then a poor widow laid down "two mites" or small copper coins. Jesus said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offer-

ings for God, but she out of her poverty has put in all the livelihood that she had" (Luke 21:3-4).

God owns everything that exists. Everything is from Him. King David realized this. He and the Israelites had made extraordinary plans to lay away materials for the temple's construction: "The people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord" (I Chronicles 29:9). God was well pleased.

David then blessed God in a prayer, saying, "For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours . . . For all things come from You, and of your own we have given you" (I Chronicles 29:11-14). King David understood that all the abundance that had been gathered really came from God's hand in the first place.

Purpose of offerings

Since God owns everything, why give offerings?

God wants us to start thinking like Him. It's good for us to learn to give. And when we give something to someone, we're showing love, respect and concern for that person. The offering as it passes between the giver and the receiver represents a *bond of affection* between the two parties—in this case you and God.

It helps the person giving to God to remember an important principle: "And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth" (Deuteronomy 8:18). By giving to God, the worshiper acknowledges the source of his or her income.

The offerer also demonstrates his attitude toward God. If a person has respect for the Creator, obviously he or she will want to please and obey. The attitude will show up in how the offering is prepared. Two biblical examples make this point.

God had commanded Israel to bring an offering for the construction of the sanctuary. The Eternal

trial Average. It therefore mirrors the DJIA. Board of Trade Chairman Karsten Mahlmann observed that 17 of the MMI's 20 stocks were trading, albeit sporadically. He decided to keep the Board of Trade open and continue trading the MMI.

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European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder



Understanding people from the Soviet Union

BOREHAMWOOD, England—How much do we know about the various peoples of the Soviet Union?

Often our comprehension of other lands is limited. Few are able to travel to the other side of the globe. Personal observation is restricted. We rely on the opinions of others.

Walter Laqueur wrote in *Germany Today* that "one cannot begin to understand a country without a

long stay, or repeated visits—without observation and conversation" (page 2). Nonetheless, an astute observer can pass on accurate information and analysis to his readers.

But beware of bias! We tend to absorb the prejudices of our nation. And that often without realizing it. One country approaches another with a chip on its shoulder.

Take the U.S.-Soviet relationship. The deterioration of East-West relations after World War II poisoned the atmosphere between the two countries. Expressions like cold war, confrontation and suspicion describe feelings on both sides.

One who has been born into and absorbed American attitudes about the Soviet Union is astonished to learn that European attitudes are different. It's easier for a British subject to obtain a visa to visit the Soviet Union than an American.

Armand Hammer's experience

Philanthropist Armand Hammer has spent a lifetime trying "to bring understanding to relations between East and West" (*Hammer—Witness to History*, page 15).

Mr. Hammer has made many trips to the Soviet Union. He has operated businesses there.

Some people assume Mr. Hammer is not patriotic. Some have vilified him as a fellow traveler, a closet communist or worse. Peacemaking is not easy. The difficulties are in proportion to the belligerency between the two powers.

Understanding can only be based upon knowledge. Mr. Hammer admittedly has a more tolerant view of the Soviet Union than the average American—or Briton. He's spent many years absorbing details of Soviet life firsthand. He's lived there. He's made many Soviet friends in spite of ideological differences.

He's observed that they are difficult negotiators. But once hands have been shaken, they see the business deal through to the end.

Knowledge of Soviet life

Knowledge counters myth. Understanding blots out suspicion.

Mr. Laqueur understated the facts when he wrote in *Out of the Ruins of Europe* that "the traditional fascination which Russia has had for the West has not always been matched by exact knowledge" (page 208). At the end of the 17th century Peter the Great opened up Russia to Europe. His envoys discovered that European ignorance of Russia was abysmal.

In the 18th century Europe gradually began to study Russia. Then in the 20th century American interest awakened as well.

With the advent of *glasnost* the relationships between the Soviets and the West have significantly changed.

The possible preaching of the Gospel to the Soviet Union must be preceded by improved knowledge and empathy for each other's peoples.

This does *not* entail kidding our-

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College vice chancellor unifies policies, goals of two campuses

PASADENA—"I thought we'd be in Big Sandy till the Lord doth come, so I was thrilled and shocked at the same time: thrilled at the opportunity and challenge of the job and Mr. [Joseph] Tkach's confidence in me to do it, shocked in that it was totally unexpected."

So said Donald Ward, academic dean at Big Sandy Ambassador College, after being appointed vice chancellor of the Pasadena and Big Sandy campuses by Mr. Tkach.

After the Nov. 15 announcement at the regional directors conference, the chancellor said that evangelists Raymond McNair in Pasadena and Roderick Meredith in Big Sandy "will remain as deputy chancellors."

"There will be one budget for the two campuses, and Dr. Ward will be the administrator of that budget," Mr. Tkach continued. "He will work with the deputy chancellors to ensure unity on both campuses."

Dr. Ward, 49, and his wife, Wanda, moved to Pasadena Dec. 2.

In Big Sandy Mrs. Ward said: "We are very excited, and we're looking forward to working with the college in Pasadena, combined with Big Sandy. When we think of leaving here and our family and friends we've known for 20 years, we get sad, but our overall feeling is we're very excited."

AC career

Teaching at Ambassador College and serving on the administration is nothing new to Dr. Ward, who at 31 enrolled at the Big Sandy campus as a student in 1969 and became a faculty member the next year. In 1973 he was named associate dean of faculty and in 1976 academic dean.

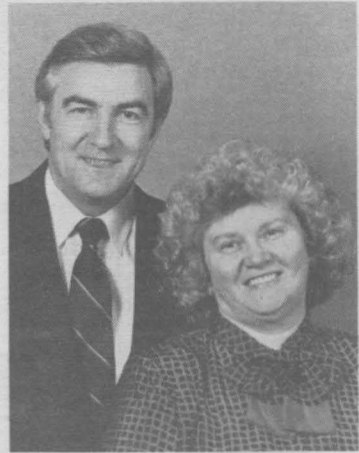
After the Big Sandy campus closed in May, 1977, Dr. Ward was ordained a preaching elder and pastored the Big Sandy and Tyler, Tex., churches. He was raised to pastor rank Feb. 28, 1981, by the late Herbert W. Armstrong, Mr. Tkach and others.

When the Texas campus reopened in 1981 Dr. Ward was again named academic dean, a post he held until Mr. Tkach's appointment this year.

Having participated in a faculty exchange with evangelist Richard Ames in 1982 by spending a year teaching on the Pasadena faculty, Dr. Ward said, "I'm not totally unaware of what it's like to live in Pasadena in the '80s."

"Immediately" Dr. Ward plans to "evaluate every aspect" of the curriculum.

"We want to bring policies, goals and procedures into unity between the two campuses, so we'll be doing the same thing," he explained. "We already are to a large degree, but



DONALD & WANDA WARD

there are areas we can improve in." Before the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday Dr. Ward outlined a 17-point proposal to the chancellor.

"Mr. Tkach wants me to continue in the liberal arts tradition, yet at the same time give students practical training that would enable them to learn a skill—whatever it is, from operating a press to trimming a tree," said the vice chancellor.

Growing up in Mississippi

During high school in Laurel, Miss., Dr. Ward developed deep interests in academics and athletics. He graduated as valedictorian of his class and played football, basketball and baseball. April 28, 1956, he married Wanda Bynum, also from Laurel.

After high school he signed professional baseball contracts with the Chicago (Ill.) Cubs and later the Baltimore (Md.) Orioles, playing on minor league teams.

He was a junior college all-American when he played quarterback at Jones County Junior College in El-

lsville, Miss. He coached the Delta State University baseball team to the national play-offs three times. The team finished second in the nation in 1968.

The *World Tomorrow* broadcast sparked Dr. Ward's curiosity in November, 1963. He wrote for some literature, spent evenings

Michael Germano moves to Big Sandy College dean takes up new post

PASADENA—Michael P. Germano, 50, was named academic dean for the Big Sandy campus of Ambassador College, a position he held on the Pasadena campus from 1971 to 1975.

Dr. Germano served as vice president of academic affairs from 1975 to 1978.

At the time of his appointment by Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach, Dr. Germano was associate pastor of the San Bernardino and Banning, Calif., churches. He was ordained a local elder in 1983.

"I'm looking forward to working with the students and faculty there and to help them continue their fine program," Dr. Germano said.

Educational background

In addition to a bachelor's degree from Ambassador College, Dr. Germano has several other college degrees. He received a bachelor of science degree in physics from the University of Illinois in 1959, a master of science degree in educational administration from the University of Southern California (USC) in 1966, a doctorate in educational administration from USC in 1968 and a juris doctor degree from the University of La Verne, Calif., in 1979.

Dr. Germano served on the faculty of Ambassador College and Imperial Schools from 1960 to

studying and "was convinced that this was the truth," he said. In 1969 he was accepted to Ambassador College and was baptized a year later.

Dr. Ward earned a bachelor of science degree in physical education with a minor in social science from Delta State in Cleveland, Miss., in 1961; a master of science degree in health, physical education and recreation from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg in 1968; a bachelor of arts degree in theology from Big Sandy in 1972; and a doctorate in education from East Texas State University in Commerce in 1973.

Dr. and Mrs. Ward have two daughters, Sherrie, 29, wife of Paul Jarboe, assistant to the business manager at Big Sandy Ambassador College, and Donna, 24, wife of Jeff Neller, both of whom attend the Pasadena Auditorium A.M. church.

Fishing, Dr. Ward's favorite pastime, was convenient while living on Lake Loma.

Fishing in Pasadena? "My son-in-law from Pasadena came over here last night, and he said we could drive to and from some of the nearby lakes on a Sunday. So I've already taken that into consideration and am looking forward to it."

1970, and worked solely for Ambassador College from 1970 until 1978. He became a ministerial trainee in San Bernardino in 1978, where he served for one year.

From 1979 to 1981 he was executive director of the Orange County Center of West Coast University and was a professor of business law. From 1981 to 1983 he was in private

non, 21, a freshman, and Lara, 19, a sophomore.

Of his wife, Dr. Germano said: "Brenda has been a 100 percent part of my ministry and the work I've done at Ambassador College and Imperial Schools. She is supportive, encouraging and helpful. She has grown with me in the opportunities we've had."

Germano worked for her future husband in the Imperial Schools office when she was a freshman at Ambassador. When they were married she left school and reentered when the children were older. She received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ambassador College in 1977.



MICHAEL & BRENDA GERMANO law practice in the Claremont, Calif., area.

Learning the truth

Dr. Germano was born in Spring Valley, Ill., April 15, 1937. In 1958, while he was a premed student at the University of Illinois, he first heard *The World Tomorrow*.

He received his first visit from evangelist Dean Blackwell, now an associate professor of theology in Pasadena, and John Bald, now pastor of the Rochester, Minn., and La Crosse, Wis., churches.

Dr. Germano enrolled in Ambassador College in 1959 and received a bachelor's degree in 1961.

Dr. Germano and his wife, the former Brenda Jones, were married Sept. 22, 1963. They have three children, Miquelyn Irene, 22, a 1987 Ambassador graduate, Ver-

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selves that there is no Soviet threat. But we might try to understand their thinking and feelings. After all they lost 20 million people during World War II. The Soviet war tragedy far exceeded any other European nation.

There is no denying that the United States and Soviet Union are engaged in a long-running ideological battle over Central America, Africa and Asia. Missiles are targeted upon one another at various points on this globe.

But except for opposing ideologies throughout the world, the United States and the Soviet Union have no direct territorial quarrels. They have no common land borders. Indeed Bible prophecy indicates no war between the United States and Soviet Union. Most of their quarrels have European roots.

The great commission directs God's Church to get God's message to all nations. Understanding and appreciating people in all countries is a sound base on which to carry the true Gospel around this globe.

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iar with some Editorial and Mail Processing functions and possessing knowledge of electronics, which makes understanding technical operations in Television easier, still sees that he faces a long learning curve. "But I hope to learn quickly."

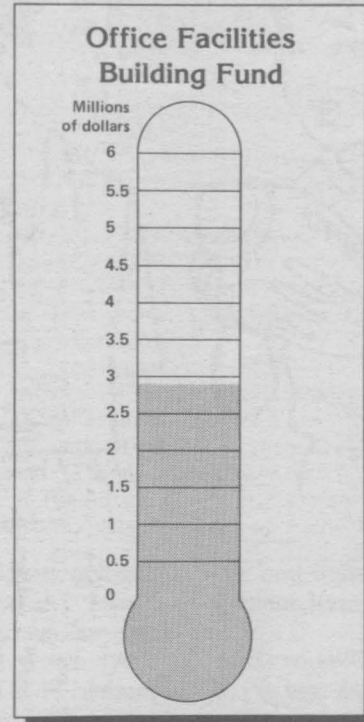
Since being in Pasadena he has focused on learning various aspects of the four departments he coordinates.

"Mr. Tkach's thoughts were that a manager doesn't need to know all the technical things; he's dealing with people," Mr. Schnippert commented. "It's largely a communications process."

"One thing we did right off the bat was start telecast discussion meetings, in which we conduct a postmortem of previous broadcasts and brainstorm for future ones."

"We meet with Mr. Tkach every week, and that's done to bring the views of the departments together."

Mr. Schnippert is an amateur radio operator and also enjoys computers. "Counting the ones in my office, I have five computers—that's not counting my wristwatch."



NEW GOAL—Individuals and groups donated \$2,896,558.85 to the Office Facilities Building fund as of Dec. 3. A final appraisal raised the cost of the building to \$6 million (see "Report From the Treasurer's Office," this page).

Report from _____

the Treasurer's Office

Seray Neff

PASADENA—November provided a good upturn in income. October was down considerably because of the lower-than-last-year Feast of Tabernacles Holy Day offerings. The income to date (including the fund for the Office Facilities Building) is 6.3 percent more than last year. This is a little above our operating budget.

Expenses for the first 11 months are about 1 percent below budget. The third appraisal for the Office Facilities Building came in. It is by far the highest of all the appraisals. As a result, the cost of the building is a little more than \$6 million. This is 20 percent more than the preliminary estimates from outside professional sources. We hope to complete the transaction before the end of the year. Thank you for your part in making it possible for purchasing this essential building.

We are now in our last month of 1987. Last December the income was considerably more than the average income for that month as many took advantage of the old tax law. This year we will have slightly different circumstances.

My next month's report will be for the whole year. We hope and pray that our present income percentages will increase, or at least not decrease. In order to do that we will have to have a very good December.

PERSONAL

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strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19).

While remaining loyal within God's law to the physical nations of our citizenship, our foundation is no longer based merely upon a corruptible human heritage. Our heritage is now built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ as our chief cornerstone.

As we walk in "newness of life" with Jesus Christ as guide and Master, we cast off the many ways in which we previously differed from God, and our remaining differences with one another become *attributes* to appreciate, rather than sources of conflict.

God's people do not fight to maintain human culture, human tradition or human heritage. Instead, we leave the past behind and, as the apostle Paul admonished, reach forth "unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14).

In Hebrews 11, the faith chapter, we read in verse 13 of those faithful to God: "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

Likewise, God's elect today have not yet received the promises, but we are *persuaded* of them and *embrace* them! We have taken on a *new culture, a new heritage!*

As verse 16 says, "But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city."

Our fights, our battles, are with our own human nature in *overcoming* our natural inclination to follow the ways of humanity's archenemy, Satan the devil.

The weapons of our warfare are *not* physical but spiritual, "... mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (II Corinthians 10:4-5).

God is teaching us *how to get along with one another*, and

more than that, how to *love* one another! Attitudes of hatred, of bigotry, of intolerance are *not* of God. God is love, and He is preparing us to become like Him.

When we were baptized, we made a commitment to God. In effect we said: "I am *totally* and *unconditionally* surrendering to You, Father. I want to obey You no matter what. I want to serve You. I want to keep Your law. *Whatever* Your will is, I want to do it."

We committed our loyalty, our allegiance, our wholehearted devotion to the great Creator God above all else. Our whole

purpose of life changed. We are now a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, that [we] should show forth the praises of him who hath called [us] out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9, The New Scofield Reference Bible).

Brethren, let's grow together in the love of God through His Spirit. We indeed are called to become *one family* as children of God and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. There should be *no schisms, no strife, no prejudice, no bigotry and no divisions* among us.

When Jesus Christ returns,

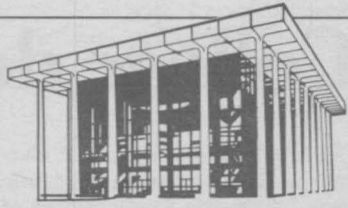
He will *not find* division among His true servants and brethren! Those whose attitudes are not at one with Him and His Father *will not be among them!*

Let each one consider his or her own attitude toward other members of the Body of Christ and if change is in order, then let's get to it! This world is fragmenting, brethren, but God is *unifying* His Church and preparing it for the tumultuous and climactic events ahead.

Let's be sure we are *growing* in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and *overcoming* so that we will remain a part of what God has called us to!

Onstage at Ambassador

Ambassador International Cultural Foundation



Chinese acrobats dazzle with time-tested stunts

By Michael Hale

PASADENA—Can you do a flip while balancing one stack of bowls on your foot and another stack in each hand? Don't feel bad—almost nobody can.

Michael Hale, graphics editor for Youth 87, performs in Ambassador College and Church musical productions.

But a group of young performers who can do a host of such mind-boggling feats dazzled four audiences at the Ambassador Auditorium, Nov. 19, 21 and 22.

At the opening performance, Nov. 19, 35 dancers, acrobats and

musicians of the Chinese Children's Palace of Hangzhou entertained and generally uplifted the audience with their colorful production of sights and sounds from the world's most-populous nation.

The first sounds were "oohs" and "ahhs" from the audience as the curtain opened to reveal the colorfully clad acrobatic ensemble poised in a fascinating fountain of bodies, perched on one another's shoulders and knees in a manner too complicated to absorb fully before the curtain closed again.

The program alternated between Chinese classical and folk music, modern and traditional dances depicting Chinese culture, and

incredible acrobatic feats.

Adding to the amazement was that these quality performers were from 10 to 18 years old.

At an age when most people have problems trying to dry dishes without dropping them, some of these young people spun multiple white



CHINESE ACROBATS

plates atop long sticks while doing back bends and somersaults. Again, the "oohs" and "ahhs."

Later, seven musicians lined the stage to blend the tones of traditional Chinese instruments into light, wonderfully lilting melodies

with which Westerners are not normally acquainted. One instrument had only two strings, while another had 25. A clear, delicate lead line was established by the *dizi* (Chinese flute).

The young men and women of the various Children's Palaces in China are given the opportunity to learn traditional arts handed down from generation to generation.

They perform time-tested stunts designed by Chinese master acrobats many generations ago. Just as one never tires of a well-performed Beethoven's Fifth, so these fascinating feats of flexibility, strength and balance are timeless masterpieces.

The program notes explained that some of the acrobatic acts are "passed . . . from mother to daughter—as the basic limbering skills that must be learned from earliest childhood."

That this performance was a treat for the entire family was evidenced by the number of youngsters in attendance.

According to Wayne Shilkret, director of Performing Arts, the family factor is a large part of what the Ambassador subscription season is all about: "the business of bringing family entertainment of the highest standard and quality possible."

Children's Corner

Jeff's new 'amigo'

By Vivian Pettijohn

On the Monday after Thanksgiving, as Jeff Winfield slid into his fourth-grade seat at school, he noticed a new boy with dark hair and dark eyes sitting across the aisle from him. The boy looked uncomfortable.

"Hi," Jeff said. "Are you going to be in this class?"

"Si—I-I mean, yes," the boy answered nervously.

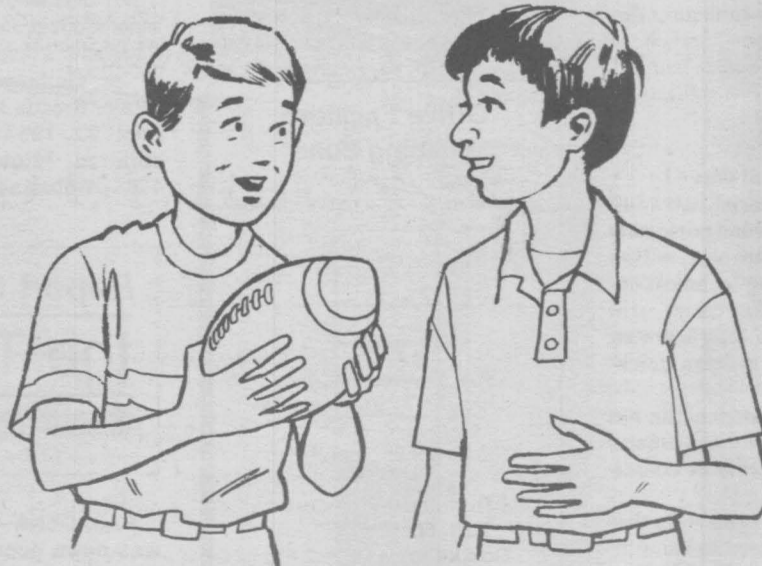
"My name is Jeff. What's your name, and where are you from?"

The boy waited politely while a girl walked down the aisle between them. Then he answered slowly: "My name is Pedro. I am from Mexico. And my English is not very good."

Their conversation was cut short when the teacher, Mr. Norris, tapped a ruler on his desk and asked everyone to be quiet. He then announced: "Today we have a new student in class. His name is Pedro Lopez, and his family recently moved here from Mexico. Pedro, please stand and let us welcome you."

Pedro stood awkwardly as he looked at Jeff. The class clapped its welcome. Jeff seemed to be clapping the hardest, and this made Pedro smile.

At recess, as soon as the class had walked outside in single file, Jeff



Artwork to color by Ken Tunell

looked for Pedro. He found him sitting on the ground by himself, looking lost and unhappy.

"Hi, Pedro," Jeff said. "How about tossing this football back and forth with me?"

"Gracias—I mean thank you, Jeff, I would like that," Pedro answered. "I never saw that kind of ball."

As they played catch with the football, Jeff asked Pedro about his family

and why they had come to the United States. The boys were sorry when recess was over and they had to go in.

At noon Jeff telephoned his mother. Then he invited Pedro to walk home with him, Rocky and Kathy for a lunch of turkey sandwiches.

Later that afternoon, just before school was out for the day, the teacher said to the class: "It is important for us all to be friendly and to make newcom-

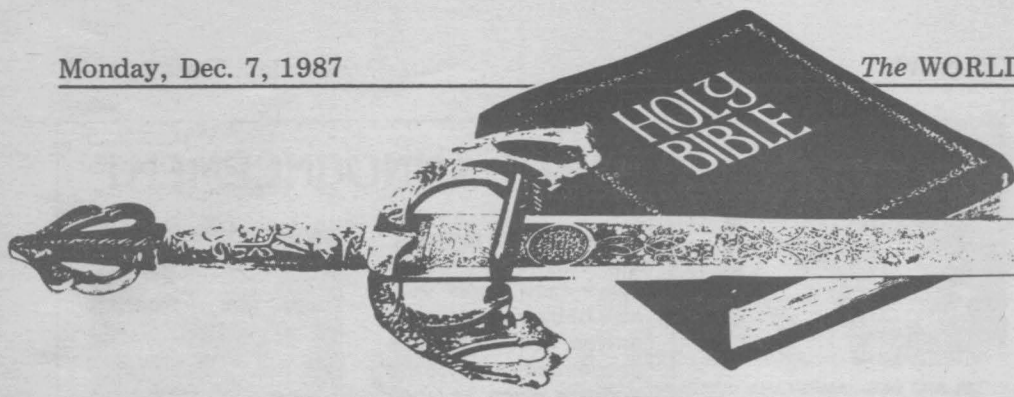
ers feel welcome in our school. So, I want to call attention to one of our boys who has gone out of his way today to make Pedro feel 'at home' and welcome. In Pedro's language, I say 'gracias'—or thank you—to Jeff Winfield. I'm sure Pedro is happy to have him as a new *amigo*—or friend. Class dismissed."

Jeff looked a little embarrassed as he protested: "Aw-w, Pedro, I haven't done anything special. Last month when my family and I spent a few days in Mexico at a Church meeting, I remember how lost I felt at first, because when I was in your country I didn't know your language or customs. Then I made several new friends and felt better and had a good time. So I sort of understood how you felt today, and I wanted to help if I could."

On their way out of the room, several children stopped at Pedro's desk and said they were glad to have him in their class.

Jeff waited and walked outside with Pedro. "I hope you had a good day today, and I'll be glad to see you tomorrow. So *hasta mañana*, Pedro."

"Gracias, Jeff," Pedro said, his dark eyes glistening as he stuck out a hand to shake Jeff's. "*Hasta mañana—amigo!*"



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Here's how you can help show appreciation for God's ministry

By John C. Anderson

In several of his letters, the apostle Paul asked brethren to pray for him and others in the ministry.

In II Thessalonians 3:1-2 for instance, he wrote, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith."

John C. Anderson, a local elder, is budget coordinator in Church Administration.

Even as powerful a minister as Paul felt the need for brethren to pray for him and others in the ministry so they could more effectively preach the Gospel. He mentioned the need to pray that God would keep wicked men from hindering their work.

In another place, Paul made this urgent request: "Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me" (Romans 15:30).

Paul pointed out the need to *strive*—for brethren to put diligent effort into their prayers for him.

Should we do any less for Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach and others in God's ministry today than Paul asked of the brethren in his day? The need for "the word of the Lord"—the Gospel—to have "free course" is more urgent now than ever before in these last years available for us to complete this work. At the same time, wicked men have become worse (II Timothy 3:13). A vital need exists for prayers on behalf of God's ministers.

For our prayers to be effective, we need to pray in detail. Some have asked, "What should I pray about when praying for the ministry?" Here are some specific points:

Safety and protection

In fulfilling their duties, ministers are subject to various dangers. Even something as simple as driving a car can be a real danger.

In the United States alone, the 413 full-time ministers who serve the 434 congregations of the Church drive about 10 million miles each year between churches on the Sabbath, to Bible studies and to visit brethren and others. Even in the best of conditions, when the weather is fair and the roads are clear, driving is hazardous.

Because of this, the Church requires its ministers to take a defensive-driving course. However, ministers can't always choose when they must drive. They have to go when and where there is a need. Sometimes this means traveling in bad weather and using poor roads.

Ministers have slid off the road while trying to negotiate icy mountain curves. Others have driven off the road because the snow was so deep it wasn't possible to tell where the edge of the road was! One man's car stalled during a cold spell because the diesel fuel got so cold it gelled. Freezing to death under such conditions is a real danger.

One minister related how he and his family were protected as they traveled along a difficult road between the churches he served. While driving through a mountainous area

in rainy weather, he was stopped by a road crew clearing away a rock slide. After being detained for a while, he was allowed to go through the area on a portion of the road that had been cleared.

Later, he learned that after he passed through this area an avalanche in the same spot swept the road crew, their equipment and a waiting car down into the canyon below, killing all those there at the time.

God has miraculously protected His ministers in many incidents. However, lest we become compla-

and dropped the knife. After that, the minister was able to calm him down and leave on good terms.

On other occasions, however, ministers have been physically assaulted by nonmember relatives of new people. This is a real danger in this violent and upset world.

The ministers' families

Another area to consider in praying for the ministry is their families. Those in the ministry need the support that comes from a loving family. Yet ministers need God's help to



cent and feel there is no need to take this seriously, God has allowed serious accidents and even deaths to occur at other times.

In many areas of the world, ministers must cross international borders to serve various congregations. Others serve in countries with repressive or unstable governments. In such areas our ministers have been stopped and searched by armed soldiers at roadblocks.

There is another important aspect to praying for the safety of God's ministers. Paul requested that the Thessalonians pray that he and those with him be "delivered from unreasonable and wicked men" (II Thessalonians 3:2).

The ministry, as leaders among God's people, are the most visible targets for those Satan would stir up to attack God's Church. The late Herbert W. Armstrong was attacked from the inception of this era of God's Church. False ministers, false brethren and others still spew forth slander and accusations against Mr. Tkach and the Church.

Each year the pastors of churches and their assistants visit thousands of people who are coming into contact with God's Church for the first time. Often these new people have relatives who are upset because their loved ones are making major changes in their lives.

One minister related how, during a visit with a woman who had shown interest in the Church, he was confronted by an intoxicated, angry husband who drew a knife and threatened to attack him. The man didn't follow through with his threat. Instead he broke into tears

ing in the faith (Hebrews 13:7).

But some go beyond looking at the minister's example and begin to criticize. No minister is perfect. No minister's wife is perfect. None of their children, until they are older, are even converted. Criticism puts a lot of stress on the ministers' families that isn't felt by other families in the Church.

The minister many times has to spend a great deal of time away from his family. This is part of the sacrifice the minister and his family make to serve God's flock.

The minister's household is also disrupted by frequent telephone calls and visitors. This, too, places stress on family life.

Another factor affecting the minister's family is the need for the minister to be relocated periodically. The readjustments required to settle into new areas—children being placed into new schools and having to develop new friends, locating new housing and learning your way around—are other factors that add stress to the minister's family life.

We need to pray that God will bless the ministry and their families with love, joy and peace of mind to ride over these problems and be the warm, happy, stable examples we as fellow members of God's Church need to see and follow.

Health

Long days of work, short nights of sleep (often interrupted by calls), meals eaten on the run, the hours spent driving—all these take their toll on the health of God's ministry.

Paul mentioned to Timothy that he had to leave a fellow minister, Trophimus, behind because he was sick (II Timothy 4:20). Paul praised the work of another minister, Epaphroditus, who had become sick almost to the point of death: "Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation: because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life" (Philippians 2:29-30).

In less developed areas of the world, the ministry is endangered by various diseases and parasites. Some time ago Church Administration received the following telegram from one of our ministers in a certain

country regarding a fellow minister he was sent to assist:

"Arrived today without much trouble . . . Met Mr. _____ very, very ill. Malaria over, but something else very wrong. Cannot get up, talk, eat or keep down anything. Shakes uncontrollably and in pain. Nothing to nourish and build strength. Has infected toes."

All of us need to pray daily for the health of all the ministry so that they will have the strength and vitality to serve the Church.

Spiritual strength and guidance

Members need to pray that God will grant His ministers the spiritual strength and gifts they need to do what they have been called to do. The following are particularly important:

● **Encouragement.** Part of the ministry's job is to encourage and strengthen those in trials or who may feel discouraged in their spiritual battles. Paul spoke of this responsibility: "Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not?" (II Corinthians 11:29). Paul also explained that God comforted him so he in turn could comfort others (II Corinthians 1:4). We need to pray for the encouragement of God's ministry.

● **Understanding and wisdom.** To counsel God's people, the ministry needs God's insight. They need wisdom to explain how to apply God's Word to the questions and problems of people they counsel.

● **Preaching.** Preparing sermons and Bible studies is hard work. It is a major part of feeding the flock and giving spiritual meat in due season. The ministry needs God's help to be able to preach the right thing at the right time and in the right way. They need God's help so that God can speak through them to correct and teach and inspire people.

The ministry of God's Church is dedicated to giving of themselves to serve those with whom God is working. They are filled with God's love for His people. To maintain this deep commitment to do God's work, those in the ministry need our prayers—daily, earnest, specific, heartfelt prayers.

As members of the Church we need the ministering of God's ministers. They in turn need the prayers of God's people.

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

FIRST TITHE

Everything that exists belongs to God. He has the right to keep everything for Himself.

- The silver and gold—symbolic of everything of value—are owned by God (Hag. 2:8).
- God doesn't need to pay or repay anyone (Job 41:11, Ex. 19:5, Deut. 10:14).
- God doesn't need to ask us for anything (Psa. 24:1, 50:12).

God keeps only a tenth of what we produce by using His resources. That tenth is His.

- David acknowledged that what we give to God is only that which belongs to Him in the first place (I Chron. 29:11, 14).
- God informs us that the tithe remains His. It is holy, or separated for His use (Lev. 27:30).

God reserves a tenth of our income to enable His servants to perform His work on earth.

- During the tenure of the Old Testament Levitical ministry, the tenth was used to support them and their commanded duties (Num. 18:21-24).
- When the New Testament Church began, authority was transferred to the spiritual priesthood of Christ—the Melchizedek line. The tenth now supports Christ's spiritual ministry and the work of the Church (Heb. 7:1-17).

● The Church is commissioned to preach the Gospel free of charge. The tenth pays for this important activity (Matt. 10:8, 24:14, 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, I Cor. 9:13-14).

When we give God back the tenth that is His to begin with, He blesses us in a greater way—materially and spiritually.

- If we honor God by giving to Him, our barns will "be filled with plenty" (Prov. 3:9-10).
- God loves a cheerful giver (II Cor. 9:7).
- God tells us we will be more blessed when we give than when we receive (Acts 20:35).

● To withhold God's tenth is stealing from God and deprives us of His blessing (Mal. 3:7-12).

When we give God His tenth, it is a sign that we trust and believe in Him.

- Abel brought the best of his flock as an offering. God respected his offering (Gen. 4:4).
- Abraham, the father of the faithful, gave Melchizedek a tenth of all his goods (Gen. 14:18-20, Heb. 7:1-2).
- Jacob acknowledged God in His life by promising to give him a tenth of all (Gen. 28:20-22).
- Tithing demonstrates that a person worships God (Matt. 23:23, Luke 11:42).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BEWALI, Clement and Margaret (Togun), of Ilorin, Nigeria, girl, Temitope Omolola Abidemi, Oct. 8, 7:45 p.m., 2.7 kilograms, now 3 boys, 2 girls.

BRUCE, Robert and Claudia (Sutherland), of Indianapolis, Ind., girl, Kathryn Renee, Oct. 5, 10:26 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

CAIN, Randolph and Therese (Ferrera), of Tulsa, Okla., girl, Rachael Therese, Sept. 25, 7:35 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CARLSON, James and Kari (Karvina), of Minneapolis, Minn., boy, Derick Charles, July 20, 7:19 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CASE, Chris and Elaine (Nurrenbrock), of Findlay, Ohio, boy, Luke Alan, Sept. 11, 4:20 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys.

CHANASYK, Larry and Cathy (Statham), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, Philip Stephen, Oct. 31, 5:40 a.m., 10 pounds 13 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

Da SKVA, Carlos and Ana Paula (Gaspar Carvalho), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Sarah Anne, Aug. 18, 5:37 p.m., 3.6 kilograms, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DI LIDDO, Michael and Theresa (Paris), of Suffolk, N.Y., girl, Serena Michelle, Oct. 27, 8:16 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

du TOIT, Pieter and Bethany (Burger), of Bloemfontein, South Africa, boy, Michiel van Breda, Oct. 14, 10:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

ERICKSON, Michael and Susan (Christopherson), of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., boy, Brent Michael, Oct. 4, 11:27 a.m., 8 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

EWERS, Duane and Joan (Drews), of Wisconsin Dells, Wis., boy, Jeff Gerald, Oct. 13, 8:19 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 2 boys.

GONZALES, Roy and Yolanda (Fish), of Waukegan, Ill., boy, Joel Rey, Sept. 30, 12:21 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

GREEN, Lawrence and Donna (Campbell), of Manhattan, N.Y., girl, Gabrielle Solome, Oct. 4, 11:24 p.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

HILLIARD, Neil and Melanie (Fratz), of Leesburg, Va., girl, Catherine Bryna, Oct. 12, 6:18 a.m., 5 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

HOWELL, Jim and Maggie (Thomazin), of Madisonville, Ky., girl, Sarah Elizabeth, Nov. 4, 2:55 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 4 girls.

HRENYK, David and Wilma (Windysch), of Prince Albert, Sask., boy, Daniel David, Oct. 4, 12:34 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

JOHNSON, Adrian and Lynne (Fahey), of Brisbane, Australia, boy, Benjamin John Lysnie, June 10, 12:25 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

KIDD, Jeffrey and Rosemary (Beck), of Middlesbrough, England, girl, Caroline Dawn, Oct. 4, 12:55 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

KOSTURA, Emery and Dolores (Pfaff), of Orefield, Pa., girl, Amber Dawn, Sept. 13, 8:40 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KUBON, Lance and Nilda (Rios), of Nassau, N.Y., boy, Daniel Robert, Oct. 17, 8:21 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

La FALCE, Robert and Laura (Ryba), of Atlanta, Ga., girl, Sarah Marie, Nov. 5, 5:39 a.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

LOVE, Timothy and Donna (Schuerch), of Choteau, Mont., girl, Laura Mae, Nov. 8, 11:39 a.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MOHLER, Kenneth and Hope (Harkins), of Big Sandy, girl, Alicia Nicole, Oct. 14, 12:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 girls.

QUANO, Angelo and Delta (Bahnting), of Dumaguete, Philippines, boy, Joseph Brian, Oct. 12, 9:58 a.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

RICHARDS, Gary and JoAnne (Novelli), of Pasadena, girl, Jennifer Rochelle, Sept. 11, 12:35 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

SCHRADER, Darryl and Rhea (Bontrager), of White Pigeon, Mich., girl, Randi Joy, Nov. 4, 10:31 p.m., 8 pounds 7 ounces, first child.

STAPLETON, Doug and Lee (McNevin), of Wollongong, Australia, boy, Ashley Joel, Nov. 5, 5:56 a.m., 8 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

TOMKINS, Robert and Connie (Earhart), of Glenside, Pa., girl, Katarina, Oct. 12, 5 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

TORREY, Russell and Ann (Welch), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Hillary Autumn Bernice Muriel, Oct. 25, 5:32 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WHITE, Gregory and Patricia (Tuck), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Nathan Gerald, Sept. 14, 12:57 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

WILTON, Bruce and Alison (Parker), of Toronto, Ont., girl, Shanna Melissa, Sept. 8, 8:50 a.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

ZONGHETTI, Paul and Rebecca (Boaz), of Hayes, Va., boy, Anthony Robert, Oct. 22, 1:55 p.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, now 2 boys.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Bauman are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Ruth to James Jordan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Jordan. A Dec. 13 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bratt of Portsmouth, Ohio, are delighted to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Deborah Kay, to Kevin Douglas Call, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Call of Portsmouth. A Dec. 12 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Worthing of Grafton, Australia, are delighted to announce the

engagement of their second daughter, Coral, to Neil Druce of Ardlethan, Australia. A January wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mosley of Mount Airy, N.C., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kimberly Annette to Darrell A. Clutton, son of Dougall Clutton of Goderich, Ont. A January wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petrek of Escondido, Calif., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Diane Marie to John E. Siston, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Siston of Chicago, Ill. A Dec. 20 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

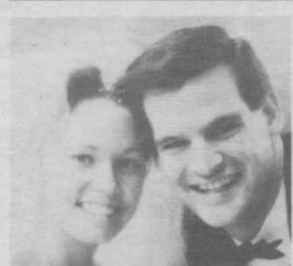
WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. S. WILLIAMS
Michael Macano of Trinidad and Lena Villaroel of Mattapan, Mass., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Lisa Lydia Villaroel to Stephano Allejandro Williams, son of Stephen Williams of Mattapan and Merly Desilva of Trinidad. The ceremony was performed Aug. 9 by Douglas Winnail, pastor of the Providence, R.I., church. Charmaine Villaroel was maid of honor, and Juan Williams, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Mattapan.



MR. AND MRS. MARTIN KEEN
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gunning are happy to announce the wedding of their daughter Jenny to Martin Keen. The wedding took place Aug. 2 and was performed by Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway, Irish Republic, churches. Sophi Victor was the bridesmaid, and Raymond Jordan was the best man. The couple reside in St. Albans, England.



MR. AND MRS. ROGER LABELLE
Mr. and Mrs. Jean Charles Bouchard of Beloeil, Que., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sylvie to Roger Labelle, son of Jeanine Sinclair. The ceremony was performed Sept. 6 by Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches. Caroline Bouchard, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Yvon Labelle, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Ville St. Laurent, Que.



MR. AND MRS. KARL HARBECK
Pamela Jean Baker and Karl Arthur Harbeck were united in marriage Aug. 30 in Northville, Mich. The ceremony was performed by Ray Wooten, pastor of the Detroit West and Ann Arbor, Mich., churches. Yvette Caldwell was the maid of honor, and James Lloyd was the best man. The couple reside in Wayne, Mich.



MR. AND MRS. PETER BRUNTON
Patricia Joan Treadwell and Peter Charles Brunton were united in marriage Sept. 20 in Brisbane, Australia. The ceremony was performed by Ross Geath, pastor of the Brisbane South and Ipswich, Australia, churches. Robert Dorman was best man, and Diann Humberstone was matron of honor. The couple reside in Brisbane.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES CRAWFORD
Terry Rae Hudson and James Ray Crawford were united in marriage May 2 in Fort Worth, Tex. The ceremony was performed by Raymond Taylor, now pastor of the Charleston and Logan, W.Va., churches. Toni Ward was matron of honor, and Billy Jones was best man. The couple reside in North Augusta, S.C.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH ZAMPINO
Ingrid Kim D'Andrade and Joseph Zampino, both of Montreal, Que., were united in marriage Aug. 30. The ceremony was performed by John Adams, pastor of the Montreal and Magog, Que. (English), churches. The couple reside in Laval, Que.



MR. AND MRS. FRANK C. EBINYASI
Frank C. Ebinyasi and Matilda Umunnakwe were united in marriage March 29. The ceremony was performed by Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Owerri, Benin City and Lagos, Nigeria, churches. Sylvester Onyemali was best man, and Ngozi Ekwebelem was bridesmaid. The couple reside in Owerri.



MR. AND MRS. JAY PETREK
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balogh of Leucadia, Calif., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Heather Lynne to Jay Petrek, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Petrek of Escondido, Calif. The ceremony was performed Aug. 2 by evangelist Norman Smith, pastor of the Banning and San Bernardino, Calif., churches. Jennifer Balogh, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Robert Feith was best man. The couple reside in Escondido.



MR. AND MRS. MANFRED BECKER
Karen S. Talley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Talley of Tulsa, Okla., and Manfred R. Becker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Becker of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., were united in marriage Aug. 23 in Tulsa, Okla. The ceremony was performed by Phillip Rice, associate pastor of the Fresno and Visalia, Calif., churches. Karla Lyon was maid of honor, and Scott Grepink was best man. The couple reside in Oxnard, Calif.



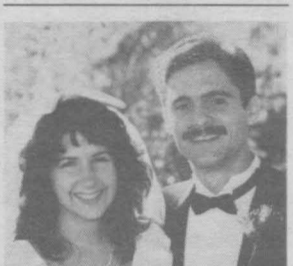
MR. AND MRS. JAMES WHITING
Karen Martin and James Whiting were united in marriage June 14 in New Britain, Conn. The ceremony was performed by Steven Botha, pastor of the Westchester and Manhattan, N.Y., churches. The best man was Joseph Mrugalski, and the maid of honor was Sharon Policello, sister of the bride.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES LARA
James Robert Lara, son of Frank and Dora Lara of Fallbrook, Calif., and Gloria Amy Ward, daughter of Amy Ward of Garden Grove, Calif., were united in marriage Sept. 13 in Garden Grove. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dennis Luker, pastor of the Garden Grove church. Gien Davis was best man, and Leicha Jacobson was maid of honor. The couple reside in Westminster, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. BRENT WHELCHER
Karla Kay Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duffield Davis of Escondido, Calif., and Brent Foster Wheelchel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wheelchel, also of Escondido, were united in marriage Sept. 27. Evangelist Dean Wilson, pastor of the Escondido and San Diego, Calif., and Yuma, Ariz., churches, performed the ceremony. Lisa Davis, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Todd Wheelchel, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Escondido.



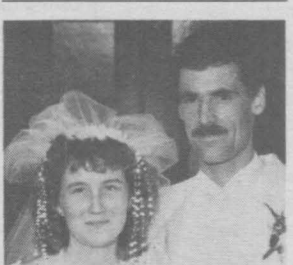
MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS GLAROS
Sheri Colleen Merjil and Nicholas Lanier Glaros are happy to announce their marriage. The ceremony was performed May 3 in Pasadena by Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Pasadena Auditorium P.M. church. Lori Singleton, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and the best man was Mark Bassett. The couple, both Big Sandy Ambassador College graduates, reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. DANIEL DRAGT
Hilary Ann Jane Price, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Price of Dublin, Irish Republic, and Daniel Henry Dragt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dragt of Cadillac, Mich., were united in marriage Oct. 5 in Ireland. The marriage was performed by Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway, Irish Republic, churches. Heather McGuinness, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bruce MacLearnsberry was best man. The couple reside in Altadena, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. MARK PARTIN
Annette Whitwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Whitwell of Jerseyville, Ill., and Mark Partin, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton of Cincinnati, Ohio, were united in marriage Aug. 9. The ceremony was performed by George Meeker, pastor of the St. Louis, Mo., North church. Melissa Whitwell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Danny Partin, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Cincinnati.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN BOERNER
Debra Jean Dellinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dellinger of Indianapolis, Ind., and John Daniel Boerner, son of Mary Boerner of Beaumont, Tex., were united in marriage Sept. 20 in Indianapolis. The ceremony was performed by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches. Peggy Alston was matron of honor, and James Boerner, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in the Indianapolis area.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

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MR. AND MRS. MARK FISCHER
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Fischer Jr. are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Mark Charles to Teresa Anne Craven, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Marsh. The ceremony was performed June 28 by David Johnson, pastor of the Houston, Tex., East church. The couple reside in Houston.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE SUSKALO
Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Simons of Castlegar, B.C., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Marina to George Suskalo, son of Joan Gurali of Pittsburgh, Pa. The ceremony was performed Aug. 3 in Vancouver, B.C. by the bride's father, pastor of the Castlegar and Creston, B.C., and Colville, Wash., churches. Samantha Charlesworth was matron of honor, and Dan Vander Poel was best man. The couple, both Pasadena Ambassador College seniors, reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN MOORE
Kertregis Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Mitchell Sr. of Coushatta, La., and John Moore of Bossier City, La., were united in marriage May 10 in Shreveport, La. The ceremony was performed by Charles Bryce, pastor of the Texarkana, Tex., and Shreveport A.M. and P.M. churches. Sherry Williams, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Morris Williams was best man. The couple reside in Coushatta.



MR. AND MRS. RON STAHR
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wilson of Miami, Fla., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Pamela Jane to Ron Stahr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunter Stahr of Edmonton, Alta. The ceremony was performed Sept. 13 by the bride's father, a minister in the Miami North church. Leigh Baitknigh was maid of honor, and James Ditto was best man. The couple reside in Dallas, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN LEARY
John H. Leary and Margaret J. Rutherford were united in marriage Sept. 20. The ceremony was performed by David Silcox, now pastor of the Ballymena, Belfast and Craigavon, Northern Ireland, churches. Gary Thompson was matron of honor, and Frank Thompson was best man. The couple reside in Lancashire, England.

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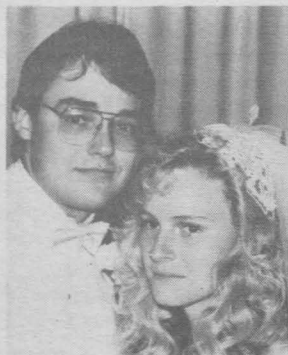
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MR. AND MRS. A. GUTIERREZ JR.
Wanda Christene Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David H. Adkins of Tulsa, Okla., and Arthur Gutierrez Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gutierrez Sr. of Houston, Tex., were united in marriage June 26 in Tulsa. The ceremony was performed by Delfino Sandoval, associate pastor of the Tulsa A.M. and P.M. churches. Susan Abshire, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Abshire, brother-in-law of the bride, was best man. The couple reside in Houston.



MR. AND MRS. MARTIN JOHNSON
Angela Sue Hahn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hahn of London Mills, Ill., and Martin Todd Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Johnson of London Mills, were united in marriage Jan. 4. The ceremony was performed by Ronald Lohr, pastor of the Macomb and Peoria, Ill., churches. Melissa Hahn, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Dan Plumer was best man. The couple reside in Trenton, Mo.



MR. AND MRS. G. STREMCZA
Jennifer Deanne Metcalf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metcalf of Sacramento, Calif., and Gregory Lawrence Stremcha, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stremcha of Phillipsburg, Mont., were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by Wayne Dunlap, associate pastor of the Sacramento North and South churches. Peggy Crain, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Tom O'Leary was best man. The couple reside in Sacramento.

Kathleen Elizabeth Sagul of Columbus, Ga., and Edwin Brent Bochenski of Olympia, Wash., were united in marriage Oct. 4 in Olympia. The ceremony was performed by Paul Shumway, associate pastor of the Olympia and Tacoma, Wash., churches. Bernadette Sagul, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Jeff Richards was best man. The couple reside in Klamath Falls, Ore.

ANNIVERSARIES



MR. AND MRS. TONY ERNANDEZ
Mr. and Mrs. Tony Ermandez of Washington, D.C., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Oct. 15. Mr. Ermandez was baptized in 1973, and Mrs. Ermandez was baptized in 1974. They have two children.



MR. AND MRS. HERMAN KESNER
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kesner, deacon and deaconess in the Washington, D.C., church, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary Sept. 22. The Kesners have been Church members since 1964. They have five children and five grandchildren.

Raymond and Verna Newby of Oakland, Calif., celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Oct. 27. They returned to Carson City, Nev., where they spent their honeymoon, to commemorate the occasion. The Newbys have one son, James.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. C. HENDERSON
Clarence and Vivian Henderson, married Aug. 13, 1927, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Aug. 23 with a party given by their children: Ray and Audrey Plants, Ken and Dorothy Henderson, Don and Nancy Grandon and Ken and Kathleen Alderson, all Church members. The Hendersons have nine grandchildren, two of whom are Church members. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson were baptized in 1964. John Dobritch, pastor of the Washington and Belle Vernon, Pa., churches, presented them with a vase of red roses from the brethren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Grundler of St. James, Mo., celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 25. They attend the Rolla, Mo., church. Members there presented them with a silver bowl and a card Oct. 24.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIE DUNN
Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dunn of Seagoville, Tex., celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary Sept. 19 at a lunch given in their honor by Dallas, Tex., East brethren. The Duns were married Sept. 21, 1919. Mr. Dunn was baptized in 1961, and Mrs. Dunn was baptized in 1967. They have two children, five grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, Lilly, 44, of Jersey City, N.J., died Aug. 18 after a stroke. She has been a Church member since 1970. Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband, Rudolph, and children, Jeffrey, 20, Cindy, 18, David, 14, Linda, 12, and Joseph, 9. James Jenkins, pastor of the Jersey City and Union, N.J., A.M. and P.M. churches, conducted funeral services.

CIESIELKA, Bill, 52, of San Antonio, Tex., died Sept. 11 in a farm accident. He has been a Church member since 1966. Mr. Ciesielka is survived by his wife, Phyllis, also a Church member; two sons, Wyatt, 16, and Philip, 11; and a daughter, Crystal, 8. Funeral services were conducted by Gregory Sargent, pastor of the San Antonio East and West and Uvalde, Tex., churches.

SKEET, Gordon, 56, of Harrow, England, died Sept. 16 after a long illness. He has been a Church member since 1966, and he served as a deacon in the North London, England, church. Mr. Skeet is survived by his wife, Angela; a son, Graeme; daughter-in-law, Sally; and two grandchildren. Barry Bourne, pastor of the London and Basildon,

England, churches, conducted funeral services.

BOOKER, Geraldine, 69, of Belleville, Ill., died Nov. 7 after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1977. Mrs. Booker is survived by her husband, Fred, and daughter, Joann, both Church members. She was great-grandmother to four generations attending Church services. Dan Creed, pastor of the Belleville and Mount Vernon, Ill., churches, conducted funeral services.

LEIMBACH, Robert P., 80, of Huron, Ohio, died Oct. 21. He has been a Church member since 1978. Funeral services were conducted by Robley Evans, a minister in the Cleveland, Ohio, West church.

COOK, Earl K., 94, of Hamilton, Ga., died Oct. 30. He has been a Church member since 1977. Mr. Cook is survived by two sons and two grandchildren. Graveside services were conducted by David Mills, pastor of the Columbus and Macon, Ga., churches.

CARLSON, Irene J., 73, of Rock Island, Ill., died Oct. 19. She has been a Church mem-

ber since 1983. Mrs. Carlson is survived by her son, Robert, his wife, five grandsons and seven great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Steve Nutzman, pastor of the Davenport, Iowa City, Mason City and Waterloo, Iowa, churches.

BELTON, Helen, 62, of Camp Hill, Pa., died Oct. 10. She has been a Church member for 31 years. Mrs. Belton is survived by her husband, Arthur, also a Church member. Funeral services were conducted by John Foster, pastor of the Harrisburg and Selinsgrove, Pa., churches.

FULLER, Dorothy I., 59, of Flatwoods, Ky., died during the Feast of Tabernacles, Oct. 14 in Dayton, Ohio, after a long illness. She has been a Church member since 1977. Mrs. Fuller is survived by two sons, Gregory L., a local church elder, and Anthony J.; their wives; and two grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, stepfather, a sister, three brothers and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert, also a Church member, in 1978. Funeral services were conducted by Dennis Milner, associate pastor of the Flint and Lansing, Mich., churches.

Ham operators can meet over airwaves

PASADENA—Thirty amateur radio operators attended the Feast of Tabernacles in Tulsa, Okla. Forty-four people, including 22 operators, their families and others interested in amateur radio, gathered for a dinner Oct. 13, according to Garland Snuffer, coordinator of the Alpha Charlie amateur radio net.

The group plans to continue the fellowship by radio.

Others desiring to join in should look for the Alpha Charlie Net on 7228.5 kHz nightly at 0100 UTC. For additional information, including other schedules, write to the Ambassador Amateur Radio Association, Box 111, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

"We welcome all Church hams—from novices to extra class operators," Mr. Snuffer said.

ATTENTION 'ACCENT' WRITERS

"Accent on the Local Church" now focuses on human interest stories and ideas that may be beneficial to other areas. We need more articles of this nature.

We ask that writers (1) focus on unusual aspects of activities, (2) include how the activity was organized, (3) use comments from brethren to add interest to articles and (4) be selective about which activities to report.

We will rarely run articles on activities such as Spokesman Club meetings or ladies nights, district family weekends and other activities most church areas have—unless an area has implemented a new idea that could be encouraging or helpful to other areas.

Thanks to those of you who have submitted "Accent" reports that were not published. We appreciate your efforts and regret that we cannot acknowledge each report.

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

BRETHREN SHARE HOLIDAY WITH STUDENTS

PASADENA—Although most live too far away to visit home during Thanksgiving break, students here and in Big Sandy were invited by Church members and college faculty to celebrate Thanksgiving Nov. 26.

The tradition began in the early years of the college, when students ate Thanksgiving dinner together, said Richard Thompson, Big Sandy dean of students. Members began inviting students to their homes for dinner, and the practice became standard.

"It promotes fellowship. It unifies the Church and college and gets students away from the college atmosphere and into a home atmosphere, which they miss," he added.

"It gives Church members a chance to get to know the students and to serve them," said evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor in Pasadena, who, with his wife, Eve, was host to two students and several Church members on Thanksgiving.

About 500 students here visited with college faculty and area Church members.

About 250 students in Big Sandy ate a brunch on campus and visited with faculty and area members for Thanksgiving dinner, according to Nicholas Ethyvous, Big Sandy student

body president.

Thirty-two students attended a work party Thanksgiving weekend at camp River Glen, a Church-leased site in the San Bernardino Mountains about 90 miles from Pasadena. John Kennedy, an assistant pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, and his family accompanied the students.

On Thanksgiving Day students prepared a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Students cut three fallen trees into firewood, cleared paths and roads and cleaned buildings, according to Marvin Lindsey, camp supervisor. "It's a lot of work. It would take me about three months to do it."

FACULTY EXCHANGES ENCOURAGE UNITY

PASADENA—Faculty members from the Ambassador College campus here and in Big Sandy will trade places during the school year as part of the faculty exchange program, according to evangelist Roderick Meredith, Big Sandy deputy chancellor.

Two faculty members from each campus visit the sister campus for about one week each semester to teach classes, speak at forums and assemblies and visit with students and faculty, said Dr. Meredith.

"It gives us a chance to compare notes, learn and renew

friendships, and . . . receive teaching input," said evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor in Pasadena.

Included in the exchange first semester were David Albert, director of career counseling and a professor of psychology at Pasadena Ambassador College, who visited Big Sandy in November; and Richard Thompson, Big Sandy dean of students, who visited Pasadena in November. Mr. McNair and Dr. Meredith plan to visit the sister campuses next semester.

Mr. Thompson added that the program gives students the chance to meet faculty from the sister campus. "It helps promote unity and fellowship between the campuses."

Ambassador College founder Herbert W. Armstrong initiated the program when Big Sandy Ambassador College reopened in 1981, according to Dr. Meredith. During the 1960s and '70s, faculty visits to sister campuses were also frequent.

FRESHMAN PRESIDENTS ANNOUNCED

PASADENA—James Merriweather, 19, from Indianapolis, Ind., was named freshman class president here by evangelist Raymond McNair, deputy chancellor, at Thanksgiving ball Nov. 23.

Stephen Allen, 24, from Halifax, N.S., was named

freshman president in Big Sandy by evangelist Roderick Meredith, deputy chancellor, at forum Dec. 1.

Both men will serve on the

student council. Mr. Merriweather will coordinate the freshman dance in March, and Mr. Allen will coordinate graduation ball in May.



THANKS FOR AMBASSADOR—Junior Ezra Raduban of Laguna, Philippines, sings at the Thanksgiving ball in Pasadena Nov. 23. The theme for the dance, coordinated by the senior class, was "Giving Thanks: the First 40 Years." [Photo by Philip Aust]

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

UPDATE

PASADENA—"As God's work in the international areas, particularly Europe, begins to grow at an ever-increasing rate, I see the need for headquarters to devote more exclusive attention to its needs," Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** wrote in the Dec. 1 "Pastor General's Report."

For Church Administration to more effectively serve the international regions, Mr. Tkach named evangelist **Larry Salyer** to be assistant director of Church Adminis-

tration for international regions, and **Joseph Tkach Jr.** to serve as assistant director for the United States. Mr. Tkach reassumed the title of director of Church Administration. To a large degree Mr. Salyer and Mr. Tkach Jr. were already functioning in these positions before the change was made official, Mr. Tkach said.

The restructuring will "streamline the overall productivity of both the regional offices and the Church Administration Department," Mr. Tkach said.

"I ask that you pray for the success of this reorganization and for God's blessing on the work of Mr. Salyer and Mr. Tkach Jr.," he said. ☆ ☆ ☆

MEXICO CITY, Mexico—Sal-

vador **Barragan**, pastor of the Mexico City church, his wife, **Maria**, and their daughter, **Lourdes**, 16, were returning home



SALVADOR & MARIA BARRAGAN from an evening of Church activities Nov. 8 when they were stopped by thieves.

Three men masquerading as federal judicial police "accosted Mr. Barragan and accused him of driving a car that had been used for illegal activities. They threat-

ened him with pistols, roughed him up and bound him hand and foot," said **Thomas Turk**, office manager.

"They sprayed Mace in his eyes and in the eyes of his wife and daughter."

The men then threw Mr. Barragan into a ditch and drove away in the Church's Volkswagen van with his wife and daughter.

Mr. Barragan freed himself and ran to a house for assistance. He went the way the van had gone and met his wife and daughter walking back toward him. They were let out about a mile down the road.

Mr. Barragan and his family were not injured physically although "they were abused verbally, severely traumatized and are left with emotional scars. They thought they were going to lose their lives," Mr. Turk said.

Four days later the van was found—abandoned in another section of the city without doors, seats, stereo or motor. The thieves were not apprehended.

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PASADENA—"December

could be especially important for some U.S. members wishing to make contributions," according to **Allen Dance**, assistant manager of the Church's Accounting Department.

In 1988 the tax rates are scheduled to drop from a maximum 38.5 percent to 28 percent (33 percent for those over a certain level). This means that a charitable donation to the Church in 1987 could save more in taxes than if made in 1988, Mr. Dance said.

"Not everyone will benefit," Mr. Dance said. "It will mainly affect those in the higher tax brackets. Members should check with a tax adviser to see if it would aid them."

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PASADENA—The Italian Department received the first *World Tomorrow* response from Libya, according to evangelist **Carn Catherwood**, Italian regional director. An individual from Al-Khoms requested an English-language copy of *The Plain Truth About Child Rearing* Sept. 20.

"Maybe TV in Italy is meant to go a little further—in terms of impact—than we thought," said Mr. Catherwood.

Miracle

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Now, to pick up the *Wall Street Journal* account: "Tuesday, 12:38 p.m. With the closing of the Big Board seemingly imminent and the market in disarray, with virtually all options and futures trading halted, something happened that some later described as a miracle: In the space of about five or six minutes, the Major Market Index futures contract... the only major index still trading, staged the most powerful rally in its history. The MMI rose on the Chicago Board of Trade from a discount of nearly 60 points to a premium of about 12 points.

"Because each point represents about five in the industrial average, the rally was the equivalent of a lightning-like 360-point rise in the Dow. Some believe that this... set the stage for the salvation of the world's markets."

How this happened is still a matter of much conjecture. Some attribute it, said the *Journal*, "to a mysterious burst of bullish sentiment that suddenly swept the markets." Others believe that the MMI futures contract was manipulated by a few major firms as part of a desperate attempt to boost the Dow.

By 1 p.m. the market zoomed up. "Like water on parched earth," recounted the *Journal*, "buy orders began flowing into securities firms and into the stock exchange."

"Tuesday was the most dangerous day we had in 50 years," said economist **Felix Rohatyn**. "I think we came within an hour" of a disintegration of the market, he said.

I think we can all learn powerful lessons from this near-fatal tragedy. First of all, we need to be aware of the perilous times in which we live.

From now on, the world will be on an economic precipice. The markets are still jittery. International confidence in the dollar is low. Washington is taking a grave risk in letting the dollar slide even more, hoping it won't suddenly drop like a rock.

Second, we know that God will not allow anything to happen that does not fit into His prophetic design. He is in charge. After King Nebuchadnezzar went through a tremendous trial to learn this lesson, he proclaimed that God "does according to His will in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth. No one can restrain His hand" (Daniel 4:35, New King James throughout).

Last, we must equate world events with the progress in God's Church. With the great emphasis on the family, God's Church today is being unified to do an ever greater work. Watch for advances with regard to the *World Tomorrow* telecast and the *Plain Truth* magazine. A big harvest is ripening.

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** is setting goals and priorities for the next several years. For however long He will have us labor, God instructs us: "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it" (Revelation 3:8).

FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN



"That also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad." (John 11:52)

PASADENA—Speaking by telephone Nov. 30 **Joseph Franklin**, whose home contains the Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Office, said members in Haiti are safe in the wake of political turmoil and the cancellation of presidential elections Nov. 29.

Mr. Franklin said: "I was speaking to Mr. [Cyrille] Richard this morning. The situation here is tense, because you have a lot of shooting in the street, mostly in the night and a couple of deaths—maybe more."

More than 30 died, according to a report in the *Los Angeles, Calif., Times*.

"As far as the members are concerned, nobody is injured," Mr. Franklin said.

"As the situation is, early in the evenings people stay home. After 8 o'clock you may not find anyone in the streets, and people won't come out in the mornings earlier than 6 or 7."

"Yesterday was to be election day, and the street was almost deserted—empty. But everyone is fine."

SEP site purchased

Pastor General **Joseph W. Tkach** approved the purchase of 210 acres of land in Nigeria near **Jos**, according to evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for Britain,

Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

"Jos has a good climate, is green and has enough flat ground for the Summer Educational Program [SEP] site," said Mr. Brown. Electrical power and telephone lines are nearby, and the area is well served by roads.

Southeast Asia trip

En route to the Nov. 15 to 20 regional directors conference in Pasadena, **Robert Fahey**, Australian and Asian regional director, and his wife, **Evelyn**, stopped in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and India.

Mr. Fahey has now visited all 43 congregations in Australia and Asia since becoming regional director in December, 1986.

"In Malaysia we're having problems with racial conflict or the potential for it, at least," he said.

"There is tension there because the Chinese and Indians feel that gradually Islamization of the laws is taking place, and they're concerned about that."

Bombay, India

After stopping at the Waterfield Institute in **Nuwara Eliya**, Sri Lanka, site of an Ambassador Foundation project, the **Faheys** flew to **Bombay, India**.

Bharat Naker, Bombay assistant

pastor, and his wife, **Urvashi**, are settled in India, said Mr. Fahey.

"We felt that it was worth having somebody there to look after brethren and encourage them, with the various difficulties they face. Bombay is not an easy assignment," Mr. Fahey said.

The **Nakers** obtained a favorable rate for renting an apartment but have no telephone. "We have to put down 8,000 rupees and wait," he continued.

Serving as the Bombay Office and meeting hall are two side-by-side apartments, "which are quite tiny."

"We're going to try to turn that into an office completely and meet elsewhere for Sabbath services."

Amman, Jordan

The **Faheys** next stopped in **Amman, Jordan**. **Cliff Parks**, director of Ambassador Foundation projects in Jordan, conducted a tour of the various activities there, and the **Faheys** accompanied Ambassador students to **Petra**.

"It was such a privilege to be among such a beautiful group of young people," said Mr. Fahey.

He said his daughter, **Joanna**, was improving, after falling off a bicycle and hitting a post in France during a cycling tour in July.

"She has a compressed fracture of the vertebrae between the shoulder blades," he said. "She couldn't straighten up for a while, but can now. She has a little bit of scoliosis [curvature of the spine]."

When **Col. Yousif El Karmi**, director of the Jordan Sports Federation, who is in a wheelchair, heard of **Joanna's** back problem, he said he would get his doctor to help her, the regional director explained.

"When the doctor found out that **Joanna** has exactly the same

crushed vertebrae as Mr. **Karmi**, who's paralyzed from the chest down, he said, 'You're a very, very lucky girl to have exactly the same fracture this man has, and yet he's paralyzed.'"

During **Joanna's** treatment on an army base, Mr. Fahey said she was worrying about the cost.

When she asked the doctor about the bill, he said: "Well, I wouldn't worry about that. You have to understand that here, we're family. You're over here—you've donated a year to come help us, and so we're just going to take care of you. Don't worry about it."

French-speaking areas

Evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, French regional director, reported that "of the 40 countries or territories in this world which are French-speaking, we now have members in 20 of them. Yet we only have ministers residing in eight of these countries."

Manpower is "our constant concern," said Mr. Apartian.

Members live in the following French-speaking areas: **Algeria**, **Belgium**, **Burkina Faso** (formerly Upper Volta), **Burundi**, **Cameroon**, **Canada**, **France**, **Guadeloupe**, **Haiti**, **Ivory Coast**, **Luxembourg**, **Madagascar**, **Martinique**, **Mauritius**, **Monaco**, **Rwanda**, **Switzerland**, **Togo**, **Vanuatu** and **Zaire**.

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