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PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear brethren:

Last issue I wrote to you about some of the misconceptions the world has come to accept about the roles of men and women in marriage.

We highlighted the meaning of "head of the house," and the example of Jesus Christ in showing husbands how to love their wives.

Also, we went through the meaning of a wife being in subjection to her husband and explained the erroneous notion that women are inferior to men.

In this issue's "Personal" we look at other common misconceptions about the marriage state.

One popular misconception is that women are more spiritually gullible than men. Let's notice I

Timothy 2:11-15. Some have read these verses and concluded that, because Adam was not deceived but Eve was, women are therefore more easily deceived than men.

That is *not* what Paul wrote. The fact is that the devil has deceived the *whole world*, men and women.

It is true that some *people* are more easily deceived than others, but it is *not true* that "women are more easily deceived than men."

I have known husbands who are far more inclined to delude themselves and are much more readily deceived than their wives.

Likewise, I have known wives who were far more spiritually gullible than their husbands. Gender simply has nothing to do with spiritual deceivableness!

"Yes, but aren't women cre-

ated inherently more naive and more easily tricked than men?" some ask. The answer is, the Bible does not say that.

It is true that women are often less *experienced* than men when it comes to dealing with the evils of this world, and therefore may be a better target for an unscrupulous salesman, for example.

But it is also true that when a woman has the same degree of experience as a man she is no more or less likely to be deceived than a man is.

Some have wrongly reasoned that because Satan chose to deceive Eve but not Adam, that *all* women must be more easily deceived than men. But the Bible does not say that.

Paul is showing that Eve would not have been deceived by the serpent if she had consulted with her husband instead of acting independently of him. He is emphasizing a wife's subjection to her husband, not inherent deceivableness.

Certainly, some husbands (See PERSONAL, page 7)



THE CHURCH'S GULFSTREAM III JET

Two years of traveling: 256,400 miles, 56 sites

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—In two years since becoming pastor general, Joseph W. Tkach has spoken to more than 75,000 brethren at 56 church locations in 24 countries on five of the world's six inhabited continents.

That's besides speaking at the two Ambassador College campuses, five Summer Educational Program (SEP) sites, three Ambassador Foundation projects and a number of civic functions.

Mr. Tkach has addressed the combined Pasadena churches and frequently gives announcements for Auditorium P.M. brethren.

The pastor general has logged 256,400 miles during 513 in-flight hours in the Church's Gulfstream III jet and a Boeing 727, which was chartered for one trip this year.

The map on page 5 shows Mr. Tkach's destinations since his first official church visit March 1, 1986—a 55-minute flight to Phoenix, Ariz.

That trip was also the first time that Mr. Tkach flew in the relatively new G-III, though he had often accompanied Herbert W. Armstrong in the Church's previous jet, a Gulfstream II.

After the pastor general visits Kamloops, B.C., Feb. 5 to 7, he will have addressed brethren from all

congregations in Canada. Other Canadian visits included Vancouver, B.C.; Calgary, Alta.; Toronto, Ont.; Winnipeg, Man.; Montreal,



PASTOR GENERAL ON G-III

Que.; Moncton, N.B.; St. John's, Nfld.; and Saskatoon, Sask.

The last inhabited continent to be visited is South America, and a trip there is being planned.

New features, new design

PT wears the look of the '90s

PASADENA—Beginning with the February issue, the last in a package of format changes were incorporated into *The Plain Truth*.

"With this 54th anniversary issue, we are adding new graphics, along with new regular features and columns to the familiar, uncompromising style and format of *The Plain Truth*," wrote Joseph W. Tkach, editor in chief, in the February "Personal."

Dexter H. Faulkner, executive editor, said: "From an editorial point of view, the thrust is a newsy, shorter, positive approach to the subjects we've been dealing with all along and reflects an upbeat 1990s design with a varied topic structure."

New features include "Today's Family," "Man & Religion," "Q&A: Personal Answers," "On the World Scene" and "Just One More Thing."

Graphic restyling began with the

October edition and features an inside front cover offering an illustrated table of contents, a self-contained "Personal" on page 1, "Letters to the Editor" beginning on page 2 and a lead article trimmed in vertical red stripes to support the cover.

Below "Q&A: Personal Answers" are addresses of Church offices, "inviting readers to start a dialogue with us," said Monte Wolverton, art director.

In February, format changes culminated in a redesigned logo (masthead), the first time it has been changed since December, 1980, according to Mr. Wolverton. Topping the cover is a slash to attract attention to a secondary article.

On the inside, column widths match those of *The Good News* and the *Youth* magazine to streamline production of the publications, according to Mr. Wolverton.

Headlines and text offer new type faces, and subheads are larger. Headlines are Futura Ultra Bold Condensed, and the text is New Times Roman instead of Times Roman to promote legibility.

"As much as possible, we are trying to keep the articles shorter, easier to digest and self-contained without jumps," Mr. Wolverton said.

"Graphically, the changes make the magazine friendlier, more inviting and warmer," he said, adding that the new formats were implemented in all seven languages to promote compatibility.

A different back cover advertisement each month, created by the Church's Promotional Services Department, identifies *The Plain Truth* with the *World Tomorrow* telecast, a change "that we are happy to see in Public Affairs," said Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs.

"Response and comments strongly indicate that the two audiences are different," Mr. Snyder

added. "Crossing the two and getting the other group interested in the other product will strengthen the Church's message."

Mr. Tkach's February "Personal" recounted that the magazine is read by more than 20 million people representing almost 200 countries and territories.

"The content and purpose of *The Plain Truth* will never change," wrote Mr. Tkach. "It will continue to be the magazine that dares to tell the *truth* about world conditions, explain the *meaning* of world events and trends and awaken the public conscience to the *causes* of evils that afflict individuals, nations—*all* humanity."

"Don't miss a single issue!"

BBDO helps plan for 1988

Officials chart future of telecast

PASADENA—Drafting preliminary media plans for 1988 and evaluating promotion of the *World Tomorrow* telecast were topics discussed when executives from Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn (BBDO), an advertising agency retained by the Church, met with Communications & Public Affairs officials Dec. 23.

"We are trying to find more cost-effective means of maintaining and improving our coverage and seeing the potential for growth in 1988," evangelist David Hulme, director of Communications & Public Affairs, told the group, which met in a Hall of Administration conference room.

"It was an exploratory session, and we discussed how to best use our monetary resources to accomplish the job as specified in Matthew 24:14," said Thomas La-

packa, assistant director of media purchasing.

During the meeting Mr. Hulme reviewed the Church's role in preaching the Gospel to the world through the telecast and *The Plain Truth*: "Some very strong things" are going to have to be said on *The World Tomorrow* and in the magazine.

According to Michael Snyder, assistant director of Public Affairs, Mr. Hulme "was clear and direct about the Church's message in front of people who could be considered to be a fair representation of the advertising firepower in the greater Los Angeles [Calif.] area.

"What was discussed follows along the lines of Mr. [Joseph W.] Tkach's directive to work smarter, not only harder," he continued.

"We are trying to maximize the resources of the Church for—as Mr. Tkach puts it—'controlled

growth,' so he can make intelligent choices in the increasingly varied options the Church has."

Also discussed was the Church's potential media growth in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere. "We want to be ready to walk through those doors when they open," said Mr. Snyder.

BBDO executives who attended the meeting included Donald C. Mitchum, president of BBDO/West; Daniel Michel, chief operating officer of BBDO/West; Peter Shelton, senior vice president of BBDO/West and worldwide account manager of the Church's account; and Terry Rooke, research director.

Representing the Church were Mr. Hulme, Mr. Snyder, Mr. La-packa and media buyers Edwin Stepp and Reese Edmondson, 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduates.

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Germany playing pivotal role in Eurasia

PASADENA—"The Fate of Europe Is in the Hands of Germany." This is the title of the German edition of the late Luigi Barzini's 1983 book, *The Europeans*.

The alternate title expresses well the monumental changes taking place on Europe's political landscape today. The German nation—divided into two states—is beginning once again to perform its historic role as the dominant power in the heart of Europe.

Moscow recognizes what the Germans can offer. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is attempting to enlist Bonn's aid in carrying out his nation's new policy of *perestroika*, or economic restructuring.

If Germany is important to the Soviet Union, the reverse is equally true. For more than 40 years, Moscow has held the key to German reunification.

The importance of the German-Soviet relationship was underscored most dramatically in late December. In a totally unexpected development Mr. Gorbachev invited the arch-conservative German politician and Bavarian premier, Franz Josef Strauss, to visit him in Moscow.

Within a matter of days of the invitation, Mr. Strauss took off from Munich, piloting his private Cessna aircraft. (Mr. Strauss did *not* land unannounced in Red Square, as a German teenager did.)

The next day he conferred privately for more than two hours with the Soviet general secretary. At a press conference at the close of his three-day visit, Mr. Strauss surprised the assembled scribes by proclaiming the end of the postwar pe-

riod. "We are in a new game. A new era has begun," he said.

Advocating increased East-West business dealings, he said that "Mars, the god of war, should give way to Mercury, the god of trade... We can see a market of 300 million people in the Soviet Union, mostly for consumer goods."

Nobody's fool, Mr. Strauss added that although he was convinced that real changes had begun in the Soviet Union, "we don't expect changes in the [communist] political system."

West Germany's "cold warrior," once the prime whipping boy of the Kremlin, had been doing a lot of thinking about the "new realities" of the Soviet Union even before his trip. He had earlier observed that if Mr. Gorbachev's proclaimed intentions are real, "we could be approaching a great decisive moment in the history of mankind."

In Moscow, the two leaders, both polished practitioners of the art of power politics, did not limit their discussion to economics. The Bavarian prime minister boldly raised the German question.

"We stand by the unity of the German nation within two states," Mr. Strauss told Mr. Gorbachev. "To my astonishment," Mr. Strauss said later, "he did not contradict this."

Mr. Strauss, for his part, is adjusting his political compass to a changed set of world conditions. He sees that the America he and other German conservatives once trusted for political leadership, economic prosperity and military security is on the skids as a world power.

The Soviet Union—if it can be

trusted to be more rational, less revolutionary in nature—offers an alternative. And Moscow surely needs help. Its East bloc satellite nations, such as Poland, Hungary and Romania, need help even more.

The French are concerned about West Germany's new attraction to Moscow's offerings. Said one

French official: "If Franz Josef Strauss, the rightest of the German right-wingers, can come back from Russia a Gorbachev man, what are we supposed to think?"

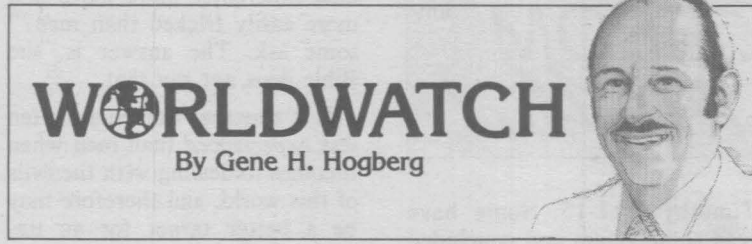
Paris is doing all it can by economic and military means to keep West Germany anchored firmly in the West. But it need not worry too much. Bonn can't afford to leave its Western allies. West Germany is inextricably linked with France and 10 other nations in the European Community. Its currency is the backbone of the European Monetary System.

The reality is that instead of leaving the West, the Federal Republic is going to pull Western Europe eastward into closer economic ties with the Soviet bloc.

An awesome new geopolitical reality is taking place in Europe. The outlines of an end-time economic and military megapower are begin-

ning to appear, heading toward the great Babylonian system described in Revelation 18.

The Soviets are contributing greatly to this formation. In his new book, *Perestroika*, Mr. Gorbachev talks about developing the "common European home." He also stresses that "we are Europeans."



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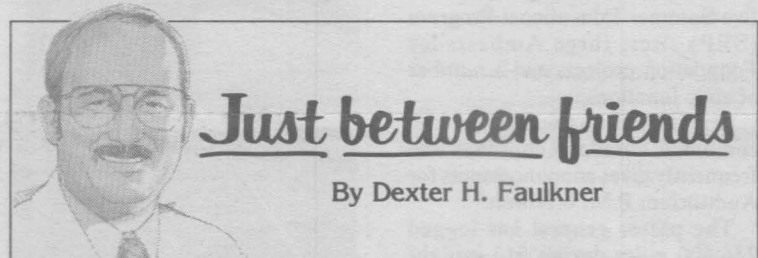
By Gene H. Hogberg



Russia was united with Europe by Christianity, and the millennium of its arrival in the land of our ancestors will be marked next year [1988]. The history of Russia is an organic part of the great European history."

Other Soviet spokesmen speak glowingly of the emerging "Eurasian process." The Soviet Union straddles both continents.

West Germany may prove to be the



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

What's new with you?

Like most big things, it started with a small comment.

At lunch a friend stopped by my table to say hello. "What's new in your life?" I asked.

He laughed and said: "Big changes. Not changes I had asked for, but changes that need to be made and that will bring a lot of new challenges in my life."

As he walked away smiling, I could see he had a positive approach to what lay ahead of him.

My friend could have grumbled, griped and complained. But instead he showed that he was up to the challenge of change.

People are distinctly different in their attitudes toward change. Some thrive on it. Others are profoundly upset. Many resist it at first, then gradually embrace it.

How positive is your attitude toward change? Do you anticipate it? Do you welcome change, looking always for the benefits and new opportunities that come with it?

Do you initiate change? For example, when did you last look at a bad habit or come up with a solution to a longstanding problem or sin?

Finally, do you set solid deadlines for change in your life? It's easier to measure change in the world around us than to chart it in ourselves.

We need to continually set goals that not only guide us, but also help us see how far we've come. What positive changes have you made in the last year in your skills, family, work habits or attitudes?

God Himself, of course, doesn't change (Hebrews 13:8). He's already perfect. But He's in the changing business. He's changing all of us into His own perfect image!

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" (II Corinthians 5:17).

Revelation 21 talks about new heavens and a new earth. In verse 5 God says, "Behold, I make all things new."

God is definitely on the side of change. And His change is always for the better—toward healthy growth and abundant life.

Now, Satan is also in favor of

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change, but it is the change toward immorality. Sometimes it looks like positive growth and development, but actually it is a malicious, harmful cancerlike growth, because the change Satan promotes brings destruction.

God and Satan are both at work making changes in our lives, so that we're either growing or decaying—physically, emotionally and spiritually.

Despite our capacity to change, it's hard for us to realize our full potential as Christians. There are many reasons for this, but the most important must be lack of motivation. Weak-willed people find it most difficult to alter their behavior. This should not be the case if we are using God's Spirit to its fullest. Read Ephesians 3:16.

Other people are also a powerful deterrent to self-generated change.

The less confident you are in yourself and God's support, and the more you rely on the approval of others, the less likely it is that you will manage to change yourself.

We become more set in our ways as each year goes by, and change requires not just learning but sometimes unlearning. However, if you use God's Spirit, it is never impossible to change your life. Given sufficient determination and provided that you stick to the following checklist of change, you can change!

- First, firmly believe that change is possible. "With God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

- Make specific goals. Give each goal a starting and completion date. Vague or open-ended goals are worthless.

- Make sure the change is something you can start on right now. The *manana* spirit is fatal. Do it now. Don't procrastinate.

- Accept what cannot be changed. In every situation there are things

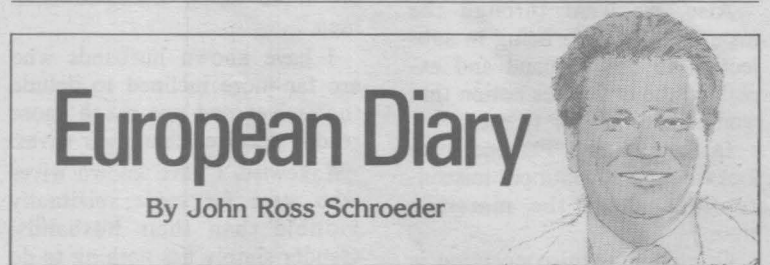
that are unchangeable. Seek wise counsel here.

- Avoid negative thinking. Don't talk yourself into failure. Don't be discouraged by others' negative responses. Don't dwell on temporary setbacks.

- Set yourself a series of modest short-term goals rather than trying to do everything all at once.
- Evaluate your progress. Periodic reviews keep you inspired and motivated to keep moving toward your goals.

- Remember to give daily thanks to God for His support as you move closer to every goal.

God has not left us unable to change, and He has commissioned us to grow daily and change so that we can be used to teach others in the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Let us not neglect so great a calling. Charge forward—with change!



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

Why religious views differ in America and Europe

BOREHAMWOOD, England—The reasons for European disbelief are varied and complex. To begin with Europe was the spawning ground for humanistic German rationalism. Many European intellectuals rejected Christianity.

Both Karl Marx and Charles Darwin formed their beliefs in England. Their respective creeds, communism and evolution, foster disbelief. But this is only part of the story.

John Ross Schroeder concludes his discussion of how religion differs in northern Europe and North America.

The full flower of European manhood died in battle during World War I. Many of the most talented and cultured young men perished in senseless battle. The question was asked again and again—"How could God allow this to happen?"

As David L. Edwards observed in *The Futures of Christianity*: "The first world war was the great catastrophe. It did less physical damage [to buildings and landscape] than the second world war—but far more damage to Christianity" (page 306).

Just more than two decades later Europe was locked into another world war. The Soviet Union lost 20 million people. The faith of many survivors was in a state of shipwreck.

America was involved in both world wars. Casualties were serious, but did not approach the catastrophic European numbers.

All the above factors play a part in unprecedented European secularization. But to one Anglican clergyman "the most important explanation of the secularization of Europe seems to be that in this continent the clergy had a uniquely and excessively strong position—and abused it with arrogant folly" (*The Futures of Christianity*, page 295).

God uses even stronger and more graphic language. He spoke to

pivotal nation in this emerging Eurasian concept. Germany—a united Germany, moreover—could again fulfill its historic role in the heart of Europe—the area once known as *Mitteleuropa*, or Central Europe.

Mitteleuropa effectively ceased to exist in 1945, with the splitting of Europe into hostile East-West divisions. Now the nostalgia for *Mitteleuropa* is reviving. This area embraces much of the old Austro-Hungarian Empire, the major successor state to the Holy Roman Empire. Throughout the region, nostalgia for the "good old days" of the Habsburg dynasty is growing.

"The ghost of Central Europe has come back to haunt, or perhaps tempt us," observed the British daily *The Independent* Jan. 11.

There is no part for America, or perhaps Britain either, in this gathering economic and political megapower on the Eurasian landmass. Britain's historic role of national self-interest has been to prevent the coalescing of European power.

Why is the portent of this development not a part of the political debate in the U.S. election campaign? The would-be leaders of the English-speaking world are almost oblivious to what is taking place.

Ezekiel concerning ancient Israel's clergy: "The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst."

"Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them" (Ezekiel 22:25-26, New King James throughout).

These prophecies are dual. God also indicts our modern Western clergy. He holds them responsible for the spiritual state of the Western world today. God clearly says, "I am profaned among them" (verse 26). Secularism may be laid at the door of the ministry.

Not everyone is irreligious, however, as *The Futures of Christianity* also shows. "Surveys show that Europeans turn to private prayer... in surprising numbers. They often seem to think that their lives cannot be explained in terms that are purely scientific—that 'God' or 'fate' or 'luck' has a role" (page 290).

What the author means is that Europeans have a spiritual hunger that is not being filled by mainstream Christendom. The churches are not in sync with their peoples. Religious bodies are not giving Europeans the means to properly express their spiritual longings.

Only God can do so. Your Creator says: "Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price... Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you" (Isaiah 55:1, 3).

This is the fruit of the true Gospel. This is the fruit of the coming Kingdom of God.

Computer graphics magnify versatility of magazine design

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Lifelike and realistic, computer-generated graphics enhancing *The Plain Truth* give Joseph W. Tkach, editor in chief, more options in less time and at less cost, said Matthew Faulkner, computer graphics specialist in the Editorial Services Department.

High-speed computers crammed with memory and storage achieve near-photograph quality (photorealism) through the use of high-resolution graphics software from Time Arts, Inc.

Lumena is a software package offering a palette of 35 million colors. "The more colors on the screen, the better shading and flexibility for the magazine," said Mr. Faulkner.

Crystal is a software package that works in tandem with Lumena, making on-screen images look three dimensional and enabling the user to move and rotate them.

Mr. Faulkner has become so familiar with the use of Lumena and Crystal software that Time Arts asked him to demonstrate their products in March at the National Computer Graphics Association convention in Anaheim, Calif.

"We are one of the first to use the 4K [high-resolution] software. Other companies may have it, but hardly anyone knows how to use it," said Mr. Faulkner.

Lumena and Crystal feature palettes much like traditional artists work with, but with 90 simulated type faces, air brushes for image retouching, cut-and-paste features and features for manipulating images and changing colors.

The computer increases speed and efficiency for facets of magazine design from the thumbnail sketch to the comprehensive layout (comp).

What used to take a *Plain Truth* artist hours now takes minutes with a stylus, a computer input device that repositions the on-screen cursor when moved on a flat tablet.

How does it work?

After cover ideas are discussed by a design committee in Editorial Services, Mr. Faulkner goes to work. Any image or photograph on a

35-mm. slide, videotape or laser disk can be transferred into the computer. A live image, such as someone's face or hand, is transferred by a video camera mounted in his office.

Once transferred, the image—now computer-simulated—is positioned, colored, shaded, detailed and inserted into a template (computerized drawing) of a *Plain Truth* cover. Headlines, type and other graphic elements are added.

When the artist is satisfied with the computerized layout, the comp is transferred to videotape and a printer.

The printout and videotape, often containing up to 20 computerized magazine cover possibilities, are taken to Mr. Tkach's office, where he, with the aid of Church officials, selects the best potential covers.

The top one or two computerized covers are made into actual full-size cover comps using real photographs, headline type and colors by Monte Wolverton, *Plain Truth* art director.

Computerized cover ideas for *The Good News* and *Youth 88*, also on videotape and printed out, are presented to Mr. Tkach by editor Dexter H. Faulkner and each magazine's managing editor and art director.

'Pixels' make the difference

State of the art, high-resolution graphics are responsible for photorealism, such as the November-December cover showing Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock.

Computerized images are composed of pixels (picture elements), and the higher the number of pixels on a screen, the higher the resolution.

The equipment also outputs to 35-mm. film 4,096 columns by 2,736 lines—more than 11 million pixels.

"Before the computer, if we wanted to change the color of the masthead on a comp, for example, it took half an hour in the darkroom. Now the color can be changed almost instantly on the computer."

Photorealism is achieved mostly from Crystal's three-dimensional graphic ability to simulate depth, shadowing, image reduction, highlighting and proportion using a light source, producing a realistic effect.

His hardware (the computer and its associated equipment) includes a 44-megabyte (44 million bytes) hard disk drive, 40 megabytes of tape storage and nine megabytes of random access memory (RAM).



SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES—Matthew Faulkner (seated), Editorial Services computer graphics specialist, displays a *Plain Truth* cover idea for Monte Wolverton, *Plain Truth* art director, and Dexter Faulkner (right), editor of the Church's publications. [Photo by Warren Watson]

1,600 volunteers participate

Rose Parade profits top \$65,000

By Jeff E. Zhorne

PASADENA—Sixteen hundred Church and Ambassador College volunteers helped raise more than \$65,000 during activities at the 99th annual Tournament of Roses parade Jan. 1.

According to Robin Webber, an associate pastor of the Auditorium P.M. church, brethren and students ushered 109,000 spectators at 50 grandstands, handled parking for 63 lots, maintained concession stands, sold programs, film and souvenirs, and provided a security force for parking lots and Church and college properties.

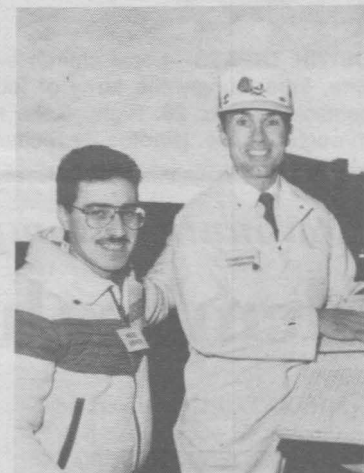
Funds earned over the 36-hour period will be split between the Church and college.

The largest portion of funds raised by the Church is from contracts with Sharp Seating Co., which maintains all but seven grandstands on the parade route, said John Kennedy, an Auditorium P.M. assistant pastor.

The Church has been involved with Sharp Seating Co. for 21 years, since Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach initiated the local churches' involvement in the parade. Mr. Tkach, although in Australia this year, continues to oversee the head-

quarters churches' interest in the parade, and has said "that he looks forward to being in Pasadena from now on to be a part of the action."

After the parade evangelist David Hulme, on behalf of Mr. Tkach, was host to a luncheon in the



SERVING AT SUNRISE—Frank Ancona (left), head usher for a grandstand on the Rose Parade route, and Ronald Sower, grandstand manager, prepare for the crowds. [Photo by Barry Stahl]

No brethren injured

Arkansas tornadoes hit homes

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark.—Three homes of Church members were damaged when a series of tornadoes swept through eastern Arkansas Dec. 14, according to Mark Cardona, pastor of the Memphis and Jackson, Tenn., churches.

"No brethren were injured in spite of the tremendous damage done in the area," he said.

"The 5 p.m. temperature was around 50 degrees Fahrenheit. However, by 9 p.m., the mercury had soared to nearly 70 degrees Fahrenheit as a massive warm front of moist Gulf air pushed aside the

cold air. Not to be outdone, the cold air came back with a vengeance and a massive line of tornadoes was the result. Enormous destruction was imminent in eastern Arkansas," he said.

According to the Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*, at least six people were killed and 136 were injured. Estimated damage in West Memphis was more than \$22 million.

The Memphis church meets in West Memphis, and several members live in or near the town of 28,000. "All through the night . . . we tried in vain to reach members in

that area to check on their condition. It seemed impossible that all would be untouched as the size of the swath became known," the pastor said.

The home of John and Minnie Spencer suffered the greatest damage. Their bedroom was blown apart, much of the roof was torn off and part of the kitchen was demolished. Every room sustained damage.

"It's apparent that God protected them mightily," Mr. Cardona said. "They were huddled in the hallway when the tornado hit. An outboard motor from somewhere was blown into their home and hit Mr. Spencer, but God protected him from injury."

In another bedroom a 2 foot by 6 foot piece of wood was driven through the exterior wall of the house and came to rest inches from the top bunk bed.

Another member, Wally Jones, lost two outside sheds, and his home sustained some damage. Steve Shattuck lost a travel trailer and its contents.

After the tornado, torrential rains caused flooding. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kosloski and Jean Tindell suffered flood damage from several feet of water in their homes.

"God's people in the surrounding areas have rallied around those affected," Mr. Cardona said. "It is now a matter of repairing the damage and massive cleanup efforts. Those affected would appreciate the prayers of their brethren as they work to rebuild their lives."



PATH OF DESTRUCTION—Every room of the home of Church members John and Minnie Spencer sustained damage when tornadoes swept through eastern Arkansas Dec. 14. Inset: The back of the Spencers' house. [Photos by Mark Cardona]

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Dutch churches trace history during 20th anniversary event

By Richard Steinfort

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands—The churches in the Netherlands celebrated their 20th anniversary Dec. 26. Activities began with Sabbath services.

Frank Schnee, German regional director, was guest speaker. After services Bram de Bree, Dutch regional director, performed the wedding of Berry Hoes and Ada Peters,

and a dinner dance followed.

The work in Dutch-speaking areas began when God called Dutch families from Indonesia and English-speaking countries such as New Zealand, Australia and Canada. These emigrants returned home "after having come into contact with the truth," said Johannes Wilms, a local elder in the Utrecht church and business manager for

the Dutch Office.

The work in Dutch-speaking areas was first administered from the German Office, and most of the pioneer members were baptized by Mr. Schnee. They attended services in Frankfurt, West Germany, until services began in the Netherlands.

The first Dutch Sabbath services were conducted Dec. 23, 1967, by Mr. Schnee and evangelist Raymond McNair. Thirty-six brethren from the Netherlands and Belgium attended.

Christel Wilson, a deaconess in the Duesseldorf, West Germany, church, said Mr. Schnee brought "most of the office employees from Duesseldorf with him in order to give the Dutch brethren support in singing the hymns and being with the small group of the Dutch brethren."

In 1970 administration of the work in Dutch-speaking areas moved to the Bricket Wood, England, Office. Roy McCarthy, Dutch regional director from 1970 to 1978, commuted weekly to the



DUTCH TREATS—Local church elder Harold Van Lerberghe and his wife, Irma, survey the array of food served at the Dutch anniversary celebration Dec. 26. Right: Geke Kleine helps her daughter, Desiree, through the line. [Photos by Richard Steinfort]

History of the Church in the Dutch-speaking Area

Dec. 23, 1967—First Sabbath services conducted in Netherlands.

September, 1968—*De Echte Waarheid*, Dutch Plain Truth, begins with a circulation of 2,000. (Circulation is now 56,000.)

1972—Dutch area launches *Plain Truth* newsstand program.

1975—First Feast of Tabernacles in the Netherlands takes place in Exloo.

1976—Dutch language used for Sabbath services instead of English.

February, 1977—First meeting of the Tilburg church.

May, 1981—First meeting of the Zwolle church.

December, 1981—First meeting of the Antwerp, Belgium, church.

November, 1982—Herbert W. Armstrong visits Rotterdam.

1983—*The United States and Britain in Prophecy* is translated into Dutch and presented to Mr. Armstrong.

May, 1984—The Dutch Office moves from Utrecht to Nieuwegein.

July, 1987—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach visits Dutch and German brethren in Duesseldorf, West Germany.

September, 1987—The *World Tomorrow* telecast on Sky Channel reaches the Netherlands and elsewhere in Europe by satellite.

Netherlands to conduct services until he moved there in 1974. From that time the work "boomed forward and so did the numbers of baptisms," said Mr. Wilms.

"Mr. Schnee did the planting; Dr. McCarthy did the pioneering

work," said Mr. de Bree. "He taught the young church the basic doctrines and visited many people. So far I have been allowed to harvest."

Spokesman Clubs have served as a training college, providing the churches with two local church elders and one local elder, along with many pillars in the congregations, Mr. de Bree said. Dr. McCarthy started the first Spokesman Club in 1975, and now there are three. Sixty-six men have graduated from club.

Mr. de Bree described the churches in the Netherlands and Belgium as "a loyal, dedicated group of people who wholeheartedly and attentively are involved, as a family, in carrying out God's work."

The Church in the Netherlands

Church members	265
Ministers	4
Churches	4
Spokesman Clubs	3
<i>Plain Truth (De Echte Waarheid)</i> subscribers	56,000
<i>Good News (Het Goede Nieuws)</i> subscribers	7,700

The Bible Correspondence Course, 48 booklets and the Youth Bible Lessons have been translated into Dutch.

'Continuing example of dedication'

Member has served three offices

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands—In the past 22 years Iepke Klarenberg, 57, has served in the mail department of three regional offices in three European countries. She has worked in the Netherlands since 1975, when the Dutch Office was moved from Britain.

Most of her work has been in mail processing, although she has helped translate the 12-lesson Bible Correspondence Course, booklets, co-worker letters and personal correspondence.

"I strive to get every address label correctly to Pasadena," said Miss Klarenberg, "so the *Echte Waarheid* [Dutch Plain Truth]

gets properly to the applicant."

Before coming into the Church she began a voyage around the world. In 1957 she traveled to New Zealand and began to master the English language, which has helped her in God's work ever since.

Six years later she went to Australia for six months, before journeying to Canada, where she came into contact with the Church.

She was baptized in 1964 by Gary Antion, then pastor of the Toronto, Ont., church and now a Pasadena Ambassador College associate professor of theology.

Her world tour would have ended in the Netherlands, if she had not

applied to Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, England.

Miss Klarenberg's fluency in three languages—Dutch, English and German—caught the attention



IEPKE KLARENBERG

of Frank Schnee, regional director of German-speaking areas. She worked in the German Office until 1970.

Then she transferred to Bricket Wood to serve under Roy McCarthy in the Dutch Office. Dr. McCarthy, Dutch regional director from 1970 to 1978, now pastors the Johannesburg, South Africa, East church.

When Dr. McCarthy was transferred to South Africa, Miss Klarenberg worked for Bram de Bree, the new regional director. Mr. de Bree has been regional director since 1978.

After 22 years, Miss Klarenberg has friends around the world, referring to them as her family. She is a true continuing example of dedication and service to God's work, said Mr. de Bree.

Brethren 2 to 67 perform in 13th Dutch talent show

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands—The four Netherlands churches gathered Nov. 28 in Barneveld, Netherlands, for the 13th annual talent show.

A buffet dinner was served after Sabbath services, and then more than 70 performers between the ages of 2 and 67 presented music, dances and sketches. Frits de Winter, a member who attends the Zwolle, Netherlands, church, was master of ceremonies.

Theo de Groot, who attends in Tilburg, Netherlands, directed the show. "His role lies in selecting those acts, which together form a balanced program," said Mr. de Winter.

Mr. de Groot has directed the

show for 10 years. "Participation is a great opportunity to serve the rest of the church and to make use of and develop one's given and developed talents. One should never participate out of personal vanity; it is a matter of service," he said.

He selects acts for the show by asking these questions: (1) Is there any talent?, (2) Has there been enough practice?, (3) Is it unique?, (4) Is creativeness explored? and (5) How well is the act presented?

After the show Bram de Bree, regional director, commented: "It is clear every year that there is more talent and more quality, which is a proof of unity. We are truly one family. That was made clear tonight."

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Parade

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the parade falls on a Sabbath."

Mr. Webber explained the Church's involvement in the parade. "The Tournament of Roses, which is a dual entity of parade and football game, has its origin in civic pride, not false religion," he said.

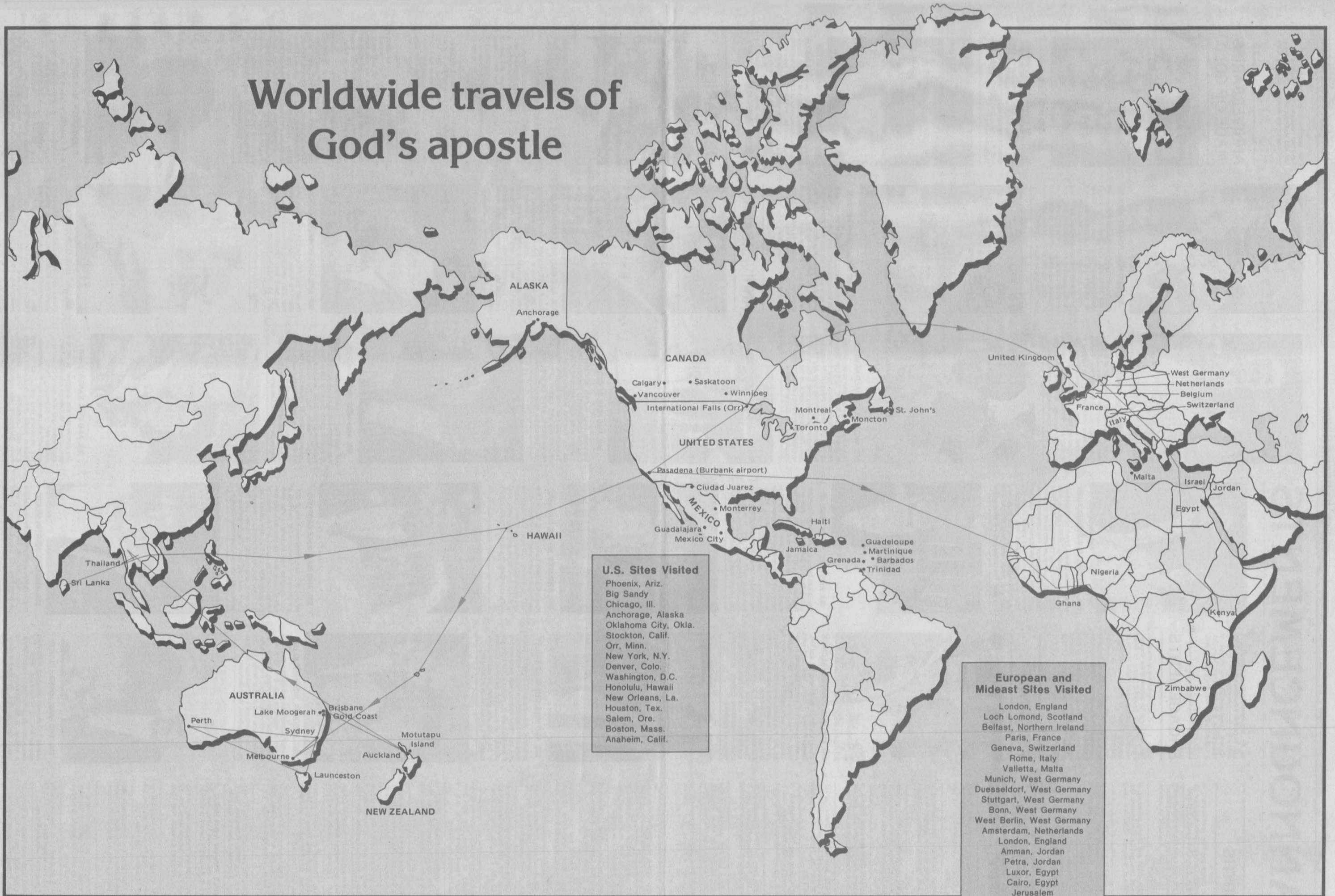
"Over the years the Rose Parade has expanded with technology and media exposure. This naturally attracts thousands of people to the Pasadena area over a three-day period," Mr. Webber continued. "As merely one part of a civic effort to host and supply needs for

Pasadena's guests, we are not responsible for their actions, merely supplying parking and food (no liquor).

"There are no sanctioned New Year's parties or activities in the preceding evening as this is not the basis for the parade in the first place. If there were, we would need to reevaluate our involvement in the Tournament of Roses.

"We are certainly blessed twofold by our participation. One, we are allowed to let our light shine in a very positive and friendly manner by serving people, and secondly, we are able to derive much-needed funding for our local church activities," Mr. Webber said.

Worldwide travels of God's apostle



- U.S. Sites Visited**
- Phoenix, Ariz.
 - Big Sandy
 - Chicago, Ill.
 - Anchorage, Alaska
 - Oklahoma City, Okla.
 - Stockton, Calif.
 - Orr, Minn.
 - New York, N.Y.
 - Denver, Colo.
 - Washington, D.C.
 - Honolulu, Hawaii
 - New Orleans, La.
 - Houston, Tex.
 - Salem, Ore.
 - Boston, Mass.
 - Anaheim, Calif.

- European and Mideast Sites Visited**
- London, England
 - Loch Lomond, Scotland
 - Belfast, Northern Ireland
 - Paris, France
 - Geneva, Switzerland
 - Rome, Italy
 - Valletta, Malta
 - Munich, West Germany
 - Duesseldorf, West Germany
 - Stuttgart, West Germany
 - Bonn, West Germany
 - West Berlin, West Germany
 - Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - London, England
 - Amman, Jordan
 - Petra, Jordan
 - Luxor, Egypt
 - Cairo, Egypt
 - Jerusalem

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BOZE, Carroll and Tammy (Willadsen), of Shreveport, La., boy, Patrick Ray, Nov. 23, 10:37 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

CURLEY, Curtis and Sandra (Bornemann), of Wausau, Wis., boy, Graydon Richard, Sept. 14, 1:50 p.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

CUTTER, Geoff and Cindie (Winston), of Cincinnati, Ohio, girl, Caroline Michele, Oct. 31, 5:55 a.m., 9 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

DAUPHNEY, Charles Aubrey and Sheila (Dauphine), of Sydney, N.S., boy, David Warren, Dec. 1, 1:05 a.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DAWAL, Florante and Lisa (Acebron), of Imus, Philippines, girl, Daisy Ruth, Dec. 4, 8:41 p.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

DeHOND, David and Jackie (Nixon), of Lakeland, Fla., girl, Stephanie Lynn, Aug. 8, 2:48 a.m., 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

DEVINE, Michael and Monica (Moolhuizen), of Washington, D.C., girl, Jeanne Harmina, Oct. 2, 7:22 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

DEWHIRST, James and Dorothy (Bunten), of Bradford, England, girl, Adele Caroline, Nov. 3, 12:58 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

DOROTHY, Leon and Terri (Jeness), of Creston, Iowa, boy, Michael Ray, Nov. 29, 12:01 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DUNCAN, Sam and Joyce (Miller), of Montvale, N.J., girl, Tanya Marie Annette, Jan. 4, 8:35 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 3 girls.

ESHLEMAN, David and Cindy (Koons), of Jonestown, Pa., girl, Katie Lee, Dec. 30, 3:24 a.m., 6 pounds 6 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FERRAGU, Jean-Paul and Donna (De Tulio), of Cape Coral, Fla., girl, Sarah Jeanne, Dec. 30, 6:36 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

FRENCH, Jerry and Tresa (Hawkins), of Shreveport, La., boy, Kaleb Jerel, Dec. 5, 4:53 p.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GANNON, Barry and Elise (Heberer), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Joseph Thomas, Sept. 8, 9:15 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HILT, Brian and Patti (Motzko), of Fort Collins, Colo., girl, Kelli Nicole, Sept. 23, 3:45 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 3 girls.

JACKSON, Robin and Narelle (Brewster), of Gold Coast, Australia, boy, Andrew Thomas, Oct. 20, 1:30 p.m., 8 pounds 9 ounces, first child.

LINDEN, Mark and Martha (Falkar), of Anchorage, Alaska, boy, Clayton John, Nov. 27, 5:45 a.m., 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LUCAS, Gregory and Teresa (Hairston), of Philadelphia, Pa., boy, Matthew Joel, Dec. 16, 8 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys.

McCORMICK, Joel and Neva Jo (Owens), of Jefferson City, Tenn., boy, Brandon Joel, Dec. 23, 1:17 a.m., first child.

NAPIONTEK, Arthur and Judi (Getz), of Bremerton, Wash., boy, Arthur Micheal, July 23, 8:14 p.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

NEU, Klaus and Hanna (Strate), of Hannover, West Germany, girl, Esther, Sept. 30, 7:26 p.m., 3.8 kilograms, first child.

PAVLOVICH, Doug and Olga (Tripkovic), of Kitchener, Ont., girl, Stefanie Maree, Dec. 15, 8:32 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

PAWLOWSKI, Wesley and Kathleen (Dampier), of Kansas City, Mo., boy, Jonathan Josiah, Nov. 8, 4:47 p.m., 9 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

PETTY, Michael and Sally (Lafferty), of Batesville, Ark., boy, Benjamin Joel, Nov. 13, 8:16 p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

POORE, Michael and Ann (Howard), of Vacaville, Calif., boy, Stanton Faron, Dec. 11, 1:47 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 2 boys.

REESE, Armin and Carolyn (Davis), of Sunland, Calif., girl, Amy Catherine, Sept. 1, 4:24 a.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 girls.

ROSS, Ken and Brenda (Moore), of Columbia, S.C., girl, Meagan Elizabeth, Aug. 2, 1:24 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 girls.

SALVA, Thomas and Mary-Carmen (DuBois), of Springfield, Mass., girl, Juliana Beth, Dec. 6, 12:44 p.m., 5 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SANDER, David and Linda (Dillingham), of Medford, Ore., girl, Adrienne Elean, Nov. 26, 1:48 a.m., 9 pounds 5 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

SCHOCK, Wil and Lorna (Scott), of Medford, Ore., boy, William Ryan Lane, Dec. 7, 1:50 a.m., 9 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

SCHWALB, Allen and Angela (Crunk), of Evansville, Ind., girl, Ava Marie, Dec. 30, 12:19 p.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

SIMONE, Dale and Patty (Brosky), of Winter Park, Fla., girl, Delonja Marie, Nov. 12, 8:01 a.m., 7 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SMITH, Curtis and Erika (Weyrich), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Tristan James, Dec. 5, 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SOULARD, Patrice and Suzie (Deschenes), of Abitibi-Temiscamingue, Que., girl, Noemi Karo, Dec. 1, 5:44 p.m., 6 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

STEIN, Howard and Mary (Bacon), of Philadelphia, Pa., girl, Brittany Kaythryn, Dec. 16, 1:45 p.m., 10 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

THOMAS, Boyd and Linda (Baldwin), of De Soto, Tex., boy, William Blake, Nov. 24, 5:58 a.m., 6 pounds 9 1/2 ounces, first child.

WILLARD, Jack and Debbie (Efimov), of Mobile, Ala., boy, Ryan Michael, Dec. 10, 3:30 a.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, first child.

WITT, Benny and Shally (Bailey), of Lexington,

ton, Ky., boy, Benjamin David, Dec. 28, 2:15 a.m., 10 pounds 4 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

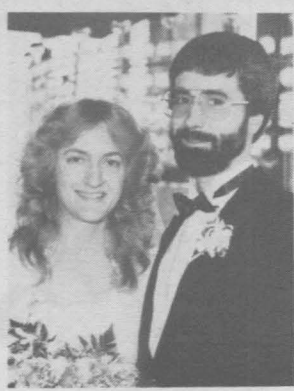
YOUNG, Lionel and Theresa (Puzak), of Albuquerque, N.M., boy, Shane Allan, Oct. 3, 4:25 a.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

ENGAGEMENTS

Albert L. and Joanne Myers of Houston, Tex., are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Marie to Brent Hardin, son of Larry and Elaine Hardin of Bowling Green, Ky. A July 3 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Duchene are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Michelle Marie to Roger Zacharias, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Zacharias of Winnipeg, Man. A May 15 wedding is planned on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. JOHN KOVALCHICK
Wendy Lou Styer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Styer of Burns, Tenn., and John Martin Kovalchick, son of Margaret Kovalchick of Pasadena and the late Stephen Kovalchick, were united in marriage Aug. 9 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus. The ceremony was performed by Dennis Van Deventer, pastor of the Pasadena Imperial P.M. church. Sharon Styer, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Bill Schnee was best man. The couple, both Ambassador College graduates, reside in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES BAILEY
Sharon K. Schwarz and Charles E. Bailey were united in marriage Nov. 21 in Indianapolis, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Frank McCrady Jr., pastor of the Indianapolis and Columbus, Ind., churches. Children of the bride and groom served as attendants. The couple reside in Michigan.



MR. AND MRS. NORBERT KLUS
Marita Haanschoten and Norbert Klus were united in marriage July 5 in Bithoven, Netherlands. Frank Schnee, German regional director, performed the ceremony. Jamie Barron was maid of honor, and Johannes Eisermann was best man. The couple reside in Bonn, West Germany.



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH CURTIS
Joseph C. Curtis and Deborah L. Keith were married Nov. 19 in Spokane, Wash. The ceremony was performed by Valden White, a minister in the Spokane church. The bride's daughter Pam was maid of honor, and Guy Muller was best man. The couple reside in St. John, Wash.



MR. AND MRS. B. SCHEMENAUER
Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Taylor of Milwaukee, Wis., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Amy Beth to Brian Donald Schemenauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schemenauer. The ceremony took place Sept. 27 in Milwaukee and was performed by Eugene Noel, pastor of the Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis., churches. Laurie Morstatter, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and David Morgan was best man. The couple reside in Milwaukee.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY HEGE JR.
Donna Nell Stacy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Stacy of Cedar Bluff, Va., and Jerry Ray Hege Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Ray Hege Sr. of Lewisville, N.C., were united in marriage Nov. 14 in Cedar Bluff. The ceremony was performed by Bruce Tyler, pastor of the Bluefield and Lewisburg, W.Va., churches. Dinah Stacy, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The groom is a 1985 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate. The couple reside in Kernersville, N.C.



MR. AND MRS. BRUCE MAGUIRE
Karen Elizabeth Leverett and Bruce Lindsay Maguire were united in marriage Feb. 1, 1987, in Sydney, Australia. The ceremony was performed by Terence Villiers, pastor of the Sydney North and Newcastle, Australia, churches. The couple reside in Sydney.



MR. AND MRS. MIKE BEDFORD
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Putterman of Fords, N.J., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Ellen Michelle to Mike Bedford of Butler, N.J. The ceremony was performed Aug. 2 by James Jenkins, pastor of the Union A.M. and P.M. and Jersey City, N.J., churches. Alice Putterman, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Bob Diorio was best man. The couple are students at Big Sandy Ambassador College.



MR. AND MRS. MARTIN MCKEE
Martin McKee and Debra Smith were united in marriage Dec. 26. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Robert Smith, pastor of the Phoenix, Ariz., West church. The couple reside in Phoenix.



MR. AND MRS. PETER GOUT
Heather Lynn Aikins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Aikins of Vancouver, B.C., and Peter Gout, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gout, were united in marriage May 24 in Bourne, England. The ceremony was performed by David Bedford, pastor of the Nottingham, Northampton and Sheffield, England, churches. Mike Maher was best man. The couple reside in Nottingham.



MR. AND MRS. RONALD NEWPORT
Billy Anne Carroll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Ball Sr. of North Branch, Mich., and Ronald Ward Newport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim W. Newport of Long Pine, Neb., were united in marriage July 19. The ceremony was performed in Pasadena by John Ritenbaugh, pastor of the Glendale and North Hollywood, Calif., churches. The couple reside in Burbank, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. M. COLEMAN
Marcheta Delp Godwin and Manning A. Coleman were united in marriage Sept. 26. The ceremony was performed in Moultrie, Ga., by Kenneth Mattson, pastor of the Tallahassee, Fla., and Moultrie churches. Jill Andrews was matron of honor, and Marvin Godwin, son of the bride, was best man. The couple reside in Coolidge, Ga.



MR. AND MRS. HARDY HOFER
Mr. and Mrs. Don Hildebrand of Calgary, Alta., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Suzanne Marie Gwen to Hardy Hofer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hofer of Selkirk, Man. The ceremony was performed Sept. 27 by the bride's father, a minister in the Calgary South church. Linda Christianson was maid of honor, and Ben Hofer, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Calgary.



MR. AND MRS. RANDALL WITT
Joy Janelle McFalls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McFalls of Knoxville, Tenn., and Randall Lynn Witt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Witt of Strawberry Plains, Tenn., were united in marriage Nov. 28 in Knoxville. The ceremony was performed by John Comino, pastor of the Knoxville A.M. and P.M. and Cookeville, Tenn., churches. Penny Shoemaker was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple reside in Strawberry Plains.



MR. AND MRS. ROBERT JONES
Candy Lynn Forte, daughter of Lynda Lee of Lake Worth, Fla., and Calvin J. Forte Jr. of Maryland, and Robert Dean Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Jones of Metter, Ga., were united in marriage Oct. 18 in Savannah, Ga. The ceremony was performed by Robert Persky, pastor of the Charleston, S.C., and Savannah churches. Serena Forte, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Richard B. Jones, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple reside in Metter.



MR. AND MRS. KENNY FERGEN
Caroline Davies, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davies of Edmonton, Alta., and Kenny Fergen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fergen, were united in marriage Sept. 20. The ceremony was performed by Douglas Smith, pastor of the Edmonton North and South churches. Lisa Biggs was maid of honor, and Pat Fergen was best man. The couple reside in Costa Mesa, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. HAROLD MCCLOUD
Harold and Emma McCloud of Sharpsburg, Iowa, celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary Dec. 3. They were baptized in 1959 in Minnesota. The McClouds have nine children, who are Church members, and 10 grandchildren. Three sons-in-law and one daughter-in-law are also members.



MR. AND MRS. DONALD LARSON
Donald and Alice Larson, members who attend the Austin, Tex., church, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 17. They have been Church members since 1979. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have four children, Dawn Johnson, Debbie, Cheryl and Dewey, and one son-in-law, Bill Johnson.



MR. AND MRS. GORDON CASHEL
Gordon and Gwelda Cashel, members who attend the Wollongong, Australia, church, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 20. Family and Church members attended a barbecue lunch at their home. The occasion also marked the fifth wedding anniversary of Gabriel and Jan D'amico.

25th wedding anniversary Jan. 5. They have four children, David, Rebecca, Caroline and Matthew. Mrs. Sag is a member who attends the Brisbane, Australia, North church.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. PAUL SAPP
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sapp, deacon and deaconess in the Phoenix, Ariz., West church, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 24. The Sapps were baptized in 1974. Church brethren and family members honored the couple Dec. 26 with a social after Sabbath services.



MR. AND MRS. HOWARD STEIN
During a family reunion Howard and Lila Stein were reunited with a gold champagne cooler in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Stein were married Jan. 8, 1938, and have been Church members since 1966. Mr. Stein is a local church elder, and Mrs. Stein is a deaconess in the San Diego, Calif., church. The Steins have four children and 10 grandchildren.

OBITUARIES



NELLIE McCANDLESS
McCANDLESS, Nellie, 86, of Slippery Rock, Pa., died Nov. 17. She has been a Church member since 1970. Mrs. McCandless is survived by two sons, Paul and James; three daughters, Mrs. Muller, Mrs. Polley and Mrs. Davidson; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown, Ohio, church.

SCHOENHERR, Marguerite, 73, of Ottawa, Ont., died Dec. 20 of a heart attack. She has been a Church member since 1984. Mrs. Schoenherr is survived by seven sons, two daughters, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Douglas Johnson, pastor of the Ottawa, Ont., church.

TINKHAM, David Henry, 65, of Jamestown, Tenn., died Oct. 28 of cancer. He has been a Church member since 1963. Mr. Tinkham is survived by his wife, Barbara, five sons, four daughters and eight grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by William Cowan, associate pastor of the Cookeville, Tenn., church.

LUTHER, Mary Rawlins, 79, of Springhill, La., died July 16 after a long illness. She has been a Church member for 27 years. Mrs. Luther is survived by her husband, Herbert, a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Elbert Bailey, all Church members; two other daughters and sons-in-law, Aline and Marion Edwards and Frances and Fred Thaxton; eight grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by Charles Bryce, pastor of the Shreveport, La., A.M. and P.M. and Texarkana, Tex., churches.



ELWOOD R. MCBURNEY
McBURNEY, Elwood R., 55, of Youngstown, Ohio, died Oct. 28 of cancer. He has been a Church member since 1967. Mr. McBurney is survived by his wife of 30 years, Rita; three sons, Eric, also a Church member, Kurt and Joel; one daughter, Karen; his mother; one brother; and one sister. Funeral services were conducted by Lloyd Briggie, pastor of the Youngstown church.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Sag celebrated their

PERSONAL

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selfishly make every decision in the home without any regard for the wishes or input of their wives. However, some wives make the same mistake as Eve. They usurp, or take upon themselves, final decision-making authority not delegated to them.

Eve made a *vital decision* that went *contrary* to what she and Adam had lived by, up to that point, on her own without any consultation at all with her husband, whom God had placed over her in authority. Her willingness to act outside the authority of her husband allowed her to be deceived.

But some husbands try to prevent their wives from ever making a mistake by not allowing them to make *any* decisions on their own—not even on minor matters, routine matters, or those matters on which she *knows* what her husband's wishes are. Neither of these approaches is right.

Though it may be true in practice that women are easier to influence than men, the *reason* is not that women are *created* more naive, but that women have often been, and rightly so, shielded and protected from some of the corruption that men are exposed to.

Paul is pointing out here in I Timothy 2:14-15, as he also says elsewhere, that although the normal role for married women is based on managing the affairs of the home and seeing to the day-to-day care of the children, which is a fundamentally differ-

ent role than that of men, nonetheless the *reward* of salvation will be absolutely the same as that for men.

In verse 13, he shows that God illustrated for us that a wife is to be subject to her husband by the fact that He created Adam first, then Eve.

Yet in summary, Paul shows

that God has created men *and* women for exactly the same ultimate destiny—to be members of His divine family! And He has called men *and* women into His Church through the ages for exactly the same ultimate destiny—to serve as spirit-born priest-kings in His world-ruling government over all nations

when Jesus Christ returns. Herbert W. Armstrong often commented that many wives will hold higher positions in God's Kingdom than their husbands. That is absolutely true!

Another area that should be commented on is the matter of a wife holding a job outside the home. Is it a sin? Will it mean

the ruination of her family? Will her children be incorrigible? Will she become entangled in the world and leave God's Church? Is working outside the home always bad?

Does staying home, on the other hand, virtually guarantee well-behaved children, a happy (See PERSONAL, page 8)

ACCENT ON THE LOCAL CHURCH

Singles weekends offering varied activities draw more than 1,000 people

Three hundred twenty-nine singles from 14 states and England attended the eighth annual *Gemuetlichkeit* singles weekend sponsored by the **Waukesha, Wis.**, church Dec. 24 to 27.

Activities ranged from roller skating and square dancing to Bible studies and an all-church family social. Some singles joined the choir for special Sabbath music.

The theme for the weekend was "Developing a Positive Single Identity," and speakers were Joel Lillengreen, Waukesha and Kenosha, Wis., pastor; Richard Weber, assistant pastor; and Warren Heaton III, associate pastor in Milwaukee and West Bend, Wis.

Their topics included how God views singles, developing a healthy self-respect, love as a total outgoing concern, causes of feelings of inferiority, areas to serve, a life inventory and analysis worksheet and developing a coordinated plan of action.

Eugene Noel, Milwaukee and West Bend pastor, was caller at a square dance. At the dinner Saturday night Mike Ochropaugh strolled among tables playing an accordion. Church member joined the group

for a fun show and dancing to the music of the Harbor Lights band.

In 1980, when the first of these weekends was planned, the name *Gemuetlichkeit* (a comfortable, relaxed feeling) was chosen to express the feeling of warmth and friendly hospitality in Milwaukee, a predominantly German city.

The purpose of the weekends is to provide a program of physical and spiritual food along with opportunities to promote fellowship and new friendships. Adding an all-church social reminds singles they are part of the family.

"Staying with brethren also promotes more of a family feeling," said Peggy Wiltsie, who has attended all eight weekends.

Kim Czarnecki, who also attended all eight weekends, said the weekends give "singles in the area opportunities to grow in the areas of leadership, organization skills and teamwork by being able to serve the Midwest singles in sponsoring this activity."

Surveys will be sent to the singles who attended this year's activity to improve the event next year. *Cathy Folker.*

The **Brooklyn South and Queens, N.Y.**, churches were hosts to a singles weekend that brought together almost 700 singles from 22 states, the Bahamas, Bermuda and Mexico Dec. 26 and 27.

Activities, which were organized by local church elder Walter Dolengo, included Sabbath services, a formal dinner and dance, an all-star basketball game and a bus tour of New York City.

Earl Williams, pastor of the two churches, gave the sermon Dec. 26. His subject was conversion, and he told the group that success in male and female roles requires that brethren let Christ live His roles through them.

A hospitality social with hors d'oeuvres and finger foods followed services.

The dinner and dance took place at the Astoria Manor in Queens. Music was provided by the City Lights, a Church band.

"It was excellent," said Juliette Franklin of Brooklyn. "The attitude of the brethren made it the best dance ever."

Sunday about 100 singles took the bus tour, while about 150 at-

tended the basketball game. Singles from the various areas formed two all-star teams that played against the Brooklyn and Queens A and B teams.

"The weekend was like a family reunion," said Robert Bostic of Chicago, Ill.

"Everyone was really outgoing, trying to get to know each other," said Denise Jones of Los Angeles, Calif. "There was an overall interest and concern for everyone—making sure everyone had a good time." *Wesley Webster.*

Brethren show art, craft skills

Stone polishing, leather tooling, quilting and drawing were demonstrated the evening of Dec. 19 after Sabbath services and a buffet meal in **Scott City, Kan.**

Arts and crafts were on display, and three 30-minute demonstrations featured two crafts each. The evening gave adults and children insights into profitable skills and hobbies. *Gary B. Pendergraft.*

AMBASSADOR ACTIVITIES

STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR SYRIAN PROJECT

PASADENA—Seven students were announced as participants in the Syrian archaeological dig this summer at a forum here Jan. 19. The students will be led by Arthur Suckling, college financial aids officer in Pasadena, and his wife, Marsha, and Russell Duke, theology and speech instructor in Big Sandy, and his wife, Phyllis.

"They will be working for four weeks on the dig site at Tell Mozan with graduate students from UCLA [University of California at Los Angeles] and other American and European universities," said Richard Paige, Ambassador College associate professor who coordinates college participation in the project.

The dig is supervised by Giorgio Buccellati, professor of archaeology at UCLA, and his wife, Marilyn Kelly-Buccellati, a professor of art history at California State University, Los Angeles.

Students will be involved in all aspects of the excavation, including photography, surveying, the drawing of finds, registration of artifacts and computer data entry of research findings at the site.

"They will also be doing some touring in Jordan and Syria to important archaeological sites," added Mr. Paige.

The project will let the students "see how archaeology is practiced in the field instead of just studying how it should be practiced."

Juniors Deborah Armstrong,

Karen Brauer, Tammie Soik, Radford Arner and Tim Pebworth, and sophomores James Collard and Ed Oliver are participants.

STUDENTS RESORT TO SNOW SKIING

PASADENA—About 270 students, faculty members and families from the campuses here and in Big Sandy skied in the Colorado Rockies during the annual college ski trip Jan. 3 to 10.

Ninety students from

Pasadena and 110 from Big Sandy attended, according to Nicholas Efthymoulos, Big Sandy student body president. The group stayed in condominiums in Vail, Colo.

Students skied during the day and visited restaurants, shops and theaters in the evenings. One evening the group had a sing-along and played games.

Ski conditions were excellent, said Dennis Robertson, Pasadena assistant professor of mass communications. "It

snowed every day and night while we were there."

"It's a good mixer between the two campuses," said Mr. Efthymoulos. "It's the only activity involving both Pasadena and Big Sandy students."

"It was a really relaxing trip—it wasn't just all skiing. I met a lot of Big Sandy students and skied with them, and really got to know them," said Pasadena senior Brynda Everman.

The annual ski trips began seven years ago when students skied in Keystone, Colo., according to evangelist Ronald Kelly, a Pasadena professor of theology, who coordinates the trip. After two years at Keystone, the college began using Vail, because accommodations are only a few minutes from the lifts.

Mr. Kelly and his wife, Norva, and evangelist Roderick Meredith, Big Sandy deputy chancellor, his wife, Shyrel, and family, and several other faculty members and families, also accompanied the group.

After skiing four days the group left Vail Jan. 8. Pasadena students spent the Sabbath in Las Vegas, Nev., and Big Sandy students attended services in Amarillo, Tex., before arriving back at their campuses Jan. 9 and 10.

STUDENTS TURN PARADE INTO FUND RAISER

PASADENA—About 600 Ambassador College students sold programs and concessions, ushered, served on parking and security crews and acted as tour guides during the 99th annual Tournament of Roses Parade

and Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1.

The activity is the college's main fund raiser for the school year, according to Roger Widmer, coordinator of student body fund raisers.

College students worked with area Church members, and proceeds were divided between the churches and the college (see related article, page 3). The college has been involved with Rose Parade activities since before 1960.

The student body fund is used for dances, trips and class and club activities, according to Mr. Widmer.

"It's a good means of pulling the student body together," said Michael Kuykendall, student body president. Students helped sell about 12,000 programs along the parade route through Pasadena.

Students work with area organizations on the project, including the Tournament of Roses.

"The Tournament values immensely its relationship with the students and the entire institution. It's delightful and enjoyable to work with the students," said William Leishman, program distribution coordinator for the Tournament of Roses. "It's a very happy relationship."

Students who sold the most programs were awarded prizes by the college.

"It was fun to be able to see the parade and game activities, perform a community service and know we were earning money for future activities," said junior William Marsh.



BREAK ON THE SLOPES—Ambassador students from Big Sandy and Pasadena meet in Vail, Colo., for the college's annual ski trip Jan. 3 to 10. [Photos by David Patterson]

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

PASADENA—The *World Tomorrow* telecast, "AIDS—The Modern Plague," prompted 59,659 calls. The telecast, presented by evangelist **David Hulme**, aired Jan. 23 and 24.

This response is the second highest ever, even though 23 stations preempted the program in order to show the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon.

In-home operators took 29,016 calls. This is a new record and is 24 percent higher than the previous record of 23,367 calls set Oct. 25.

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PASADENA—A volunteer in Fort Wayne, Ind., received the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS) in-home program's one-millionth call Jan. 16, according to evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the Mail Processing Center.

In-home operators now handle 48 percent of the weekend response.

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PASADENA—Budget cuts, which the U.S. Postal Service is beginning to implement, will likely result in slower service, which could delay Church mailings, said evangelist **Richard Rice**, director of the

Mail Processing Center.

Bulk third-class mail can now be held at delivery units up to 72 hours instead of 48 hours. Also postal trucks will remain at bulk mail centers until fully loaded. "These changes could delay delivery of our publications between one and three days," Mr. Rice said.

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PASADENA—Mailing of the largest direct-mail campaign in the Church's history began the last week in December. Direct-mail packages went to more than five million potential *Plain Truth* subscribers, according to **Ray Wright**, director of Publishing Services.

This campaign did not use a business reply envelope. Potential subscribers will use postage stamps. This is expected to save the Church \$100,000.

For the first time, the Church's master file subscriber list was matched with rented mailing lists. This revealed 430,000 names of people already subscribing to the magazine. "By not sending packages to these, we saved \$70,000 in package and postage costs," said **Boyd Leeson**, U.S. *Plain Truth* circulation manager.

Expected response is 7 percent, which should bring in 350,000 new subscribers, Mr. Leeson said.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—**Jill Newman**, secretary to evangelist and regional director **Frank Brown**, was honored Jan. 8 for 25 years of service to the Church.

Mr. Brown presented Mrs. Newman with a plaque and a watch. She came to work for the Church in October, 1962, as secretary to the reg-

istrar at Ambassador College in Bricket Wood, England.

Aside from her secretarial duties, Mrs. Newman also coordinates the tape distribution program for scattered brethren in the region.

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PASADENA—**Wilbur Berg** received a plaque for his 25 years of service in the ministry at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet Jan. 19. He and his wife, **Garland**, also received watches with the

Church's seal on the faces.

Mr. Berg serves as pastor of the Twin Falls and Blackfoot, Idaho, churches.

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PASADENA—Church Administration released the following ordination:

Eleazar Benavides, a deacon in the Albuquerque, N.M., church, was ordained a local church elder on the Sabbath, Jan. 2.

Church to teach their members.

"They are coming to know who and where we are and are eager that we provide ministerial assistance for them," Mr. Brown said.

Another group in eastern Nigeria, known as the Emekuku group, donated a hall for Church services. Mr. Brown said the hall is being used for a weekly Bible study.

Philippine tragedy

Antonio Suyom, a member who attended the Tacloban, Philippines, church, and his 15-year-old son died when the inter-island ferry *Dona Paz* sank Dec. 20 after a collision with an oil tanker in the Tablas Strait, according to Rodney Matthews, Philippines regional director.

Called the country's worst shipping disaster, the accident occurred at 10 p.m., 110 miles southeast of Manila, between the islands of Mindoro and Marinduque, a heavily used shipping lane, reported the Dec. 22 Los Angeles, Calif., *Times*.

The ships collided, burned and sank in 1,800 feet of shark-infested water.

Of the estimated more than 2,000 passengers, 24 passengers of the *Dona Paz* and two crewmen of the tanker *Victor* were pulled from waters that were aflame with oil fires.

A search the next day found "absolutely nothing as far as a shipwreck, oil spill, signs of life or signs of an accident," a spotter on a U.S. Air Force search helicopter said.

Mr. Matthews said Mr. Suyom and his son, who were traveling to visit relatives in Manila, lived in a remote area, and Mr. Suyom was not always able to attend services regularly.

"After an absence of several weeks, members traveled to his home area, and his wife (not a member) confirmed that he had planned to travel on the *Dona Paz*."

"Since she had heard nothing from him since he left, she presumes he perished with the majority of the passengers," he said.

Mr. Matthews added that Church members reported seeing Mr. Suyom at the Tacloban wharf, waiting to board the ship.



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

PASADENA—Twelve people attended their first organized Sabbath service in Madagascar, an island off the southeast coast of Africa, Dec. 5, reported evangelist **Frank Brown**, regional director for Britain, Scandinavia, East and West Africa and the Middle East.

Mr. and Mrs. Rafiringsan were host to the service in Antananarivo, the capital.

After the brethren sang hymns in French and English, the sermon was

given by Owen Willis, pastor of the Nairobi and Kibirichia, Kenya, and Blantyre, Malawi, churches.

Evelyne Rakotomalala, a member, translated into French for non-English-speaking brethren. After services five children were blessed.

During his visit Mr. Willis visited three new people and baptized Prosper Andriantasy, bringing to four the number of members in Madagascar.

Kenya report

"There has been a lot in the news this month about an alleged plot to overthrow the [Kenyan] government by an American church backed by the Ku Klux Klan, resulting in a number of missionaries being deported," reported Mr. Willis in December.

"There has also been a lot of talk about some missionaries and foreigners abusing the hospitality of the government."

Mr. Willis asked for prayers for the safety of the brethren.

Mr. Willis also reported that because of so many prospective members in Nairobi, he has started giving Bible studies on Sabbath afternoons.

Subjects relevant to people approaching baptism have been covered, he said. Attendance has run as high as 60.

"This will no doubt provide good growth for the church in Nairobi during 1988," Mr. Willis added.

Manpower changes

John and Ana Maria Andrews, who have been assisting Mr. Willis in East Africa, returned to England early this year and have been replaced by James Newby, a 1987 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate.

Mr. Newby spent a year in Jordan working on Ambassador Foundation projects and since graduation has assisted a church pastor in England.

"I am sure you would like to join us in wishing Mr. Newby every success in his new assignment in East Africa," Mr. Brown remarked.

Request for teacher

A group of about 35 people in the Lagos, Nigeria, area asked Lateef Edalere, pastor of the Lagos, Owerri and Benin City, Nigeria, churches, to lecture them about the Church doctrines. They have been teaching themselves with Church literature for about 18 months, according to Mr. Brown.

Since Mr. Edalere's first lecture Nov. 8, they have requested that the Church provide them with weekly services.

"This is not, at the moment, possible, but Mr. Edalere will provide as much help as he can," Mr. Brown said.

In Bendel State, near the city of Benin, where a weekly Bible study is conducted, a number of groups are using literature produced by the

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marriage and success as a Christian? What does the Bible say?

God does expect us to make wise choices, and to carefully think a matter through, considering the end result. In some cases, it would in all likelihood be unwise for a wife to work outside the home. In other cases, it might be the better thing to do. God does not forbid a wife to work outside the home.

Let's understand that whether a wife works outside the home is not the major criterion of family success. As far as her role is concerned, it is the extent to which her life at home and at work is based solidly upon the law of God and the example of Jesus Christ that is the major criterion.

Some women are indeed able to manage the affairs of the household and have a full- or part-time job outside the home. Other women choose not to do so or are not able to be quite so successful at doing both.

And, as in most things we undertake, timing plays a great role in whether something works out well. There are different stages in life. There is a stage when a mother has young preschool children at home, a stage when all her children are in school, a stage when all are out of school and a stage when all have left home.

But some men and women assume that because Paul said, "keepers at home," it is therefore a *sin* for a wife to have a job outside the home. God does not say that.

Let's look at what He does say: "The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed" (Titus 2:3-5).

In the New King James the expression is rendered "homemakers." The New International Version says "busy at home," and in the New American Standard Version the expression is even more precisely rendered as "workers at home."

Can a wife be sober, love her husband, love her children, be discreet, be chaste, be good, be obedient to her own husband, accept and fulfill her domestic responsibilities as overseer of the household, and hold a part- or full-time job? Many wives do that quite well. Perhaps some think that the old expression "keepers at home" means that a truly godly wife should "keep inside the house."

Paul is explaining that a Christian wife is one who *does not neglect the care of her home, husband and children*. A wife can neglect the care of her home, husband and children *whether or not* she works outside the home.

If working outside the home is the *cause* of a woman neglecting her duties at home (it usually is not—it is usually a matter of *poor character* that is the same whether she is home all day or not), then she should meet her primary responsibility first.

In today's Western society, once the children are in school, even the most fastidious housekeeper may often find herself with additional time on her hands, especially if she lives in an apartment, a mobile home, or a small house, as the majority of people do.

Let's look at the woman described as "virtuous" in Proverbs 31. She is a *hard worker* for the benefit of her family (verse 13). She goes *out of her way* to provide the very best she can within her budget for her family (verse 14).

She *gets up early* to see to needs of the household (verse 15). She is not a gossip (verse 26). She is known for her kindness and her consideration of those less fortunate (verse 20). She is involved in both saving and making money for her family (verse 24). *She is not idle* (verse 27).

She has the respect and praise of her family because of the kind of woman she is (verse 28). In short, she is a true Christian.

It is said that the "average" Western housewife spends time watching daytime television, especially soap operas, depicting every kind of abominable and ungodly conduct and relationship. What a shame if a Christian wife allows herself to fall into that, or any other kind of idle and unproductive habit.

The kind of woman described by the apostles and by Proverbs 31 is not "average"—she is a woman who is *far from idle and unproductive*. She devotes herself to others, to hospitality, to *giving of herself* to her family and to service in the Church. She may even find time to improve her education.

If a wife is fulfilling her responsibilities to her family and obeying God, it makes no difference whether she works outside the home or not. But she and her husband should be in *agreement on the matter*. And except in unusual circumstances she should not work outside the home as long as she has preschool children.

Brethren, let's understand the *importance* of our God-given relationships with one another, in marriage, in family, in the Church and in society. And let's realize that it is to a large extent how a wife *fulfills her role in submission to her husband*, and how a husband *fulfills his role as a just and faithful promoter of his wife's well-being*, that prepares each Christian for his or her ultimate reward.

In the same way those who are not married have a wonderful responsibility to direct their attention to service in ways that married men and women with children find more difficult.

Let's thank God for His unsearchable love for His children, and the rich blessing we have of being called to obey Him now. As always, thank you deeply for your continued prayers and words of encouragement!

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