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Chancellor's address begins AC Pasadena academic year

By Kerri Dowd

PASADENA—"Usually when the freshmen hit the campus, their feet no sooner hit the campus than they're off running.

"Now that's good—if you know what direction you're running in."

These words from Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach were part of an address during orientation week. Ambassador College classes began here Aug. 28.

Mr. Tkach emphasized the need to work with a plan. "Planning helps us to focus on what we are doing and why," he said.

The chancellor encouraged the

students to set priorities, develop a right relationship with God and take advantage of the opportunities at Ambassador College.

This year 637 students from 37 countries are enrolled in classes here. This number includes 181 freshmen, 143 sophomores, 148 juniors and 165 seniors. Fifty-two are married students.

Eight of the freshmen are from Latin America: three from Chile and one each from Peru, Honduras, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

The students from Costa Rica and Honduras are the first to attend

Ambassador College from their countries.

New classes

The curricula in business administration, home economics and computer information systems were extended here and on the Big Sandy campus, according to William Stenger, dean of instruction.

Several part-time faculty members were added in business administration and theology.

The curriculum in Pasadena this year includes history of Western thought, a philosophy course; a counseling course in theology; and a counseling course in psychology.

Music theory and a course in elementary statistics are new to the curriculum in Pasadena and Big Sandy.

Big Sandy has also added upper division theology courses.

What else is new

The student social center, which opened in March and takes the place of the student lounge called the Frontier Room, is in full operation this year.

It offers students a place to meet and fellowship in the evenings.

The student social center, in the student center, features a big screen television, a video library, table tennis and other activities. The college snack bar, also in the student center, is open during the center's hours.



SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS—Clockwise from top: Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach welcomes the freshman class Aug. 24; freshman Tonya Fittje moves into her dormitory with help from Mark Hypko; senior Suzanne Reeves and junior Mike Caudle play golf at the get-acquainted picnic. [Photos by Mike Bedford and Warren Watson]

Staff discusses focus of telecast with BBDO

By Bill Palmer

PASADENA—A group of 19 employees, including telecast presenters David Albert, Richard Ames and Ronald Kelly, traveled to Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 16 to 18 to visit BBDO (Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn), the media purchasing agency retained by the Church.

Bill Palmer is an assistant to Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations.

One purpose of the trip was to build "a working dialogue between our creative writers and staff with agency representatives," according to Ray Wright, director of Media Planning & Promotion. The agency representatives represent the Church in negotiations with station management.

According to Mr. Kelly, this was the first time the principal people involved with the telecast "became involved, on a personal basis, with media people. We now know each other on a first-name basis."

Mr. Ames said he was impressed with "the whole thrust and attitude of BBDO to support *The World Tomorrow* and to find new doors... new opportunities and new stations for the telecast."

Bernard Schnippert, director of Media Operations, said the trip provided a forum for BBDO staff to present a review of the state of television today and where television is

headed.

BBDO said that maintaining an audience is challenging, because viewers have more choices, including superstations, cable stations and independent stations.

BBDO staff discussed focus-group meetings it conducted in Atlanta, New York and San Diego, Calif., in July, to determine attitudes toward *The World Tomorrow*.

The focus groups discussed a number of topics, including "the feel of the program as reflected in the dress and delivery of the presenters," according to Mr. Schnippert. They addressed the appearance of the set, the title of the program and factors that affect credibility.

The trip "gave our employees a chance to learn more about the perspective of station managers toward programing," Mr. Schnippert said.

Steve Sussman, BBDO's vice president of media buying services, explained that station executives dislike religious programs that exploit audiences, that preach in a condemning way or that attack either the beliefs of individuals or the individuals themselves.

Mr. Schnippert said that "having this feedback from BBDO about the attitudes of station managers is important. It highlights the challenges we face as we strive to present the gospel message to the world through the powerful television medium—a medium we have chosen to use but which is owned and operated by others who must consent to take and air the program."

Mr. Wright noted that station managers like *The World Tomorrow* because the approach is different. They have called the program a "breath of fresh air" compared to most religious programing and said that their communities need the telecast as a kind of moral conscience.

In addition to Dr. Albert, Mr. Ames, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Wright, Church employees who traveled to Atlanta were Thomas Lapacka, John Chalaris, Tim Peabworth and Edwin Stepp of Media Planning & Promotion, and Herbert Vierra, Larry Omasta, Duane Abler, Debbie Armstrong, Joseph Kostantino, John Halford, Tina Kuo, Linda Scobee, Mary Shaner, Barry Sower and Keith Stump of Television.

PERSONAL FROM

Joseph W. Tkach

Dear Brethren,

As I mentioned in the latest member letter, income for the year seems to be staying around a 3 percent increase.

The time has now come to shift downward the annual budget, which had been based on a 6 percent increase.

To this point, expenses have been held to the 3 percent level. However, many of the expenses that would bring us up to the 6 percent level come in the later part of the year.

Therefore, operation managers are preparing proposals for me on what programs we can cut or postpone to see that spending levels remain at the 3 percent level for the remainder of the year. We are also planning to set next year's budget based on a 3 percent increase.

As I referred to in the member letter, costs of maintaining our facilities and equipment in good repair have to be taken into much greater consideration in future budget planning. All this means continued emphasis on streamlining and trimming to ensure that we are living within our means.

Responsible stewardship

We must do all we can with

what we have, but we must only do what we can responsibly afford to do. God gives us many principles in the Bible about responsible stewardship. One of those is to count the cost so as to avoid undertaking what we are not able to finish.

If God wanted us to step out in faith in order to grow as fast as possible, there would never be

tic when they do happen.

Telecast and magazine response

The kind of response we are getting to the telecast and the magazines is so moving and exciting that it sometimes makes us want to put facilities and personnel needs on the back burner in order to expand our reach. Here are just two typical letters:

"All my life I felt that there was a purpose for living, but I could never understand what it was and why. I belong to a beautiful family that's loving and caring, but something was always missing. I would search and search trying to find

Along with the excitement about doing God's Work, we also have a responsibility to be wise and efficient stewards of what God gives us to work with. We must do all we can with that and, despite our zeal, not go beyond what God makes possible.

a need to count the cost, or to worry about being prepared to handle the growth.

The Church has done that occasionally in times past, but we have always ended up having to slash severely because the budget simply could not keep up. Like anyone, we should be able to learn from our past experience.

Proper planning and careful spending do not guarantee that we'll have no financial crises, but proper planning will certainly make them fewer, and less dras-

something to fill this emptiness that was felt within me.

"Then I saw the *World Tomorrow* television broadcast and learned of the *Plain Truth* magazine. Well, to make a long story short, after I read *The Plain Truth*, I realized that this is what I was looking for in my life.

"This magazine has put my feet back on the ground, and my heart in the right direction. The publications made possible by the Worldwide Church of God have filled this emptiness that has been felt for 22 years. I now have a purpose in life.

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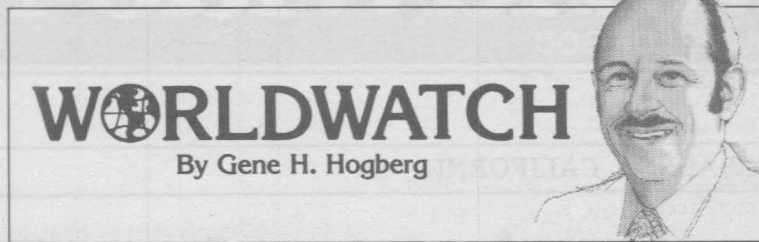
PASADENA—Many people are looking back on the horrible debacle that engulfed the world 50 years ago, beginning with Germany's attack on Poland Sept. 1, 1939.

The Second World War, reported the Aug. 28 to Sept. 4 *U.S. News & World Report*, "was the largest event in history. It killed 50 million human beings... laid waste the heartland of Western civilization and spread death and destruction across six of the world's seven continents and all of its oceans."

Far more than the First World War (1914-1918), the second conflagration revolved around one powerful personality.

Adolf Hitler, continued *U.S. News*, "was the monster who gave it its genocidal character... the enemy against whom the Allies mustered the magnitude of their forces to win victory... But who was Hitler? And where did he find the will to wage this most astonishing of all wars?"

Good questions. Analysts marvel at Adolf Hitler's meteoric ascension from nowhere to the pinnacle of na-



tional power—and the very brink of global mastery.

"Hitler's rise had indeed been one of history's great political success stories," wrote Robert G.L. Waite in *The Psychopathic God: Adolf Hitler*. "A grateful people hailed him as the leader and savior who had eliminated unemployment, stabilized their currency... [and] created a triumphant Greater Germany, proud and strong..."

"If only he had died before World War II, mused one perceptive German historian. Hitler might well have been remembered by his countrymen as 'Adolf the Great, one of the outstanding figures in German history.'"

But Hitler's goal was not limited to restoring national well-being. He set Germany—united through the power of his spell-binding oratory—on the path of conquest.

To the West, France, "the inexorable mortal enemy of the German people," as Hitler wrote in *Mein Kampf (My Struggle)*, had to be vanquished.

And in the other direction lay the *lebensraum* (living space) of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, where future generations of Germans were to multiply to become the world's largest nation.

The Jewish race was to be obliterated. Hitler charged that the Bolshevik revolution in Russia, which

he despised, was "an attempt by the Jews to achieve world domination." He also accused the Jews of polluting the purity of the German race.

But there was more to Hitler's complex personality than that of an ambitious tyrant. One clue is found in the experience of portrait artist Klaus Richter, who painted the Fuehrer in 1941.

"Richter was unimpressed with Hitler's face," recounted Mr. Waite, "until someone mentioned the word *Jew*. When Hitler heard the word, Richter later recalled, his face was immediately transformed into something at once demonic and defensive, a haunting look."

In the end, Hitler committed suicide—not, in his mind, an act of weakness, but showing that he was master of his life and death. Germany's fate, meanwhile, was up to others. No one in Germany, he said, "is worthy of me. Let them perish."

"In ordering the *Goetterdaemmerung* [twilight of the gods] for his world," observed Mr. Waite,

"we are suggesting Hitler envisaged himself as Teutonic god fulfilling ancient myth..."

"German mythology... foretold the inevitable destruction of the world in a tremendous holocaust, with gods and men consumed by flames."

There is little doubt that dark forces of the spiritual underworld were driving the top leadership of the Third Reich, unperceived by the masses of the German people.

On a *Nightline* special, aired by the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC), three American World War II journalists agreed that Hitler got perilously close to victory, and that the Free World would have lost had not the Japanese, with their attack on Pearl Harbor, bombed America into the war.

But, again, why the phenomenon of Hitler?

It is no coincidence that the Fuehrer rose to power at the same time that the Philadelphia era of God's Church began its task of proclaiming the gospel.

Hitler consolidated his power in Germany in 1933. He was the first (See WAR, page 5)



Just between friends

By Dexter H. Faulkner

Play it out to the end!

Success consists of overcoming difficulties. All men and women who have succeeded at anything have done so only by overcoming difficulties. Where there are no obstacles to be overcome, anybody can get the job done—but doing so cannot be called success.

One of our Ambassador College students working on the Jordan project sent me a letter that included some notes from her personal diary. Those thoughts illustrate the point I would like to make in this column. But I'll let her tell it in her own words.

Kariman's story

"I thought I would tell you a story in this letter about an experience which has been impressed upon me—one which I hope I never forget.

"On Mondays, in the afternoon, outpatients (women) come to our department for hydrotherapy. Their disabilities vary and all of them are quite congenial and usually happy. They also vary in education. One is a computer programmer, another a translator and television programmer. Others stay at home.

"One of the women I might have told you about. Her name is Kariman. She's 22 years old, bright, beautiful and a devout Muslim. She also is quite a chess player. We played a game of chess.

"We began to play and I concentrated (as much as my brain could) upon the black-and-red-checked board. I knew immediately I was outclassed, although occasionally I would have a strong move. But, as I expected, as the end drew close I knew I was to lose.

"When it was more than obvious, I thought *halus* (Arabic for it's over) and said to her, 'Do you want to play again?' But this was before checkmate. She insisted that we play it out to the end. She wanted to see where I would move given a choice. She didn't want me to quit until it was over.

"Finally, when it was finished, we played two more games. Each time she insisted I play to the very end, even though it was very, very obvious I would lose. A lesson of life was indelibly written on my heart to not quit given any circumstances.

"What is so impressive about this experience is that my friend Kariman is living her life out in the same fashion. She's in the final stage of muscular dystrophy. She knows she doesn't have much time and, given what room she has to move, she takes her turn and will play it out to the end.

"Before I learned this, saw this wonderful part of her, I used to get

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out of the pool and into the shower and pray while the water rushed over me, 'Please God, heal her.' I guess I prayed for my strength, too, because some afternoons I would be sad over her suffering, and I'd have to go out and visit her later and chat.

"I treat a lot of people, but she's got so much character. She never complains. She has a sister, Lana, with muscular dystrophy too, and they both stay at home and only get out once a week when they come to the center for treatment.

"I think when I leave I'll make sure to stop by her house, and it probably won't be till the Millennium when I see her again. I think then I'll tell her how much I learned from her."

No problem can't be overcome

There are no personal problems that cannot be overcome by quiet, persistent, spiritual treatment and, of course, appropriate wise action.

If you have a personal disability or problem that seems to keep you from success, capitalize on it and use it as an instrument for your success.

For many people physical and sometimes spiritual life is like a ship tossed by a raging tempest—unstable, rocking perilously up and down.

What do you do in stormy seas like that? Well, on many ships there's a lifeline. It's strung up over the railing.

The deck may pitch. The waves

may break over the side. At times you may even be knocked off your feet. But when you hold to that lifeline, you're safe. You're stable. You're not going to be swept overboard. You're going to complete that voyage successfully.

In our Christian life, there is only one effective lifeline: God.

Some of you are going through devastating crises right now. Your problems are overwhelming, and you think you're going under for the last time.

Let me say this from God to you: You may lose the cargo. You may lose the tackle of the ship. You may lose the ship. You may even get wet.

But you are going to make it because of the promise of God found in Hebrews 13:5: "Let your conduct be without covetousness, and be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, 'I

will never leave you nor forsake you'" (New King James, throughout).

So what do you do? Relax and hang on to the lifeline. Be confident in your crisis.

Be confident

What should we do while we're waiting for God to fulfill his promise? The same thing that the sailors did in Acts 27:29: "Fearing lest we should run aground on the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern, and prayed for day to come."

Anchor yourself on the truth of God and pray for daylight!

What was the result? When daylight came they didn't recognize the land, but they saw a bay with a sandy beach where they decided to run the ship aground. All 276 people jumped overboard and got safely to land (verses 39-44).

In the storms of your life, God says, "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). Let his truth stabilize your life and give you the confidence you need in every crisis you face. Storms cannot hide you from God.

You may be going through some difficult times right now, large or small, but God has a purpose for your life. Problems are signposts on the road to the kingdom of God. There's a reason for it all, and you're going to make it safely to land. Play it out to the end!



European Diary

By John Ross Schroeder

The two superpowers share common ideas

BOREHAMWOOD, England—Growing up in America in the late 1940s and '50s at the height of the Cold War, I couldn't help but form an enormously negative impression of the Soviet Union.

This was Iron Curtain time. This was during the Korean War period. This was just after the Soviets overran Eastern Europe in the last days of Joseph Stalin.

Then Chairman Nikita Khrushchev visited the United States in 1959, and included trips to California and the farm belt of Middle America.

Consequently, relations seemed to improve slightly, just before the face-offs of the John Kennedy years. Next Richard Nixon brought us detente in the early 1970s.

But the Soviet Union was viewed again as wicked early in Ronald Reagan's presidency, followed by diplomatic breakthroughs in the Mikhail Gorbachev era.

While many Americans may doubt Soviet sincerity, it appears that the Soviet people seek some sort of basic accord with both America and Europe.

Century and a half ago

The remarkable Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, wrote in 1835 that the two countries' "starting point is different and their courses are not the same; yet each of them seems marked out by the will of heaven to sway half the globe."

In 1835 both future superpowers were still in some measure cultural colonies of Europe.

Except for opposing ideologies throughout the world, the United States and the Soviet Union have little to fight about. There are no direct territorial quarrels.

Ups and downs in international diplomacy ought not to hamper one from studying the cultures of so-called alien societies. Knowledge counters myth. Understanding blots out suspicion.

For this reason greater knowledge of Russian culture is essential. For instance, Walter Laqueur wrote in *Out of the Ruins of Europe* that "Russians were always avid readers; the number of titles published in 1913 was as great as that of

France, Britain and the United States combined" (page 265).

Much in common

I am astonished to discover that the great Russian authors were not so different in outlook from their American counterparts.

For years Perry D. Westbrook taught American and Russian literature. Mr. Westbrook began to see that two 19th century literary giants, Walt Whitman (United States) and Fyodor Dostoevski (Russia), had much in common. He wrote a book, *The Greatness of Man*, about their powerful common denominators in philosophy and basic thinking.

Each author revealed the depth and breadth of his nation's future in the 20th century.

These similarities should come as no surprise. After all, Russians and Americans are both made of that one blood the apostle Paul talked about in Acts 17:26.

Mr. Westbrook wrote his book in 1961, and at that time he could say: "Today the colossi face each other across two oceans. Their vast armaments are posed for annihilating blows each against each."

Unfortunately, in spite of the spirit of a new detente, this is still true.

Mr. Westbrook continued: "Fear and hate are the basis for their precarious coexistence, and all the world shudders at what appears the well nigh inevitable eventuality."

It is to be hoped that this statement is no longer totally accurate in 1989.

But what is more important is Mr. Westbrook's advice: "Never before did two nations so need to understand one another; never before were two so far apart in understanding... to all men of good will it is a duty to probe far down below the terrors and hates and reveal what is most fundamental" (page 20).

Piece by piece one sees that there are vital similarities in the Soviet and American life experiences. The two countries have much more in common than just being the dominant superpowers of the 20th century.

A track star with convictions

Teen chooses the right track

By Paul McMullen

BALTIMORE, Md.—Patricia Bell is high school track and field's mystery woman. Her name comes first on the area leader board in two events, but she's a no-show at most of the major competitions.

This article appeared in the May 24 Baltimore, Md., Evening Sun and is reprinted by permission. Patricia Bell is one of three daughters of Charles and Esther Bell. Mr. Bell is a local church elder in the Baltimore West church.

Bell, a senior at Woodlawn, has a scheduling problem. She's a member of the Worldwide Church of God, a non-denominational faith that observes the biblical Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. She's also an ace in track and field, however, and most of the big meets fall on Saturdays.

Bell has been a member of the church all her life, and she accepted her situation long ago. She would

like to go after a few state Class 4A titles at Towson State's Minnegan Stadium this week, but she knew well ahead of time that was out of the question because regional qualifying was done last Saturday.

"I know before the season what the schedule is," said Bell, a three-year varsity performer. "I always know that a lot of meets are going to fall on Saturday, and that's just the way it is. My only regret is that I won't be there to help my teammates in the 400 relay."

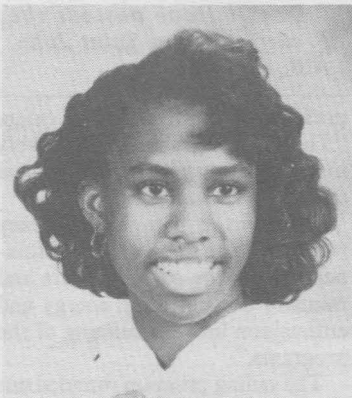
That attitude made Woodlawn coach Gene Cashour quickly accept Bell.

"I grimace and groan a little bit, but Patricia's a tremendous kid, and we're glad to have her whenever we can," Cashour said. "I respect her for what she's doing. Today a lot of people do things the convenient way, but she's stood up and done something inconvenient. It's good to have someone with that much conviction."

On Saturdays, Bell and the other members of her church begin the

day with 10 a.m. worship, then spend the rest of the day in reflection and meditation.

Bell needs the time to sit back, because she's on the go more than most teen-agers. Her cumulative grade-point average this year is 3.96—the only blemish was a "B" in drafting. She is sports editor of



PATRICIA BELL

the yearbook and secretary for the National Honor Society.

In the fall she'll join her sister Venida at Ambassador College, a liberal arts school of 600 in Pasadena, Calif., primarily funded by the Worldwide Church of God. Bell will settle for intramurals at Ambassador, which doesn't have in-

tercollegiate sports.

For three years Bell played varsity volleyball at Woodlawn. Naturally, regional competition always fell on a Saturday. She's most proficient athletically in track and field, however; she won the long jump, triple jump and 300-meter hurdles at the Baltimore County championships two weeks ago. That meet was held on a Thursday.

With a best of 17 feet, 5½ inches, she's the area leader in the long jump. Ditto for the 300 hurdles, where her fastest time is 46.4 seconds. Only three area girls have gone farther in the triple jump. When available, she's a member of Woodlawn's 400 relay, which came in first at the Maryland Track Classic and which ranks second in the area.

Faculty Positions Available Fall Semester 1990

PASADENA—The Ambassador College President's Office announced the following job openings.

Pasadena

Business administration: Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in business administration. A doctorate in business administration or closely related field is required. Applicant must have at least 18 hours of graduate course work in business administration.

Computer information systems: Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in computer information systems, including courses relating to management information systems and microcomputer applications in business. A doctorate in computer information systems or closely related field is required. Applicant must have at least 18 hours of graduate course work in computer information systems or management information systems.

Home economics: Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in home economics. A doctorate in home economics is required.

Big Sandy

Business administration: Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in business administration and management. A doctorate in business administration, management or closely related field is required. Applicant must have at least 18 hours of graduate course work in management.

Computer information systems: Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in computer information systems, including courses relating to management information systems and microcomputer applications in business. A doctorate in computer information systems or closely related field is required.

Applicant must have at least 18 hours of graduate course work in computer information systems or management information systems.

English: Full-time faculty position to teach undergraduate courses in English. A doctorate in English is required.

For any of the positions listed above, send letter of application, official transcripts and curriculum vitae to President's Office, Ambassador College, Pasadena, Calif., 91129.

Q&A

from the Pastor General's Report

Should diabetics and those who are seriously ill fast on the Day of Atonement? What about nursing mothers and younger children?

In applying the spirit of the law as revealed in the New Testament, the Church teaches that baptized adults should "afflict their souls" on the Day of Atonement by abstaining from food and water.

However, we should realize that this requirement is for normal circumstances, not for people who are diabetic or suffer from other serious ailments.

The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be cared for. A person with a medical condition for which a fast might be questionable should check with a medical

doctor for advice in order to determine whether it is advisable to fast at all. It is permissible to take nourishment in such cases and still keep the Day of Atonement.

The same principle would apply to nursing mothers. Most mothers do not find it difficult to breast-feed while fasting. A mother's milk may become depleted toward the end of the day, but in most cases the flow has returned when the mother resumed eating.

Mothers should prepare for the fast by eating well and taking sufficient liquid the day before.

A few mothers find that they are barely able to produce enough milk even on days when they are eating normally. Their milk production might cease if they fast. In some cases it has been found that water was all that was necessary to continue milk production while abstaining from solid food for one day.

Children should not be required to fast. Children old enough to understand what their parents are doing may want to fast. It might be advisable for some children to start with a half-day fast.

Should members tithe on bonuses they receive from their employers?

Some bonuses are tithable and some are not. Here is how one determines whether to tithe on a bonus.

There are certain jobs in which employers give scheduled incentives for their employees to achieve greater productivity.

When an individual is hired, he or she knows about these built-in bonuses and expects to receive them when the proper results are produced on the job. This type of bonus would be part of the employee's earned income, and would therefore be tithable.

However, in other cases a bonus is an unexpected gift the employer gives his employee in special appreciation for the work the latter has done.

Since this type of bonus is a gift, and not an expected incentive that is part of the regular compensation schedule, tithe would not be required on it.

If the member wished to give a special offering in thanks to God for this unexpected gift, it would certainly be appropriate to do so.

Jet falters; lands safely

PORTLAND, Ore.—Kendall Graham, a member from the Portland West church, and his teenage children, Danny, Debbie and Kay, were on a commercial jet that lost half its hydraulic fluid on descent into Portland Aug. 14 on a flight from Chicago.

"I looked out the window and could see fluid on the lower portion of the wing," Mr. Graham said.

The pilot stopped the descent and leveled the plane.

Mr. Graham began to pray. "The plane came in at a high rate of speed," he said. "Emergency vehicles lined the runway. Their flashing lights pierced the night's darkness."

"As we neared touchdown, there was a loud thud and severe jolt. The tires had touched without blowing out. The plane slowly came to a stop as it exhausted the length of the runway."

"Everyone clapped and cheered. We had made it. God had seen us through."

PERSONAL

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"I wish to thank everyone who has made this possible, from the ministers, editors and volunteers to donors, for without them my life today would still be empty."

"I want to thank you for the wonderful work you are doing by distributing your *Plain Truth* magazine. I can honestly say that I am a changed person ever since I started receiving it. You have helped me to understand myself and my children a lot better."

When I read letters like that, and we receive thousands, I wish

we could have a 10 or 12 million *Plain Truth* circulation right now! But I have to realize that we just can't afford it now. I am instead having to face the fact that we may need to trim the circulation slightly to afford what God has given us.

The same is true of the telecast. The thousands of wonderful comments each week, expressing deep gratitude for the spiritual help and encouragement received, make us want to go on more stations, not trim stations.

God's Work, not ours

Yet along with the excitement about doing God's Work, we also have a responsibility to be wise and efficient stewards of what God gives us to work with. God provides what he sees we need. We must do all we can with that and, despite our zeal, not go beyond what God makes possible. This is his Work, not ours.

As we get closer to the autumn (in the Northern Hemisphere) Holy Days, let's remember in prayer the importance of the offerings, and be planning to do what we can personally.

God's Work is done in this age by the collective efforts of every one of us, working together as one body, the Body of Christ. As we each do what we can, we should also pray that God will add more laborers to the harvest, to join with us in proclaiming his good news!

Let's continue praying for one another and devote ourselves to growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let's stand firm and strong as we endure to the end in God's great and merciful calling.

Report from the Treasurer's Office

Leroy Neff

PASADENA—There was a slight upturn in income in August to 3 percent. This is better than July, as I reported last month. However, this improvement did not bring the year-to-date increase above the January to July figure, which was 2.9 percent more than last year.

Because of the income figures, Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach has instructed all departments to reduce the entire 1989 budget from the originally planned 6 percent increase over last year to 3 percent.

For some departments this will be quite difficult, since eight months of the year are already gone and only four remain. By the time you read this, the new budget should be in place.

In the Aug. 28 *Worldwide News* we published the 1988 worldwide financial statement as audited by Arthur Andersen & Co. We hope that this information will give you a better perspective of how the funds in God's Church are used. Even though the material is presented in a professional manner that is best understood by accountants and auditors, I hope that it is still meaningful to you.

We are now looking forward in hopes that the Holy Day offerings will improve and strengthen our financial condition. Your help and prayers will be appreciated.

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Teenagers gather for SEPs at camps around the world

By Brad Riedel and Brian McGuire

ORR, Minn.—A Summer Educational Program (SEP) camper's busy day begins about 6:30 in the morning with a gentle awakening by the counselor's hand.

Brad Riedel of Rochester, Mich., and Brian McGuire of Farmington, Mich., both attended the second session of the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn.

Once everyone is out of bed and dressed, the dorm lines up and heads to the dining hall for breakfast. The SEP kitchen staff provides campers with a nutritious meal to help them maintain their energy levels for the full day ahead.

After breakfast, campers head back to the dorm. The next hour is usually spent completing dorm duties or chatting with other campers before the first class at 10 a.m.

"Dorm life is a great opportunity

camp," said counselor Daniel Rodrigue, who attended the camp with his wife, Ninon, and their daughter Marie-Joel.

"There is so much to learn and share with one another," Mr. Rodrigue said. "We realize more and more that everyone here is just an extension of our own family."

Lara Germano, an Ambassador College senior who also worked as a counselor, said: "There's really something special here at Vendee. I have felt so much at home these last three weeks. The warmth and love is incredible."

Campers had the opportunity to earn royal lifesaving certificates issued by the Canadian Royal Society of the Red Cross. The certificates certify them as lifeguards for pools or lakes.

Paul Regimbal, a qualified lifesaving teacher who attended the camp with his wife and two children, said, "We are training the campers for the future so that later they will have the necessary skills to

States and one from West Germany provided the camp with an international flavor. The remaining 89 teens came from across the Canadian provinces.

Evangelist Colin Adair, regional director of the Work in Canada, was

Daniel Hope pastors the Fredericton and Saint John, N.B., churches.

present for the first day of camp. "The camp is running noticeably more smoothly with a more relaxed staff," Mr. Adair said.

"It seems as though the donkey work was done last year," he continued. "Now the staff, workers and ministry can put more energy and enthusiasm into the running of the programs."

The sailing program rounded out the two other water sports, canoeing and waterskiing. Three 16-foot, used sailboats were purchased for the price of one new sailboat.

Campers learned to sail into, across and with the wind. On windy days the boat would lurch forward and sideways forcing the campers to "hike out" or lean out over the opposite side to balance the craft.

Extending the West Coast Trail hike from a three day to an optional four day trip gave campers a fuller exposure to the Pacific Coast environment. The mud-slick path twisted over roots of giant fir, spruce and cedar trees. At the end of the eight hour, 70-kilometer (about a 45-mile) trek, the campers relaxed around the camp stove at the ocean's edge.

The tennis program was updated with the purchase of a "lob-ster" machine, a device that pops out tennis balls to simulate a tennis match.

France

By Heather Carman

DABO, France—A three-story resort and its annex nestled in the Vosges Mountains provided the setting for the French Summer Educational Program (SEP) July 16 to July 30.

Heather Carman is a senior at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Evangelist Dibar Apartian, regional director for French-speaking areas, and his wife, Shirley, visited the camp.

After a message by Mr. Apartian, camp activities began.

Olivier Carion, camp director and pastor of the Colmar and Metz, France, churches, played a French ballad called "Comme Toi" ("Like You"), which tells of Sarah, an 8-year-old Jewish girl who died in the holocaust of World War II.

Mr. Carion pointed out that Sarah was unable to make choices because she did not have freedom.



CARIBBEAN SEP ORCHESTRA—Steel pan instructor Maurine Clement (left) leads Surelia Reid (center) and Lindsey Joseph in a performance during the final banquet. [Photo by Basil Beckles]



ON THE BRINK—Campers portage a canoe to the water's edge at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minn. [Photo by Trish Kent]

He stressed to the campers the importance of using their freedom to make right decisions.

During an open house, campers, staff and visitors participated in team games. In one game a plastic sheet was draped over a hill, covered with soap and sprayed with water. Contestants carrying cups on plastic plates, tried to run up the slippery hill. When a team had successfully deposited five cups at the top, it won.

Parascending was a new activity this year. At an accredited parascending school campers received instructions, demonstrations and an equipment check by the professional instructors before being lifted into the air.

Scotland

By Todd Ford

LOCH LOMOND, Scotland—What began 22 years ago as a weekend on a Church member's farm has developed into three weeks on the bonny banks of Loch Lomond—the Scotland Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Todd Ford is a senior at Ambassador College in Pasadena.

This summer 305 campers from 16 nations and 173 staff members from eight nations took part in the SEP July 23 to Aug. 13.

Despite a diversity of languages—Dutch, French, German, Spanish and English—most communication was in English.

"SEP in Scotland is definitely international and offers many unique aspects," said Paul Suckling camp director.

Setup began three weeks before campers arrived. Eight staff members transformed a grazing field for sheep into a campsite with shower blocks, a 140-foot-by-40-foot tent that served as a dining hall, sleeping tents and trailers.

The only permanent structure on the site is a wooden shed that houses the kitchen, washroom and camp laundry. It was built before this summer's SEP.

The camp was divided into eight boys and eight girls camper units. Two of these units were older campers who specialized in various

activities. This training will enable them to serve later as staff members, Mr. Suckling said.

Scotland campers may participate in a youth award scheme introduced in 1987. Modeled after the Duke of Edinburgh awards, the camper must fulfill requirements in service, outdoors, skills and recreation before achieving the merit award.

Italy

By Connie Veal

BERGAMO, Italy—Fourteen youths attended the second annual summer youth activity in the Italian Alps, one hour northwest of here, July 5 to 12.

Connie Veal is the wife of Clifton Veal, Milan, Italy, pastor.

Campers tested their teamwork abilities in an obstacle course designed by Ford Burden and his wife, Francesca. Daily Bible studies covered topics such as leadership, success and teen and parent relationships. A Bible bowl took the place of one of the studies.

A cable car ride to an altitude of about 1,800 meters (5,940 feet) on a mountaintop gave campers a chance to exercise in an alpine setting.

"The kids have really begun to understand what it means to be part of the overall Church family," said Clifton Veal, camp director and pastor of the Milan, Italy, church.

Caribbean

By Rick Taylor

TOBAGO—One hundred two campers and 44 staff members (mostly volunteers) converged at Mt. St. George National Youth Camp Aug. 1 for the third annual Caribbean Summer Educational Program (SEP).

Rick Taylor is the Festival and circulation coordinator in the Caribbean Office.

Teenagers from Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, and Trinidad and Tobago were joined for the first time by three campers from Venezuela.

The camp was under the direction of Victor Simpson, pastor of the Barbados, St. Lucia and St. Vincent churches, and his assistant Lincoln Jailal, assistant pastor of the Trinidad church.

Evangelist Stan Bass, Caribbean regional director, and his wife Millicent, visited camp Aug. 10. In his sermon Aug. 12, Mr. Bass urged campers to allow SEP to become a turning point in their lives, even after they returned home.

Mr. Simpson encouraged them to "go out there and make a difference—to adhere to God's way and resist the way of the world."

During the closing ceremony (See SEPs, page 5)



QUEBEC CAMP—Canoe instructors and a team of campers in Vendee, Que., pose ankle deep in water for photo.

to meet people and to get to know them on an individual basis," said Kevin Weeden from Wilmington, N.C.

Each day campers are involved in five classes, two in the morning and three in the afternoon, with a two hour lunch break in between. A typical day at SEP might include swimming, waterskiing, archery, volleyball and Christian living classes.

After the final class period of the day, dinner is served. Campers fellowship and talk about the day's activities as they sit with another dormitory to eat.

After dinner on most evenings, open activities are scheduled. Campers can improve their skill levels in an activity of their choice, such as softball, canoeing, basketball or riflery.

Fellowship hour follows open activities. Campers and staff meet by the shores of Pelican Lake to get to know each other better.

After fellowship hour, the campers line up and head back to their dorms to prepare for bed. The day may be over, but the session goes on and campers wake up the next day to do it all again.

Quebec

By Emma Hunnisett

VENDEE, Que.—One hundred three campers from Quebec and New Brunswick attended a Summer Educational Program (SEP) here July 16 to Aug. 6.

These campers experienced a true family atmosphere since their parents were the staff—instructing, counseling and cooking for them.

"We love to work together here at

work at other SEP camps and have good summer jobs."

Many campers received professional training in canoe instructing. Each day began with exercises and a dip in the cool waters of Lake Windigo.

"Once we have taken the morning dip we are prepared to face any challenges the day may bring," said Donat Picard, pastor of the Montreal, Que., North and South (French) churches and camp director for seven years.

One challenge for the campers was a three-day canoe trip. "It really is a fantastic adventure," said 16-year-old Karine Genevey. "We are so close to nature and for three days we learn to work together under sometimes difficult circumstances as a team."

The theme at Camp Vendee was "Leadership in Love." Each week the campers were evaluated on their performance, and those who grew the most in this area dined at a restaurant with Mr. Picard.

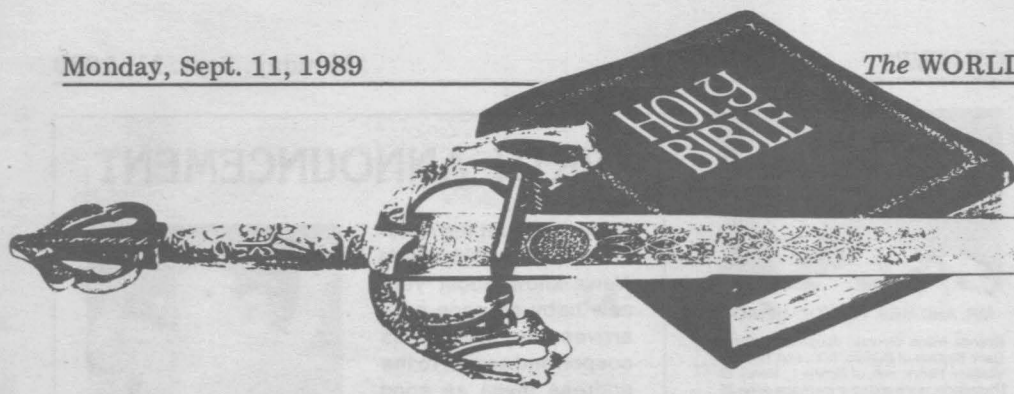
"The staff is learning as much as the campers," Mr. Picard said. "The campers have a glimpse of the happiness true leadership based on a strong family structure can bring, and the staff can see now the leaders of tomorrow."

Canada

By Daniel Hope

VANCOUVER ISLAND, B.C.—The Canadian Summer Educational Program (SEP) took place for the second year at the Lions Club's Camp Shawnigan July 10 to July 23.

Six campers from the United



IRON SHARPENS IRON

Blessing of the little children: an event for the entire family

By Randy R. Bloom

A group of people with their children approached Christ and his disciples. It was customary to present their young ones to great men and teachers to be blessed. They hoped that Jesus would grant them such an honor.

Randy R. Bloom pastors the Somerset, Ky., church.

Irritated at the intrusion, Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away. But, Jesus intervened. What followed provides spiritual lessons for all Christians (Mark 10:13-16; Matthew 19:13-15; Luke 18:15-17).

The Master teaches

Jesus corrected his disciples about their calloused approach. Then he taught them that all Christians must develop character like that of little children. He lovingly picked up each child, laid hands upon them and blessed them in prayer.

Christ's example is followed in God's Church today and is referred to as the blessing of the little children.

It is traditionally observed on the second Sabbath after the Feast of Tabernacles in each congregation. At some smaller Feast sites with scattered brethren the ceremony is conducted during the Feast.

This ceremony is part of a regular Sabbath service. After a brief expla-

nation in a sermonette or announcement, parents bring their children to the ministers before the congregation.

The children are usually small enough to be picked up in arms (Mark 10:16) and have not previously been blessed.

The ministers pick them up, lay hands upon them and pray, asking God to bless them. They ask God to



guide and protect them according to his many promises.

Indeed, God hears those prayers and our children receive many blessings as a part of God's Church.

They are part of God's family through the calling he has given their parents (1 Corinthians 7:14, Acts 2:39). They are given access to God through prayer as they grow older, and he will be their guide, protector and healer.

But this ceremony is as much for the parents and adults who witness

it as it is for the infants who know little if anything about what is going on.

Lessons for all

The blessing of children teaches us that we are God's family and how we are to relate to God within his family.

First, when we present our children to the ministry to ask God for his blessing, we are acknowledging our children actually belong to God.

Psalm 127:3 tells us that children are God's heritage. They are his gifts to us. We are to love and care for them by teaching them God's ways—not our ways (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

For this reason the ministry will usually also ask God to grant the parents the wisdom and love to rear their children in a manner pleasing to God. In this way, part of the blessing is also for the parents.

Together with our children we learn how to live within the godly concept of family.

In this ceremony we are simply presenting our children to God with the realization that our most prized physical possessions are really not ours, but his. We can know with full assurance that God is beginning to prepare them to learn his truth.

When the ministers lay hands upon them they are enacting symbolically that God's hands are in their lives. He has a direct part in the events that will shape them into his image. What joy this must give

our Father in heaven.

Presenting our children to God in this fashion is an act of submission and faith. We are humbling ourselves before his mighty hand and by doing so we are learning the pivotal lesson for all spiritual children. By submitting to God we acknowledge that we are his children.

As such we can be a part of his kingdom (family). We are also reminded that our existence and all we have is because of God's love (James 1:17). We recognize that God is supreme as our heavenly father.

A spiritual reminder

The blessing of children is a re-

minder of the kind of attitude it takes to be a part of God's family. We are reminded that we must present ourselves daily to God as children—receptive to his guiding hand in our lives and dependent upon his sustenance.

Jesus showed God's outpouring of love, not just for the few children he blessed in his lifetime on earth, but for all of God's children throughout time.

This year as the blessing of children is observed, we should realize its deep significance for all of us. We have all been blessed to be called to be a part of God's eternal family—we have all been touched by God.

Notes on praising God throughout the Feast

By George Kackos

These words from Psalm 135, "Hallelujah! Praise God's name! Praise his name of whom you serve! You who stand within God's house shall praise his name within his courts," picture rejoicing on God's Sabbath and Holy Days.

To praise God means to exalt him and his way of life. Throughout the Feast we can do this by practicing the following points.

● **Pray regularly.** Spend time daily—plenty of it—on your knees. Extol God for his character and plan of salvation.

Talk about his coming kingdom; contrast it with today's wretched world. Ask for inspiration upon the messages. Seek his involvement in every aspect of the Feast, and request his help in building character.

Such zeal shows your admiration—praise for God.

● **Sing with feeling.** Song services provide an excellent opportunity to praise God: "For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is beautiful" (Psalm 147:1, New King James).

Rather than halfheartedly singing the hymns, think about the words. Put feeling and power into your voice; be wholehearted (Psalm 9:1-2).

● **Talk about the messages.** Listen attentively to the messages. Try to understand more about God's plan and way of life. See the application to your life. Meditate—think about what you've heard.

Talk about the messages with others. Share them in give and take conversations.

● **Live God's way.** Praising God goes beyond words. It involves living his way of life (John 15:8). Throughout the Feast we have many chances to do this.

The example we set in restaurants, motels, on the road and at activities sends a powerful message.

Make sure it is an uplifting message. Be humble, service-minded and patient. Don't be critical and argumentative (Philippians 2:2-4, 14-15).

Let the fruits of God's Spirit be abundantly available for others to enjoy and admire.

When we have a festival of praise, we fulfill an important purpose for our calling: we show God's way of life to the world: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

War

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political leader to master the new art of radio communication.

At about the same time, Herbert W. Armstrong began to use the airwaves. The *World Tomorrow* radio program began regularly in 1934.

Satan acts in a predictable manner. He inspired the Egyptian pharaoh to put to death every newborn son of Israel because he knew that Moses—the deliverer of Israel and the first lawgiver—was about to be born (Exodus 1:22).

Satan inspired King Herod to put to death all male children in the Bethlehem region in an attempt kill Jesus (Matthew 2:16).

If Satan had been able to destroy the British Empire and the United States, the royal family, conveyors of David's throne, to which Christ will return, could have perished.

Moreover, the Work of God's Church would have been snuffed out in its infancy.

Instead, much to Satan's chagrin, the opposite happened. The United States emerged "richer—in fact, much richer—rather than poorer because of the war" (*The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, by Paul Kennedy, page 358).

Two years after the war ended, Church headquarters was transplanted from its place of origin in Eugene, Ore. (which means "good birth"), to Pasadena, in media-oriented Southern California.

Pasadena's official seal depicts a crown bisected by a key—two symbols of the Philadelphia era (Revelation 3:7-11).

Jesus promised that "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18).

The great Work that God has performed through his Church since before the hellish days of the Second World War testify to the truth of Jesus' prophecy.

SEPs

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Aug. 12, Mr. Bass presented plaques to the four most outstanding campers: Isha Alexander from Grenada, Ainsley Amoroso from Trinidad, and Lesa Brydson and Shahadath Neamatt from Jamaica.

Normandy

By Joel Meeker

LA MAILLERAYE, France—A record 82 campers ages 8 to 12 gathered in Normandy for the 15th consecutive camp here July 30 to Aug. 13.

More than 20 Church members served as counselors, in the kitchen and on the maintenance staff.

Campers visited the resort area of

Deauville and took a boat trip from Le Havre to the old French port of

Joel Meeker pastors the Marseille and Narbonne, France, churches.

Honfleur, where Samuel de Champlain left on his voyage to found the city of Quebec.

Camper Alice Tomaka from the Marseille, France, church said, "We have been to this camp before, but this year was the best one ever."

Honore Tomaka added, "I especially like the trips to the sea."

Gilbert and Francoise Boyer have been hosts for the camp at their farm since the camp began. "It started with just a few kids and a few tents," said Mrs. Boyer. "It has steadily grown since then. Several of this year's staff members started out as campers here."

BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER

WHERE WILL THE SAINTS LIVE?

Will the resurrected saints live in heaven? Some believe that 1 Thess. 4:16-17 implies that the saints, rising to meet Jesus Christ in the air, will remain with him in the clouds, "and so shall we ever be with the Lord" in heaven.

● The answer is in where Jesus Christ will be dwelling after the resurrection of the saints, because Christ told his disciples that where he is they would also be (John 14:2-3, 12:26).

● Christ was last seen by the disciples before Pentecost, A.D. 31, and while they watched he was taken up into the clouds (Acts 1:9). Two angels standing by told the disciples Christ would return in the same manner as he had left—in the clouds (verses 10-11). This was confirmed during a vision to the apostle John (Rev. 1:7).

● Christ will return in the clouds, and the saints, both dead and living, will be resurrected to eternal life (1 Cor. 15:51-52, Matt. 24:30-31). As the saints rise they shall be gathered together to meet the descending Christ (Matt. 24:31, 1 Thess. 4:16-17). Christ will receive the saints in the clouds.

● But Christ will not remain in the clouds. The angels said to the disciples, "Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven"

(Acts 1:11). When the angels said this they were all standing on the Mount of Olives (verse 12). Christ is not going to remain in the clouds but will return to earth, to the Mount of Olives.

● This triumphant return to the Mount of Olives was also foretold in Zech. 14:3-4.

● When Christ returns he shall not be alone, he shall come with thousands of his saints (Zech. 14:4-5, 1 Thess. 3:13, Jude 14).

● Jesus Christ shall be king on earth (Zech. 14:9) and rule from Jerusalem (Zech. 8:22).

● And the saints? Christ promised that where he is they will also be. The saints shall be co-rulers with Jesus Christ and reign 1,000 years on earth (Dan. 7:21-22, Rev. 1:5-6, 20:4-6).

● The resurrected saints do rise into the air. They are gathered together and received by the returning Christ in the clouds, from where they all return to the Mount of Olives.

● "And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17). This phrase echoes the sentiment in John 14:1-3. Christ told the disciples he was preparing a place for them so that they would always be with him. In other words, the saints shall never be separated from Christ again, and "so shall we ever be with the Lord [on earth]."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

BODLAK, David and Christina (Quelette), of Omaha, Neb., girl, Kelsey Lyn, June 28, 5:09 p.m., 8 pounds 13 ounces, now 3 girls.

BROOKS, Timothy and Maricha (Doerre), of Baltimore, Md., boy, Brian Daniel, June 9, 10:39 p.m., 7 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

CALDWELL, Bruce and Erica (Von Arx), of Toronto, Ont., boy, Robert Bruce II, July 7, 7:34 p.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

DIVENANZO, Daniel and Merrilyn (Mincy), of Tallahassee, Fla., girl, Muriel Elise, June 6, 4:14 a.m., 8 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

ESTOK, Edward and Nettie (Van Doorn), of Abbotsford, B.C., girl, Kimberly Elizabeth Rachel, May 2, 8:22 a.m., 6 pounds 10 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

FARVES, Sherman and Geri (Kirklen), of Washington, D.C., girl, Cheryl Lynnette, June 30, 1:18 p.m., 8 pounds, now 3 girls.

FEHR, John and Brenda Lee (Clark), of Abbotsford, B.C., boy, Alan John William, June 3, 12:18 a.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

GAUG, Darrell and Brenda (Sheppard), of Akron, Ohio, girl, Kayla Elizabeth, March 23, 5:01 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

GRAHAM, Doug and Carolyn (Payne), of St. Louis, Mo., boy, Benjamin Joseph, April 18, 9:15 p.m., 3 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

KATZER, Eric and Tammy (Thornton), of Pasadena, boy, Michael David Anthony, July 25, 1:50 p.m., 6 pounds 14 ounces, first child.

KILLINGLEY, Reginald and Carol (Riemen), of Pasadena, girl, Jessica Lynn, Aug. 15, 7:08 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

KUBON, Neil and Laura (Kisel), of Pasadena, boy, Kyle James, May 2, 7:34 a.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

LIYAYI, Julius and Monica (Asingwa), of Nairobi, Kenya, boy, Armstrong Mutuka, April 16, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

LUCAS, Michael and Melanie (Leckie), of London, Ont., boy, Joshua Myles, July 23, 7:23 a.m., 6 pounds 15 1/2 ounces, now 2 boys.

LYONS, Scott and Jenny (Ardis), of Walterboro, S.C., twin boy and girl, Matthew Gene and Ashley Kaye, July 29, 7:55 and 8:35 a.m., 7 pounds 11 ounces, and 7 pounds, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

MAKAHIYA, Apolonio and Vivien (Fabreag), of Calapan, Philippines, boy, Paul Nataniel, April 18, 5 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

McANALLY, David and Susan (Murman), of Mountaintop, Pa., girl, Tessa Jane, July 27, 1:36 p.m., 9 pounds 1/2 ounce, now 4 girls.

McNIEL, Jerry and Carol (Crow), of Brownfield, Tex., girl, Rena Ashley, July 8, 12:05 p.m., 7 pounds 3 ounces, now 2 girls.

MICHAEL, Hubert and Terranciya (De-croos), of Madras, India, boy, Benhur, Dec. 8, 1988, 4:45 p.m., 9 pounds, first child.

MORRIS, Roger and Lisa (Fain), of Denver, Colo., boy, David Wayne, July 30, 7:18 p.m., 9 pounds 11 1/2 ounces, first child.

MOY, Michael and Annie (Quek), of Boston, Mass., boy, Elliott Michael, June 20, 2:26 p.m., 6 pounds 4 ounces, first child.

PALMER, Anthony and Janice (Blair), of Basildon, England, boy, Richard Matthew Joshua, July 25, 12:15 p.m., 8 pounds, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

PEREZ, Ronald and Vivian (Cintron), of Orlando, Fla., boy, Daniel David, July 7, 5:17 a.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, first child.

PETRICK, Andrew and Maria (Hofer), of Winnipeg, Man., boy, Jahdal Jeffrey Alexander, July 27, 8:28 a.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

RASMUSSEN, Michael and Juli (Pope), of Pasadena, boy, Grant Michael Joseph, Aug. 18, 1:25 a.m., 7 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ROBINSON, Scott and Sharolyn (Riddle), of Kansas City, Mo., girl, Crystaly Dawn, July 21, 11:40 p.m., 7 pounds 4 1/2 ounces, first child.

RUSSIN, Fernand and Murielle (Messier), of Saskatoon, Sask., boy, Devan Anthony, July 9, 9:42 p.m., 7 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

SINGLETON, Charles and Lori (Merjil), of Pasadena, boy, Cameron Charles, July 24, 1:26 p.m., 8 pounds 2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

THACKRAY, Mark and Cheryl (Long), of Sydney, Australia, girl, Michelle Dorothy-Anne, July 14, 8 pounds 1 ounce, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

VARNHAM, Mark and Yvonne (Beattie), of Dunstable, England, girl, Stefanie Lianne, Feb. 16, 7:38 p.m., 8 pounds, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

WICKIZER, Dale and Barbara (Scher), of Washington, D.C., girl, Sarah Alison, Aug. 6, 10:52 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

WILLIAMS, Robert and Vicky (Newman), of Geelong, Australia, boy, Nathan Donald, Aug. 14, 4:45 p.m., 6 pounds 5 ounces, first child.

ENGAGEMENTS

Melva Lee of Shepparton, Australia, is delighted to announce the engagement of her daughter Raelene to Ben Orchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Orchard of Ballarat, Australia. An Oct. 1 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry K. Ledford of Atlanta, Ga., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Rebecca JoAnne to Ronald Austin Stripling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Stripling of Atlanta. A Sept. 17 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rogers of New Baden, Ill., are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sandra Lynn to Bill Goranitis of St. Charles, Mo. A Dec. 23 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Winder of Olympia, Wash., are pleased to announce the en-

gagement of their daughter Sarah Kathleen Parman to Scott Alan Gjesvold of Minneapolis, Minn. A December wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Varnado Sr. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Judith Ann Gilbert to Kenneth Edward Huddleston II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth E. Huddleston Sr. A Sept. 24 wedding in Lakeland, Fla., is planned.

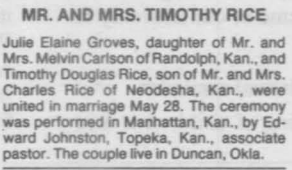
Tom Hanson and Tina Blanco, both of Pasadena, would like to announce their engagement. The couple plan a Nov. 19 wedding in Pasadena.

WEDDINGS



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES RUSBULT

Connie Vest of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Charles Rusbult of Sigourney, Iowa, were united in marriage June 3. The ceremony was performed by Robert Cloninger, Winston-Salem, N.C., pastor. The couple was attended by Doyle and Norma Bride. They live in Ottumwa.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY RICE

Julie Elaine Groves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carlson of Randolph, Kan., and Timothy Douglas Rice, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rice of Neodesha, Kan., were united in marriage May 28. The ceremony was performed in Manhattan, Kan., by Edward Johnston, Topeka, Kan., associate pastor. The couple live in Duncan, Okla.



MR. AND MRS. JIM DERPO

Esperanza D. Tujo of Sorsogon, Philippines, and Jim Derpo, also of Sorsogon, were united in marriage May 7. The ceremony was performed by George Escara, Sorsogon pastor. Cynthia Valladolid was maid of honor, and Jesus Samar was best man. The couple live in Sorsogon.



MR. AND MRS. SIMON ROBERTS

Mr. and Mrs. David House of Ilminster, England, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Susan to Simon Roberts, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts of St. Dominick, England. The ceremony was performed June 4 by the bride's father, Bristol, Tiverton and Plymouth, England, and Channel Islands pastor. Esther Borker, Mary Cann, Vicky Roberts and Rebecca Brocklehurst were bridesmaids, and Michael Marsden was best man. The couple live in Thatcham, England.



MR. AND MRS. ERIC NORTH

Eric Matthew North and Rhonda Marie Cagle were united in marriage April 2. William Jacobs, San Jose, Calif., pastor, performed the ceremony. Adrena Vaquar was maid of honor, and Stuart Segall, San Jose associate pastor, was best man. The couple live in San Jose.



MR. AND MRS. RICK LAMBERT

Sheila Kay Lowes and Rick Wayne Lambert were united in marriage March 26 in Valley Center, Calif. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, George Lowes, a Albuquerque, N.M., minister. Joanna Lowes, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Martin Glenn was best man. The couple live in San Marcos, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. JAMES RICKARD

James Timothy Rickard and Michelle Ann

Cowan were united in marriage May 21. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dean Blackwell, who works in Church Administration. Theresa Sweet was matron of honor, and Mark Rickard, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Arlington, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. M. BLANKFEIN

Joyce Elaine Hale of Suffolk, N.Y., and Michael Lawrence Blankfein of Queens, N.Y., were united in marriage April 9. The ceremony was performed by Thomas Fitzpatrick, Providence, R.I., pastor. Mary Cunningham was matron of honor, and Fredrick Blankfein, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Lakeville, Pa.



MR. AND MRS. EDWARD KOPEC

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald K. Witte of Haslett, Mich., are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Michelle Cherie to Edward James Kopec, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kopec of River Vale, N.J. The ceremony was performed on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus May 21 by the bride's father, Flint and Lansing, Mich., pastor. Cherie Witte, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Dave Cohen was best man. The couple, both Pasadena Ambassador College graduates, live in Lindenwood, N.J.



MR. AND MRS. IAN WEBB

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony E. Murphy Jr. of Pasadena are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Monica Rae Shaw to Ian Andrew Webb, son of Ashley and Valma Webb of New Zealand. The ceremony was performed May 29 on the Pasadena Ambassador College campus by Mark McCulley, Festival Administration manager. Sheila Peine was matron of honor, and Jerry Benedetti was best man. The bride is a 1989 graduate of Pasadena Ambassador College, and the groom is a senior at the college. The couple live in Pasadena.



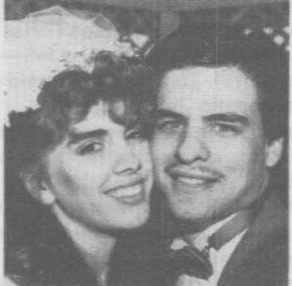
MR. AND MRS. GEORGE EDOKPAYI

Ngozi Nwadi Nkado and George Edokpayi were united in marriage May 7. The ceremony was performed by Josef Forson, Lagos, Nigeria, pastor. Nneamaka Nkado was maid of honor, and Sunny Fagbemi was best man. The couple live in Lagos.



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM HAHN II

Melissa DaAnn Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers of Mansfield, Ark., and William Lewis Hahn II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hahn of London Mills, Ill., were united in marriage May 28. The ceremony was performed by David Myers, Big Sandy associate pastor. Lisa Valerie Rogers was maid of honor, and Herb Hahn was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.



MR. AND MRS. STEVE KASTELAN

Joyce Giglia and Steve Kastelan were married June 4. John Larkin, Buffalo, N.Y., North pastor, performed the ceremony. The couple live in North Tonawanda, N.Y.



MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY HENRY

Brenda Marie Skinner, daughter of Clara Belle Skinner of Buffalo, N.Y., and Timothy Wallace Henry, son of Donna L. Henry of Pasadena, were united in marriage June 25 in Las Cruces, N.M. The ceremony was performed by evangelist Dean Blackwell, who works in Church Administration. Donna Dobson, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and Ray Archuleta was best man. The couple live in Sunspot, N.M.



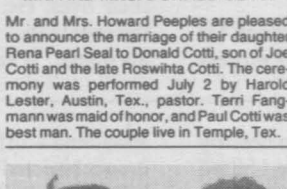
MR. AND MRS. T. NIELANDER

Timothy Everett Nielander and Briary Elizabeth Yeates are happy to announce their marriage, which took place June 5. The ceremony was performed by Gary Nielander, the groom's father and a minister in the Columbus, Ind., church. Sarah Yeates was maid of honor, and Jon Register was best man. The couple live in Altadena, Calif.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL MEYER

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Schemm of Sharon Springs, Kan., are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Anne to Paul Wayne Meyer of Fort Mitchell, Ky. The ceremony was performed June 18 on the Big Sandy Ambassador College campus by Martin Yale, a faculty member at Big Sandy Ambassador College. Diane Kuykendall was matron of honor, and Bill Kinder was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy, where the groom is a student at Ambassador College.



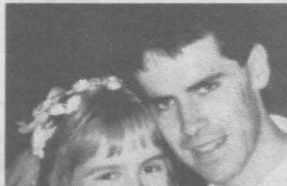
MR. AND MRS. DONALD COTTI

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Peoples are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Rena Pearl Seal to Donald Cotti, son of Joe Cotti and the late Roswitha Cotti. The ceremony was performed July 2 by Harold Lester, Austin, Tex., pastor. Terri Fungmann was maid of honor, and Paul Cotti was best man. The couple live in Temple, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. ELMAR COTTI

Karen Ann Ratigan, daughter of Mr. Patrick J. Ratigan of Copperas Cove, Tex., and Elmar Cotti, son of Joe R. Cotti of San Antonio, Tex., were united in marriage July 4. The ceremony was performed by Mark Gully, Waco, Tex., pastor. Kristie and Kelly Ratigan, sisters of the bride, were maids of honor, and John Cotti-Diaz was best man. The couple live in Killeen, Tex.



MR. AND MRS. H. WEGENAST

Heike Lambertus and Hartmut Wegenast were united in marriage July 16 in Bad Nenndorf, West Germany. The ceremony was performed by Grant Spang, Hannover, West Germany, pastor. Annie Lambertus, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Markus Wegenast was best man. The couple live in Domstetten, West Germany.



MR. AND MRS. PAUL EISENHARDT

Cheree Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Crosby of Seminary, Miss., and Paul Eisenhardt, son of Velma Eisenhardt of Hattiesburg, Miss., and John A. Eisenhardt of New Orleans, La., were united in marriage June 18. The ceremony was per-

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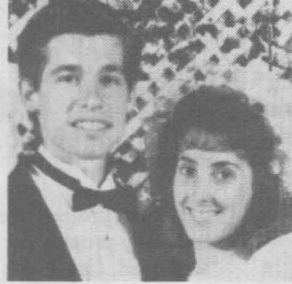
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formed by David Stone, Hattiesburg pastor. Phyllis Howell, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and John Eisenhardt, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Seminary.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY DE GIER

Jill Eastman and Jerry De Gier are happy to announce their marriage, which took place June 4 in Seattle, Wash. Glen White, Vancouver, Wash., pastor, performed the ceremony. The bride's attendants were Sherrie Newman and Dorothy Strakele, and the groom's attendants were Ed Peters and Kenneth De Gier. The couple live in Pasadena.



MR. AND MRS. G. MPILANGWE

Loney Chonde, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chonde, and Gracious Mpiangwe, son of Rhoda Mpiangwe, were united in marriage April 2. The ceremony was performed by Kenneth Buck, Blantyre, Malawi, associate pastor. Eunice Chinguwo was maid of honor, and Kwesi Chakhaza was best man. The couple live in Blantyre.



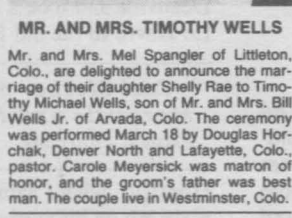
MR. AND MRS. MARK WILLIAMSON

Kristi Ann Claffey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonnie Claffey of Bloomington, Ind., and Mark David Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williamson of Lafayette, Ind., were united in marriage July 2 in Nashville, Ind. The ceremony was performed by Gary Nielander, a minister in the Columbus, Ind., church. Vanieca Pendleton was matron of honor, and John Williamson, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Fort Wayne, Ind.



MR. AND MRS. AARON EAGLE

Corinne Kay Ostrander, daughter of June Ostrander of Lincoln, Neb., and Aaron Eagle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Eagle Jr., were united in marriage June 25. Gary Richards, associate dean of students at Pasadena Ambassador College, performed the ceremony. Tami Winner was maid of honor, and Ronnie Gunnoe was best man. The groom is a 1988 Pasadena Ambassador College graduate, and the bride is a senior at Pasadena Ambassador College. The couple live in Pasadena.

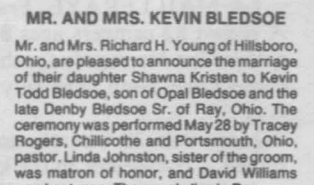


MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY WELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Spangler of Littleton, Colo., are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter Shelly Rae to Timothy Michael Wells, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wells Jr. of Arvada, Colo. The ceremony was performed March 18 by Douglas Horchak, Denver North and Lafayette, Colo., pastor. Carole Meyersick was matron of honor, and the groom's father was best man. The couple live in Westminster, Colo.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD MORRIS

Betty Jean Lee and Richard Norman Morris were united in marriage April 8. John Moskel, Lenoir, Boone and Marion, N.C., pastor, performed the ceremony. Robin Anderson Young was maid of honor, and Richard Jason Morris was best man. The couple live in Cheraw, S.C.



MR. AND MRS. KEVIN BLEDSOE

Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Young of Hillsboro, Ohio, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Shawna Kristen to Kevin Todd Bledsoe, son of Opal Bledsoe and the late Denby Bledsoe Sr. of Ray, Ohio. The ceremony was performed May 28 by Tracey Rogers, Chillicothe and Portsmouth, Ohio, pastor. Linda Johnston, sister of the groom, was matron of honor, and David Williams was best man. The couple live in Ray.

(See WEDDINGS, page 7)

(Continued from page 6)



MR. AND MRS. JAMES LAFFERTY

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hoefker are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Laura Ann to James Granville Lafferty, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lafferty of Pascagoula, Miss. The ceremony was performed July 30 by Terry Johnson, Omaha and Lincoln, Neb., and Sioux City, Iowa, pastor. Cheryl Penney was maid of honor, and James Lafferty was best man. The couple live in Greeneville, Tenn.

ANNIVERSARIES

The children of Marvin and Maryanna Root of St. Paul, Minn., would like to announce their parents' 35th wedding anniversary, which took place Sept. 5. The couple have one son, Aaron; and two daughters, Maria Stahl and Laura; and one son-in-law, Barry Stahl.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Anderson would like to announce the 25th wedding anniversary of their parents, which took place Aug. 30. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were

baptized in 1964, and they attend the Chicago, Ill., Southeast church.



MR. AND MRS. L. DIETRICH

Lawrence and Virginia Dietrich celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 1. They have two sons, Dan and David, and two daughters, Debra and Dene. The Dietrichs have attended services for 21 years. Mr. Dietrich is a local elder in the Long Beach, Calif., East church and co-captain for the Church's BAC 1-11 jet.



MR. AND MRS. J. MANNING SR.

Mr. and Mrs. James Manning Sr. celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary June 26. The Mannings attend the Columbus, Ga., church. They have three children, Golda, James Jr. and Andrea, all of whom are married. Andrea and her daughter, Kari, also attend the Columbus church.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID WALLACE

Mr. and Mrs. David Wallace of Bellevue, Iowa, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 5. They attend the Davenport, Iowa, church. The Wallaces have one daughter and two grandsons.



MR. AND MRS. KEN HOLLEY

Ken and Dot Holley celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary July 23. Church members and other friends attended a party given by their daughter, Vikki. The Holleys have been Church members since 1964. They have one daughter, two sons and seven grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Alexander celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Aug. 13. Mr. Alexander was baptized in 1982. The couple attend the Fort Collins, Colo., church.

ANNIVERSARIES MADE OF GOLD



MR. AND MRS. LEE WELSHANS

Lee and Mildred Welshans celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 15. Chattanooga, Tenn., brethren honored the couple with a reception after Sabbath services. Mr. Welshans was baptized in 1957, and Mrs. Welshans in 1959. They were ordained deacon and deaconess in 1968. The couple's son, James; their daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Bill Cowan; and their three grandchildren, Michelle Rickard and Roderick and Ronald Cowan; were present for the festivities.

NOTICES

The Spokane, Wash., church will celebrate its 25th anniversary Nov. 11. The congregation would like to extend an invitation to all who have attended services in Spokane through the years. For more information please contact Bob and Linda Gentry, S. 914 Flint Rd., Spokane, Wash., 99204.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTY, Sam, 31, of Stoutland, Mo., died July 15. Mr. Christy is survived by four children, Steven, Anne, Jennifer and David; and his parents, Robert and Joanne Christy, who are Church members.



KENNETH E. SIMS

SIMS, Kenneth E., 44, of San Antonio, Tex., died June 12 of a stroke. Mr. Sims, a Church member since 1974 and a deacon since 1984, is survived by his wife, Sandra, and two daughters, Tesha and Kimberly.

DAVIS, Gregory E., 41, of East Orange, N.J., died May 11 of pneumonia. Mr. Davis is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses E. Davis; his wife, Karen; a son, Kashan; and two daughters, Shaiondia and Kira.

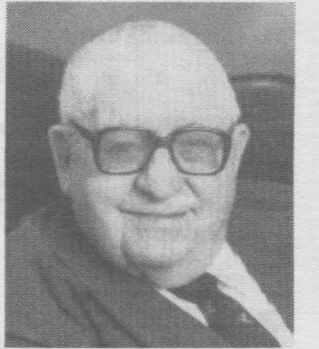
LeCLERE, Wayne, 45, of Newburgh, Ind., was killed instantly July 30 in an automobile accident, which occurred while he was taking his family to a church picnic. Mr. LeClere, a Church member since 1986, is survived by his wife, Rebecca, also a member; and a daughter, Amanda, 10. Mrs.

LeClere sustained a broken wrist in the accident, and Amanda suffered a broken collar bone, arm and leg.

BOUTWELL, Carlton J., 50, of Chesapeake, Va., died Aug. 14. Mr. Boutwell, a Church member since 1978, is survived by his wife, Dianne, also a member, two sons, two daughters and four grandchildren.

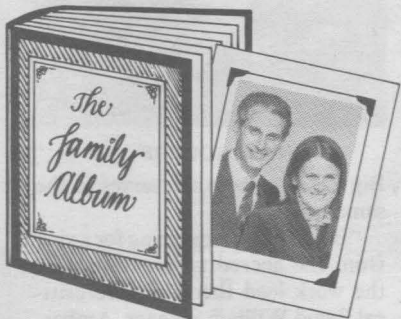
JORDAN, Reba Faye Plummer, 36, of Suffolk, Va., died Aug. 6. Mrs. Jordan, a Church member since 1968, is survived by her husband, James; three daughters, Mandy Renee, Mary Elizabeth and Margie Lynn; three sons, Rodney Paul Plummer, Matthew Lee and Mitchell Wayne Jordan; and four sisters, Marlene DeBause, Brenda Luke and Cathy Plummer, all Church members, and Pauletta Hall.

SAWYER, Edith, 50, of Sewell, N.J., died March 6 after a 3½-year battle with cancer. Mrs. Sawyer, a Church member since 1972, is survived by her husband, Charles, also a member, and three children, Jeffrey, Susan and Sharon.



E.G. 'HANK' OESTERLE

OESTERLE, E.G. "Hank," 68, of Glendora, Calif., died Aug. 20 of a heart attack. Mr. Oesterle, a Church member since 1967, is survived by his wife, four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



PAGES FROM THE FAMILY ALBUM

"And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life." (Matthew 19:29, New King James)

Southern Ireland

By Kerri Dowd

Westward Atlantic winds sweep across Ireland and keep it environmentally clean.

The country, with a temperate climate a little cooler and damper than Britain's, is called the Emerald Isle because of its greenery. It features a central plain, and "the southern and western coasts are beautiful," according to Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Dublin and Galway churches.

Traditional farmers

Agriculture is the main economic activity, and farming is conducted in a traditional manner. Many fields in the western part of the country are separated by stone walls.

Mr. Goudie said: "Being more rural than Britain is a good thing. Farmers have small holdings. They grow primarily barley, wheat, oats, grass and sugar beets. Flax is being tried, but only on a very small scale."

Horses are abundant, and the Irish love racing. Irish farmers also raise cattle and sheep. Most farms range from 10 to 60 acres, and farmers trade their produce at markets. Most farms are considerably less than 100 acres, although a few holdings have 1,000 acres or more.

The River Shannon runs through the country. Lakes are unpolluted,

and fishing is good.

Tourism is a major industry. Visitors can see Dublin, founded in 988; Tara at Newgrange, historical seat of the kings of Ireland; archaeological sites; the Book of Kells, illustrated between A.D. 800 and 1000, at Trinity College in Dublin; and papyrus fragments of the New Testament from the second and third centuries at the Chester Beatty Museum.

Southern Ireland is a land of legend and folklore. Many people are superstitious and afraid of legendary creatures.

There are no snakes except in zoos. "Some things haven't floated across the channel," Mr. Goudie said.

The scattering

Low cost imports make it difficult for southern Ireland's fledgling industries to get off the ground. However, there are some well-established companies.

With few jobs available, many of the young people leave the country. "This is called the scattering," said Mr. Goudie. "These young people go mainly to Britain. This hemorrhaging of young people creates economic problems for the country."

"In the church, however, God seems to replace those who leave the country."

He added that the economy is strengthening, and inflation is about 3 to 4 percent.

Most members have cars. They are inexpensive, basic cars—nothing fancy. But petrol (gasoline) is expensive—the equivalent of \$5 a gallon, about five times what it costs in the United States.

The first members called into the Church in southern Ireland heard the *World Tomorrow* radio broad-

cast on Radio Luxembourg in the early 1960s.

That's when deacon Eager Hickson, the area's longest-time member, was baptized. Mr. Hickson went by ferry about once a month to Sabbath services in Liverpool, England.

The first Bible study in southern Ireland began to meet in 1969. Congregations were established in Cork in 1972, and Dublin in 1974.

Now the *World Tomorrow* telecast is beamed to southern Ireland by satellite. Because of extensive cabling, most of southern Ireland can receive the telecast without a satellite dish.

"Responses from the telecast have been encouraging—the sixth highest response in Europe," Mr. Goudie said.

The population of southern Ireland is about 96 percent Roman Catholic, "so most of the people that God calls have to overcome a powerful and influential pull exerted by family and community," Mr. Goudie said.

Some members are from Catholic villages. When they become involved in the Church people look askance at them. They stick out like a sore thumb.

Saturday is the main business day in some parts of southern Ireland, and keeping the Sabbath, along with seeking time off for Holy Days, has cost some members their jobs.

No hard feelings

The Dublin and Galway churches are separated by 135 miles (216 kilometers). Sometimes ministers from Northern Ireland speak in the southern churches, and southern ministers speak in the north.

"In contrast to the picture pre-



SMILING IRISH—Teenage girls stop for a photograph during a Youth Opportunities United (YOU) camp for the Dublin and Galway churches.

sented by the international media of an island divided between north and south, no such division exists in God's Church," Mr. Goudie said. "We have a good, close link."

"Members from the south occasionally attend services and socials in the northern churches. Brethren from the north are equally at home this side of the border among God's people."

Northern and southern brethren combine for an annual Spokesman Club meeting. About 100 usually attend.

Other activities during the year may include Youth Opportunities United (YOU) and Youth Educational Services (YES) camps, nature hikes in the Wicklow Mountains, picnics, family weekends and tenting (camping).

Plain Truth newsstands in Dublin and Cork distribute about 12,000 magazines a month.

This year the Feast will again take place in Trabolgan. About 550 are expected to attend.

Warmhearted people

The Irish are a friendly, warmhearted, welcoming group. They

enjoy having a *crack* (sitting and talking for several hours).

Weddings are full affairs with sit-down meals lasting three to four hours, with bands and dancing and festivities lasting sometimes for several days.

And the Irish like their national brew. The country's 3½ million people drink one million pints of Guinness (made in Ireland) every day.

"In general it is a slower, more rewarding pace—more gentle," said Mr. Goudie. "The Irish are very pro-American. They feel an affinity with Americans."

Mr. Goudie began serving in the area as associate pastor in February, 1985, and became pastor that December. He is assisted by two local church elders, Brian Bedlow and Henry Cooper.



WE ARE ONE FAMILY

Ireland	
Attendance	200
Local church elders	2
Deacons	5
Deaconesses	2
Church youths	26
Children under 12	52
Singles	30
Over 60s	11
Spokesman Clubs	2
Graduate Clubs	0

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

PASADENA—Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's spring semiannual letter drew 626,643 literature requests—a 20.3 percent response. This is the largest number and highest percentage response the Church has received from a spring semiannual letter, according to the Mail Processing Center.

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PASADENA—The Spanish Department reported that *Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*) circulation reached a record 238,363 with the August issue.

The issue went to subscribers in 93 countries and territories, including Bermuda, Czechoslovakia, Guyana, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Macau, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Korea, Syria, Taiwan and Uganda, each of which has one subscriber.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—The British Office announced the following ordinations.

George Efthyoulos, pastor of the Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, church, and

Aldrin Mandimika, assistant pastor of the Harare, Zimbabwe, church, were raised in rank to preaching elder July 30 during a ministerial conference in Harare.

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PASADENA—Brethren have not been affected by unrest in Colombia, according to Eduardo Hernandez, Bogota pastor.

"The crisis is being felt mainly in Medellin and Cali, the primary drug areas," Mr. Hernandez said.



EDUARDO & MARIA HERNANDEZ

"We have members in both cities, but nobody has been affected in any way."

A 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew is in effect in Medellin. "Members try to go home early after work."

Because violence in Colombia may continue to escalate, Church Administration has discouraged brethren outside of Colombia from attending the Feast there.

The U.S. State Department issued a travel advisory for Colombia.

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PASADENA—Cledice Decker received a plaque and watch for 25 years of service to the Work at a Ministerial Refreshing Program banquet Aug. 15.

Miss Decker works in the termi-

nals section of the Mail Processing Center. She keeps the Church's member and co-worker files up to date with baptisms, marriages,



CLEDICE DECKER

changes of address and other information.

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BOREHAMWOOD, England—The first three *World Tomorrow* telecasts with Dutch subtitles aired on Super Channel Aug. 6 and 27 and Sept. 10.

"Superchannel... has its major audiences in continental Europe. In particular, its largest audiences are in Holland, with almost four million viewers, and Germany, with almost five million viewers," said evangelist Frank Brown, British regional director.

Four programs with Dutch subtitles were produced as a test "to see if this improved our already pleasing response in Holland," Mr. Brown said.

The fourth program is scheduled to air Oct. 8.

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AUCKLAND, New Zealand—The Church will not air *The World Tomorrow* on Radio Pacific, Auck-

land, after Sept. 30, according to evangelist Raymond McNair, regional director for the Church in New Zealand and the South Pacific.

"This year new responses from Radio Pacific have been down by 20 percent over 1988," Mr. McNair said. "From January through July we received 21 new responses at a cost per new response of just under \$100."

After consultations with Ray Wright, director of Media Planning & Promotion in Pasadena, and HKM Rialto, an advertising agency the Church uses in New Zealand, it was decided the money spent with Radio Pacific could better be used elsewhere.

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PASADENA—Nina Rogers, associate registrar of Ambassador College here, transferred Aug. 13 to



NINA ROGERS

Big Sandy, where she serves in the same position.

"Big Sandy is preparing for a visit from the accreditation team, and the work load there is more critical," said William Stenger, Ambassador College dean of instruction.

Headquarters assigns Fall Festival speakers

PASADENA—Church Administration released the following list of traveling speakers for the 1989 Feast of Tabernacles.

U.S. sites

Anchorage, Alaska: Brian Hoyt and Mark Kaplan; Big Sandy: Gerald Waterhouse and Steven Botha; Biloxi, Miss.: Greg Albrecht and David Albert; Chattanooga, Tenn.: Carl McNair and Earl Williams; Corpus Christi, Tex.: Clint Zimmerman and Richard Rice.

Dayton, Ohio: Richard Rice and Stan Bass; Daytona Beach, Fla.: Michael Fezell; Eugene, Ore.: Leonard Schreiber and James Kisse; Jekyll Island, Ga.: Robert Dick and Clint Zimmerman; Lexington, Ky.: Steven Botha and Ray Wooten; Lihue, Hawaii: Dennis Luker.

Niagara Falls: James Friddle and Joseph Tkach Jr.; Norfolk, Va.: Earl Williams and Robert Dick; Palm Springs, Calif.: Gary Antion and Ray Wright; Pasadena: Joseph Tkach Jr. and Gary Antion; Pensacola, Fla.: David Albert and Greg Albrecht; Rapid City, S.D.: Don Lawson and Jim Franks.

Redding, Calif.: Leroy Neff and Larry Omasta; St. Petersburg, Fla.: Bernard Schnippert; Saratoga Springs, N.Y.: Ray Wooten and Gerald Waterhouse; Spokane, Wash.: Russell Duke and Leonard Schreiber; Tucson, Ariz.: Ray Wright and Leroy Neff; Tulsa, Okla.: David Wainwright; Vail, Colo.: David Hulme.

Wisconsin Dells, Wis.: Stan Bass and Don Lawson.

International sites

Australia: Mark Cardona and Donald Ward; Freeport, Bahamas: Bill Quillen; Christ Church, Barbados: David Fiedler and Randy Duke; Bonndorf, West Germany: Dean Blackwell and Larry Salyer; Brno, Czechoslovakia: Larry Salyer; Bredsten, Denmark: Richard Ames; Dominica: Michael Greider.

Denarau Beach, Fiji: Roderick Meredith and Dennis Van Deventer; Port d'Albret, France: Dibar Apartian and Dean Blackwell; Ghana: Peter Nathan; Grand Anse Beach, Grenada: Herman L. Hoeh and Willard High; Halifax, N.S.: Robin Webber; Ooty, India: Gene Hogberg; Trabolgan, Ireland: Dexter Faulkner; Chianciano, Italy: Marc Courtenay; Kingston, Jamaica: Arthur Dyer.

Amman, Jordan: Jerold Aust and Frederick Kellers; Kenya: Keith Stump; Rabat, Malta: Selmer Hegvold; Mediterranean cruise: Kyriacos Stavrinides; Guadalajara, Mexico: James Peoples; Hoogeveen, Netherlands: Richard Ames;

New Zealand: Dennis Van Deventer; Nigeria: Eugene Noel.

Penang, Malaysia: Robert Fahey and Ronald Kelly; Penticton, B.C.: Russell Duke; Philippines: Richard Thompson; St. Lucia: Randy Duke and David Register; South Africa: Dean Wilson and Keith Stump; Chiang Mai, Thailand: Ronald Kelly and Robert Fahey.

Port-of-Spain, Trinidad: Herman L. Hoeh and Willard High; United Kingdom: Norman Smith; Victoria, B.C.: James Kisse; and Mutare, Zimbabwe: Curtis May.



FROM OUR SCATTERED BRETHREN

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

PASADENA—The difficult political situation in Sri Lanka in the past few months "has seriously affected our members and activities of the Church in that country," said David Baker, Colombo pastor.

Mr. Baker also directs the Ambassador Foundation projects in Sri Lanka.

He reported to Robert Fahey, Australian and Asian regional director, that the violence and breakdown of public services causes hardship for brethren.

So far no members have been injured or robbed in the latest round of violence, but they have difficulty in attending Sabbath services and getting to work because of the lack of transportation.

Most private buses are out of operation because of threats against the drivers, Mr. Baker said.

The delivery of mail is slow. One week in July the Church's suboffice in downtown Colombo received mail on only two days. Mr. Baker said even that was an improvement on the week before.

Because of curfews and threats of violence, staff members stay home much of the time. They read mail only four days in July.

"Your prayers for our Sri Lankan members and God's Work there would be greatly appreciated," said Mr. Fahey.

In Vanuatu

The Auckland, New Zealand, Office received the following letter about strife between the Vanuatu Christian Council (VCC) and smaller churches in Vanuatu, an is-

land in the South Pacific.

"The VCC has been putting out news on Radio Vanuatu saying the government should put a stop to these new smaller churches coming into Vanuatu.

"They had a heated discussion last week with the smaller churches and the VCC said these new churches are not to baptize people and they had no right to do so.

"The VCC said in the future if any ex-member of the Anglican, Presbyterian or Catholic churches went to get baptised by other smaller churches, the pastors of these smaller churches must send

the person back to his original church and not baptise them...

"By the way, last Sunday [an] Anglican priest... and a Presbyterian pastor went on the air and told listeners of Radio Vanuatu that 'Jesus is not and never will come down to this earth ever again. The second coming means when a person dies, that is when you meet Jesus.'"

Visit to Yugoslavia

On the eastern shores of the Adriatic Sea in southeastern Europe, Yugoslavia is a nation divided into six republics and two provinces.

Here John Adams, Italian Office manager, and Ford Burden, an employee in the Bergamo, Italy, suboffice, conducted a baptizing and counseling tour in July.

In Belgrade they visited a member who is a consular official of the Zimbabwean Embassy, and prospective members in the ancient Macedonian city of Skopje and the seaport of Split.

In Split, Teo Marinovic, a 24-year-old university student, was baptized and became the fourth Church member in Yugoslavia.



YUGOSLAVIA—John Adams (right), Italian Office manager, visits Pance Hadzi-Andonov (center), a prospective member in Yugoslavia, and his wife, Marika, in Skopje, capital of Macedonia. [Photo by Ford Burden]

Three other members in the north are served by Robert Berendt, pastor of the Salzburg and Vienna, Austria, and Munich and Nuremberg, West Germany, churches.

"Without a doubt the most serious problem facing our members and prospective members is inflation, presently around 1,000 percent a year," said Mr. Adams.

"It is common in stores to see a price crossed out and a succession of prices written on the price tag.

"One man we visited poignantly stated the difficulties facing his family and the nation when he told me that it is easy to stay alive in Yugoslavia, but very difficult to live," Mr. Adams continued.

"Our brethren there really need our prayers for their support and encouragement."

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